



Agenda
Village of Nampa
Council Meeting
July 20, 2021
Village of Nampa Council Chambers
7:00 p.m.

1. Call the meeting to order

2. Adoption of the agenda

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes

- 3.1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held June 15, 2021

4. Business Arising out of the Minutes

5 New Business

- 5.1 Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on June 3, 2021
- 5.2 RFD: Council Motion to Appoint Library Board Members
- 5.3 CAO Annual Performance Evaluation Date
- 5.4 RFD: Rail Safety Week 2021 Proclamation Request
- 5.5 Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on June 23, 2021
- 5.6 RFD Increase to Water Deposit Amount

6 Reports

- 6.1a Cheque Listing for Council 20210261-20210306 June 11 – July 12, 2021
- 6.1b May Bank Rec
- 6.2 2nd Qtr Budget Summary Report - June 30, 2021
- 6.3 CAO Report
- 6.4 Public Works Report
- 6.5 Mayor/Deputy Mayor/Councilor Reports & Upcoming Meetings

7. Correspondence

- 7.1 Mayor Gale Katchur, Fort Saskatchewan, June 8, 2021 RE: Support for the RCMP
- 7.2 North Peace Housing Foundation, Board Meeting Synopsis June 2, 2021
- 7.3 Reeve dan Hamilton, Cypress County, June 16, 2021 RE: Support for the RCMP
- 7.4 NAEL 2021 Health Issues Survey Report
- 7.5 Mayor Gary Rycroft, Town of Beaverlodge, Feb 25, 2021 RE: Support for RCMP
- 7.6 Mayor Rod Raymond, Thorsby, May 31, 2021 RE: RCMP and Provincial Policing
- 7.7 CAO Don McLeod, Town of Viking, RE: Proposed Provincial Police Force
- 7.8 Mayor Darcy Burke, Village of Rockyford, June 14, 2021 RE: Support for RCMP
- 7.9 CAO Cox, Village of Holden, RE: Proposed Provincial Police Force
- 7.10 Mayor Barry Crane, Turner Valley, June 16, 2021 RE: Support for RCMP
- 7.11 Reeve Steve Wikkerink, County of Forty Mile No 8, June 23, 2021, RE: Support for RCMP
- 7.12 Mayor Joe Pedersen, Village of Stanford, May 9, 2021, RE: Support for RCMP
- 7.13 Mayor Omer Moghrabi, Lac La Biche County, June 23, 2021, RE: Support for RCMP
- 7.14 Ponoka Town Council, Ponoka. June 24, 2021 RE: COVID 19 Pandemic
- 7.15 Andrea Robertson, President & CEO, STARS, June 24, 2021 RE; HEMS Review
- 7.16 Mayor Gordon MacLeod, Town of Fairview, June 7, 2021, RE: Support for RCMP
- 7.17 Mayor John Rimmer, Village of Caroline, July 8, 2021, RE: Proclamation
- 7.18 Mayor Tammy Burke, Town of Rocky Mtn House, July 8, 2021, RE: Cancellation of Household Hazardous Waste Funding
- 7.19 MMSA General Board Meeting Summary, April 30, 2021
- 7.20 MMSA MONITOR - Summer 2021 Newsletter

8. Closed Session

9 Adjournment



Agenda Item # 5.2

Request for Decision (RFD)
Council Meeting July 20, 2020

Topic: Nampa Library Board Member Appointees

Background:

The Nampa Library Board recently completed its public library survey and annual report. There was an issue with how individuals are being appointed to the library board.

The Libraries Act, section 4 requires that all appointments to a municipal library board be made by municipal council for a term of up to 3 years. These appointments are made by council motion at council meeting and should be recorded in the meeting minutes.

Apparently, this had never been done before, and needs to be done moving forward to ensure that the board is operating as a legal library board.

Attached is a list of the current Library board members

Administration Recommendation:

That council appoint current members to the Nampa Library board for a three-year term - July 20, 2021 - July 20, 2024

Nampa Library Board Members

Dan Boisvert - NSC Rep

Del Gardner

Judy Helgeson

Cheryl Novak - VON Rep

Bobbie Toker

Betty Ann Woods

Judy Anderson

Chelsea Hoy



Agenda Item # 5.3

Request for Decision (RFD)
Council Meeting July 20, 2020

Topic: CAO Annual Evaluation

Background:

It is time for the CAO performance evaluation to be completed by all council members
Dates that CAO is recommending for evaluation are August 4th, 5th or 6th

Administration Recommendation:

That council choose a date for CAO evaluation

From: [Stephen Covey](#)
To: [Perry Skrlík](#)
Cc: [Dianne Roshuk](#)
Subject: Rail Safety Week 2021 | Proclamation request
Date: June 15, 2021 1:31:38 PM
Attachments: [Image_20210615_145106_308.png](#)
[Rail Safety Week 2021 Resolution CDN MUNICIPALITIES.pdf](#)
[RSW2021 Resolution Canada Fr.pdf](#)



cn.ca

Dear Mayor Skrlík:

Every year, more than 2,100 North Americans are killed or seriously injured because of unsafe behaviour around tracks and trains. Most of these incidents and deaths are preventable. By looking out for each other and working together, we can help keep our communities safe and prevent fatalities and injuries on or near railway property.

As a responsible railroad that links communities to markets around the world, CN continues to play its essential role in the economy. We also continue to take all necessary steps to protect our employees, communities, customers, vendors and partners, in response to the continued and unprecedented challenges associated with the pandemic. As we safely serve our customers and keep the economy moving, we remain committed in our efforts to educate the public on rail safety.

Rail Safety Week will be held in Canada, the United States, and Mexico from September 20 - 26, 2021. Once again this year, our in-person activities may be restricted, yet efforts to get the rail safety message out will be stronger than ever. Rail safety never takes a break and, as proud neighbours, we continue to work with *Operation Lifesaver*, our communities and local authorities, CN Police Service officers and all CN employees to help prevent accidents and injuries at rail crossings, and ensure everyone's safety on and around railroad infrastructure year-round.

Rail Safety is a shared responsibility

No one wants such tragedies to occur in their community. Your council can be a powerful ally in this effort to prevent these incidents and save lives by adopting the attached draft proclamation. Please send a copy of your proclamation by mail or by e-mail to Marie-Pier.Triganne@cn.ca and let us know about your plans to promote rail safety in your community.

If you have any questions or concerns about rail safety in your community, please contact our Public Inquiry Line at 1-888-888-5909. For additional information about Rail Safety

Week 2021, please consult cn.ca/railsafety or operationlifesaver.ca.

Sincerely,

Stephen Covey

Chief of Police and Chief Security Officer





Agenda Item # 5.6

Request for Decision (RFD)
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Topic: Increase to Water Deposit Amount

Background:

The current water deposit amount that is charged to renters is \$ 200.00. With the recent increase in the garbage rate the total monthly utility billing is now \$102.20. The \$200.00 is not sufficient enough if a customer was to be in arrears on their utility bill and if we had to apply the deposit towards the billing.

Administration Recommendation:

That council increase the water deposit amount from \$200.00 to \$250.00



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Cheque Listing For Council

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| Cheque | | Vendor Name | Invoice # | Invoice Description | Invoice Amount | Cheque Amount |
|----------|------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|---------------|
| Cheque # | Date | | | | | |
| 20210261 | 2021-06-11 | ROSHUK, DIANNE G | | | | |
| 20210262 | 2021-06-11 | SURMAN, STEVE C | | | | |
| 20210263 | 2021-06-11 | MCNEIL, JEREMY D | | | | |
| 20210264 | 2021-06-18 | TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC. | 9618 | PAYMENT CAO CELL PHONE | 105.47 | 105.47 |
| 20210265 | 2021-06-25 | ACCU-FLO METER SERVICE LIMITED | 97477 | PAYMENT 5/8 & 1 1/2 INCH METERS | 2,595.60 | 2,595.60 |
| 20210266 | 2021-06-25 | CANADIAN LINEN AND UNIFORM | 5003750689 | PAYMENT MONTHLY MAT RENTAL | 421.05 | 421.05 |
| 20210267 | 2021-06-25 | HI TECH BUSINESS SYSTEMS | 1620789 | PAYMENT MONTHLY CONTRACT FEE | 116.88 | 116.88 |
| 20210268 | 2021-06-25 | KIT BUSINESS EQUIPMENT | 029675-00 029675-01 | PAYMENT OFFICE SUPPLIES INK TONER | 130.27 356.90 | 487.17 |
| 20210269 | 2021-06-25 | MAD DOG CRESTING | 5788 | PAYMENT PHAMPLET MUSEUM | 288.75 | 288.75 |
| 20210270 | 2021-06-25 | MUNICIPAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS | 20210710 | PAYMENT MONTHLY SUPPORT | 587.82 | 587.82 |
| 20210271 | 2021-06-25 | MURPHY, CARSON | June 10 21 June 2021 June 21 | PAYMENT OFFICE SUPPLIES MILEAGE POSTAGE | 15.03 107.50 80.60 | 203.13 |
| 20210272 | 2021-06-25 | NORTHERN SUNRISE COUNTY | 10823 | PAYMENT EMERGENCY SERVICE FEES | 25,000.00 | 25,000.00 |
| 20210273 | 2021-06-25 | PEACE LIBRARY SYSTEM | 2021177 | PAYMENT SEMI-ANNUAL BILLING | 1,159.34 | 1,159.34 |
| 20210274 | 2021-06-25 | RUEL'S CONCRETE LTD. | 36188 | PAYMENT GRAVEL | 499.38 | 499.38 |
| 20210275 | 2021-06-25 | SOUTH PEACE NEWS | 113497 | PAYMENT ADVERTISEMENT FOR MILL BROV | 555.18 | 555.18 |
| 20210276 | 2021-06-25 | TOKER, TEENA | JUNE 21 | PAYMENT JANITORIAL FEES | 162.50 | 162.50 |
| 20210277 | 2021-06-25 | TRI LINE CONTRACTING SERVICE | 4449 4455 4473 4475 4486 | PAYMENT FIRE HYDRANT REPAIR SCHOOL FLUSHING SEWER LINES SOUTH CATCH BASIN (CNJ/GADSBY) FLUSHING SEWER LINES 2021 INFRASTRUCTURE SURVEY | 8,447.25 3,307.50 3,887.82 3,150.00 8,505.00 | 27,297.57 |
| 20210278 | 2021-06-25 | WORKERS COMPENSATION BOARD | 24854303 | PAYMENT WCB INSTALLMENT | 1,469.33 | 1,469.33 |
| 20210279 | 2021-06-25 | VELOCITY ENGINEERING INC. | 2849 2851 | PAYMENT 2021 INFRASTRUCTURE SURVEY 2021 LANE DRAINAGE | 1,890.00 2,135.30 | 4,025.30 |
| 20210280 | 2021-06-29 | ROSHUK, DIANNE G | | | | |
| 20210281 | 2021-06-29 | MATIASIEWICH, SHIRLEY A | | | | |
| 20210282 | 2021-06-29 | SURMAN, STEVE C | | | | |
| 20210283 | 2021-06-29 | MCNEIL, JEREMY D | | | | |
| 20210284 | 2021-06-29 | MATIASIEWICH, EVAN M | | | | |
| 20210285 | 2021-06-29 | BULFORD, QUINTON | | | | |



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| Cheque # | Date | | | | | |
| 20210286 | 2021-06-29 | NOVAK, CHERYL | | | | |
| 20210287 | 2021-06-29 | SKRLIK, PERRY | | | | |
| 20210288 | 2021-06-29 | MURPHY, CARSON | | | | |
| 20210289 | 2021-06-29 | DOWNING, MARY JADE E | | | | |
| 20210290 | 2021-06-29 | PETLUK, CHELSEA D | | | | |
| 20210291 | 2021-06-30 | ATB FINANCIAL MASTERCARD | | | | 971.18 |
| | | | June 13 21 | PAYMENT | | |
| | | | June 2 21 | ZOOM - MUSEUM | 21.00 | |
| | | | June 4 21 | DOMAIN NAME | 20.95 | |
| | | | June 8 21 | GIFT CARDS SENIOR'S WEEK | 390.00 | |
| | | | June 9 21 | GIVE-A-WAYS | 345.67 | |
| | | | May 19 21 | REGISTRATION & PLATES TRAIL | 175.08 | |
| | | | | COFFEE SUPPLIES - PUBLIC WC | 18.48 | |
| 20210292 | 2021-07-02 | BUTZ, CLYNTON | | | | |
| 20210293 | 2021-07-02 | LOCAL AUTHORITIES PENSION PLAN | 2021 JUNE | PAYMENT | | 4,911.15 |
| | | | | LAPP DEDUCTIONS JUNE 2021 | 4,911.15 | |
| 20210294 | 2021-07-02 | RECEIVER GENERAL - PAYROLL | JUNE 2021 | PAYMENT | | 9,659.01 |
| | | | | RG PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS JUNE | 9,659.01 | |
| 20210295 | 2021-07-05 | TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC. | | PAYMENT | | 413.02 |
| | | | FAX 2100 | FAX LINE OFFICE | 69.92 | |
| | | | FIRE 2516 | FIRE DEPT PHONELINE | 69.85 | |
| | | | OFFICE 3852 | OFFICE PHONE LINE | 179.59 | |
| | | | shop 3896 | SHOP PHONE LINE | 93.66 | |
| 20210296 | 2021-07-06 | TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC. | 00918 June | PAYMENT | | 110.80 |
| | | | | MUSEUM PHONE | 110.80 | |
| 20210297 | 2021-07-08 | BELL MOBILITY | 7802577477 | PAYMENT | | 121.21 |
| | | | | CELL PHONE PW FOREMAN | 121.21 | |
| 20210298 | 2021-07-09 | CAMPUS ENERGY PARTNERS LP | | PAYMENT | | 5,308.57 |
| | | | 1001420 July 21 | STREET LIGHTS | 2,108.45 | |
| | | | 202016 July 21 | ELECTRICITY | 2,440.43 | |
| | | | 21061 July 21 | GAS | 759.69 | |
| 20210299 | 2021-07-12 | ALBERTA ONE CALL CORP. | 168377 | PAYMENT | | 26.46 |
| | | | | AB ONE CALL NOTIFICATIONS JI | 26.46 | |
| 20210300 | 2021-07-12 | CANADIAN LINEN AND UNIFORM | 5003769772 | PAYMENT | | 235.19 |
| | | | | MONTHLY MAT RENTAL | 235.19 | |
| 20210301 | 2021-07-12 | FALCON FIRE & SAFETY LTD | 1615 | PAYMENT | | 362.25 |
| | | | | FIRE EXTINGUISHER ANNUAL IN | 362.25 | |
| 20210302 | 2021-07-12 | MUNICIPAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS | 20210941 | PAYMENT | | 587.82 |
| | | | | MONTHLY SUPPORT AUGUST 20 | 587.82 | |
| 20210303 | 2021-07-12 | POSTMEDIA | 537935 | PAYMENT | | 578.34 |
| | | | | ADVERTISING MILL BROWN PARI | 578.34 | |
| 20210304 | 2021-07-12 | RMRF BARRISTERS SOLICITORS | June 29 2021 | PAYMENT | | 366.45 |
| | | | | LEGAL FEES ROCK RIVER | 366.45 | |
| 20210305 | 2021-07-12 | SHELLEY'S STATIONERY | June 28 2021 | PAYMENT | | 290.70 |
| | | | | STAMPS | 290.70 | |
| 20210306 | 2021-07-12 | VITAL EFFECT INC | 8454 | PAYMENT | | 55.00 |
| | | | | MONTHLY WEB SUPPORT JULY ; | 55.00 | |

Total 116,460.36

*** End of Report ***



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Accounts Payable Bank Reconciliation

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May Balance Shown on Bank Statement

297,054.48

Add Outstanding Deposits

| Deposit Description | Batch # | Deposit Date | Amount |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| DEBIT DEPOSIT | 17756 | 2021-05-31 | 526.81 |
| Total Deposits Outstanding | | | 526.81 |
| | | | 526.81 |
| Sub Total | | | 297,581.29 |

Less Outstanding Cheques

| Payee | Cheque # | Cheque Date | Amount |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| VITAL EFFECT INC | 20210175 | 2021-04-28 | 110.00 |
| VITAL EFFECT INC | 20210203 | 2021-05-11 | 55.00 |
| AGM VALUATIONS GROUP LTD. | 20210209 | 2021-05-27 | 892.50 |
| CANADIAN LINEN AND UNIFORMS | 20210210 | 2021-05-27 | 235.19 |
| GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA, LA | 20210211 | 2021-05-27 | 30.00 |
| HI TECH BUSINESS SYSTEMS | 20210212 | 2021-05-27 | 95.89 |
| HOME HARDWARE | 20210213 | 2021-05-27 | 123.67 |
| MIGHTY PEACE POWERSPORT | 20210214 | 2021-05-27 | 4,645.46 |
| MUNICIPAL INFORMATION SYS | 20210215 | 2021-05-27 | 587.82 |
| NEW WATER LTD. | 20210217 | 2021-05-27 | 25,021.93 |
| NORTHERN SUNRISE COUNTY | 20210218 | 2021-05-27 | 34,663.56 |
| PEACE REGIONAL WASTE MAN | 20210219 | 2021-05-27 | 237.92 |
| RENTCO EQUIPMENT LTD. | 20210220 | 2021-05-27 | 1,142.52 |
| RMA FUEL | 20210221 | 2021-05-27 | 3,450.70 |
| SHELLEY'S STATIONERY | 20210222 | 2021-05-27 | 290.94 |
| THE COMPUTER STORE/A440 M | 20210223 | 2021-05-27 | 183.74 |
| LOCAL AUTHORITIES PENSION | 20210236 | 2021-05-28 | 4,911.15 |
| RECEIVER GENERAL - PAYROL | 20210237 | 2021-05-28 | 8,048.65 |
| Total Outstanding Cheques | | | 84,726.64 |
| | | | (84,726.64) |

And Adjustments

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Your Bank Balance Should Be | 212,854.65 |
| Your Reconciled Bank Balance Is | 212,854.65 |
| Difference | 0.00 |

*** End of Report ***

Village of Nampa
2021 2nd Quarter Summary
As of July 12, 2021
Summary

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| | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Revenues | Budget | 2nd Qtr | Remaining |
| Administration | 1,282,546.48 | 800,686.63 | 481,859.85 |
| Streets | 2,500.00 | 1662.00 | 838.00 |
| Water | 185,000.00 | 107,400.92 | 77,599.08 |
| Sewer | 44,400.00 | 26,412.48 | 17,987.52 |
| Garbage | 30,223.00 | 16,150.00 | 17,073.00 |
| FCSS Revenue | 17,113.00 | 7,990.00 | 9,123.00 |
| TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE | 1,561,782.48 | 960,302.03 | 601,480.45 |

| | 2021 | 2021 | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Expenses | Budget | 2nd Qtr | Remaining |
| Administration | 495,463.00 | 300,772.74 | 194,548.26 |
| Fire Services | 38,100.00 | 31,240.70 | 6,859.30 |
| Streets | 328,236.58 | 172,255.19 | 155,981.39 |
| Water | 271,756.60 | 136,552.72 | 135,203.84 |
| Sewer | 13,510.00 | 5,935.93 | 7,574.07 |
| Garbage | 33,000.00 | 14,479.55 | 18,520.45 |
| Community Services (seniors Van) | 23,600.00 | 17,245.63 | 6,345.37 |
| Subdivision & Development | 25,000.00 | 75.00 | 24,925.00 |
| Recreation/Parks Expense | 157,758.34 | 5,194.64 | 152,563.70 |
| Culture/Library Expenses | 20,500.00 | 12,500.00 | 8,000.00 |
| Requisition Expenses | 155,000.00 | 48,267.46 | 106,732.54 |
| TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE | 1,561,782.48 | 744,528.56 | 817,253.92 |

Operating Surplus/Deficit



Chief Administrative Officer Report

6.3

June 15, 2021 - July 20, 2021

June 16 - LAPP audit with MNP

June 22 - Met with HAE (Ben) and Mayor Butz, RE Mill Brown Park

June 23 - ICC Meeting with NSC

July 5 - MPC Meeting

July 20 - Regular Council Meeting

July 27, 28, 29, 30 - Vacation

Sewer Line cameraing is completed. This was the second year of the 2-year project. Once Velocity receives the report it will be presented to council.

Completed final course towards CLGA; certificate achieved.....Yay!!

July 12 - Mill Brown Park Project started

July 13 - Installation (inside work) started for lighting at back of building. Expected completion is end of July.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

July 26 - Visit with AUMA President Morishita

July 28 - Public Auctions

August 16 - Regular Council Meeting

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- Took water meter readings
 - Run lift station backup generator and put it under load on the first of the month.
 - Apply sludge mediation bacteria to lift station and lagoons every Monday.
 - Maintain grass and brush pile
 - Street sweeping
 - Clear cattails out of lagoons
 - Cut and stacked fallen trees at campground
 - Re-trench both discharge culverts for storm lines
 - Filled in hole in alleyway off East ridge road and 97St.
 - Replaced hub on Jazee mower deck
 - Landscaped and seeded a hydrant repair by the school
 - Water service saddle for 10007-100St rotted off the main line causing it to leak. Replaced the service saddle along with the copper line to the CC, we also replaced the CC valve, box, and rod for 10007-100St.
 - Brought unclaimed, unregistered cat to the SPCA
 - Replaced wheel seal and bearing on Jazee mower
 - Assist HAE with Milbourn project
 - Foreman passed Level 1 wastewater treatment exam and is now a qualified operator.

CITY of FORT SASKATCHEWAN



Gale Katchur
Mayor

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June 8, 2021

Honourable Kaycee Madu
Minister of Justice and Solicitor General
Government of Alberta
424 Legislature Building
10800 - 97 Ave
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6

RE: City of Fort Saskatchewan Support of the RCMP

Honourable Minister Madu,

City of Fort Saskatchewan City Council unanimously supports the RCMP as our City's law enforcement agency. This letter is in opposition of the Alberta Government's proposed provincial police force.

As the City of Fort Saskatchewan has a long-standing history and relationship with the RCMP, we have no desire to transition to a new model. We have an excellent working relationship with our Detachment and the Officer in Charge who consults council annually for our priorities for our community and provides regular and appropriate updates. Community challenges are addressed collaboratively and citizen respect and support for the RCMP remains high in Fort Saskatchewan. Our city has the longest serving police committee in the province which services as an additional community referent group for the RCMP. We find the RCMP to be progressive and receptive in meeting the needs of our city.

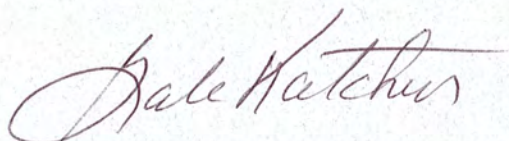
As Alberta looks at recovering from the pandemic economy, we strongly believe any efforts focused on a provincial police force are not what municipalities in Alberta need right now. The cost of a provincial police force is not something that municipalities can withstand and nor are we interested in exploring it any further. The City of Fort Saskatchewan currently pays 90 percent of our policing costs and we believe that investment serves our community well now and in the future. We believe the decision of our police force should remain at the local level.

The Alberta Police Federation Survey from October of 2020 found that replacing the RCMP is viewed as the least helpful measure tested to improve Alberta's place in Canada. Only 8 percent say replacing the RCMP helps a lot, only 6 percent support replacing the RCMP, and 81 percent of Albertans served by RCMP are satisfied with the service they receive.

The survey also stated that 70 percent of Albertans opposed replacing the RCMP with an expensive new provincial police force. We are with the majority of Albertans in stating that we have no interest in the creation of a new provincial police force.

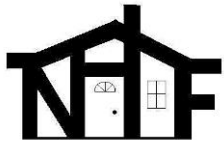
In closing, we confirm our support of the RCMP and are opposed to any further exploration of a provincial police force.

Respectfully



Gale Katchur
Mayor of Fort Saskatchewan

cc: The Honourable Jason Kenney, Premier
The Honourable Ric Mclver, Minister of Municipal Affairs
Barry Morishita, President Alberta Urban Municipalities Association
Paul McLaughlin, President of Rural Municipalities Association
Rachel Notley, Leader of the Official Opposition
Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk, MLA Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville



North Peace Housing Foundation

6780 – 103 Ave., Peace River, AB, T8S 0B6

Tel: (780) 624-2055 Fax: (780) 624-2065

Email: tammy.menssa@nphf.ca

North Peace Housing Foundation Board Meeting Synopsis – June 2, 2021

COVID-19 Update

On May 19, 2021, CMOH Order 23-2021 updating operational guidelines and outbreak standards was released and became effective on May 31, 2021. The next day we received CMOH Order 26-2021, updating the new quarantine requirements in Alberta for fully and partially vaccinated individuals and how they impact our lodge settings.

The new quarantine order recognizes the positive impact that vaccines have had on reducing transmission risks and therefore can relax requirements to quarantine.

- As more Albertans are immunized and the number of individuals protected from COVID-19 infection increases, there is less need for fully or partially immunized individuals to quarantine for 14-days after an exposure to a case of COVID-19.
- Current evidence suggests very good vaccine efficacy against symptomatic COVID-19 from one dose of COVID-19 vaccine⁽¹⁾ (70-80% effectiveness for the mRNA vaccines, i.e., Pfizer and Moderna, and 76% efficacy for the AstraZeneca vaccine).
- Vaccines showed good effectiveness in observational (real world) studies against symptomatic disease and/or asymptomatic infection⁽¹⁾
- Evidence also suggests that a fully immunized individual may have better protection from COVID-19 than those who were previously infected with COVID-19.
- Exempting those who are fully immunized from mandatory 14-day quarantine and shortening the required quarantine for those who are partially immunized may positively impact uptake of COVID-19 vaccine amongst the general population.

Other Significant changes include the:

- Updating of the screening documents to be used in the lodge to better align with provincial requirements for staff and visitors and to reflect resident vaccinations.
- Added expectations of staff in places where transmission is more likely, for example, the staff room (these are expectations that we already had in place early on).
- Easing of restrictions around resident activities. Unless directed by the MOH, most activities can resume; however, there is still caution for high-risk activities, such as singing as a group indoors.
- Removing the restrictions of the maximum number of residents at each table in the dining room
- Removal of the risk tolerance assessment as it is no longer required based on the easing of other restrictions.

Daily screening, cleaning, PPE, safe transportation in facility owned vehicles, and operator communication to residents and staff remain the same.

With regards to staff vaccinations, there is still some hesitancy at all sites, based on the information that we have been provided. However, staff do not have to tell us that they have been vaccinated, as it is private health information.

We have received information regarding vaccination hesitancy from an organization called 19 to Zero, designed specifically to provide management with facts about vaccines, tools regarding how to communicate with others about vaccines, and some answers to commonly asked questions. The information is meant to give confidence in entering vaccine discussions.

Rather than appearing as though we are forcing employees to get vaccinated, we can share fact-based information so that individuals can make an informed choice on whether to get vaccinated. It is a personal choice, and though we hope that most people will choose to get vaccinated, we must respect that it is a personal choice. For some people there is a lot of emotion tied to the vaccine, be it fear, anxiety, or something else. Regardless, all we can do is provide information, support where they are at, and attempt to decrease each individual's concerns with vaccination.

Additionally, the province has released a toolkit for Employers to use as guidance to encourage their employees to get vaccinated, protecting themselves, their fellow employees, and the health of their business.

Nominal Sum Properties

With spring, there has been a renewed interest in the houses that we have for sale. We have sold the Hines Creek unit, have shown the 2 Bluesky units twice, all 3 houses in Grimshaw have been shown to 3 people, and the Berwyn unit has been shown 3 times, which may result in an offer. We continue to advertise weekly and stay positive that the remaining houses will sell.

West View Condominium Project

No update currently. We hope to start developing the RFP for facilitation of a focus group/community consultation in the upcoming weeks.

Del Air Redevelopment

We have been presented with the first draft of the pre-award document and are working through areas that require further clarification.

Yardi Voyager 7s and Rent Café Social Housing

The Foundation went live in Yardi Voyager and Rent Cafe on April 19, 2021. We continue to work through issues with the entering of applications, bill payments, EFT'S, etc. The conversion has created some stress and concern, but we continue to work closely with Yardi to develop solutions.

General

Heritage Tower HVAC System Replacement

Unfortunately, the province is unable to approve our full request. Instead, they have requested that we submit a change order to the approved engineering services/mechanical replacement contract and provide clarification on the scope of work. They would like to see a priority-based options analysis, perhaps presenting project phases that span 2-3 years, with consideration of weather conditions when proposing a schedule and estimated time to complete each phase.

Benefit Review

As requested by our employees at the most recent wage and salary review, the Director of Human Resources and I have been reviewing the results of the recent remarketing of our benefit packages. It has involved several presentations, a shortlisting of providers, and a round of second presentations. We feel that we are close to making a decision in the upcoming weeks and are confident that there will be substantial financial savings on behalf of both our employees and the Foundation.

Resident and Tenant Levels

As of the end of April 2021, we had a total of 170 lodge residents, up 3 from the month of March. Our lodge unit occupancy at the end of April was 72% of the 224 lodge units occupied.

We had 116 occupied Senior Self-Contained units at the end of April, up 2 from the month of March. Our occupancy rate at the end of April was 89%.

Garden Court Seniors Apartments had 57 of the 63 units occupied at the end of April, up 2 from the month of March; our occupancy rate was 90%. We continued to have 5 out of the 8 trailers in Cadotte occupied at the end of April.

The Family Housing program had 80 of the 123 units occupied, up 4 from the previous month, and 20 of the 38 Rural units occupied, consistent with the Month of March, with an overall occupancy of 62%.

We had 30 Rent Supplement recipients in the month of April, down 2 from the month of March.

The Rent Assistance Benefit (RAB), formerly the Direct to Tenant Rent Supplement, is a long-term benefit which will continue to subsidize the rent for Albertans with low income. Households are eligible if they are below local income thresholds; subsidy amounts are calculated based on household income and local market rent.

The previous Private Landlord Rent Supplement is not reopening for new applications. Current recipients will be transitioned to the Rent Assistance Benefit, as funding agreements for those units expire.

Board Decisions:

The Board has directed Administration to investigate options for the property previously used for the Autumn Lodge in Berwyn, including a preliminary value assessment and to contact the adjacent municipalities for their input and ideas.

The Board has directed Administration to draft letters to Alberta Housing regarding the HVAC units at the Heritage Tower Lodge and to regional Housing Bodies regarding a mutual aid program.

The Board is proceeding with its Corporate Manual review and has accepted 2.1 Smoking, Foundation Facilities with minor amendments and referred 2.2 Company Vehicles to be brought back to the next meeting for further discussion.



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June 16, 2021

Honourable Kaycee Madu
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RE: Cypress County Support for the RCMP

Dear Minister Madu:

On behalf of Cypress County Council, I am writing to express our support for the continuation of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police as our provincial police force.

After reviewing the Fair Deal Panel: Report to Government, along with the many letters we have now received from other municipalities, Cypress County will stand with those municipalities in opposition of creating an Alberta Provincial Police Service.

The recommendation to create a provincial police service despite only 35% of respondents supporting the idea is troubling, especially coupled with an increase in cost to our ratepayers with no guarantee of any advancement in service. Alberta is a democracy, asking Albertans to fund a police service they are opposed to goes against the basic definition of democracy, to 'rule by the people'. We ask you to listen to your constituents and be our voice.

In Cypress County we are appreciative of the relationship we have with our local RCMP detachment and enhanced officer. We wish to continue this relationship for many years. We ask the Government of Alberta to listen to Albertans, continue forward with the RCMP and build an improved more cohesive relationship.

Sincerely,

Dan Hamilton, Reeve
Cypress County

cc. The Honourable Jason Kenney, Premier
The Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs
Drew Barnes, MLA Cypress-Medicine Hat
Michaela Glasgo, MLA Brooks-Medicine Hat
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2021 NAEL Health Issues Survey Report

Introduction

The Northern Alberta Development Council, acting as the Northern Alberta Elected Leaders (NAEL) Secretariat, created an online survey on Health Issues in the Northern Alberta Elected Leaders' region based on a motion from the February 5, 2021 membership meeting.

The aim of this survey was to identify health related issues NAEL community residents face, as well as, potential solutions for health policy and delivery of services. The survey provided municipal representatives with an opportunity to share the breadth and depth of the insights they gain as leaders in their communities.

Method

The Health Issues survey was distributed to NAEL member communities who are represented by an appointed municipal elected leader and supported by one chosen municipal staff member. Representatives are primarily Mayors and Reeves, with the occasional Deputy Mayor or Councillor; chosen staff supports are primarily Chief Administrative Officers. Each NAEL community was asked to complete the survey once either by an elected representative or staff member. Invitations to complete an online survey were sent out on February 19, 2021 and a reminder was sent on March 9, 2021. The survey was closed to respondents at the end of the day on March 15, 2021.

The survey consisted of six questions focused on access to health facilities, services, and professionals; and afforded respondents with the opportunity to provide recommendations and additional comments (Appendix A). The questions were primarily open-ended with one closed-ended question. Close-ended questions restrict answers to a limited number of options, the advantage being that the resulting data is measurable and can be analyzed quantifiably, but the disadvantage being that the results provide only limited insight. The close-ended question in this survey limited respondents' answers by giving them options that they could check (all that apply) or not check. Conversely, open-ended questions allow the respondents to answer in their own words, providing a more lengthy response with more depth than close-ended questions. Their strength lies in producing more information for discovery, but the answers may differ in their level of detail or scope and the results can be difficult to analyse. In this survey, four of the five open-ended questions included small restrictions. Two questions asked respondents to prioritize three responses and two questions restricted answers to 500 characters. These questions still allowed respondents to answer in their own words, as such, they are open-ended. Since this survey was exploratory in nature it was best suited for a majority of open-ended questions.

Results Summary

Of the 40 NAEL member communities, 24 responses were received but three responses were removed because they came from the same municipality.¹ The 21 remaining responses resulted in a 53% response rate. Respondents were evenly spread across the NAEL region with a proportional representation of

¹ Three responses were received from one municipality and two responses from another. In both cases the NAEL member representative was contacted and asked to verify which response they would like tabulated into the survey results. The other results were deemed invalid and excluded from analysis.

rural and urban municipalities; 53% of the rural municipalities (8 of 15) responded and 52% of the urban municipalities responded (13 of 25). Finally, the responses came from 14 elected officials and seven staff members, or 67% and 33% respectively.

The response rates to survey questions were also excellent. Questions 1-4 received 100% response rate, Question 5 received 95% (20 of 21), and Question 6 received a 67% (14 of 21) response rate. Each respondent viewed and clicked through each question to the end of the survey.

Limitations were also observed. Some answers were not responsive to the question or were unclear. Where these limitations were observed in the open-ended questions, analysis was adapted to provide broader interpretations on the general trends of data; some unclear comments were excluded from the results, though rarely. The close-ended question yielded many inconsistencies that were not practical to verify. To avoid excluding the question, analysis was modified from the intended quantitative to qualitative. This is further discussed below.

The key health issues and solutions recognised by municipal leaders in northwest Alberta are:

- Community Health Centers are the least accessible health facilities;
- specialized care (including maternal, cancer and surgical care) is challenging to access;
- General Practice Medical Doctors are needed;
- health policy and / or the delivery of services may be improved by:
 - expanding the use of existing facilities;
 - refining incentives for recruitment, and retention of health care professionals;
 - targeting education policies to promote rural practices; and
 - decentralizing the provincial health authority or complimenting it with a regional advisory board.

Discussion

Health Facilities

All respondents were asked: “What kind of health facilities are available in your community?” Numerous responses referred to facilities located in other communities, but not necessarily where. To demonstrate, multiple responses from both rural and urban municipalities identified that some or all of the listed health facilities (Hospital/Regional Hospital; Community Health Centre; Physician Clinic or Primary Care Network; and Designated supportive living, Long-term and/or palliative care facilities) are available in their communities, while these same responses also included contravening comments that no health services are directly located within their municipality but somewhere in a neighboring community. For example, six of the eight responses from rural municipalities commented on facilities that are not located in their municipality. Whereas the remaining two rural responses were clear that no health facilities are directly located in the municipality, even when they are covered by shared service agreements. Similar problems were observed in the responses from urban municipalities. It is likely that the Hospitals, physician clinics, or supportive living facilities identified in these responses are located in neighboring towns. However, some responses also seemed to include identification of facilities that are located in different towns or municipalities. Primary Care Networks (PCN) are even less clear because the six located in the NAEL region serve a mix of rural and urban municipalities as well as Indigenous communities. The Peace River PCN alone serves at least four rural and eight urban municipalities, three indigenous communities. It is noteworthy that many of these facilities are specifically and formally designated as shared.

Health Professionals

All respondents were asked “What are the top three health care professionals your community needs?” Family physician, registered nurse, and nurse practitioner, were the professionals mentioned most frequently (Figure 4).



Figure 4

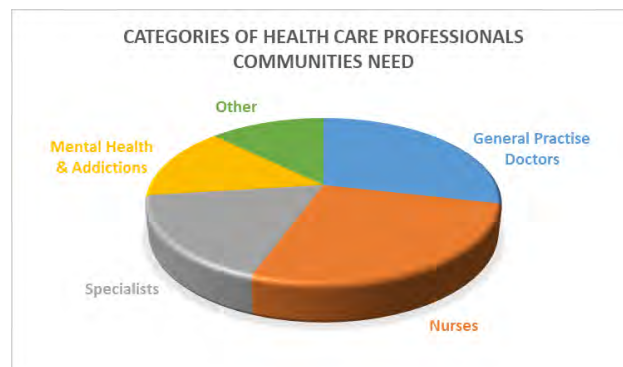


Figure 5

Similar responses were grouped together. For example, some respondents listed “Specialists” others listed specific kinds of specialists like “Oncologist” and one respondent listed “Specialists: psychologist, obstetrician.” Analysed in this way, respondents most often noted that General Practise Doctors are needed in their communities followed by Nurses and Specialists, respectively (Figure 5). Of the responses that were categorized into Nurses, Registered Nurses were most often noted as being required (Figure 7).

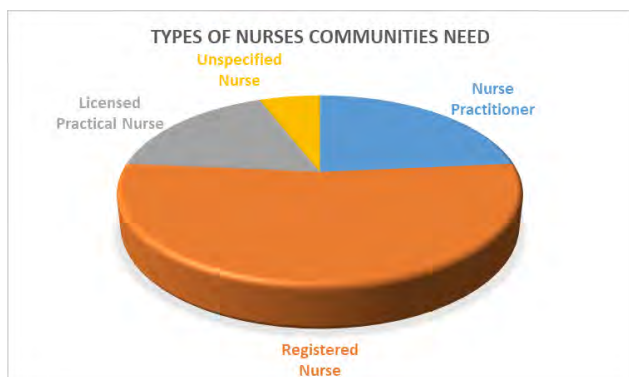


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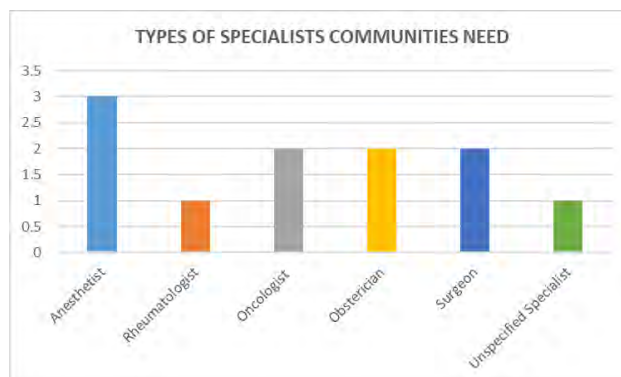


Figure 7

The responses that were categorized into the “Other” category of Health Care Professionals included Unspecified Support Service, Advanced Life Support Paramedic, Ultra Sound Technician, Midwife, Pharmacist, and Physiotherapist.

Solutions for Alberta Health or Alberta Health Services to Consider

All respondents were asked “What ideas or solutions would your community like Alberta Health (policy related) or Alberta Health Services (delivery of services) to consider with respect to the following:” (i.e. local and regional services, funding, health and workforce development, and regional engagement).

Local and Regional Services

Feedback was as follows.

- Many responses recommended utilizing existing facilities to a greater capacity as this could alleviate pressure on the facilities in city centres, as well as, reduce travel time and costs for northern residents. Virtual care or other creative solutions could help; doctors could travel to use existing operating rooms; maternal care could be offered where existing facilities are currently unused; and small surgery and scoping procedures could be offered at existing unused facilities. Accessing underutilized facilities, could also address access to specialty services such as surgeries, cancer care and renal services.
- Some municipalities are willing to share the costs to install diagnostic equipment and have advocated to AHS.
- Many responses were supportive of re-instating local hospital and health care boards. For example, local boards could voice collective and priority concerns for services like maternity, mental health and addictions, etc.
- Recruitment and retention of healthcare professionals were frequently noted as a priority. One response stated that accurately defining health care needs and realities is important for setting priorities to recruit and retain professionals.
- Other responses indicated that integrated medical living could be useful and that Emergency Medical Services are needed.

Funding

Feedback was as follows.

- Prioritizing and incentivizing recruitment, retention, and the corresponding education policies were repeatedly reported. One response recommended creating incentives for Registered Nurses to work in high demand specialized care work, such as operating rooms, emergency rooms and in acute care; another recommended creating ongoing funding incentives to encourage health professionals to stay in rural and remote areas longer. A third response recommended adjusting the boundary for retention allowances and the Northern Living Allowances from the 57th parallel to further south to encourage nurses to work in northern rural and remote areas.
- Several responses related to realigning the current funding model or priorities.
 - Add Funding**
 - Maintain local access or increase health care services in rural and remote settings.
 - Support a northern health board.
 - Increase front line workers, including, but not limited to treatment of mental health.
 - Provide a provincial subsidy for first responders who assist with medical calls.
 - Support community housing needs to divert potential health issues.
 - Reduce Funding**
 - Decrease the administrative and or management ratio in Alberta Health and Alberta Health.
- Other responses recommended cost-sharing agreements between municipalities; reducing the administrative barriers to communicate with decision-making personnel; and ending part time work.

Health and Workforce Development

Feedback was as follows.

- Most of the recommendations to address workforce development issues in northern healthcare related to education and certification.

- Ideas included funding education costs, waiving education costs in lieu of working in rural or remote areas for a specified time, and / or paying students for practicum work done in rural or remote areas.
- Partnering with Post-Secondary Institutions was also raised in several ways, including promoting training in all health care professions and creating local training opportunities for Nurses.
- Several ideas were offered regarding the number of spaces within health care education such as increasing spaces for training programs related to in demand professions, or specifically for students who are more likely to practice in rural communities.
- Several recommendations suggested to expedite developing policy to support rural health practices. For example, doctor certification could be streamlined including alternate delivery during a pandemic-like situation. Systems could be designed to support health professionals traveling to small communities, or all doctors could be required to complete a rural residency upon completion of their education.
- Two responses recommended increasing local interest in health care professions in order to improve retention. For example, encouraging local residents to become health care professionals may be more successful in maintaining a local workforce than retaining professionals from elsewhere.
- Other responses suggested that health professionals could travel to smaller communities to perform services, that extra staff be hired, or that that AHS should investigate why professionals leave the NAEL region.

Regional Engagement

Feedback was as follows.

- Most of the recommendations to address regional engagement issues in northern healthcare related to decentralizing the provincial health authority or complimenting it with a regional advisory board. These recommendations were clear that improving the communication between municipalities, Alberta Health and Alberta Health Services is critical. Additionally, several responses noted the importance of increasing decision-making autonomy in municipalities and / or within local hospitals. Finally, suggestions were made that it is key to improve communication about programming service changes, and that better connections are needed with communities that do not have AHS facilities.
- Two responses related to using local existing facilities and expanding existing services by having specialists travel to regional sites, or by hiring more specialists.
- Two responses related to recruitment, retention and corresponding education. One recommended local training options in-hospital and the other suggested establishing a retention committee member to help with new staff with social and logistical challenges.

The Last Word

Respondents were asked to provide additional comments. Most referred to previously discussed issues and ideas.

- Many comments referred to staff shortages or the corresponding recruitment, retention, and education issues. Two ideas were offered to improve recruitment efforts: pay recruitment staff for their results instead of a salary; shift recruitment responsibilities to local areas where recruitment staff would have a vested interest in the results of their work. Similarly, one respondent offered that retention might be improved by increasing minor surgeries in the regions because some specialized doctors and nurses are leaving the communities due to the lack of specialized work.

- Other comments referred to decreasing “red tape,” decentralizing AHS, increasing accountability and shifting decision-making to local hospitals or regional health boards. One respondent suggested that since the province wants to develop Key Performance Indicators for Municipalities and Post-Secondary Institutions, maybe a similar accountability system should be in place for AHS.
- One respondent identified that ambulances are needed to service large areas regardless of population or call statistics.
- Finally, one comment criticized the increasing AH budget with no corresponding improvement in the provision of services in rural areas.

New information and ideas were also provided in these final comments. This feedback was as follows.

- One respondent noted that their community has an elderly population. Service for seniors is therefore an important issue.
- Another respondent commented that a program to allow for drop-in patients is needed to reduce wait times, and free up hospital facilities for more serious issues.
- Finally, several responses indicated that access to local health services affects the viability of northern communities, and in turn, the rest of the province. One response in particular made this clear:

Rural Alberta is key to the success of the province. It is difficult to keep Albertans in the north, and one of the reasons is the lack of local access to adequate health care. The province needs to prioritize improving this issue.

Conclusion

In summary, municipal leaders indicated that Physician Clinics or Primary Care Networks are the most accessible health facilities and Community Health Centers are the least accessible health facilities in northwest Alberta. Specialized care (including maternal, cancer and surgical care) is the most challenging health service for residents to access and more General Practice medical doctors are required in the region. Finally, the most common recommendations that Municipal leaders offered were: existing health facilities should be used to their full potential; incentives for recruitment, and retention should be improved; post-secondary education needs to be realigned to promote rural health practices; and the provincial health authority should be decentralized to allow more autonomy in the northwest region.

APPENDIX A: Survey – Health Issues

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| A. Contact information | |
| 1. Please provide your contact information. | |
| Name/Title | |
| Municipality | |
| B. Health care related information | |
| 1. What kind of health facilities are available in your community? (Check all that apply) | Options Available to choose in Survey Monkey: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Hospital/Regional Hospital b. Community Health Centre c. Physician Clinic or Primary Care Network d. Designated supportive living, Long-term and/or palliative care facilities e. Other (please indicate below) |
| 2. What are the top three health services your community is having challenges in accessing? <i>(Some examples of health services include: home care, palliative care, mental health and addictions, lab and diagnostics, maternity/obstetrics, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and speciality services such as cancer care, renal services, rehabilitation, etc.)</i> | Three comment boxes will be available in Survey Monkey. |
| 3. What are the top three health care professionals your community needs? <i>(Some examples of health professionals include: family physician, nurse practitioner, midwife, registered nurse, license practicum nurse, health care aide, and specialists such as anesthesiologist, pathologist, child psychologists, radiologist, neurologist, oncologist, obstetrician, etc.)</i> | Three comment boxes will be available in Survey Monkey. |
| 4. What ideas or solutions would your community like Alberta Health (policy related) or Alberta Health Services (delivery of services) to consider with respect to the following: | In Survey Monkey, respondents can insert 500 characters in each of the four boxes for their comments. |
| Local and Regional Services | |
| Funding | |
| Health Workforce Development | |
| Regional Engagement | |
| 5. Do you have any additional comments? Please provide here. | Open ended question with 500 characters limit in Survey Monkey. |

Thank you for participating in the NAEL Health Issues survey!

Feb 25, 2021

Honorable Premier Jason Kenney
307 Legislature Building
10800-97 Ave NW
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Dear Honourable Premier Kenney,

At the February 22 Town of Beaverlodge Council meeting, Council passed a resolution to forward a letter in support of the RCMP. Specifically, Council wanted to express its satisfaction for the level of service our community receives from the RCMP detachment in Beaverlodge and the regional support from the detachment in Grande Prairie. Additionally, the Town of Beaverlodge strongly believes that the RCMP should remain as the foremost policing force in the Province of Alberta and that Alberta should not transition to a Provincial Police Service.

We strongly believe that there is opportunity to greatly improve our Province's Judicial System and the apparent gaps due to the lack of Prosecutors and the subsequent return of repeat offenders to our community.

Respectfully,



Gary Rycroft, Mayor, Town of Beaverlodge

cc: Minister of Justice and Solicitor General Kaycee Madu
cc: Minister of Finance and MLA Travis Toews
cc: AUMA President & Chair Barry Morishita



May 31, 2021

Premier Jason Kenney
Office of the Premier
307 Legislature Building
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Dear Premier Kenney,

RE: Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Provincial Policing

This letter is presented as a token of support on behalf of the Town of Thorsby towards the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and also as a motion of opposition to the Provincial Government's recent proposal for an Alberta Provincial Police force.

After reviewing the Fair Deal Panel's Report to Government (as well as the many letters currently circulating from Municipal elected officials) the Council of Town of Thorsby is voicing its firm opposition to the APPS (Alberta Provincial Police Service).

There are several particularly concerning items identified in the Fair Deal Panel's report, namely:

- The Fair Deal Panel's recommendation to proceed with developing a proposal for a Provincial Police force, despite only 35% of Albertans believing the police force would contribute to the desired outcome of helping Alberta better assert itself with the Canadian federation.
- Provincial and municipal governments possibly absorbing \$112.4 million policing costs currently covered by the federal government (which would be in addition to the increasing policing costs incurred by municipalities under the Police Funding Model).

Furthermore, and perhaps most importantly, we have an excellent relationship with our local RCMP detachment and feel no need to replace them with a Provincial force. The RCMP in Town of Thorsby have always been responsive to community needs and feedback, and have consistently delivered professional, quality public safety services in our communities. In addition, ongoing collaboration between both Detachment and Thorsby's Council has resulted in a positive and adaptive presence in the region.

We have not been provided with adequate proof that the formation of the APPS would result in better outcomes for Albertans, especially when considering the Provincial Government's reduction into MSI funding over the next few years and considering the infrastructure maintenance investments that all Canadian municipalities face over the coming years. Town of Thorsby Council is urging the Government of Alberta to listen to Municipal Leaders as well as the results of the Fair Deal Panel's report and shift efforts to Improving RCMP relationships and resource in the Province. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any comments or concerns.

Respectfully,

Rod Raymond
Mayor



cc.

- The Honourable Jason Kenney, Premier premier@gov.ab.ca
- Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs minister.municipalaffairs@gov.ab.ca
- Kacee Madu, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General
- Barry Morishita, president of Alberta Urban Municipalities Association
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- Alberta Municipalities

Honourable Kaycee Madu
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Re: Proposed Provincial Police Force.

The Town of Viking joins the many other communities, both urban and rural voicing their opposition over the proposed Provincial Police Force. The RCMP have been a core in Viking for many years and have served our community with great distinction. They coach our sports teams, belong to clubs, and participate in various Town activities.

The Provincial Government's is reducing the MSI funding for the foreseeable future. Many urbans are struggling with infrastructure maintenance deficits over the coming years. Most local government budgets are already being stretched beyond their limits. How are we going to fund a Provincial Police Force? The Province will mandate municipalities to pay, thereby forcing local councils to increase municipal taxes to fund Provincial downloading.

The Town of Viking respectfully suggests that there are much more serious issues that your government should be dealing with. This council does not see the current policing model as broken Therefore, why does your government see the need to fix it? It is our opinion that the Provincial government needs to seriously re-evaluate its priorities.

Many other Towns expressed the following sentiment, and this Council endorses the statement:

The Provincial Government continually encourages (and legislatively mandates) that municipal governments work together in a cohesive manner, perhaps they should take a page from their own book rerouting the funds allocated for research of an Alberta Police Service towards building stronger relationships with the RCMP and with Federal Partners.

The Town of Viking also council stands with:

- The 65% of respondents to the Fair Deal Panel survey that voiced opposition to a Provincial Police Force.
- The County of Paintearth No. 18
- The County of St. Paul
- Municipality of Crowsnest Pass
- Town of Didsbury
- Town of Magrath
- Town of Edson



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- Town of Morinville
- Town of Redcliff
- Village of Rycroft
- Town of Edson
- Town of Claresholm
- Town of Mayerthorpe
- Smokey Lake County
- Any and all other citizens, municipalities, and organizations who have not voiced their opinions, yet.

Respectfully

Don R. McLeod
CAO

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don R. McLeod".

cc

The Honourable Jason Kenney, Premier
The Honourable Ric Mclver, Minister of Municipal Affairs
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June 14, 2021

Honourable Kaycee Madu
Minister of Justice and Solicitor General
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Dear Minister Madu

RE: Support for RCMP

The Council of the Village of Rockyford has chosen to add our voices to the multiple municipalities that have spoken out in full support of the RCMP. We have an excellent working relationship with our local detachment and the costs associated with replacing them with a provincial police service are not measured in dollars alone.

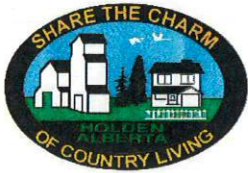
We have recently had to add the cost of policing into our annual operating budget because of the funding changes and that was difficult enough, if we are now going to be expected to help bear the costs of implementing a new police service, it will stretch us beyond our ability, with no indication of what the excessive costs will actually achieve. There is no indication that a new police force will improve any aspect of policing for the citizens or the municipalities but will in fact cost us all.

The Fair Deal Panel's recommendation does not factor in any public opinion that we can see, as the number of letters that we are receiving speaking out against the proposal is indicative that a majority of the municipalities are against it. The municipal leaders are the ones that hear directly from the taxpayers on a base level and are sharing those views with you through these letters.

Respectfully,

Mayor Darcy J. Burke
Mayor
Village of Rockyford

cc: The Honourable Jason Kenney, Premier – premier@gov.ab.ca
The Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs – minister.municipalaffairs@gov.ab.ca
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Honourable Kaycee Madu
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Re: Proposed Provincial Police Force

The Village of Holden joins the many other communities, both urban and rural in voicing their opposition over the proposed Provincial Police Force. The RCMP have been a core in the Village of Holden for many years and have served our community with great distinction. They are a vital part of our community.

The Provincial Government's is reducing the MSI funding in the near future. Municipalities are already stretched thin and the cost of funding a Provincially controlled Police force would far exceed what our municipality could afford. It is our view that attention be spent on ways to tweak what is already in place in the way of making it better rather than starting with a whole new policing service.

Our Council supports the continuation of the RCMP, and opposes the APPS. It is our view there is not adequate proof to suggest that a Provincial Police Force would be better equipped and/or provide a better service to our community than the RCMP. Therefore, justification for the increased costs that would be associated with this new policing service is highly questionable.

In closing, the Village of Holden Council does not support the Fair Deal Panel recommendation to establish a provincial police force. It is our wish to protect our community from this burden due to this endeavor.

The Village of Holden stands with:

- The 65% of the respondents to the Fair Deal Panel survey that voiced opposition to a Provincial Police Force
- The County of Paintearth No. 18
- The County of St. Paul
- Municipality of Crowsnest Pass
- Town of Didsbury
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- Town of Morniville
- Town of Redcliff
- Village of Rycroft
- Town of Claresholm
- Town of Mayerthorpe
- Smokey Lake County
- Any and all other citizens, municipalities, and organizations who have yet to voice their opinions.

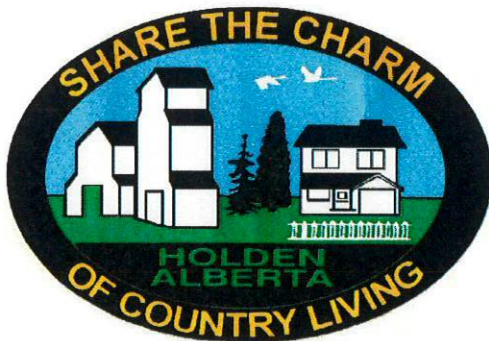
Respectfully,



Amanda Cox
CAO for Village of Holden

cc:

The Honourable Jason Kenny, Premier
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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

June 16, 2021

Honorable Kaycee Mandu
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Dear Minister Mandu:

Re: Town of Turner Valley Support for RCMP

On behalf of Council, I am sending this letter to confirm support of the current policing services that are provided by the RCMP. The Town of Turner Valley has a good relationship with our RCMP detachment and Council is very satisfied with the level of service and degree of responsiveness we receive in our community.

Our Council has reviewed the information for the proposed provincial police service (APPS) and is quite concerned with the plans to replace the RCMP with the APPS, especially regarding the potential financial burden this may cause both municipalities and ratepayers in these unprecedented times. In addition to the economic impacts of this proposal, there is no evidence that making this change will improve the current levels of service received in our community and this region.

We strongly encourage the Government of Alberta to focus their efforts to working with the RCMP to achieve the desired results that our communities and residents deserve and need.

Sincerely,

Barry Crane, Mayor

cc: Premier Jason Kenney
Council, Town of Turner Valley





County of Forty Mile No. 8

June 23, 2021

Honorable Kaycee Madu
Minister of Justice and Solicitor General
424 Legislative Building
10800-97 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6

Dear Minister Madu;

RE: SUPPORT FOR THE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

The County of Forty Mile No. 8 Council stand alongside our neighboring municipalities in the province in saying we strongly oppose the creation of an Alberta Provincial Police Service and feel that working towards revising the current Police Act would be far more advantageous for Albertans in improving current policing strategies in the province. Council is also concerned that despite the fact that 65% of respondents are not in support of creating an Alberta Provincial Police Service that the current level of funding being provided by the federal government will, along with transitioning costs which are unknown at this time, be borne by municipalities, whom are already bearing additional policing costs.

The County of Forty Mile has developed a positive relationship with the local detachments in our community and are satisfied with their efforts towards response times and the level of service currently provided, we continue to look forward to collaborating with the RCMP and urge the Government of Alberta to abandon the study to transition to a Provincial Police Service and put their efforts into working towards improving the current RCMP service.

Sincerely,

Steve Wikkerink, REEVE
County of Forty Mile No. 8



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SW/jv

Cc: Premier Jason Kenny
Minister of Municipal Affairs, Ric McIver
Minister of Finance, Travis Toews
MLA Warner -Taber, Grant Hunter
RMA Members



VILLAGE OF STANDARD

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May 9, 2021

Minister of Justice and Solicitor General
The Honorable Kaycee Madu
424 Legislature Building
10800-97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB
T5K 2B6

Re: Village of Standard Support for the RCMP

On Behalf of Council I am sending you this letter joining our municipal neighbors in confirming support for our current policing system.

Council has no issues with the current service we are receiving from our RCMP detachment. A new system would be a burden on our economic system and we do not see where a new police force would improve efficiency or quality of life for the Village and surrounding area. We see it being costly and discouraging to our rate payers to have them replaced.

Council agrees with other municipalities whose letters have been copied to us that the focus should be on working with the RCMP not replacing them.

Sincerely,

Joe Pedersen
Mayor,
Village of Standard



Lac La Biche County
welcoming by nature.

Office of the Mayor

June 23, 2021

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Minister of Justice and Solicitor General
424 Legislature Building
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Dear Minister Madu:

On behalf of Lac La Biche County Council, I wish to express our support for the continuance of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) service as Alberta's primary law enforcement agency. The RCMP are an iconic and well-respected law enforcement agency that Canadians turn to in times of need throughout our country—Alberta should not be an exception to this rule.

Moreover, we are concerned that the change from RCMP services to provincial police would mean a significant increase in the amount of taxes for the average citizen, whether through a rise in provincial taxes or a new burden placed on municipalities to pay for the policing that they need. This is especially important as we aim for a significant economic recovery as the end of the COVID-19 pandemic nears.

Lac La Biche County has also spent a significant amount of time building a collaborative, productive and positive relationship with the local RCMP detachment. Introducing a new police force at this time would put the fruitful dialogue and significant improvements in our local policing in jeopardy.

We look forward to having an open dialogue with the Province as to the outcome of the continuance of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Thank you for taking our concerns into consideration

Sincerely,

Omer Moghrabi
Mayor, Lac La Biche County

cc: Lac La Biche County Council

Ken Van Buul, Chief Administrative Officer

Premier Jason Kenney

MLA Laila Goodridge, Fort McMurray – Lac La Biche

MP David Yurdiga, Fort McMurray – Cold Lake

Barry Morishita, President, Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA)

Paul McLauchlin, President, Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA)

Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs

RMA Members

AUMA Members



June 24, 2021

Dear Mayor/Reeve:

Ponoka Town Council is reaching out to other smaller rural communities like ours to voice our concerns regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. We wish to share with you our concerns for our business community as we believe you may be experiencing similar issues. We would also like to propose a solution for these concerns and are requesting your support.

Over the last sixteen months, our small town businesses have experienced an extremely tough rollercoaster ride amid a long string of lockdowns and restrictions. As we all know they, unlike urban businesses, already face a different kind of challenge because they do not have the larger population base that businesses in the larger cities can draw on.

Even now that restrictions are being lifted, it takes much longer for these small, rural businesses to recover and bounce back; and given that they have been hit with successive waves of shut downs over the past several months, the damage has been cumulative. We worry that a number of our small businesses may not survive. And we worry about the terrible impact that losing these businesses would have on our community considering they are an integral part of our town's economy. They not only run businesses, they are consumers too. They buy houses and pay taxes. They are also an important part of our social fabric, as many of them sponsor sports teams, coach our young athletes, and are leaders, friends and neighbours in our community. We are deeply concerned about the potential loss of these businesses.

In response to these concerns, we have begun writing letters to the Premier, our MLA, and our MP. We are requesting additional funding be given to rural municipalities. This money would be specifically earmarked for small businesses and distributed to them through municipal councils. Our position is that local municipal councils understand the unique needs of their communities and their businesses, and therefore are in the best position to distribute these additional dollars most effectively.

Our frustration with government has been that their actions and solutions always appear to be a one-size-fits-all measure with the emphasis tilted toward the larger cities in our province. We understand that we are all hurting, but we also can see that there is a tone deafness in particular when it comes to small businesses in rural Alberta. Our concern is that these small, rural businesses are the lifeblood of this province yet they have always contributed disproportionately more to our GDP than they have ever received back in compensation. They are struggling and hurting now. It is time we do something for them or we will soon find that not only will some of them be gone, but small towns in this province may start to disappear along with them.

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Rural Municipalities

June 24, 2021

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Ponoka Town Council is asking for your support by simply requesting that you join us in writing letters to our Premier, your MLA and MP requesting more financial help for small, rural businesses. This will remind our provincial and federal governments that the rural communities in this province are hurting, and hurting badly.

Finally, please feel free to contact the Mayor's Office in the Town of Ponoka for further discussion on how we could collectively pursue other possible solutions in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Ponoka Town Council.

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June 7, 2021

Premier Jason Kenney
Office of the Premier
307 Legislature Building
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Dear Premier Kenney,

Re: Town of Fairview Support for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police

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Sincerely,



Gordon MacLeod
Mayor, Town of Fairview

Cc: Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs
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Todd Loewen, MLA, Central Peace-Notley
Rachel Notley, Leader of the Opposition
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PROCLAMATION

That the Council of the Village of Caroline request a full and immediate independent public inquiry into the deaths related to the recently discovered unmarked mass grave of 215 indigenous children from the Residential School in Kamloops as well as all deaths related to the Residential School Program across Canada. Such public inquiry should be conducted by independent investigators not directly connected to the Federal Government.

John Rimmer
Mayor of Village of Caroline

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TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

P O BOX 1509 5116 50 AVENUE ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE AB T4T 1B2

July 8, 2021

Honourable Jason Nixon
Minister of Environment & Parks
323 Legislature Building
10800 – 97 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6

Email: aep.minister@gov.ab.ca

RE: Cancellation of Household Hazardous Waste Funding

Dear Minister Nixon,

Under the Town of Rocky Mountain House Strategic Plan, Council is committed to being an environmental leader. Our municipality has focused on waste reduction and diversion, with the notable recent achievements of opening the Town of Rocky Mountain Eco Centre and launching a residential curbside organics collection program. Our 6,800 residents have embraced these programs and households are taking careful stewardship of their waste.

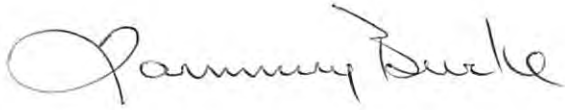
It is in this context that we were disappointed to learn the Government of Alberta ceased disposal funding for the provincial Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program as of June 1, 2021. Alberta Environment and Parks' grant provided for the safe collection and transportation of these goods, while Alberta Infrastructure waived disposal fees at the Swan Hills Treatment Centre.

This action burdens municipalities with a \$2 million annual cost to safely dispose of HHW. Given the financial strain on municipalities affected by the global pandemic, this decision by the Alberta Government will force Albertans to take a step backwards in responsible waste disposal.

The Town of Rocky Mountain House urges you to take a long view of responsible waste management. With the pending transition to Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) in Alberta, we encourage you to either reinstate HHW funding for municipalities or expedite the implementation of EPR for HHW – thus mitigating the HHW disposal financial burden on municipalities.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at tburke@rockymtnhouse.com or by phone at 403-846-8129. Alternately, you may contact our Chief Administrative Officer, Dean Krause at dkrause@rockymtnhouse.com or by phone at 403-844-3431.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tammy Burke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "B".

Mayor Tammy Burke

CC: Hon. Prasad Panda, Minister, Alberta Infrastructure
RCA President, Jodi Tomchyshyn London
Town Council
CAO, Dean Krause
Alberta Municipalities

**MACKENZIE MUNICIPAL SERVICES AGENCY
SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL BOARD MEETING
APRIL 30, 2021**

INTRODUCTIONS

Karen Diebert introduced Archana Chaudhary as the new Agency Director and Shawna Shannon as the new Office Manager.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Further discussion was held in regards to the forming of an Ad Hoc Committee to conduct a survey with the region's municipalities to explore potential regional services. The original recommendation was for the committee to consist of two Board Members, Two CAO's and MMSA's new director. The Administration will send out letters in regards to finding the two CAO's to complete this committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT

K. Diebert gave the budget report to March 31, 2021 and the Agency is performing the operations on budget.

C. Peterson with MNP reported on the Independent Practitioner's Review Engagement Report for the year 2020. MNP reported a Deficiency of Revenue over Expenses of \$92,213.00.

SUBDIVISION REPORT

Y. Babalola presented the Subdivision report with the current subdivisions underway.

K. Diebert presented the 7 Year History Comparison on the Agency's Subdivision Work

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A Summary of Staff Activities and Outside Contract Work were reported.

An MMSA delegation is going to attend a council meeting for the MD of Spirit River on June 2nd to give a presentation on the MMSA Services.

USE OF LIDAR WITHIN GIS

H. Perez presented a video and slide show about Lidar; how it works, the costs and whether or not the Agency could somehow incorporate the Lidar information into the Web Mapping services. D. Buchinski suggested making this presentation to the CAO's as they may want more examples. K. Diebert suggested this be a part of the next CAO meeting.

MMSA SERVICES – ASSET MANAGEMENT

Y. Babalola presented information as an introduction to Asset Management and opened the discussion as to whether or not the MMSA should look into adding GIS Asset Management to the services of the Agency. The Agency will do a feasibility study in regards to GIS Asset Management and look into possible grants to help cover costs of this study.

R. Mcleod asked about Asset Retirement Obligation and if this is something that the MMSA could help the municipalities with. This would be the legal obligation of the retirement of tangible assets. The staff of the MMSA will look into this and add it to the agenda for the next CAO Meeting.

SUBDIVISION FEE REVIEW

Y. Babalola presented the Agency's study in regards to Subdivision Fees and it was determined to keep the fees at the current rates.

STAFF LONG TERM RECOGNITION – HECTOR PEREZ

S. Eastman & K. Diebert presented H. Perez with a Five-Year Certificate and the appropriate cash bonus for his years with the Agency.

PLANNING HIGHLIGHTS OF THE HOST MUNICIPALITIES

K. Tetteh presented the Highlights of work in progress for Falher and High Prairie.

KAREN DIEBERT'S RETIREMENT

S. Eastman spoke in regards to K. Diebert's Retirement and presented her with the appropriate cash bonus.

Next Meeting – Friday August 20, 2021. Co-hosted by the Village of Nampa and Northern Sunrise County. Location to be determined.

SUMMARY OF STAFF ACTIVITIES (JAN – APR 2021)

| ACTIVITY | DELIVERABLES | COMMUNITIES |
|---------------------|---|--|
| LONG RANGE PLANNING | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Municipal Development Plan Refresh | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Northern Sunrise County ▪ Town of Rainbow Lake |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Municipal Development Plan Amendment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ M.D. of Peace No. 135 |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Land Use Bylaw Review | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town of Falher |
| SPECIAL PROJECTS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sidewalk Condition Analysis | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Village of Berwyn |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recreation Master Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town of High Prairie ▪ M.D. of Peace No. 135 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Millbrown Park (Ongoing) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Village of Nampa |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Planning and Development web section | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town of High Prairie |
| CURRENT PLANNING | Bylaws <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Land Use Bylaw (LUB) Amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MGA Updates ○ Demolition/Manufactured Homes ○ Childcare Facility in Commercial District ○ Redistricting (Forestry to Little Buffalo) ○ Gravel Pit ▪ Land Use Bylaw Consolidation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Northern Sunrise County ▪ M.D. of Fairview No. 136 ▪ Town of Falher ▪ Northern Sunrise County ▪ M.D. of Peace No. 135 ▪ Town of Manning ▪ Town of Falher ▪ Town of High Prairie |
| | Development Permit Application Reviews/Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dwelling Unit ▪ Overnight lodging accommodation in hanger ▪ Garage ▪ Fencing & Sunroom ▪ FCSS Community Garden ▪ Washout Facility ▪ Cannabis Retail Store and Sign | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town of Falher ▪ Town of Grimshaw ▪ Town of Falher ▪ Town of Manning ▪ Town of Falher ▪ M.D. of Peace No. 135 ▪ Town of Falher |
| | Enquiries/Requests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subdivision Inquiries ▪ AirBnB ▪ Cabins ▪ Shouse (shop/house) ▪ Tiny homes ▪ Fibre Optics Development ▪ Compliance report ▪ Cemetery improvement ▪ Road closure ▪ Laneway closure & disposition ▪ Non-conforming development ▪ Waterlines/fencing in airport ▪ Aerial spray plane development ▪ Regulations on abandoned buildings ▪ Easement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clear Hills County ▪ MD of Peace No. 135 ▪ Northern Sunrise County ▪ MD of Peace No. 135 ▪ Northern Sunrise County ▪ MD of Fairview No. 136 ▪ Town of Manning ▪ Town of Manning ▪ Town of Rainbow Lake ▪ Town of Grimshaw ▪ Town of High Prairie ▪ MD of Peace No. 136 ▪ MD of Peace No. 136 ▪ Village of Nampa ▪ Town of High Prairie |



HIGH PRAIRIE AND DISTRICT RECREATION MASTER PLAN

BY KOMIETE TETTEH

In 2020, the High Prairie and District Recreation Committee, comprised of councillors from the Town of High Prairie and Big Lakes County, formally initiated the process of developing a joint Recreation Master Plan for the community. The Recreation Master Plan is a long-term, strategic document that will provide a shared community

vision for recreation preferences, and incorporate development in the area—which those within the plan. Once completed, the Recreation Master is expected to provide a collaborative framework for the Town and County to better plan and coordinate the provision, delivery and management of recreation services in a manner that would enhance the quality of life of residents. So far, three surveys have been conducted to solicit the input of residents, students and stakeholders, including Councillors, municipal staff, user groups and registered non-profit societies, in order to better understand their recreational needs, priorities, concerns and



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CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

BY SANDRA EASTMAN

On behalf of the Executive Committee and the Board of the MMSA, I would like to extend a fond farewell to Karen Diebert as she enters her well-earned retirement. Karen has been with the Agency and the former Mackenzie Regional Planning Commission for over 40 years. Her contributions to the Agency and the region are innumerable and the success that the Agency enjoys today is a testament to her commitment and many efforts displayed over the years. We certainly wish Karen well in her retirement!

The Agency welcomes Shawna Shannon to the position of Office Manager. Since joining the staff in December, Shawna has demonstrated that we certainly lucked out in our decision to bring her on board. Her experience in office management and financial record keeping will ensure that we

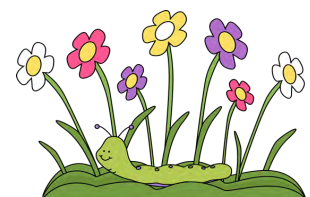
stay on track as we move forward in these difficult times.

Another new staff member to recognize is Kristy Rees who joined the MMSA as the Administrative Assistant. Kristy's has the ability to ensure tasks are completed efficiently with detail and accuracy. Her efficiency has already proven invaluable to the MMSA team.

Speaking of difficult times, because of Covid 19, we have been presented with some challenges unlike no others we have faced in the past. We have had to adjust our way of life and how we carry out our day to day functions. Through this time, the Agency has managed to continue to serve its members and the public. Appreciation goes out to all the staff of the Agency for their commitment and willingness to adapt to the many challenges that we have had and

continue to face in serving our member municipalities.

In closing, a thank you to all our members for their continued support and wish everyone a safe and healthy summer.



Farewell Remarks from Karen

It is with mixed emotions that I write this article on the eve of my retirement. On one hand, I do look forward to retiring from my position with the Agency as it will allow me time to pursue more leisurely activities at my own pace. On the other hand, it will be most difficult to leave behind a way of life that I have led for over forty years. Since joining the staff of the former Peace Regional Planning Commission in 1980 and moving on to the Mackenzie Regional Planning Commission in 1983 to assist in its set up, I have always enjoyed facing the challenges that were presented. That is not say, that there were some days that I would have preferred to stay in bed and ignore the problem of the day, however, those days were few and far between and certainly the good days far outweighed the bad.

Over the years, I have been most fortunate in meeting and working with some of the most admirable people in the world of municipal, provincial and federal politics. I have nothing but respect for those that

have put themselves forward to serve as an elected official and give of their time for the betterment of their communities. To all of you, I say thank you for providing me with the benefit of your leadership and the knowledge gained through working with you.

My best take away from my time at the MMSA is the wonderful people that I have had the privilege to work with. I remember each and everyone (over a hundred) that have come and gone through the doors and would say that each individual had something to offer in their own unique way. The staff has and always will be the most valuable asset that the Agency has. To the current staff, thank you for making my job so much easier. It is such a pleasure to have known and worked with you and certainly wish all of you a most successful future in whatever comes your way.

Finally, a huge thank you to all the municipal administrators and staff that have

supported the Agency and myself over the years. Your support and assistance has definitely shown what we can accomplish by working together as a team.

In conclusion, thank you again to everyone. I have been truly blessed to have been provided such a rewarding career and am looking forward to this next part of my journey through life. Take care and stay safe!



MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENT

On October 1st, 2020 Hector Perez celebrated 5 years of working with the Agency! Thank You Hector



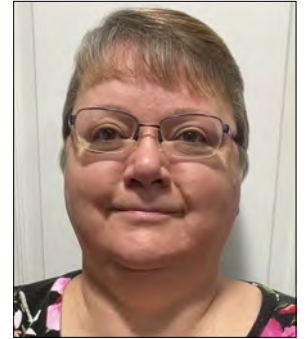
WELCOME SHAWNA SHANNON

Shawna Shannon joined the MMSA in December, 2020 in the position of Office Manager. Apart from the overall administrative management of the office, her main role is to manage the financial record keeping and human resources aspects of the position. Shawna brings to the table a multitude of skills and many years of experience in financial, management and administrative roles. Through Grande Prairie Regional College, Shawna obtained diplomas in Micro Computer Office Specialist and Computerized Accounting Assistant. Her experience as an elected council member

of the Town of Rainbow Lake also provides a positive factor to her overall knowledge base of the operations of the MMSA.

Shawna has lived and worked in various communities in the Northern part of the Province for over 35 years. Her volunteer work spans a variety of committees and clubs throughout the region and is a testament to her strong work ethic and commitment to the community. Shawna currently resides in the Village of Berwyn and lists reading, gardening, crafting, sewing and traveling among some of her main leisure time interests.

Shawna indicates that she is looking forward to working with all our member municipalities and getting to know the municipal administrative staff in her new capacity at the MMSA.



WELCOME KRISTY REES

Kristy Rees officially joined the MMSA team at the beginning of May, 2021 as the Administrative Assistant. Kristy has worked in different administrative positions for over ten years and thrives on ensuring tasks are completed efficiently. She has great eye for detail and accuracy. Although new to

MMSA, she is familiar with how municipalities operate and the important role the MMSA plays in creating beautiful futures for our communities. Her efficiency has already proven invaluable to the MMSA team.

Kristy was born and raised in the Peace region and is happy to call


this beautiful place home. In her spare time, Kristy enjoys photography and spending time with friends and family. She says she is excited to be a part of the MMSA team




RAINBOW LAKE MDP


TOWN OF RAINBOW LAKE
Municipal Development Plan

Bylaw No. 2012-01
Adopted: June 18, 2012





Prepared by: The Town of Rainbow Lake
and the Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency



BY JAN SOTOCINAL

Due to the changing times and changes in Council direction, the Town of Rainbow is in the process of refreshing their Municipal Development Plan (MDP). The MDP is a statutory plan that provides the municipality a blueprint for future growth and development. It contains various policies that deal with the municipality. With the recent changes in the economy, MMSA recommended that the Town refresh its MDP in order to reflect the

current realities of the Town. This will allow the Town to review its current vision, direction and policies in its MDP to determine whether these still reflect the priorities and the direction of the Town.

A Community Survey (online) for the MDP project was circulated last year requesting feedback on different aspects of the Town while identifying opportunities, barriers and concerns with respect to development. The project is currently at its drafting stage. MMSA is working with

the Town to ensure that the direction and policies within the MDP aligns with the Town's priorities.

ALBERTA'S OPEN

FOR SUMMER
THE MMSA
IS WISHING
EVERYONE
A WONDERFUL
SUMMER



The Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency is a regional planning organization providing a full range of professional land use planning and related services to its 11 municipal members, the business community and the general public. The Agency also provides subdivision services to 17 municipalities in the region.

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Congratulations Katherina Thiessen
on being awarded the Robert E.
Walter Memorial Scholarship!
The MMSA wishes you all the best in

Congratulations!

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| MMSA Board Members | | | |
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| MUNICIPALITY | REPRESENTATIVE | MUNICIPALITY | REPRESENTATIVE |
| Village of Berwyn | Kim Steeves | Town of Rainbow Lake | Michelle Farris |
| Village of Nampa | Clynton Butz | Clear Hills County | Peter Frixel |
| Town of Falher | Donna Buchinski | M. D. of Fairview No. 136 | James Adams |
| Town of Grimshaw | Wendy Wald | M. D. of Peace No. 135 | Sandra Eastman |
| Town of High Prairie | Brian Gilroy | Northern Sunrise County | Gaylene Whitehead |
| Town of Manning | Greg Rycroft | | |

AROUND THE REGION

MMSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On February 5th the MMSA Board of Directors held their annual Organizational meeting.

Elected to the Executive Committee are:

- Sandra Eastman, Chair (M. D. of Peace No. 135)
- Kim Steeves, Vice-Chair (Village of Berwyn)
- Wendy Wald, Member (Town of Grimshaw)
- Clynton Butz, Member (Village of Nampa)
- Brian Gilroy, Member (Town of High Prairie)



ROBERT E. WALTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Committee Members:

Robert Mcleod (Town of Manning)
Kim Steeves (Village of Berwyn)
James Adams (M. D. of Fairview No. 136)