



**TOWN OF CLARESHOLM
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 9, 2022
AGENDA**

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Place: Council Chambers

Town of Claresholm Multi-Use Community Building, 111 – 55 Avenue West
Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe3OPyLhTzPajvPVAtNLIKA/live>

NOTICE OF RECORDING

CALL TO ORDER

AGENDA: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 25, 2022

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **BYLAW #1738 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment**
RE: 1st Reading
2. **BYLAW #1739 – 2022 Property Tax Rate Bylaw**
RE: 2nd & 3rd Readings
3. **CORRES: Mayor Andrew Prokop, Town of Taber**
RE: Increasing Utility Fees
4. **CORRES: Town of Taber**
RE: Registrations Open for Alberta-Japan Twinned Municipalities Conference
5. **CORRES: Alberta Seniors and Housing**
RE: Seniors' Week 2022
6. **CORRES: National Police Federation**
RE: Keep Alberta RCMP Community Engagement Final Report
7. **REQUEST FOR DECISION: Letter of Support – Claresholm Golf Club**
8. **REQUEST FOR DECISION: 2022 Fair Days Road Closures**
9. **REQUEST FOR DIRECTION: 2022 Parade Attendance**
10. **REQUEST FOR DIRECTION: Shared Services – Economic Development**
11. **FINANCIAL REPORT: Statement of Operations March 31, 2022**
12. **INFORMATION BRIEF: Strategic Plan Report**
13. **INFORMATION BRIEF: Council Committee Reports**
14. **INFORMATION BRIEF: Council Resolution Status**
15. **ADOPTION OF INFORMATION ITEMS**
16. **IN CAMERA:**
 - a. **Personnel – FOIP Section 17**
 - b. **LAND – FOIP Section 16**

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2022
2. Reaching Home Rural & Remote Regional Advisory Board in Alberta – seeking representatives
3. Age-Friendly Alberta Newsletter – April 2022
4. Southgrow Regional Economic Development Monthly Report – May 2022
5. Claresholm & District Transportation Society Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2022
6. Alberta SouthWest Bulletin – May 2022
7. Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance Board Meeting Minutes – March 30, 2022

ADJOURNMENT



Claresholm

TOWN OF CLARESHOLM
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 25, 2022

Place: Council Chambers
Town of Claresholm Multi-Use Community Building, 111 – 55 Avenue West
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COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Chelsae Petrovic, Councillors: Kieth Carlson, Mike Cutler, Rod Kettles, Kandice Meister and Brad Schlossberger

ABSENT: Councillor Craig Zimmer

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 – APRIL 11, 2022**

Moved by Councillor Cutler that the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2022 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS:

1. BYLAW #1739 – 2022 Property Tax Rate Bylaw
RE: 1st Reading

Moved by Councillor Kettles to give Bylaw #1739, the 2022 Property Tax Rate Bylaw, 1st Reading.

CARRIED

2. CORRES: Hon. Ron Orr, Minister of Culture
RE: Heritage Preservation Partnership Program Grant

Received for information.

3. CORRES: Utilities Consumer Advocate
RE: Correspondence from Claresholm Council re: Utility Rates

Received for information.

4. CORRES: Alberta Recreation and Parks Association
RE: 2022 Communities in Bloom Participation

Received for information.

5. PRESS RELEASE: Southern Alberta Recreation Association
RE: 2022 Southern Alberta Regional Events

Received for information.

6. CORRES: Sparta House
RE: Sparta Stomp in effort to end Mental Health Stigma

Received for information.

7. REQUEST FOR DECISION: Community Futures Business Loan Program

MOTION #22-061 Moved by Councillor Schlossberger to accept the Business Improvement Loans Program offered by Community Futures Alberta Southwest, and that the loan interest be repaid at 50% by the Claresholm & District Chamber of Commerce and 50% by the Town of Claresholm Economic Development Committee.

CARRIED

8. REQUEST FOR DECISION: 2022 Community Events

MOTION #22-062 Moved by Councillor Cutler to approve the road closures for events in Claresholm as presented in the Request for Decision: 2022 Town of Claresholm Events dated April 25, 2022.

CARRIED

9. REQUEST FOR DECISION: Greater Metro Hockey League Expansion

MOTION #22-063 Moved by Councillor Kettles to support the Greater Metro Hockey League expansion in Claresholm for the 2022-23 season, with practices starting September 15, 2022.

CARRIED

MOTION #22-064 Moved by Councillor Cutler to set ice fees for the Greater Metro Hockey League at \$129.50 per hour for prime ice and \$70.90 per hour for practice ice plus GST at the Claresholm Arena for the 2022-23 season.

CARRIED

10. REQUEST FOR DECISION: East Side Dog Park Name

MOTION #22-065 Moved by Councillor Meister to accept the following name proposals to be voted on for the East Side Dog Park name:

Bark Park
The Barking Lot
K-9 Corner
Windy Meadows Dog Park
Happy Tails Dog Park

CARRIED

11. REQUEST FOR DECISION: 2022 Final Budget

MOTION #22-066 Moved by Councillor Kettles to approve the Final 2022 Budget as presented.

CARRIED

MOTION #22-067 Moved by Councillor Carlson to direct administration to prepare information on the water rates to be discussed at the Audit & Finance Committee level at an upcoming meeting.

CARRIED

12. INFORMATION BRIEF: CAO Report

Received for information.

13. INFORMATION BRIEF: Council Committee Reports

Received for information.

14. INFORMATION BRIEF: Council Resolution Status

Received for information.

15. ADOPTION OF INFORMATION ITEMS

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

CARRIED

16. IN CAMERA:

- a. Intergovernmental Relations – FOIP Section 21
- b. Personnel – FOIP Section 17

Moved by Councillor Carlson to go In Camera at 8:10 p.m. for the following items:

- a. Intergovernmental Relations – FOIP Section 21
- b. Personnel – FOIP Section 17

CARRIED

NOTICE OF RECORDING CEASED: Mayor Petrovic stated that the live stream has ended at 8:10 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Meister to come out of In Camera at 8:27 p.m.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF RECORDING: Mayor Petrovic provided notice that live streaming and recording of the Council meeting would begin again at 8:27 p.m.

b. Personnel – FOIP Section 17

MOTION #22-068 Moved by Councillor Cutler to approve the hiring of Paige VanDellen, who is an immediate family member of current staff, for a summer staff position, and that the hiring be in accordance with Policy 1.0.01 - Hiring Policy.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Councillor Carlson that the meeting adjourn at 8:28 p.m.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF RECORDING CEASED: Mayor Petrovic noted that recording ceased at 8:28 p.m.

Mayor – Chelsae Petrovic

Chief Administrative Officer – Abe Tinney

ACTION ITEMS



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: May 9, 2022
Agenda Item: 1

BYLAW No. 1738 - LAND USE BYLAW No.1525 AMENDMENT

The Town of Claresholm has been working on an alley closure adjacent to the Claresholm Hospital. As part of that process the area will require zoning to P (public – once consolidated with the adjacent property, shown on map right). The road closure bylaw is currently in process and in anticipation of completion, the zoning bylaw can be given first reading in preparation for the public hearing prior to 2nd and 3rd readings.

In accordance with the Municipal Government Act (MGA) Section 692, the land use bylaw amendment requires a public hearing and advertisement prior to giving second reading and notice given in accordance with MGA Section 606. The notice of public hearing must be published at least once a week for 2 consecutive weeks in at least one newspaper or other publication circulating in the area to which the proposed bylaw, or in which the meeting or hearing is to be held. The notice of public hearing must be advertised at least 5 days before the public hearing occurs with information as to the general purpose of the public hearing, address of where a copy of the bylaw can be inspected, outlining procedure for anyone wishing to petition, date, time and place where the public hearing is to be held.



The purpose of first reading is to get the land use amendment bylaw “on the books” so to speak, in anticipation of the public hearing upon the road closure bylaw being complete. This will expedite the process when the road closure bylaw is received from the Minister’s office.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Moved by Councillor _____ to give first reading to Bylaw No. 1738, a bylaw to amend Land Use Bylaw No.1525.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1.) Draft Bylaw No. 1738

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION:

- 1.) LUB No.1525 & MDP No.1644
- 2.) Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, Chapter M-26, Section 606 – Requirements for Advertising.
- 3.) 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: May 5, 2022



**TOWN OF CLARESHOLM
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
BYLAW # 1738**

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;

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; and

WHEREAS the purpose of the amendment is to accommodate the change of use for closed roads from “No zoning” to “Public – P”.

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

CLOSED ROADWAY, THAT PORTION ALL OF LANE SHOWN ON PLAN 6129 JK, CONTAINING 0.112 HECTARES, MORE OF LESS BE AMENDED BY CHANGING FROM NO DESIGNATION TO “PUBLIC – P”.

2. This Bylaw shall take effect on the date of final passage.
3. That Bylaw #1738 be consolidated with Bylaw #1525.
4. Bylaw #1525 is hereby amended.

Read a first time in Council this day of 2022 A.D.

Read a second time in Council this day of 2022 A.D.

Read a third time in Council and finally passed in Council this day of 2022 A.D.

Chelsae Petrovic, Mayor

Abe Tinney, Chief Administrative Officer



Claresholm

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: May 9, 2022
Agenda Item: 2

Bylaw #1739 – 2022 Property Tax Rate Bylaw

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:

Property Tax

This Bylaw received first reading at the last Council meeting on April 25th, and is now being presented for 2nd and 3rd reading. When the Bylaw was presented for first reading, the MD's tax rate bylaw had not been passed yet. Their bylaw has been passed now, and the rates passed in their bylaw were a fair bit different than estimated/prior year. As such there are a number of changes in the rates being presented for 2nd and 3rd reading.

The MD's tax rate bylaw had a significant decrease in their Porcupine Hills Lodge requisition rate as well as a fairly significant decrease in their non-residential education requisition rate. This is due to the MD having approximately 12.5% growth in assessment value. With this significant growth tax rates can decrease while still increasing tax revenue.

Because a portion of our tax revenue is generated from annexed properties under agreement, to be taxed at MD rates, when these rates for annexed properties shift, our rates for all other properties have to shift in the opposite direction to make up that difference. So essentially all rates have changed, though for the most part not significantly. There was no change in the net tax revenue or net requisitions.

With the MD's drop in Porcupine Hills Lodge rates and Education Tax rates (especially non-res), we had corresponding increases in those rates. The MD had slight increases in MD municipal rates, corresponding to decreases in our municipal rates.

Changes in Claresholm rates are as follows (MD rates for annexed lands aren't listed here):

- Municipal Residential, Vacant Residential, and Farmland decreased from 0.0069788 to 0.0069784
- Municipal Non-Res and Linear decreased from 0.0117164 to 0.0117152
- ASFF (Education) for Residential, Vacant Residential and Farmland increased from 0.0025638 to 0.0025640
- ASFF (Education) for Non-Res and Industrial increased from 0.0041678 to 0.0041994
- Porcupine Hills Lodge (PHL) increased from 0.0002598 to 0.0002623

Overall combined Town rates increased as follows:

- Residential, Vacant Residential, and Farmland from 0.0098024 to 0.0098047 – an increase of 0.0000023 or 0.024%
- Non-residential from 0.0161440 to 0.0161769 – an increase of 0.0000329 or 0.204%

These changes are not significant, but we did expect adjustment to move in that direction.

RECOMMENDATION:

A motion has to be passed to adjust the rates prior to 2nd and 3rd readings. Because the MD rates are passed by the MD, and the annexed properties are taxed at this rate by agreement rather than bylaw, the proposed motion does not include changes to those rates – those changes are administrative “corrections”. All other changes in the bylaw flow from the change to these rates and don’t need to be explicitly noted in the motion.

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Councillor _____ that Bylaw #1739, be amended prior to 2nd reading to amend tax rates as follows:

- General Municipal Residential and Vacant Residential and Farmland (VR & F) to 0.0069784
- General Municipal Non-Residential and Linear and Designated Industrial Properties (DIP) to 0.0117152
- ASFF Residential and Vacant Residential and Farmland (VR & F) to 0.0025640
- ASFF Non-Residential and Linear and Designated Industrial Properties (DIP) to 0.0041994
- Porcupine Hills Lodge (PHL) rate to 0.0002623

Moved by Councillor _____ that Bylaw #1739, a bylaw to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessable property within the Town of Claresholm for the 2022 taxation year receive 2nd Reading.

Moved by Councillor _____ that Bylaw #1739, a bylaw to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessable property within the Town of Claresholm for the 2022 taxation year receive 3rd and Final Reading.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1.) Draft Bylaw #1739 – 2021 Property Tax Rate Bylaw

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION:

- 1.) Municipal Government Act

PREPARED BY: Blair Bullock, CPA, CA – Director of Corporate Services

APPROVED BY: Abe Tinney - CAO

DATE: May 5, 2022



Claresholm

TOWN OF CLARESHOLM PROVINCE OF ALBERTA BYLAW #1739

A bylaw to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessable property within the Town of Claresholm for the 2022 taxation year.

WHEREAS, the Town of Claresholm has prepared and adopted detailed estimates of the municipal revenues and expenditures as required, at the Council meeting held on April 26, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the estimated municipal expenditures and transfers set out in the budget for the Town of Claresholm for 2022 total \$10,416,418; and

WHEREAS, the estimated municipal revenues and transfers from all sources other than taxation is estimated at \$6,759,624 and the balance of \$3,656,794 is to be raised by general municipal taxation; and

WHEREAS, the requisitions are:

Alberta School Foundation Fund (ASFF)

Residential & Farmland	\$943,259
Non-Residential	\$394,878

Porcupine Hills Lodge Foundation (PHL)

Residential & Non-Residential	\$120,788
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Designated Industrial Property Requisition(DIP)

Designated Industrial Properties	\$635
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WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Claresholm is required each year to levy on the assessed value of all property, tax rates sufficient to meet the estimated expenditures and the requisitions; and

WHEREAS, the Council is authorized to classify assessed property, and to establish different rates of taxation in respect to each class of property, subject to the *Municipal Government Act*, Chapter M26, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the assessed value of all property in the Town of Claresholm as shown on the assessment roll is:

Residential	\$362,773,750
Vacant Residential & Farmland (VR&F)	\$3,523,000
Non –Residential	\$79,375,130
Linear & Designated Industrial (DI) Property	\$7,922,780
Machinery & Equipment (M&E)	\$1,009,550
Machinery & Equipment (M&E) – Designated Industrial (DI)	\$64,240
Annexed Residential	\$1,515,360
Annexed Farmland	\$87,900
Annexed Non –Residential	\$10,130,870
Annexed Linear & Designated Industrial (DI) Property	\$204,020
Annexed Machinery & Equipment (M&E) – Designated Industrial (DI)	\$98,590
Total	\$466,705,190

NOW THEREFORE under the authority of the *Municipal Government Act*, the Council of the Town of Claresholm, in the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. That the Chief Administrative Officer is hereby authorized to levy the following rates of taxation on the assessed value of all property as shown on the assessment roll of the Town of Claresholm:

	Tax Levy	Assessment	Tax Rate
General Municipal			
Residential	\$2,531,725 <u>\$2,531,579</u>	\$362,773,750	0.0069788 <u>0.0069784</u>
VR&F	\$24,586 <u>\$24,584</u>	\$3,523,000	0.0069788 <u>0.0069784</u>
Non-Residential	\$929,991 <u>\$929,895</u>	\$79,375,130	0.0117164 <u>0.0117152</u>
Non-Residential – Provincial Grants in Lieu 50% reduction	(\$12,425) <u>(\$12,424)</u>		
Linear & DI Property	\$92,827 <u>\$92,816</u>	\$7,922,780	0.0117164 <u>0.0117152</u>
M&E	\$0	\$1,009,550	0.0000000
M&E – DI	\$0	\$64,240	0.0000000
Annexed Residential	\$5,914 <u>\$5,842</u>	\$1,515,360	0.0039030 <u>0.0038550</u>
Annexed Farmland	\$669 <u>\$717</u>	\$87,900	0.0076110 <u>0.0081610</u>
Annexed Non –Residential	\$81,858 <u>\$82,131</u>	\$10,130,870	0.0080800 <u>0.0081070</u>
Annexed Linear & DI Property	\$1,648 <u>\$1,654</u>	\$204,020	0.0080800 <u>0.0081070</u>
Annexed M&E – DI	\$0	\$98,590	0.0000000
	\$3,656,794	\$466,705,190	
ASFF	Tax Levy	Assessment	Tax Rate
Residential & VR & F	\$939,115 <u>\$939,179</u>	\$366,296,750	0.0025638 <u>0.0025640</u>
Non-Residential	\$355,002 <u>\$357,693</u>	\$85,176,910	0.0041678 <u>0.0041994</u>
Annexed - Residential & VR & F	\$4,137 <u>\$4,080</u>	\$1,603,260	0.0025800 <u>0.0025460</u>
Annexed - Non-Residential	\$39,883 <u>\$37,185</u>	\$10,334,890	0.0038590 <u>0.0035980</u>
	\$1,338,137	\$463,411,810	
PHL	Tax Levy	Assessment	Tax Rate
Residential, Non-Residential VR & F	\$117,281 <u>\$118,403</u>	\$451,473,660	0.0002598 <u>0.0002623</u>
Annexed - Residential, Non-Residential VR & F	\$3,507 <u>\$2,385</u>	\$11,938,150	0.0002940 <u>0.0002000</u>
	\$120,788	\$463,411,810	
Designated Industrial (DI) Property Requisition	Tax Levy	Assessment	Tax Rate
Linear & DI including M&E	\$635	8,289,630	0.0000766

Note: Annexed properties are taxed at MD of Willow Creek tax rates as per Order In Council 004/2017 (until 2042) and 383/2020 (until 2030).

PROPERTY TAX RATES BY CLASSIFICATION

	RES & VR&F	NON-RES	DESIGNATED INDUSTRIAL
EDUCATION - ASFF	0.0025638 <u>0.0025640</u>	0.0041678 <u>0.0041994</u>	0.0041678 <u>0.0041994</u>
PORCUPINE HILLS LODGE REQ	0.0002598 <u>0.0002623</u>	0.0002598 <u>0.0002623</u>	0.0002598 <u>0.0002623</u>
DI PROPERTY REQUISITION			0.0000766
MUNICIPAL	0.0069788 <u>0.0069784</u>	0.0117164 <u>0.0117152</u>	0.0117164 <u>0.0117152</u>

TOTAL PROPERTY TAX RATE	0.0098024	0.0161440	0.0162206
	<u>0.0098047</u>	<u>0.0161769</u>	<u>0.0162535</u>

PROPERTY TAX RATES BY CLASSIFICATION – ANNEXED LANDS

	RESIDENTIAL	NON-RESIDENTIAL	VACANT RESIDENTIAL & FARMLAND	DESIGNATED INDUSTRIAL
EDUCATION - ASFF	<u>0.0025800</u> <u>0.0025460</u>	<u>0.0038590</u> <u>0.0035980</u>	<u>0.0025800</u> <u>0.0025460</u>	<u>0.0038590</u> <u>0.0035980</u>
PORCUPINE HILLS LODGE REQUISITION	<u>0.0002940</u> <u>0.0002000</u>	<u>0.0002940</u> <u>0.0002000</u>	<u>0.0002940</u> <u>0.0002000</u>	<u>0.0002940</u> <u>0.0002000</u>
DI PROPERTY REQUISITION				0.0000766
MUNICIPAL	<u>0.0039030</u> <u>0.0038550</u>	<u>0.0080800</u> <u>0.0081070</u>	<u>0.0076110</u> <u>0.0081610</u>	<u>0.0080800</u> <u>0.0081070</u>
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX RATE	0.0067770 <u>0.0066010</u>	0.0122330 <u>0.0119050</u>	0.0104850 <u>0.0109070</u>	0.0123096 <u>0.0119816</u>

2. That this bylaw shall take effect on the date of third and final reading.

READ a first time in Council this day of 2022 A.D.

READ a second time in Council this day of 2022 A.D.

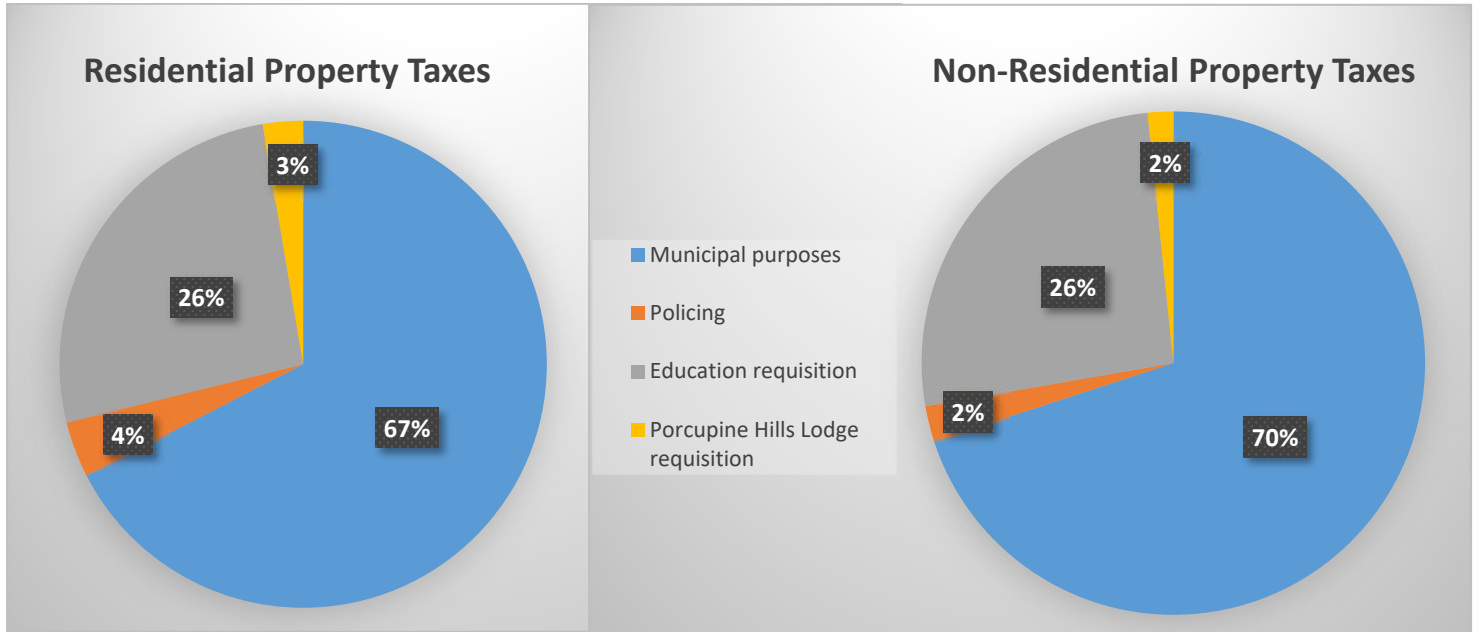
READ a third time in Council and finally passed this day of 2022 A.D.

Chelsae Petrovic
Mayor

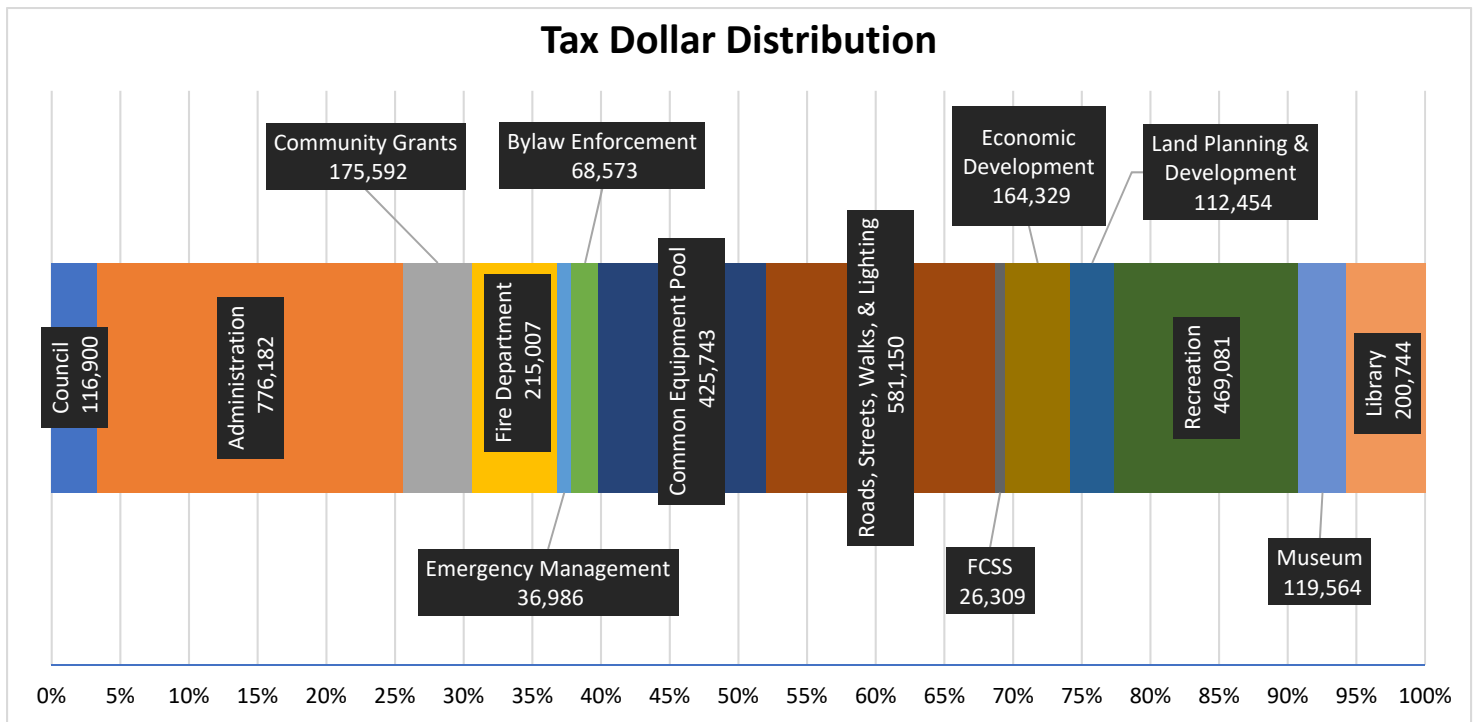
Abe Tinney
Chief Administrative Officer

Where do your property tax dollars go?

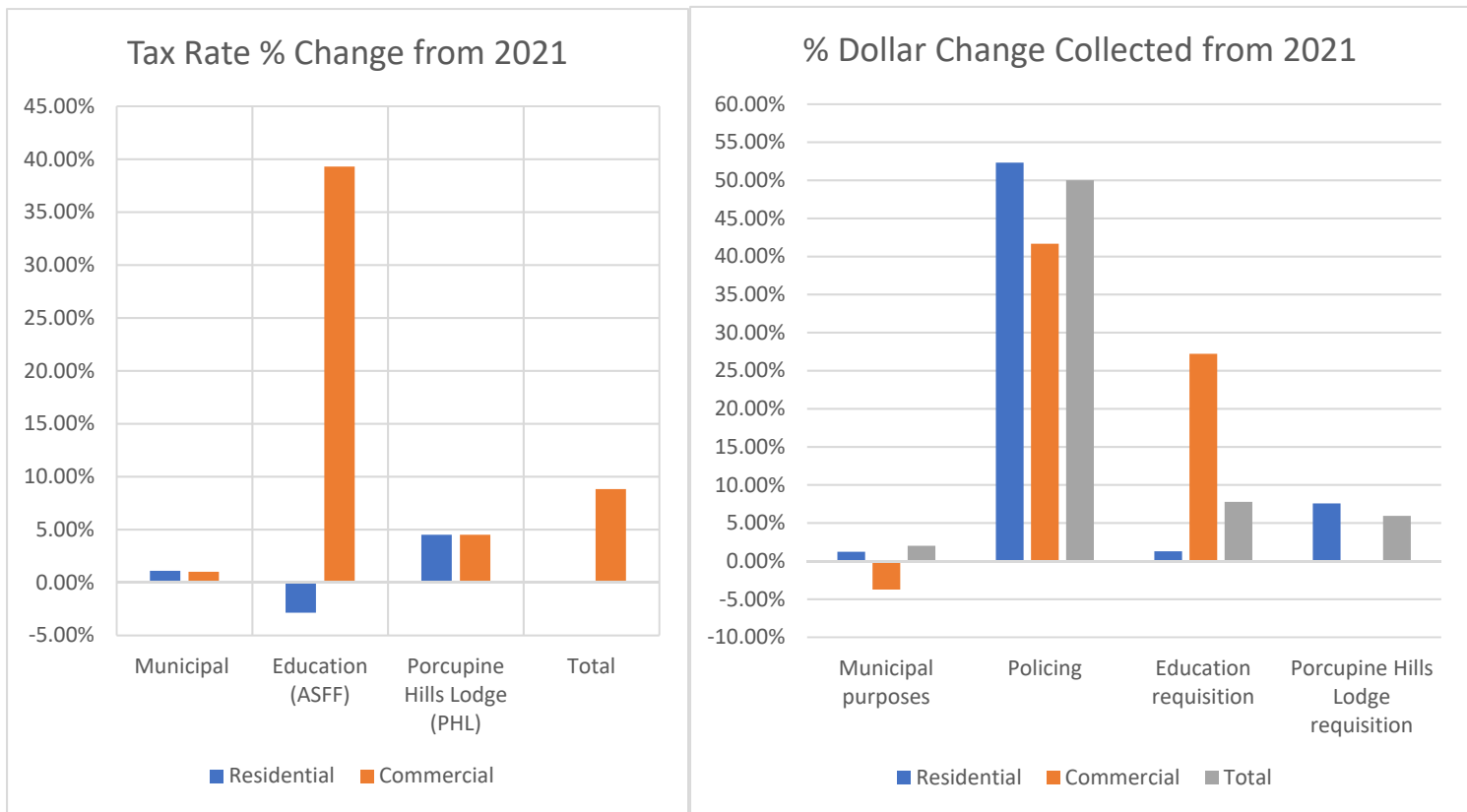
Where do your property tax dollars go? As can be seen on the charts below, only approximately $\frac{2}{3}$ of your property taxes (67% residential and 70% non-residential or commercial), are for municipal purposes. The other $\frac{1}{3}$ goes to the province, or other requisitions, for education, policing and Porcupine Hills Lodge.



Of that 67% for residential and 70% for non-residential **none** of that money goes to utilities. Utility services are self-funded with utility fees paying for utility services and infrastructure. The municipal portion of the taxes are allocated as follows (Totals \$3,488,615):



Residential properties will see very little difference in their tax rate this year from last, the total hardly registering on the chart (left) at 0.12%. Commercial, on the other hand, is seeing a significant increase of 8.83% over last year, almost exclusively due to increase in Education Tax requisition (ASFF) with a 39.29% increase. This is due to a 27% increase in education requisition dollar amount (see chart on right) compounded by changes in equalized assessment.



By far the largest dollar increase we experienced, by percentage, was policing at a total 50% increase, followed by a 7.8% increase in Education Tax (almost exclusively non-residential only) and 5.9% increase in Porcupine Hills Lodge requisition. Council and Administration worked hard to keep Municipal purposes funds increases to a minimum at only 2% despite significant economic pressures from inflation, reduced Provincial funding, and increasing legislation and program pressures from higher levels of government.

Tax rate change percentages (left) do not correlate directly to dollar change percentages (right) due to changes in assessment value and growth. The Town experienced approximately 4.3% residential assessment growth, but a 3.2% decline in non-residential growth.

Policing also doesn't appear on the tax rate chart (left) as there isn't a separate tax rate for policing, its included in the municipal rate.



If you have any questions or want to discuss tax rates, don't hesitate to call the Town Office (403-625-3381 or info@claresholm.ca) and talk with the CAO, Abe Tinney, or the Director of Corporate Services, Blair Bullock. You can also discuss with your elected officials – Mayor and Council.



April 20, 2022

File: 100-G03

Alberta Utilities Commission
106 Street Building
10th Floor, 10055 106 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 2Y2

Dear Utilities Commission,

RE: Increasing Utility Fees

Please accept this correspondence as a letter of support in addition to the correspondence you have already received from the Town of Fox Creek, dated March 23, 2022.

The Town of Taber joins in the increasing concern across the province regarding the rising utility fees for both natural gas and electricity. This concern is being felt throughout public and private spheres, and we are urging the Commission to take serious note of the concerns herein.

Over the past two years, residents of both Taber and the province have felt the ever-increasing strain of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic coupled with increasing job insecurity and the rapid inflation of food, fuel, and housing costs. The rising costs of utilities have placed an additional strain on residents' already thin bottom lines.

It is important to note that the rising costs are not just impacting residents, but non-profits, small businesses, and commercial industries. Many of the aforementioned are in jeopardy of closing or forced to stop their services to our communities due to the increasing costs of utilities.

We as representatives of our community also note that it is wholly unacceptable that the rising costs of utilities have led to increased private profits as has been noted in the media lately. In our estimation, increased private profits seems to be a step too far given the undue hardship the public has faced these past two years and will likely continue to face unless the Commission takes swift action. As members of Council and representatives for our community's citizens, we believe now is not the time to be taking more money from the pockets of Albertans. Now is the time to be supporting Albertans when and where they need it most.

Alongside the Town of Fox Creek, the Town of Taber is urging the Commission to perform a review of the fees being charged on top of the actual usage fees all the while giving strict attention to the amount of profit corporations are making off of our residents and Albertans.

Your time and consideration for our residents, businesses, and non-profits is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mayor Andrew Prokop

Cc: Town of Taber Council
Mr. Grant Hunter, MLA
Alberta Municipalities
Town of Fox Creek

Karine Keys

From: Brennan, Meghan <Meghan.Brennan@taber.ca>
Sent: April 25, 2022 9:23 AM
To: Brennan, Meghan
Subject: Registrations Open for the Alberta-Japan Twinned Municipalities Conference
Attachments: 2022 AJTMA Conference Brochure.pdf; 2022 AJTMA Registration Form- Fillable.pdf

Good morning,

The Town of Taber is proud to be hosting the annual Alberta-Japan Twinned Municipalities Association Conference and Annual General Meeting on June 3rd and 4th, and we are opening the registrations to all municipalities who may be interested in attending.

This is an excellent opportunity for any municipality who currently has a twinning relationship with Japan or is considering one, as you will be able to network with municipalities who have the same. It is also an opportunity to discover the history of Japanese Canadians in Southern Alberta up to the modern day. The full conference details are attached, as well as the registration form.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to conference@taber.ca and our staff will be happy to assist. We hope you can join us in Taber in June and look forward to welcoming you!

Thank you,



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HOW TO REGISTER //

The Town of Taber can't wait to welcome you to sunny Southern Alberta! Please fill out the Conference Registration Form so we can be sure we save your place.

Registration deadline is May 6, 2022.

Registration fee includes one Friday evening reception ticket, and the entire Saturday schedule including breakfast, lunch & refreshment breaks.

HOTEL BOOKINGS //

Heritage Inn Taber
403-223-4424

Check in: 4:00 PM on
Friday, June 3rd

Check out: 11:00 AM on
Sunday, June 5th

Rate: \$76/night plus tax

Please mention the A/JTMA Conference to book.

// FRIDAY

JUNE 3, 2022

MEET & GREET RECEPTION

7:00 - 9:00 PM
HERITAGE CONFERENCE ROOM

Meet your fellow conference members at our welcome reception, where we are showcasing the best of Japan and Southern Alberta together!

Enjoy appetizers marrying Southern Alberta meat and produce with a Japanese flair while sampling sakes and green teas. The Town of Taber is honoured to welcome Sake Gami Corp and Matsu Kaze Tea for the tastings. A cash bar will also be available for guests.

Attendees will also get to experience a traditional sake barrel ceremony!



// SATURDAY

JUNE 4, 2022

AGENDA:

Rise & Shine:

- 7:00 AM: Breakfast
- 8:00 AM: Parade of Flags & Opening Remarks
- 8:15 AM: National Anthems of Canada and Japan

A/JTMA Conference

- 8:20 AM - 12:00 PM: We are honoured to welcome a number of speakers interspersed with entertainment to keep things lively! Speakers include the Consul General of Japan in Calgary, David Tanaka (Experiences of Japanese Canadians in Southern Alberta), Michelle Day (Nikka Yuko Japanese Garden) and Doug Emek (Taber-Notogawa Friendship Society)

Afternoon & AGM

- 12:00 PM: Lunch
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM: Society Reports
- 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM: A/JTMA Annual General Meeting and Passing of Gavel

Conference Concludes

2022 AJTMA CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

ALBERTA/JAPAN TWINNED MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

June 3rd & 4th, 2022

TABER, AB

HERITAGE INN CONVENTION CENTRE

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 6, 2022 at 4:30 PM

REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES FRIDAY EVENING RECEPTION, SATURDAY CONFERENCE & ENTERTAINMENT, BREAKFAST & LUNCH, AS WELL AS ALL REFRESHMENT BREAKS

NAME: _____ ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY / TOWN: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____ PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Will you have guests from your twinned municipality attending this conference? YES _____ NO _____

If so, please indicate: NAME OF TWINNED MUNICIPALITY: _____

How many are attending from the twinned municipality? ** _____ **

Do you or any guests have any special dietary requirements? _____

***For nametags, we would appreciate you sending the names of each attendee to conference@taber.ca*

FEES:

Full conference registration (per person): **\$120.00**

Extra Friday Meet & Greet Reception Tickets: **\$20** x _____

TOTAL: _____

HOTEL BOOKINGS:

We have secured 50 rooms at the Heritage Inn in Taber for guests of the conference at the nightly rate of \$76.00. Rate is valid for the arrival date of June 3rd and check out date of June 5th. Please call the hotel directly at 403-223-4424 to book, and mention the Alberta-Japan Twinned Municipalities Conference. Rooms booking cutoff date is May 12th, 2021.

Please make cheques payable to the Town of Taber and mail to A 4900 50th Street, Taber, AB, T1G 1T1

If you require an invoice for your records, please email us at conference@taber.ca and we will be happy to accommodate that request.

Karine Keys

From: Seniors and Housing Information <Seniorsinformation@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: April 27, 2022 11:21 AM
Cc: Seniors and Housing Information
Subject: Declare Seniors' Week – June 6-12, 2022
Attachments: Seniors Week 2022 - Community Declaration.pdf

For more than 30 years, the Government of Alberta has celebrated the first week in June to honour and recognize seniors for their many contributions to our province. Seniors' Week 2022 is June 6 to 12 and will be kicked-off with a provincial launch event co-hosted by the Town of Taber on June 6. Seniors and Housing encourages communities, organizations, and all Albertans to take the opportunity to recognize and celebrate seniors throughout Seniors' Week.

The Honourable Josephine Pon, Minister of Seniors and Housing, encourages all municipalities, First Nations communities and Metis Settlements to officially declare Seniors' Week. Attached is a Community Declaration to show your community's support and to generate greater awareness of the importance of seniors in Alberta. Please notify the province of your declaration by June 2, 2022, so this information can be highlighted on the Seniors and Housing website. To register your declaration, please email seniorsinformation@gov.ab.ca.

Classification: Public



DECLARATION

In honour of the past, present and future contributions of the seniors of this community and throughout Alberta, I hereby declare June 6 – 12, 2022 to be Seniors' Week in

Community

Official Title

Official Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Josephine Pon', written over a horizontal line.

The Honourable Josephine Pon, Minister of Seniors and Housing

Karine Keys

From: Colin Buschman <cbuschman@npf-fpn.com>
Sent: April 27, 2022 10:00 AM
To: Chelsae Petrovic
Cc: Karine Keys
Subject: KeepAlbertaRCMP Community Engagement Final Report
Attachments: Your Police, Your Future - Listening to Albertans.pdf

This email was sent on behalf of National Police Federation President, Brian Sauvé

Dear Mayor Petrovic and Town of Claresholm Council,

Recently, the National Police Federation (NPF) completed our KeepAlbertaRCMP Community Engagement Tour. We promised Albertans we would report back to the Government of Alberta what we heard. Today, NPF today released its final report [Your Police, Your Future – Listening to Albertans](#).

In it, we outline the reason for broad engagement, who we spoke with, and the places we visited. Most importantly the report details what Albertans from across the province told us in response to the Government of Alberta’s proposal to replace the RCMP with a new provincial police service.

Across 38 municipalities, five virtual sessions and over 1000 participants including the public, Mayors, Reeves, Councillors, Members of the Legislative Assembly, and Members of Parliament, here are the key themes we heard:

- The majority of Albertans told us loud and clear that they do not want an expensive police transition to replace the RCMP with a new provincial police service.
- The Government of Alberta should make priority investments aimed at improving the justice system, strengthening social services, and increasing police resources.
- Participants felt they had not been consulted by the Government and that targeted investments would bring better and more immediate results to addressing crime in their communities.

If you have any questions or if you would like to further discuss the report, please contact Colin Buschman, Western Government Relations Advisor, at cbuschman@npf-fpn.com.

Sincerely,

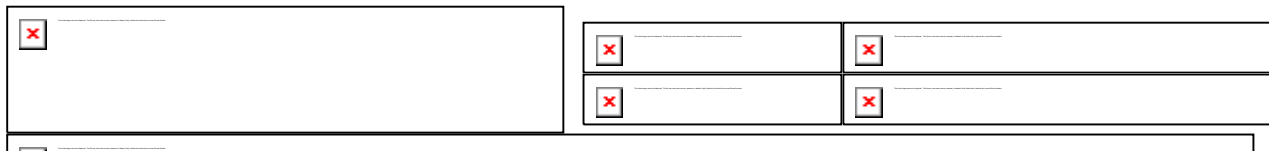
Colin Buschman

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Your Police – Your Future: Listening to Albertans



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

What we heard

Through the NPF's community engagement sessions and online surveys with Albertans we heard loud and clear that the majority do not want a new police service, and instead want to redirect that funding to prioritize improving the justice system, strengthening social services, and increasing police resources. Participants felt that these targeted investments would bring better and more immediate results to address crime within communities.

Background

In 2020, the Fair Deal Panel (FDP) recommended that the Government of Alberta consider transitioning away from the RCMP to an Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS). The Panel's own survey showed that most Albertans do not support this idea, ranking it second last in terms of priorities for Alberta. Following the FDP recommendations, the Government hired PricewaterhouseCooper (PwC) in October 2020 to conduct a \$2 million report which was completed in spring 2021 and released publicly in November 2021, titled [APPS Transition Study](#).

Since December 2020, the National Police Federation (NPF) has conducted three rounds of public opinion research through Pollara Strategic Insights which have consistently shown that only less than nine per cent of Albertans support such a transition. This research has shown that

Albertans do not want to pay for increased costs and instead want additional resources to be invested into the Alberta RCMP to continue to reduce and mitigate rural crime and more funding within the Alberta justice system to tackle the issue of repeat offenders.

Our community engagement

The NPF has been actively meeting with Albertans, stakeholders, and elected officials over the past year, all of whom have shared these same sentiments. Following the release of the APPS Transition Study, the Government continued to assert that the majority of Albertans supported such a plan: which is the exact opposite of Pollara's findings and what the NPF has heard. In response to this, the NPF undertook a community engagement tour of Alberta municipalities to both inform and hear from municipalities and residents on policing.

The KeepAlbertaRCMP Community Engagement Tour held meetings in [38 municipalities](#) from Pincher Creek to Fort McMurray with five additional [virtual sessions](#), and other meetings with stakeholders and organizations as requested by them. From the Community Engagement Tour, the NPF developed this report sharing what we heard from communities across the province and the questions they still want answered by the Government.



WHO WE HEARD FROM



The KeepAlbertaRCMP Community Engagement Tour held public sessions throughout the province which were open to everyone. Significant social media ads, print and digital ads, and local radio commercials ensured that as many people as possible knew we were coming to their community and how to join. The NPF also held additional presentations with community groups, on request, such as Rotary Club and Rural Crime Watch, as well as presented to numerous First Nations Chiefs and First Nations members.

In addition to the public, Mayors, Reeves, Councillors, Members of the Legislative Assembly, and Members of Parliament attended these engagement sessions, as well as various other municipal officials and municipal employees. Many community organizations also attended our engagement sessions including Rural Crime Watch chapters, Citizens on Patrol chapters, and others who work to make the Alberta justice system safer and fairer for all.

WHAT WE HEARD

Survey respondents and engagement session participants shared a great deal about both the positive aspects of the current policing structure and the challenges they have experienced with policing in their community. Participant views, challenges, and their need for more information on the proposed police model are outlined in more detail in the following sections.



The image above captures the most used words in open-ended responses across all surveys. The size of the word corresponds with the relative frequency each word was used. “RCMP”, “money” and “resources” were the most frequently used words, followed by “financial pain”, “judicial system”, “great jobs” and “utmost respect” - indicating the predominance of these sentiments. It is important to note that in most open-ended responses, 86% supported keeping the RCMP. Statements most often reflected their concerns with transitioning to a new police service, while at the same time highlighting the great job and respect for the RCMP.

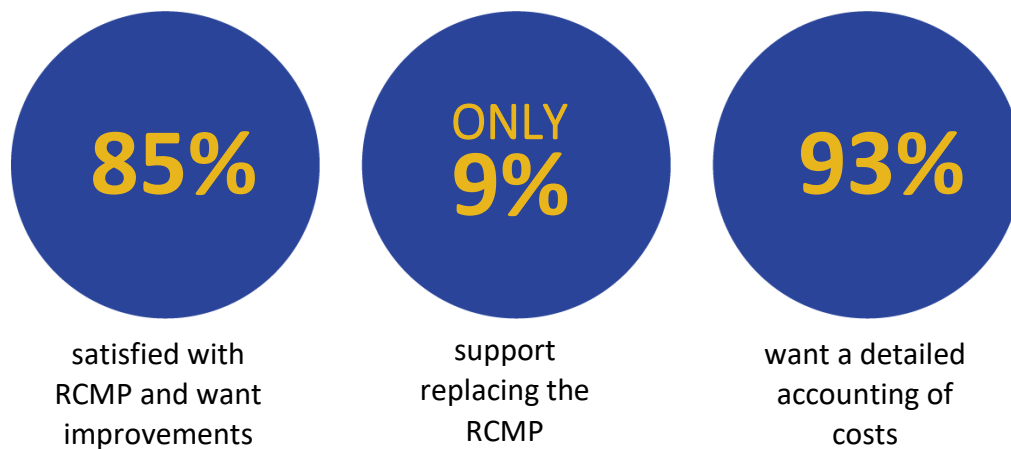


By the Numbers

Since October 2020, the NPF has conducted three rounds of research through Pollara Strategic Insights, October 2020 (W1), April 2021 (W2) and October 2021 (W3). The NPF also conducted an online survey during the same timeframe as the engagement sessions to gain feedback from those who attended and those who were unable to attend. This survey was open from January to March 31, 2022.

SURVEYS	Number of responses
Pollara October 2020 (W1)	1,300
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NPF: Satisfaction of RCMP policing (2022)	672
NPF: Policing improvements within communities (2022)	739

Across all research conducted between 2020 and 2022, the graphic below demonstrates the average response to questions asked. See Appendix A for further analysis of the survey responses.



Municipal Support

In March of 2022, both of Alberta’s municipal associations, Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis) and Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA), passed resolutions opposing the Government of Alberta’s provincial police service transition proposal. Together, these organisations represent all the 300+ municipalities across Alberta.

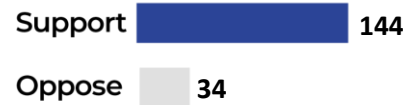
ABmunis passed a resolution that “Alberta Municipalities strongly oppose the APPS models proposed in the PwC study and develop an advocacy and communications strategy to advance our position.

Further, that Alberta Municipalities urge the Government of Alberta to invest in the resources needed to:

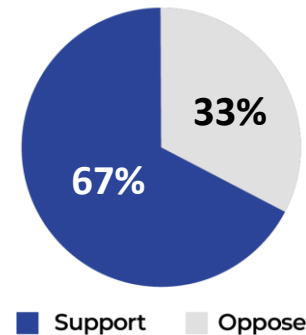
1. Address the root causes of crime (i.e., health, mental health, social and economic supports); and
2. Ensure the justice system is adequately resourced to enable timely access to justice for all Albertans.”ⁱ

RMA passed a resolution that “Rural Municipalities of Alberta request that the Government of Alberta not create an Alberta Provincial Police Service”.ⁱⁱ

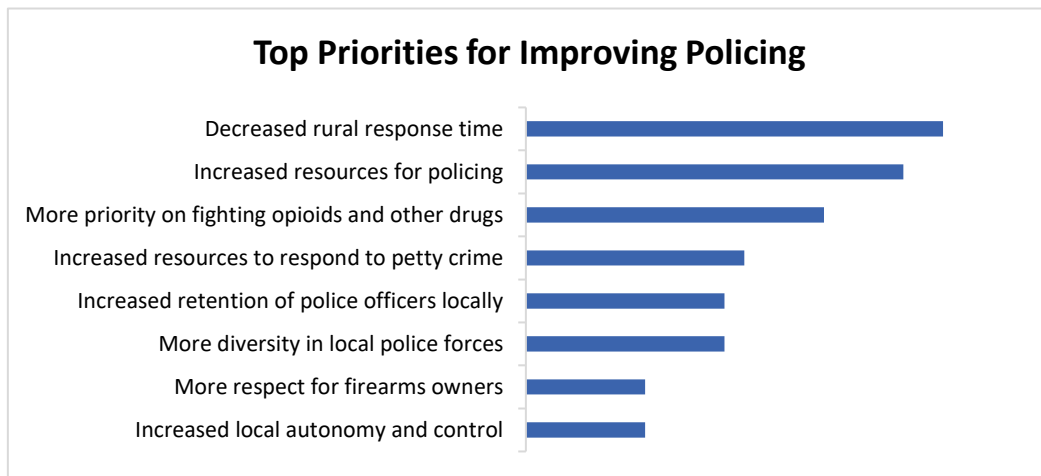
ABMUNIS MOTION 2022



RMA RESOLUTION 2022



Priorities of Albertans



We know that there are improvements that can be made within the current policing model in Alberta. Through our surveys and during discussions at our engagement sessions and as noted above in the ABmunis motion, Albertans want the Government to decrease rural response time, increase resources for police and focus on fighting opioids and other harmful drugs that are on the rise within communities.

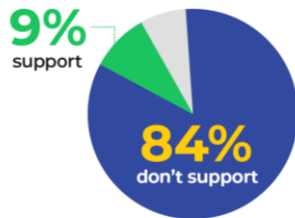


Key Themes

We heard about the positive aspects of the current policing model and of the challenges experienced by residents and communities. While some aspects of the discussions differed across the province, we heard overwhelmingly the same message: Albertans do not support a transition away from the RCMP.

During engagement sessions, two main issues continued to be raised: associated costs and impacts to public safety.

Albertans DO NOT SUPPORT replacing the Alberta RCMP



Participants also shared their frustration over the lack of basic information surrounding the potential transition from the Government. Many participants expressed that they had reached out to their local MLA and either did not receive a satisfactory answer or are still waiting for answers.

More specifically, Albertans noted that the challenges they face with the current policing structure are not just a result of policing, but a multitude of services that impact public safety including: the judicial system, lack of crown prosecutors, lack of community supports, reduction of mental health programs, and a need for better police infrastructure and resources - all of which the province oversees.

The following key themes emerged from the NPF's community engagement sessions:

1. Why is This Being Pursued?

Frequently asked questions

Why is the Alberta government continuing to pursue this?

What is so broken it must be replaced instead of fixed?

Who is going to benefit from this transition?

Many attendees questioned whether the Government was pursuing a new police service for motives other than public safety. This topic arose as residents pointed out that the Fair Deal Panel's findings through surveys of Albertans showed a lack of community support. Many continue to feel that this proposed transition is going to move forward, regardless of what Albertans want. Albertans want to ensure that public safety will not and can not be compromised for any political reason. Many people expressed that they did not feel consulted and were not heard by either the Government or their local MLAs.

Participants also questioned why the Government failed to conduct a review of the current services provided by the RCMP to identify where resources could be invested to improve the current police structure and associated costs of doing so.



2. Costs

Frequently asked questions

Why isn't the Government investing this "extra" money to address the root causes of crime?

Why does the Transition Study seem to ignore the federal contribution?

Where is all this additional money going to come from?

How much will costs increase if transition timelines are delayed?

Throughout the engagement sessions and surveys, participants emphasized their concern surrounding additional costs associated with a potential APPS. Many felt that while the Transition Study was fulsome in some cost areas, there were many noted "unknown" costs or areas where more analysis would be needed to assess the full costs and impacts. This has left participants with more questions than answers.

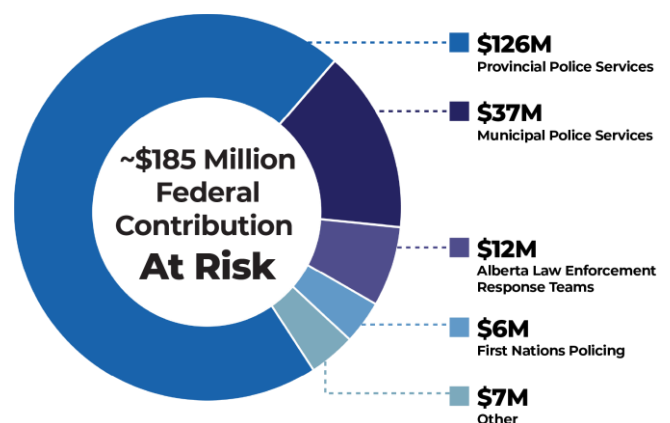
The most common question raised surrounding costs was "who is going to pay for this?" Attendees noted that the Government has stated that municipalities would not pay for the additional costs (+\$139 million per year, increasing with inflation) but has still not been able to state clearly to Albertans who would. We heard that participants felt that ultimately municipalities and taxpayers would be saddled with the increased costs and/or the fear that taxes would be raised.

"Municipalities cannot bear to have more of these (police) costs downloaded to them, especially if there's not proof that there will be increased levels of service."

– Sturgeon County Mayor Alanna Hnatiw
St Alberta Today (February 9, 2021)ⁱⁱⁱ

Costs continued to be the main concern amongst participants. Many found it hard to rationalize the proposed costs associated with an APPS and pointed out that the Transition Study noted that the APPS would be modeled after the RCMP. Many saw this as a waste of taxpayers' money which could be better spent in other ways to better address public safety in Alberta. Participants believed increased investments alone into policing will not fix rural crime, but instead a multi-pronged approach including hiring and retaining crown prosecutors and ensuring an end to the revolving door of the justice system would provide more immediate crime reduction.

We heard that some residents did not fully understand the current federal contribution that the federal government provides to the Government of Alberta to cover 30% of the policing costs for having the RCMP as the provincial police service. Many believed that the federal government would continue to provide the Government some money to cover policing costs.



At the same time, participants felt the Transition Study was misleading because it didn't outline the Ontario Provincial Police or the Sûreté du Québec policing models and associated costs, which would be the best comparison to demonstrate potential costs for an APPS. Neither Ontario nor Quebec receive any federal contributions to cover their own provincial police services. This benefit is provided only to provincial partners who use the RCMP. Many participants also expressed that they felt the Government was not doing a great job at providing accurate information to MLAs on the topic, as some UCP MLAs had been telling their residents that the federal contribution would continue under an APPS model. During one of our sessions, a UCP MLA in attendance, also stated this misleading information. In addition, we also heard from some UCP staff who attended that they believed that the contribution would continue. Many attendees felt misled, frustrated, and expressed a lack of trust with the information being provided to them.

3. Oversight & Provincial Responsibility

Looking at the current state of policing in Alberta, there appeared to be some misunderstanding as to the role the Province plays in setting the priorities of the Alberta RCMP. Participants expressed that part of this confusion stems from false claims by the Province that the RCMP priorities are set by Ottawa.

During our engagement sessions we pointed to the various sections of the [Provincial Police Service Agreement](#) (PPSA), which outlines police services between the RCMP and the province, which state:

Article 6.1:

"The Provincial Minister will set the objectives, priorities and goals of the Provincial Police Service."

Article 6.3:

"The Provincial Minister will determine, in consultation with the Commissioner, the level of policing service to be provided by the RCMP..."

Article 18.1(e):

"Each fiscal year the Provincial Minister will...provide the Commanding Officer with the projected annual budget for the Provincial Police Service for the next fiscal year, as well as projected budgets..."

Did You Know?

Detachment Commanders hold townhalls regularly to get input from the general public in their communities around policing priorities, along with general discussions around community safety issues.

Some attendees found this helpful, while others still questioned why the Province would state otherwise. It was expressed that these two narratives are creating confusion amongst the public.

Municipal officials who attended the engagement sessions expressed appreciation for the hard work of Alberta RCMP Members and the difference they make in their communities. Municipal officials maintain direct and open contact with their local Detachment Commander through strong relationships. We heard that many municipalities utilize local advisory committees with their local RCMP as a way to express local concerns, identify crime trends, and to discuss and determine local priorities for the year. Many municipal leaders expressed fear that these strong



relationships would be lost through a transition, including local knowledge of crime trends and offenders.

“I believe that the town of Millet has great relationship with the local RCMP detachment and would not support their removal from the Province”

- Millet Mayor Doug Peel
The Wetaskiwin Times (Nov 3, 2021)^v

4. Staffing and Training

Frequently asked questions

If Alberta has the money for a transition, why not use it to provide additional resources to the RCMP?

Where is the Government going to find that many officers in Alberta?

How would an APPS match the high-level of police standards of the RCMP?

How much would a training facility costs, and the staff needed?

We consistently heard about staffing challenges with the current policing structure and concerns about how an APPS would better address these challenges. Participants noted that there is a decline in police personnel within Canada, which does create staffing issues within the RCMP and can impact crime rates within their communities. However, many noted that the Transition Study does not outline this issue and how it would be able to recruit and train the number of officers it would need to fully staff a provincial police service.

Many participants questioned if the current Alberta RCMP Members would transfer over to a new APPS. However, some municipal leaders pointed out that in the Government consultations they attended, the provincial government was citing that they predict about 15% of the current Alberta RCMP would transition over. This flagged a further issue with attendees on how the Government would recruit the remaining ~2,500 officers needed to form an APPS. During the engagement sessions, the NPF outlined that most of the RCMP officers would continue to stay with the RCMP and transfer to other postings, as we have seen in other jurisdictions. We then heard attendees note that the Government is highlighting a potential APPS as being local officers from Alberta, and with recruiting challenges and most of the RCMP officers remaining with the RCMP, such a notion would be impossible.

“The RCMP are serving us well...I don’t see a lot of positives to a provincial police force.”

- St. Albert Mayor Cathy Heron
St Alberta Today (February 9, 2021)^v

Another issue that was raised was that the current RCMP model allows for officers to move in and out of communities, which can be a challenge. While the current RCMP structure does move officers, most often these officers are relocated between communities within Alberta and not out of province. This still allows the community to benefit from the Member’s Alberta crime knowledge. However, not all participants saw this as a concern and praised the model as it allows for officers with various expertise and backgrounds to come into the community; stops political influence of officers in communities; and if a municipality wishes to retain an officer there were avenues to obtain the officer for a longer contract.



“Lethbridge County Council and a majority of other rural municipalities do not support this proposed transition to an Alberta Provincial Police Service.”

– Lethbridge County Reeve Tory Campbell
My Lethbridge Now (Jan 20, 2022)^{vi}

During our sessions we also heard that the RCMP has some of the highest training standards in the world and that a move to an APPS could jeopardize the quality of service they receive. The Transition Study also noted a two-tiered police model for an APPS with less fully trained officers. Many participants expressed huge concerns, especially in rural communities, on how this could negatively impact police services to some of the complex crimes they experience and how this would improve public safety and confidence in the police.

5. Improve, Not Replace

Communities across Alberta appreciated having both the NPF and the Government come to their community to discuss policing but felt that the conversation should not be about replacing, but instead on ways to improve the current policing model.

It was often repeated throughout the NPF engagement sessions that Albertans do not have an issue with the RCMP, but instead with the Alberta justice system that seems to create a revolving door for criminals to reoffend with little-to-no repercussion. Part of this problem comes from the shortage of crown prosecutors which communities want addressed first and foremost.

“The issue with rural crime is not about the police force, it's about the justice system not performing well”

– Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara
CBC Edmonton (March 9, 2022)^{vii}

We heard how the RCMP can better serve communities including better support for mental health calls, continuing to address rural response times, addressing delays in RCMP transfers, and increasing administrative help to ensure RCMP officers can be out on the streets instead of behind a computer.

6. Call for Consultation and Answers

Frequently asked questions

Why isn't the public allowed into the Government consultations?

How do we make sure our MLAs are listening to us?

Why is the Government pursuing this without consulting Albertans?

Since the release of the Transition Study, the Government has undertaken limited consultations with only municipal leaders and key stakeholders. The public was not allowed to attend and even had their participation revoked if they were invited by a municipal official. We heard repeatedly from participants that they do not feel properly consulted by the Government on this matter. They were frustrated that the only consultation that is open to the public is a proposed online survey. We also heard from many First Nation leaders that they were not consulted and grew frustrated with this proposal and lack of communication from the Government.

We heard that participants have written letters to their local MLA, but many have gone unanswered, or the response received was vague and did not answer the questions asked, but instead only received a templated response.



Unanswered Questions

During our engagement sessions we heard a multitude of questions from participants that have gone unanswered by the Government. Albertans need answers to make an informed decision.

1. The proposed APPS transition will cost Albertans more than \$185 million/year in Federal contributions, plus more than \$366 million in transition costs. Where is this money going to come from?
2. With so many police departments struggling to recruit, and the Government assuming only 15% of Alberta RCMP would transition to an APPS, how do they plan to fill the other ~2,500 positions in just four years?
3. The Transition Study states that APPS officers would initially be trained in municipal training facilities (Calgary and Edmonton police services). Are these facilities prepared and equipped to train the ~2,500 officers needed?
4. The APPS report offers two models, with Model A offering half as many fully trained officers as the current Alberta RCMP. Why would the Government consider providing less than the current complement of fully trained police officers for rural Albertans, and for more money?
5. Why didn't the Provincial Government review the current Alberta RCMP police service model for how efficiencies could be made, and the cost to do so?
6. When will the Government be completing a true feasibility study to clarify the assumptions made in the Transition Study as recommended by PwC?

ABOUT THE NPF



The National Police Federation (NPF) is the sole certified bargaining agent representing ~20,000 Members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) across Canada and internationally, including about 3,500 Members in Alberta. Certified in 2019, the NPF is the largest police labour relations organization in Canada. The NPF's mission is to provide strong, fair, and progressive representation to promote and enhance the rights of RCMP Members.

APPENDIX A: Survey Results

The following charts display the results from the surveys conducted since October 2020 and show a cross comparison overtime of the responses to specific questions asked.

Table A1: Surveys

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Pollara October 2021 (W3)	1,221
NPF: Satisfaction of RCMP policing (2022)	672
NPF: Policing improvements within communities (2022)	739

Between January and March 31, 2022, the NPF conducted its own online survey at the same time as the NPF's engagement sessions to further collect information and feedback.

Figure A1: How satisfied are you with the RCMP's policing in your community? (4,421 respondents)

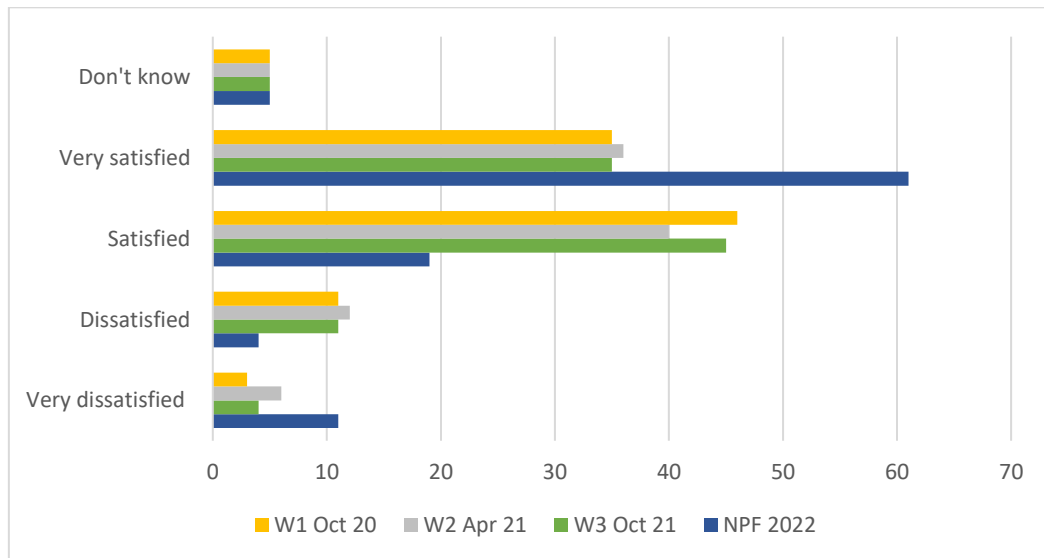


Figure A2: Before any changes to policing are made, there needs to be a detailed accounting of costs and impacts to service levels. (3,749 respondents)

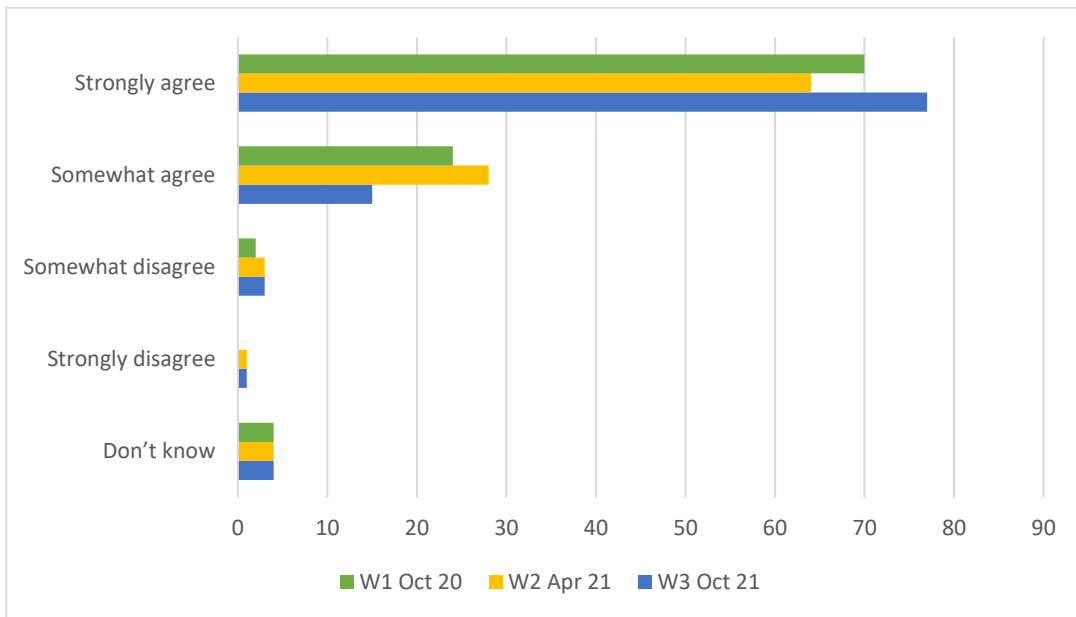


Figure A3: What is the most important improvement you'd like to see in policing in your community? (4,448 respondents)

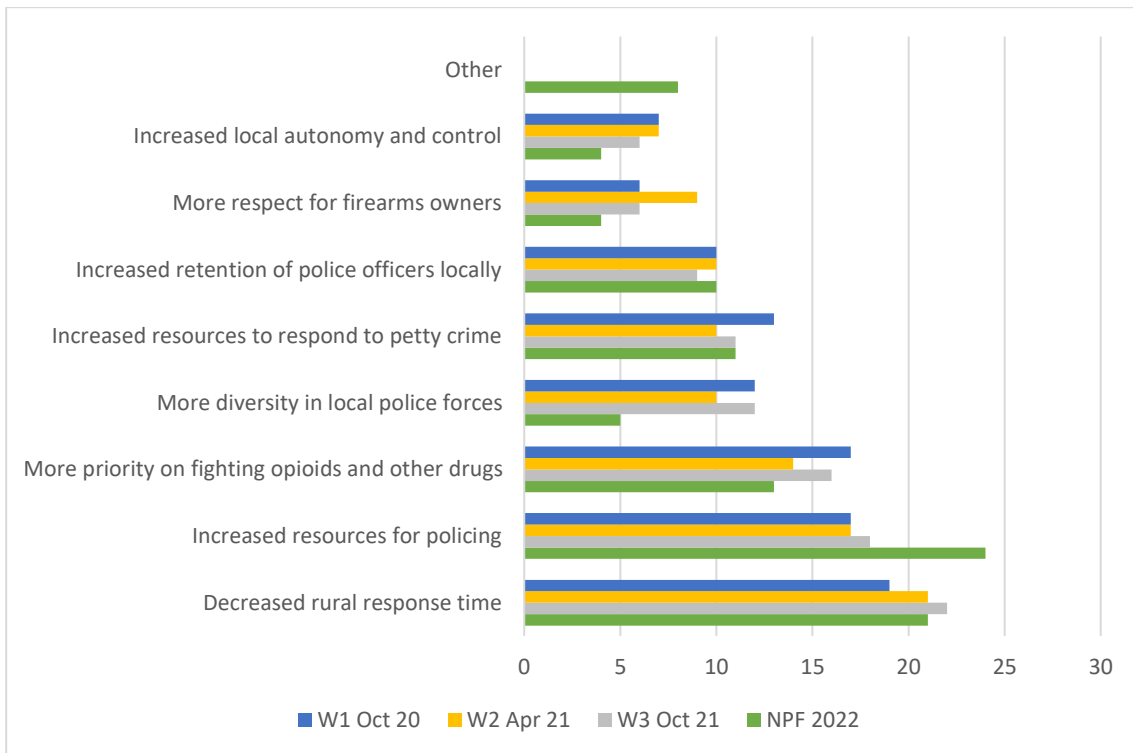
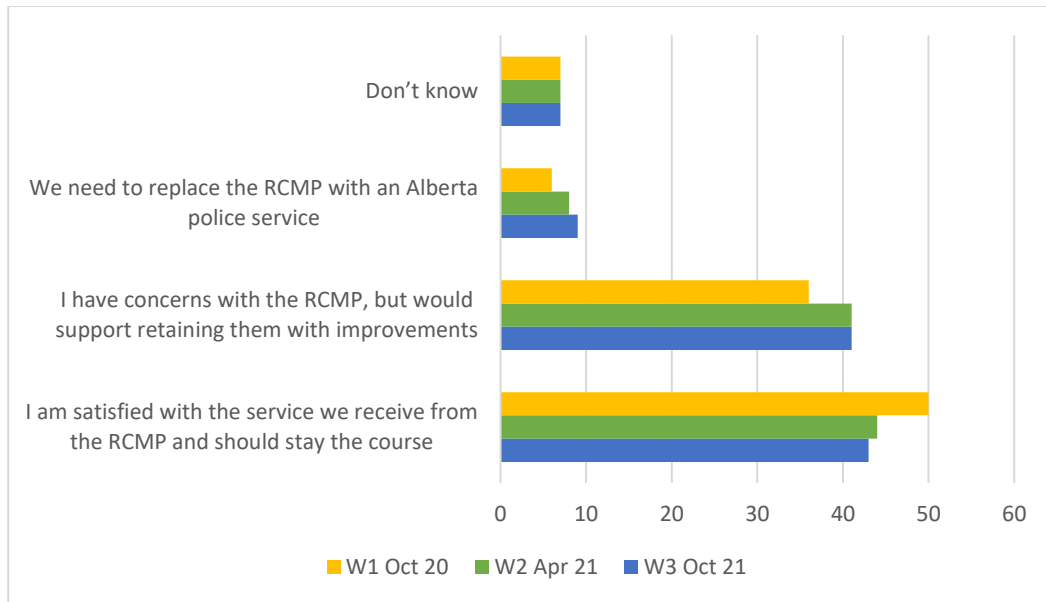


Figure A4: Which of the following statements best reflects your viewpoint? (3,749 respondents)



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REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: May 9, 2022
Agenda Item: 7

LETTER OF SUPPORT – BRIDGES AT CLARESHOLM GOLF CLUB

BACKGROUND:

The Bridges at Claresholm Golf Club is applying to the Community Facility Enhancement Program (CEFP) for funds to start replacing the irrigation system on the original 9 holes as it was installed in the 1980's.

They had applied for a grant under the Healthy Communities Initiative from the Government of Canada, however they were not successful.

They are not asking for any monetary commitment from the Town of Claresholm, only a letter of support at this time.

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Councillor _____ to write a letter of support towards the Bridges at Claresholm Golf Club's application to the Community Facility Enhancement Grant, for the purpose of replacement of the irrigation system on the original 9 holes of the golf course.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Letter requesting support from the Bridges at Claresholm Golf Club

PREPARED BY: Karine Keys, BA, CLGM, Finance Assistant

APPROVED BY: Abe Tinney, MA, CAO

DATE: May 9, 2022



May 4, 2022

Mayor Chelsae Petrovic & Town Council
Town of Claresholm
Box 1000
Claresholm, AB
T0L 0T0

Dear Mayor Chelsae Petrovic & Town Council,

The Bridges at Claresholm Golf Club is applying to the Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) Grant to hopefully help us start the replacement of our irrigation system on the original 9 Holes which was built in the 1980's. As with other grants letters of support need to be included with the grant application. We are hoping the Town of Claresholm would be willing to give us a letter of support to go along with our application. Our deadline for Grant application is May 15.

We thank you for your consideration to this letter and other letters of support we have received from the Town of Claresholm and look forward to your response.

Sincerely

Ted Menzies
Club President



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: May 9, 2022
Agenda Item: 8

2022 FAIR DAYS ROAD CLOSURES

DESCRIPTION / BACKGROUND:

At the April 25th meeting of Council, Fair Days road closures, and locations were approved as follows:

Arts Society Movie Night & Market, Friday August 12th, 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm

- Use of the field in front of the Museum Exhibit Hall
- Closure of 2nd Street East from 50th Avenue East to 52 Avenue East (7:00 – 9:00 pm)

Claresholm Parade, Saturday August 13th 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

- Highway 520, from 8th Street West to 2nd Street West.
- 2nd Street West from Highway 520 to 50th Avenue West
- 50th Avenue West from 2nd Street West to 4th Street West
- 4th Street West, from 50th Avenue West to Highway 520
- Use of the vacant lot for parade staging grounds

Street Market and Festival, Saturday August 13th, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

- Closure of 49th Avenue West, from ATB to 2nd Street West.
- Closure of the downtown parking lot (leaving the east-side lane open).

Rocky Mountain Drift Club Demonstration, Saturday August 13th, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

- Closure of 2nd Street East, from North UFA entrance to 47th Avenue East

Porcupine Classic Cruisers Car Show, Sunday August 14th

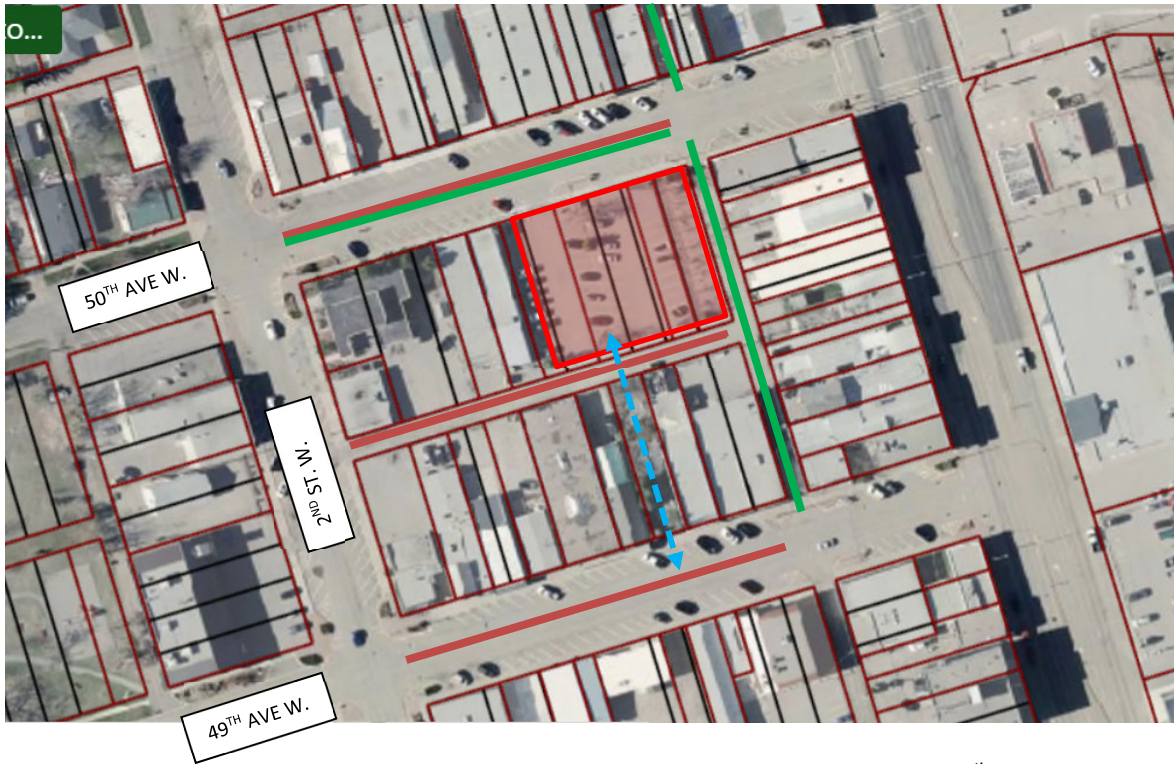
- Use of Centennial Park and baseball diamonds

Using the Claresholm Arena as a backup for bad weather scenario

- To be used in the event of bad weather during Fair Days August 12-14, 2022

On Monday May 2, 2022, the second Fair Days Organizational Meeting was held, with more than 20 people in attendance. During that meeting three requests came forward relating to road closures.

1. Extend the street market and parking lot closures until 6:00 pm, rather than just 5:00 pm.
2. Closure of the downtown parking lot's southernmost alley way which runs East to West, from Linderman Law to Pharmasave.
3. Closure of 50th Avenue West from Canadian Pizza Unlimited, to 2nd Street West (leaving the alley between Blackwood and Canadian Pizza Unlimited open)



The Economic Development Officer met with those business owners located on 50th Street West, within the proposed road closure and who are open Saturdays. None of these owners are in favour of a road closure for Fair Days Street Festival, and some are strongly opposed.

Records dating back to 2016 indicate that 50th Avenue West has never been closed for Fair Days.

RECOMMENDATION:

To extend the Saturday street market and parking lot road closures to 6:00 pm.

To approve closure of the downtown parking lot's southernmost alley way which runs East to West, from Linderman Law to Pharmasave. This allows safe passage for pedestrians between Ringrose Park and the downtown parking lot which will host food trucks, beer gardens, and live entertainment.

To not approve the closure of 50th Avenue West for Fair Days Street Festival as it would negatively impact the flow of traffic, reduce parking, and the business owners in that area are opposed to the closure.

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

1) Moved by Councillor _____ to extend the existing Street Market downtown parking lot road closures on Saturday August 13th from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

2) Moved by Councillor _____ to approve the road closure for of the downtown parking lot southernmost alley way, which runs East to West, from Linderman Law to Pharmasave, on Saturday August 13th, 2022, from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm.

PREPARED BY: Brady Schnell, Economic Development Officer

APPROVED BY: Abe Tinney – CAO

DATE: May 6, 2022



REQUEST FOR DIRECTION

Meeting: May 9, 2022

Agenda Item: 9

2022 PARADE ATTENDANCE

DESCRIPTION:

The Town of Claresholm is starting to get invitations to parades for the 2022 season. We are all looking forward to returning to normal this year as much as possible. Administration would like direction from Council regarding the parades our float will be travelling to this summer. We typically support our close municipal neighbours by taking our float to their parades, however the Town will also consider other communities that are farther away, especially if they are having a special celebration that year.

The float is taken to parades by different individuals. It could be members of Council, staff members, or members of the public who are willing and are compensated for their time.

BACKGROUND:

Council has already committed to attending the Canada Day parade in Granum with Councillor Cutler taking the float. Other parades to consider are:

June 11th – Vulcan – Spock Days – celebrating 30 years (Claresholm does not typically send a float)

June 18th – Bellevue – Bellecrest Summer Kickoff (has been attended in the past)

July 1st – Granum – Canada Day

August 1st – Nanton Round-up Days

August 6th – Coaldale Summer Fest (candy parade)

August 13th – Claresholm Fair Days

August 20th – Pincher Creek Rodeo Parade

August 27th – Stavely Days – celebrating 110 years (only have a parade every 5 years)

November 26th – Fort Macleod Santa Claus

Parade candy for these parades costs about \$1,250 each year.

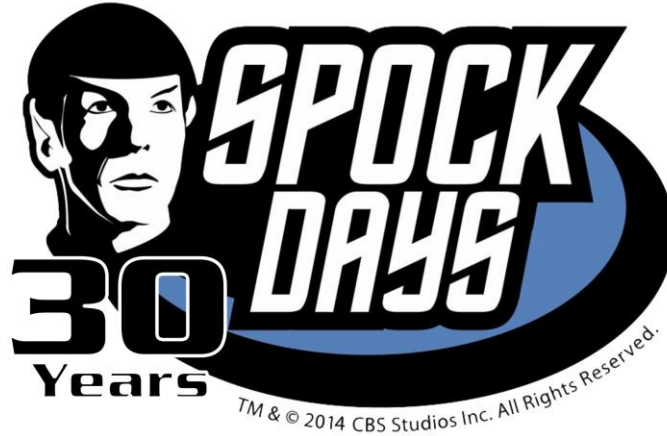
ATTACHMENTS:

- Spock Days Committee invitation to 30th Spock Days Parade

PREPARED BY: Karine Keys, CLGM, Finance Assistant

APPROVED BY: Abe Tinney, MA, CAO

DATE: May 5, 2022



**On behalf of the Spock Days Committee,
you are invited to participate in the
30th Spock Days Parade on
Saturday June 11th 2022**

2022 is seeing the return of some of the fun things we used to take for granted. We are planning on a on enjoying our **30th Anniversary of Vulcan's Spock Days**, our annual community event organized by the Vulcan Spock Days Committee that will take place June 11th. We are hoping to bring some joy and happiness back into the community and we would like you to join with us to do it through our parade.

You are welcome to enter a float, vehicle (large/ small, new/antique) animals, family float, decorated bikes, and recorded music on your float, just about anything that will bring a smile and some happiness to those along the route is welcome. Our parade is a candy parade, and you are encouraged to hand out candy by someone walking beside your parade entry. No liquid treats preferred.

Let us know that you are intending to join us and tell us what you are entering by sending your reply to Elaine at the Vulcan Tourist Centre and remember there no cost to participate. **Line up starts at 9:30 am June 11th in the parking lot at the Vulcan Ice Arena located at 705 Elizabeth Street. The parade will start at 10 am and there will be a parade route map available on site.**

Thanks so much for helping to bring back the smiles and fun into our community by being part of our 30th Anniversary Spock Days Parade! If you have any question or comments, please contact

[Elaine at \[ekoskela@townofvulcan.ca\]\(mailto:elaine@townofvulcan.ca\)](mailto:elaine@townofvulcan.ca) or call 403-485-2994.

Live Long and Prosper

Lori Gair
Spock Days Committee Chair



REQUEST FOR DIRECTION

Meeting: May 9, 2022
Agenda Item: 10

SHARE SERVICES: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

At the August 26th ICF committee meeting, the board approved a motion that the Town of Claresholm approach other municipalities re: providing economic development services to their communities through our organization/staff. Town of Claresholm administration brought a request for decision to council accordingly, on September 13, 2021.

Council was in favour of having discussions with other communities to see what benefits could be gained from shared economic development services. Council approved the following motion:

MOTION #21-163 Moved by Councillor Cutler that administration investigate shared economic development services with neighboring municipalities and that a report be brought back to Council on the findings and recommendations.

CARRIED

The M.D. of Willow Creek Council sent correspondence that they were not interested in shared services, while the Town of Stavely's Council indicated they were interested. We did not have formal communications from either Nanton or Fort Macleod. Due to the election and a few cancelled ICF meetings, the issue was not brought up until the most recent ICF meeting in April, with a request that the new Council in Claresholm consider its stance on shared economic services with ICF communities. The M.D. representatives on the ICF indicated that their stance had not changed – the M.D. is still not interested.

Administration provided this information last September:

The Economic Development Officer has experienced recent success in expanding the department through the use of grants and partnerships. The new Economic Development Assistant, Diversity Coordinator, and Engagement Coordinator perform an additional 75-hours of labour for the Town each week, with close to 95% of the costs paid through partnerships. The new staff not only advance new projects, they also expand the department's ability to meet essential community economic development needs for Claresholm. These currently include event planning, volunteer recruitment, committee support, and administration of the immigration pilot. The Economic Development Officer sees value in exploring the potential role that the Town of Claresholm plays in the region because it could benefit the Town of Claresholm by enhancing economic developments for the surrounding area. The surrounding economic region for Claresholm includes Nanton, Stavely, Granum, the MD of Willow Creek, and Fort Macleod.

Economic Development is the process of developing, diversifying, and maintaining suitable economic, social, and political environments, in which balanced growth may be realized, increasing the wealth of the community.



- Business retention & expansion
- Business investment & attraction
- Marketing, advertising, & tourism
- Workforce attraction & development
- Community events, engagement, & education
- Grants, partnerships, & government programs

Community Economic Development

The use of service agreements to provide specific aspects of community economic development to regional partners has the potential to increase the Town’s capacity and attract new expertise. By setting a clear and defined services agreement, potential pitfalls can be avoided. If the Town of Claresholm Council is interested in the investigation of such a model, one of the first steps would be meeting with surrounding communities, to determine what aspects of community economic development would be of most value to them.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Administration is not recommending to proceed with shared economic development services. We believe that given the new Strategic Plan and Council’s priorities, we do not have the capacity to adequately deliver on these priorities **and** serve other communities.

The ICF committee has asked that Claresholm Council have a discussion to determine if there is still an appetite for regional economic development services offered through Claresholm.

PREPARED BY: Abe Tinney - CAO

APPROVED BY: Abe Tinney – CAO

DATE: May 9, 2021



**Town of Claresholm
Income Statement by Object
March 31, 2022**

Revenue	MARCH	2022 YTD	2022 BUDGET
Net municipal taxes	431,192.21	431,192.24	(3,656,794.00) 1
Special assessments	-	-	(5,140.00)
User fees and sales of goods	(116,439.78)	(533,205.94)	(3,129,590.00)
Government transfers for operating	-	(174,860.54)	(347,871.00)
Investment income	(2,610.34)	(5,401.88)	(66,000.00)
Penalties and costs of taxes	(912.68)	(31,976.38)	(80,100.00)
Licenses and permits	(17,354.89)	(49,296.15)	(113,000.00)
Other local government transfers	-	(29,134.56)	(202,339.00)
Proceeds from disposal of capital assets	-	(19,185.00)	(40,000.00)
Franchise and concession contracts	(24,385.28)	(78,325.05)	(262,000.00)
Rental	(13,828.05)	(31,725.79)	(120,330.00)
Other	(5,401.58)	(9,753.53)	(84,500.00)
Government transfers for capital	-	-	(1,691,734.00)
	250,259.61	(531,672.58)	(9,799,398.00)
Expenses			
Salaries, wages and benefits	245,090.28	685,909.61	3,177,113.00
Contracted and general services	231,452.40	557,602.71	1,801,740.00
Materials, goods, supplies, and utilities	176,712.95	275,090.54	1,329,650.00
Bank charges and short-term interest	333.60	561.83	500.00
Interest on long-term debt	-	-	220,326.00
Other expenditures	4,096.43	6,857.19	90,040.00
Transfers to organizations and others	47,843.95	122,564.87	381,366.00
Amortization	-	-	1,805,159.00
	705,529.61	1,648,586.75	8,805,894.00
Internal Transfers			
Internal transfers	(4,779.41)	(10,327.28)	- 2
Net Income	951,009.81	1,106,586.89	(993,504.00)
Other			
Transfers to/from reserves	-	-	202,202.00
Capital expenditures	130,970.74	215,290.74	2,259,334.00
Debt Proceeds	-	-	-
Debt Principal Repayment	-	-	337,127.00
Amortization addback	-	-	(1,805,159.00)
	1,081,980.55	1,321,877.63	-

Notes

- 1** Net expense vs revenue due to payment of first quarter education requisition payment and Porcupine Hills Lodge requisition prior to tax notices going out; therefore no tax revenue recorded yet.
- 2** Internal transfers net to NIL. Current YTD balance is due to timing of entries. Will balance to NIL at yearend.



Town of Claresholm
Income Statement by Function
March 31, 2022

Revenue		MARCH	2022 YTD	2022 BUDGET
1-00	Tax and requisition revenue	402,883.91	314,930.93	(4,078,594.00) ¹
1-12	General administration revenue	(5,877.58)	(50,201.75)	(502,330.00)
1-21	Police	(50.00)	(1,412.00)	(15,000.00)
1-23	Fire	(549.00)	(689.78)	(15,500.00)
1-26	Bylaw enforcement	(1,205.00)	(7,230.00)	(18,000.00)
1-31	Common equipment pool	-	-	(40,000.00)
1-32	Roads, streets, walks, lighting	-	(1,410.00)	(1,267,150.00)
1-37	Storm sewers and drainage	-	-	(1,318.00)
1-41	Water supply and distribution	(55,036.00)	(268,432.96)	(1,598,320.00)
1-42	Wastewater treatment and disposal	(17,392.77)	(97,835.58)	(575,312.00)
1-43	Garbage Collection	(18,101.67)	(74,017.92)	(429,000.00)
1-44	Recycling	(8,216.77)	(49,040.34)	(299,280.00)
1-51	FCSS	(420.00)	(69,035.19)	(240,344.00)
1-56	Cemetery	(2,525.00)	(2,525.00)	(20,700.00)
1-57	Physician recruitment	-	-	(1,000.00)
1-61	Economic development	(7,255.00)	(147,904.91)	(219,566.00)
1-66	Land use planning, zoning and development	(15,004.89)	(25,006.15)	(82,100.00)
1-72	Parks and recreation	(20,990.62)	(51,861.93)	(385,884.00)
1-74	Culture - libraries and museum	-	-	(10,000.00)
		250,259.61	(531,672.58)	(9,799,398.00)
Expenses				
23.01	Legislative	14,404.45	23,153.55	116,900.00
23.02	Administration	100,486.31	400,506.12	1,558,911.00
23.03.01	Police	-	-	168,179.00
23.03.02	Fire	34,827.08	55,247.24	230,898.00
23.03.05	Bylaw enforcement	17,558.30	36,237.18	133,929.00
23.04.01	Common and equipment pool	125,310.13	197,706.87	614,403.00
23.04.02	Roads, streets, walks and lighting	61,674.09	121,370.79	857,799.00
23.04.03	Airport	-	-	-
23.04.05	Storm sewers and drainage	1,223.80	2,053.34	265,960.00
23.05.01	Water supply and distribution	56,802.59	136,354.06	1,266,460.00
23.05.02	Wastewater treatment and disposal	10,649.09	21,664.29	533,866.00
23.05.03	Garbage Collection	25,680.51	61,392.63	384,296.00
23.05.04	Recycling	49,065.96	70,126.50	301,988.00
23.06.01	FCSS	54,389.39	86,450.03	252,438.00
23.06.02	Daycare	3,183.50	9,550.50	36,292.00
23.06.03	Cemetery	258.77	2,532.41	20,526.00
23.06.04	Physician recruitment	-	-	3,000.00
23.07.01	Economic development	34,398.01	102,028.80	417,226.00
23.07.02	Agriculture - weed and pest control	207.28	207.28	46,653.00
23.07.03	Land use planning, zoning and development	33,146.61	68,189.93	194,554.00
23.08.02	Parks and recreation	72,228.00	174,851.04	998,015.00
23.08.03	Culture - libraries and museum	10,035.74	78,964.19	403,601.00
		705,529.61	1,648,586.75	8,805,894.00
Net Income		951,009.81	1,106,586.89	(993,504.00)

Notes:

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Vision To be the community of choice, leading to a thriving and diverse Claresholm

Mission Statement We will offer family living and encourage economic prosperity through innovative and progressive thinking

Core Values

Community Pride

We take pride in our organization -- in its people, and in the many groups, business and organizations that make it a community. Organizationally, we take pride in the quality and variety of services we provide and the facilities we maintain. We are proud of all that Claresholm has to offer, and whenever possible, we will work to improve and enhance our community.

Healthy, Active Living

The Town of Claresholm will enhance the lives of our residents by supporting Town recreation services and community safety and wellness programming, and by assisting community groups that provide similar services.

Diversity

We recognize and respect the diverse needs of our residents and different sectors of our community. We will seek their input and engagement and grow together.

Forward Thinking

We will plan for the future. We will comply with provincial legislation and understand municipal best practices as we challenge conventional ways of conducting the community's business, managing its finances, and delivering services to our community.

MULTI-YEAR		Assigned to	Update on Progress
POLICY & PLANNING			
3 Year Operations and 5 Year Capital Plan			
	Revise 3 Year Operations Plan and 5 Year Capital Plan	Blair	Work to begin next Audit and Finance Committee meeting
Community Center			
	Work with Community Centre Association to secure funding and facilitate accessibility and front entrance upgrades	Mike/Tara	Community Centre Association submitted funding to CFEP small stream on January 15, 2022. Notification of application status will not come until June or July.
Stormwater Infrastructure			
	Finalize and Approve Engineering	Mike	Complete

MULTI-YEAR		Assigned to	Update on Progress	
		Secure grant funding for Phase 2	Tara/Mike	Working with Grant Match
ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT				
	Support the EDC			
		Provide Operational Budget for EDC	Council	Complete April 25th, 2022
		Update Economic Development Committee Business Plan	Brady	Economic Development Committee currently updating Business Plan
	Ensure Town is Development Readiness in Areas of Residential, Commercial and Industrial Development			
		Ad Hoc Committee to Address:		
		Residential, Commercial and Industrial Development Best Practices (Including MCC and PPP)	Abe	The Community Development Committee met May 9th to discuss Municipally Controlled Corporations and Private Public Partnerships as they relate to development. The committee is not interested in MCC but will continue to explore options for PPP.
		Consider Residential Development in Tax Incentive Program	Tara	Administration is preparing a residential development incentive bylaw to the Community Development Committee for consideration.
		Sell and Develop Town-Owned Land	Abe/Tara	The Community Development Committee has asked that administration develop strategies for selling Tamarack Lots and the Parade grounds.
		Explore Diverse Housing Opportunities (Housing Assessment)	Abe/Brady	Waiting on Housing Needs Assessment for direction.
		Continue to work with landowners where Area Structure Plans exist (Starline Business Park, Prairie Shores)	Tara/Brady	Administration is looking into options to work with landowners where Area Structure Plans exist, including working with land agents/consultants as a third party in development discussions.
	Explore Value-Added Industry Opportunities			
		Continue Membership in Economic Developers of Alberta, Alberta SW and South Grow Regional Initiatives	Council	2022 memberships provided via operating budget.

MULTI-YEAR		Assigned to	Update on Progress
	Explore FDI in 1-2 Industries from 1-2 Countries	Brady	
	Research Value-Added Examples in Neighbouring areas (Lethbridge, Taber, Calgary)	Brady	
	Explore opportunities in greenhouse farming and speciality agriculture	Brady	
Explore Business Attraction Incentives			
	Adopt Progressive Incentives for Private Development and Re-Development of Commercial and Industrial property	Brady	Initial conversations have begun at the Community Development Committee. Work ongoing.
	Consider other Incentives (land, utilities and recreation benefits)	Brady	Have discussed at the Community Development Committee, work is ongoing.
	Provide Expertise and Resources to Investors	Brady	Working on enhancing the webpage and updating resources for investors and potential business owners.
Business Improvement Programs to Promote Downtown Business Retention, Expansion and Revitalization			
	Community Futures Small Business Loan Program	Brady	Council approved this program in April. Next step will be implementing and informing business of the opportunity.
	New Business Start-up Grants	Brady	
	Façade Improvement Grants/Loans	Brady	
	Focus on annexed land and vacant properties in downtown core and highway corridor	Brady	
Sound, Responsible Governance			
	Ensure ongoing public participation	Karine/Abe	Delegations to council, postings on board vacancies, social media presence are all ongoing.
	Develop Communications and Public Engagement Strategy	Karine/Abe	

MULTI-YEAR			Assigned to	Update on Progress
		Continue to review and update Administration and Council policies	Blair/Abe	Ongoing
		Address legislative changes in a timely fashion	Abe	Ongoing
PARTNERSHIPS, COLLABORATIONS, RELATIONSHIPS				
Build Government Relations at All Levels				
		Look for opportunities to collaborate	All departments	Ongoing
Strengthen Stakeholder Relationships				
		Encourage presentations to Council, visit organizations to build relationships and have a presence in the community	Council	Ongoing
		Develop relationships with Land Developers in order to progress on residential development	Brady/Abe	Administration is looking into options to work with landowners where Area Structure Plans exist, including working with land agents/consultants as a third party in development discussions.
Relationships with AHS and Other Service Providers				
		Continue to Enhance Relationships with AHS and Other Service Providers	Council	
VIBRANT COMMUNITY, QUALITY OF LIFE				
Housing				
		Complete Housing Needs Assessment	Brady/Barb	Rural Development Network is currently working on the Housing and Social Needs Assessment and have reviewed some draft/preliminary findings with administration. Work is
		Once Assessment is Complete, Explore how to leverage results and integrate with future housing developments	Brady/Barb	

MULTI-YEAR		Assigned to	Update on Progress
	Improvement of Parks		
	Revise Recreation Master Plan to Identify Priority Areas	Denise	
	Pursue Grant Funding for Pathway and Park Expansions	Denise	Administration is actively pursuing grant opportunities.
	Plan Events and Activities that Vitalize Claresholm		
	Economic Development to Coordinate Meeting amongst community groups to ensure resource and knowledge sharing	Brady	Meetings have taken place to coordinate community resources and activity for Fair Days. Several groups were in attendance, including Kinsmen, Lions, Kinettes, Art Society, Museum, Chamber of Commerce and local business representatives.
	Promotion of Parks Through Town Videos	Denise	
	Maintain and Enhance Current Programming	Denise	Currently working on proposal for Council's consideration.



Town of Claresholm

Council Committee Report

Date: May 9, 2022

Mayor Petrovic	
Councillor Carlson	
Councillor Cutler	
Councillor Kettles	
Councillor Meister	
Councillor Schlossberger	<p>Southgrow Great meeting Apr. 28th. Went over budget. Operational plans. Strat. Plan. Did the tour of the construction of the new Agribusiness Hub building. It is big!! 72 million dollar budget. Will be a fantastic addition. Labour shortages in every community. Housing shortages in every community. Coaldale just broke ground on 600 acres of residential land. Lethbridge EDC has started a Physician Recruitment committee. Very large shortage of doctors in Lethbridge. Fort Macleod is down to one doctor.</p>



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	<p>May 2nd Meeting with Lethbridge Land and Trevor Lewington CEO of EDC Lethbridge. Talked about land development, residential, commercial and industrial. Talked about how to attract builders to Claresholm. Best practises for development. Talked about our chicken and egg problem. Industry or residential. Determined that we need to address the housing issue before spending a lot time attracting industry. Not a good practise to attract industry with no where for workers to live. Very informative, thought-provoking, eye-opening meeting.</p> <p>Alberta SW Approved Bev's yearly contract. Discussed operational plan. Discussed making a contribution to Highway 3 twinning association. The Alberta government is telling them they have to do a much more in-depth study. Study cost \$50000.00. This is for the western side of highway 3. Every community in AlbertaSW is struggling with labour shortages and housing shortages. CNP thinks they might not be able to have their swimming pool open the regular hours because they can not find lifeguards. Watch for a big announcement at the MD of Pincher Creek. 200 jobs.</p>
Councillor Zimmer	

COUNCIL RESOLUTION STATUS

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	Applications to the Alberta Municipalities Electric Vehicle Charging Program are now open.	Complete
Regular Scheduled Meeting - March 28, 2022				
8	RFD: Community Advertising Program - Moved by Councillor Schlossberger to discontinue the Community Advertising Program offered by Claresholm Economic Development, and cancel Community Advertising Program Policy #5.2.05. CARRIED MOTION #22-048	Brady	Advertising removed, policy recinded, remaining agreements will not be renewed at end of term	Complete
Regular Scheduled Meeting - April 11, 2022				
13	RFDirection: Town Speed Limit - Moved by Councillor Meister to direct Administration to discuss the unposted town speed limit within town limits at the Emergency Services Committee level to come back to Council at a future meeting. CARRIED MOTION #22-059	Abe	Discussed at emergency services committee and the group has directed administration to proceed with researching 40km/hr speed limit	Ongoing
Regular Scheduled Meeting - April 25, 2022				
1	BYLAW #1739 - Moved by Councillor Kettles to give Bylaw #1739, the 2022 Property Tax Rate Bylaw, 1st Reading. CARRIED	Blair	Carried forward to May 9 Agenda for 2nd and 3rd Reading	Complete
7	RFD: Community Futures Business Loan Program - Moved by Councillor Schlossberger to accept the Business Improvement Loans Program offered by Community Futures Alberta Southwest, and that the loan interest be repaid at 50% by the Claresholm & District Chamber of Commerce and 50% by the Town of Claresholm Economic Development Committee. CARRIED MOTION #22-061	Brady	EDO is working with Community Futures to complete the agreement in partnership with the Chamber	In progress
8	RFD: 2022 Community Events - Moved by Councillor Cutler to approve the road closures for events in Claresholm as presented in the Request for Decision: 2022 Town of Claresholm Events dated April 25, 2022. CARRIED MOTION #22-062	Brady	Road closures have been noted	Complete

9	RFD: Greater Metro Hockey League Expansion - Moved by Councillor Kettles to support the Greater Metro Hockey League expansion in Claresholm for the 2022-23 season, with practices starting September 15, 2022. CARRIED MOTION #22-063	Denise/Abe	Letter has been sent to Derek Prue, Executive Director with GMHL. Facility tour booked for May 16, 2022.	In progress
9	RFD: Greater Metro Hockey League Expansion - Moved by Councillor Cutler to set ice fees for the Greater Metro Hockey League at \$129.50 per hour for prime ice and \$70.90 per hour for practice ice plus GST at the Claresholm Arena for the 2022-23 season. CARRIED MOTION #22-064	Denise	Fees will be discussed May 16 when the lease is reviewed.	In progress
10	RFD: East Side Dog Park Name - Moved by Councillor Meister to accept the following name proposals to be voted on for the East Side Dog Park name: Bark Park, The Barking Lot, K-9 Corner, Windy Meadows Dog Park, Happy Tails Dog Park. CARRIED MOTION #22-065	Denise	Survey Monkey updated and survey closes on May 5. Dog park name to be announced May 11	Complete
11	RFD: 2022 Final Budget - Moved by Councillor Kettles to approve the Final 2022 Budget as presented. CARRIED MOTION #22-066	Blair	Budget updated in Financial Software and uploaded to website	Complete
11	RFD: 2022 Final Budget - Moved by Councillor Carlson to direct administration to prepare information on the water rates to be discussed at the Audit & Finance Committee level at an upcoming meeting. CARRIED MOTION #22-067	Blair	Preparing information	In progress
16a	IN CAMERA: Personnel - Moved by Councillor Cutler to approve the hiring of Paige VanDellen, who is an immediate family member of current staff, for a summer staff position, and that the hiring be in accordance with Policy 1.0.01 - Hiring Policy. CARRIED MOTION #22-068	Lisa	Contract signed	Complete

PREPARED BY: Karine Keys, CLGM, Finance Assistant

APPROVED BY: Abe Tinney, CAO

DATE: May 6, 2022

INFORMATION ITEMS



MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

March 25, 2022
Town of Claresholm – Council Chambers

Attendees: Brad Schlossberger - Council Member (Chairperson)
Doug Priestley - Member-at-Large
Chelsae Petrovic – Mayor
Jeff Kerr – Member-at-Large (Vice Chairperson)

Staff: Tara VanDellen – Planner/Development Officer
Tracy Stewart – Development Assistant

Public: Brady Schnell - Applicant

Regrets: Kieth Carlson – Council Member

9:01 a.m.	Call to Order /Adoption of Agenda	Motion to adopt the Agenda by Jeff Kerr
		Seconded by Mayor Petrovic CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes	Motion to adopt the Meeting Minutes By Doug Priestley
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 11, 2022 	Seconded by Jeff Kerr
	CARRIED

Item 1: ACTION	DEVELOPMENT PERMIT	Motion to approve with conditions by Doug Priestley
	<p>File: D2022.017</p> <p>Applicant: /</p> <p>Owner: Brady Schnell & Mary McDonald</p> <p>Address: 403 49 Avenue W 731014</p> <p>Legal: Lot 1, Block 5, Plan</p> <p>Regarding: Add secondary suite with renovations</p>	Seconded by Mayor Petrovic
		CARRIED

- Condition(s):**
1. *Approval is for a basement suite (with variance) - maximum number of 3 (three) bedrooms.*
 2. *3 (three) off-street parking spaces must be maintained for the secondary suite.*
 3. *The applicant shall ensure that building materials and waste materials on the premises are removed or contained and secured in such a manner that prevents such material from being blown off or scattered from the property.*



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4. *Any contractors or trades people are required to obtain a Town of Claresholm Business License. For more information, please contact the Town of Claresholm Administration Office (403) 625-3381.*
5. *The applicant shall obtain any relevant Safety Code Permits and approvals from Superior Safety Codes Inc if required. Please direct any inquiries to Superior Safety Codes Inc. at 403-320-0734.*

Item 2: ACTION

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

**Motion to approve with
conditions by
Jeff Kerr**

File: D2022.015
Applicant/
Owner: Vihn Hong Cung
Address: 119 48 Avenue W
Legal: Lot 13, Block 1, Plan 147N
Regarding: Renovation with variances to lot coverage,
front and side yard setback dimensions

**Seconded by
Doug Priestley**

CARRIED

Condition(s):

1. *The Applicant shall obtain all relevant Safety Code Permits and approvals from Superior Safety Codes Inc. For further information please contact Superior Safety Codes Inc. at 403-320-0734. Plumbing, electrical and gas permits can be obtained directly through Superior Safety Codes Inc.*
 2. *The Applicant shall ensure that building materials and waste materials on the premises are removed or contained and secured in such a manner that prevents such material from being blown off or scattered from the property.*
 3. *Any contractors or trades people are required to obtain a Town of Claresholm Business License. For more information, please contact the Town of Claresholm Administration Office (403) 625-3381.*
 4. *The Applicant shall obtain an Alberta One Call prior to any digging. 1-800-242-3447.*
 5. *As per the Town of Claresholm Land Use Bylaw No.1525 the Applicant shall finish the exterior of the development with materials to match the residential character of the neighborhood.*
 6. *Pursuant to the Town of Claresholm Land Use Bylaw No. 1525 and Policy PLDE0409, Planning and Development Fees, the applicant shall provide either:
a) An irrevocable letter of credit, or
b) A deposit,
In the amount of \$500 to the Town of Claresholm to cover the costs of any damage to municipal property and/or infrastructure and as security. The security may be refunded at the completion of the project and permit closure.*
 7. *The Applicant shall be responsible to contact the Town of Claresholm Utility Department to make necessary arrangements for water meter installation, connection and payment of applicable fees. Please contact Marianna Orge at 403-625-3381.*
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8. *Pursuant to the Town of Claresholm Land Use Bylaw No. 1525, Schedule 9 - Landscaping Standards, at least one tree shall be planted in the front yard.*
9. *The Applicant shall be responsible to contact the Director of Infrastructure Services for a final inspection (please allow 48 hours' notice) of sanitary service connection prior to back filling. Please contact Mike Schuweiler at 403-625-0200.*
10. *As per the Town of Claresholm Servicing Standards for Municipal Improvements the applicant shall adhere to storm drainage system requirements and direct all storm water to the storm drains, as well as, the lot shall be graded to the standards set forth in the Servicing Standards for Municipal Improvements.*
11. *Any further changes to issued permits or site plans require prior approval by the Town of Claresholm before proceeding with any changes.*

9:25 a.m.

**Motion to adjourn by
Doug Priestley**

CARRIED

Karine Keys

From: The Rural Development Network <info@ruraldevelopment.ca>
Sent: April 22, 2022 10:00 AM
To: Karine Keys
Subject: Rural & Remote Regional Advisory Board - Call for Participation



Hello,

Rural Development Network is seeking interested community representatives to fill current and future vacancies in the Reaching Home Rural & Remote Regional Advisory Board in Alberta.

Reaching Home (RH)

Canada's Homelessness Strategy (RH) is a \$2.2 billion investment, designed to support the goals of the National Housing Strategy, in particular, to support the most vulnerable Canadians in maintaining safe, stable and affordable housing, and to reduce chronic homelessness nationally by 50% by 2027-2028.

For those interested in applying for the Regional Advisory Board, please note that participation on the Rural & Remote Advisory Board is voluntary, and there is no monetary compensation.

The Rural & Remote Regional Advisory Board

The Rural & Remote Regional Advisory Board on homelessness is the local organizing committee mandated to:

- Set direction for addressing homelessness in rural Alberta; Provide advisory services relevant to the delivery of Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) Reaching Home (RH) Rural & Remote Homelessness funding provided in rural Alberta;
- Provide advice and guidance in the assessment of proposals and recommend projects for funding to the Community Entity (CE);
- Coordinate efforts to address homelessness in the community;

- Achieve broad and inclusive board representation
- Coordinate partnerships with community organizations and individuals.
- Develop RAB terms of reference and other policies and procedures central to the functions of the RAB including membership application, roles and responsibilities of the chair, chair selection procedures, conflict of interest guidelines and procedures for proposal assessment and recommendation.

The Rural Development Network (RDN) supports the development of solutions to respond to homelessness in Rural & Remote communities in Alberta, including Indigenous communities. To those interested in applying, please note that participation on the Rural & Remote Advisory Board is voluntary, and there is no monetary compensation.

Members are meant to be reflective of the demographics within the local community (for example, youth, seniors, Indigenous peoples, people experiencing or fleeing from domestic violence, newcomers, 2SLGBTQ+, people living with disabilities), including those with lived experience of homelessness.

Application Form

[Download Application](#)

Application Guide

[Download Guide](#)

The closing date for receiving applications is Monday, May 16th.

We welcome any supporting material to be submitted. For questions, please email Sydney Stenekes (programs@ruraldevelopment.ca).

Warmest Regards,

RDN's Reaching Home Team

This email was sent to info@claresholm.ca

You received this email because you have expressed interest in the Reaching Home program's rural and remote funding stream in Alberta.

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Sent by

Karine Keys

From: Alberta Seniors & Housing <seniorsinformation@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: April 29, 2022 2:04 PM
To: Karine Keys
Subject: Newsletter - Alberta Seniors and Housing

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Age-Friendly Alberta Newsletter

Alberta



Message from Honourable Josephine Pon Minister of Seniors and Housing April 2022

Earlier this year, Alberta's government released *Budget 2022*. We titled it Moving Forward, as that's exactly what we are doing. *Budget 2022* is moving Alberta forward by strengthening our health care system, getting more Albertans working, and bringing our finances back into the black. I am thrilled to share that, for the first time in over a decade, our province is presenting a balanced budget and targeting modest surpluses for each of the next three fiscal years.

Under *Budget 2022*, operating expenses for Seniors and Housing was increased by 4.2 per cent over 2021-22. This means we will continue to support Alberta seniors most in need, ensuring vulnerable seniors can count on a stable source of income.

Alberta's government provides more than \$8.6 billion in services and supports to Alberta seniors each year. This includes financial support, health benefits, as well as housing and health supports for seniors with low income. Of that, Seniors and Housing has allocated \$491 million to provide seniors financial assistance. Our seniors' benefit programs are one of the reasons Alberta has the lowest seniors poverty rate in Canada.

We continue to support seniors and seniors-serving organizations while we move out of the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes assisting seniors' lodges in complying with public health orders, by providing approximately \$2.5 million each month to seniors' lodges across Alberta. We deeply appreciate the critical work of staff and volunteers in seniors' lodges and seniors' organizations to keep seniors safe, healthy, and engaged in their communities. Alberta's government will continue to ensure seniors have the supports and resources they need.

We are also taking action to provide more affordable and accessible housing options for Albertans with low income through our *Stronger Foundations strategy*. The strategy looks out over 10 years, and maps out the changes needed to provide safe, stable, affordable housing for an additional 25,000 households, to a total

of 82,000 households. *Budget 2022* reflects the first years of funding for implementation as we conduct needs assessments in communities, develop innovative models, and expand our partnerships.

I am also pleased to share nominations for the 2022 [Minister's Seniors Service Awards](#) are now open! This annual celebration recognizes outstanding Albertans who support seniors, lead the way for improved services, and contribute to strong communities. Nominations are being accepted for individuals, businesses, and nonprofit organizations that support seniors through their extraordinary volunteerism, philanthropy, innovation, or outstanding service.

This year's Special Service Award is called Building Better Together, and will highlight an Alberta individual, business, group, or nonprofit organization that strives to bring together organizations and service providers to build collaborative networks for improving services to seniors.

I encourage you to think about the people and organizations around you that really step up to support seniors and [nominate them](#) for a Minister's Seniors Service Award. The nomination deadline has been extended to June 30.

I hope you find this issue of the age-friendly newsletter informative and helpful. Thank you for all your hard work to make our province better for seniors.

Josephine Pon
Minister of Seniors and Housing
April 2022

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- Caregivers Together 2022 - Conference

Seniors' Week

Seniors' Week is celebrated every year during the first week of June. Seniors' Week 2022 is June 6-12 and will be kicked off with a provincial launch event co-hosted by the Town of Taber on June 6.

Throughout Seniors' Week, hundreds of events, both virtual and in-person, will take place across the province. Albertans of all ages can attend an event, catch up with the seniors in their lives, or thank those who have made a difference in their community. Seniors' Week is a wonderful opportunity to recognize and celebrate seniors and their enormous contributions to our families, communities, and our province. Seniors have helped build Alberta into the great province it is today.

Please visit the [Seniors' Week website](#) for more information.

Intergenerational Day

Intergenerational Day is June 1 each year. It began in Canada in 2010 to recognize the backgrounds, experiences, and contributions of all generations to help build greater understanding. This occasion promotes the rich and sustainable connections between generations.

Intergenerational Day reminds us that, by sharing our experiences and learning from each other, we are making our communities, and our province, stronger.

For more information, please click [here](#).

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. It is the official United Nations international day acknowledging the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue. It was established in 2006 to bring global attention to the abuse of older adults.

You can get involved and help raise awareness of the prevention of elder abuse by joining the Alberta Elder Abuse Awareness Council. To learn more, click [here](#).

If you are in immediate danger call 911.

For information and resources, call the Family Violence Info Line at 310-1818.

To learn more about elder abuse, click [here](#).

Seniors Programs Lunch and Learns

The Community Programs team with Seniors and Housing is hosting a number of lunch and learn presentations on seniors financial assistance programs and related seniors programs. Upcoming topics include: Alberta Seniors Benefit and Supplementary Accommodation Benefit, Special Needs Assistance for Seniors, Seniors Home Adaptation and Repair Program, Seniors Property Tax Deferral Program, Dental and Optical Assistance for Seniors programs, and more.

Be sure to sign up for Collaborative Online Resources and Education ([CORE](#)) Alberta and join the [CORE](#) Alberta "Government of Alberta – Seniors Service Provider Resource Guide" group to be notified when new sessions are scheduled.

Nomination Deadline Extended!

Nominate an Outstanding Albertan for a Minister's Seniors Service Award Today!

Since 1998, the Minister's Seniors Service Awards have celebrated Albertans who go the extra mile to support seniors. The Minister's Seniors Service Awards are open and accepting nominations for individuals, businesses, and nonprofit organizations who support seniors in Alberta, lead the way for improved services, and contribute to strong Alberta communities.

So many Albertans are selflessly investing their time, energy, and resources to support seniors. Recognize an outstanding Albertan, business, or nonprofit organization today by nominating them for a Minister's Seniors Service Award! It's so easy to submit a nomination, either online or using the fillable form.

The nomination deadline for the 2022 awards has been extended to June 30, 2022! Don't miss this amazing opportunity to look around your community and seek out the doers – those individuals, businesses, and nonprofit organizations who donate their time, products, and support to recognize and celebrate seniors during Seniors' Week and throughout the year, and nominate them today.

For more information about the Minister's Seniors Service Awards and to nominate an outstanding Albertan, please click [here](#).

CORE Alberta

Collaborative Online Resources and Education (CORE) Alberta is the online knowledge hub for community-based seniors-serving organizations and allied agencies and individuals in Alberta.

CORE is designed to provide up-to-date information, resources, and training opportunities. It makes communication, coordination, and collaboration easier, which helps build capacity, strengthen the network, and develop a collective and cohesive voice among volunteers, staff, and others who support healthy aging initiatives.

Connect with CORE members, and stay informed on topics important to you. [Sign up](#) for the CORE Newsletter!

Double Duty Caregivers: Impacts of COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound effect on all people in Canada, including family caregivers and healthcare providers. We expect the impact may be even greater for “double-duty” caregivers.

Double-duty caregivers are family caregivers who are employed in the healthcare field while also providing unpaid care outside of work (to a family member, chosen family, friend, or neighbour). The impact of the dual formal care role in healthcare and family caregiving can have implications for health providers.

Dr. Jasneet Parmar and her research team from the University of Alberta are inviting family caregivers who are also working in healthcare to participate in a [survey](#) to understand the impacts of dual caregiving roles.

The survey is open until June 30, 2022.

Caregivers Together 2022 - Conference

Caregivers Alberta is hosting *Caregivers Together 2022*, their first ever provincial caregivers conference, taking place virtually May 12 to 14, 2022. The conference will feature an informative keynote by Andre Picard, and a cameo appearance by Jann Arden.

The conference provides an opportunity to:

- Come together as a community that understands caregiving
- Re-connect with other caregivers or professionals
- Form new relationships in your network
- Enjoy some self-care opportunities
- Browse an expo of potential, new, game-changing resources

For more information and to register for the conference, click [here](#).



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Monthly Report

For Mayors and Reeves

SouthGrow Regional Initiative

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May 2022

Full Operational Plan for 2022-23 is available if anyone from Council would like to read it.

Dear Mayors and Reeves,

April marked the advent of a new operational year here at SouthGrow, and our full Board of Directors met for a 100 Mile Dinner at Exhibition Park to review the year ahead. The plan outlined below is expansive for the size of our organization, but we have a very successful run at getting grant funding for regional projects last year, and now its time to deliver.

Thank you everyone who completed our survey this spring. We had an excellent response rate and a lot of engaged high-level feedback that helped staff and the Executive Committee craft a plan that speaks to the priorities of the region. There was also a lot of confirmation that we are doing things right, and a dose of helpful constructive feedback.

At our Quarterly Meeting in April, we were also given a guided tour of Exhibition Park's trade and exhibition centre which is partially under construction. This impressive facility is going to host more and more regional events that speak to the strengths of our region's industry and offers us a gathering place for thought-leadership events, exhibitions, and industry gatherings for all our core industries.

Sincerely,

Peter Casurella
Executive Director
SouthGrow Regional Initiative
1-403-394-0615



Headlines for May 2022

Please find below a summary of our operational plan. As the year progresses you will see a rolling report here that tracks our progress on each of the deliverables in real-time. For this month, see attached a separate document that has the whole plan as approved by our Board of Directors.

Pillar I: Strategic Collaboration

- I. **Member Engagement**
 - A. **Annual Council Presentations**
 - B. **Councillor Training**
 - C. **Government Relations Committee**
 - D. **Annual Economic Development Summit**

- II. **Build and Sustain Collaborations**
 - A. **Southern Alberta Alternative Energy Partnership – ARRCUS Mapping Project**
 - B. **Southern Alberta Alternative Energy Partnership – Community Energy Forum**
 - C. **Southern Alberta Alternative Energy Partnership – Government Education**
 - D. **Southern Alberta Investment and Trade Initiative**
 - E. **Canada's Premier Food Corridor and Canada's Western Gateway**
 - F. **Southern Alberta Tourism Collaboration**
 - G. **Highway 3 Twinning Development Association**

- III. **Sustain or Expand Membership**
 - A. **Sustain Membership**
 - B. **Expand Associate Memberships to Industry**

Pillar II: Marketing & Communications

- I. **Regional Promotion**
 - A. **Website Improvements**
 - B. **Market the Region Globally**
 - C. **FDI Test Drive Year 2**

- II. **Internal Communications**
 - A. **Newsletters**

Pillar III: Economic Development & Innovation

- I. **Ag-Tech Market Development**
 - A. **Agri-food Scholarship Program**
 - B. **Agri-food Conference Representation**

- II. **Broadband Deployment**
 - A. **Support Completion of Vulcan County, Highway 4, and Cardston Broadband Upgrades**

- III. **Labour Market Solutions**
 - A. **Rural Immigration Pathways**

- IV. **Community Supports**
 - A. **Community Ec Dev Resource Promotion**

- V. **Special Projects**
 - A. **Zero Emissions Vehicle Infrastructure Project (2-year)**
 - B. **EV Bus Project**
 - C. **Supply Chain Opportunity Identification Project**

- VI. **Targets of Opportunity**
 - A. **SouthGrow Power Project**

- VII. **Shelved Projects on the Wish List**
 - A. **Local Waste Solutions Feasibility Study**
 - B. **Blackfoot Language Signage**

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

Economic Development | Government Relations

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[About SouthGrow Regional Initiative](#)

SouthGrow is an economic development alliance of twenty-six south central Alberta communities committed to working together to achieve prosperity for the region. Representing over 170,000 people, SouthGrow is committed to assisting communities, organizations, businesses, and people in the region to further their economic development goals and to maintain the high quality of life.



southgrow.com

CLARESHOLM AND DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION SOCIETY
Board of Directors, March 17, 2022
Youth and Community Room, Claresholm Town Office

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: Jason Schneider – Vulcan County
Laurie Lyckman – Vulcan County

Chair Howard Paulson called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m.

1.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Mike Cutler to accept the agenda as amended. Carried.

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Cindee Schlossberger that the minutes of the February 24, 2022 meeting be accepted as amended after a discussion on FOIP. Carried.

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

None

4.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

- 4.1 Re-certification of organization as a charity
- 4.2 Government safety certificate on bus
- 4.3 Wildrose Community Connection – High River
- 4.4 Donation of \$2000.00 from Sons of Norway, Claresholm

5.0 REPORTS:

5.1 Financial – Aging of Accounts Receivable, Profit and Loss and Balance Sheets were reviewed.

Back up cameras for the vans were discussed. Brydon Saunders moved that we install back up cameras in our vans. Motion Carried.

It was discussed that we should send letters to the Businesses and Service Clubs to fund wheelchairs for our vans to assist the drivers.

The rates we charge for trips was discussed. It was moved by Brian Comstock that we have Sally bring the actual costs per trip to the next meeting. Motion carried.

It was moved by Ian Sundquist that the financial reports be accepted as presented.

Motion Carried.

5.2 Chairman's Report –Howard has monthly financial discussions with the office staff.

6.0 OLD BUSINESS:

Mike Cutler will get information on the 50/50 raffles and bring it back to the committee for next meeting..

7.0 NEW BUSINESS:

None

8.0 IN CAMERA:

Ian Sundquist moved that we go in camera at 12:04 p.m.

Ian Sundquist moved that we come out of in camera at 12:10 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE: April 21st, 2022

The meeting was adjourned by Ian Sundquist..

SIGNED:

SIGNED:

Alberta SouthWest Bulletin May 2022

Regional Economic Development Alliance (REDA) Update

❖ When is a free lunch not a free lunch?

May 11, 2022, 1:00pm to 5:00pm Zoom- Ethics in Economic Development Workshop **FREE of charge**, sponsored by Economic Developers Alberta (EDA) and the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) **REGISTER** at this link. <https://www.edaalberta.ca/event-4680448>

Those of us who hold public trust strive to carry out our duties in a manner that is above reproach. This workshop will explore some fascinating case studies with interesting nuances that can pose a dilemma. Facilitated by Brett Doney, CEO, Great Falls Development Authority (GFDA).



❖ International Economic Development Week celebrations

Economic Developers Alberta, in partnership with AM and RMA, encourage municipalities to recognize International Economic Development week, May 9-13, acknowledging the important work of our economic development professionals and organizations. <https://www.edaalberta.ca/Economic-Development-Week>



❖ 2022 EDA Conference and Leadership Summit Awards of Excellence

★ **Implementation of ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) Priorities in an Economic Development Project:** Town of Claresholm - "Welcoming Claresholm"

★ **Economic Developer of the Year, 2022:** Brady Schnell, EDO, Town of Claresholm

Marie Everts, EDO, Town of Pincher Creek, was recognized last year as EDA "Outstanding Young Professional" (2021). AlbertaSW is proud to have such skilled and committed EDOs!

International Economic Development Council (IEDC) Board Chair, Todd Greene brought greetings to the EDA Annual Awards Night and, in his comments acknowledged some other Alberta accomplishments, including:

- ★ AlbertaSW as the only Accredited Economic Development Organization (AEDO) in western Canada (2018); and
- ★ the first Canadian recipient of the IEDC Organizational Leadership Award (2017); and
- ★ Peaks to Prairies is featured as a case study in an IEDC international publication (2022) titled "Economic Development in a Changing Climate: Minimizing Risks and Maximizing Opportunities". The Economic Research Development Partners (EDRP) generate research and best practices to help economic developers navigate today's rapidly changing economy.



❖ Notes from the region ...

*May 5, 2022: West Lake Energy (Calgary) announced submission of a proposal to the Government of Alberta for a permit to evaluate a potential Carbon Capture Sequestration Hub located near Pincher Creek and provide a solution for carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS) for southern Alberta and the northwest United States.

<http://www.westlakeenergy.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/220505-WLEC-Hub-Application-Press-Release.pdf>

*April 9, 2022: Nanton Elevators have been granted historic site status

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/nanton-grain-elevators-historic-designation-1.6414919>

*March 29, 2022: Livingstone Range School Division Trustees approved in principle the name "PEAKS Crowsnest Experiential Campus" for the Division's innovative new educational site.

<https://www.lrsd.ca/our-division/news/post/proposed-name-for-crowsnest-pass-site>

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Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, March 30, 2022-Town Office, Claresholm



Board Representatives

Brent Feyter, Fort Macleod
Brad Schlossberger, Claresholm
Blair Painter, Crowsnest Pass
Keith Robinson, Waterton
Rick Lemire, MD Pincher Creek
Kevin Todd, Nanton
Cam Francis, Cardston County
Tim Court, Cardston
Ron Davis, MD Ranchland
Dale Gugala, Stavely
John Van Driesten, MD Willow Creek

Resource Staff and Guests

Abe Tinney, CAO, Claresholm
Brady Schnell, CAO, Claresholm
Troy MacCulloch, CAO, MD Pincher Creek
Derrick Krizsan, CAO, MD Willow Creek
Jay Hallett, Development Officer, MD Willow Creek
Doug Sedgwick, IT Services, MD Willow Creek
Robert Strauss, CAO, MD Ranchland
Brad Toone, Trustee, LRSD
Selena McLean-Moore, JEI
Linda Erickson, PrairiesCan
Tony Walker, CFABSW
Bev Thornton, AlbertaSW
Brad Kamphuis, Sequorum Quocom™

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| 1 | Call to Order/ | Chair Brent Feyter called the meeting to order. |
| 2 | Approval of Agenda | Moved by John Van Driesten THAT the agenda be approved as presented.
Carried. [2022-03-772] |
| 3 | Approval of Minutes | Moved by Brad Schlossberger THAT the Minutes of March 2, 2022, be approved as presented.
Carried. [2022-03-773] |
| 4 | Presentation: new broadband technology option | Brad Kamphuis, Managing Partner, Sequorum Inc. outlined their proprietary Quocom™ internet network technology. Described as “short tower” wireless technology, it may be a viable rural option that is fast (1 Gbps+) with “virtually unlimited” backhaul capability that can cover any terrain at roughly ¼ the cost of other network technologies. The business model includes partnership equity, investors, and financing options. Slide deck available from Bev, on request. |
| 5 | GIC Information update- | RBC Royal Bank provided updated GIC interest rates and options. Accepted as information to consider in 2022-2023 budget and operations plan. |
| 6 | Economic Development Week | AlbertaSW municipalities are encouraged to submit a council resolution in recognition of International Economic Development Week, May 9-13, 2022. |
| 7 | Executive Director Report | Accepted as information. |
| 8 | Round table updates | Accepted as information. |
| 9 | Upcoming Meetings | ➤ Wednesday, May 4, 2022-Stavely
➤ Wednesday, June 1, 2022-AGM arrangements TBD
➤ Summer meeting will be July 6 or August 3; TBD |
| 10 | Adjourn | Moved by Blair Painter THAT the meeting be adjourned.
Carried. [2022-03-774] |

Approved May 4, 2022