

**Agenda for the  
Regular Meeting of the Vauxhall of Town Council  
Monday March 13<sup>th</sup>, 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. Delegations</b>  | Receive for Information            |
| a.) R.C.M.P  |                                    |
| <b>4. Minutes</b>  |                                    |
| <b>Council Minutes</b>   |                                    |
| a.) Regular Meeting of Council February 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2023  | For Adoption                       |
| <b>External Minutes</b>  | Receive <u>all</u> for Information |
| b.) Municipal planning Commission meeting of February 27, 2023   |                                    |
| c.) Vauxhall & District Chamber of Commerce board meeting of February 16, 2023                                       |                                    |
| d.) Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS board meeting of December 7, 2022  |                                    |
| e.) Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS board meeting of February 1, 2023  |                                    |
| f.) Taber & District Housing Foundation board meeting of January 26, 2023  |                                    |
| g.) Vauxhall Ag Society Director meeting of January 18, 2023   |                                    |
| h.) Oldman River Regional Services Commission board meeting of December 1, 2022                                      |                                    |
| <b>5. Policies</b>   |                                    |
| a.) Policy No. 044-2023 Council Participation on<br>External Community Boards, Commissions, Committees and Societies | For Adoption                       |
| <b>6. Financials</b>   |                                    |
| a.) Cheque Listing for the month of February 28, 2023  | For Adoption                       |
| b.) Bank Reconciliation as of February 28, 2023  | Receive <u>all</u> for Information |
| c.) GIC Holdings as of February 28, 2023   |                                    |
| d.) Consolidated Statement of Financial position as of February 28, 2023   |                                    |
| e.) Consolidation Statement of Operations as of February 28, 2023  |                                    |
| f.) AMSC MasterCard as of March 4, 2023  |                                    |
| g.) Budget by Department – Council   |                                    |
| h.) 2023 Operating Expenses vs. Budget   |                                    |
| <b>7. New Business</b>   |                                    |
| a.) 37 <sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Seniors' Week   | Resolution                         |
| b.) Joint Use & Planning Agreement   | Resolution                         |
| c.) Vauxhall Ag Society Invitation   | Resolution                         |
| d.) Council Remuneration Policy  |                                    |
| e.) Albert Municipalities – News Release (Survey – Alberta Police Service)   |                                    |
| f.) ABMunis Preliminary Analysis on Alberta's 2023 Budget  |                                    |
| g.) Vauxhall Public Library Board Letter   |                                    |
| <b>8. Reports</b>  | Receive <u>all</u> for information |
| a.) CAO Report   |                                    |
| b.) Council Activity Report – February 2023  |                                    |
| c.) Action List  |                                    |
| i.) February 2023  |                                    |
| ii.) Action List in Progress   |                                    |

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**9. Information and Correspondence**

Receive all for Information

- a.) Rural Charities AGLC Gaming Revenues Equality
- b.) Minister of Education – Historic Education Investments in Budget 2023
- c.) Minister of Municipal Affairs – Rebecca Schulz – Budget 2023
- d.) Minister of Municipal Affairs – Rebecca Schulz – Local Government Fiscal Framework
- e.) Alberta Precision Laboratories
- f.) SouthGrow Monthly Report for Mayors & Reeves
- g.) FCSS Report to Municipalities Family Services

**10. Closed meeting of Council**

- a.) Section 16

**11. Adjournment**

# Taber RCMP



VAUXHALL

MONTHLY REPORT

JANUARY 2023

## TOWN OF VAUXHALL - JANUARY 2023

### RCMP CALLS FOR SERVICE

Taber / Vauxhall Detachment Area

148

Town of Vauxhall

9

### TRAFFIC - ALCOHOL / DRUG

VAUXHALL - Impaired Driving, 24 & 30 DAY SUSPENSIONS, IMMEDIATE  
ROADSIDE SUSPENSIONS

0

### NON-CRIMINAL

911 Hangups in Vauxhall

6

Detachment Area Criminal Record Check

27

Detachment Area Fingerprints - General Public

5

**Total Violation Tickets in Vauxhall**

**0**

**Total Violation Tickets in Taber Detachment Area**

**35**

**ITU (Lethbridge/Redcliff) Violation Tickets -MD**

**6**

**Total Patrols in Vauxhall**

**54**

## Taber Provincial Crime Gauge

2023 vs. 2022  
January to January

### Criminal Code Offences



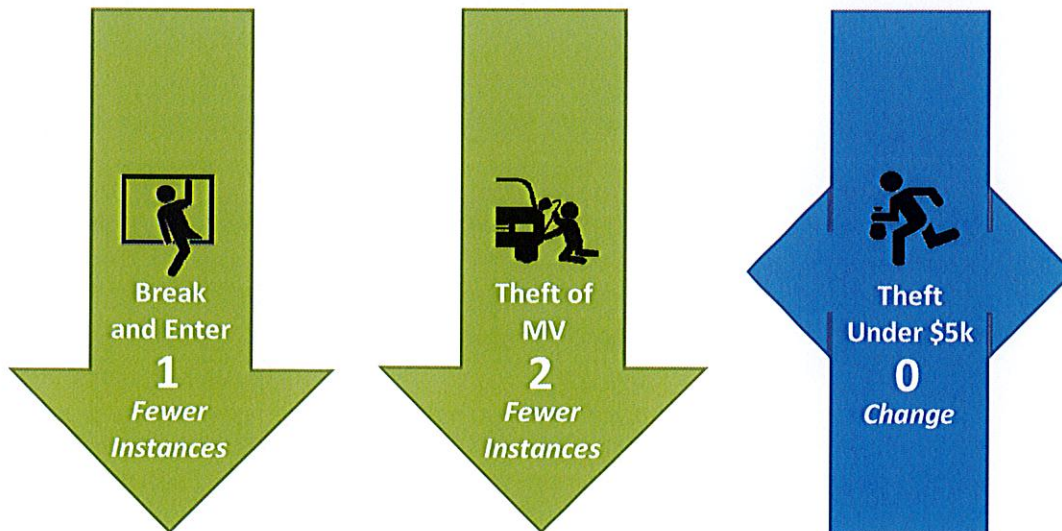
**Total  
Criminal Code  
Offences:**

**3**

**Fewer**

When compared to  
January to January, 2022

### Select Property Crime



NOTE: If in both 2021 and 2022 a category had fewer than 20 offences, a percent change is not shown. All numbers without a '%' beside them represent counts.



Strategic Analysis and Research Unit

Taber (Provincial) Crime Statistic Summary – January to January

2023-02-02

### *Taber (Provincial) – Highlights*

- **Break & Enters** are showing a -100.0% decrease when compared to the same period in 2022 (January to January). There were -1 fewer actual occurrences (from 1 in 2022 to 0 in 2023).
- **Theft of Motor Vehicles** decreased by -100.0% when compared to the same period in 2022 (January to January). There were -2 fewer actual occurrences (from 2 in 2022 to 0 in 2023).
- **Theft Under \$5,000** decreased by 0.0% when compared to the same period in 2022 (January to January). There were 0 fewer actual occurrences (from 2 in 2022 to 2 in 2023).

### *Taber (Provincial) – Criminal Code Offences Summary*

| Crime Category       | % Change 2022 – 2023<br>(January to January) |
|----------------------|--|
| Total Persons Crime  | <b>150.0% Increase</b>                       |
| Total Property Crime | <b>54.5% Decrease</b>                        |
| Total Criminal Code  | <b>21.4% Decrease</b>                        |

From January to January 2023, when compared to the same period in 2022, there have been:

- 3 more **Persons Crime** offences;
- 6 fewer **Property Crime** offences; and
- 3 fewer **Total Criminal Code** offences;

### *Taber (Provincial) – January, 2023*

- There were 0 **Thefts of Motor Vehicles** in January: 0 cars, 0 trucks, 0 minivans, 0 SUVs, 0 motorcycles, 0 other types of vehicles, and 0 vehicles taken without consent.
- There were 0 **Break and Enters** in January: 0 businesses, 0 residences, 0 cottages/seasonal residences, 0 in some other type of location, and 0 unlawfully being in a dwelling house.
- There were a total of 0 **Provincial Roadside Suspensions** in January (0 alcohol related and 0 drug related). This brings the year-to-date total to 0 (0 alcohol related and 0 drug related).
- There were a total of 2 files with the **Spousal Abuse** survey code in January (January 2022: 0). This brings the year-to-date total to 2 (2022: 0).
- There were 120 files with **Victim Service Unit** referral scoring in Taber Provincial: 2 accepted, 9 declined, 0 proactive, 1 requested but not available, and 108 files with no victim.

PROS Data pull 2023/02/02

The data contained in this document was obtained from PROS, which is a live database. As such, some of the information presented could differ slightly from any past or future reports regarding the same time period.



## Taber Provincial Detachment Crime Statistics (Actual) January to January: 2019 - 2023

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February 2, 2023

| CATEGORY                         | Trend | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | % Change<br>2019 - 2023 | % Change<br>2022 - 2023 | Avg File +/-<br>per Year |
|----------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Offences Related to Death        |       | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | N/A                     | N/A                     | 0.0                      |
| Robbery                          |       | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | N/A                     | N/A                     | 0.0                      |
| Sexual Assaults                  |       | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | N/A                     | N/A                     | 0.0                      |
| Other Sexual Offences            |       | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | N/A                     | N/A                     | -0.1                     |
| Assault                          |       | 4    | 5    | 2    | 1    | 5    | 25%                     | 400%                    | -0.2                     |
| Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction     |       | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | N/A                     | N/A                     | 0.0                      |
| Extortion                        |       | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | N/A                     | -100%                   | 0.1                      |
| Criminal Harassment              |       | 0    | 4    | 1    | 0    | 0    | N/A                     | N/A                     | -0.4                     |
| Uttering Threats                 |       | 2    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | -100%                   | N/A                     | -0.4                     |
| <b>TOTAL PERSONS</b>             |       | 6    | 10   | 4    | 2    | 5    | -17%                    | 150%                    | -1.0                     |
| Break & Enter                    |       | 3    | 2    | 4    | 1    | 0    | -100%                   | -100%                   | -0.7                     |
| Theft of Motor Vehicle           |       | 1    | 1    | 1    | 2    | 0    | -100%                   | -100%                   | -0.1                     |
| Theft Over \$5,000               |       | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | N/A                     | N/A                     | -0.1                     |
| Theft Under \$5,000              |       | 3    | 4    | 5    | 2    | 2    | -33%                    | 0%                      | -0.4                     |
| Possn Stn Goods                  |       | 2    | 2    | 5    | 1    | 0    | -100%                   | -100%                   | -0.5                     |
| Fraud                            |       | 2    | 6    | 0    | 3    | 2    | 0%                      | -33%                    | -0.3                     |
| Arson                            |       | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | N/A                     | N/A                     | 0.0                      |
| Mischief - Damage To Property    |       | 0    | 2    | 3    | 1    | 1    | N/A                     | 0%                      | 0.1                      |
| Mischief - Other                 |       | 1    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 0    | -100%                   | -100%                   | -0.2                     |
| <b>TOTAL PROPERTY</b>            |       | 12   | 19   | 18   | 11   | 5    | -58%                    | -55%                    | -2.2                     |
| Offensive Weapons                |       | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | N/A                     | N/A                     | 0.0                      |
| Disturbing the peace             |       | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | N/A                     | N/A                     | -0.1                     |
| Fail to Comply & Breaches        |       | 1    | 6    | 2    | 0    | 0    | -100%                   | N/A                     | -0.8                     |
| <b>OTHER CRIMINAL CODE</b>       |       | 1    | 5    | 0    | 1    | 1    | 0%                      | 0%                      | -0.4                     |
| <b>TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE</b> |       | 2    | 12   | 2    | 1    | 1    | -50%                    | 0%                      | -1.3                     |
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|--|-------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Drug Enforcement - Production          |       | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | N/A                     | N/A                     | 0.0                      |
| Drug Enforcement - Possession          |       | 0          | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | N/A                     | N/A                     | -0.1                     |
| Drug Enforcement - Trafficking         |       | 1          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | -100%                   | N/A                     | -0.2                     |
| Drug Enforcement - Other               |       | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | N/A                     | N/A                     | 0.0                      |
| <b>Total Drugs</b>                     |       | <b>1</b>   | <b>1</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>-100%</b>            | <b>N/A</b>              | <b>-0.3</b>              |
| Cannabis Enforcement                   |       | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | N/A                     | N/A                     | 0.0                      |
| Federal - General                      |       | 0          | 1         | 1         | 0         | 0         | N/A                     | N/A                     | -0.1                     |
| <b>TOTAL FEDERAL</b>                   |       | <b>1</b>   | <b>2</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>-100%</b>            | <b>N/A</b>              | <b>-0.4</b>              |
| Liquor Act                             |       | 1          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0%                      | N/A                     | 0.0                      |
| Cannabis Act                           |       | 4          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | -100%                   | N/A                     | -0.8                     |
| Mental Health Act                      |       | 3          | 3         | 2         | 3         | 3         | 0%                      | 0%                      | 0.0                      |
| Other Provincial Stats                 |       | 6          | 4         | 17        | 1         | 1         | -83%                    | 0%                      | -1.3                     |
| <b>Total Provincial Stats</b>          |       | <b>14</b>  | <b>7</b>  | <b>19</b> | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>  | <b>-64%</b>             | <b>25%</b>              | <b>-2.1</b>              |
| Municipal By-laws Traffic              |       | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | N/A                     | N/A                     | 0.0                      |
| Municipal By-laws                      |       | 2          | 0         | 5         | 3         | 1         | -50%                    | -67%                    | 0.1                      |
| <b>Total Municipal</b>                 |       | <b>2</b>   | <b>0</b>  | <b>5</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>-50%</b>             | <b>-67%</b>             | <b>0.1</b>               |
| Fatals                                 |       | 0          | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | N/A                     | N/A                     | -0.1                     |
| Injury MVC                             |       | 1          | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | -100%                   | N/A                     | -0.3                     |
| Property Damage MVC (Reportable)       |       | 11         | 11        | 14        | 7         | 14        | 27%                     | 100%                    | 0.2                      |
| Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)   |       | 1          | 2         | 1         | 5         | 0         | -100%                   | -100%                   | 0.1                      |
| <b>TOTAL MVC</b>                       |       | <b>13</b>  | <b>15</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>8%</b>               | <b>17%</b>              | <b>-0.1</b>              |
| Roadside Suspension - Alcohol (Prov)   |       | N/A        | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       | 0         | N/A                     | N/A                     | N/A                      |
| Roadside Suspension - Drugs (Prov)     |       | N/A        | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       | 0         | N/A                     | N/A                     | N/A                      |
| <b>Total Provincial Traffic</b>        |       | <b>104</b> | <b>64</b> | <b>76</b> | <b>54</b> | <b>56</b> | <b>-46%</b>             | <b>4%</b>               | <b>-10.6</b>             |
| Other Traffic                          |       | 2          | 3         | 1         | 0         | 0         | -100%                   | N/A                     | -0.7                     |
| Criminal Code Traffic                  |       | 2          | 3         | 6         | 1         | 0         | -100%                   | -100%                   | -0.6                     |
| <b>Common Police Activities</b>        |       |            |           |           |           |           |                         |                         |                          |
| False Alarms                           |       | 4          | 1         | 0         | 1         | 0         | -100%                   | -100%                   | -0.8                     |
| False/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act   |       | 5          | 11        | 5         | 1         | 11        | 120%                    | 1000%                   | 0.2                      |
| Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property     |       | 6          | 3         | 2         | 0         | 2         | -67%                    | N/A                     | -1.1                     |
| Persons Reported Missing               |       | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1         | N/A                     | N/A                     | 0.2                      |
| Search Warrants                        |       | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | N/A                     | N/A                     | 0.0                      |
| Spousal Abuse - Survey Code (Reported) |       | 5          | 2         | 1         | 0         | 2         | -60%                    | N/A                     | -0.8                     |
| Form 10 (MHA) (Reported)               |       | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1         | N/A                     | N/A                     | 0.2                      |





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| Other Sexual Offences            |       | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | N/A                     | N/A                     | -0.1                     |
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| Extortion                        |       | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | N/A                     | -100%                   | 0.1                      |
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| Fraud                            |       | 2    | 6    | 0    | 3    | 2    | 0%                      | -33%                    | -0.3                     |
| Arson                            |       | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | N/A                     | N/A                     | 0.0                      |
| Mischief - Damage To Property    |       | 0    | 2    | 3    | 1    | 1    | N/A                     | 0%                      | 0.1                      |
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| Drug Enforcement - Possession          |       | 0          | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | N/A                  | N/A                  | -0.1                  |
| Drug Enforcement - Trafficking         |       | 1          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | -100%                | N/A                  | -0.2                  |
| Drug Enforcement - Other               |       | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | N/A                  | N/A                  | 0.0                   |
| <b>Total Drugs</b>                     |       | <b>1</b>   | <b>1</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>-100%</b>         | <b>N/A</b>           | <b>-0.3</b>           |
| Cannabis Enforcement                   |       | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | N/A                  | N/A                  | 0.0                   |
| Federal - General                      |       | 0          | 1         | 1         | 0         | 0         | N/A                  | N/A                  | -0.1                  |
| <b>TOTAL FEDERAL</b>                   |       | <b>1</b>   | <b>2</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>-100%</b>         | <b>N/A</b>           | <b>-0.4</b>           |
| Liquor Act                             |       | 1          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0%                   | N/A                  | 0.0                   |
| Cannabis Act                           |       | 4          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | -100%                | N/A                  | -0.8                  |
| Mental Health Act                      |       | 3          | 3         | 2         | 3         | 3         | 0%                   | 0%                   | 0.0                   |
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| <b>Total Provincial Stats</b>          |       | <b>14</b>  | <b>7</b>  | <b>19</b> | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>  | <b>-64%</b>          | <b>25%</b>           | <b>-2.1</b>           |
| Municipal By-laws Traffic              |       | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | N/A                  | N/A                  | 0.0                   |
| Municipal By-laws                      |       | 2          | 0         | 5         | 3         | 1         | -50%                 | -67%                 | 0.1                   |
| <b>Total Municipal</b>                 |       | <b>2</b>   | <b>0</b>  | <b>5</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>-50%</b>          | <b>-67%</b>          | <b>0.1</b>            |
| Fatals                                 |       | 0          | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | N/A                  | N/A                  | -0.1                  |
| Injury MVC                             |       | 1          | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | -100%                | N/A                  | -0.3                  |
| Property Damage MVC (Reportable)       |       | 11         | 11        | 14        | 7         | 14        | 27%                  | 100%                 | 0.2                   |
| Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)   |       | 1          | 2         | 1         | 5         | 0         | -100%                | -100%                | 0.1                   |
| <b>TOTAL MVC</b>                       |       | <b>13</b>  | <b>15</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>8%</b>            | <b>17%</b>           | <b>-0.1</b>           |
| Roadside Suspension - Alcohol (Prov)   |       | N/A        | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       | 0         | N/A                  | N/A                  | N/A                   |
| Roadside Suspension - Drugs (Prov)     |       | N/A        | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       | 0         | N/A                  | N/A                  | N/A                   |
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| Other Traffic                          |       | 2          | 3         | 1         | 0         | 0         | -100%                | N/A                  | -0.7                  |
| Criminal Code Traffic                  |       | 2          | 3         | 6         | 1         | 0         | -100%                | -100%                | -0.6                  |
| <b>Common Police Activities</b>        |       |            |           |           |           |           |                      |                      |                       |
| False Alarms                           |       | 4          | 1         | 0         | 1         | 0         | -100%                | -100%                | -0.8                  |
| False/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act   |       | 5          | 11        | 5         | 1         | 11        | 120%                 | 1000%                | 0.2                   |
| Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property     |       | 6          | 3         | 2         | 0         | 2         | -67%                 | N/A                  | -1.1                  |
| Persons Reported Missing               |       | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1         | N/A                  | N/A                  | 0.2                   |
| Search Warrants                        |       | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | N/A                  | N/A                  | 0.0                   |
| Spousal Abuse - Survey Code (Reported) |       | 5          | 2         | 1         | 0         | 2         | -60%                 | N/A                  | -0.8                  |
| Form 10 (MHA) (Reported)               |       | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1         | N/A                  | N/A                  | 0.2                   |



## Taber Provincial Detachment Crime Statistics (Actual) January to January: 2019 - 2023

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

February 2, 2023

| Category                                      | Trend | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | FLAG        |
|---|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-------------|
| <b>Theft Motor Vehicle (Total)</b>            |       | 1    | 1    | 1    | 2    | 0    | Within Norm |
| Auto  |       | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | Within Norm |
| Truck   |       | 1    | 0    | 1    | 2    | 0    | Within Norm |
| SUV   |       | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | Within Norm |
| Van   |       | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | Within Norm |
| Motorcycle                                    |       | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | Within Norm |
| Other   |       | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | Within Norm |
| Take Auto without Consent                     |       | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | Within Norm |
| <b>Break and Enter (Total)*</b>               |       | 3    | 2    | 4    | 1    | 0    | Within Norm |
| Business                                      |       | 2    | 1    | 2    | 1    | 0    | Within Norm |
| Residence                                     |       | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | Within Norm |
| Cottage or Seasonal Residence                 |       | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | Within Norm |
| Other   |       | 0    | 1    | 2    | 0    | 0    | Within Norm |
| <b>Theft Over &amp; Under \$5,000 (Total)</b> |       | 3    | 5    | 5    | 2    | 2    | Within Norm |
| Theft from a motor vehicle                    |       | 0    | 5    | 2    | 1    | 0    | Within Norm |
| Shoplifting                                   |       | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | Within Norm |
| Mail Theft (includes all Mail offences)       |       | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | Within Norm |
| Theft of bicycle                              |       | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | Within Norm |
| Other Theft                                   |       | 3    | 0    | 3    | 1    | 2    | Within Norm |

|                                      |  |   |   |   |   |   |             |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|---|-------------|
| Mischief To Property                 |  | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | Within Norm |
| Suspicious Person/ Vehicle/ Property |  | 6 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | Within Norm |
| Fail to Comply/Breach                |  | 1 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | Within Norm |
| Wellbeing Check                      |  | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 | Issue       |
| Mental Health Act                    |  | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | Within Norm |
| False Alarms                         |  | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Within Norm |

| Traffic  | Trend | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | FLAG        |
|--|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-------------|
| Roadside Suspensions - alcohol related - No grounds to charge* |       | 1    | 3    | 1    | 0    | 0    | Within Norm |
| Occupant Restraint/Seatbelt Violations*                        |       | 3    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 0    | Within Norm |
| Speeding Violations*   |       | 38   | 31   | 29   | 26   | 34   | Within Norm |
| Intersection Related Violations*                               |       | 3    | 1    | 1    | 0    | 0    | Within Norm |
| Other Non-Moving Violation*                                    |       | 30   | 15   | 18   | 16   | 8    | Within Norm |
| Pursuits**   |       | 0    | 1    | 3    | 0    | 0    | Within Norm |
| Other CC Traffic**   |       | 0    | 0    | 2    | 0    | 0    | Within Norm |

\*\*"Actual" \*\*"Reported"

Categories flagged with "Issue" only indicate that the current number of offences are higher the statistical norm based on previous years.





A regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Vauxhall, was held in  
Council Chambers  
on Monday February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

- MAYOR: Raymond Coad
- DEPUTY MAYOR: Kimberley Cawley
- COUNCILLORS: Shelley Deleeuw  
Kimberley Dorin  
Marilyn Forchuk  
Margaret Plumtree

**ALSO PRESENT:**

- Chief Administrative Officer: Cris Burns
- Asst. CAO/Office Manager: Mindy Dunphy
- Chief Financial Officer: Wendy Bergen

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

Adoption of  
Agenda  
**RES: 23:30**

**MOVED** by Councillor Forchuk to adopt the agenda as amended.  
**CARRIED**  
**Additions:**  
9(n.) Queens Platinum Jubilee Medal

Delegation  
**RES: 23:31**

**MOVED** by Councillor Deleeuw to accept the delegation report as information.  
• R.C.M.P.  
**CARRIED**

Minutes  
**RES: 23:32**

**MOVED** by Councillor Forchuk to adopt the following minutes as presented.  
• Regular meeting of Council January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
**CARRIED**

Minutes  
**RES: 23:33**

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Cawley to adopt the following minutes as presented.  
• Special meeting of Council January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
**CARRIED**

Minutes

**RES: 23:34**

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

- Special meeting of Council January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**CARRIED**

Councillor Plumtree arrived via zoom at 6:15 p.m.

Minutes

**RES: 23:35**

**MOVED** by Councillor Forchuk to accept the following minutes as information

- Vauxhall Regional Fire Authority meeting of October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- ORRSC Executive Committee meeting of November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Vauxhall & District Chamber of Commerce meeting of January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Vauxhall & District Regional Water Services Commission meeting of October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS meeting of December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Bylaw 991-23

Business and Tourism

Advisory Bylaw

**RES: 23:36**

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Cawley that Bylaw 991-23 authorizing the appointment of and setting out the procedures for the Business and Tourism Advisory Committee, be given first (1<sup>st</sup>) reading as presented.

**CARRIED**

Bylaw 991-23

Business and Tourism

Advisory Bylaw

**RES: 23:37**

**MOVED** by Councillor Forchuk that Bylaw 991-23 authorizing the appointment of and setting out the procedures for the Business and Tourism Advisory Committee, be given second (2<sup>nd</sup>) reading as presented.

**CARRIED**

Bylaw 991-23

Business and Tourism

Advisory Bylaw

**RES: 23:38**

**MOVED** by Councillor Deleeuw that Bylaw 991-23 authorizing the appointment of and setting out the procedures for the Business and Tourism Advisory Committee, be presented for third (3<sup>rd</sup>) reading.

**CARRIED**

Bylaw 991-23  
Business and Tourism  
Advisory Bylaw

**RES: 23:39**

**MOVED** by Councillor Deleeuw that Bylaw 991-23 authorizing the appointment of and setting out the procedures for the Business and Tourism Advisory Committee, be given third (3<sup>rd</sup>) and final reading as presented.

**CARRIED**

December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022  
Cheque Listing

**RES: 23:40**

**MOVED** by Councillor Dorin to adopt the January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, cheque listing in the amount of one hundred and ninety thousand, eight hundred and forty one dollars and thirty eight cents (\$190,841.38), as information.

**CARRIED**

Financial Information

**RES: 23:41**

**MOVED** by Councillor Forchuk to accept the following as information:

- Bank Reconciliation as of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023
- GIC Holdings as of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023
- Consolidated Statement of Financial position as of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023
- Consolidated Statement of Operations as of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023
- AMSC MasterCard as of February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Budget by Department – Council
- 2023 Operating Expenses vs Budget

**CARRIED**

Letter to Minister  
Of Energy

**RES: 23:42**

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Cawley to approve the letter to the Minister of Energy, electric vehicle smart charging station and costs associated as information.

**CARRIED**

Letter to the  
Municipal District of Taber

**RES: 23:43**

**MOVED** by Councillor Deleeuw to approve the letter to the Municipal District of Taber, Operational Grants for recreation Boards, Towns and Villages Policy as information.

**CARRIED**

2023 Capital Budget

**RES: 23:44**

**MOVED** by Councillor Forchuk to approve the 2023 Capital Budget as presented. (Attached hereto)

**CARRIED**



Vauxhall Public Library

**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.  
**CARRIED**

Library Board Member

Resignation

**RES: 23:46** **MOVED** by Councillor Forchuk to accept the resignation of Library Board Member at Large, Pat Coad  
**CARRIED**

JEDC Long Table Dinner

Sponsor

**RES: 23:47** **MOVED** by Councillor Deleeuw to approve the Bronze Sponsorship of \$500.00 for the JEDC Long Table Dinner allocated from Economic Development reserves.  
**CARRIED**

Economic Corridors

Update

**RES: 23:48** **MOVED** by Councillor Plumtree to accept the Economic Corridors Update as information.  
**CARRIED**

Reports

**RES: 23:49** **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Cawley to accept the following as information

- CAO Report
- Council Activity Report – January 2023
- Action List – January 2023

**CARRIED**

Information and Correspondence

**RES: 23:50** **MOVED** by Councillor Dorin to accept the following as information:

- FCSS – February Month of Kindness
- Town of Bon Accord – Ambulance Crisis
- Alberta Municipalities' 2022 Highlights from President
- Alberta Counsel
- Letter from Minister Rebecca Schultz
- Southern Alberta Employer Supports and Training
- Town of Fox Creek – Ambulance Service
- Save the Date – Leading Change Summit 2023
- FCSS Report to Council
- 2023 Spring Municipal Leaders Caucus
- Town of Smoky Lake – Camrose Casino
- Outdoor Pantry
- FCSS All-Councils Meeting Invitation
- Queens Platinum

**Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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**MAYOR**

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**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

# 2023 CAPITAL BUDGET

| PROJECT                       | 2022 PROJECT CARRYFORWARD | PROJECT DEFERRED | WORK IN PROGRESS | OVER/(UNDER) BUDGET | PROJECTS COMPLETED | 2023 CAPITAL PROJECTS | TOTAL PROJECT COSTS | MSI CAPITAL | OTHER AND PROVINCIAL /FEDERAL GRANTS | FEDERAL GAS TAX | DEBENTURES   | RESERVES | OPERATING | TOTAL 2023 PROJECT COSTS |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------|-----------|--------------------------|
| LAGOON CELLS                  | 14,997.00                 |                  |                  | (300.00)            | (14,697.00)        |                       | 0.00                |             |                                      |                 |              |          |           | 0.00                     |
| SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT          | 100,000.00                |                  |                  |                     |                    |                       | 100,000.00          | 100,000.00  |                                      |                 |              | 0.00     |           | 100,000.00               |
| ROADSAND BIN                  | 17,000.00                 | (17,000.00)      |                  |                     |                    |                       | 0.00                |             |                                      |                 |              |          |           | 0.00                     |
| PIPE BURSTING MACHINE         | 42,700.00                 | (42,700.00)      |                  |                     |                    |                       | 0.00                |             |                                      |                 |              |          |           | 0.00                     |
| ZAMBONI ROOM                  | 56,000.00                 |                  | (300.00)         |                     |                    |                       | 55,700.00           |             | 55,700.00                            |                 |              |          |           | 55,700.00                |
| SIGNAGE                       | 5,000.00                  |                  |                  |                     |                    |                       | 5,000.00            |             |                                      |                 |              | 5,000.00 |           | 5,000.00                 |
| PAVING - POOL AREA            | 50,000.00                 |                  |                  |                     |                    |                       | 50,000.00           | 50,000.00   |                                      |                 |              |          |           | 50,000.00                |
| FIRE HYDRANT REPLACEMENT      | 50,000.00                 |                  |                  |                     |                    |                       | 50,000.00           | 50,000.00   |                                      |                 |              |          |           | 50,000.00                |
| LANDFILL CELLS                | 30,000.00                 |                  |                  |                     |                    |                       | 30,000.00           |             |                                      | 30,000.00       |              |          |           | 30,000.00                |
| SERVICE TRUCK                 | 50,000.00                 |                  |                  | (2,381.00)          | (47,619.00)        |                       | 0.00                |             |                                      |                 |              |          |           | 0.00                     |
| EXCAVATOR                     | 96,000.00                 |                  |                  | (4,009.00)          | (91,991.00)        |                       | 0.00                |             |                                      |                 |              |          |           | 0.00                     |
| TRAILER                       | 13,500.00                 |                  |                  | (2,682.00)          | (10,818.00)        |                       | 0.00                |             |                                      |                 |              |          |           | 0.00                     |
| SANITARY OUTFLOW              | 1,726,000.00              |                  | (18,117.00)      |                     |                    |                       | 1,707,883.00        |             |                                      |                 | 1,707,883.00 |          |           | 1,707,883.00             |
| LIFT STATION REPLACEMENT      | 250,000.00                |                  |                  |                     |                    |                       | 250,000.00          | 250,000.00  |                                      |                 |              |          |           | 250,000.00               |
| WALKING PATH                  | 52,000.00                 |                  |                  |                     |                    |                       | 52,000.00           |             | 52,000.00                            |                 |              |          |           | 52,000.00                |
| PICK UP TRUCK                 |                           |                  |                  |                     |                    | 60,000.00             | 60,000.00           | 60,000.00   |                                      |                 |              |          |           | 60,000.00                |
| HOTSY PRESSURE WASHER         |                           |                  |                  |                     |                    | 8,500.00              | 8,500.00            | 8,500.00    |                                      |                 |              |          |           | 8,500.00                 |
| MOWERS X 2                    |                           |                  |                  |                     |                    | 65,000.00             | 65,000.00           | 65,000.00   |                                      |                 |              |          |           | 65,000.00                |
| OIL RECYCLING CONTAINMENT     |                           |                  |                  |                     |                    | 5,300.00              | 5,300.00            | 5,300.00    |                                      |                 |              |          |           | 5,300.00                 |
| SEACAN                        |                           |                  |                  |                     |                    | 6,400.00              | 6,400.00            | 6,400.00    |                                      |                 |              |          |           | 6,400.00                 |
| CUL-DE-SAC REPAIRS 2nd AVENUE |                           |                  |                  |                     |                    | 120,000.00            | 120,000.00          |             |                                      | 120,000.00      |              |          |           | 120,000.00               |
| CUL-DE-SAC REPAIRS 3rd AVENUE |                           |                  |                  |                     |                    | 50,000.00             | 50,000.00           |             |                                      | 50,000.00       |              |          |           | 50,000.00                |
| POOL BOILER                   |                           |                  |                  |                     |                    | 25,000.00             | 25,000.00           | 25,000.00   |                                      |                 |              |          |           | 25,000.00                |
| 9th STREET REWORK             |                           |                  |                  |                     |                    | 20,000.00             | 20,000.00           | 20,000.00   |                                      |                 |              |          |           | 20,000.00                |
| CEMETERY POWER                |                           |                  |                  |                     |                    | 10,000.00             | 10,000.00           |             |                                      |                 |              |          | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00                |
|                               | 2,553,197.00              | (59,700.00)      | (18,417.00)      | (9,372.00)          | (165,125.00)       | 370,200.00            | 2,670,783.00        | 640,200.00  | 52,000.00                            | 255,700.00      | 1,707,883.00 | 5,000.00 | 10,000.00 | 2,670,783.00             |

# FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

|      |                              |                       |
|------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2024 | Curling club wall/doors      | 20,000.00             |
|      | Downtown Revitalization      | 10,000.00             |
|      |                              | <u>\$30,000.00</u>    |
| 2025 | Pick up truck                | 60,000.00             |
|      |                              | <u>\$60,000.00</u>    |
| 2026 | Ice Surface Floor            | 1,000,000.00          |
|      | 1st Street - Rebuild, Repave | 300,000.00            |
|      |                              | <u>\$1,300,000.00</u> |
| 2027 | Complex Paving               | 500,000.00            |
|      | 1st Street - Rebuild, Repave | 300,000.00            |
|      |                              | <u>\$800,000.00</u>   |
| 2028 | Complex Paving               | 500,000.00            |
|      | Pick up truck                | 75,000.00             |
|      |                              | <u>\$575,000.00</u>   |
|      | Grand Total                  | <u>\$2,765,000.00</u> |

**MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING**

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2022**

A Municipal Planning Commission meeting of the Town of Vauxhall  
was held in council chambers Monday February 27, 2022  
@ 5:15 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

**CHAIR:** Marilyn Forchuk

**VICE CHAIR:** Ray Coad

**COUNCILLORS:** Margaret Plumtree

**DEVELOPMENT OFFICER:** Wendy Bergen

**ORRSC STAFF:** Bonnie Brunner

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

Adoption of  
Agenda

**RES: MPC23.01**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**MOVED** by Vice Chair Coad to adopt the agenda as presented.

**CARRIED**

Adoption of  
Minutes

**RES: MPC23.02**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**MOVED** by Vice Chair Coad to adopt the Municipal Planning  
Commission meeting minutes of October 24, 2022.

**CARRIED**

**SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS**

**2022-0-192** Fehr, Jacob and Susana

(Block 8, Plan 5836JK within SW1/4 10-13-16-W4M)

Use: Industrial

Land Use District: Industrial– I district

**RES: MPC23.03** **MOVED** by Councillor Plumtree to approve the 2022-0-192 Subdivision application with the following conditions, reasons and informative:

**Conditions:**

1. That, pursuant to Section 654(1)(d) of the Municipal Government Act all outstanding property taxes shall be paid to the Town of Vauxhall.
2. That, pursuant to Section 655 (1)(b) of the Municipal Government Act, the applicant or owner or both enter into a Development Agreement with the Town of Vauxhall which shall be registered concurrently with the final plan against the titles(s) being created.
3. That an engineered drainage/stormwater management plan is submitted to and deemed acceptable by the municipality and any drainage right-of-way plans and agreements as required by the municipality are registered with the final plan of subdivision.

**Reasons:**

1. The proposed subdivision is consistent with the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan and complies with both the Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw.
2. The Subdivision Authority is satisfied that the proposed subdivision is suitable for the purpose for which the subdivision is intended pursuant to Section 9 of the Matters Related to Subdivision and Development Regulation.
3. AB Transportation has authorized the Subdivision Authority to vary the requirements of Sections 18 and 19 of the Matters Relating to Subdivision and Development Regulations to accommodate the proposal.

**Informative:**

- (a) Since the proposed subdivision complies with Section 663(d) of the Municipal Government Act, Reserve is not required.
- (b) That a legal description of the proposed parcel be approved by the Surveys Branch, Land Titles Office, Calgary.
- (c) The applicant/owner is advised that other municipal, provincial or federal government or agency approvals may be required as they relate to the subdivision and the applicant/owner is responsible for verifying and obtaining any other approval, permit, authorization, consent or license that may be required to subdivide, develop and/or service the affected land (this may include but is not limited to Alberta Environment and Protected Areas, Alberta Transportation, and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.)
- (d) Approval of the subdivision does not constitute approval of the proposed accesses for Lot 2 and Lot 4 identified on the surveyor's sketch. The landowner of proposed Lot 2 shall be responsible for obtaining a permit from AB Transportation for access from Lot 2 to Highway 524 (1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North) as per section 22(1) of the Highways Development and Protection Act. The landowner of proposed Lot 4 shall be responsible for obtaining approval for access from the Town of Vauxhall.

(e) Thank you for contacting FortisAlberta regarding the above application for subdivision. We have reviewed the plan and determined that no easement is required by FortisAlberta. FortisAlberta is the Distribution Wire Service Provider for this area. The developer can arrange installation of electrical services for this subdivision through FortisAlberta. Please have the developer contact 310-WIRE(310-9473) to make application for electrical services. Please contact FortisAlberta land services at [landserv@fortisalberta.com](mailto:landserv@fortisalberta.com) or by calling (403)514-4783 for any questions.

(f) In reference to the above request, please be advised ATCO Gas' response and notify the landowner of the following

- ATCO Gas has no objection
- ATCO Gas has no need for a Utility Right of Way currently

ATCO Gas would also like to make the MD/County and Landowner/Developer aware of the following:

- If conducting any ground disturbance on the subject property, the landowner/developer must ensure the location of all utilities by contacting Utility Safety Partners at 1-800-242-3447 or <https://utilityafety.ca>
- For ground disturbance within 30m of an existing gas line please contact [Crossings@atcogas.com](mailto:Crossings@atcogas.com) to obtain permission (submit locate slip as back up)
- ATCO Gas requires a minimum of 6 months' notice to design and construct a new gas line, or alter an existing gas line. New Service installations, pipeline alterations, and Main extensions will be performed at the landowner/developops expense.
- If the landowner requires a single gas service please visit <https://gas.atco.com/en-ca/products-services-rates/new-services-changes/new-natural-gas-line.html>

Any further questions please email [southlandadmin@atco.com](mailto:southlandadmin@atco.com)

(g) ATCO Transmission high pressure pipelines has no objections. Questions or concerns can be forwarded to [hp.circulation@atco.com](mailto:hp.circulation@atco.com)

(h) Alberta Transportation – Evan Neilsen, Development/Planning Technologist:

"This will acknowledge receipt of you circulation regarding the above noted proposal. The subsequent subdivision application would be subject to the requirements of Sections 18 and 19 of the Matters Related to Subdivision and Development Regulation (The Regulation), due to the proximity of Highway (s) 36, 524.

**Alberta Transportation offers the following comments with respect to this application:**

The requirements of Section18 of the Regulation are not met. The department anticipates minimal impact on the highway from this proposal. Pursuant to Section 20(1) of the Regulations, Alberta Transportation grants approval for the subdivision authority to vary the requirements of Section 18 of the Regulations.

The requirements of Section19 of the Regulations are not met. Pursuant to Section 20(1) of the Regulations, Alberta Transportation grants approval for the subdivision authority to vary the requirements of Section 19 of the Regulations.

**Alberta Transportation has the following additional comments and/or requirements with respect to this proposal:**

1. The department expects that the municipality will mitigate the impacts of traffic generated by developments approved on the local road connections to the highway

system, pursuant to Policy 7 of the Provincial Land Use Policies and Section 618.4 of the Municipal Government Act.

2. Alberta Transportation shall require that the applicant obtain a permit for the new proposed access from the proposed Lot 2 on the to Highway 524 (1<sup>st</sup> Ave North) as per section 22(1) of the Highways Development and Protection Act. An application can be submitted through the RPATH portal once the applicant is ready to submit. "

(i) Canada Post has no comment

**CARRIED**

**Adjournment 5:25 p.m.**

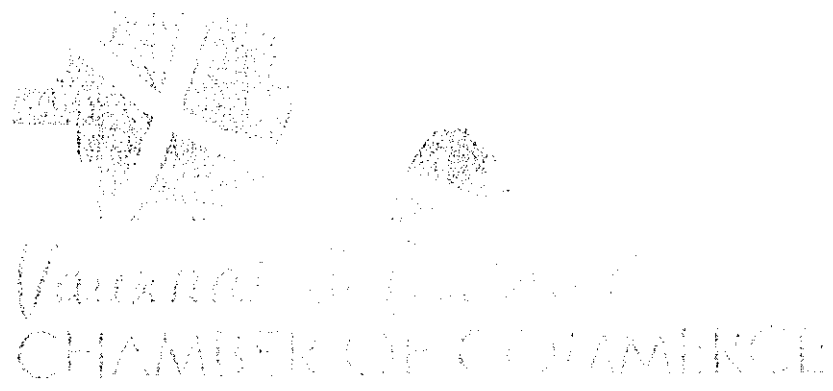
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**CHAIR  
MARILYN FORCHUK**

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**DEVELOPMENT OFFICER  
WENDY BERGEN**





Regular Board Meeting Minutes – February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

6pm – Held in person and virtually via Zoom.

- **Called to order:** at 6:05 pm by Shelley Mehlhaff
- **Recording Secretary:** Danna Ferguson
- **Attendance:** Danna Ferguson, Shelley Mehlhaff, John DeGroot, Melissa Golby, Petra Klempnauer, Rodney Lee, via Zoom Dallen Flexhaug, Chantel Claassen

**Additions to the agenda:**

- **Motion:** John DeGroot moved to approve the agenda as presented Melissa Golby seconded the motion – Carried

**Minutes from January 19th, 2023 meeting:**

- **Motion:** Petra Klempnauer moved to approve the minutes as circulated, Rodney Lee seconded the motion – Carried.
- **Financial Report:** The financial report was presented by Danna Ferguson. The expense amount of \$301.38 will be looked into and brought to the next meeting.
- **Motion:** John DeGroot moved to accept the financial report as presented, Petra Klempnauer seconded the motion – Carried.

**Administrative Report:** Danna Ferguson presented the administrative report.

- Some additional contacts for new VDCC Membership were discussed including Carl’s Ag Services, Stamp Seed, Bow River Gas, Mitch Farms and Brummelhuis Seed – Mac.

- **Motion:** John DeGroot moved to accept Gravity Ag Services as a new VDCC Member and roll over the Corona Membership to the new owners, Rodney Lee seconded the motion – Carried.

**Correspondence:**

- The VDCC will accept the Bow River Irrigation District and Southern Alberta Newspapers Electronic Payment Request Form.

**Old Business:**

- **Bingo/Chili Cookoff:** There was a discussion about the AGLC License that is required to host a Bingo event. As well as the rules and regulations needed to host a Chili Cookoff.
- Other ideas were discussion including the possibility of hosting a promotional event during the Canada Day Pancake Breakfast. It could include trivia questions and then a draw for some local prizes, either gift cards or Chamber Bucks.
- It was also thought to possibly host a find the potato event.
- **Thiessen Membership:** This will be looked into more.

**New Business:**

- **Canada Day Breakfast:** The Canada Day Breakfast was discussed to also include a promotional type of event as well this year.
- **Business Directory:** It was discussed to possibly revise the current business directory and include a photo of the Clock Tower on the cover of the 2023/2024 directory along with a collage of photos on the back. It was also thought to have the VDCC Members listed in Alphabetical order rather than under the headings as it is currently, this was thought it would make it easier to find each business.
- There was also a discussion on asking the Town of Vauxhall if it is possible to add a section to the Town of Vauxhall business license where the applicant could check yes or no if they are interested in having the VDCC contact them regarding a new VDCC membership.
- **2023 Canada Day Parade:** This item will be tabled until our next meeting when we have a Town of Vauxhall Representative in attendance to discuss this.
- There was a discussion regarding the title of the current VDCC Agenda's and Meeting Minutes. The VDCC Bylaws were looked over and discussed as to how the VDCC Agenda should be titled. It was decided that the upcoming March VDCC Agenda will be titled as a Regular General Meeting, and the April VDCC Agenda will be titled as Board Meeting. The VDCC Agenda's will then alternate from these two titles going forward. The VDCC Regular General Meetings are open for the VDCC members to attend and there will be a section added to the agenda allowing any and all to speak at this point.
- **Next meeting Date:** Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 6pm held at the Vauxhall Library.
- **Meeting Adjourned** @ 7:07 pm by John DeGroot

**Barons-Eureka-Warner Family & Community Support Services (FCSS)  
Minutes of Board Meeting – Wednesday, December 7, 2022  
Coaldale Hub (2107-13<sup>th</sup> Street)  
In-person and Online via Teams**

**Attendance (in-person)**

**Board Members:**

- Bekkering, Garth – Town of Taber
- Chapman, Bill - Town of Coaldale
- Heggie, Jack – County of Warner
- Hickey, Lorne – Lethbridge County
- Feist, Teresa - Town of Picture Butte
- Foster, Missy – Village of Barnwell
- Jensen, Kelly – Town of Raymond
- Jensen, Melissa – Town of Nobleford
- Kirby, Martin – Village of Warner
- Nilsson, Larry – Village of Stirling
- Weistra, Ed – Village of Barons

**Attendance (online) – Board Members**

- Degenstein, Dave – Town of Milk River
- Montina, Lyndsay – Town of Coalhurst
- Payne, Megan – Village of Coutts

**Absent – Board Members**

- Harris, Merrill – M.D. of Taber
- Plumtree, Margaret - Town of Vauxhall

**Staff (in-person):**

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

**Call to Order**

- B Chapman called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.
- Carried Unanimously:**

**Introductions:**

- B. Chapman requested Board Members and Staff to introduce themselves.

**Approval of Agenda**

- E. Weista moved the Board approve the agenda as amended.
- 7 b) Audit 2022-2025
- Carried Unanimously**

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### Minutes

J. Heggie moved the minutes of the November 2, 2022, FCSS Board meeting be approved as presented.

**Carried Unanimously**

### Business Arising from Minutes

Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta (FCSSAA)  
Conference 2022

The Board discussed the FCSSAA Conference, held on November 16-18, 2022.

The Board members that attended the conference agreed that FCSS 101 was the best session attended.

B. Chapman thanked K. Weaver for showcasing Youth Do Crew and Free Little Pantry at the conference.

### Delegation

Big Brothers, Big Sisters

Z. Morrison welcomed Jenn Visser and Mackenzie Beckwith from Big Brothers, Big Sisters.

J. Visser reported FCSS Funding has increased rural programming, which has resulted in an increase in rural participants from 5% in 2019 to 19% in 2022.

Z. Morrison identified the connection between the funding for Family School Liaison Program and Big Brothers, Big Sisters programs that serve the Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS areas.

Big Brothers, Big Sisters is looking for adult volunteers in all our municipalities. To volunteer contact Mackenzie Beckwith, Rural Caseworker at 403-382-9355 or [mackenzie.beckwith@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca](mailto:mackenzie.beckwith@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca).

Jenn Visser and Mackenzie Beckwith left the meeting at 4:34 pm.

### Correspondence

The following correspondence was presented for information:

- 2022-11-29 – 2023-2025 Grant Agreements – Stephan Gauk, Executive Director, Civil Society and Community Initiatives, Preventive Community Services Division, Alberta Seniors, Community and Social Services
- 2022-11-29 – Nermine Gabr, Canada Revenue Agency – Letter and Certificate of Appreciation.
- FCSSAA Board Meeting Highlights October 14, 2022
- 2022-11-24 FCSSAA – Letter regarding FCSSAA and Food Bank Grants

Z. Morrison discussed food security and food banks.

*M.H.*

- 2022-10- Lethbridge County – Lorne Hickey appointed to Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS Board.
- 2022-10 – Town of Coaldale – Bill Chapman appointed to Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS Board.
- 2022-10 – M.D. of Taber – Merrill Harris appointed to Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS Board.
- 2022-10 – Town of Picture Butte – Teresa Feist appointed to Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS Board.
- 2022-10 – Town of Taber – Garth Bekkering appointed to Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS Board.
- 2022-10 – Village of Barons – Ed Weistra appointed to Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS Board.
- 2022-10 – County of Warner – Jack Heggie appointed to Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS Board.
- 2022-11 – Town of Coalhurst – Lyndsay Montana appointed to Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS Board.
- 2022-11 – Village of Barnwell – Missy Foster appointed to Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS Board.
- 2022-11 – Village of Stirling – Larry Nilsson appointed to Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS Board.
- 2022-11 – Town of Milk River – Dave Degenstein appointed to Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS Board.
- 2022-11 Town of Raymond – Kelly Jensen appointed to Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS Board.
- 2022-11 – Village of Coutts – Megan Payne appointed to Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS Board.
- 2022-11 – Village of Warner – Martin Kirby appointed to Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS Board.
- 2022-11 – Town of Nobleford – Melissa Jensen appointed to Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS Board.

Z. Morrison highlighted the completion of the provincial FCSS Accountability Framework. The Framework will be an important tool to measure the local and provincial success of FCSS.

T. Feist moved the Board receive the correspondence as presented for information.

**Carried Unanimously**

## Reports

### Executive Director

Z. Morrison reviewed the Executive Director's report.

The following was highlighted:

- New Branding for FCSSAA (logo)
- FCSS Contract 2023-2025
- FRN 4<sup>th</sup> year extension.

- Staff Updates

L. Nilsson moved the Board approve the Executive Director's Report as presented.

**Carried Unanimously**

Financial Report

Z. Morrison reviewed the Financial Report including the Project Grand Funding Summary for 2022.

K. Weaver highlighted the Project Grant Funding received from Canada Red Cross for Cultivating Community: Strengthening Mental Health in Agriculture.

The Board discussed the agricultural community and debated the merits of this grant.

K. Weaver highlighted the NeighbourGOOD Trailer project funding received from Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta.

L. Hickey moved the Board approve the December 7, 2022 Financial Report including:

- Financial statement for October 31, 2022;
- Monthly accounts for October 1 -31, 2022;
- Mastercard statement for October 14 to November 10, 2022.

**Carried Unanimously**

T. Feist left the meeting at 5:00 pm

G. Bekkering left the meeting at 5:03 pm

**New Business**

Policies

Z. Morrison reviewed the guidelines he uses for policy review and revisions.

Z. Morrison reviewed Policy Handbook updates for:

- Introduction (including Orientation Manual)
- Occupational Health and Safety Policies
- Administrative and Finance Policies

J. Heggie moved the Board receive the updates to the Policy Handbook including the Introduction & Orientation, Occupational Health and Safety Policies, and Administrative and Finance Policies for information as per the memo to the Board dated December 7, 2022, to be effective January 1, 2023.

**Carried Unanimously**

Z. Morrison reviewed the Human Resource Policies.

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E. Weistra moved the Board approve the proposed changes to the Human Resource Policies as per the memo to the Board dated December 7, 2022, to be effective January 1, 2023.

**Carried Unanimously**

2022-2025 Annual FCSS Audit

The Board discussed the FCSS Audit – Request for Proposals submissions.

L. Nilsson moved the Board approve that KPMG be the named Auditor for the period of 2022 to 2025.

**Carried Unanimously**

**Round Table**

Z. Morrison provided an update on Christmas Hampers for Lethbridge County, M.D. of Taber, County of Warner and Town of Nobleford.

Z. Morrison shared a DO Crew Junior story for information.

Z. Morrison shared a youth counselling story success story for information.

Z. Morrison shared a clothing fest was held in Picture Butte for the first time, it was well attended.

Z. Morrison reported on the toy donation from the Coaldale Teddy Bear Toss for children in need in the Coaldale area.

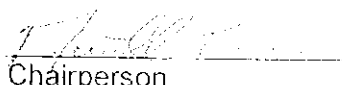
**Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next regular Board meeting will be February 1, 2023, at the Coaldale Hub (2107-13<sup>th</sup> Street) in-person and online (via Teams).

**Adjournment**

J. Heggie moved the meeting adjourn at 5:46 p.m.

**Carried Unanimously**

  
Chairperson

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Executive Director





**Barons-Eureka-Warner Family & Community Support Services (FCSS)  
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- Chapman, Bill - Town of Coaldale
- Degenstein, Dave – Town of Milk River
- Feist, Teresa - Town of Picture Butte
- Harris, Merrill – M.D. of Taber, Board Chair
- Heggie, Jack – County of Warner
- Jensen, Kelly – Town of Raymond
- Kirby, Martin – Village of Warner
- Nilsson, Larry – Village of Stirling
- Plumtree, Margaret - Town of Vauxhall
- Weistra, Ed – Village of Barons

**Attendance (online) -- Board Members**

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

**Absent – Board Members**

- Foster, Missy – Village of Barnwell
- Hickey, Lorne -- Lethbridge County
- Jensen, Melissa – Town of Nobleford

**Staff (in-person):**

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

**Call to Order**

- M. Harris called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.
- Carried Unanimously:**

**Approval of Agenda**

- E. Weistra moved the Board approve the agenda as presented.
- Carried Unanimously**

**Minutes**

- J. Heggie moved the minutes of the December 7, 2022, FCSS Board meeting be approved as presented.
- Carried Unanimously**

*M.H.*

### Delegation

Petra DeBow, Manager, presented information on the Report to Municipalities – Family Services 2022.

The Board discussed the information provided in the Report to Municipalities – Family Services 2022.

M. Harris thanked P. Debow for her presentation and service to our communities and residents.

P. DeBow left the meeting at 4:33 pm.

M. Payne moved the Board approve the Report to Municipalities – Family Services 2022 as presented and requested Administration distribute the report to our Municipalities and Alberta Government funders.

**Carried Unanimously**

### Correspondence

The following correspondence was presented for information:

- Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta (FCSSAA) News December 2022.
- Food Security & Donation Matching Grant

The Board discussed the Food Security and Donation Matching grant.

T. Feist moved the Board receive the correspondence as presented for information.

**Carried Unanimously**

### Reports

#### Executive Director

Z. Morrison reviewed the Executive Director's report.

The following was highlighted:

- The month of February includes two nationally recognized days that aim to celebrate and promote kindness: February 17 is Random Acts of Kindness Day and February 22 is Pink Shirt Day.
- The 'Little Free Pantries' initiative was featured in the Globe and Mail.
- Applications for the Food Security and Donation Matching grant will be accepted until January 31, 2023 <https://www.alberta.ca/affordability-action-plan.aspx>

Bill Chapman asks that information regarding FCSSAA grants be shared with appropriate organizations within all our Municipalities.

E. Weistra moved the Board approve the Executive Director's Report as presented.

M. H.

**Carried Unanimously**

Financial Report

Z. Morrison reviewed the Financial Report.

B. Chapman moved the Board approve the December 31, 2022 Financial Report including:

- Financial statement for December 31, 2022;
- Monthly accounts for November 1 -30, 2022;
- Monthly accounts for December 1 -31, 2022;
- Mastercard statement for November 11, 2022 to December 13, 2022.
- Mastercard statement for December 14, 2022 to January 12, 2023.

**Carried**

Professional Development Report 2022

Z. Morrison presented FCSS Employee Professional Development Report for 2022.

M. Plumtree moved the Board receive the FCSS Employee Professional Development Report for 2022 for information as presented.

**Carried**

**New Business**

All-Councils Meeting 2023

The Board discussed the date and location for the All-Councils meeting.

D. Degenstein moved the Board approve the All Council's meeting be set for April 5, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Town of Coaldale's Civic Square with the Board meeting at 4:00 pm at the Coaldale Hub.

**Carried**

Strategic Planning

The Board discussed the date and location for the Strategic Planning.

The Board directed Administration to arrange the date(s) and location and report back at the March 2023 Board meeting.

**Round Table**

B. Chapman report the Town of Coaldale Council met with Taber Town Council to discuss mutual ideas. Coaldale is trying to be more collaborative with adjoining communities.

B. Chapman is now on the Southern Alberta Kanadier Association Board.

L. Montina gave a shout out to B. Chapman for running a great meeting. She also thanked Administration for the setting up the technology for the online meetings.

M. Harris read aloud a letter received from Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP) regarding congratulations to E. Florence-Greene for being the 2<sup>nd</sup> employer in Alberta to close their LAPP year end.

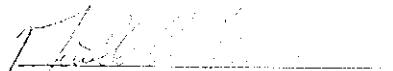
**Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next regular Board meeting will be March 1, 2023, at the Coaldale Hub (2107-13<sup>th</sup> Street) in-person and online (via Teams).

**Adjournment**

E. Weistra moved the meeting adjourn at 5:40 p.m.

**Carried Unanimously**

  
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Chairperson

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Executive Director



**Taber & District  
HOUSING FOUNDATION**

*Provides individuals, families and seniors with affordable and caring accommodation*

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Monthly Board Meeting**  
**Taber and District Housing Foundation**  
**Thursday, January 26, 2023**  
**Taber Civic Centre - Green Room**

**ATTENDANCE**

|                        |  |              |                  |
|------------------------|--|--------------|------------------|
| <b>Board:</b>          | Tamara Miyanaga  | Alf Rudd     | Rosanne Horrocks |
|                        | Ray Coad   |              |                  |
| <b>Absent:</b>         | Jake Hiebert   | Tom Machacek | Joe Strojwas     |
| <b>Administration:</b> | Tim Janzen (CAO), Carrie Wilson (Placement Coordinator), Corey Beck (Maintenance Manager), Joan Hart (Lodge Manager) |              |                  |

Rosanne Horrocks, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

Motion 2023 - 001

MOVED by T. Miyanaga to approve the agenda as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Motion 2023 - 002

MOVED by R. Coad to accept the minutes from the Board of Directors meeting of Thursday, December 9, 2022, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. Business Arising**

- a) Drug & Alcohol Policy - DRAFT – CAO reported the document is still being worked on.
- b) MOW Statistics – CAO presented MOW statistics year to date to December 31, 2022. The number of clients and meals delivered has declined slightly from 2021 but is still considerably higher than previous years.
- c) Contracted Utility Rates – 8760 – CAO reported the contracted rates for:
 

|     |                           |                  |                    |
|-----|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| i)  | Electricity - \$5.885/kwh | 100% Load follow | Until Dec 31, 2025 |
| ii) | Natural Gas - \$2.56/ GJ  | Block 75%        | Until Dec 31, 2027 |

**4. Approval of Financial Statements and Reports:**

No Financial Statements were presented at this meeting.

**5. Reports**

a) Lodge Manager Report

Motion 2023 - 003

MOVED by T. Miyanaga to accept the Lodge Manager's report, as presented.

**CARRIED**

Motion 2023 - 004

MOVED by A. Rudd to approve resident's CVL application with specific conditions:

- 1) That AHS Homecare approve the resident as SL3 client and the accompanying supports, and
- 2) That resident agrees to substance intake management as part of care plan.

**CARRIED**

b) Maintenance Manager Report

Motion 2023 - 005

MOVED by R. Coad to accept the Maintenance Manager's report, as presented.

**CARRIED**

c) Placement Officer Report

Motion 2023 - 006

MOVED by T. Miyanaga to accept the Placement Officer's report, as presented.

**CARRIED**

d) Health & Safety Officer Report

Motion 2023 - 007

MOVED by T. Miyanaga to accept the Health & Safety Officer's report, as presented.

**CARRIED**

e) Chief Administrative Officer Report

Motion 2023 - 008

MOVED by A. Rudd to accept the Chief Administrative Officer's report, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6. New Business**

a) **Cherry & Main Affordable Housing Project:**

CAO reported that an application had been submitted to the Alberta Affordable Housing Partnership Program on January 11, 2023. As well, CAO reported that RDN suggested that TDHF consider applying through the Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI). This would require direct participation from the Town of Taber and then the property could be transferred to TDHF. CAO was directed by the Board to contact Town of Taber Administration to discuss and get on the Council agenda as soon as possible.

b) **Clearview Lodge Design Process**

CAO presented a document created with Jan Williams, Unitech representative for phasing of the CVL expansion and modernization project. CAO, Joan and Corey to finalize with Jan.

c) **Proposed Coverage of Financial Administrator Absence**

CAO presented a number of alternatives to filling the medical leave of the Financial Administrator. To date, the exact duration of the leave is not known. Tasks are being completed by the CAO and Admin team, and will continue for the immediate period.

d) **TDHF Vacancy Statistics – 2016 – 2022**

CAO presented vacancy statistics for Community Housing (Family Housing and Senior Self-contained apartments) for the period of 2016 until 2022. There has been a consistent downtrend trend to vacancies over that time over the entire portfolio.

e) **Policy T-32: Clearview Lodge – Residency Application Form**

Several additional amendments were suggested for the Application form. Therefore, CAO will add these changes to the form and present it at the next meeting.

f) **Letter – 2023 Social Housing Operating Budget (Jan 6, 2023)**

Motion 2023 - 009

MOVED by A. Rudd to accept the letter as information.

**CARRIED**

g) **Analysis – Affordable Housing Asset Transformation**

CAO presented information of what it might mean to have the current housing portfolio that TDHF manages transfer ownership from ASHC to TDHF. The proposal shows the possible capital maintenance budget that would be provided as part of the transfer.

CAO pointed out that ownership of assets would mean also accepting future liabilities and capital costs for the properties but might also meet the TDHF strategic planning goals of creating alternative housing options using debt leveraging or converting properties to different forms of housing.

**7. Other Information**

- a) Monthly Report – Social Housing – January 20, 2023
- b) AHS Report – DSL Residents – October 2022

8. Adjournment

Motion 2023 - 010

MOVED by T. Miyanaga to adjourn this meeting at 3:32 pm

**CARRIED**

Next Meeting:            Board of Directors            Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>            Taber Civic Centre - Green

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Rosanne Horrocks, Chairperson

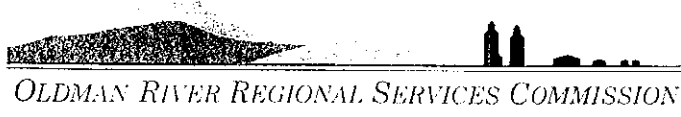
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Tom Machacek, Vice-Chairperson



## Director Meeting Minutes January 18th, 2023

- **Attendance:** Danna & Darcy Ferguson, Joerg & Petra Klemppnauer, Jo Jones, Jason Tolsma, Karen Phillips and Gen Durupt.
  
- 1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:47 pm and chaired by Jason Tolsma.
  
- 2. **Approval of Agenda:**
  - The agenda was circulated.
  
- 3. **New Business:**
  - **Convention Support:** The sponsorship to the convention was discussed.
  
  - **Motion:** Petra Klemppnauer moved to support the convention with a \$500.00 sponsorship, seconded by Karen Phillips, carried.
  
  - **AAAS Donation Request:** The Hudson Report donation request was discussed.
  
  - **Motion:** Joerg Klemppnauer moved to donate \$300.00 for the cause, seconded by Gen Durupt, carried.
  
  - **Support of Ladies Night Out:** The Ladies Night Out Event was discussed as the VDCC may possibly be interested in hosting this event this year. The Vauxhall Ag Society would support the VDCC in hosting the Ladies Night Out event if they choose to.
  
  - **Community Celebration 2023:** The November Dinner & Dance event was discussed, and it was thought to try hosting this for one more year and that Vauxhall Ag Society Members who are attending the Convention should look for new entertainment that could be hosted at the 2023 event.
  
- 4. **Payables:** The payables were circulated and discussed with the additions of the Convention Sponsorship in the amount of \$500.00, the AAAS Hudson Report for the amount of \$300.00 and the New Year's Baby Gift in the amount of \$100.00
  - Motion:** Petra Klemppnauer moved the payables to be accepted as presented with the additions, seconded by Gen Durupt, carried.
  
- 5. **Meeting Adjourned:** at 9:06 pm



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, December 1, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.**

ORRSC Conference Room (3105 - 16 Avenue North, Lethbridge) or ZOOM Virtual Meeting

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Colin Bexte (Absent) .....Village of Arrowwood  
 Kent Bullock (Absent) ..... Village of Barnwell  
 Dan Doell (In Person)..... Village of Barons  
 Mike Wetzstein (Absent) ..... Town of Bassano  
 Ray Juska (Absent)..... City of Brooks  
 Roger Houghton (In Person)..... Cardston County  
 Allan Burton (In Person) .....Town of Cardston  
 Sue Dahl (Virtual)..... Village of Carmangay  
 James F. Smith (Absent) ..... Village of Champion  
 Brad Schlossberger (In Person)..... Town of Claresholm  
 Jesse Potrie (Absent) ..... Town of Coalhurst  
 Tanya Smith (In Person)..... Village of Coutts  
 Barbara Burnett (In Person) ..... Village of Cowley  
 Dave Filipuzzi (Virtual) ..... Mun. Crowsnest Pass  
 Dean Ward (Virtual)..... Mun. Crowsnest Pass  
 Stephen Dortch (In Person) ..... Village of Duchess  
 Gordon Wolstenholme (In Person).....Town of Fort Macleod  
 Mark Peterson (In Person)..... Village of Glenwood  
 Suzanne French (Virtual) ..... Village of Hill Spring  
 Morris Zeinstra (Absent) .....Lethbridge County

Brad Koch (Absent) ..... Village of Lomond  
 Gerry Baril (In Person) ..... Town of Magrath  
 Peggy Losey (In Person) ..... Town of Milk River  
 Dean Melnyk (Absent) ..... Village of Milo  
 Victor Czop (Virtual)..... Town of Nanton  
 Marinus de Leeuw (Absent)..... Town of Nobleford  
 Teresa Feist (Absent) ..... Town of Picture Butte  
 Tony Bruder (Absent)..... M.D. of Pincher Creek  
 Don Anderberg (Virtual) ..... Town Pincher Creek  
 Ronald Davis (Absent)..... M.D. of Ranchland  
 Neil Sieben (In Person)..... Town of Raymond  
 Don Norby (In Person) .....Town of Stavely  
 Matthew Foss (In Person) ..... Village of Stirling  
 John DeGroot (Absent) ..... MD of Taber  
 Raymond Coad (Absent) ..... Town of Vauxhall  
 Christopher Northcott (In Person)..... Vulcan County  
 Richard DeBolt (In Person) ..... Town of Vulcan  
 David Cody (In Person)..... County of Warner  
 Marty Kirby (In Person)..... Village of Warner  
 Evan Berger (In Person) ..... M.D. Willow Creek

**STAFF:**

Bonnie Brunner ..... Senior Planner  
 Mike Burla ..... Senior Planner  
 Ryan Dyck ..... Planner  
 Steve Harty ..... Senior Planner  
 Raeanne Keer ..... Executive Assistant

Lenze Kuiper ..... Chief Administrative Officer  
 Kattie Schlamp ..... Assistant Planner  
 Gavin Scott ..... Senior Planner  
 Jaime Thomas ..... GIS Analyst  
 Hailey Winder ..... Planner

Chair Gordon Wolstenholme called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by: Christopher Northcott

THAT the Board adopts the Agenda for December 1, 2022, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2. RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS AND ALTERNATE MEMBERS FOR 2023**

**a. Members and Alternates 2023**

**- 2023 Meeting Calendar**

The Board reviewed the list of Member and Alternate Members for 2023 and the 2023 meeting calendar.

**3. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2023**

**a. Nomination Information**

M. Burla, Senior Planner, presented the Executive Committee Election process to the Board.

L. Kuiper stated that 1 nomination was received for the position of Chair, Mr. Gordon Wolstenholme of the Town of Fort Macleod.

L. Kuiper inquired if there were any nominations from the floor for the position of Chair.

There were none.

L. Kuiper inquired a second and third time to if there were any nominations from the floor for the position of Chair, and there were none.

Mr. Gordon Wolstenholme was proclaimed Chair of the Executive Committee of the Oldman River Regional Services Commission Board of Directors.

L. Kuiper stated that 1 nomination was received for the position of Vice Chair, Mr. Don Anderberg of the Town of Pincher Creek.

L. Kuiper inquired if there were any nominations from the floor for the position of Vice Chair.

There were none.

L. Kuiper inquired a second and third time to if there were any nominations from the floor for the position of Vice Chair, and there were none.

Mr. Don Anderberg was proclaimed Vice Chair of the Executive Committee of the Oldman River Regional Services Commission Board of Directors.

L. Kuiper, Chief Administrative Officer, stated that Administration had received 5 nomination forms during the nomination period for the Executive Committee Members, 1 rural member and 4 urban members. L. Kuiper reviewed the list of candidates, Victor Czop of the Town of Nanton, Christopher Northcott of Vulcan County, Jesse Potrie of the Town of Coalhurst, Brad Schlossberger of the Town of Claresholm, and Neil Sieben of the Town of Raymond.

L. Kuiper stated that in accordance with Board of Directors and Executive Committee Bylaw 2021-01, Section 15.2 the Executive Committee is to be comprised of a minimum of 2 urban members and 2 rural members and noted that at this time only 1 nomination from a rural member had been received.

L. Kuiper stated that the Board could continue though acclamation to accept the nominations that were received notwithstanding Section 15.2 of Bylaw 2021-01, or nominations could be received from the floor.

The Board discussed Bylaw 2021-01 and the rural members present at the Organizational Meeting.

Allan Burton, Town of Cardston, nominated David Cody of the County of Warner as a member of the Executive Committee.

Roger Houghton, Cardston County, seconded the nomination of David Cody, County of Warner to the Executive Committee.

D. Cody accepted the nomination.

David Cody and Christopher Northcott were acclaimed to the Executive Committee to fulfill the rural membership requirements in accordance with Bylaw 2021-01, therefore they were not included on the election ballots.

ORRSC staff handed out ballots to eligible voting members of the Board, and completed ballots were collected.

The Board continued with the meeting as ORRSC Staff tallied the ballots.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Moved by: Brad Schlossberger**

THAT the Board approves the meeting minutes of September 1, 2022, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**6. REPORTS**

- a. **Executive Committee Report**
  - **September 2022 – November 2022**

Chair Wolstenholme presented the Executive Committee Report to the Board

**7. BUSINESS**

- a. Proposed 2023 Budget**  
- Proposed Budget for Consideration

L. Kuiper presented the proposed 2023 Budget, highlighting an increase to membership fees, subdivision fees, and a cost-of-living increase for staff salaries and wages.

L. Kuiper stated that the budget was reviewed by the Executive Committee at their October and November 2022 Meetings, and in November a resolution was passed to present the 2023 Budget to the Board of Directors and recommended that the Board approves the Budget as presented.

- b. Proposed 5 Year Capital Plan**  
- 2023-2027

L. Kuiper presented the proposed 5 Year Capital Plan to the Board, highlighting that a third vehicle will be purchased in 2023, from funds that were budgeted in 2020 but not spent as a third vehicle was not needed during the pandemic.

**Moved by: Richard DeBolt**

THAT the Board approves the 2023 Budget and 5 Year Capital Plan, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2023 - continued**

- a. Nomination Information – continued**

M. Burla announced that the votes for the Executive Committee Members had been tallied.

M. Burla stated that the following candidates, in no specific order, were elected to the Executive Committee:

- Jesse Potrie
- Brad Schlossberger
- Neil Sieben.

The Board congratulated the 2023 Executive Committee Members.

**Moved by: Christopher Northcott**

THAT the Board approves the destruction of the 2023 Executive Committee ballots.

**CARRIED**

7. **BUSINESS - continued**

- c. **Subdivision Activity**  
- **As of October 2022**

L. Kuiper presented the subdivision statistics as of October 31, 2022, noting that they do vary from year to year depending on several economic factors.

- d. **Assessment Appeal Activity**  
- **2022 Assessment Appeal Board Statistics**

L. Kuiper presented the 2022 Assessment Appeal Board statistics to the Board.

- e. **Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Statistics**  
- **As of November 2022**

L. Kuiper presented the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board statistics, as of November 2022 to the Board.

- f. **ORRSC Periodical & GIS Update**

R. Dyck, Planner, presented the Winter 2022 edition of the ORRSC Periodical.

J. Thomas, GIS Analyst, presented an update on current and future GIS projects.

8. **ACCOUNTS**

- a. **Balance Sheet and Comparative Income Statement**  
- **As of October 31, 2022**

L. Kuiper presented the Balance Sheet and Comparative Income Statements as of October 31, 2022.

**Moved by: Gerry Baril**

THAT the Board approves Balance Sheet and Comparative Income State, as of October 31, 2022, as presented.

**CARRIED**

L. Kuiper presented 15 Year Service Awards to Bonnie Brunner and Gavin Scott.

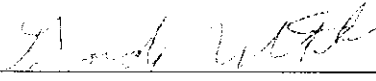
9. **NEW BUSINESS**

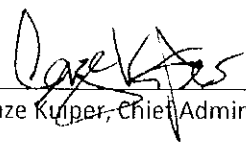
There was no new business discussed.

10. **NEXT MEETING – March 2, 2023; 7:00 pm**

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further questions and nothing further to discuss, Chair Gordon Wolstenholme adjourned the meeting, the time being 8:20 pm.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Gordon Wolstenholme, Chair

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Lenze Kuiper, Chief Administrative Officer

6d.

# TOWN OF VAUXHALL

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT FEBRUARY 28 2023

|  | 2023         | 2022         |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| <b>FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>                          |              |              |
| Cash and cash equivalents (note 2)               | \$ 284,618   | \$ 401,868   |
| Temporary Investments (note 3)                   | 2,642,348    | 2,642,348    |
| Receivables                                      |              |              |
| Taxes and grants in place of taxes (note 4)      | (29,287)     | 35,473       |
| Trade and other receivables (net)                | 95,166       | 118,063      |
| Receivable from other governments                | 1,253,831    | 1,396,596    |
| GST recoverable                                  | 4,436        | 10,930       |
| Land held for resale                             | 22,241       | 22,241       |
| Long term investments (note 5)                   | 29,280       | 29,279       |
| Other assets                                     | -            | -            |
|  | 4,302,633    | 4,656,798    |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                               |              |              |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities         | 52,889       | 124,455      |
| Payroll remittance payable                       | 193          | 193          |
| Deposit liabilities                              | 1,570        | 670          |
| Other liabilities                                | -            | -            |
| Employee benefit obligation (note 6)             | 941          | -            |
| Long term debt (note 7)                          | 360,655      | 360,655      |
| Deferred revenue (note 8)                        | 1,827,544    | 1,875,123    |
|  | 2,243,792    | 2,361,096    |
| <b>NET FINANCIAL ASSETS (DEBT)</b>               | 2,058,841    | 2,295,702    |
| <b>NON FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>                      |              |              |
| Inventory for consumption                        | 41,569       | 41,569       |
| Tangible capital assets (Schedule 2)             | 6,984,846    | 6,984,845    |
| Prepaid expenses                                 | 20,514       | 20,839       |
|  | 7,046,929    | 7,047,253    |
| <b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (Schedule 1, note 10)</b> | \$ 9,105,770 | \$ 9,342,955 |

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Contingencies - note 15

Approved on behalf of Council:

\_\_\_\_\_ Councillor

\_\_\_\_\_ Councillor



## TOWN OF VAUXHALL

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

AS AT FEBRUARY 28 2023

|   | Budget<br>(Unaudited) | 2023         | 2022         |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>REVENUE</b>  |                       |              |              |
| Net municipal taxes (Schedule 3)                                      | \$ 1,649,016          | \$ 60        | \$ 1,136,342 |
| Sales and user charges  | 342,050               | 121,106      | 780,821      |
| Penalties, fines and costs on taxes                                   | 13,500                | 5,582        | 17,143       |
| Franchise and concession contracts                                    | 100,000               | 12,570       | 111,045      |
| Investment income   | 37,600                | 77           | 60,695       |
| Rentals   | 90,490                | 20,887       | 90,033       |
| Government transfers (Schedule 4)                                     | 331,705               | -            | 375,267      |
| Licenses and permits  | 17,100                | 14,035       | 33,457       |
| Sale of land held for resale  | 74,000                | -            | 507,635      |
| Other revenues  | 37,775                | 8,402        | 97,449       |
| Gain on sale of assets  | -                     | -            | 31,588       |
|   | 2,693,236             | 182,719      | 3,241,475    |
| <b>EXPENDITURES (Schedule 5)</b>                                      |                       |              |              |
| Legislative   | 143,000               | 7,780        | 126,332      |
| Administration  | 440,108               | 157,028      | 412,309      |
| Fire, disaster services and ambulance                                 | 77,135                | -            | 100,935      |
| By-law enforcement  | 21,550                | 1,527        | 8,638        |
| Roads, streets, walks, lighting                                       | 626,195               | 49,657       | 489,942      |
| Water and storm water   | 678,817               | 72,118       | 544,341      |
| Wastewater  | 132,075               | 7,277        | 144,919      |
| Waste management  | 305,060               | 22,115       | 285,923      |
| Cemetery  | 16,630                | 1,503        | 16,554       |
| Municipal Planning, zoning, economic development                      | 45,593                | 14,044       | 45,039       |
| Subdivision land development  | 2,000                 | -            | 193,128      |
| Recreation and culture  | 643,132               | 76,955       | 750,267      |
| Health and FCSS   | 10,059                | -            | 9,580        |
| Loss on disposal of asset   | -                     | -            | -            |
|   | 3,147,854             | 410,004      | 3,127,905    |
| <b>EXCESS (SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES - BEFORE OTHER</b> | (454,618)             | (227,285)    | 113,570      |
| <b>OTHER</b>  |                       |              |              |
| Contributed assets  | 0                     | -            | 310,000      |
| Government transfers for capital (Schedule 4)                         | 0                     | -            | 132,908      |
| <b>EXCESS (SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES</b>                | (454,618)             | (227,285)    | 556,478      |
| <b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>                         | 8,442,466             | 9,333,055    | 8,776,577    |
| <b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, END OF YEAR</b>                               | \$ 7,987,848          | \$ 9,105,770 | \$ 9,333,055 |

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Town of Vauxhall

**Date:** February 17, 2023  
**Proposed by:** Administration  
**Topic:** The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Seniors' Week

**Background:**

For 37 years, the Government of Alberta has celebrated the first week of June to honour and recognize seniors for their many contributions to Alberta. Seniors' Week is from June 5 – 11, 2023

Staff have prepared breakfast for the seniors of our community as a thank you for several years. With Covid we ceased, staff would like to begin preparing breakfast for the seniors we have chosen Thursday June 8, 2023. In previous years the overall food average has been \$200-\$300.

Administration has brought this for councils' approval as this has been an ongoing function from previous councils.

**Proposed Motion**

Moved by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ to declare June 5 – 11, 2023 to be Seniors' Week in honour of the past, present and future contributions of the seniors of this community and throughout Alberta.

Moved by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ to approve for the expenditure of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for recognition of senior's week.



# DECLARATION

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In honour of the past, present and future contributions of the seniors of this community and throughout Alberta, I hereby declare June 5 – 11, 2023 to be Seniors' Week in

\_\_\_\_\_  
Community

\_\_\_\_\_  
Official Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Official Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy Nixon", written over a horizontal line.

The Honourable Jeremy Nixon; Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services

**Town of Vauxhall**

**Date:** February 23, 2023  
**Proposed by:** Administration  
**Topic:** Joint Use & Planning Agreement

**Background:**

Amendments to the *Municipal Government Act* and the *Education Act* were proclaimed in June 2020 requiring municipalities to enter into Joint Use and Planning Agreements (JUPAs) with school boards within their municipal boundaries.

According to the new requirements, JUPAs are to be in place by June 2023. The JUPA is defined as "a formal partnership between a municipality and a school board to enable the integrated and long-term planning and use of school sites on municipal reserve (MR), school reserve (SR), and municipal and school reserve (MSR) land".

With assistance from Bonnie Brunner, planner and after sharing information with Horizon School Division this document was created. Horizon will also be reviewing this document.

**Proposed Motion**

Moved by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ to accept the Joint Use & Planning Agreement as information.

Town of Vauxhall

**Date:** March 2, 2023  
**Proposed by:** Administration  
**Topic:** Vauxhall AG Society Invitation

**Background:**

The Vauxhall Agricultural Society is once again asking if the Town would like to have a representative attend their meeting's.

Administration previously discussed Council members belonging to external boards and has developed a policy currently unapproved as this RFD is being written.

The Town of Vauxhall and the Vauxhall Ag Society have had a positive relationship as stated in the letter to Council and together accomplished numerous community projects that have benefitted the Town of Vauxhall and the Rural Community as a whole.

The 2023-2028 Strategic plan refers to recreation, collaboration as well as communication and engagement. Having Council representation attend Ag Society meetings would be a positive move in the direction of the Strategic Plan

Proposed Motion

Moved by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ to appoint Councillor(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Vauxhall Ag Society meeting(s) as requested.



March 1st, 2023

**Town of Vauxhall**

223 – 5<sup>th</sup> Street North

Vauxhall, AB

T0K 2K0

**Re: Invitation to attend the Vauxhall Ag Society Meetings**

The Vauxhall Ag Society would like to extend an invitation to the Town of Vauxhall to attend our monthly meetings. We appreciate the strong positive working relationship that has been built between our organizations, as well as the continued support that we have received over the years from the Town of Vauxhall. If you would like to have a representative added to our meeting email list, please forward the contact information to our Office Manager.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7pm being held in person at the Vauxhall Public Library Board Room. We look forward to hearing back from you in this regard.

*Have a wonderful day!*

*Sincerely:*

Danna Ferguson

Vauxhall Ag Society

Office Manager



COUNCIL  
Policy No.027-2017  
RES: 17:15  
RES: 17:277  
RES: 19:69  
RES: 20:31  
RES: 21:29

## COUNCIL REMUNERATION

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this policy is to establish remuneration rates and service awards for Elected Officials and Members at Large appointed to the Municipal Planning Commission.

### **Policy Statement:**

To provide a fair and equitable means of reimbursement to Elected Officials or attendance and performing their duties and also for the payment of reasonable allowances for travel and subsistence for attendance at conferences, training or seminars etc.

To recognize the contribution to the community given by outgoing elected officials through a formal recognition of service.

### **1. Monthly Remuneration**

A monthly honorarium shall be paid to each Elected Official as follows:

**Mayor** - \$500.00 per month.

- Established to recognize the additional duties and responsibilities of the "Chief Elected Official" as set out in the Municipal Government Act and the additional time spent, as Mayor, on Town business or public relations.
- To recognize time spent reviewing/discussing matters with the Chief Administrative Officer, members of Council and/or members of the community, outside the formal meeting setting.
- To recognize time spent in the Municipal office signing cheques, letters and other documents.
- To recognize time spent attending local functions when the presence of the Mayor is requested or when protocol dictates the Mayors presence or where good public relations warrants the Mayors attendance such as: community functions, graduation exercises, Remembrance Day Ceremonies

**Deputy Mayor** - \$300.00 per month.

- In the absence of the Mayor will perform the duties listed above.

**Councillor** - \$300.00 per month.

- To recognize the time spent reviewing/discussing matters with other members of council and members of the community outside of the formal meeting setting.
- To recognize time spent attending local functions when the presence of the members of Council is requested or when protocol dictates Council presence or where good public relations warrants the Council attendance such as: community functions, graduation exercises, Remembrance Day Ceremonies.
- To recognize time spent on other local matters pertaining to the office of Councillor of the Town of Vauxhall.
- To recognize the representation of Council, at functions in which the Mayor or Deputy Mayor is unable to attend.

## **2. Meeting Rates – Elected Officials**

In addition to the monthly honorarium, the following meeting rates are applicable:

- |                             |                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| a.) Regular Council Meeting | \$90.00 per meeting |
| Budget Meetings             | \$90.00 per meeting |
- b.) Committee of Council Meetings
- 1 hour minimum,  
paid in 30 minute increments                      \$ 30.00 per hour
  - Maximum    \$200.00 per day
- c.) Public Hearings, Special meetings of Council, Community Forums held by Council with mandatory attendance – same rate as Committee of Council meetings.
- d.) Attendance at appointed Board, Committee, Foundation or Society meetings, conference, seminar, workshop, training etc. held within town – same rate as Committee of Council meetings.
- e.) Attendance at appointed Board, Committee, Foundation or Society meeting, conference, seminar, workshop, training etc. held outside of town – same rate as Committee of Council meetings except that travel time is included in time durations.
- f.) Attendance at informal (public relations) activities over one (1) hour, i.e.: Parades – Mileage and meal reimbursement only.
- g.) All elected officials shall submit reports to council for the 2<sup>nd</sup> council meeting of each month.
- h.) Ex-officio to be paid accordingly to the above schedule when in attendance at committee meetings



### **3. Expense Allowance**

An annual amount of \$500.00 will be issued to Elected Officials to compensate for use of personal cell phone, internet, stationary supplies and other miscellaneous out of pocket expenses.

### **4. Traveling & Subsistence Expenses**

- a.) Use of personal vehicle to attend Board, Committee, Foundation or Society meetings, conferences, seminars, workshops or training held outside of town will be reimbursed at the rate as prescribed annually by the Minister of Finance and deemed reasonable by Canada Revenue Agency.
- b.) Reasonable meal costs except those included in registration will be reimbursed upon presentation of receipt. Gratuities listed on receipts will be reimbursed; gratuities shall not exceed 15% of the total bill.
- c.) Accommodation, based on single occupancy will be reimbursed upon presentation of receipt.
- d.) Actual cost for taxi and parking expenses will be reimbursed upon presentation of receipt.
- e.) A maximum per diem of \$10.00 per day will be reimbursed for non-receipt incidentals such as public transit, coffee, water.
- f.) Upon request, administration will advance to the Elected Official, a maximum allowance of 2/3 of the estimated expense prior to attending a conference or seminar.

### **5. Scope**

Members at Large appointed to the Municipal Planning Commission and Appeal Board shall be subject to the same meeting and expense rates as set out in this policy.

### **6. Exceptions**

A claim for honorarium or travel expenses cannot be made if the Elected Official is receiving reimbursement from the board, committee, commission, corporation, association, jurisdiction or other authority.

### **7. Training/Conference/Seminar Allowance**

Each Elected Official will be budgeted an allowance for attendance at seminars, conferences, workshops and/or training related to the Elected Officials portfolio and be of a benefit to the Town. Registration fees and/or expenses to attend any function that causes the Elected Official to exceed his/her annual allowance must be pre-authorized by Council.

- a) An annual amount of \$500.00 will be issued to Elected Officials for Personal Development and must be pre-authorized by CAO  
i.e. Elected Official Education Program

## **8. Technology**

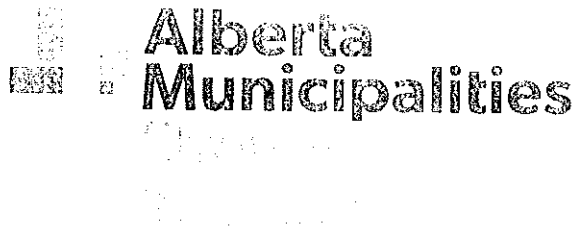
To assist with carrying out their duties, elected officials will be provided a laptop or similar portable device. Administration will provide Council a recommendation for suitable devices

- a) At the end of each term, Councillors will return all supplied electronic equipment to administration to be restored to the factory defaults.
- b) After restoration all returned hardware may then be distributed as follows:
  - a. Returned to Councillor for personal use as the hardware may be at the end of its life cycle; or
  - b. Retained by the Town of Vauxhall for use; or
  - c. Donated to non-profit community group/organization at the discretion of Administration.

## **Responsibility**

It is the responsibility of the elected official to submit honorarium and travel expense claims within thirty (30) days of occurrence.

It is the responsibility of payroll to ensure payment of annual expense allowance as per article 3.



## NEWS RELEASE

February 16, 2023

### **New survey shows few Albertans support creation of Alberta Police Service**

**EDMONTON** – The results of a public opinion survey conducted by Calgary pollster Janet Brown for Alberta Municipalities in late January 2023 confirm what our association has been saying for almost a year: most Albertans see no reason to replace the RCMP with a new provincial police service.

A resounding 85 per cent of respondents said that if the Government of Alberta insisted on going ahead with the creation of an APS, the matter needed to be put to a provincial vote.

Sixty-six per cent of those surveyed thought the provincial government should spend its time, effort and resources on community service supports for Albertans who are marginalized and struggling with homelessness, addictions and mental health issues.

There was also broad support for increasing spending to improve current policing efforts in communities across Alberta and improve the provincial justice system.

“The results of this survey paint a very clear picture,” said President Cathy Heron. “Albertans are simply not interested in a discussion or review of community policing in Alberta that is based on political aims or recommendations from the 2020 Fair Deal Panel Report. Municipalities are interested in discussing the delivery of community policing with the primary goal of enhancing public safety.”

Alberta Municipalities has been calling for a province-wide Public Safety Task Force led by the Government of Alberta since September 1, 2022. Such a task force is urgently needed to explore and address the root causes of crime, as well as weaknesses in Alberta’s current justice system. Our member communities believe a province-wide task force is urgently needed, and they want to see it happen now.

We strongly encourage all the provincial political parties to include public safety and policing in their election platforms. Albertans deserve to know where the political parties and their candidates stand on these important issues as they prepare to vote in the 2023 Provincial Election.

The full survey report can be viewed [here](#) in the **Media** section of ABmunis' website.

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*From the smallest village to the largest city, across every region of the province, Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis) represents the communities where over 85% of Albertans live. Previously known as the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA), ABmunis was founded in 1905 to provide urban and rural-region communities a united voice. Alberta Municipalities now serves and represents 275 of Alberta's 334 municipalities.*

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

*And we help them build resilient and thriving communities by providing valuable services. We use our members' combined purchasing power to negotiate the best possible value and competitive pricing on employee benefits, insurance, energy, and other services needed to run an effective and efficient municipality.*

**From:** Rural Charities <[ruralcharitiesalberta@gmail.com](mailto:ruralcharitiesalberta@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** February 14, 2023 3:13 PM  
**To:** Rural Charities <[ruralcharitiesalberta@gmail.com](mailto:ruralcharitiesalberta@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Rural Charities AGLC Gaming Revenues Equality

As you are likely aware, in 2022 the Camrose Casino applied to Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis (AGLC) to relocate to Edmonton; AGLC subsequently denied the request. You are receiving this email because some or all of your municipality may be located within the Camrose or St. Albert charitable gaming region, and would be directly impacted by the AGLC's decision to not allow the relocation, which may result in the closure of the Camrose casino in the near future.

Under Alberta's current charitable gaming model, rural charitable organizations are significantly disadvantaged compared to their urban counterparts due to lower per-event revenues at rural casinos, and longer wait times between charitable event opportunities for individual charities. In 2018, RMA developed a report and recommendations for a more equitable charitable gaming model, which was submitted to the AGLC. No meaningful response was provided to the report.

While relocating the Camrose casino to Edmonton would not address province-wide issues with the current model, it would benefit charitable organizations currently within the Camrose and St. Albert casino regions (funding is pooled between the regions) as a move from Camrose to Edmonton is projected to significantly increase per-event revenues at the casino, which would likely continue to be the "home casino" for charitable organizations currently in the Camrose region. Camrose and St. Albert currently produce among the lowest per-event revenues and have among the highest wait times in the province, while Edmonton's five casinos currently produce the highest average per event revenues in the province and have among the shortest wait times. Moving the Camrose casino to Edmonton would be a small step in shifting towards a more equitable system, at least for charities in those regions. Despite this, one of the main reasons that the move was rejected was due to advocacy by Edmonton charitable organizations opposed to potentially losing a small portion of the revenues they currently receive due to the addition of another casino within the city for the benefit of rural organizations. It should be noted that Calgary currently has one casino reserved for the surrounding rural region.

The owners of the Camrose casino are appealing the AGLC's decision and are seeking support from impacted municipalities, community groups, and rural residents. I have attached a presentation and memo developed by the casino owners, both of which provide a more detailed overview of the issue and impacts on rural communities. The best way to weigh in on this issue is by submitting a letter directly to the AGLC. Letters can be sent to Nadja Lacroix, Senior Manager, Inspections Gaming, at [nadja.lacroix@aglc.ca](mailto:nadja.lacroix@aglc.ca), as well as AGLC CEO Kandice Machado at [kandice.machado@aglc.ca](mailto:kandice.machado@aglc.ca) or AGLC Board Chair Len Rhodes at [len.rhodes@aglc.ca](mailto:len.rhodes@aglc.ca). The deadline to submit a letter on this issue is **February 21, 2023**. The owners of the Camrose Casino have also developed a website with further information and ideas on how to make your voice heard on this issue: <https://ruralcharities.ca/>.

The Camrose Casino is holding a webinar presenting an overview of the AGLC decision, the appeal process, potential impacts of the AGLC's decision on rural charities in the Camrose and St. Albert casino regions, and other information. There is no need to register in advance, so please feel free to distribute the invite within your municipality, to your neighbours, and to impacted charitable organizations in your community. Details are as follows:

Date: Wednesday, February 15

Time: 10:00 to 11:00am

Meeting link:

<https://rmalberta.zoom.us/j/84509355029?pwd=U1ZDQWd5YUVJNWt0UFZjRzNKZWVvdz09>

If you are unable to attend, the webinar will be recorded and can be shared upon request.

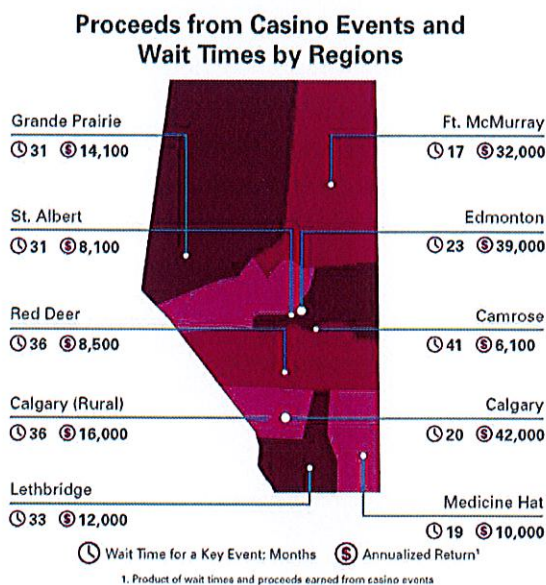
Thanks!

## Alberta Rural Charities Set to Lose Out, Again

**Edmonton** – The Alberta Gaming, Liquor & Cannabis Commission (AGLC) has handed down a decision that will further shortchange rural charities. Already at a distinct disadvantage compared to their urban counterparts, rural charities are set to lose out once again thanks to the AGLC Board’s refusal to let the Camrose Resort Casino relocate to South Edmonton.

The disparity between urban and rural charitable event revenue is significant. It doesn’t matter if an event is held in a major urban centre or a rural community; the volunteers work the same number of hours. At the end of the night, however, a charitable event in the urban centre will bring in up to six times more revenue. What’s more, the average wait time for a gaming event is generally lower, too.

“AGLC’s unfair treatment of rural charities has been going on for decades, shortchanging rural communities hundreds of millions of dollars. Rural communities and their leaders should be alarmed by their mistreatment by AGLC and the failure by the AGLC Board to approve a relocation that would help to resolve this disparity,” said Jason Pechet, president of Capital City Casino, which owns the Camrose Resort Casino.



The proposed relocation would ensure revenues would continue to flow to rural charities. Given the pooling mechanism used by AGLC for the Camrose and St. Albert AGLC-defined regions, the proposed relocation would have benefitted hundreds of thousands of rural Albertans living in communities spanning from the B.C. border to the Saskatchewan border. According to AGLC’s own data, these two regions have the lowest revenues per gaming event (Camrose: \$6,100/event, St. Albert: \$8,100/event) and some of the highest event wait times (Camrose: 41 months, St. Albert: 31 months) in the entire province. By way of comparison, an event in Edmonton will generate \$39,000 in revenue and has a wait time of only 23 months.

“The AGLC Board’s decision is as frustrating as it is perplexing, especially given that AGLC management approved the relocation,” said Pechet. “One of the key recommendations that came out of AGLC’s extensive Charitable Gaming Model Review was to designate a casino in Edmonton to serve rural charities exclusively, just like Calgary has. We offered AGLC the perfect project – one that would create jobs, drive economic development, increase revenues for the province, and provide parity for rural charities. In a baffling move, the AGLC Board rejected our proposal citing concerns that its own management did not feel were issues.”

As the Camrose Resort Casino struggled to generate a sustainable amount of charitable revenues, AGLC made two decisions that effectively doomed the casino’s financial viability. In 2019, AGLC approved the relocation of the Century Mile Race Track Casino from Edmonton to just 60 km away from the Camrose Resort Casino. Then, in 2022, AGLC also green-lit the construction of a new Louis Bull First Nations Casino, which is just 55 km away. The local market isn’t large enough to support a single gaming facility, let alone three. What’s more, none of the revenue from the First Nations Casino or Race Track Casino will support rural charities in the Camrose and St. Albert regions.



The Camrose Resort Casino is asking Albertans upset with the unfair treatment of rural charities to let AGLC know they support the relocation of the Camrose Resort Casino.

275 Edmonton Charities wrote to AGLC to block the Camrose Casino relocation and deny rural charitable groups the opportunity to receive a fair and equal share of charitable gaming revenues.

Please send your message of support by calling or emailing AGLC at: 780-447-8847 / [nadja.lacroix@aglc.ca](mailto:nadja.lacroix@aglc.ca).

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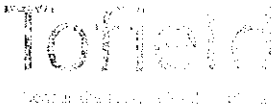
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**Background Facts and Figures**

- In June 2021, Capital City Casino hired HLT Advisory Inc., a consulting firm specializing in the gaming sector (and one that AGLC regularly uses), to review its relocation proposal. HLT Advisory Inc. determined relocating the Camrose Resort Casino would generate \$28 million of new, incremental AGLC revenue.
- AGLC estimates that relocating the Camrose Casino to South Edmonton would result in \$8.8 million in new, incremental revenues for charitable groups.
- St Albert and Camrose gaming regions are the only AGLC gaming regions in the province that pool revenues together. The relocation will increase the amount of charitable revenues for both the Camrose and the St Albert regions, improving parity with large urban charitable revenues. The relocation would improve the financial disparity issue for the two rural gaming regions, not just one.
- If the relocation application is unsuccessful, the Camrose Resort Casino will need to close its doors, and 650 regional charities will lose desperately needed revenues.
- In the event that the Camrose Casino relocated to Edmonton, AGLC estimates the decline in Edmonton Urban Charity revenue as \$8,438 per Urban Charity event, which is far less than if the Camrose Casino closed and all 650 regional charities were reallocated to Edmonton casinos, which would result in a decline of approximately \$14,000 per annualized event. In short, Edmonton Urban Charities have more to lose by opposing this relocation.





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February 14, 2023

Nadja Lacroix  
Senior Manager  
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**Re: Letter of Support – Relocation of Camrose Casino**

Dear Nadja:

Rural Alberta, and their communities are comprised of community groups, clubs, charitable organizations and societies. The culmination of these organizations leads to the betterment of communities on a whole. These organizations work tirelessly on behalf of the community to provide enhancements through projects that would not be possible without their hard work and dedication. However, the key factor to success is funding. These groups are often accessing funding through casinos. As many other communities have stated, accessing funding through casinos is often multiple months away, which could leave these important projects, or enhancements without the ability to move forward.

Having an ability for Tofield to access a larger pool of casino opportunities would provide a higher element of success. Our proximity to a larger urban location, such as Edmonton, or even Saint Albert, is no further than the distance to Camrose. Although we have been thankful when our service groups have been successful in accessing Camrose Casino, it is an exceptionally long wait, and the return is minimal, at best.

Upon review, this appears to be another slight to Rural Alberta, which as of recent seems to be continually accumulating, and enhancing barriers to provide success for the communities each of us represent. We believe there should be an allowance for relocation for the Camrose Casino. The relocation would allow for the betterment of our entire region, as well as Rural Alberta.

Nadja Lacroix  
Senior Manager  
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Further, the pooling of accessible casinos in larger urban settings would provide an enhanced level of success for Rural Alberta. The major urbans have additional resources and accessing abilities, as opposed to those of us in outlying areas. Collectively, the barriers need to be reduced to allow us all to flourish and provide betterment to our communities.

Respectfully,

*Debora L. Dueck*

Debora Dueck  
Mayor  
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Cc.

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*Office of the Minister  
MLA, Red Deer-North*

February 28, 2023

**Letter to parents – historic education investments in Budget 2023**

Dear Alberta parents:

Today, the Government of Alberta released its annual budget, and as the Minister of Education, I wanted to tell you directly about our plan to set your children up for lifelong success.

The theme of this year's budget is securing the future. The budget shows how the government is going to make sure Albertans have good and well-paying jobs, and how we will improve our healthcare system, keep communities safe and ensure people have the supports they need to be successful in their lives. It also shows how we are going to help your children reach their full potential.

Record-breaking funding for education

Through Budget 2023, the government is providing a historic level of funding to the school system—more money than ever before. At the same time, know that our goal is to drive as much of this money as possible directly to the classroom and away from administrative costs, to help ensure taxpayer dollars achieve maximum benefit for students.

The department of Education's consolidated budget will be about \$8.8 billion; that's equal to \$44 million every day students are in school. It's also an increase of almost half a billion dollars over last year. Your children are the province's future leaders and innovators; it's our job to help them be all they can be, and we take that very seriously.

In total, we will increase the Education budget by nearly \$2 billion over the next three years. These significant increases will empower your local school authorities to hire more teachers and rein in growing class sizes. In total, the funding we are providing is enough for school authorities across Alberta to hire up to 3,000 education staff, including not only teachers, but educational assistants, bus drivers and school support staff too. This means students in every corner of the province will benefit from more focused time and attention at school.

Supporting diverse classrooms

We recognize Alberta's classrooms are becoming increasingly complex and diverse. A growing number of students have unique cognitive, social and emotional needs, and an increasing number of newcomers need support learning English as an additional language. Budget 2023 includes a new grant to help with these things. The government will provide \$126 million over three years, which your local school authorities will use to hire and train more support staff, including

specialists like counsellors, psychologists and interpreters.

#### Mental health supports

On a similar note, we know the pandemic has taken a toll on students' mental health, and some students also fell behind in school because of the COVID-19 disruptions. We are going to keep our promise to provide \$110 million over three years to address these issues. With the government's funding support, local school authorities and mental health service providers are collaborating to develop innovative ways to support student mental health at school. And because of the funding we have already provided, as well as the excellent work of Alberta's teachers, tens of thousands of elementary students have already managed to take back the learning and development they previously lost to the pandemic.

#### Affordability

Another issue that we are determined to help resolve through Budget 2023 is the rising cost of living. We are providing an additional \$414 million over the next three years to the funding your local school authorities receive for transporting students to and from school. With this substantial increase, more students will be able to take the bus to school and ride times will be shortened. What's more, we expect this funding will help school authorities reduce the fees they charge you for transportation.

Currently, for students to be eligible for government-funded busing service, the student must reside at least 2.4 kilometres from their designated school. Beginning in 2024, this will be reduced to one kilometre for kindergarten to Grade 6 students and two kilometres for grades 7 to 12 students. By lowering the distance eligibility, more families will benefit from provincial support.

Almost 33,000 students who are not currently using bus services will become eligible. About 47,000 students who are currently paying a fee to use bus services will also become eligible for provincial support, eliminating the current gap in service delivery and saving parents over \$20 million.

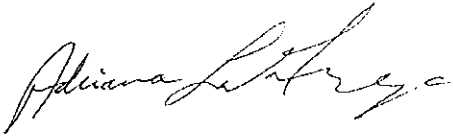
School authorities will need time to transition to the new criteria, so the changes will officially take effect September 1, 2024. However, any school authorities that can start transporting students under the new eligibility criteria this school year will be fully supported through Budget 2023.

#### Quality education for all students

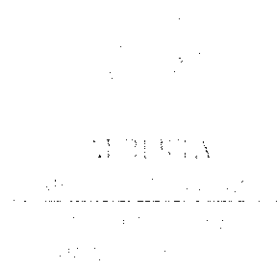
I strongly believe that parents deserve a wide variety of options and a high standard of quality when it comes to their child's education. With this year's budget, the government has worked hard to incorporate the many different perspectives and opinions we've been hearing from parents. You play an integral role in your children's education and your viewpoints will always be valuable to the government.

Our increased investments in education will help enrich students' lives and prepare them for success beyond school. Budget 2023 is about securing Alberta's future, and in that same vein, the foundations for a rewarding career begin early in life, which means the education system is a critical starting point for all Albertans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adriana LaGrange". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Adriana" being more prominent and the last name "LaGrange" following in a similar style.

Adriana LaGrange  
Minister of Education



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Dear Chief Elected Officials:

My colleague, the Honourable Travis Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, has tabled *Budget 2023* in the Alberta Legislature. I am writing to share information with you about how *Budget 2023* impacts municipalities.

Alberta's government is helping to secure Alberta's future by investing almost \$1 billion to build stronger communities across our province. The Municipal Affairs budget reflects an overall increase of \$45.2 million from the previous budget. These investments will continue to support municipalities in providing well-managed, collaborative, and accountable local government to Albertans.

We have heard frequently how important it is for Alberta municipalities to secure reliable, long-term funding for infrastructure and services in your communities. Through *Budget 2023*, capital support for municipalities is being maintained with \$485 million provided through the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI). In addition, we are doubling MSI operating funding to \$60 million. The estimated 2023 MSI allocations are available on the program website at [www.alberta.ca/municipal-sustainability-initiative.aspx](http://www.alberta.ca/municipal-sustainability-initiative.aspx).

Next year, we will be introducing the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF), an updated framework that ties funding to provincial revenue changes, which will ensure sustainable funding levels for the province and allow municipalities to plan more effectively for the future. The baseline funding amount for the LGFF will be \$722 million in 2024/25. Furthermore, we heard your feedback and, subject to approval by the Legislature, are updating the legislation so that this amount will increase or decrease at 100 per cent of the percentage change in provincial revenues from three years prior, rather than 50 per cent as legislated. Based on the most current financial data and subject to approval of the legislation, we anticipate funding for municipalities will increase by 12.6 per cent to approximately \$813 million for the 2025/26 fiscal year.

The federal Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF), which provides infrastructure funding to municipalities throughout the province, will see an increase of \$11.1 million to Alberta. The estimated 2023 CCBF allocations are available on the program website at [www.alberta.ca/canada-community-building-fund.aspx](http://www.alberta.ca/canada-community-building-fund.aspx).

MSI and CCBF program funding is subject to the Legislative Assembly's approval of *Budget 2023*. Individual allocations and 2023 funding are subject to ministerial authorization under the respective program guidelines. Federal CCBF funding is also subject to confirmation by the Government of Canada. Municipalities can anticipate receiving letters confirming MSI and CCBF funding commitments in April.

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I am pleased to inform you that an additional \$3 million in grant funding is being committed in support of local public library boards, which means an increase of at least five per cent for all library boards. This funding increase will help maintain the delivery of critical literacy and skill-building resources to Albertans. There will also be an increase of \$800,000 in funding to the Land and Property Rights Tribunal to expand capacity for timely surface rights decisions.

Additionally, *Budget 2023* will provide an increase of \$500,000 to provide fire services training grants. Public safety is always a priority, and while we respect that fire services is a municipal responsibility, our government recognizes that a strong provincial-municipal partnership remains key to keeping Albertans safe.

As we all look forward to the year ahead, I want to re-iterate that Alberta municipalities remain our partners in economic prosperity and in delivering the critical public services and infrastructure that Albertans need and deserve. Municipal Affairs remains committed to providing sustainable levels of capital funding, promoting economic development, and supporting local governments in the provision of programs and services.

Alberta's economy has momentum, and we are focused on even more job creation and diversification as we continue to be the economic engine of Canada. At the same time, we recognize Albertans are dealing with the financial pressures of high inflation.

*Budget 2023* will help grow our economy while also strengthening health care, improving public safety, and providing relief to Albertans through the inflation crisis. Alberta's government will do its part by remaining steadfastly committed to responsible management, paying down the debt, and saving for tomorrow.

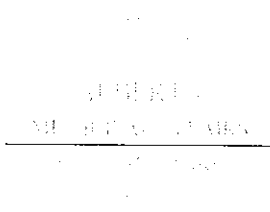
With these priorities in mind, we will move forward together in fulfilling Alberta's promise and securing a bright and prosperous future for Alberta families.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Schulz  
Minister

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Dear Chief Elected Officials:

The Government of Alberta understands the important role of local governments in fostering vibrant communities and supporting the provincial economy, and we are committed to ensuring municipalities and Metis Settlements meet their infrastructure and operating needs.

In keeping with this commitment, next year we will be introducing the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF), an updated framework that ties funding to provincial revenue changes, which will ensure sustainable funding levels for the province and allow municipalities to plan more effectively for the future. The baseline funding amount for the LGFF will be \$722 million in 2024/25. Subject to approval by the Legislature, the legislation will be updated so that this amount will increase or decrease at 100 per cent of the percentage change in provincial revenues from three years prior, rather than 50 per cent as legislated. In light of this change, capital funding under the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) and LGFF will total approximately \$2 billion over the next three years, with MSI capital funding set at \$485 million in 2023/24, and LGFF providing \$722 million in 2024/25, and approximately \$813 million in 2025/26.

In addition, operating funding has been increased. As many municipalities are facing increased operating costs due to inflation, our government will double the MSI operating budget in 2023/24 from \$30 million to \$60 million in recognition of these challenges.

**The 2023 MSI allocations for all municipalities and Metis Settlements are available on the program website at [www.alberta.ca/municipal-sustainability-initiative.aspx](http://www.alberta.ca/municipal-sustainability-initiative.aspx).**

I am also pleased to advise you that Alberta's municipalities and Metis Settlements will receive \$266 million in federal funding under the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF), an increase of \$11 million from last year.

**The 2023 CCBF allocations are available on the program website at [www.alberta.ca/canada-community-building-fund.aspx](http://www.alberta.ca/canada-community-building-fund.aspx).**

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Please note MSI and CCBF funding is subject to the Alberta Legislature's approval of Budget 2023, and individual allocations and 2023 funding are subject to Ministerial authorization under the respective program guidelines. CCBF funding is subject to confirmation by the Government of Canada. I expect to send letters confirming MSI and CCBF funding commitments to local governments in the spring.

I look forward to working together to support the infrastructure and operating needs of your communities, and to ensure a smooth transition from the MSI to the LGFF program in 2024.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Schulz  
Minister

cc: Chief Administrative Officers  
Linda Lewis, Interim Chief Administrative Officer, Metis Settlements General Council  
Cathy Heron, President, Alberta Municipalities  
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# MEMORANDUM

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| <b>DATE:</b> | February 27, 2023  |
| <b>TO:</b>   | Lethbridge Municipal Partners  |
| <b>FROM:</b> | Tammy Hofer, Chief Operating Officer, Alberta Precision Laboratories<br>Dr. Carolyn O'Hara, Interim Chief Medical Laboratory Officer, Alberta Precision Laboratories |
| <b>RE:</b>   | Upcoming changes to South Zone lab services  |

Today, community lab services in Brooks, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat have transitioned from Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) to DynaLIFE Medical Labs.

This change, aimed at improving lab services for Albertans and generating savings, is the second phase of the provincial transition of lab services, following North, Edmonton, Central and Calgary Zones' transition to DynaLIFE in December 2022.

This is one step towards the larger transition of community lab services from APL to DynaLIFE Medical Laboratories. By transitioning community lab services to DynaLIFE, APL will be better able to maintain lab quality and provide a more efficient, effective and sustainable laboratory system that supports Alberta's ever-growing demand for lab testing.

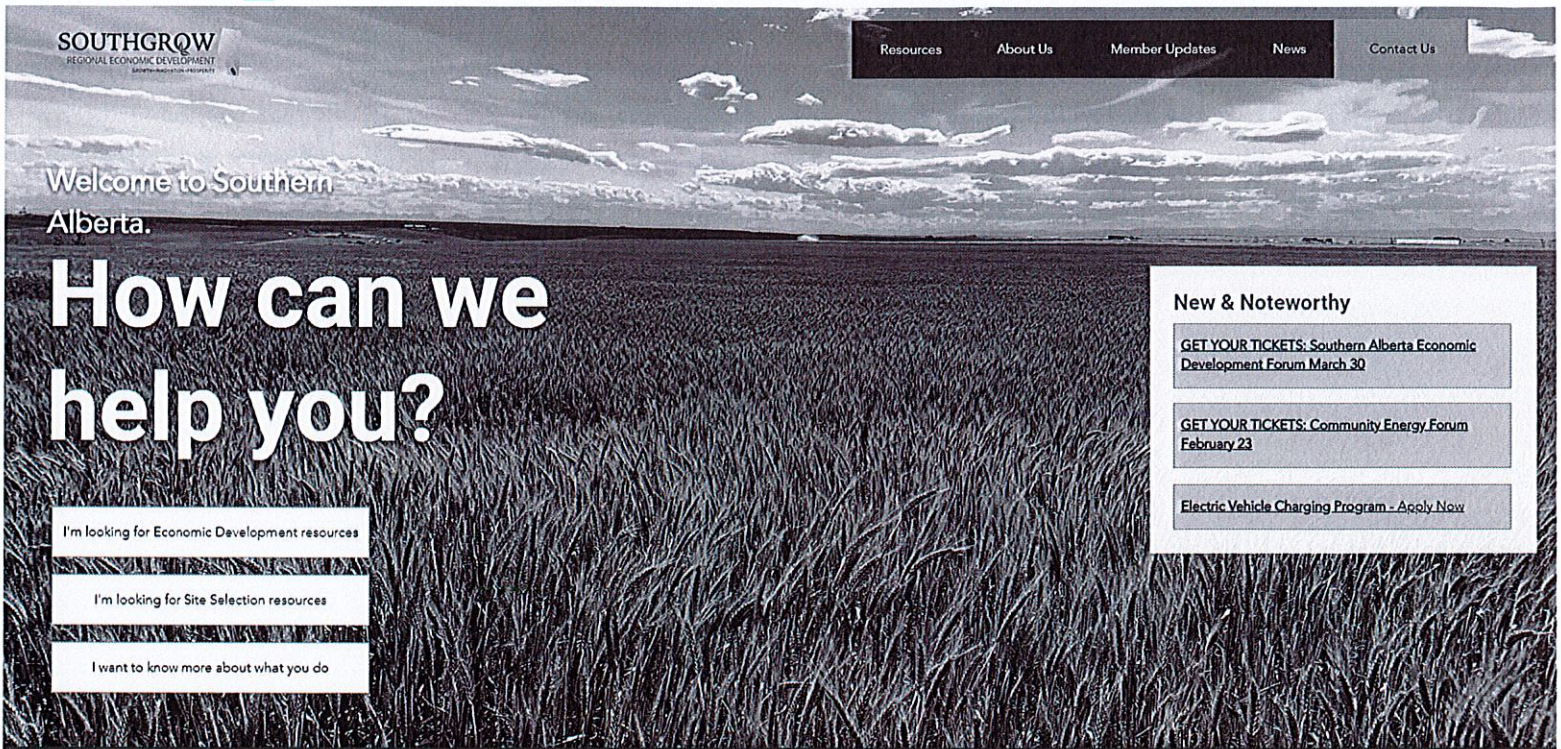
DynaLIFE has opened two new community labs in Lethbridge, located at 1240 2A Ave. N and 405 Highlands Blvd. W. These new labs will introduce patient tools and technologies, add patient capacity, and improve access to lab services. Additional capacity built in Calgary and Edmonton will enable an increased volume of tests to be processed every day.

In Brooks, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat, APL in-hospital laboratories will continue to serve patients who have a requisition generated at a hospital or urgent care site, either through inpatient, emergency or ambulatory clinics. Hospital labs in rural areas of the South Zone, that do not have additional community labs, will continue to serve rural community clients.

Clients can continue to access community lab services by booking appointments online at [qme.dynalife.ca](http://qme.dynalife.ca), by calling 1-877-702-4486, or by walking-in to a community lab location.

Be assured that all patients seeking laboratory services in communities across Alberta will continue to have access to community-based lab facilities and services in their areas and rural communities will continue to access community lab collections from their local healthcare centres.

We appreciate your partnership and understanding through the lab transition process. If you are hearing anything in your community, or have any questions now or in the future, please feel free to reach out to us any time.



## Leveraging your REDA

# Monthly Report

For Mayors and Reeves

SouthGrow Regional Initiative

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# February 2022

Dear Mayors and Reeves,

SouthGrow does projects that are regional in scope and which aim to benefit everyone by providing opportunities. But I wanted to talk this month about how YOUR COMMUNITY gets extra value out of our work by leveraging it.

Here's some examples!

1. **Attend Events:** SouthGrow hosts a number of events every year that are tailored to provide our members with valuable information that they can take back to their communities and apply. Every year we host a training event for councilors and staff, we host a Community Energy Forum, and we host our annual Economic Summit. These events are inexpensive (or free), but have the same quality of learning that you'd receive at a much more pricey conference in a far off city.
2. **Leverage our Research:** SouthGrow has done a LOT of research. There's reports for your community that you've received from SouthGrow for things like Business Retention and Expansion, Investment Readiness, and Broadband deployments that are specific to YOUR community. Dust them off, review the projects advised in them, and look to see what hasn't been implemented in your community yet and then work those projects into your community plans. Camangay has done this, implementing almost every economic development project in their village that has been advised and they are in an excellent position.
3. **Form sub-regional partnerships:** SouthGrow is big, and some of the projects we recommend are easier to do if you work with the communities immediately around you. Look for ways to share costs on big enabling projects like broadband infrastructure. Share services and equipment and even staff! Leverage the good will that we've build between our communities through SouthGrow to work together closely on your shared interests with your immediate neighbours.
4. **Get regional support for your projects:** SouthGrow is an excellent supporting partner for your local projects, because we carry the support of the whole region with us. If you've got a project that your neighbours would love to see succeed, reach out to the SouthGrow Board and get them to support the project with letters or (sometimes) partnership dollars.
5. **Be investment ready:** One of our larger roles is to bring investment to the region. That's our job. Your job is to be ready to receive it. This doesn't just mean having land, zoning, and services available, but it also means working on your policies and procedures to make sure investment can land as easy as possible. This also means balancing the needs of your constituents against the demands of industry so that you can keep both parties happy. In a small village this might mean having a few light industrial lots ready to go for an ag-servicing business to set up shop, and in a county it might mean proactively tackling land use problems, access to water, and getting urban fringe partnerships set up between yourselves and town within your borders.
6. **Access our resources:** We have a TON of economic development resources available online at [www.southgrow.com](http://www.southgrow.com). Our staff is also very knowledgeable. SouthGrow staff can quite quickly push your staff in the direction of what they need, or who they need to talk to for almost every issue that connects to economic development. We can help!

Sincerely,

Peter Casurella  
Executive Director  
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## Headlines for February 2023

Please find below a summary of our operational plan. As the year progresses you will see a rolling report here that tracks our progress on each of the deliverables in real-time.

### Pillar I: Strategic Collaboration

#### I. Member Engagement

##### A. Annual Council Presentations

- Presentations are done.

##### B. Councillor Training

- Training event on Truth and Reconciliation call to action #57 (public sector education) was held. 70 attendees. Event sold out.

##### C. Government Relations Committee

- Success on all fronts here. REDAs given \$125,000 for next year with commitments to negotiate multi-year ongoing funding.

##### D. Annual Economic Development Summit

- Event to be held in Lethbridge on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Economist Jack Mintz will be the keynote. Premier Smith has been invited.

#### II. Build and Sustain Collaborations

##### A. Southern Alberta Alternative Energy Partnership – ARRCUS Mapping Project

- Project complete. Visit [www.saaep.ca/industry](http://www.saaep.ca/industry) to check it out. Shows real-time production data for the SouthGrow region. We are almost 100% powered by renewable energy here. This is our oil and gas. Tools are being improved.

##### B. Southern Alberta Alternative Energy Partnership – Community Energy Forum

- To be held in Claresholm on February 23. Get a ticket at [www.southgrow.com](http://www.southgrow.com)

##### C. Southern Alberta Alternative Energy Partnership – Government Education

- SAAEP and EFL finally invited to appear before the Natural Resources Committee and something new called the Energy Caucus. Presenting in Edmonton on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and to online later in the month.

##### D. Southern Alberta Investment and Trade Initiative

- Global marketing year 1 has been completed. Excellent metrics. 8 high quality leads received from CIDEP. Initiative has been refunded for 2023. Excellent inroads with Invest Alberta have been made and relationships established.

##### E. Canada's Premier Food Corridor and Canada's Western Gateway

- Prairies Canada application is in and likely to be successful. Will include support for both initiatives. As a reminder, these are sub-brands and are not controlled by SouthGrow, but we support them.

##### F. Southern Alberta Tourism Collaboration

- Grant funding has been secured by Tourism Lethbridge. We paid our share. New rural tour routes in development. SouthGrow Board has committed to another year of partnership and will provide \$10,000 next year to market the rural tour routes being developed by Tourism Lethbridge.

G. **Highway 3 Twinning Development Association**

- PricewaterhouseCooper study is done and has been press released. Excellent metrics. \$1.5 billion to be added to the provincial GDP from twinning of the highway.
- Premier announced 10-year commitment to twin Highway 3. Our job now is to keep that commitment in the face of political winds.

III. **Sustain or Expand Membership**

A. **Sustain Membership**

- Barnwell has re-joined SouthGrow. The City of Lethbridge voted to not be a member. We remain within our 10% margin that was our goal. 30 rate paying members right now. Working to build a case for the City of Lethbridge to return.

B. **Expand Associate Memberships to Industry**

- Terralta has joined SouthGrow as an Associate Member
- EDL has joined
- Nikka Yuko has joined
- Community Futures Lethbridge Region has joined
- Ridge Utilities considering membership
- Tourism Lethbridge has requested membership.
- **We are well ahead of our targets here.**

**Pillar II: Marketing & Communications**

I. **Regional Promotion**

A. **Website Improvements**

- Website has been refreshed. Local Intel tools for SouthGrow/Alberta SouthWest regions has been acquired and will soon be available on all our websites.
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B. **Market the Region Globally**

- Marketing project is underway as part of SAITI. See above.

C. **FDI Test Drive Year 2**

- We have caught up on this project. 8 high quality leads have been provided and project is wrapping up. Opportunities here across the spectrum and the SAITI region.

II. **Internal Communications**

A. **Newsletters**

- I encourage you to sign up. With Jessie doing many more things for SouthGrow, we are exploring getting a new student to take on this work to free up her time for other things.

**Pillar III: Economic Development & Innovation**

I. **Ag-Tech Market Development**

A. **Agri-food Scholarship Program**

- Three scholarships of \$2500 have been distributed. Had cheque hand-over ceremonies with photos. Press releases going out soon to profile the project. Thank you to Bruce Warkentin of MNP, Ridge Utilities from Stirling, and Community Futures Lethbridge Region for sponsoring this year! This was good.

**B. Agri-food Conference Representation**

- **Held a January 26<sup>th</sup>** workshop in Calgary with Invest Alberta. Invited Ec Dev leads from all our members to go. Was booked solid and we had a valuable time. The next week Invest Alberta leadership came to the region and we took them on a tour. Excellent use of our money on this file.

**II. Broadband Deployment**

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

- All money paid to Wi-fibre / Axia for POP upgrades that are complete.
- Wi-fibre and MRCC are both working on incremental build outs of terragraph networks in their respective areas. We will watch for grants with hope.
- Cardston secured a deal for local broadband upgrades.
- Options were presented to the Blood Tribe that included deployments with 51% ownership. Blood Tribe rep interested in pursuing this project again.
- Claresholm and MD of Willow Creek received support from SouthGrow staff as they grapple with their own internet deployment projects.
- MD of Taber and partners in discussions about highway 3 conduit project with SouthGrow.

**III. Labour Market Solutions**

**A. Rural Immigration Pathways**

- October 5<sup>th</sup> event happened. 50+ people registered, 25 showed up. We learned a lesson about offering free registration. BUT Coaldale decided to pursue the designation. Bow Island and County of 40 Mile have received designation. This is awesome.
- The **Grad Retention Project** that SouthGrow got funded has been very intriguing. This was a project of opportunity that popped up and they have unearthed very good data. High level of inclusion by students on this. Looking forward to final reports.

**IV. Community Supports**

**A. Community Ec Dev Resource Promotion**

- Project complete. Resource toolkit is available on the website. Planning to refresh it each year as an operational necessity.

**V. Special Projects**

**A. Zero Emissions Vehicle Infrastructure Project (2-year)**

- ~50% of the project is allocated. More applications in-bound. Hoping for full subscription by end of March, extension of project possible if we can do that. The value here is quite frankly that SouthGrow gets paid and we can afford to have multiple staff people.

**B. EV Bus Project**

- Secured free power from Peaks to Prairies value added budget. FCM budget increase has been approved. Application to the MCCAC going in this month. This looks like its going to actually happen!

**C. Supply Chain Opportunity Identification Project**

- Project initiation work is underway. Vendor is preparing the first stages of the project.

**VI. Targets of Opportunity**

**A. SouthGrow Project**

- Terralta is leading submission of applications to Fortis and AESO. Grants are being written by SouthGrow staff along with support from Lethbridge County. We received Section 95 approval from the GOA. This means we can in fact build the project and are not excluded because of our municipal ownership.

**VII. Shelved Projects on the Wish List**

**A. Local Waste Solutions Feasibility Study**

- Looking to include this in next year's operational plan.
- B. Blackfoot Language Signage**
- Partnership is forming around this project for next year. Partnership so far includes CF Lethbridge and Region, SouthGrow, Tourism Lethbridge, and we are trying to recruit Alberta SouthWest and CF ABSW. Blood Tribe Council has officially sanctioned the project.

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



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SouthGrow is an economic development alliance of twenty-nine south central Alberta communities committed to working together to achieve prosperity for the region. Representing over 180,000 people, SouthGrow is committed to assisting communities, organizations, businesses, and people in the region to further their economic development goals and to maintain the high quality of life.

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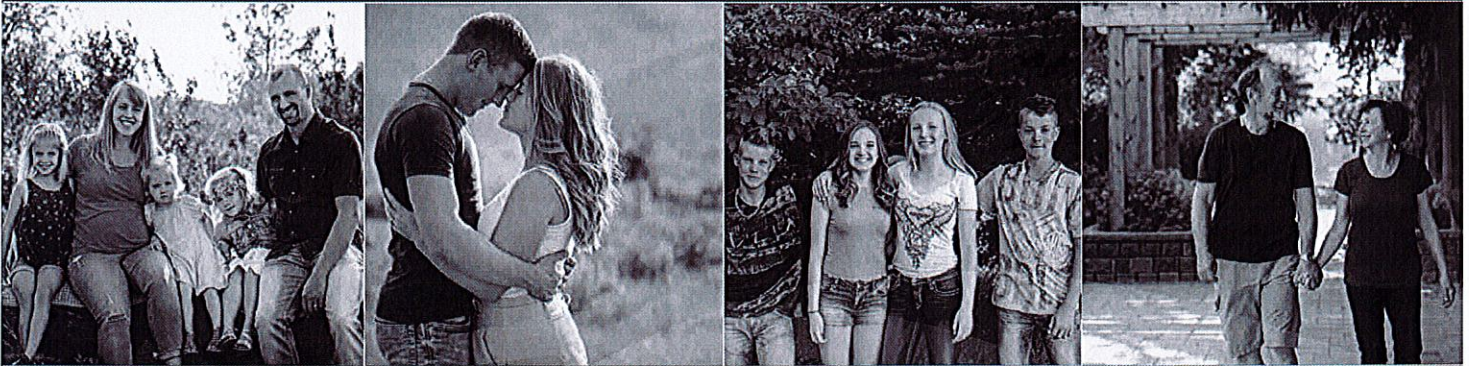
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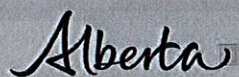


REPORT TO MUNICIPALITIES  
FAMILY SERVICES



*Strengthening Families in rural Alberta*

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





**VISION** | Residents living their full potential.

**MISSION** | FCSS enhances the social well-being of individuals, families and communities within our region.

**CORE VALUES:**

**Integrity** | *We strive to be accountable and transparent to all whom we serve.*

**Innovation** | *We remain open to changing needs and ensure services remain timely and relevant.*

**Inclusiveness** | *We are committed to building a spirit of acceptance and respect with those we work with and support.*

## FAMILY SERVICES

### OUTCOME STATEMENT

**Parents/Caregivers have increased knowledge, abilities and confidence to develop healthy family relationships and to enhance their child's development.**

### PRIORITIES:

- Exceed the annual Triple P targets.
- Distribute and complete ASQ's for all infants attending programs.
- Collect evaluations quarterly from all participants attending drop-in programs.
- Promote the importance of early childhood development through social media.

*Strengthening Families*

## INTRODUCTION

### 2022 FAMILY SERVICES AT A GLANCE

**19,421** Total service hours

**12,492** Total service visits

**1,438** Total Information and Referrals provided

**1,072** Total new clients

**809** Total of 1 time essential services

### WHAT WE DO

- Parent Education & Family Support
- Early Childhood Development Programs
- Youth Programs
- Community Events & Family Programs

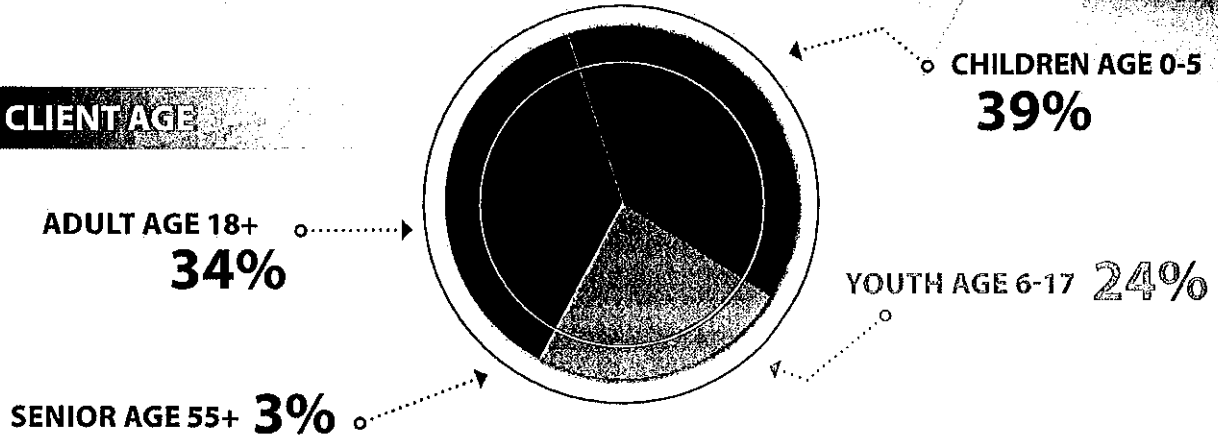
**97%** of group programs  
were attended in-person



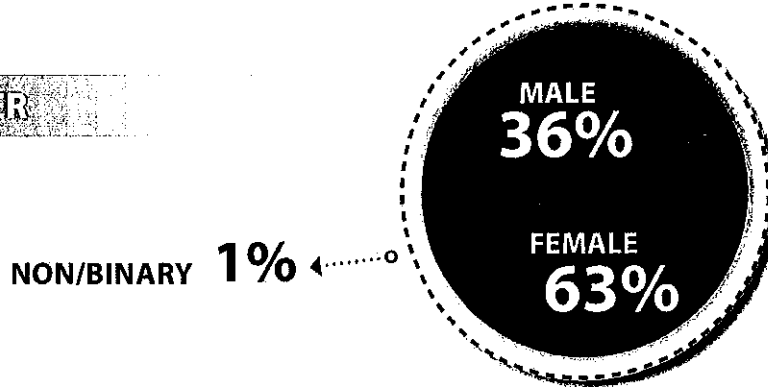
" At stay and play today they had a table with a bunch of ingredients and measuring tools. Chelsey LOVED it. She loves to bake with me, but to be able to put in whatever she wants in whatever quantities was a blast for her! I'm gonna have to do this at home sometime " - Parent

# WHO WE SERVE

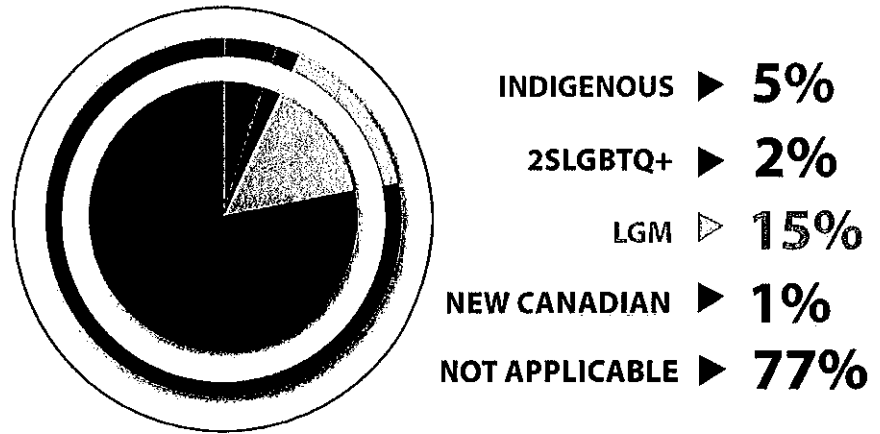
## CLIENT AGE



## CLIENT GENDER

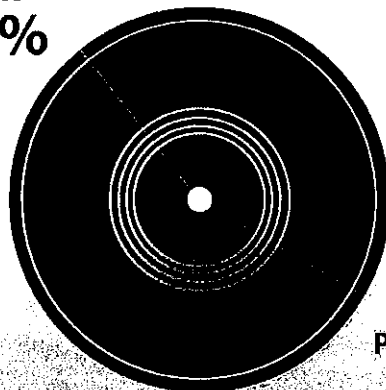


## CLIENT SELF-IDENTIFICATION



WALK-INS  
**30%**

EVENT/PROGRAM  
**38%**



## HOW FAMILIES FIND US

WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA **2%**

EMAIL **12%**

PHONE/TEXT **18%**

# MEET THE FAMILY SERVICES TEAM



*Kim Dehr*



*Janet Fekete*



*Jackie Floriano*



*Kim Forchuk*



*Jessica Goodrider-Loewen*



*Kim Hardy*



*Susy Fiebert*



*Maria Klassen*



*Stacey Maynes*



*Susie Peters*



*Penny Pittman*



*Margarita Sawatsky*



*Myrna Sopal*



*Lauren Tams*



*Jess Walton*



*Amanda Weaselfat*



*Amanda Webster*

# PARENT EDUCATION AND SUPPORT

## PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAMS OFFERED IN 2022

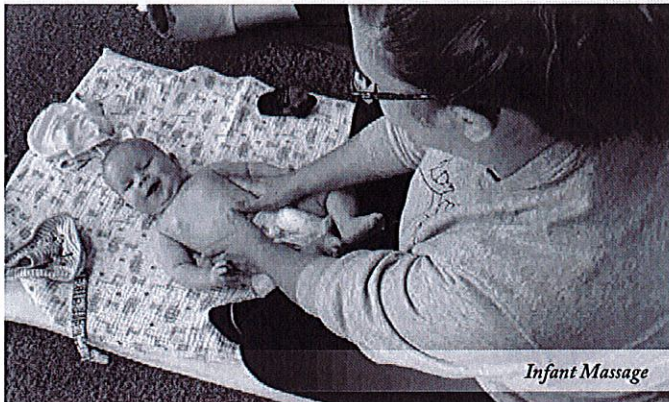
- Baby Signing
- Caregiver Café
- Kids Have Stress Too
- Triple P Fearless
- Baby & Me
- Infant Massage
- Triple P Groups & Seminars
- Presentations on different topics

**1,207** Total service visits

**1,487** Total service hours

Caregiver Café is one of our most popular parent education programs. Parents and children attended together, while the children play the parents engage in meaningful conversations. Caregiver Café conversations are structured around questions related to each of the five protective factors. This program had **467** visits throughout 2022.

**90%** Strongly agree or agree they are more aware of how their child's needs changes as they grow and develop



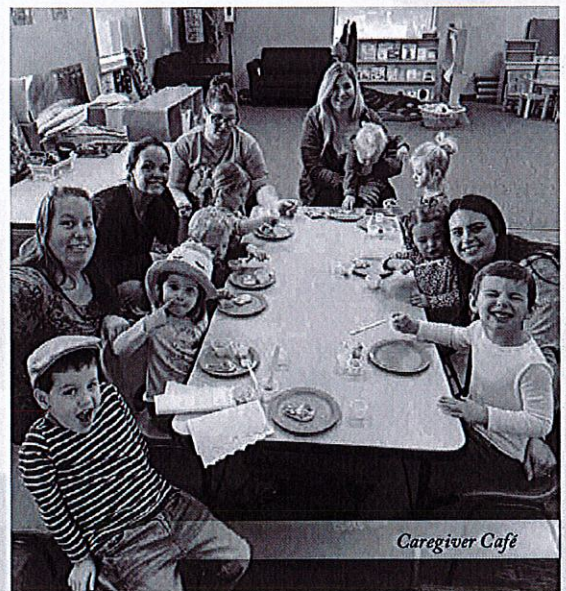
**89%** Strongly agree or agree they have more information on what resources are available for their family

*"Very helpful, this program has not only educated me on how to help my son, but it has also helped me grow as a person and I'm very grateful." – Parent*

**71%** Strongly agree or agree they have met other parents in their neighborhood/community they can ask for help and support

*"This class is so wonderful. I enjoy the time with my baby and with other moms. It fills my cup and helps me be a better mom." – Parent*

*"I loved that I could ask all my questions in a judgement free zone!" – Parent*



## ONE-ON-ONE PARENT EDUCATION

The Family Support Workers and the Family Liaison Workers provide families with one-on-one Triple P and family support. The purpose of these sessions is to help families increase positive parenting skills, gain knowledge of child development, increase protective factors and build familial resilience. This is done by first helping the family to identify parenting strengths and challenges and then to set goals for positive change and last develop a parenting/family plan where new skills and strategies are introduced and practiced. During these sessions staff may also support families with basic needs referrals or help with a financial support application such as child tax benefits.

### Most common challenges families report:

- 1 Child behaviour
- 2 Family/Relationship dynamic stress
- 3 Financial stress
- 4 Mental health concerns
- 5 Self-care
- 6 Child with disability
- 7 Child development

**1,265** Total service hours

**838** Total visits

### Most common Protective Factors identified:

- 1 Willing to accept help
- 2 Asking for help
- 3 Values their role as a parent
- 4 Secure attachment with their child
- 5 Has supportive relationships
- 6 Able to problem solve
- 7 Able to cope with stress
- 8 Understands healthy development
- 9 Realistic expectations of children

**98** Caregivers received this service

*"My favourite thing about this course was the FCSS staff's constant reassurance and understanding that we were going to be okay, that we are good parents, and most importantly, how AMAZING and capable our son is. We are closer as a family because of this program. Forever thankful. It almost sounds fake typing it out.. haha! We are honestly so thankful that this program exists.."- Parent*

### SUCCESS STORY

*A young, single mother who had recently separated from her partner – let's call her Sam – was referred to us. When starting the program, Sam was couch surfing, struggling with substance use, and trying to find a safe and stable place to live. She was also in the process of having weekly visits with her toddler, who was in the care of the paternal grandmother. After identifying her most pressing needs, Family Support Staff was able to empower her to find housing, get connected to the local food bank, and receive addiction counselling.*

*After finding a secure place to live, Sam was slowly able to welcome her young child back into her care. This client has since completed the Triple P Level 4 parenting program and received her certificate to show her accomplishments. Staff referred her to the local Youth Employment Program, which she completed and was placed at a local establishment for work experience. Not only is she still currently working at the same business, she also received a promotion to supervisor.*

*During this time, Sam was also able to get her learners licence and purchased a car. While working, she was also inspired to attend the local GED program and has successfully obtained her GED. She now has her son back fulltime, and is slowly exiting out of the program. This client shared with us that her next goal is to continue to work on getting her drivers licence so that she can travel to and from Lethbridge to further her studies at either the Lethbridge Community College or the University of Lethbridge.*

*Finally, Sam receiving support from the Family Support Worker also helped her improve her relationship with her extended family. This is a particularly important outcome since families thrive when they are healthy and together. Sam continues to be empowered to improve every facet of her life, and we look forward to seeing her participate actively in her community.*

*"She helped us understand our son in a way I didn't think was possible. How children develop - How their brains handle and manage emotions - and unrealistic expectations when it comes to being a perfect parent." – Parent*

**73%** Strongly agree or agree they are more aware of how their child's needs changes as they grow and develop

**57%** Strongly agree or agree they have more confidence in their parenting skills \*During one-on-one parent education sessions it typical to see a decrease in confidence level at first.



## EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

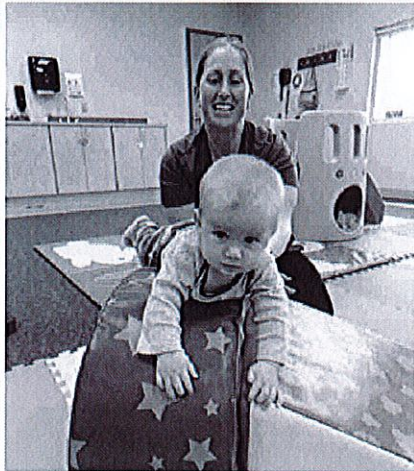
Early childhood development programs are designed for caregivers and children aged 0-6 to attend together, learn new skills through play, meet other families and get connected to resources in their community.

**12,367** Total service hours

**7,642** Total visits

- Stay & Play
- Outdoor Play
- Physical Literacy (Move it, Move it)
- Summer Fun
- Rhyme Time

**79%** Strongly agree or agree they are more aware of how their child's needs changes as they grow and develop



**83%** Strongly agree or agree they have more information on what resources are available for their family

**84%** Strongly agree or agree they have met other parents in their neighborhood/community they can ask for help and support

## DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING – ASQ

Regular developmental screenings provide a fast and helpful look at how a child is doing in important areas like communication, social skills, motor skills and problem-solving skills. Screening can identify a child's strengths, uncover new milestones to celebrate and reveal any areas where the child may need extra support or specialized intervention. In 2022 the Family Services team completed a total of **144** screenings with **10** children needing follow-up and referrals to specialized services.

An advertisement for the ASQ (Ages &amp; Stages Questionnaires). It features a close-up photograph of a young child's face on the right side. On the left, there is text that reads: "WONDERING ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT? The Ages and Stages Questionnaire can give you a guideline to tell if your child is doing what other children of the same age are typically doing. Ages 2 months to 60 months". At the bottom left, it says "For more information call 403.795.3328". At the bottom right is the ASQ logo, which includes the text "ASQ Ages &amp; Stages Questionnaires".

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

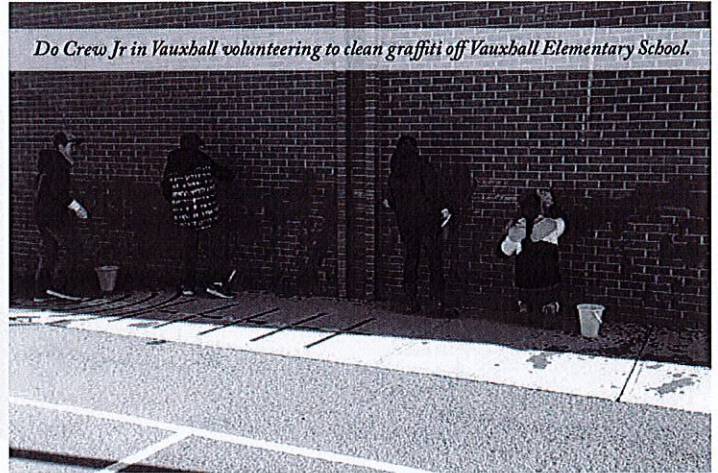
The Family Services team offers programs for youth ages 6-14. These programs are designed to provide a safe and inclusive environment for youth where they can make social connections and learn new skills. Programs offered in 2022 include, Do Crew Jr, 7 Grandfather Teachings, Lego club, Growing Minds, Indigenous Arts & Culture programs and afterschool programs. New this year was the Paleontologist Super Sleuth program.

**2,205** Service visits

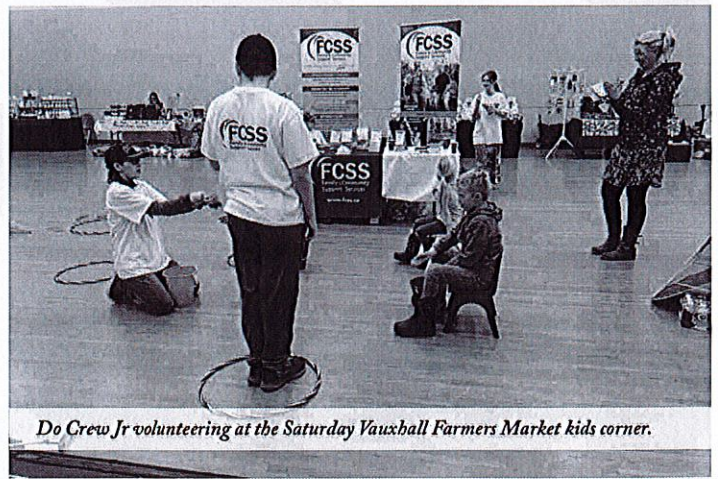
**2,350** Service hours



*Do Crew Jr participants busy making stuffed heart pillows to donate to charity.*



*Do Crew Jr in Vauxhall volunteering to clean graffiti off Vauxhall Elementary School.*



*Do Crew Jr volunteering at the Saturday Vauxhall Farmers Market kids corner.*

**94%** Strongly agree or agree they know adults they can go to for help

**94%** Strongly agree or agree that they understand that it is okay to be themselves

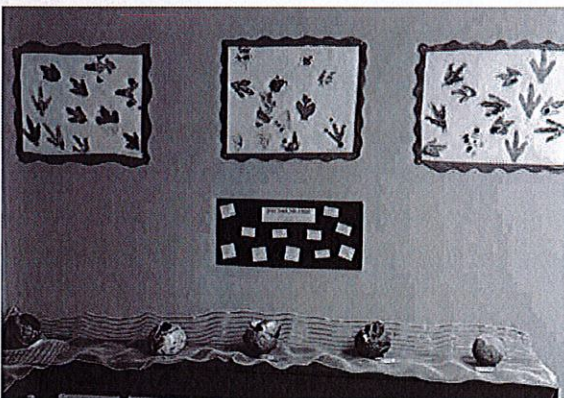
## YOUTH PROGRAMS

# 78% Strongly agree or agree they are better at solving problems

*"My son has been involved in Do Crew Jr. Program since the start. I would love to express how truly wonderful and comfortable the program is. I am his mother, obviously I give him rave reviews, but the change in his drive for wanting and actually carrying out community/family service independently is impressive. He wants and seeks things to do for others and knows WHY he wants to do them. He tested positive for Covid when they had the classes to create Christmas Cards for seniors, I was taken back on how disappointed he was when he couldn't attend. The FCSS staff is positively to blame. My son has always been outgoing and enjoy activities, but now he seeks and notices when things need to be done or help. He also approached me to text the FCSS staff a picture back after he finished a project from class at home.*

*The class has grown so much since the first one. The staff knows how to interact and pump the kids up. They taught them to wait their turn, listen, really listen, empathy (don't just notice they are upset, find out why, listen, learn). My son is coming up with ideas on his own, seeing things from a different perspective, different approaches etc. I'm not sure if he or myself is more sad it's over, so I'm going to beg! Every single parent and Do Crew Jr. wants more!!! They are comfortable with the staff, have built a connection and trust with them. I feel with Grade 7 approaching in the fall, Do Crew Jr. would continue to be a beneficial positive impact on this same group of kids. Especially with this next year bringing a lot of changes and emotions with the age. They feel safe with staff and may have questions or situations that they may feel more openly to work on or discuss with someone less momish and teacher-ish and or settings. I feel like he has learned and gained so much. I should send the many compliments your way that I get from parents that I have recommended Do Crew Jr too. Is there a possibility for continuing the program with the group of kids? Grade 10 is a long time to remember how great and awesome Do Crew Jr was. I would love to keep them engaged and continuing. I LOVE the program! – Parent*

## PALEONTOLOGIST SUPER SLEUTH PROGRAM WARNER - PARTNERSHIP



After a hard couple of years through the pandemic, the Devil's Coulee Museum in Warner was looking for new and imaginative ways to raise awareness in the County of Warner. They are a small organization run by Board members and volunteers. When they started thinking about offering some free programming to youth, they realized they would need some help. They approached FCSS to see if we could partner; they offered their facility, knowledge and volunteers and we would help with advertising and implementation. The Paleontologist Super Sleuth program was the result of this

partnership. Youth aged 5-14 were welcomed and we saw participants from Warner, Milk River and Stirling. They enjoyed hands-on activities, stories, puzzles and got personalized tours through the museum. The families and community were then welcomed for free museum admission, hot chocolate, snacks and a gallery showing what the youth had accomplished. Everyone agreed it was a success!

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

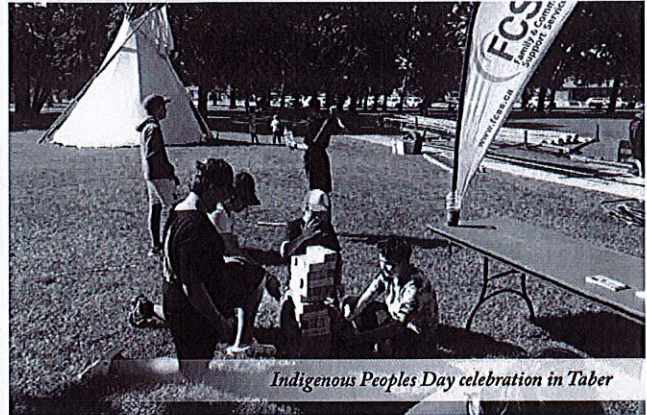
Community events and family programming during 2022 included Clothing Fests, National Indigenous peoples Day Celebrations, Farmers markets, back to school events and cultural programming.

**2,447** Service visits

**28** Events



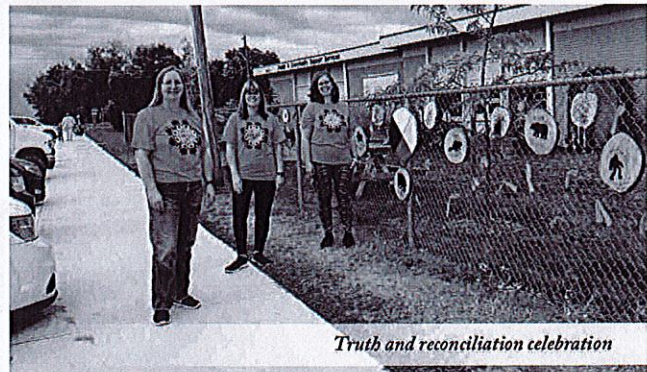
*Gingerbread Pajama Night*



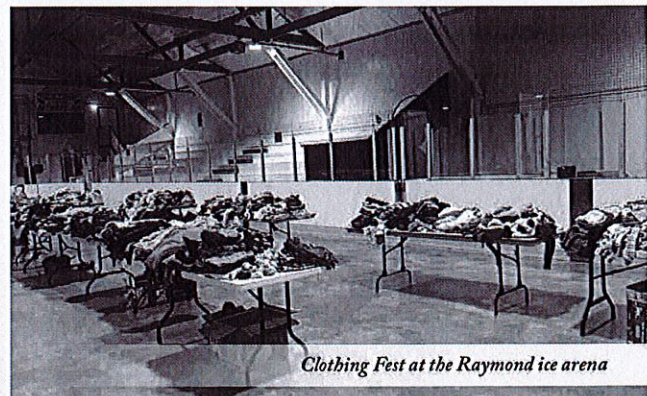
*Indigenous Peoples Day celebration in Taber*



*Indigenous Peoples Day celebration in Taber*



*Truth and reconciliation celebration*



*Clothing Fest at the Raymond ice arena*

**91%** Strongly agree or agree they have more information on what resources are available to their family.

**85%** Strongly agree or agree they have met other parents in their neighbourhood/community they can ask for help and support.



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