

Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council, to be held on
Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order:
2. Agenda Amendments and Adoption
3. Adoption of the Minutes: a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting – May 15, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.
4. Delegation: None
5. Bylaws: None
6. Unfinished Business: None
7. New Business: a) Census Report – Request for Decision 24-30
b) Fire Department Call Outs - Request for Decision 24-25
8. Financial Reports: None
9. Committee Reports: a) Red Deer River Municipal User Group Association – Councillor T. Besuijen
10. Administrative Reports: None
11. Correspondence a) Alix Public Library – Funding Request
b) Ric McIver, Minister, Alberta Municipal Affairs – Bill 20 Fact Sheet
c) Ric McIver, Minister, Alberta Municipal Affairs – Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) 2024 Capital and Operating Allocations
d) Bashaw RCMP – Alix Stats – First Quarter
e) Tyler Gandam, President, Alberta Municipalities – Review of Provincial Property Tax System
f) Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society – 2023 Annual Report
12. Closed Meeting: None
13. Adjournment:



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 15, 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 #113/24: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Village of Alix Council approve the agenda with the following amendment:

Add: New Business: e) Government of Alberta – FOIP Request

CARRIED

Minutes: a) Regular Meeting – May 1, 2024

Resolution #114/24: Moved by Councillor T. Besuijen that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council held on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Delegation: None

Bylaws: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: a) Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Funding - Request For Decision 24-26

Resolution #115/24: Moved by Councillor T. Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council hereby grants the Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society, Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) funding in the amount of \$23,200.00 annually, provided the organization remains in good standing as a society and continues to use funds supplied in accordance with the Family and Community Support Services mandate.

CARRIED

b) Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Funding Applications – Request for Decision 24-27

Resolution #116/24: Moved by Councillor Cole that the Village of Alix Council hereby grants Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) funding to the Alix Family and Community Services Society as follows;

\$2,400.00	Alix Inform
\$4,000.00	Moms and Tots Program.

CARRIED

c) Reserve Transfer – Request for Decision 24-28

Resolution #117/24: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Village of Alix Council hereby moves \$15,000.00 from General Reserves to Admin – Professional Services.

CARRIED

d) Acting Chief Administrative Officer – Request for Decision 24-22

Resolution #118/24: Moved by Councillor J. Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council hereby accepts Request for Decision 24-22, Acting Chief Administrative Officer as information.
CARRIED

e) Government of Alberta – FOIP Request

Resolution #119/24: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Village of Alix Council hereby accept the letter dated May 14, 2024 from the Government of Alberta regarding FOIP Request Consultation #MA000-2024-G-10 as information.
CARRIED

Financial Reports:

a) Bank Reconciliation – April 30, 2024

b) Accounts Payable Cheque Listing – April 16 – April 29, 2024

c) Tax Trial Balance – May 9, 2024

Resolution #120/24: Moved by Councillor T. Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council hereby accept the Financial Reports as presented.
CARRIED

Committee Reports:

a) Alix Fire Department Meeting – Mayor Fehr

b) Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission Meeting – March 6, 2024 – Councillor Gilliat

c) Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission Meeting – April 24, 2024 and Transfer Station Rules – Councillor Gilliat

Resolution #121/24: Moved by Councillor T. Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council accept the Committee Reports as presented.
CARRIED

Administrative Reports: a) Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Resolution #122/24: Moved by Councillor T. Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council hereby accept the Chief Administrative Officer's Report as presented.
CARRIED

Correspondence and Information:

a) Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service Foundation (STARS) – Receipt

b) Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society – Annual General Meeting, Quarterly Newsletter, 1st Quarter Update

c) First Quarter Community Policing Report, Bashaw Royal Canadian Mounted Police Detachment, Sergeant Trent A. Cleveland

d) Highway 12/21 Regional Water Services Commission Force Water Supply Agreement for Force Majeure

Resolution #123/24: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that Correspondence Items (a) through (d) be accepted as information.
CARRIED

Adjournment:

Resolution #124/24: Moved by Councillor J. Besuijen that this Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council be adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

Handwritten signature of J. Besuijen

ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: May 24, 2024 RFD 24-30
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: Census Report

1. **PURPOSE** – To report the results of the 2024 municipal census to Council.
2. **BACKGROUND** –Municipal Affairs had stopped allowing municipalities to do their own census count in 2019. Since then they have been relying on a formula to estimate the population of each municipality in Alberta. This was being done through Alberta Treasury Board and Finance. Many municipalities voiced concerns about the new process. The province reinstated municipality's ability to do a census as of 2024. Alix Village Council made a resolution in February 2024 to conduct a municipal census.
3. **OPTIONS** –
 1. To accept this report as information
 2. To direct administration to bring this information forward to Council's fall Strategic Planning for further discussion and analysis
4. **DISCUSSION** – Our current population is 781. The 2022 Federal census showed a population of 774 for Alix. When conducting a census, we are only allowed to include people who count Alix as their permanent, year around home as of census day. That was May 7, 2024. Though we have many seasonal residents, they are not included in our final population number. Below is more information collected by the census that can be useful when considering community programs, services and potential areas of community need:
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – Internal resources were used to conduct the census, so there was no budget impact. Increased population means slight increases to grants and requisitions. The exact amount of the income and expense changes will be calculated as part of the annual budget process.
6. **LEGAL** – There is no legal requirement to do a municipal census. If one is not done, federal census numbers are used during a year the federal census is conducted. In non-federal census years, the Treasury Board and Finance estimation formula is applied.
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** – When people are considering a move to our community, it is helpful if they can base their decision on accurate information about Alix's growth, population base, age ranges etc.
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** – Fun Facts!
 - There are 40 more men than women in Alix
 - There are 8 residents who have lived in Alix more than 50 years. The longest term resident has been here for 90 years!
 - The average length of stay in Alix is 15 years.
 - There are 74 occupied rental spaces in Alix and only one vacant rental space as of May 7th.

- There are 279 owned dwellings that are occupied year around.
- There are 40 dwellings marked as vacant. Our seasonal residents would be included in this number as well as any unoccupied homes.
- Population split by age ranges shown as a percent of the total population:
 - 0-17 20%
 - 18-24 7%
 - 25-44 20%
 - 45-64 28%
 - 65 & over 25%

9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – This information can be very helpful when allocating budget dollars and figuring out what services the community needs. As an example, if 20% of our population is age 17 or under, Council may see the benefit to making play ground rehabilitation a priority.

I recommend Option #2 and the following resolution:

“that the Village of Alix Council hereby directs administration to include census data with 2024 Strategic Planning documents.”



Author

ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: May 7, 2024 RFD 24-25
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: Fire Department Call Outs

1. **PURPOSE** – To request Council consideration of a proposed change to the Village of Alix Personnel Policy.
2. **BACKGROUND** – Council reviewed and amended the Village Personnel Policy in 2022. One of the changes made at that time was to remove the following section:

10.04 **Pay for Volunteer Fire Fighting Duties**

Employees who volunteer on the Alix Fire Department and respond to a call during their regular hours of work from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. shall be paid their regular rate of pay for the time spent on the call out.

3. **OPTIONS** –
 1. To make a resolution to add section 10.4 back into the Personnel Policy
 2. To accept this report as information
4. **DISCUSSION** – At the time the policy was being reviewed, Lacombe County was switching to a Paid On Call Fire Department system. At that time we did not know Members would only be paid through Lacombe County for responding to Fire call outs in the County so staff recommended removing the above noted section. Because of this change, municipal staff who are on the Fire Department are now using vacation time or taking unpaid leave when responding to calls within the Village.

5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – There are financial implications to the employee if the policy is left as is.

Since number of calls within the Village cannot be predicted, financial impact to the Village if the policy is changed back is unknown. It should be noted however that calls within Village limits are typically shorter in duration because of the lack of travel time needed.

6. **LEGAL** – There is no legal requirement to amend the Personnel Policy as noted above.
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** – It can be difficult for a Fire Department to get good member response for daytime calls. This can be for many reasons, including members who work out of town during the day or employers who are not able to allow or support staff leaving work when a call comes in. It is a benefit to residents to have first responders that work in Alix and are willing/able to respond to calls during the work day.
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** – Staff who are on the Fire Department are made aware of the need to check with their immediate supervisor for approval before leaving work to respond to a call. There are times when work activities must take precedence.

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

“that Alix Village Council hereby amends the Village of Alix Personnel Policy by adding the following:

10.04 Pay for Volunteer Fire Fighting Duties

Employees who volunteer on the Alix Fire Department and respond to a fire or Medical First Response call during their regular hours of work from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. shall be paid their regular rate of pay for the time spent on the call out.”

NOTE: Section 10.4 from the old policy was amended in the suggested resolution above to include call outs for Medical First Response.



Author

Red Deer River Municipal User Group Association

May 16th, 2024

Councilor Tim Besuijen

For more information see the RDRMUG web page rdrmug.ca

1. Regular Meeting
 - a. Review of Agenda and minutes (as amended) from previous meeting and adopted.
2.
 - a. Financial Statement
 - i. Review financial statements to April 30th, 2024, currently working on getting GST rebate for some prior years.
 - ii. RDRMUG is financial stable
 - b. 2023 Audit Review
 - i. Review is complete
3. Discussion
 - a. Acadia Valley – Special Areas Tour
 - i. Review of tour from participants, I didn't attend this due to the travel and time commitment
 - ii. The tour was well received, and the presentation was very well done. There is a map attached to show the area that is being looked at for this irrigation project.
 - b. Ardley Dam Study – Update
 - i. Feasibility study, RDRMUG has volunteered to take part in helping with the study and our director has been very involved in this, the main areas to be studied are:
 1. Technical
 2. Social
 3. Environmental
 4. Economic
 - c. Bill 21 discussion focuses on changes to the emergency management act, it will also affect the water act, proposed changes include:
 - i. Would allow for intra_basins transfer without the regular approvals and other processes normally in place.
 - ii. Allow implementation of changes to water allocation to a broad sector, for example, Industry.
4. RDRMUG Strategic Plans
 - a. Discussion on methodology and process to build new strategy plan
 - b. Currently working with 2 3rd parties individual to help with the process
 - c. Sub committee will be set up to work with facilitator to start the process
5. Next meeting will be July 18th, 2024 in Drumheller

Regards,



Tim Besuijen

Dear Local Business or Non-Profit Organization,

This year the Alix Public Library is planning the Canada Day Events for the Village of Alix. We are providing local businesses and non-profit organizations sponsorship opportunities as we are looking to host an event that would exceed our funding capabilities.

We are asking businesses and non-profit organizations to provide a monetary sponsorship of \$700.00. These sponsorships will be used for fees accrued from booking activities such as fireworks, bouncy castles, face painting, balloon twisting and a petting zoo. Any remainder will be put towards goodie bags for the children attending the festivities.

Any amount you are able to donate to our event will be welcomed and greatly appreciated. Please contact the Library Manager-Terry Fehr by May 15, 2024 regarding your decision.

Alix Public Library

403-747-3233

alixpublic@prl.ab.ca

In closing I want to thank you for your past support. It is people like you that make these kinds of events possible for the whole community to enjoy.

Thank You for your consideration

Terry Fehr





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Office of the Minister

MLA, Calgary-Hays

May 24, 2024

Dear Chief Elected Official

As you are aware, I recently introduced Bill 20: the Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 which proposes to modify two key pieces of legislation for Alberta municipalities – the Municipal Government Act (MGA) and the Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA). The proposed legislation will help municipalities accelerate housing development, strengthen provincial oversight, and update the rules for local elections and locally elected officials.

Firstly, I want to recognize the passionate and constructive feedback I have received from the many mayors, reeves, councillors, and school board trustees across the province over the past few weeks. Your involvement and ardent commentary are a testament to your good work as public servants.

I've heard your concerns and at the May 23, 2024, Committee of the Whole, amendments to Bill 20 were tabled to further clarify the intent of this bill and ensure that locally elected municipal governments will continue to govern in response to the priorities and interests of their residents.

Bill 20 will maintain the municipal ability to govern affairs within local jurisdiction while allowing Cabinet to step in when municipal bylaw crosses into provincial jurisdiction. This will ensure that municipal councils remain focused on municipal issues that their constituents elected them to address. Cabinet's authority to intervene in municipal bylaws will be considered as a last resort; I anticipate that this power will be used very rarely, if ever. As you may know, the ability for the provincial government to repeal or amend bylaws, or dismiss councillors is not new, as municipalities receive their authority from the provincial government as laid out in Canada's Constitution and Alberta's MGA. While Bill 20 proposes to update the process for the provincial government to act more quickly in extenuating, urgent circumstances, these are not new powers.

These amendments will provide additional guardrails for when municipal bylaws can be repealed through the Cabinet process, and remove the direct ability for Cabinet to dismiss a councillor. Cabinet would retain the authority to have a vote of the electors on the potential removal of a councillor, putting this choice back into the hands of the voters.

We have also received a number of questions about some of the changes to the LAEA regarding fundraising. Bill 20 will also increase transparency in campaign financing. Under the old rules, the LAEA only regulated Third Party Advertisers (TPAs) who advertised for the promotion or opposition of a candidate during an election, with donations to such entities limited to a maximum of \$30,000 for all individuals, unions, and corporations. The proposed changes require TPAs who are interested in an issue (rather than a specific candidate) to register and report their finances. We are further proposing to restrict contributions to \$5,000, and for

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contributions to only be made by Albertans, Alberta companies, or Alberta unions. We are also proposing to further develop expense limits in the regulations.

Currently, municipal candidates are able to organize into political parties or slates without any rules around their organization. Adding rules around political parties will increase transparency for electors. Bill 20 will provide rules around enabling local candidates to identify with local political parties without direct affiliation to provincial or federal parties. I have publicly stated my intention to implement the option to include municipal political party affiliation on ballots only in the cities of Edmonton and Calgary. I will also note that any that no candidate will be required to join a political party - they will always remain voluntary and local.

I will continue to consider feedback as I bring Bill 20 through the legislative process. Alberta's government remains committed to fairness and due process and will continue working with local authorities to ensure Albertans have the effective local representation they deserve. Should the legislation pass, Municipal Affairs will be engaging with municipalities and stakeholders over the coming months to explain the changes Bill 20 will require at a local level, and develop regulations as required.

Please find enclosed the Bill 20 Fact Sheet, which can be found on the Government of Alberta website. This document offers clarifications on what Bill 20 means for municipalities and how the changes will impact municipal governments. For more information, please visit: www.alberta.ca/strengthening-local-elections-and-councils.

Sincerely,



Ric McIver
Minister

Attachment: Bill 20 – Fact Sheet

Bill 20 – Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (AMENDED)

The proposed *Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, would make changes to two key pieces of municipal-related legislation: the *Local Authorities Elections Act (LAEA)* and the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)*.

- The **LAEA** establishes the framework for the conduct of elections in Alberta municipalities, school divisions, irrigation districts, and Metis Settlements.
- The **MGA** establishes the rules governing the conduct of local elected officials once on council, as well as the overall administration and operation of municipal authorities in Alberta.

On May 23, 2024, amendments were tabled to more clearly outline the authorities to dismiss a councillor and repeal a bylaw.

Changes to local election rules under the LAEA

Proposed changes to the *LAEA* aim to add greater transparency to and trust in local election processes.

Description of Proposed Changes	Current Status
Align candidate eligibility criteria with councillor disqualification criteria in the <i>MGA</i> .	Candidates elected to council may face immediate disqualification due to misalignment with the <i>MGA</i> 's criteria.
Allow municipalities to require criminal record checks for candidates.	No provisions in place.
Allow union and corporate donations to local candidates, with the same donation limits as individual donors (\$5,000 per municipality per year).	Unions and corporations were prohibited from donating to municipal campaigns in the 2021 campaign.
Allow donations outside the local election year and require annual reporting of donations.	Donations outside of the campaign period (January 1 to December 31 in the year of a general election) were restricted to a maximum of \$5,000 per year.
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.	The <i>LAEA</i> only regulates third-party advertising for the promotion or opposition of a candidate during an election. There is no reference to issue-based advertising.
Limit donations to third party advertisers to \$5,000 per election period, which begins May 1 of the election year.	The current donation limit is \$30,000 for all individuals, unions, and corporations.
Enable regulation-making authority to define local political parties. This approach will be piloted in Calgary and Edmonton.	No provisions in place to regulate political parties at the local level.
Repeal the municipal authority to develop a voters list.	Municipalities can prepare a voters list, which must be shared with all candidates.
Require municipalities to use the most current provincial register of electors from Elections Alberta.	A permanent electors register is an internal document that assists with the conduct of an election. Municipalities can choose to develop one or not.
Expand the use of special ballots while strengthening special ballot processes.	Special ballots can only be requested for very specific reasons, including physical disability, absence from the municipality, or for municipal election workers.
Limit vouching to the ability to vouch for someone's address.	An elector can vouch for an individual's age, residence, and identity.
Repeal the ability for a candidate's official agent or scrutineer to object to an elector.	Candidate's official agents or scrutineers can object to an elector; however, the elector can still vote.
Enable regulation-making authority to postpone elections in emergencies.	No provisions in place to enable the Minister to postpone an election in the event of a natural disaster.

Prohibit automated voting equipment, such as electronic tabulators.	The <i>LAEA</i> permits municipalities, by bylaw, to process ballots by automated voting equipment.
Require recounts if requested by a candidate when the margin is within 0.5 percent of total votes.	Returning officers have discretion regarding recounts.
Clarifying rules and streamlining processes for scrutineers.	Concerns have been raised that the rules for scrutineers are not clear.

Strengthening the accountability of local councils under the *MGA*

Proposed changes to the *MGA* will 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.

Description of Proposed Changes	Current Status
Require a councillor's seat to become vacant upon disqualification.	Municipal councils or electors can only remove a disqualified councillor through the courts if they refuse to vacate their seat.
Require mandatory orientation training for councillors.	Training for councillors must be offered, but there is no requirement for the councillor to attend the training.
AMENDED: Allow Cabinet to remove a councillor by ordering a vote of the electors to determine whether the councillor should be removed. An elector vote to remove a councillor is limited to councillors who Cabinet consider to be unwilling, unable, or refusing to do the job for which they were elected, or if Cabinet considers such a vote to be in the public interest by taking into consideration illegal or unethical behaviour by a councillor.	Minister can only remove a sitting councillor through the municipal inspection process and only under very specific circumstances.
Allow elected officials to recuse themselves for real or perceived conflicts of interest.	Elected officials can only recuse themselves for matters in which they have a financial interest.
Make the Minister responsible for validating municipal recall petitions.	A municipality's chief administrative officer is responsible for validating recall petitions.
AMENDED: Enable Cabinet to require a municipality to amend or repeal a bylaw given specific requirements are met that allow Cabinet to intervene (including: the bylaw exceeds the scope of the <i>MGA</i> or otherwise exceeds the authority granted to a municipality under the <i>MGA</i> or any other statute, conflicts with the <i>MGA</i> or any other statute, is contrary to provincial policy, or contravenes the Constitution of Canada.	Cabinet may only intervene with respect to a land use bylaw or statutory plan. No provisions exist.
Give Cabinet authority to direct a municipality to take specific action to protect public health and/or safety.	
Allow the Minister to outline joint use planning agreement criteria and requirements.	All criteria for these agreements are currently in the <i>MGA</i> .
Specify that the assessed person for an electric generation system is the operator.	There is a lack of clarity regarding who should be assessed for electrical generation systems.

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*.

Description of Proposed Changes	Current Status
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.	No requirements in place for digital options. Municipalities can hold extra hearings beyond what's legislated.

Description of Proposed Changes	Current Status
Fully exempt non-profit subsidized affordable housing from property taxation.	No provisions in place.
Enable multi-year residential property tax incentives.	Municipalities may offer multi-year incentives for non-residential development, but not residential development.
Limit the ability of municipalities to require non-statutory studies as requirements for building and development permits.	No provisions in place.

Next steps

Should the legislation pass, supporting regulations would be developed through stakeholder engagement with municipalities and other partners, which is expected to take place in late spring and summer of 2024. If passed, it is anticipated that the majority of the legislation would come into force upon proclamation. Provisions that have property tax implications retain a January 1, 2025, coming into force date.



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*Office of the Minister
MLA, Calgary-Hays*

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May 21, 2024

His Worship Robert Fehr
Mayor
Village of Alix
PO Box 87
Alix AB T0C 0B0

Dear Mayor Fehr:

Further to the information on Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) funding announced on December 15, 2023, I am pleased to provide correspondence for your record confirming the 2024 LGFF Capital and LGFF Operating allocations for your community.

For the Village of Alix:

- The 2024 LGFF Capital allocation is \$242,582.
- The 2024 LGFF Operating allocation is \$36,466.

LGFF Capital is a legislated program aimed at providing local governments with substantial notice of their future infrastructure funding. As indicated on the program website, in 2025, your community will be eligible for \$257,253. Information on 2026 LGFF Capital allocations will be shared with local governments this fall, after growth in provincial revenues between 2022/23 and 2023/24 has been confirmed and applied to calculate 2026 program funding. LGFF Capital amounts will be published annually on the program website each fall.

Further information on LGFF funding for all local governments is available on the LGFF website at www.alberta.ca/LGFF.

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The LGFF program represents the culmination of significant work between the Government of Alberta and local governments across the province, and I am pleased the program will further our partnership in building Alberta communities together. I look forward to working with your community, and every local government across Alberta, as we continue to build strong and prosperous communities together.

Sincerely,

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

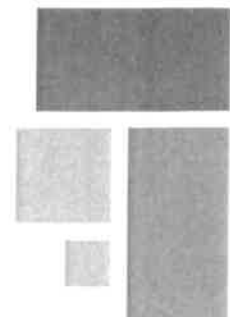
Ric McIver
Minister

cc: Michelle White, Chief Administrative Officer, Village of Alix

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**Alix Stats (First Quarter)
2024-01-01 to 2024-04-30
88 Occurrences**

- **4 – 911 Hang Occurrences**
- **3 – Abandoned Motor Vehicles**
- **1 – Animal Call**
- **1 – Assault (Victim did not want further action)**
- **1 – Assault w/ weapon (Victim did not want further action)**
- **2 – Assistance to Federal Agency (Parole and another RCMP Detachment)**
- **2 – Assistance to Provincial Agency (EMS)**
- **2 – Unlawfully in a Dwelling**
- **6 – Breach of Peace**
- **4 – Break and Enter**
- **2 – Child Welfare Checks**
- **1 – Sudden Death**
- **1 – Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle**
- **1 – Recklessly Discharge Firearm (Stop Sign)**
- **3 – Fail to Comply with Court Order**
- **1 – Cause a Disturbance**
- **1 – Careless Driving**
- **2 – Firearms Act Offences**
- **2 – Fraud less than \$5000**
- **1 – Harassing Communications**
- **1 – Lost and Found Items**
- **3 – Mental Health Act**
- **2 – Mischief (Damage to property)**
- **3 – Bylaws**
- **1 – Off-road Vehicle Collision – non-fatal**
- **1 – Impaired Operation**
- **8 – Provincial Violations**
- **2 – Missing Person's**
- **2 – Possession of Property obtained by Crime – over \$5000**
- **1 – Roadside Suspension**
- **2 – Theft of Truck**
- **2 – Tobacco Act**
- **9 – Traffic Collisions**
- **1 – Trespass at Night**
- **1 – Uttering Threats**
- **2 – Wellbeing Checks**



May 13, 2024

Honourable Danielle Smith, ECA
Premier and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations
307 Legislature Building
10800 97 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6

Dear Premier Smith:

Thank you for attending and speaking at Alberta Municipalities' Spring 2024 Municipal Leaders' Caucus in Edmonton on March 15, 2024. We sincerely appreciated you were willing to take questions from audience members and even extend your time to converse on matters that are important to municipal leaders.

During your address to the audience, you stated that the Government of Alberta will provide \$3.6 billion in capital funding support to municipal governments in 2024 consisting of:

- \$2.23 billion in municipal infrastructure support,
- \$577 million in capital maintenance and support,
- \$708 million in roads and bridges, and
- \$95 million in additional projects.

During that same speech you promoted that this funding support represents \$900 million more in funding than what the Government of Alberta will requisition from municipalities in 2024 through provincial property taxes.

Following the event, several of our members contacted our association seeking clarity on the figures. Based on our findings, we wanted to bring to your attention that only 48 per cent of that \$3.6 billion expenditure represents provincial funding for municipal governments. In the enclosure to this letter, we breakdown the numbers which involves:

Provincial Funding for Municipalities	(\$ millions)
Provincial funding programs for municipalities (\$722 million in Local Government Fiscal Framework Capital funding and \$188 million through competitive application programs).	910
Provincial funding for one-off municipal projects (not part of a formal funding program).	819
	\$1,729
Federal Funding for Municipalities & Provincial Expense on Provincial Infrastructure	
Funding from the Government of Canada that flows through the Government of Alberta to municipalities.	764
Provincial expenditures on provincially-owned highways and bridges, which are unrelated to the scope of municipal government operations.	1,116
	\$1,880
Total Quoted Expenditure	\$3,609

With \$1.88 billion of the \$3.61 billion consisting of a combination of federal funding for municipalities and provincial spending on provincial infrastructure, this means that only \$1.73 billion is the total provincial capital funding contribution to municipal governments in 2024. This highlights how total capital funding from the province is actually \$1 billion less than the \$2.7 billion that the Government of Alberta will requisition from municipalities this year. This demonstrates another reason that the starting amount of the Local Government Fiscal Framework Capital funding should have been set at \$1.7 billion instead of \$722 million.

Review of the Provincial Property Tax System

We share this information to bring clarity to the clear inequity between funding to municipalities and provincial property taxes that are requisitioned from municipalities. This is why we applaud that your mandate letter to the Honourable Ric Mclver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, includes the initiative to review how the provincial property tax system can be changed to enable municipalities to retain more funding.

We optimistically wait for the result of that review to be shared and look forward to receiving an update on the expected timing.

If you wish to set up a meeting to discuss this or any other matter related to municipalities, I invite you to contact me by email at president@abmunis.ca or on my cell phone at (780) 312-0660.

Sincerely,



Tyler Gandam
President, Alberta Municipalities

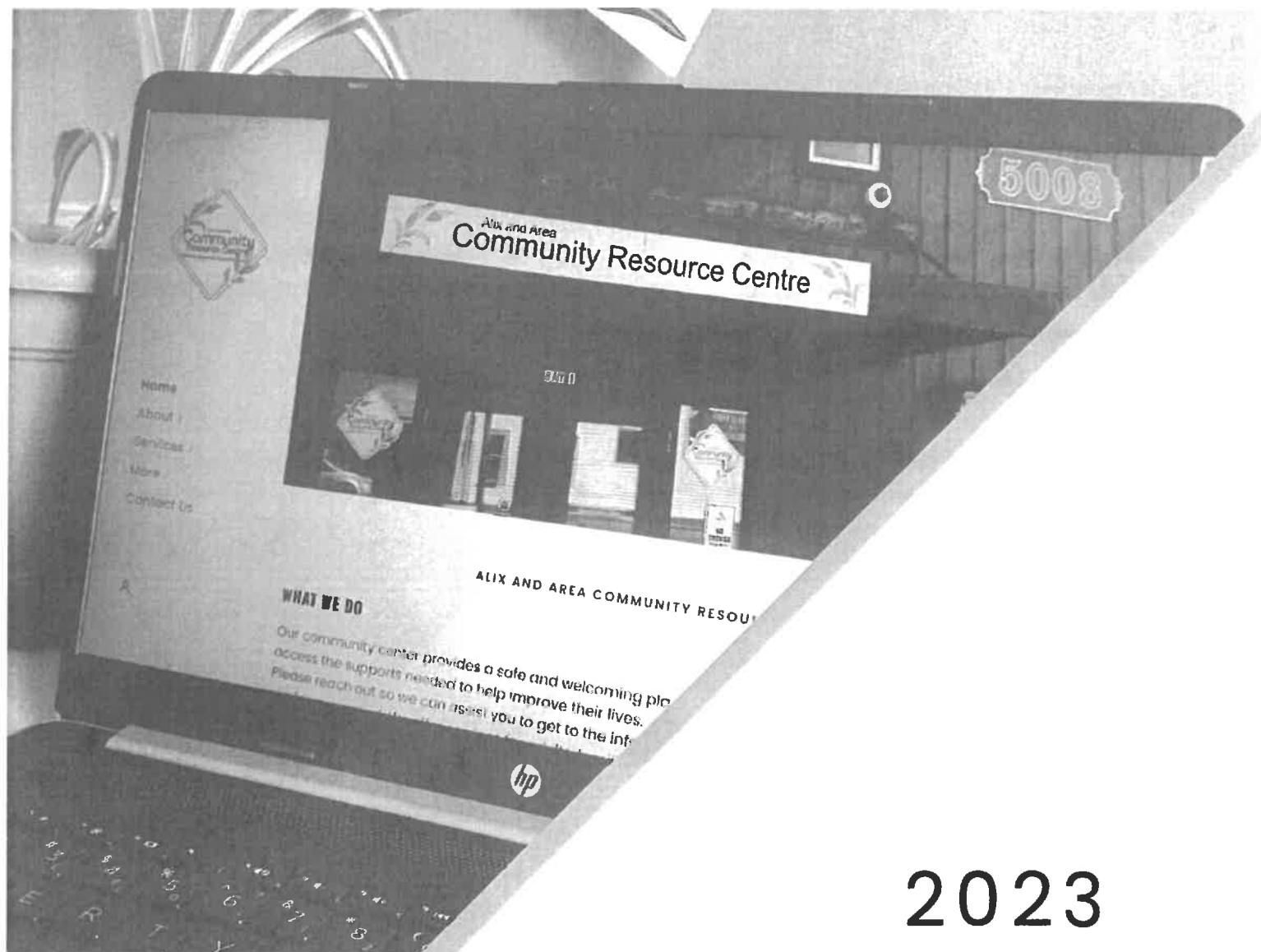
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Honourable Ric Mclver, Minister of Municipal Affairs
Paul McLaughlin, President, Rural Municipalities of Alberta

Enclosure

ABmunis' Breakdown of Premier Smith's Quoted \$3.6 Billion in Funding for Municipalities

(\$ millions)	2024 Budget	% of Total
Provincial Programs for Municipal Infrastructure		
Local Government Fiscal Framework Capital	\$722	20.0%
Municipal Water and Wastewater Partnership	66	1.8%
Water for Life	50	1.4%
Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program	44	1.2%
Local Growth and Sustainability Grant	20	0.6%
First Nations Water Tie-In	8	0.2%
	\$910	25.2%
One-Off Provincial Funding for Municipal Infrastructure (Not part of a formal funding program)		
Provincial portion of Edmonton and Calgary LRT ¹	425	11.8%
Calgary Deerfoot Trail upgrades	156	4.3%
Calgary River District and Event Centre	88	2.4%
Edmonton Terwilligar expansion	50	1.4%
Edmonton Yellowhead Trail	50	1.4%
Edmonton 50 th Street	8	0.2%
YYC Rail Connection	2	0.1%
Projects Outside Calgary and Edmonton		
Red Deer Regional Airport Expansion	20	0.6%
Capital Region Wastewater Treatment	10	0.3%
Fox Lake Access Improvement	6	0.2%
Designated Industrial Zone Pilot Project	4	0.1%
	\$819	22.7%
Federal Funding for Municipal Infrastructure that Flows Through the Government of Alberta		
Federal portion of Edmonton and Calgary LRT ¹	425	11.8%
Canada Community Building Fund	265	7.4%
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program	73	2.0%
Clean Water and Wastewater Fund	1	0.0%
	\$764	21.2%
Provincial Investments in Provincial Highways and Bridges		
Highway rehabilitation projects	352	9.7%
Highway twinning, widening, expansion	151	4.2%
Bridge construction projects	121	3.4%
Edmonton/Calgary Ring Roads	73	2.0%
Highway 3 twinning (Taber to Burdett)	65	1.8%
Major maintenance	45	1.2%
P3 Ring Road Maintenance	39	1.1%
Multiple engineering projects	29	0.8%
Highway twinning south of Grande Prairie	24	0.7%
Slide repairs	21	0.6%
Highway 16A and RR20 intersection	20	0.6%
Highway 11 twinning (Red Deer to Rocky Mountain House)	17	0.5%
Highway 40 grade widening (Grande Cache to Hinton)	15	0.4%
Highway 201 Bow River Bridge on SE Stony Trail	14	0.4%
Other projects	131	3.6%
	\$1,116	30.9%
Total	\$3,609	100.0%

¹ \$425 million is an estimate based on news releases indicating that funding from the Government of Canada and Government of Alberta were about evenly split for each Calgary and Edmonton LRT project.



2023

ALIX MIRROR WELLNESS SUPPORTS SOCIETY Annual Report

MISSION STATEMENT



Our goal is to help
to improve the health,
quality of life and
well-being for all by
making connections
to people, support
and resources.

-Alix Mirror Wellness
Supports Society

**The Board of Directors present the
Annual Report of the Society
together with the Statements of Accounts
for the Financial Year ending December 31, 2023.**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Melody McBride	Chair
Mandi Peterson	Vice Chair
Trish Verveda	Treasurer
Vanessa Massey	Director
Rozanna Steenbergen	Director

EMPLOYEES

The Board of Directors appreciates and acknowledges the unstinting efforts put in by all employees of the Alix and Area Community Resource Centre. They continually achieve by increasing productivity levels, responding to programming needs and maintaining a cordial work atmosphere. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS

The Board of Directors acknowledges and appreciates the unending commitment and contributions made by the Society volunteers.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR 2023



Over the years, it has been established that there is a need in our community for the programs which Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society operates and administers. This need for programs continues to grow! Whether it be Meals on Wheels, Home Support, Wise Owls, Navigation, or Info and Referral, everything has seen a large uptake by the community residents. To see the needs identified and met in our community makes me proud to be part of this organization.

As the Chair of Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society, I rely heavily on so many of the staff, volunteers and the Board of Directors to help run and administer the programs efficiently. We truly have an awesome group of people that continually show their dedication to the community, the Resource Centre and all of the programs and I truly do appreciate them all.


Continuing collaboration with external organizations and fostering partnerships is proving to be a huge part of the day to day operations. The partnerships and collaborations with regional and local organizations are still an integral component to meeting the needs of the community. Without maintaining existing partnerships, and seeking out new partnerships through exploration and collaboration, the Alix and Area Community Resource Centre would not see the success that it has so far.

With hard work, dedicated people and a love for our community, we have been able to provide our rural community with the access and support to the same level of services as those in urban areas. We are testament that working together helps build a stronger community for everyone to thrive.

Thank you to all of you!

Melody McBride,
Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society Board Chair

MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 2023



Partnerships grew, services expanded and programs continued in 2023. It was a busy year with programs evolving to better meet the needs of the community and surrounding area, creation of new programs to fill the gaps in service and maintain existing partnerships and fostering new ones regionally and locally. Formal and informal evaluations of everything the Resource Centre has to offer is an important piece of hearing the needs of the community and working towards providing what is needed. It is truly an ongoing adventure that every day is a new day with a new idea.

The Community Connections Activity Centre was bustling with after school programming which saw Milkshake Mondays being added to the fall and a new monthly calendar laying out the activities for the month. Seniors cooking was once again popular as well as BINGO and our Thursday Senior Fun. The Summer Program was again well utilized by the families in the community with lots of exciting things for the children and youth to do during the summer. Special events, outside rentals and weekly Moms and Tots and Cub Crew kept the space well utilized throughout the year.

The food bank saw an increase in clients in later part of the year but also welcomed a generous donation of weekly fresh vegetables from the Pik n Pak that relies heavily on the coordination of volunteers to get them here. The partnership with the Alberta Food Bank Association has had a huge impact on the ever growing needs when it comes to food security.

I'd like to thank our valuable staff for their tireless contributions this year. They are a remarkable group of people! Their dedication, passion and commitment to our community and vision does not go unnoticed and for that I am truly grateful.

Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society Board of Directors once again were remarkable with their support of the staff and the day to day operations of the Resource Centre. The commitment, wisdom, guidance, and trusted leadership they had to offer fostered growth and integrity in our work.

Our volunteers are integral to what we accomplish in programs and fundraising and we are forever grateful for their time that they give us. They truly are the unsung heroes. 2024 will be another wonderful adventure I'm sure. I look forward to embarking on that journey with the community. It is always a great adventure when a person can work in the community, for the community.

Jill Hillman,

AGENDA

Welcome and Call to Order

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Approval of 2023 Annual General Meeting Minutes
3. Message from the Chair
4. Election of Directors
5. Introduction of 2024 Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society Board
6. Program Report
 - a. 2023 Year in Review
7. Financial Report
 - a. Adoption of 2023 Financial Statements

Adjournment



Annual General Meeting 2023

May 25, 2023 @ 7:30PM at Alix and Area Community Resource Centre

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Melody McBride, Mandi Peterson, Vanessa Massey, Trish Verveda, Latisha Niehaus, John Ireland and Rob Fehr

Regrets: *Jill Hillman and Rozanna Steenbergen*

Welcome and Call to Order - Melody McBride called the meeting to order at 7:34PM.

1) Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda made by Vanessa Massey.

CARRIED

2) Approval of 2022 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Motion to adopt the 2022 Annual General Minutes made by Mandi Peterson.

CARRIED

3) Message from the Chair

Melody McBride reported on highlights from 2022. This is the first year on our own as a sole entity; BDSS remains helpful and continues to mentor. Programs had an overall positive feedback; a focus on how to continue supporting Mirror and greater presence in the community

4) Program Report

a) 2022 Year in Review

This year the Family Wellness and Food Bank (Alix vs County) sections were added along with attendance for many new programs. This is significant considering COVID regulations were just beginning to lift. The attendance for the newest programs like Internet Café and Grief Support is lower as it was first introduced in the Fall. More focus on promoting in other communities and the surrounding area may help as they are both in demand. Moving forward showing the youth mental health statistics would be useful, as this is also in very utilized with a waitlist for appointments. Family Wellness has gained more recognition and positive feedback. Wise Owls is another new service that is greatly in demand. Promotions directed more towards family as a piece of mind service, would be beneficial. With an aging population there is absolutely a need for this.

New RCMP commander and presence has been noticed within the community as a supporter of programs serving the community. A strong relationship has been grown with McMan and their programs have gained popularity. Overall most offerings are well attended. Moving forward showing the engagement for Mirror vs Lacombe County and Alix would be beneficial. It is fortunate to have the Centre in community, it will be important to keep showing the work being done to stakeholders and funders. Relief funds from COVID has ended, gaining other areas of funding is key.

5) Financial Report

a) Adoption of 2022 Financial Statements

Trish Verveda presented the financial statements, providing detail. In the future once charitable status is acquired, more funding opportunities will be available.

Motion to adopt the 2022 Financial Statements as presented made by Trish Verveda and seconded

CARRIED

6) Election of Directors

Melody McBride presented the slate of directors. Executive stands for another 1-year term.

Motion to approve the Slate of Directors as presented made by Vanessa Massey and seconded by Mandi Peterson.

CARRIED

7) Introduction of 2023 AMWSS Board

Melody McBride, Mandi Peterson, Trish Verveda, Rozanna Steenbergen and Vanessa Massey.

8) Adjournment

Melody McBride adjourned the meeting at 8:11PM.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Mandi Peterson.

CARRIED



Recorded by Latisha Niehaus



Approved by Melody McBride, Board Chair



connections & supports
well-being



It's hard to believe just 4 years ago... On a cool November morning in 2019, dedicated community members had heard about and attended a Bashaw Regional Wellness Initiative Team meeting at the B.D.S.S. office, in Bashaw. There sparked a fire in them and the collaboration and partnership with the Bashaw Regional Wellness Team was ignited. This included the desire to provide their rural community with the same level of support and services offered in urban centers. Their vision and dream quickly evolved and the Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society was formed. The members committed their time and dedication to collaborate with local, regional and provincial agencies to form valuable partnerships that would bring their dream closer to reality. At a local level the Alix Community Wellness Team was established and included: Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society, Bashaw & District Support Services, Bashaw RCMP, Alix MAC School, Alix Drugs I.D.A. and Bashaw Adult Learning. Soon following, a location was selected and with countless volunteers hours, the Alix and Area Community Resource Centre came to life.

In September 2020, the doors to the centre opened, welcoming the community. Coordination of volunteers, staffing and programs were in place and put into motion. Quickly, it was realized that more office space and room for programming was needed and the decision to move ahead with the second phase of renovations was made. The construction of three additional private offices, storage, a meeting room and a recreation area were completed by March 2021.



our vision

CONCERNS SUCH AS ENABLING SENIORS TO AGE IN PLACE; IMPROVING MENTAL HEALTH AND ALLEVIATING STRESS; ADOPTING HEALTHY HABITS AND REACHING PERSONAL GOALS; BUILDING PARENTING SKILLS SO FAMILIES CAN THRIVE; ELIMINATING BARRIERS TO ACCESS SUPPORTS AND REDUCING CRIME ARE ALL WITHIN SCOPE.

...In June 2021, the leased space at Bay 1 expanded to include Bay 2 of Railway House. This addition provided

many opportunities to offer a wider array of community programs to all ages. The vision of this space is to provide a common area for the community to connect, events to be held and a space that can be utilized by outside users. The space has since been updated and renamed, the Community Connections Activity Centre. Since opening, it has hosted numerous community events and programming for children & youth, families, seniors and adults, as well it has been rented for private use.

The Alix and Area Community Resource Centre has been widely acknowledged and accepted by the community and its services, supports and programs are being accessed and utilized on a daily basis. Through tracking, statistics have been developed to enable us to constantly review, adjust and evolve our services and programs to meet the needs of the community and promote well-being. Our story continues to evolve and grow to meet the needs of our community and surrounding area. As always striving to fill the gaps and shifting as needed.

ALIX AND AREA COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

2023

by Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society

Information & Referral

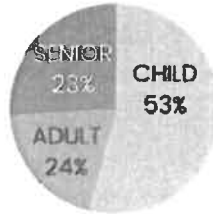
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Lacombe County: 18%
Other: 4%

11,131

ENGAGEMENTS

Forms & Technology Support: 2%
Program Assistance: 51%
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Client Care: 27%
Other: 7%
Food Bank: 8%

12,484
of Needs Served



Wise Owls

5

CLIENTS

Home Support

8

CLIENTS

Meals on Wheels

731

MEALS DELIVERED

13 Clients
7 Volunteers



FOOD BANK

Children: 91
Adults: 142
Seniors: 138

190

FOOD HAMPERS

External Partnerships

Private

Partner

Long-Term

17

9

5

FACILITY USE

27

PROGRAM PARTNERS

Partner Highlights

Lacombe FRN- Family Facilitation: 58 families
Youth Counselling: 26 clients

Seasonal

OF PARTICIPANTS

JOY OF GIVING (58 RECEIVED/37 GAVE)	95
INCOME TAX ASS.	40
FILL A FRIDGE	49
ANGEL TREE	52
SANTA'S AN.	15



Programs & Events

OF PARTICIPANTS

ADULT/ SENIOR

Internet Café- 10, Senior Fun- 272,
Standard 1st Aid 9, Cooking Connections- 26,
Paint Night Fundraiser- 11, Suspension Program- 3,
Alix Chamber of Commerce Meeting- 34, Seniors Week- 26,
Online Auction: Bidding- 138, Online Auction: Donation- 160,
Giving Campaign- 10, 50/50 Raffle- 67

FAMILY/ COMMUNITY

Grief Support- 5, Indoor Centerpieces- 8, Who Tree- 6,
Connecting Clans- 103, Pop-up Art in the Park- 3, Wellness Fair- 83,
Electric Sliders Performance- 29, Community Public Skate- 78,
Community Bingo- 31, Pop-up Market- 143,
Winter Wishes: Gift- 34, Winter Wishes: Top-up-18,
Community Gardens- 4, Volunteer Come & Go- 46,
Touch a Truck- 283, Rock Ninja- 65, Veggie Pick-up- 732

CHILD & YOUTH

Alix After-School- 1,157, Zumbini- 58,
ASQ- 3, Youth Mental Health Course- 24,
Child @ Youth Safety Week- 28,
Cub Crew- 147, Summer Day Camp- 399,
Ignite- 4, Art Attack- 60,
Adventure Daze- 76, March Madness- 13,
Rainbows- 36, Swimming Lessons- 32,
Youth Outings- 20, Extended Learning- 1,804

Volunteers



1,106 HOURS
DONATED

Resource Navigation

Mental Health
& Addiction: 2%

Food Bank: 2%

Form Support: 92%

Housing: 1%

Emergency,
Medical & Other: 3%



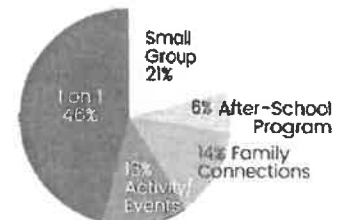
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Family Wellness

315
PARTICIPANTS

Elementary: 38%
Junior: 20%
Senior: 19%
Family: 23%



4,183 ENGAGEMENTS

As a rural model for serving locally, wrap-around services help to reduce barriers and promote personal health and community well-being. Collaborative partnerships with individuals, agencies and organizations both inside and outside the community form the pillars of this work.

Services are offered in a region comprising of Alix, Bashaw, Buffalo Lake Estates, Donalds, Doreenlee, Edberg, Ferintosh, Meeting Creek, Mirror, Pelican Point and Tees. Bashaw is a natural hub in the geographic area and the Village of Alix is the second largest center. These communities are a part of a broad vision to bring responsive and accessible programs and services to a rural population.

Information, Supports & Referral:
16,771 Needs Addressed

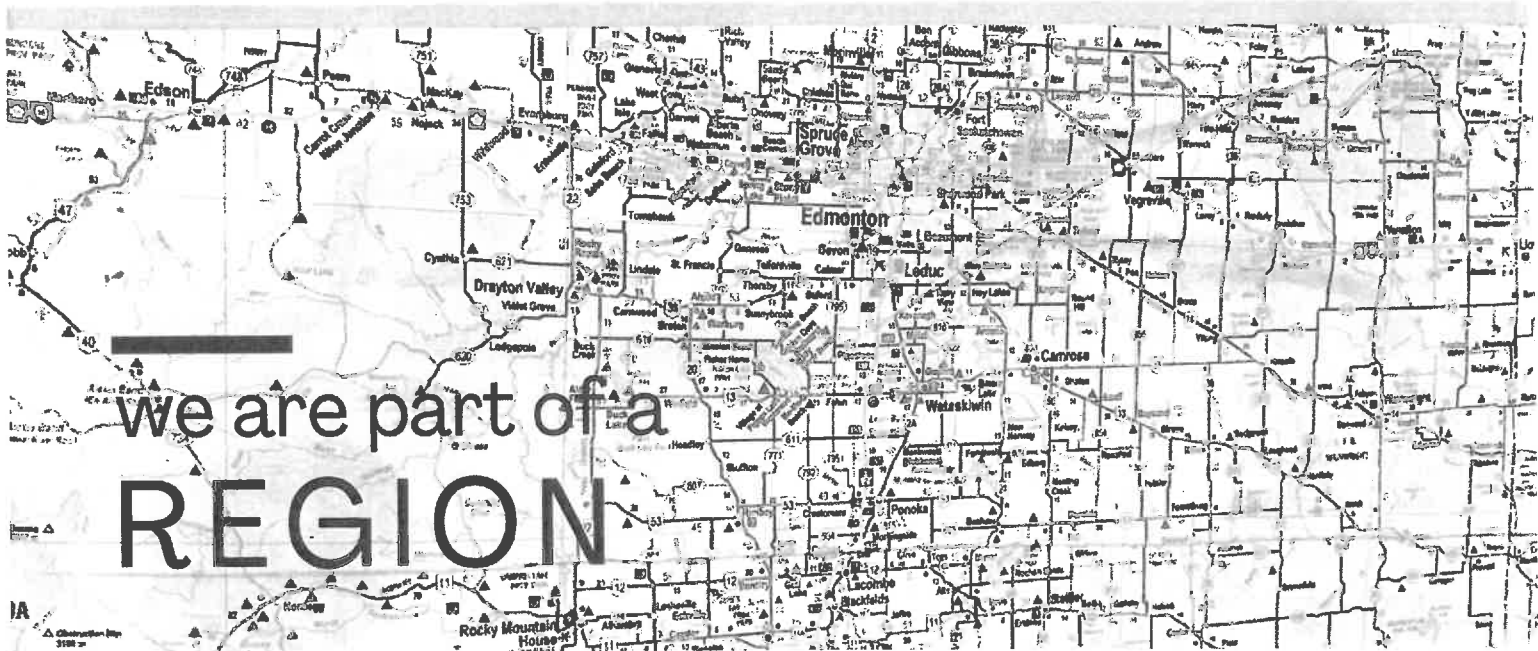
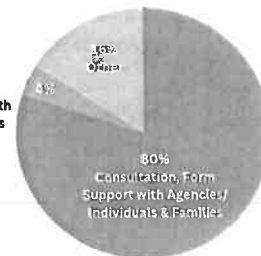
Food Bank:
529 Hampers
545 Adults
287 Children
271 Seniors

Christmas Hampers/ Fill a Fridge
94 Households

Resource Navigation:
193 Participants



Mental Health & Addictions



Regional Wellness Initiative

Bashaw Wellness Team

B.D.S.S., Bashaw Adult Learning, Bashaw Pharmasave, Bashaw RCMP, Bashaw School, Bashaw United Church

Alix Wellness Team

Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society, Alix Drugs I.D.A., Alix MAC School, B.D.S.S., Bashaw Adult Learning, Bashaw RCMP

B.D.S.S.

Bashaw Adult Learning

Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society

Christine Buelow
Executive Director

Jackey Northey
Executive Director

Jill Hillman
Executive Director

Mentorship & Client Care
Jackey Northey

Administrator Financial
Christine Buelow

Literacy Coordinator
Karen Brooks

Foundational Learning
Carrie Domstad
Natasga Larkin

Marketing
Latisha Niehaus

Navigation
Carrie Domstad
Natasga Larkin
Lee Ann Copland

Extended Learning
Cecilia Banks

Summer Programs/Events
Georgia Wray
Jenna Sand
Kennedy Hunter

Bashaw Youth Centre
Alyssa Bergstrom
Jason Clark
Joseph Seale
Taegen Domstad
Jared Berry
Natasga Larkin

Bashaw Early Learning
Marel Albers
Early Childhood Manager

Regional Nutrition
Amanda Lyle

Info & Referral
Sheila Seale
Natasga Larkin

Operations
Sarah Unsworth

Family Wellness
Lori Miller

Home Support
Lana Gilmore,
Rebecca Jacobson,
Andrea Hildebrandt

Healthy Aging
Debbie Zembal

Bashaw & District Preschool
Sheila Seale

Generations Daycare
Terri Mighty Smith, Taylor Hiron,
Jessi Wilton, Janelle Simmers,
Amber Kollman, Brittany Lalonde

Operations
Sarah Unsworth

Program Facilitator
Brady Gwynup
Rhiannon Zimmer

Info & Referral
Heather Meston

Family Wellness
Dan Geddert
Jason Clark

Wise Owls/
Home Support
Sarah Mansell

Program Assistant
Mallory Henry



The Wellness Navigation program provides support that is kind, empathetic, consistent and is a revolving door for anyone accessing the centre. Navigation services are available two days a week. We work towards bridging gaps in various areas throughout the community and not duplicating services. The primary responsibility of the Wellness Navigator is to manage the intake process for individuals seeking the support services offered. The program is ever expanding, as the demand continues to grow, through ongoing training as well as getting to know our partners, community members and the needs of the surrounding area.

The impact of the program has compounded and been easy to recognize the positive outcomes for individuals and families supported, as well throughout the community as a whole. It has provided statistics which supports the growing needs for this program and has been proven and supported through ongoing success stories. The growing number of community members accessing support has steadily increased throughout 2023.

Our external partners have become stronger through mutual referrals, case conferencing and collaboration of the Alix Community Wellness Team. Key partnerships include Bashaw RCMP, Camrose Mental Health, Healthy Families, Alix MAC School, Alix Drugs I.D.A. and the Family Wellness Program.

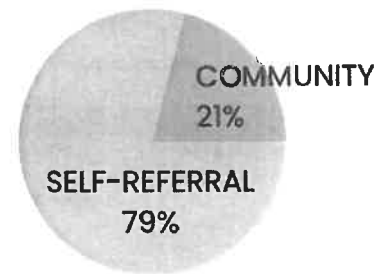
This program is well established and committed to continuing to provide services, referrals and supports as needed. Much gratitude is extended to the ongoing training, support and relationships with the internal and external partners who have made and will continue to make the program successful. The Navigators are always growing and learning of new resources and finding ways to support the program.

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Wellness Navigation



Food Bank: 2%	Mental Health & Addiction: 2%
Housing: 1%	Emergency, Medical & Other: 3%
Form Support: 92%	

Participant Comments:

Fantastic, would be lost without Navigation. -J.K.

Very helpful in form support. -A.S.

My experience has been awesome, the people here are always welcoming. - Anonymous

Referrals have been easy to submit, quickly responded to and the centre is working hand in hand with the parents to support both them and their children... Thank you so much I really appreciate the community partnership. - Community Partner

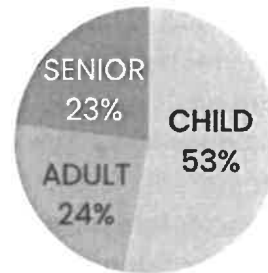
Information and referral provides the opportunity for any individual or family who walks through the doors of the Alix and Area Community Resource Centre to be greeted by front desk staff with a welcoming and friendly smile. They are offered information for any need or concern they may encounter. This service is available to everyone and provides a channel to connect the community to local resources or external agencies to help meet their needs.

Statistics have indicated and proved a high need for support services in the areas of mental health, social supports, transportation, program supports and family supports. Much of this service is accessed on a walk-in basis. Assistance in finding and assessing resources or general information is available to every community member who visits us or connects via phone, by email or through social media.

Information and referral is where the first impression is made and the onset of trust, security and a relationship is established. These engagements are the cornerstone of building a long lasting relationship with clients and establishing a safe place for them to return with any future needs.

11,131

ENGAGEMENTS



Information & Referral

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Participant Comments:

Very welcoming environment, great programs. -Senior Participant

I enjoy the variety of fun activities as well as the way the staff interact with me and make me feel welcome. -Youth Participant

Great place for family support and activities for the kids. -D.B.

Everything about community support and assistance. Fabulous staff. -C.T.



How We Connect-

The website (www.alixcrc.com), Facebook (@AlixandAreaCommunityResourceCentre), monthly program calendars, quarterly newsletter (Alix Briefs), highlight columns found in newspapers and posters all serve the community as a go to sources for locals to stay connected. These communication tools promote all of the services available at the centre, feature external supports, other partner organizations and share current information for important resources available in our region and remotely.

Community Resources-

This service includes all steps involved to provide client care such as assistance with booking appointments, referral to partner organizations, filling out forms, photocopying, printing, faxing, access to technology services and providing information for any supports or local information as needed.

Community Capacity Building-

The board and staff are committed to community building, actively participating in meetings/conversations to build resources, programs and gain feedback from citizens.

Board Support-

The staff assist the Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society by providing marketing and administrative activities for all board meetings, training opportunities and any events.

2023 Engagements:

Throughout 2023, our services were engaged 11,131 times (see Information & Referral for statistic details).



FAMILY WELLNESS

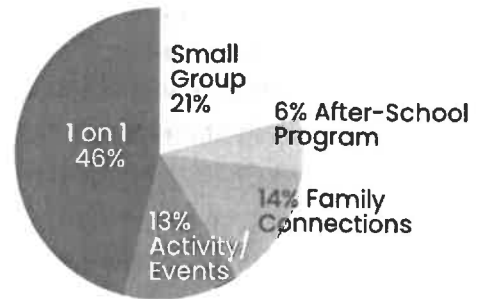
The Family Wellness position exists to compliment traditional social support systems for students and their families. The Alix and Area Community Resource Centre provides this program and collaborates with staff at the Alix MAC School and Wolf Creek Public to better serve the students and families and meet individual needs based on shared outcomes for overall success.

The position of Family Wellness Worker proactively serves those in need at the Alix MAC School and within the community and surrounding. This role is constantly evolving and adapting to ensure that supports are in place where needed. This involves assisting students academically and socially within the community and also connecting in the home setting. Programs are in place and being utilized to support students in various areas such as social skills, confidence building, life skills and coping skills. In collaboration with the Alix Community Wellness Team, we are ensuring the students in our community have the tools they need to achieve success. Input from staff, students, parents and partners are utilized to adapt and conform the Family Wellness Program to best meet needs.

The Family Wellness program offers support through one on one interactions, small group activities, school wide activities and community engagements. Support is also given to those students who might otherwise not continue to attend school without it.

Students, staff, parents or community members can reach out to the Family Wellness program to access support, referrals to the Resource Navigation Program or external resources depending on the request. This program has been well received within the community and has helped assist individuals and families with the valuable connections needed.

315 PARTICIPANTS



4,183 Engagements

Elementary: 38% Junior: 20%
Senior: 19% Family: 23%

Participant Comments:

My kids have been apart of the Family Wellness Program for several months. There is nothing better than knowing they have a safe place that encourages the children to be their authentic selves and meeting them where they are at. This program has been such a wonderful addition to my kids' lives and the highlight of their week is sharing the time they spend with Jason. I wish more people knew about this program, because every child in the world could use it. It takes a village and I am happy to say this program is part of ours. -K.N.

Jason has filled the role as another trusted adult in our building. He makes connections with kids by spending valuable time with them to make them feel welcome. He is always there to listen and has been a wonderful addition to Alix MAC School. We are thankful for the support that he provides for our students. -A. P.

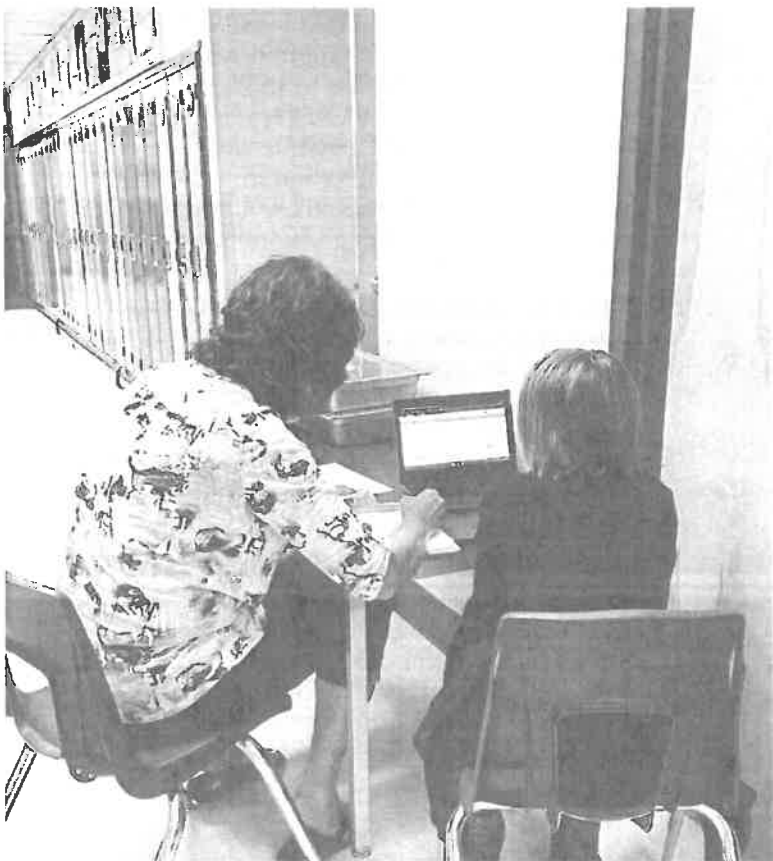
Jason's presence at our school has been a blessing for students who need extra attention and support. His genuine care and willingness to listen have fostered a sense of trust and comfort among our students. I appreciate Jason's dedication and the warmth he brings to our school. -L.W.

EXTENDED LEARNING

The Extended Learning Program was again offered to the students of Alix, Bashaw and the surrounding areas. This position works tirelessly in the schools of Alix and Bashaw to support students with connecting material and learning strategies.

Help includes speech therapy, assignment completion, literacy, study skills, one-on-one assistance and small group work. Teachers utilized regular assistance in classrooms, primarily in Grades K-6. This year, participation in the Alix After-school drop-in program, gave additional opportunity to connect with students outside of the school setting.

1,804
ENGAGEMENTS



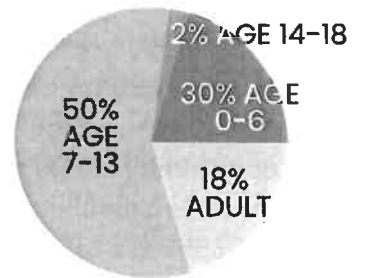
Participant Comments:

Connie has been a very helpful tutor for our elementary students as she has not only helped students who are building skills she helps students refine their skills. Connie is kind and compassionate and makes connections with staff and students. We are very happy that the support is there for us and we are very grateful for her contributions. -A.P.

Connie's weekly visits to my classroom to provide support with their schoolwork have been invaluable. Her dedication and personalized attention ensure each student gets the help they need to succeed. I am grateful for Connie's commitment and the positive impact she's made. -L.W.

FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK

Collaboration with the Lacombe and Area Family Resource Network is an integral service for local families. Programs include Connecting Clans, Cub Crew, Rainbows, Alix After-school, and connection to supports, referrals and home visitation.



Family Facilitation:
58 families

Participant Comments:

...We have been given somewhere the girls can learn new things and make friends. I've learned how to thrive through my struggles. I love having access to Rainbows, Cub Crew, as well the in-home support. I love seeing the parent support, as well as for our kids through all ages/stages of life.

WISE OWLS (AND HOME SUPPORT)

The Wise Owls (and Home Support) programs provide individuals in the community access to support within their home. Home Support is phasing out to our newly developed Wise Owls program; Home Support is limited to light housekeeping, lawn care and snow removal. Wise Owls services include friendly visiting, menu planning & preparation, pet care, transportation, errand & social assistance, support liaison and home support. The majority of clients are seniors but can also be those who have health and mobility issues or require some extra support. This program enables the client to have someone caring spend a few hours with them in their home on a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly basis allowing them to stay in their own home independently. All services are available within any package, custom to suit each individual client's needs. This service is a vital component in enabling the seniors in our community the ability to age in place.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The Meals on Wheels program provides clients with a warm meal delivered to their door three times a week. Clients are most often seniors but also include those that have suffered an accident, illness or are unable to care for themselves for a period of time. It is an essential service that requires the coordination of volunteers to deliver meals. Our group of dedicated volunteers are the driving force of this service. As an important component to the program we always welcome new volunteers.

A local partnership with Sally's Kitchen provides a monthly menu for the clients to choose from, provided by print and digitally. This gives the flexibility to choose and order meals weekly or monthly. Clients are appreciative of this service and have expressed positive feedback on the portion, variety and quality of the meals received.

Home Support



CLIENTS

Wise Owls



CLIENTS



Meals on Wheels



MEALS DELIVERED

13 Clients
7 Volunteers



Participant Comments:

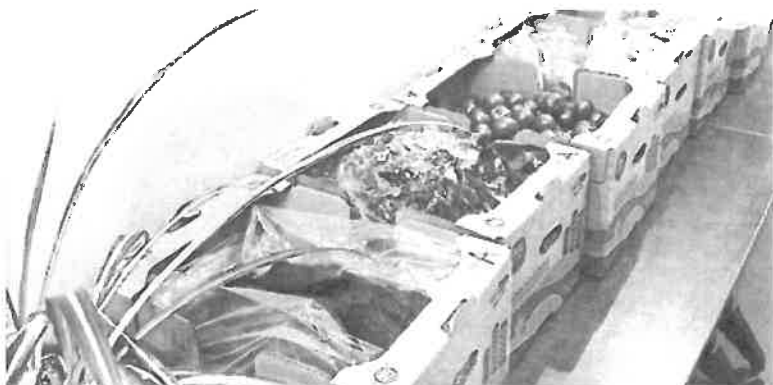
Our family is grateful for the exceptional services provided to our father, the centre went above and beyond to ensure he had personal care and support. The team was kind and compassionate...
-MOW Client Family

ALIX FOOD BANK

The Alix Food Bank is located at the Alix and Area Community Resource Centre and provides one hamper per month, per household, for anyone who needs to utilize this primary service. The Alix Food Bank benefits as a member of the Alberta Food Banks Association and has established connections with Bashaw Meats and Alix Foods. Much gratitude to continuous support from community food drives and donations.

VEGGIE PICK-UP

During April, 2023, a new partnership began—a weekly veggie delivery, courtesy of **Pik-N-Pak Produce Ltd.** This gift to our community is delivered by volunteers, generally available on Tuesday mornings. One bag per household, is limited so that as many individuals can benefit from this program, and we have been grateful to offer it. From April to December, this service was accessed 732 times (13% food bank clients).



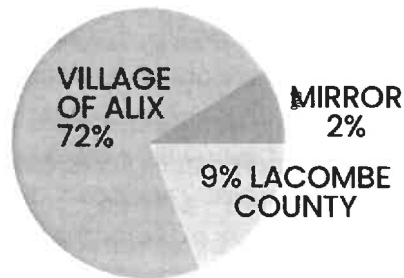
190 FOOD HAMPERS



Children: 91 Adults: 142
Seniors: 138



VEGGIE PICK-UP



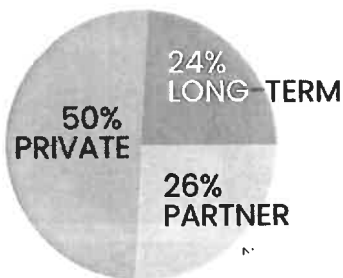
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Emergency Assistance Program was developed through the generous donations from members of the community. The donations entrusted to us are to be utilized to offer assistance and cover individual needs, when all other options have been exhausted. Upon approval of need, at the Program Manager's discretion, the funds from the Emergency Assistance Program can help offer assistance to individuals when an unexpected need may arise. The intended purpose is to be a one-time use fund per client. It is reassuring to know these funds are available and accessible to the community.

Collaboration with external agencies, to offer additional services to the community, is another way that we can provide diversity in what we offer at the Alix and Area Community Resource Centre. These various partnerships help us provide the community with opportunities to utilize services and programs that previously were not as easily accessible.

Partnership with the Alix Family and Community Services Society has given us the opportunity to collaborate with them to house and provide the day to day operations of the Alix Food Bank. This enables us to assist locals with essential and emergency food needs. We also work with them in providing the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, which is offered to seniors and low income individuals to complete their income tax returns. A partnership with Bashaw Adult Learning enables us to provide individuals with support in education and employment. The Extended Learning Program, managed by B.D.S.S., allows us to offer support for K-12 students who need additional help. Collaboration with Lacombe & Area Family Resource Network gives us access to programming and support services for families, parents, teens and children that promote and foster parenting skills, family connections and child development. Through the Bashaw Regional Wellness Initiative collaboration with the Bashaw RCMP, Mental Health and Addictions, Healthy Families, AHS and B.D.S.S., provides us with valuable extensions of services, supports and programming. Other valuable partnerships like Alberta Health Services, Lacombe F.C.S.S., Alberta Food Bank Association and Alberta Sexual Assault Center give clients the opportunity to participate in a variety of additional programs and services. The Alix Village Shoppe has also been an important partner in the community by giving the centre access to items such as clothing and household items for clients in need. Utilizing these extensions, our community can easily access support and improve well-being. We have been fortunate to have partnered with Registered Psychiatric Nurse, BA Child & Youth Studies - Malorey Henderson. "Creating healthy connections is essential to Mental Wellness and I strongly believe in accessible, community-based services." Generalized counselling for ages 13-17 were offered for free throughout the past year. This subsidized service has been highly received by families, and utilized by 26 local youth.

FACILITY USE



EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS

The Alix and Area Community Resource Centre also provides space to host wellness services. The community now benefits from these services without a transportation barrier. These partnerships include Henna Rose Massage Therapy, Sole Image Rejuvenation, Foot Care by Kaitlin, Feet Terrific and On the Way Mobile Dental Hygiene. We look forward to expanding wellness services, by partnering in the future with more providers that will serve a variety of needs. Community input plays an important role in the services we will attempt to bring to the community.



The Alix and Area Community Resource Centre has become a welcomed facility and now plays an important role in the community. This is greatly due to the many partnerships that Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society has developed along with continuous community feedback. The governing board is dedicated to, and continues, to connect and engage with the Alix Community Wellness Team, Bashaw Regional Wellness Team, B.D.S.S., the Village of Alix, Lacombe County, Alix MAC School and other valuable external agencies to maintain relationships and collaboration. Partnership meetings and presentations have been held locally, regionally and provincially sharing our vision of providing our rural community with the services available to those in urban areas. Over the past few years partnerships were fostered and have played an important role in the evolution of the services and programs we were able to provide to the community and surrounding area. Past programs have been evolving as the needs have changed too. Community engagement is ongoing, as partnerships and programs respond and adjust, to continuously serve the community.

Programs & Events

OF PARTICIPANTS

ADULT/ SENIOR

Internet Café- 10, Senior Fun- 272,
 Standard 1st Aid- 9, Cooking Connections- 26,
 Paint Night Fundraiser- 11, Suspension Program- 3,
 Alix Chamber of Commerce Meeting- 34, Seniors Week- 26,
 Online Auction: Bidding- 138, Online Auction: Donation- 160,
 Giving Campaign- 10, 50/50 Raffle- 67

FAMILY/ COMMUNITY

Grief Support- 5, Indoor Centerpieces- 8, Who Tree- 6,
 Connecting Clans- 103, Pop-up Art in the Park- 3, Wellness Fair- 83,
 Electric Sliders Performance- 29, Community Public Skate- 78,
 Community Bingo- 31, Pop-up Market- 143,
 Winter Wishes: Gift- 34, Winter Wishes: Top-up-18,
 Community Gardens- 4, Volunteer Come & Go- 46,
 Touch a Truck- 283, Rock Ninja- 65, Veggie Pick-up- 732

CHILD & YOUTH

Alix After-School- 1,157, Zumbini- 58,
 ASQ- 3, Youth Mental Health Course- 24,
 Child & Youth Safety Week- 28,
 Cub Crew- 147, Summer Day Camp- 399,
 Ignite- 4, Art Attack- 60,
 Adventure Daze- 76, March Madness- 13,
 Rainbows- 36, Swimming Lessons- 32,
 Youth Outings- 20, Extended Learning- 1,804



Seasonal

OF PARTICIPANTS

JOY OF GIVING (58 RECEIVED/37 GAVE) 95

INCOME TAX ASS. 40

FILL A FRIDGE 49

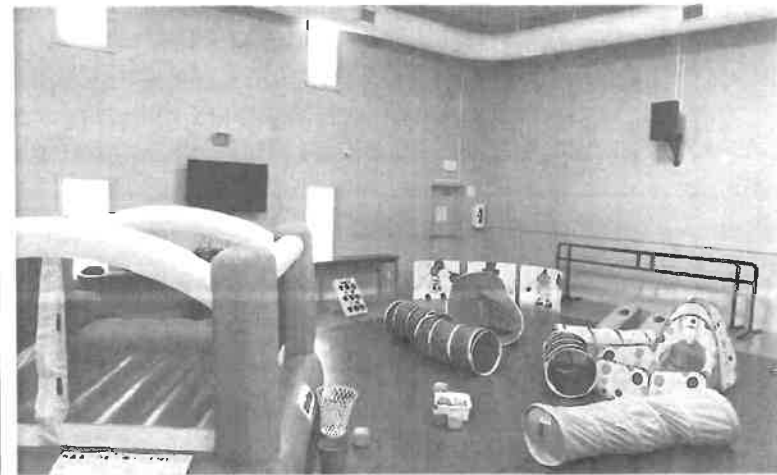
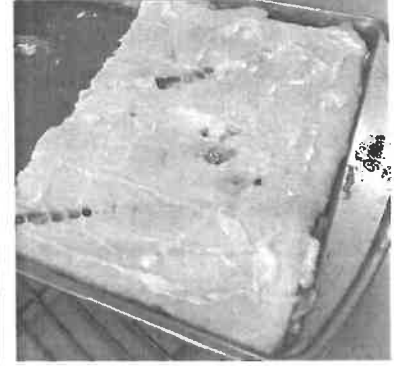
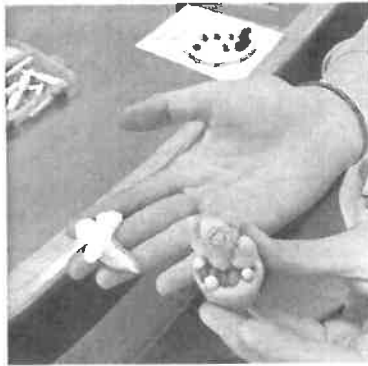
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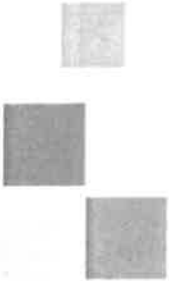
PROGRAMS & EVENTS

It was a busy year of growth and opportunities to connect.

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23



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Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society appreciates all of our generous supporters; your 2023 donations and efforts help to sustain existing programs. Thank you to all of our auction, raffle, fundraiser, giving campaign supporters, funders, organization/ business donors and individual donors.

Proceeds

EVENTS	\$80
MEAT DRAW	\$2,605
ANGEL TREE	\$260
GIVING CAMPAIGN	\$19,550
50/50 RAFFLE	\$2,000
BJV VOLUNTEER	\$4,984.99
PONOKA STAMPEDE VOLUNTEER	\$5,990.84
WINTER WISHES	\$10,125
WINTER ESCAPES	\$5,000

DONOR SPOTLIGHTS

Alix Drugs IDA, has been a part of Alix and area for 30 years. In addition to providing products and services to the community, we believe in community involvement.

When the idea for a local resource center was first proposed, we felt that this would provide services that were missing and greatly needed in our community and so we supported the initiative from the beginning. It has been great to watch this project come to life and become a vital community resource that is helping many who benefit from the many different services provided. We know that initiatives like this need continued support and we hope to be a part of the ongoing success of the Alix Community Resource Center.

Enhance Energy operates low carbon carbon capture and storage projects that remove CO2 from our atmosphere and store it safely and permanently right here in Central AB.

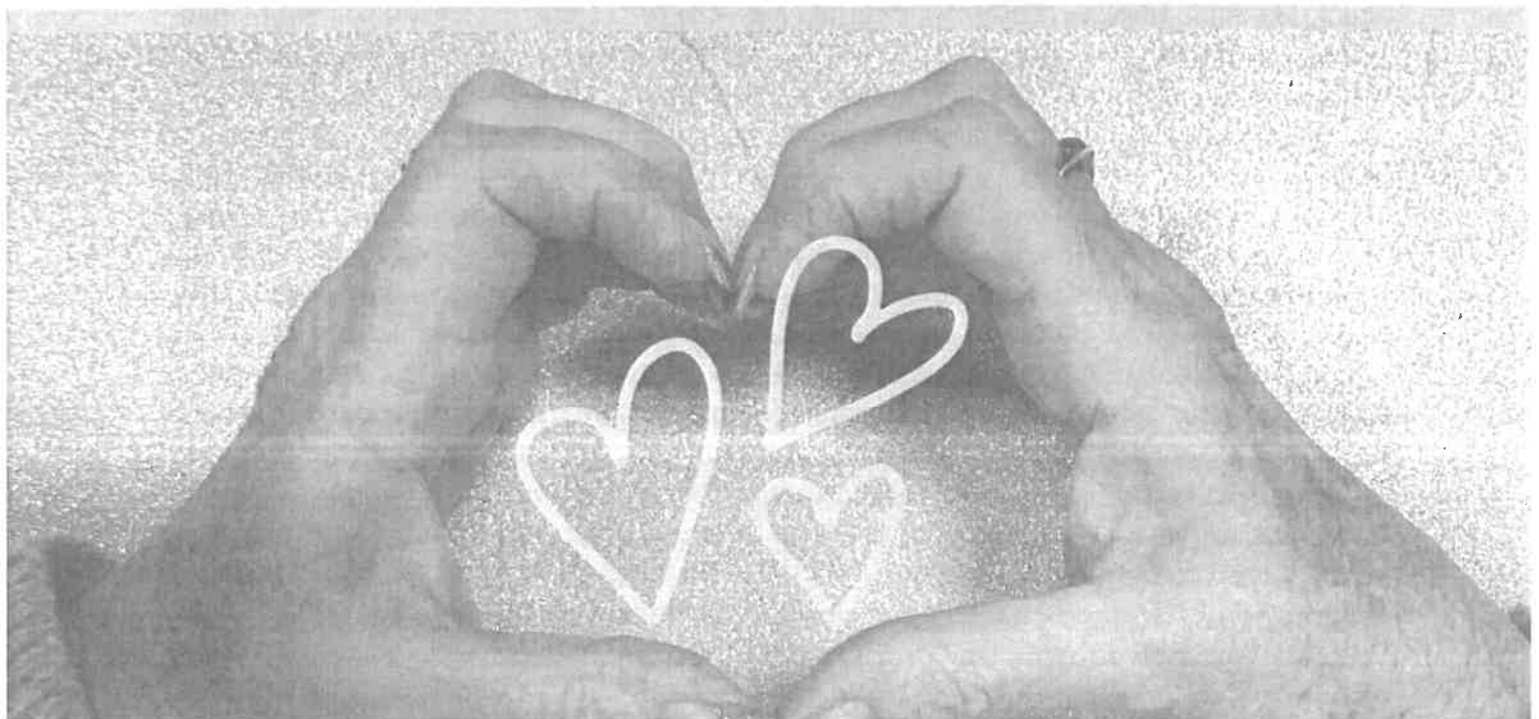
One of the goals of our community investment strategy is to have a positive impact in the places we live, work, and play. We operate in and around the community of Alix, and we have a strong connection to the people in this area. Supporting the Alix CRC is an opportunity to improve the lives of the people in Alix by providing important resources to help families and individuals thrive.

We hope this gift will help to improve access to important services for the people who need it most, ultimately improve lives in the community.

Rahr Corporation, based out of Shakopee, MN is one of the world's largest suppliers and distributors of malted barley and craft brewing supplies, a lot with the growing and distribution of fresh produce in the midwestern U.S. Rahr Corporation is celebrating its 177th anniversary in 2024 and Rahr Malting Canada celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2023. Rahr Corporation is led by a 5th generation family member, William Rahr.

Rahr is passionate about supporting the local communities in which they operate, and supporting non-profit organizations within those communities. Rahr's philanthropic committee focuses on areas of arts, environment, human services, education and health and medical fields. Alix CRC reaches all of those areas.

We hope that our gift will spread to the community in many ways, help individuals/groups in hard times, help individuals find the resources needed, and also show the community that Rahr is here to support everyone within the Village of Alix and surrounding communities.



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Honorable Mention
0-\$999



Community Builder
\$1,000-\$4,999



Bronze
\$5,000-\$9,999



Silver
\$10,000-\$19,999



Gold
\$20,000-\$24,500



Platinum
\$25,000+

2023 Funders

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