

**Agenda for the
Regular Meeting of the Vauxhall Town Council
August 19, 2024
6:00 p.m. – Vauxhall Council Chambers**

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
1. Call to Order	
2. Adoption of Agenda	For Adoption
3. Delegations	Receive all for Information
a.) R.C.M.P.	
b.) SouthGrow Regional Initiative	
4. Minutes	
Council Minutes	
a.) Regular Meeting of Council July 15, 2024	For Adoption
b.) Special Meeting of Council July 22, 2024	For Adoption
c.) Special Meeting of Council August 13, 2024	For Adoption
External Minutes	Receive all for Information
d.) Vauxhall Regional Water Services Commission Meeting of April 15, 2024	
e.) Joint Economic Development Committee Meeting of May 1, 2024	
f.) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting of July 22, 2024	
g.) Policy, Bylaw & Rates Committee Meeting of August 7, 2024	
5. Bylaw(s)	
a.) Bylaw No. 999-24 Rates Bylaw	1 st Reading
6. Financials	
a.) Cheque Listing for the month of July 2024	For Adoption
b.) AMSC Mastercard as of August 7, 2024	Receive for Information
7. New Business	
a.) Boards & Committees	Resolution
b.) Administration Appointments – Library Board Member	Resolution
c.) Property Tax	Resolution
d.) Vauxhall Academy of Baseball – ACI-Grant	Resolution
e.) Municipal District of Taber – Discussion	Resolution
f.) Number of Councillors	Resolution
8. Reports	Receive all for Information
a.) Council Activity Report – July 2024	
b.) Action List	
i.) Action List July 2024	
ii.) Action List in Progress August 2024	
c.) Upcoming Events and Meeting	
9. Information and Correspondence	Receive all for Information
a.) Southern Alberta Regional Victim Serving Society	
b.) International Youth Day	
c.) Expanding homelessness supports in Lethbridge	
d.) Vauxhall & District Regional Water Services Commission – Water Update	
e.) Rural Renewal Program	
10. Adjournment	

Taber RCMP



MD OF TABER

MONTHLY REPORT

JULY 2024

**JURISDICTIONS OF TABER VAUXHALL RCMP-GRC
TABER MD, BARNWELL, VAUXHALL**

MD OF TABER - JULY 2024	
RCMP CALLS FOR SERVICE	
MD of Taber	163
Barnwell	7
Vauxhall	24
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	194
Impaired Driving, 24 & 30 DAY SUSPENSIONS, IMMEDIATE ROADSIDE SUSPENSIONS	
MD of Taber	0
Barnwell	0
Vauxhall	0
TOTAL IMPAIRED/SUSPENSIONS	0
CRIMINAL CODE VIOLATIONS (reported/cleared, insufficient or unfounded)	
MD of Taber	4
Barnwell	0
Vauxhall	0
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE VIOLATIONS	4
NON-CRIMINAL	
911 Hangups in MD of Taber	33
Barnwell	1
Vauxhall	4
TOTAL 911 HANG UPS	38
Criminal Record Checks for Detachment Area	32
General Public Fingerprints for Detachment Area	4

MD OF TABER PATROLS	
Barnwell	22
Vauxhall	25
HAMLETS	#
Enchant	6
Grassy Lake	22
Hays	7
TOTAL HAMLET PATROLS	35
PARKS /CAMPGROUNDS	
MD Park	4
Forks	1
Enchant	2
Chin	1
Hays	0
Grassy Lake	0
TOTAL PARK / CAMPGROUND PATROLS	8
TOTAL PATROLS in MD of Taber	90
VIOLATION TICKETS	
MD of Taber	22
Barnwell	0
Vauxhall	0
VIOLATION TICKETS WRITTEN BY TABER RCMP	22
ITU (Lethbridge/Redcliff/Brooks) VIOLATION TICKETS	7
TOTAL VIOLATION TICKETS	29

Detachment Commander's Comments

- The Detachment laid charges in four criminal investigations during the month of July.
- There were two complaints of domestic violence made to the Detachment in the month of July. Charges were laid where evidence of an offence existed, and all available supports were provided to the victims.
- On July 1st Cst. Gallant attended and lead the Parade for the Town of Vauxhall's annual celebration.
- On July 7th Sgt. Gemmill, Cst. McGregor, and Cst. Livingston conducted a boat patrol of Sherburne Lake, checking five boats for sobriety, and to ensure they had the proper equipment for the activity they were participating in.
- On July 20th Cst. Gallant attended and lead the Parade for Barnwell Days.

Mindy Dunphy

From: Emma Dering <emma@southgrow.com>
Sent: July 8, 2024 2:15 PM
To: Mindy Dunphy
Subject: Re: Request for Presentation to Council: SouthGrow Regional Initiative

Hi Mindy,

Peter would love to attend the August 19th meeting. I will make sure you get the presentation by the 15th as well.

Thanks so much!

Emma

*Peter Casurella
Executive Director.*

On Mon, 8 Jul 2024 at 11:55, cao <cao@town.vauxhall.ab.ca> wrote:

Good day Emma

I was following up with you and when you wanted to present to Town of Vauxhall Council. I would have reached out sooner just got back from a week off.

We only have 2 meetings in the summer and Julys is Monday July 15th at 6pm or Monday August 19th 6pm

The RCMP do attend the second meeting of every month, they would be first delegation, but they are not usually that long.

If you have a presentation that you wish to council to have a pre-read, please have to us the Thursday before the meeting.

Then we are back to the first and third Monday of the month (September 2nd is a holiday so it would be Tuesday the 3rd.)

Please let us know what ever works for you.

You can email me directly at mdunphy@town.vauxhall.ab.ca

A regular meeting of Council of the Town of Vauxhall, was held in
Council Chambers
on Monday July 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

MAYOR:

DEPUTY MAYOR: Marilyn Forchuk

COUNCILLORS: Shelley Deleeuw
Kimberly Dorin
Russell Norris
Henry Zacharias

ABSENT: Kimberley Cawley

ALSO PRESENT:

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

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Adoption of
Agenda
RES: 24:119

MOVED by Councillor Deleeuw to adopt the agenda as amended.
CARRIED
Additions:
5(c) Financials
6(e) Resignation – Library Board Member

Councillor Dorin arrives Council Chambers at 6:05 p.m.

Delegation
RES: 24:120

MOVED by Councillor Norris to accept the following as information:
a.) R.C.M.P
CARRIED

Minutes
RES: 24:121

MOVED by Councillor Deleeuw to adopt the following minutes as presented.
• Regular meeting of Council June 17, 2024
CARRIED

Minutes
RES: 24:122

MOVED by Councillor Norris to adopt the following minutes as presented.
• Special Meeting of Council June 19, 2024
CARRIED

External Minutes

RES: 24:123

MOVED by Councillor Dorin to accept the following minutes as information

- Oldman River Regional Services Commission Meeting – December 7, 2023
- Veterans Memorial Highway Association meeting – June 28, 2024
- Vauxhall Regional Fire Authority meeting – April 10, 2024
- Taber Housing Foundation meeting – April 25, 2024

CARRIED

June 31, 2024

Cheque Listing

RES: 24:124

MOVED by Councillor Deleeuw to adopt the June 31, 2024, cheque listing in the amount of one hundred and ninety-nine thousand three hundred and thirty-five dollars and twelve (\$199,335.12), as information.

CARRIED

Financial Information

RES: 24:125

MOVED by Councillor Norris to accept the following as information:

- AMSC Mastercard as of June 4, 2024
- Financials

CARRIED

New Business

RES: 24:126

MOVED by Councillor Zacharias to accept the following as information.

- 2024 Alberta Municipal Convention
- Vauxhall Library Funding Request
- Hockey Rink and Curling Rink Slab Replacement Design and Construction – Fee Proposal
- MD of Taber Draft Land Use Bylaw

CARRIED

Vauxhall Public

Library Board

RES: 24:127

MOVED by Councillor Deleeuw to approve the appointment of Clark Holt, Financial Services Manager as the reviewer of the Vauxhall Public Library Board.

CARRIED

New Business

RES: 24:128

MOVED by Councillor Norris to accept the following as information.

- Fee For Service Agreement

CARRIED

Resignation-Library

Board Member

RES: 24:129

MOVED by Councillor Zacharias to accept the resignation letter dated July 12, 2024, from Tina Redekopp to serve as a member at Large on the Vauxhall Library Board.

CARRIED

Reports

RES: 24:130

MOVED by Councillor Norris to accept the following as information.

- Council Activity Report – June 2024
- Action List
 - i.) Action List June 2024
 - ii.) Action List in Progress July 2024
- Upcoming Events and Meetings

CARRIED

Information and
Correspondence

RES: 24:131

MOVED by Councillor Zacharias to accept the following as information.

- Bill 20, The Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024
- ORRSC 2023 Annual Report and Financial Statements

CARRIED

Closed Meeting

RES: 24:132

MOVED by Councillor Norris that council move to closed session to discuss Section 17(1) – of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and Section 17 of Division 2 Part 2 of FOIPP – Advice from Officials – Purpose of Contractual at 7:01 p.m.

Closed Meeting

RES: 24:133

MOVED by Councillor Norris that council return to open meeting at 7:46 p.m.

CARRIED

7:47 p.m. Meeting recessed to allow return of public.

7:47 p.m. Meeting resumed with no public present.

Information Brochures

RES: 24:134

MOVED by Councillor Deleeuw to approve administration to develop an information brochure on the capital projects to include with the July utility invoices.

CARRIED

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

DEPUTY MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

A special meeting of the Council of the Town of Vauxhall, was held in
Council Chambers
on Monday July 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

MAYOR: Kimberley Cawley

DEPUTY MAYOR: Marilyn Forchuk

COUNCILLORS: Kimberley Dorin
Russell Norris
Henry Zacharias

ABSENT:
COUNCILLOR: Shelley Deleeuw

ALSO PRESENT:

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Cawley called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Adoption of
Agenda

RES: 24:135

MOVED by Councillor Norris adopt the agenda as amended.
CARRIED

Closed Meeting

RES: 24:136

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Forchuk that council move to closed session to discuss Section 17(1) – of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and Section 17 of Division 2 Part 2 of FOIPP – Advice from Officials – Purpose of Contractual at 6:04 p.m.

Closed Meeting

RES: 24:137

MOVED by Councillor Norris that council return to open meeting at 6:55 p.m.
CARRIED

6:56 p.m. Meeting recessed to allow return of public.

6:56 p.m. Meeting resumed with no public present.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

A special meeting of the Council of the Town of Vauxhall, was held in
Council Chambers
on Tuesday August 13, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

MAYOR: Kimberley Cawley
DEPUTY MAYOR: Marilyn Forchuk
COUNCILLORS: Shelley Deleeuw
Kimberley Dorin
Russell Norris
Henry Zacharias

ABSENT:
COUNCILLOR:

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

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Cawley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Additions:
3(c) Invitation – Town of Taber

Adoption of
Agenda
RES: 24:138

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Forchuk to adopt the agenda as amended.
CARRIED

Arena Service
Contract
RES: 24:139

MOVED by Councillor Deleeuw to approve the Service Contract to operate and manage the arena from Canadian Arena Services for the term of August 15, 2024, and ending on March 31, 2025.
CARRIED

Arena Slab Replacement
Fee Proposal
RES: 24:140

MOVED by Councillor Dorin to approve the fee proposal from MPE Engineering Ltd. for the Engineering Services required for the Hockey Rink and Curling Club slabs for the project total of \$1,836,800.
CARRIED

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Municipal District of Taber Meeting Minutes

Vauxhall Regional Water Services Commission April 15, 2024 - 03:30 PM

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Vauxhall and District Regional Water Services Commission on Monday, April 15, 2024.

Attendance:

John DeGroot	Municipal District of Taber
Murray Reynolds	Municipal District of Taber
Chantal Claassen	Municipal District of Taber
Raymond Coad (arrived at 3:45pm)	Town of Vauxhall
Richard Phillips (Chair)	Town of Vauxhall
Arlos Crofts	Municipal District of Taber
Lace Lutz	Municipal District of Taber
Michael Keeler	Municipal District of Taber
Robert Osmond	Municipal District of Taber
Ginger Rose	Municipal District of Taber
Cris Burns	Town of Vauxhall

1 Call To Order

Chair Richard Phillips called the meeting to order at 3:36pm.

Resolution No:
VW-2024-12

2 Acceptance of Agenda

Moved by: Murray Reynolds
That; the Agenda be accepted as presented.
CARRIED

Resolution No:
VW-2024-13

3 Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: John DeGroot
That; the January 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes be accepted as presented.
CARRIED

3.1 January 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- Resolution No:** VW-2024-14 **4 Accounts for Payment**
Moved by: Chantal Claassen
That; the January, February and March 2024 Accounts for Payment be accepted as presented.
CARRIED
- Resolution No:** VW-2024-15 **5 Balance Sheet**
Moved by: Murray Reynolds
That; the Balance Sheet Comparison be accepted as presented.
CARRIED
- Resolution No:** VW-2024-16 **6 Profit & Loss Statement**
Moved by: John DeGroot
That; the Profit & Loss Statement be accepted as presented.
CARRIED
- Resolution No:** VW-2024-17 **7 Operations Report**
Moved by: Chantal Claassen
That; the Operations Report be accepted as presented.
CARRIED
- 8 Other Business**
- Resolution No:** VW-2024-18 **8.1 Water Shortage Response Plan**
Moved by: Russel Norris
That; the Water Shortage Response Plan Memo be accepted for information.
CARRIED
- Resolution No:** VW-2024-19 **8.2 Genesis Reciprocal Insurance Exchange**
Moved by: John DeGroot
That; the Genesis Reciprocal Insurance Exchange Memo be received for information.
CARRIED
- 9 Next Meeting Date**
The next meeting will be July 15, 2024 at 3:30pm.
- Resolution No:** VW-2024-20 **10 Adjournment**
Moved by: Chantal Claassen
That; the meeting adjourn at 4:05pm.
CARRIED

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN THE REEVE'S ROOM AT THE MD OF TABER OFFICES ON WEDNESDAY MAY 1st AT 6:00 P.M.

- Town of Taber: Monica McLean (voting)
Derrin Thibault
- Village of Barnwell: Sandy Watts
- Town of Vauxhall: Kim Cawley (voting)
Shelley Deleeuw (voting)
- Taber Chamber: Rick Popadenytz (voting)
Chase DeSchover
- MD of Taber: John Turcato (voting)
Bryce Surina
Arlos Crofts
- Community Futures Chinook: Alvaro Mendez
- SouthGrow Regional Initiative: Kim Welby

ITEM NO 1. CALL TO ORDER

6:03 pm

ITEM NO 2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA AS AMENDED

Motion: 10-2024

Moved by Shelley Deleeuw to accept the agenda as amended
Approved

ITEM NO 3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

- A) Regular Meeting of the Joint Economic Development – February 1

Motion: 11-2024

Moved by John Turcato to adopt the minutes of the February 1 Meeting
Approved

ITEM NO 4. DELEGATION

- A) NONE

ITEM NO 5. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Barnwell Voting Membership

Motion: 12-2024

Moved by John Turcato to accept Barnwell as a voting member
Approved

B) Industrial Area Plan

C) Roundtable Updates – All

ITEM NO 5. OTHER ITEMS

A) Other Items for discussion

ITEM NO 6. NEXT MEETING DATE

A) Wednesday July 3, 2024 @ 6:00pm

ITEM NO 7. ADJOURN

Motion: 13-2024

Moved by John Turcato to adjourn the meeting
Approved

**MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING**

MONDAY, July 22, 2024

A Municipal Planning Commission meeting of the Town of Vauxhall
was held in council chambers Monday, July 22, 2024
@ 5:15 p.m.

PRESENT:

CHAIR: Henry Zacharias

VICE CHAIR: Russ Norris

DEPUTY MAYOR: Marilyn Forchuk

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER: Cris Burns

ORRSC STAFF: Bonnie Brunner
Rachel Schortinghuis

ALSO PRESENT: Mindy Dunphy

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Zacharias called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Adoption of
Agenda

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

RES: MPC24:26

MOVED by Vice Chair Norris to adopt the agenda as
presented.

CARRIED

Adoption of
Minutes

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

RES: MPC24:27

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Forchuk to adopt the Municipal Planning
Commission meeting minutes of May 27, 2024.

CARRIED

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

2024D – 17 Elizabeth Dyck

616 3rd Avenue North (Lot 4, Block 22, Plan 760CM)

Use: Home Occupation B – Massage Therapy

Land Use District: Residential – R

RES: MPC24:28 **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Forchuk to approve the application 2024D – 17 development permit with the following conditions:
CARRIED

Approved subject to the following conditions:

1. That a Home Occupation Permit be granted for massage therapy as per application submitted June 24, 2024, deemed complete July 2, 2024.
2. The Home Occupation shall comply with all the requirements of Schedule 5, Home Occupations in the Town of Vauxhall Land Use Bylaw 833-09.
3. This permit may be revoked at any time, if, in the opinion of the Development Authority, the use is or has become detrimental to the residential character or the amenities of the neighborhood.
4. The applicant is required to obtain a business license from the Town of Vauxhall prior to commencement of services and maintain a current business license as long as services are being provided at this location.
5. If there is any change in scope of the operation, the applicant must notify the Development Authority and may need to submit a new application for approval.

RES: MPC24:29 **MOVED** by Councillor Norris to refuse the request to approve the metal fence as it constitutes a significant amendment to approval granted under Permit 2020D-10 the board has authorized Administration to discuss options with the applicant.
CARRIED

RES: MPC24:30 **MOVED** by Councillor Norris for administration to contact Pacific Northwest Lumber Ltd with the concerns expressed to the Municipal Planning Commission.
CARRIED

Adjournment 5:46 p.m.

**CHAIR
HENRY ZACHARIAS**

**DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
CRIS BURNS**

Unapproved

**THE TOWN OF VAUXHALL
POLICY, BYLAW & RATES COMMITTEE**
Wednesday August 7, 2024

A meeting of the Policy, Bylaw & Rates Committee of the Town of Vauxhall was held in council chambers on Wednesday August 7, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS: Kim Dorin
Marilyn Forchuk

ALSO PRESENT:
Chief Administrative Officer: Cris Burns
Administrative Assistant: Tanya Strydom

CALL TO ORDER:
CAO Burns called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CAO Burns calls for nominations for Chairperson.

Chair
Nominations
PBR: 24:01

MOVED by Councillor Forchuk to appoint Councillor Dorin as Chair.
CARRIED

Adoption of
Agenda
PBR: 24:02

MOVED by Councillor Forchuk to adopt the agenda as presented.
CARRIED

Minutes
PBR: 24:03

MOVED by Councillor Forchuk to adopt the minutes of the Policy, Bylaw & Rates committee meeting of June 1, 2022, as presented.
CARRIED

Rate Bylaw
PBR: 24:04

MOVED by Councillor Forchuk to direct Administration to present the Rates Bylaw to Council with recommended changes.
CARRIED

Adjournment Meeting Adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

CHAIR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Town of Vauxhall
Information

Date: July 25, 2024
Proposed by: Administration
Topic Boards & Committees

Background:

The Town of Vauxhall appoints one representative to the Taber and District Housing committee which also includes representation from the MD of Taber, Town of Taber and management of the Taber and District Housing Authority. The purpose of the committee is to manage Public Housing and Seniors Lodges within the Town of Vauxhall, Town of Taber, Village of Barnwell, and Hamlet of Grassy Lake.

Councillor Dorin has requested to be removed from the Taber & District Housing Community.

Proposed Motions:

Moved by Councillor _____ to accept the request from Councillor Dorin to be removed from the Taber & District Housing Committee and to approve the appointment of Councillor _____ to be the Town of Vauxhall's representative on the Taber & District Housing Committee until the next Organizational Committee of Council.

Moved by Councillor _____

Town of Vauxhall
Request for Decision

Date: July 18, 2024
Information provided by: Administration
Topic: Appointments – Library Board Member

Background:

Please see below two motions that must be rescinded, and new motions made for the Vauxhall Library, one is Beverley Brummelhuis was to include her term length for the board. And the term length for Petra Klempnauer & Tina Redekopp term should be 2026.

Library Board
Appointment
RES: 22:145

MOVED by Councillor Deleeuw to appoint Beverly Brummelhuis to serve as a member at large on the Vauxhall Library Board

Library Members
RES: 23:230

MOVED by Councillor Deleeuw to re appoint Petra Klempnauer and Tina Redekopp to the Vauxhall Library Board for another three years until 2027.

Proposed Motion

Moved by _____ to rescind the Resolutions 22:145 and 23:230.

Moved by _____ to appoint Beverly Brummelhuis to serve as a member on the Vauxhall Library Board to June 20, 2025.

Moved by _____ to re appoint Petra Klempnauer and Tina Redekopp to the Vauxhall Library Board to December 11, 2026.



**Town of Vauxhall
Council Memo**

7d.

Date: August 13, 2024
Proposed by: Vauxhall Academy of Baseball
Topic ACI-Grant

Background:

The Vauxhall Academy of Baseball is applying for the Active Communities Initiative Grant.

Proposed Motion

Moved by Councillor _____ for Council to write a letter for the Vauxhall Academy of Baseball in support of their Active Communities Initiative Grant Application.

Moved by Councillor _____



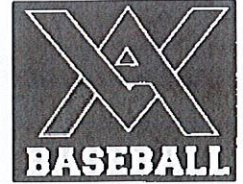
VAUXHALL ACADEMY OF BASEBALL

'Making your Baseball Dreams a Reality'

Box 618

Vauxhall, Alberta T0K 2K0

School: 403-654-2145/Fax: 403-654-4296



Town of Vauxhall
Box 509
Vauxhall, AB. T0K 2K0

July 31, 2024

Dear Mayor and Council,

Firstly, we would like to thank you for your previous support regarding the possibility of renovating the curling club for use as our indoor training facility. However, with the changing circumstances, we have identified a new opportunity: the Active Communities Initiative grant offered by the Ministry of Tourism and Sport.

We initially submitted an expression of interest and have now been invited to submit a full application. While there is no guarantee of success, we are committed to crafting a strong application. Should we be successful, we believe this project will generate significant economic benefits for the town during its construction phase and offer endless possibilities to enhance the well-being of our community through the innovative programming we foresee in our new facility.

Considering this, we respectfully request your support. Would mayor and council be willing to write a letter of support for our grant application? Your endorsement would be invaluable to us as we strive to secure this funding and move forward with this exciting project. As we are working with specific deadlines, we kindly ask for your response at your earliest convenience, but, no later than August 26, 2024, allowing us to include your letter in our application submission. Please contact me directly by email or cell phone, listed below. We would be happy to provide further timeline details and any other information you may require.

Thank you for considering our request. We look forward to your positive response and to continuing our collaboration to benefit the Vauxhall community.

Sincerely,

Todd Ojala

President

Vauxhall Academy of Baseball

Todd.ojala@horizon.ab.ca

403-424-0040



Town of Vauxhall
Council Memo

Date: August 14, 2024
Proposed by: Administration
Topic: Number of Councillors

Background:

2025 is an election year, Administration wanted to bring the following information to council regarding number of council members. Council can pass a bylaw specifying the number of members. If council wishes to downsize members we need to present a bylaw to next meeting as we need time for advertising of the bylaw per s.606 or 606.1 and a 60-day petition period must be allowed before 3rd and final reading.

Municipal Government Act – revised statutes of Alberta 2000 Chapter M-26 June 21, 2024

- 143(1)** The council of a city or town consists of 7 councillors unless the council passes a bylaw specifying an odd number of 3 or more.
- (2)** The council of a village or summer village consists of 3 councillors unless the council passes a bylaw specifying an odd number of 5 or more.
- (3)** The council of a municipal district or specialized municipality consists of the number of councillors specified in the order forming it unless, after its formation, the council passes a bylaw specifying an odd number of 3 or more.

Passing bylaw

- 151(1)** A bylaw under section 143, 148 or 150 must be passed by December 31 of the year before the general election at which it is to take effect.
- (2)** If a bylaw is passed in the same year a general election is held, it takes effect at the 2nd general election after the date on which it is passed.
- (3)** A bylaw passed under section 143, 148 or 150 must be advertised.
- (4)** A bylaw proposed to be made under section 143, 148 or 150 must not be given third reading until after the 60-day period provided by section 231(4) has expired.

Proposed Motion

Moved by Councillor _____ for Administration to prepare a Bylaw to specify the number of councillors on the Municipal Council.

Moved by Councillor _____ to accept as information of Council

Board Recruitment Standard

About Us

The Southern Alberta Regional Victim Serving Society (SARVSS) provides a broad range of services under the Victims of Crime and Public Safety Act and Regulation, and in partnership with the Government of Alberta (GoA), the Alberta RCMP, specialized and community-based victim serving organizations, municipalities, and other local agencies.

SARVSS assists victims of crime throughout the criminal justice process by providing the core services of information, support, and referrals. SARVSS also supports communities by providing resources and support to people undergoing loss and tragic circumstances.

Roles and Responsibilities

Board Members bring their unique experience, skills, and expertise to the task of advancing the organization's mission, strategy, and goals. This position is part of a diverse and qualified team of professionals who are responsible for governance, oversight, and strategic direction for the Southern Alberta Regional Victim Serving Society (SARVSS).

The role and responsibilities of the Board and Executive Committee are detailed in SARVSS's Bylaws. In addition, all Board Members must comply with the following:

Duty of Care: Ensure diligence and competence in the execution of fiduciary duties; and take care of SARVSS by ensuring prudent use of all assets, including facility, people, and goodwill.

Duty of Loyalty: Act in good faith to ensure that SARVSS activities and transactions are, first and foremost, advancing its mission; recognize and disclose conflicts of interest; and make decisions that are in the best interest of SARVSS and not in the best interest of the individual board member (or any other individual or entity).

Duty of Obedience: Ensure that SARVSS obeys applicable laws and regulations; follows its own Bylaws, Code of Conduct, and other policies; and that SARVSS adheres to its stated mission and mandate.

Qualifications

Education and Experience

The Board welcomes applications from all interested and qualified applicants, especially those who have significant professional experience, education and/or expertise in one or more of the following areas:

- Administration / Management
- Community Partnership / Engagement / Understanding of Community Needs
- Executive Leadership (Leadership Skills / Motivator)
- Financial Oversight / Accounting / Audit / Investment Management
- Government
- Human Resources

Board Recruitment Standard

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law / Legal • Law Enforcement / Criminal Justice System • Marketing / Communications / Public Relations • Non-profit • Organizational Development (Early-stage organizations / Start-ups) • Physical Plant (Architect / Engineer) • Policy / Governance • Project Management • Real Estate • Risk Management • Strategic Planning • Technology / Digital Transformation • Victim Services <p>Diversity in experience is preferred to achieve the balance of skills and expertise required to enable the Board to fulfill its governance responsibilities.</p> <p>Previous experience serving on a non-profit Board is considered an asset.</p>
<p>Requirements</p>	<p>To become a Member at Large, an individual must meet the following minimum requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be at least 18 years of age; • reside within the Service Delivery Region*; • not have been declared incapable under the laws of a Canadian province or territory, or by a court in a jurisdiction outside Canada; • not be in bankrupt status; • not be currently employed by a victim serving organization (community-based or police-based); • not be formerly employed as a paid employee with a police-based Victim Services Unit (VSU) for a period of at least one (1) year; • not concurrently volunteer with another RVSS in a front-line capacity; • not concurrently serve as a Board Member for another victim serving organization or any other organization where a conflict of interest may exist; • submit the Board Agreement and any other required document(s); • submit the results of a Criminal Record Check; and • Provide verification of their qualifications. <p><i>*Note: To ensure fair community representation from across the SDR, there will normally be a maximum of 1 Board Member from any RCMP detachment area.</i></p>
<p>Benefits</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The opportunity to make an impact on the lives of people in your community and communities across the Region 	

Board Recruitment Standard

- Networking opportunities with stakeholders from victim serving organizations, community support agencies and justice system partners
- Monthly honoraria are available for participating in Board and Committee Meetings
- Specialized training on victim services and board requirements
- All Board Members are covered under SARVSS's liability insurance

Commitment

- The term of office for Board Members is 3 years with the option for extension
- Executive Committee positions are 1-year terms within the 3-year Member at Large term
- Attendance at monthly (virtual) Board Meetings and specialized meetings (e.g., AGM)
- Participation in at least one Committee (Standing or Ad-hoc) or Working Group
- Completion of Victim Services training (as specified by GoA)
- Ability to attend functions outside of normal business hours, if required
- Commitment to Code of Ethics, Confidentiality, Conflict of Interest, and compliance with Board Agreement

Location

Board Members will be representatives from communities across the Southern Region, and meetings will normally be held remotely using videoconferencing technology. Travel may be required to attend the AGM.

How to Apply

We are committed to having an accessible, diverse, inclusive, and barrier-free work environment where everyone can reach their full potential. We encourage all qualified persons to apply.

Please send your resume and cover letter describing your experience and your motivation for wanting to join SARVSS to: melody.kotyk@gov.ab.ca. Please clearly indicate in the subject line that you are interested in a Board Member position.

Applicants will be assessed according to the qualifications outlined in the position posting by the Governance and Nominations Committee, using the Board Composition Matrix to ensure a fulsome and diverse team that is representative of the Albertans we serve and support. Final decision may be made via election by the current Board of Directors at an AGM in accordance with SARVSS's Bylaws.

Thank you for your interest in volunteering for the RVSS Board.

International Youth Day August 12th

Celebrate International Youth Day by recognizing youths' contributions and empower them to be leaders in the community! Here are a few ideas to get you started.

How youth can participate in International Youth Day:

- Volunteer at your local library.
- Consider joining a local club, like 4-H, to connect with others who share your interests.
- Share your talents with the community through music, sports, art, or other activities.
- Spread kindness to fellow youth both in-person and online, creating a supportive environment for everyone.

How adults can participate in International Youth Day:

- Share local volunteering opportunities with youth.
- Mentor youth by sharing insights and advice based on your experiences.
- Help support youth-led projects and activities in your community.
- Connect youth with local churches, libraries, and organizations to help them to contribute and network within their community.
- Listen to youth perspectives and ideas.

Supporting youth at FCSS.

FCSS provides a wide range of programs and services for youth, including the Youth DO Crew program, which is a leadership and volunteering program for youth in the FCSS service area. This program gives participants the opportunity to develop skills in leadership, communication, and teamwork. For more information about youth programs and services, please visit our website at www.fcss.ca.

Submitted by:
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Canada Summer Jobs Student



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Expanding homelessness supports in Lethbridge

July 24, 2024 Media inquiries

Alberta's government is ensuring homeless Albertans in Lethbridge have access to high-quality supports by expanding the existing Indigenous-led emergency shelter.

Alberta's government is taking a new approach in shelter services by fostering ongoing partnerships with Indigenous communities to provide recovery-oriented care in culturally appropriate settings. As part of this approach, Alberta's government has partnered with the Lethbridge Housing Authority and the Blood Tribe Department of Health to expand the city's emergency shelter. Once complete, the project will expand the existing shelter, increasing shelter capacity from around 120 spaces to more than 230, including a dedicated room for on-site recovery-oriented services. Through the Affordable Housing Partnership Program, the province invested over \$4 million to support local partners in addressing challenges relating to homelessness in Lethbridge. The City of Lethbridge has also donated the land, valued at \$1.4 million, to accommodate the expansion.

"The expansion of shelter services in Lethbridge will go a long way to help the city's most vulnerable get the supports they need. Reducing homelessness in Lethbridge is a big challenge but we are confident in the work being done by the Blood Tribe Department of Health and the Lethbridge Housing Authority. We are committed to facing this issue head on by working together with our partners on the front lines."

Jason Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services "Our most vulnerable populations need housing, and they need it now. This shelter project moves us one step closer to addressing homelessness in Lethbridge and demonstrates what we can achieve when governments and local organizations work together to build the housing we need, faster, through the National Housing Strategy."
Randy Boissonnault, federal Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Official Languages, on behalf of Sean Fraser, federal Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities

"I'm pleased to see Alberta's government continue to support the work of the Blood Tribe Department of Health and Lethbridge Housing Authority. This ongoing partnership and investment is helping ensure our community's most vulnerable have access to the supports they need."

Nathan Neudorf, MLA for Lethbridge-East and Minister of Affordability and Utilities Since taking over operations in Lethbridge in January 2023, the Blood Tribe Department of Health has done great work in the region and is currently provided with funding to operate about 120 shelter spaces. Alberta's government signed a memorandum of understanding in February 2024 with the Blood Tribe Department of Health to continue operating the emergency shelter in Lethbridge.

By strengthening cultural connections and empowering local partners, Alberta's government is ensuring that communities across the province have the necessary resources to support individuals experiencing homelessness. This includes access to safe and secure shelter, as well as essential supports to help them regain stability and independence.

"This expansion reflects our inherent, traditional obligation as Niitsitapi to look after our people, to ensure their well-being, and to uphold our commitment to supporting all who seek refuge and recovery at our Wellness Shelter and Stabilization Unit. We look forward to working closely with the Government of Alberta, the City of Lethbridge, and all our partners to create a brighter and more hopeful future for those who need it most."

Taatsiikiiyoyii Charles Weaselhead, vice chairperson, Blood Tribe Department of Health "We are grateful for the expansion and renovation of the Lethbridge wellness shelter. The additional space will better suit the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness in Lethbridge, and we thank the Blood Tribe Department of Health for their continued collaboration. This space will provide a safe, warm and temporary accommodation while individuals work towards a long-term recovery focussed housing solution."

Bertina Crowshoe, board of directors vice chair, Lethbridge Housing Authority

"On behalf of the City of Lethbridge, I want to extend my sincere thanks to Minister Nixon, Lethbridge Housing Authority CAO Robin James and my fellow council members for their support in housing, shelter expansion, the resource hub and many other areas for our vulnerable population. The City of Lethbridge has advocated for these steps, and we are pleased to see the rapid progress in addressing the needs in our community."

Blaine Hyggen, mayor, City of Lethbridge The Affordable Housing Partnership Program promotes working together with partners in the public, non-profit and private sectors to deliver affordable housing solutions that are customized for communities to meet local needs and ensure those most vulnerable have a place to call home.

Funding for this project is jointly provided by the governments of Alberta and Canada through the Canada – Alberta Bilateral Agreement under the National Housing Strategy.



Water Discolouration



Important Update from Vauxhall & District Regional Water Services Commission: Update #1

On July 14th, commission staff received a report of water discolouration. Commission staff promptly conducted additional testing in the Town of Vauxhall and at the treatment plant to confirm the issue. Adjustments were made at the plant to address the discolouration, and daily testing has shown a positive trend with reduced discolouration.

To further mitigate the issue, the Town of Vauxhall has flushed the mains within town limits, and MD of Taber staff will flush the mains in the Hamlets of Enchant and Hays in the coming days.

The issue has been reported to Alberta Environment and our water specialists. Initial testing indicated an increase in manganese levels, while all other parameters remain stable. The likely cause of the discolouration is due to the transition between raw water sources, which introduced organic material into the system. This material has since cleared.

The water continues to meet the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality, environmental, and safety standards for drinking water and is safe to drink.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to resolve this issue.

If you have additional questions, please contact the following email: grose@mdtaber.ab.ca

#WaterQuality #CommunityUpdate #VauxhallWater