

**Agenda for the
Regular Meeting of the Vauxhall Town Council
Monday January 20, 2025
6:00p.m. – Vauxhall Council Chambers**

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
1. Call to Order	
2. Adoption of Agenda	For Adoption
3. Delegations	Receive as Information
a.) R.C.M.P	
4. Minutes	
Council Minutes	
a.) Regular Meeting of Council January 6, 2025	For Adoption
External Minutes	Receive all for Information
b.) Municipal Planning Commission January 13, 2025	
c.) Vauxhall Public Library October 9, 2024	
5. Bylaw (s)	
a.) Bylaw No. 1001-24 Code of Conduct for Members of Council Bylaw	3 rd and Final Reading
b.) Bylaw No. 1002-25 Bylaw Enforcement Officer Bylaw	1 st Reading
c.) Bylaw No. 1003-25 Consolidation Bylaw	1 st Reading
d.) Bylaw No. 1004-25 Chief Administrative Officer Bylaw	1 st Reading
6. Financials	Receive all for Information
a.) AMSC Mastercard as of January 7, 2025	
b.) Operating Budget to Actual – January 20, 2025	
7. New Business	
a.) Oldman Watershed Council	For Adoption
b.) Vauxhall Public Library – Fireplace	For Adoption
c.) Invitation to the Town of Taber 120 th Anniversary Event	Receive all for Information
d.) Regional Fire Services	
8. Reports	Receive all for Information
a.) Action List	
i.) Action List in Progress 2024	
b.) Upcoming Events and Meetings	
9. Information and Correspondence	Receive all for Information
a.) Municipal Affairs – Capital Funding	
b.) ABMUNIS 2024 Year in Review	
c.) VDCC Bi-Weekly Newsletter	
10. Closed Session Pursuant to Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act and Section 16 of Division 2 of Part 1 of FOIPP - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party (16) and 24 Advice from Officials (21) - Vauxhall Recreation Facilities	
10.1 Closed Session Pursuant to Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act and Section 17 and 24 of Division 2 of Part 1 of FOIPP - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy and Advice from Officials – Personnel	
11. Adjournment	

Taber RCMP



MD OF TABER

MONTHLY REPORT

DECEMBER 2024

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

MD OF TABER - DECEMBER 2024	
RCMP CALLS FOR SERVICE	
MD of Taber	98
Barnwell	3
Vauxhall	20
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	121
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	2
Barnwell	0
Vauxhall	0
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE VIOLATIONS	2
NON-CRIMINAL	
911 Hangups in MD of Taber	7
Barnwell	0
Vauxhall	10
TOTAL 911 HANG UPS	17
Criminal Record Checks for Detachment Area	15
General Public Fingerprints for Detachment Area	3

MD OF TABER PATROLS	
Barnwell	20
Vauxhall	27
HAMLETS	#
Enchant	9
Grassy Lake	22
Hays	8
TOTAL HAMLET PATROLS	39
PARKS /CAMPGROUNDS	
MD Park	0
Forks	0
Enchant	0
Chin	0
Hays	0
Grassy Lake	0
TOTAL PARK / CAMPGROUND PATROLS	0
TOTAL PATROLS in MD of Taber	86
VIOLATION TICKETS	
MD of Taber	14
Barnwell	0
Vauxhall	0
VIOLATION TICKETS WRITTEN BY TABER RCMP	24
ITU (Lethbridge/Redcliff/Brooks) VIOLATION TICKETS	0
TOTAL VIOLATION TICKETS	24



Taber Provincial Crime Gauge

2024 vs. 2023
January to December

Criminal Code Offences



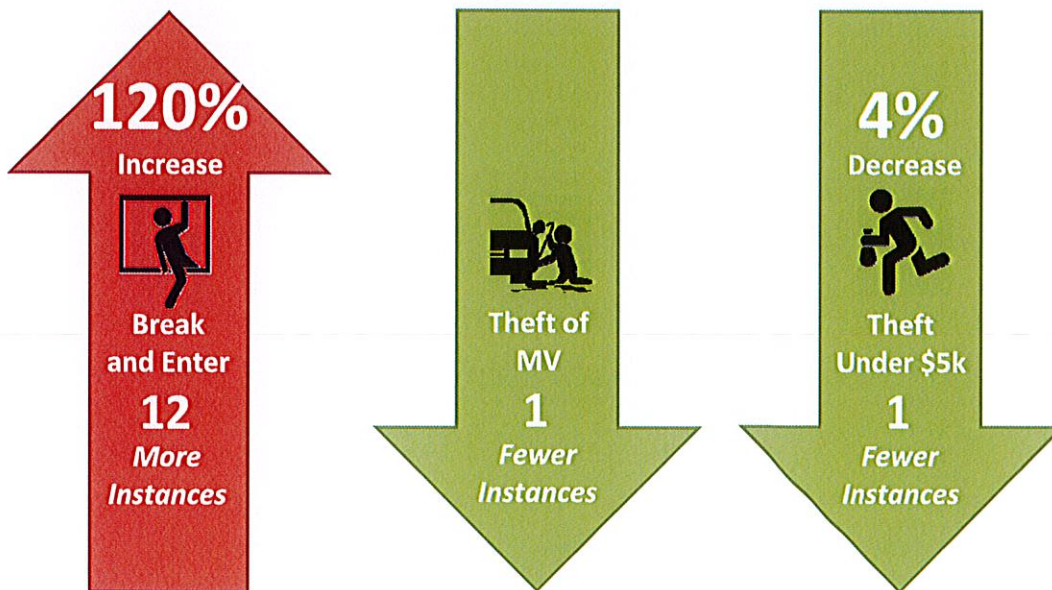
**Total
Criminal Code
Offences:**

2%

Increase

When compared to
January to December, 2023

Select Property Crime



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

Detachment Commander's Comments

- The Detachment laid charges in two criminal investigations during the month of December.
- There were two complaints of domestic violence made to the Detachment in December. Charges were laid where evidence of an offence existed, and all available supports were provided to the victims.



Taber (Provincial) Crime Statistic Summary – January to December

2025/01/06

Taber (Provincial) – Highlights

- **Break & Enters** are showing a 120.0% increase when compared to the same period in 2023 (January to December). There were 12 more actual occurrences (from 10 in 2023 to 22 in 2024).
- **Theft of Motor Vehicles** decreased by 6.3% when compared to the same period in 2023 (January to December). There were 1 fewer actual occurrences (from 16 in 2023 to 15 in 2024).
- **Theft Under \$5,000** decreased by 4.3% when compared to the same period in 2023 (January to December). There were 1 fewer actual occurrences (from 23 in 2023 to 22 in 2024).

Taber (Provincial) – Criminal Code Offences Summary

Crime Category	% Change 2023 – 2024 (January to December)
Total Persons Crime	8.0% Decrease
Total Property Crime	12.6% Increase
Total Criminal Code	1.8% Increase

From January to December 2024, when compared to the same period in 2023, there have been:

- 4 fewer **Persons Crime** offences;
- 15 more **Property Crime** offences; and
- 4 more **Total Criminal Code** offences;

Taber (Provincial) – December, 2024

- There were 1 **Thefts of Motor Vehicles** in December: 0 cars, 1 trucks, 0 minivans, 0 SUVs, 0 motorcycles, 0 other types of vehicles, and 0 vehicles taken without consent.
- There were 1 **Break and Enters** in December: 0 businesses, 1 residences, 0 cottages/seasonal residences, 0 in some other type of location, and 0 unlawfully being in a dwelling house.
- There were a total of 0 **Provincial Roadside Suspensions** in December (0 alcohol related and 0 drug related). This brings the year-to-date total to 6 (5 alcohol related and 1 drug related).
- There were a total of 2 files with the **Spousal Abuse** survey code in December (December 2023: 0). This brings the year-to-date total to 38 (2023: 29).
- There were 101 files with **Victim Service Unit** referral scoring in Taber Provincial: 0 accepted, 1 declined, 1 proactive, 0 requested but not available, and 99 files with no victim.



Taber Provincial Detachment Crime Statistics (Actual) January to December: 2020 - 2024

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

January 6, 2025

CATEGORY	Trend	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	% Change 2020 - 2024	% Change 2023 - 2024	Avg File +/- per Year
Offences Related to Death		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Robbery		1	0	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.2
Sexual Assaults		4	3	2	5	9	125%	80%	1.2
Other Sexual Offences		3	0	1	1	3	0%	200%	0.1
Assault		35	20	23	34	18	-49%	-47%	-2.0
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction		2	0	0	1	0	-100%	-100%	-0.3
Extortion		2	1	1	2	2	0%	0%	0.1
Criminal Harassment		12	2	3	1	6	-50%	500%	-1.3
Uttering Threats		11	14	13	6	8	-27%	33%	-1.4
TOTAL PERSONS		70	40	43	50	46	-34%	-8%	-3.8
Break & Enter		22	13	25	10	22	0%	120%	-0.3
Theft of Motor Vehicle		21	17	15	16	15	-29%	-6%	-1.3
Theft Over \$5,000		7	5	5	5	4	-43%	-20%	-0.6
Theft Under \$5,000		52	29	28	23	22	-58%	-4%	-6.6
Possn Stn Goods		21	13	10	16	7	-67%	-56%	-2.5
Fraud		37	27	31	20	29	-22%	45%	-2.3
Arson		2	0	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.4
Mischief - Damage To Property		35	38	29	24	16	-54%	-33%	-5.2
Mischief - Other		20	2	6	5	19	-5%	280%	0.1
TOTAL PROPERTY		217	144	149	119	134	-38%	13%	-19.1
Offensive Weapons		4	6	3	7	5	25%	-29%	0.3
Disturbing the peace		3	8	5	3	2	-33%	-33%	-0.7
Fail to Comply & Breaches		30	28	19	27	31	3%	15%	0.1
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		15	11	11	12	4	-73%	-67%	-2.1
TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		52	53	38	49	42	-19%	-14%	-2.4
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE		339	237	230	218	222	-35%	2%	-25.3



Taber Provincial Detachment

Crime Statistics (Actual)

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CATEGORY	Trend	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	% Change 2020 - 2024	% Change 2023 - 2024	Avg File +/- per Year
Drug Enforcement - Production		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Drug Enforcement - Possession		3	2	1	2	2	-33%	0%	-0.2
Drug Enforcement - Trafficking		1	1	1	0	1	0%	N/A	-0.1
Drug Enforcement - Other		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Total Drugs		4	3	2	2	3	-25%	50%	-0.3
Cannabis Enforcement		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Federal - General		4	5	1	0	1	-75%	N/A	-1.1
TOTAL FEDERAL		8	8	3	2	4	-50%	100%	-1.4
Liquor Act		10	9	2	3	0	-100%	-100%	-2.6
Cannabis Act		3	1	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.7
Mental Health Act		36	37	40	32	59	64%	84%	4.1
Other Provincial Stats		123	106	52	67	79	-36%	18%	-12.7
Total Provincial Stats		172	153	94	102	138	-20%	35%	-11.9
Municipal By-laws Traffic		0	2	1	1	4	N/A	300%	0.7
Municipal By-laws		22	22	30	18	10	-55%	-44%	-2.8
Total Municipal		22	24	31	19	14	-36%	-26%	-2.1
Fatals		3	3	3	2	7	133%	250%	0.7
Injury MVC		12	14	17	17	15	25%	-12%	0.9
Property Damage MVC (Reportable)		113	148	143	168	120	6%	-29%	3.4
Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)		20	18	29	18	20	0%	11%	0.0
TOTAL MVC		148	183	192	205	162	9%	-21%	5.0
Roadside Suspension - Alcohol (Prov)		0	17	6	13	5	N/A	-62%	0.6
Roadside Suspension - Drugs (Prov)		0	0	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.2
Total Provincial Traffic		895	1,195	776	964	760	-15%	-21%	-50.1
Other Traffic		6	4	9	5	2	-67%	-60%	-0.7
Criminal Code Traffic		39	28	10	9	18	-54%	100%	-6.1
Common Police Activities									
False Alarms		19	12	17	21	35	84%	67%	4.1
False/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act		80	68	125	77	50	-38%	-35%	-5.1
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property		48	45	49	61	52	8%	-15%	2.4
Persons Reported Missing		3	5	6	5	7	133%	40%	0.8
Search Warrants		0	1	0	0	3	N/A	N/A	0.5
Spousal Abuse - Survey Code (Reported)		18	26	27	29	38	111%	31%	4.3
Form 10 (MHA) (Reported)		1	1	0	2	2	100%	0%	0.3



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Sexual Assaults		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Other Sexual Offences		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Assault		5	5	1	3	1	-80%	-67%	-1.0
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Extortion		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Criminal Harassment		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Uttering Threats		2	3	0	1	0	-100%	-100%	-0.6
TOTAL PERSONS		7	8	1	4	1	-86%	-75%	-1.6
Break & Enter		0	0	0	1	1	N/A	0%	0.3
Theft of Motor Vehicle		0	1	1	3	1	N/A	-67%	0.4
Theft Over \$5,000		0	0	0	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.1
Theft Under \$5,000		1	0	1	2	2	100%	0%	0.4
Possn Stn Goods		0	1	1	1	2	N/A	100%	0.4
Fraud		5	3	1	2	3	-40%	50%	-0.5
Arson		1	0	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.2
Mischief - Damage To Property		1	2	2	5	2	100%	-60%	0.5
Mischief - Other		0	0	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
TOTAL PROPERTY		8	7	7	15	11	38%	-27%	1.4
Offensive Weapons		0	1	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.1
Disturbing the peace		0	0	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Fail to Comply & Breaches		8	1	0	3	2	-75%	-33%	-1.0
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		0	1	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.1
TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		8	3	1	3	2	-75%	-33%	-1.2
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE		23	18	9	22	14	-39%	-36%	-1.4



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Drug Enforcement - Possession		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Drug Enforcement - Trafficking		0	0	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.2
Drug Enforcement - Other		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Total Drugs		0	0	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.2
Cannabis Enforcement		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Federal - General		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
TOTAL FEDERAL		0	0	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.2
Liquor Act		2	0	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.4
Cannabis Act		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Mental Health Act		2	1	3	2	7	250%	250%	1.1
Other Provincial Stats		10	5	2	6	2	-80%	-67%	-1.5
Total Provincial Stats		14	6	5	8	9	-36%	13%	-0.8
Municipal By-laws Traffic		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Municipal By-laws		1	0	0	0	1	0%	N/A	0.0
Total Municipal		1	0	0	0	1	0%	N/A	0.0
Fatals		0	0	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.2
Injury MVC		0	2	2	2	1	N/A	-50%	0.2
Property Damage MVC (Reportable)		16	20	19	19	5	-69%	-74%	-2.3
Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)		2	5	7	0	1	-50%	N/A	-0.7
TOTAL MVC		18	27	28	21	8	-56%	-62%	-2.6
Roadside Suspension - Alcohol (Prov)		0	2	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.2
Roadside Suspension - Drugs (Prov)		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Total Provincial Traffic		89	52	37	41	35	-61%	-15%	-11.9
Other Traffic		0	1	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.1
Criminal Code Traffic		2	2	2	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.6
Common Police Activities									
False Alarms		1	0	1	3	2	100%	-33%	0.5
False/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act		1	5	12	2	1	0%	-50%	-0.3
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property		3	3	5	4	8	167%	100%	1.1
Persons Reported Missing		0	0	0	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.1
Search Warrants		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Spousal Abuse - Survey Code (Reported)		1	3	0	0	2	100%	N/A	-0.1
Form 10 (MHA) (Reported)		0	0	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.2

A regular meeting of Council of the Town of Vauxhall, was held in
Council Chambers
on Monday January 06, 2025, 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: 25:01

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

Councillor Dorin arrives in Council Chambers at 6:02 p.m.

Delegation

RES: 25:02

MOVED by Councillor Norris to receive as information:
• STARS Air Ambulance
CARRIED

Minutes

RES: 25:03

MOVED by Councillor Zacharias to adopt the following minutes as
presented.
• Regular Meeting of Council December 16, 2024
CARRIED

Policy No. 009-2012

Community Sign Policy

RES: 25:04

MOVED by Councillor Dorin that Policy No.009-2012 for review and
accept as information.
CARRIED

Cheque Listing
December 2024
RES: 25:05

MOVED by Councillor Norris to adopt the August 31, 2024, cheque listing in the amount of one million eight hundred and five thousand, two hundred and ninety-one dollars and twenty-five cents (\$1,805,291.25), as information.
CARRIED

Financials
RES: 25:06

MOVED by Councillor Norris to accept the following as information:

- Bank Reconciliation as of August 31, 2024
- Bank Reconciliation as of October 31, 2024
- Bank Reconciliation as of November 31, 2024
- Bank Reconciliation as of December 31, 2024

CARRIED

New Business
RES: 25:07

MOVED by Councillor Norris to accept the following as information:

- Town of Taber – Second Annual State of the Regional Event

CARRIED

Reports
RES: 25:08

MOVED by Councillor Zacharias to accept the following as information.

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

CARRIED

Information and
Correspondence
RES: 25:09

MOVED by Councillor Norris to accept the following as information.

- VDCC Bi-Weekly Newsletter- December 2024
- R.C.M.P. – Season's Greetings Card

CARRIED

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

DEPUTY MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, January 13, 2025

A Municipal Planning Commission meeting of the Town of Vauxhall was held in Council Chambers January 13, 2025, at 5:15 p.m.

PRESENT:

CHAIR: Henry Zacharias

VICE CHAIR: Russ Norris

DEPUTY MAYOR: Marilyn Forchuk

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER: Cris Burns

ORRSC STAFF: Bonnie Brunner

ALSO PRESENT: Mindy Dunphy
Tanya Strydom

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Zacharias called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.

Adoption of
Agenda

RES: MPC25:01

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

CARRIED

Adoption of
Minutes

RES: MPC25:02

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Forchuk to adopt the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of December 9, 2024.

CARRIED

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

2024D – 34 Johan Fehr F & Helena Fehr

104 4 Street North (Lot 15-16, Block 3, Plan 760)

Use: 12'X20' Metal Carport (accessory structure)

Land Use District: Residential – R

RES: MPC25:03 **MOVED** by Vice Chair Norris to approve the application 2024D – 34 development permit with the following revisions:

Approved subject to the following conditions:

1. The development is to conform to the development application dated December 13, 2024, deemed complete December 17, 2024, in compliance with the Town of Vauxhall Land Use Bylaw No. 833-09, and the attached approved site plan.
2. That a waiver of 10ft (3.05m) is granted for the required corner side setback of 16ft (4.88m), allowing the structure to be no closer than 6 ft (1.83 m) to the west property line.
3. That a waiver is granted for a second driveway access on the northwest property line and that it be no closer than 5ft (1.52m) to the lane access north of the property.
4. That a waiver is granted to the minimum driveway length requirement of 18ft (5.49m) to allow the length of the driveway to be no lesser than 6ft (1.83m) in length.
5. The height of the accessory structure shall not be greater than 15ft (4.57m).
6. The gate shall not be permitted to remain open or extend over the public sidewalk adjacent to the property.
7. Parking of vehicles in the secondary driveway shall be entirely within the private property. Parked vehicles shall not be permitted across the municipal road right-of-way, including the public sidewalk.
8. That the existing 10ft x 12ft shed is granted approval in accordance with the approved site plan.
9. If applicable, the applicant/owner is responsible for obtaining a roadside development permit from AB Transportation prior to commencement of construction. The application can be submitted through the RPATH portal and may be subject to additional requirements. Visit www.alberta.ca/roadside-development-permits.aspx
10. That the carport shall be securely anchored to the ground at all times.

Informative:

1. The applicant must contact Utility Safety Partners, formerly Alberta One Call, (1-800-242-3447) to locate any utility lines prior to commencement.
2. The applicant/landowner is responsible for determining the location of any easement and/or utility right-of way registered on the property and ensuring that the development does not encroach upon the easement and/or right of way and complies with any associated agreements registered on title.

3. The development permit approval applies only to the carport as indicated and the approval herein granted does not constitute approval of a subsequent variance request(s). Any change of use or additional development requires a new development permit approval prior to commencement.

Adjournment 5:28 p.m.

**CHAIR
HENRY ZACHARIAS**

**DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
CRIS BURNS**



GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 9, 2024

Call to Order: Petra called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM.

In attendance: Shelley Deleeuw, Lena Martens, Paulina Thiessen, Marilyn Forchuk, Karen Phillips, Gen Durupt, Petra Klemptner, Beverly Brummelhuis, Maria Dyck.

In absent:

Approval of agenda: Motion

Marilyn moved the agenda to be approved as presented, Beverly seconded, and carried.

Approval of last meeting minutes: Motion

Beverly moved minutes with changes under correspondence to be accepted as presented, Paulina seconded, carried.

Reports of officers:

A) Chairperson's report

B) Treasurer report

C) Town of Vauxhall report

D) Manager report

Motion – All reports were moved by Beverly to be accepted as presented, Marilyn seconded, carried.

Unfinished business

- Plan of services
Motion – Beverly moved the plan of services with changes to be accepted as presented, Paulina seconded, carried.
- Puzzle table – Shelley has donated some puzzles and we will continue to see if it seems to bring people in. **Election:**
- Appointment of secretary-treasurer - Tabled for next meeting.

New business

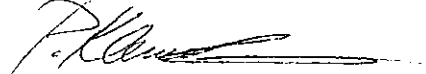
- Budget – The budget was presented and discussed.
Motion – Marylin moved the budget to be accepted as presented, Paulina seconded, carried.
- Safety and Use Bylaw review
Motion – Beverly moved the Safety and Use bylaw with changes to be accepted as presented, Marylin seconded, carried.
- Policy review – Policy 8 and 9 were reviewed.
Motion – Beverly moved policies with changes to be accepted as presented, Paulina seconded, carried.

Correspondence:

- Letter from the town – Lena Martens was approved as a member of the library's board.
- Donation – Plants were grown by Gwen Dorchuck, sold at the Farmers Market, and all proceeds (\$30.00) were donated to the library.

Next meeting: Meetings are planned for the following dates in 2025: January 8th, April 16th, September 17th, Oct 8th.

Meeting adjournment: By Beverly at 8:06 PM. **Minutes recorded by:** Maria Dyck

approved Jan. 9, 2025




**Town of Vauxhall
Council Memo**

7a.

Date: January 16, 2025
Proposed by: Administration
Topic: Oldman Watershed Council

Background:

Administration has received a request for support from Oldman Watershed Council for 2025.

The amount requested for 2024 was split between Oldman Watershed Council and Bow River Basin Council.

Oldman River Watershed Council
Bow Basin Council

RES: 24:13

MOVED by Councillor Dorin to approve a donation of \$344.00 to the Oldman Watershed Council and to donate \$344.00 to the Bow River Basin Council for 2024.

CARRIED

Proposed Motions

MOVED by Councillor _____ to not approve a donation to Oldman Watershed Council and Bow River Basin Council for 2025.

MOVED by Councillor _____ to approve a donation of _____ to the Oldman Watershed Council for 2025.

MOVED by Councillor _____ to approve a donation of _____ to the Oldman Watershed Council and to donate _____ towards the Bow River Basin Council for 2025.



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info@oldmanwatershed.ca
(403) 330-1346

Her Worship Kimberley Cawley
Town of Vauxhall
PO Box 509
Vauxhall AB T0K2K0

Dear Mayor Cawley and Council,

January 2, 2025

Thank you for your on-going support of the Oldman Watershed Council (OWC). Your contributions are essential to our mission of safeguarding the health and sustainability of our watershed—a mission that directly influences the economic prosperity, environmental resilience, and quality of life in our region. As we look ahead, we're asking for your continued partnership to help us tackle the challenges and seize the opportunities before us.

Your municipality plays a critical role in our efforts. With 3 dedicated municipal seats on our 19-member Board, including 1 for Towns and Villages, 1 for Municipal Districts and Counties, and 1 for the City of Lethbridge, your voice is integral to the work we do. Together, we ensure that all perspectives within the watershed are considered, fostering a collaborative approach to watershed management.

Over the past year, despite the ongoing challenges of drought, we've achieved significant milestones with your support:

- **Drought Response:** We launched ABWater.ca and hosted a drought resilience workshop, enhancing drought management knowledge by 90% among 110 participants from 36 municipalities and one First Nation.
- **Restoration:** Nearly 5,000 willows were planted across 20 sites, improving water storage and quality. We worked closely with 16 landholders, including five new collaborators.
- **Economic Impact:** Our efforts from 2009 to 2022 contributed \$8.3 million to the region's GDP and created 167 job years, highlighting the economic benefits of our environmental work.
- **Community Engagement:** We engaged 3,656 residents, including 1,566 youth, through innovative programs such as virtual reality experiences. Ninety-three percent of participants left feeling more hopeful about the environment and their role in its protection.
- **Partnerships:** Our network grew to 122 partners across Southern Alberta, significantly amplifying our collective impact.

As we move forward, we are requesting your municipality's continued support for the fiscal year of April 2024 to March 2025. A contribution of 49¢ per resident—totaling \$630 for 1286 residents—will directly support our ongoing efforts to educate the public, restore vital habitats, and uphold our role as an impartial and trusted voice in watershed management.

We encourage you to review our 2023-24 annual report, which showcases the impact of your contributions through compelling stories, images, and project highlights. If you would like to arrange a presentation or discuss further collaboration opportunities, please reach out to our Executive Director, Shannon Frank, at shannon@oldmanwatershed.ca or 403-317-1328.

Your support truly makes a difference. Together, we can continue to protect and enhance the Oldman Watershed, ensuring a vibrant and sustainable future for all.

Warm regards,

Doug Kaupp, OWC Chair and Water and Wastewater Special Project Manager, City of Lethbridge



Town of Vauxhall
Council Memo

7d.

Date: January 16, 2025
Proposed by: Invitation
Topic Regional Fire Services

Background:

See attached the invitation for the Vauxhall Council to attend the Regional Fire Services Awards on February 28, 2025.

They have requested Mayor Cawley or designate if she is not able to attend to provide a short message during the reception.

Please let the Administration know if you can attend so we can RSVP.



Municipal District of Taber

2024 Regional Fire Services
AWARDS BANQUET

You and a guest
are cordially invited to join us
to celebrate and honour our members

Friday, February 28, 2025

Cocktails at 5:30 P.M.

Dinner at 6:30 P.M.

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Please RSVP by Wednesday, February 12th
to ncote@mdtaber.ab.ca

Events 2025

Date	Time	Events	Location	Councillor (s) attending (if applicable)
2025-02-28	5:30 PM	Regional Fire Services Banquet	Heritage Inn (Taber)	
2025-03-06 & 07		Spring Municipal Leaders Caucus	Westin Hotel, Edmonton	
2025-05-01 & 02		Public Risk Conference	TBD	
2025-06-11, 12, 25 & 26		Summer Municipal Leaders Caucuses	Various Locations	
2025-11-12 to 14		Alberta Municipal Convention and Trade Show	Calgary TELUS Convention Centre	

Meetings 2025

Date	Time	Meeting	Location	Councillor(s) Member
2025-02-03	6:00 PM	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	All of Council
2025-02-10	6:00 PM	Special Meeting	Council Chambers	All of Council
2025-02-12	6:00 PM	JEDC	MD Office-Reeves Room	Mayor Cawley & Cllr. Deleeuw
2025-04-12	7:00 PM	Regional Fire Authority	Vx Fire Hall	DM Forchuk & Cllr. Zacharias
2025-05-14	6:00 PM	JEDC	MD Office-Reeves Room	Mayor Cawley & Cllr. Deleeuw
2025-08-13	6:00 PM	JEDC	MD Office-Reeves Room	Mayor Cawley & Cllr. Deleeuw
2025-11-12	6:00 PM	JEDC	MD Office-Reeves Room	Mayor Cawley & Cllr. Deleeuw

ABMUNIS 2024 Year in Review
Alberta Municipalities -Strength in Members

By Tyler Gandam, President

When I reflect on 2024, I'm struck by how busy our association was throughout the year (something many members told me) and just how much we accomplished! In many respects, 2024 was a pivotal year for municipalities across Alberta.

I encourage you to take a few minutes to review Alberta Municipalities' 2024 highlights as I see them from my perspective as President.

Three little bills with huge consequences

Anyone following Alberta's political scene last year knows we spent a lot of time and effort on Bills 18, 20 and 21. Bill 18 requires municipalities, post-secondary institutions, and other provincial entities to obtain provincial approval to enter into a funding agreement with the federal government. Bill 20 made substantial changes to the Municipal Government Act and the Local Authorities Election Act and allowed municipal political parties to be introduced in Edmonton and Calgary ahead of the 2025 municipal elections. Bill 21 – the least contentious of the three bills – streamlined and expanded the provincial government's powers and authorities during an emergency under several pieces of legislation. We repeatedly raised our members' concerns and presented alternative solutions to the provincial government's intended legislative changes wherever possible. ABmunis continued voicing our members' concerns in calm, rational and creative ways. I'm extremely pleased with what we accomplished under difficult circumstances.

Policing & public safety

Most municipalities in Alberta rely on the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) to provide police services in their communities. While ABmunis' members are generally satisfied with the policing the RCMP delivers in their communities, they want to keep their police-related expenses down and improve responsiveness however they can. When the provincial government announced it was expanding the role of sheriffs and giving them police-like powers, ABmunis asked questions to help clarify things. We expressed appreciation for added law enforcement resources (more sheriffs) while continuing to advocate for a more collaborative approach to law enforcement in which sheriffs support and supplement local police services, regardless of the badges and uniforms they wear.

Infrastructure

Our efforts to secure more provincial funding for municipal infrastructure continued in 2024. We kept advocating for more baseline capital funding in the Local Government Fiscal Framework. After all, Alberta's infrastructure deficit is \$30 billion and growing due to a combination of factors, including the maintenance, repair and replacement of key infrastructure, and increased

demand due to rapid population growth. We also called on the provincial government to resume full payment of Grants In Place of Taxes (GIPT) instead of paying just 50% of the total property value.

We scored an advocacy “win” in late September when the provincial government announced it was reverting to its former policy on how interest rates for provincial loans to local authorities for capital projects.

Health care

The overall state of Alberta’s health care system remained a major concern for municipalities of all sizes and locations, whether they were dealing with chronic doctor shortages, closures of primary health care facilities or lengthy ambulance response times. Alberta Municipalities continued advocating for improvements across the board. While it is too soon to know the extent to which nurse practitioners (NPs) will help alleviate the overall pressure, ABmunis’ advocacy over the past two years helped pave the way for their introduction. As of December 1, 33 NPs have begun providing care, mainly in smaller and more remote communities, and a further 23 NPs have been approved to begin working independently.

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

Our association continued working closely with the Alberta Recycling Management Authority (ARMA) on the critical issue of EPR in 2024. Through newsletter articles, web articles and online seminars, ABmunis ensured members were informed of the latest developments. Another intake period was added in November after we raised members’ concerns about EPR’s timelines and looming deadlines to ARMA and the provincial government. Phase 1 communities that have already registered under the EPR program but have been unable to finalize contractual service agreements with Circular Materials by December 31, 2024, will now have until March 31, 2025, to do so.

Our ongoing commitment to delivering value

Our Business Development team worked closely with members across Alberta in 2024 to provide products and services that suited their specific needs. Regional managers met with numerous elected officials and administrators throughout the year to build meaningful connections and deepen their knowledge of the communities in their respective regions. As trusted sources of information and advice, our regional managers provided tailored services, recommendations, and insights at the right time to achieve the greatest possible success. Our approach is another way we are committed to building strong communities. We support and include community-related and not-for-profit organizations that are crucial in providing the services needed to build thriving communities.

Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP)

Our Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP) is an innovative financing tool that enables residential and commercial property owners to access flexible, long-term financing through their municipality, improving their ability to pay for energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades. Financing is tied to property and repaid through property taxes.

Twenty-one communities across Alberta are already taking part in CEIP. Five more municipalities (Airdrie, Banff, Beaumont, Spruce Grove & Wetaskiwin) passed bylaws in 2024 and have begun working with our Sustainability Services team to design and develop programs that suit them.

Departing Board members

We are extremely grateful to our Board members who left in 2024. Tanya Thorn served our association admirably for eight years, including four years as the Vice-President, Towns. My heartfelt thanks to Ellen Nygaard, who served on the APEX Governance Board for eight years, Bryan Smith, who served the AMSC/AMSCIS and MUNIX Board for three years, and Jennifer Wyness, who served on ABmunis' Board for two years. Please join me in thanking them for their invaluable contributions.

Closing remarks

Our association faced plenty of challenges and achieved notable success in 2024. I'm happy with the way things went last year, and I look forward to working together with you – our members – to accomplish much more in 2025.



Friday January 10th 2025

This Bi-weekly Newsletter is available to members and non-members of the Vauxhall & District Chamber of Commerce and features information of importance to, and about local business and upcoming events!

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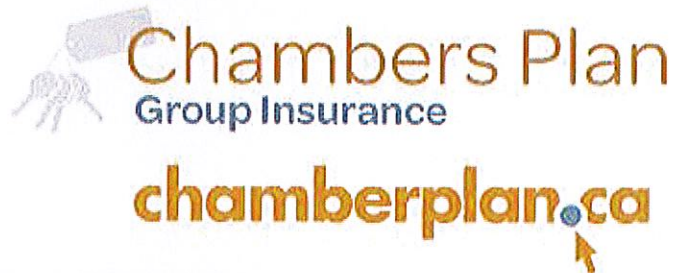
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