

**Agenda for the  
Regular Meeting of the Vauxhall Town Council  
Monday October 7, 2024  
6:00 p.m. – Vauxhall Council Chambers**

<u><b>Agenda Item</b></u>	<u><b>Action</b></u>
<b>1. Call to Order</b>	
<b>2. Adoption of Agenda</b>	For Adoption
<b>3. Minutes</b>	
<b>Council Minutes</b>	
a.) Regular Meeting of Council September 16, 2024	For Adoption
<b>External Minutes</b>	
b.) Chinnor Arch Library Board meeting April 4, 2024	Receive <b>all</b> for Information
c.) Taber & District Housing Foundation meeting June 26, 2024	
d.) Taber & District Housing Foundation meeting July 25, 2024	
e.) Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS meeting June 5, 2024	
f.) Vauxhall Public Library meeting May 1, 2024	
<b>4. Bylaw (s)</b>	
a.) Bylaw No.991-23 Establish a Business and Tourism Advisory Committee – Review	Receive for Information
<b>5. New Business</b>	
a.) Appointment – Library Board Member	Resolution
b.) Administration – Arena Booking Now	Receive for Information
c.) Administration – Organizational Meeting	Resolution
<b>6. Reports</b>	
a.) CAO Update to Council October 2, 2024	Receive <b>all</b> for Information
b.) Upcoming Events and Meetings	
<b>7. Information and Correspondence</b>	Receive <b>all</b> for Information
a.) Lowering costs for Municipalities	
b.) Giving Albertans a voice in setting policing priorities	
c.) Town of Vauxhall Employees Present: “Witches Woods”	
d.) FCSS – Clothing Fest	
e.) October 4, 2024 Media inquiries	
<b>8. Adjournment</b>	

A regular meeting of Council of the Town of Vauxhall, was held in  
Council Chambers  
on Monday September 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

MAYOR:

DEPUTY MAYOR: Marilyn Forchuk

COUNCILLORS: Shelley Deleeuw  
Russell Norris  
Henry Zacharias

ABSENT: Kimberley Cawley  
Kimberly Dorin

**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: 24:167**

**MOVED** by Councillor Deleeuw to adopt the agenda as amended.

**CARRIED**

**Additions:**

- 7(c) Roofing Quotes
- 9(c) Invite to Film – September 30, 2024

Delegation  
**RES: 24:168**

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

- a.) R.C.M.P

**CARRIED**

Minutes  
**RES: 24:169**

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

- Regular meeting of Council September 3, 2024

**CARRIED**

Minutes  
**RES: 24:170**

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

- Policy, Bylaw, & Rates Committee August 7, 2024

**CARRIED**

Minutes  
**RES: 24:171**

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

- Policy, Bylaw, & Rates Committee September 3, 2024

**CARRIED**

External Minutes

**RES: 24:172**

**MOVED** by Councillor Norris to accept the following minutes as information.

- Municipal Planning Committee meeting of September 9, 2024
- Vauxhall Public Library Meeting May 1, 2024

**CARRIED**

Policy No.042-2022  
External Community  
Boards Policy

**RES: 24:173**

**MOVED** by Councillor Norris that Policy No.042-2022 for review and accept as information.

**CARRIED**

Cheque Listing  
March 2024

**RES: 24:174**

**MOVED** by Councillor Zacharias to adopt the August 31, 2024, cheque listing in the amount of two hundred and seventy-two thousand, eight hundred and sixty-seven dollars and seventeen cents (\$272,867.17), as information.

**CARRIED**

Financials

**RES: 24:175**

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

- AMSC Mastercard as of September 6, 2024
- Bank Reconciliation as of May 31, 2024
- Bank Reconciliation as of June 30, 2024
- Bank Reconciliation as of July 31, 2024
- Budget to Actual Detailed Report of September 12, 2024
- Budget to Actual Summary Report of September 12, 2024

**CARRIED**

ATCO Gas & Pipeline  
Franchise Fee

**RES: 24:176**

**MOVED** by Councillor Deleeuw to leave ATCO Gas & Pipeline Franchise fee at 12% in 2025.

**CARRIED**

Community Needs  
Assessment

**RES: 24:177**

**MOVED** by Councillor Zacharias to receive information.

**CARRIED**

Reports

**RES: 24:178**

**MOVED** by Councillor Norris to accept the following as information.

- Council Activity Report – August 2024
- Action List July 2024
- Action List in Progress August 2024
- Upcoming Events and Meetings

**CARRIED**

Information and  
Correspondence  
**RES: 24:179**

**MOVED** by Councillor Norris to accept the following as information.

- VDCC Bi-Weekly Newsletter
- Vauxhall Swimming Pool
- Invite to a film September 30, 2024

**CARRIED**

**Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

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**DEPUTY MAYOR**

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**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**



## Minutes of the Chinook Arch Library Board Regular Meeting

Thursday, April 4, 2024  
2902 7 Ave. N. Lethbridge, AB

### (List of attendees below)

Chinook Arch Library Board Vice-Chair Marie Logan called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

### Welcome/Introductions

- 1) Approval of Agenda  
D. Cox moved approval of the agenda as presented. R. Gorzitza seconded.  
*Carried*
- 2) Consent Agenda:  
Two corrections were made to the minutes of the December 7, 2023 Board Meeting. M. Sandberg moved approval of the Consent Agenda, with the corrected minutes. M. Harris seconded. *Carried*
- 3) Items for Decision:
  - a. Year-to-Date Financial Statements  
The Board reviewed the year-to-date financial statements. The Board is currently forecasting a surplus of approximately \$20,000 at year-end.  
J. Monteith moved that the 2024 Year-to-Date Financial Statements be received for information. D. Baron seconded.  
*Carried*
  - b. 2023 Audited Financial Statements  
Auditor Joanna Kappel of Insight LLP reviewed the 2023 Audited Financial Statements with the Board. The auditors have provided a clean opinion on the 2023 Financials.  
J. Monteith moved that the Board approve the 2023 Audited Financials Statements. M. Sandberg seconded. *Carried*
  - c. Annual Reports to the Public Library Services Branch  
D. Christensen reported that most of the metrics that Chinook Arch tracks in the annual report have been holding quite steady for the past couple of years. He explained that the Chinook Arch

Board is also the board of record for the Sylvia Hirsche Memorial Library (Wrentham) and the Kainai Public Library, though with the recent formation of a library board on the Kainai Nation, Chinook Arch will no longer have a governance role with that library.

D. Christensen moved that the Board approve the Annual Reports of the Chinook Arch Library Board, Sylvia Hirsche Memorial Library, and Kainai Public Library, along with the Indigenous Grant report. M. Rockenbach seconded. *Carried*

d. Policy Review

i. Finance and Personnel Committee Mandate

Minor changes to the Mandate are recommended, including the addition of language relating to the Committee's role in assigning any year-end surplus to the Board's restricted funds at year-end.

J. Monteith moved approval of the revised Mandate. L. Little seconded. *Carried*

ii. Finance and Personnel Committee Timeline and Work Plan

The timeline and work plan is updated every year to ensure that policies are reviewed on a three-year schedule.

J. Monteith moved approval of the updated Timeline and Work Plan. J. Johnson seconded. *Carried*.

iii. Planning and Facilities Committee Mandate

No changes are recommended.

D. Christensen moved approval of the Mandate. B. Cummins seconded. *Carried*

iv. Planning and Facilities Committee Timeline and Work Plan

The timeline and work plan is updated every year to ensure that policies are reviewed on a three-year schedule.

D. Christensen moved approval of the Timeline and Work Plan. D. Glavin seconded. *Carried*

v. Marketing/Communications Committee Mandate

No changes are recommended to the Marketing/Communications Mandate.

K. Jensen moved approval of the Mandate. M. Rockenbach seconded. *Carried*

vi. Marketing/Communication Committee Timeline and Work Plan

The timeline and work plan is updated every year to ensure that policies are reviewed on a three-year schedule.

D. Christensen moved approval of the Timeline and Work Plan. D. Cox seconded. *Carried*

vii. Backup of Financial Data

The policy is updated to reflect current practice.

J. Monteith moved approval of the revised Backup of Financial Data policy. M. Sandberg seconded. *Carried*

viii. Hours of Work and Overtime

Wording in the policy is clarified, and language is updated to reflect terminology used in Alberta Employment Standards. Other practices are updated to align with Employment Standards.

J. Monteith moved approval of the revised Hours of Work and Overtime Policy. M. Harris seconded. *Carried*

ix. Management of System Funds

Language is updated to reflect the terminology that is used in the audited statements. In particular, the use of “reserves” is removed in favour of “restricted funds.” In addition, low-risk money market funds is deleted from the list of the Board’s acceptable investment vehicles.

J. Monteith moved approval of the revised Management of System Funds policy. C. Northcott seconded. *Carried*

x. Annual Vacation

Language in the policy is updated to clarify the definition of permanent, part-time, and temporary employees. Vacation allotments for managerial staff is increased to 25 days after 5 years, and the amount of vacation carry-over is reduced from a maximum of 10 days to 5. A clause is added to clarify that employees on longer-term leaves do not earn vacation while on leave.

J. Monteith moved approval of the revised Annual Vacation policy. K. Jensen seconded. *Carried*

xi. Employee Benefits

Again, language around permanent vs. non-permanent employees is clarified, in addition to language relating to benefits eligibility for the various types of positions. Other obsolete or redundant wording is removed.

J. Monteith moved approval of the revised Employee Benefits policy. S. Pain seconded. *Carried*

xii. Drugs, Alcohol, and Medication

The policy is changed to make it more employee-centric. A clause requiring employees to disclose a substance dependency is removed because of privacy concerns.

J. Monteith moved approval of the revised Drugs, Alcohol, and Medication policy. S. Pain seconded. *Carried*

**4) Items for Information/Discussion:**

- a. Province-wide Advocacy Initiatives  
The Board heard about Chinook Arch's participation in a province-wide advocacy effort, and the results of a province-wide survey that showed broad support for public libraries among users and non-users alike.
- b. City of Lethbridge Benefit-Cost Analysis  
A report on Chinook Arch's value for service will go before the City of Lethbridge Economic Standing Committee on April 11, 2024. The analysis found that the City of Lethbridge received about \$1,272,490 in services from Chinook Arch on a \$1,148,001 total investment (2022), resulting in an estimated net benefit of \$126,575 to the City as a result of its membership in the System.
- c. Kainai Library Board  
The Kainai Chief and Council recently passed a Band Council Resolution creating a library board on the Blood Reserve. Over the coming months, the new board will assume responsibility for the operation and governance of the library. It is hoped that the library will re-open in a new location sometime this year.

**5) Other Business**

There was no other business.

**6) Next Meetings**

System Board: Thursday, August 1, 2024 at 6:00pm

**7) Adjournment**

M. Sandberg moved adjournment. *Carried*

**Attendance**

**Present**

Corry Walk – Village of Arrowwood  
Jane Johnson – Village of Barnwell  
Ron Gorzitza – Village of Barons  
Marsha Jensen – Town of Cardston  
Tom Nish – Cardston County  
Terry Penney - Village of Champion  
Kelsey Hipkin – Town of Claresholm  
Lyndsay Montina – Town of Coalhurst  
Stephen Pain – Village of Coutts



Doreen Glavin – Municipality of Crowsnest Pass  
Jim Monteith (Treasurer) – Town of Fort Macleod  
Suzanne French – Village of Hill Spring  
Robin Harper – City of Lethbridge  
Tory Campbell – Lethbridge County  
Marie Logan (Vice Chair) – Village of Lomond  
Darryl Christensen – Town of Magrath  
Anne Michaelis – Town of Milk River  
Christopher Northcott – Village of Milo  
Amanda Bustard – Town of Nanton  
Melissa Jensen – Town of Nobleford  
Mark Barber – Town of Pincher Creek  
Dave Cox – Pincher Creek MD  
Kelly Jensen – Town of Raymond  
Gary Bikman – Village of Stirling  
Daniel Remfert – Town of Taber  
Merrill Harris – MD of Taber  
Marilyn Forchuk – Town of Vauxhall  
Debra Wyatt – Town of Vulcan  
Derek Baron – Village of Warner  
Morgan Rockenbach – County of Warner  
Lesley Little – ID #4 Waterton  
Maryanne Sandberg – MD of Willow Creek  
Brendan Cummins – LPL Resource Centre

### **Regrets**

Jordan Sailer – Town of Coaldale  
Crystal Neels – Town of Picture Butte  
Chelsey Hurt – Town of Stavely  
Doug Logan – Vulcan County  
Vic Mensch (Chair) – Ministerial Appointment

### **Absent**

Blanche Anderson – Village of Carmangay  
Linda Allred – Village of Glenwood



**Taber & District HOUSING FOUNDATION**

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

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Monthly Board Meeting**  
**Taber and District Housing Foundation**  
Wednesday, June 26, 2024  
**Taber Civic Centre – Green Room**

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>Board:</b>	Rosanne Horrocks Tom Machacek (via phone)	Tamara Miyanaga	Sandy Watts
<b>Absent:</b>	Dan Remfert	Joe Strojwas	
<b>Administration:</b>	Tim Janzen (CAO), Corey Beck (Operations Manager), Carrie Wilson (Placement Officer), Tanya Fallon (Operations Coordinator)		

Rosanne Horrocks, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

Motion 2024 - 065

**MOVED** by T. Miyanaga to approve the agenda as amended.

**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Motion 2024 - 066

**MOVED** by T. Miyanaga to accept the minutes from the Board of Directors meeting of Thursday, May 23, 2024, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. Business Arising**

- a) Drug & Alcohol Policy - DRAFT – CAO reported the document is still being worked on.
- b) Meals on Wheels Statistics– CAO presented the MOW Delivery statistics to May 31, 2024.

**4. New Business**

- a) **2025 Social Housing Budget**

Motion 2024-067

**MOVED** by S. Watts that the 2025 Social Housing Budget be accepted as presented.

**b) 8760 Purchasing Opportunity for Utilities – 2026 through 2029**

**Motion 2024-068**

**MOVED** by T. Miyanaga that TDHF purchase electricity contracts for 2026 & 2027 from 8760, so that electricity contracts align with previous natural gas contract expiry dates.

CARRIED

**c) Affordable Housing**

CAO presented notes from debrief meeting with Seniors, Community & Social Services representatives on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Both projects with the Affordable Housing had “areas of strength” and “areas for improvement. CAO indicated that an action plan had been created to address areas for improvement and be ready for the next application window. It was suggested that TDHF might ask the municipalities to add housing issues and projects to their requests to Ministers and MLAs.

**d) CVL Design & Process Ideas & Schedule**

**Motion 2024-069**

**MOVED** by T. Miyanaga that the TDHF capital priorities be #1) Cherry & Main Affordable Apartments and #2) Clearview Lodge, with the understanding that both projects be forwarded for consideration.

CARRIED

At 12:10 pm, Tom Machacek exited the call and as a result, quorum was no longer possible. Future items were considered “for information purposes only”. Some discussion items were to be brought to the agenda of the next meeting.

**e) Update on CUPE 2038 Bargaining**

CAO reported that the June 3<sup>rd</sup> session was not particularly productive and as a result, TDHF and CUPE have agreed to proceed to informal mediation.

**f) Update on MOW Fundraising**

CAO reported that during Seniors Week (June 3 to 7), a letter was sent to the members of the Taber Chamber of Commerce. To date, \$5,800 has been confirmed or received for Meals on Wheels.

**5. Financial Statements**

Clearview Lodge - Financial Statements and Bank Reconciliation @ April 30, 2024 – **Next Meeting**

Social Housing - Financial Statements and Bank Reconciliation @ April 30, 2024 – **Next Meeting**

**6. Reports**

- a) HCA Coordinator Report
- b) Operations Manager Report
- c) Housing Coordinator Report
- d) Operations Coordinator and Health & Safety Officer Report
- e) Chief Administrative Officer Report

**7. Other Information**

- a) Report – Social Housing – June 19, 2024
- b) Operational Review Results & Letter – May 23, 2024 – **Next Meeting**
- c) Letter – AHS – June 5, 2024 – Exemption on 24 hour regulated nurse on site

**8. Adjournment**

**Next Meeting:**

Board of Directors      Thursday, July 25, 2024      1:30 pm      Taber Civic Centre – Green Room

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Rosanne Horrocks, Chairperson

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Tom Machacek, Vice-Chairperson



**Taber & District HOUSING FOUNDATION**

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**MINUTES**  
**Regular Monthly Board Meeting**  
**Taber and District Housing Foundation**  
**Thursday, July 25, 2024**  
**Taber Civic Centre – Green Room**

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>Board:</b>	Rosanne Horrocks Tom Machacek	Tamara Miyanaga Dan Remfert	Sandy Watts Joe Strojwas
<b>Absent:</b>	Kimberly Dorin		
<b>Administration:</b>	Tim Janzen (CAO), Corey Beck (Operations Manager), Joan Hart (Lodge Manager), Tanya Fallon (Operations Coordinator)		

Rosanne Horrocks, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:24 pm.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

Motion 2024 - 070

MOVED by T. Machacek to approve the agenda as amended.

**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Motion 2024 - 071

MOVED by D. Remfert to accept the minutes from the Board of Directors meeting of Wednesday, June 26, 2024, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. Business Arising**

- a) Drug & Alcohol Policy - DRAFT – CAO reported the document is still being worked on.
- b) Meals on Wheels Statistics– CAO presented the MOW Delivery statistics to June 30, 2024.

#### 4. Financial Statements

Motion 2024 - 072

**MOVED** by T. Miyanaga to approve Clearview Lodge - Financial Statements and Bank Reconciliation for April 30, 2024, as presented.

**CARRIED**

Motion 2024 - 073

**MOVED** by D. Remfert to approve Social Housing – Financial Statements and Bank Reconciliation for April 30, 2024, as presented.

**CARRIED**

Motion 2024 - 074

**MOVED** by S. watts to approve Clearview Lodge - Financial Statements and Bank Reconciliation for May 31, 2024, as presented.

**CARRIED**

Motion 2024 - 075

**MOVED** by J. Strojwas to approve Social Housing – Financial Statements and Bank Reconciliation for May 31, 2024, as presented.

**CARRIED**

Motion 2024 - 076

**MOVED** by T. Machacek to approve Clearview Lodge - Financial Statements and Bank Reconciliation for June 30, 2024, as presented.

**CARRIED**

Motion 2024 - 077

**MOVED** by T. Miyanaga to approve Social Housing – Financial Statements and Bank Reconciliation for June 30, 2024, as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### 5. Reports

- a) HCA Coordinator/ Activity Coordinator Report

Motion 2024 - 078

**MOVED** by D. Remfert to accept the HCA Coordinator and Activity Coordinator report, as presented.

**CARRIED**

- b) Operations Manager Report

Motion 2024 - 079

**MOVED** by S. Watts to accept the Operations Manager’s report, as presented.

**CARRIED**

- c) Housing Coordinator Report

Motion 2024 - 080

**MOVED** by J. Strojwas to accept the Housing Coordinator’s report, as presented.

**CARRIED**

d) Operations Coordinator and Health & Safety Officer Report

**Motion 2024 - 081**

**MOVED** by D. Remfert to accept the Operations Coordinator and Health & Safety Officer's report, as presented.

**CARRIED**

e) Chief Administrative Officer Report

**Motion 2024 - 082**

**MOVED** by T. Machacek to accept the Chief Administrative Officer's report, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6. New Business**

a) **Affordable Housing**

CAO reported that he was scheduled to meet with representatives from Jayco Builders (Bow Island, AB), they were interested in an affordable housing project in Taber, AB.

b) **CVL Design & Process Ideas & Schedule**

**Motion 2024-083**

**MOVED** by J. Strojwas that TDHF proceed with Bergen & Associates proposal for value engineering of Clearview Lodge project, in the amount of \$30,000 plus GST.

**CARRIED**

c) **Update on CUPE 2038 Bargaining**

CAO reported that the mediation sessions have been scheduled for August 20 & 21, 2024.

d) **Update on MOW Fundraising**

CAO reported that The Royal will be holding a fundraiser, on behalf of MOW, during the 2024 Cornfest.

e) **Policy Documents:**

**Motion 2024-084**

**MOVED** by T. Miyanaga that the Policy F-4: Uncollectible Amounts be accepted, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**Motion 2024-085**

**MOVED** by D. Remfert that the Policy F-11: Property & Equipment Inventory be accepted, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**Motion 2024-086**

**MOVED** by T. Machacek that the Policy T-12: Priority, Appendix A: Point Rating – Senior Citizen, Appendix B: Point Rating – Community Housing, Appendix C: Point Rating – Rental Assistance Benefit be accepted, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**In-camera session**

**Motion 2024-087**

MOVED by T. Machacek that move to in camera session at 2:31 pm.

**CARRIED**

**Ending in-camera session**

**Motion 2024-088**

MOVED by T. Machacek that move out of in camera session at 3:05 pm.

**CARRIED**

**Motion 2024-089**

MOVED by D. Remfert that CAO send a letter to concerned resident, acknowledging receipt of the letter and provide a signed copy of the letter to T. Miyanaga to deliver to resident and envoy.

**CARRIED**

**7. Other Information**

- a) Report – Social Housing – July 17, 2024

**8. Adjournment**

**Motion 2024-090**

MOVED by J. Strojwas to adjourn this meeting at 3:08 pm

**CARRIED**

**Next Meeting:**

Staff Appreciation Event	Wed, Aug 14, 2024	6:00 pm	Clearview Lodge Parking Lot
CVL Resident & Family BBQ	Thurs, Aug 15, 2024	11:45 am	Clearview Lodge Parking Lot
Board of Directors Meeting	Thurs, Aug 15, 2024	1:30 pm	Clearview Lodge – Activity Room

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Rosanne Horrocks, Chairperson

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Tom Machacek, Vice-Chairperson



**Barons-Eureka-Warner Family & Community Support Services (FCSS)  
Minutes of Board Meeting – Wednesday, June 5, 2024  
Coaldale Hub (2107-13<sup>th</sup> Street)  
In-person and Online**

**Attendance (in-person)**

**Board Members:**

- Caldwell, Heather – Town of Coalhurst
- Bekkering, Garth – Town of Taber
- Doell, Daniel – Village of Barons
- Harris, Merrill – M.D. of Taber
- Heggie, Jack – County of Warner
- Hickey, Lorne – Lethbridge County
- Jensen, Kelly – Town of Raymond
- Nilsson, Larry – Village of Stirling

**Attendance (on-line):**

- Jensen, Melissa – Town of Nobleford
- Payne, Megan – Village of Coutts

**Absent**

- Degenstein, Dave – Town of Milk River, Chair
- Chapman, Bill - Town of Coaldale, Vice-Chair
- Feist, Teresa - Town of Picture Butte
- Foster, Missy – Village of Barnwell
- Kirby, Martin – Village of Warner
- Norris, Russell – Town of Vauxhall

**Staff (in-person):**

- DeBow, Petra – Manager
- Florence-Greene, Evelyn – Accounting Assistant
- Penner, Eva – Administrative Assistant

**Call to Order**

P. DeBow indicated that in the absence of D. Degenstein, Chair and B. Chapman, Vice-Chair, the Board will require a motion to appoint an acting Chair for the meeting.

M. Harris moved in the absence of D. Degenstein, Chair and B. Chapman, Vice-Chair the Board appointed H. Caldwell as Acting Chair for the meeting.

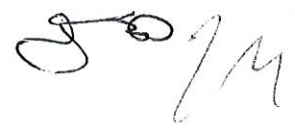
**Carried**

H. Caldwell called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda**

J. Heggie moved the Board approve the agenda as presented.

**Carried**



### Minutes

L. Nilsson moved the minutes of the April 3, 2024, FCSS Board meeting be approved as presented.

**Carried**

### Delegation

#### Circle of Healing Drumming Activity

The Board participated in a Circle of Healing drumming activity led by Trevor Gilbert, Counsellor

Trevor Gilbert left the meeting at 4:25 pm.

#### Report to Municipalities – Counselling Services 2024

Michael Fedunec, Counselling Services Supervisor presented the draft Report to Municipalities – Counselling Services 2024.

The Board discussed the information provided.

G. Bekkering moved the Board approve the Report to Municipalities – Counselling Services 2024 as presented and requested Administration distribute the report to our Municipalities and Alberta Government funders.

**Carried**

### Business Arising from Minutes

#### Coaldale Seniors Monthly Coffee & Cookie Chat – Venue

P. DeBow shared the Coaldale Seniors Coffee & Cookie chat will now be held at the Coaldale Seniors Centre.

### Correspondence

The following correspondence was presented for information:

- 2024-03-22 - FCSSAA Board Meeting Highlights March 22, 2024
- 2024-04 - FCSSAA News
- 2024-05 – FCSSAA News
- 2024-05-07 - Town of Vauxhall – Councillor Russell Norris appointed to the Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS Board
- 2024-05-21 – Cheryl Hatten, Chair, School of Human Services, Lethbridge Community College – Thank you letter.

J. Heggie moved the Board to receive the correspondence presented for information.

**Carried**

### Reports

#### Executive Director

Petra DeBow, Manager reviewed the Executive Director's report.

The following was highlighted:



- Senior's Week is June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Monthly Message was circulated to all municipalities. For more information visit <https://fcss.ca/monthly-message/celebrating-seniors-week/>

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

**Carried**

Financial Report

P. DeBow reviewed the Financial Report.

P. DeBow shared with the Board that all 2024 Municipal Requisitions have been paid in full.

The Board discussed the Financial Report.

G. Bekkering moved the Board approve the June 2024 Financial Report including:

- Financial statement for April 30, 2024;
- Monthly accounts for March 31, 2024;
- Monthly accounts for April 30, 2024;
- ATB Mastercard statement March 13, 2024 to April 10, 2024
- ATB Mastercard statement April 11 to May 10, 2024.

**Carried**

**New Business**

Proposed Budget 2024

Petra DeBow reviewed the proposed budget for 2024.

**Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS  
Proposed Budget 2024**

**REVENUE**

Provincial FCSS funding	1,493,196
Municipal Requisitions	440,328
Carry Forward	3,231
Interest Income	45,000
Revenue Other	36,508
Family Resource Network (Children's Services)	676,155
Farm Family Outreach	95,949
Youth Services (ESDC)	30,388
Project Grant Funding	7,735
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,828,490</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

Counselling Services	662,962
Family Services	705,535
Program Support	283,429
Senior Services	213,255

Youth Services	153,083
Youth Services (ESDC)	30,388
Family Resource Network (Children's Services)	676,155
Farm Family Outreach	95,949
Project Grant Funding	7,735
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>2,828,490</u></b>

The Board discussed the proposed 2024 Budget for Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS.

M. Harris moved the Board approve the proposed 2024 Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS Budget as presented.

**Carried**

FCSSAA South Region Meeting

Kelly Jensen, Heather Caldwell and Daniel Doell attended the FCSSAA South Region meeting and provided an update.

Executive Director Annual Evaluation – Evaluation Committee

H. Caldwell noted it is time for the Executive Director's annual evaluation. The evaluation committee requires the Board Chair and three Board members to form a committee.

G. Bekkering moved the Board to appoint D. Degenstein Board Chair, M. Harris, L. Hickey and J. Heggie to the Executive Director Evaluation Committee.

**Carried**

The Executive Director Evaluation Committee will meet on Wednesday September 4, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. prior to the regular Board meeting.

H. Caldwell notes that D. Degenstein will send out the information to the Committee prior to the meeting.

**Round Table:**

L. Nilsson shared on May 5, 2024 the Village of Stirling celebrated 125 years.

M. Harris shared the MD of Taber is celebrating 70 years.

H. Caldwell shared the Town of Coalhurst plans for Youth Leadership programs and also celebrating the Community Paths program.

L. Hickey shared Lethbridge County is celebrating 60 years. He invited the Board to the celebrations being held and will send out invitations.

D. Doell shared the Village of Barons is waiting on funding for a sewage system.

K. Jensen shared Raymond started building a new High School

P. DeBow highlighted 500 tax returns have been processed to date by FCSS.

M. Payne shared Coutts Days will be held June 15 and invited the Board Members to attend.

H. Caldwell noted all Board members had a chance to read the emails from B. Chapman as below.

- B. Chapman via email extends on behalf of the Town of Coaldale and District Handi Ride Association: Thank you to the FCSS Board for writing a letter of support for the Grant application to Healthy Aging Alberta.
- B. Chapman via email wanted to extend his congratulations to Executive Director Zakk Morrison upon receiving the LEADS Inspired Leadership Program certificate. "Well done Zakk!"

### Closed Session

J. Heggie moved the Board move in-camera, based on the Governance Policies-Board Meeting in Absence of the Public, at 5:25 p.m.

**Carried**

Evelyn Florence-Greene and Eva Penner left the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

L. Nilsson moved the Board back to regular session at 5:30 p.m.

**Carried**

### Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next regular Board meeting will be September 4, 2024, at the Coaldale Hub (2107-13<sup>th</sup> Street) in-person and online (via Teams) starting at 4:00 p.m.

### Adjournment

J. Heggie moved the meeting adjourn at 5:35 p.m.

**Carried**



Chairperson

OK SET 24



Executive Director

Sept 9/2024



**GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**May 1, 2024.**

**Call to order:** Petra at 7:21 PM.

**In attendance:** Tina Redekopp. Petra & Joerg Klempnauer. Genevieve Durupt. Maria Dyck. Beverly Brummelhuis. Marilyn Forchuck. Paulina Thiessen. Sara Wall.

**Approval of agenda:** Tina moved, Marilyn seconded, carried.

**Approval of last meeting minutes of January 24, 2024.** Marylin moved, Tina seconded, carried.

**Correspondence:** n/a

**Reports of officers:**

- A) Chairperson's report**
- B) Treasurer report** – Tina moved treasurer report be accepted as presented, Bev seconded, carried.

**C) Town of Vauxhall report**

**D) Manager report** – Maria.

Marilyn moved to accept officers report, A, C, D, Tina seconded, carried.

**Old Business**

- A) Financial Audit** – Audited financials be sent to the town.
- B) MD Debenture payment** - Tina will talk to the Town about the debenture payment.

## New Business

A) Following policies were reviewed - Following changes were discussed and accepted:

- **Personnel Policy**
- **Finance Policy** — \$5.00 will be added to each meal.
  1. Breakfast: 15.00
  2. Lunch: \$20.00
  3. Supper: 30.00
- **Hours of service policy** – At his/her discretion, the Library manager with the agreement of the Board chair may try out different opening hours to serve the community as long as financial responsibility is kept.
- **Selection, Acquisition, Purchase, and Disposition of resources Policy** Bev moved to change format of all policies to include proper numbering, footers, and e-acceptance, Marylin seconded, carried. B) **Plan of service** – Tabled for next meeting.

C) **Inventory closure** – The Library will be closed for 2 days for Inventory. Dates of closure will be discussed at the discretion of the chair and manager. Tina moved, Beverly seconded, carried.

**Next meeting:** September 11, 2024.

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM by Beverly.

**Minutes recorded by:** Maria Dyck.

*Approved Sept. 11 2024*

*P. Klemp*

**TOWN OF VAUXHALL  
BYLAW No. 991-23**

**A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH A BUSINESS AND TOURISM  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF VAUXHALL IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF AND SETTING OUT THE PROCEDURES FOR THE BUSINESS AND TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**WHEREAS** the Municipal Government Act being Chapter M-26 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, provides Council may appoint a Business and Tourism Advisory Committee to exercise such powers as Council may determine to promote, expand and enhance the business and tourism development of the Town of Vauxhall.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Municipal Council of the Town of Vauxhall, duly assembled, thereby enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw will be known as **"The Business and Tourism Advisory Committee Bylaw."**
2. For the purposes of this bylaw;
  1. **"Committee"** shall mean the Business and Tourism Advisory Committee.
  2. **"Council"** shall mean the Council of the Town of Vauxhall.
  3. **"CAO"** shall mean the Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Vauxhall.
  4. **"Designate"** can be any person employed by the Town of Vauxhall
  5. **"Community"** shall mean any resident of the Town of Vauxhall.
3. **APPOINTMENT/TERM TO THE COMMITTEE**
  1. The Committee shall consist of residents and business owners of the Town of Vauxhall who are willing to provide expertise to achieve the Action/Work Plan goals and objectives
  2. Council may appoint two Council members.
  3. The Committee shall consist of not more than seven members
  4. All Members appointed will be appointed for a three year term following the initial appointment.
  5. A member of the Committee may be reappointed following the expiration of their term.
  6. In the event of a vacancy occurring, the person appointed to fill such a vacancy will hold office for the remainder of the term.
  7. Council may, with reason, request in writing the resignation of any member of the Committee at any time, and any member of the Committee may resign from the Committee at any time by submitting the written intent to the CAO for the Town of Vauxhall who will advise Council and the Committee.
  8. A member of the Committee will be disqualified if they:
    - a) Cease to be a resident and business owner of the Town.
    - b) Is removed by a majority of vote of Council



**4. CONDUCT MEETINGS:**

1. There will be a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman elected from the membership at their first meeting. Council Members shall not be elected as Chairman or Vice-Chairman.
2. Meetings will be conducted according to procedure set out in the Town of Vauxhall Procedural Bylaw.
3. A quorum of the Committee will be 2/3 of the total members.
4. Regular meetings of the Committee may be held six times each year, the meetings shall be scheduled with the time, date and place to be determined by the Committee.
5. Special meetings may be called on 48 hours' notice by the Chairman or Vice Chairman acting in the absence of the Chairman.
6. A minute book shall be kept. Minutes of all regular and special meetings will be recorded by the secretary and will be filed and kept in the office of the Town of Vauxhall.
7. The Chairman will have one vote on any one matter and in the event of a tie, the motion will be lost.
8. All members shall vote on every question.
9. The decision of the majority of the members present at a meeting duly convened will be deemed to be the decision of the whole Committee.

**5. ORIENTATION**

1. Upon appointment committee members will receive background and training/orientation.

**6. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. The Committee will act in an advisory capacity to the Council in relation to matters relating to the development of economic and tourism programs and services and recommend additional strategies, ideas and solutions for marketing, promotion and investment attraction.
2. Service as a conduit or collaboration channel to the Vauxhall & District Chamber of Commerce, sports organizations, and any other partners in support of development for business and tourism.
3. Annually and no later than December 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous year, the Committee shall review and provide advice to Council regarding budgetary expenditures related to economic development and tourism for Council's consideration.

**7. LIMITATIONS AND POWERS:**

1. Neither the Committee nor any member thereof shall have the power to pledge the credit of the Town of Vauxhall in connection with any matter whatsoever, nor shall the Committee or any member thereof, have any power to authorize any expenditure to be charged against the Town.

**8. RESCINDED OR AMENDED BYLAW**

That Bylaw 938-19 is hereby repealed.


9. This bylaw shall come into force and effect upon third and final reading of this bylaw.

READ A FIRST TIME in Open Council this 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2023

READ A SECOND TIME in Open Council this 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2023

PRESENTED FOR THIRD READING IN COUNCIL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
this 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2023

READ A THIRD AND FINAL TIME in Open Council this 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Administrative Officer



## Town of Vauxhall Council Memo

5b.

**Date:** October 2, 2024  
**Proposed by:** Administration  
**Topic:** Arena Booking Now

### **Background:**

A new Book Now Button has been added to the Arena page on our website. CatchCorner was introduced to us by the new arena manager. It is a booking site for individuals to book time slots through our website. It does require payment at the time of booking. If we continue with CatchCorner for next year we can add a different calendar function.

### **How the process works:**

1. When a customer checks out with a booking on CatchCorner, they must sign the rental agreement and have a secure credit card on file prior to checking out. Only when the customer has the credit card on file and signs the rental agreement, the customer can then accept the terms and check out.
2. Once the customer checks out, they will be notified that the facility will accept or decline the booking request in a timely manner and only when the booking is accepted by the facility, the payment will be processed (through CatchCorner).
3. Once the booking is accepted, both the facility and customer will receive confirmation and the customer's credit card will be charged.
4. Each Monday, we will receive a sales report outlined with all the bookings from the previous week and receive the payment of all bookings on the following Friday. This payment will be provided from CatchCorner, to the facility.
5. The only fee the facility is responsible for during the free-trial period is the credit card processing fee. This will be 2.9% and 47 cents per transaction.
6. The processing fee is on top of the rental fee that the customer pays.

**Town of Vauxhall**

**Information**

Date: October 3, 2024  
Proposed By: Administration  
Topic: Organizational Meeting

As per the Municipal Government Act Section 192(1) Except in a summer village, a council must hold an organizational meeting annually not later than 2 weeks after the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in October.

Administration recommends we schedule the 2024 Organizational meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup> 2024 at 6:00pm and that the regular scheduled Council meeting to take place immediately after the conclusion of the organizational meeting.

**Proposed Motion**

Moved by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ to hold the Organization meeting on Monday, October 21, 2024 at 6:00pm.

Moved by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ to hold the organization meeting on \_\_\_\_\_

# Brief Report

## CAO Update to Council October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024

### Sanitary Outfall Project

MPE will be in Town the week before Council meets for the start up meeting where the Town, MPE and Dennis's Dirtworx can discuss the project.

- The project is scheduled to begin mid October and end Spring of 2025.
- Alberta Transportation has issued the town and advance of \$1,600,000 towards the project expenses.
- There should be no interruption to public services, however there may be some traffic interruptions on the east end of 7<sup>th</sup> Ave N and the north side of the service road 1<sup>st</sup> Street N.

### EPR aka (Extended Producer Responsibility)

October 2023

A new regulation in Alberta shifts the financial and operational responsibility for recycling from municipalities to the organizations that produce and sell packaging and paper. Circular Materials is the producer responsibility organization that is responsible for implementing and managing the new extended producer responsibility recycling system in Alberta.

Both Curtis and I have been communicating with Circular Materials who has been contracted by Alberta Recycling to set up the required system in our community.

The Alberta Municipalities website has a good article describing the EPR program, if you would like to learn more about this program. Please check out this page.

<https://www.abmunis.ca/advocacy-resources/environment/waste-management/extended-producer-responsibility-epr>

### Water

Public Works had to repair a watermain leak at the intersection of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N and 5<sup>th</sup> Street September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> when a very large stone pushed its way through a steel line, Miller's Excavating was on site with a Vacuum truck and a large excavator for industrial sized support.

Public Works has been watching an oddity at the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave N where it appears a leak exists, but it has migrated along the avenue making it difficult to locate or confirm.

### Arena

The arena is now open, public works took on the start-up and initial installation of the ice, Chad with Canadian Arena Management completed the installation.

### Alberta Municipalities Convention

Attended the 2024 AM convention in Red Deer with Councillor's, Forchuk and Norris

A Cris Burns

CAO

Town of Vauxhall

## Lowering costs for municipalities

September 26, 2024 [Media inquiries](#)

### Alberta is lowering the cost of borrowing for municipalities, enabling them to invest more in services and infrastructure.

Municipalities play an important role in shaping Alberta's vibrant communities and contributing to a stronger province. The province will now lend money to local authorities, which include municipalities, airports, counties and irrigation districts, at a lower rate.

These entities will now pay the same interest rate as the province on money borrowed for infrastructure and other capital projects. The change is expected to save municipalities about \$7 million in 2025-26 and about \$12 million in 2026-27.

In a time of high interest rates, Alberta's government is reducing the budgetary pressures faced by local governments and frees up funds for purposes other than servicing debt.

With Alberta's balancing of the budget, the province has been able to reduce outstanding debt by more than \$19 billion. With continued strong results, Alberta's borrowing costs are expected to remain low.

The Loans to Local Authorities program allows even the smallest municipalities in Alberta to benefit from the province's fiscal strength and well-established access to global capital markets. The province lends money to local authorities to help finance their capital projects, such as roads and upgrades to local water, sewer, gas and electric services.

"Alberta has lowered our cost of borrowing, and now we are passing that savings on to municipalities. They are our partners in providing services to Albertans, and by working together we can ensure that investments can be made with a minimum cost to service debt."

*Nate Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance*

"Our government provides billions of dollars in support to municipalities, ranging from grants to capital funding. Lowering the cost of borrowing for municipalities is just one more way we are ensuring that municipalities, counties, airports and irrigation districts can invest in their citizens."

*Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs*

## Background

- The Loans to Local Authorities program was set up to ensure that all municipalities and qualifying local authorities in Alberta have access to funds at the lowest possible cost.
- Interest rates charged on new loans to local authorities were revised to better reflect the cost of credit for municipal borrowers that raise debt financing in the capital markets.
- The current loan pricing model under the Loans to Local Authorities program came into effect in December 2021.
- Prior to the change, lending rates were equal to the province's estimated cost of borrowing for debt with the same terms.
- The change will take effect in Budget 2025.

## Giving Albertans a voice in setting policing priorities

September 25, 2024 [Media inquiries](#)

### Alberta's government is making sure communities have a say in how they are policed by the RCMP.

Ensuring Albertans are kept safe is a priority for Alberta's government, which is why it introduced and passed the *Police Amendment Act, 2022* in the fall session of 2022. This important piece of legislation is strengthening RCMP ties to the communities they serve and improving police accountability by mandating civilian governance bodies for municipalities policed by the RCMP. An order in council for the legislation was signed today, with the new regulations coming into force March 1, 2025.

The creation of the municipal and regional policing committees and the Provincial Police Advisory Board will ensure large and small municipalities have a role in setting province-wide policing priorities and performance goals for the RCMP to ensure service delivery reflects and addresses local needs.

The changes coming into force through the amendments and new regulations represent a collaborative effort on the part of municipalities, the RCMP and Alberta's government to improve public safety in communities throughout the province.

“By creating new civilian governance bodies, we're responding to Albertans' long-standing desire for more say in how the RCMP police their communities while advancing a paradigm shift that sees local police across the province as an extension and a reflection of the communities they serve. Unique communities have unique public safety priorities and the creation of civilian governance bodies will address this issue. Creating mandatory civilian governance bodies also ensures accountability, as officers will be held responsible for their actions and behaviour.”

*Mike Ellis, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services*



“Amendments to the Police Act support your Alberta RCMP’s ongoing efforts to ensure that communities have a strong voice in their policing priorities. In particular, it will assist our work on local resourcing, responding to calls for mental health and addictions issues, targeting prolific offenders, and dealing with hate crimes. The Alberta RCMP welcomes any changes or enhancements to oversight and governance that help us meet the needs of the communities we serve.”

*Deputy Commissioner Rob Hill, commanding officer, Alberta RCMP*

“Our association’s 265-member communities welcome the provincial government’s effort to build stronger ties between the RCMP and the communities they serve. We hope these policing committees and the Provincial Police Advisory Board lead to improved public safety in communities throughout Alberta.”

*Tyler Gandam, president, Alberta Municipalities*

## **Municipal and regional policing committees**

Communities with municipal policing contracts and populations of more than 15,000 will be required to appoint municipal policing committees to oversee RCMP service delivery for their area. These committees will work with elected municipal officials to set policing priorities for the community, report on initiatives to support those goals, and create safety plans with their local RCMP detachments, authorities and agencies.

RCMP-policed communities with populations between 5,000 and 15,000 will be represented by regional policing committees to which they will be required to recruit and appoint members. These civilian committees will represent the interests and concerns of the public to the RCMP leadership in their district, work with local officials to identify and address public safety concerns for their region, and report on the implementation of programs and services to address them.

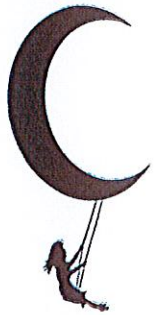
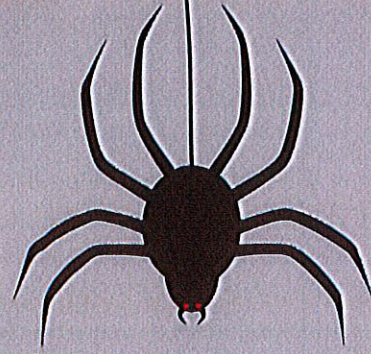
## The Provincial Police Advisory Board

Small and rural communities policed by the RCMP with populations under 5,000 will be represented by a new advisory board. The Provincial Police Advisory Board will represent the interests and concerns of Albertans in these communities, support integrated safety planning and liaise with Alberta's government, the RCMP and municipalities to align policing priorities and resources to help address local concerns and challenges. The 15-person board will include dedicated seats for representatives from Alberta Municipalities, Rural Municipalities of Alberta, and First Nations and Métis communities, as well as community representation for each of the province's RCMP districts.

### Quick facts

- The *Police Amendment Act, 2022* received royal assent on Dec. 15, 2022, with the aim of improving police accountability, strengthening ties with communities and enhancing public confidence by reforming existing policing practices.
  - The *Police Amendment Act, 2022* made a number of amendments to the *Police Act*, including the creation of civilian governance bodies in jurisdictions policed by the RCMP.
- The *Public Safety Statutes Amendment Act, 2024* received royal assent on May 16, and included amendments that allow for the regulation of municipal police committee memberships.
- Both the *Police Amendment Act, 2022* amendments and the new regulations created to support these municipal and regional civilian governance bodies will come into force on March 1, 2025.

# Let The Ghoul Times Roll!



**October 15<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>  
7pm – 9pm!**

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**Vauxhall Meeting Room  
417 4 St. N**

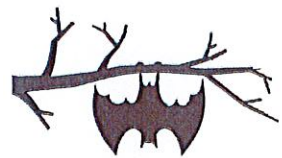
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**Town of Vauxhall Employees  
Present:  
“Witches Woods”**

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**Entry by \$2.00 donation.  
Proceeds to Vauxhall Public Library!**

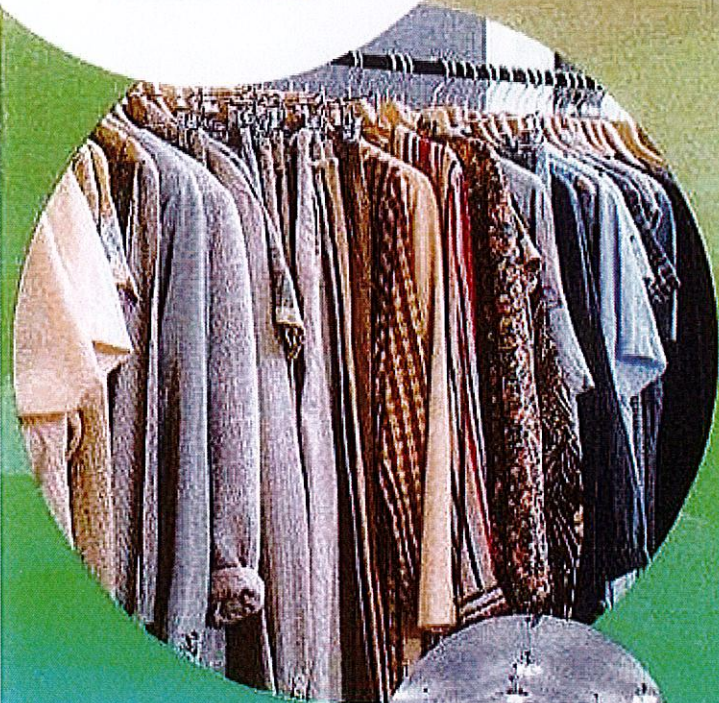
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# CLOTHING FEST

## WHAT

At this event, individuals and families have the opportunity to "shop" for clothes and toys at NO CHARGE! All clothing at this event will be provided by My City Care. Set up by the DO Crew and DO Crew Jr.



## WHEN

Friday, October 18  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

## WHERE

Vauxhall Elementary School  
423 7 St, Vauxhall



## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Kim  
403-394-8657  
Kim.Forohuk@fcss.ca

**MYCITYCARE**

## Continuing to stand up against federal overreach

### October 04, 2024 Media inquiries

Alberta is providing a four-week deadline for the federal government to remedy unconstitutional provisions in the amended *Impact Assessment Act* or face another legal challenge.

The Government of Alberta is prepared to launch another legal challenge against the federal government for its unconstitutional *Impact Assessment Act*. Alberta Premier Danielle Smith has sent a letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau with a four-week deadline to receive a satisfactory response to the province's concerns before once again bringing the federal government to court for its unconstitutional legislation.

Since the Oct. 13, 2023 Supreme Court of Canada decision on the unconstitutionality of the *Impact Assessment Act*, Alberta has made repeated requests for the federal government to share details of its amendments with the province, to no effect. The Premier's letter cites grave concerns about the lack of meaningful consultation with the province and the federal government's clear refusal to engage with Alberta on the legislation and its flawed amendments.

"The federal government continues to play politics and cater to activists with the amendments passed in July. Since this deeply flawed and unconstitutional legislation was first tabled, we have fought to defend our jurisdiction and stand up for Alberta's economy and rights. The Supreme Court of Canada agreed with us in its ruling of a year ago, but it is clear the federal government is unwilling to acknowledge its gross overreach. We will not stand down on this issue, and we've drafted a list of the amendments needed to make the legislation constitutional. We expect the federal government to implement these changes promptly."

*Danielle Smith, Premier of Alberta*

On July 20, the federal government passed amendments to the *Impact Assessment Act* as part of a large omnibus budget bill. Those amendments were not meaningfully consulted on and do not address the issues with the legislation that have been raised repeatedly, and do not correct the constitutional deficiencies identified by the Supreme Court of Canada. The amended legislation remains unconstitutional and continues to allow the federal government to encroach into provincial jurisdiction.

Additionally, the federal government's *Impact Assessment Act* continues to create uncertainty for major infrastructure projects by allowing Ottawa to derail, delay and interfere in virtually any project. Alberta's government is now calling for action before it is too late.

To address this, Alberta's government is calling on the federal government to immediately:

- eliminate federal encroachment into provincial jurisdiction.
- recognize equivalency and the ability to fully substitute our provincial environmental assessment for a federal impact assessment.
- create certainty for industry and increase investor confidence by imposing concrete timelines and curbing ministerial discretion.
- emphasize that significant adverse effects within federal jurisdiction is the minimum threshold for federal involvement.
- streamline the process by scoping projects appropriately and placing some parameters on public involvement.
- focus the public interest decision-making process on significant adverse effects within federal jurisdiction and countervailing positive effects.

"Alberta's concerns with the *Impact Assessment Act* must be addressed immediately for the legislation to be constitutionally compliant. Should the federal government insist on ignoring the clear issues identified by the Supreme Court of Canada, Alberta is prepared to bring forward another legal challenge to defend our jurisdiction."

*Mickey Amery, Minister of Justice and Attorney General*

"The federal government is ignoring the courts and Canadians. Ottawa appears dead set on damaging our economy, putting investment and jobs at risk and once again violating the Canadian constitution. Canadians and Albertans deserve better."

*Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas*

Alberta is reiterating the necessity for the following project types (new and expansions) to be removed from Canada's five-year review of the Physical Activities Regulations (also known as the Project List): in situ oil sands, power plants, oil refineries, petroleum storage facilities, liquid natural gas projects and highways.

Alberta's government will continue to contest the federal government's ongoing unconstitutional encroachment into matters falling within exclusive provincial jurisdiction. The province is exploring all options to oppose these unconstitutional federal actions and stand up for Albertans.