



This Strategic Plan provides a strong foundation for our organization to use as we move forward into the future. It reflects our commitment to the health, well-being, connectedness, and economic prosperity of our community. We want to make sure Alix is not just a great place to live, raise a family, and retire, but a place where one day your kids can live and raise a family of their own. And as we grow, we want to keep all the things that make our community special. In addition to the strategic goals in this plan, the Village of Alix will also continue delivering on fundamental municipal responsibilities such as fire protection, planning and development, water, waste collection, safe roads and more. Our community is much more than its elected representatives and municipal staff. It's the citizens who live, volunteer, work, play, and socialize here who shape this community and bring it to life. This plan shows our commitment to working for you and with you to help shape a bright future we can all be proud of.

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: We will help citizens maintain the Village's unique qualities, foster a strong sense of belonging and strive to meet needs locally.

Fiscal Responsibility: As stewards of community resources, we will deliver municipal services in a cost-effective way.

Innovation: We will seek innovative solutions for the growth and success of the community.

Respect: We will treat each other with respect and act with integrity.

Safety: We will work in partnership with the community to prevent crime and protect lives, property, and the public realm.

Teamwork: We will build strong relationships with our public, employees, and partners under the shared goal of continuous improvement.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council, held on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, 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 #101/24: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Village of Alix Council approve the agenda with the following amendment:

Add: New Business: c) Proposed Legislative Changes from the Province

CARRIED

Minutes: a) Regular Meeting – April 17, 2024

Resolution #102/24: Moved by Councillor T. Besuijen that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Delegation: None

Bylaws: None

Unfinished Business: a) Recognition of Milestones Policy 22 – Request for Decision 24-21

Resolution #103/24: Moved by Councillor J. Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council hereby accepts Policy No. 22: Recognition of Milestones as presented and sets a review date for 2027.

CARRIED

New Business: a) Community Shopping Survey - Request for Decision 24-23

Resolution #104/24: Moved by Councillor Cole that the Village of Alix Council hereby accepts Request for Decision 24-23, Community Shopping Survey as information.

CARRIED

b) Water Conservation – Request for Decision 24-24

Resolution #105/24: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Village of Alix Council hereby accepts Request for Decision 24-24, Water Conservation as information.

CARRIED

c) Proposed Legislative Changes from the Province

Resolution #106/24: Moved by Councillor Cole that the Village of Alix Council hereby direct administration to send a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, our Member of Legislative Assembly and the Premier of Alberta outlining the Village's concerns in regards to Bills 18, 19 and 20.

CARRIED

Financial Reports: None

Committee Reports: a) Hwy 12/21 Regional Water Commission Meeting – Councillor T. Besuijen

b) Regional Water Services Commission – Councillor T. Besuijen

Resolution #107/24: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Village of Alix Council accept the Committee Reports as presented.

CARRIED

Administrative Reports: None

Correspondence and Information:

a) Village of Alix - Municipal Census 2024

b) Village of Alix Community Update - Lacombe County Community Peace Officer Services – Mark Sproule, Manager

c) Fortis Alberta – Bill 19 – Utilities Affordability Statutes Amendment Act

d) Parkland Regional Library System – 2023 Annual Report

Resolution #108/24: Moved by Councillor T. Besuijen that Correspondence Items (a) through (d) be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Closed Meeting: a) FOIP Section 27 – Privileged Information Re: Legal Opinion

Resolution #109/24: Moved by Councillor T. Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council go into a Closed Meeting at 7:03 P.M. to discuss FOIP Section 27, Privileged Information regarding a Legal Opinion.

CARRIED

Resolution #110/24: Moved by Councillor J. Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council return to the Public Meeting at 7:14 P.M.

CARRIED

Resolution #111/24: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Village of Alix Council hereby directs administration to settle the legal matter according to advice of counsel.

CARRIED

Adjournment:

Resolution #112/24: Moved by Councillor J. Besuijen that this Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council be adjourned at 7:18 P.M.

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: May 8, 2024 RFD 24-26
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: FCSS Funding

1. **PURPOSE** – To present Council with Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) funding considerations.
2. **BACKGROUND** – In 2020 Council made changes to the method of applying FCSS funds for preventative social services within the Village of Alix. Those changes came into effect January 1, 2021. Community groups or organizations who intend to offer programs or do projects that align with the FCSS mandate are welcome to fill out an application form for funds and submit it to the Village for Council consideration. So far the only funding applications to come in are for the Alix Inform, Moms & Tots and the Community Resource Centre.
3. **OPTIONS** –
 1. To standardize an FCSS funding allocation to the Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society
 2. To continue requiring a funding application before granting FCSS funds
3. **DISCUSSION** – After 3 years of successful funding transfers to the same organizations, Council may want to consider streamlining the process by allocating funds to the Community Resource Centre without requiring an application form. We have strengthened our ties with the Society and now receive quarterly financial reporting to ensure compliance with the Village's FCSS funding agreement through the Province.

I still recommend the other two long-standing programs supported (Alix Inform / Moms & Tots) are asked to submit funding requests annually. This would ensure the programs are operational each year and allows us to request different reporting requirements as needed from each program.

5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – Under the terms of the funding agreement between the Village and the Province, there is a total of \$29,596 in FCSS funds available in 2024. This amount is \$23,677 Provincial and \$5,919 from the Village. Council is not restricted to a maximum of 25% contribution, but that is all the Interim Operating Budget has allocated.

In past years, FCSS funding has been allocated as follows:

Alix Inform program	\$ 2,400
Moms & Tots program	\$ 4,000
Community Resource Centre	<u>\$23,196</u>
TOTAL	\$29,596

6. **LEGAL** – FCSS funds must be used in accordance with the FCSS Act and Regulations. In addition to the quarterly Income Statement from the Society, we also receive a report indicating what is being funded with Village of Alix FCSS funds to ensure the expenditure fits within the mandate.
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** –

8. **OTHER COMMENTS** – Approving funding on an ongoing basis would decrease the administrative work for the Society and the Village. This is the same way funds are directed to the Arena and Community Hall Boards – as part of the regular operating budget functions.

9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Option #1, I recommend the following resolution:

“that Alix Village Council hereby grants the Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) funding in the amount of \$23,200 annually, provided the organization remains in good standing as a society and continues to use funds supplied in accordance with the FCSS mandate.”



Author

ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: May 8, 2024 RFD 24-27
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: FCSS Funding Applications

1. **PURPOSE** – To present Council with Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) funding applications for consideration.
2. **BACKGROUND** – In 2020 Council made changes to the method of applying FCSS funds for preventative social services within the Village of Alix. Those changes came into effect January 1, 2021. Community groups or organizations who intend to offer programs or do projects that align with the FCSS mandate are welcome to fill out an application form for funds and submit it to the Village for Council consideration.
3. **OPTIONS** –
 1. To fully and/or partially fund the included grant applications
 2. To decline funding the applications
4. **DISCUSSION** – There are no application deadlines in place. Various programs that fall under the mandate may be offered at different times of year, making an application deadline difficult for organizations. This can be revisited for future if Council wishes.
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – Under the terms of the funding agreement between the Village and the Province, there is a total of \$29,596 in FCSS funds available in 2024. This amount is \$23,677 Provincial and \$5,919 from the Village. Council is not restricted to a maximum of 25% contribution, but that is all the Interim Operating Budget has allocated.

Alix Inform program request	\$ 2,400
Moms & Tots program request	\$ 4,000
TOTAL	\$ 6,400

6. **LEGAL** – FCSS funds must be used in accordance with the FCSS Act and Regulations. There is also an FCSS Handbook online that is very helpful in determining program/project eligibility. The funding application forms were developed to collect information necessary to make that determination.
Both applications meet the requirements and are eligible for FCSS funding.
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** –
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** – Both programs received funding approval from Council in 2023.
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – That Council fully funds both applications submitted by Alix Family and Community Services Society.

“that Alix Village Council hereby grants Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) funding to the Alix Family and Community Services Society as follows; \$2,400 for the Alix Inform program and \$4,000 for the Moms and Tots program.”

Author

Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)

Funding Application: 2024

Organization Information:		
Organization Name:	Alix Family and Community Services Society	
Mailing Address:	Box 306	
Contact person:	Jill Hillman	Position/title: Board Vice Chair
Email address:	jillhillman@hotmail.com	
Telephone: (403)588-5199	Cell:	Fax:
Is your organization registered as a society or a corporation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes No		
Charitable Number:	Incorporation Number:5013790919	

Eligibility for Financial Support

To be eligible, each proposed program or project must be managed by, or under the auspices of a community group or agency that is incorporated (or in the process of becoming incorporated) as a **non-profit society** in Alberta; or operating under the administrative jurisdiction of a school division or municipality.

ONLY applications that identify the specific piece of the project or program that fits the FCSS Act and Regulation and identifies the Outcomes and Indicators will be considered.

NOTE: Programs or projects that are primarily recreational in nature are not eligible for FCSS funding. Please see Strategic Direction below.

Is your funding request for an event that was approved for funding last year: Yes No

Have there been significant changes to the event since last year:

If Yes: Please describe

_____ If No: Go to FCSS

Funding Request and complete the form.

Program/Project Title: Alix Inform

Beginning Date: January 1, 2024

Completion Date: December 31, 2024

Statement of Need:

There is an important need in our community for a consistent method for community members to be made aware of what supports, services, resources and programs are available to them that is updated on a regular

basis and is readily available.

Overall Goal:

To provide the community with important information and contact information for a wide range of services, supports and programs available to them that will be easy to navigate and is continuously updated.

Broad Strategy:

This program is an important networking service that will connect the members of the community with groups, organizations and businesses providing resources, supports and programs which will enable the members of the community to become active participants in our community. It will provide the community with the information needed to engage in community programs, volunteering and knowledge of what is available to them in our community.

Rationale:

If we can provide consistent and updated information to the members of the community at large to keep them informed then we can provide them the information needed to become more involved and active in the community.

Who is served?

The entire community including families, individuals, seniors and children would have accessibility to this program and be impacted by its content.

Inputs:

- A usable, high performance template to organize information
- An existing platform currently in use to share community information
- An extensive contact list of individuals and organizations
- A programmer that knows how to navigate, utilize and update the current program

Outputs:

- A user friendly list and calendar of all events and organizations in our community
- Support community needs by showcasing what is offered in our community
- Collection and distribution of information of services, supports, programs and events
- A communication network to promote social interaction and community involvement

Reach Outputs:

All residents, community groups, businesses and organizations as well as reaching out to the surrounding areas our community.

FCSS Overarching Goal

This program will provide valuable information that will be accessible to families and individuals in our community while connecting them to programs, services, resources and events. The information that it will provide will strengthen the connection and activity to the community relating to the social well being of the community which will enhance individual and community well being and enhance their quality of life.

Strategic Direction: How does your program or project contribute to the overarching goal and five Strategic Directions in the FCSS Regulation? Which does it fit best? (circle one or two that apply)

SD 1	SD 2	SD 3	SD 4	SD 5
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help people to develop independence, strengthen coping skills and become more resistant to crisis;	help people to develop an awareness of social needs	help people to develop interpersonal and group skills which enhance constructive relationships among people	help people and communities to assume responsibility for decisions and actions which affect them;	provide supports that help sustain people as active participants in the community
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For more information of FCSS mandate, please go to the Program Handbook at: <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/5325399>

FCSS Funding Request: \$ 2400.00

Attach a Detailed Budget [specific to the program or project]	
Attach any Supporting documents: [direct relevancy to FCSS program or project]	
# of Individuals Served	
# of Families Served	
# of Volunteers	
# of Volunteer Hours	
# of Information & Referral	
# of Community Initiatives	
Areas of Need Addressed by Community Initiative	

Declaration of Applicant

I/we do certify to the best of my/our knowledge that this application contains a full and correct account of all matters stated herein.	
X <i>D. Boswell</i>	Deb Boswell
President's signature	Print name
X <i>Sheila Sandul</i>	Sheila Sandul
Treasurer's signature	Print name
Date of application: <i>May 8 2024</i>	

Forward completed application to:

**Village of Alix
 PO Box 87
 Alix AB
 T0C 0B0
 Contact:
 Ph: 403-747-2495
 E-mail: cao@villageofalix.ca**

Alix Inform Program

January 1-December 31, 2024

EXPENCES:

Information and Referral	\$2400.00
- collection of information and contacts	
- update of information and contacts	
- distribution and publication of information and contacts	
Village of Alix – FCSS Funding Request	\$2400.00

Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)

Funding Application: 2024

Organization Information:		
Organization Name:	Alix Family and Community Services Society	
Mailing Address:	Box 306	
Contact person:	Jill Hillman	Position/title: Board Vice Chair
Email address:	jillhillman@hotmail.com	
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NOTE: Programs or projects that are primarily recreational in nature are not eligible for FCSS funding. Please see Strategic Direction below.

Is your funding request for an event that was approved for funding last year: Yes No

Have there been significant changes to the event since last year:

If Yes: Please describe

_____ If No: Go to FCSS

Funding Request and complete the form.

Program/Project Title: Moms and Tots

Beginning Date: January 1, 2024

Completion Date: December 31, 2024

Statement of Need:

There is a need in the community for programming for parents and caregivers with small children to connect

and share ideas while the children enjoy social interaction while fostering child development.

Overall Goal:

Our goal is to offer a safe and engaging atmosphere for families and caregivers with children to attend, giving them the opportunity to develop and enhance skills as well as interact. We will provide an opportunity for the children to enhance their social, emotional, physical, intellectual, cognitive and sensory skills.

Broad Strategy:

By providing a program for parents and caregivers of small children to interact, share ideas, and struggles they will build community and social connections that will support child development and individual well being. The connections built and supported through the program will give all participants an opportunity to give valuable feedback and input into future and ongoing programs and services available to them. Evaluations and testimonials will be used to ensure the needs of the families in our community are met as well as sharing them with collaborative partners in the area.

Rationale:

If we can provide a program for families and caregivers in our local community then the participants will be able to make community and social connections, enhance child development, increased knowledge of resources available at the local, regional, provincial and federal level and knowledge and engagement of positive parenting strategies.

Who is served?

Parents, guardians and caregivers who have children aged 0-6 in our community and surrounding area.

Inputs:

A program facilitator with experience and knowledge of the program
Space to host the program
Toys to encourage development and social interaction through play
Basic craft supplies to enhance development through creativity

Outputs:

A program available to the community once a week in the fall and winter, and in the spring and summer twice a week utilizing the local parks.
Provide coffee, juice and healthy snacks to the participants
A facilitator to coordinate activities, snack, resources and be responsible for opening and closing of the facility
Collaboration with external local, regional, provincial and federal outside agencies to provide opportunities to enhance parenting skills
Continual evaluation of the program to monitor, maintain and evolve the program to meet the needs in the community

Reach Outputs:

The families, parents, guardians, child caregivers, children and resources in our community.

FCSS Overarching Goal

This program will provide an opportunity for parents, guardians and caregivers to make social connections, a safe place to share, obtain resources and information that will target the social well being of the families and children in our community. Parenting, prevention and early intervention resources will be readily available for participants the children will experience an environment that will enhance their child development, build social relationships and competency and will promote social inclusion.

Strategic Direction: How does your program or project contribute to the overarching goal and five Strategic Directions in the FCSS Regulation? Which does it fit best? (circle one or two that apply)

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help people to develop independence, strengthen coping skills and become more resistant to crisis;	help people to develop an awareness of social needs	help people to develop interpersonal and group skills which enhance constructive relationships among people	help people and communities to assume responsibility for decisions and actions which affect them;	provide supports that help sustain people as active participants in the community

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FCSS Funding Request: \$ 4000.00

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# of Individuals Served	
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# of Volunteers	
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Moms and Tots Program

January 1-December 31, 2024

EXPENCES:

Community Programming	\$4000.00
- support facilitation of program	
- programming supplies	
- program updates and evaluation	

Village of Alix – FCSS Funding Request	\$4000.00
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ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: May 9, 2024 RFD 24-28
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: Reserve Transfer

1. **PURPOSE** – To request Council move funds from General Reserves to Professional Services.
2. **BACKGROUND** – General Reserve funds were set up in 2020 as a contingency for solicitor fees. By having these reserves in place, we no longer need to put funds in the operating budget each year in case legal services were required.
3. **OPTIONS** –
 1. To move funds from General Reserves to Admin – Professional Services
 2. To use the currently budgeted allotment to fund legal services
4. **DISCUSSION** – The Professional Services budget line includes charges for tax recovery proceedings (which are recovered by being put on each tax roll) as well as all manner of legal services (bylaw enforcement matters, land and development processes etc.)
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – The General Reserve balance is \$68,000. Moving \$15,000 to the Operating Budget would cover any overage in the Admin – Professional Services category that may result from finalizing the 2024 legal matter. This would leave a balance of \$53,000 in the General Reserve and allow us to remain on target with the Operating Budget.
6. **LEGAL** – MGA s. 197(2) "Councils and council committees may close all or part of their meetings to the public if a matter to be discussed is within one of the exceptions to disclosure in Division 2 of Part 1 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act."

FOIP Act Part 1, Division 2; s. 27(1) states that a public body may refuse to disclose "(a) information that is subject to any type of legal privilege, including solicitor-client privilege or parliamentary privilege."
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** –
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** –
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Option #1 – I recommend the following resolution:

"that the Village of Alix Council hereby moves \$15,000 from General Reserves to Admin – Professional Services."

Author

ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: April 25, 2024 RFD 24-22
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: Acting CAO

1. **PURPOSE** – To advise Council of a change to the CAO position.
2. **BACKGROUND** –
3. **OPTIONS** –
4. **DISCUSSION** –
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – Hourly wage for the Acting CAO will be adjusted to reflect the additional responsibilities of the new role.
6. **LEGAL** – Chief Administrative Officer Bylaw 467/21: section 4.5 “The CAO is authorized to appoint an acting CAO to act in the absence of the CAO and to delegate the CAO’s powers, duties and functions to the acting CAO with the Mayor’s approval. The CAO will advise Council of any Acting CAO appointments.”
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** –
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** – Please be advised that Tanya Meston will assume the role of Acting CAO as of June 1, 2024 and will remain in that role until further notice.
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** –

“that Alix Village Council hereby accepts Request for Decision 24-22, Acting CAO as information.”

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. White".

Author

**VILLAGE OF ALIX
BANK RECONCILIATION
FOR THE MONTH ENDING:
April 30, 2024**

SERVUS CREDIT UNION

	CHEQUING	CHEQUING (2)	INVESTMENTS (1)
Balance from Bank Statement:	2,188,905.70	11,318.10	0.00
Plus: Deposits in Transit	6,159.58		
Less: Outstanding Cheques	(30,338.53)		
 Reconciled Bank Balance:	 <u>2,164,726.75</u>	 <u>11,318.10</u>	 <u>0.00</u>
30-Apr-24 GL balance 3-120	<u>2,164,726.75</u>		
30-Apr-24 GL balance 3-121		<u>11,318.10</u>	
30-Apr-24 GL balance 3-300			<u>-</u>
Variance:	-	-	

THIS STATEMENT SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL THIS 15TH DAY OF MAY, 2024



VILLAGE OF ALIX

Cheque Listing For Council

2024-May-8
2:55:53PM

Cheque					Invoice	Cheque
Cheque #	Date	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Description	Amount	Amount
20240213	2024-04-16	327241 ALBERTA LTD	1293	PAYMENT PATROLS MARCH 2024	283.50	283.50
20240214	2024-04-16	ALIX HOME HARDWARE	149566 149619	PAYMENT PW CLEANING SUPPLIES VILLAGE OFFICE LAMPS, PW SU	49.34 28.32	77.66
20240215	2024-04-16	ANDERSON, JANENE	APR92024	PAYMENT TRAVEL EXPENSE CLAIM LREMF	46.00	46.00
20240216	2024-04-16	BESUIJEN, JANICE	APR2024	PAYMENT COUNCIL EXPENSE CLAIM APRII	565.03	565.03
20240217	2024-04-16	CATALIS TECHNOLOGIES CANADA LTD., C/O C9	INV308316233	PAYMENT MUNIWARE MOMENTUM LICENS	5,915.79	5,915.79
20240218	2024-04-16	CENTRAL LABS	2400386 2400421 2400463	PAYMENT LAB TESTING MAIN LIFT STATIOI LAB TESTING MAIN LIFT STN AP LAB TESTING MAIN LIFT STATIOI	52.12 52.12 52.12	156.36
20240219	2024-04-16	CHEM INTERNATIONAL	114544	PAYMENT SANITARY CHEMICALS	2,677.50	2,677.50
20240220	2024-04-16	CONSOLIDATED ENVIRONMENTAL SVCS INC	425	PAYMENT SNOW REMOVAL MARCH 2024	761.25	761.25
20240221	2024-04-16	ECA REVIEW	18593	PAYMENT IDP PUBLIC HEARING ADS	647.32	647.32
20240222	2024-04-16	GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA	0005959805	PAYMENT BOAT LAUNCH LICENSE RENEW	525.00	525.00
20240223	2024-04-16	GREGG DISTRIBUTORS CO LTD	000-722358 000-722359	PAYMENT OIL, FILTERS & PPE PW SUPPLIES	396.89 188.58	585.47
20240224	2024-04-16	HWY 12/21 REGIONAL WATER SERVICES COMM	1300	PAYMENT WATER CONSUMPTION FOR MA	13,395.52	13,395.52
20240225	2024-04-16	LACOMBE COUNTY	IVC00044836	PAYMENT MIXED SAND	141.23	141.23
20240226	2024-04-16	MPE , A DIVISION OF ENGLOBE	4420-015-06-10	PAYMENT LAGOON PROJECT CELL 5	847.35	847.35
20240227	2024-04-16	NEW WEST FREIGHTLINER INC.	X108060854:01 X108060963:01	PAYMENT BATTERIES CORE RETURN	333.27 (70.88)	262.39
20240228	2024-04-16	PETTY CASH	APRIL2024	PAYMENT PETTY CASH APRIL 2024	178.20	178.20
20240229	2024-04-16	PITNEY BOWES LEASING	3202361094	PAYMENT POSTAGE MACHINE LEASING	231.81	231.81
20240230	2024-04-16	SECURITY WATCH OF CANADA INC.	11561	PAYMENT WORK AT PW SECURITY SYSTEI	641.55	641.55
20240231	2024-04-16	STARS FOUNDATION	2749078-2024	PAYMENT SUPPORT OF CRITICAL MISSION	1,636.00	1,636.00
20240232	2024-04-16	TAGISH ENGINEERING	20434	PAYMENT LAKEVIEW LIFTSTATION PROJE	2,349.65	2,349.65
20240233	2024-04-16	TOWN OF ECKVILLE	IVC00006727	PAYMENT 2023 STREET SWEEPING	4,336.50	4,336.50
20240234	2024-04-16	WOLF CREEK PUBLIC SHOOLS	APR2024	PAYMENT ALIX MAC SCHOOL BREAKFAST	300.00	300.00
20240235	2024-04-16	ZONE 3 BUSINESS SOLUTIONS INC.	155030	PAYMENT PHOTOCOPIER COPY CHARGES	123.01	123.01



VILLAGE OF ALIX

Cheque Listing For Council

2024-May-8
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Cheque #	Cheque Date	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Description	Invoice Amount	Cheque Amount
20240244	2024-04-29	2253676 ALBERTA LTD., (ALIX FOODS)		PAYMENT		42.52
			289009	PW COFFEE SUPPLIES	6.61	
			290278	OFFICE COFFEE SUPPLIES	15.99	
			291717	PW COFFEE SUPPLIES	15.99	
			292419	OFFICE COFFEE SUPPLIES	3.93	
20240245	2024-04-29	AIR LIQUIDE CANADA INC.		PAYMENT		109.60
			77225530	OXYGEN CYLINDER	109.60	
20240246	2024-04-29	ANDERSON, JANENE		PAYMENT		68.00
			APR252024	TRAVEL EXPENSE CLAIM APR 1:	68.00	
20240247	2024-04-29	BESUIJEN, TIMOTHY W		PAYMENT		476.63
			APR2024	COUNCIL EXPENSE CLAIM APRII	476.63	
20240248	2024-04-29	BLOCK-TECH INDUSTRIES LTD.		PAYMENT		2,817.15
			2123	REPAIR TO DOOR ON CAMPGRC	2,817.15	
20240249	2024-04-29	BURMAC MECHANICAL 2000		PAYMENT		27.45
			107412	PARTS FOR BULK WATER STATI	27.45	
20240250	2024-04-29	CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO		PAYMENT		731.00
			100-001115727E	CROSSING MAINTENANCE APRI	731.00	
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			2400464	LAGOON CELL 6 TESTING	258.95	
			2400516	MAIN LIFT STATION TESTING	52.12	
20240252	2024-04-29	COLE, EDWIN		PAYMENT		346.53
			APR2024	COUNCIL EXPENSE CLAIM APRII	346.53	
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			202444	PATROLS SERVICES FOR MAY 2:	2,861.58	
20240254	2024-04-29	DIVERSE SIGNS		PAYMENT		121.96
			11318	FIRE RESTRICTION SIGNS	121.96	
20240255	2024-04-29	ECA REVIEW		PAYMENT		41.99
			18860	DISTRACTED DRIVING AD FEAT	41.99	
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			APR2024	COUNCIL EXPENSE CLAIM APRII	634.63	
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20240262	2024-04-29	LOOMIS EXPRESS, A DIV OF TFI TRANSPORT 2:		PAYMENT		65.21
			10883348	SHIPPING FOR WATER PARTS	65.21	
20240263	2024-04-29	<i>RSP Contribution</i>		PAYMENT		293.86
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20240265	2024-04-29	PARKLAND COMMUNITY PLANNING SVCS.		PAYMENT		180.00
			22252	COMMENTS ON MDP UPDATE	180.00	



VILLAGE OF ALIX

Cheque Listing For Council

2024-May-8
2:55:53PM

Cheque					Invoice	Cheque
Cheque #	Date	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Description	Amount	Amount

Total 59,056.80

*** End of Report ***



VILLAGE OF ALIX

Tax Trial Balance (Full Listing)

Trial Balance As Of 2024-05-09

Roll #	Title Holder	Tax Levy	Accum. Penalty	Out. Penalty	Outstanding	Current	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	Over 3
		Tax Levy	1,731,316.87		Local Improvement Levy		0.00			
		Additional Tax Levy	0.00		Accumulated Penalty		20,451.55			
					Outstanding Penalty		19,393.85			
		Sub Ledger			General Ledger					
		Current	(37,723.00)							
		1 Year	67,140.43		3-00-00-00-210		77,045.08			
		2 Years	35,421.62		Totals		<u>77,045.08</u>			
		3 Years	7,808.06							
		Over 3	4,397.97							
		Outstanding	<u>77,045.08</u>							
					Total GL		77,045.08			
					Total SL		77,045.08			
					Proof		<u>0.00</u>			

*** End of Report ***

Alix Fire Department Meeting Report

April 18, 2024

The topics covered were as follows:

1. New truck is apparently ready. Currently at Lacombe County
2. New County Fire Chief starts April 22, 2024
3. AHS is providing \$5900 in funding for training on equipment.
4. Touch-a-truck to be held on June 3, 2024.
5. Department is trying to resolve after hours fuel up issues for trucks. Unable to pay if Gas Plus is closed. Not an issue during the day, but no payment means available after hours. County is aware of the issue, but apparently no resolution on the matter currently. Concern that units may not be in service if they are unable to refuel. I stated I will speak to Village CAO to see what the status is.
6. Chief Hiron reminded membership not to put themselves at risk when dealing with a suspected criminal matter when arriving to scene. They were instructed to wait for RCMP to attend and secure the scene.
7. Membership recruitment is still in progress.



Rob Fehr, Mayor of Alix

Lacombe Regional Solid Waste Commission
Regular Board Meeting
March 6, 2024

Meeting called to order at 1:15 pm at the Prentiss Office

Audit – Dan from BDO gave a presentation regarding the upcoming audit

Waste Haul Summaries – nothing out of the ordinary.

Managers' Report

Jay has completed the Manager of Landfill Operation course and is now certified.

The contract with **West Dried Meat Lake Landfill** has been renewed for 3 years at a rate of \$27.00/MT.

Jay has been sitting in on the EPR Zoom meetings with the Municipalities.

Jay was contacted by Alberta Public Land Disposition Management stating that LRSWC must submit \$150,000 to be held in trust. Jay responded that we must fund a reclamation reserve to cover such costs and we are not required to provide a security deposit.

The new bobcat arrived in January.

A Massey Ferguson tractor was sold for \$20,400 (budgeted \$ 15,000) and a 2018 trailer sold for \$5800.00 (budgeted \$8000.00)

Ken Winnick and Jay attended a recycling conference in Camrose. There is a facility n Bashaw recycling PolyAg bags (65% being recycled)

The Camrose landfill is in dire financial straits. They only have \$300,000 in reserves (LRSWC has \$4.2 million) They are now charging \$150.00/MT to commercial customers. People are now going straight to WDML.

Meeting adjourned at 3:14 pm

Lacombe Regional Solid Waste Commission
Regular Board Meeting
April 24, 2024
Meeting called to order at 1:15 pm

Audit

Dan from BDO presented the audit. The audit has to be finished by April 30th. BDO did not have time to finish the Asset Retirement Obligation; apparently LRSWC requirement was more complex than they expected. The audit was approved as presented.

Waste Haul Summaries

Totals were below normal but nothing serious.

Lacombe County Seasonal Titled Lot Disposal Charges

Jay has been working with Lacombe County to come up with a fair way to collect a fee for trash disposal within the campgrounds and recreational areas with Lacombe County. There are 690 titled lots within the area; the cost to Lacombe County will be \$17,940.00 or \$26.00 per lot. This will be reviewed every 2 years.

Alix Transfer Station

Councilor Gilliat brought up that the Village office and herself have received multiply complaints regarding the Alix/Mirror transfer station. People are being sent to Prentiss and they feel the attendant is rude. Jay stated that the reason customers are limited to two loads pre day and only a truck bed or trailer size load is accepted is because the station has limited capacity. Customers are also expected to sort their waste into the appropriate bins.

Councilor Gilliat suggested that maybe an educational campaign could be used so people are aware beforehand. Administration will proceed with information for the public. Jay also stated that he or another of the

management team will attend the transfer station to see firsthand what is happening.

Sustane Technology

Councilor Kral provided a brochure she received at the RMA meeting regarding the Sustane Technology plant currently running in Chester NS. This plant uses steam to breakdown waste to produce a biofuel and a biomass that could be used as fertilizer.

Managers Report

EPR

Jay is continuing to work on the EPR.

Staff

Two summer students have been hired.

Compost Facility Update

The application has been resubmitted. Following approval ground water testing will begin.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm



Dear Members,

Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission owns and operates four Transfer Stations throughout Lacombe County as well as the Prentiss Landfill. LRWSC strives to provide excellent customer service to all residents that utilize our facilities, while maintaining cost effective, efficient waste management operations.

Our Transfer Station facilities are designed to accept many different types of residential waste that are small in volume and weight (<500kg) strictly for the convenience of our residents to reduce travelling to the Prentiss Landfill for small loads. If you are unsure if your load will be accepted at a Transfer Station, or think it may be too large, users are encouraged to go to the Prentiss Landfill Facility to avoid refusal at the Transfer Station. We do require that in order to serve the residents with smaller loads, that large loads (>500kg, or larger than a pickup truck box) be taken to the Prentiss Landfill facility.

The attendant at each of our Transfer Stations is following rules set out by LRWSC to abide by our small load policy to maintain efficient operations. The attendants are also instructed to promote and educate our residents in waste separation at the Transfer Stations to help facilitate diversion of unnecessary materials in our Landfill.

The rules that are set out at each of our Transfer Stations and must be followed are as such:

- Acceptable loads must be able to fit in a pickup truck box and weigh less than 500kg (Trailers are fine if the pickup truck box is empty, but the trailer must be equal to the pickup truck box size, no larger) in the attendant's estimation.
- All residential loads must check in with the Site Attendant prior to unloading waste.
- Respectful communication from both parties is expected. Disrespectful behavior will result in refusal to utilize our facilities.
- Loads must be sorted to the satisfaction of the Site Attendant. LRWSC expects that if material is placed in the incorrect area by a resident, the resident will attempt to correct the situation and place the item in the correct area as directed by the Site Attendant.
- A maximum of two loads per day per household is allowed so that there is room for everyone to use the facilities. We do not have the equipment available at the Transfer Station Level to maintain the larger volumes. These restrictions apply to Rubble, Compactor, and Metal waste, but the attendant may apply these restrictions to any other waste streams or recycling based on current available room.
- All silage wrap loads brought by front end load tractors to our sites, must call ahead to ensure there is room that day for disposal.
- It is NOT the Site Attendant's job to clean up any mess left by the resident while unloading waste. Refusing to clean up, or unloading waste irresponsibly can result in the loss of utilization of our facilities.

- All LRWSC sites have 24/7 video and audio recording to assist with theft prevention and conflicts. All suspicious activity recorded is handed over to the authorities for further review.
- The Site Attendant has the final say over all activities and waste delivered to our sites. Refusal to follow the Site Attendants direction can result in the refusal to accept the waste load and/or banning from utilizing our facilities.
- The Site Attendant will request a proof of Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission Membership in the form of a physical address of where the waste is originating from as we do not allow waste from outside of the boundaries of Lacombe County at our facilities. If the resident is unable to provide proof, the load will be refused until such time proof can be presented. We will accept any form of address that matches your identification such as a Utility Bill, Tax Role, or Driver's Licence. Failure to arrive at the Transfer Station without your Drivers Licence may result in refusal to accept your waste load.
 - The Town of Blackfalds withdrew from LRWSC membership years ago, as a result, residents within the Town of Blackfalds boundaries are excluded from utilizing our facilities and will be refused access. Please contact the Blackfalds Town Office for waste disposal locations.
- Commercial loads of rubble, metal or wood are not accepted at any of our Transfer Stations and must be taken to the Prentiss Landfill. There is a minimum charge of \$25.00 for all Commercial loads under 500kg at the Prentiss Landfill.

LRWSC appreciates the relationships and respect from our all our members within Lacombe County. We hope that clarification of the expectations at our Transfer Stations will make for a more pleasurable experience for everyone while visiting our facilities.

If you have any questions or concerns about the above information, please do not hesitate to contact us at (403)782-8970, or by email at admin@lrwsc.ca.

Thank you,



Jay Hohn

LRWSC Manager

CAO REPORT MAY, 2024

1. LUB Enforcement – Development Officer Tanya Meston and I attended a Land Use Bylaw Enforcement training session put on by Parkland Community Planning Services on May 1st. It was a very informative half day session that walked us through the enforcement process from start to finish. Enforcing the LUB is handled much differently than other municipal bylaws and cannot be done by Peace Officers, so this training/refresher course was very helpful.
2. Tourism Growth Program – Staff submitted an Initial Intake Form for this grant program for the purpose of securing funds for phase 2 of the Alix Lake Project. Unfortunately we were told they are looking for projects that will increase and track the number of international tourists to the province. This funding stream is looking for booked/sold day trip experiences that are “export ready” and part of a municipal tourism strategy. We will be preparing other options for Council to consider to fund the remaining portion of the Alix Lake Project to be presented at a future meeting.
3. Lagoon Update – Work is proceeding on cell 5 of the lagoon. A new berm has been installed that reduces the size of the cell by two thirds as per engineering specs for our population and forecasted growth rate. Once liner is installed, effluent will be re-directed to flow to cell 5 again. At this time, effluent in cell 6 will be pumped back over to cell 5 as it is believed there is a leak in the liner. The under liner drainage system installed in cell 6 last fall has had high volume discharge this spring. The discharge has been tested and it has been determined it is not (all) groundwater. All discharge from the under liner drainage system goes into cell 7 of the lagoon. We continue working with engineers and contractors to move the project forward by finishing cell 5 and finding and fixing the source of the problem in cell 6.
4. Lift Station Update – The re-built Subdivision Lift Station is now online. There are a few outstanding items such as roof repair, a missing flow meter, final landscaping etc. that need to be addressed before final completion is signed off on. This project was originally supposed to be complete by 2023 year end, but we experienced significant delays due to supply chain problems with the generator and various electronic components. Despite these setbacks, the project was completed with no interruption of service to residents.

5. Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) – I met with Alberta Recycling Management Association (ARMA) and then with Circular Materials to try and figure out if Alix should continue being registered for this program. Through frank conversation, we were able to come to a better understanding of how this program could be implemented in smaller communities. I hope to hear back from Circular Materials toward the end of the month with a new process for onboarding a community of our size.

6. Bill 20 – I attended a webinar by Alberta Municipalities on May 8th regarding legislative changes proposed to the Municipal Government Act (MGA) and the Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA). It was a very informative session outlining AB Muni’s position on the proposed changes. Please see attached Preliminary Analysis. At the end of the webinar, participants were asked if they support AB Munis asking for the province to scrap Bill 20. Approximately 70% of the nearly 300 webinar participants voted yes – they were in favour of asking to have the Bill scrapped. See attached news release from Alberta Municipalities.



NEWS RELEASE

ABmunis calls on provincial government to scrap Bill 20

May 8, 2024

EDMONTON – *The following statement is issued on behalf of Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis) President Tyler Gandam and the association's Board of Directors:*

From the moment Bill 20 was introduced on April 25, ABmunis has strenuously objected to the provincial government's attempted power grab and repeatedly signaled its eagerness to sit down with Minister Ric McIver and his team.

We have sought to discuss our members' many valid concerns and work together to find solutions that actually improve transparency and governance in local politics. As it now stands, Alberta Municipalities calls for Bill 20 to be rescinded.

Our members are especially concerned about the many unintended consequences that may arise from Bill 20. For example, it might tilt Alberta's political playing field in favour of candidates who enjoy the financial backing of corporations and unions. It might disqualify otherwise eligible voters from exercising their democratic right to vote. It might even negatively affect communities' efforts to build affordable housing projects.

Bill 20 is vast and extremely complicated. Because no consultation occurred, this provincial government seems unaware of or unconcerned about the long-term ramifications of this hurriedly constructed bill. ABmunis would welcome nothing more than the opportunity to present these shortcomings to the minister.

Despite our best efforts and reassurances from Minister McIver a week ago that the Government of Alberta would consult with associations like ours, as well as with municipal leaders and others on amendments to Bill 20, we are still waiting to hear from Minister McIver's office and the ministry.

We followed today's affordable housing announcement by Minister Jason Nixon and Minister McIver with interest. The changes made in Bill 20 to help accelerate affordable housing projects appear beneficial, but they could have been even better if the provincial government had consulted the experts – local governments. With input from municipal representatives, the provincial government could have done more and made further improvements.

The provincial government's silence and clear reluctance to meaningfully consult with us speaks volumes. Here's what it says to us – The Government of Alberta is still not listening to Albertans. Instead, it is blindly ploughing ahead regardless of what many Albertans think, want, and need, and

without thought to the greater impacts of the bill. When it comes to knowing what Albertans need and want, it acts like it knows better than Albertans themselves.

Albertans expect their local governments to conduct meaningful consultations whenever they're proposing major changes to their communities that require public support. Consultation, collaboration, co-operation and compromise are key components of democracy. Alberta Municipalities expects nothing less from the provincial government.

Alberta Municipalities calls on the Government of Alberta to scrap Bill 20 and go back to the drawing board. It cannot be salvaged. Bill 20 is rushed, deeply flawed, and full of half-baked changes that do not withstand scrutiny.

We ask Premier Danielle Smith and Minister McIver to abandon this misguided bill and work with municipal leaders from across Alberta to write legislation that reflects what most Albertans are saying they want and need.

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We work with elected and administrative leaders of Alberta's summer villages, villages, town, cities, and specialized municipalities to advocate for solutions to their common issues.

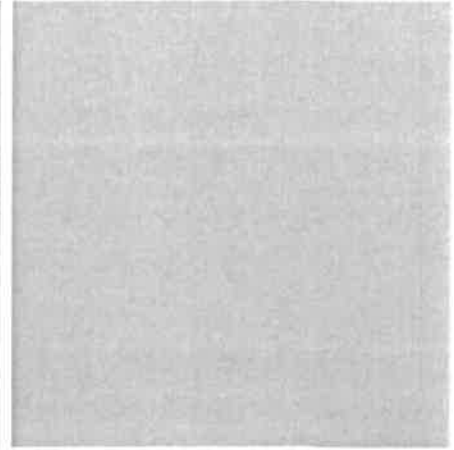
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Bill 20 - Municipal Affairs
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Alberta Municipalities' Preliminary Analysis

Bill 20 – Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024

The following document represents Alberta Municipalities' preliminary analysis of Bill 20 and was prepared by ABmunis administration based on positions previously approved by the ABmunis Board and membership. This document has also been presented at a high level for discussion by ABmunis' Municipal Governance Committee. ABmunis is currently undertaking a more thorough legal review of the Bill to assess potential consequences - both intended and unintended. We welcome feedback from members on our analysis and will be engaging further to hear their thoughts. Our positions on details of the Act may evolve over time with further analysis and member engagement. However, our concerns with fundamental aspects of the bill, which we perceive as undermining local democracy, are unlikely to change.

Changes to local election rules under the LAEA

According to the Government of Alberta's [Fact Sheet](#) on the Bill, the purpose of the proposed changes to the Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA) is "to add greater transparency to and trust in local election processes." While we agree with the purpose statement, the way the government drafted Bill 20 lacked transparency and undermines trust. This is the second time in a row that changes to the LAEA have directly conflicted with feedback provided by Albertans. In 2020, changes to the Act increased contribution limits even though Albertans clearly indicated in a provincial survey that contribution limits should be kept the same or reduced. The overarching message was that Albertans wanted to keep big money out of local politics. Now the province is pushing ahead with political parties despite the opposition of Albertans as again articulated in response to the provincial survey, the results of which were only made public thanks to a FOIP request.

ABmunis appreciates that amendments to the LAEA are needed. Since the Act was introduced in the 1990s, multiple legislative updates have created inconsistencies, resulting in a growing lack of clarity. ABmunis and RMA have previously called for a comprehensive review of the Act based on democratic principles and a jurisdictional scan of best practices, and involving experts in local elections such as clerks and municipal lawyers.

Government of Alberta description of proposed change	Government of Alberta description of current status	ABmunis understanding of rationale	ABmunis analysis and position
Align candidate eligibility criteria with councillor disqualification criteria in the MGA.	Candidates elected to council may face immediate disqualification due to misalignment with the MGA's criteria.	Municipalities and voters have expressed concern about the misalignment between the LAEA and MGA qualification criteria and the process for handling disqualification.	<p>Support in principle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greater alignment between the LAEA and MGA is beneficial in improving clarity of candidate eligibility. <p>Additional solutions needed.</p> <p>Municipal Affairs should engage ABmunis and other municipal associations to provide candidates and the public easily accessible information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligibility criteria. The process involved in determine if a candidate is eligible. The process involved in disqualifying a candidate if they are deemed to be ineligible. <p>The process of disqualification needs further consideration and clarification.</p>

Alberta Municipalities' Analysis: Bill 20

Government of Alberta description of proposed change	Government of Alberta description of current status	ABmunis understanding of rationale	ABmunis analysis and position
<p>Allow municipalities to require criminal record checks for candidates.</p>	<p>No provisions in place.</p>	<p>Concerns have been raised over the suitability of certain candidates/councillors due to past actions, criminal or otherwise.</p> <p>While the constitutional grounds for barring someone from running for office are limited, Municipal Affairs says its intention is to better inform voters prior to the election.</p> <p>ABmunis had suggested potentially enabling vulnerable sector checks. However, we now understand that this would require broader legislative and procedural changes and would not capture things like financial crimes which could be considered relevant for positions on council.</p>	<p>Support with qualification.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABmunis supports that this provision allows as opposed to requires municipalities to conduct record checks. • Our understanding is that the record check would become part of the nomination form and therefore available to the public. • We also understand that municipalities can redact portions of the check that deal with less severe criminal acts and acts that happened in the distant past. • Another consideration is whether a candidate will be blocked from submitting their nomination if the RCMP were delayed in providing the criminal record check. • A great deal of thought will need to be given on how municipalities implement requiring criminal record checks for all candidates.
<p>Allow union and corporate donations to local candidates, with the same donation limits as individual donors (\$5,000 per municipality per year).</p>	<p>Unions and corporations were prohibited from donating to municipal campaigns in the 2021 campaign.</p>	<p>The Premier and Minister of Municipal Affairs have stated that despite the prohibition, donations are being made by corporations and unions.</p>	<p>Oppose.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Albertans' have been clear that they do not want to see big money in local politics. • \$5,000 is far greater than average Albertans can afford to donate, especially in the middle of an affordability crisis. • As an alternative solution, we recommended reducing donation limits to \$2,500 per municipality per year. • A reduction in contribution limits will go a long way towards promoting fairness, increasing trust, and ensuring large donors, corporations, and unions don't drown out the voices of grassroots Albertans. • Further research could have been conducted into contributions to better gauge how much individual Albertans contribute on average and a limit could have been set based on this evidence. • In addition, ABmunis recommends reinstating the ability for municipalities with sufficient capacity to require candidates to file pre-election disclosure and make the disclosure publicly available. • The provision would allow municipalities to engage their citizens in determining an approach that reflected their

Alberta Municipalities' Analysis: Bill 20

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			<p>administrative capacity and input from local voters as to the disclosure limits (e.g., contributions over \$100 are disclosed).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every candidate should be tracking contributions as they receive them. • ABmunis has offered to work with the Municipal Affairs to develop simple tracking templates for candidates and guidance for municipalities. • This requirement is not relevant in smaller communities where most candidates do not accept significant contributions or make significant campaign expenditures.
<p>Allow donations outside the local election year and require annual reporting of donations.</p>	<p>Donations outside of the campaign period (previously defined as January 1 to December 31 in the year of a general election) were restricted to a maximum of \$5,000 per year.</p>	<p>Greater transparency in reporting. However, further analysis is required to understand the limits involved.</p>	<p>Questions/Oppose/Support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABmunis understands that candidates would need to file a notice of intent to run before collecting money. Our preliminary understanding is that funds can be raised to the same limits as in an election year, but further clarification is required. • Our opposition remains that the amounts involved appear to be excessive. • We support the annual reporting requirement.
<p>Require third-party advertisers interested in plebiscites to register and report finances. Only Albertans, Alberta companies, and Alberta unions can contribute to issues-based third-party advertisers, up to a maximum of \$5,000.</p>	<p>The LAEA only regulates third-party advertising for the promotion or opposition of a candidate during an election. There is no reference to issue-based advertising.</p>	<p>Create a more level playing field between issue-based third parties, candidate-based third parties, and candidates.</p>	<p>Support with qualification.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABmunis supports provisions that provide a more level playing field between candidates and third parties. • However, our understanding is that issue-based advertising was not regulated in the past because of free speech rules and challenges assessing what advertising is part of a long-standing campaign and what is targeted at a specific vote. Therefore, we have questions about how this provision will be enforced.
<p>Limit donations to third-party advertisers to \$5,000 per election period, which begins May 1 of the election year.</p>	<p>The current donation limit is \$30,000 for all individuals, unions, and corporations.</p>		<p>Support with qualification.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The reduction in donation limits is positive but still exceeds what an average individual Albertan could afford to contribute.

Alberta Municipalities' Analysis: Bill 20

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<p>* Enable regulation-making authority to define local political parties. This approach will be piloted in Calgary and Edmonton.</p>	<p>Provisions in place to regulate political parties at the local level.</p>	<p>Since floating the idea, the Premier and Minister of Municipal Affairs have stated evolving reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make it easier to raise funds (even though Albertans are clear they want less money in politics not more). • Increase voter turnout at the local level (even though a review of municipalities with parties shows they don't seem to play a significant role in turnout). • Regulate something that is happening already (even though Albertans don't want it and have a history of not electing slates). 	<p>Oppose.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While political parties are an important part of the parliamentary system at the provincial and federal level, they are not a good fit with local government legislation and processes in Alberta, regardless of the size of municipality. • The cities of Edmonton and Calgary follow the same governance rules as other municipalities. • Caucus meetings and whipped votes go against rules set out by the province in the Municipal Government Act (MGA). * • 81% of Albertans indicated they think elected officials who are part of a political party would vote along party lines and not necessarily in the best interest of the community. * • To put political parties on the ballot would require a fundamental rethink of how municipalities in Alberta are governed. • 69% Albertans believe that parties would make municipal governments more divisive. * • It is unclear how this "pilot" is going to be evaluated. * • It is unclear how much of the complex set of rules governing parties in the Alberta Election Act will be adapted into the LAEA and how long the development of rules will take, which contributes to uncertainty and potential chaos.
<p>Repeal the municipal authority to develop a voters list.</p>	<p>Municipalities can prepare a voter list, which must be shared with all candidates.</p>	<p>Concern regarding the misuse of voter lists.</p>	<p>Support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABmunis shares concern about the potential misuse of voter lists.
<p>* Require municipalities to prepare a permanent electors register and align that information with Elections Alberta.</p>	<p>A permanent electors register is an internal document that assists with the conduct of an election. Municipalities can choose to develop one or not.</p>	<p>It is not clear what problem would be solved by requiring a permanent electors registry. The moment an elector list is published, it is immediately inaccurate due to the thousands of people that are moving to different municipalities or different wards within a municipality. With an elector registry, electors would still need to produce sufficient</p>	<p>Oppose as written.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If implemented, this would add additional costs for local governments to create databases and systems to safeguard the personal information of electors. In addition, systems would need to be in place to allow electors to request that their personal information be removed from the elector registry. All of this comes at a financial cost. *

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		identification on election day in order to vote.	<p>Alternative solution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipalities could be provided the authority to prepare an electors list enabling those with capacity to do so.
<p>Expand the use of special ballots while strengthening special ballot processes.</p>	<p>Special ballots can only be requested for very specific reasons, including physical disability, absence from the municipality, or for municipal election workers.</p>	<p>During consultation, municipal associations raised concerns about the current limitations on special ballots, as special ballots are proven way to make voting more accessible to residents who may not be able get to a polling station, advanced or otherwise.</p>	<p>Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aligns with ABmunis' position that requirements for who is eligible to vote by special ballot should be removed. • The requirement to force people to disclose their disability to qualify for a special ballot is not inclusive and creates a public relations challenge for the municipality. • This is especially relevant since the LAEA also allows people to receive a special ballot due to travel, yet municipalities do not require those persons to provide proof of their travel plans.
<p>Limit the ability to vouch to only someone's address.</p>	<p>An elector can vouch for an individual's age, residence, and identity.</p>	<p>Exact nature and scale of the issue is not clearly articulated.</p>	<p>Oppose as written.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABmunis recommended that the ability to vouch for another elector be maintained in the legislation and we are concerned this ability is being narrowed. • The consequences are that this could potentially deprive some Albertans from the right to vote as this practice is generally used in scenarios where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Seniors have moved into care homes and can no longer drive a vehicle resulting in them no longer having a picture ID with their current address and no utility bill in their name. ○ Persons that are homeless and do not have adequate picture ID. ○ Persons who have forgotten their ID and have a significant distance to travel home or face physical challenges to leave and return to a voting station with the proper ID (e.g. Seniors). • Additionally, it will create confusion for voters since vouching is accepted for provincial and federal elections. • The ability to vouch for someone's address is helpful in situations where a voter's ID may only provide a post office box, a common feature in rural areas.

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			<p>Alternative solution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain current provisions and conduct research as to the scale and nature of vouching to better determine if is being misused.
<p>Repeal the ability for a candidate's official agent or scrutineer to object to an elector.</p>	<p>Candidate's official agents or scrutineers can object to an elector; however, the elector can still vote.</p>	<p>Exact nature and scale of the issue is not clearly articulated.</p>	<p>Further details required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABmunis recommends that this issue would be better addressed through a broader review of the LAEA by a technical working group as we note that that removal of this authority still requires a mechanism to prevent an ineligible person from voting. <p>Support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is merit for the LAEA to clarify rules for the postponement of an election in the event of exceptional circumstances that will prevent electors from accessing voting stations. This would be beneficial for defining rules for elections and by-elections. • We also support that regulations will be developed to provide greater clarity. • ABmunis recommends the regulations be based on a thorough review/consultation process to determine the appropriate criteria and process for when an election should be postponed.
<p>Enable regulation-making authority to postpone elections in emergencies.</p>	<p>No provisions in place to enable the Minister of Municipal Affairs to postpone an election in the event of a natural disaster.</p>	<p>COVID and recent disasters have highlighted potential disruption to elections.</p>	
<p>Prohibit automated voting equipment, such as electronic tabulators.</p>	<p>The LAEA permits municipalities, by bylaw, to process ballots by automated voting equipment.</p>	<p>The Minister of Municipal Affairs has stated that some people don't trust tabulators.</p>	<p>Oppose.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no evidence that tabulators are less accurate than hand counts. <p>Alternative Solution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instead of banning automated voting equipment which has proved to be effective, efficient, and timely, provisions should have been made to the Act to make elections conducted with automatic voting equipment eligible for judicial recount.
<p>Require recounts if requested by a candidate when the margin is within 0.5</p>	<p>Returning officers have discretion regarding recounts.</p>	<p>Could reduce spurious requests for recounts.</p>	<p>Support in principle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarifies the requirements for recounts while still enabling a Returning Officer to conduct a recount when the margin

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percent of total votes.			threshold is not met but Returning Officer deems it warranted.
Clarifying rules and streamlining processes for scrutineers.	Concerns have been raised that the rules for scrutineers are not clear.	Clarity.	Further details required.

Strengthening the accountability of local councils under the MGA

According to the Government of Alberta's [Fact Sheet](#), the proposed changes to the Municipal Government Act (MGA) are intended "to help ensure local councils and elected officials are mindful of the common interests of Albertans and held to greater account by the citizens who elected them". Yet, providing cabinet the power to fire councillors and repeal bylaws without clear criteria and a requirement for public input goes against this stated intent.

When the province treats municipalities with respect and engages us as partners, we can collaboratively develop solutions that serve the best interests of Albertans. Recent water sharing agreements are a primary example: the province led an engagement of municipalities and water using stakeholders. Municipalities, who are part of the agreements, have agreed to reduce water use by 5 to 10% and will develop plans that make sense for their communities. This should be model for the relationship between the province and municipalities, where both work collaboratively to benefit Albertans, not the big brother approach taken in Bill 20.

There was a missed opportunity to engage more meaningfully with municipalities and governance experts to improve the MGA. Furthermore, legislation can only go so far to support good governance. As part of the solutions we provided to the Government of Alberta before Bill 20 was introduced, ABmunis committed to working with Municipal Affairs and other partners to provide information to help candidates, councillors, and the public to better understand the roles and responsibilities of councillors.

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<p>✓ Require a councillor's seat to become vacant upon disqualification.</p>	<p>Municipal councils or electors can only remove a disqualified councillor through the courts if they refuse to vacate their seat.</p>	<p>The existing approach is inefficient and gives undue power to the disqualified councillor. This is particularly problematic for small municipalities that have limited fiscal resources to pursue court action due to the expected legal costs.</p>	<p>Support with qualification.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In most cases, the rules for disqualification are generally clear such that the councillor's seat should automatically become vacant, except for issues of pecuniary interest. • Issues of a pecuniary interest are more subjective, therefore, there may be merit for the existing voluntary resignation rule to continue to be applied for MGA sections 174(1)(g) to 174(1)(i). This could help prevent unsubstantiated accusations of a pecuniary interest from being weaponized to automatically disqualify a councillor.
<p>✓ Require mandatory orientation training for councillors.</p>	<p>Training for councillors must be offered, but there is no requirement for the councillor to attend the training.</p>	<p>Making orientation training mandatory will help to equip all councillors with foundational knowledge of their role and responsibilities, best practices, and legal and legislative requirements.</p>	<p>Support with qualification.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This may help alleviate miscommunication and misunderstandings which contribute to tension between councillors and between council and administration. Orientation training is a standard practice for any employee position and while councillors are elected and serve in a governance capacity, the same standard should be applied wherein orientation training is an essential component for councillors to effectively serve in their role. <p>Additional solution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification is required to better understand the scope of the training required.

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<p>* Allow Cabinet to remove a councillor if in the public interest, or to order a referendum to determine whether the councillor should be removed.</p>	<p>Minister can only remove a sitting councillor through the municipal inspection process and only under very specific circumstances.</p>	<p>Since the Minister already has the powers to remove a councillor following an independent, publicly released inspection, it is questionable as to how the change would be made to allow Cabinet to remove a councillor without an independent review and clear criteria.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See the end of this document for further considerations regarding mandatory orientation training for councillors. <p>Oppose as written.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ability for cabinet to decide behind closed doors to remove a councillor without an independent publicly reported inspection being conducted first is extremely troubling, especially in the absence of any sort of criteria as to what constitutes “public interest”. * • This provision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Undermines the balance and separation of powers fundamental to good governance in modern democracy. * ○ Represents executive overreach, by allowing for potentially unchecked government. * ○ Potentially disrespects the local electors by not requiring public disclosure of the rationale for removing a councillor or councillors. It is also unclear what the process involved in a referendum would be. * ○ Assuming it is a simple referendum on a majority basis, it should be considered that many elected officials are elected with less than a majority (i.e. councillors elected at large may get less than 30% when successful and elected), so it presents a serious disadvantage in coming up with 50% support to stay on. * <p>Alternative Solutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABmunis recognizes that current legislation limits the ability for the Minister to make timely decisions for removal of a council or councillor. • Hence, we recommend a broader review with legal experts and stakeholders to identify alternative measures such as suspending a councillor from conducting municipal business for a defined period, or methods of removing a councillor on a more timely basis following a third-party inspection that follows a clear process and criteria. • We also point out that the introduction of the Recall Act in 2022 provides electors with additional democratic power to

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<p>* Allow elected officials to recuse themselves for real or perceived conflicts of interest.</p>	<p>Elected officials can only recuse themselves for matters in which they have a financial interest.</p>	<p>The public and many councillors have questions and concerns regarding rules around conflict of interest. This provision does offer a potential solution to a long-standing concern that currently the MGA does not allow recusal for even a very clear conflict of interest if it would not qualify as a pecuniary interest. This provision gives that option, without making any of it mandatory (<u>Councillor can decide whether or not to disclose, and even if so whether they want to recuse themselves in whole or in part, and those decisions cannot be challenged either in court or through Code of Conduct complaint</u>).</p>	<p>remove a councillor where circumstances are deemed warranted.</p> <p>Oppose as written.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any additions to conflict-of-interest rules must consider if the parameters under which a councillor needs to recuse themselves. It is concerning that unlike rules around pecuniary interest there is no provision for review by a third party. The lack of clear guardrails could result in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Municipal governments being hamstrung by a loss of quorum. This is particularly relevant in small communities where some councils only have three or five councillors and where councillors have personal/professional relationships with a high percentage of residents. Enable councillors to avoid weighing in on controversial decisions. Another potential downside of this provision is that that effectively no Councillor could be subject to sanctions under Code of Conducts in relation to conflicts of interest. If someone acts in a conflict, they could say there is nothing Council can do about it because of this section. That may be an unintended consequence of making this a voluntary process as opposed to carving out acting in a conflict and failing to disclose it as a Code of Conduct issue. <p>Alternative solutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As stated above ABmunis is committed to working with the province to information resources and education to help councillors and the public better understand their roles and responsibilities of councils. Again, we believe there would be value in a broader review with legal experts and stakeholders to work through complexity of addressing conflicts of interest.
<p>Make the Minister of Municipal Affairs responsible for validating municipal recall petitions.</p>	<p>A municipality's chief administrative officer is responsible for validating recall petition.</p>	<p>CAOs had numerous concerns about their role in recall.</p>	<p>Support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Municipal Affairs already has a role in validating petitions. This change aligns with ABmunis submission to the province.

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<p>* Enable Cabinet to require a municipality to amend or repeal a bylaw.</p>	<p>Cabinet may only intervene with respect to a land use bylaw or statutory plan.</p>	<p>Current government wants to be able to repeal bylaws it doesn't like. The Minister of Municipal Affairs noted Edmonton's mask bylaw.</p>	<p>Oppose.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This undermines the role of democratically elected councils and the accountability they owe to their residents. • The lack of legislative guardrails leaves little protection against arbitrary and politically motivated decisions. • Enabling cabinet to repeal bylaws behind closed doors in the absence of any legislated process prevents public scrutiny and judicial review. • There is a risk of the power being applied to multiple municipalities who have a similar bylaw. • Each community has different values/interests and the province should respect those local values/interests. • In addition, the Bill does not make any reference to developing regulations that could set out a process that would include giving advance notice to the municipality and allowing them to provide input. This would give municipalities the chance to correct misinformation about the purpose and approach to the bylaw, which often originates from unhappy ratepayers. Any such process would also enhance the possibility for judicial review if not done fairly by the province. <p>Alternative Solution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipalities want a strong partnership with the province. • We recognize that even in a strong partnership we won't always agree. • However, a relationship based on trust, mutual respect and open communication could go a long way toward resolving issues before they become acute. <p>Oppose.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is unclear what problem this change is trying to solve.
<p>? Give Cabinet authority to direct a municipality to take specific action to protect public health and/or safety.</p>	<p>No provisions exist.</p>	<p>Unclear.</p>	<p>Alternative Solution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2021, ABmunis members adopted a resolution calling for the province to improve collaboration and communication in times of emergency to better protect public health and safety. • Some progress has been made. Through advocating for better collaboration, ABmunis has become involved in the development of a long-range planning

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<p>Allow the Minister to outline joint use planning agreement (JUPA) criteria and requirements.</p> <p>Specify that the assessed person for an electric generation system is the operator.</p>	<p>All criteria for these agreements are currently in the MGA.</p> <p>There is a lack of clarity regarding who should be assessed for electrical generation systems.</p>	<p>Currently all municipalities have the same JUPA requirements regardless of size and whether they have any schools in their municipality.</p>	<p>tool that the Alberta Emergency Management Agency will introduce to municipalities in 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We believe that through collectively developing such tools, the province and municipalities will be better able to protect Albertans than through directives that may lack on the ground ability to carry out. <p>Support in principle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABmunis recognizes that “one size does not fit all”. • We look forward to participating in the regulatory process. • We suggest regulations could allow municipalities and school boards to mutually opt out of developing a JUPA similar to the opt-out clause for Intermunicipal Development Plans. <p>Further details required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABmunis has not had the chance to review or consider this provision.

Accelerating housing development under the MGA

According to the Government of Alberta's Fact Sheet on Bill 20: "Accelerating housing development under the MGA, affordable and attainable housing has become one of the most urgent concerns across the country, and Alberta's government is constantly searching for innovative ways to meet this challenge, including new tools for municipalities to leverage under the MGA."

Municipalities share the province's goals and are keen to be partners in making sure the housing our province needs gets built. Unfortunately, municipalities were not consulted on these changes and are unsure of the implications of such drastic changes, which may hinder development in the short-term rather than increase it. Further engagement with our members on these provisions is required to better understand their impact.

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<p>* Require municipalities to offer digital options for public hearings on planning and development and restrict them from holding extra hearings when not required by legislation.</p>	<p>No requirements in place for digital options. Municipalities can hold extra hearings beyond what is legislated.</p>	<p>No public consultation was held on this whatsoever.</p> <p><i>• SOMETIMES COUNCIL CHAMBERS ARE TOO SMALL FOR THE SIZE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING, MEANING A MOVE TO A LARGER FACILITY - THAT MAY NOT HAVE THE TECH SET-UP NEEDED.</i></p>	<p>Oppose.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This requirement could be challenging for small communities with limited internet access and IT capacity to meet. * • It is also unclear how this will apply when there is high interest from people requiring extra days to hear from all residents. * • There are many circumstances where a new issue is introduced in a public hearing and the only way to ensure procedural fairness is to hold a second public hearing. * • Currently, Section 216.4(5)(b) of the MGA allows Council to make amendments after the public hearing without advertising or a new hearing, but procedural fairness requirements would often lead to advice that a second public hearing should be held to limit the risk of a challenge to the bylaw. • Removing that option will likely result in further challenges to bylaws where municipalities are restricted from a key option in resolving procedural fairness issues for unexpected issues that arise along the way. • Municipalities are in the best position to assess when further input or a new hearing is required, and we do not understand the reason for introducing this new provision. <p>Alternative Solution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABmunis could have worked with the province to share best practices in relation to public hearings.

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<p>Fully exempt non-profit subsidized affordable housing from property taxation.</p>	<p>No provisions in place.</p>	<p>No public consultation was held on this whatsoever.</p>	<p>Further details required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some municipalities already provide exemptions or grants to make up for taxes. • For example, the City of Edmonton's Affordable Housing Tax Exemption Program is designed to encourage the development of affordable rental housing in the province. Under this program, eligible properties can be exempt from both municipal and education property taxes for up to 20 years. • However, one size does not fit all. Tax exemptions may be the right strategy in some municipalities, but not in others. • Consideration needs to be given to how exemptions shift taxation burden onto other ratepayers and effects affordability of the housing continuum. • The requirement potentially represents further downloading of the financial responsibility for affordable housing to local ratepayers, <p>Alternative Solution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipalities are eager to work with the province to reduce barriers to affordable housing as evidenced by the number of resolutions our members have adopted recently on this topic and the effort they taken to reduce zoning barriers and to partner with non-profits and the private sector to actually build housing. • We hope that the province will engage with municipalities, the private sector, and not-for-profits to develop enabling and scalable solutions.
<p>Enable multi-year residential property tax incentives.</p>	<p>Municipalities may offer multi-year incentives for non-residential development, but not residential development.</p>		<p>Support with qualification.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If municipalities choose to offer incentives, these incentives should also apply to provincial property tax.
<p>Limit the ability of municipalities to require non-statutory studies as requirements for building and development permits</p>	<p>No provisions in place.</p>	<p>No public consultation was held on this whatsoever.</p>	<p>Oppose.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There may be value in requesting other studies. Examples include heritage, financial impact analysis, wind studies for buildings exceeding a certain height, shadow studies. • This limits local autonomy.

Further considerations regarding mandatory orientation training for councillors.

- * ABmunis recommends that enforcement of this requirement should be overseen by an independent provincial or regional body (e.g., Alberta Ombudsman) and that the MGA clarify the consequences of not participating in orientation training. This responsibility should not be placed on the municipality's CAO due to the potential conflict with council's oversight of the CAO's employment.

ABmunis acknowledges that making orientation training a mandatory requirement has the potential to bring forth various risks and complexities, such as:

- Challenges for elected officials to access the training on a timely basis based on availability of trainers and the frequency that training is offered.
- Challenges for elected officials in rural and remote regions to access training based on travel challenges in winter months.
- Circumstances when elected officials are unable to attend a scheduled regional training due to sickness, work responsibilities, lack of childcare, medical needs, or other reasons.
- How to manage situations where an elected official attends only a portion of the training.
- Who is responsible for enforcing the requirement.
- The risk of this requirement being weaponized to penalize or disqualify a councillor (e.g., organizing a training session when it is known a councillor cannot attend).

With the current environment and availability of training options, and due to the value that orientation training be completed as earlier as possible in the council term, ABmunis recommends that the Government of Alberta:

1. Work with ABmunis and other municipal stakeholders to create an on-demand online course that elected officials can complete at their own pace within the required timeframe.
2. Use a simple reporting process where the CAO submits a notice when all councillors have completed the training. Should a councillor refuse to take training, ABmunis recommends that enforcement of this requirement should be supported by an independent provincial or regional body (e.g., Alberta Ombudsman), similar to our recommendation for a third party to help investigate code of conduct violations. This responsibility should not be placed on the municipality's CAO due to the potential conflict with council's oversight of the CAO's employment.
3. Following a review by an independent provincial or regional body, the legislation should clarify that non-compliance will result in disqualification and removal from council.

In addition to these supports, the Alberta Elected Officials Education Program could adjust the curriculum of its *Munis 101* course so that it can be delivered in an online format, but this option still carries the risk of scheduling challenges for elected officials, which is why the development of an on-demand course would be particularly valuable. The intention of creating an on-demand course is not to replace in-person or other online training but to serve as an option for elected officials whose personal schedules do not align with scheduled training or for elected officials who are elected in a by-election when the availability of training options is limited.

- CHANGES TO TIMELINES FOR TAKING THE TRAINING AND ADDED NEW TRAINING TOPICS TO THE LIST AS WELL



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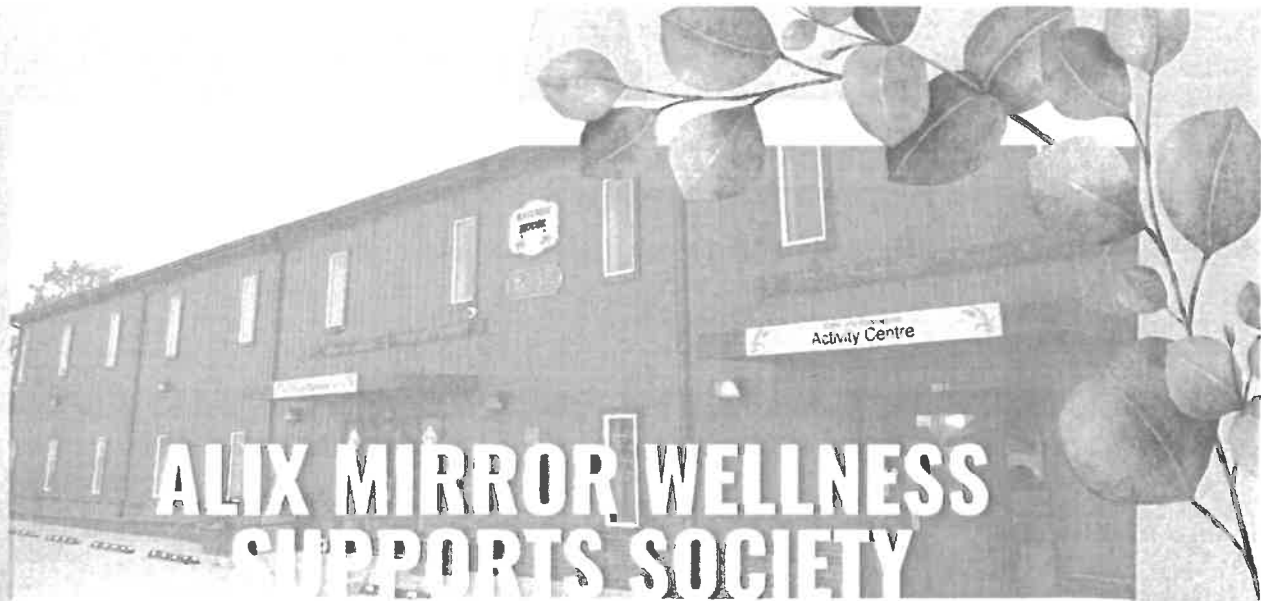
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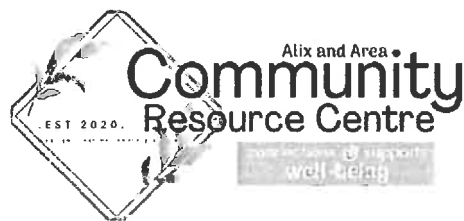
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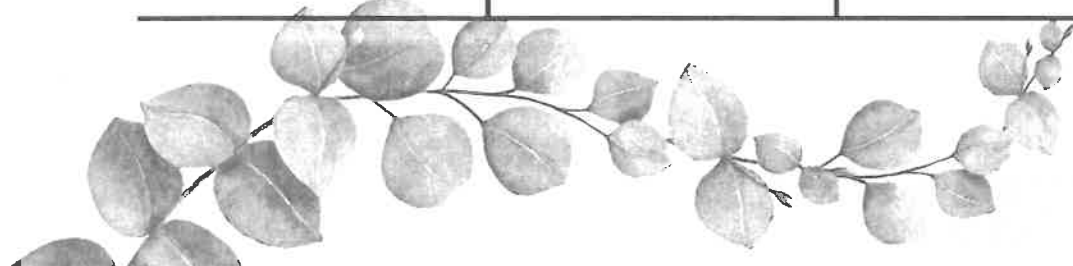
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Alix Briefs

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Special Mention to everyone who helped make the 2024 Winter Wishes Online Auction a success! THANK YOU from the Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society... You help us to sustain new and existing programs for all ages. Funds raised: \$10,416.50 !!! To learn more about what we do, plan to attend the upcoming AGM on May 27 @7:30PM.

NEW WELLNESS SERVICES...

Help us to introduce Lacey Dee's Holistic Health and Alternative Acupuncture. Visit their websites directly to learn more & book in Alix.

Mental health support additions now include,

Prairieland Psychology- currently booking on alternating Wednesdays and The Wellness House beginning on Mondays, as of May 13.

PROGRAM UPDATE:

Stop in anytime for Tech Support, our staff can help with simple questions on your device!

Stettler Adult Learning is currently providing **Digital Drop-in** every Thursday, 12PM-1PM, until April 4. They are knowledgeable and here to solve those online/ technology challenges with you!

Financial Literacy runs from April 11 - May 9, Thursdays, 1PM-3PM. Topics: Budgeting, Banking, Credit, Saving and Skills to help your dollars go further. Call Trista, 403.742.6700 ext.4 to register.

SPRING HIGHLIGHTS:

Rainbows is being offered beginning in April. If you are interested in registering your child for the first time or to join Rainbows again, please contact us and a follow-up call will be made.

Hosted after school on Thursdays, at the Centre:

April 18, 25 & May 2, 9, 16 (1/2 hour sessions per group)
Celebration May 23

Volunteer Appreciation- Dessert & Beverages Come & Go:

You are invited on Wednesday, April 17, 6:30PM-8:30PM

Open to all volunteers, all ages!

The evening will include light refreshments & treats, a community activity and the 2023 Project Unveil- All to celebrate volunteers.

Next Connecting Clans: Wellness Fun and Meet & Greet

Monday, April 29, 6:30PM-8:30PM

Drop-in to meet staff & wellness providers who bring their services to our community and stay for some activities and games!

New Partnership Turning Point Rural Outreach

We are now a satellite office providing supplies, support, connection and advocacy.

Target: At risk individuals using substances.

Focus: Harm reduction and health promotion supports.



Recruiting Now

Bartending volunteer shifts at...
Ponoka Stampede (must be 18+)
on June 25, 27 & 29.

Watch for more info on volunteer opportunities at BVJ this summer!

Upcoming

- Spring Food Drive
- Community Gardens
- Touch a Truck in June
- Summer Program & Swimming Lessons
- Summer Cub Crew
- Baby Clinic: April 24, May 22, June 19, Sept 25, Oct 23, Nov 20, Dec 18, Jan 22 & Feb 26



alixmirrorwellness@gmail.com

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ResourceCentre

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*For complete details on all upcoming events and programs visit online or contact us.
403-396-3369*



ALIX MIRROR WELLNESS SUPPORTS SOCIETY

SERVICES AVAILABLE TO MIRROR

- Alix and Area Community Resource Centre
- Bashaw & Area Community Resource Centre



Social Services

- Food Bank
- Information & Referral
- Resource Navigation
- Meals on Wheels
- Form Support

Seasonal Programs

- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
- Senior's Week
- Volunteer Appreciation
- Winter Wishes
- Joy of Giving
- Coats for Kids, Santa's Anonymous, Fill A Fridge
- Mitten Tree
- Angel Tree
- Tools for School

Please call either office for details on further programs available to Mirror.

All Ages Welcome

- Connecting Clans
- Community Events
- FREE Weekly Veggies
- Puzzle Exchange
- Tech Support

Child, Youth & Family

- Cub Crew
- Moms & Tots
- Rainbows
- Family Wellness
- After-School Programs
- Safety Week
- Summer Fun
- Swimming Lessons
- Youth Outings
- Baby Clinic
- Healthy Families

Senior & Adult

- Wise Owls
- Senior Fun
- Lifeline
- Home Support
- Cooking Connections
- Senior Outings
- Pickleball
- Fitness Fun
- Transportation



Wellness Services

- Massage Therapy
- Acupuncture
- Holistic Practitioner
- Mental Health Therapy
- Nursing Foot Care

Partner Feature

- Family Resource Network
- Adult Learning
- Bashaw Regional Wellness Initiative
- Alix Dance Club
- Well Mannered Mutts



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Bashaw, AB
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ALIX MIRROR WELLNESS SUPPORTS SOCIETY



Program Updates for the 1st Quarter

January, February, March 2024

In-House Programming

Child & Youth Programs/ Events

ALIX AFTER-SCHOOL	442
CUB CREW	75
CHILD & YOUTH SAFETY WEEK	21
SCHOOLS OUT DROP-IN	57

Senior & Adult Programs/ Events

SENIOR FUN	84
TECH SUPPORT	9
MEETINGS	37
COOKING CONNECTIONS	6
STANDARD 1ST AID	7

Community & Family Programs/ Events

FAMILY DAY EVENTS	250
COMMUNITY BINGO	83
WELLNESS FAIR	188
ONLINE AUCTION (78 BID/ 116 DONATE)	194
WINTER WISHES (42 GIFT/ 19 TOP UP)	61
QUILT RAFFLE	299

External Partnerships

YOUTH COUNSELLING 2	ALIX DANCE CLUB 32	HENNA ROSE MASSAGE 13	FRN 22	FITNESS FUN 23
MEETINGS 5	BABY CLINIC 3	MOMS & TOTS 13	*WELLNESS SERVICES 6	PRIVATE BOOKING 10

*Wellness Services include dental hygiene, foot care clinics, psychologists, acupuncture and holistic practitioner.

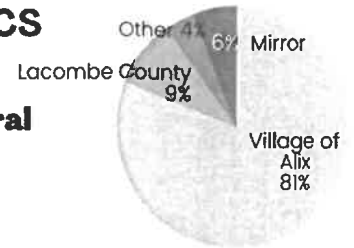
Upcoming

Volunteer Appreciation, Connecting Clans: Wellness Theme, Touch A Truck, Senior's Week, Community Garden, Rock Ninja, Swimming Lessons, Summer Drop-in, Summer Cub Crew, Volunteer at Ponoka Stampede/ BVJ

Core Statistics

Information & Referral

4145 Engagements
4616 Needs Served



Navigation: 25 Individuals

16% Community Referral
84% Walk-in/ Self Referral

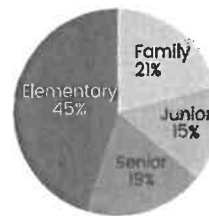
Areas Served (# Of Referrals Out)

172 - Form Support
4 - Other

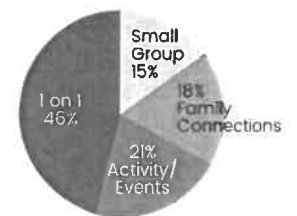
Family Wellness

Extended Learning: 924 Engagements

235 Individuals/
Families



1532 Engagements



Meals on Wheels

225
MEALS DELIVERED
8 Clients
5 Volunteers

Wise Owls
4 Clients

Home Support
3 Clients

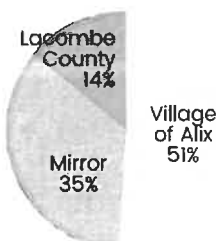
ALIX FOOD BANK

Children: 49
Adults: 77
Seniors: 39

PIC N' PAC VEGGIE PICK-UP

187 Individuals
(19% FB Clients)

RESIDENCE
64% Alix
19% Mirror
17% Lacombe County



78
HOUSEHOLDS



2024-05-06

Michelle White

CAO

Alix, Alberta

Dear Michelle White,

Please find the quarterly Community Policing Report attached that covers the January 1st to March 31st, 2024 reporting period. The attached report serves to provide a quarterly snapshot of the human resources, financial data and crime statistics for the Bashaw RCMP Detachment.

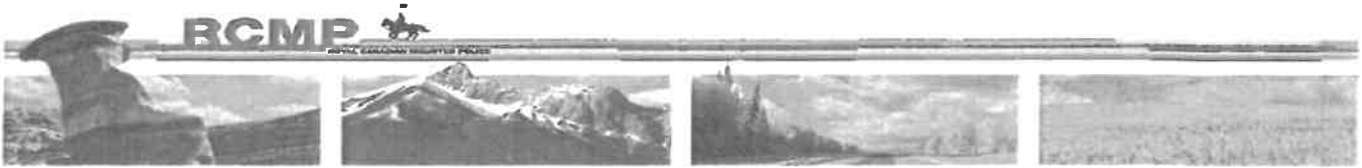
I would also like to introduce you to Deputy Commissioner Rob Hill, the new Commanding Officer of the Alberta RCMP. Deputy Commissioner Hill has had a diverse and wide-ranging RCMP career, spanning from the Prairies to the Arctic, with positions along the way that have included Drugs Section in Winnipeg and as the former Detachment Commander of Stony Plain (now amalgamated in to Parkland). With public safety as the beacon guiding our operations, Deputy Commissioner Hill is focussed on community engagement; Reconciliation; employee wellness; and recruiting new police officers and retention. Deputy Commissioner Hill is proud to lead your Alberta RCMP and looks forward to meeting you in the future.

Your ongoing engagement and the feedback you provide guides our Detachment team, and supports the reinforcement of your policing priorities. I always remain available to discuss your community-identified policing priorities and/or any ideas you may have that will enhance our service delivery to address the priorities that are important to you. As the Chief of Police for your community, I invite you to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Sergeant Trent A. Cleveland

Detachment Commander

Bashaw RCMP Detachment



RCMP Provincial Policing Report

Detachment Information

Name of Detachment

Bashaw

Name of Detachment Commander

Sgt. Trent Cleveland

Quarter

Q4

Date of Report (yyyy-mm-dd)

2024-04-24

FTE Utilization Plan

2023/24

Select Type of Policing Report

Municipal Policing Report Under

Municipal Policing Report Over

PPSA

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Community Consultations

Consultation No. 1

Date (yyyy-mm-dd)

2024-01-31

Meeting Type

Meeting with Stakeholder(s)

Topics Discussed (this field expands)

Regular reporting information sharing, Education session, Mental health

Notes /Comments (this field expands)

Delegate for the Bashaw Detachment attended the Bashaw Wellness Team Meeting. Discussed; RCMP trends, Rural Health Medical System, School Division, Mental Health, and other community interest topics.

Consultation No. 2

Date (yyyy-mm-dd)

2024-02-08

Meeting Type

Meeting with Elected Officials

Topics Discussed (this field expands)

Regular reporting information sharing, Crime reduction initiatives, Annual planning

Notes /Comments (this field expands)

Delegate attended the Alix Council Meeting. Request to provide annual or quarterly stats for Alix, planning a future Town Hall Meeting, Annual Performance Planning for 2024/2025, request for additional community education; frauds (seniors) and etc.

Consultation No. 3

Date (yyyy-mm-dd)

2024-03-15

Meeting Type

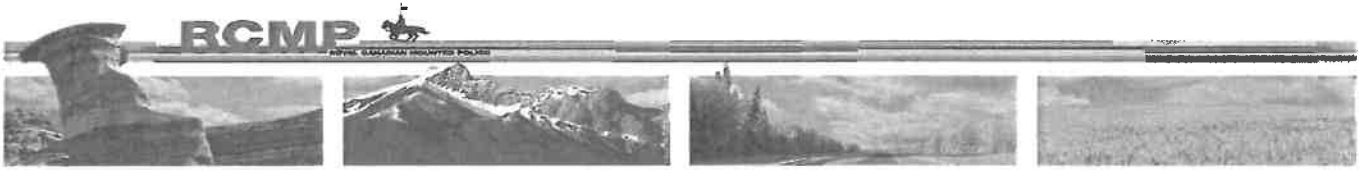
Meeting with Elected Officials

Topics Discussed (this field expands)

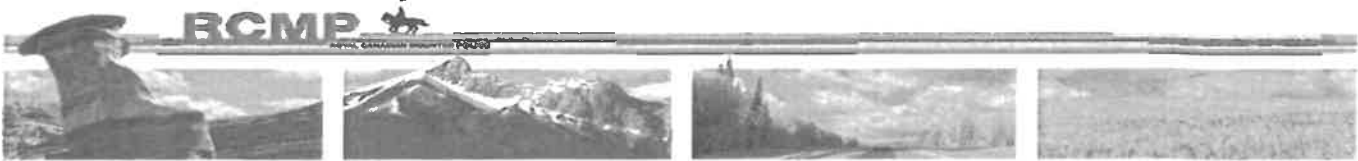
Regular reporting information sharing, Annual planning, Crime reduction initiatives

Notes /Comments (this field expands)

Quarterly Community Consulting Group (elected official from each community). Quarterly update on the current status of the Bashaw Detachment, changes and upcoming changes to the Bashaw Detachment. Detachment Challenge Coin with handout on the meaning of the coin, discussions about moving forward with the SSGT Bruce Holliday Community Leadership Award, Annual Performance Planning for 2024/2025 - Crime Reduction, Community Engagement and Road Safety. Discussions about crime



reduction strategies, cameras and surveillance, SCAN (Sheriffs) brochure.



Community Priorities

Priority No. 1

Priority (this field expands)

Property Crime - Theft

Current Status and Results (this field expands)

This quarter Bashaw had 12 related property thefts and 13 break and enter occurrences combining for 25 occurrences. With the focus on crime reduction for the year brought the total occurrences to 99, just under the detachment goal of 100. Bashaw's known prolific offenders and repeat offenders have been in custody for a majority of the year which resulted in the overall reduction of crime for the jurisdiction.

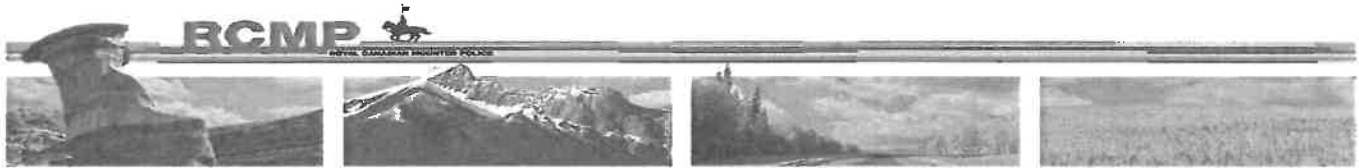
Priority No. 2

Priority (this field expands)

Police / Community Relations - Crime prevention

Current Status and Results (this field expands)

This quarter members were involved in the schools on a weekly basis, and participated in events and activities at the schools. NCO and delegates attended stakeholder meetings providing detachment updates, crime stats and a Q and A. Community Consulting Group meeting held for the fiscal yearend to discuss the success of the APPS for the detachment and to discuss next fiscal years APPS. Bashaw Detachment Challenge coins were created and provided to the CCG for their participation in the start up of the group. Stakeholders were impressed with the design of the coin and the meanings that were incorporated into the coin. Very well received. NCO and delegates were involved in the Wellness Team meetings in the Bashaw community which discuss high priority family's and issues in the community.



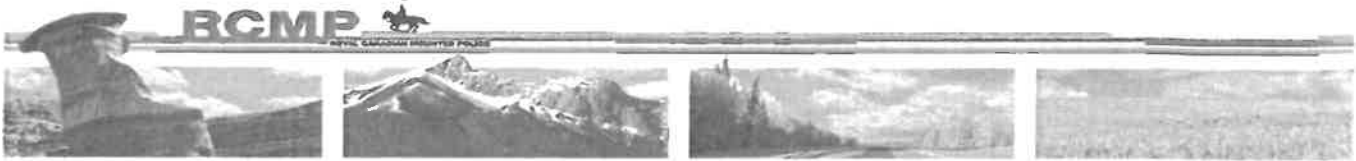
Crime Statistics¹

The following table provides policing statistics on actual offences within the periods listed. Please see Appendix for additional information and a five-year comparison.

Category	January - March			January - December		
	2023	2024	% Change Year-over-Year	2022	2023	% Change Year-over-Year
Persons Crime	19	16	-16.00%	66	69	5.00%
Property Crime	58	55	-5.00%	262	252	-4.00%
Other Criminal Code	14	8	-43.00%	53	43	-19.00%
Total Criminal Code	91	79	-13.00%	381	364	-4.00%
Drugs Offences	0	1		8	0	-100.00%
Other Federal Acts	2	4	100.00%	13	7	-46.00%
Other Provincial Acts	32	21	-34.00%	132	152	15.00%
Municipal By-Laws	0	4		16	25	56.00%
Motor Vehicle Collisions	75	63	-16.00%	257	251	-2.00%
Provincial Code Traffic	218	60	-72.00%	660	824	25.00%
Other Traffic	0	1		2	2	0.00%
Criminal Code Traffic	3	2	-33.00%	10	16	60.00%
Total Traffic Offences	221	63	-71.00%	672	842	25.00%

¹Data extracted from a live database (PROS) and is subject to change over time.

Trend / Points of Interest (this field expands)



Provincial Service Composition²

Staffing Category	Established Positions	Working	Soft Vacancies ³	Hard Vacancies ⁴
Police Officers	6	5	0	1
Detachment Support	2	2	0	1

2. Data extracted on March 31, 2024 and is subject to change.

3. Soft Vacancies are positions that are filled but vacant due to maternity/paternity leave, medical leave, etc. and are still included in the overall FTE count.

4. Hard Vacancies reflect positions that do not have an employee attached and need to be filled.

Comments (this field expands)

Police Officers: Of the six established positions, four officers are currently working with none on special leave. There are two hard vacancies at this time. One position is the newly established corporal position which was at the promotion process and has recently collapsed due to lack of qualified candidates. It will be re-posted for promotion in the near future. The other vacancy is a constable, and we are awaiting a cadet from Depot training.

Detachment Support: Of the two established positions, two resources are currently working. There is one position permanently assigned and the other position is assigned on a term contract until December 2024.



**Bashaw Provincial Detachment
Crime Statistics (Actual)
January to March: 2020 - 2024**

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

April 8, 2024

CATEGORY	Trend	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	% Change 2020 - 2024	% Change 2023 - 2024	Avg File +/- per Year
Offences Related to Death		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Robbery		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Sexual Assaults		1	0	2	2	0	-100%	-100%	0.0
Other Sexual Offences		3	1	1	3	0	-100%	-100%	-0.4
Assault		2	11	7	11	4	100%	-64%	0.4
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Extortion		0	1	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.1
Criminal Harassment		3	3	2	1	8	167%	700%	0.8
Uttering Threats		3	0	6	2	4	33%	100%	0.4
TOTAL PERSONS		12	16	18	19	16	33%	-16%	1.1
Break & Enter		26	16	17	10	12	-54%	20%	-3.4
Theft of Motor Vehicle		11	4	7	2	4	-64%	100%	-1.6
Theft Over \$5,000		3	1	4	3	3	0%	0%	0.2
Theft Under \$5,000		26	14	16	7	11	-58%	57%	-3.7
Possn Stn Goods		8	14	3	3	6	-25%	100%	-1.5
Fraud		4	5	9	11	10	150%	-9%	1.8
Arson		1	0	1	1	0	-100%	-100%	-0.1
Mischief - Damage To Property		3	13	15	17	7	133%	-59%	1.2
Mischief - Other		4	1	4	4	2	-50%	-50%	-0.1
TOTAL PROPERTY		86	68	76	58	55	-36%	-5%	-7.2
Offensive Weapons		1	4	4	4	0	-100%	-100%	-0.2
Disturbing the peace		2	0	0	0	2	0%	N/A	0.0
Fail to Comply & Breaches		2	1	8	4	2	0%	-50%	0.3
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		2	7	3	6	4	100%	-33%	0.3
TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		7	12	15	14	8	14%	-43%	0.4
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE		105	96	109	91	79	-25%	-13%	-5.7



**Bashaw Provincial Detachment
Crime Statistics (Actual)
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April 8, 2024

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Drug Enforcement - Production		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Drug Enforcement - Possession		5	0	2	0	0	-100%	N/A	-1.0
Drug Enforcement - Trafficking		0	2	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.0
Drug Enforcement - Other		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Total Drugs		5	2	2	0	1	-80%	N/A	-1.0
Cannabis Enforcement		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Federal - General		1	3	3	2	3	200%	50%	0.3
TOTAL FEDERAL		6	5	5	2	4	-33%	100%	-0.7
Liquor Act		0	1	0	2	0	N/A	-100%	0.1
Cannabis Act		0	0	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.2
Mental Health Act		14	24	15	14	11	-21%	-21%	-1.6
Other Provincial Stats		33	36	10	16	9	-73%	-44%	-6.8
Total Provincial Stats		47	61	25	32	21	-55%	-34%	-8.1
Municipal By-laws Traffic		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Municipal By-laws		0	4	5	0	4	N/A	N/A	0.4
Total Municipal		0	4	5	0	4	N/A	N/A	0.4
Fatals		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Injury MVC		0	3	2	2	3	N/A	50%	0.5
Property Damage MVC (Reportable)		34	40	56	65	51	50%	-22%	5.9
Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)		11	2	6	8	9	-18%	13%	0.2
TOTAL MVC		45	45	64	75	63	40%	-16%	6.6
Roadside Suspension - Alcohol (Prov)		0	0	1	1	2	N/A	100%	0.5
Roadside Suspension - Drugs (Prov)		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Total Provincial Traffic		241	136	128	218	60	-75%	-72%	-28.0
Other Traffic		0	1	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.1
Criminal Code Traffic		6	5	2	3	2	-67%	-33%	-1.0
Common Police Activities									
False Alarms		3	4	2	5	1	-67%	-80%	-0.3
False/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act		6	4	3	0	1	-83%	N/A	-1.4
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property		43	36	35	17	27	-37%	59%	-5.1
Persons Reported Missing		1	0	3	1	2	100%	100%	0.3
Search Warrants		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Spousal Abuse - Survey Code (Reported)		5	2	5	12	10	100%	-17%	2.0
Form 10 (MHA) (Reported)		0	0	0	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.1



Bashaw Provincial Detachment Crime Statistics (Actual) January to December: 2019 - 2023

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

January 5, 2024

CATEGORY	Trend	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Change 2019 - 2023	% Change 2022 - 2023	Avg File +/- per Year
Offences Related to Death		1	0	1	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.2
Robbery		7	0	1	0	0	-100%	N/A	-1.4
Sexual Assaults		5	6	5	5	4	-20%	-20%	-0.3
Other Sexual Offences		4	6	3	2	4	0%	100%	-0.4
Assault		33	22	48	28	34	3%	21%	0.8
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Extortion		0	0	1	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.2
Criminal Harassment		18	17	12	15	11	-39%	-27%	-1.6
Uttering Threats		16	10	24	16	15	-6%	-6%	0.4
TOTAL PERSONS		84	61	95	66	69	-18%	5%	-2.5
Break & Enter		94	57	67	40	43	-54%	8%	-11.9
Theft of Motor Vehicle		41	37	61	25	20	-51%	-20%	-5.4
Theft Over \$5,000		12	12	12	11	18	50%	64%	1.1
Theft Under \$5,000		83	70	97	68	55	-34%	-19%	-5.8
Possn Strn Goods		45	32	52	15	11	-76%	-27%	-8.5
Fraud		36	22	24	36	30	-17%	-17%	0.2
Arson		3	5	2	1	5	67%	400%	0.0
Mischief - Damage To Property		29	30	85	45	60	107%	33%	7.7
Mischief - Other		30	16	14	21	10	-67%	-52%	-3.5
TOTAL PROPERTY		373	281	414	262	252	-32%	-4%	-26.1
Offensive Weapons		13	7	8	11	5	-62%	-55%	-1.2
Disturbing the peace		15	8	7	4	7	-53%	75%	-2.0
Fail to Comply & Breaches		28	10	7	26	14	-50%	-46%	-1.2
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		23	17	25	12	17	-26%	42%	-1.7
TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		79	42	47	53	43	-46%	-19%	-6.1
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE		536	384	556	381	364	-32%	-4%	-34.7



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January 5, 2024

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Drug Enforcement - Possession		2	10	1	7	0	-100%	-100%	-0.7
Drug Enforcement - Trafficking		4	3	2	1	0	-100%	-100%	-1.0
Drug Enforcement - Other		0	1	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.1
Total Drugs		6	14	3	8	0	-100%	-100%	-1.8
Cannabis Enforcement		2	1	0	1	0	-100%	-100%	-0.4
Federal - General		5	6	4	4	7	40%	75%	0.2
TOTAL FEDERAL		13	21	7	13	7	-46%	-46%	-2.0
Liquor Act		3	3	6	5	4	33%	-20%	0.4
Cannabis Act		2	1	0	0	3	50%	N/A	0.1
Mental Health Act		55	73	79	52	59	7%	13%	-1.3
Other Provincial Stats		106	156	141	75	86	-19%	15%	-12.1
Total Provincial Stats		166	233	226	132	152	-8%	15%	-12.9
Municipal By-laws Traffic		2	3	1	1	1	-50%	0%	-0.4
Municipal By-laws		10	12	20	15	24	140%	60%	3.1
Total Municipal		12	15	21	16	25	108%	56%	2.7
Fatals		2	1	4	4	2	0%	-50%	0.3
Injury MVC		16	12	19	8	14	-13%	75%	-0.8
Property Damage MVC (Reportable)		169	131	193	218	217	28%	0%	18.3
Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)		20	18	15	27	18	-10%	-33%	0.5
TOTAL MVC		207	162	231	257	251	21%	-2%	18.3
Roadside Suspension - Alcohol (Prov)		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11	N/A	N/A	N/A
Roadside Suspension - Drugs (Prov)		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Provincial Traffic		1,252	942	779	660	824	-34%	25%	-113.8
Other Traffic		4	4	3	2	2	-50%	0%	-0.6
Criminal Code Traffic		35	21	18	10	16	-54%	60%	-4.9
Common Police Activities									
False Alarms		36	20	20	13	17	-53%	31%	-4.5
False/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act		47	32	13	5	3	-94%	-40%	-11.5
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property		154	174	193	146	100	-35%	-32%	-13.6
Persons Reported Missing		6	8	4	8	6	0%	-25%	0.0
Search Warrants		1	1	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.3
Spousal Abuse - Survey Code (Reported)		37	30	39	55	37	0%	-33%	2.5
Form 10 (MHA) (Reported)		0	2	3	6	7	N/A	17%	1.8



Bashaw Provincial Detachment Crime Statistics (Actual) January to December: 2019 - 2023

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January 5, 2024

Category	Trend	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	FLAG
Theft Motor Vehicle (Total)		41	37	61	25	20	Within Norm
Auto		6	4	1	3	0	Within Norm
Truck		12	16	35	15	8	Within Norm
SUV		4	3	3	0	4	Within Norm
Van		2	1	1	1	0	Within Norm
Motorcycle		0	3	5	0	2	Within Norm
Other		8	9	16	5	6	Within Norm
Take Auto without Consent		9	1	0	1	0	Within Norm
Break and Enter (Total)*		94	57	67	40	43	Within Norm
Business		31	29	32	16	21	Within Norm
Residence		27	13	21	16	16	Within Norm
Cottage or Seasonal Residence		7	6	2	2	0	Within Norm
Other		26	7	10	5	4	Within Norm
Theft Over & Under \$5,000 (Total)		95	82	109	79	73	Within Norm
Theft from a motor vehicle		13	11	24	19	9	Within Norm
Shoplifting		1	1	0	1	4	Issue
Mail Theft (includes all Mail offences)		4	8	1	2	0	Within Norm
Theft of bicycle		1	2	1	1	1	Within Norm
Other Theft		76	60	83	56	59	Within Norm

Mischief To Property		59	46	99	66	70	Within Norm
Suspicious Person/ Vehicle/ Property		154	174	193	146	100	Within Norm
Fail to Comply/Breach		28	10	7	26	14	Within Norm
Wellbeing Check		20	46	60	36	41	Within Norm
Mental Health Act		55	73	79	52	59	Within Norm
False Alarms		36	20	20	13	17	Within Norm

Traffic	Trend	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	FLAG
Roadside Suspensions - alcohol related - No grounds to charge*		2	1	2	2	1	Within Norm
Occupant Restraint/Seatbelt Violations*		63	33	27	19	17	Within Norm
Speeding Violations*		737	545	354	186	345	Within Norm
Intersection Related Violations*		14	23	15	26	25	Within Norm
Other Non-Moving Violation*		274	165	210	257	286	Issue
Pursuits**		3	3	3	2	3	Within Norm
Other CC Traffic**		7	2	3	2	2	Within Norm

Actual *Reported"

Categories flagged with "Issue" only indicate that the current number of offences are higher the statistical norm based on previous years.



Bashaw Provincial Detachment - Break and Enters (includes unlawfully in a dwelling place)

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

January 5, 2024

2022												
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Actuals	4	9	4	2	3	0	5	6	4	0	0	3
Running Total	4	13	17	19	22	22	27	33	37	37	37	40
Quarter	17			5			15			3		
2023												
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Actuals	5	4	1	9	1	4	5	0	3	3	3	5
Running Total	5	9	10	19	20	24	29	29	32	35	38	43
Quarter	10			14			8			11		
Year over Year % Change	25%	-31%	-41%	0%	-9%	9%	7%	-12%	-14%	-5%	3%	8%

Bashaw Provincial Detachment - Theft of Motor Vehicles (includes taking without consent)

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

January 5, 2024

2022												
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Actuals	2	4	1	3	1	1	4	3	1	3	1	1
Running Total	2	6	7	10	11	12	16	19	20	23	24	25
Quarter	7			5			8			5		
2023												
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Actuals	1	1	0	6	1	4	1	1	3	1	0	1
Running Total	1	2	2	8	9	13	14	15	18	19	19	20
Quarter	2			11			5			2		
Year over Year % Change	-50%	-67%	-71%	-20%	-18%	8%	-13%	-21%	-10%	-17%	-21%	-20%



Bashaw Provincial Detachment - Theft Under \$5,000

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

January 5, 2024

2022												
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Actuals	7	3	6	4	10	0	6	8	10	6	5	3
Running Total	7	10	16	20	30	30	36	44	54	60	65	68
Quarter	16			14			24			14		
2023												
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Actuals	3	2	2	8	4	3	5	2	5	8	11	2
Running Total	3	5	7	15	19	22	27	29	34	42	53	55
Quarter	7			15			12			21		
Year over Year % Change	-57%	-50%	-56%	-25%	-37%	-27%	-25%	-34%	-37%	-30%	-18%	-19%

Bashaw Provincial Detachment - Theft from Motor Vehicles

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

January 5, 2024

2022												
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Actuals	3	0	3	3	1	0	2	1	1	2	2	1
Running Total	3	3	6	9	10	10	12	13	14	16	18	19
Quarter	6			4			4			5		
2023												
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Actuals	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	1	1	2	0
Running Total	0	0	0	2	3	3	5	5	6	7	9	9
Quarter	0			3			3			3		
Year over Year % Change	-100%	-100%	-100%	-78%	-70%	-70%	-58%	-62%	-57%	-56%	-50%	-53%



Bashaw Provincial Detachment Crime Statistics (Actual) December: 2019 - 2023

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

January 5, 2024

CATEGORY	Trend	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Change 2019 - 2023	% Change 2022 - 2023	Avg File +/- per Year
Offences Related to Death		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Robbery		1	0	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.2
Sexual Assaults		0	0	3	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Other Sexual Offences		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Assault		0	0	2	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.1
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Extortion		0	0	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.2
Criminal Harassment		0	3	0	1	2	N/A	100%	0.2
Uttering Threats		0	0	2	2	1	N/A	-50%	0.4
TOTAL PERSONS		1	3	7	4	4	300%	0%	0.7
Break & Enter		15	0	1	3	5	-67%	67%	-1.7
Theft of Motor Vehicle		5	3	1	1	1	-80%	0%	-1.0
Theft Over \$5,000		1	1	0	0	2	100%	N/A	0.1
Theft Under \$5,000		10	1	1	3	2	-80%	-33%	-1.4
Possn Stn Goods		3	2	2	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.8
Fraud		3	1	3	1	0	-100%	-100%	-0.6
Arson		0	0	0	0	2	N/A	N/A	0.4
Mischief - Damage To Property		5	3	2	4	7	40%	75%	0.5
Mischief - Other		0	2	2	3	1	N/A	-67%	0.3
TOTAL PROPERTY		42	13	12	15	20	-52%	33%	-4.2
Offensive Weapons		4	0	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.8
Disturbing the peace		0	1	1	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.0
Fail to Comply & Breaches		1	0	0	4	1	0%	-75%	0.4
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		4	1	1	2	2	-50%	0%	-0.3
TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		9	2	2	7	3	-67%	-57%	-0.7
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE		52	18	21	26	27	-48%	4%	-4.2



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January 5, 2024

CATEGORY	Trend	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Change 2019 - 2023	% Change 2022 - 2023	Avg File +/- per Year
Drug Enforcement - Production		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Drug Enforcement - Possession		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Drug Enforcement - Trafficking		0	0	0	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.1
Drug Enforcement - Other		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Total Drugs		0	0	0	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.1
Cannabis Enforcement		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Federal - General		0	1	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.1
TOTAL FEDERAL		0	1	0	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.0
Liquor Act		0	1	1	2	1	N/A	-50%	0.3
Cannabis Act		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Mental Health Act		7	5	5	5	1	-86%	-80%	-1.2
Other Provincial Stats		7	9	8	9	5	-29%	-44%	-0.4
Total Provincial Stats		14	15	14	16	7	-50%	-56%	-1.3
Municipal By-laws Traffic		0	1	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.1
Municipal By-laws		0	2	0	0	2	N/A	N/A	0.2
Total Municipal		0	3	0	0	2	N/A	N/A	0.1
Fatals		1	0	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.2
Injury MVC		1	0	2	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.2
Property Damage MVC (Reportable)		25	18	29	18	17	-32%	-6%	-1.6
Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)		3	1	2	4	2	-33%	-50%	0.1
TOTAL MVC		30	19	33	22	19	-37%	-14%	-1.9
Roadside Suspension - Alcohol (Prov)		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Roadside Suspension - Drugs (Prov)		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Provincial Traffic		64	71	24	36	31	-52%	-14%	-10.1
Other Traffic		0	0	0	2	0	N/A	-100%	0.2
Criminal Code Traffic		0	1	0	2	1	N/A	-50%	0.3
Common Police Activities									
False Alarms		3	1	1	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.7
False/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act		1	2	0	0	1	0%	N/A	-0.2
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property		11	11	4	5	4	-64%	-20%	-2.0
Persons Reported Missing		1	0	1	1	1	0%	0%	0.1
Search Warrants		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Spousal Abuse - Survey Code (Reported)		2	2	3	9	3	50%	-67%	0.9
Form 10 (MHA) (Reported)		0	0	0	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.1



**Hwy 12/21 Regional
Water Services Commission**

May 2, 2024

Michelle White, Chief Administrative Officer
Village of Alix
Box 87
Alix, AB T0C 0B0

**RE: Hwy 12/21 Regional Water Services Commission Force Water Supply
Agreement Force Majeure**

To Michelle White:

The Village of Alix, after reviewing their Water Supply Agreement, had the following question:

If the Commission rations water delivery, are Commission Members still responsible for the costs associated with 90% of their annual requested allocation as outlined in Schedule E Section 2?

The Board communicated to the Commission Manager that the Commission's intent is not to profit from a situation where Commission Members do not have the ability to sell 90% of their requested allocation due to a water rationing situation.

The Water Supply Agreement Section 7 Force Majeure Section 7 (c) states:

The Commission may impose reasonable restrictions on the delivery of Water, provided that the Commission shall treat all of its customers affected by the force majeure, including the Member, fairly, equitably and without preference, consistent with any operating constraints then in effect.

The Highway 12/21 Regional Water Services Commission Board of Directors at the April 19, 2024, regularly scheduled meeting passed the following resolution:

**R/9/24
Review of Hwy
12/21 & Village of
Alix Water
Service Delivery
Agreement**

Moved by Ms. Knight that the Commission Manager be authorized to send a letter to the Members of the Commission advising of the Force Majeure clause in regard to billing in the event of a water rationing situation.

Carried Unanimously.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Regards,



Dion Burlock
Manager
Highway 12/21 Regional Water Services Commission