

Village of Alix



Council Members shall at all times conduct themselves and commit to ethical, businesslike, and lawful conduct, including the appropriate use of authority vested in them and appropriate decorum when acting as a Council Member.

Council Members shall:

- Govern their conduct in accordance with the requirements and obligations set out in the MGA;
- Commit to ethical, businesslike and lawful conduct, including proper use of authority and appropriate decorum when acting as Council Members;
- Not take action beyond the powers granted by the MGA without having the necessary authority from Council to do so;
- Represent the best interests of the Village;
- Debate in a manner that is respectful, considerate and healthy and will be limited to the topic that is directly related to the motion on the table;
- Take all points of view into account when making decisions;
- Have the option to respectfully disagree with other Members of Council;
- Preserve the integrity and impartiality of Council;
- Think independently and refrain from forming allegiances or factions within Council.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council, held on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at 6:00 P.M.

- Present: Mayor Tim Besuijen, Councillors Barbara Gilliat, Janice Besuijen, Edwin Cole and Rob Fehr
- Also Present: Michelle White, Chief Administrative Officer
- Call to Order: Mayor T. Besuijen called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.
- Amendments/Deletions to Agenda: Mayor T. Besuijen called for amendments to the agenda.
- Approval of Agenda:
- Resolution #242/24: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Village of Alix Council approve the agenda with the following amendment:
- Add: Correspondence d) Parkland Community Planning Services – Notice of Proposed Subdivision
- CARRIED
- Minutes: a) Regular Meeting – November 20, 2024
- Resolution #243/24: Moved by Councillor J. Besuijen that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, be accepted as presented.
- CARRIED
- Delegation: None
- Bylaws: a) Utility Bylaw #485/24 – Request for Decision 24-57
- Resolution #244/24: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Village of Alix Council hereby gives second reading to Utility Bylaw #485/24, being a bylaw of the Village of Alix in the province of Alberta to provide for the regulation, operation, maintenance and control of; a waterworks and distribution system, waste water collection system, storm sewer system, recycling, compost and garbage collection system.
- CARRIED
- Resolution #245/24: Moved by Councillor Cole that the Village of Alix Council hereby gives third and final reading to Utility Bylaw #485/24.
- CARRIED
- Unfinished Business: None
- New Business: a) Policy No. 48 – Utility E-Billing Credit - Request for Decision 24-58
- Resolution #246/24: Moved by Councillor J. Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council hereby approves Policy No. 48 as presented.
- CARRIED
- b) Railway Crossing Improvements – Request for Decision 24-56
- Resolution #247/24: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Village of Alix Council hereby amends the Multi Year Capital Budget to include \$42,000.00 for Railway crossing upgrades in 2025. Administration is directed to make application to the Canada Community Building Fund grant to cover these expenses.
- CARRIED

New Business: (cont.) c) Alix Public Library Board Appointment – Request for Decision 24-59

Resolution #248/24: Moved by Councillor Fehr that the Village of Alix Council hereby accepts the appointment of Arlene Gauthier for a one-year term to the Alix Public Library Board, expiring on November 2, 2025 and accepts the resignation of Ingrid Volmer-Clark from the Alix Public Library Board effective October 24, 2024.

CARRIED

Financial Reports: None

Committee Reports: a) Red Deer River Municipal User Group Association – Mayor T. Besuijen

Resolution #249/24: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Village of Alix Council accept the Committee Report as presented.

CARRIED

Administrative Reports: None

Correspondence and Information:

a) Honourable Mike Ellis, Deputy Premier of Alberta, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services – Royal Canadian Mounted Police Civilian Governance

b) Parkland Regional Library Board – Board Talk November 14, 2024

c) Red Deer River Watershed Alliance – Municipal Support Request

d) Parkland Community Planning Services – Notice of Proposed Subdivision

Resolution #250/24: Moved by Councillor Fehr that Correspondence Items (a) through (d) be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Closed Meeting: None

Adjournment:

Resolution #251/24: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that this Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council be adjourned at 6:28 P.M.

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: January 9, 2025 RFD 25-01
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: School Trustee Election

1. **PURPOSE** – To determine if Council is willing to partner with Wolf Creek Public Schools for the 2025 elections.
2. **BACKGROUND** – Municipal Elections and School Board elections fall on the same day – October 20, 2025. Please see attached letter.
3. **OPTIONS** –
 1. To approve the request to partner with Wolf Creek for fall elections
 2. To decline Wolf Creek's request for partnership
4. **DISCUSSION** – There is a long and positive history of election partnership with the School Division in Alix.
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – There is typically a financial contribution from the School Division negotiated as part of the partnership contract. The amount is used to offset any extra expenses the Village may incur as a result of any extra workload.
6. **LEGAL** – Both the Village and the School Board are required to follow the Local Authorities Election Act.
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** – By combining the polling stations and voting process, it is likely to increase voter turn out for both the Village and the School and make it easier on our residents to get out and vote.
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** – Village of Alix Strategic Plan Goal: "Develop collaborative relationships with external organizations, neighbouring communities and other levels of government."
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Option #1, I recommend the following resolution:

"that the Village of Alix Council hereby agrees to enter into a contract for services with Wolf Creek Public Schools for the purpose of holding joint elections as provided under Section 2 of the Local Authorities Election Act."

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. White'.

Author

ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: January 9, 2025 RFD 25-02
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: Committee Appointment

1. **PURPOSE** – To request a change in the Alix Fire Department Councillor Committee appointment.
2. **BACKGROUND** – Each year, Councillors are appointed to various committees at the Organizational meeting in October. As of October 2024, Councillor Rob Fehr was appointed as the Designate to the Alix Fire Department and Councillor Cole was made the Alternate.

Councillor Fehr has asked to step down as the Designate to this committee.

3. **OPTIONS** –
 1. To approve Councillor Fehr’s request to step down, approve him as the Alternate and appoint Councillor Cole as the Designate
 2. To request Councillor Fehr remain the Designate for Alix Fire until October 2025

4. **DISCUSSION** – There are 19 Boards and Committees that members of Council are appointed to as representatives of the Village. Each of these Boards has different time commitments and levels of responsibility. It is important to balance the workload across all Council members to avoid ‘burn out’ and ensure commitments can be met.

5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – There is no direct financial implication from this decision. Councillor remuneration will remain at the same level regardless of who is appointed to this committee.

6. **LEGAL** – MGA s. 145(2) “A council may, by bylaw, establish council committees and other bodies.”

There is no legal requirement to have a member of Council appointed as a designate to the Alix Fire Department because there is no bylaw in place establishing the committee. The intent of this appointment is to act as a liaison between Alix Fire and Alix Council.

7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** –

8. **OTHER COMMENTS** –

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

“that the Village of Alix Council hereby appoints Councillor _____ as the designate to the Alix Fire Department Committee and further, appoints Councillor _____ as the alternate to the same Committee.”

Author

ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: January 9, 2025 RFD 25-03
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: Reserves

1. **PURPOSE** – To request that Council moves funds to the Alix Lake Reserve.
2. **BACKGROUND** – Phase 1 of the Alix Lake Improvement Project was completed in 2024. Phase one of the project was \$9,281.40 under budget.
3. **OPTIONS** –
 1. To set up the remaining budgeted 2024 Lake funds as a reserve
 2. To allow the unspent Lake funds from 2024 to become part of the Unrestricted Surplus as of 2024 year end
4. **DISCUSSION** –
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – Phase 2 of the Lake Improvement Project is scheduled for 2025. By increasing the amount of Lake Reserves, we will help to offset any cost increases due to inflation and ensure that we are able to maximize the amount of work done.

Remaining 2024 funds are \$9,281.40. Council may decide to increase this amount to a round number like \$10,000. Lake Reserves are currently \$99,500. It is expected that all available Lake Reserve funds will be spent on Phase 2 of the Lake Improvement Project.
6. **LEGAL** – There is no legal requirement to have municipal reserves.
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** – The Village did not receive any negative feedback after Phase 1 of the project was complete.

After 5 truckloads (50 tonnes) of sediment and vegetation were removed from the Lake, there were no reports of Blue/Green Algae in Alix Lake for the entire 2024 season and we have been contacted by several other communities regarding our successful application to Alberta Environment for dredging.
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** – This resolution can be made retroactive to the 2024 budget year. Following the audit process, we will know the exact amount of funds that can be allocated to various reserve funds. It is likely that there will be another recommendation to Council for transfers to other infrastructure reserves at that time.
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Option #1, I recommend the following resolution:

“that the Village of Alix Council hereby moves \$ _____ to an Alix Lake Reserve, effective December 31, 2024.”

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20240652	2024-11-19	Credit Balance Paid	202411191	CREDIT BALANCE PAID	524.20	524.20
20240653	2024-11-20	2253676 ALBERTA LTD., (ALIX FOODS)	328650 330375	CLEANING AND COFFEE SUPPLI COFFEE SUPPLIES	26.98 15.99	42.97
20240654	2024-11-20	327241 ALBERTA LTD	1378	MONTHLY PATROLS OCT 2024	483.00	483.00
20240655	2024-11-20	ALIX HOME HARDWARE	151992 152065 152129 152173 152277 152313	FIRE HYDRANT ANTIFREEZE KEY, SHOP SUPPLIES KEY FLAG, BATTERIES, BAY 4 SUPPL OFFICE, RAILWAY HOUSE AND S PAINT SUPPLIES SHOP	53.52 55.02 5.24 150.70 15.41 8.39	288.28
20240656	2024-11-20	BESUIJEN, JANICE	NOV2024	COUNCIL EXPENSE CLAIM NOV	564.63	564.63
20240657	2024-11-20	BESUIJEN, TIMOTHY W	NOV2024	COUNCIL EXPENSE CLAIM NOV	660.73	660.73
20240658	2024-11-20	BETH RICHARDSON (CHAUTAUQUA)	NOV2024	CHRISTMAS GREETING AND DE	380.00	380.00
20240659	2024-11-20	BOB'S PAVING	0184	HOT MIX ASPHALT AND CURB I	3,303.30	3,303.30
20240660	2024-11-20	CENTRAL LABS	2401718 2401739	MAIN LIFT STATION TESTING MAIN LIFT STATION TESTING	52.12 52.12	104.24
20240661	2024-11-20	HWY 12/21 REGIONAL WATER SERVICES COMV	1345	WATER CONSUMPTION OCT 202	17,909.16	17,909.16
20240662	2024-11-20	KEITH'S REFRIGERATION LTD.	24797	FURNACE REPAIR AT RAILWAY F	2,863.11	2,863.11
20240663	2024-11-20	UNWANTED ANIMAL CONTROLLERS	1563	BEAVER CONTROL	907.20	907.20
20240664	2024-11-28	CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO	1000-001116265	FLASHER MAINT NOV 2024	731.00	731.00
20240665	2024-11-28	CANOE PROCUREMENT GROUP OF CANADA	AB238173 AB238198 AB238804	OFFICE AND DISASTER SERVICE OFFICE, PW, DISASTER SERV. S DISASTER SERV. SUPPLIES	111.88 273.85 233.08	618.81
20240666	2024-11-28	CENTRAL ALBERTA TREE TOPPING SERVICES	0139	TRIMMING ELM TREES ON MAIN	787.50	787.50
20240667	2024-11-28	CENTRAL LABS	2401760	TESTING MAIN LIFT STATION	52.12	52.12
20240668	2024-11-28	CHEM INTERNATIONAL	115449	SANITARY CHEMICALS	1,575.00	1,575.00
20240669	2024-11-28	COLE, EDWIN	NOV2024	COUNCIL EXPENSE NOV 2024	480.98	480.98
20240670	2024-11-28	COLLICUTT ENERGY SERVICES LTD.	27523	MAIN LIFT STATION COOLANT LC	736.28	736.28
20240671	2024-11-28	ECA REVIEW	22980	CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE AD	244.55	244.55
20240672	2024-11-28	FEHR, ROBERT LEE	NOV2024	COUNCIL EXPENSE CLAIM NOV	440.58	440.58
20240673	2024-11-28	GILLIAT, BARBARA JEAN	NOV2024	COUNCIL EXPENSE NOV 2024	606.63	606.63
20240674	2024-11-28	GREGG DISTRIBUTORS CO LTD	000-034967 000-034968	5W30 OIL SHOP RAGS	162.87 29.03	191.90
20240675	2024-11-28	GULLY'S RESCUE AND REMOVAL	080 081 082	GRADING OF ROAD BY GAS PLL SNOW PLOWING NOV 25, 2024 SNOW PLOWING NOV 27, 2024	756.00 1,984.50 1,039.50	3,780.00
20240676	2024-11-28	HACH SALES & SERVICE CANADA LP	367351	WATER CHEMICAL ANALYZERS /	282.24	282.24
20240677	2024-11-28	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	1411471	JD MOWER PARTS	83.20	83.20
20240678	2024-11-28	LAKELAND COLLEGE	0000028069	VEHICLE EXTRICATION COURSE	1,260.00	1,260.00
20240679	2024-11-28	LOCAL AUTHORITIES PENSION PLAN	NOV2024	PREMIUMS NOV 2024	5,519.63	5,519.63
20240680	2024-11-28	LOOMIS EXPRESS, A DIV OF TFI TRANSPORT 2	11119818	WATER METER SHIPPING	39.74	39.74
20240681	2024-11-28	RSP NOV 2024	NOV2024	RSP NOV 2024	238.76	238.76
20240682	2024-11-28	MPE , A DIVISION OF ENGLOBE	4420-015-06-17	CELL 6 LAGOON PROJECT	2,304.46	2,304.46
20240683	2024-11-28	ZONE 3 BUSINESS SOLUTIONS INC.	167752	COPY CHARGES	135.39	135.39



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20240685	2024-12-04	ANDERSON, JANENE	DEC-2024	CRAHIMT MEETING	61.00	61.00
20240686	2024-12-04	CENTRAL LABS	2401809	MAIN ST LIFT STATION	52.12	52.12
20240687	2024-12-04	CYBERUS PROTECTION SERVICES	202514	PATROLS DEC 2024	3,004.66	3,004.66
20240688	2024-12-04	EMBER GRAPHICS TRIM & SIGNS	9962	WINDOWED ENVELOPES	387.71	387.71
20240689	2024-12-04	GAM TECH	INV-0306	COMPUTER SRVS NOV 2024	2,068.50	2,068.50
20240690	2024-12-04	JUST SAFETY SUPPLIES & SERVICES	7884	PPE SUPPLIES	100.43	100.43
20240691	2024-12-04	LOCKDOWN ESCAPE ROOMS INC	DEC 2024	REMAINING BALANCE OF BOOK	498.75	498.75
20240692	2024-12-04	PARKLAND COMMUNITY PLANNING SVCS.	22469	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	870.00	870.00
20240693	2024-12-04	RANGE ROAD HOLDINGS LTD., O/A RALLY RENT	4884 4885	LIFT RENTAL FUEL CHARGE	373.80 28.88	402.68
20240694	2024-12-04	VILLAGE OF ALIX	50100 NOV2024 63900 NOV2024 69600 NOV2024 7000 NOV2024 72700 NOV2024 72800 NOV2024 72830 NOV2024 72841 NOV2024	BULK WATER UTILITIES LIBRARY UTILITIES SHOP UTILITIES OFFICE UTILITIES FIRE HALL UTILITIES BAY 1&2 UTILITIES BAY 3 UTILITIES BAY 4 UTILITIES	494.01 112.06 90.97 120.53 119.96 148.16 117.15 108.68	1,311.52
20240695	2024-12-04	WHITE, MICHELLE	DEC2024	MEETING TRAVEL EXPENSES	114.00	114.00
20240696	2024-12-04	WILD ROSE ASSESSMENT SERVICES	9600	PROGRESS PAYMENT DEC 2024	1,319.50	1,319.50
20240697	2024-12-18	327241 ALBERTA LTD	1391	PATROLS NOVEMBER 2024	966.00	966.00
20240698	2024-12-18	ALIX & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	20180382	2024 TURKEY DRAW	75.00	75.00
20240699	2024-12-18	ALIX DRUGS LTD.	196174	FIRE MEDICAL SUPPLIES	195.45	195.45
20240700	2024-12-18	ALIX HOME HARDWARE	152599 152602 152634 152638	MAINT SUPPLIES RAILWAY HOU: MAINT SUPPLIES RAILWAY HOU: SHOP SUPPLIES GARBAGE BAGS, OIL	15.58 14.16 3.98 52.61	86.33
20240701	2024-12-18	ANDERSON, JANENE	DEC2024	MERRY CHRISTMAS 2024	50.00	50.00
20240702	2024-12-18	BAGSHAW ELECTRIC LTD.	IC061552	TWO SOLAR FLOOD LIGHTS	2,967.30	2,967.30
20240703	2024-12-18	BESUIJEN, JANICE	DEC2024	COUNCIL EXPENSE CLAIM DEC	296.53	296.53
20240704	2024-12-18	BESUIJEN, TIMOTHY W	DEC2024	COUNCIL EXPENSE CLAIM DEC	642.73	642.73
20240705	2024-12-18	CARR, MICHAEL	DEC2024	MERRY CHRISTMAS 2024	50.00	50.00
20240707	2024-12-18	COLE, EDWIN	DEC2024	COUNCIL EXPENSE CLAIM DEC	386.93	386.93
20240708	2024-12-18	CURRIER, RANDY	DEC2024	MERRY CHRISTMAS 2024	50.00	50.00
20240709	2024-12-18	EDGE MARKETING & DESIGN INC.	9983	2025 ANNUAL HOSTING	262.50	262.50
20240710	2024-12-18	ENVIRONMENTAL 360 SOLUTIONS LTD.	RD0000348172	GARBAGE, RECYCLING & COMP	5,981.84	5,981.84
20240711	2024-12-18	FEHR, ROBERT LEE	DEC2024	COUNCIL EXPENSE CLAIM DEC	346.53	346.53
20240712	2024-12-18	GIESBRECHT, CHELSIE	DEC2024	MERRY CHRISTMAS 2024	50.00	50.00
20240713	2024-12-18	GILLIAT, BARBARA JEAN	DEC2024	COUNCIL EXPENSE CLAIM DEC	346.53	346.53
20240714	2024-12-18	GREGG DISTRIBUTORS CO LTD	000-076902 000-087859	SHOP SUPPLIES ICEMELT	221.96 275.52	497.48
20240715	2024-12-18	HWY 12/21 REGIONAL WATER SERVICES COMM	1351	WATER CONSUMPTION NOV 202	14,541.68	14,541.68
20240716	2024-12-18	LACOMBE REGIONAL WASTE SVCS COMMISSIO	38181	FOURTH QUARTER REQUISITIO	13,568.75	13,568.75
20240717	2024-12-18	MENAGE, WENDY	DEC2024	MERRY CHRISTMAS 2024	50.00	50.00



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20240720	2024-12-18	NIEHAUS, CODY	DEC2024	MERRY CHRISTMAS 2024	50.00	50.00
20240721	2024-12-18	ROADWAY TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	12256	SIGN POSTS	731.85	731.85
20240722	2024-12-18	STETTLER ELECTRIC INC.	7528	RAILWAY HOUSE FURNACE REP.	654.09	654.09
20240723	2024-12-18	WHITE, MICHELLE	DECEMBER202	MERRY CHRISTMAS 2024	50.00	50.00
20240724	2024-12-18	ZONE 3 BUSINESS SOLUTIONS INC.	169794	COPY CHARGES	79.73	79.73
20240725	2024-12-18	CENTRAL LABS	2401839A 2401867A 2401868A	TESTING MAIN LIFT STATION TESTING MAIN LIFT STATION TESTING MAIN LIFT STATION	52.12 52.12 124.19	228.43
20240726	2024-12-18	LOOMIS EXPRESS, A DIV OF TFI TRANSPORT 2	11162448	POSTAGE FOR SHIPPING AP CH	216.93	216.93
20240727	2024-12-31	BROWNLEE LLP	577749	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	118.13	118.13
20240728	2024-12-31	CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO	1000-001116361	CROSSING MAINTENANCE DEC	731.00	731.00
20240729	2024-12-31	CANOE PROCUREMENT GROUP OF CANADA	AB243503	PUBLIC WORKS CLEANING SUP	14.68	14.68
20240730	2024-12-31	CENTRAL LABS	2401891 2401916	TESTING MAIN LIFT STATION TESTING MAIN LIFT STATION	52.12 52.12	104.24
20240731	2024-12-31	GULLY'S RESCUE AND REMOVAL	084 085 086 087 094 097	SNOW PLOWING NOV 2024 SNOW PLOWING DEC 2024 SNOW PLOWING DEC 11 & 12, 20 SNOW PLOWING DEC 13, 2024 SNOW PLOWING DEC 16, 2024 SNOW PLOWING DEC 19, 2024	945.00 567.00 1,795.50 756.00 567.00 945.00	5,575.50
20240732	2024-12-31	LACOMBE COUNTY	IVC00045971	MIXED SAND	1,370.22	1,370.22
20240733	2024-12-31	LOCAL AUTHORITIES PENSION PLAN	DEC2024	PREMIUMS DEC 2024	5,680.86	5,680.86
20240734	2024-12-31	LOOMIS EXPRESS, A DIV OF TFI TRANSPORT 2	11171328	SHIPPING	194.50	194.50
20240735	2024-12-31	M & M MOWING	2024029 2024030 2024031	LAGOON MOWING SEPT 2024 ROAD SIDE MOWING SEPT 2024 CP RAIL YARD MOWING	2,047.50 892.50 1,365.00	4,305.00
20240736	2024-12-31	<i>RSP Dec 2024</i>	DECEM2024	RSP DECEMBER 2024	293.86	293.86
20240737	2024-12-31	MPE , A DIVISION OF ENGLOBE	4420-015-06-19	LAGOON CELL 5 AND CELL 6 UP	1,341.90	1,341.90
20240738	2024-12-31	PETTY CASH	DEC2024	PETTY CASH EXPENSES	179.42	179.42
20250001	2024-12-31	ALIX DRUGS LTD.	199760	FR - MEDICAL SUPPLIES	96.16	96.16
20250002	2024-12-31	BAGSHAW ELECTRIC LTD.	IC061940	LED LIFT STATION	40.90	40.90
20250003	2024-12-31	CENTRAL LABS	2401929	TESTING MAIN LIFT STATION	52.12	52.12
20250004	2024-12-31	ENVIRONMENTAL 360 SOLUTIONS LTD.	RD0000353374	GARBAGE & FUEL	5,834.27	5,834.27
20250005	2024-12-31	GAM TECH	INV-0723	COMPUTER MANAGEMENT	1,018.50	1,018.50
20250006	2024-12-31	HIGH PRESSURE FLUSHING INC.	2650	FLUSHING OF SANI MAINS	7,371.00	7,371.00
20250007	2024-12-31	VILLAGE OF ALIX	50100 DEC2024 63900 DEC2024 69600 DEC2024 7000 DEC2024 72700 DEC2024 72800 DEC2024 72830 DEC2024 72841 DEC2024	BULK WATER UTILITIES LIBRARY UTILITIES PUBLIC WORKS UTILITIES OFFICE UTILITIES FIRE HALL UTILITIES BAY 1&2 UTILITIES BAY 3 UTILITIES BAY 4 UTILITIES	201.45 112.06 88.71 118.27 113.76 156.63 118.83 108.68	1,018.39
20250008	2025-01-09	ACCU-FLO METER SERVICE LTD	117037	5/8 METER BODIES & 5/8 REGIS	9,085.65	9,085.65
20250009	2025-01-09	ALIX & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	20180409	2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES	50.00	50.00



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20250011	2025-01-09	ALIX COMMUNITY HALL BOARD	JAN2025	2025 BUDGET ALLOCATION	6,000.00	6,000.00
20250012	2025-01-09	ALIX FIRE DEPARTMENT	JAN2025	2025 FIREFIGHTERS HONORARI	10,000.00	10,000.00
20250013	2025-01-09	ALIX WAGON WHEEL MUSEUM	JAN2025	2025 BUDGET ALLOCATION	2,500.00	2,500.00
20250014	2025-01-09	AMSC INSURANCE SERVICES LTD.	JAN2025	PREMIUMS JAN 2025	5,235.10	5,235.10
20250015	2025-01-09	BAGSHAW ELECTRIC LTD.	IC062000	BULBS FOR PUMPHOUSE	81.80	81.80
20250016	2025-01-09	BESUIJEN, TIMOTHY W	JAN2025	COUNCIL EXPENSE CLAIM JAN :	196.53	196.53
20250017	2025-01-09	BETH RICHARDSON (CHAUTAUQUA)	JAN2025	JANUARY REMINDERS	120.00	120.00
20250018	2025-01-09	CARR, MICHAEL	JAN2025	2025 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	300.00	300.00
20250019	2025-01-09	CATALIS TECHNOLOGIES CANADA LTD., C/O C9	INV308340116	MUNIWAR Y MOMENTUM LICENS	5,915.79	5,915.79
20250020	2025-01-09	CURRIER, RANDY	JAN2025	2025 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	300.00	300.00
20250021	2025-01-09	CYBERUS PROTECTION SERVICES	202521	PATROLS FOR JAN 2025	3,154.89	3,154.89
20250022	2025-01-09	LACOMBE REGIONAL TOURISM & MARKETING /	561	2025 COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP	3,864.00	3,864.00
20250023	2025-01-09	LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION ASSOC	04026	2025 MEMBERSHIP	288.75	288.75
20250024	2025-01-09	NIEHAUS, CODY	JAN2025	2025 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	300.00	300.00
20250025	2025-01-09	OLDMAN RIVER REGIONAL SERVICES COMMIS:	14604	2025 ANNUAL GIS SERVICES	5,199.42	5,199.42
20250026	2025-01-09	PARKLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEMS	250001	FIRST QTR REQUISITION	1,993.15	1,993.15
20250027	2025-01-09	RANGE ROAD HOLDINGS LTD., O/A RALLY REN	5073	LIFT RENTAL FOR CHRISTMAS L	396.90	396.90
20250028	2025-01-09	TAXervice	2425500 2425501 2425502 2425503 2425504	TAX ROLL #5400 TAX ROLL #4900 TAX ROLL #28000 ROLL #40100 TAX ROLL #41600	435.75 435.75 435.75 435.75 435.75	2,178.75
20250029	2025-01-09	WHITE, MICHELLE	JAN2025	2025 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	300.00	300.00
20250030	2025-01-09	WILD ROSE ASSESSMENT SERVICES	9631	PROGRESS PAYMENT JAN 2025	1,319.50	1,319.50

Total 241,526.71

*** End of Report ***

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

SERVUS CREDIT UNION

	CHEQUING	CHEQUING (2)	INVESTMENTS (1)
Balance from Bank Statement:	1,966,873.40	12,358.67	0.00
Plus: Deposits in Transit	8,475.93		
Plus: JE in Transit	-		
Less: Outstanding Cheques	(45,555.37)		
 Reconciled Bank Balance:	 <u>1,929,793.96</u>	 <u>12,358.67</u>	 <u>0.00</u>
30-Nov-24 GL balance 3-120	<u>1,929,793.96</u>		
30-Nov-24 GL balance 3-121		<u>12,358.67</u>	
30-Nov-24 GL balance 3-300			<u>-</u>
Variance:	-	-	

THIS STATEMENT SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL THIS 15TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2025

**VILLAGE OF ALIX
BANK RECONCILIATION
FOR THE MONTH ENDING:
December 31, 2024**

SERVUS CREDIT UNION

	CHEQUING	CHEQUING (2)	INVESTMENTS (1)
Balance from Bank Statement:	1,856,928.11	12,396.75	0.00
Plus: Deposits in Transit	53,899.52		
Plus: JE in Transit	-		
Less: Outstanding Cheques	(33,707.65)		
 Reconciled Bank Balance:	 <u>1,877,119.98</u>	 <u>12,396.75</u>	 <u>0.00</u>
31-Dec-24 GL balance 3-120	<u>1,877,119.98</u>		
31-Dec-24 GL balance 3-121		<u>12,396.75</u>	
31-Dec-24 GL balance 3-300			<u>-</u>
 Variance:	 -	 -	

THIS STATEMENT SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL THIS 15TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2025

ALBERTA COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICER ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Mayor and I were in attendance at the captionally noted meeting, with well over 100 other participants from other municipalities, with lawyers and other interested parties present.

The meeting was to discuss recommendations made by Raptor Protection & Safety Services Inc. President Chris Butler. Butler has an intensive law enforcement background, and is a retired Calgary Police Inspector.

It is important to note, the ACPO is not a lobby group and recommendations must be brought to the attention of the Provincial Government via Municipalities.

Butlers report in paper form was 162 pages.

After an extensive review Butler is making the following recommendations

1) ENHANCED INCIDENT REPORTING.

Enhanced reporting especially involving violence or potential violence must be standardised. The issue is where potential violence did not occur, same is often not reported.

2) IN-CAR COMPUTER ACCESS TO CPIC

CPIC is the Canadian Police Information Centre utilized by all accredited Police Agencies. It not only shows warrant for arrests but list many individuals showing they have been charged and awaiting court but individuals can be entered on CPIC as Violent and in some cases the Observation category.

As part of a risk assessment which should be done on all contacts with the public, as part of officer safety CPO should have real time in vehicle access to CPIC

There was a saying when I was in the RCMP “ In God we trust all others we run (query) on CPIC “

3) LIVE MONITORING OF OFFICER LOCATION

Currently much of the safety monitoring of CPO's relies on the use of time checks where dispatch after a certain period of time will radio an officer If they can't contact the officer they can only assess his location based on his last report.

Technology assist where the exact location can be ascertained in real time and whether for example a vehicle is moving.

For officer safety this needs to be utilized

4) MOBILE RADIO “ OFFICER IN TROUBLE “ BUTTON ALERT CAPACITY

In RCMP vehicles and portable radio's there exists 10-33 (help me immediately) button when pushed instantly alerts not only dispatch but everyone else on the radio frequency

From experience in violence situations conditions change quite rapidly and officers often can't or don't have time to radio and the 10-33 button is an instant alert.

5) MANDATED STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS/ DE-ESCALATION TRAINING

In many violent occurrence, the situation can be de-escalated through communications lessening the use of force including deadly force.

This training should be standardized for all CPO's

6) MANDATED ANNUAL USE OF FORCE RECERTIFICATION TRAINING

In some cases when COP's receive use of force training, they are never recertified. Annual recertification can lessen use of force and reduce civil liability

7) ENSURE USE OF FORCE CONTENT IS CONSISTENT WITH CACP POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Butler's investigation found use of force guidelines of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police are very inconsistent between agencies. Use of force training and guild lines needs to be standardised

8) AGENCY POLICY MANDATING WEARING OF ALL PROTECTIVE SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS

Again there were inconsistencies between agencies in employer policy pertaining to wearing of PPE.

This also needs to be standardized.

9) USE OF BODY CAMERA TECHNOLOGY

Use of body cam's in encounters between the public and members of law enforcement plays a role in maintaining public trust and the reduction of use of force. It has also showing in the USA to reduce malicious and fictitious complaints against law enforcement personal.

10) MANDATED ANNUAL FIREARMS RECERTIFICATION (AGENCIES THAT UTILIZE LONG GUNS (IE SHOTGUNS)

Some employers (approx 30 %) of CPO's) supply long guns to their officers.

There must be annual firearms recertification

11) PROVISIONS OF CONDUCTED ENERGY DEFENSIVE WEAPONS (TASERS)

Tasers have shown to reduce severity of injuries to suspects versus tradition defensive tactics.

Handheld conducted energy weapons have been used in excess of 4 million times in 107 countries. In over 40000 use of force incidents have found a 65% reduction in subject injuries versus tradition use of defensive batons, manual control and OC pepper spray.

The Edmonton City Police have found that Tazers were successful in confronting violent suspects under the influence of mind altering substances.

12) EXPLORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SIDE ARMS

Violent sometimes fatal attacks against not only armed police but unarmed CPO's are on the increase. Butler did not advocate arming all CPO's but it is a situation to consider.

My issue is this is at least three months training is required in use of firearms, not just how to shoot, but more importantly when to shoot and when not to shoot. This would be very costly.

Employers can be held civilly liable for use of any force by employees especially in use of deadly force.

CONCLUSION

Most of all of these recommendations are sound however the can be a very large cost involved. This especially is an issue with the Province downloading policing costs to the municipalities.

The ACPO President advised the group minutes of the presentation would be emailed to all participants. At the time of the report same have not been received.

E.W. (ED) COLE
Councillor

Regional Water Services Commission

Dec 9, 2024

Mayor Tim Besuijen

Regular meeting

1. Review minutes and agenda
2. Review of 2025 Budget and water rates
3. Operational Review
 - a. The Stettler treatment facility has made a number of upgrades that benefit operations, safety, and a reduction in chemical costs.
 - b. Update from Shirly McClellan, Hwy 12/21 water commissions on latest projects, any issues etc.

Regards,

Tim Besuijen

Tim Besuijen

Alix Arena Meeting

Met with the Alix Arena Society Nov 27, 2024. The following topics were discussed:

Organizational meeting was held with the following positions filled

President – Katlyn K

Vice President – Marcy H

Treasurer- Tasha

Secretary – Melissa

Directors- 4-5 members

Regular Meeting

- Due to age and poor sight lines, pre-fab bleacher options will be explored.
- Fire alarm glitches continue to be an issue in the SW corner of facility. Electricians from Stettler will not respond. Rob will explore alternatives.
- Concrete block walls in Rooms #3 & #4 are deteriorating along the bottom of the wall.
- Looking into electric hand dryers, as paper towel is being thrown into toilets, thus plugging them.
- Would like to know if possible the Zamboni exit to dump area could be paved. This would lessen the tracking of gravel etc being tracked into the facility.
- Looking to insulate wall on north side of facility due to gaps along the bottom of the wall.
- Zamboni repairs and servicing completed.
- Water fountain installed
- New speakers installed. Much better sound!

Rob Fehr

**Mayor Caucus
December 2024
Tim Besuijen**

Attended the Mayor caucus in Red Deer. Meeting was attended by number of Mayors and Reeves from central Alberta. Discussion on changes to foreign student enrollment changes to Canadian Universities and College. This is seen to have a negative impact on smaller institutions like Red Deer and Olds. Red Deer Mayor Ken Johnston requested support for a letter back to federal government to request changes. Informal round table on what is new and improved in municipalities.

Regards,



Tim Besuijen

Mayor, Village of Alix

Hon. Marc Miller
Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada
365 Laurier Ave W
Ottawa, ON, K1A1L1

<<Date>>

Dear Minister Miller,

The undersigned Mayors/Reeves of municipalities in central Alberta are writing to express our concerns about recent changes made by your Government to the Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) program for international students.

Our municipalities broadly support the need for immigration to Canada to be done in a thoughtful, sustainable, and strategic way, including the way international students are recruited. Ensuring there is integrity and public confidence in the international student program is critically important to all of us. We also support the Government of Canada's desire to align immigration policy with labour-market needs.

We understand that some Canadian higher education institutions have behaved irresponsibly in growing their international student enrolment at an untenable rate. However, here in central Alberta, our largest post-secondary institution, Red Deer Polytechnic (RDP), has taken a measured and targeted approach that has resulted in a viable balance of domestic to international students, of about 10 to 1. We enjoy a close partnership with Red Deer Polytechnic, and we see great benefit in the polytechnic model of education and training: to provide industry-relevant training that is closely aligned with provincial labour-market needs.

Unfortunately, the policy changes made to the PGWP program in recent months are doing significant harm to post-secondaries like Red Deer Polytechnic whose international student recruitment has been conducted ethically and responsibly. Worse still, the current approach to credential recognition for PGWP eligibility is devaluing polytechnic and college education at a time when it is these very institutions that are producing the graduates that meet our labor-market needs.

Minister, we call upon you and your officials at IRCC to treat identical credentials in an identical manner – be they offered at a public college, polytechnic, or university. Since bachelor's degree programs at universities are PGWP-eligible, equivalent degrees from polytechnics and colleges must also be eligible. We also strongly encourage you to reconsider your policy of limiting post-graduate work permit eligibility to those studying in programs that align with an Ottawa-centric view of the labour market. By taking this one-size-fits-all view of our country's diverse job market, the Government of Canada has seriously damaged colleges and polytechnics' ability to deliver for their respective provincial economies, industry partners, and students.

Alberta's economic performance has consistently been amongst the best in Canada, due in no small part to the availability of skilled talent that is closely aligned with the needs of our local employers in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors. We understand you are open to working with provincial governments to identify additional programs for eligibility. We applaud this approach, and we sincerely hope you are also willing to listen to the voice of municipalities like ours, that collaborate with post-secondary institutions in training both the domestic and international talent to sustain our local economies and grow our communities.

We appreciate your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

cc:

Mr. Earl Dreeshen, Member of Parliament for Red Deer-Mountain View
Mr. Blaine Calkins, Member of Parliament for Red Deer-Lacombe
Mr. Tom Kmiec, Member of Parliament for Calgary Shepard, Opposition Critic for Immigration
Hon. Rajan Sawhney, Minister of Advanced Education, Government of Alberta
Hon. Muhammad Yaseen, Minister of Immigration and Multiculturalism, Government of Alberta
Mr. Stuart Cullum, President, Red Deer Polytechnic
Ms. Pari Johnston, President and CEO, Colleges and Institutes Canada

CAO REPORT JANUARY 2025

1. 2025 Election – I've been taking the Municipal Election webinars offered through Elections Alberta to prepare us for developing a permanent list of electors. This is a new requirement under the Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA) and it will be quite challenging for municipalities to comply with. No additional support (eg. Financial) is being given to municipalities to help with compliance. It should be noted that our GIS company is proving to be an invaluable resource for us as we move toward compliance.

Also of note – when it appeared the federal election would happen in the fall of 2025, it would have landed on the same day as the municipal election. We were told if that happened, the municipal elections would be shifted either before or after the federal election. This uncertainty has caused delays in booking pre & post election training etc. I'm very glad to say that if a federal election is held in spring, we will be back on track for our municipal elections and finally able to move forward with arrangements.

2. Lacombe Regional Emergency Management Partnership – The LREMP Coordinator's contract will expire in spring 2025. I have agreed to be on the sub-committee to review the Coordinator contract and ensure support continuity.
3. Municipal Audit – We are on track with our year end roll-over and first stages of audit prep. We anticipate the bulk of the workload to happen within the first 2 weeks of February and look forward to working with the new auditors on our first 100% virtual audit.
4. Audit Project – I'm happy to say word of this project has been getting around. I've been invited to attend (virtually) a 3 part training/information initiative put on by Vulcan County for all of their Towns & Villages about best practices for audit preparation and several other helpful topics. What a great opportunity this is for those municipalities within Vulcan County (and me!) to learn from a larger center that has dedicated finance staff – it's so great to see this level of regional cooperation!

**ALIX MIRROR WELLNESS SUPPORTS SOCIETY
PRESENTS THE 4TH ANNUAL**

Health & Wellness Fair 2025

An afternoon of sharing ideas and health & wellness information.
Admission is FREE. Join us to discover a variety of vendors,
from conventional to alternative and learn ways
to enhance your well-being

If you have a business or service you would like to share
with Alix & Area, please contact Jill to book a table.

No Cost. 403-588-5199

Sunday, Jan 26

11AM-4PM

Light refreshments
and lunch available
(Cash Only).

**LOCATED AT
ALIX COMMUNITY HALL
5008 49 AVE.**



COMING SOON!



Self-Care Retreat Hosted by Find Your Wild at Alix CRC.

Saturday,
Feb 22
9AM-6PM



This one-day retreat is focused on embodiment, mindfulness, creativity and fun.

This is your chance to pause, recharge and create a personal self-care kit, so you're ready to embrace the rest of the year with energy and joy.

Cost: \$106.77
(lunch not included)

REGISTER IN-PERSON AT ALIX CRC
OR ONLINE:
TICKETS ON SALE JAN 23, 2025

403-396-3369

Bay 1 & 2, 5008 50 Ave
Alix, AB

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