

**SUMMER VILLAGE OF BIRCH COVE
AGENDA**

Thursday, April 18th, 2024 – 4:00 p.m.
Wildwillow Administration Office and via zoom
2317 Township Road 545 Lac Ste. Anne County

			<p>Smoky Mountain Contracting \$58,450 General Landscaping \$51,150 CCZ Contracting \$29,943.06 less sod \$21,531.26</p> <p><i>(that the quote for the earthworks required around the tennis/basketball court be awarded to CCZ Contracting in the amount of \$21,531.26, cost to be funded by available grants)</i></p> <p>Or</p> <p><i>(some other direction as given by Council at meeting time)</i></p>
7.	<u>Bylaws & Policies</u>	a)	Bylaw 160-24, will be covered under New Business, 8a)
8.	<u>New Business:</u> <i>Pages 13-14</i>	a)	<p>2024 Operating and Capital Budget - further to previous meetings and direction of Council, attached is the 2024 Operating and Capital Budget as verbally accepted by Council at the last meeting. This budget has a 5.7% increase in municipal tax dollars collected. The minimum municipal tax payable has been set at \$1,100/lot, up from \$1,025 in 2023.</p> <p><i>(that the 2024 Operating and Capital Budget for the Summer Village of Birch Cove be approved as presented)</i></p>
	<i>Pages 15-16</i>	b)	<p>Tax Rate Bylaw - as follow-up to the approved budget, attached is the required 2024 Tax Rate Bylaw which sets the various rates of taxation for the 2024 year, to be approved by Council.</p> <p><i>(that Bylaw 160-24, being a Bylaw to authorize the rates of taxation imposed for all purposes for the 2024 year for the Summer Village of Birch Cove, be given 1st reading, as is or as amended)</i></p> <p><i>(give 2nd reading to Bylaw 160-24 as is or as amended)</i></p> <p><i>(give unanimous consent to consider 3rd reading of Bylaw 160-24 as is or as amended)</i></p> <p><i>(give 3rd and final reading to Bylaw 160-24 as is or as amended)</i></p>
	<i>Pages 17-28</i>	c)	Village versus Summer Village Status - on March 27 th , 2024 and based on a request from Summer Villages in the region, Municipal Affairs met with Councillors and Administration from various Summer Villages located in Lac Ste. Anne County to discuss the process and impacts of transitioning

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		<p>to a Village from a Summer Village, including some of the advantages and disadvantages. The biggest advantages seem to be economic opportunity and increased capital funding, while a significant disadvantage is a change in voter structure; only permanent residents would be above to run and vote for Council, as opposed to all property owners and their spouses in a Summer Village. It was stressed that there must be robust public engagement and a business plan included, should a Summer Village choose to request a change in status from the Minister.</p> <p><i>(direction as given by Council at meeting time)</i></p>
	<p>Pages 29-39</p>	<p>d) 2024 Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) funding and funding request from the East End Bus. The Summer Village of Birch Cove participates in the FCSS program. This is a partnership between the Province and the Summer Village of Birch Cove, where the Province pays 80% and Birch Cove is responsible for 20% of the funding, based on a predetermined amount. Birch Cove is responsible to allocate their funds, based on the provincial FCSS mandate and within the program parameters.</p> <p>This year's total funding allocation (including the Provincial and Municipal portion) is \$1,247.48; of that amount, we have available \$1,060.36. Attached is an application from the East End Bus Society to help fund their "Seniors in Motion" program. The specific funding request from the East End Bus is for a total combined contribution of \$3,620 from the Summer Villages of South View, Silver Sands, Nakamun Park, West Cove, Sunrise Beach and Birch Cove. If divided equally, this amounts to a contribution of \$603 each. There is currently a line budgeted amount of \$350 as an annual contribution to the East End Bus from general revenues.</p> <p>Council is asked to review the 2023 allocations and consider how they would like to allocate funds in 2024, keeping in mind that the Birch Cove Community League has reached out for ending this year, however we do not have an amount requested at this time.</p> <p><i>(that the Family and Community Support Services funds be allocated as discussed at meeting time)</i></p> <p>Or</p> <p><i>(some other direction as given by Council at meeting time)</i></p>

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		<p>e) Bank Account Transfer Consideration – the Summer Village of Birch Cove currently banks through the Royal Bank of Canada at the 16909 103A Ave location in Edmonton. Currently, anytime there is a deposit going into the account, someone must drive into the city and charge both time and mileage to the city and back to the Village. As well, the regular bank account currently has a significant balance and the Royal Bank does not pay any interest on the account (we may also wish to discuss investing some of the funds). Administration is requesting consideration to move the banking for the Summer Village to the ATB, which has a branch in Onoway and the Agency in Alberta Beach. We also have a significant amount invested in GIC's, which we may wish to move at an opportune time to take advantage of the interest accrued.</p> <p><i>(that Administration initiate the process of changing banking authorities)</i></p> <p>or</p> <p><i>(that the discussion provided on the Bank Account Transfer consideration be accepted for information)</i></p> <p>Or</p> <p><i>(some other direction as given by Council at meeting time)</i></p>
	<p>Pages 40-45</p>	<p>f) Alberta Counsel – Funding Agreement (Grant Services) – earlier this year, Alberta Summer Village Association (ASVA) began the process of engaging on behalf of all members, Alberta Counsel (based in Edmonton) for a secondary municipal service to assist local authorities with grant writing. In discussions with Alberta Counsel, they indicated a willingness to provide the same service arrangement being proposed through ASVA (no retainer fee, a portion of any awarded funds) to our partner municipalities in our office. Subsequent to a meeting in early April, Administration sees significant benefits to engaging this service and giving it a try. The cost is based entirely on awarded funding, so there is no obligation to the municipality unless they receive funding through Alberta Counsel efforts. This obligation is 1.5% of the awarded fund, so very reasonable. The service includes reporting to Council and engagement with the municipality on strategic priorities and funding sources to meet those priorities. Attached is a copy of the agreement and as noted, there is no upfront cost or budget impact. The term of the contract is offered at 12 months, with an option to extend or renew, so this is not a long-term commitment if we find it just is not working for us.</p>

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			<p><i>(that Council approve the Agreement with Alberta Counsel for the provision of grant research, reporting and writing services as presented, and authorize execution of same by Chief Administrative Officer, Wendy Wildman)</i></p> <p>Or</p> <p><i>(accept the information provided on the Alberta Counsel – Funding Agreement (Grant Services) as presented)</i></p>
		g)	<p>Next Meeting Date – the regularly scheduled meeting dates for the Summer Village of Birch Cove are the 3rd Thursday every second month, beginning in January of 2024. Because we had a scheduled meeting in March and again this month, Administration is requesting consideration to cancel the May meeting and schedule the next meetings for June 30th and July 18th, at which time we will be setting the remainder of 2024 and 2025 meetings at the Organizational meeting.</p> <p><i>(that the next Council meetings be scheduled for Thursday, June 20th, 2024 and Thursday, July 18th, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. at the Wildwillow Administration Office)</i></p>
	Page 46	h)	<p>Association of Summer Villages of Alberta (ASVA) – 66th Annual Conference & AGM, the conference is scheduled for October 17th and 18th, 2024 in Sherwood Park. The program has not been released yet and registration opens on May 1st, 2024. Conference Fee is \$349, if Council is interested in attending.</p> <p><i>(accept the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta (ASVA) 66th Annual Conference & AGM scheduled for October 17th & 18th, 2024 for information)</i></p> <p>Or</p> <p><i>(some other direction as given by Council at meeting time)</i></p>
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9.	<u>Financial</u>		N/A included in budget
10.	<u>Correspondence</u> <i>Pages 47-52</i>	a)	March 18 th , 2024 letter from Municipal Affairs Minister, Ric McIver regarding the Assessment Model Review
	<i>Page 53</i>	b)	Letter from Municipal Affairs Minister, Ric McIver regarding Provincial Education Requisition Credit Program Extension
	<i>Pages 54-56</i>	c)	Alberta Municipalities Key Messages regarding Political Parties updated April 2, 2024
	<i>Pages 57-63</i>	d)	Yellowhead Regional Library 2023 Annual Report
	<i>Pages 64-67</i>	e)	April 3 rd , 2024 email from Alberta Municipalities President, Tyler Gandam, regarding Independent Local Elections
	<i>Page 68</i>	f)	March 28 th , 2024 email from Alberta Municipalities Chief Executive Officer, Dan Rude, regarding the MUNIX 2024 Annual General Meeting
	<i>Pages 69-71</i>	g)	January 31/24 letter (received on March 21/24) from Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services regarding the 2024 Police Funding Model Invoices
	<i>Page 72</i>	h)	East End Bus – April 10 th , 2024 letter advising an increase in requisition of \$25.00 for 2024.
	<i>Pages 73-74</i>	i)	Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Overview of the Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) Re-negotiation (2024)
	<i>Pages 75-76</i>	j)	National Police Federation – April 12, 2024 bulletin outlining the implications of Bill 11, an amendment to the public safety statutes, establishes an independent policing agency governed by a civilian oversight board to oversee operations and provide accountability for its officers. The bill was introduced April 10 th by Public Safety and Emergency Services Minister Mike Ellis, who indicated that the new service would not replace the RCMP in Alberta, as provincial police officers will work with existing police forces.

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11.	<u>Council Reports</u>	a) b) c)	Mayor Deputy Mayor Councillor <i>(that the Council Reports be accepted for information)</i>
12.	<u>Chief Administrative Officer Report</u>	a) b) c) d) e)	Have been working on audit, budget and tax rate bylaws Tentative date for tax mail out – May 17 th , 2024 Community Peace Officer Services To Do List – March 21 st , 2024 Birch Cove Community League <i>(that the Chief Administrative Officer Reports be accepted as information)</i>
13.	<u>Confidential Matters</u>		N/A
14.	<u>Adjournment</u>		

Next Meetings: TBD

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST, 2024
HELD IN PERSON AT 2317 TWP RD 545. LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY, ALBERTA
AND VIA ZOOM

	PRESENT:	<p>Mayor: Steven Tymafichuk Deputy Mayor: Dory Sample Councillor: Dean Preston – not in attendance</p> <p>Administration: Wendy Wildman, Chief Administrative Officer Diane Wannamaker, Administrative Assistant</p> <p>Attendees: 0 via zoom, 0 in person</p> <p>Public at Large: 0</p>
1.	CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Tymafichuk called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.
2.	AGENDA 25-24	<p>MOVED by Mayor Tymafichuk that the March 21st, 2024 Regular Council Meeting agenda be approved with the following addition:</p> <p>8.I) Community Dock System</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
3.	0MINUTES 26-24	<p>MOVED by Mayor Tymafichuk that the minutes of the October 19th, 2023 Regular Meeting be approved as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
4.	PUBLIC HEARING(S)	N/A
5.	DELEGATIONS(S) Renee Jackson 27-24	<p>Ms. Jackson arrived for the meeting at 4:10 p.m.</p> <p>MOVED by Mayor Tymafichuk that the information provided by the Director of Emergency Management, Renee Jackson be approved as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Ms. Jackson left the meeting at 4:50 p.m.</p>
6.	BUSINESS ARISING	N/A

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7.	BYLAWS/POLICIES	N/A
8.	NEW BUSINESS	
	28-24	<p>MOVED by Deputy Mayor Sample that Councillor Dean Preston be appointed Mayor of the Summer Village of Birch Cove, effective immediately.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>As Councillor Preston was not in attendance, Deputy Mayor Sample assumed the Chair.</p>
	29-24	<p>MOVED by Deputy Mayor Sample that the following Assessment Review Board officials be appointed for the Summer Village of Birch Cove for the 2024 year:</p> <p>ARB Chairman - Raymond Ralph Certified ARB Clerk - Gerryl Amarin Certified Panelists - Darlene Chartrand Sheryl Exley Tina Groszko Stewart Hennig Richard Knowles Denis Meier Raymond Ralph</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
	30-24	<p>MOVED by Councillor Tymafichuk that the request for an additional \$600 from the Birch Cove Community League for the Canada Day and 35th Anniversary celebration be approved and included in the 2024 budget, to be funded through FCSS, if it fits the mandate.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
	31-24	<p>MOVED by Deputy Mayor Sample that the request for Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) funding to the Rich Valley Enhancement Society's Easter Themed Kids Bingo Event at the Rich Valley Community Hall on March 23rd, 2024 be accepted for information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
	32-24	<p>MOVED by Deputy Mayor Sample that the Summer Village of Birch Cove approve the Safety Codes Services Agreement for the term January 1st 2024 to December 31st, 2026 as presented and authorize execution.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

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	<p>33-24</p> <p>34-24</p> <p>35-24</p> <p>36-24</p> <p>37-24</p> <p>38-24</p> <p>39-24</p>	<p>MOVED by Deputy Mayor Sample that the Safety Codes Council 2023 Annual Internal Review for the Summer Village of Birch Cove regarding building, electrical, gas and plumbing permitting be accepted as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>MOVED by Deputy Mayor Sample that the Safety Codes Council 2023 Annual Internal Review regarding fire permitting for Barrhead County, the Town of Barrhead and the Summer Village of Birch Cove be accepted as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>MOVED by Deputy Mayor Sample that the discussion regarding implementation for an Assessment Sub Class Bylaw be accepted for information, and further that Development Officer Tony Sonnleitner be invited to the next meeting for discussion on the Land Use Bylaw regarding vacation rental homes.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>MOVED by Deputy Mayor Sample that the Summer Village of Birch Cove advise the County of Barrhead that we have no issues regarding their Draft Land Use Bylaw.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>MOVED by Councillor Tymafichuk that the next Council meeting be scheduled for Thursday, April 18th, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. at the Wildwillow Administration Office.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>MOVED by Councillor Tymafichuk that administration make changes to the 2024 Draft Operating and Capital budget as directed by Council at meeting time and that an updated Draft Budget comes back to the next Council meeting for final approval and further that the minimum amount payable for 2024 be set at \$1,100.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>MOVED by Deputy Mayor Sample that Summer Village Administration take over the financial management for the annual fees for the community dock in conjunction with the Birch Cove Community League.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>FINANCIALS</p>	<p>N/A included in draft budget</p>

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<p>10. CORRESPONDENCE 40-24</p>		<p>MOVED by Deputy Mayor Sample that the following correspondence be accepted for information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Fortis Brushing Requests – 3 Horseshoe Crescent – the brushing requests were previously forwarded to Council who have indicated no issues with the approvals ➤ Article from Alberta Municipalities Casual Legal Services entitled “Taxes Start at Home.” This article is based on the recent Court Decision out of the Summer Village of South View. ➤ Municipal Services Division – Update 2024 on Recall Petition Information and training. ➤ East End Bus Annual Meeting – scheduled for March 26th, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. in the Town of Onoway. ➤ Municipal Affairs – February 28th, 2024 email regarding potential changes to Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) provisions in the Municipal Government Act. ➤ Municipal Affairs – February 29th, 2024 letter regarding Budget 2024. ➤ Encroachment of Political Parties at the Local Level of Government – email from Alberta Municipalities President Tyler Gandam and further information. ➤ March 4th, 2024 Letter from the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Alberta regarding changes to Investigation Procedures for Access Request Reviews and Privacy Complaints under FOIP, HIA and PIPA. ➤ Alberta Municipal Affairs – January 19th, 2024 Reconciled Designated Industrial (DI) Property Requisition for the 2023 Tax Year. ➤ Alberta Municipal Affairs – correspondence from Minister Ric McIver of March 6th, 2024 requesting submissions for the 2024 Minister’s Awards for Municipal and Public Library Excellence. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
<p>11. COUNCILLOR REPORTS 41-24</p>		<p>MOVED by Deputy Mayor Sample that the Councillor reports be accepted for information as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

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12.	ADMINISTRATION REPORTS 42-24	MOVED by Councillor Tymafichuk that the Administration report be accepted for information as presented. CARRIED
13.	CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS	N/A
15.	ADJOURNMENT	The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Deputy Mayor, Dory Sample

Chief Administrative Officer, Wendy Wildman

Mayor, Dean Preston

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2024 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET

REVENUE:	2023 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	2024 ACTUAL	2024 DRAFT BUDGET
PROPERTY TAXES (Min Tax \$1100.00 in 2024)	\$ 80,559.66	\$ 80,560.00		\$ 85,082.50
SCHOOL TAXES	\$ 36,550.43	\$ 36,550.00		\$ 36,518.00
A.S.F.F.	-\$ 36,549.63	-\$ 36,550.00	-\$ 9,137.41	-\$ 36,518.00
LAC STE ANNE FOUNDATION	\$ 3,085.85	\$ 3,085.37		\$ 3,580.19
REQUISITION LSA FOUNDATION	-\$ 3,085.37	-\$ 3,085.37		-\$ 3,580.19
DESIGNATED INDUSTRIAL TAX	\$ 4.10	\$ 4.10		\$ 4.39
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GRANTS (FCSS 2023-\$955) (MSI-0 2023-\$9230)	\$ 10,217.23	\$ 10,185.00		\$ 9,230.00
GRANT FCSS (2024-997.98)*			\$ 249.51	\$ 997.98
BANK & INVESTMENT INTEREST	\$ 7,914.80	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 2,494.87	\$ 7,500.00
DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING	\$ 32.06	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
SALES: TAX CERT., MAPS, ETC.	\$ 25.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 100.00
FINES, PENALTIES/TAX RECOVERY COST	\$ 4,817.41	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 5,396.20	\$ 4,220.00
OTHER INCOME & DONATIONS	\$ 2,845.64	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00
TRANSFER BACK FROM ACCUMULATED SURPLUS				
GRANT FUNDING (Earthworks Tennis Court)				\$ 40,000.00
TRANSFER BACK FROM RESERVE FUND				
TOTAL REVENUE:	\$ 106,413.08	\$ 102,345.00	-\$ 971.83	\$ 147,630.48

EXPENSES:	2023 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	2024 ACTUAL	2024 DRAFT BUDGET
COUNCIL				
COUNCIL REMUNERATION	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
COUNCIL MILEAGE & SUBSISTANCE	\$ -	\$ 450.00	\$ 66.10	\$ -
SUBTOTAL COUNCIL	\$ -	\$ 450.00	\$ 66.10	\$ -
ADMINISTRATION				
AMORTIZATION	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
ADMINISTRATOR FEE	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 7,766.25	\$ 31,065.00
ADVERTISING/PROMO, MISC.	\$ 648.67	\$ 350.00		\$ 400.00
MUNICIPAL MEMBERSHIPS	\$ 2,142.20	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,691.01	\$ 1,650.00
PROFESSIONAL FEES (Auditor)	\$ 510.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00
INSURANCE/WCB	\$ 3,541.78	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 3,072.00	\$ 4,000.00
OFFICE EXPENSES & MISC EXPENSES	\$ 8,965.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 679.46	\$ 2,400.00
POSTAGE*				\$ 300.00
WEBSITE/COMPUTER SOFTWARE*			\$ 247.65	\$ 1,452.00
COMMUNICATION/OFFICE/STORAGE*			\$ 1,050.00	\$ 4,200.00
BANK CHARGES	\$ 216.29	\$ 500.00	\$ 20.40	\$ 250.00
ELECTIONS (RESERVES started 2023)	\$ 2,407.54	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
TAX RECOVERY COSTS			\$ 718.00	\$ 720.00
SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 48,431.48	\$ 46,750.00	\$ 15,244.77	\$ 52,437.00
ROADS, WALKWAYS & LIGHTING				
EQUIPMENT REPAIRS & SUPPLIES	\$ 1,129.87	\$ 1,300.00		\$ 1,300.00
ROAD REPAVING/REPAIRS	\$ 3,450.00	\$ 3,500.00		\$ 3,500.00
SNOW REMOVAL & ROAD CLEANING	\$ 1,461.60	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,981.50	\$ 6,000.00
UTILITIES (SANG/AMSC)	\$ 5,664.29	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 1,618.95	\$ 6,500.00
SUBTOTAL ROADS, WALKWAYS & LIGHTING	\$ 11,705.76	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 4,600.45	\$ 17,300.00

PARKS/REC FACILITIES & PROGRAMS	2023 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	2024 ACTUAL	2024 DRAFT BUDGET
CONTRACT - PARKS/REC (SUMMER STAFF)	\$ 17,233.63	\$ 9,000.00		\$ 9,000.00
CONTRACT - PORTA POTTIES/WOOD*				\$ 3,000.00
EQUIPMENT REPAIRS & SUPPLIES	\$ 5,242.18	\$ 4,500.00		\$ 4,000.00
PARK IMPROVEMENTS & EQUIPMENT		\$ -		\$ -
PROJECT - PARK/PLAY (CCBF) 36,500	\$ 6,996.80	\$ -		\$ -
PROJECT - TENNIS (MSI) 70,000	\$ 54,492.00	\$ -		\$ -
PROJECT - COMM. GATHER (MSI) 3,860	\$ 13,045.24	\$ -		\$ -
PROJECT - RET. WALL (MSI) 115, 000	\$ 87,630.00	\$ -		\$ -
PROJECT - DRAINAGE (MSI) 160,741	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 18,000.00	\$ -
PROJECT - EARTH WORKS				\$ 40,000.00
TREE REMOVAL/PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
WEED CONTOL	\$ 329.75	\$ 200.00		\$ 350.00
RECREATION PROGRAMS/FCSS (\$1194)	\$ 3,484.04	\$ 3,095.00		\$ -
FCSS EXPENSES*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 187.12	\$ 1,247.48
EAST END BUS*	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 350.00
BIRCH COVE COMMUNITY LEAGUE (\$1900)*	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 1,900.00
SUBTOTAL PARKS/REC FACILITIES & PROGRAMS	\$ 198,453.64	\$ 17,795.00	\$ 18,187.12	\$ 60,847.48
MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT & ASSESSMENT				
MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT SERVICES/ARB	\$ 3,121.60	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,620.70	\$ 3,000.00
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES/SDAB	\$ 3,889.56	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 4,800.00
SUBTOTAL DEVELOPMENT & ASSESSMENT	\$ 7,011.16	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 2,520.70	\$ 7,800.00
CONTRACTED SERVICES				
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,700.00		\$ 4,000.00
SAFETY CODES/DEM	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 100.00
MUNICIPAL SERVICES - PROVINCIAL POLICE	\$ 5,464.47	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,339.00	\$ 3,346.00
MUNICIPAL SERVICES - FIRE/MEDICAL*				\$ 1,500.00
YELLOWHEAD & REGIONAL LIBRARY	\$ 204.30	\$ 850.00		\$ 300.00
SUBTOTAL CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 9,168.77	\$ 11,550.00	\$ 3,339.00	\$ 9,246.00
GAIN/LOSS ON SALE OF ASSETS				
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 274,770.81	\$ 102,345.00	\$ 43,958.14	\$ 147,630.48
SURPLUS / DEFICIT:	-\$ 170,479.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

PROJECT EXPENSES \$ 172,164.04
TOTAL WITH GRANT REVENUE -\$ 1,684.71

NOTE: * NEW ACCOUNT CREATED 2024

BYLAW NO. 160-24

SUMMER VILLAGE OF BIRCH COVE

A BYLAW OF THE SUMMER VILLAGE OF BIRCH COVE, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO AUTHORIZE THE RATES OF TAXATION TO BE LEVIED AGAINST ASSESSABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE SUMMER VILLAGE OF BIRCH COVE FOR THE 2024 TAXATION YEAR.

WHEREAS, the Summer Village of Birch Cove has prepared and adopted detailed estimates of the municipal revenues and expenditures as required, at the Council meeting held on April 18, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the estimated municipal expenditures and transfers set out in the budget for the Summer Village of Birch Cove for 2024 total \$147,630.48: and

WHEREAS, the estimated municipal revenues and transfers from all sources other than taxation are estimated at \$62,547.98 and the balance of \$85,082.50 is to be raised by general municipal taxation; and

WHEREAS, the requisitions are:

Alberta School Foundation Fund (ASFF):	
Residential	\$ 36,311.00
Non-Residential	\$ 207.00
Lac Ste. Anne Foundation	\$ 3,580.19
Designated Industrial Property	<u>\$ 4.39</u>
Total	\$ 40,102.58

WHEREAS, the Council of the Summer Village of Birch Cove 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, RSA 2000; and

WHEREAS, the assessed value of all property in the Summer Village of Birch Cove as shown on the assessment roll is:

Residential	\$ 14,955,540
Non-Residential	\$ 57,380
Exempt (Municipal)	<u>\$ 481,530</u>
Total	\$ 15,494,450

BYLAW NO. 160-24

SUMMER VILLAGE OF BIRCH COVE

NOW THEREFORE, under the authority of the Municipal Government Act, the Council of the Summer Village of Birch Cove, 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 Summer Village of Birch Cove:

	<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
General Municipal	56,590.01	15,012,920	3.7694205
Minimum Municipal Tax	<u>28,492.49</u>		
Total General Municipal	85,082.50		
ASFF – Residential	36,311.00	14,955,540	2.4279297
ASFF – Non-Residential	<u>207.00</u>	<u>57,380</u>	3.6075288
Total ASFF	36,518.00	15,012,920	
Lac Ste. Anne Foundation	3,580.19	15,012,920	0.2384739
Designated Industrial Property	4.39	57,380	0.0765

That the minimum amount payable as property tax on residential property for general municipal purposes shall be eleven hundred dollars (\$1,100.00).

2. That a penalty of eighteen percent (18%) shall be added on all current (2024) unpaid taxes remaining unpaid after June 30th, 2024.
3. That a penalty of eighteen percent (18%) shall be added on to all outstanding taxes and related costs that remain unpaid after December 31st, 2024, and shall be added on January 1st, annually.

THAT, this bylaw shall come into force and effect upon the third reading and passing thereof.

READ A FIRST TIME IN COUNCIL

THIS 18TH DAY OF APRIL 2024

READ A SECOND TIME IN COUNCIL

THIS 18TH DAY OF APRIL 2024

READ A THIRD TIME IN COUNCIL AND DULY PASSED THIS 18TH DAY OF APRIL 2024

Signed this 18th day of April 2024

Mayor, Dean Preston

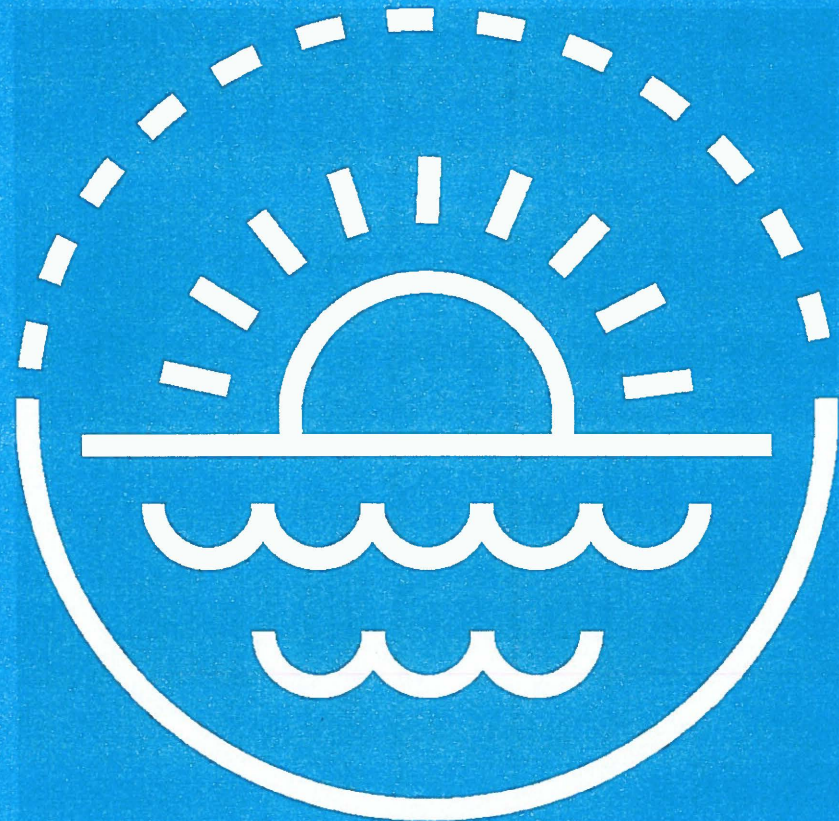
Chief Administrative Officer, Wendy Wildman

Change of Municipal Status: Summer Village to Village

March 27, 2024

Jeff Nixon
Ross Zimmermann

Classification: Public



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Objectives



Highlight applicable legislation



Review the process for changing municipal status



Discuss the effects/impacts of changing from a summer village to a village



Discuss some key differences between summer villages and villages that should be considered

Legislation

Sections 90.1 to 97.2 of the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)*



Province of Alberta

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT

Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000
Chapter M-26

Current as of December 7, 2023

Changing municipal status is a voluntary process.

What to consider?

Benefits

Perception

Initiation (Section 93 of *MGA*)

1. Council Request

- The Minister receives a request from municipal council.

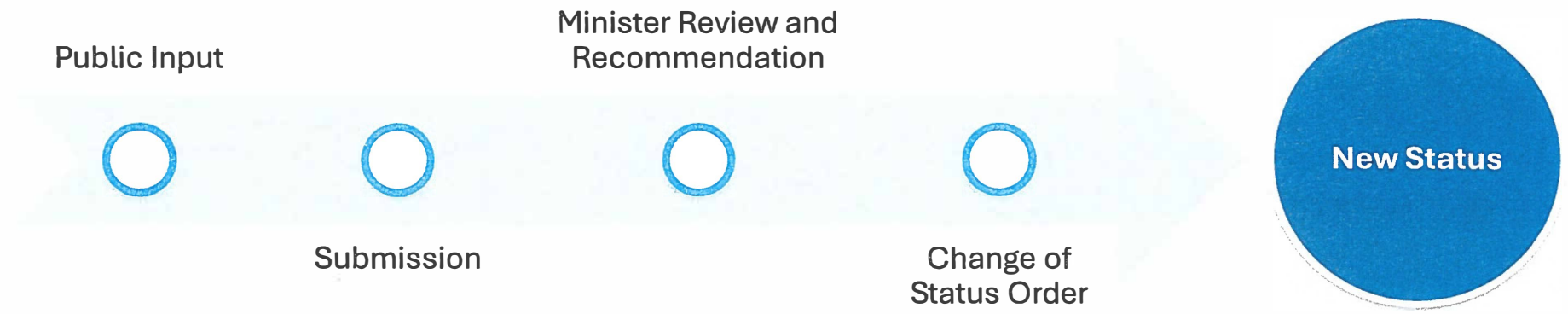
2. Elector Petition

- The Minister receives a sufficient petition requesting a change of status.

3. Minister Authority

- The Minister has the authority to initiate a change of status.

Change of Status (Council Request)



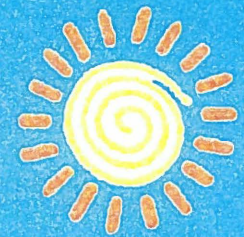
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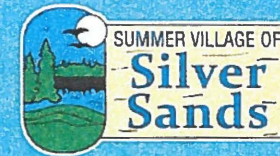
How is the community involved?

Summer Village Council

- Organize engagement activities
- Inform electors of change of status process
- Collect public feedback and build community support
- Maintain accurate records of public engagement activities and input



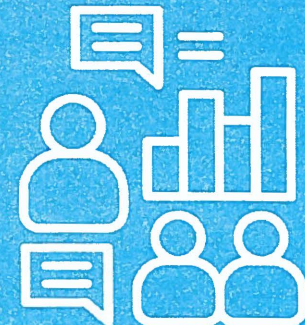
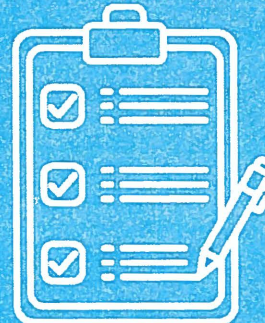
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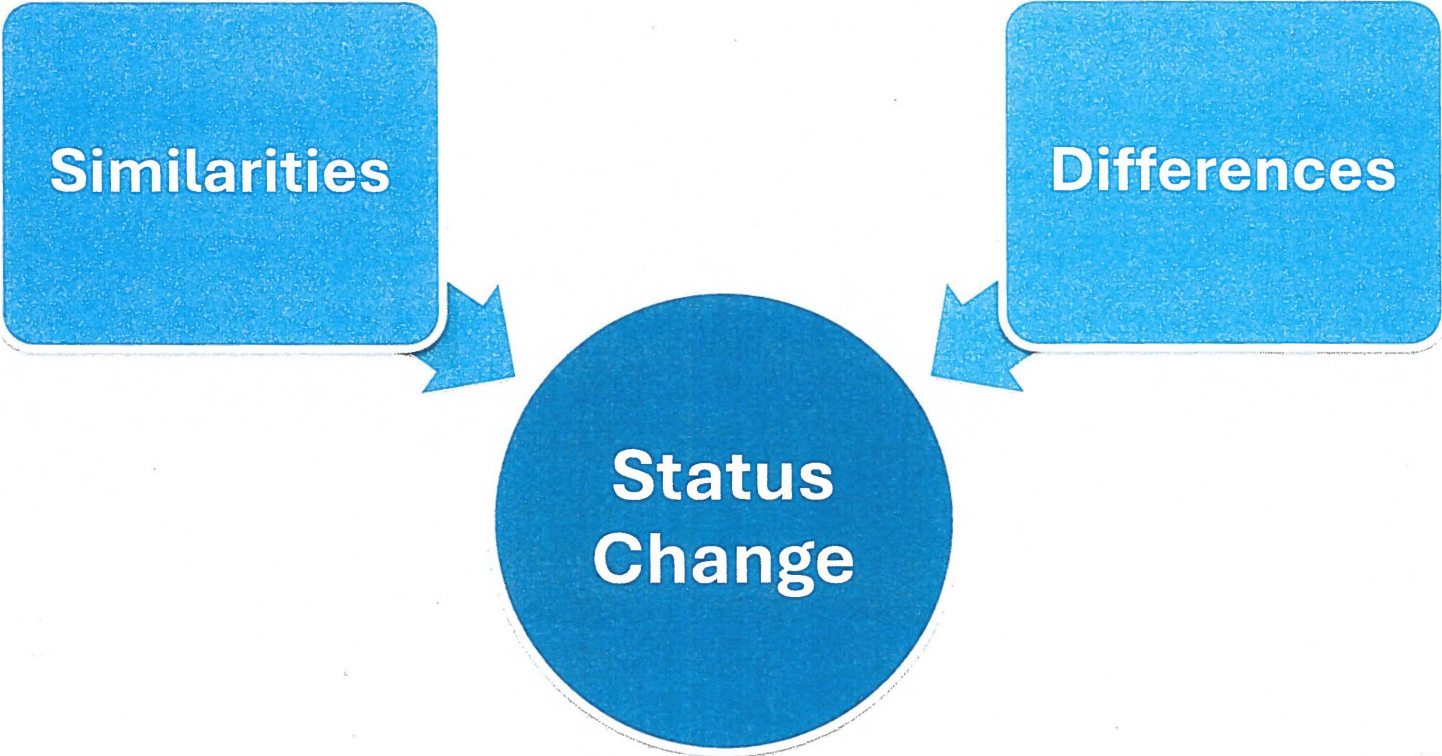
How is the community involved?

Engagement Options

- Open House
- Community Survey
- Steering Committee
- Town Hall/Council Discussion
- Elector vote on a question
- Other activities that involve the community and provide opportunities for input



Effects of changing from Summer Village to Village



Summer Village vs Village - Similarities

Summer Village

- Number of Councilors
 - 3
- Bylaws and Policies
 - Continue until repealed
- Property and Assets
 - Remain vested with the municipality
- Decision Making
 - Continue through resolutions of council

Village

- Number of Councilors
 - 3
- Bylaws and Policies
 - Continue until repealed
- Property and Assets
 - Remain vested with the municipality
- Decision Making
 - Continue through resolutions of council

Summer Village vs Village - Differences

Summer Village

- Voting and Running for Council
 - Permanent residents of the village
 - Property owners and partners of property owners
- Elections and Annual Meetings
 - Election day – June or July
 - Organizational meeting – August

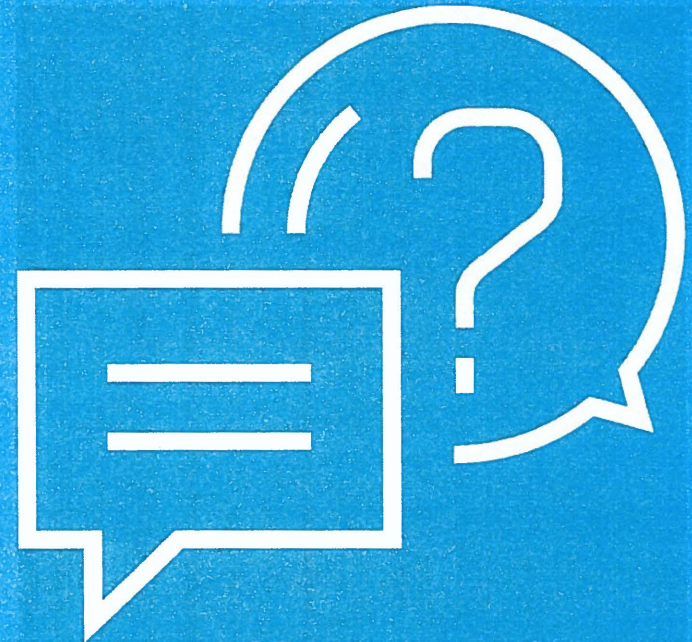
Village

- Voting and Running for Council
 - Permanent residents of the village
 - No Seasonal Residents
- Elections and Annual Meetings
 - Election day – October
 - Organizational meeting – October or November

Questions?

<https://www.alberta.ca/municipal-restructuring>

<https://www.alberta.ca/types-of-municipalities-in-alberta>



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Ross Zimmermann

Classification: Public

SUMMER VILLAGE OF BIRCH COVE FCSS FUNDING

EVENT	FUNDING 2024	FUNDING 2023	FUNDING 2022	CHEQUE MADE OUT TO
RICH VALLEY LIBRARY			\$ 500.90	RICH VALLEY LIBRARY
RICH VALLEY SCHOOL			\$ 514.00	RICH VALLEY SCHOOL
BC COMMUNITY LEAGUE		\$ 781.90		
EAST END BUS		\$ 233.00		
PHOTOCOPYING		\$ 33.32		
TOTAL	0	\$ 1,048.22	\$ 1,014.90	
FCSS FUNDING	\$ 1,060.36	\$ 1,048.22	\$ 1,014.90	
LEFT TO SPEND	\$ 1,060.36	\$ -	\$ -	

PROJECT EXTENSIONS: Any request for a project extension must be submitted in writing and is subject to approval by Administration (and/or Council if Administration deems necessary). A project extension beyond December 31st of the year the funding is allocated cannot be approved, as per the FCSS provincial mandate.

DELINQUENT FILING OF YEAR END SUMMARY REPORT: Failure to submit the final budget and evaluation forms with all receipts/financial documentation will prevent the organization from eligibility to receive future funding until the matter is resolved.

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APPLICATION FORM

INDICATE WHICH MUNICIPALITY(S) YOU ARE APPLYING WITH		
Town of Onoway <input type="checkbox"/>	Tri-Village <input type="checkbox"/>	Both x <input type="checkbox"/>

PROGRAM NAME	GRANT AMOUNT REQUESTED	GRANT AMOUNT AWARDED
SENIORS IN MOTION 2023-33	\$7200.00	
ORGANIZATION INFORMATION		
Organization Name: (Cheque will be made payable to this name.)	LAC ST. ANNE EAST END BUS SOCIETY	
Mailing Address: (Cheque and all correspondence will be mailed to this address.)	BOX 540 ONOWAY, ALBERTA T0E 1V0	
Contact person:	LORNA PORTER	Position/Title: SENIORS EVENT COORDINATOR
Email address:	eastendbus@gmail.com	
Telephone:	Cell: 780.905.3934	Fax:
Is your Organization Registered as a Society or a Corporation: xYes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

Charitable Number:	Incorporation Number:
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ADDITIONAL ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

<p>Brief Description of your agency: Mission, Mandate, History</p>	<p>East End Bus Society gained its Society status in June of 2008 and is a cooperative effort of the Lac Ste. Anne County, Alberta Beach and the Town of Onoway to provide affordable transportation for seniors and handicapped. Our 2016 bus is a 9 passenger + wheelchair accessible. With additional financial support from 12 Summer Villages, Birch Cove, Castle Island, Nakamun Park, Ross Haven, Sandy Beach, Silver Sands, South View, Sunrise Beach, Sunset Point, Val Quentin, West Cove and Yellowstone.</p> <p>Our service consists of scheduled shopping trips to West Edmonton Mall, and Spruce Grove, full cost trips, along with excursions, funded by FCSS dollars and rentals by service clubs, special interest groups and community members.</p> <p>Bus schedules can be found in the Lac Ste. Anne Bulletin, Seniors Clubs, Manors, the websites of the County of Lac Ste. Anne, Town of Onoway, Alberta Beach and also you can like us on Facebook.</p>		
<p>Funded by</p>	<p>PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT</p>	<p>FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</p>	<p>OTHER (please list all) MUNICIPAL</p>
<p>Reason why you need funding for this project</p>	<p>Funding is needed to assist EEB for programs for seniors allowing them independence, socialization, selfcare and confidence to continue to live in their own dwelling as long as possible.</p>		

ELIGIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

To be eligible, each proposed program or project must be managed by, or under the auspices of a community group or agency that is incorporated (or in the process of becoming incorporated) as a **non-profit society** in Alberta; or operating under the administrative jurisdiction of a school division or municipality.

ONLY applications that identify the Specific piece of the project or program that fits the FCSS Act and Regulation and identifies the Outcomes and Indicators will be considered.

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Program/Project Name	SENIORS IN MOTION 2024-34
Program/Project Completion Date	DECEMBER 31, 2024
<p>Point Form Description FCSS programs must be of a preventive nature that enhances the social well-being of individuals and families through promotion or intervention strategies provided at the earliest opportunity. How does this program or project contribute?</p>	<p>The seniors develop independence, strengthen coping skills given the opportunity to socialize with other seniors and discuss their own situation and struggles while gaining ideas and coping strategies. It also gives seniors the ability to discuss situations they know or are in or others are in and can assist them whether it's friendship, guidance or becoming involved with different group activities.</p>
<p>Statement of Need What community need or issue does this program or project address?</p>	<p>Understanding their needs and concerns, will ensure their good health. Lending emotional support to the elders keeps them jovial, which is inevitably the ideal way to live a healthy life. It can improve emotional, intellectual, and physical wellness. Overall wellness in all of these areas is key to getting and staying healthy as a person grows older. Being involved in social activities can help avoid isolation and loneliness - two issues seniors may face if they aren't socially engaged.</p>
<p>Overall Goal What do you hope to achieve with the program/project overall change or impact in the long term?</p>	<p>Seniors in Motion achieves that seniors have another outlet for friendship and socializing. In its entirety, the main goal of EEB program is to help individual seniors live as comfortably, safely and independently as possible while partaking in numerous attractions throughout Alberta.</p>
<p>Broad Strategy In general terms, how will the program or project address the community need?</p>	<p>Allowing seniors to interact with their peers, meeting new friends, enjoying their retirement years while socializing in a group setting. Everyone needs something to look forward to, EEB does this for seniors.</p> <p>"A STRANGER IS A FRIEND YOU HAVEN'T MET" Roy E. Stolworthy</p>
<p>Rationale What evidence do you have that would support this approach, ie, if you do these things, then these results will occur? What is your "if/then</p>	<p>This program gives seniors something to look forward to, they make new friends, new support systems. Giving them something to look forward to, making arrangements and allowing them to have adventures. I would hate to think of how the seniors would feel if this program was not funded.</p>

statement?"	
<p>Who is served What is the Target Group or population you want to reach with this program or project? (Youth, seniors, adults etc.)</p>	<p>Our program is for 50+</p>
<p>Inputs Identify the specific resources you have available for this program or to complete the project.</p>	<p>This program has been successfully running since 2002 with the financial support of FCSS.</p>

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<p>Outputs Identify the specific Activities & processes you will use to work toward your program/project goals.</p>	
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<p>Outputs Who will you reach? (students volunteers, seniors etc.)</p>	<p>Must report to the province so please collect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # of participants # of volunteers # of volunteer hours related to this FCSS initiative <p>If partners are involved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # of partners List of Partners <p>Consider collecting other information relevant to this program/project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # of new participants # of individuals served by age category # of workshops/presentations offered # of various types of information requested, i.e., food bank, transportation, housing, health, safety internet/telephone/door to door solicitors # of information and referrals
	<p>FCSS enhances the social well-being of individuals, families and community through prevention.</p>

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	PROPOSED BUDGET	ACTUAL BUDGET
REVENUE		
Onoway Administrated Grant Funding	\$ 7,200.00	\$
Lac Ste Anne County Grant Funding	\$ 13,125.00	\$

Other Funding Sources S.V. of Birch Cove, Sunrise, West Cove, Nakamun, Silver Sands and Southview	\$ 3620.00	\$
Other Funding Sources (Patrons Fees)	\$ 24,463.00	\$
Other Funding Sources	\$	\$
Other Funding Sources	\$	\$
Total Revenue:	\$ 48,408.00	\$
EXPENSE		
Speaker/Presenter Expenses (e.g., 6 presenters @ \$500 each)	\$	\$
Program or Project Materials	\$	\$
Advertising/Promotions	\$ 2,880.00	\$
Community Events	\$	\$
Facility Rentals	\$	\$
Administration/Coordination/Telephone/Postage/copying	\$	\$
Program Coordinator & Rev Canada Remit <i>[if applicable]</i>	\$	\$
Other Costs: TRANSPORTATION	\$ 19,330.00	\$
Other Costs: TICKETS & LODGING	\$ 22840.00	\$
Other Costs: MEALS	\$ 1,700.00	\$
Other Costs: PROMOTIONAL	\$ 1,600.00	
Total Expenditures	\$ 48,350.00	\$

Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 58.00	\$
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YEAR END SUMMARY REPORT

	Town of Onoway	Alberta Beach	Castle Island	Sunset Point	Val Quentin	Yellowstone
Total # of Volunteers:						
Total # of Volunteers HOURS:						

***GREY SECTION IN THIS BOX DO NOT USE IT IS AN EXAMPLE ONLY! ***

Outcome Statement:	Strategic Direction from FCSS Regulation	2010-2022 Alignment with the FCSS Outcomes Model: Chart of Outcomes and Indicators:	Old Measures Bank Number	2023 Alignment with Accountability Framework: Prevention Strategy	Measures Question On the Survey	Data to be collected and reported on the Year End Summary Report after surveying	Onoway	AB Beach	Castle island	Sunset Point	Val Quentin	Yellowstone
Community members know what is happening in their neighbourhood/ community.		COMMUNITY OUTCOME 1 The community is connected and engaged. Indicator: Social Engagement	PM1	Prevention Strategy 1: Promote and encourage active engagement in the community.	[Insert name] has helped me to know what is happening in my neighbourhood/ community .	Total # of Participants						
						# completing the tool:						
						# completing measure:						
						# experiencing a positive change:						

						% of positive change	80	80	80	80	80	80
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Outcome Statement	Strategic Direction from FCSS Regulation	2010-2022 Alignment with the FCSS Outcomes Model: Chart of Outcomes and Indicators:	Old Measures Bank Number	2023 Alignment with Accountability Framework Prevention Strategy	Measures Question On the Survey	Data to be collected and reported on the Year End Summary Report after surveying	Onoway	AB Beach	Castle Island	Sunset Point	Val Quentin	Yellowstone
						Total # of Participants						
						# completing the tool:						
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						# experiencing a positive change:						
						% of positive change						
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						# completing measure:						

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						% of positive change							

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Continuous Quality Improvement for YEAR END REPORT	
After analyzing the information, should this program/project continue?	
What improvements can be made to the program/project?	
What changes will you make (if any)?	
What improvements can be made to the outcome measurement process?	
Should there be any unexpended FCSS Grant funds, please complete this section:	
What occurred that resulted in funds not being expended?	
What plans do you have for the unexpended funds?	

What timeline will be required to expend the funds?	
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Declaration of Applicant	
<p>I/we do certify to the best of my/our knowledge that this application contains a full and correct account of all matters stated herein and complies with the requirements and conditions set out in the Family and Community Support Services Act and Regulation. (http://humanservices.alberta.ca/family-community/14876.html):</p> <p>I acknowledge that should this application be approved, I/we will be required to enter into this funding agreement in its entirety.</p>	
Print Name	LORNA PORTER
Authorized Signature	
Date Signed	FEBRUARY 14/2024
Date submitted to FCSS Program	FEBRUARY 14/2024
Please keep a copy of this application for your records along with supporting financials. This report will coincide with the Year End Summary.	

FUND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made effective this 1st day of April, 2024 (the "Effective Date").

BETWEEN:

Alberta Counsel Ltd.
800, 9707 – 110 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2L9
(the "Contractor")

Of The First Part

- and -

Summer Village of Birch Cove
Box 8
Alberta Beach, Alberta T0E 0A0
(the "Client")

Of The Second Part

WHEREAS the Client is seeking the services of the Contractor for fund development support and/or grant writing services on behalf of the Summer Village of Birch Cove, Alberta;

AND WHEREAS the Client has agreed with the Contractor to have the Contractor perform the Work as defined in this agreement (the "Agreement") and subject to the terms in this Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the parties hereto agree as follows:

Section 1 Definitions and Interpretation

1.1 In this Agreement, including the schedules attached hereto, the following defined terms shall have the meanings indicated:

- (a) "Commencement Date" means the Effective Date as first set out above;
- (b) "Contract Price" means that Contract Price as described in this Agreement and as detailed in the Schedules and amendments thereto;
- (c) "Rights" means all rights, title and interest in intellectual property of any sort, including but not limited to, copyright in all materials, algorithms, programming code (both source and object), manuals and training materials, all procedures, processes and know-how, all patents, all trade secrets, trademarks, calling data, data analysis and confidential information;
- (d) "Term" means that duration as described in the Agreement and as detailed in the Schedules and amendments thereto; and
- (e) "Work" means that Work as described in this Agreement and as detailed in the Schedules and amendments thereto.

Section 2 General Terms

2.1 Each party hereto acknowledges that it or its solicitors have reviewed and participated in the settling of the terms of this Agreement, and therefore any rule of construction to the effect that any ambiguity is to be resolved against the drafting party shall not be applicable in the interpretation of this Agreement.

2.2 All references to dollar amounts in this Agreement shall be in the lawful currency of Canada.

2.3 Time in all respects shall be of the essence of this Agreement and the time for doing or completing any matters provided for in this Agreement may be extended or abridged only by agreement in writing signed by the Client and the Contractor, or by their respective solicitors or as otherwise provided for in this Agreement.

- 2.4 As the context of this Agreement so requires, words that import the singular shall include the plural, and vice versa, and words that import a particular gender shall include all other genders.
- 2.5 The division of this Agreement into sections and the insertion of headings are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of this Agreement.
- 2.6 Unless otherwise expressly stated, all references to section numbers and schedules herein shall be deemed to mean the section numbers and schedules contained within this Agreement.
- 2.7 All references to a "person" or "persons" in this Agreement shall include individuals, partnerships, firms, corporations, trusts, public authorities, and unincorporated associations as the context so requires.
- 2.8 If the date for the performance of any obligation under this Agreement falls on a Saturday, Sunday or statutory holiday in the Province of Alberta, then such date shall be deemed extended to the next following Business Day.
- 2.9 For the purposes of this Agreement, the term "knowledge" or "know" shall mean actual knowledge, without inquiry.
- 2.10 The following schedules are incorporated into and form a part of this Agreement:

Schedule A - Retainer Details.

Section 3 Description of Work

- 3.1 Unless otherwise stated in this Agreement, the Contractor shall supply all materials, labour, and supervision to perform the Work as described in Schedule "A" on the terms and conditions herein provided during the Term of this Agreement.

Section 4 Other Contractors

- 4.1 The Contractor and the Client agree that the Contractor is the exclusive provider of the Work, and any similar activities or services, to the Client unless otherwise stipulated in the Schedules to this Agreement.
- 4.2 The Contractor can utilize contractors in the performance of any Work.

Section 5 Interest

- 5.1 The Client agrees to pay to the Contractor interest on all amounts due under this Agreement which are not paid when due at a rate of twelve (12%) percent per annum calculated and compounded monthly. Such interest shall be calculated from the date such monies are due until the date such monies are paid in full to the Contractor.

Section 6 Assumption of Risk of Client during Work

- 6.1 The Client understands and agrees that any lobby efforts, political activities, or social advocacy naturally gives rise to objections from other community members. The Contractor shall not be liable or responsible in any way with respect to any loss, injury, or damage suffered by the Client, any member or associate of the Client's family or business, or any invitee, affiliate, or licensee of the Client whatsoever suffered by them related to the Work.
- 6.2 The Client agrees to indemnify the Contractor and to hold the Contractor harmless from any and all liability, loss, damages, claims or causes of action, including reasonable legal fees and expenses that may be incurred by the Contractor, arising out of claims by a third party related to the performance, or undertaking pursuant to this Agreement, including any instructions, materials, graphics, information, or content provided by the Client.

Section 7 Representations, Warranties and Covenants

- 7.1 The Contractor agrees to undertake all Work diligently in a good and workmanlike manner, in accordance with good quality standards and practices, but the Contractor makes no representations, warranties or covenants regarding funding outcomes.
- 7.2 The Client represents and covenants that it has ownership, copyright, trademark right or assignable licence in all materials and data provided to the Contractor.

- 7.3 The Client accepts and understands that there may be inconveniences from time to time, and the Contractor agrees to keep such inconveniences to a reasonable standard.
- 7.4 The Contractor provides no warranty, express or implied, for any labour, work, or materials performed, supplied, or hired by the Client.

Section 8 Confidential Information

8.1 Confidential Information

- (a) Unless otherwise provided under this Agreement, each of the Client and the Contractor shall:
- (i) treat all information of the other as confidential;
 - (ii) exercise at least the same degree of care and discretion with respect to information of the other as it exercises in protecting its own information;
 - (iii) take all necessary steps to ensure that the confidentiality of the information of the other is maintained;
 - (iv) not disclose, publish, display, or otherwise make available to other persons any of the information of the other, or copies thereof; and
 - (v) not duplicate, copy or reproduce any of the information of the other without the prior written consent of the other.

8.2 Disclosure Compliance

- (a) Each party represents and warrants to the other party that its collection, use and retention of the personal information of an individual (including minors) and the disclosure of any such personal information to the other party (subject to compliance of the other party with the other provisions of this Section), is in compliance with all applicable laws.

8.3 Exclusions

- (a) The obligations set out in this Section does not apply to any information which:
- (i) is in the public domain or enters the public domain through no breach of confidence by the Client or by the Contractor;
 - (ii) is available to a party from some source other than the other party without a breach of confidence with the other party;
 - (iii) was in a party's lawful possession prior to the disclosure and was not obtained by the party either directly or indirectly from the other party;
 - (iv) is lawfully disclosed to a party by a third party without restriction on disclosure;
 - (v) is disclosed ten (10) years after the date of this Agreement, excluding any personal information of an individual (including minors);
 - (vi) is required by a court of competent jurisdiction to be disclosed; or
 - (vii) is disclosed on a confidential basis to a party's legal and financial advisors and bankers.

8.4 Solicitor Client Privilege

- (a) The Client acknowledges and agrees that the information provided during the Term of this Agreement is governed by the confidentiality provisions as contained in this Agreement and is not subject to Solicitor Client privilege. In the event the Client wishes to engage this privilege for matters related to this Agreement, and specifically, for legal advice, the Client shall inform the Contractor of same and requires the execution of a specific and separate legal retainer agreement.

Section 9 No Assignments

9.1 No assignment or amendment of this Agreement shall be valid by either the Contractor or the Client without the written consent of the other, which consent may be unreasonably or arbitrarily withheld.

Section 10 Notices

10.1 Any notices required to be given under this Agreement shall be given to either the Contractor or the Client in writing and mailed to or delivered to the other at the following address: shown on the first page of this Agreement.

10.2 Any notice delivered by mail shall be deemed to have been received seventy-two (72) hours after it has been posted in a prepaid addressed envelope.

Section 11 Non-Merger

11.1 All covenants and obligations of the parties to this Agreement shall survive the closing of this transaction and remain in full force and effect and shall not be merged in the closing of this transaction or the delivery of the Agreement Price.

Section 12 Entire Agreement

12.1 This Agreement and all Schedules shall constitute the entire agreement between the Contractor and the Client. No representations, warranties and previous statements made by any person or agent other than those in writing contained in either this Agreement and signed by the Contractor and Client shall be binding upon the Contractor so as to vary the terms of either this Agreement.

Section 13 Binding Effect

13.1 This Agreement shall enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Contractor and the Client, their respective heirs, administrators, executors and permitted successors and assigns.

Section 14 Counterparts and Facsimile Delivery

14.1 This Agreement may be executed in counterpart, and each counterpart when taken as a whole with the other executed counterparts shall constitute an original agreement. Delivery of an executed copy or counterpart of this Agreement by facsimile transmission or electronically in portable document format (PDF) shall constitute valid and effective delivery.

<<Signature Page Follows>>

CONTRACTOR'S ACCEPTANCE

The Contractor hereby enters this Agreement and agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions contained herein.

DATED at the City of Edmonton in the Province of Alberta, this 4th day of April, 2024.

Alberta Counsel Ltd.

Per: _____

Jonathon Wescott - President

CLIENT'S ACCEPTANCE

The Client hereby enters this Agreement and agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions contained herein.

DATED at the _____ of _____ in the Province of Alberta, this _____ day of April, 2024.

Client: Summer Village of Birch Cove

Per: _____

I am an officer or director of the Client with the legal authority to bind the Client.

SCHEDULE "A" - RETAINER DETAILS

Section 1 Work Term, Timeline, and Timing

- 1.1 The Contract Price is:
 - (a) 1.5% reporting fee on all secured funds for municipal applications; and
 - (b) 2.5% reporting fee on secured funds for all not-for-profit organizations within the community.

- 1.2 The Term of this Agreement is for twelve (12) months, after which the Agreement may be renewed upon mutual agreement between the parties.

- 1.3 Payment of the Contract Price is due the date the funds are secured.

- 1.4 All amounts in this agreement will be subject to applicable taxes.

Section 2 Description of the Work:

- 2.1 Work under this Agreement may include:
 - (i) Creation of a project and/or organizational grant and funding strategy
 - (ii) Sourcing of applicable and eligible funding opportunities
 - (iii) Coverage of federal, provincial, and corporate funding opportunities
 - (iv) Assistance with writing grants and funding submissions
 - (v) Assistance with reporting and compliance requirements, including stacking rules
 - (vi) In quieter funding months, development of "shovel-ready" projects
 - (vii) Regular guidance calls with an Alberta Counsel funding expert
 - (viii) Assistance with building local collaborations and intentional partnerships to move applicable community projects forward more effectively
 - (ix) Project planning and management support, where applicable
 - (x) Product and quote sourcing support, where applicable

SAVE - THE - DATE
October 17 & 18, 2024
Thursday & Friday

VENUE

**Sandman Signature
Sherwood Park Hotel**

901 Pembina Road, Sherwood Park, Alberta,
T8H 0Y7

To book accommodations, ask for the ASVA
Group Booking Rate

Phone: 780-467-7263

King Guestroom \$ 129

Standard 2 Queen Guestroom \$139

Prices per room per night, plus tax &
Eco Fees

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

FEE: \$349

Cancellations must be in writing via email to
execdirector@asva.ca before September 15, 2024, for a
full refund, less \$50 administration fee.

Online Conference Registration Opens
May 01, 2024. Watch for Updates.

Conference Registration Deadline
September 30, 2024

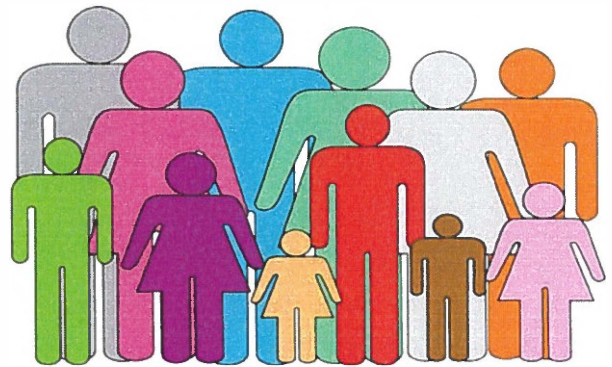
This in person event will feature engaging
sessions, networking opportunities, and
more. Don't miss out on this chance to
learn, connect, and grow with fellow
professionals. Let's navigate these
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stronger than ever!



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October 17th Banquet Venue

- Cocktails (Cash Bar)
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- Award Presentations
- Entertainment
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Please contact ASVA Executive Director Kathy Krawchuk if you have
any questions at execdirector@asva.ca.



AR113531

March 18, 2024

Dear Chief Elected Officials:

Municipal Affairs has been working with the Assessment Model Review (AMR) Steering Committee comprised of industry, assessors, and municipal partners, such as Alberta Municipalities and the Rural Municipalities of Alberta.

The committee was tasked with designing an engagement approach to update the regulated property assessment system. I support the approach and I am pleased to share that engagement will begin this year. We have a shared vision to ensure the AMR is deliberate, evidence-based, and stakeholder-driven.

The AMR will be a multi-year process to review the policies, procedures, and rates that form the regulated property assessment framework. We will engage with municipal associations, industry representatives, and professional assessors throughout the duration of the AMR.

The review of the foundational policies – principles, assessment year modifiers, and the policy document that determines how assessable costs are reported for major projects, the Construction Cost Reporting Guide – will occur in 2024. Any resulting policy and regulatory changes would not be implemented any sooner than 2025.

Reviews of the assessment models for individual property types will then occur from 2025 through 2027 in two stages. These reviews will be followed by broad and direct engagement with municipalities and industry to consider the impacts of the new assessment models on revenue. Discussions of potential impacts will also include stakeholder-centered implementation strategies. To be clear, your municipality will be directly engaged on the overall results of the AMR and the potential impacts. The final decision by government on any changes to assessment models will be sought in 2028. Attached is a visual representation of the upcoming AMR engagement, and a frequently asked question document for your use.

Thank you for working in partnership with the province on this crucial task. Please continue to share your perspectives with both my department and your municipal association. I look forward to working with you and your municipal associations on this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Ric Mclver
Minister

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cc: Chief Administrative Officers
Tyler Gandam, President, Alberta Municipalities
Paul McLauchlin, President, Rural Municipalities of Alberta

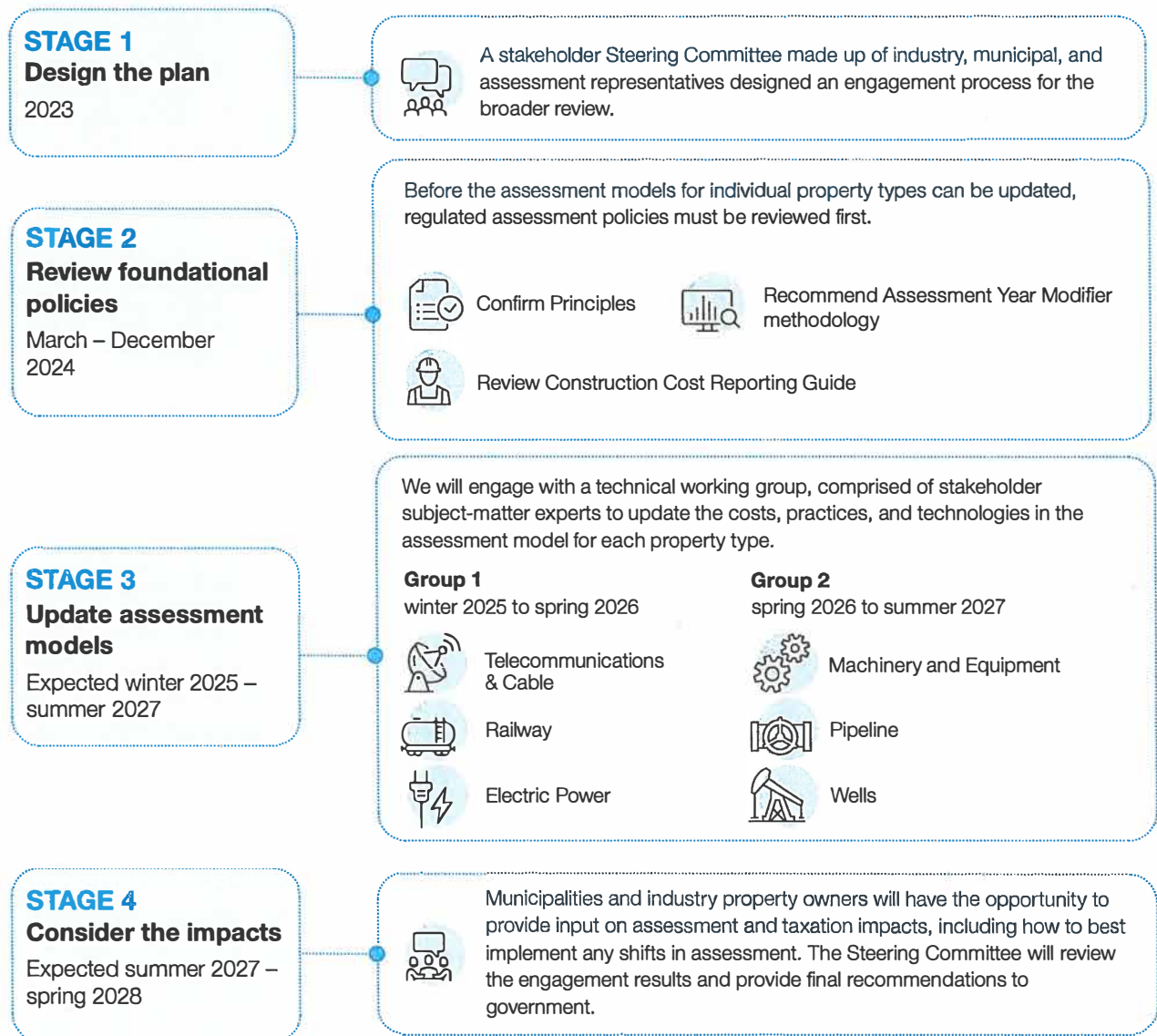
Attachments

- Infographic
- Assessment Model Review: Frequently Asked Questions

Regulated property assessment model review (AMR)

The Assessment Model Review process will update Alberta's regulated property assessment system resulting in fairer valuation of regulated property.

Stakeholder Engagement



Key municipal, industry, and assessment stakeholders will be engaged during each stage of the AMR process. For any questions, please contact the AMR Team at ma.amr@gov.ab.ca.

For more information visit alberta.ca/regulated-property-assessment-model-engagement





Frequently Asked Questions Assessment Model Review

What are the properties that will be reviewed during the Assessment Model Review (AMR)?

Regulated properties, which include electric power systems, telecommunication and cable systems, pipelines, wells, and railway will be reviewed during the AMR process.

When will the results of the AMR be implemented?

Any government decisions on any changes to assessment models would be sought in spring or summer 2028, with implementation to follow.

The last model review was paused; how will this one be different?

In general, the previous attempts to review assessment models relied too heavily on a technical approach without a clear plan to broadly engage stakeholders in all phases of the process.

This one will be different, as this engagement approach seeks to mitigate potential controversy to the extent possible through a clear transparent stakeholder-driven process. Assessment discussions will be principle- and evidence-based, and will be separate from discussion of potential tax impacts and mitigation strategies for any resulting assessment changes.

The stakeholder steering committee that designed the engagement plan for this review will also work throughout the process to ensure the input of the represented stakeholders is considered, and will work according to jointly draft guiding principles to resolve challenges.

How are stakeholders able to participate?

Stakeholders are encouraged to provide feedback during each specific stage of the AMR process, either through their steering committee representative (list provided below) or by sending their comments to the AMR Team at ma.amr@gov.ab.ca.

How will we know the status/updates of the AMR process?

Status updates will be communicated to steering committee representatives (list provided below) and posted to the AMR website at <https://www.alberta.ca/regulated-property-assessment-model-engagement>.

Which groups are impacted by the AMR process?

Municipalities and regulated property owners may be impacted by changes in assessment values at the conclusion of the AMR process.

What are the timelines for the AMR process?

The review of AMR Principles, Assessment Year Modifiers, and the Construction Cost Reporting Guide will occur in 2024. Government will consider any resulting policy and regulatory changes in early 2025.

Reviews of the assessment models for individual regulated property types will then occur in two stages, from 2025-27.

Following this, we will begin broader engagement to comprehensively consider and understand the potential assessment and tax impacts of the new models. We will work with stakeholders to evaluate any mitigation or implementation strategies required.

Final government decisions on any changes to assessment models would be sought in 2028.

For further details please visit <https://www.alberta.ca/regulated-property-assessment-model-engagement>.

Have tax implications been considered for the AMR process?

Following preparation of new assessment models, broad engagement will be initiated with municipalities and industry groups. Stakeholders will have the opportunity to provide input during this stage of the process.

Final government decisions on any changes to assessment models would be sought after this input is received and considered.

Who is the main government contact for the AMR process?

To contact Municipal Affairs during the AMR process, please contact the AMR Team toll-free by first dialing 310-0000, then 780-422-1377, or at ma.amr@gov.ab.ca.

Which stakeholder groups are represented on the steering committee?

The steering committee is comprised of representatives from the following organizations:

- Alberta Assessors' Association
- Alberta Federation of Rural Electrification Associations
- Alberta Municipalities
- Alberta Rural Municipal Administrators' Association
- Bell MTS
- Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers
- Canadian National Railway Company
- Canadian Pacific Railway Company
- Canadian Property Tax Association
- Canadian Renewable Energy Association
- Capital Power
- Chemistry Industry Association of Canada
- Explorers and Producers Association of Canada
- Federation of Gas Co-ops
- FORTIS Alberta
- Independent Power Producers Society of Alberta
- Local Government Administration Association of Alberta
- Northeast Capital Industry Association
- Pipeline Property Tax Group
- Rogers Communications
- Rural Municipalities of Alberta
- TELUS



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*Office of the Minister
MLA, Calgary-Hays*

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Subject: Provincial Education Requisition Credit Program Extension

Our government recognizes delinquent oil and gas property tax payments continue to be a concern for many municipalities. To help address this issue, *Budget 2024* included the announcement of an extension to the Provincial Education Requisition Credit (PERC) program for an additional two years up to and including the 2025 tax year. The maximum annual credit limit is \$3 million.

The extension of PERC is in addition to other recent government initiatives including:

- establishing a mandatory condition with the Alberta Energy Regulator that property taxes are to be paid before approving well licence transfers or granting new well licences;
- strengthening the liability management framework and empowering the Alberta Energy Regulator to enforce it;
- passing new legislation to give municipalities priority over other creditors through a special lien where companies owe taxes; and
- providing the Rural Municipalities of Alberta with a \$300,000 grant to provide resources and training related to enforcing the special lien.

Furthermore, our government will continue working in collaboration with our partners in industry, the Rural Municipalities of Alberta, Alberta Municipalities, and the Alberta Energy Regulator, to ensure oil and gas companies pay their fair share of taxes that municipalities rely on for effective and efficient local service delivery to Albertans.

I look forward to continuing to work together on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Ric McIver
Minister

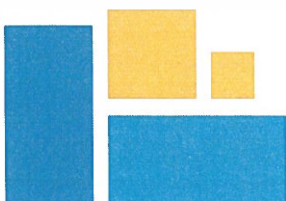
Updated April 2, 2024

Why non-partisan politics works at the municipal level

- Given the size of Alberta and Canada, political parties are necessary at the provincial and federal levels.
- Multiple surveys have shown that the majority of Albertans do not think political parties add value at the local level.
- Most issues faced by local elected officials (i.e., mayors, reeves, and councillors) are practical challenges that are **clearly not partisan**.
 - Snow clearing, safe drinking water, road repair, local transportation, fees for hockey arena use are examples of issues that are **clearly not partisan**.
- The current non-partisan system features an environment in which councillors are encouraged to listen to one another, consider alternative views, weigh the pros and cons, seek additional information, and debate issues before voting on them.
 - It encourages collaboration, compromise, and a willingness to find consensus on even the most difficult issues.
- A party-based system is likely to encourage councillors to stick to the positions of the political parties they represent, instead of listening to residents and considering the welfare of the municipality as a whole.
 - It will contribute to a more adversarial and combative environment on council in which councillors will vote along party lines.
- Divisions on municipal councils seem likely to inflame existing divisions among groups within communities and even between neighboring municipalities.
 - Politics does not need to be divisive.
 - The current non-partisan system encourages collaboration in our communities.
 - Albertans want to vote for candidates, not labels.

Recommendations to improve transparency & governance

- Alberta Municipalities' members share concerns about transparency and governance that were expressed by Municipal Affairs Minister Ric McIver and Premier Danielle Smith at our Spring Municipal Leaders' Caucus (MLC) in mid-March, but we do not believe the injection of political parties into local elections will improve things.



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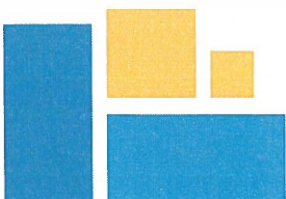
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- In response to Premier Smith's March 15 request at Spring MLC for suggestions on how transparency and governance could be improved in municipal elections, ABmunis recommends the following actions be considered:
 - Limit donation amounts. Make changes to the *Local Authorities Election Act* (LAEA) to **limit individual donation amounts** to \$2,500 per candidate.
 - In recent reviews of Alberta's election rules, Albertans clearly signaled they want to see less money involved in local elections, not more.
 - A reduction in contribution limits would go a long way towards creating a more level playing field and ensuring large donors do not drown out the voices of grassroots Albertans.
 - Financial disclosure. Require candidates to file **pre-election disclosure statements** and strengthen disclosure requirements for **third-party advertisers**.
 - Voters should know who, be they individuals or like-minded groups, is donating money to candidates or indirectly supporting them through advertising.
 - Limits on campaign contributions to candidates should also be applied to third parties.
 - Update nomination form. We recommend **changes to the nomination form** that require candidates to confirm they understand the role of councillors as set out in the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA).
 - Education & resources for prospective candidates. Legislation alone cannot fix divisiveness and disfunction on municipal councils, so we are committed to working with the ministry and other associations to **provide education and resources** that support productive councils.
 - We want to avoid situations like the one that occurred recently in Chestermere, Alberta, where a slate of councillors disregarded their legislative duties to the detriment of their community.

Good Governance

- While political parties are an important part of the parliamentary system at the provincial and federal level, they are not a good fit with local government legislation and processes in Alberta regardless of size of municipality.
- The cities of Edmonton and Calgary follow the same governance rules as other municipalities.
- Caucus meetings and whipped votes go against rules set out by the province in the MGA.
- The MGA states in Part 5, Division 3 that councillors have the statutory duty to: "consider the welfare and interests of the municipality as a whole"
- Section 197(1) of the MGA specifies that council and council committees must meet in public.
- Furthermore, to deliver services efficiently and effectively to businesses and residents, councils must work collaboratively with the province and neighboring municipalities.
- Council members also have roles on quasi-judicial tribunals and service delivery boards
- For these reasons ABmunis believes partisanship would undermine the ability of councils to effectively fulfill their roles.



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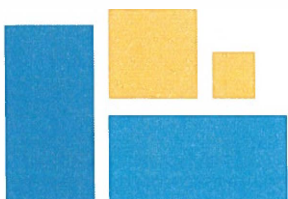
POLITICAL PARTIES

Survey Results

- Results from the Government of Alberta’s November 2023 survey on proposed changes to the LAEA that were obtained through a reporter’s FOIP request show that 70 per cent of Albertans are opposed to the introduction of political parties at the local level.
- A public opinion survey on the possible introduction of political parties at the municipal level was conducted by pollster Janet Brown for Alberta Municipalities in early September 2023, just six months ago.
 - ABmunis’ survey found that **68 per cent** of Albertans were opposed to the idea.
 - More than **80 per cent** (81%) thought that municipal officials who are part of a political party would vote along party lines and not necessarily in the best interest of the community.
 - **Sixty-nine per cent** (69%) of respondents think that political parties would make municipal governments more divisive and less effective.

Trust and Integrity

- We recognize there is currently nothing preventing candidates from running on slates or for political parties, other than an historic lack of success.
- However, changes to legislation could be made that might make it easier for political parties or slates of candidates to raise funds. We know from previous reviews of the election rules that Albertans want to see less money involved in local elections, not more.
- Parties could also lead to money being raised in one part of the province being used to influence the election in another region. This would again take the focus away from keeping local elections local.
- The [mandate letter](#) from Premier Smith to Minister of Municipal Affairs McIver instructed him to collaborate with Minister of Justice Amery to review the LAEA and make recommendations for any necessary amendments to “strengthen public trust in and the integrity of our municipal election laws”.
- We believe the best way to strengthen trust and integrity is to listen to Albertans when they say they do not want political parties at the local level.



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YRL 2023 Annual Report

Laurie Haak <LHaak@yrl.ab.ca>

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Cc:YRL Chair <chair@yrl.ab.ca>;Karla Palichuk <KPalichuk@yrl.ab.ca>;Wendy Sears <WSears@yrl.ab.ca>

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YRL 2023 Annual Report.pdf;

Sending on behalf of YRL Board Chair Hank Smit.

Good afternoon,

As a valued partner and/or member of Yellowhead Regional Library (YRL), I am happy to share the **YRL 2023 Annual Report**.

For YRL member municipalities and school divisions, we know return on your investment with us is critical. The Annual Report demonstrates several key indicators of our value to your residents and students.

The power of regional collaboration opens a world of resources to every person living in the YRL region. The power of our collective purchasing and distribution delivers a catalogue of materials beyond what any individual library could maintain on its own. And, the power of our continuous improvement brings the latest technology and best practices to each member library and the patrons they serve. I hope you find the Annual Report informative and reflective of a remarkable year.

We would be happy to speak to your Council and/or Library Board about YRL services, governance and our [2023-2025 Strategic Plan](#). To schedule a presentation, please contact Laurie, Executive Assistant, at lhaak@yrl.ab.ca or 780-962-2003, x221.

Thank you for your continued support of YRL and library services.

Hendrik (Hank) Smit

Board Chair

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We Deliver!

2023 Annual Report



Message from the Board Chair

We deliver! That's the theme of this year's annual report and it fits. The past year was incredibly accomplished, and I am grateful to my fellow board members for their contributions in guiding Yellowhead Regional Library staff. Thank you for your service.

We deliver on our Plan of Service. The ambitious plan outlines four pillar goals, and progress was made through 2023 on each.

We deliver advocacy. YRL demonstrated significant leadership last year as a key participant in the library systems advocacy committee. Efforts to demonstrate the value of libraries to elected officials resulted in a five per cent increase in Provincial funding and adoption of more current population data. Plus, we gave 11 presentations to municipal councils and 22 presentations to municipal library boards to further enhance their understanding of YRL's return on investment to them.



We deliver websites. All member library websites were upgraded to a new platform, providing better cybersecurity and functionality. To help those for whom English is a second language, each website has the ability to be translated into any language.

We deliver professional development. The Stronger Together Conference was presented in a unique format, virtual and in-person, with great results. We partnered with Northern Lights, Parkland Regional and Peace Library Systems to present two days of terrific content. A third day, presented by the Alberta Library Trustees' Association, helped library board members make connections and discuss important issues.

We deliver materials. With the last of the new library vehicles purchased, the YRL fleet is up-to-date and on the road. More than 2,400 van runs were made, delivering nearly two million resources to member libraries and beyond.


We deliver value. Together the collective buying power and resource sharing of the regional library system gives every library in our area access to the world of information, entertainment and knowledge.

We deliver for good. Libraries are the heart of our communities. They offer an open, free, welcoming space for everyone.

I'm very proud of the efforts of the entire board and staff of YRL, and look forward to great things in 2024.

Hendrik (Hank) Smit

Chair, Yellowhead Regional Library Board of Trustees



“Overall, the staff and board of YRL focused on the deliverables in the first year of this plan of service, with the goal of ensuring supportive services from YRL so that the libraries can support their communities. Priorities shifted as the environment changed, partnerships were grown, and pilot programs developed.”

*Karla Palichuk
Director*

PUBLIC LIBRARY INTERACTIONS

41 Visits **110** In-person Consultations **1,295** Virtual Consultations

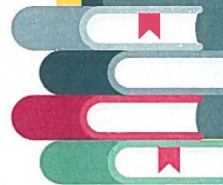
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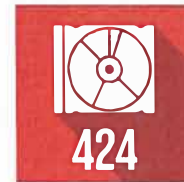
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eResources



Total Non-print Materials

“The Library Development Services team provided enhanced training and resources, outreach and services to our school libraries, and supported our public libraries, through their celebrations and challenges, as a hub for connection and learning. We are dedicated to the promotion and use of YRL services — from eResources to high-quality training — to be a foundation for the excellent library services offered to patrons within the YRL region.”

Jessica Knoch
 Manager, Library Development Services

“With a focus on increased efficiency and community impact, Technology Services spearheaded projects, like new websites that can be translated into the language of your choice, and implemented solutions to position YRL and its libraries for sustained success in an ever-evolving landscape of information access and technology.”

Stephanie Thero
 Manager, Technology Services



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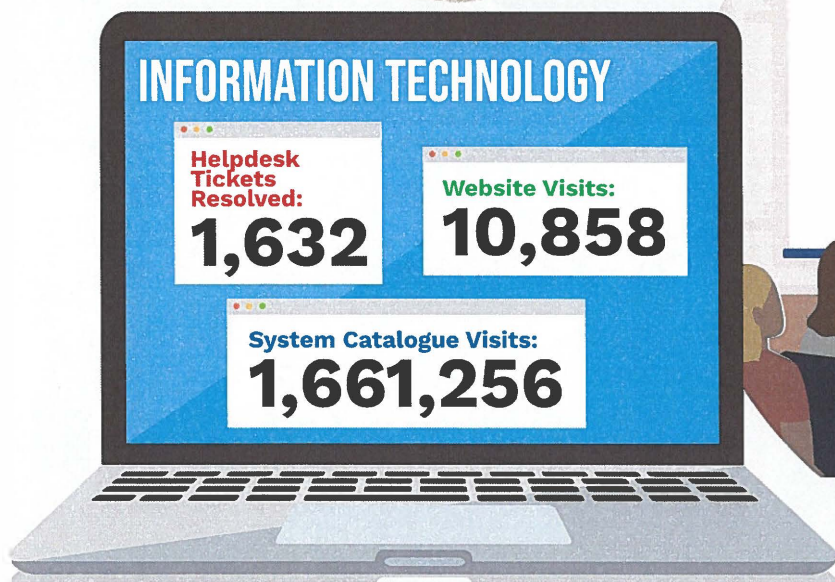


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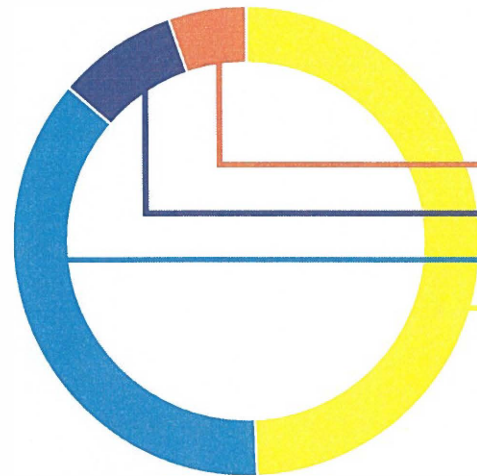
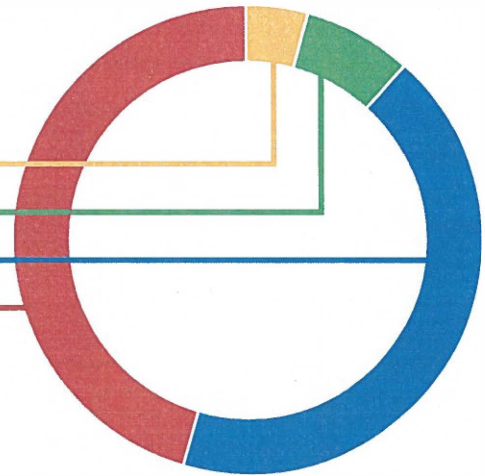
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Deputy Director and
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Revenue

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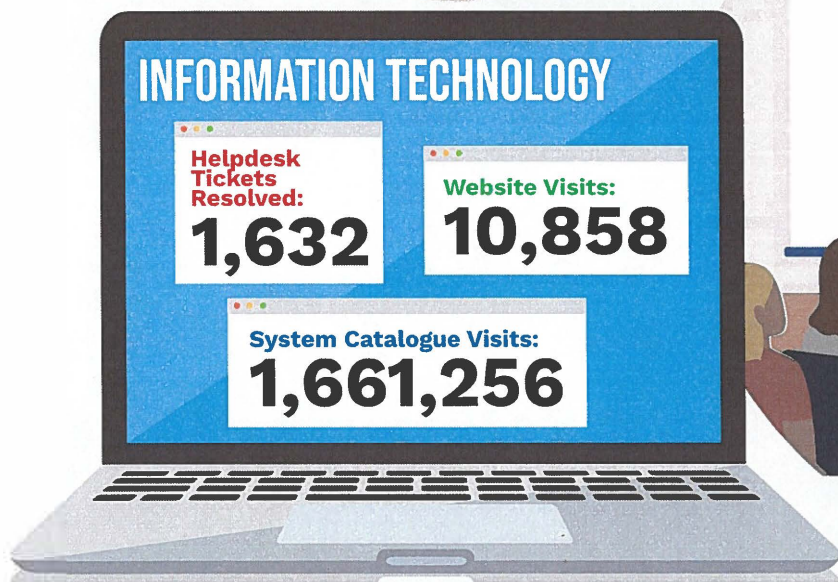
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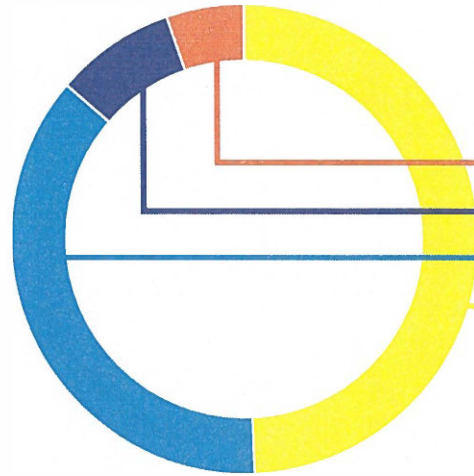
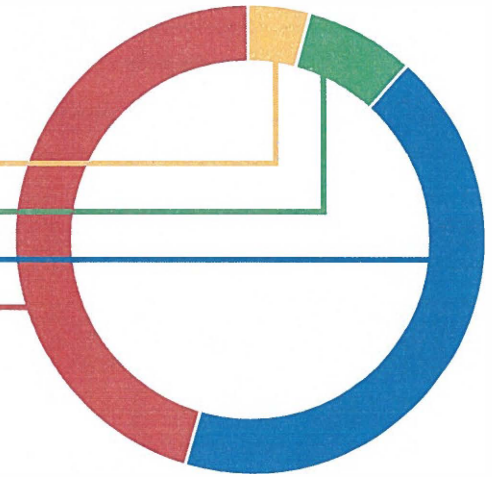
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Subject **Add your voice to call for independent local elections**
From Tyler Gandam <president@abmunis.ca>
To Steven Tymafichuk <d.evans@birchcove.ca>
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- Political Parties - Member Messaging.docx (~153 KB)

Hello Mayors, Councillors and CAOs,

Attached are key messages you can use in conversations with MLAs, media, and the public about the importance of keeping political parties out of local elections. The messages build on a letter we sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Premier last week providing ways that trust and transparency in local elections can be increased without putting parties on the ballot.

During dialogue with the Minister and Premier at our recent Spring Municipal Leaders Caucus, they confirmed their intention to bring in legislation that would pave the way for political parties to formally participate in local elections along with an openness to receive alternative recommendations on how to improve the Local Authorities Election Act. Our recommendations focus on contribution limits, disclosure requirements, rules for third-party advertisers and ways to increase candidates understanding of the role of councils. More details on our recommendations can be found on our [Keep Local Elections Local Webpage](#).

We hope you will amplify our message by:

- Contacting your local MLA and addressing your concerns.
- Creating awareness about the topic with your residents by discussing it with your local news media and/or via social media posts.
- Passing a motion in council to draw attention to your official position on the proposed legislation.

ABmunis is also planning a media event the week of April 8-12.

Let's use our strength in members to raise awareness of the importance of local elections providing the opportunity for grassroots Albertans to have their say in how municipalities are run.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gandam | President

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Key Messages to Media, Public, and Provincial Officials



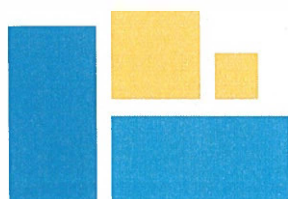
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Why non-partisan politics works at the municipal level

- Given the size of Alberta and Canada, political parties are necessary at the provincial and federal levels.
- Multiple surveys have shown that the majority of Albertans do not think political parties add value at the local level.
- Most issues faced by local elected officials (i.e., mayors, reeves, and councillors) are practical challenges that are **clearly not partisan**.
 - Snow clearing, safe drinking water, road repair, local transportation, fees for hockey arena use are examples of issues that are **clearly not partisan**.
- The current non-partisan system features an environment in which councillors are encouraged to listen to one another, consider alternative views, weigh the pros and cons, seek additional information, and debate issues before voting on them.
 - It encourages collaboration, compromise, and a willingness to find consensus on even the most difficult issues.
- A party-based system is likely to encourage councillors to stick to the positions of the political parties they represent, instead of listening to residents and considering the welfare of the municipality as a whole.
 - It will contribute to a more adversarial and combative environment on council in which councillors will vote along party lines.
- Divisions on municipal councils seem likely to inflame existing divisions among groups within communities and even between neighboring municipalities.
 - Politics does not need to be divisive.
 - The current non-partisan system encourages collaboration in our communities.
 - Albertans want to vote for candidates, not labels.

Recommendations to improve transparency & governance

- Alberta Municipalities' members share concerns about transparency and governance that were expressed by Municipal Affairs Minister Ric Mclver and Premier Danielle Smith at our Spring Municipal Leaders' Caucus (MLC) in mid-March, but we do not believe the injection of political parties into local elections will improve things.



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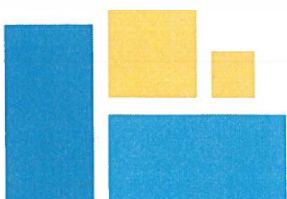
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- In response to Premier Smith’s March 15 request at Spring MLC for suggestions on how transparency and governance could be improved in municipal elections, ABmunis recommends the following actions be considered:
 - Limit donation amounts. Make changes to the *Local Authorities Election Act* (LAEA) to limit individual donation amounts to \$2,500 per candidate.
 - In recent reviews of Alberta’s election rules, Albertans clearly signaled they want to see less money involved in local elections, not more.
 - A reduction in contribution limits would go a long way towards creating a more level playing field and ensuring large donors do not drown out the voices of grassroots Albertans.
 - Financial disclosure. Require candidates to file **pre-election disclosure statements** and strengthen disclosure requirements for **third-party advertisers**.
 - Voters should know who, be they individuals or like-minded groups, is donating money to candidates or indirectly supporting them through advertising.
 - Limits on campaign contributions to candidates should also be applied to third parties.
 - Update nomination form. We recommend **changes to the nomination form** that require candidates to confirm they understand the role of councillors as set out in the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA).
 - Education & resources for prospective candidates. Legislation alone cannot fix divisiveness and disfunction on municipal councils, so we are committed to working with the ministry and other associations to **provide education and resources** that support productive councils.
 - We want to avoid situations like the one that occurred recently in Chestermere, Alberta, where a slate of councillors disregarded their legislative duties to the detriment of their community.

Good Governance

- While political parties are an important part of the parliamentary system at the provincial and federal level, they are not a good fit with local government legislation and processes in Alberta regardless of size of municipality.
- The cities of Edmonton and Calgary follow the same governance rules as other municipalities.
- Caucus meetings and whipped votes go against rules set out by the province in the MGA.
- The MGA states in Part 5, Division 3 that councillors have the statutory duty to: “consider the welfare and interests of the municipality as a whole”
- Section 197(1) of the MGA specifies that council and council committees must meet in public.
- Furthermore, to deliver services efficiently and effectively to businesses and residents, councils must work collaboratively with the province and neighboring municipalities.
- Council members also have roles on quasi-judicial tribunals and service delivery boards
- For these reasons ABmunis believes partisanship would undermine the ability of councils to effectively fulfill their roles.



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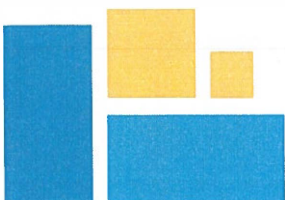
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Survey Results

- Results from the Government of Alberta’s November 2023 survey on proposed changes to the LAEA that were obtained through a reporter’s FOIP request show that 70 per cent of Albertans are opposed to the introduction of political parties at the local level.
- A public opinion survey on the possible introduction of political parties at the municipal level was conducted by pollster Janet Brown for Alberta Municipalities in early September 2023, just six months ago.
 - ABmunis’ survey found that **68 per cent** of Albertans were opposed to the idea.
 - More than **80 per cent** (81%) thought that municipal officials who are part of a political party would vote along party lines and not necessarily in the best interest of the community.
 - **Sixty-nine per cent** (69%) of respondents think that political parties would make municipal governments more divisive and less effective.

Trust and Integrity

- We recognize there is currently nothing preventing candidates from running on slates or for political parties, other than an historic lack of success.
- However, changes to legislation could be made that might make it easier for political parties or slates of candidates to raise funds. We know from previous reviews of the election rules that Albertans want to see less money involved in local elections, not more.
- Parties could also lead to money being raised in one part of the province being used to influence the election in another region. This would again take the focus away from keeping local elections local.
- The [mandate letter](#) from Premier Smith to Minister of Municipal Affairs McIver instructed him to collaborate with Minister of Justice Amery to review the LAEA and make recommendations for any necessary amendments to “strengthen public trust in and the integrity of our municipal election laws”.
- We believe the best way to strengthen trust and integrity is to listen to Albertans when they say they do not want political parties at the local level.



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Invitation - MUNIX 2024 Annual General Meeting of Subscribers

Exec. Assistant on behalf of Dan Rude <EA_DRude@abmunis.ca>

Thu 2024-03-28 1:35 PM

To:Exec. Assistant on behalf of Dan Rude <EA_DRude@abmunis.ca>

Good Afternoon,

Join Alberta Municipalities on April 24 at 10:00 am for the virtual MUNIX 2024 Annual General Meeting of Subscribers.

Alberta Municipalities is pleased to host a virtual engagement with our subscribers to present information on:

- MUNIX Program Overview
- Value of MUNIX
- 2023 Financial Results
- 2024 Plan Budget

When is the session?

The virtual engagement will be held on April 24, 2024, at 10:00 am.

[Register here.](#)

Who should attend?

This engagement is open to MUNIX Subscribers including CAOs, Directors, Mayors or Board members, and Administrative Staff. Please feel free to forward this email to the staff who oversee your insurance program. This session may also be beneficial for Mayors or Board members to understand the value of being a subscriber.

We look forward to you joining us.

Sincerely,

Dan Rude

MUNIX Principal Attorney

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Hello,

This is an annual notification of the Government of Alberta's legislation for collecting a municipality's policing cost share under the Police Funding Model (PFM). Attached is information regarding the costs associated with the shared responsibility between the Government and Provincial Police services in Alberta for the 2023 calendar year.

Attachments:

- A letter outlining the context of the shared initiative with cost breakdown based on data from your municipality;
- An associated invoice from Alberta Public Safety & Emergency Services;
- An Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)/Wire Deposit form for purposes of submitting payment (the preferred method) by EFT/Wire Deposit. **Please submit the completed form to Yvonne Mawuko-Yevugah at Yvonne.mawuko-yevugah@gov.ab.ca, using the invoice number as the Remit Identifier Number.**

If you have any further questions please contact Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services Financial Services at PSES.financialoperations@gov.ab.ca.

Thank you and have a great day,

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 Public Safety and
Emergency Services

January 31, 2024

Ms. Wendy Wildman
Chief Administrative Officer
Summer Village of Birch Cove
Box 8
Alberta Beach AB T0E 0A0

Dear Ms. Wildman:

This letter is an annual notification of the Government of Alberta's legislation for collecting a municipality's policing cost share under the Police Funding Model (PFM) Regulation. Through a system of shared responsibility between the government and municipalities, a portion of the costs of frontline policing is allotted back to each municipality based on a number of factors: population, equalized assessment, crime severity, shadow population, and detachment location.

As per the Police Funding Model (PFM) Regulation, each municipality will contribute a portion of frontline policing costs based on a 30 per cent cost recovery for the fiscal year 2023-24. Total revenue generated is estimated to be \$67,495,200 and will be reinvested in Alberta policing initiatives. For fiscal year 2024-25 and beyond, further increases to the cost recovery percentage or revenue base estimate are not planned at this time. Any changes to the PFM will not be made until consultation with municipalities has occurred, and adequate notice has been provided.

Please remit payment within 45-days of the invoice made payable to the Government of Alberta and forward to the address provided on the invoice.

Any questions related to the financial details of this invoice may be directed to the attention of Gordon Crawford at gordon.crawford@gov.ab.ca. Other background and contextual inquiries regarding the policy of PFM may be directed to Lisa Gagnier at lisa.gagnier@gov.ab.ca.

Sincerely,



Peter Lemieux, MAdem, CD1
Acting Assistant Deputy Minister

Cost Breakdown

The provincial payment generating \$67,495,200 in revenue after modifiers is calculated on an annual basis using 50 per cent population, 50 per cent equalized assessment, and modifiers/subsidies for crime severity, shadow populations, and detachment location.

Provincial Data

Revenue Generated 2023-24 after modifiers	Total Municipal Population (2022)	Total Equalized Assessment (2024)	Total Revenue Base Estimate
\$67,495,200	789,507	325,648,566,623	\$69,800,000

Municipal Data

Summer Village of Birch Cove	Data/Cost Breakdown
2022 Population	45
2024 Equalized Assessment	\$14,238,909
Equalized Assessment per capita	\$316,420
Population % of total for PFM	0.00570%
Equalized Assessment % of total for PFM	0.00437%
Amount based on 50% Population (A)	\$1,989
Amount based on 50% Equalized Assessment (B)	\$1,525
Total share policing cost C = (A + B)	\$3,514
Less modifiers:	
Subsidy from Crime Severity Index (CSI) Value (variable %) (Note 1)	\$ 0
Subsidy from Shadow Population (variable %) (Note 2)	\$ 0
5% for No Detachment Subsidy (Note 3)	\$ 176
Total share with modifiers	\$3,339

Notes

Population estimate provided by Alberta Treasury Board and Finance

Equalized Assessment – an annual calculation that measures the relative wealth of a municipality creating a common assessment base. It determines the ability of a community to pay a portion of policing costs in this context.

Municipality Population / PFM Population

Municipality Equalized Assessment / PFM Equalized Assessment

Population % of provincial x 50% population x Total Base Estimate

Equalized Assessment % x 50% x Total Base Estimate

Note 1: CSI Subsidy received if above rural municipal average. Accounts for volume and seriousness of crime based on incarceration rates. A three-year average is used to calculate your average CSI.

Note 2: Shadow Population – temporary residents of a municipality employed by an industrial or commercial establishment for a minimum of 30 days within a municipal census year. Shadow populations use the municipality's services but do not contribute to its tax base. Subsidy is up to 5% of total share.

Note 3: No detachment subsidy provided if town/municipality does not have access to a detachment.



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April 10, 2024

Summer Village of Birch Cove
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Dear Mayor & Council:

Re: Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus Society – Requisition

Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus Society has considered challenges in operations due to inflationary increases. The Society has depended on FCSS funding to subsidize trips for seniors to reduce isolation by increasing socialization. As you are aware, many community groups request FCSS funding and funding levels to EEB have shifted in some communities. In addition, the municipal partners have contributed the same amount since 2014.

To adjust to the economic pressures, EEB Society Board members have:

- increased single trip fees from \$18.00 to \$20.00.
- increased patron portion of booked trips by 10%.

Also to meet the operational needs, the Board has authorized a request to the funding contributions from Municipal Members and Associate Members.

To propose an equitable contribution, the Board has elected to shift to a per-capita rate from the Municipal Members (i.e. Lac Ste. Anne County, Town of Onoway and Alberta Beach). As a starting point, the Board considered a 5% increase, and then reverse calculated an average per-capita rate of \$6.78.

A standard rate for the Associate Members (i.e. Summer Villages) is proposed with a \$25 increase per municipality.

	Current Contribution	2024 Contribution Request
Lac Ste Anne County (population 7628)	\$48,000	\$51,717.84
Town of Onoway (population 966)	\$6,600	\$6,549.48
Alberta Beach (population 864)	\$5,400	\$5,857.92
Summer Village partners	\$350 each	\$375

The board is committed to sustaining transportation for seniors and has waived the capital contribution amount for 2024.

We thank you for your continued support and championing transit options for rural Albertans in our region.

Kind regards,

Lorne Olsvik
Chairperson



Canada Community Building Fund Re-Negotiation 2024

Overview

- The Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) provides more than \$2.4 billion in annual capital funding directly to municipalities through a predictable allocation mechanism, and municipalities of all sizes use the CCBF to deliver direct results for Canadians by building and renewing critical core public infrastructure, including water infrastructure, local roads, public transit and community, and cultural and recreational facilities.
- Provinces are currently engaged in renegotiating the Canada Community Building Fund (formerly the federal Gas Tax Fund) bilateral agreements with the federal government. The current 10-year agreements expire this year. Alberta has stated they expect the fund to be renewed, with approximately \$266 million to flow to the province in 2024-25. [See this link](#) for more information on how the fund currently works in Alberta.
- Earlier this spring Infrastructure Canada provided a Housing Commitments and Reporting Guidance document to provinces. This document outlines proposed conditions related to CCBF funding that would be applied to provinces and municipalities, particularly those with a population over 30,000.
- FCM supports the federal government’s stated goal of investing in municipal infrastructure to increase local housing supply. We agree that all orders of government need to work together to address the housing crisis. However, we are also advocating to ensure that the fund remains a source of **direct, predictable long-term funding for local infrastructure priorities, without onerous new conditions** – especially given that municipalities are going through a period of historic growth.

Potential Changes and Impacts

*** PLEASE NOTE: Negotiations between provinces and the federal government as signatories to the CCBF agreements are ongoing. FCM is not privy to developments at the negotiating table. The proposals outlined in the early federal guidance document may not reflect the current status of negotiations.**

Guidance document draft proposals *

- The Government of Canada would provide a Statement of Priorities outlining housing actions each year that would be expected in order for funding to flow to signatories. For example, this could include asking the province to implement measures related to zoning, expedited local permitting and approvals processes, or local housing needs assessments.

- Provinces would be required to respond to indicate the measures they will be taking and confirm how they will use the CCBF funding to build the enabling infrastructure to improve housing.
- By March 31, 2025, ultimate recipients (i.e. municipalities) with a 2021 Canadian Census population of 30,000 or more would be required to complete and make available to the federal government a Housing Needs Assessment prepared according to federal guidance. Provinces would have discretion to extend this requirement to smaller communities if desired.
- Provinces would be required to compile data on housing outcomes for communities over 30,000 and report on an annual basis, for each project, how many units of new housing units were enabled and how many affordable housing units were enabled or preserved. If a community clearly demonstrates in their Housing Needs Assessment that their community has no housing pressures, they would not be subject to all the same requirements.

Possible impacts *

- **Shift away from asset management and state of good repair:** There is a need to clarify that municipalities will still have flexibility to allocate CCBF funding to renew existing assets based on age or condition, and to allocate funding to projects that contribute to housing supply more indirectly, such as by maintaining or increasing services for existing and future residents and enabling the overall growth of the community or region.
- **Impacts on predictability:** While annual letters and reporting was part of the previous CCBF 10-year agreement, the proposed new policy measured to be decided each year risk increasing administrative burden and delaying the timing of the first payment each fiscal year. FCM is recommending that municipalities receive the first payment of each year in July without delay, regardless of the status of annual negotiations on the Statement of Priorities, in order to proceed with critical local infrastructure projects.
- **Shift to provincial/municipal role:** Proposed changes in the early guidance document could result in significant decisions being made at the provincial level without adequate local input. Outside BC and Ontario, municipalities are not formally at the negotiating table and will not have a voice. FCM is recommending that the CCBF agreements require provinces to include municipalities in decision-making processes regarding measures that directly impact them.

Join us to advocate

- **FCM has prepared a toolkit to help with our drive to renew the CCBF without onerous conditions.** Feel free to customize these in line with your local insight—after all, you know the reality on the ground better than anyone. The toolkit contains:
 - Key messages
 - Template resolution for adoption by your municipal council
 - Template letter to communicate the resolution to your federal Member of Parliament
- Together, our collective efforts will ensure our voices are heard during this critical window in time, as we continue to advocate for a **Municipal Growth Framework** that will empower local governments.



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April 12, 2024

The Hon. Mike Ellis, M.L.A.
Deputy Premier and Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services
Via Email: PSES.minister@gov.ab.ca

Dear Minister Ellis,

I am writing to discuss Budget 2024 and the implications of Bill 11. These are important topics that affect our ~3,100 Members who proudly serve Albertans.

Budget 2024 lacked new investments for the Alberta RCMP, continuing a trend of neglecting past commitments. The last substantial investment in the Alberta RCMP was made in Budget 2020, which allocated \$286 million for 300 new uniformed Alberta RCMP positions and 200 administrative positions to be added over five years. Simultaneously, the government introduced changes to the Police Funding Model (PFM), requiring municipalities to share provincial policing costs which they were not previously burdened with.

With the new PFM, municipalities began covering a growing percentage of total provincial costs, reaching 30% in 2024, which equates to over \$221 million in additional costs borne by municipalities since 2020. These changes were promised to enhance public safety resources for rural communities, with the commitment that new costs would be re-invested in the provincial police service to hire additional personnel for rural areas.

Conflicting statements have emerged regarding staffing within the Alberta RCMP. On the one hand, you have indicated that the Alberta RCMP struggles to staff rural communities to an effective degree, necessitating additional investments in the Alberta Sheriffs and now the creation of a new independent police service. On the other hand, during the March 14, 2024, estimates session provided to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities, you mentioned that over 500 additional uniformed and civilian personnel were provided to rural Albertans through the PFM changes. These contradictions raise questions about the government's commitment and the true impact of these policies on rural policing.

Contrary to other statements recently made, the RCMP remains the police service of choice amongst Albertans and Canadians. We could examine other services' adjustment of their recruitment expectations, such as the Grande Prairie Police Service. The GPPS had planned to hire 41 officers this year and instead hope to deploy 24 by the end of 2024. However, what we are witnessing across the RCMP and K Division is a reinvigoration of recruitment efforts and interest from Albertans.

Applications to the RCMP are exceeding the averages from the past decade, reaching 14,455 nationally over the past year. In K Division, they are seeing approximately 200 applicants per month from Alberta. In the past 12 months alone, K Division has recorded approximately 2,260 applicants, representing an

annual increase of 52%. Additionally, the Alberta RCMP is thrilled to welcome over 150 active Experienced Police Officer (EPO) applications, 50 of which are from the Alberta Sheriffs. Recent improvements made to the EPO program and the launch of initiatives such as pre-posting agreements continue to bolster these recruitment trends.

It's crucial to fulfill promises made to municipalities and rural communities regarding public safety investments. The government's allocation of \$10 million in Budget 2024 to urban police services instead of rural policing is concerning. Other provinces, like British Columbia, have committed substantial funds to increase their RCMP presence, showing that increased investment can lead to positive outcomes. BC committed \$256M over three years for 277 RCMP officers through their 2023 Budget. As a result of this funding and a smooth-running recruiting machine, the BC RCMP has been receiving a surplus amount of RCMP Members ahead of schedule. This example highlights that if Alberta wants more RCMP Members, all they must do is ask and provide the additional investment as they can do under Article 5 of the *Provincial Police Service Agreement*.

Bill 11's introduction without any consultation reflects a broken promise and disregards input from locally elected officials. Any legislative or policy changes should be made with a clear understanding of their impact on public safety and municipal partnerships, that comes from meaningful consultation. An accurate account of available resources must also be considered. As stated by AUPE Vice-President Bobby-Joe Borodey on March 14, there is concern regarding expanding the Sheriffs' role and staffing levels, as "we are still at a critical point where we don't have enough actual bodies to do the work that needs to be done, including in law enforcement." The Alberta Sheriffs are not immune from the same pressure all public safety service providers are currently facing to recruit. However, the increased interest in the Alberta RCMP indicates readiness to meet challenges as the province's primary policing agency.

We urge collaborative decision-making involving municipalities, public safety services, and local leaders to prioritize public safety outcomes for all Albertans.

Thank you for your attention, and we look forward to further discussions and actions that benefit all Albertans.

Sincerely,



Brian Sauvé
President & CEO

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