



**TOWN OF CLARESHOLM
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 14, 2022
AGENDA**

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Place: Council Chambers (COVID-19 protocols in place)
Town of Claresholm Multi-Use Community Building, 111 – 55 Avenue West
Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe3OPyLhTzPajvPVAtNL1KA/live>

NOTICE OF RECORDING

CALL TO ORDER

AGENDA:

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MINUTES:

REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 28, 2022

PUBLIC HEARING:

BYLAW #1732 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment

DELEGATION:

OLDMAN WATERSHED COUNCIL – Shannon Frank

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **BYLAW #1732 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment**
RE: 2nd & 3rd Readings
2. **BYLAW #1735 – Dog Bylaw Amendment**
RE: 2nd & 3rd Readings
3. **BYLAW #1737 – Road Closure Bylaw**
RE: 1st Reading
4. **CORRES: Hon. Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs**
RE: Budget 2022
5. **CORRES: Hon. Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs**
RE: 2022 MSI and CCBF Funding Allocations
6. **CORRES: Mr. Joe Ceci, MLA for Calgary-Buffalo**
RE: Increased Municipal Borrowing Costs
7. **CORRES: Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26**
RE: MD of Willow Creek Strategic Plan
8. **CORRES: Royal Canadian Legion – Alberta/NWT Command**
RE: Commemorative History Book
9. **CORRES: Claresholm & District Health Foundation**
RE: Annual Charity BBQ – June 15, 2022
10. **REQUEST FOR DECISION: Community Foundations Grant – Parks**
11. **REQUEST FOR DECISION: Fundraising Hockey Game – March 19, 2022**
12. **REQUEST FOR DECISION: East Side Dog Park Name**
13. **INFORMATION BRIEF: Alberta Municipalities 2022 Budget Analysis**
14. **INFORMATION BRIEF: Spring Clean-up**
15. **INFORMATION BRIEF: Council Committee Reports**
16. **INFORMATION BRIEF: Council Resolution Status**
17. **ADOPTION OF INFORMATION ITEMS**

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Claresholm & District Transportation Society Board Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2022
2. Claresholm Skatepark Association Meeting Minutes – January 25, 2022
3. Oldman Watershed Council Newsletter – March 3, 2022
4. Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance Board Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2022
5. Southern Alberta Alternative Energy Partnership – Opportunity Overview

ADJOURNMENT



Claresholm

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COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Chelsae Petrovic. Councillors: Kieth Carlson, Mike Cutler, Rod Kettles, Kandice Meister, Brad Schlossberger and Craig Zimmer

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Administrative Officer: Abe Tinney, Finance Assistant: Karine Keys

MEDIA PRESENT: None

NOTICE OF RECORDING: Mayor Petrovic provided notice that live streaming and recording of the Council meeting would begin immediately at 7:00 p.m. and that recording would continue until such time as the meeting goes In Camera and/or is adjourned.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Petrovic.

AGENDA: Moved by Councillor Meister that the Agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 14, 2022

Moved by Councillor Carlson that the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2022 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Kettles to adjourn the regular meeting to hold the Public Hearing at 7:01 p.m.

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING: BYLAW #1736 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment

Moved by Councillor Zimmer to open the Public Hearing regarding Bylaw #1736 at 7:02 p.m.

CARRIED

CAO Abe Tinney presented Bylaw #1736, a Bylaw to amend Bylaw #1525, being a bylaw setting out land uses for the Town of Claresholm.

The purpose of the amendment is to accommodate the change of use for closed roads from “No zoning” to “Single Detached Residential – R1” at Plan 147N, Block 8, that portion of lane lying west of the southerly production of the east boundary of Lot 11 and East of the Southerly Production of the West Boundary of Lot 12.

Mayor Petrovic asked if there were any comments from the public.

No comments were received from the public regarding Bylaw #1736. No comments from members of Council were noted.

Moved by Councillor Carlson to close the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Zimmer to reconvene to the regular meeting at 7:03 p.m.

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS:

1. BYLAW #1735 – Dog Bylaw Amendment
RE: 1st Reading

Moved by Councillor Carlson to give Bylaw #1735, a Dog Bylaw Amendment, 1st Reading.

CARRIED

2. BYLAW #1736 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment
RE: 2nd & 3rd Readings

Moved by Councillor Cutler to give Bylaw #1736, a Land Use Bylaw Amendment, 2nd Reading.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Kettles to give Bylaw #1736, a Land Use Bylaw Amendment, 3rd & Final Reading.

CARRIED

3. DELEGATION RESPONSE: Claresholm RCMP Detachment

MOTION #22-027

Moved by Councillor Zimmer to recommend the following priorities to the RCMP for the 2022 fiscal year: traffic safety, police/community relations and police visibility, crime reduction and prevention of property crimes, and drug enforcement.

CARRIED

4. **CORRES: Hon. Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs**
RE: 2022 Minister's Awards for Municipal and Public Library Excellence

Received for information.

5. **CORRES: Canadian Transplant Association**
RE: Green Shirt Day – April 7, 2022

MOTION #22-028 Moved by Councillor Kettles to direct administration to draft a letter of response to the Canadian Transplant Association stating that although Council is not prepared to declare April 7, 2022 as Green Shirt Day, the Town of Claresholm will promote awareness of the importance of the public supporting organ donation.

CARRIED

6. **CORRES: Neil Barr**
RE: Utility Services

MOTION #22-029 Moved by Councillor Cutler to follow the current procedures regarding utility charges in the case of the property located at 4605 – 1st Street West.

CARRIED

7. **REQUEST FOR DECISION: Letters of Support – Claresholm Ag Society**

MOTION #22-030 Moved by Councillor Cutler to write a letter of support for the Claresholm Ag Society's application to the Community Initiatives Program (CIP) Grant for the purpose of hosting the Xibition Reining Horse Show on July 28-31, 2022 at the Claresholm Agriplex.

CARRIED

MOTION #22-031 Moved by Councillor Zimmer to write a letter of support for the Claresholm Ag Society's application to the Tourism Relief fund for the purpose of installing a sound system and HRV system at the Claresholm Agriplex.

CARRIED

8. **REQUEST FOR DECISION: Traffic Concerns – Alberta Road**

MOTION #22-032 Moved by Councillor Carlson to direct Infrastructure Services to install a stop sign as indicated on the map at the corner of Township Road 130 and Alberta Road.

CARRIED

9. **REQUEST FOR DECISION: International Economic Development Week**

Received for information.

10. **REQUEST FOR DECISION: Claresholm Winterfestival**

MOTION #22-033 Moved by Councillor Carlson to include Winterfestival as a Town of Claresholm event for the 2022 and 2023 years sharing the previously budgeted funds for Canada Day, Fair Days, and the New Year's Eve Skate as determined by the Economic Development Officer under the supervision of the Chief Administrative Officer, with future years to be determined.

CARRIED

11. **REQUEST FOR DIRECTION: Bylaw #1725, Unsightly Premises and Property Standards**

Received for information.

12. **FINANCIAL REPORT: Statement of Operations – January 31, 2022**

Moved by Councillor Zimmer to accept the Consolidated Statement of Operations for the month ended January 31, 2022 as presented.

CARRIED

13. **INFORMATION BRIEF: Council Committee Reports**

Received for information.

14. **INFORMATION BRIEF: CAO Report**

Received for information.

15. **INFORMATION BRIEF: Council Resolution Status**

Received for information.

16. **ADOPTION OF INFORMATION ITEMS**

Moved by Councillor Cutler to adopt the information items as presented.

17. **IN CAMERA:**

a. **Local Public Body Confidences – FOIP Section 23**

b. **Advice from Officials – FOIP Section 24**

c. **LAND – FOIP Section 16**

d. **Confidential Evaluations – FOIP Section 19**

Moved by Councillor Cutler to go In Camera at 8:24 p.m. for the following items:

- a. Local Public Body Confidences – FOIP Section 23
- b. Advice from Officials – FOIP Section 24
- c. LAND – FOIP Section 16
- d. Confidential Evaluations – FOIP Section 19

CARRIED

NOTICE OF RECORDING CEASED: Mayor Petrovic stated that the live stream has ended at 8:24 p.m.
Moved by Councillor Zimmer to come out of In Camera at 9:30 p.m.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF RECORDING: Mayor Petrovic provided notice that live streaming and recording of the Council meeting would begin again at 9:30 p.m.

a. Local Public Body Confidences – FOIP Section 23

MOTION #22-034 Moved by Councillor Cutler to provide a Letter of Support as discussed in closed session.

CARRIED

b. Advice from Officials – FOIP Section 24

MOTION #22-035 Moved by Councillor Carlson to direct administration to proceed with Lagoon Outlet Structure Upgrades Option 1, as prepared by MPE Engineering Ltd., and that the out of budget expenditure of \$93,010 plus GST is to come from the municipal Water and Sewer Reserves.

CARRIED

c. LAND – FOIP Section 16

MOTION #22-036 Moved by Councillor Cutler to proceed with the municipal land development initiative as discussed in closed session.

d. Confidential Evaluations – FOIP Section 19

MOTION #22-037 Moved by Councillor Cutler to appoint Mike McAlonan to the Chinook Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Councillor Carlson that the meeting adjourn at 9:33 p.m.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF RECORDING CEASED: Mayor Petrovic noted that recording ceased at 9:33 p.m.

Mayor – Chelsae Petrovic

Chief Administrative Officer – Abe Tinney

DELEGATIONS

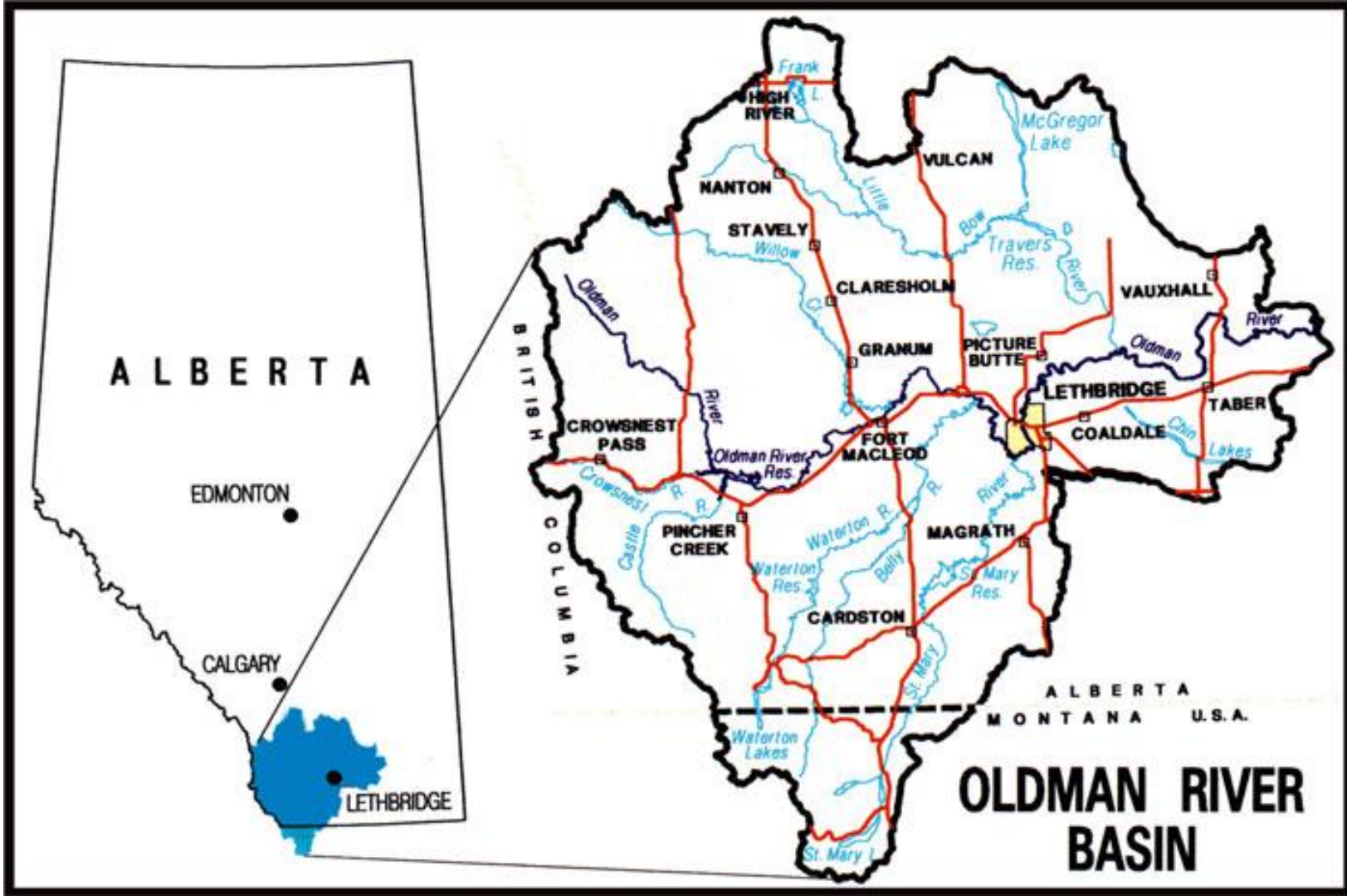


2021-22 Projects

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A Watershed





2021-22

About us



Staking willows along Dutch Creek

VISION

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MISSION

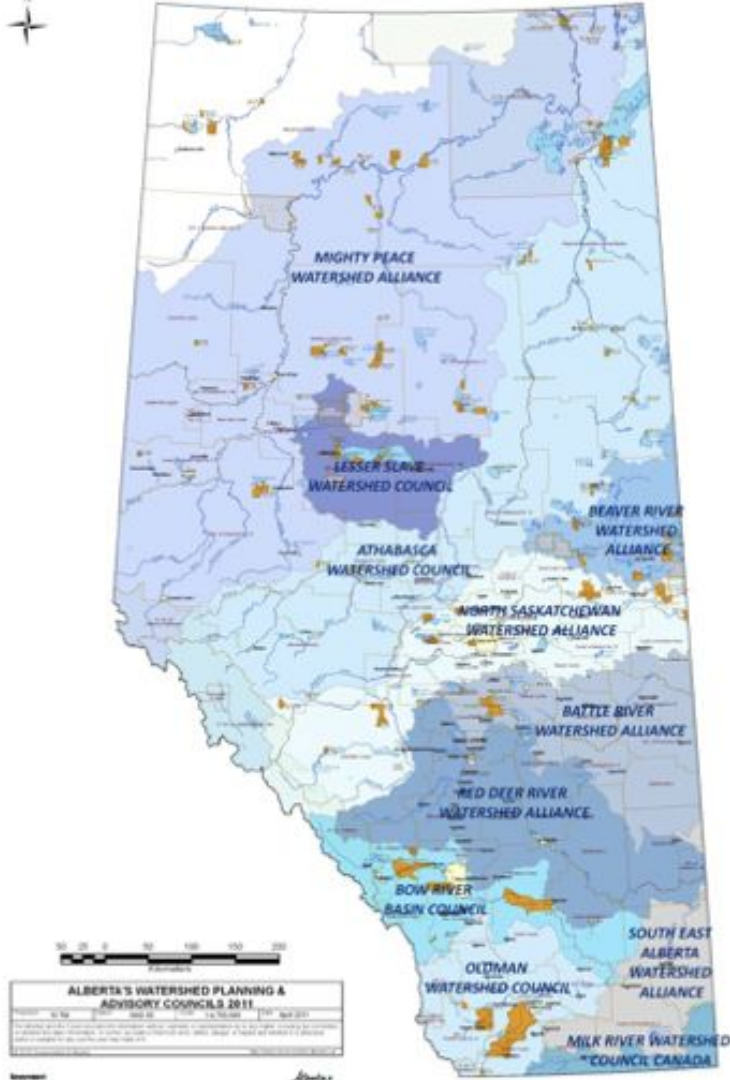
The Oldman Watershed Council (OWC) is a collaborative forum for all voices, working for watershed health through education, action, and stewardship.



Planting endangered trees in Castle Parks

3 pillars: environment, society, economy or
Planet, people, profits





11 Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils (WPACs)

All sector Board of Directors - 19 seats



Board of Directors 2021

Towns and Villages

Lethbridge Northern Irrigation District

City of Lethbridge

Alberta Environment and Parks

Piikani Nation

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry

Kainai Nation

Southern Alberta Group for the Environment

Cardston County

Water Conservation Trust of Canada

University of Lethbridge

4 individual members at large

Alberta Health Services

Government of Canada

Spray Lake Sawmills

Lethbridge College Integrated Agriculture Technology
Centre

Neutrality is our superpower



TRUST is the
currency we
value most

2021-22

Projects



Legislation and Policy



Headwaters Education and Restoration





70

Funded Projects



IMPACTS



50km
Riparian Fencing

+



27
Off-stream Watering
Systems

=



80
Bison



300
Sheep



8,790
Cows

Removed from water
bodies + riparian areas!



28 Weed Pulls

+



11 Clean-Ups

+



1,030 Volunteers

=



1,977 lbs Garbage
4,015 Bags Weeds
12,750 lbs of Weeds

12 Hectares Wetland Restored

8 Bio-Control releases

6 Bioengineering projects

1300 Willows planted

304 Plans, assessments,
surveys

380 People engaged in
educational events

2 Cattle crossings

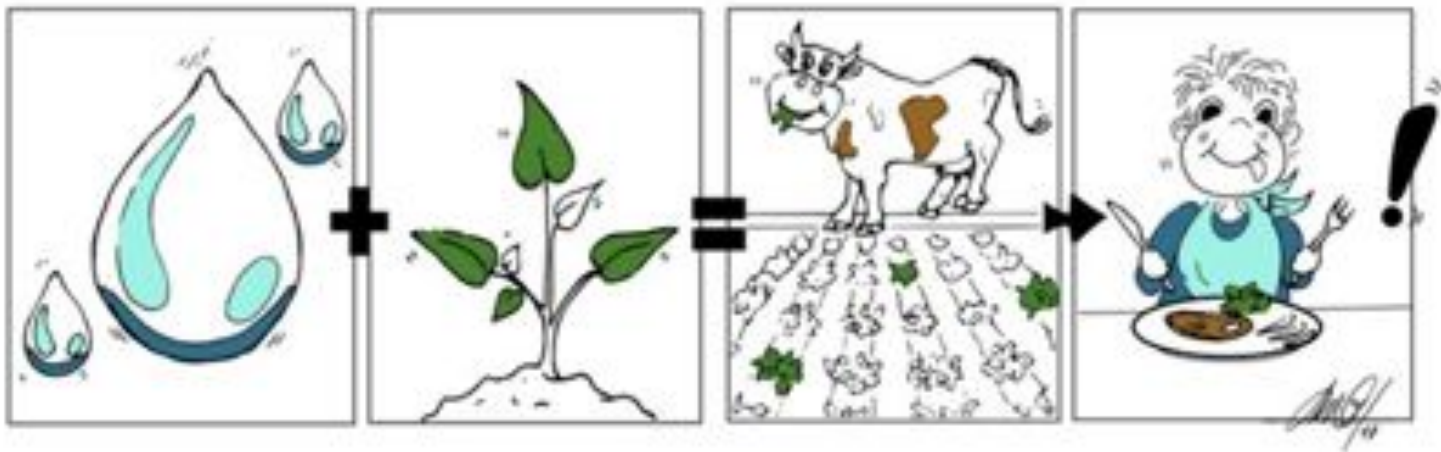
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restoration

Indigenous Partnerships



Youth education





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Questions

The forks - where the Oldman River meets the Bow River



PUBLIC HEARING



**TOWN OF CLARESHOLM
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BYLAW # 1732**

A Bylaw of the Town of Claresholm to amend Bylaw #1525 being a bylaw setting out land uses for the Town of Claresholm.

WHEREAS pursuant to the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended, Council of the Town of Claresholm (hereafter called Council) has adopted Land Use Bylaw #1525; and

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and proper pursuant to the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act* that the Council of the Town of Claresholm shall issue a Bylaw to amend its existing Land Use Bylaw.

WHEREAS the Town of Claresholm is in receipt of an application to redesignate lands for the purpose of a commercial development.

NOW THEREFORE under the authority and subject to the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act*, Council duly assembled does hereby enact the following:

1. The Town of Claresholm Land Use Bylaw #1525 shall be amended as follows:

LAND USE DISTRICT MAP

Lots 2 & 3 Block 1 Plan 658LK

Be amended by changing the lands from “Industrial - I1” to “Highway Commercial -C2” as per “Schedule A” attached.

2. This Bylaw shall take effect on the date of final passage.
3. That Bylaw #1732 be consolidated with Bylaw #1525.
4. Bylaw #1525 is hereby amended.

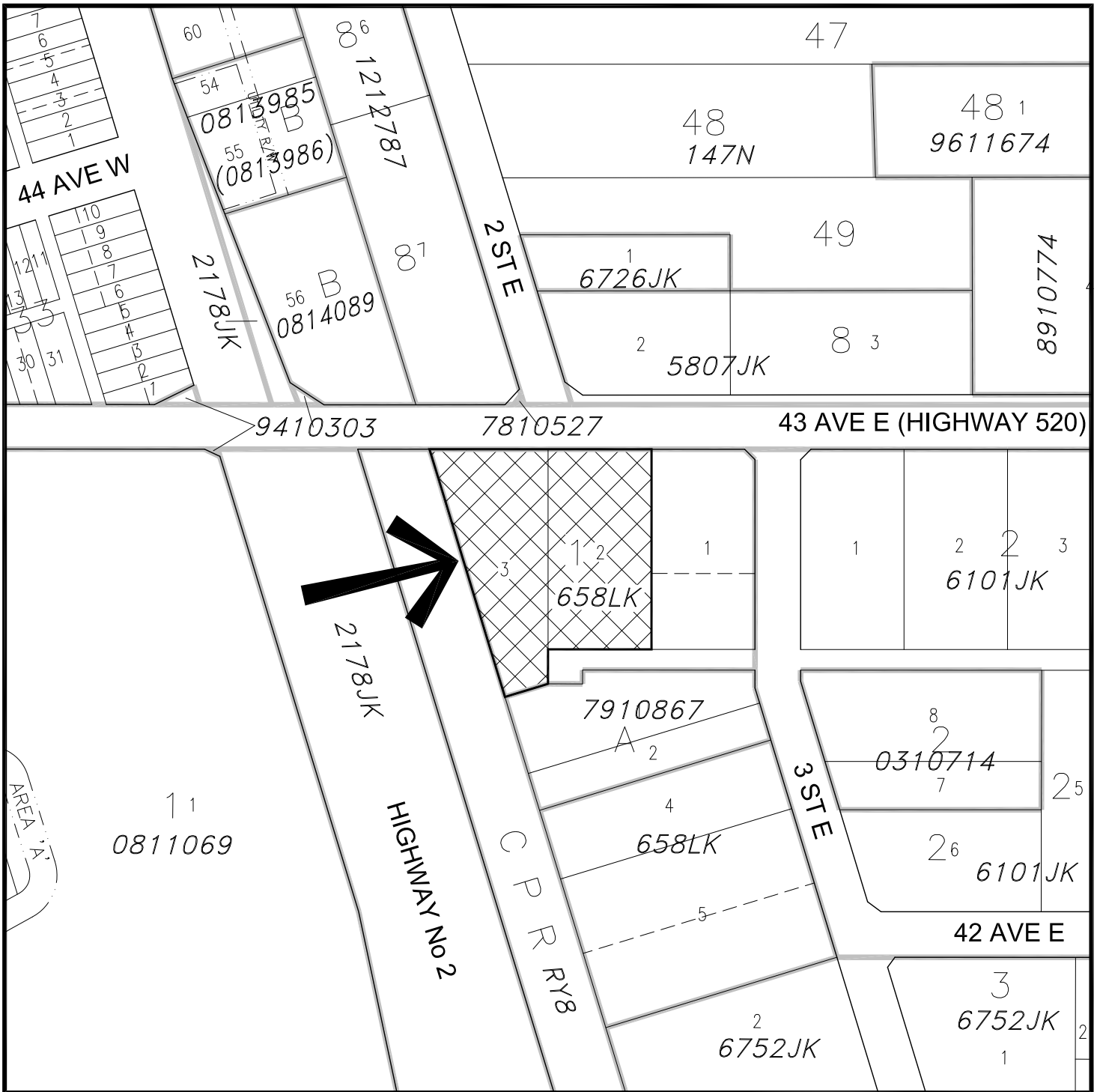
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Abe Tinney, Chief Administrative Officer



LAND USE DISTRICT REDESIGNATION SCHEDULE 'A'



FROM: Industrial I1
TO: Highway Commercial C2

LOTS 2 & 3, BLOCK 1, PLAN 658LK WITHIN
NE 1/4 SEC 23, TWP 12, RGE 27, W 4 M
MUNICIPALITY: TOWN OF CLARESHOLM
DATE: NOVEMBER 4, 2021

Bylaw #: 1732

Date: _____



MAP PREPARED BY:
OLDMAN RIVER REGIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION
3105 16th AVENUE NORTH, LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA T1H 5E8
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ACTION ITEMS



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: March 14, 2022
Agenda Item: 1

BYLAW No. 1732 - LAND USE BYLAW No.1525 AMENDMENT

BACKGROUND / DESCRIPTION:

At the February 14, 2022 regular meeting, Town Council gave first reading to Bylaw No. 1732, a land use Bylaw amendment. This is a bylaw for the re-designation of the property located at 221 & 225 43 Ave East, from I1- Industrial to C2- Highway Commercial for the applicant to pursue development. Any proposed use, and development (structures) proposed will be dealt with through the land use bylaw permit process (MPC or development officer) following the successful passage of this land use bylaw amendment. At that time items such as parking, setbacks, landscaping, etc. will be looked at, and therefore not a consideration of the land use bylaw amendment. This bylaw amendment is the first step in aligning the land use district with the intended development.

In accordance with the Municipal Government Act (MGA) Section 692, a public hearing is required prior to giving second reading and notice must be given in accordance with MGA Section 606. The notice of public hearing was circulated in the Local Press Town News March 2nd and March 9th, 2022 and mailed to a wide neighborhood circulation. No comments were received from the neighborhood circulation. The Municipal Planning Commission reviewed the application at their meeting held February 11, 2022 in regards to statutory planning and uses within this specific location. The Development Department does not have any concerns with uses or compatibility and recommends 2nd and 3rd readings.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Council pass a resolution to give Bylaw No. 1732, 2nd and 3rd readings for the re-districting of the lands on the attached map from I1- Industrial to C2- Highway Commercial after the Public Hearing.

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Councillor _____ to give Bylaw No. 1732, a Land Use Bylaw Amendment, 2nd reading.

Moved by Councillor _____ to give Bylaw No. 1732, a Land Use Bylaw Amendment, 3rd and final reading.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1.) Bylaw No.1732 & Map

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION:

- 1.) LUB No.1525
- 2.) Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, Chapter M-26, Section 692 – Planning Bylaws.
- 3.) Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, Chapter M-26, Section 606 – Requirements for Advertising.
- 4.) Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, Chapter M-26, Section 230 – Public Hearings.

PREPARED BY: Tara VanDellen, Planner/Development Officer

APPROVED BY: Abe Tinney, CAO

DATE: March 9, 2022



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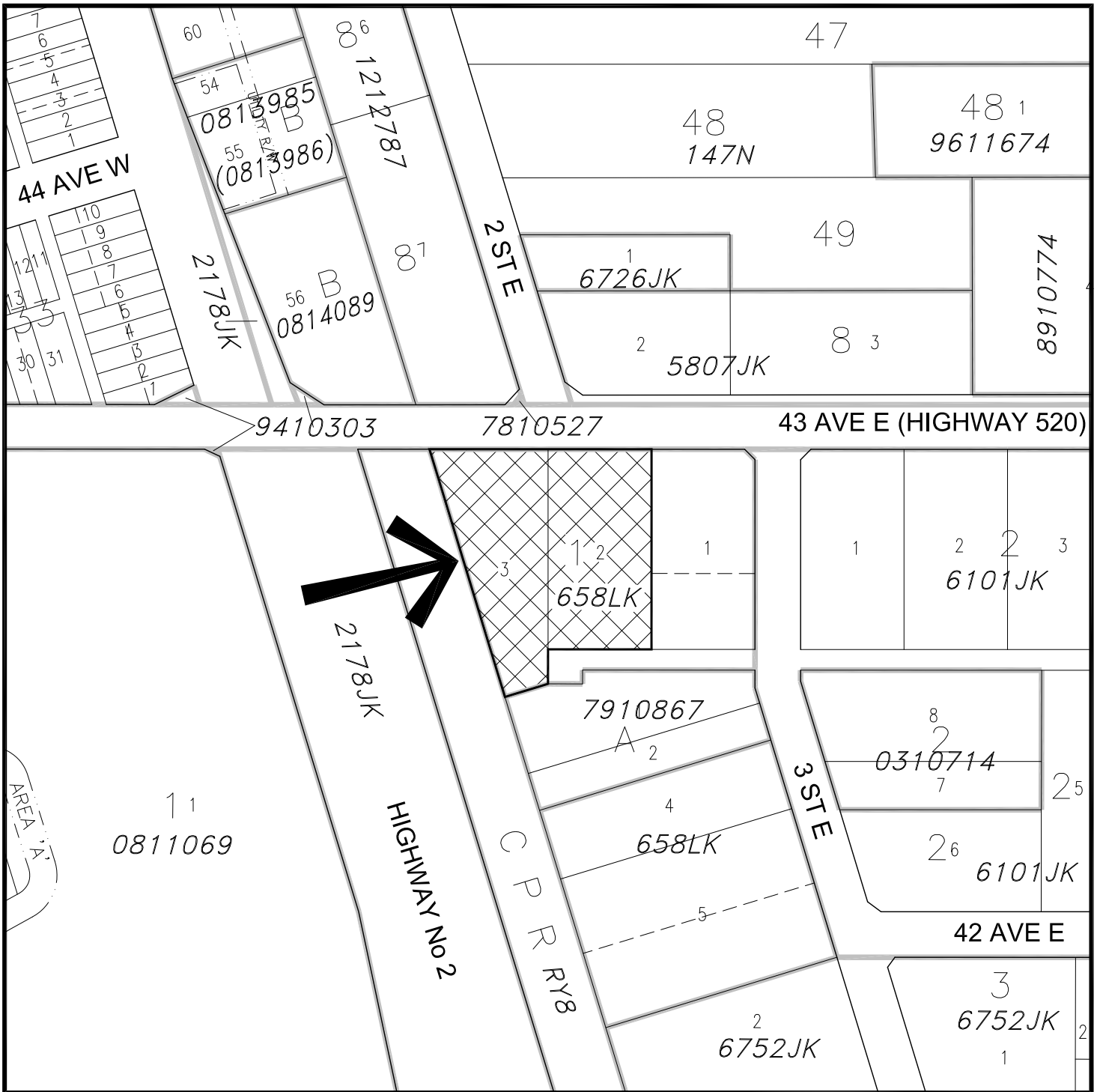
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DATE: NOVEMBER 4, 2021

Bylaw #: 1732

Date: _____



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INDUSTRIAL – I1

INTENT: This district is intended to provide for a broad range of industrial and storage uses. The location of individual uses will have regard to both the effect on adjacent uses and the ability to provide adequate services to the site.

1. PERMITTED USES

Accessory buildings
 Accessory structure
 Accessory use
 Alternative energy, solar (wall and roof mounted)
 Amusement facility
 Animal care service, major
 Auctioneering facility
 Breweries, distilleries and wineries
 Building supplies
 Bulk fuel storage and sales
 Business support services
 Contractor, general
 Contractor, limited
 Equipment sales, rental and service
 Farm supplies and service
 Farm/industrial machinery sales, rental and service
 Fitness centre
 Food processing facility, minor
 Garden centre
 Greenhouse
 Light fabrication shops
 Light industrial
 Manufactured home sales and service
 Offices
 Public utility
 Recycling facility
 Retail store
 Retail store, large scale
 Shipping container, permanent
 Shipping container, temporary
 Signs in accordance with Schedule 2
 Truck transportation depot
 Vehicle sales and service

DISCRETIONARY USES

Abattoir
 Alternative energy, solar (ground mounted)
 Alternative energy, wind
 Aquaculture
 Aquaponics
 Auto body and paint shop
 Cannabis production facility
 Caretaker suite
 Food processing facility, major
 Grain elevator
 Intensive horticulture operations or facilities
 Manufacturing and fabrication
 Market garden
 Mini-storage and self storage
 Municipal works storage shops
 Natural resource extractive uses
 Oilfield servicing operation
 Retail cannabis store
 Salvage or waste disposal facility
 Signs in accordance with Schedule 2
 Storage yard
 Theatre, drive-in movie
 Tire business
 Truck stop
 Warehousing

2. MINIMUM LOT SIZE

	Width		Length		Area	
	m	ft.	m	ft.	m ²	sq. ft.
All uses	As required by the Development Authority				1,114.8	12,000



3. MINIMUM SETBACK DIMENSIONS

Use	Front		Side		Rear	
	m	ft.	m	ft.	m	ft.
All uses	9.1	30	6.1	20	6.1	20

4. SCREENING

The Development Authority shall prescribe or approve screening for uses which involve the outdoor storage of goods, machinery, vehicles, building materials and other items.

5. SIGNS – See Schedule 2.

6. FENCING REQUIREMENTS – See Schedule 7.

7. PARKING AND LOADING SPACE REQUIREMENTS – See Schedule 8.

8. LANDSCAPING STANDARDS – See Schedule 9.

9. SHIPPING CONTAINER REGULATIONS – See Schedule 11.

10. TELECOMMUNICATION ANTENNA STRUCTURES – See Schedule 12.

11. CANNABIS REGULATION – See Schedule 14.



HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL – C2

INTENT: This district is intended to ensure the sites adjacent to the highway are reserved for appropriate commercial uses.

1. PERMITTED USES

Accessory building
 Accessory structure
 Accessory use
 Alternative energy, solar (wall and roof mounted)
 Amusement facility
 Animal care service, minor
 Business support services
 Café/Coffee shop
 Convenience store
 Cultural facility
 Drive-in restaurant
 Equipment sales, rental and service
 Fitness centre
 Gas bar
 Hotel
 Motel
 Office
 Vehicle sales and rental
 Vehicle sales and service
 Restaurant
 Service station
 Shipping container, temporary
 Signs in accordance with Schedule 2

DISCRETIONARY USES

Alternative energy, solar (ground mounted)
 Auctioneering facility
 Breweries, distilleries and wineries
 Bulk fuel storage and sales
 Caretaker's suite
 Car wash
 Farm/industrial machinery sales, rental and service
 Food processing facility, minor
 Liquor store
 Outdoor patio
 Public utility
 Retail cannabis store
 Retail store, large scale
 Shipping container, permanent
 Signs in accordance with Schedule 2
 Theatre, drive in movie
 Tire business
 Truck stop
 Truck transportation depot

2. MINIMUM LOT SIZE

	Width		Length		Area	
	m	ft.	m	ft.	m ²	sq. ft.
All uses	30.5	100	45.7	150	1,393.5	15,000

3. MINIMUM SETBACK DIMENSIONS

As required by the Development Authority and the provincial building requirements.

4. ACCESS

Access, wherever possible, shall be from service roads onto Highway 2. Access points onto service roads shall be approved by the Development Authority.

5. SCREENING

The Development Authority shall prescribe or approve screening for uses which involve the outdoor storage of goods, machinery, vehicles, building materials and other items.

6. **SIGNS** – See Schedule 2.
7. **STANDARDS OF DEVELOPMENT** – See Schedule 4.
8. **FENCING REQUIREMENTS** – See Schedule 7.
9. **PARKING AND LOADING SPACE REQUIREMENTS** – See Schedule 8.
10. **LANDSCAPING STANDARDS** – See Schedule 9.
11. **SHIPPING CONTAINER REGULATIONS** – See Schedule 11.
12. **TELECOMMUNICATION ANTENNA STRUCTURES** – See Schedule 12.
13. **CANNABIS REGULATION** – See Schedule 14.





REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: March 14, 2022
Agenda Item: 2

Bylaw #1735 –Dog Bylaw PROPOSED AMMENDMENTS

Background and Discussion:

Based on an incident that occurred in 2021 regarding a Dangerous and Aggressive Dog, administration is seeking to amend the Dog Bylaw.

The provisions of the current bylaw state that the owner of an aggressive dog cannot sell the dog. However, there are no provisions preventing the owner from giving a dog away after it has been deemed aggressive and dangerous, which is exactly what happened in 2021. The purpose of these provisions of the Dog Bylaw are to protect people and other animals from Aggressive and Dangerous Dogs, and we couldn't do that effectively because the dog was given away. The suggested changes will give us the ability to pass information to the new owner and/or new municipality about the dangerous dog when it has been re-homed.

The recommended changes are consistent with Dog Control Bylaws from other municipalities in southern Alberta.

Recommendation:

Administration is suggesting to amend the Aggressive and Dangerous dogs provisions of the bylaw. The recommendations are consistent with the bylaws of surrounding municipalities.

Administration makes the following recommendations:

- 1) Providing the owner 3 days after the dog is declared Aggressive or Dangerous to have a Registered Veterinarian implant an electronic identification microchip in the Dog. The Owner of the Aggressive or Dangerous dog shall provide a copy of this information to the Town prior to the Vicious Dog License being issued under this Bylaw.
- 2) The owner must provide to the Town proof that a policy of liability insurance is in force and provides third party liability coverage in a form satisfactory to the Town and in a minimum coverage amount of \$500,000.00 for any injuries which may be caused by the Aggressive or dangerous Dog.
- 3) Ensures that the insurance policy contains a provision requiring the insurer to immediately notify the Town in writing in the event that the policy expires, is cancelled or is terminated.
- 4) The owner of the Aggressive or Dangerous Dog cannot transfer ownership of the dog prior to having the electronic identification microchip implanted in the dog and acquire an Aggressive or Dangerous Dog license through the Town.
- 5) Any person who transfers a dog to a new owner after it is deemed as Aggressive or Dangerous without having the dog microchipped or acquiring a license shall be liable to a fine under section 44 of the Dog Bylaw.
- 6) The owner of an Aggressive or Dangerous Dog must provide to the town the new residential address and contact information of the new owners of the Dog, immediately upon transfer of ownership. Failure to do so will result in a fine under Section 44 of the Dog Bylaw.

7) The owner of an Aggressive or Dangerous Dog shall immediately advise the Bylaw Enforcement Officer in writing if the Aggressive or Dangerous Dog dies, or is sold, gifted or transferred, and provide the address and contact information for the new owner.

Errors/Inconsistencies/Clerical:

During review of the Dog Bylaw 1709 an error was observed.

Section 25 refers to section 35 of this Bylaw as a guide for issuance of fine amounts as it pertains to Aggressive and Dangerous Dogs.

The correct section is Section 44 as it pertains the fine guidelines for Aggressive and Dangerous Dogs.

Administration also suggest re-ordering sections 24, 25, and 26 as this process is not in sequential order for Aggressive and Dangerous Dog complaint process and investigation.

UPDATE: Section 30 (c) of the amended bylaw is repetitive of other wording in Section 30, so we would like to eliminate it Section 30 (c).

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

MOVED by Councillor _____ that Bylaw 1735 – Dog Bylaw Amendment – be give 2nd Reading as amended.

MOVED by Councillor _____ that Bylaw 1735 – Dog Bylaw Amendment – be give 3rd Reading.

Attachments:

- Bylaw 1709 – Dog Bylaw
- DRAFT Bylaw 1735 - Dog Bylaw Amendment

PREPARED BY: Kyle Aikema - Bylaw Officer

APPROVED BY: Abe Tinney, CAO

DATE: March 8, 2022



**TOWN OF CLARESHOLM
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
BYLAW #1735**

A Bylaw of the Town of Claresholm to amend Bylaw 1709, the Dog Bylaw.

WHEREAS pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended, Council of the Town of Claresholm (hereafter called Council) has adopted the Dog Bylaw, Bylaw #1709; and

WHEREAS Council deems it necessary to amend the existing Bylaw #1709;

NOW THEREFORE under the authority and subject to the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended, the Council of the Town of Claresholm, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled does hereby enact the following:

1. The Town of Claresholm Dog Bylaw #1709 shall be amended as follows:

REMOVE: Sections 25

25. The owner of a dog alleged to be Aggressive or Dangerous shall be issued a fine as outlined in Section 35 of this Bylaw and shall be charged under the Alberta *Dangerous Dog Act*.

ADD: Amended Section 25

25. The owner of a dog alleged to be Aggressive or Dangerous shall be issued a fine as outlined in Section 44 of this Bylaw and shall be charged under the Alberta *Dangerous Dog Act*.

REMOVE: Sections 28

28. The owner of an Aggressive or Dangerous Dog shall obtain an Aggressive or Dangerous Dog license immediately after the dog is determined to be Aggressive or Dangerous. This shall be done on the first official business day following the dog being classified as such.

ADD: Amended Section 28

28. The owner of an Aggressive or Dangerous Dog shall obtain an Aggressive or Dangerous Dog license after the dog is determined to be Aggressive or Dangerous. This shall be done within three (3) business days following the dog being classified as such. To issue such a license the following must be completed and provided:

- a. Provide proof that a Registered Veterinarian has implanted an electronic identification microchip in the Dog that was declared Aggressive or Dangerous, with information indicating such declaration.
- b. Provide proof that a liability insurance policy is in force and provides third party liability coverage in a form satisfactory to the Town and in a minimum coverage amount of \$500,000 for any injuries which may be caused by the Aggressive or Dangerous Dog.
- c. The insurance policy must contain a provision requiring the insurer to immediately notify the Town in writing in the event that the policy expires, is cancelled or is terminated.

REMOVE: Sections 30

30. No person shall sell a dog that is found to be Aggressive or Dangerous.

ADD: Amended Section 30

30. Any person who sells, transfers, gifts, or surrenders a dog that is found to be Aggressive or Dangerous shall be liable to a fine under section 44 of the Dog Bylaw unless:

- a. It has first had an electronic identification microchip implanted in the dog and has a current Aggressive or Dangerous Dog License through the Town as per Section 28.
- b. The Town has been notified in writing of the new residential address and contact

information of the new owners of where the Aggressive or Dangerous Dog has been moved to.

~~c. The owner of an Aggressive or Dangerous Dog shall immediately advise the Bylaw Enforcement Officer in writing if the Aggressive or Dangerous Dog dies, or if the Dog is sold, gifted or transferred, and provide the address and contact information for the new owner.~~

REMOVE: Section 24, 25, 26

24. At the conclusion of an investigation into a complaint and/or incident complete with a signed statement concerning a dog in the Town, the CAO or their designate may declare a dog to be an Aggressive or Dangerous dog. The CAO will issue an Aggressive or Dangerous Dog designation for the dog in question, provided that the CAO is satisfied that the dog constitutes an ongoing potential danger to persons, property, or domestic animals.
25. The owner of a dog alleged to be Aggressive or Dangerous shall be issued a fine as outlined in Section 35 of this Bylaw and shall be charged under the *Alberta Dangerous Dog Act*.
26. The owner of an alleged Aggressive or Dangerous dog, shall surrender the dog to the Animal Control Officer immediately and the dog shall be held pending the outcome of the investigation and/or a Provincial Court hearing.

ADD:

24. The owner of an alleged Aggressive or Dangerous dog, shall surrender the dog to the Animal Control Officer immediately and the dog shall be held pending the outcome of the investigation and/or a Provincial Court hearing.
25. At the conclusion of an investigation into a complaint and/or incident complete with a signed statement concerning a dog in the Town, the CAO or their designate may declare a dog to be an Aggressive or Dangerous dog. The CAO will issue an Aggressive or Dangerous Dog designation for the dog in question, provided that the CAO is satisfied that the dog constitutes an ongoing potential danger to persons, property, or domestic animals.
26. The owner of a dog declared to be Aggressive or Dangerous shall be issued a fine as outlined in Section 44 of this Bylaw and shall be charged under the *Alberta Dangerous Dog Act*.

2. This bylaw comes into full force and effect upon third and final reading.

3. Bylaw #1709 is hereby amended.

Read a first time in Council this 28th day of **February**, 2022 A.D.

Read a second time in Council this 14th day of **March**, 2022 A.D.

Read a third time in Council and finally passed in Council this 14th day of **March**, 2022 A.D.

Chelsae Petrovic, Mayor

Abe Tinney, CAO



**TOWN OF CLARESHOLM
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
BYLAW #1709**

A Bylaw of the Town of Claresholm to provide for the regulation and control of dogs, within the Town of Claresholm.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7 of the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, Chapter M-26 and amendments thereto, a Council may, pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting wild and domestic animals and activities in relation to them;

NOW THEREFORE, the Town of Claresholm, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled hereby enacts the following:

Title

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the Dog Bylaw.

Definitions

2. In this Bylaw:
 - a. “Aggressive or Dangerous Dog” means any dog, whatever its age, whether on public or private property, which has:
 - i. without provocation chased, injured or seriously bitten any other domestic animal or human,
 - ii. without provocation damaged, or destroyed any public or private property,
 - iii. without provocation threatened or created the reasonable apprehension of a threat to other domestic animals or humans and which in the opinion of a Justice, presents a threat of serious harm to other domestic animals or humans,
 - iv. has been previously determined to be a dangerous dog under a Provincial Dog Act or by the Courts.
 - b. “Animal Control Officer” means any person, Bylaw Officer, Peace Officer, RCMP Officer, firm or corporation, appointed by Council to carry out the provisions of this Bylaw.
 - c. “CAO” means the Chief Administrative Officer appointed by the Council of the Town of Claresholm.
 - d. “Council” means the Council of the Town of Claresholm.
 - e. “Dog” shall mean either a male or female dog over the age of three (3) months.
 - f. “Dog Breeder” means any person, group of persons or corporation engaged in the commercial business of breeding, buying, selling, or boarding of dogs.
 - g. “Dog Breeding Facility” means the physical premises where dogs are harbored by a dog breeder.
 - h. “Holding Period” means a period of time being of three (3) business days.
 - i. “Off Leash Area” means an area designated by Council for the respectable enjoyment of dogs permitted to exercise in an open space free of a leash.
 - j. “Owner” means the person who has legal title to a dog and includes any person who has the possession or custody of the dog, or harbours the dog, or suffers the dog to remain on his/her premises.
 - k. “Pound” means a place designated by Council as a place where dogs may be placed and kept impounded under humane conditions.

- l. “Running At Large” means a dog found on any public street, lane, alley or other public place in the Town or is on private property without the permission of the occupant or owner thereof.
- m. “Town” means the Town of Claresholm.
- n. “Dog Fancier Permit” means a permit issued annually to an owner permitting the keeping or harbouring, on land or premises occupied by the owner, of up to five (5) dogs over the age of three (3) months.

Licensing

3. No person shall own, keep or harbor any dog within the Town limits unless such dog has been licensed with the Town, paid the appropriate fee, and the following information about the dog has been collected:
 - a. described as to color, age, breed and sex,
 - b. residing address,
 - c. proof of spay or neutering.
4. License fees are determined by way of Schedule “A” set from time to time by the Town Council.
5. Licenses or Permits are required as set out below:
 - a. A Dog license for every dog residing in the Town of Claresholm over the age of three (3) months.
 - b. A Dog Fancier Permit for any single dwelling or household housing in excess of three (3) dogs.
 - c. An Aggressive or Dangerous Dog license if the dog is determined to be aggressive or dangerous.
6. Any person requesting a Dog Fanciers Permit shall submit an application to the Bylaw Enforcement Department, or it’s designate. All applications shall disclose:
 - a. Location for permit
 - b. Purpose (breeders will require a business license)
 - c. Breed and sex of dogs
 - d. Type of facilities
7. An Animal Control Officer shall not issue a Dog Fanciers Permit without first inspecting the proposed location and circulating adjacent property owners.
8. An Animal Control Officer shall not issue a Dog Fanciers Permit if, in their opinion, the site or conditions are unsuitable.
9. An Animal Control Officer may remove the Dog Fanciers Permit upon receipt of bona fide complaints from two (2) or more neighbors residing within sixty (60) meters of the residence of the permit.
10. The act of engaging in dog breeding and/or having a dog breeding facility must comply with the Town of Claresholm Land Use and Business License Bylaw.
11. Dog owners have one (1) month to comply with the licensing requirements upon possession of a dog or upon taking up residence in the Town of Claresholm. Dog owners issued a warning to purchase a dog license or a dog fancier permit will be granted fourteen (14) days to comply excepting when a dog has been impounded. Impounded dogs shall be required to be licensed before being released to the owner.
12. Annual license renewal fee is due before the last day of January for each year.
13. Upon payment of the required license fee, the owner will be supplied with a license tag stamped with a number and the year of the license. Every owner shall ensure that the license tag is securely fastened to a collar or harness which must be worn by the dog at all times when the dog is off the premises of the owner.

14. The owner of a dog will be permitted to pay a license fee of one half the annual rate if such owner takes up residence or such dog is acquired on or after the 1st of October in any one year.
15. No refund of license fees shall be made during any one year, except if documentation is provided from a veterinarian that the dog was neutered or spayed after the purchase of the license, then the difference in the license fee will be refunded.

Offences

16. The following constitutes an offence for the owner, which may result in a notice, fine and if necessary, may result in the capture and impoundment of a dog. Offences are as follows:
 - a. an owner who has failed to purchase a valid dog license and/or whose dog is not displaying a valid dog tag,
 - b. a dog who is off the premises of the owner, is not in an off-leash area, is not on a leash and under other immediate, continuous and effective control by the owner,
 - c. a dog in an off-leash area that is not under immediate, continuous and effective control by the owner,
 - d. a dog running at large,
 - e. a dog chasing, worrying or annoying any person and/or domestic animal on property other than that belonging to the owner of the dog,
 - f. a dog which causes damage to private or public property within the Town,
 - g. a dog which barks, howls or otherwise disturbs any person or persons,
 - h. a dog which has bitten, is biting or is about to bite or attempting to bite any person, upon any street, park or other public place within the Town,
 - i. a dog deemed aggressive or dangerous in nature
 - j. a dog in heat upon any public lands or highway,
 - k. a dog left unattended in any motor vehicle without suitable ventilation,
 - l. a dog named or described or otherwise designated in a complaint made pursuant to The *Dangerous Dog Act*,
 - m. a dog affected with rabies or any other contagious disease.
 - n. a person who removes or attempts to remove any dog from the possession of the Animal Control Officer while in the pound or while being transported to the pound,
 - o. a person who hinders, delays or obstructs any such Animal Control Officer in the performance of any duty imposed upon them by this bylaw,
 - p. an owner who fails to remove defecated matter which the owner has permitted or caused the dog to deposit on public property, the off-leash area or upon the lands or premises of any person other than the owner.
 - q. an owner who has in excess of three (3) dogs in a single-family dwelling or household without a Dog Fancier Permit, or in excess of five (5) dogs with an authorized Dog Fancier Permit, over three (3) months old.
17. The residences or grounds where any dogs are kept shall at all times be maintained in a clean, sanitary and inoffensive condition, satisfactory to the Animal Control Officer. An owner or occupant of private property must not allow animal feces to accumulate on the property so as to create a health hazard. The Animal Control Officer may serve an owner or occupant of private property with a notice to remove all animal feces from the property within 72 hours of service of the notice. The Town may remove the feces from the property if the person to whom the request is made fails to remove the feces within 72 hours, or after reasonable inquiry, the whereabouts of the owner or occupant of the property cannot be determined. If the Town carried out the work, the costs and expenses may be added to the tax roll and form part of the taxes owing on the land whereon the work was done.

18. The owner of a dog shall ensure that such dog shall not:
 - a. bite or injure a person or persons whether on the property of the owner or not unless an unlawful act is being committed,
 - b. chase or otherwise threaten a person or persons whether on the property of the owner or not, unless the person chased or threatened is a trespasser on the property of the owner.
19. Where the owner of a dog provides for a dog run or enclosure on the property that dog run or enclosure shall be no closer than one (1) foot from the adjoining property. This dog run must be secure and of an adequate height and size for the dog being housed

Communicable Disease

20. The Animal Control Officer shall immediately segregate from other animals and restrain any dog brought to the pound if it has or appears to have rabies or any other communicable disease.
21. The Animal Control Officer shall report any apparent illness, communicable disease, injury or unhealthy condition of any dog to a veterinarian.
22. The owner of a dog, which is suffering any communicable disease shall not permit or allow the dog to be:
 - a. in any public place,
 - b. in contact with or in proximity to any other dog,
 - c. shall keep the dog locked or tied up,
 - d. shall immediately report the matter to a veterinarian,
 - e. shall immediately report the matter to the Animal Control Officer or the RCMP.
23. Any dog known to be rabid shall be immediately euthanized in a humane manner.

Aggressive or Dangerous Dogs

24. At the conclusion of an investigation into a complaint and/or incident complete with a signed statement concerning a dog in the Town, the CAO or their designate may declare a dog to be an Aggressive or Dangerous dog. The CAO will issue an Aggressive or Dangerous Dog designation for the dog in question, provided that the CAO is satisfied that the dog constitutes an ongoing potential danger to persons, property, or domestic animals.
25. The owner of a dog alleged to be Aggressive or Dangerous shall be issued a fine as outlined in Section 35 of this Bylaw and shall be charged under the *Alberta Dangerous Dog Act*.
26. The owner of an alleged Aggressive or Dangerous dog, shall surrender the dog to the Animal Control Officer immediately and the dog shall be held pending the outcome of the investigation and/or a Provincial Court hearing.
27. If a dog is declared to be an Aggressive or Dangerous Dog by the Justice and not ordered to be destroyed, the CAO or their designate shall give the owner written notice of such declaration containing the following details:
 - a. requiring that if the Aggressive or Dangerous Dog is off the owner's property, it shall be in a bite inhibition mechanism, under control, and on a permitted leash held by a competent person who is able to control the Aggressive or Dangerous Dog,
 - b. inform the owner the Aggressive or Dangerous Dog is not permitted in the off-leash area,
 - c. requiring the owner to install signage a minimum of 25cm by 25 cm, with 5 cm lettering, warning of the Aggressive or Dangerous dog, installed every fifty (50) feet or fifteen (15) meters on the perimeter of owner's property that is accessible by the general public.
28. The owner of an Aggressive or Dangerous Dog shall obtain an Aggressive or Dangerous Dog license immediately after the dog is determined to be Aggressive or Dangerous. This shall be done on the first official business day following the dog being classified as such.

29. The owner of an Aggressive or Dangerous Dog shall ensure that:
 - a. the dog does not, without provocation:
 - i. chase a person; or
 - ii. injure a person; or
 - iii. bite a person; or
 - iv. chase other domestic animals; or
 - v. injure other domestic animals; or
 - vi. bite other domestic animals.
 - b. the dog does not damage or destroy public or private property.
 - c. when the dog is on the property of the owner:
 - i. the dog is either confined indoors; or
 - ii. when the dog is outdoors it is in a locked pen or other structure, constructed to prevent the escape of the Aggressive or Dangerous Dog and capable of preventing the entry of any person not in control of the dog, and
 - iii. the locked pen or other structure shall not be within one (1) meter of the property line or within five (5) meters of a neighboring dwelling unit.
30. No person shall sell a dog that is found to be Aggressive or Dangerous.
31. An Aggressive or Dangerous Dog order pursuant to this Bylaw continues to apply if the dog is given or transferred to a new owner.

Capture and Impoundment

32. An assistant or employee of the Animal Control Officer may do any act which the Animal Control Officer is obliged or permitted to do.
33. The Animal Control Officer, or any person or persons as shall be authorized or appointed by the CAO, may capture a dog that is in contravention of this bylaw by using any humane method and shall deliver said dog to the pound, where it shall be held for the holding period to ascertain the owner.
34. When any dog wearing a Town dog license tag is captured, the Animal Control Officer shall ascertain from the Town records the name and address of the owner and attempt to reunite the dog with its owner.
35. The Animal Control Officer shall, when the name and address of the owner of a dog are not known, post a notice on the door of the pound to inform the general public of the impoundment.
36. Unless the owner of a dog makes arrangements with the Animal Control Officer for the further retention of the dog, an Animal Control Officer may sell, transfer to a new owner or destroy all unclaimed dogs which have been in impoundment for:
 - a. seven (7) days if the dog has a current license or the owner can otherwise be identified (ie. Tatoo); or
 - b. seventy-two (72) hours if the dog does not have a current license.
37. Notwithstanding subsection 36 (a) & (b) above an Animal Control Officer may euthanize a dog after a shorter period of time, if humane purposes warrant.
38. When an Animal Control Officer agrees with an owner to euthanize a dog, the owner shall pay to the Town all costs related to such.
39. The Animal Control Officer may, in their discretion, continue to keep a dog in the pound for a longer period than the holding period provided:
 - a. the owner verifies their ownership and requests that the dog be kept there for a longer period,
 - b. a pending investigation requires the extension of the holding period.

Notice

40. If a notice is not served personally on an owner or occupant of private property, then a copy of the notice shall be sent by registered mail to the owner of the property at the mailing address shown on the last assessment roll of the Town. A notice sent by registered mail is deemed to have been received on the fifth (5th) day following the date of its mailing.

Impound Fees

41. Each dog impounded under the provisions of this Bylaw shall be subject to impounding fees at the rate of:
 - a. \$20.00 per day for each day the dog has been impounded, plus
 - b. \$35.00 – First (1st) offence
 - c. \$100.00 - Second and each subsequent offence
42. Any dog impounded under the provisions of this Bylaw shall not be released until such time as the owner can:
 - a. present proof of ownership to the satisfaction of the Animal Control Officer,
 - b. pay all licensing fees, offence fines and impounding charges and/or fees.

Fines

43. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Bylaw or any other person responsible for such violation shall be liable to a penalty of:
 - a. Warning – First (1st) offence
 - b. \$100 – Second (2nd) offence
 - c. \$250 – Third (3rd) offence
 - d. \$500 – Fourth (4th) and subsequent offences
44. Any Person violating any provisions of this bylaw where the dog has been deemed Aggressive or Dangerous in nature or any other persons responsible for such violations shall be liable to a penalty of:
 - a. \$300– First (1st) Offence
 - b. \$500 – Second (2nd) Offence
 - c. \$1,000 – Third (3rd) and Subsequent Offences

This Bylaw shall take effect on the date of final passage.

Bylaw #1628, Bylaw #1688 are hereby repealed.

Read a first time in Council this **11th** day of **January** 2021 A.D.

Read a second time in Council this **25th** day of **January** 2021 A.D.

Read a third time in Council and finally passed in Council this **25th** day of **January** 2021 A.D.

Doug MacPherson, Mayor

Marian Carlson, Chief Administrative Officer



**BYLAW# 1688
SCHEDULE "A"**

FEES

	Fee
Dog License (Spay/Neuter) – per dog	\$15/year
Dog License (Intact) – per dog	\$40/year
Dog Fancier Permit application fee – per household *	\$50
Dog Fancier Permit annual renewal fee – per household*	\$20
Aggressive or Dangerous Dog License	\$200

*Does not include dog licenses for additional dogs



**BYLAW# 1688
SCHEDULE "B"**

APPLICATION FOR DOG FANCIER PERMIT

Name of applicant: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Postal code: _____

Phone:
(Res.) _____
(Bus.) _____
(Cell.) _____

CATEGORY
 Breeder (# of times per year ___ Bus. Lic #: _____
 Show Dogs
 Pets
 Kennel operation Bus. Lic #: _____

DESCRIPTION OF DOGS

Dog	Breed	Colour	Sex	Age	Altered (Y/N)

TYPE OF FACILITES

	Yes	No
Enclosed yard with fence?		
Enclosed kennel and dog run?		
Will the dogs be kept indoors during the period in when no one is home?		
Will the dogs be kept indoors at night?		
If "NO", will they be kept in a closed kennel or dog run?		

I understand that before this application can be approved, the Animal Control Officer must first inspect the proposed location to ensure the site and conditions are suitable. I further understand the Animal Control Officer will circulate adjacent property owners and advise them of the application, allowing for a period of response. The Animal Control Officer shall not issue a dog fancier permit if the site or conditions are not suitable.

Signature



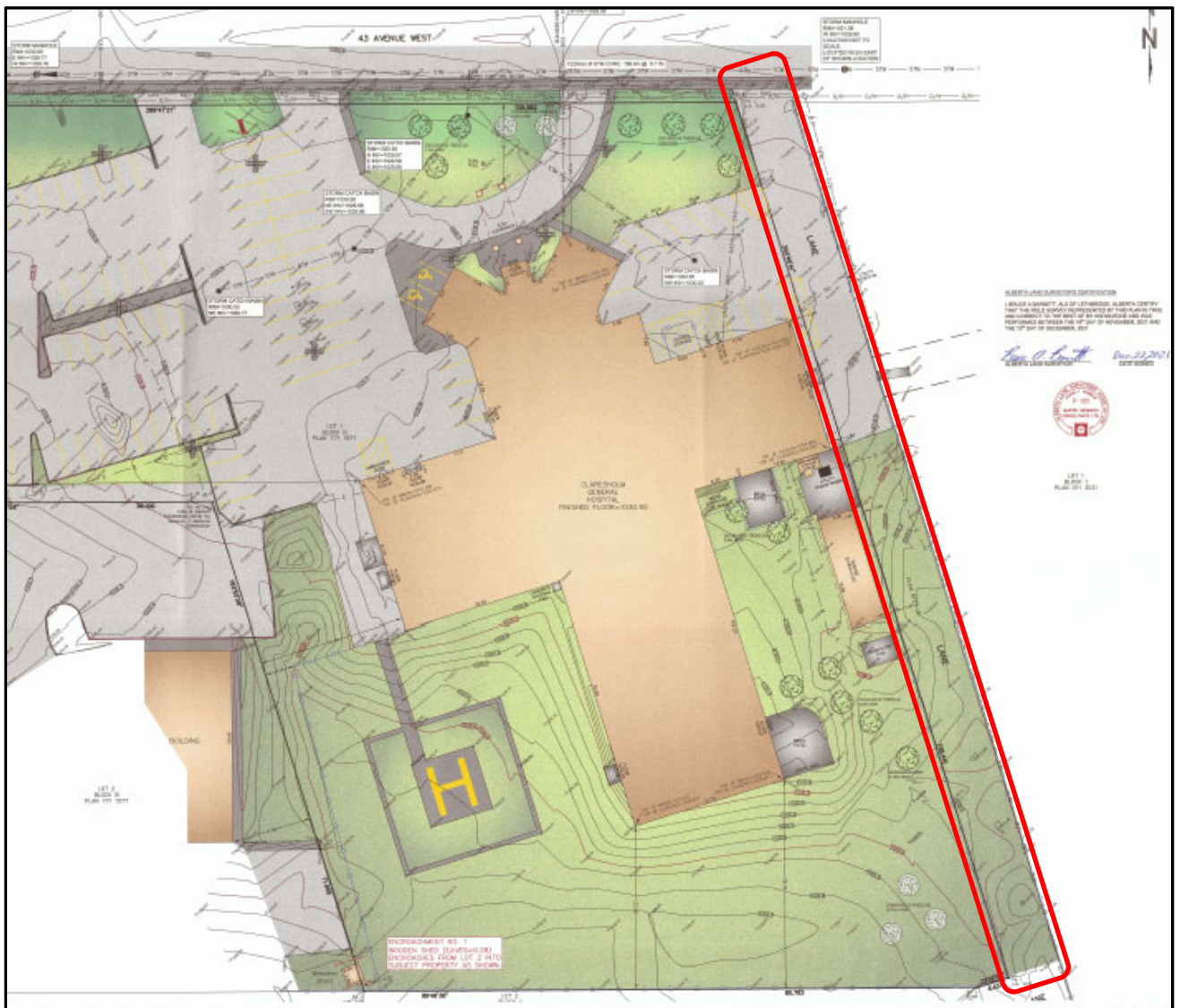
REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: March 14, 2022
Agenda Item: 3

CLOSURE OF ALLEY (AHS – PRIVATE DELIVERY ROAD)

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:

AHS has recently approached the Town in regards to a discussion surrounding the new Ambulance bay development. Part of that development requires AHS to move their deliveries to the east side of the building (starred below). Currently they are utilizing a dead end alley (Town owned – the Town does not use or maintain, but it is in the Town’s road plan). AHS would like to have this dead end alley removed from the Town’s road plan so they can extend it south to the neighboring property and create a private delivery road through the property. The cost associated with the closure, surveying and consolidation should be borne by AHS. They are aware of the procedure and wish to move ahead. At the November 8, 2021 Council Meeting, a motion was made to proceed with the Road Closure; therefore Bylaw No. 1737 is being presented for first reading.



Section 22 of the Municipal Government Act reads as follows:

“Road closure

22(1) No road in a municipality that is subject to the direction, control and management of the municipality may

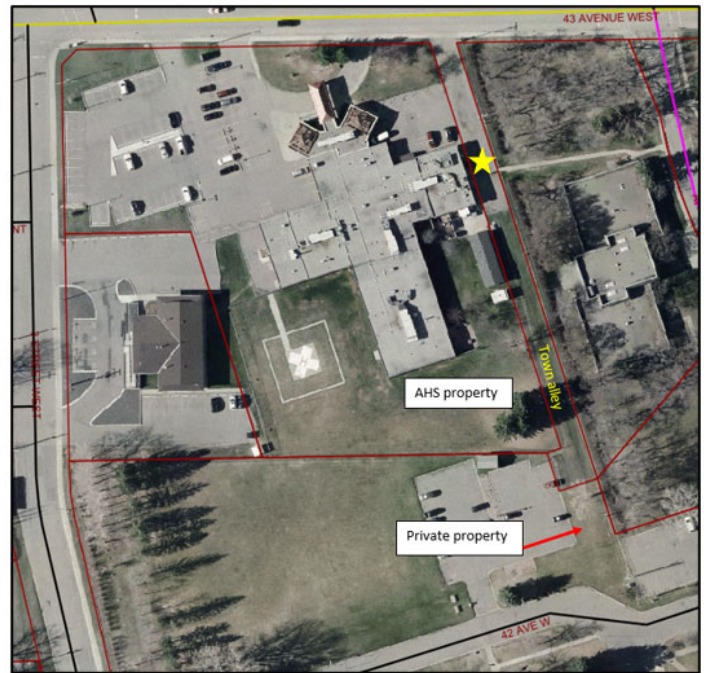
be closed except by bylaw.

(2) A bylaw closing a road must be advertised.

(3) A bylaw closing a road made by the council of a municipality that is not a city has no effect unless it is approved by the Minister of Transportation before the bylaw receives second reading.

(4) Before passing a bylaw closing a road, a person who claims to be affected prejudicially by the bylaw or that

person’s agent must be given an opportunity to be heard by the council.”



Upon the completion of 1st reading, the bylaw will be subject to a public hearing (with the applicable advertising/circulation requirements and after being circulated to the utility companies), and then the Bylaw will be sent to the Transportation Minister for approval/signature prior to second and third readings.

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Councillor _____ to give Bylaw No. 1737, a Road Closure Bylaw, 1st Reading.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. DRAFT Bylaw No. 1737, Road Closure Bylaw.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION:

1. Municipal Government Act, Section 22 – Road Closure
2. Municipal Government Act, Section 606 – Requirements for Advertising

PREPARED BY: Tara VanDellen, Planner/Development Officer

APPROVED BY: Abe Tinney, CAO

DATE: March 14, 2022

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READ a **second** time this _____ day of _____, 20__.

READ a **third** time and finally passed this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Chief Elected Official Seal

Chief Administrative Officer

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ALBERTA

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

*Office of the Minister
MLA, Calgary-Hays*

February 24, 2022

Dear Chief Elected Officials:

I am writing to share information with you about *Budget 2022*, which my colleague, the Honourable Travis Toews, has tabled in the Alberta legislature. You will find below some details about Budget 2022 that are most closely related to Alberta Municipal Affairs and the Alberta municipalities that we all continue to serve.

Alberta's government is investing approximately \$980 million overall to build stronger communities across our province. These funds will continue to deliver important programs and services, support effective governance, and protect public safety. Alberta is moving forward to a time of economic recovery and prosperity, where Albertans have opportunities to build their skills, pursue their passions, and support themselves and their families. That's why we are continuing to provide significant infrastructure funding in the near term to support our economic recovery, even as we help municipalities adjust to new funding levels.

As we discussed last year, Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) capital funding is averaging \$722 million a year for three years, from 2021-2024. We front-loaded MSI funding for 2021-22 to a total of approximately \$1.2 billion, to help municipalities recover from the pandemic and provide flexibility to ensure priority capital projects could continue. As a result, MSI funding for 2022 and 2023 has been reduced proportionately to \$485 million each year. Additionally, municipalities and Metis Settlements will continue to receive \$30 million under the operating component of the MSI program.

The goal of this strategic, multi-year funding approach is to prepare for implementation of the Local Government Fiscal Framework in 2024-25. Our government passed the *Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) Act*, paving the way for Municipal Affairs to establish a predictable, reliable, long-lasting funding arrangement with Alberta municipalities that is tied to provincial revenues. Baseline funding for the first year of the LGFF in 2024-25 will remain at \$722 million, equivalent to the current three-year average funding level of MSI. The estimated 2022 MSI allocations are available on the program website [here](#).

As you are also aware, the federal Gas Tax Fund changed its name and is now called the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF). Fortunately, the level of funding for Alberta has not changed, and we anticipate receiving approximately \$255 million from this federal fund again this year. The estimated 2022 CCBF allocations are available on the program website [here](#).

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MSI and CCBF program funding is subject to the Legislative Assembly's approval of Budget 2022. Individual allocations and 2022 funding are subject to ministerial authorization under the respective program guidelines. Federal CCBF funding is also subject to confirmation by the Government of Canada. You should anticipate receiving letters confirming MSI and CCBF funding commitments in April.

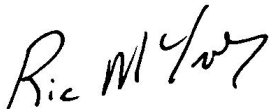
I am pleased to inform you that funding in support of local public library boards will continue to remain stable, helping to deliver important literacy resources to Albertans. We are also maintaining equivalent levels of operational funding for other services, such as the Land and Property Rights Tribunal.

As we all look to the time ahead, I can tell you that Alberta's government understands the challenges and the opportunities that are facing Alberta communities. As we continue to recover from the pandemic and prepare for economic growth, Municipal Affairs remains committed to providing sustainable levels of capital funding, to promoting economic development, and to supporting local governments as they deliver programs and services that Albertans need.

Alberta is moving forward to a prosperous financial future, and Albertans are doing their part to get us there. Alberta's government will do its part by sticking to our fiscal plan. We will continue our disciplined spending to maintain balance, and we will continue to respect Albertans' tax dollars by keeping our spending in line with other provinces.

With our eyes on these goals, we will move forward to a bright, thriving, and prosperous future where Alberta firmly secures our place as the economic engine of our nation.

Sincerely,

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

Ric McIver
Minister

From: MA.geptbranch@gov.ab.ca <MA.geptbranch@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: February 25, 2022 10:54 AM
To: Abe Tinney <Abe@claresholm.ca>
Subject: 2022 MSI and CCBF Funding Allocations

Dear Chief Elected Officials:

I am pleased to confirm that *Budget 2022* continues to build on our commitment to invest responsibly and sustainably in Alberta's communities, and support your infrastructure needs. Capital funding under the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) and the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) will total nearly \$1.7 billion over the next three years. MSI capital funding will be \$485 million in 2022-23 and 2023-24; as you may recall, this is consistent with *Budget 2021*, which pre-paid portions of MSI for this year and next year. That front-loading provided municipalities with greater flexibility to address immediate infrastructure priorities during the pandemic, with the follow-through impact of reducing MSI for *Budget 2022* and *Budget 2023*. In 2024-25, the year the LGFF will replace MSI, funding will be returned to \$722 million, the average of MSI for 2021-22 through 2023-24. These programs will also allocate \$30 million in operating funding to municipalities in each of those years.

The 2022 MSI allocations for all municipalities and Metis Settlements are available on the program website [here](#).

These amounts have not changed from the 2022 estimates released in October 2021, with 2022 MSI capital allocations set at 40.6 per cent of the 2021 allocation amounts and with 2022 MSI operating allocations kept at the 2021 level.

I am also pleased to advise you that Alberta expects to receive \$255 million in federal funding under the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF).

The 2022 CCBF allocations are available on the program website [here](#).

Please note MSI and CCBF program funding is subject to the Alberta Legislature's approval of *Budget 2022*, and individual allocations and 2022 funding are subject to ministerial authorization under the respective program guidelines. CCBF funding is subject to confirmation by the Government of Canada. Letters confirming MSI and CCBF funding commitments are expected to be sent to local governments in the spring.

I am looking forward to working with you to support infrastructure development in Alberta, while also making sure that we remain focused on our priority of making provincial finances sustainable over the long term.

Sincerely,

Ric McIver
Minister

cc: Chief Administrative Officers

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Municipal Sustainability Initiative

Helps support local infrastructure priorities and build strong, safe and resilient communities.

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Overview

Changes to Municipal Affairs grant programs are dependent on passing of Budget 2022.

Municipalities have been allocated more than \$14.6 billion since the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) program launched in 2007. Communities have been able to build and rehabilitate:

- roadways and bridges
- water and wastewater systems
- public transit facilities
- recreation and sport facilities
- other key local priorities

Future of MSI

MSI has been extended until 2023-24, and will be replaced with the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) beginning in 2024-25. This includes \$722 million in capital funding legislated under the [Local Government Fiscal Framework Act](#) and non-legislated operating funding. The government will be engaging with municipalities during 2022 to refine the details of the LGFF, including the allocation formula and program administration.

View the [MSI allocation estimates](#) (PDF, 406 KB) for 2023, the last year of the program. These estimates were prepared based on annual MSI program target of \$515 million announced in Budget 2022 and are subject to legislative approval of Budget 2023.

Funding

Budget 2022 provides capital funding under the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) and the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) that will total nearly \$1.7 billion over the next 3 years. This includes \$485 million in MSI capital funding for 2022-23 and 2023-24.

MSI funding will average \$722 million per year from 2021-22 to 2023-24. It was front-loaded for 2021 to a total of approximately \$1.2 billion, to help municipalities recover from the pandemic and provide flexibility to ensure priority capital projects could continue. As a result, MSI funding for 2022 and 2023 has been reduced proportionately to \$485 million each year.

Budget 2022 is also providing \$30 million in MSI operating funding.

Current guidelines for MSI capital and operating programs are available in the [Program resources](#) section.

Funding allocations

MSI funding is distributed to municipalities after legislative approval of the program budget, submission of sufficient project applications, and submission and/or certification of Statement of Funding and Expenditures. In addition, to receive payment of 2022 MSI allocations, each municipality is required to submit the executed Amending Memorandum of Agreement.

Use of all funding must follow the terms and conditions outlined in the MSI capital and operating guidelines.

MSI funding formula

The MSI funding formula is based on municipal population, education tax requisition and road length information. The formula also includes base funding for all municipalities and sustainable investment funding for municipalities with limited local assessment bases.

A portion of MSI funding is allocated via the funding formula that was in place under the former Basic Municipal Transportation Grant (BMTG) program, which was consolidated with the MSI in 2014. The BMTG funding formula is based on municipal status:

- Calgary and Edmonton receive funding based on litres of taxable road-use gasoline and diesel fuel sold in the province.
- Remaining cities and urban service areas receive funding based on a combination of population and length of primary highways.
- Towns, villages, summer villages, improvement districts and the Townsite of Redwood Meadows receive funding based on population.

- Rural municipalities and Metis Settlements receive funding based on a formula that takes into account kilometres of open road, population, equalized assessment and terrain.

For the 2022 program year, each municipality's MSI capital allocation was set at 40.6% of the 2021 allocation amount. This reduction is equivalent to the year over year change in the MSI capital budget from \$1.196 billion to \$485 million. 2022 MSI operating allocations were set at the 2021 level.

MSI funding and individual allocations require legislative and ministerial approval as noted in program guidelines.

Unspent funds

Unspent operating funds may be carried into the next calendar year if a municipality is unable to complete a project. Funds must be used for eligible MSI operating activities by December 31 of the second year.

Unspent capital funds may be carried forward a total of 6 years but must be spent on an accepted project by December 31 of the sixth year.

Allocation amounts by municipality

- [Preliminary MSI allocations for 2022](#) (PDF, 406 KB)

View 2021 and prior years for [MSI allocations](#).

Eligibility

All municipalities in Alberta are eligible for funding based on the terms set out in their long-term MSI funding agreement. For the purpose of municipal grants, improvement districts, special areas, Metis Settlements and the Townsite of Redwood Meadows are considered municipalities.

Municipalities determine projects and activities to be funded based on local priorities within the general criteria set out in the program guidelines and are encouraged to take a long-term approach to planning for capital projects. Municipalities may choose to contribute funds for use towards eligible MSI projects to other municipalities, regional services commissions or non-profit organizations.

Eligible projects

A detailed list of eligible project activities is available in the MSI capital and/or operating guidelines located in the [Program resources](#) section.

Capital projects

Eligible capital projects include municipal:

- roads
- bridges
- public transit vehicles or facilities
- emergency services facilities or equipment
- water and wastewater systems

- solid waste management facilities or equipment
- regional and community airport facilities or equipment
- other municipal buildings such as recreation and sports facilities, libraries, public works buildings and cultural and community centres

Operating projects

Eligible operating projects include:

- capacity building activities that improve efficiency or effectiveness
- municipal services
- planning activities
- assistance to non-profit organizations

Program resources

MSI capital and operating guidelines:

- [MSI capital program guidelines](#)
- [MSI operating program guidelines](#)

Additional resources:

- [MSI Capital Application Guide – Question 4: Functional Project Category](#) (PDF, 159 KB)
- [MSI Capital Application Guide – Question 5: Resulting Capital Asset](#) (PDF, 147 KB)

Reporting

Statements of Funding and Expenditures (SFEs) for the 2021 program year are due by May 1, 2022.

Municipalities can submit their capital and operating SFEs through the Municipal Sustainability Initiative Online (MSIO) system.

All MSI documentation, including MSI capital project applications and amendments, operating spending plans and capital and operating SFEs, must be submitted through the MSIO system.

These documents are not accepted through email, fax or post. A signed copy of the MSIO documentation is **not** required.

Accessing MSIO

Access to MSIO is available through [MACconnect](#), the web portal that provides Government of Alberta staff and external stakeholders secure access to Municipal Affairs' key business applications.

Individuals can request access to MSIO through their municipal MACconnect Stakeholder Administrator. Municipalities that need to update their Stakeholder Administrator will have to submit a new Stakeholder Agreement before requesting access to MSIO.

To request a Stakeholder Agreement or for MSIO support, see the [Contact](#) section.

MSIO user guides

- [MSIO Capital Application User Guide](#) (PDF, 2.7 MB)
- [MSIO Operating User Guide](#) (PDF, 200 KB)
- [MSIO Capital SFE User Guide](#) (PDF, 564 KB)
- [MSIO Operating SFE User Guide](#) (PDF, 316 KB)

Grant recipients

Accepted projects by municipality:

- [MSI – Capital: Accepted Projects Report](#)
- [MSI – Operating: Report on Government-wide Objectives for Municipal Grant Funding](#)

Contact

Connect with the programs:

Hours: 8:15 am to 4:30 pm (open Monday to Friday, closed statutory holidays)

Connect with the MSI program:

Phone: [780-422-7125](tel:780-422-7125)

Toll free: [310-0000](tel:310-0000) before the phone number (in Alberta)

Email: ma.msicapitalgrants@gov.ab.ca (MSI Capital Grants) or
ma.msiooperatinggrants@gov.ab.ca (MSI Operating Grants)

MSIO support or to request a MAConnect Stakeholder Agreement:

Phone: [780-644-2413](tel:780-644-2413)

Toll free: [310-0000](tel:310-0000) before the phone number (in Alberta)

Email: msioaccess@gov.ab.ca

Communications questions or to discuss project recognition opportunities:

Phone: [780-427-8862](tel:780-427-8862)

Toll free: [310-0000](tel:310-0000) before the phone number (in Alberta)

Email: ma.msicapitalgrants@gov.ab.ca

General Grant and Education Property Tax information:

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Canada Community-Building Fund

Municipalities can apply for funding for projects to build and revitalize public infrastructure.

Overview

Changes to Municipal Affairs grant programs are dependent on passing of Budget 2022.

The federal government has changed the name of the Gas Tax Fund to the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF). This name change reflects the program's evolution and does not alter or modify its objectives or requirements.

The federal CCBF (formerly the federal Gas Tax Fund) was part of the federal Budget 2014, and runs from 2014 to 2024.

The CCBF provides predictable, long-term, stable funding for Canadian municipalities to help build and revitalize public infrastructure while creating jobs and long-term prosperity.

Under the CCBF, Alberta will receive \$255 million in 2022/23, for a total of more than \$2.5 billion since 2014-15.

Municipalities determine projects and activities based on local priorities within the general qualification criteria set out in the program guidelines. Municipalities can pool and bank this funding. This provides significant financial flexibility.

The funding provided under this program is in addition to other provincial grant funding, such as the Municipal Sustainability Initiative, and non-grant funding of municipal infrastructure.

It is intended to cover capital costs only and may not be used for maintenance or operating costs, debt reduction, or replacement of existing municipal infrastructure expenditures.

Contact

Connect with the CCBF program:

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Karine Keys

From: Joe Ceci, Critic for Municipal Affairs <joe.ceci@assembly.ab.ca>
Sent: March 2, 2022 2:58 PM
To: Karine Keys
Subject: Standing Up Against Increased Costs for Municipalities

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INCREASED MUNICIPAL BORROWING COSTS

On Tuesday, I was in Red Deer to [raise concerns about increased borrowing costs for municipalities](#). As you know, despite strong resource revenues, the province has decided it can no longer afford to offer Alberta's borrowing rate to municipalities.



Instead, the UCP government announced it will be adding a 0.5 per cent to 0.75 per cent premium to borrowing rates for local authorities. This is effectively a new provincial tax on every single municipal capital project in the province.

The increased borrowing rate is expected to add millions of dollars' worth of interest payments to municipal projects. It also comes at a time when the UCP announced in this year's budget that it is cutting municipal infrastructure spending by \$1 billion.

Alberta's NDP Caucus is completely opposed to this increased borrowing rate and to these infrastructure cuts. As Municipal Affairs Critic, I am going to continue to advocate against them in the media and at the Legislature.

On March 9th and 10th, I'll be attending the Alberta Municipalities' Spring Leaders' Caucus.



I'll be booking a room for meetings. If you'd like to connect, please contact my staff [here](#).



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February 24, 2022

Mayor Chelsae Petrovic and Council
Town of Claresholm
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Dear Mayor and Council,

The Council of the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 has engaged over the past 4 months in reviewing municipal policies and plans. One significant matter that has been undertaken is a review of the M.D. of Willow Creek Strategic Plan.

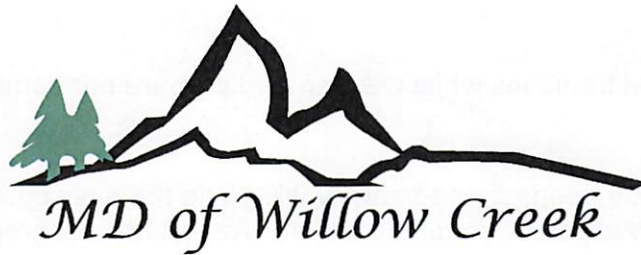
As part of the review of this plan the Council is seeking feedback from stakeholders.

As such please find attached the 2022-2026 Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 Strategic Plan.

We are interested in your comments. Your feedback may be made by return mail or by email to md26@mdwillowcreek.com

Sincerely, on Behalf of Council,

Maryanne V. Sandberg
Reeve
Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WILLOW CREEK NO. 26

2022-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN

VISION

We are a community that preserves, enhances and enriches our evolving rural way of life for all generations to live, work and prosper as members of this farming and ranching community.

MISSION

The municipality provides leadership that will ensure that all citizens can continue to enjoy a safe and sustainable rural community that recognizes agriculture as a cornerstone.

VALUES

We value people.

We value our history.

We value our environment.

We value the principles of honesty, integrity and respect.

Strategic Plan

This Strategic Plan identifies our key strategic priorities over a 5-year period from 2022-2026. The Strategic Plan, and the Business Plan of each Municipal Department is updated annually as part of our budget process.

Business Plans

Each Municipal department will undertake an annual business plan that will highlight their mid and long-term goals which align with the municipality's strategic plan. These plans identify operational objectives, key strategies to achieve those objectives and performance measurements or indicators that will demonstrate the success in meeting municipal objectives.

THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND FOUNDATIONS FOR OUR FUTURE SUCCESS

Community

We will honor our history and traditions while we plan and prepare our community for the future.

Accountability

The principles of transparency, respect and honesty will guide the daily operations and conduct of municipal council and staff. We will make fair decisions. We will honor agreements and hold others to the same standard.

Economic Growth & Diversity

We will seek to generate a business-friendly climate which aid in regional economic activity and prosperity. We will actively seek opportunities to attract new industry. We will seek to retain existing industry.

Municipal Infrastructure

We will construct, operate and maintain municipal infrastructure which is safe and effective. We will seek opportunities to collaborate on essential public services with other organizations both private and public.

Collaboration

Within our fiscal means we will seek opportunities for collaboration with other municipalities and organizations that will provide benefit to the citizens of the Municipal District of Willow Creek.

COMMUNITY

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Keeping governance processes current

Key Initiative: Review municipal bylaws and policies to ensure continued relevance.

Success: In 2022 update the municipal land use bylaw to ensure integration of the Hamlet of Granum.

Metric for Success: M.D. of Willow Creek Land Use Bylaw is amended and updated.

Success: Ongoing review of the M.D. of Willow Creek Policy Manual to ensure relevancy

Metric for Success: Municipal policies and complexity are reduced.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Increase public safety

Key Initiative: Intermunicipal Emergency Services Agreement.

Success: Monitor the Willow Creek Intermunicipal Emergency Services Agreement for effectiveness.

Metric for Success: Delivery of Fire Service is consistent across the municipality, fire operating budget stabilizes at 2020 levels, disputes and complaints pertaining to operating and capital budgets and emergency services response decrease year over year.

Success: Implement the fire services training program to meet the established level of service consistently on an ongoing basis.

Metric for Success: All new firefighters complete NFPA 1001 level 1 training within 2 years of entry in to the fire service.

Key Initiative: Support Rural Crime Watch within the municipality

Success: In 2022 support the development of a rural crime watch associations across the entire MD in partnership with local rural crime watch associations, the provincial crime watch association, the Fort Macleod Crime Prevention Action Committee, local citizens, the MD of Willow Creek Peace Officer Program and the RCMP

Metric for Success: Reduction in reported rural crime year over year.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Identify opportunities to assist community groups

Key Initiative: Provide administrative guidance to community groups

Success: Assist community groups in accessing grant funding.

Metric for Success: Community groups report increased access to community facility enhancement grants, Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta funding and other grants that aid in the sustainability of non-profit and charitable groups within the municipality.

Metric for Success: Number of community groups assisted each year increases year over year.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Support Agriculture

Key Initiative: Identify and deliver agricultural services that will benefit to both primary agricultural producers and the environment

Success: Support Agricultural Service Board programs and services through the annual budget process

Metric for Success: Annual reporting which demonstrates effectiveness of the ASB programs and services.

Success: Through the municipal land use bylaw seek to limit the loss of productive agricultural lands to other uses.

Metric for Success: Annual reporting indicates a conversion rate lower than comparably sized rural municipalities.

Strategic Priority: Relationship with Provincial Government

Key Initiative: Advocate for changes to provincial legislation that negatively impact municipal processes including Alberta Health Services, Natural Resources Conservation Board and Alberta Utilities Commission

Metric for Success: Changes to legislation pertaining to quasi-legislative boards that increase transparency.

ACCOUNTABILITY

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Accessible, timely and understandable information about Council decisions, actions and priorities.

Key Initiative: Review adoption of new mechanisms and effectiveness of municipal communications including: municipal website, social media, newsletter and other tools utilized by the municipality to ensure the accessibility to public information and services.

Success: Individuals and businesses are able to access information on governance, economic development and municipal services 24/7.

Metric for Success: Review public interaction including website analytics and feedback to demonstrate an increased use of municipal communication services and to continue to update all communication processes.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Ensure electoral representation

KEY INITIATIVE: Before December 31, 2023 a review municipal electoral boundaries is completed

METRIC FOR SUCCESS: Electoral Boundaries are amended to reflect fair representation based upon best practices

ECONOMIC GROWTH & DIVERSITY

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Economic growth within the municipality.

Key Initiative: Attract new citizens, commerce and industry to the MD.

Metric for Success: One new business or industry in the Claresholm Industrial Area each year during for the next 5 years.

Metric for Success: Population growth during the strategic planning period 2022-2026 demonstrates growth of population in excess of 1% and assessment growth of 2% year over year.

Metric for Success: Year over year increase in residential, commercial and industrial growth in the Hamlet of Granum.

Key Initiative: Participate in regional economic initiatives.

Success: The MD will actively participate in regional economic committees and initiatives which will promote local and regional growth.

Metric for Success: regional initiatives lead to demonstrable growth of commercial and industrial development within the region on an annual basis.

Metric for Success: Annual growth of assessment base of the municipality.

MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Manage, invest and plan for sustainable municipal services

Key Initiative: Inventory of Infrastructure Assets

Success: By the end of 2022 an inventory of municipal assets has been documented.

Key Initiative: Current Service Level Formalization

Success: By the end of 2022 all municipal services have a defined and easily understood service level.

Key Initiative: Service Costs and Risks are Documented and Understood

Success: By the end of 2023 the costs and risks associated with service delivery is documented and understood.

Key Initiative: Asset Management is normal business

Success: By the end of 2025 Asset Management is fully implemented with a Council approved Level of Service complete with costs and risks established for municipal services.

Success: Full accountability to the public on realized service delivery through reporting mechanisms.

Success: Public feedback mechanisms are established.

Success: Service based budgeting for annual municipal operating budgets.

Success: Revenue supports sustainable service delivery

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Advocate for a regional waste to energy project

Key initiative: Examine options for waste to energy plant

Success: Advocate for opportunities for a waste to Energy project

Metric for Success: by 2023 a proposal for regional review is developed that is both economically and environmentally sustainable

COLLABORATION

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Successfully Implement Intermunicipal Agreements.

Key Initiative: Maintain all Intermunicipal Agreements.

Success: Council approval of all required Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Agreements.

Metric for Success: The Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Agreement enhances intermunicipal relationships with demonstrated success.

Success: The Intermunicipal Emergency Services Agreement provides a common level of service across the municipality.

Metric for Success: Demonstrated competency for service delivery and annual operating and capital budgets' met.

Success: The Intermunicipal Recreation Services Funding Agreement followed.

Metric for Success: Annual recreation funding agreement maintained through budgeting.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Internet Service for Municipal Citizens.

Key Initiative: Pursue internet connectivity for all municipal citizens.

Success: 90% of ratepayers have quality & affordable internet access by 2025 and 100% by 2030.

Metric for Success: Broadband grant to enhance connectivity in underserved areas of municipality

Key Initiative: Identify collaboration opportunities with the private and public sector.

Success: Partner with private and public entities to enhance internet access.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Enhance Communication with the Province of Alberta for Services Received by Municipality

Key Initiative: Meet regularly with Alberta Health Services to discuss emergency medical services.

Success: The relationship between the M.D. and AHS shows marked improvement as demonstrated by improved communication, responsiveness and action.

Metric for Success: A final decision is arrived at pertaining to the use of municipally owned ambulances within the M.D. before the end of 2022.

Karine Keys

From: Cathy Lebreton <clebreton@campaign-office.com>
Sent: March 7, 2022 12:01 PM
To: Karine Keys
Subject: ALBERTA/ NWT COMMAND -ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION - MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK
Attachments: Ratesheet.pdf

Hi Karine,

Thank you for taking a moment to talk with me today and thank you to the Town of Claresholm for generously supporting our project to honour and recognize our Alberta/NWT veterans. Here is the information you have requested regarding our **15th annual Military Service Recognition Book**.

This publication recognizes those brave individuals who sacrificed so much for the freedoms that we enjoy today. Thousands of copies will be distributed free of charge to all Legion branches and advertisers, select schools and libraries, and will be available on-line for anyone to view or print.

We are profoundly indebted to our veterans. Their extraordinary service and commitment have afforded us the rights and freedoms that are merely a dream to millions of people around the globe.

The Royal Canadian Legion has honoured these deserving citizens with unwavering support. The Military Service Recognition Book is a fitting tribute to our veterans and will be an invaluable resource to our young people, whose pride and character will be enhanced by learning about the very important role played by our veterans, the Royal Canadian Legion, and the contributions of its members and supporters. Past copies can be viewed online by clicking here: [books](#)

Below is a copy of your beautiful 1/4 page ad from last year's book. Thanks again! The price to renew is \$625 tax included for colour or \$510 for black and white. Your support, at any level would be appreciated again this year...



If you require any additional information, please reply to this email or phone me at our toll-free number below.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Cathy LeBreton

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Alberta-Northwest Territories Command The Royal Canadian Legion

“Military Service Recognition Book”

Dear Sir/Madam:

Thank you for your interest in the **Alberta-Northwest Territories Command of The Royal Canadian Legion**, representing **Veterans** in Alberta and the NWT. Please accept this written request for your support, as per our recent telephone conversation.

The **Alberta-NWT Command** is very proud to be printing another **5,000 copies** of our 15th Annual **“Military Service Recognition Book”** that helps recognize and honour many of our brave Veterans who served our Country so well during times of great conflict. This annual publication goes a long way to help the Legion in our job as the **“Keepers of Remembrance”**, so that none of us forget the selfless contributions made by our **Veterans**.

We would like to have your organization’s support for this Remembrance project by sponsoring an advertisement space in our **“Military Service Recognition Book.”** Proceeds raised from this important project will allow us to fund the printing of this unique publication and also help our Command to improve our services to **Veterans** and the more than 170 communities that we serve throughout Alberta and the NWT. The Legion is recognized as one of Canada’s largest “Community Service” organizations and we are an integral part of all the communities we serve. This project ensures the Legion’s continued success in providing very worthwhile services.

Enclosed, please find a rate sheet for your review. Whatever you are able to contribute to this worthwhile endeavor would be greatly appreciated. For further information please contact the **Alberta-NWT Command Campaign Office** toll free at **1-888-404-1877**.

Thank you for your consideration and or support.

Sincerely,

John Mahon
President

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March 9, 2022

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Re: The Foundation's Annual Charity BBQ – Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

The Foundation is planning our Annual Charity Barbecue for Wednesday, June 15, 2022. We would like to ask permission to use Amundsen Park again this year.

This BBQ is a key fundraiser for The Foundation. We truly value your support. The Town Maintenance Crew has been very helpful in assisting us to make this event happen. We greatly appreciate their efforts to accommodate us on event day. Access to the washrooms is essential, we borrow Town garbage cans, tables and chairs and would greatly appreciate any help that the maintenance crew may be able to offer. They are amazing to work with!

Thank you for considering this request. Kindly call me at 403-682-3739 to inform me of your decision.

Sincerely,

Tara Bishoff
Foundation Coordinator



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: March 14, 2022
Agenda Item: 10

Community Foundations Grant - Parks & Pathways Signage

BACKGROUND

Welcoming Claresholm, Claresholm Diversity, Claresholm Economic Development & Claresholm Recreation are partnering together to expand Claresholm's Parks, Pathways and Facilities Signage. The objective is to create signage that is inclusive regardless of language barriers that community members, or those visiting Claresholm can readily navigate our community and feel welcome. The signage would build on the existing wayfinding signage that the Economic Development Committee added in 2021.

The signage would be considered inclusive; with the use of pictorials on the map of Claresholm that is in our current brochure which would include:

- Pathways and future pathways. Kin trail, Storm ponds, 8 street west etc.
- Dog Parks fenced & not fenced
- Recreation Facilities
- Parks
- *Historical Components*

Signage would include;

- Patterson Park; Signage with Disc Golf Course sign 4 X 8 (on existing 4 x 8 sign add the fitness equipment sponsors to the new signage, 1 side parks, paths & facilities, the other the disc golf course)
- East Side Dog Park
- Centennial Park; 4 X 8 (existing sign can be replaced, add the fitness equipment sponsors to the new signage; historical component for Claresholm. Speak with Museum)
- Amundson Park; 2 X 4 or 4 X 8. Historical component.
- Westhill Park; 4 X 8 (existing 4 X 8 signage from 2009 can be revamped)
- Westlynn Park; 2 X 4
- Lions Park; 2 X 4
- Kin Trail; 2 X 4
- Arena, Aquatic Centre, Community Centre

DESCRIPTION:

Request the Town of Claresholm write a letter of support for the Grant Application to Community Foundations for Grant funding for Parks, Pathways & Facilities signage in Claresholm. The Grant will be put in March 15, 2022.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1.) N/A
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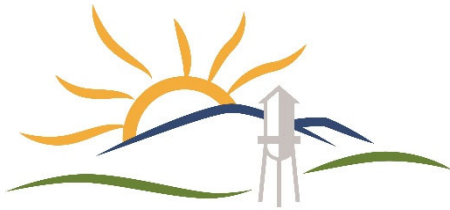
PROPOSED:

Moved by Councillor _____ to have the Town of Claresholm write a letter of support for the Parks, Pathways & Recreation Facilities Signage for March 15, 2022

PREPARED BY: Denise Spencer, Recreation Manager

APPROVED BY: Abe Tinney, CAO

DATE: March 10, 2022



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: March 14, 2022
Agenda Item: 11

Fundraising Hockey Game March 19, 2022

BACKGROUND

The MD of Willow Creek Emergency Services and the Claresholm Fire Department contacted the Claresholm Recreation Department February 26, 2022 to request the use of the Arena for a fundraising hockey game for a member of our community who has a long road to recovery due to a significant injury.

DESCRIPTION:

Request the Town of Claresholm waive the fees for the Emergency Services vs U18 Hockey Game scheduled March 19, 2022 7:30 pm – 10:00 pm.

ATTACHMENTS:

1.) N/A

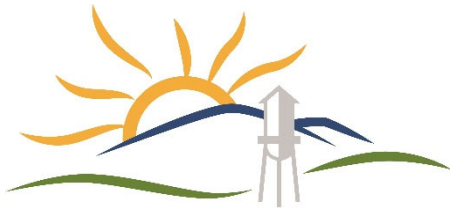
PROPOSED:

Moved by Councillor _____ to waive the fees for the Emergency Services vs U18 Hockey Game scheduled March 19, 2022.

PREPARED BY: Denise Spencer, Recreation Manager

APPROVED BY: Abe Tinney

DATE: March 9, 2022



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: March 14, 2022
Agenda Item: 12

East Side Dog Park Name

DESCRIPTION:

The East Side Dog Park is in need of signage for dog owners. This signage is in need of placement to ensure Dog Owners are following a standard set of rules.

Currently there is no name for the dog park, it is called East Side Dog Park. It's located on Patterson Heights Blvd, and directly adjacent to Patterson Park Play structure, and the Disc Golf course. Signage for this large area will be updated in conjunction with Economic Development and Parks and Recreation.

Request that Council vote on a name for the park that shows cohesion for this large park area.

1. East-Side Dog Park
2. Patterson Dog Park

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Moved by Councillor _____ to accept _____ as the name of the Dog Park.

PREPARED BY: Denise Spencer, Recreation Manager

APPROVED BY: Abe Tinney, CAO

DATE: March 11, 2022



INFORMATION BRIEF

Meeting: March 14, 2022
Agenda Item: 13

Alberta Municipalities 2022 Provincial Budget Analysis

DESCRIPTION:

The provincial government released the 2022 budget on February 25th. Alberta Municipalities, the organization that represents and advocates for rural municipalities throughout the province, has released its analysis of the budget as it relates to municipalities. This item is on the agenda for information and to give Council and administration the opportunity to discuss the Alberta Municipalities report at the public Council meeting. This agenda item also includes the Alberta Municipalities President's Statement on the 2022 Budget.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS:

Highlights of the report include discussion of ongoing provincial decreasing of infrastructure funding sources to municipalities, including the Municipal Sustainability Initiative, Water for Life, Municipal Water and Wastewater Partnership and the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program. Additionally, the budget identifies the Local Government Fiscal Framework will replace the MSI in 2024-25, but at 35% less than the annual average of MSI over the last 10 years.

- The provincial budget includes a 1.5% increase in the provincial education tax, which will be reflected in the municipal tax bill.
- Provincial balanced budget has come because of downloading provincial costs onto municipalities, such as policing,
- The province has announced \$390 million over the next four years in broadband projects, and is aiming to get a matching commitment (for a total of \$780 million in funding) from the federal government.
- General decrease in funding to community groups, except for Community Facility Enhancement Program, which will see a return to pre-pandemic funding levels
- REDA and FCSS funding is maintained

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1.) ABMunis Preliminary Analysis on Alberta's 2022 Budget
- 2.) President's Statement on Budget 2022

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION:

- 1.) N/A

PREPARED BY: Abe Tinney, CAO

APPROVED BY: Abe Tinney, CAO

DATE: March 9, 2022



NEWS RELEASE

February 25, 2022

Alberta Municipalities President Cathy Heron's assessment of Budget 2022

EDMONTON – *The following is a statement from Alberta Municipalities President Cathy Heron about Budget 2022:*

The Government of Alberta is to be congratulated for tabling a 'back to balance' budget yesterday. It's a significant accomplishment.

While my congratulations are sincere, as a municipal leader, I must point out that many factors contributed to the provincial government's balanced budget.

One of them is the downloaded costs and responsibilities that municipalities continue to take on. In some cases, downloading is direct, as in the case of policing costs. In others, municipalities are being pushed to take on additional responsibilities because the province and the federal government are not fulfilling growing needs that fall within their jurisdictions.

This downloading of costs and responsibilities is particularly acute when we think about healthcare and social services. Chronic underinvestment in areas like affordable housing and seniors housing puts considerable pressure on other locally and provincially delivered services. Alberta Municipalities is disappointed that, while this budget pays lip service to affordable housing, the dollar figures simply do not back it up.

There are some positive signs of investment in healthcare, including mental health and addictions, and we will continue to monitor these files closely to ensure that Albertans throughout the province benefit from the investment.

Budget 2022 continues the downward trend in provincial funding for community infrastructure. This trend, which began in 2015, applies to all core capital funding programs that municipal governments rely on, including the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI), Water for Life, Municipal Water and Wastewater Partnership, and the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program. This budget confirms that the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) will replace the MSI in 2024-25, but the funding level is still well below municipal expectations – 37% less than the annual average of MSI over the past 10 years.

Albertans are about to receive a 1.5% increase in their provincial education tax. While we appreciate that this is lower than the 3.1% increase forecasted in last year's budget, we believe it would have been better if the provincial government had frozen this tax altogether.

While the provincial government has many options to increase its general revenue, property taxes are municipalities' primary source of revenue. Municipal governments – our members – have worked diligently to keep property tax increases to a minimum in the face of increased expenses resulting from the provincial downloading of costs and responsibilities, along with inflationary pressures.

We believe homeowners and businesses would have benefitted from a break from this tax increase, considering the difficult economic times Albertans have endured during the pandemic. After all, there is only one taxpayer.

Alberta Municipalities and our members have been beating the broadband 'drum' for some time now, and Budget 2022 signals that the provincial government heard us. We are delighted that the Government of Alberta will invest \$390 million over the next four years in broadband projects for under-served communities. If the provincial government succeeds in getting the federal government to match its funding, which includes \$240 million in new money, the total funding available could be as much as \$780 million!

We have flagged our members' concerns with program requirements associated with the federal government's Universal Broadband Fund, and the Minister of Service Alberta has expressed his willingness to explore better ways to allocate the investment.

We are also reaching out to Service Alberta to pursue the recommendation passed by our members that a provincial strategy is still needed to better coordinate broadband investments to enhance access to the reliable, high-speed internet services many of our communities desperately need.

For more information:

[Scott Lundy](#)

Communications Manager

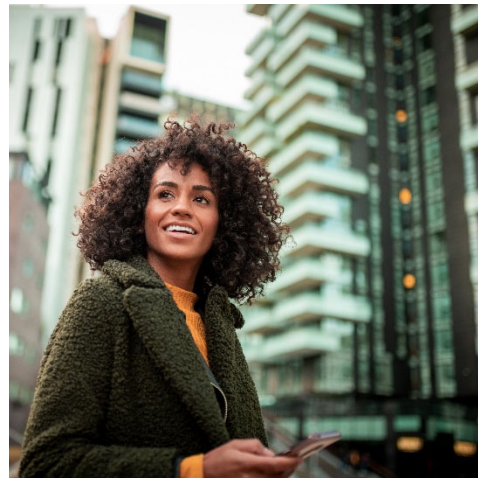
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From the smallest village to the largest city, across every region of the province, Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis) represents the communities where over 85% of Albertans live. Previously known as the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA), ABmunis was founded in 1905 to provide urban and rural-region communities a united voice.

We work with elected and administrative leaders of Alberta's summer villages, villages, town, cities, and specialized municipalities to advocate for solutions to their common issues, which we categorize as economic, environment, governance, infrastructure, or social.

Preliminary Analysis of Alberta's 2022 Budget



 **Alberta
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Strength
In Members

February 25, 2022

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Introduction

After two budgets focused on providing COVID-19 related supports, Budget 2022 is intended to foster economic growth and prosperity.

Alberta at Work is a theme that runs throughout the budget. In addition to initiatives aimed at reducing barriers to employment and supporting business growth, the province is acting on one of the top priorities of Alberta Municipalities and our members: broadband infrastructure. The pandemic has emphasized that a significant investment in broadband is essential to job creation and economic growth.

Despite the focus on prosperity, COVID's shadow still looms over the budget with investments in healthcare required to manage the backlog of surgical procedures. There are interesting signals in the budget about the role the private sector will play in Alberta's healthcare system, which, along with the province's intent to further encourage "choice" in education, will likely dominate public debate in the weeks ahead.

The province's ability to balance the budget for the first time since 2014-15 has also garnered a great deal of attention. Multiple factors contributed to the province's ability to get back to balance. It is worth noting that some of the burden of achieving balance was shouldered by municipal governments through multiple and continuous acts of fiscal downloading by the provincial government.

What you will find in this document

This document includes Alberta Municipalities' preliminary analysis of Alberta's 2022-23 budget as it relates to municipal priorities and the financial future of Alberta communities. In addition, it summarizes the province's fiscal outlook and includes highlights of individual ministry business plans that most impact our communities.

Priorities for Alberta's municipal governments

Stable and long-term predictable revenue

Declining investments in community infrastructure

Budget 2022 continues the downward trend in provincial funding for community infrastructure. This trend applies to all core capital funding programs that municipal governments rely on, including the Municipal Sustainability Initiative, Water for Life, Municipal Water and Wastewater Partnership, and the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program.

The downward pressure on funding started in 2015, primarily through reductions to Alberta's primary infrastructure funding program, the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI). While municipalities will experience a 59.4 per cent reduction in MSI in 2022, this was expected based on the province's 2021 announcement where it front-loaded the majority of MSI in 2021 as part of a three-year plan before the program closes in 2023-24. Budget 2022 confirms that the Local Government Fiscal Framework will replace MSI in 2024-25, but the funding level is still well below municipal expectations – it will be 37 per cent less than the annual average of MSI over the past ten years.

Thawing the provincial property tax freeze

Revenue from the province's education property tax is set to reach \$2.5 billion, an increase of \$27 million from 2021-22. This is a result of a 1.3 per cent increase to the province's requisition. While this increase was less than what was planned in the previous budget, it marks a departure from the requisition freeze in the last two budgets. While the province has many options to increase its general revenue, property taxes are municipalities' primary source of revenue. Municipalities have worked diligently to keep property tax increases to a minimum in the face of increased expenses resulting from the provincial downloading of costs and responsibilities and inflationary pressures pushing up the costs of providing essential services and infrastructure. We believe homeowners and businesses would have benefitted from a break from this tax increase, in light of the difficult economic times Albertans have endured during the pandemic. After all, there is only one taxpayer.

Partners in economic growth and recovery

Broadband

Alberta Municipalities has been clear in our advocacy for improved broadband in Alberta, and this message has resonated with the province. The Government of Alberta will invest \$390 million over the next four years into broadband projects for underserved communities. This includes the \$150 million already announced in summer 2021. Service Alberta shared that they will be seeking matching commitments from the federal government. If matching commitments are received, the total amount available for broadband projects could be as much as \$780 million.

As the province has previously announced, the first group of projects will be administered through the federal Universal Broadband Fund (UBF) to expedite approvals for the 2022 construction season. Members have shared that UBF program requirements can be too restrictive to address the connectivity issues they face. During a call with stakeholders, the Minister of Service Alberta expressed a willingness to look at frameworks outside of the UBF to deliver projects to as many communities as possible.

As broadband is a strategic priority for our members, we consider this announcement a huge boost for the viability of municipalities. Municipalities will continue to work with the province and other partners to seek a coordinated strategy that increases access to this essential infrastructure.

Economic development supports

As in the previous fiscal year, the province is providing \$50,000 in outcome-based operational funding to each of the nine Regional Economic Development Alliances (REDAs).

The Community and Regional Economic Support (CARES) program provides grants to municipalities, non-profits, First Nations, and Metis Settlements to promote local and regional economic development initiatives. The program currently has 42 active projects; however, it was paused during the pandemic as the province redirected funds to help deal directly with the impacts of COVID-19. Funding has not been resumed in Budget 2022.

Alberta Municipalities' new Economic Strategy Committee is exploring how municipalities, the province, and the private sector can collaborate to boost the resilience and prosperity of our communities.

Avoid downloading

Policing

Public safety, and policing costs in particular, continue to be top-of-mind for municipalities. For municipalities with populations under 5,000 who are policed by the RCMP under the Provincial Police Service Agreement, there are no changes at this time to the police funding model that was implemented in 2020. Last year, these municipalities, along with municipal districts and counties, contributed \$34.9 million to offset the costs of provincial policing. This figure represents 15 per cent of the total cost of provincial policing. The funds raised through the police funding model were to be used to add 76 regular members and 57 public service employees to the RCMP's provincial policing complement. This year, the province's cost recovery will increase to 20 per cent, or \$46.5 million. It has not yet been determined how these funds will be allocated.

Justice and Solicitor General's budget for public safety increased from \$571 million in 2021-22 to \$597 million in 2022-23, reflecting the increase in RCMP salaries negotiated through the collective bargaining process last summer. However, the budget does not appear to include the approximately \$80 million that would be owed as retroactive pay under the Provincial Police Service Agreement. Similarly, a total of approximately \$60 million would be owed in retroactive pay by the 47 municipalities who contract the RCMP as their municipal police service provider through a Municipal Police Service Agreement (MPSA).

Alberta Municipalities and Justice and Solicitor General, along with other provinces, territories, and municipal associations across Canada, have partnered to advocate that the federal government need to cover the costs of RCMP retroactive pay. The collective reasoning is that municipalities were not at the negotiating table; we weren't able to plan for cost increases because the federal government didn't keep us informed; and the magnitude of the cost increases threaten the viability of many communities. We understand that the federal government will begin issuing invoices for retroactive pay to MPSA municipalities in May 2022 and we have asked that these municipalities hold off on paying the invoices until we receive a definitive response to our advocacy from Public Safety Canada.

Affordable housing

Budget 2022 highlights Alberta's housing affordability as a key pillar of the Alberta Advantage. In addition, it promotes *Stronger Foundations: Alberta's Ten-Year Strategy to Improve and Expand Affordable Housing* as transformational. At the same time, total capital investments in affordable and seniors housing programs are set to decrease from \$112 million in 2021-22 to \$87.1 million in 2022-23 and \$81.4 million in 2023-24. This decrease in capital funding is disappointing given the budget's acknowledgement of the growing demand for affordable housing.

Mental health and addictions

Budget 2022 includes an additional \$20 million per year on top of the \$140 million over four years that was committed in 2019 for mental health and addiction supports. Alberta spends approximately \$1 billion on mental health and addictions; the additional \$20 million annual investment will be used to further implement a recovery-oriented system of care that will offer a coordinated network of community-based services and supports.

Alberta Municipalities is pleased to see the government continue to provide essential funding for mental health and addictions supports. While, treatment and recovery must continue to be adequately funded, municipalities would also like to see increased funding for preventative programs and services, including harm reduction, so that some of the costs associated with treatment and recovery can be avoided.

Emergency medical services

Budget 2022 provides additional funding of \$64 million for emergency medical services (EMS) to help strengthen emergency response capacity. Last fall, Alberta Municipalities members passed two resolutions related to the urgent need to improve the delivery of EMS across the province. In response to our advocacy, in January 2022 the Government of Alberta announced a 10-point plan to add capacity to EMS and established a provincial emergency medical services advisory committee that includes representatives from both Alberta Municipalities and Rural Municipalities of Alberta. We are pleased to see that Budget 2022 supports the province's commitment to improving EMS by allocating dedicated funding to this essential service.

Health care practitioner attraction and retention

Budget 2022 maintains the planned level of spending on physicians at \$5.4 billion per year. The Government of Alberta and the Alberta Medical Association are still exploring a return to formally negotiating a new provincial agreement.

The recently announced Rural Education Supplement and Integrated Doctor Experience (RESIDE) program will provide \$6 million to 60 new family physicians over the next three years to attract physicians to practice in 15 identified rural or remote communities of need. The government is spending a total of approximately \$90 million per year on rural physician recruitment and retention.

Alberta Municipalities would like to see continued investment in the recruitment and retention of physicians, and other healthcare providers, such as nurse practitioners, into rural and remote areas. Our members continue to highlight the significant challenges they face in accessing adequate healthcare services outside of metropolitan areas. Some Albertans have to drive hundreds of kilometres to access essential healthcare.

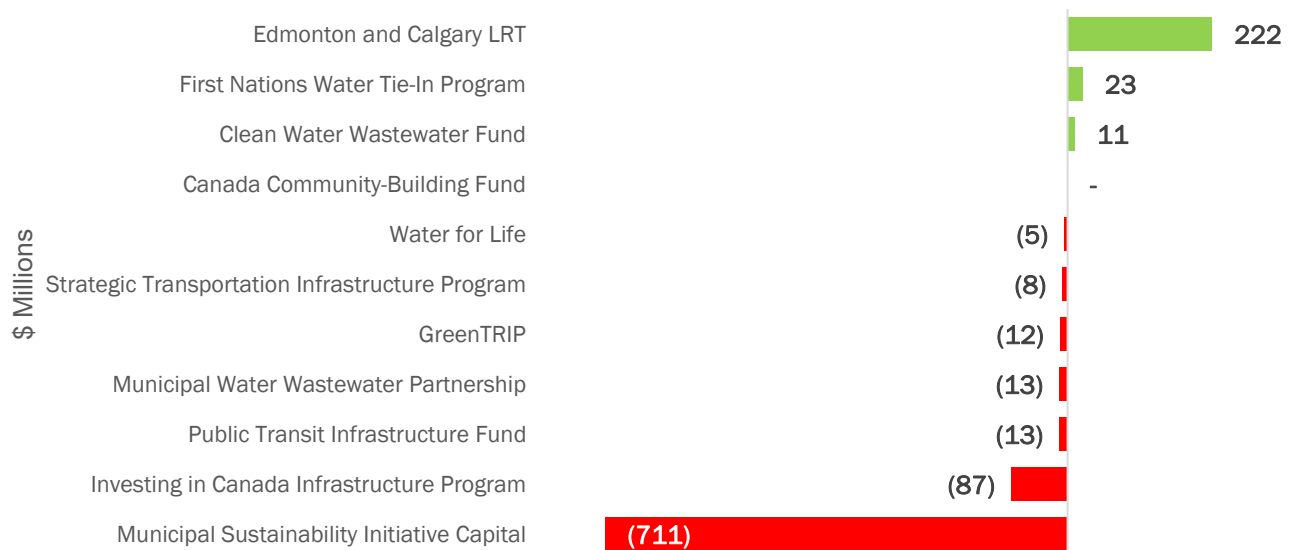
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**HOW BUDGET 2022
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GOVERNMENTS**

Core capital funding for municipalities

\$ millions	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Forecast	2024-25 Forecast	2022 vs. 2021
Provincial Capital Funding					
Municipal Sustainability Initiative – Capital	1,196	485	485	-	(711)
Local Government Fiscal Framework	-	-	-	722	-
Water for Life	42	37	43	50	(5)
Municipal Water and Wastewater Partnership	75	62	17	22	(13)
Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program	43	35	25	25	(8)
First Nations Water Tie-In Program	7	30	-	-	23
	1,363	649	570	819	(714)
Year-over-year change (%)		-52.4%	-12.2%	43.7%	
Capital Funding Linked to Federal Funding Programs					
Canada Community-Building Fund (Gas Tax Fund)	255	255	266	266	-
GreenTRIP	30	18	-	-	(12)
Clean Water Wastewater Fund	2	13	-	-	11
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program	239	152	40	7	(87)
Public Transit Infrastructure Fund	21	8	-	-	(13)
Calgary and Edmonton LRT (incl. provincial funds)	485	707	1,018	1,042	222
	1,032	1,153	1,324	1,315	121
Year-over-year change (%)		11.7%	14.9%	-0.7%	
Total Provincial & Federal Capital Funding	2,395	1,802	1,894	2,134	(593)
		-24.8%	5.1%	12.7%	

Year-over-year change in municipal capital funding: Budget 2021 vs. Budget 2020



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Excluding changes to MSI Capital, Budget 2022 involves slight reductions in most provincial capital programs that support municipal infrastructure. In most cases, the reductions were expected based on forecasts presented in last year's budget. In some cases, the reductions were not as severe as previously forecasted because the 2022 budget includes the carry forward of unspent budget from 2021-22. This applies to the following programs:

- Water for Life was forecasted to decline to \$11 million in 2022 but is budgeted at \$37 million.
- Municipal Water Wastewater Partnership was forecasted to decline to \$35 million but is budgeted at \$62 million.
- The Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) was forecasted to decline to \$70 million but is budgeted at \$152 million. ICIP has been fully allocated and this budget represents the Government of Alberta's contribution to the construction of projects in 2022-23.

Some reductions are also due to fixed-term programs entering their final years, such as GreenTRIP and the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund. The First Nations Water Tie-In Program jumps to \$30 million in its final year of funding.

Overall, core capital funding for municipalities declined by 24.8 per cent, primarily driven by the previously announced reduction in MSI. While the overall reduction in funding was anticipated, the ongoing trend of reductions in municipal capital funding will impact Albertans either through increased property taxes or reduced local service delivery.

Municipal Sustainability Initiative and the Local Government Fiscal Framework

Budget 2022 continues the province's plan to delay the start of the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) until 2024 and extend the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) in its place over the next two years. This year represents the first year of the two-year extension of MSI.

Municipalities will note a significant decrease in their 2022 MSI capital allocation, which is a result of the planned reduction in MSI Capital funding (including the Basic Municipal Transportation Grant [BMTG]) and changes to the allocation formula. In February 2021, the province announced that MSI Capital funding would average \$722 million per year between 2021 to 2023. However, a significant portion of that funding was front-loaded in 2021 (\$1.196 billion), which means the 2022 and 2023 amounts are reduced to \$485 million each year.

MSI Operating remains unchanged at \$30 million, which will be appreciated by municipalities.

\$ millions	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Forecast	2024-25 Forecast
Capital Component					
MSI Capital (including BMTG)	963	1,196	485	485	-
LGFF Capital	-	-	-	-	722
Operating Component					
MSI Operating	30	30	30	30	-
LGFF Operating	-	-	-	-	30
Total	993	1,226	515	515	752

Changes to allocation formula for MSI Capital

Due to the significant reduction in MSI Capital funding in 2022 and 2023 and the related complexities of the MSI Capital and BMTG formulas, the province changed the allocation model for 2022 and 2023. The change was announced in October 2021, whereby each municipality's 2022 and 2023 MSI Capital allocations are set at 40.6 per cent of the 2021 MSI Capital allocation. Municipal Affairs opted for this approach so that all municipalities take the same percentage reduction in funding in 2022. The [allocation tables](#) are available on the Government of Alberta's website.

MSI operating allocations fixed at 2021 level

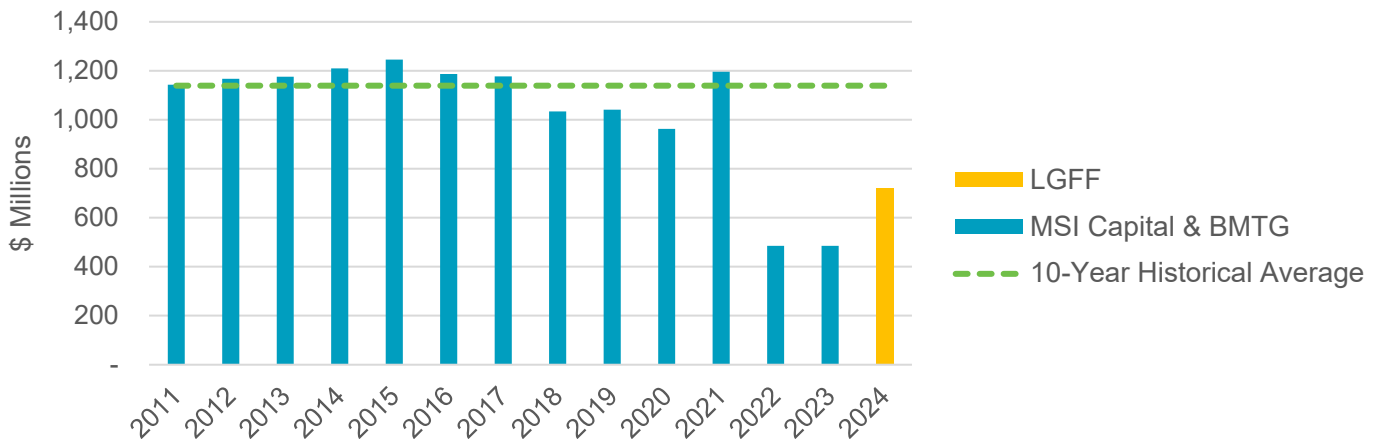
For the remaining two years of MSI, Municipal Affairs also opted to fix the 2022 and 2023 MSI operating allocations to be equivalent to the 2021 allocations. This provides municipalities certainty around their 2022 and 2023 MSI operating funding amounts.

Local Government Fiscal Framework: improvements still needed

In Budget 2021, the Government of Alberta announced that it planned to reduce the starting amount of the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) from \$860 million down to \$722 million when it is implemented in 2024. Budget 2022 continues that plan despite concerns from Alberta Municipalities and our members. LGFF offers numerous improvements over the existing MSI and BMTG programs; however, when LGFF starts, municipalities will receive 37 per cent less funding per year compared to the annual average between 2012 and 2021.

Since LGFF is tied to changes in provincial revenue, the reduced starting amount will also mean less growth of the funding pool, similar to earning less interest after you withdraw money from your bank account. As Alberta's population continues to grow, the reductions in capital funding will force municipal leaders to either defer needed maintenance or raise taxes on property owners.

At its start, the Local Government Fiscal Framework will deliver 37% less funding than the average of the last 10 years



Source: Alberta's 2022-25 Fiscal Plan and Alberta Municipal Affairs' MSI Allocation Tables

Note: Advances of MSI Capital in 2014 and 2018 are presented in the calendar year that funding was available to municipalities.

Alberta Municipalities remains committed to seeking improvements to LGFF including:

- Increasing the base amount, and
- Removing or reducing the 50 per cent limitation in the revenue index factor so that annual changes in LGFF will match annual changes in provincial revenue.

Alberta Municipalities plans to work with the province and municipalities this year to design the allocation formula for LGFF Capital for non-charter municipalities and start discussions on the vision for LGFF Operating.

Core operating funding for municipalities

\$ millions	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Budget	% Change	Note
Alberta Community Partnership	16.5	25.4	15.4	-39.4%	1
Emergency Management Preparedness Program	0.2	0.2	0.2	-	
Family and Community Support Services	100.0	100.0	100.0	-	
Grants in Place of Taxes	30.2	30.0	30.0	-	2
Municipal Policing Assistance Grant	59.8	59.2	59.2	-	3
Police Officer Grant	30.0	30.0	30.0	-	3
Municipal Sustainability Initiative – Operating	30.0	30.0	30.0	-	
	266.7	274.8	264.8		

Notes on Core Operating Funding for Municipalities

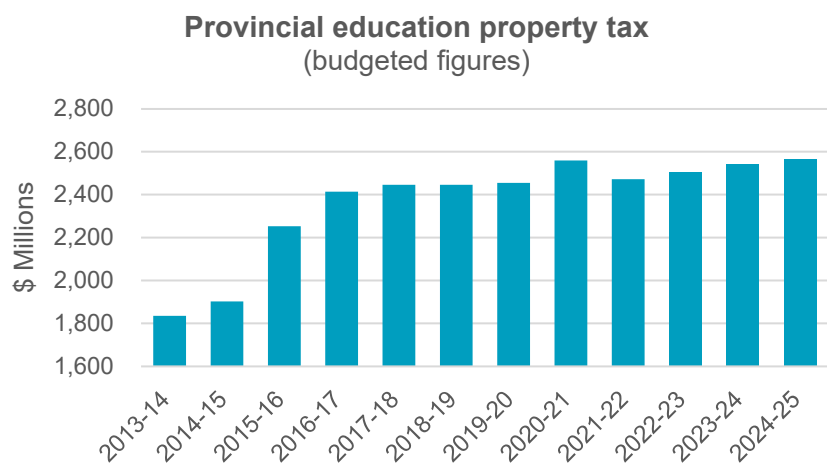
1. The 39 per cent reduction in Alberta Community Partnership funding represents the removal of the \$10 million in funding that was provided to municipalities in 2021 to compensate for managing the voting process related to the *Senate Election Act* and *Referendum Act* during the 2021 municipal election.
2. The Government of Alberta continues to only cover half the amount of property taxes that would normally be owed for provincial properties that are exempt from taxation. The 50 per cent reduction in Grants in Place of Taxes was implemented in 2020 and disproportionately impacts residents in communities with provincially owned properties who must cover the costs of services to those properties while residents of neighbouring communities face no bill.
3. Alberta Municipalities has been informed that the Municipal Policing Assistance Grant and Police Officer Grant will be combined into one program.

Provincial education property tax

In 2020, the Government of Alberta announced a plan to start linking changes in provincial education property taxes to changes in population plus inflation. Those plans were stalled in 2020-21 and 2021-22 as the province responded to the economic challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and opted to freeze education property taxes at \$2.472 billion each year.

For 2022-23, the province has decided to increase education property taxes, but instead of linking to population plus inflation, the new metric involves

matching any percentage change in Education's operating expenses. As a result, 2022 education property taxes will increase by 1.3 per cent to \$2.504 billion. This figure excludes \$15 million in credits under the Provincial Education Requisition Credit (PERC) program, which supports municipalities that are unable to collect education property tax on delinquent oil and gas properties. Alberta Municipalities appreciates that PERC has been extended for two years.

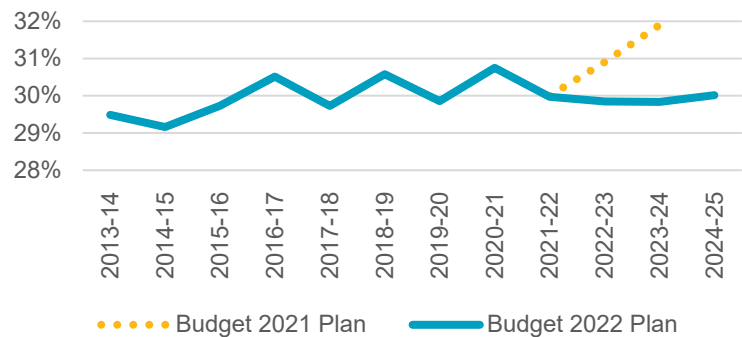


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\$ millions	2020-21 Actual	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Forecast	2024-25 Forecast
Provincial education property tax	2,472	2,472	2,504	2,541	2,566
Year-over-year change (%)		-	1.3%	1.5%	1.0%
K-12 education operating expense	8,191	8,248	8,390	8,517	8,549
Year-over-year change (%)		0.7%	1.7%	1.5%	0.4%

Since municipal governments are responsible for collecting education property taxes on behalf of the province, any increase in education taxes presents a burden on municipal leaders. That said, Alberta Municipalities is pleased to see the province move away from previous plans, which involved significant increases to education property taxes despite holding the line on education spending.

Provincial Education Property Tax as a Percentage of K-12 Education Operating Expense
(budgeted figures)



Notable funding to community entities

\$ millions	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Budget	% Change	Note
Agricultural Service Boards	8.5	8.5	8.9	4.8%	
Agricultural Societies and Exhibition Grants	11.5	11.5	11.5	-	
Community Facility Enhancement Program	25.0	18.5	38.5	108.1%	1
Community Initiatives Program	19.7	37.1	20.7	-44.2%	2
Ground Search and Rescue Training Grant	0.2	0.2	0.2	-	
Library Services – Operating	37.1	37.0	37.0	-	
Legal Aid	94.3	94.3	94.3	-	
Regional Economic Development Alliances	0.5	0.5	0.5	-	3
	196.8	207.6	211.6		

Notes on Funding for Community Entities

1. The increase to the Community Facility Enhancement Program is new funding to restore program funding to pre-pandemic levels.
2. The decrease to the Community Initiatives Program is due to the end of the one-time Stabilize Program.
3. Funding is maintained for Regional Economic Development Alliances (REDAs), but the Community and Regional Economic Support (CARES) program remains suspended, a decision that was made in 2020-21.

GOOD TO KNOW

AN OVERVIEW OF ALBERTA'S 2022 FISCAL PLAN

An overview of the 2022 Fiscal Plan

Rising energy prices coupled with an economy rebounding from the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a significant shift in the province's financial outlook. In Budget 2021, the Government of Alberta forecasted a deficit of \$11 billion for 2022-23. Through increased royalty revenue and limited change in spending, that forecasted deficit has flipped to a planned surplus of \$511 million for 2022-23.

Total revenue for 2022-23 is forecast at \$62.6 billion, an increase of 1.5 per cent compared to the estimate for 2021-22 and 45.1 per cent higher than actual revenue in 2020-21. Increased energy demands as COVID-19 restrictions are lifted and activities recommence, coupled with other supply-demand issues, have resulted in significant increases in energy prices. For 2022-23, total resource revenue is budgeted at \$13.8 billion, a 385 per cent increase over the 2021-22 budget and 5 per cent increase over the estimate for the year. Strong growth is also expected in income taxes, with economic recovery and the return of employment to pre-COVID levels driving increases in both personal and corporate tax revenue.

Expenditures are expected to fall to \$62.1 billion in 2022-23 compared to estimated expenditures of \$64.9 billion in 2021-22. The province attributes part of that decline to decreased need for supports related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Statement of operations

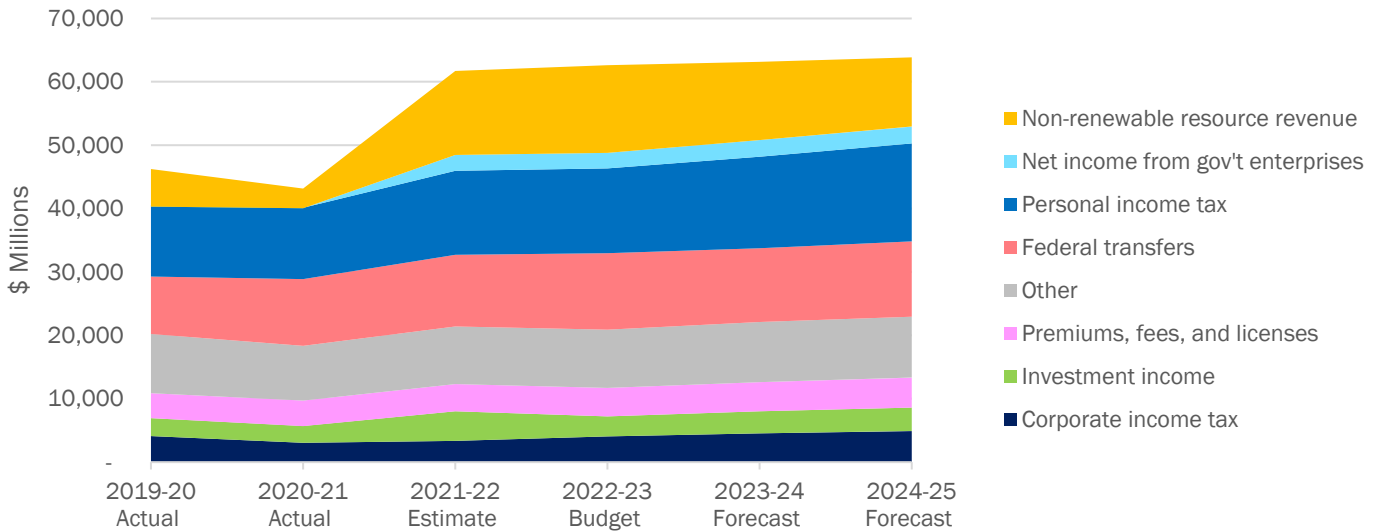
\$ millions	2020-21 Actual	2021-22 Estimate	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Forecast	2024-25 Forecast
Revenue					
Personal income tax	11,257	13,261	13,382	14,442	15,455
Corporate income tax	3,037	3,343	4,040	4,517	4,896
Other tax revenue	5,285	5,456	5,612	5,778	5,913
Resource revenue	3,091	13,237	13,840	12,328	10,916
Investment income	2,643	4,660	3,173	3,492	3,699
Premiums, fees, and licenses	4,021	4,304	4,490	4,606	4,736
Other own-source revenues	3,272	6,125	6,016	6,330	6,341
Federal transfers	10,532	11,306	12,054	11,641	11,895
Total revenue	43,137	61,692	62,607	63,134	63,852
Expense by Function					
Health	23,984	25,010	24,421	24,358	24,914
Basic/Advanced education	14,134	15,088	15,360	15,375	15,508
Social services	5,919	6,219	6,961	7,163	7,448
Other program expenses	13,858	16,544	12,689	12,820	12,722
Total program expense	57,895	62,861	59,723	59,747	60,623
Debt servicing costs	2,486	2,401	2,662	2,754	2,837
Pension provisions	(282)	(363)	(289)	(299)	(309)
Total expense	60,099	64,899	62,096	62,202	63,151
Surplus / (Deficit)	(16,962)	(3,207)	511	932	701

Source: Alberta's 2022-25 Fiscal Plan, page 216.

Note: During our analysis, Alberta Municipalities noted that the sum of expense figures in 2022, 2023 and 2024 do not equal the total for program expenses. These figures are sourced directly from the Government of Alberta's Fiscal Plan and as such, Alberta Municipalities has chosen to duplicate the figures as presented in the government's documents. The errors amount to \$292 million in 2023 and \$31 million in 2023 and 2024.

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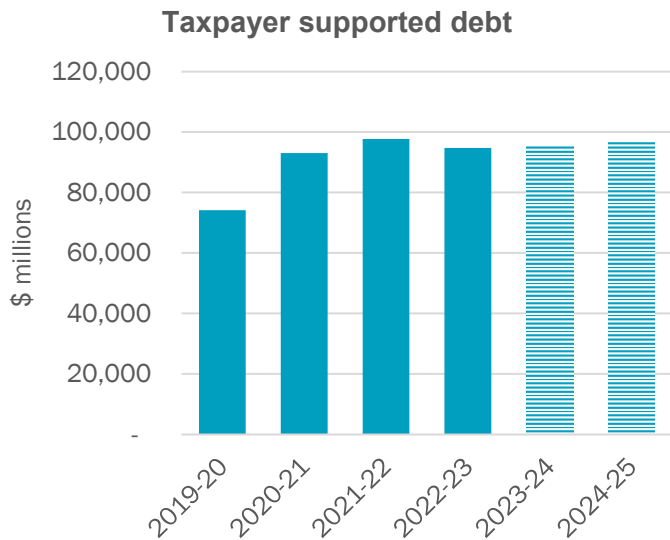
Year-over-year increase in provincial revenue is primarily driven by growth in federal transfers, personal income tax, and non-renewable resource revenue



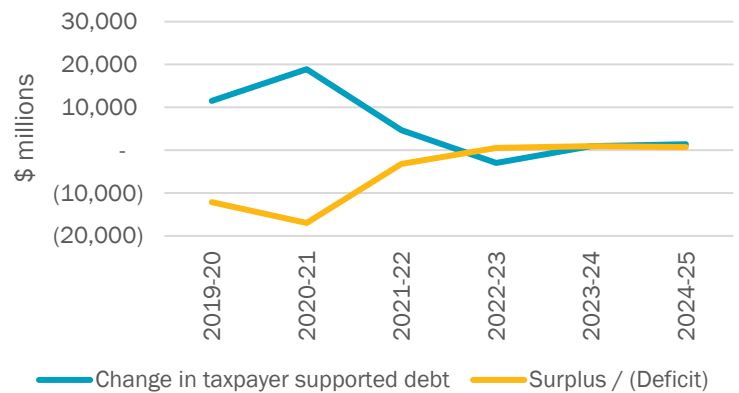
Source: Alberta's 2022-25 Fiscal Plan, Schedule 4: Statement of Operations, page 204.

Taxpayer supported debt

The change in overall debt balances is consistent with annual surplus/deficit figures, as debt funding is used to support activities during years with operational deficits in addition to financing spending. With an operational surplus forecast for 2022-23, no new borrowings are planned for the year. Some debt maturing in 2022-23 will be paid off, resulting in a planned \$2.8 billion reduction in outstanding debt by the end of fiscal 2022-23.

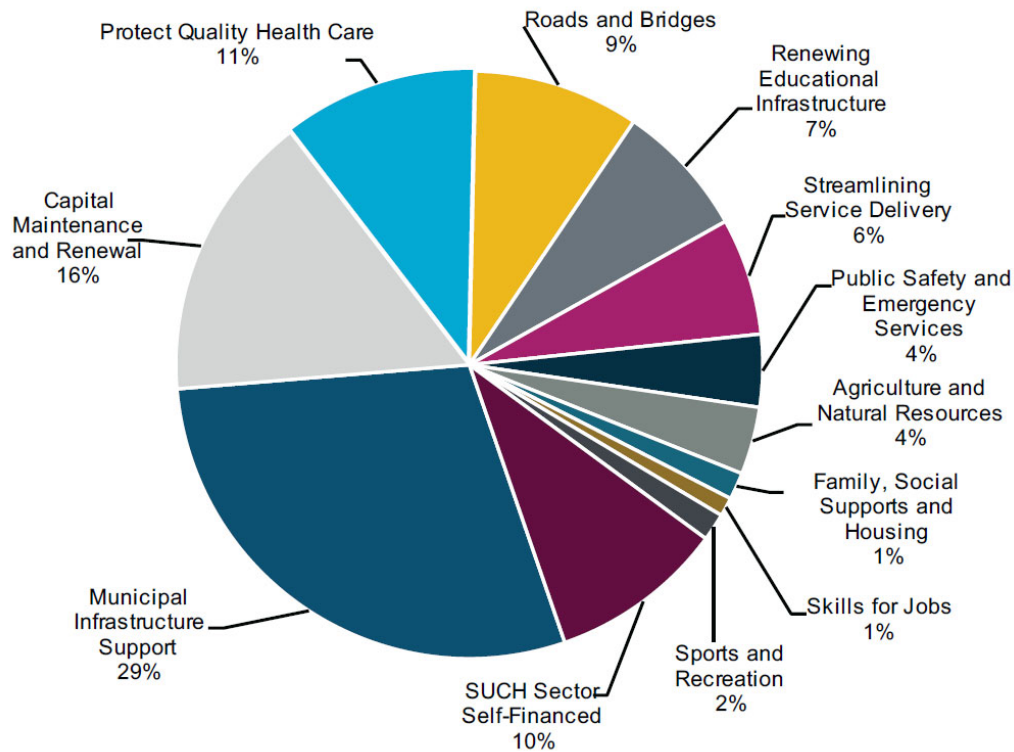


The Transition to a Surplus Budget is Planned to Limit Increases to Alberta's Debt



Source: Calculations using figures from Alberta's 2022-25 Fiscal Plan, Schedule 26, page 216.

Budget 2022 – Capital Plan by category



Source: Alberta's 2022-25 Fiscal Plan, page 155.

Key energy and economic assumptions

\$ millions	2021-22 Estimate	2022-23 Forecast	2023-24 Forecast	2024-25 Forecast
Crude Oil Prices				
WTI (US\$/bbl)	74.00	70.00	69.00	66.50
Light-Heavy Differential (US\$/bbl)	13.60	14.30	14.40	14.70
WCS @ Hardisty (Cdn\$/bbl)	75.90	70.30	68.50	64.80
Natural Gas Price				
Alberta Reference Price (Cdn\$/GJ)	3.40	3.20	2.70	2.60
Production				
Conventional Crude Oil (000s barrels/day)	440	441	444	448
Raw Bitumen (000s barrels/day)	3,220	3,296	3,316	3,368
Interest Rates				
10-year Canada Bonds (%)	1.50	1.80	2.30	2.70
Exchange Rate (US\$/Cdn\$)				
	79.8	79.0	79.5	80.1

Ministry highlights

Advanced Education

Budget 2022 will invest \$1.8 billion in operational funding for post-secondary institutions through the Operating and Program Support Grant. Furthermore, the ministry will invest \$235 million in funding over three years to target programs that address labour market needs and enrolment pressures. The provincial government will also allocate \$168 million in student aid and \$980 million through student loans. In 2022, Advanced Education will continue implementing *Alberta 2030: Building Skills for Jobs*, released in 2021. This initiative targets enrolment into technology, veterinary medicine, agriculture, financial services, and aviation. Alberta Municipalities has heard from our members that many small communities are seeing a shortage of veterinarians. We are pleased to see that Budget 2022 provides investments to address this, including \$9.9 million to expand the University of Calgary's Veterinary Medicine degree programs. The expansion will benefit many small communities that are home to agribusinesses.

Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development

The Ministry's budget will stay at \$860 million in 2022-23. This fiscal year, over \$55 million is allocated to support the Mountain Pine Beetle Program. Budget 2022 provides \$37 million to the Results-Driven Agriculture Research to support the productivity and sustainability of Alberta's agriculture industry, and \$43.2 million for irrigation habitation and expansion. Budget 2022 includes a \$33 million reduction in rural programming and agricultural societies, from \$56 million in 2021 to \$23 million. Alberta Municipalities will be monitoring this to see how the reduction impacts municipalities.

Children's Services

The Canada-Alberta Early Learning and Child Care agreement will help lower childcare fees for Alberta's parents by an average of 50 per cent, with a targeted average of \$10 per day for children aged 0 to 5 by 2026. In 2022-23, \$879 million will be used to provide subsidies to parents with children enrolled in licensed childcare programs and to create 10,000 new licensed childcare spaces in the not-for-profit sector.

While the total operating budget for Children's Services will increase from \$1.71 billion in 2021-22 to \$1.72 billion in 2022-23 (0.6 per cent increase), reflecting the federal investment in childcare, other key programs will see slightly reduced funding. Funding for the Alberta Child and Family Benefit will decrease from \$345 million in 2021-22 to \$335 million in 2022-23 (2.9 per cent decrease) and funding for early child and youth intervention services will decrease from \$128 million in 2021-22 to \$124 million in 2022-23 (3.1 per cent decrease).

Community and Social Services

Budget 2022 provides a slight increase to the total operating budget for Community and Social Services from \$3.89 billion in 2021-22 to \$3.92 billion in 2022-23 (0.8 per cent increase). This funding includes:

- \$13.8 million to Alberta's 16 sexual assault centres (6.1 per cent increase compared to 2021-22); and
- \$1.5 million to Family Resource Centres (25 per cent reduction compared to 2021-22).

Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) funding is maintained at \$100 million and funding for homeless and outreach support services is maintained at \$193 million. Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) funding will increase slightly from \$1.36 billion in 2021-20 to \$1.37 billion in 2022-23 (0.7 per cent increase). However, Employment and Income Support funding will fall from the \$852 million budgeted in 2021-22 to \$813 million in 2022-23 (4.6 per cent decrease).

It should be noted that while \$3.89 billion was the budgeted amount for Community and Social Services last year, the budget forecast came in at \$3.78 billion, or \$109 million under budget. This likely reflect federal transfers related to income support during the pandemic.

Culture and Status of Women

The 2022 capital plan includes \$97 million for new sport, recreation, cultural, and community facilities. The Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) will receive a \$20 million increase from \$18.5 million in 2021-22 to \$38.5 million in 2022-23 (108 per cent increase). The Alberta Foundation for the Arts will receive \$25.6 million in 2022-23, which matches last year's budget.

Due to pandemic related closures, lottery revenues and association funding decreased significantly, which will impact charities throughout Alberta.

While funding for Status of Women programs and services will fall from \$4.14 million in 2021-22 to \$3.98 million in 2022-23, the overall operating budget for the ministry will increase from \$243 million in 2021-22 to \$272 million in 2022-23 (16 per cent increase).

Education

More than \$700 million in new funding over the next three years will be allocated to Kindergarten to Grade 12 (K-12) education to increase resources and supports, including:

- \$191 million for curriculum updates across all subject areas for kindergarten to Grade 12;
- \$3 million to expand financial literacy programming for junior and senior high school students;
- Targeted funding of \$30 million in 2022-23 and \$40 million in each of the following two years to support students experiencing academic challenges, such as learning delays and mental health challenges due to the pandemic; and
- \$59 million will be invested in 2022-23 into teacher development and student resources.

Total operating expenses for K-12 education will be \$8.4 billion to \$8.5 billion annually over the next three years.

The Capital Plan provides funding of \$1.5 billion for school projects, including 15 projects for the construction of new schools, modernizations, and design work to support school building priorities. Projects will be situated to address enrolment growth in communities that continue to see population growth, preserve and modernize existing facilities, and consolidate underutilized space. The expected outcome of this approach is reduced maintenance costs in those communities' experiencing enrolment or population decline.

The budget includes \$209 million over three years for Capital Maintenance and Renewal (CMR) projects to ensure safe and healthy schools. Funding CMR extends the useful life of infrastructure so that existing schools remain functional for longer.

The budget also includes \$46.5 million in capital funding over three years to expand charter schools and the collegiate model.

Energy

This Ministry is responsible for enabling responsible energy and mineral resource development, the Alberta Energy Regulator, the Alberta Utilities Commission, the Alberta Petroleum Marketing Commission and the Canadian Energy Centre.

Budget 2022 allocates \$78 million for orphan well and decommissioning large facilities (funded through industry levies); \$10 million over two years for the Clean Hydrogen Centre of Excellence to support hydrogen innovation and technology; and \$272 million in funding for the Alberta Petrochemical Incentive Program (APIP). Subject to federal approval, Budget 2022 reprofiles \$325 million in Site Rehabilitation Program funding from fiscal years 2021-23 to 2023-24. The consolidated operating budget estimate for 2022-23 is \$958 million.

Environment and Parks

Environment and Parks' operating expense is \$534 million. Budget 2022 includes \$19 million over the next three years for continued work on the Digital Regulatory Assurance System, which will create a single, consolidated digital system for regulatory applications, approvals, and long-term environmental monitoring. The Ministry continues to work on caribou recovery planning through holistic sub-regional planning processes to ensure a practical and balanced approach that supports a sustainable economy. Budget 2022 allocates \$15.7 million for caribou recovery planning and actions, as well as \$9.8 million for land-use planning and stewardship tools.

The Ministry will continue to improve recreational access through the *Alberta Trails Act* and the Crown Land Vision. Budget 2022 allocates \$75 million to address increased activities on Crown Lands and provincial parks. The provincial government plans to increase the park reservation fee from \$5 to \$10.

Alberta Municipalities asked the provincial government to provide bridge funding for household hazardous waste disposal. Budget 2022 did not include new funding for the Household Hazardous Waste program; however, Environment and Parks will maintain the existing funding until 2023.

The Ministry's 2022 business plan continues to focus on supporting Alberta's Clean Air Strategy, Water for Life Strategy, waste management, and recycling programs. The Ministry is also committed to supporting Alberta's Natural Gas Vision and Strategy (led by Energy) released in 2021. The strategy focuses on turning Alberta into a centre of excellence for plastics recycling in Western North America. The first step to building a plastics circular economy in Alberta is introducing Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs for plastics. Although EPR is not specifically noted in the 2022 budget, the provincial government is committed to bringing in EPR regulations by spring 2022. We expect more details will come forward in the next few months.

Brownfields and Contaminated Sites

Alberta's Auditor General recommended that Environment and Parks develop clear guidelines to determine who is responsible for brownfield and contaminated sites cleanup. The Ministry accepted the Auditor General's recommendation in the Fiscal Plan 2022. The Ministry intends to continue to pursue responsible parties that have current ownership, and for sites that do not have a clearly responsible party, the Ministry will develop guidance founded on the polluter pays principle.

Climate Change

Budget 2022 includes \$698 million over three years for Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction (TIER) funding. The TIER funding will invest in Emissions Reduction Alberta, Alberta Innovates, and the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre (MCCAC). MCCAC is a unique partnership between municipalities and the Government of Alberta. More details will be coming forward soon on how this new funding can benefit municipalities through various MCCAC programs.

Health

Building health system capacity is one of the three primary objectives of Budget 2022. Budget 2022 includes a significant investment in healthcare to expand system capacity and prepare for potential future waves of COVID-19. Over the next three years, Alberta will invest \$100 million per year to provide additional healthcare capacity on a permanent basis, including adding new intensive care unit beds and training new acute care staff. The objective of this investment is to make more hospital beds available when Albertans need them, and to reduce surgery wait times.

Funding for community care, continuing care, and home care programs is increased by 6.3 per cent to a total of nearly \$3.7 billion. This funding will support more Albertans to receive care and support in their home communities, as well as to build 1,515 new continuing care beds.

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Budget 2022 also includes funding of \$2 billion for drugs and supplemental benefits, an increase of \$110 million, or 5.7 per cent from 2021-22. Programs for seniors make up the largest component of this funding, with \$674 million budgeted in 2022-23.

\$133 million over three years is allocated for the Alberta Surgical Initiative Capital Program, which aims to increase surgical capacity so that all patients receive required surgeries within clinically recommended timelines.

Overall health operating expenses are budgeted at \$22 billion for 2022-23, an increase of 2.4 per cent, or \$515 million, from 2021-22 (excluding costs relating to COVID-19). The Ministry of Health's total operating expense budget will grow by a total of \$1.8 billion by 2024-25.

Alberta Health Services' (AHS) operating budget will increase to \$15.1 billion in 2022-23, an increase of \$476 million or 3.3 per cent compared to the 2021-22 forecast (excluding COVID-19 costs). Budget 2022 also provides additional funding of \$64 million for emergency medical services, to help strengthen emergency response capacity.

As a result of the AHS review that took place in 2019-20, AHS and Alberta Precision Laboratories have reached an agreement for DynaLIFE Medical Labs to deliver community laboratory services across the province, beginning July 1, 2022. The government plans to re-invest any savings realized through the DynaLIFE contract into AHS' core frontline healthcare services.

Budget 2022 includes a \$750 million COVID-19 contingency, which is intended to give the government flexibility to manage the pandemic as it continues to evolve by making funding available to cover any new or uncertain costs emerging from a changing public health situation. Some of this funding will be used to address the surgical backlog caused by the pandemic.

In terms of capital spending related to health, Budget 2022 includes funding for facilities in Calgary and Edmonton, the Red Deer Regional Hospital, and revitalization projects for rural health facilities. This includes \$46 million over three years towards a \$79-million total project cost to integrate ambulatory care, primary care, maternal health care, and diagnostic services at the La Crete Maternity and Community Health Centre.

\$36 million has been budgeted for the Recovery Communities Stream 2 project to create a new addictions treatment facility with 75 spaces on the Blood Tribe Reserve and to double the capacity at the Gunn site by adding 50 spaces.

While Alberta Municipalities is encouraged to see funding allocated to rural and Indigenous healthcare facilities, additional funding is needed in this area to address aging infrastructure and to further incentivize physicians and other healthcare providers to practice in rural areas.

Indigenous Relations

Indigenous Relations continues to facilitate cross-government collaboration with other provincial Ministries, municipalities, water commissions, and industry to respond to federal Indigenous initiatives, such as access to safe and clean drinking water; the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program; disaster response and recovery, including the COVID-19 pandemic; pathfinding opportunities; and advocating for key services.

Infrastructure

The Ministry business plan referenced the recently passed *Infrastructure Accountability Act* which is intended to provide clarity on how government invests in planning, constructing, renewing, and maintaining public infrastructure. Alberta Municipalities submitted input into the development of this legislation. One of our requests to government was the inclusion of municipal perspectives in the prioritization of projects. While this request was not included in the final legislation, we were encouraged by the language in the accompanying 20-year Capital Plan that refers to partnering with municipalities to deliver infrastructure projects.

Infrastructure is also establishing the Alternative Capital Financing Partnerships Office (ACFPO), which will serve as the central authority within the Government of Alberta for public-private partnerships (P3s) and other innovative infrastructure partnerships. The ACFPO will focus on the oversight of centralized work of P3s, provide expertise required to engage in strategic partnership opportunities, and explore alternative revenue generation options. We have been told that the creation of this office will not impact municipal procurement or financing.

Jobs, Economy, and Innovation

The Ministry's operating expense estimate for 2022-23 is \$698 million. Consistent with a resolution passed at Alberta Municipalities' 2020 Convention, Budget 2022 includes increased support for the Alberta Film and Television Tax Credit (\$81 million over three years). It also includes the Innovation Employment Grant and support for downtown revitalization efforts in Edmonton and Calgary.

The Ministry will continue to implement Alberta's Investment and Growth Strategy including a focus on attracting investment in key industry sectors. Amongst other programs, funding for investment attraction is provided through the Alberta Technology and Innovation Strategy (\$67.5 million over three years), the Investment and Growth Fund (\$45 million over three years), and support for the Alberta Technology and Innovation Strategy (\$73 million over three years).

Justice and Solicitor General

The 2022 budget for Justice and Solicitor General includes:

- \$10 million for the Rural Alberta Provincial Integrated Defense (RAPID) Response, which expands the authorities of peace officers to respond to calls and assist police services in emergency situations (no change from 2021-22).
- \$49.1 million will be dedicated to deal with and investigate child pornography, gang violence, drug trafficking, stalking, human trafficking and domestic violence primarily through the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (12 per cent increase compared to 2021-22).
- \$5 million to expand Drug Treatment Court capacity.

To help address criminal court delays, the Ministry has developed a staged strategy for the hiring of 50 new prosecutors between 2020-21 to 2022-23. To date, 40 new prosecutors have been hired and 20 articling students have been accepted.

A new service delivery model for victims of crime is being established, with the current financial benefits program to be replaced with a new victim assistance program. The Ministry budget shows \$63 million available annually from the Victims of Crime and Public Safety Fund over the next three years; however, it is unclear what amount will be used for the new victim assistance program now that the use of this fund has been expanded beyond solely serving victims of crime.

The budget for Public Safety increased from \$571 million in 2021-22 to \$597 million in 2022-23, which likely reflects the increase in RCMP salaries negotiated through the collective bargaining process. However, the budget does not appear to reflect the approximately \$80 million that would be owed as retroactive pay under the Provincial Police Service Agreement. Alberta Municipalities and Justice and Solicitor General, along with other provinces,

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territories, and municipal associations across Canada, have partnered to advocate that the federal government cover the costs of RCMP retroactive pay and we await a response from the federal government.

Funding for both the Municipal Policing Assistance Grant and the Police Officer Grant remain flat from last year's budget at \$59.2 million and \$30 million, respectively. Additionally, we have been informed that these grants will be combined into one grant, but we are not aware of the name at this time.

The Ministry's operating budget for 2022-23 is \$1.48 billion, compared to \$1.35 billion in 2021-22 (9.6 per cent increase).

Labour and Immigration

The Ministry leads the Alberta at Work initiative, which provides a framework to address current and long-term labour market challenges. \$15 million over three years has been allocated to provide labour market information to students, employees, and employers. Budget 2022 includes \$64 million to assist Albertans in finding and maintaining employment such as the Canada-Alberta Jobs Grant.

The Ministry's business plan highlights working with the Alberta Anti-Racism Advisory Council to advance anti-racism actions and promote welcoming and diverse communities throughout Alberta. Alberta Municipalities notes that the work of the Anti-Racism Advisory Council aligns well with our [Welcoming and Inclusive Communities](#) (WIC) initiative, which Alberta Municipalities has led since 2006. Alberta Municipalities plans to seek out new funding opportunities in 2022 to continue the breadth of programming and resources we offer to support municipal governments and communities in addressing issues of racism, discrimination, and social exclusion.

Municipal Affairs

Municipal Affairs is continuing a focus on reducing municipal red tape by:

- Completing its review of the *Municipal Government Act*, with a focus on regulations related to planning, development, and growth management; and
- Working with the Safety Codes Council to implement a renewed provincial accreditation framework for accredited entities to create more efficient approaches, such as risk-based inspections.

Other planned initiatives include:

- Working with municipal associations and municipalities to develop the allocation formula and program guidelines for LGFF; and
- Identifying \$1.9 million to support the Provincial Operations Centre's disaster response and coordination activities, including the Alberta Emergency Alert system and the 24/7 Watch Station.

Alberta Municipalities' advocacy on a member resolution calling for an increase to the 911 levy has paid off. The Ministry's budget includes a \$23 million increase in fee revenue and a corresponding investment into Alberta's 911 system annually over the next three years. We are working to determine how much of this funding will be available to municipalities that operate Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs).

The total operating budget for Municipal Affairs declines from \$1.8 billion in 2021-22 to \$1.1 billion this year. The reduction is primarily driven by the \$711 million reduction in MSI and the \$10 million reduction in the Alberta Community Partnership, which are explained earlier in this report.

Seniors and Housing

Budget 2022 maintains seniors' financial supports and provides funding for the implementation of the provincial affordable housing strategy. The budget will provide \$491 million in grants and \$20 million in low-interest home equity loans for low-income seniors. Also, a total of \$118 million in capital funding will be made available in the next three years to improve and expand affordable housing.

The table below shows the 2021-24 Seniors and Housing Capital Plan:

\$ millions	2021-22 Estimate	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Forecast	3-Year Total
Affordable Housing Strategy				
Affordable Housing Strategy	20.0	39.9	58.10	118.0
Other Programs				
Affordable and Specialized Housing	16.3	2.0	-	18.3
Family and Community Housing	1.7	0.4	-	2.1
Indigenous Housing Capital Program	10.0	10.0	-	20.0
Seniors Housing	25.9	11.5	-	37.4
Preservation (Maintenance)	38.1	23.3	-	84.7
Total	112.0	87.1	81.4	280.5

Despite capital investment under the provincial affordable housing strategy, the total capital investment in affordable housing will continue to decrease over the next two years, from \$112 million in 2021-22 to \$81.4 million in 2023-24 (27 per cent decrease). The strategy has identified a goal of supporting the development of 13,000 new affordable housing units over the next 10 years; however, it is unclear how this goal will be achieved if the province's capital investments continue to decrease.

Budget 2022 maintains 2021 operational funding levels for the Family Community Housing, Seniors Housing, Rental Assistance, and Specialized Housing programs. The budget also includes \$1.8 million in operating funding to support the implementation of the provincial affordable housing strategy, which commits to providing rental assistance to an additional 14,000 households over 10 years.

Service Alberta

Over the next four years, Service Alberta will invest \$390 million (\$150 million in 2022-23) to improve broadband services across the province and ensure that rural, remote, and Indigenous communities are included in the province's economic recovery.

Service Alberta also identified \$10.1 million for registry transformation projects to offer more registry services online and \$9.1 million to improve the Land Titles service model and reduce application backlogs.

Transportation

Transportation manages several grant programs that municipalities access, including the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP), the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership (AMWWP), Water for Life, and the First Nations Water Tie-In Program, in addition to administering the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF) on behalf of the federal government. Of note in the Ministry's business plan is \$474 million over the next three years that has been allocated for the Springbank Offstream Reservoir flood mitigation project. Also, provincial highway maintenance has increased from \$318.8 million in Budget 2021 to \$345 million in Budget 2022.

Treasury Board and Finance

The Government of Alberta has established three key anchors to guide fiscal decision-making:

- Keeping net debt-to-GDP under 30 per cent;
- Getting per capita spending in-line with comparator provinces; and
- After the pandemic, re-establishing a commitment to balance the budget.

The Ministry has expressed a commitment to maintaining fiscal discipline and controlling spending to support the government's fiscal targets, as well as working closely with Ministries to ensure adequate funding to deliver on the commitments the provincial government has made to Albertans.

In January 2022, [Alberta Municipalities reported](#) on how the province has backtracked on promises made in 2019, when it chose to dissolve the Alberta Capital Finance Authority. As the province has now stopped offering below-market rate loans to municipalities, Alberta Municipalities now very alarmed that the 2022 Fiscal Plan projects the province's investment income from loans to local authorities will increase by 180 per cent over the next three years. This would be a blatant case of cost downloading from the province to municipalities, along with their residents and local businesses.

A note on red tape reduction

Budget 2022 and the provincial government's business plans highlight red tape reduction as a top priority for this government. Many Ministries plan to review and revise legislation, regulations, and policies to reduce red tape by at least one-third. The objectives are to streamline legislation and regulatory requirements to reduce unnecessary barriers to stimulate the economy and create jobs. The Government of Alberta will continue to engage with industry stakeholders, municipalities, non-profits, and the public to pursue further opportunities for red tape reduction. The provincial government is committed to the provisions of the *Red Tape Reduction Act*, including regular reporting, and ensuring the ongoing coordination of cross-government innovation.



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Spring Clean-up

DESCRIPTION:

In 2021, Council passed bylaw 1722, which amended Appendix A of Bylaw 1548 Solid Waste, to include a cost for Spring Clean-up bin rental. Prior to this amendment, the spring clean involved residents placing Spring Clean-up items on the ground in the lane, with operations collecting the items throughout the month.

With the new clean-up process, residents call the town office and book one of the town's eight (8) 3-yard bins, for a cost of \$30.00. Operations delivers and empties the bins throughout the month. This new process has been an improvement as it keeps the clean-up waste contained to a bin, and is easier from a manpower/scheduling perspective.

To participate in the program, residents must call the town office in May to book a dumpster. The cost is \$30.00.

Accepted materials:

- General household garbage
- Small piles of wood
- Carpet, max 5' width
- Household Items

Materials Not Accepted:

- Fridges or Freezers
- Propane tanks
- Upholstered furniture or mattresses
- Shingles, Tires or rubber
- Toxic Products
- Electronics

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1.) Bylaw 1722, Solid Waste Management Bylaw Amendment

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION:

- 1.) Bylaw 1548, Solid Waste Management Bylaw
- 2.) Bylaw 1722, Solid Waste Management Bylaw Amendment

PREPARED BY: Abe Tinney, CAO

APPROVED BY: Abe Tinney, CAO

DATE: March 8, 2022



**TOWN OF CLARESHOLM
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
BYLAW #1722**

A Bylaw of the Town of Claresholm, in the Province of Alberta, to amend Bylaw 1548 respecting solid waste management.

WHEREAS the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M-26 and amendments hereto, authorizes a Municipal Council to pass Bylaws for municipal purposes respecting the safety, health and welfare of the people, and the protection of people and Premises, nuisances, services provided by or on behalf of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Government Act, also provides that a council may pass bylaws to establish a system for the collection, removal and disposal of Garbage and Waste;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Claresholm in the Province of Alberta duly assembled enacts as follows:

1. The Town of Claresholm Solid Waste Management Bylaw 1548 shall be amended as follows:

REPLACE: Schedule “A” as attached

2. This bylaw comes into force on the date it is passed.

Read a first time in Council this **12th** day of **April** 2021 A.D.

Read a second time in Council this **26th** day of **April** 2021 A.D.

Read a third time in Council and finally passed in Council this **26th** day of **April** 2021 A.D.

Doug MacPherson, Mayor

Marian Carlson, Chief Administrative Officer

SCHEDULE "A"

Fees

COMMERCIAL SERVICES	
Three (3) cubic yard garbage container rental	\$40.00 / month
One pick-up per week	\$28.50 / month
Add one pick-up per week	Add \$28.50 / month
RESIDENTIAL SERVICES	
Residential Dwellings	\$12.50 / month
Spring Cleanup – Three (3) cubic yard garbage container 1-week rental with single pickup (Only available if booked during the month of May – receipt/pickup of bin may extend beyond May depending on availability of bins)	\$30.00



Town of Claresholm

Council Committee Report

Date: March 14, 2022

Mayor Petrovic	
Councillor Carlson	
Councillor Cutler	
Councillor Kettles	
Councillor Meister	
Councillor Schlossberger	<p>Southern Alberta Alternative Energy Partnership This partnership was spearheaded by Alberta Southwest and Southgrow.</p> <p>The meeting started off with a presentation by Trevor Lewington, mayor of Stirling. Stirling installed solar on all their town buildings. This installation pays for all the power used in all their municipal building.</p> <p>Stirling also created Ridge Utilities. This company supply's gas and electricity to Stirling and several other surrounding communities. This is a LOCAL community owned utilities company. It was created by creating a Municipal Corporation. If your community signs up with Ridge Utilities, your community will keep 15% in residual income. Shop and spend local!!!</p>

Note: Individual Councillor reports are non-binding, and do not represent the will of Council. Council may only act by resolution in accordance with section 180(1) of the *Municipal Government Act, R.S.A 2000*.



Town of Claresholm

Presentation by Solas

Alberta has the opportunity to gain 61 billion dollars in alternative energy investment. This includes wind, solar, hydrogen, geo thermal and biofuel. Biggest stumbling block to this investment is not money, investment, projects or ideas. It is development and regulatory policies of provincial government. They can not keep up.

Panel discussion.

Three panelists were Patrick Bergen Carmangay. Jeff Shaw Cardston. And Cochrane.

All three have solar projects to replace their power needs for municipal buildings. Cardston has rooftop installations and a field installation. Jeff said they started off small with roof top panels. Then progressed to a field installation. Jeff mentioned if he had to do it over again he would have went straight to a field installation. Less costly. More efficient. Cardston secured 30 year warranty on all panels and a 15 year warranty on inverters. To date they have only replaced 1 inverter. Snow cover panels only reduce generation by 3%. Cardston very happy with their results.

Stephen from Cochrane agreed with Cardston. Field installation is the best route. Stephen said Cochrane ran into problems with some of their buildings that didn't have the structural integrity to hold their panel installations. That's why he agreed field installation was the way to go. They too have had very few issues with equipment. Replaced 2 inverters. Very informative meeting. Glad I went.

Alberta Southwest

Terry Walker gave update on Community Futures SW gave update on succession planning program and funding.

Bev Thorton working with Selena from Jobs and Innovation, EDA, to secure an extra \$25000.00 in funding for Alberta Southwest.

Asked Bev to share on what she learned from the Food Tourism Strategies webinar she attended. This is becoming big business!!!

The all new Tourism Alberta town hall in Pincher Creek.

In 2019 tourism in Alberta was a 2.8 billion dollar business. In 2018 the Alberta government had 10 year plan to increase that by 30%. Well that plan is out the window. They are trying to figure out how to spread tourism out around the province. The Bow Valley, Banff, Jasper area



Town of Claresholm

	<p>becoming over congested. There are 3 revenue streams the government has created for tourism recovery. I found the most interesting stream was called Acceleration stream. Meant for more risky business ventures, smaller more local new innovate ideas. Biggest risk to a Tourism recovery is loss of labour in all industries, restaurants, hotels, ski hills, golf courses etc. Sheila attended this town hall with me. We were able to do lots of networking. Talked to a gentleman from Invest Alberta. I was talking to him about our problems with starting up the Starline Business park. He was very receptive. He told me to send him an email explaining the project, the problems we were encountering etc. Sheila has his card and will follow up with him. Talked with Andi from Tourism Alberta who is heading up the Accelerator funding stream. Told him we would be in touch with some possibilities. This stream is open until December 2022. Good meeting.</p>
Councillor Zimmer	



INFORMATION BRIEF

Meeting: March 14, 2022

Agenda Item: 16

COUNCIL RESOLUTION STATUS

Regular Scheduled Meeting - May 25, 2021				
14	RFD: EOC Communication System - Moved by Councillor Schulze to approve the out-of-budget expenditure in the amount of \$4,810 for the purchase and installation of an AFRACS radio system for the Emergency Operations Center, with funding to come from general reserves. CARRIED MOTION #21-097	Jason	Adjustment made to original order. Radio system received and installed.	Complete
Regular Scheduled Meeting - January 24, 2022				
12	RFD: Electric Vehicle Charging Station - Moved by Councillor Schlossberger to direct Administration to submit a letter of interest to the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre Electric Vehicle Charging Program. CARRIED MOTION #22-012	Brady	EDO attended information gathering meeting Feb 22. Working with Infrastructure Director to determine feasibility of a level-3 charging station at the Multiuse Building	In progress
Regular Scheduled Meeting - February 14, 2022				
16	RFD: Seniors Drop-in Centre Lease - Moved by Councillor Carlson to approve the lease renewal with the Claresholm Senior Citizens Drop-In Centre Society as presented. CARRIED MOTION #22-019	Blair	Agreement signed	Complete
17	RFD: Claresholm Animal Rescue Society Lease - Moved by Councillor Cutler to approve the lease renewal with the Claresholm Animal Rescue Society as presented. CARRIED MOTION #22-020	Blair	Waiting for Board Signature	In progress
Regular Scheduled Meeting - February 28, 2022				
1	BYLAW #1735 - Moved by Councillor Carlson to give Bylaw #1735, a Dog Bylaw Amendment, 1st Reading. CARRIED	Abe	On the March 14, 2022 Agenda for 2nd & 3rd readings	Complete
2	BYLAW #1736 - Moved by Councillor Cutler to give Bylaw #1736, a Land Use Bylaw Amendment, 2nd Reading. CARRIED Moved by Councillor Kettles to give Bylaw #1736, a Land Use Bylaw Amendment, 3rd & Final Reading. CARRIED	Tara	Bylaw signed and sent to update GIS mapping	Complete
3	Delegation Response: RCMP - Moved by Councillor Zimmer to recommend the following priorities to the RCMP for the 2022 fiscal year: traffic safety, police/community relations and police visibility, crime reduction and prevention of property crimes, and drug enforcement. CARRIED MOTION #22-027	Abe	Letter Sent	Complete

5	CORRES: Canadian Transplant Association - Moved by Councillor Kettles to direct administration to draft a letter of response to the Canadian Transplant Association stating that although Council is not prepared to declare April 7, 2022 as Green Shirt Day, the Town of Claresholm will promote awareness of the importance of the public supporting organ donation. CARRIED MOTION #22-028	Karine	Email sent	Complete
6	CORRES: Neil Barr - Moved by Councillor Cutler to follow the current procedures regarding utility charges in the case of the property located at 4605 – 1st Street West. CARRIED MOTION #22-029	Abe	Letter Sent	Complete
7	RFD: Letters of Support Claresholm Ag Society - Moved by Councillor Cutler to write a letter of support for the Claresholm Ag Society's application to the Community Initiatives Program (CIP) Grant for the purpose of hosting the Xibition Reining Horse Show on July 28-31, 2022 at the Claresholm Agriplex. CARRIED MOTION #22-030	Tara	Letter sent	Complete
7	RFD: Letter of Support Claresholm Ag Society - Moved by Councillor Zimmer to write a letter of support for the Claresholm Ag Society's application to the Tourism Relief fund for the purpose of installing a sound system and HRV system at the Claresholm Agriplex. CARRIED MOTION #22-031	Tara	Letter sent	Complete
8	RFD: Traffic Concerns Alberta Road - Moved by Councillor Carlson to direct Infrastructure Services to install a stop sign as indicated on the map at the corner of Township Road 130 and Alberta Road. CARRIED MOTION #22-032	Mike	Sign has been installed	Complete
10	RFD: Claresholm Winterfestival - Moved by Councillor Carlson to include Winterfestival as a Town of Claresholm event for the 2022 and 2023 years sharing the previously budgeted funds for Canada Day, Fair Days, and the New Year's Eve Skate as determined by the Economic Development Officer under the supervision of the Chief Administrative Officer, with future years to be determined. CARRIED MOTION #22-033	Brady	Winterfestival will be held Saturday March 12th. Financial and in-kind contributions were received from several community groups and local businesses	Complete
17a	IN CAMERA - Local Public Body Confidences - Moved by Councillor Cutler to provide a Letter of Support as discussed in closed session. CARRIED MOTION #22-034	Abe	Letter sent	Complete
17b	IN CAMERA - Advice from Officials - Moved by Councillor Carlson to direct administration to proceed with Lagoon Outlet Structure Upgrades Option 1, as prepared by MPE Engineering Ltd., and that the out of budget expenditure of \$93,010 plus GST is to come from the municipal Water and Sewer Reserves. CARRIED MOTION #22-035	Blair	Notified MPE and contract documents are being drafted to move forward with this addition.	Complete
17c	IN CAMERA - Land - Moved by Councillor Cutler to proceed with the municipal land development initiative as discussed in closed session. CARRIED MOTION #22-036	Abe/Tara	in development	in progress
17d	IN CAMERA - Confidential Evaluations - Moved by Councillor Cutler to appoint Mike McAlonan to the Chinook Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. CARRIED MOTION #22-037	Tara	Letter sent to Mike and ORRSC	Complete

PREPARED BY: Karine Keys, CLGM, Finance Assistant

APPROVED BY: Abe Tinney, CAO

DATE: March 11, 2022

INFORMATION ITEMS

CLARESHOLM AND DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION SOCIETY
Board of Directors, January 20, 2022
Zoom Meeting

ATTENDEES: Howard Paulson – Lay Representative
Brydon Saunders – Lay Representative
Ian Sundquist – MD of Willow Creek
Mike Cutler - Town of Claresholm
Cindee Schlossberger – Lay Representative
Brian Comstock – Lay Representative
Sally Morton – CEO
Shirley Isaacson – Secretary :
:
REGRETS: Laurie Lyckman – Vulcan County
Jason Schneider – Vulcan County

Chair Howard Paulson called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

1.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Laurie Lyckman to accept the agenda as presented. Carried.

2.0 Liza Dawbar joined the meeting to discuss ways to access grants and raise money for the Transportation Society. Discussion was held on what grants can be accessed and what they are used for. General operational funds are hard to find, better if project based such as purchase of a van. Richardson Pioneer Foundation has a variety of programs. She suggested holding a 50/50 raffle or a golf tournament. Everyone is to come to the next meeting with a list of fundraising ideas and we will decide.

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Brydon Saunders that the minutes of the November 25th, 2021 meeting be accepted as presented. Carried.

Brydon Saunders moved that we start fundraising with a 50/50 in the spring.
Motion carried.

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

4.1 Grants – As above

4.2 Website – WCCHS did not reply to our request for someone to help with our website. The Google website is working.

4.3 The MD had a meeting with the new Health Minister and he seemed quite receptive and is looking into the ambulance problem.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

5.1 Quote from Move Mobility for a new van was \$69,913.61.

6.0 REPORTS:

6.1 Financial –The financial statements were reviewed. In the Bank there is \$61,179.88, Casino account has \$8902.66, and Savings has \$7665.48. There was 48 trips with 3 to Vulcan. Blair has corrected some computer problems with the reporting and he is preparing the T-4's.. Laurie Lyckman moved the acceptance of the report. Motion Carried.

6.2 Chairman's Report –The credit card was received. Howard got the quote for a new van from Move Mobility.

7.0 OLD BUSINESS:

None

8.0 NEW BUSINESS:

8.1 –Discussion on the Drivers getting vaccinated. We need a policy for this.
Brydon Saunders moved that a policy be completed re-Divers Vaccinations.
Motion carried.

9.0 IN CAMERA:

There was no in-camera.

10.0 NEXT MEETING DATE: February 17, 2022

The meeting was adjourned by Mike Cutler.

SIGNED:

SIGNED:

Claresholm Skatepark Association Meeting

January 25, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Present: Denise Spencer, John Wenlock, Lisa Darch, Alex Tourond, Brandon Levesque, Tony Hamlyn.

1. **Call to order:** at 7:02 pm

2. **Accept Agenda:** Denise Spencer motioned to accept the agenda as presented. Carried.

3. **Review November meeting minutes:** Tony Hamlyn motioned to approve the November 25, 2021 meeting minutes. Carried.

4. **Treasurer Report:** Balance is \$2,428.41 but a cheque is outstanding for \$1,575.00 to Newline. Karolyn needs to finish the year end. With the Lethbridge Community Foundation grant money that is at the town, we would like to have it in a separate account so we can write cheques to contractors. We need to send a letter to the town with the minutes to show that the Association requests this. Lisa will ask Tara how to go about it.

5. Old Business:

- Sticker design - John – design will be down to Karolyn by the end of the month.

- Signage to be done in Spring – talked to Tara, call before you dig has been contacted. It will have some specifics to be put on there (ie: Lethbridge Community Foundation). When the ground thaws we can move forward on it. Karolyn will start working on the sign so we are closer to the finish line when we can go ahead. Trenching for electrical will happen once the park is complete for the lighting and electrical.

- Lethbridge Community grant – we got \$15K from them. Any promoting we do going forward we will include their logo. Lisa will send the logo to Karolyn.

- Letter to the editor ran – we were in the paper twice last month. December.

6. New Business:

- Music Bingo Friday March 11 – Douro's has agreed to coordinate with us.

- Brian Smith and Matt that own Borderline will come down to DJ.
- Hudson's bar is going to send us the formatting to do music bingo.
- 3 different categories – each one takes about a half hour.
- We will do door prizes instead of a silent auction (Borderline, liquor basket, tattoo artist gift certificate, skatepark hoodie etc)
- Prizes for the bingo – shots at the bar, pitcher of beer etc.
- Costs \$100 mileage and \$25 bar tab for them to come down and do it.
- Lisa will talk to Johnny D to see if he can bring down a microphone and a speaker.

- The entry fee will be by donation.
- Hudson's wants their logo on the Bingo cards is all they want.
- Lisa will communicate to the paper.

- Winter Festival Saturday March 12 – because we are doing the Music Bingo the night before we are not going to participate. Lisa will let Brady know.

- Co-Op grant (up to \$150K) available Feb 1 – Lisa will reach out to see if Lisa will help us with it. If not, Lisa will work on it.

Additions:

- In Kind donations – Newline provided a sample letter asking companies for In Kind donations. Lisa will send it to me and I can send on to Lafarge. List of things we are looking for in kind provided from Newline. Provided who is responsible for what and expectations. Accommodation is one of the big parts of the bill. Will contact some of the Air BnB's in town to see if they might donate some of the profit.
- Donation boxes are getting full. Lisa will go and gather them up again. We have made about \$600 so far. It's been a good way to get donations.
- Breaking ground spring 2023 is our goal.

7. Next meeting date: March 1, 2022 will be the AGM at 7:00. Regular meeting to follow.

8. Adjournment: at 7:34 pm.

Karine Keys

From: Oldman Watershed Council <info@oldmanwatershed.ca>
Sent: March 2, 2022 11:18 AM
To: Karine Keys
Subject: Oldman Watershed Council Newsletter | March 3, 2022



The Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils (WPACs) of Alberta work towards the protection of water resources in our province. Collaboratively, we are presenting an online World Water Day event which is centred around the UN World Water Day 2022 theme "Groundwater: Making the Invisible, Visible." Groundwater is often a forgotten source of water. Our three speakers will highlight the value of groundwater and water resources.

We have an excellent panel of speakers lined up to provide perspective from their respective fields on the topic, as well as answer questions.

The virtual event is being held on March 22, 2022 1:00-3:00 pm MST.

For more information and to register (free), visit:

[Register Now](#)



WPAC Report

Did you know that there are 11 WPACs in Alberta, each covering a different area of the province? We have collectively created a compendium that looks at the work of the individual WPACs, as well as the impact from the group as a whole.

Over the last year, Alberta WPACs:

- Raised \$4 million to improve watershed health through place-based education, restoration, and monitoring projects across the province.
- Had over 4,300 organizational and individual members from over 20 sectors.
- Received in-kind support from over 1,000 volunteers.
- Employed over 40 people, contributing to, and diversifying Alberta's economy
- Engaged with over 41,000 followers on social media.

[Read the new compendium here](#)



New Blog

Our newest blog is up! In it, we visit Naapi's Garden:

*"One rare cool and overcast day in July, OWC's Outreach Assistants and Education Program Manager joined Api'soomaahka (William Singer III) and members of Blood Tribe Land Management in planting approximately 700 native shrubs and grasses at Naapi's Garden. These included Misisaimi'soyiis (wolf willow, *Elaeagnus commutata*), Otsipiis (willows, *Salix* species), A'siitsiksimm (balsam poplar, *Populus balsamifera*), Okonoki (saskatoons, *Amelanchier alnifolia*), Pakkii'p (chokecherries, *Prunus virginiana*), Pakksini'simaan (gooseberries, *Ribes oxycanthoides*), and grasses like rough fescue (*Festuca campestris*) and junegrass (*Koeleria macrantha*). Many hands made for light work, and we were done in no time!..."*

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Donor Spotlight

We would like to give a warm thank you to two of our donors:

EcoAction
Helene Wirzba

Thank you for your support!

If you would like to learn more about supporting the OWC, [click here](#).

For more information about the OWC please visit www.oldmanwatershed.ca. To contact us, please email info@oldmanwatershed.ca.

Please do not reply to this email, news@oldmanwatershed.ca is not a monitored account.

Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, February 10, 2022-5:30pm-Zoom



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Board Representatives

Brent Feyter, Fort Macleod
Brad Schlossberger, Claresholm
Sahra Nodge, Pincher Creek
Keith Robinson, Waterton
Rick Lemire, MD Pincher Creek
Kevin Todd, Nanton
Milo Holthe, Glenwood

Resource Staff

Selena McLean-Moore, JEI
Linda Erickson, PrairiesCan
Bev Thornton, AlbertaSW

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| 1 | Call to Order/ | Chair Brent Feyter called the meeting to order. |
| 2 | Approval of Agenda | Moved by Blair Painter THAT the agenda be approved as presented.
Carried. [2022-02-761] |
| 3 | Approval of Minutes | Moved by Rick Lemire THAT the Minutes of January 5, 2022, be approved as presented.
Carried. [2022-02-762] |
| 4 | Acceptance of Meeting Notes | Moved by Brad Schlossberger THAT the Meeting Notes of February 2, 2022 (no quorum) be accepted as information.
Carried. [2022-02-763] |
| 5 | Approval of Cheque Register | Moved by Brad Schlossberger THAT cheques #3014 to #3026 be approved as presented.
Carried. [2022-02-764] |
| 6 | Recognition of International Economic Development Week | EDA/AM/RMA and the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) are jointly promoting Economic Development Week, May 9-13, 2022, to raise awareness and celebrate the importance of the work done by economic developers, councils and community leaders.
Moved by Blair Painter THAT the Board encourage all our AlbertaSW member municipalities to pass a motion of recognition for International Economic Development Week.
Carried. [2022-02-765]
Bev will forward a sample resolution to Board and CAOs to take to Councils. |
| 7 | 75 Cent Report | This report summarizes the first 3 quarters of AlbertaSW Operations (April 1 to December 31). Budget and projects are on track.
Jobs, Economy, and Innovation has offered opportunity to apply for an additional \$25,000 for eligible projects as well as an advance on receiving Operational funds for 2022-2023.
Bev will work with Selena to complete the required reports and applications. |

- 8 Guaranteed Income Certificate RBC Royal Bank suggests that we place some funds in a GIC. Moved by Brad Schlossberger THAT the Board direct Bev to bring back specific information on gains and penalties related to amounts up to \$50,000.
Carried. [2022-02-766]
- 9 Executive Director Report Accepted as information.
- Upcoming events **Southern Alberta Alternative Energy Partnership (SAAEP) Energy Forum**
Date: Thursday, February 24, 2022
Time: 12:00pm Lunch; Agenda 1:00pm-4:00pm
Location: Heritage Inn, Taber
- LAST CALL for Succession Matching Workshops and Business Coaching:**
Prepare to Grow, Expand or Sell your Business
This is sponsored by Community Futures; is FREE to businesses
 > Wednesday, February 16, 2022, 9:00am-11:00am ...OR
 > Tuesday March 8, 2022, 9:00am-11:00am
Program ends March 31, 2022
* Bev will send registration link and details to Board and regional partners.
- EDA Annual Conference and Leadership Summit**
Start: April 06, 2022 - 1:00 PM; End: April 08, 2022 - 12:00 PM
Location: Pomeroy Mountain Lodge, Kananaskis Village
Both on-line and in-person registration available.
<https://www.edaalberta.ca/event-4282770>
- 10 Round table updates Accepted as information.
- 11 Upcoming Meeting > March 2, 2022: location to be determined
 > April 6, 2022: Change date?
This regular meeting date conflicts with EDA Conference.
Bev will check with Board to see if March 30 (5th Wednesday) is possible.
- 12 Adjourn Moved by Kevin Todd THAT the meeting be adjourned.
Carried. [2022-02-766]

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Chair

Secretary/Treasurer



Southern Alberta Alternative Energy Partnership

Opportunity Overview

Who we Are

SAAEP is an initiative of southern Alberta's Economic Development Organizations to promote and support the growth of alternative energy opportunities in the region. We have been active since 2007.

58 Communities

328,000 people

8 MLAs



The Opportunity

There are **154** Wind, Solar, and Storage Projects in the AESO queue totaling **16,048 MW**. (aeso.ca)
As of March 2021, Alberta had a generating capacity of **16,332 MW**. 43% is from Coal, 49% from Natural Gas, and the remaining 8% from renewables. (cer-rec.gc.ca)
5,555 MW of Coal is scheduled to be phased out by 2030.
There is a 5555 MW minimum opportunity for new energy development of all kinds.

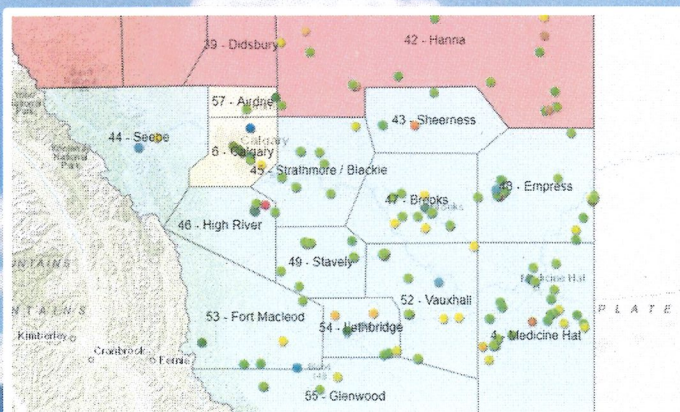
Total Cap Ex on **5,555 MW** in wind and solar is: **\$7.2 billion**

Regional construction Cap Ex @ 10%: **\$720 million**

Linear Tax Assessment if Solar: **\$55.55 million**

Additional impacts: Land lease rates, wages, long-term jobs, repurposed labour, sector growth and innovation, storage development.

Let's Lead the world on ALL forms of Energy.



Proposed Solar and Wind Projects as of August 2021
Source: aeso.ca



Southern Alberta Alternative Energy Partnership



❖ Economic Development Lethbridge ❖ SouthGrow Regional Economic Development
❖ Alberta SouthWest Regional Economic Development ❖ Palliser Economic Partnership

2005: The Boards of three organizations recognized the potential for the expansion and development of renewable resources, attracting investment and exporting knowledge. The Southern Alberta Alternative Energy Partnership was formed with the goal: *'to be a global leader in alternative energy production and manufacturing'*.

SAAEP was awarded \$300,000 from Federal Bio-Fuels Opportunities for Producers Initiative (BOPI); and generated an additional \$100,000 from producers and industry. Thus began nearly 2 decades of focused work, research and investment development.

2007: The Green Growth Plan: an extensive public consultation process gathered feedback from residents and defines roles for industry, local, provincial government, citizens, postsecondary and research partners.

2007: Maps of wind and solar patterns, topography, soil quality, pipeline and transmission line locations.

Industry partners: ECB Enviro North America (Bio-gas demonstration site); BioKing & Kyoto Fuels (Bio-diesel equipment/production)

2008: Bio-Diesel Feasibility Study

2008: Waste-to-Energy Treatment Alternatives

2008: Opportunity Identification for the Bio-Fuel Industry

2009: Strategic Communications Plan

2009: Wind Energy in Southern Alberta

2009: Wind Energy Investment in Southern Alberta

2009: Solar Energy in Southern Alberta

2009: Geothermal Energy in Southern Alberta

Website, media and communications www.saaep.ca

Annual Alternative Energy Forums

2016: SouthGrow Clean Energy Primer for Communities

2017: Solar Friendly Municipalities Toolkit

2017: SAAEP Investor Fact Sheets

2018: Climate Change Central (On Farm Energy Audits)

2019: Regional Economic Impact Report

2019: Peaks to Prairies EV Network

2020: Buffalo Plains Wind Project Assessment

2021: SouthGrow ZEVIP Program



Networks of Networks: The Power of Collaboration

Regional Innovation Network of Southern Alberta (RINSA)

Alberta Innovates
Economic Development Lethbridge
Teconnect
University of Lethbridge
Lethbridge College
Chamber of Commerce
Piikani First Nation
Blood Tribe
National Research Council
SouthGrow
Alberta SouthWest

Southern Alberta Investment and Trade Initiative (SAITI)



Provincial, National and International Affiliations



Canadian Renewable Energy Association

Association canadienne de l'énergie renouvelable