

Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council, to be held on
Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order:
2. Agenda: Amendments and Adoption
3. Adoption of the Minutes: a) Minutes of Regular Meeting – December 6, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.
4. Delegation: None
5. Bylaws: None
6. Unfinished Business: None
7. New Business: a) Tourism Growth Program – Request for Decision 23-62
b) Strategic Plan Update
c) Public Concerns Re: Crosswalks – Request for Decision 23-63
d) Public Concerns Re: Subdivision Speed Limit – Request for Decision 23-64
8. Financial Reports: a) Bank Reconciliation November 30, 2023
b) Accounts Payable Cheque Listing – November 15 – December 28, 2023
c) Tax Trial Balance December 28, 2023
d) 2023 Year to Date Operating Budget
9. Committee Reports: a) Highway 12/21 Regional Water Commission - Councillor T. Besuijen
b) RCMP Community Group Meeting – Councillor Cole
10. Administrative Reports: CAO Report
11. Correspondence and Information: a) Minister Ric McIver, Alberta Municipal Affairs - Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) Program
b) Minister Rebecca Schulz, Environment and Protected Areas – Drought Preparedness
c) Minister Ric McIver, Alberta Municipal Affairs – Assessment Model Review
d) Utility Safety Partners – New Damage Prevention Legislation for Alberta
12. Closed Meeting: None
13. Adjournment:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council, held on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Rob Fehr, Councillors Barbara Gilliat, Janice Besuijen, Tim Besuijen and Edwin Cole

Also Present: Michelle White, Chief Administrative Officer

Call to Order: Mayor Fehr called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Amendments/Deletions to Agenda: Mayor Fehr called for amendments to the agenda.

Approval of Agenda:

Resolution #226/23: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Village of Alix Council approve the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

Minutes: a) Regular Meeting – November 15, 2023

Resolution #227/23: Moved by Councillor T. Besuijen that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Delegation: None

Bylaws: a) Bylaw #480/23 – Amendment to the Alix Utilities Bylaw Amendment #474/22. Schedule “A” - Request for Decision 23-61

Resolution #228/23: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Village of Alix Council give first reading to Alix Utilities Bylaw #480/23 being a bylaw to amend Bylaw #474/22.

CARRIED

Resolution #229/23: Moved by Councillor J. Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council give second reading to Alix Utilities Bylaw #480/23.

CARRIED

Resolution #230/23: Moved by Councillor T. Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council give permission for third and final reading to Alix Utilities Bylaw #480/23 at this time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution #231/23: Moved by Councillor Cole that the Village of Alix Council give third and final reading to Alix Utilities Bylaw #480/23.

CARRIED

Unfinished Business: a) Draft Municipal Development Plan – Request for Decision 23-58

Resolution #232/23: Moved by Councillor T. Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council hereby accepts the draft Village of Alix Municipal Development Plan as information.

CARRIED

New Business: a) Draft 2024 Capital Budget

Resolution #233/23: Moved by Councillor Cole that the Village of Alix Council hereby adopts the 2024 -2029 Multi Year Capital Budget as amended.

CARRIED

- New Business: (cont.) b) Railway House Taxes – Request for Decision 23-59
- Resolution #234/23: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Village of Alix Council hereby cancels outstanding taxes on tax roll 72800 in the amount of \$3,210.74.
CARRIED
- c) Fire Dispatch Services Agreement – Request for Decision 23-60
- Resolution #235/23: Moved by Councillor T. Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council hereby agrees to enter into a Fire Dispatch Services Agreement with the City of Red Deer effective from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2028.
CARRIED
- Financial Reports: None
- Committee Reports: a) Red Deer River Municipal User Group Association – Councillor T. Besuijen
b) Hwy 12/21 Regional Water Commission – Councillor T. Besuijen
c) Lacombe County Delegation – Alix Nature Trail – Councillor T. Besuijen
d) Alix Fire Department – Mayor Fehr
e) Lacombe Foundation – Mayor Fehr
- Resolution #236/23: Moved by Councillor T. Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council accept the Committee Reports as presented.
CARRIED
- Administrative Reports: a) Chief Administrative Officer's Report
- Resolution #237/23: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Village of Alix Council hereby accept the Administrative Report as presented.
CARRIED
- Correspondence and Information: a) Rick McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs – Alberta Municipalities Fall Convention Meeting
b) Royal Canadian Mounted Police Quarterly Community Policing Report – July 1 to September 30, 2023
c) Parkland Regional Library Board Meeting Highlights – November 16, 2023
d) Code of Conduct Bylaw Considerations
e) Support of Private Member's Bill C-273 – Peter Julian, MP – New Westminster-Burnaby
f) Red Deer River Watershed Alliance – Request for Municipal Support
- Resolution #238/23: Moved by Councillor J. Besuijen that Correspondence Items (a) through (f) be accepted as information.
CARRIED

Closed Meeting: None

Adjournment:

Resolution #239/23: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that this Regular Meeting of the Village of
Alix Council be adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

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ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: December 22, 2023 RFD 23-62
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: Tourism Growth Program

1. **PURPOSE** – To determine if the Village will make an application for Tourism Growth Program (TPG) funds through PrairiesCan.
2. **BACKGROUND** – TPG provides \$108 million over 3 years across Canada to support Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities, small and medium-sized businesses and not-for-profit organizations in developing local tourism products and experiences.
3. **OPTIONS** –
 1. To choose a project and apply for funding under TGP
 2. Not to make an application under TPG
3. **DISCUSSION** – TPG is looking for projects that:
 - Increase tourism benefits for communities by driving visitation from urban centers to rural areas;
 - Support economic, environmental and cultural sustainability;
 - Support active outdoor experiences (projects that provide more opportunities for physically active tourism offerings such as rock-climbing, running/cycling/hiking trail development, downhill/cross-country skiing, watersports, etc.);
 - Extend the tourism season (projects which promote and/or develop products, services or experiences, with an aim to increase tourism activity outside the traditional high season or to extend their services year-round);
 - Complement supports provided through provincial/territorial programs.
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – TPG “will give preference to projects that leverage funding from all levels of governments, the private sector and other non-government sources (non-PrairiesCan funding typically should represent at least 50% of total project costs).”

The need to have 50% of the proposed project costs in place in order to be considered “a Strong Project” by TPG should be factored into Council’s decision on whether or not to apply for the grant, and what project is chosen.
6. **LEGAL** – MGA s. 3 “The purposes of a municipality are
 - (a) to provide good government,
 - (a.1) to foster the well-being of the environment,
 - (a.2) to foster the economic development of the municipality,”
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** – Any project that has a positive impact on Village tourism and economic development will also have a positive impact on local businesses and possibly increase demand for future development.
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** – Following are factors that will be considered when PrairiesCan reviews applications:
 - Funds will be used for new activities.
 - Market demand is evident (e.g., the project addresses a significant gap in the market or there is a demonstrated demand for the tourism activity).

- Non-PrairiesCan funding is confirmed. Funding will only be considered confirmed if written proof is provided.
- Demonstrated support from other stakeholders in the industry (not necessarily financial support). How many other partners are involved and what do they bring to the table?
- Ability to clearly identify the economic impact of the project. What outcomes will make this a successful project? There should be measurable economic results.

9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Option #1. Council may want to consider applying for funds to assist with the Alix Lake dredging project.

- The Village has already allocated \$200,000 for lake dredging.
- It is a new project with many (non-financial) partners and supporters.
- There is always a marketing and tourism demand for water based activities.
- It supports outdoor activities and would extend the tourism season should we become able to successfully overwinter fish.

“that the Village of Alix Council hereby directs administration to make application to the Tourism Growth Program for funding to be used on the Alix Lake Improvement project.”



Author

Strategic Plan Update

December 2023 – 4th Quarter updates in BLUE

Vision: Vibrant Village by the lake

Mission: We foster an open, cooperative government that encourages public participation and ensures levels of service our citizens expect and deserve.

Core Values: Community, Fiscal responsibility, Innovation, Respect, Safety, Teamwork

Goals:

Strategically complete infrastructure improvements and services in the community

- **Lagoon: obtain sufficient funds to complete repairs**
 - ✓ Funding has been secured through 3 separate grants, including provincial and federal contributions. Some municipal reserve funding will need to be used to complete the project. The work has been tendered and a project kick-off meeting took place June 15, 2023.
 - ✓ The project has started, but there have been complications. There is a relatively minor delay with the liner that will push things back 10 to 14 days. Nu Edge is concerned that cooler fall weather may come into play. Also, about 1/3 of cell 6 is 'soft' and will need to be dug down. This will likely mean we need to use contingency funds to cover some of this cost.
 - ✓ Cell 5 repairs were delayed until 2024. Additional grant funding has been requested to cover additional costs for cells 5 & 6 as well as rehabilitation of cells 1-4.

- **North side drainage issue: work on long term solution to spring run-off. Involve an engineer where necessary.**
 - ✓ Though work has not started regarding a long term solution yet, we were fortunate this spring due to low snow volumes and changes to where snow is stock piled, minimal pumping was needed.

- **Reports to be brought to Council for consideration: update/upgrade of Davi-Com alarm system – day use area, concession building & public washroom/shower upgrades**
 - ✓ Davi-Com alarm system for lift stations has been addressed. Public Works Foreman found new call-out hardware in the shop that was not being used and had it installed at the Sisson lift station. The only remaining Davi-Com alarm will be upgraded when the 54th Street Lift Station is rebuilt.
 - ✓ Public Works advised the upgrades needed for the campground concession/washrooms were mainly cosmetic and minor repairs. No capital items were identified.

- **Letters to north side property owners about interest in extending water/sewer main lines**

- Cemetery: determine if shade trees will be planted by Village or as part of a memorial project
 - ✓ Trees were planted at the cemetery in fall 2023. Council directed administration to develop a Memorial Tree policy over the winter.

- Public information campaign regarding Land Use Bylaw requirements for signs and encroachments on adjacent properties
 - ✓ A grant has been applied for to fund costs of an information and improvement campaign for Environmental Reserve properties. This will include addressing encroachment issues.
 - ✓ Working with a Regional Economic Development specialist for ideas on positive means of addressing commercial signage issues.

- Undeveloped residential land – discuss development options, concepts, solutions and cross reference with statutory plans to ensure compliance. Discuss concept plans with property owners.
 - ✓ We are currently working with a new property owner to bring water/sewer services to a large vacant unserviced lot.
 - ✓ We are seeing a lot of ‘infilling’ this year. Vacant lots already serviced are being sold, older homes are being torn down. This is very positive for the Village as it means we have tax base of new buildings without infrastructure servicing costs. It also keeps our more developed areas looking new and well maintained.
 - ✓ Statutory Plans (MDP & IDP) are under review. Approval of the updated documents is expected in late winter to spring of 2024.
 - ✓ Working with a Regional Economic Development Specialist on tactics for encouraging private land owners to develop as well as how to get interest for development of municipally owned commercial property.

Additional Infrastructure and service improvement projects:

- ✓ Wastewater Lift Station Re-build – Project completion has been delayed until February 2024 due to continued supply chain issues.
- ✓ Truck Route Overlay – Project complete.
- ✓ White Good Pick up & Large Good Pick up – Residents were given the opportunity to dispose of large unwanted items for a cost recovery charge through the Village. Several residents took advantage of this service. We intend to offer it again next year.
- ✓ Sidewalk replacement in subdivision and curb work on Main Street.
- ✓ Sidewalk work on 49th Street under warranty

Actively investigate what personal services would benefit the community and support recruitment efforts

- Establish Council’s role in bringing additional professional services to Alix (advocacy, letters of support, staff time, research & reporting, budget funds etc.)

- **Identify 'gaps' in professional services available in Alix**
 - Find out what is currently accessible
 - Survey community to find out what is most wanted/needed
 - Create a Council subcommittee and meet regularly with the Resource Center
- ✓ Met with representative from the province and requested a list be developed of what businesses and/or professional services could reasonably be supported by communities of our size.
- ✓ Resource Centre is compiling a list of services provided and/or accessible through them.
- ✓ 2024 Business Licenses are being tracked and compared with a list of businesses in a Retail Gap Analysis of mid-size towns.
- ✓ Community survey of business and services wanted in Alix will begin in February 2024.
- ✓ Council member appointed to the Resource Centre at the October 2023 Organizational meeting.

Make community safety and security a priority

- **Public education from Protective Services to community, including importance of reporting every crime**
 - ✓ This messaging is being used consistently by members of Council and staff. Information about the online reporting option is also being given regularly. RCMP Sgt. Cleveland reported an interest to Council in doing public education articles pertaining to the Bashaw detachment area.
 - ✓ Application for a Municipal Excellence Award was submitted under the Small Communities stream. The application outlined Council's commitment to Community Safety.
 - ✓ The Village of Alix received the Ministers Award for Municipal Excellence in Fall of 2023. There was a newspaper article and there is a video on the Municipal Affairs website to let others know about our Partnering for Crime Prevention award.
- **Regular RCMP in person reports to Council**
 - ✓ Sgt. Cleveland attended the May 17, 2023 regular Council meeting
- **Begin RCMP Community Consultative Group meetings again**
 - ✓ Sgt. Cleveland and Council spoke of the importance of starting the Community Consultative Group meetings again at the May 17, 2023 Council meeting.
 - ✓ Councillor Cole attended a Community Consultative Group meeting held in Bashaw on December 13, 2023.
- **Enhance public trust**
 - ✓ Emergency Management messaging through posters and social media is happening on a regular basis. Residents volunteered to be part of our last disaster exercise. We believe showing residents that we are prepared for and committed to Emergency Management

in Alix will enhance public trust, especially during storm seasons which can be stressful to many residents.

- ✓ Public works staff trimmed all trees, raising branch level from the ground. In addition to making it easier/safer for mowing, this was done as a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) best practice, providing greater visibility in parks, green spaces and along the truck route.
- ✓ 5 derelict properties have been secured from entry, improved or demolished. The office had received complaints about trespass and other unacceptable activity at all 5 locations.

- **Develop long range plan for security camera coverage area and replacement/upgrades**
 - ✓ We have the 2 new cameras recording now. We will need to budget for a new tower structure at Village Office. The one currently in place is oversized for our building and has the potential to cause structural damage during severe weather/wind.

- **Explore various 'Traffic Calming' measures**
 - Increase traffic enforcement and education
 - Public education re: pedestrian highway crossings
 - Advocate for graduated speed reduction when entering Alix
 - Report to Council on digital "Your Speed" signs

- ✓ Council advocated to Alberta Transportation re: graduated speed reduction east and west of the village as well as additional pedestrian crossing lights at the 2023 fall Alberta Municipalities conference.

Develop collaborative relationships with external organizations, neighbouring communities and other levels of government

- **Strengthen relationships with local organizations**
 - **Resource Center**
 - ✓ Mayor Fehr attended the Resource Center Annual General Meeting.
 - ✓ An intermunicipal Council meeting scheduled for June will take place at the Resource Center.
 - ✓ CAO is working with Resource Center re: financial reporting to the Village and attendance 2x/yr as a delegation to Council meetings.
 - ✓ Council member appointed to the Resource Ctr. board in October 2023.

 - **Chamber of Commerce**
 - ✓ Village staff liaison attends Chamber meetings. We have started to formalize communications between the Chamber and the Village so that progress on initiatives can be tracked.
 - ✓ Village staff facilitated presentations from Lacombe Tourism and Regional Economic Development Specialist at Chamber meetings.

- **Proactively build relationships with agencies that serve or support our community**
 - **RCMP**
 - ✓ Sgt. Cleveland attended the May 17, 2023 Council meeting.
 - ✓ Alix has a staff member trained in Restorative Justice facilitation. The Bashaw RCMP detachment has been approached about the use of Restorative Justice in this area and is receptive to it.
 - ✓ Janene Anderson participated in Bashaw Detachment's 150th RCMP Celebration.
 - **Peace Officers**
 - ✓ CPO Mark Sproule attended a summer Council meeting as a delegation. Peace Officers were also approached about having a Restorative Justice program in Alix and they are receptive to it.
 - **Alberta Environment**
 - ✓ We are working with several levels of Alberta Environment on the following matters:
 - Renewal of Wastewater Approval
 - Lagoon Upgrade Project
 - Site expansion for the 54th Lift Station project
 - Dredging of Alix Lake
 - ✓ New Wastewater Approval granted and in place.
 - ✓ Alix Lake Dredging approval received.
 - ✓ Authorization for 54th Lift Station project site expansion received.
- **Joint Council meetings between Village Council, Lacombe County and other neighbouring communities**
 - ✓ A joint Council meeting with County was held June 27th at the Alix Resource Center.
 - ✓ Several members of Council participated in a Governance Training workshop at the Lacombe County office with Councillors from many regional municipalities present.
 - ✓ We currently have an agreement in place for a member of our staff to provide Director of Emergency Management services to a neighbouring community.
 - ✓ September 19th an IDP meeting with Village and County council representatives was held in Alix and a joint IDP Public Information meeting is scheduled for January 9th.
- **Regular participation in regional CAO meetings and Mayor's Caucus meetings**
 - ✓ Mayor Fehr participates in Caucus meetings at both regional and provincial levels as they arise.
 - ✓ The CAO participates in regional networking meetings which may include CAOs from municipalities in Lacombe County, Camrose County and County of Stettler. Meetings are usually informal in nature and are called on an 'as needed' basis.
- **Continue advocacy efforts to provincial departments as necessary to ensure the growth and success of Alix**
 - ✓ Councillors attending the Alberta Municipalities conference in September have asked for meetings with various ministries where applicable to discuss matters pertinent to Alix.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: December 22, 2023 RFD 23-63
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: Public Concerns Re: Crosswalks

1. **PURPOSE** – To pass on resident concerns regarding need for crosswalks on 47 Ave. for Council consideration.

2. **BACKGROUND** – Alix resident (5404 49A Avenue) filed a public concern form at the office outlining the following concerns:

“Request for crosswalk at the intersection of 47 Ave & 49 Street. Daycare is located on corner and crosses at least 4 x a day. Numerous school kids cross at that location and farther north on 47 Ave near ball diamonds at 47 Street intersection. All children cross that live on east side of Alix. A crosswalk would be beneficial there as well. (47 Street)”

Please see attached map for your convenience.

3. **OPTIONS** – 1. To approve the resident request for one or both crosswalks.

2. To approve the resident request for crosswalks and put high visibility signage in place at one or both locations.

3. To deny the request for crosswalks on 47th Avenue.

4. **DISCUSSION** – I would recommend some type of high visibility signage in place if the crossing at the intersection of 47 Ave & 49 Street is approved. This is a high vehicle and high pedestrian traffic intersection on a Village collector road.

High visibility signage could be considered if a crosswalk is put at the intersection of 47th Ave & 47 Street, but is less of a priority at this location due to the very wide and clear site lines at this location.

5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – Standard crosswalks – painted lines only: would need to be repainted every 2 to 4 years depending on traffic. Minimal cost for line painting.

Standard crosswalks signs: \$80 per sign - \$160 per crosswalk.

Solar powered flashing light signage would cost approximately \$7,600 per crosswalk. Because this decision has potential budget impacts re: level of signage, it is being brought to Council for consideration.

It was recommended by another community with similar solar light signage that the municipality insure the signage. They have experienced ‘hit and run’ incidents and were out of pocket to replace the damaged sign(s).

6. **LEGAL** – Traffic Bylaw 446/19, Part 6 section (1) “The C.A.O. is hereby authorized to:

(a) prescribe the location and placement of every traffic control device and traffic signal in the Village and shall keep a record of such locations and placements

and such records shall be available to the public for inspection during normal business hours;

(b) designate crosswalks upon any highway and to cause same to be marked with signs, or lines painted on the surface of the highway;"

7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** – the Village of Alix Strategic Plan has a goal statement of "Make community safety and security a priority" with an action item under that goal of "explore various Traffic Calming measures". Installing crosswalks on a collector road adjacent to school grounds would be a positive step under both goals.
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** – 47th Avenue is scheduled for re-paving in 2026. If crosswalk lines were painted in 2024, they would likely need to be repainted by that time anyway.
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Option #2. I recommend the following resolution:

"that Alix Village Council hereby directs administration to have crosswalks installed at the intersection of 47th Avenue and 49th Street with high visibility solar signage and a crosswalk at the intersection of 47th Avenue and 47th Street with standard crosswalk signs."



Author



ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: December 22, 2023 RFD 23-64
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: Public Concerns Re: Subdivision speed limit

1. **PURPOSE** – To pass on resident concerns regarding speed limit and crosswalk request for Council consideration.

2. **BACKGROUND** – Alix resident (5404 49A Avenue) filed a public concern form at the office outlining the following concerns:

“Lakeview subdivision: 54 St – 55 St inclusive. Concern: only partial section of subdivision is posted @ 30 kmh for playground located in center of subdivision. We propose and request the entire subdivision be posted @ 30 kmh. Also, a crosswalk be designated, be posted, installed and marked on 54 St into parking area on the green belt for continued access to trail paths.”

Please see attached map for your convenience.

3. **OPTIONS** – 1. To approve the resident request for a speed limit reduction.

2. To approve the resident request for a crosswalk as shown on the attached map.

3. To deny one or both of the requests.

4. **DISCUSSION** – The above concern was filed on behalf of multiple residents within Lakeview Subdivision.

5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – Standard crosswalks – painted lines only – would need to be re-painted every 2 to 4 years depending on traffic. We have two 30 km/h signs in inventory that could be used. No additional signs would need to be purchased.

6. **LEGAL** – Traffic Bylaw 446/19, Part 6 section (1) “The C.A.O. is hereby authorized to:

(a) prescribe the location and placement of every traffic control device and traffic signal in the Village and shall keep a record of such locations and placements and such records shall be available to the public for inspection during normal business hours;

(b) designate crosswalks upon any highway and to cause same to be marked with signs, or lines painted on the surface of the highway;”

NOTE: Traffic bylaw 446/19 does not delegate authority to change speed limits to CAO, therefore this request is a Council level decision.

7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** – the Village of Alix Strategic Plan has a goal statement of “Make community safety and security a priority” with an action item under that goal of “explore various Traffic Calming measures”.

8. **OTHER COMMENTS** –

9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – I don't have enough direct interaction with this location to give an informed recommendation on the matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and a stylized "White".

Author



**VILLAGE OF ALIX
BANK RECONCILIATION
FOR THE MONTH ENDING:
November 30, 2023**

SERVUS CREDIT UNION

	CHEQUING	INVESTMENTS (1)	INVESTMENTS (2)
Balance from Bank Statement:	3,695,491.79	-	11,150.29
Plus: Deposits in Transit	13,196.16		
Less: Outstanding Cheques	(476,644.01)		
 Reconciled Bank Balance:	<u>3,232,043.94</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,150.29</u>
30-Nov-23 GL balance 3-120	<u>3,232,043.94</u>		
30-Nov-23 GL balance 3-300			<u>11,150.29</u>
 Variance:	-	-	

THIS STATEMENT SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL THIS __ 3RD DAY OF JANUARY, 2024



VILLAGE OF ALIX

Cheque Listing For Council

2023-Dec-28
2:04:03PM

Cheque		Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Description	Invoice Amount	Cheque Amount
Cheque #	Date					
20230639	2023-11-15	327241 ALBERTA LTD	1240	PAYMENT MONTHLY PATROLS OCT 2023	283.50	283.50
20230640	2023-11-15	ACCU-FLO METER SERVICE LTD	111193 111199	PAYMENT 10 METER BODY 5/8" X 3/4" 5 METER BODY 5/8" X 3/4"	945.00 672.00	1,617.00
20230641	2023-11-15	ACTION PLUMBING & EXCAVATING	W41201	PAYMENT NEW SERVICE AT 5120 50 STREI	4,820.59	4,820.59
20230642	2023-11-15	AGAT LABORATORIES LTD.	23199510E 23200641E 23202546E	PAYMENT MAIN LIFT STATION SAMPLING MAIN LIFT STATION SAMPLING MAIN LIFT STATION SAMPLING	210.00 210.00 210.00	630.00
20230643	2023-11-15	ALIX DRUGS LTD.	126165 126427	PAYMENT FIRE DEPT SUPPLIES FIRE DEPT SUPPLIES	88.15 79.99	168.14
20230644	2023-11-15	AMSC INSURANCE SERVICES LTD.	NOV2023	PAYMENT PREMIUMS FOR NOVEMBER 202	4,157.73	4,157.73
20230645	2023-11-15	ANDERSON, JANENE	NOV2023	PAYMENT TRAVEL EXPENSE CLAIM	46.00	46.00
20230646	2023-11-15	ARBY'S GLASS	1935	PAYMENT WINDSHIELD REPLACEMENT IN T	472.50	472.50
20230647	2023-11-15	BAGSHAW ELECTRIC LTD.	IC049970	PAYMENT BACK UP BATTERY BOOSTER PI	313.95	313.95
20230648	2023-11-15	BILL RUSSELL SAND & GRAVEL LTD.	374959	PAYMENT 48 TN OF 3/4" GRAVEL	1,260.00	1,260.00
20230649	2023-11-15	DELOITTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES LP, C/O TO	8004127894	PAYMENT CLIENT #1677976 - ARO PARTICII	6,037.50	6,037.50
20230650	2023-11-15	DIVERSE SIGNS	10799	PAYMENT MAGNETS FOR ENTRANCE SIGN	232.89	232.89
20230651	2023-11-15	ENVIRONMENTAL 360 SOLUTIONS LTD.	RD0000279052	PAYMENT GARBAGE & RECYCLING OCT 20	6,276.43	6,276.43
20230652	2023-11-15	GAM TECH	INV15084	PAYMENT WORK STATION, SERVER, NETW	929.25	929.25
20230653	2023-11-15	GREGG DISTRIBUTORS CO LTD	000-503098	PAYMENT PW TOOLS	158.82	158.82
20230654	2023-11-15	LACOMBE COUNTY	IVC00044248	PAYMENT WINTER MIXED SAND	441.36	441.36
20230655	2023-11-15	LARSON'S AUTO ELECTRIC 2010	IN3110181	PAYMENT SERVICE TO BACKPACK BLOWE	183.82	183.82
20230656	2023-11-15	LOOMIS EXPRESS, A DIV OF TFI TRANSPORT 2	10678989	PAYMENT FREIGHT FOR WATER METERS	86.48	86.48
20230657	2023-11-15	MPE ENGINEERING LTD	4420-001-00-88 4420-015-06-05	PAYMENT LICENSE RENEWAL MAIN LIFT S ENGINEERING FOR CELL 5 & CE	533.90 58,079.85	58,613.75
20230658	2023-11-15	NU-EDGE CONSTRUCTION	18588	PAYMENT PROGRESS CLAIM #4 LAGOON F720,668.57	720,668.57	720,668.57
20230659	2023-11-15	PITNEY BOWES LEASING	3202246836 3202269248	PAYMENT LATE FEE INVOICE FOR LEASE LEASE FOR SEPT - NOV 2023	12.00 231.81	243.81
20230660	2023-11-15	PITNEYWORKS	NOV2023	PAYMENT METER POSTAGE	528.25	528.25
20230661	2023-11-15	SECURITY WATCH OF CANADA INC.		PAYMENT		1,852.20



VILLAGE OF ALIX

Cheque Listing For Council

2023-Dec-28
2:04:03PM

Cheque		Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Description	Invoice Amount	Cheque Amount
Cheque #	Date					
20230661	2023-11-15	SECURITY WATCH OF CANADA INC.	11442 11443	RAILWAY HOUSE SECURITY JUL SECURITY FOR PW AND VILLAG	693.00 1,159.20	1,852.20
20230662	2023-11-15	TWO WAY OILFIELD SERVICES LTD.	44995	PAYMENT SERVICE ON SANDER CONTROL	277.56	277.56
20230663	2023-11-15	VILLAGE OF ALIX	50100OCT2023 50300OCT2023 63900OCT2023 69600OCT2023 7000OCT2023 72700OCT2023 72800OCT2023 72830OCT2023 72841OCT2023	PAYMENT BULK WATER OCT 2023 RV DUMP FINAL OCT 2023 LIBRARY OCT 2023 STORAGE YARD OCT 2023 VILLAGE OFFICE OCT 2023 FIRE HALL OCT 2023 BAY 1 & 2 OCT 2023 BAY 3 OCT 2023 BAY 4 OCT 2023	295.63 24.34 113.73 94.80 119.88 160.20 136.68 112.04 108.68	1,165.98
20230664	2023-11-15	WHITE, MICHELLE	OCT2023	PAYMENT TRAVEL EXPENSE CLAIM OCT 21	151.00	151.00
20230665	2023-11-15	WILD ROSE ASSESSMENT SERVICES	9179	PAYMENT PROGRESS PAYMENT FOR NOV	1,319.50	1,319.50
20230666	2023-11-15	ZONE 3 BUSINESS SOLUTIONS INC.	145526	PAYMENT BLACK & WHITE AND COLOR CC	61.06	61.06
20230675	2023-11-27	2253676 ALBERTA LTD., (ALIX FOODS)	268243	PAYMENT COFFEE SUPPLIES	22.91	22.91
20230676	2023-11-27	AGAT LABORATORIES LTD.	23205210E	PAYMENT MAIN LIFT STN LAB TESTING	210.00	210.00
20230677	2023-11-27	ALIX & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	20180320	PAYMENT 2023 TURKEY DRAW	75.00	75.00
20230678	2023-11-27	ALIX HOME HARDWARE	147652 147679 147680 147730 147741 147774 147863 147905 147921 147945 147996 148016	PAYMENT PROPANE 20LB FIRE DEPT SUPPLIES FIRE DEPT SUPPLIES ANTIFREEZE FOR RV DUMP FIRE HALL SUPPLIES FIRE HALL SUPPLIES, PW SUPPI LIGHTS FOR OLD PW SHOP SHOP SUPPLIES EMERG LIGHTING AND HEATING VILLAGE OFFICE SUPPLIES VILLAGE OFFICE SECURITY LIGI FUEL HOSE	29.39 152.11 46.54 37.74 28.84 145.37 59.82 16.25 329.54 120.74 125.98 5.02	1,097.34
20230679	2023-11-27	ANDERSON, JANENE	XMAS2023	PAYMENT MERRY CHRISTMAS 2023	50.00	50.00
20230680	2023-11-27	BAGSHAW ELECTRIC LTD.	IC050445	PAYMENT PUMP HOUSE THERMOSTAT	56.16	56.16
20230681	2023-11-27	BESUIJEN, JANICE	NOV2023	PAYMENT NOV 2023 COUNCIL EXPENSE C	488.58	488.58
20230682	2023-11-27	BESUIJEN, TIMOTHY W	NOV2023	PAYMENT COUNCIL EXPENSE CLAIM NOV	846.00	846.00
20230683	2023-11-27	BETH RICHARDSON (CHAUTAUQUA)	NOV2023	PAYMENT VILLAGE REMINDERS & CHRISTI	490.00	490.00
20230684	2023-11-27	CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO	1000-001115309	PAYMENT CROSSING MAINT NOV 2023	731.00	731.00
20230685	2023-11-27	CARR, MICHAEL	XMAS2023	PAYMENT MERRY CHRISTMAS 2023	50.00	50.00
20230686	2023-11-27	COLE, EDWIN	NOV2023	PAYMENT NOV 2023 COUNCIL EXPENSE C	346.53	346.53



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20230687	2023-11-27	CURRIER, RANDY	XMAS2023	PAYMENT MERRY CHRISTMAS 2023	50.00	50.00
20230688	2023-11-27	CYBERUS PROTECTION SERVICES	20244	PAYMENT PATROLS FOR DECEMBER 2023	2,805.47	2,805.47
20230689	2023-11-27	DOORS ON DEMAND (2022)	OS1858 OS1859	PAYMENT SERVICE DOORS AT FIREHALL SERVICE ON DOOR AT PW SHOF	734.18 498.23	1,232.41
20230690	2023-11-27	EVERCLEAN SOLUTIONS	4847 4849 4850 4851	PAYMENT FURNACE & DUCT CLEAN RAILW FURNACE & DUCT CLEAN VILLA FURNACE & DUCT CLEAN FIRE I FURNACE & DUCT CLEAN PW SI	2,625.00 525.00 367.50 367.50	3,885.00
20230691	2023-11-27	FEHR, ROBERT LEE	NOV2023	PAYMENT NOV 2023 COUNCIL EXPENSE C	742.73	742.73
20230692	2023-11-27	GIESBRECHT, CHELSIE	XMAS2023	PAYMENT MERRY CHRISTMAS 2023	50.00	50.00
20230693	2023-11-27	GILLIAT, BARBARA JEAN	NOV2023	PAYMENT COUNCIL EXPENSE CLAIM NOV	700.68	700.68
20230694	2023-11-27	GULLYS CONTRACTING	008	PAYMENT SNOW REMOVAL NOV 23, 2023	1,134.00	1,134.00
20230695	2023-11-27	HACH SALES & SERVICE CANADA LP	337932	PAYMENT WATER CHEMICALS	1,240.05	1,240.05
20230696	2023-11-27	HWY 12/21 REGIONAL WATER SERVICES COMM	1266	PAYMENT WATER CONSUMPTION OCT 202	16,577.55	16,577.55
20230697	2023-11-27	JUST SAFETY SUPPLIES & SERVICES	7492	PAYMENT FIRST AID SUPPLIES FOR LIBRA	34.22	34.22
20230698	2023-11-27	LOCAL AUTHORITIES PENSION PLAN	LAPP2023	PAYMENT LAPP CONTRIBUTIONS NOV 202	5,535.70	5,535.70
20230699	2023-11-27	MCES INC	0405	PAYMENT SERVICE TO CAMERAS	2,622.38	2,622.38
20230700	2023-11-27	MENAGE, WENDY	XMAS2023	PAYMENT MERRY CHRISTMAS 2023	50.00	50.00
20230701	2023-11-27	MESTON, TANYA	XMAS2023	PAYMENT MERRY CHRISTMAS 2023	50.00	50.00
20230702	2023-11-27	NIEHAUS, CODY ELDON	XMAS2023	PAYMENT MERRY CHRISTMAS 2023	50.00	50.00
20230703	2023-11-27	TAGISH ENGINEERING	20223	PAYMENT SUBDIVISION LIFT STATION OCT	2,536.19	2,536.19
20230704	2023-11-27	THE TRENCHLESS GUYS	23293	PAYMENT THREE CURB STOP REPAIRS	6,795.03	6,795.03
20230705	2023-11-27	WHITE, MICHELLE	XMAS2023	PAYMENT MERRY CHRISTMAS 2023	50.00	50.00
20230706	2023-11-27	WOLF CREEK PUBLIC SHOOLS	NOV2023	PAYMENT ALIX MAC SCHOOL SIGN SPONS	100.00	100.00
20230707	2023-11-30	AGAT LABORATORIES LTD.	23207956E	PAYMENT LAB TEST FOR MAIN LIFT STATIK	210.00	210.00
20230708	2023-11-30	ANDERSON, JANENE	NOV222023 NOV302023	PAYMENT TRAVEL EXPENSE CLAIM NOV 2 TRAVEL EXPENSE CLAIM NOV 3	46.00 22.00	68.00
20230709	2023-11-30	CANOE PROCUREMENT GROUP OF CANADA	AB192086	PAYMENT TIRES FOR 2011 CHEV SILV. 150	1,323.13	1,323.13



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20230710	2023-11-30	RSP Cont 2023	NOV2023	RSP CONT. NOV 2023	251.58	251.58
20230711	2023-11-30	NU-EDGE CONSTRUCTION	18646	PAYMENT PROGRESS CLAIM #5 LAGOON (414,578.35		414,578.35
20230712	2023-11-30	PITNEYWORKS	NOV302023	PAYMENT POSTAGE REFILL	3,675.00	3,675.00
20230713	2023-11-30	RURAL MUNICIPALITIES OF ALBERTA	RMA010030	PAYMENT MEMBER FEES AUG 2023 - JULY	204.75	204.75
20230719	2023-12-06	AIRFORCED DAYLIGHTING. LTD.	8446	PAYMENT EXCAVATE AT LAKE ST. STORM I	315.00	315.00
20230720	2023-12-06	ALIX FIRE DEPARTMENT	DEC2023	PAYMENT REIMBURSE FUEL PURCHASE	202.00	202.00
20230721	2023-12-06	AMSC INSURANCE SERVICES LTD.	DEC2023	PAYMENT PREMIUMS FOR DEC 2023	4,477.62	4,477.62
20230722	2023-12-06	ANDERSON, JANENE	DEC2023	PAYMENT TRAVEL EXP LREMP TABLE TOP	40.50	40.50
20230723	2023-12-06	BILL RUSSELL SAND & GRAVEL LTD.	SI-217	PAYMENT SAND FOR WATER CURB STOP I	110.25	110.25
20230724	2023-12-06	BROWNLEE LLP	558661	PAYMENT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	1,852.91	1,852.91
20230725	2023-12-06	CHAPMAN RIEBEEK	2312018	PAYMENT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	72.46	72.46
20230726	2023-12-06	GAM TECH	INV15320	PAYMENT WORKSTATION AND SERVER MA	929.25	929.25
20230727	2023-12-06	PRITCHARD, DAN	787195	PAYMENT FURNACE REPAIR AT OLD SHOP	1,350.04	1,350.04
20230728	2023-12-06	VILLAGE OF ALIX		PAYMENT		1,020.13
			50100NOV2023	BULK WATER NOV 2023	142.20	
			63900NOV2023	LIBRARY NOV 2023	115.40	
			69600NOV2023	STORAGE YARD NOV 2023	92.56	
			7000NOV2023	VILLAGE OFFICE NOV 2023	121.56	
			72700NOV2023	FIRE HALL NOV 2023	188.20	
			72800NOV2023	BAY 1 & 2 NOV 2023	139.49	
			72830NOV2023	BAY 3 NOV 2023	112.04	
			72841NOV2023	BAY 4 NOV 2023	108.68	
20230729	2023-12-06	WILD ROSE ASSESSMENT SERVICES	9208	PAYMENT PROGRESS PAYMENT DEC 2023	1,319.50	1,319.50
20230730	2023-12-19	2253676 ALBERTA LTD., (ALIX FOODS)	2253676	PAYMENT COFFEE SUPPLIES	6.92	29.83
			271580	COFFEE SUPPLIES	6.92	
			272721	COFFEE SUPPLIES	15.99	
20230731	2023-12-19	327241 ALBERTA LTD	1260	PAYMENT PATROLS NOVEMBER 2023	283.50	283.50
20230732	2023-12-19	AGAT LABORATORIES LTD.	23210757E	PAYMENT MAIN LIFT STATION SAMPLES	210.00	420.00
			23213262E	MAIN LIFT STATION SAMPLES	210.00	
20230733	2023-12-19	ALIX HOME HARDWARE		PAYMENT		650.54
			148033	PW SHOP TOOL	7.02	
			148062	FIRE DEPARTMENT AND SHOP S	83.43	
			148107	FIRE DEPT SUPPLIES	30.02	
			148157	FIRE DEPT SUPPLIES	73.00	
			148183	FD, SHOP, SIGN SUPPLIES	102.82	
			148197	SHOP LIGHTS	46.16	
			148287	SUPPLIES	65.82	
			148365	SUPPLIES	226.76	
			148405	PAINT SUPPLIES	6.60	



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20230733	2023-12-19	ALIX HOME HARDWARE	148407	FIRE HALL SUPPLIES	8.91	650.54
20230734	2023-12-19	BAGSHAW ELECTRIC LTD.	IC051360	PAYMENT LIGHTS FOR MAIN SHOP	74.76	74.76
20230735	2023-12-19	BESUIJEN, JANICE	DEC2023	PAYMENT COUNCIL EXPENSE DEC 2023	346.53	346.53
20230736	2023-12-19	BESUIJEN, TIMOTHY W	DEC2023	PAYMENT COUNCIL EXPENSE CLAIM DEC	388.00	388.00
20230737	2023-12-19	BOUNTY ONSITE INC.	001-148800	PAYMENT MAIN LIFT STATION HEATER	117.29	117.29
20230738	2023-12-19	CANOE PROCUREMENT GROUP OF CANADA	AB193387 AB193699 AB193728	PAYMENT STAPLES OFFICE SUPPLIES STAPLES OFFICE SUPPLIES PW DESK CALENDARS	1,287.37 111.28 33.58	1,432.23
20230739	2023-12-19	CHEM INTERNATIONAL	114328	PAYMENT SEWER CHEMICALS	1,963.50	1,963.50
20230740	2023-12-19	COLE, EDWIN	DEC2023	PAYMENT COUNCIL EXPENSE DEC 2023	379.78	379.78
20230741	2023-12-19	DOORS ON DEMAND (2022)	OS1928	PAYMENT FIREHALL MIDDLE BAY DOOR RE	178.50	178.50
20230742	2023-12-19	EDGE MARKETING & DESIGN INC.	8938	PAYMENT 2024 ANNUAL HOSTING FEE	210.00	210.00
20230743	2023-12-19	ENVIRONMENTAL 360 SOLUTIONS LTD.	RD0000286589	PAYMENT GARBAGE & REC NOV 2023	5,831.52	5,831.52
20230744	2023-12-19	FEHR, ROBERT LEE	DEC2023	PAYMENT COUNCIL EXPENSE CLAIM DEC	554.63	554.63
20230745	2023-12-19	GILLIAT, BARBARA JEAN	DEC2023	PAYMENT COUNCIL EXPENSE DEC 2023	250.00	250.00
20230746	2023-12-19	GITZEL & COMPANY	70146	PAYMENT INTERIM AUDIT DEC 2023	4,662.00	4,662.00
20230747	2023-12-19	GULLYS CONTRACTING	012 013	PAYMENT SNOW CLEARING DEC 7, 2023 SNOW CLEARING DEC 15, 2023	1,039.50 1,323.00	2,362.50
20230748	2023-12-19	HEARTLAND GLASS LTD.	108822	PAYMENT FIREHALL DOORS	292.79	292.79
20230749	2023-12-19	HIGH PRESSURE FLUSHING INC.	2624	PAYMENT INSPECT SANI MAINS	1,911.00	1,911.00
20230750	2023-12-19	KUBASH, SANDRA ANNE	2023-036	PAYMENT CHRISTMAS STAFF LUNCH	197.75	197.75
20230751	2023-12-19	LACOMBE COUNTY	IVC00044345	PAYMENT FIRE SHARED COST 3RD QUAR1	3,753.23	3,753.23
20230752	2023-12-19	LACOMBE REGIONAL WASTE SVCS COMMISSIC	37732	PAYMENT FOURTH QUARTER REQUISITIOI	13,292.50	13,292.50
20230753	2023-12-19	MPE ENGINEERING LTD	4420-015-06-06	PAYMENT LAGOON CELL 6 PROJECT	20,143.83	20,143.83
20230754	2023-12-19	PARKLAND COMMUNITY PLANNING SVCS.	22153	PAYMENT PROFESSIONAL FEES	339.50	339.50
20230755	2023-12-19	RALLY RENTALS	1555	PAYMENT LIFT RENTAL	413.70	413.70
20230756	2023-12-19	TAGISH ENGINEERING	20265	PAYMENT SUBDIVISION LIFT STATION DES	6,682.14	6,682.14
20230757	2023-12-19	THE TRENCHLESS GUYS		PAYMENT		1,154.84



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20230757	2023-12-19	THE TRENCHLESS GUYS	23304	CURB STOP REPAIR 5120 - 49 S1	1,154.84	1,154.84
20230758	2023-12-19	URBAN DIRTWORKS INC.	4591	PAYMENT SUBDIVISION LS PROGRESS #1	242,749.70	242,749.70
20230759	2023-12-19	ZONE 3 BUSINESS SOLUTIONS INC.	147370	PAYMENT COPY CHARGES	248.35	248.35
20230768	2023-12-28	AGAT LABORATORIES LTD.	23216479E	PAYMENT MAIN LIFT STATION SAMPLES	210.00	210.00
20230769	2023-12-28	CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO	1000-001115402	PAYMENT CROSSING MAINT. DEC 2023	731.00	731.00
20230770	2023-12-28	CANOE PROCUREMENT GROUP OF CANADA	AB194561 AB194897 AB196206	PAYMENT OFFICE PAPER MACHINE SERVICING MACHINE SERVICING	16.05 1,039.00 1,381.80	2,436.85
20230771	2023-12-28	COREY L. GISH PROFESSIONAL CORP.	1051	PAYMENT ROLL #48200 4415 PARLBY WAY	2,329.49	2,329.49
20230772	2023-12-28	GREGG DISTRIBUTORS CO LTD	000-566513	PAYMENT 20KG BAG CHINOOK ICEMELT	255.15	255.15
20230773	2023-12-28	LACOMBE COUNTY	IVC00044437	PAYMENT MIXED SAND	441.36	441.36
20230774	2023-12-28	LOCAL AUTHORITIES PENSION PLAN	DEC2023	PAYMENT LAPP CONTRIBUTION DEC 2023	5,448.36	5,448.36
20230775	2023-12-28	M & M MOWING	2023013 2023014 2023020 2023021 2023022	PAYMENT LAGOON MOWING #3 ROADSIDE MOWING #3 LAGOON MOWING #4 ROADSIDE MOWING #4 CP RAIL ALONG HWY 12 MOWING	2,047.50 892.50 2,047.50 892.50 1,155.00	7,035.00
20230776	2023-12-28	<i>RSP Payment</i>	DEC2023	PAYMENT RSP DEC 2023	251.58	251.58
20230777	2023-12-28	MPE ENGINEERING LTD	4420-015-06-07	PAYMENT CELL 5 & CELL 6 LAGOON UPGR	5,622.08	5,622.08
20230778	2023-12-28	PITNEY BOWES CANADA	1024421166	PAYMENT POSTAGE MACHINE INK	283.47	283.47
20230779	2023-12-28	PITNEYWORKS	DEC2023	PAYMENT METER POSTAGE	3,709.75	3,709.75
20230780	2023-12-28	URBAN DIRTWORKS INC.	4610	PAYMENT LIFT STATION UPGRADE PROGR	142,470.95	142,470.95

Total 1,778,242.52

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Tax Trial Balance (Full Listing)

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Trial Balance As Of 2023-12-28

Roll # Title Holder Accum. Out. Tax Levy Penalty Penalty Outstanding Current 1 Year 2 Years 3 Years Over 3

Sub Ledger		General Ledger										
Tax Levy	1,731,638.62	Local Improvement Levy	0.00									
Additional Tax Levy	0.00	Accumulated Penalty	34,878.52									
		Outstanding Penalty	15,512.56									
Current	73,185.20											
1 Year	37,761.61										125,218.36	
2 Years	9,873.58											
3 Years	1,963.39											
Over 3	2,434.58											
Outstanding	125,218.36											
		Totals								125,218.36		
		Total GL								125,218.36		
		Total SL								125,218.36		
		Proof								0.00		

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Village of Alix 2023 Operating Budget Revenue by Category

Revenue by Category	Budget	% of Total Revenue	YTD (Dec 22/23)
Property Taxes	-\$1,740,703.14	61.05%	-\$1,736,379.67
Franchise Fees	-\$114,500.00	4.02%	-\$115,733.42
Penalties and Fines	-\$55,200.00	1.94%	-\$55,329.86
Interest Earned	-\$70,000.00	2.45%	-\$144,542.31
Sale of Goods and Services	-\$767,100.00	26.90%	-\$923,838.73
Rentals	-\$16,500.00	0.58%	-\$17,492.37
Operating Transfers/Grants	-\$87,384.00	3.06%	-\$219,684.79
TOTAL	-\$2,851,387.14	100.00%	-\$3,213,001.15

NOTE: The following amounts are paid from Property Tax Revenue

Education Tax	\$209,404.84
Seniors Requisition	\$7,592.59
Policing Invoice	\$32,000.00

Expense by Category

Expense by Category	Budget	% of Total Expense	YTD (Dec 22/23)
Wages, Benefits & Remuneration	\$761,600.00	26.71%	\$644,989.82
Memberships, Training & Mileage	\$55,660.00	1.95%	\$40,390.90
Postage, Freight, Phone & Internet	\$34,050.00	1.19%	\$31,829.27
Contracted Services	\$640,660.00	22.47%	\$464,447.12
Utilities	\$177,000.00	6.21%	\$178,978.09
Insurance	\$75,255.00	2.64%	\$75,216.00
Materials, Goods & Supplies	\$319,750.00	11.21%	\$264,294.58
Bank Charges & Debenture Interest	\$87,727.63	3.08%	\$90,798.29
Grants/Donations to other Organizatic	\$86,298.00	3.03%	\$89,474.04
Transfers to Reserves	\$182,545.57	6.40%	\$182,545.57
Requisitions (School, Seniors, Police)	\$249,110.73	8.74%	\$195,446.28
Used to fund Capital Projects	\$181,730.21	6.37%	\$148,730.22
TOTAL	\$2,851,387.14	100.00%	\$2,407,140.18
Budget Surplus / Deficit	\$0.00		-\$805,860.97

Village of Alix Operating Budget by Department

Department	2023 Budget	YTD (December 22/23)	Variance (%)
<u>Government Services</u>			
Revenue	-\$1,978,603.14	-\$2,185,913.93	110%
Expense	\$725,640.73	\$684,145.54	94%
Net	-\$1,252,962.41	-\$1,501,768.39	
<u>Protective Services</u>			
Revenue	-\$31,900.00	-\$27,217.29	85%
Expense	\$202,185.00	\$160,567.27	79%
Net	\$170,285.00	\$133,349.98	
<u>Public Works</u>			
Revenue	\$0.00	-\$71,468.14	
Expense	\$478,578.55	\$427,678.54	89%
Net	\$478,578.55	\$356,210.40	
<u>Utilities</u>			
Revenue	-\$733,100.00	-\$734,702.32	100%
Expense	\$799,396.65	\$782,010.11	98%
Net	\$66,296.65	\$47,307.79	
<u>Community Services</u>			
Revenue	-\$47,900.00	-\$47,643.47	99%
Expense	\$136,878.00	\$160,906.60	118%
Net	\$88,978.00	\$113,263.13	
<u>Recreation & Culture</u>			
Revenue	-\$59,884.00	-\$146,056.00	244%
Expense	\$326,978.00	\$191,832.12	59%
Net	\$267,094.00	\$45,776.12	
Total Revenue	-\$2,851,387.14	-\$3,213,001.15	113%
Total Expense	\$2,669,656.93	\$2,407,140.18	90%
Operating \$ for Capital Projects	\$181,730.21	\$181,730.21	
Surplus (deficit)	\$0.00	-\$624,130.76	

Department Headings include the following Municipal Services:

Government Services: Property Taxes
Legislative Services
Administration

Protective Services: Fire Department
First Responders
Emergency Management
Bylaw Enforcement
Policing

Operations: Public Works
Streets

Utilities: Water
Sewer
Garbage
Recycling
Compost

Community Services: FCSS
Cemetery
Planning
Economic Development

Recreation & Culture: Recreation
Arena
Campground
Parks
Nature Trail
Community Hall
Library

Village of Alix Operating Budget: Government Services

Department	2023 Budget	YTD (December 22/23)	Variance (%)
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Taxes

Revenue	-\$1,740,703.14	-\$1,736,379.67	100%
Expenses	\$217,110.73	\$164,347.28	76%
Net	-\$1,523,592.41	-\$1,572,032.39	

Legislative

Revenue	-\$600.00	-\$1,073.92	179%
Expenses	\$48,400.00	\$47,359.59	98%
Net	\$47,800.00	\$46,285.67	

Administration

Revenue	-\$237,300.00	-\$448,460.34	189%
Expenses	\$460,130.00	\$472,438.67	103%
Net	\$222,830.00	\$23,978.33	

NOTE: Tax Expenses - 4th quarter School Requisition comes out December 31st. Admin Revenue includes proceeds from sale of abandoned items and interest income is approx. \$75,000 over budgeted amount.

Village of Alix Operating Budget: Protective Services

Department	2023 Budget	YTD (December 22/23)	Variance (%)
<u>Fire Department</u>			
Revenue	-\$20,000.00	-\$16,362.69	82%
Expense	\$69,950.00	\$61,787.94	88%
Net	\$49,950.00	\$45,425.25	
<u>First Responders</u>			
Revenue	-\$800.00	\$0.00	0%
Expense	\$10,025.00	\$11,407.71	114%
Net	\$9,225.00	\$11,407.71	
<u>Emergency Management</u>			
Revenue	-\$2,500.00	-\$1,245.98	50%
Expense	\$12,000.00	\$8,801.28	73%
Net	\$9,500.00	\$7,555.30	
<u>Bylaw Enforcement</u>			
Revenue	-\$3,600.00	-\$4,055.00	113%
Expense	\$78,210.00	\$47,471.34	61%
Net	\$74,610.00	\$43,416.34	
<u>Policing</u>			
Revenue	-\$5,000.00	-\$5,553.62	111%
Expense	\$32,000.00	\$31,099.00	97%
Net	\$27,000.00	\$25,545.38	

NOTE: Fire & First Response 4th quarter billing between County and Village has not yet occurred. First Response expenses include pay out of prior year Fire Protection Charges according to Policy #42

Bylaw Enforcment: 2023 Peace Officer contract invoice not yet received

Village of Alix Operating Budget: Public Works

Department	2023 Budget	YTD (December 22/23)	Variance (%)
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Public Works

Revenue	\$0.00	-\$50,185.00	
Expense	\$205,578.55	\$212,254.90	103%
Net	\$205,578.55	\$162,069.90	

Streets

Revenue	\$0.00	-\$21,283.14	
Expense	\$273,000.00	\$215,423.64	79%
Net	\$273,000.00	\$194,140.50	

Village of Alix Operating Budget: Utilities

Department	2023 Budget	YTD (December 22/23)	Variance (%)
<u>Water</u>			
Revenue	-\$338,700.00	-\$348,702.13	103%
Expense	\$384,615.20	\$365,667.76	95%
Net	\$45,915.20	\$16,965.63	
<u>Sewer</u>			
Revenue	-\$240,000.00	-\$231,181.45	96%
Expense	\$266,411.45	\$279,321.31	105%
Net	\$26,411.45	\$48,139.86	
<u>Garbage</u>			
Revenue	-\$154,400.00	-\$154,818.74	100%
Expense	\$148,370.00	\$137,021.04	92%
Net	-\$6,030.00	-\$17,797.70	

Village of Alix Operating Budget: Community Services

Department	2023 Budget	YTD (December 22/23)	Variance (%)
<u>FCSS</u>			
Revenue	-\$23,700.00	-\$24,476.10	103%
Expense	\$29,600.00	\$29,826.00	101%
Net	\$5,900.00	\$5,349.90	
<u>Cemetery</u>			
Revenue	-\$6,700.00	-\$2,275.00	34%
Expense	\$15,620.00	\$14,331.70	92%
Net	\$8,920.00	\$12,056.70	
<u>Planning</u>			
Revenue	-\$1,000.00	-\$3,400.00	340%
Expense	\$13,000.00	\$13,254.24	102%
Net	\$12,000.00	\$9,854.24	
<u>Economic Development</u>			
Revenue	-\$16,500.00	-\$17,492.37	106%
Expense	\$78,658.00	\$103,494.66	132%
Net	\$62,158.00	\$86,002.29	

NOTE: Economic Development includes Railway House Revenues & Expenses

Planning Revenue: Higher than average number of Development Permits and \$1,400 subdivision rebate

Cemetery: County billed annually for portion of maintenance. Funds not yet received.

Village of Alix Operating Budget: Recreation & Culture

Department	2023 Budget	YTD (December 22/23)	Variance (%)
<u>Recreation</u>			
Revenue	-\$1,418.00	-\$92,380.00	6515%
Expense	\$4,500.00	\$3,000.00	67%
Net	\$3,082.00	-\$89,380.00	
<u>Arena</u>			
Revenue	-\$36,466.00	-\$36,466.00	100%
Expense	\$52,650.00	\$52,689.28	100%
Net	\$16,184.00	\$16,223.28	
<u>Campground</u>			
Revenue	-\$22,000.00	-\$17,210.00	78%
Expense	\$30,300.00	\$24,339.83	80%
Net	\$8,300.00	\$7,129.83	
<u>Parks</u>			
Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Expense	\$177,230.00	\$59,106.53	33%
Net	\$177,230.00	\$59,106.53	
<u>Nature Trail</u>			
Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Expense	\$30,790.00	\$22,093.64	72%
Net	\$30,790.00	\$22,093.64	
<u>Community Hall</u>			
Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Expense	\$10,000.00	\$9,673.43	97%
Net	\$10,000.00	\$9,673.43	
<u>Library</u>			
Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Expense	\$21,508.00	\$20,929.41	97%
Net	\$21,508.00	\$20,929.41	

NOTE: Recreation Revenue includes Gator Park grant from 2022 (\$90,907 received in 2023)

Parks Expense includes Lake Project. Recommend moving \$100,000 to a reserve

Regional Water Services Commission
(Hwy 12/21)
December 11th, 2023
Councilor Tim Besuijen

Meeting Minutes

1. The regional water services commission is made up of Town of Stettler, County of Stettler, Highway 12/21 committee reps (Myself and Dion Burlock) and Shirley McClellan reps, which makes up users of the Stettler Water treatment plant and the plant operations.
2. Wayne Smith (Town of Stettler) was appointed chair
3. Review water usage and costs over time
4. Review of operating expenses for 2023 and 3 year look ahead
5. Review of cost allocation that is used to determine water costs to each of the end users including Highway 12/21.
6. Review Capital Structure, Cost of Capital, and Return.
7. Melissa Robbins, Director of Operations for the treatment plant presented a draft communication policy for review, plan will be finalized next meeting. The plan is set up to ensure effective communications during upset or emergency situations, either at the plant or us as end users. The recent leak on the Highway 12/21 line break is an example.
8. Operational Updates
 - a. Melissa Robbins for the treatment plant
 - b. Dion Burlock for Highway 12/21
 - c. Update for Shirley M. commission as well.
9. Discussion on SCADA requirements, upgrades, and joint services between Shirley M and 12/21
10. Next meeting is April 22, 2024



Councilor Tim Besuijen

RCMP COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING

December 13, 2023

The meeting was held at 7:00 pm at the Bashaw RCMP Detachment.

Including myself there were 8 present including Sgt Cleveland NCO I/C Bashaw Det. And one of his Constables.

STAFFING

The detachment ran short during the summer however will be up to full complement in the new year.

One member is being transferred however a member is coming back from PAT (paternal) leave and they are slotted for a recruit in the new year.

They are approved for a new CPL position which will be advertised on January 10. The earliest they would see the new CPL would be April (probably later)

Sgt Cleveland is trying to get district to relax the travel limit and several member he would like to have as a CPL who would love to come to Bashaw live several kms outside the travel range.

Bashaw also has a reservist (retired S/SGT) who they are quite happy with.

Depot Division (basic training is back up to running at full compliment which is helping with staffing issues

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Sgt Cleveland advised he is attempting to have school engagement with contests with prizes.

He has been getting lack of participation from school administration and teachers, school are not reaching out, appears to be a reluctance to have a uniform RCMP member as it might “ offend” someone. Nothing specific about Alix, seems to be a general problem.

It was mentioned that they are happy with the Lacombe County CPO liaison with Alix schools so they have not been engaging as they might. I stressed that Lacombe County CPO's area different enforcement agency and I would really like to see a uniform RCMP member presence at the schools. They understood my concern and will be endeavouring to comply.

The RCMP 150 event was a success, may become an annual event.

CHALLENGE COIN

A Bashaw RCMP Challenge Coin was developed and will be available in the new year. The first draft had a spelling error.

S/SGT BRUCE HOLLIDAY MEMORIAL FOR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Developing an award for school children etc for community leadership. The Holliday family is very much in support of this. It is in the development stage.

CRIME PREVENTION

The detachment is setting up a documentation system which will list residences and businesses that have outdoor video cameras. This could assist in identifying suspects after a crime.

Trying to get a Facebook Page to document local crime. Approval must be sought at higher levels for an official RCMP page, this is pending. Also looking at liaison with already local like pages.

DEDICATED STETTLER TRAFFIC DAY

This is presently before the Assistant Chief Judge for the Red Deer jurisdiction for decision. My source in Alberta Justice, who had asked myself and our Mayor to draft letters previously confirmed that. The decision may come down to Clerk of the Court staffing letters. Everyone seems to be onboard however clerk positions may be an issue.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

I stressed that though the present QUARTERLY reports are for the general detachment area and do not advise or address specific Alix concerns. I requested that our QUARTERLY reports be specific to Alix. I suggested one of the Constables could be assigned specifically to compile Alix statistics and then Sgt Cleveland could vet the final report. This would give Constables valuable training for future promotions and specialist units. They seemed receptive to the idea and will try to implement

CONSTITUTION

I voiced my concerns on the proposed Constitution and Sgt Cleveland found this humorous. He advised this was an old Constitution he found cleaning old some cabinets (he joked it might be from my days in the RCMP) and he sent it out for discussion/

He advised he much prefers informal discussions and open contact by all shareholders direct. Therefore we have no worries regards contact with detachment commander.

Next meeting to be announced, Sgt Cleveland suggest 3 or 4 meetings a year.

CONTACTS

DISTRICT OFFICER: Chief Supt. Mike Good

ASST DISTRICT OFFICER: Supt. Leanne MacMillian

OPS OFFICER: Insp. Carson Creaser

DANCO: S/Sgt. Malcolm Callihoo

E.W. (ED) Cole CD
Village Councillor

CAO REPORT JANUARY 2024

1. House Demolition – The condemned residential property taken by the Village through the tax recovery process has been demolished. We will be leveling and seeding the property in the spring prior to listing it with a realtor.
2. Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) – The province has announced the new LGFF grant guidelines and funding allotments. The Village of Alix has an LGFF Operating grant allotment of \$36,466 for 2024. This is the same dollar amount of the 2023 MSI Operating grant. Our LGFF Capital grant allocation for 2024 is \$242,582 and for 2025 - \$257,253. Many of the grant application process and project criteria remain the same as with MSI, including the ability to borrow against future year funding allocations.
3. Census – The province will once again be allowing municipalities to do their own census in 2024. The funding formula for the LGFF grant is 65% weighted on population numbers (tangible capital assets = 15%; amortization of tangible capital assets = 10%; km of roads = 10%). Currently, LGFF is using 2019 population numbers. I believe it would be in our best interest to run an internal census in 2024 to determine our official population. This would be used to calculate Village grants and requisitions on a 'go forward' basis. More information on this will come to Council in the new year as a resolution will be required.
4. Lake Night – A basic background sheet about Alix Lake will be developed and distributed by mail mid-January. The bottom of this sheet will have a section to be filled out by the public with any questions they would like to see addressed at Lake Night in February.

We also plan on having a short survey available at Lake Night regarding current community businesses and services and what 'gaps' the public would like to see filled. This is a step toward one of Council's identified Strategic Plan goals. I have been working with a provincial Regional Economic Development Specialist for assistance with developing this survey.

5. Audit – Auditors will be returning on February 5th & 6th for the final stage of our annual audit.



ALBERTA
MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

*Office of the Minister
MLA, Calgary-Hays*

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December 15, 2023

Dear Chief Elected Officials:

The Alberta government recognizes local infrastructure is critical to Albertans and to supporting the province's economy, and we are committed to providing predictable, long-term infrastructure funding for all communities. As part of this commitment, I am pleased to announce the launch of the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) program, which will enable municipalities and Metis Settlements to build infrastructure and serve their communities more effectively.

With LGFF capital funding starting at \$722 million in 2024, the LGFF strikes a fair balance between predictable funding for communities and fiscal responsibility for government. To ensure no community experiences a year-over-year decrease from capital funding allocated under the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) in 2023, top-up funding will be available for affected communities as part of the transition to the LGFF in 2024. In addition to the legislated LGFF capital funding, based on *Budget 2023* targets and subject to Budget 2024 approval, local governments will have access to \$60 million in LGFF operating funding.

LGFF capital funding in future years will reflect the percentage change in provincial revenues from three years prior. This means in 2025, Alberta communities will receive \$820 million, an increase of nearly 14 per cent, in accordance with growth in provincial revenues between 2021/22 and 2022/23.

For local governments other than Calgary and Edmonton, the LGFF includes a new allocation formula that is substantially different than the one used under the MSI. While the new allocation formula has a greater focus on communities with limited local assessment bases, the formula was chosen to balance the needs of all types of communities – small and large, rural and urban – over the long term. In keeping with our commitment for predictable funding, 2024 and 2025 LGFF capital allocations for all local governments are now available on the program website (www.alberta.ca/local-government-fiscal-framework-capital-funding), to help you plan for the use of this funding. The website also includes a description of the new funding formula.

Last year, we heard through the online survey on the program design that local governments were highly satisfied with how the MSI has been administered. I am pleased to confirm the delivery of the new program will be largely similar to the MSI. While there are some changes to the LGFF capital component when compared to the MSI, we feel strongly these changes will improve the program for local governments and Alberta taxpayers alike. Additional information on the program design will be provided in an email to chief administrative officers, which they should receive shortly.

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In addition, estimated 2024 LGFF operating allocations, subject to approval in Budget 2024, are available on the program website (www.alberta.ca/local-government-fiscal-framework-operating-funding). The allocations will not change from what local governments received in 2023. LGFF operating guidelines will be available in 2024.

I am grateful for your council's work and the work of Alberta Municipalities, Rural Municipalities of Alberta, and the Metis Settlements General Council to help develop the LGFF program and allocation formula. I look forward to working with you to ensure your local infrastructure and operating needs continue to be supported as we grow and strengthen Alberta's economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ric McIver". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Ric McIver
Minister

cc: Chief Administrative Officers



ALBERTA

ENVIRONMENT AND PROTECTED AREAS

Office of the Minister

Dear Elected Municipal Leaders,

Alberta is currently in a significant drought. During summer 2023, several water basins reached critical drought conditions due to low rainfall and high temperatures. The world is also experiencing El Niño, a global phenomenon occurring for the first time in seven years. It's causing less snow and rain, along with higher temperatures, heightening the potential for significant drought into spring and summer 2024, particularly in southern Alberta.

Alberta has five stages in its water management plan. Ranging from Stage 1, which is a minor drought, to Stage 5, which is a province-wide emergency. We are currently in Stage 4. The Government of Alberta is closely monitoring the situation and working to be prepared in case the province faces a similar – or worse – drought next year. Staff from Environment and Protected Areas, along with Agriculture and Irrigation, are working with water licence holders, major water users, and other partners to develop water conservation plans and water-sharing agreements.

Alberta has stood up a Drought Command Team in the event of an emergency and an early first draft of a 2024 Drought Emergency Plan has been completed and is now being refined. We have also initiated drought modelling work that will allow the province to determine how to maximize the province's water supply. Alberta is considering a wide range of tools and approaches to respond to an emergency situation, including both regulatory and non-regulatory tools.

The province will also be striking an advisory panel of leaders to help provide advice in the months ahead. And we are preparing for the future, looking at what long-term infrastructure is needed to help manage water supplies for future generations.

However, municipal action is also needed. In order to be fully prepared for a severe drought, municipal leaders throughout Alberta will need to take action. From my time as the Minister of Municipal Affairs, I have had the pleasure of meeting and working with many of you, and I am confident that Albertans will find their municipal leaders are ready and willing to deal with this challenge head-on.

That's why I am writing to all municipalities to ask that the following be undertaken in the coming months:

- 1.) Initiate efforts to monitor water supply infrastructure proactively, paying particular attention to water intake relative to water levels.
- 2.) Begin a review of the terms of your municipality's water licence so you are aware of any conditions that may limit your ability to withdraw water during a drought.
- 3.) Alert municipal water managers to prepare to be engaged with officials from the Drought Command Team, should conditions within your municipal water licence need to be triggered.
- 4.) Develop a water shortage plan so your municipality is prepared to respond if water availability decreases.

We are asking all water users to start planning now to use less water in 2024. We are committed to providing information and supporting any additional conservation efforts that your municipality may adopt in the future.

Stay up-to-date on precipitation and water levels through the Alberta Rivers app or the Alberta Rivers Basins web page at rivers.alberta.ca. To learn more about the impacts of drought on communities and the principles for sound water management, please visit alberta.ca/drought.

Environment and Protected Area would like to hear from your water management staff on perceived risks of drought in 2024, what impacts it could have on your operations, and how your municipality plans to mitigate risks. To connect with our team, please email epa.drought@gov.ab.ca.

Alberta has navigated many droughts before and has a long, proud history of coming together during tough times. I know we can count on our municipal partners to work together in the face of adversity.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Schulz
Minister of Environment and Protected Areas



ALBERTA
MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

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MLA, Calgary-Hays*

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Dear Chief Elected Officials:

Since 2022, Municipal Affairs has been working with the Assessment Model Review Stakeholder Steering Committee consisting of industry representatives and municipal partners, such as Alberta Municipalities and Rural Municipalities of Alberta. The committee was tasked with designing an engagement process that will assist in updating the regulated property assessment models in a fair and transparent manner. I am now carefully considering the committee's proposed engagement plan.

As you are aware, in 2020, a number of tax incentives were put in place when Alberta's previous review of regulated property assessment was paused. A three-year property tax holiday on new wells and pipelines was introduced to promote new investment and economic activity in the energy sector. This tax holiday will end, as planned, after the 2024 municipal tax year. The Well Drilling Equipment Tax was also eliminated, and there are no plans to reinstate it.

Two assessment-based measures to support the viability of mature oil and gas assets were also implemented at that time: the continuation of the 35 per cent assessment reduction for shallow gas wells and pipelines (first introduced in 2019), and additional depreciation adjustments for lower-producing wells. These two measures were intended as a bridge to the implementation of new assessment models and will therefore be extended until the Assessment Model Review is completed and the regulated assessment models for wells are updated.

Thank you for continuing to work in partnership with the province. I look forward to sharing more information in early 2024 regarding further engagement on the Assessment Model Review.

Sincerely,

Ric McIver
Minister

cc: Chief Administrative Officers
Tyler Gandam, President, Alberta Municipalities
Paul McLauchlin, President, Rural Municipalities of Alberta

NEWS

November 17, 2023: Calgary, AB

Final Draft Available: New Damage Prevention Legislation for Alberta

Utility Safety Partners (formerly Alberta One-Call) is proposing comprehensive provincial damage prevention legislation for buried and above-ground utilities in Alberta. Currently, only the Canada Energy Regulator's (CER) Damage Prevention Regulations and the Alberta Energy Regulator's (AER) Pipeline Rules require mandatory registration with Utility Safety Partners.

Following the integration of feedback from three public comment periods, the final draft of the proposed Damage Prevention legislation is now available on our specially designed [microsite](#) that has been developed as an information and engagement hub for this important initiative.

The new legislation would enhance safety across the province by creating a comprehensive provincial energy and utility notification system that would require the registration of all critical infrastructure with Utility Safety Partners by every:

- Municipality in Alberta
- Gas distributor and every gas transmitter
- Operator of a distribution system
- Person or entity that owns or operates underground infrastructure within a public right of way or that crosses a public right of way
- Electricity distributor and electricity transmitter

The new Legislation would also require submission of a locate request to Utility Safety Partners prior to every ground disturbance.

While the majority of Alberta's municipalities have registered their assets as members of Utility Safety Partners, many others would need to register their critical infrastructure assets if the proposed Damage Prevention legislation is approved. While the cost of registering with Utility Safety Partners is minimal, identifying all critical assets can require a significant initial investment. The comment period process has provided recommendations to reduce the impacts by providing municipalities with a five-year grace period to register the location of their buried assets via polygon / shapefile which will help manage long-term operating costs.

The risks and impacts of an incident far outweigh the costs of registration.

- Digging without a line locate is dangerous: It puts workers, communities and the environment at risk
- Hitting a utility line can disrupt essential services, require costly repairs, and cause fires, explosions, environmental damage, personal injury and death
- Direct and indirect costs of hitting a single line (power, oil & gas, telecom/cable) average \$70,000 per strike
- Damage to underground infrastructure alone is estimated to cost Albertans \$350 million annually
- Registering your assets and being part of USP provides a reliable notification system that reduces liability risk for those who have not registered and identified their infrastructure

We are hopeful the proposed legislation will be brought to the Alberta Legislature in the near future. We want all organizations in Alberta that own or operate buried or above-ground energy and utility infrastructure to register with Utility Safety Partners – a certified and trusted communication service and notification centre that ensures one click or call will initiate a damage prevention process that keeps Albertans safe and avoids interruptions to important services in our communities and economy.

For more information about the proposed legislation visit:

<https://damage-prevention.utilitypartners.ca>

If you are unsure of your membership status, please go to Member List Utility Safety Partners.

Thank you,

Mike Sullivan



President
Utility Safety Partners