

**Agenda for the  
Regular Meeting of the Vauxhall of Town Council  
November 6, 2023  
6:00 p.m. – Vauxhall Council Chambers**

<u><b>Agenda Item</b></u>	<u><b>Action</b></u>
<b>1. Call to Order</b>	
<b>2. Adoption of Agenda</b>	For Adoption
<b>3. Minutes</b>	
<b>Council Minutes</b>	
a.) Regular Meeting of Council October 23, 2023	For Adoption
<b>External Minutes</b>	Receive <u>all</u> for Information
b.) Municipal Planning Commission meeting of October 10, 2023	
c.) Barons-Eureka- Warner FCSS meeting of September 6, 2023	
<b>4. Financials</b>	
a.) October 30, 2023 Year To Date Operating Budget to Actual	Receive <u>all</u> for Information
b.) Draft 2024 - 2026 Interim Operating Budget	
c.) Draft 2024 - 2028 Capital Budget	
<b>5. New Business</b>	
a.) Vauxhall Business Beautification Loans	Resolution
b.) Memorandum of Understanding	Resolution
c.) Vauxhall Public Library	Resolution
d.) Boards and Committees	Resolution
e.) Vauxhall EMS Conversation	Resolution
f.) Small Potatoes	
g.) By-Election Day/Appointing Substitute Returning Officer	Resolution
h.) Arena Correspondence	
<b>6. Reports</b>	Receive <u>all</u> for information
a.) Council Activity Report – October 2023	
b.) Action List	
i.) October 2023	
ii.) Action List in Progress	
<b>7. Information and Correspondence</b>	Receive <u>all</u> for Information
a.) FCSS Report to Municipalities	
b.) Municipal District of Taber Council Appointments	
c.) Vauxhall Ag Society & Vauxhall and Dist. Chamber of Commerce Awards Night	
d.) Municipal District of Taber Commercial Lots	
<b>8. Adjournment</b>	

A regular meeting of Council of the Town of Vauxhall, was held in  
Council Chambers  
on Monday, October 23, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

MAYOR: Kimberley Cawley

DEPUTY MAYOR: Marilyn Forchuk

COUNCILLORS: Raymond Coad  
Shelley Deleeuw  
Margaret Plumtree  
Henry Zacharias

ABSENT COUNCILLOR: Kimberly Dorin

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Chief Administrative Officer: Cris Burns  
Asst. CAO/Office Manager: Mindy Dunphy

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Coad called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Adoption of  
Agenda  
**RES: 23:194**

**MOVED** by Councillor Deleeuw to adopt the agenda as presented.  
**CARRIED**

Minutes  
**RES: 23:195**

**MOVED** by Councillor Coad to adopt the following minutes as presented.

- Regular meeting of Council October 10, 2023
- Organizational meeting of Council October 10, 2023

**CARRIED**

Minutes  
**RES: 23:196**

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Forchuk to accept the following minutes as information

- Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS minutes of September 6, 2023
- Vx Regional Fire Authority July 19, 2023
- Vx & District Water Services Commission July 10, 2023
- Vx Public Library May 25, 2023

**CARRIED**

Vx Fire Authority  
Financial Summary 2024 Budget

**RES: 23:197 MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Forchuk to accept the Vauxhall & Regional Fire Authority Financial Summary and Budget 2024 as presented.  
**CARRIED**

Vx & District Water Service Commission  
Proposed Budget & 3-year Operating Plan

**RES: 23:198 MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Forchuk to accept the Vauxhall & District Water Services Commission proposed 2024 budget an including 3-year operating plan as presented.  
**CARRIED**

Vx Public Library  
2024 Budget & Funding Request

**RES: 23:199 MOVED** by Councillor Deleeuw to move the discussion of the Vauxhall Public Library's 2024 Budget & Funding request to budget deliberations for 2024.  
**CARRIED**

Vx Public Library  
Appointment

**RES: 23:200 MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Forchuk to appoint Francisco Sunig to serve as a member at Large on the Vauxhall Public Library for a term of three years.  
**CARRIED**

**Adjournment** Meeting Adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

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**MAYOR**

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**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING**

**Tuesday October 10, 2023**

A Municipal Planning Commission meeting of the Town of Vauxhall  
was held in council chambers Tuesday October 10, 2023  
@ 5:15 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

**CHAIR:** Marilyn Forchuk

**VICE CHAIR:** Ray Coad

**COUNCILLOR:** Henry Zacharias

**DEVELOPMENT OFFICER:** Cris Burns

**ORRSC STAFF:** Bonnie Brunner  
Tristan Scholten

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mindy Dunphy

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Forchuk called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

Adoption of  
Agenda

**RES: MPC23.36**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**MOVED** by Councillor Zacharias to adopt the agenda as presented.  
**CARRIED**

Adoption of  
Minutes

**RES: MPC23.37**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**MOVED** by Vice Chair Coad to adopt the Municipal Planning  
Commission meeting minutes of Monday September 25, 2023.  
**CARRIED**

**2023D - 24** Serfas Farms

(Lots 1, Block 102, Plan 3509JK)  
Use: Holding Pens - discretionary use  
Land Use District: Industrial-I

**RES: MPC23.38**

**MOVED** by Vice Chair Coad to approve the application  
2023D – 24 development permit subject to the following conditions:



1. The development is to conform to the development application dated September 11, 2023, deemed complete September 15, 2023, in compliance with the Town of Vauxhall Land Use Bylaw No. 833-09, and the attached approved site plan.
2. The applicant/owner shall obtain a building permit prior to commencement and any other applicable safety code permits, from the designated safety codes officer as applicable.
3. The construction of the holding pens shall be complete within 12 months of the date of issue of this development permit.
4. A maximum of seven (7) holding pens are permitted. Use of the holding pens is limited to twice a week for a 24-hour period each of the two days. Any increase in intensity of use of pens beyond that which is approved herein requires a new development permit approval and may require submittal of an impact study addressing the potential impacts associated with an increase in size and capacity of the operation on the municipal sewerage system.
5. The applicant/owner will be required to mitigate any negative impacts to the municipal sewerage system associated with the operation; more specifically, the applicant/owner will be required to mitigate any impact of blood contamination on the sewerage system to avoid organic overload.
6. Proper management of manure and organic materials shall be undertaken to prevent any nuisance effects such as odour, insects, or run-off. Stockpile of manure and organic material on-site is not permitted. Outdoor storage of animal feed is not permitted.
7. Lighting shall be located, oriented, and shielded so as to not adversely affect adjacent properties.
8. All refuse on the construction site shall be properly screened or placed in an approved enclosure until removed for disposal.
9. Any sump pump or weeping tile shall not be connected to the Town's sanitary sewer system.
10. The final building grade shall be completed so drainage flows away from the building but so as not to adversely affect the neighbouring lots.

Informative:

1. The applicant must contact Alberta One Call (1-800-242-3447) to locate any utility lines prior to commencement.
2. The applicant/landowner is responsible for determining the location of any easement and/or utility right-of way registered on the property and ensuring that the development does not encroach upon the easement and/or right of way and complies with any associated agreements registered on title.
3. Any sign placement on the building or elsewhere on the property shall require a sign permit application and development approval prior to placement.

**CARRIED**

**RES: MPC23.39**      **MOVED** by Councillor Zacharias to table 2023D – 25 (729 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. N. Lot 2, Block 8, Plan 2311284) development permit, Shipping container, permanent until October 23, 2023 Municipal Planning Commission meeting.  
**CARRIED**

**Adjournment** 5:44 p.m.

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**CHAIR**  
**MARILYN FORCHUK**

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**DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**  
**CRIS BURNS**

**Barons-Eureka-Warner Family & Community Support Services (FCSS)  
Minutes of Board Meeting – Wednesday, September 6, 2023  
Coaldale Hub (2107-13<sup>th</sup> Street)  
In-person and Online**

**Attendance (in-person)**

**Board Members:**

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

**Attendance (on-line):**

- Jensen, Melissa – Town of Nobleford

**Absent – Board Members**

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

**Staff (in-person):**

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

**Call to Order**

- M. Harris called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.
- Carried Unanimously**

**Approval of Agenda**

- L. Hickey moved the Board approved the agenda as presented.
- Carried**

**Minutes**

- J. Heggie moved the minutes of the June 6, 2023, FCSS Board meeting be approved as presented.
- Carried**

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## Delegation

Kimberly Lyall – Strategic Plan Presentation

Kimberly Lyall & Zakk Morrison reviewed the following:

- Draft Strategic Plan 2023-2026
- Strategic Planning Data 2023
- Strategic Planning Retreat 2023 – feedback

The Board discussed the Draft Strategic Plan 2023-2026.

D. Degenstein Moved the Board adopt the Draft Strategic Plan for 2023-2026 as presented.

**Carried Unanimously**

## Correspondence

The following correspondence was presented for information:

- 2023-05 FCSSAA Newsletter
- 2023-06 FCSSAA Newsletter
- 2023-07 FCSSAA Newsletter
- 2023-08 FCSSAA Newsletter
- 2023-06-19 – Email from Provincial FCSS Team
  - Introduction of staff
  - \$5 million increase to the FCSS program
- 2023-06-07 – Email from Mellissa Kraft, Executive Director, FCSSAA
  - Alberta Supports Stakeholder Referral Process Email
    - Seniors, Community and Social Services (SCSS) Contacts for Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Offices across Alberta
- 2023-08-24 – Email from Judy Macknee, Executive Assistant, FCSSAA
  - Attached: Understanding and Responding to the Challenges Faced by FCSS Programs in Rural Alberta document
- 2023-08-04 DeBlois, Mark Retirement Letter

B. Chapman asked if there were any resolutions, we wanted to submit for the FCSSAA Annual General meeting.

Z. Morrison responded there was nothing at this time.

L. Nilsson moved to accept the correspondence be approved as presented.

**Carried Unanimously**

## Reports

Executive Director

Z. Morrison reviewed the Executive Director's report.

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The following was highlighted:

- **#YouAreNotAlone** (September is Suicide Awareness Month)  
“Creating Hope Through Action” is the theme for the World Suicide Prevention Day on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. This theme serves as a powerful call to action and reminders that there is an alternative to suicide and that through our actions, we can encourage hope and strengthen prevention.

T. Feist moved the Board to approve the Executive Director’s Report as presented.

**Carried Unanimously**

Financial Report

Z. Morrison reviewed the Financial Report.

The Board discussed the monthly accounts.

G. Bekkering moved the Board approve the June 2023 Financial Report including:

- Financial statement for July 31, 2023;
- Monthly accounts for May 1-31, 2023;
- Monthly accounts for June 1-30, 2023;
- Monthly accounts for July 1-31, 2023;
- Mastercard statement for May 11 to June 14, 2023;
- Mastercard statement for June 15 to July 13, 2023;
- Mastercard statement for July 14 to Aug. 11, 2023.

**Carried Unanimously**

**New Business**

Alberta Community Partnership IC Funding Proposal

Z. Morrison reviewed the Alberta Community Partnership IC Funding Proposal.

L. Nilsson shared the Village of Stirling is looking to obtain data by conducting a region-wide community needs assessment.

Z. Morrison feels the more Municipalities that endorse the application for the Alberta Community Partnership IC Funding, the stronger the application will be.

G. Bekkering asked if this funding is outside of the FCSS funding.

Z. Morrison responded the funding is separate from FCSS funding and no matching funds are required from FCSS or Municipalities. The grant will cover the costs associated with the community needs assessment.

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M. Plumtree moved the Board support the Village of Stirling's Alberta Community Partnership Intermunicipal Collaboration Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS Proposal to conduct a region wide community needs assessment based on FCSS provincial prevention priorities.

**Carried Unanimously**

Provincial Funding Increase

Z. Morrison reviewed the September 6, 2023, Provincial Funding Increase Recommendation Memo.

G. Bekkering Moved the Board approve recommendations from the September 6<sup>th</sup> Provincial Funding Increase Recommendation Memo to hire program support staff to increase accessibility for parents to attend programs throughout the Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS region.

**Carried Unanimously**

Information Management Policy

Z. Morrison reviewed the current Information Management Policies.

The Board discussed the updated Information Management Policies.

G. Bekkering moved the Board receive the updated Information Management Policies for information as presented.

**Carried Unanimously**

**Round Table**

FCSS Seniors Expo Oct 25, 2023, to be held at the Taber Community Centre.

Women's Farming Conference Oct 12, 2023, to be held at the Readymade Community Hall.

Drive Happiness was discussed.

Municipal Requisition rates for 2024 will be discussed at a later Board meeting.

**Closed Session**

D. Degenstein moved the Board move in-camera, based on the Governance Policies-Board Meeting in Absence of the Public, at 5.55 p.m.

**Carried Unanimously**

Zakk Morrison, Petra DeBow, Linda Hashizume, and Evelyn Florence-Greene left the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

D. Degenstein moved the Board back to regular session at 6:04 p.m.

**Carried Unanimously**

Linda Hashizume and Evelyn Florence-Greene returned to the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

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D. Degenstein moved the Board approve a 3% salary increase, not to be placed on the grid, but above the current level 7 of the Executive Director's grid, retro-active from April 1, 2023.

**Carried Unanimously**

**Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next regular Board meeting will be October 4, 2023, at the Coaldale Hub (2107-13<sup>th</sup> Street) in-person and online (via Teams) starting at 4:00 p.m.

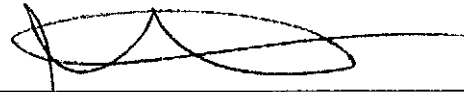
**Adjournment**

L. Hickey moved the meeting adjourn at 6:09 p.m.

**Carried Unanimously**



Chairperson



Executive Director





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**Town of Vauxhall**

**Date:** October 25, 2023

**Proposed by:** Administration

**Topic** **Vauxhall Businesses Beautification loans**

**Background:**

At the regular meeting on September 19, 2022, the following resolution was passed.

**RES: 22:199 MOVED** by Councillor Plumtree to allow Community Futures Chinook \$30,000.00 for Vauxhall businesses beautification loans with the Towns portion being \$6,000.00. **CARRIED**

**Proposed Motion**

Moved by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ to approve

## Town of Vauxhall

**Date:** October 25, 2023  
**Proposed by:** Administration  
**Topic:** **Memorandum of Understanding**

### **Background:**

The Town of Taber is a designated community in the Alberta Advantage Immigration Program (AAIP). Our designation covers The Town of Taber, MD of Taber, Town of Vauxhall, Town of Coaldale, Town of Picture Butte, and Lethbridge County. Through the AAIP, the Town of Taber will be able to support business owners located within our designated communities by attracting foreign nationals that are qualified to fill vacant, full-time, permanent position in the designated communities, and will also attract foreign entrepreneurs looking to invest in new business or existing Alberta businesses. Foreign Nationals who participate in the AAIP will receive a letter of support from the designated community that will support their Provincial nomination, and eventually, permanent residency.

The Town of Taber is offering two of the streams under the Alberta Advantage Immigration Program; The Rural Renewal Stream (RRS), and the Rural Entrepreneur Stream (RES).

**The Rural Renewal Stream (RRS):** The RRS will allow employers who are located within the designated communities to recruit foreign nationals living in Canada or Globally, to fill positions they have struggled to fill. The foreign nationals will be able to apply for permanent residency while filling labor shortages felt by employers.

**The Rural Entrepreneur Program (RRP):** will support Foreign Nationals looking to start a new business, or invest in an existing business, that is located in one of the designated communities. This program will help drive the economy by encouraging growth and diversity.

On June 20, 2022 a presentation was made to Council on the Alberta Advantage Immigration Program. Council passed the following resolution.

**RES: 22:136 MOVED** by Councillor Plumtree to direct administration to send a letter to the Town of Taber in support of the Alberta Advantage Immigration Program.  
**CARRIED**

Alberta Advantage Immigration Program has 4 active and approved candidates in the program from Vauxhall.

Attached is the MOU for Councils review.

Special Note: \*Number 7 in the memorandum as a possible added expense. Administration was in touch with Town of Taber and for clarification, there are no specific or set dates, if a hosted lunch or business asking for an on site meeting the mileage rate would be charged.

- Administration recommends added an additional financial commitment for budget purposes for possible added costs.

### **Proposed Motions**

Moved by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Taber for the purpose of outlining the roles and responsibilities of the participants of the Alberta Advantage Immigration Program Agreement term start date, January 1, 2024 with a financial commitment of \$250/month, plus \$\_\_\_\_\_ for possible added extras.

Moved by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_

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Town of Vauxhall  
Request for Decision

**Date:** October 25, 2023  
**Proposed by:** Administration  
**Topic** Vauxhall Public Library

**Background:**

Vauxhall Public Library has submitted their 2024 budget and funding request.

2018 - \$25,000.00 (Including one debenture for all years)

2019 - \$25,000.00

2020 - \$15,000.00

2021 - \$20,000.00

2022 - \$15,000.00

**2023**

**RES: 23:45 MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Cawley to direct administration to release the budgeted funds for 2023 to the Vauxhall Public Library by February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, of \$20,000.00 less one debenture payment.

One debenture payment is \$5127.00.

Based on Statistic Canada 2011 Census Vauxhall population is 1288

**Proposed possible motions:**

MOVED BY Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ To approve Vauxhall Public Library's request for funding of \$23,000 (\$17.65) per capita, based on population of 1303 residents for 2024.

MOVED BY Councillor \_\_\_\_\_

Town of Vauxhall  
Information

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**Date:** October 25, 2023  
**Proposed by:** Administration  
**Topic** Boards & Committees  
**Background:**

Council will have a discussion on their previous appointed Committees and Boards

Proposed Motion:

Appointment to  
Boards/Committees  
& Commissions

Moved by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ to accept all appointments of Council members to committees and boards until the next organizational meeting of council.



## VAUXHALL TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS – Organizational Meeting Appointed October 10, 2023

	<b>Mayor Cawley</b>	<b>Councillor Coad</b>	<b>Councillor Dorin</b>	<b>Councillor Deleeuw</b>	<b>Deputy Mayor Forchuk</b>	<b>Councillor Plumtree</b>	<b>Councillor Zacharias</b>
1.	Chinook Intermunicipal Subdivision & Development Appeal Board	Municipal Planning Commission	Chinook Intermunicipal Subdivision & Development Appeal Board (A)	Municipal Planning Commission (A)	Municipal Planning Commission	Veterans Memorial	Regional Fire Authority
2.	Taber & District Solid Waste Management Committee	Taber Regional Joint Economic Development Committee (A)	SouthGrow (A)	Vx Public Library	Vx Public Library	Taber Regional Joint Economic Development Committee	Municipal Planning Commission
3.	Public Information Officer	SouthGrow	Regional Assessment Review Board	Business and Tourism Committee	Taber & District Solid Waste Management Committee	Regional Assessment Review Board	Vx Ag Society
4.	Pheasant Festival	ORRSC	Business and Tourism Committee	Vx Ag Society (A)	Inter-Municipal Development Authority		
5.	Vx Community Center Advisory Committee	Vauxhall & District Regional Water Services Commission	Vx Community Center Advisory Committee	Vx & District Chamber of Commerce			
6.	Taber Regional Joint Economic Development Committee	Inter-Municipal Development Authority	Policy, Bylaw & Rate Committee	Inter-Municipal Collaboration Committee	Policy, Bylaw & Rate Committee		
7.	Vx & District Chamber of Commerce (A)	Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS		Protective Services	Chinook Arch Library Board		
8.	Mayors & Reeves	Regional Fire Authority					
9.	Inter-Municipal Collaboration Committee	Taber & District Housing Foundation					
10.		Inter-Municipal Collaboration Committee					
11.							

All of Council: Vauxhall Emergency Advisory Committee

**Town of Vauxhall**  
**Information**

**Date:** October 31, 2023

**Proposed by:** Administration

**Topic** Small Potatoes

**Background:**

A regular meeting on Monday May 8, 2023 Administration was asked to bring back the small potatoes per the resolution of Council. There is \$2926.96 in funds.

**RES: 23:116** **MOVED** by Councillor Deleeuw to approve Councillor Plumtree to continue to fundraise for the small potatoes and bring back to budget 2024.  
**CARRIED**



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**Town of Vauxhall**

**Date:** November 2, 2023  
**Proposed by:** Administration  
**Topic** **By-Election Day / Appointing Substitute Returning Officer**

**Background:**

**Vacancy in position of Councillor**

**MGA 165** Unless a council sets an earlier date, election day for a by-election under section 162 or 163 is 120 days after the vacancy occurs.

**Number of councillors**

**MGA 143(1)** The council of a city or town consists of 7 Councillor unless the council passes a bylaw specifying an odd number of 3 or more.

(2) The council of a village or summer village consists of 3 councillors unless the council passes a bylaw specifying an odd number of 5 or more.

(3) The council of a municipal district or specialized municipality consists of the number of councillors specified in the order forming it unless, after its formation, the council passes a bylaw specifying an odd number of 3 or more

**Election day**

**LAEA 11(1)** Election Day for a local jurisdiction

(a) in the case of a general election, if required, is to be the 3rd Monday in October, or

(b) in the case of a by-election or vote on a bylaw or question, shall be the day fixed by a resolution of the elected authority.

**Voting hours 46(1) LAEA**

Every voting station shall be kept open continuously on election day from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.

**Appointing Substitute Returning**

As per the Local Authorities Election Act,

CAO is deemed to have been appointed if council makes no appointment a substitute is a necessary precaution

**Section 13(4) LAEA** If, through illness, absence or other incapacity, the returning officer is incapable of performing the duties of returning officer, the substitute returning officer has and may exercise all the duties

**Section 13(2.1) LAEA**

In the Case of a by-election the substitute returning officer must be appointed in the resolution that states the day for the by-election.

Recommendation from Administration is that the Town of Vauxhall Municipal By-Election to be held on **Monday February 12, 2024**, the polls open at 10:00am and close at 8:00pm located in the Vauxhall Administrative Office 223 5<sup>th</sup> Street N.

**Proposed Motions**

Moved by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ that the Town of Vauxhall Municipal By-Election be held on Monday, February 12, 2024 the polls open at 10:00am and close at 8:00pm located in the Vauxhall Administrative Office 223 5<sup>th</sup> Street N.

Moved by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ to appoint Melinda Dunphy as the substitute returning officer for the Town of Vauxhall Municipal By-Election to be held Monday February 12, 2024.

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## Mindy Dunphy

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**From:** Brandon Lowen  
**Sent:** November 3, 2023 7:41 AM  
**To:** Mindy Dunphy  
**Subject:** Fwd: Hockey Rink Experience

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**From:** Brandon Lowen <brandonl@town.vauxhall.ab.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 11:26:01 AM  
**To:** Cris Burns <cburns@town.vauxhall.ab.ca>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Hockey Rink Experience

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**From:** Jake Redecop <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 11:01:28 AM  
**To:** Brandon Lowen <brandonl@town.vauxhall.ab.ca>  
**Subject:** Hockey Rink Experience

Good morning Brandon, I just want to take this time and thank you for all the work you do for us to keep our hockey league going. I have played all over and in many different arenas and Vauxhall is definitely my favorite. The ice surface is one of, if not the best to play on especially when you are running the Zamboni. Our experience as a league with booking, scheduling and communication has always been excellent with you. As a league we are very grateful for you and the Town of Vauxhall. On behalf of our league we thank you

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November 2, 2023

# TOWN OF VAUXHALL

223 5 ST N  
VAUXHALL, AB T0K 2K0

Dear Honorary Members,

I would like to take a moment to express my appreciation for the hospitality we receive as the U15AA Southern Express families.

Our family specifically, has been apart of the organization for three years now, and I would like to thank the Town of Vauxhall for letting us call you home.

I can't thank the arena staff enough for their amazing commitment and support to our young ladies. Brandon and staff provide a welcome and appreciation to our families that no other association or arena provides.

I was head coach of the team last year, and will say that the only part of my year to come with ease was collaborating with Brandon and staff. It is always so comforting to walk into the arena knowing that there are no personal agendas, issues, or obstacles to face, only a warm welcome. It is the truly most relaxing part of our season.

If it was our decision, all Express home games would be in Vauxhall as this is where our girls absolutely love to play.

With all the obstacles we face as a regional team, I just wanted to let you know that we appreciate having Vauxhall as our home and I hope, for future rosters, that relationship continues.

Please forward our admiration to your wonderful staff and management of the Vauxhall Arena.

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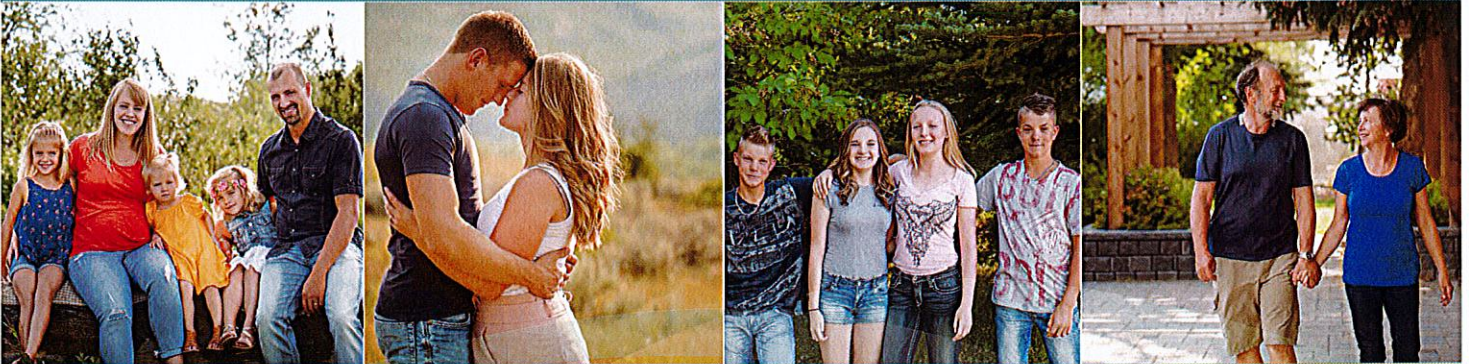
LESLEY BURTON  
TILLEY, ALBERTA



2023



REPORT TO MUNICIPALITIES  
OUTREACH SERVICES



Strengthening Families in rural Alberta

[www.fcss.ca](http://www.fcss.ca)





# OUTREACH SERVICES PRIORITIES

## DEPARTMENT PRIORITIES

### SENIOR SERVICES

**Outcome Statement:** Seniors have increased capacity to enhance their well-being.

- Increase the number of opportunities for social connections between seniors and children/youth.
- Deliver 4-6 opportunities for caregivers.
- Deliver 2-3 presentations (i.e. life-long learning opportunities) within all 16 communities.
- Refine the process for tracking senior clients attending FCSS programs.

### VOLUNTEER SERVICES:

**Outcome Statement:** FCSS volunteers feel valued.

- Increase the number of volunteer hours across the organization by 10%.
- Increase the number of taxes completed through the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program.
- Refine the process for tracking senior clients attending Family and Community Support Services' (FCSS) programs.

### YOUTH SERVICES:

**Outcome Statement:** Youth (6-18) have increased capacity to manage life's challenges through education, collaboration and outreach services.

- Develop an evaluation process for all youth programs.
- Obtain sustainable resources (funding and staffing) on a long-term basis.
- Work with partners to establish 2-3 new community driven initiatives.
- Incorporate mental wellness awareness in all youth programs.



▶ SENIOR SERVICES

**546** Individuals supported

**407** Direct service hours (11% increase from 2022)

After attending FCSS programs, **92%** of seniors feel better about their ability to take action towards improving their life.

▶ YOUTH SERVICES

**1,410** Direct service hours

**285** youth involved in programs (82% increase from 2022)

After attending FCSS programs, **85%** of youth feel that they are better at solving problems.

▶ VOLUNTEER SERVICES

**169** Registered volunteers

**3,855** Volunteer hours (8% increase from 2022)

**494** Tax returns completed (11% increase from 2022)

**58%** of volunteers are between the ages of 6-17

**83%** of volunteers believe that they make a difference when they volunteer.

\*Data used in this report was collected between September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023



# MEET THE TEAM



**KAITLYNN WEAVER**

**Outreach Services  
Supervisor**



**KORI KURYVIAL**

**Farm Family  
Outreach Coordinator**



**LORENA AHMADI**

**Farm Family  
Outreach Worker**



**EMILY FREIBERG**

**Farm Family  
Outreach Worker**



**CINDY LAUWEN**

**Volunteer Services  
Coordinator**



**RENEE WHITE**

**Senior Services  
Coordinator**



**JILLIAN BOYD**

**Youth Development  
Coordinator**



**TRINITY WALKER**

**Youth Development  
Coordinator**



**ANITA WIEBE**

**Youth Development  
Coordinator**



**JARRED MEYERINK**

**Youth Development  
Coordinator**



# PROMOTING FCSS & SUMMER EVENTS

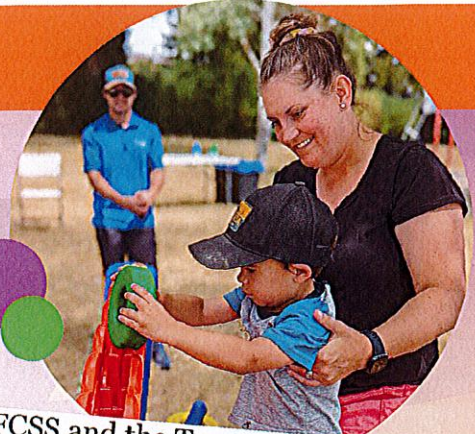
In 2023, FCSS expanded its reach by hosting or supporting 53 summer fun events for all ages, including youth, children, families, and seniors. FCSS also participated in 9 municipal parades.

**9** Parades Barnwell, Barons, Coaldale, Coalhurst, Coutts, Nobleford, Picture Butte, Taber, Vauxhall

**53** Summer fun activities

More than **1,800** individuals participated

Barnwell, Barons, Coaldale, Coalhurst, Coutts, Enchant, Grassy Lake, Iron Springs, Milk River, Monarch, Nobleford, Picture Butte, Raymond, Shaughnessy, Stirling, Taber, Vauxhall, and Warner.



## FCSS and the Town of Milk River have purchased a NeighbourGOOD Trailer

By Garrett Simmons  
FCSS Communications

**T**here are about to be some good times in the NeighbourGOOD this summer.

Family and Community Support Services and the Town of Milk River has purchased a NeighbourGOOD Trailer, stocked with all of the necessary ingredients to host a successful event. This trailer was funded by the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta. The trailer will be out and about all summer at community events, parades and celebrations, as its maiden voyage included a stop at the Courts community parade. Kelly Lloyd, Chief Administrative Officer, is looking forward to the positivity that the trailer will bring to the community. "The Town of Milk River is excited about this project as it helps to create a sense of togetherness in the area and bring people together," she said. "This is truly a collaborative effort to spend joy throughout the region."



The colourful trailer comes ready with family friendly games, tables and chairs, a cooler and other elements that will eventually allow locals to use the trailer to host larger events such as block parties. "This year, we're taking it around our communities to demonstrate that it's out there. Next year, how-

ever, people will be able to book it through FCSS to use it for their events," said Weaver. Christeen Davidson, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta, added the trailer will be a fantastic community resource.

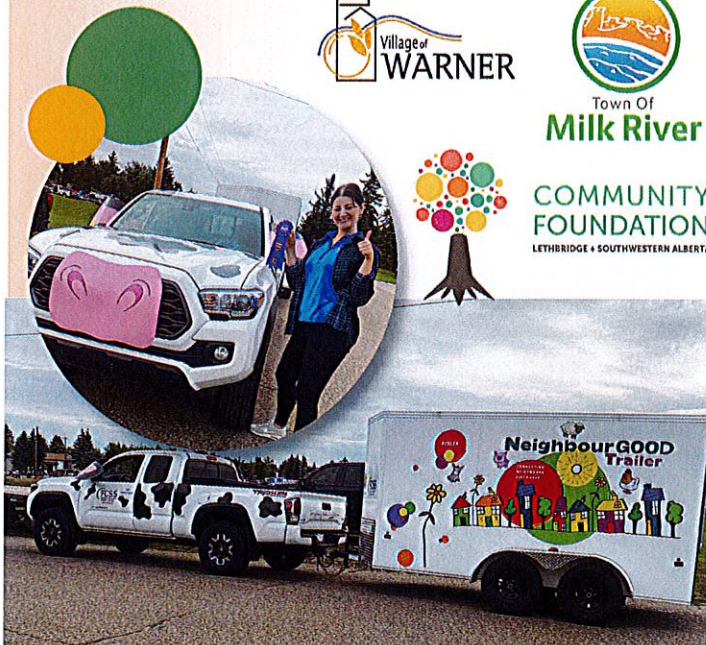
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Town Of Milk River



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
LETHBRIDGE & SOUTHWESTERN ALBERTA



With the support of FCSS, the Town of Milk River was successful with a grant request to the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta for a 'NeighbourGOOD Trailer.' The utility trailer is stocked full of family-friendly games, craft supplies, tables, and chairs – everything one would need to host a fun and engaging neighbourhood event. The trailer was hauled to nearly every parade in the region and was featured at multiple Summer Fun activities..



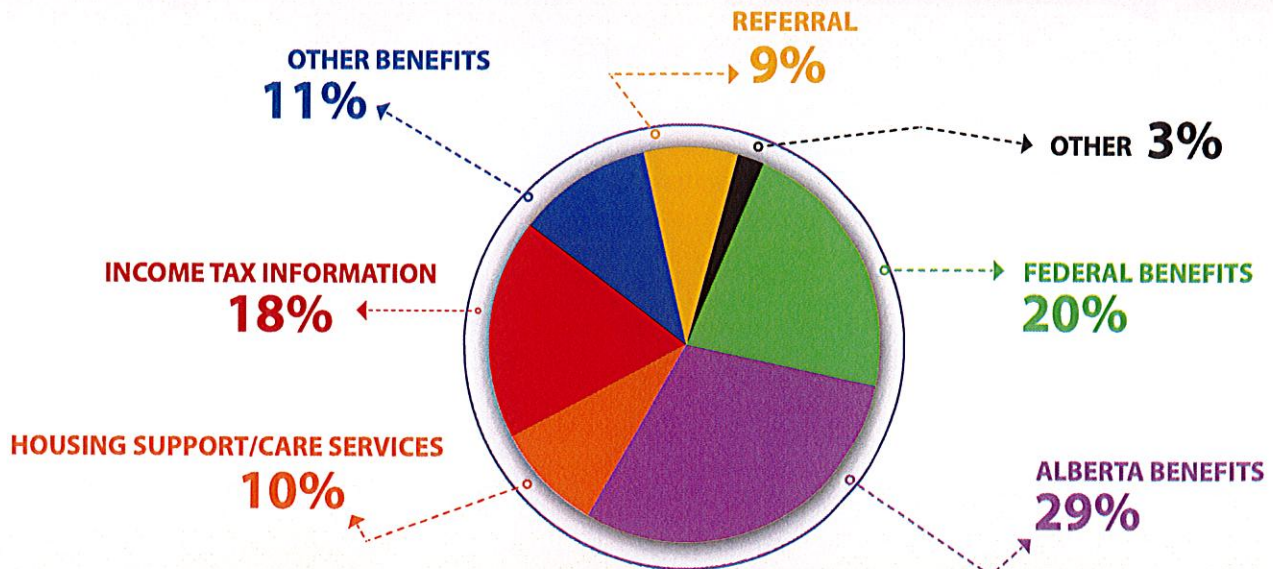


## SUPPORTING SENIORS

### INFORMATION AND SUPPORT

The Senior Services team offers in-person support for seniors who need help filling out paperwork to access their benefits. Staff also offer resources or additional supports to navigate local, provincial, or federal systems.

**546** Individuals directly supported.



**244** Seniors were referred to other organizations or provided with information about resources that they could access outside of FCSS services.

**KEY:**

- **Federal Benefits** = Assistance filling out Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income Supplement.
- **Alberta Benefits** = Assistance filling out Alberta Special Needs Assistance paperwork.
- **Housing Support/Care Services** = Support accessing housing, transportation, and Home Care services.
- **Income Tax Information** = Answering questions about income taxes after tax documentation has been submitted.
- **Other Benefits** = Assistance applying for Income Support, AISH, and other benefits.
- **Referrals** to other organizations.

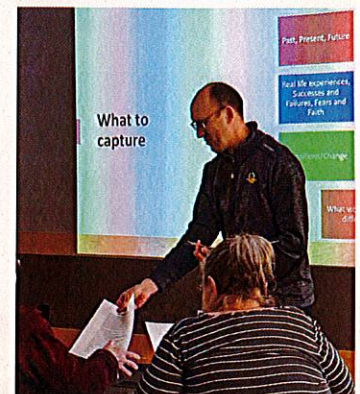
### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT: SENIOR SPEAKER SERIES

Alongside the Taber Public Library, FCSS offered **10** informative presentations to **95** seniors. Presenters included representatives from the Canada Revenue Agency and Service Canada, lawyers, and experts in decluttering spaces.

*"Thank you, it was very helpful to review this information.*

*Presenter was very knowledgeable" – Senior*

*"I gained some valuable information attending this workshop!" – Senior*





## BETWEEN FRIENDS AND PRECIOUS CONNECTIONS

These programs provide children/youth and seniors with the opportunity to connect with one another.

**Communities Served:** Coaldale, Nobleford, Stirling, & Raymond

**369** Children & **273** Seniors

*"I loved between friends and want to do it again next year."- Youth*

*"Good way to associate with the little ones and get to know them and their moms"- Senior*



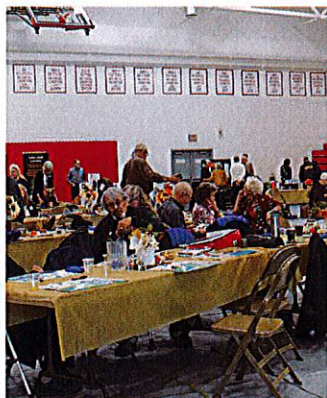
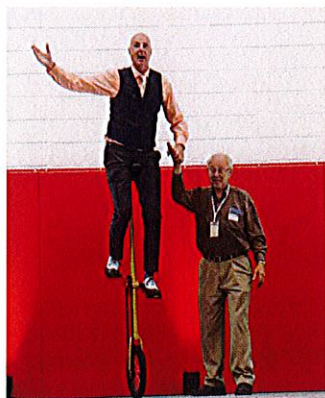
**100%** of seniors and **80%** of children now feel more comfortable with people from another generation.

## SENIORS' CONFERENCE

**Communities Served:** Raymond

Funded by the New Horizons' for Seniors Program from the Government of Canada, FCSS hosted the Living Well, Living Rural Seniors' Conference, which was attended by over 100 seniors from the FCSS region. The day included a keynote address from John Carstairs, a catered lunch, and resource tables.

**96%** of seniors reported that, as a result of the conference, they feel better about their ability to take action towards improving their life.



*"Very well organized, food was great, speaker was excellent, entertainment was super" - Senior*

Funded by the  
Government of Canada's  
New Horizons for Seniors Program



## SENIORS' WEEK CELEBRATION

Seniors were invited to Picture Butte's Coyote Flats Pioneer Village to celebrate Seniors' Week with food, music, and fun! Seniors' Week recognizes the contributions seniors make to enhance the quality of life in Alberta.

**60** Seniors





# FARM FAMILY OUTREACH PROGRAM

Funded by the Canadian Red Cross and the Public Health Agency of Canada, FCSS's Farm Family Outreach program helps to support the agricultural community and their families. Farm Family Outreach staff provide system navigation supports, connect farmers and their families to local resources (including FCSS's Counselling Services), and host events to recognize the important contributions of women on the farm.



Over **300** farmers and service providers supported

Financial contribution from



Public Health Agency of Canada / Agence de la santé publique du Canada



## SUCCESS STORY

A farming family reached out to the Farm Family Outreach program looking for resources to assist in resolving a family conflict. The parents, who were quite elderly, wanted to hand the farm down to their two adult sons so that they could relieve themselves of the responsibilities of overseeing the farm. Unfortunately, the sons did not get along and were struggling to work together. The parents were looking for someone to mediate a family meeting to resolve the issues in order to pass the farm down to their sons. The Farm Family Outreach Coordinator referred the family to Counselling Services and the family agreed to counselling. Over the course of three sessions, the conflict was successfully addressed, and all members of the family were pleased with the process. They were also appreciative of the fact that this type of free service was available to them as a farming family and that it was offered in a timely manner. At the moment, the family has not yet decided how the farm will be passed down to the sons. However, it is clear that the family relationship is well on the mend.



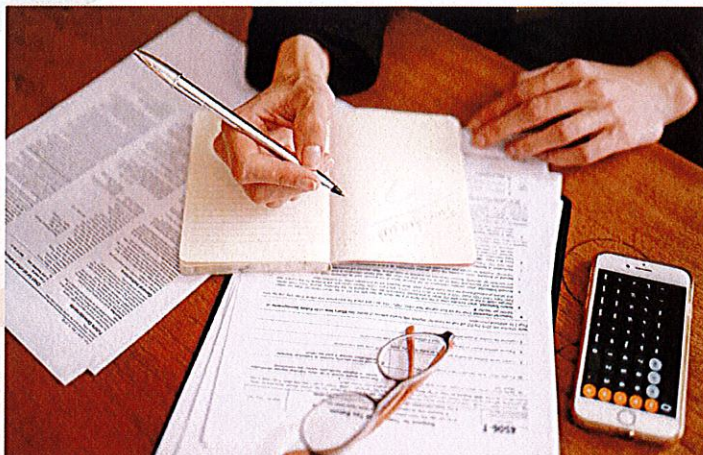
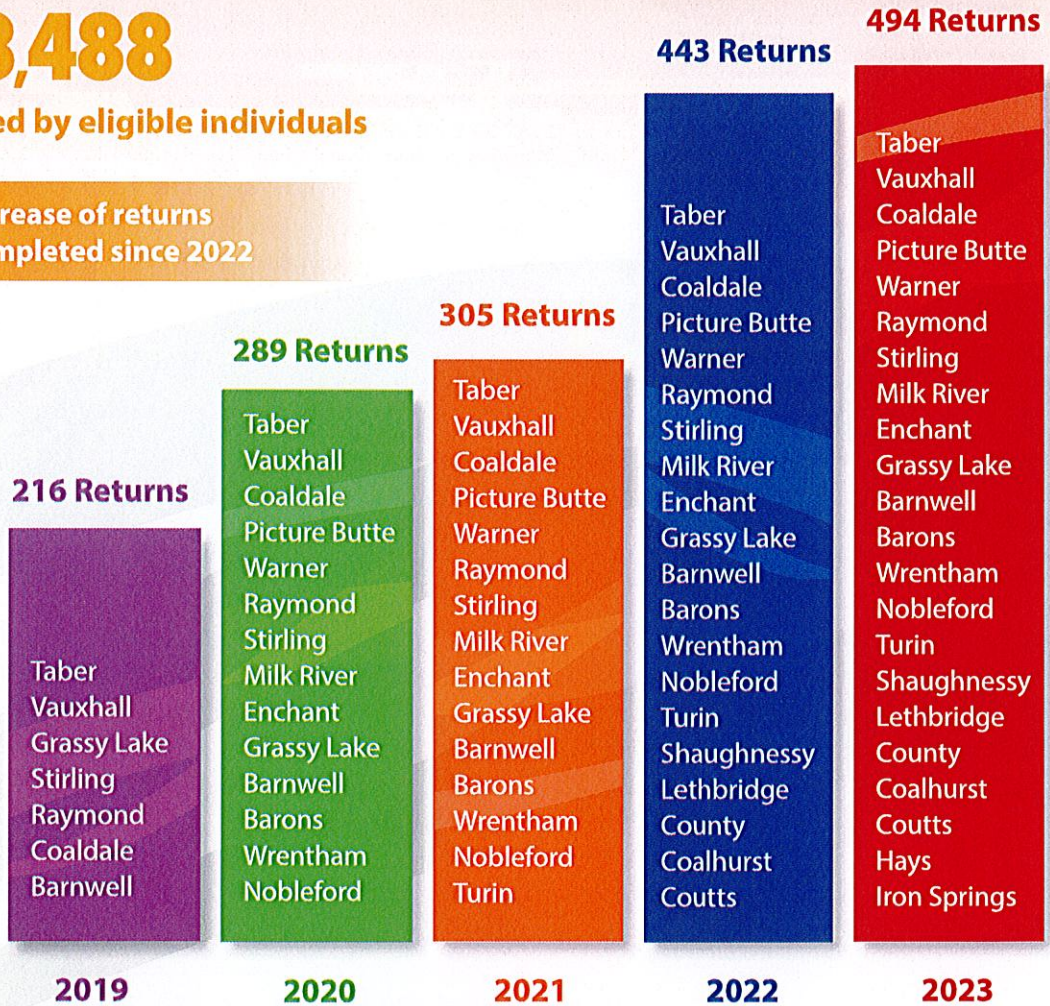
# COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM

The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) is offered through a partnership between FCSS and the Canada Revenue Agency. The CVITP works with organizations in the community to host free tax preparation clinics. The CVITP arranges for volunteers to complete income tax returns for eligible individuals with a modest income and simple tax situations.

## \$4,843,488

Benefits received by eligible individuals

**11%** Increase of returns completed since 2022



**61%** Female

**18%** Low German Mennonite

**5%** Indigenous

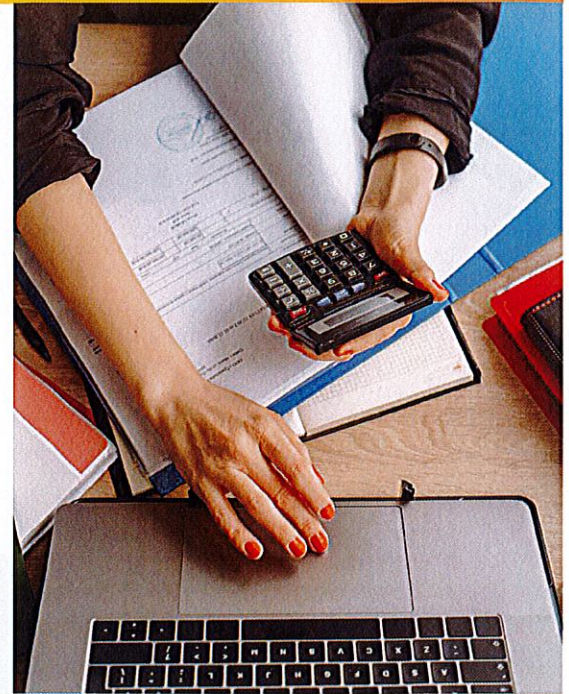
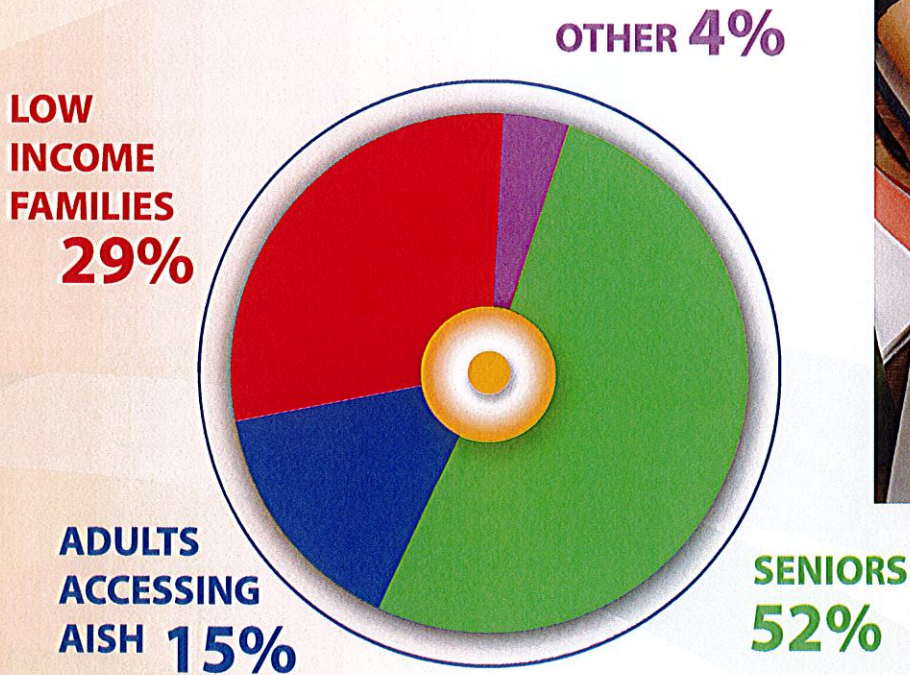


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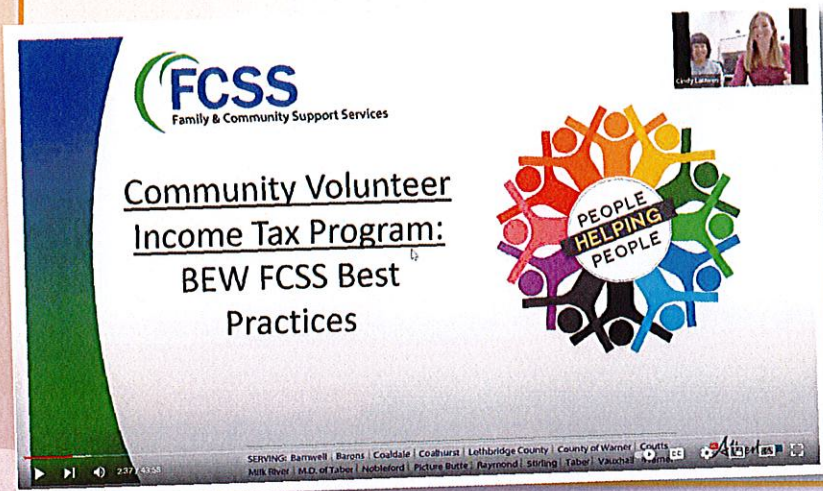
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## TYPES OF CLIENTS SERVED:



## COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM: BEW FCSS BEST PRACTICES (FCSSAA WEBINAR)



Cindy Lauwen and Kaitlynn Weaver presented to 35 staff from FCSS programs across the province about the success of BEW FCSS's tax program. They shared their knowledge to help other FCSS's improve the efficiency and integrity of their own tax program.



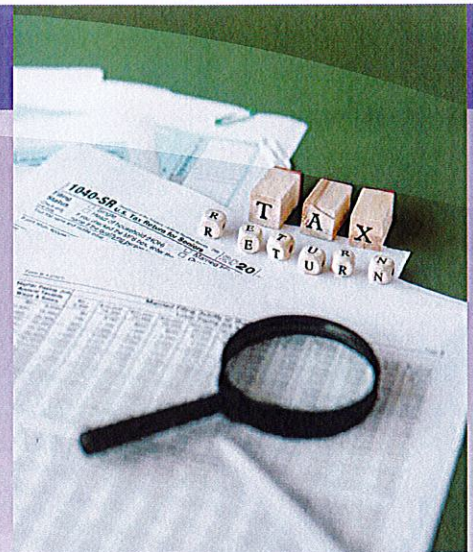
## VOLUNTEERING WITH FCSS

### TAX PROGRAM

The CVITP was offered in-person by scheduling short appointments for clients to drop off their paperwork across the FCSS service area. This allowed for more clients to receive quick service and gave the CVITP volunteers the freedom to work on the tax refunds on their own schedules.

**5** Volunteers

**239** volunteer hours



### CLOTHING AND TOYFEST

FCSS staff and volunteers collected, organized, and then offered donations to local families for free.

Nobleford • Picture Butte • Stirling • Vauxhall

**184** Non-registered volunteers

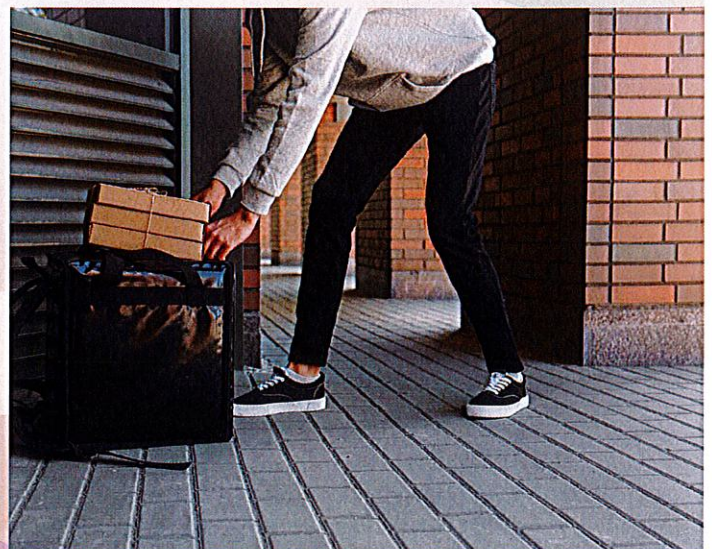
**330** volunteer hours

### MEALS ON WHEELS

Volunteers in Coaldale and Picture Butte delivered meals to seniors.

**200** Non-registered volunteers

**356** volunteer hours





# VOLUNTEERING WITH FCSS

The DO Crew and DO Crew Jr. are volunteering and leadership programs for youth ages 11-18 hosted across the FCSS service area.

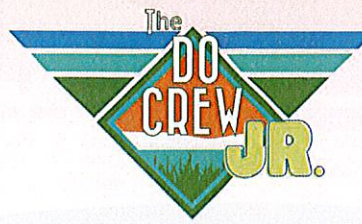


# 125

Youth participants

DO Crew - 58

DO Crew Jr. - 67



# 1,054

Youth volunteer hours

DO Crew - 807

DO Crew Jr. - 247

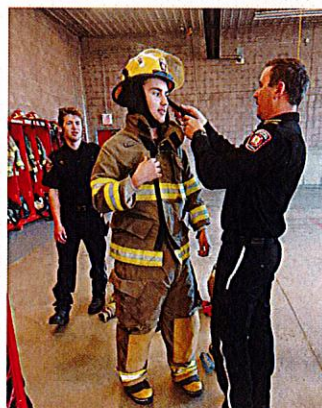
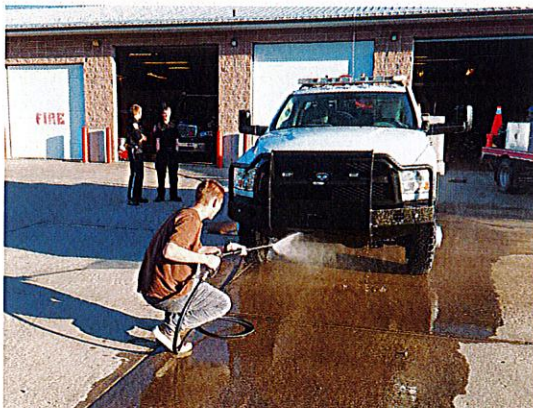
(64% increase in volunteer hours)

## COALDALE YOUTH DO CREW BUILDS A LITTLE FREE PANTRY

The Little Free Pantry is a project developed by the Coaldale DO Crew to help address food insecurity in the Town of Coaldale. The development of the Little Free Pantry was made possible through the combined efforts of the DO Crew youth, FCSS, and the Town of Coaldale. Funding for the project was provided by the Coaldale Community Wellness Association.



## VAUXHALL DO CREW JR. CLEANS FIRETRUCKS FOLLOWING A GRASS FIRE



**100%** of youth report that, as a result of this program, they are more confident in their leadership and life skills.



# DEVELOPING YOUTH RESILIENCE

## COALHURST YOUTH CENTRE

39 children and youth participated in the Coalhurst Youth Centre to help youth develop skills in emotional and social regulation and resiliency. Youth were able to connect with Tiki the Therapy Dog who helped youth feel calm and relaxed as they learned to practice self-care.

*"I enjoy meeting new people here!" - Youth Participant*

*"My son enjoys going to the community center on Thursdays. It doesn't matter if it's a small group or a large group of kids. It's given him more independence as he walks from school to the community center. That hour and a half helps him with his ADHD and ODD"- Parent*



## PRESENTATIONS TO INCREASE YOUTH RESILIENCY

The Youth Development Coordinators presented to over 250 youth across the region about the importance of creating and maintaining healthy relationships, responding to peer pressure, and setting healthy boundaries.

**91%** of youth report that, as a result of the presentation, they know adults that they can go to when they need help.

## YOUTH EVENTS

Youth Development Coordinators attended 3 events to promote youth resiliency across the region. This included the Taber Spark Fair, the Horizon School Division's Backpack Program, and McHappy Day.





# GENERAL INTEREST COURSES

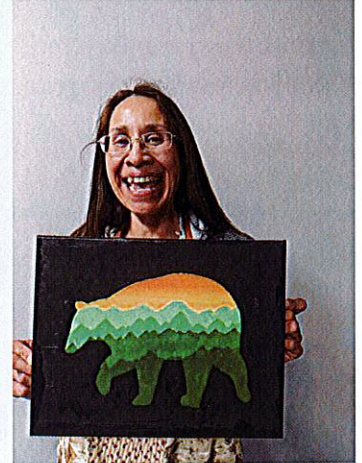
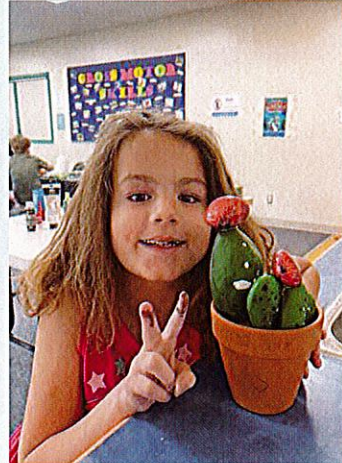
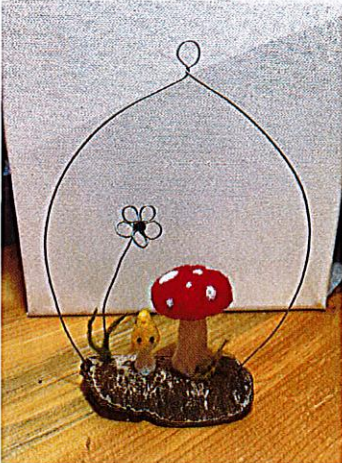
FCSS offered General Interest Courses to residents in the County of Warner. These courses offered a range of fun activities that helped residents develop skills, connect with others, and have fun!

**Communities Served:** Raymond, Stirling, Coutts, Milk River, Warner

**63** participants

*"Well prepared and executed. The small class made interaction with others delightful! Well done, girls. Thank you!"*

*- GIC Participant*



*"Instructor was very engaging and helpful! And artistic!" - GIC Participant*

*"My kids and I loved it" - GIC Participant*



## Chocolatiers hone skills in Warner and Milk River

By Garrett Simmons  
FCSS Communications

Ever wonder how chocolate is made? Just how, exactly, does someone take cocoa beans and turn that into a delicious treat?

Earlier this month, residents in the County of Warner got answers to those very important questions, thanks to Rebekah Moedt, the owner of Eleventeen Bear to Bar.

Moedt ran a Family and Community Support Services General Interest Course (GIC) for county residents, as locals had an opportunity to learn all about the process.

"What I do is I make chocolate from cocoa beans from Ecuador," said Moedt. "In the class, I brought in dark chocolate and white chocolate that I made, so people could mix it and create their own."

The Making Milk Chocolate in Milk River class was a huge hit, according to FCSS Outreach Services Supervisor Kaitlynn Weaver.

"Based on how quickly folks filled up the class, I think it was something that was very popular," she said. "I think having it in their community, being able to participate with their friends and not have to go to Lethbridge, it was really nice."

Amateur chocolate makers will have three more opportunities to learn about the craft, as Moedt is hosting Father's Day themed courses (Dad's Like Chocolate Too) on June 9 in Warner and June 16 in Stirling.

Moedt explained the bean-to-bar concept creates a simple three-ingredient chocolate, much different than store-bought candy. The type of chocolate

she creates is only available locally in Calgary, Fernie and through her Lethbridge-based business.

"They were very surprised to learn about how chocolate is made and where it is made," said Moedt, who added participants were extremely engaged throughout the class. "They were a fun bunch. They were like sponges and asked a ton of really good questions."

Of course, chocolate making is just one of the course offerings FCSS has on tap for County of Warner residents, who have the opportunity to learn about painting, making wire rings, mixed-media art and hammered brass and copper earrings, to name just a few.

"It's an opportunity for residents to learn some new skills and some old skills and connect with other folks in their area," said Weaver of the GIC initiative. "We're connecting with really cool instructors."

Partnerships with communities throughout the county allow FCSS to host the courses in convenient, local venues, to help instructors share their knowledge with people eager to learn something new.

"We're really grateful that instructors like Rebekah are interested in helping out and trying something new with us," said Weaver. "We're really lucky to have good relationships with the municipalities that are hosting the courses."

To view the list of upcoming courses, please visit FCSS's Eventbrite website here: GENERAL INTEREST COURSES or call Kaitlynn at (403) 793-4627.

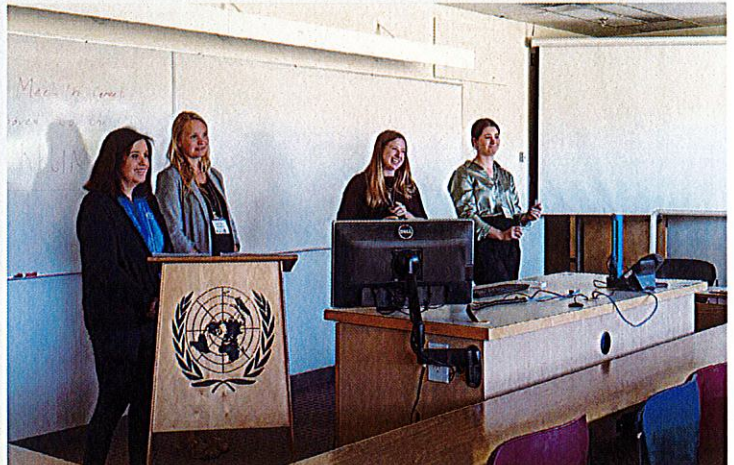
More information on Eleventeen Bear to Bar can be found here: ELEVENTEEN-TEEN.





### MOVING IN, MOVING ON & MOVING UP: LIVING WELL IN RURAL CANADA 2023 CONFERENCE

Outreach Services staff presented at a national conference on their experiences working in rural southern Alberta as well as the unique and innovative programs and services offered by FCSS. Emily, Kori, Jillian, and Kaitlynn addressed some of the observed challenges experienced by southern Albertan youth, seniors, and families and offered valuable insight into the realities of rural and remote living.



### YOUTH WELLNESS FORUM

FCSS Youth Services staff attended the 'Voices of Youth Mental Wellness Community Forum' in Lethbridge to share their experiences working with rural and diverse youth in southern Alberta. This event connected youth ages 12-17, parents, government officials, policy makers, and helping professionals working with youth to explore different ways to improve the mental wellness of youth in southern Alberta.





Serving:

Barnwell | Barons | Coaldale | Coalhurst | Lethbridge County  
County of Warner | Coutts | Milk River | M.D. of Taber | Nobleford  
Picture Butte | Raymond | Stirling | Taber | Vauxhall | Warner





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**Municipal District of Taber**  
**Council Appointments**

October 25, 2023

Town of Vauxhall  
223 – 5<sup>th</sup> Street North  
Vauxhall, Alberta  
T0K 2K0

Attention: Cris Burns

*Delivered via email*

Dear Cris,

**RE: Council Appointments**

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The Council of the Municipal District of Taber at their Organizational Meeting of October 24, 2023 has appointed the following Council members to represent the Municipal District of Taber on the following committees:

**Vauxhall & District Regional Water Services Commission**

Deputy Reeve John DeGroot – [jdegroot@mdtaber.ab.ca](mailto:jdegroot@mdtaber.ab.ca)  
Councillor Chantal Claassen – [cclaassen@mdtaber.ab.ca](mailto:cclaassen@mdtaber.ab.ca)  
Councillor Murray Reynolds – [mreynolds@mdtaber.ab.ca](mailto:mreynolds@mdtaber.ab.ca)

**Vauxhall Regional Fire Authority**

Councillor Chantal Claassen – [cclaassen@mdtaber.ab.ca](mailto:cclaassen@mdtaber.ab.ca)  
Councillor Murray Reynolds – [mreynolds@mdtaber.ab.ca](mailto:mreynolds@mdtaber.ab.ca)

**Intermunicipal Development Committee**

Deputy Reeve John DeGroot – [jdegroot@mdtaber.ab.ca](mailto:jdegroot@mdtaber.ab.ca)  
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Councillor Murray Reynolds – [mreynolds@mdtaber.ab.ca](mailto:mreynolds@mdtaber.ab.ca)

The term of these appointments will extend to the Organizational meeting in 2024 when either a re-appointments or new appointment will be made, and about which you be advised accordingly.

Sincerely,

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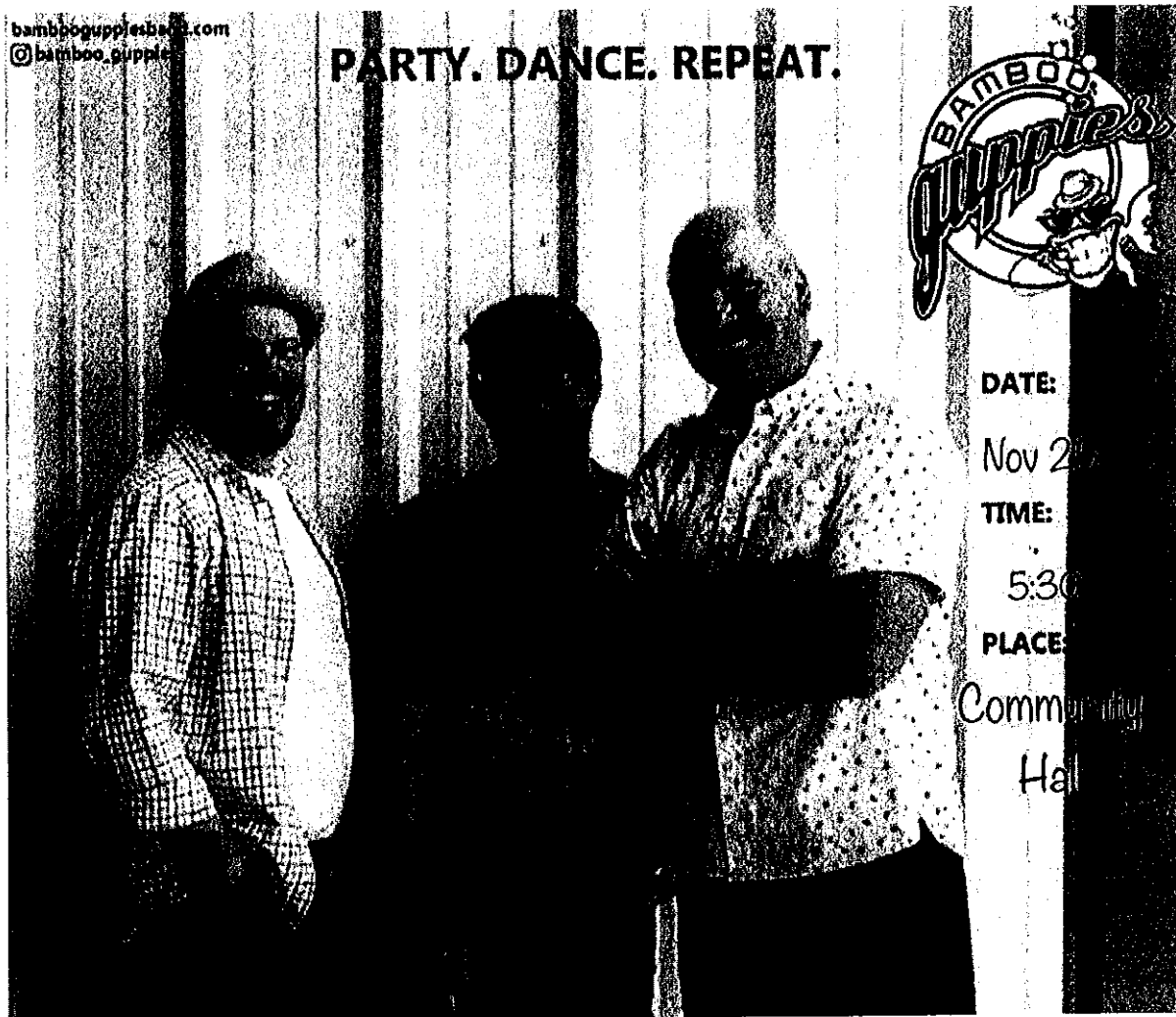
Arlos Crofts, CLGM  
CAO  
Municipal District of Taber

Vauxhall Ag Society & Vauxhall and District Chamber of Commerce

November 25<sup>th</sup>

Come join us for a wonderful meal by Greta's Kitchen and dance the night was with The Bamboo Guppies! Tickets available online or call/Text 403-382-1698, email vauxhallag@gmail.com or stop into our office on Fridays for in person ticket sales! Table for 8 @\$400.00 single seats \$50.00.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/d/canada--alberta/vauxhall/>



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#### **Your application should be submitted to the attention of:**

Brian Peers, Manager Municipal  
Lands & Leases  
Municipal District of Taber  
4900B - 50th Street  
Taber, Alberta, T1G 1T2

**Need more  
information or have  
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#### **Don't hesitate to get in touch:**

Phone 403-225-3333  
Fax 403-225-1700

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