

Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council, to be held on  
Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Agenda: Amendments and Adoption
3. Adoption of the Minutes: a) Minutes of Regular Meeting - Wednesday, March 2, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.
4. Delegation: None
5. Bylaws: None
6. Unfinished Business: None
7. New Business:
  - a) Covid Quilt – Request for Decision 22-13
  - b) Heritage Park – Request for Decision 22-14
  - c) Railway House Bay 1 & 2 Lease – Request for Decision 22-15
  - d) Canada Community Revitalization Fund – Request for Decision 22-16
8. Financial Reports: None
9. Committee Reports:
  - a) Lacombe Regional Solid Waste Commission – Councillor Gilliat
  - b) Parkland Regional Library – Councillor Gilliat
10. Administrative Reports:
  - a) CAO Report
  - b) Cyberus Protection Services
11. Correspondence and Information:
  - a) Alix and Area Community Resource Centre – Quarterly Newsletter
  - b) Minister Ric McIver, Alberta Municipal Affairs – Budget 2022
  - c) Mayor Ken Johnston, City of Red Deer – Letter of Thanks
12. Closed Meeting: a) FOIP Section 17 – Personal Privacy – Re: Human Resources
13. Adjournment

# **VILLAGE OF ALIX**

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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Through Village Council policies and leadership, we foster an open, cooperative government, that encourages public participation and ensures levels of services our citizens expect and deserve.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council, held on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 6:00 P.M.

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

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 #053/22: Moved by Councillor T. Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council approve the agenda with the following amendment:

Add: Administrative Reports: c) Chief Administrative Officer's Report

CARRIED

Minutes: a) Regular Meeting – February 16, 2022

Resolution #054/22: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council held on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Delegation: None

Bylaws: a) Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Bylaw #472/22 – Request for Decision 22-10

Resolution #055/22: Moved by Councillor T. Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council give first reading to Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Bylaw #472/22, being a bylaw for the purpose of establishing the administrative structure of the Village of Alix in relation to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and to set fees thereunder.

CARRIED

Resolution #056/22: Moved by Councillor Cole that the Village of Alix Council give second reading to Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Bylaw #472/22.

CARRIED

Resolution #057/22: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Village of Alix Council give permission for third and final reading to Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Bylaw #472/22 at this time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution #058/22: Moved by Councillor J. Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council give third and final reading to Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Bylaw #472/22.

CARRIED

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: a) Sidewalk Snow Removal – Request for Decision 22-11

Resolution #059/22: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Village of Alix Council hereby directs Administration to do a public information campaign regarding the impact of snow removal from sidewalks onto public property.

CARRIED

b) Policy Review - Request for Decision 22-12

Resolution #060/22: Moved by Councillor T. Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council has reviewed Policy #3, Promotion of Causes and approves the policy as presented without amendment.

CARRIED

Resolution #061/22: Moved by Councillor Cole that the Village of Alix Council hereby amends Policy #21 as follows:

Remove "Funding per event will not exceed \$200.00"  
Remove "Total amount of the funds available per year \$2,400.00"  
and Replace with "Total amount of funds available per year will be set through the municipal operating budget".

CARRIED

Financial Reports: a) Bank Reconciliation – January 31, 2022

b) Accounts Payable Cheque Listing – January 19 – February 9, 2022

c) Tax Trial Balance – February 24, 2022

Resolution #062/22: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Village of Alix Council accept the Financial Reports as presented.

CARRIED

Committee Reports: None

Administrative Reports: a) Administrative Support Staff

b) Cyberus Protection Services – Village of Alix Patrol Report

c) Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Resolution #063/22: Moved by Councillor T. Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council accept the Administrative Reports as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence and Information:

a) National Police Federation

b) Citizen Concern – Sharon Faszter

c) Letter of Support – Bill C-229, Peter Julian, MP, New Westminster - Burnaby

Resolution #064/22: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that Correspondence Items (a) through (c) be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Closed Meeting: None

Adjournment:

Resolution #065/22: Moved by Councillor T. Besuijen that this Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council be adjourned at 7:17 P.M. CARRIED

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer

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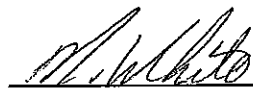
## **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**



Date: March 4, 2022 RFD 22-13  
Memo To: Village Council  
From: Michelle White  
Subject: COVID Quilt

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1. **PURPOSE** – To find a permanent location for the Community COVID Quilt made by Village of Alix residents.
2. **BACKGROUND** – The Village initiated a COVID Quilt project in 2020. Interested residents picked up a kit from the office and were invited to make one square of a quilt / wall hanging that showed what the pandemic meant to them. The quilt was assembled by a very kind resident with great quilting skills and it has been on display in the entry way of Village Office ever since.
3. **OPTIONS** –
  1. To continue displaying the COVID Quilt at Village Office
  2. To donate the Quilt to the Alix Wagon Wheel Museum
  3. To preserve the Quilt by packing it away in storage
4. **DISCUSSION** – The purpose of the Community COVID Quilt project was to bring the community together in a positive way. This pandemic event will always remain a part of the world's history and the Quilt could be seen as an example of how the Village of Alix dealt with such difficult times.
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – None. Quilt materials were donated by Village staff and it was assembled by volunteers.
6. **LEGAL** – None
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** – Residents who contributed to the Quilt would likely prefer it continues to be displayed rather than have it put in storage.
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** – The Museum has expressed interest in displaying the Quilt in the past.
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Option #2. I recommend the following resolution:  
"that the Village of Alix Council hereby donates the Community COVID Quilt to the Alix Wagon Wheel Museum for display and / or preservation as they see fit."

  
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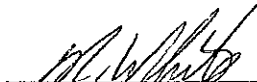
# ADMINISTRATION REPORT

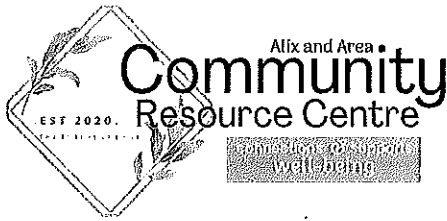


Date: March 10, 2022 RFD 22-14  
Memo To: Village Council  
From: Michelle White  
Subject: Heritage Park

1. **PURPOSE** – To determine if Council will grant the request of Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society (attached).
2. **BACKGROUND** – Heritage Park is located on Railway Ave. west of the Skateboard Park. This 'green space' style park used to have picnic tables, garbage cans etc. which were removed approximately 5 years ago. Tables were being moved over to the Skateboard Park and used for jumps and/or extra seating. They were getting damaged and staff had to keep moving them back over to Heritage Park.
3. **OPTIONS** –
  1. To allow the request
  2. To allow the request and direct administration to send a letter outlining some of the concerns and conditions for approval
  3. To continue to have Heritage Park as a green space park only
4. **DISCUSSION** – Public Works would like to be involved in any proposal to have fixtures (benches, picnic tables, garbage cans etc.) added to the park. They would like to give input on number and location of fixtures to minimize the impact to park maintenance.
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – Ongoing maintenance of fixtures could have financial impact on the Village. I suggest if option #2 is chosen, the Village outlines that maintenance of fixtures would be the responsibility of the Resource Center and if, in the Village's opinion, the fixtures become unsightly, we have sole discretion to maintain or remove items.
6. **LEGAL** – This park is covered under our blanket insurance coverage. Adding any fixtures with a per item cost of less than \$5,000 would not have an impact on our policy or coverage.
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** – The public might use the space more if fixtures were added. If there is a problem with tables etc. being brought over to the Skateboard Park again, it would be helpful to have a plan on how to address this from the start.
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** – Heritage Park is currently underutilized by the public. It is maintained as an open green space.
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Option #2. I recommend administration works collaboratively with the Resource Center and Public Works to come up with a plan and try to accommodate the request.

"that the Village of Alix Council hereby approves the request of Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society for improvements to Heritage Park, and further, that Council directs staff to collaborate with members of the Society regarding conditions of this approval."

  
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## Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society

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Village of Alix

March 8, 2022

Dear Councillors,

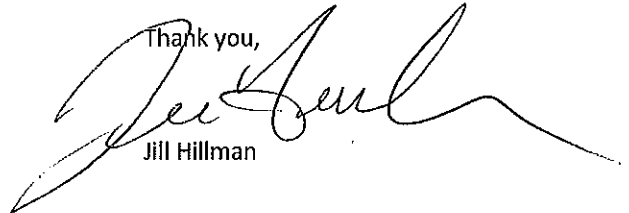
The partnership we have created with you to help provide services and programs to our community has been instrumental in the continuing evolution of the culture in Alix.

Moving ahead with planning of future programming for the youth, adults and seniors, we have realized a lack of outdoor space that we could utilize to offer outdoor activities, socializing and events. We are fortunate to have a green space like Heritage Park so close to us and would like to utilize the space to its utmost potential. Heritage Park is a great space that could be utilized more than it is, if there were benches, picnic tables for people to use and some other additions.

The Alix and Area Resource Centre would like to take on the beautification of Heritage Park in the spring 2022. We would support the costs of the project as well as leverage all the funding that could be involved for this project. We would like council to consider allowing us to move forward with the beautification of Heritage Park in order to enhance programming and increase the usage of the space in our community that holds a lot of history.

Our hopes are to purchase a few benches, a couple picnic tables and some above ground planters that we would be responsible for cost of the items, the assembly of them and the maintenance of them. The only ask we have to the village is the approval to put them in the space.

Thank you for the consideration of this project and if you have any further questions or concerns please give me a call @ (403)588-5199

Thank you,  
  
Jill Hillman

# ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: March 10, 2022  
Memo To: Village Council  
From: Michelle White  
Subject: Bay 1 & 2 lease

RFD 22-15

1. **PURPOSE** – To determine if Council is in favour of changing the lease holder for Bays 1 & 2 of Railway House.
2. **BACKGROUND** – The original lease for Bay 1 of Railway House was signed April 15, 2020 between the Village of Alix and Bashaw & District Support Services Association. BDSS agreed to be the lease holder for the facility while the Alix Mirror Wellness Supports group worked on getting their society status. The lease was renewed with BDSS on April 15, 2021 for Bay 1 only. The agreement was amended in June of last year to include Bay 2. The lease has a 5 year term and expires April 14, 2026. We've recently been notified that Alix Mirror Wellness Supports has successfully gotten their society status and they have their own insurance coverage in place as well.
3. **OPTIONS** –
  1. To keep the lease 'as is' with BDSS until it expires in 2026
  2. To have a new lease drawn up with Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society for use of Bays 1 & 2 of Railway House with the same terms, conditions and expiry as the current lease
  3. To re-negotiate the terms of the lease while transitioning over from BDSS to Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society
4. **DISCUSSION** – The intent of initiating a lease with BDSS was so services could be provided to the community as quickly as possible, without the delay of waiting for society paperwork to be processed. It was always the plan to transition over to the local group once everything was in place to do so.
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – None, unless option #3 is chosen. Then the amount of the lease per year could be negotiated going forward.
6. **LEGAL** – None – both organizations have society status and insurance coverage. Insurance held by Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society would need to be checked to verify levels match what is required under the lease agreement prior to signing.
7. **OTHER COMMENTS** –
8. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Option #2. I recommend the following resolution:  
"that the Village of Alix Council agrees to enter into a lease agreement with Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society for Bays 1 & 2 of 5008 50<sup>th</sup> Street Alix under the same terms and conditions as outlined in the current lease for the space with Bashaw & District Support Services Association."

  
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## ADMINISTRATION REPORT

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**Date:** March 10, 2022      RFD 22-16  
**Memo To:** Village Council  
**From:** Michelle White  
**Subject:** Canada Community Revitalization Grant

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1. **PURPOSE** – To ask Council for a resolution to enter into a agreement for the purpose of accepting Canada Community Revitalization (CCR) Grant funds through Western Economic Diversification Canada.

2. **BACKGROUND** – See RFD 21-42 attached. Council passed the recommended resolution in that RFD at the July 7, 2021 meeting.

Since the original grant application last summer, 4919 50<sup>th</sup> Street (previously owned by the Village) has sold. The grant application was then amended to use Gator Park as the location for the free Wi-Fi park. A tourism grant was applied for last year as well so funds could be used as matching dollars for the CCR grant. Unfortunately the Tourism grant was denied.

3. **OPTIONS** – 1. To pass a resolution authorizing the attached agreement  
2. To accept this report as information and return the grant funds

4. **DISCUSSION** – Public Works has been asking for something to be done at Gator Park for several years now. They find it very labour intensive to weed between the rocks at the park and can't use any chemical weed control due to possible damage to the shrubs etc. This location is very close to the original lot that was going to be developed. Staff found it to be the best option to move the project forward.

5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – The CCR grant covers 75% of the total project estimate of \$125,000. This means the Village would need to contribute as much as \$31,250 to the project.

We have already secured a garbage/recycling container valued at \$3,164 through an external grant and hope to use other grants and partners to help reduce the overall municipal portion of project costs even further.

There will still be some dollar cost to the Village however, so I recommend Council makes a resolution to add \$30,000 of 2021 surplus funds to the Parks/Playground reserve. This reserve has a current balance of \$3,000. This resolution could be made now or when the auditors present the draft 2021 Financial Statements (similar to how reserves were allocated last year). No funds were allocated to this project in the interim operating or multi-year capital budgets.

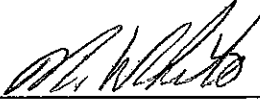
6. **LEGAL** – The grant is not finalized or accepted by either party until the attached agreement is executed.

7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** – This project will benefit the community in many ways. It will encourage people to stay downtown for longer periods due to the comfortable surroundings and free Wi-Fi. It may result in more business for our storefronts located in the area, and it will be the only public open space in the community that is constructed with accessibility as a top priority. It will also decrease staff time spent on maintenance of the property.  
(Not to mention it would be nice to give Alix Gator a few "home renos" to be proud of ☺)

8. **OTHER COMMENTS** – The CCR was a very competitive grant and we were competing with every applicant across the country for funding.

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

“that the Village of Alix Council hereby agrees to enter into an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada for the purpose of obtaining Canada Community Revitalization Funds.”



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# ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: July 6, 2021 RFD 21-42  
Memo To: Village Council  
From: Michelle White  
Subject: Canada Community Revitalization Grant

1. **PURPOSE** – To determine if Council is in favour of making an application for Canada Community Revitalization Grant dollars.
2. **BACKGROUND** – The Village took ownership of a lot on Main Street through the tax recovery process and subsequently had the building removed which was contaminated with asbestos. This lot has been used as public green space since it was seeded to grass.
3. **OPTIONS** –
  1. To allow the property to remain as is with grass and picnic tables for public use
  2. To apply for grant funds so the lot can be developed into an accessible, user friendly attraction to Main Street Alix.
4. **DISCUSSION** – The project would see a 50' x 50' brick paver area off the sidewalk, several picnic tables and shade sails for comfortable and accessible public seating. There would be a 45' grass area with appropriate shade trees and a 4"x4" post and cable fence separating off the back 25' gravel parking area. We are working with Parkland Regional Library to see if the Library internet can be bridged over to this lot to make it a free WiFi park. This would address the parking problems around the Library when there are more than a couple of users accessing WiFi from their vehicles.
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – This federal grant program would cover up to 75% of eligible project expenses. Municipal funds (possibly including provincial grant allocations) would be needed for the remaining 25%. Donations or "in kind" labour etc. cannot be factored into the project. A cost estimate for the full project build out would be approx.. \$110,000, meaning the Village would need to supply roughly \$27,500 if the grant is approved.
6. **LEGAL** – The Canada Community Revitalization Grant has a deadline of July 23<sup>rd</sup> for applications. A resolution of Council approving the application is needed before paperwork for this grant can be submitted.
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** – The principles of CEPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) would be applied to this project re: lighting, vegetation selection, fencing materials etc.
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** – The site is a reclaimed brownfield site. It would require digging up Main Street to service the lot if it were sold for development. None of our municipal park spaces are accessible or convenient for wheelchairs or mobility aids as they are all grass, other than the skateboard park.
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Option #2, I recommend the following resolution:  
"that the Village of Alix Council authorizes the application for funds from the Canada Community Revitalization Grant in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 for the purpose of developing an accessible public open space at 4919 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Alix."

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**THIS AGREEMENT made in duplicate**

**BETWEEN:**

**Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada**  
as represented by the Minister responsible for Western Economic Diversification Canada  
(the "Minister")

- and -

**Village of Alix**  
located at Alix, Alberta  
(the "Recipient")

**WHEREAS:**

- A. The Minister is offering the Recipient a financial Contribution under the Canada Community Revitalization Fund for the Project described in this Agreement.
- B. The Recipient wishes to accept the financial Contribution under the terms and conditions set out in this Agreement.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the promises and payments made herein, the parties agree as follows:

**1. DEFINITIONS**

1.1 Unless otherwise defined herein, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- (a) "Agreement" means this agreement together with all schedules and attachments and all amendments made in writing between the parties.
- (b) "Assisted Capital" means those costs described in the Statement of Work that have been designated for reimbursement under this Agreement.
- (c) "Assisted Non-Capital" means those costs described in the Statement of Work that have been designated for reimbursement under this Agreement.
- (d) "Cancellation Date" means the date set out in the Statement of Work, which is the latest date by when the Recipient shall demonstrate to the Minister that the Project has commenced, which is usually indicated by the Recipient incurring Project Costs.
- (e) "Completion Date" means the date set out in the Statement of Work, as the final date on which the Recipient can incur Project Costs.
- (f) "Contribution" means the conditional financial payment from the Minister to the Recipient, described in more detail and the amount of which is set out in the Statement of Work, which shall only be applied towards the Project Costs, which are assisted.

- (g) "Contingency Fee" means any payment or other compensation that is contingent upon or is calculated upon the basis of a degree of success in soliciting or obtaining the Contribution or negotiating the whole or any part of its terms.
- (h) "Effective Date" means the date the Minister executes this agreement.
- (i) "Final Client Reporting Date" means the date set out in the Statement of Work, which is the final date by when the Recipient must provide such information and reports as requested by the Minister, with respect to the Performance Indicator results.
- (j) "Non-Assisted Capital" means those costs described in the Statement of Work that have not been designated for reimbursement under this Agreement.
- (k) "Non-Assisted Non-Capital" means those costs described in the Statement of Work that have not been designated for reimbursement under this Agreement.
- (l) "Notice of Default" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 6.2 of this Agreement.
- (m) "Performance Indicators" means the indicators more particularly described in the Statement of Work that the parties shall use to measure the progress and success of the Project.
- (n) "Project" means the activities described in the Statement of Work.
- (o) "Project Costs" means those costs described in the Statement of Work.
- (p) "RDA" means Regional Development Agency. Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD) is one of seven RDAs across Canada, who are the front line for economic development in Canada and help to address key economic challenges by providing regionally tailored programs, services, knowledge, and expertise.
- (q) "Repayment Terms" means those conditions that are triggered by Section 4.9 and/or 6.2 and/or otherwise specified under the Special Conditions section of Attachment "A" of this Agreement.
- (r) "Stacking" means the maximum total funding toward the Project, from federal, provincial and municipal government sources, expressed as a percentage of Total Project Costs as shown in the Statement of Work.
- (s) "Statement of Work" means the document attached to this Agreement as Attachment "A".
- (t) "Shared Cost Commencement Date" means the date set out in the Statement of Work, as the earliest date on which the Recipient can begin incurring Project Costs.
- (u) "Western Canada" means the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

## **2. THE PROJECT**

- 2.1 The Recipient shall carry out the Project in a diligent and professional manner.
- 2.2 The Recipient shall not alter the scope of the Project as defined in the Statement of Work without prior written consent of the Minister.
- 2.3 This Agreement shall not be amended or assigned in whole or in part by the Recipient without the prior written consent of the Minister.

2.4 When the Minister is providing a conditionally repayable contribution, this Agreement shall survive the expiration or termination of any part of this Agreement until all repayment terms are deemed satisfied by the Minister.

2.5 The Recipient shall implement or operate the Project in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and/or Manitoba.

### **3. THE CONTRIBUTION**

3.1 Provided the Recipient is in compliance with its obligations under this Agreement, the Minister shall provide the Recipient with a non-repayable Contribution not exceeding \$93,750, calculated as detailed in the Statement of Work. Disbursements not exceeding the amount of the Contribution will be made upon the Minister's receipt of the following from the Recipient, no later than six (6) months following the Completion Date:

(a) one or more claims for reimbursement of the Assisted Capital and the Assisted Non-Capital, which the Recipient has incurred and paid, it being understood that the claim must be accompanied by such vouchers, receipts and other documentation, including progress reports, as may be requested by the Minister; and

(b) any other material that the Minister requests.

3.2 Any payment made by the Minister under this Agreement is subject to there being an appropriation by Parliament for the fiscal year in which the payment is being made. Should the appropriation be reduced or denied by Parliament, this Agreement may be terminated, or the Contribution reduced proportionately.

3.3 The Minister will notify the Recipient with a minimum of 3 months advance notice of a termination or reduction of the Contribution for this Project in the event the Western Diversification Program Terms and Conditions are terminated or amended.

3.4 The maximum amount that the Minister shall pay under this Agreement is the amount of the Contribution. Funding for this Project does not imply, directly or indirectly, any commitment of continued funding from the Government of Canada for this Project after the Project Completion Date.

3.5 The Minister shall not pay any portion of the Contribution towards any Project Costs that the Recipient incurs prior to the Shared Cost Commencement Date or after the Completion Date.

3.6 The Recipient shall make requests for reimbursement of Assisted Capital and Assisted Non-Capital as described in the Statement of Work at least annually, as of the Shared Cost Commencement Date, but not more frequently than four times per year.

3.7 The Minister shall not pay any interest on the Contribution.

3.8 (a) For the purposes of this Agreement, total government assistance, including any tax credit related to the Project to which the Recipient is or will be entitled, shall not exceed the stacking limit indicated on the Statement of Work; and

(b) The Recipient undertakes to inform the Minister promptly in writing of any reduction in Projects Costs or of any additional federal, provincial or municipal assistance that becomes available to the Project above the amounts set out in the Statement of Work. Should the stacking limit set out in the Statement of Work be exceeded, the Minister shall have the right to adjust the Contribution or to recover forthwith any excess assistance paid up to the total of the Contribution disbursed as a debt due to Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada.

3.9 The Minister shall only make payments on Assisted Non-Capital incurred under this Project for travel and hospitality within the guidelines provided by the Minister to the Recipient.

3.10 The Minister reserves the right to hold a portion of a payment until the recipient has complied with the Agreement and provided any required reports including, but not limited to progress reports and the final report, satisfactory to the Minister.

#### **4. RECIPIENT'S REPRESENTATIONS AND COVENANTS**

- 4.1 (a) The Recipient declares that any person who has been lobbying on its behalf to obtain the Contribution and who is required to be registered pursuant to the *Lobbying Act* was registered pursuant to such Act at the time the lobbying occurred; and
- (b) The Recipient represents and warrants to the Minister that it has not, nor has any other person, corporation, or organization, directly or indirectly paid or agreed to pay, and covenants that it and they shall not directly or indirectly pay, any person to solicit this Agreement or the Contribution, for a commission, Contingency Fee or any other consideration dependent on the execution of this Agreement or the payment of the Contribution or any portion thereof.
- 4.2 The Recipient shall preserve and keep available, for six years after the Project Completion Date:
- (a) proper books of account recording Project revenues and costs;
- (b) accounts and records that are necessary in the circumstances to support the books of account; and
- (c) adequate administrative documentation to support the Recipient's decisions made concerning the Project.
- 4.3 The Recipient shall, if requested by the Minister, permit any authorized representative of the Minister, or auditors engaged by the Minister or the Auditor General for Canada, reasonable access to its premises to do the following:
- (a) inspect and assess the progress of the Project; and
- (b) examine the Recipient's books, accounts and any other records related to the Project and the Contribution, and to make copies thereof.
- 4.4 The Recipient shall provide the Minister with a list of all amounts owing in arrears to the federal government under any legislation or other contribution agreements and acknowledges that the Minister may offset the Contribution against any such amounts the Recipient owes in arrears to the federal government.
- 4.5 The Recipient shall not dispose of, or relinquish control over, any asset utilized in the Project, including intellectual property developed or acquired as a result of carrying out the Project, during the term of this Agreement, without the prior written consent of the Minister.
- (a) The Recipient shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that the results of the Project are exploited in Canada, with the objective of maximizing the economic benefits to Canada.

- 4.6 The Recipient shall obtain the prior written consent of the Minister to any change that, in the sole judgement of the Minister, may materially affect the governance, management, or financing of the Recipient during the term of this Agreement.
- 4.7 The Recipient shall obtain appropriate insurance coverage for the Project and shall maintain such insurance coverage in full force and effect until the Project has been completed and shall provide evidence of such insurance coverage to the Minister, at the Minister's request.
- 4.8 The Recipient shall obtain all necessary licenses, permits, and approvals required for the Project by applicable legislation, regulations and by-laws.
- 4.9 The Recipient, if directed by the Minister, shall forthwith repay to the Minister any overpayments or unexpended balances of the Contribution, and such amounts shall constitute a debt due to Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada. These debts will be due upon notice to the Recipient and any amounts unpaid after 30 days from the day of notice will be subject to the same interest as would be calculated in an event of default as described in Section 6.5 of this Agreement.
- 4.10 The Recipient shall to the satisfaction of the Minister, ensure that all Project Costs are incurred in a manner that is transparent, competitive and consistent with value for money principles. The Minister has no obligation to make a contribution toward any individual Project Costs above \$50,000 unless the Recipient demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the Minister, that:
- (a) The supplier was selected through a competitive process and the Recipient chose the supplier offering the best value that also fully met the requirements of the Project; or
  - (b) The selection of a sole source supplier is justified.

## **5. REPORTING**

- 5.1 The Recipient shall provide the following reports to the Minister, in a form satisfactory to the Minister, at the following times:
- (a) Progress Reports a minimum of twice a year, and every year one progress report must be submitted and received by the Minister between January 1st and March 15th.
  - (b) A Final Report to be submitted on the Final Client Reporting Date. The Final Report shall include:
    - i) a summary of project activities completed;
    - ii) the extent to which performance indicators were achieved;
    - iii) and a description of the expected results that have accrued to date.
  - (c) financial statements within four (4) months of the Recipient's year end or additional reports as may be requested by the Minister and/or as required by the Special Conditions set out in Part 1.v) of the Statement of Work.

## **6. DEFAULT**

- 6.1 The following constitute events of default on behalf of the Recipient:
- (a) submitting false or misleading information to the Minister or failing to disclose relevant information which may have a negative impact on the Recipient's financial position;
  - (b) failing to satisfy a term or condition of this Agreement, including those outlined in the Statement of Work and Attachment "B";
  - (c) becoming bankrupt or insolvent, going into receivership or taking the benefit of any statute from time to time in force relating to bankrupt or insolvent debtors; or

(d) the Recipient is dissolved or ceases to carry on operations.

6.2 If an event of default occurs, the Minister may inform the Recipient, by a notice dated and in writing (the "Notice of Default"), of one or more of the following:

- (a) that the Minister's obligation to pay the Contribution to the Recipient is hereby terminated as a result of an event of default occurring;
- (b) that the Recipient shall repay to the Minister, all or part of the Contribution forthwith and that such an amount is a debt due to Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada and may be recovered as such
- (c) that the Recipient shall transfer any assets it has acquired through the proceeds of the Contribution to a third party, as directed by the Minister; and
- (d) that the Recipient shall use its best efforts to dispose, at fair market value as determined at the sole discretion of the Minister, of any assets it has acquired through the proceeds of the Contribution and shall provide the Minister with the proceeds of such disposal, as directed by the Minister.

6.3 Unless the Recipient satisfies the Minister, within two (2) weeks of the date of the Notice of Default, that either the event of default has not occurred or that it has fully remedied the event of default, the Recipient shall be fully bound by and comply with the terms of the Notice of Default.

6.4 The Recipient shall pay, in addition to any amount due as a result of an event of default, interest on such amount, calculated from the date of the Notice of Default until the date that the full amount payable has been received by the Minister.

6.5 In accordance with the *Interest and Administrative Charges Regulations* under the *Financial Administration Act*, the rate of interest on the amount due as a result of an event of default, shall be fixed at 3 percent above the minimum rate at which the Bank of Canada is prepared to make loans as at the date of the Notice of Default.

6.6 Section 6 of this Agreement shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

## **7. ENVIRONMENT**

7.1 The Recipient represents that any environmental issues or concerns relating to the Project which are known or ought to be known to the Recipient have been disclosed to the Minister, and the Recipient shall inform the Minister of any environmental issues or concerns regarding the Project which arise during the term of this Agreement.

7.2 The Recipient covenants and agrees that all activities in relation to the Project shall be conducted in compliance with Applicable Laws. For greater certainty, Applicable Laws include, without limitation, the following:

- (i) the *Impact Assessment Act*, S.C. 2019 c. 28, s. 1 and any regulations as amended from time to time;
- (ii) all other applicable statutes and regulations, and all by-laws, declarations, directives, plans, approvals, requirements, guidelines, standards and orders made pursuant thereto by any competent authority concerned with environmental assessment, protection or remediation, health, chemical use, safety or sanitation; and
- (iii) the applicable common law;

- 7.3 The Recipient represents that the Project is not a “designated project” as defined in the Impact Assessment Act, S.C. 2019 c. 28, s. 1 (IAA) and that an impact assessment (IA) or a determination under section 82 of IAA, are not required for the Project.
- 7.4 If, as a result of changes to the Project or otherwise, the Project is a “designated project” as defined in the IAA, the Recipient agrees that construction of the Project, including site preparation, will not be undertaken or will be suspended and no funds or additional funds will become or will be payable by the Minister to the Recipient for the Project unless, and until:
- (a) in the case of an IA, a decision statement has been issued to the Recipient; or
  - (b) in the case of a determination under section 82 of IAA, the Minister determines that the Project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects or is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects that are justified in the circumstances.
- 7.5 For any IA or determination made under IAA, as a result of changes to the Project or otherwise:
- (a) the Recipient will comply with, to the satisfaction of the Minister and at the Recipient’s own expense, all conditions included in the decision statement issued under IAA, or other conditions that the Minister may require in coming to a determination under section 82 of IAA.
  - (b) the Recipient will allow the Minister and its agents, employees, servants or contractors to access and enter at any time during reasonable hours upon any real property under the ownership or control of the Recipient for the purpose of ensuring that any conditions and mitigation measures are implemented for the Project.

## **8. NOTICE**

- 8.1 (a) Any notice or communication authorized or permitted with respect to this Agreement shall be effectively given if:
- (i) delivered by hand;
  - (ii) sent by letter;
  - (iii) sent by facsimile.
  - (iv) sent via e-mail.
- (b) Any notice that is delivered by hand shall be deemed to have been received on delivery. Any notice which has been mailed shall be deemed to have been received eight (8) calendar days after being mailed. Any notice sent by facsimile shall be deemed to have been received twenty-four (24) hours after the time that is printed on the dispatcher's confirmation slip. Any notice that is delivered via e-mail is deemed to have been received on delivery.
- 8.2 (a) The Minister's address for notice shall be:
- Assistant Deputy Minister  
Western Economic Diversification Canada  
Suite 1500 Canada Place  
9700 Jasper Avenue  
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 4H7  
FAX #: (780) 495-4557  
Email Address: [ab.info@prairiescan.gc.ca](mailto:ab.info@prairiescan.gc.ca)
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- (b) The Recipient's address for notice shall be:

Ms. Michelle White  
CAO  
Village of Alix  
PO Box 87  
Alix, Alberta T0C 0B0  
Email Address: cao@villageofalix.ca

- (c) Either the Minister or the Recipient may change the address and other information stipulated above, provided that a written change of address notice is issued to the other party.

## **9. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- 9.1 The Recipient shall comply with the requirements contained in Attachment "B" concerning advance notice for communications activities (i.e. events and announcements) related to the Project; funding announcements and/or official signing ceremonies; federal funding recognition including placement of signs and references on websites, in news releases and in publications including annual reports; Project milestones and success stories and photos.
- 9.2 If applicable, in making any announcements of this Contribution, the Recipient shall comply with the spirit of the *"Official Languages Act"*.

## **10. INDEMNITY**

- 10.1 The Recipient shall indemnify and save harmless the Minister and the Minister's representatives, successors, assigns, servants and agents against and from all actions, suits, damages, losses, charges, expenses, claims and demands whatsoever (including necessary legal costs) which may hereafter be brought or made against the Minister or which the Minister may sustain, pay or incur as the result of or in connection with or arising out of any action of the Recipient.
- 10.2 The Minister's liability under this Agreement shall be limited in the aggregate to a sum equal to or less than the Contribution.
- 10.3 Section 10 of this Agreement shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.



**11. GENERAL**

- 11.1 This Agreement is an agreement for the Contribution only. It does not create a partnership, agency, joint venture, or employer/employee relationship between the parties and the Recipient shall not represent itself as such, including in any agreement with a third party.
- 11.2 No current or former public servant or public office holder to whom the *Conflict of Interest Act*, the Conflict of Interest and Post-Employment Code for Public Office Holders or the Values and Ethics Code for the Public Service applies shall derive direct benefit from the funding agreement unless the provision or receipt of such benefits is in compliance with such legislation and codes; and no member of the Senate or the House of Commons shall be admitted to any share or part of the agreement, or to any benefit arising from it, that is not otherwise available to the general public.
- 11.3 This Agreement and the attachments attached hereto contain the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereto and shall supersede all previous negotiations, representations and documents in relation hereto made by either of the parties.
- 11.4 Time is to be considered of the essence of this Agreement.
- 11.5 All information provided by the Recipient to the Minister will be treated in accordance with the *Access to Information Act* and the *Privacy Act*. These laws govern, protect and limit the collection, use and disclosure of personal, financial and technical information by federal government departments and agencies. Information, documents or records provided, or to be provided, to the Minister pursuant to this Agreement shall not be prohibited from disclosure by the Minister under section 13 or section 20 of the federal *Access to Information Act*, unless the information document or record is identified and marked by the Recipient as a document or record of a nature described by those provisions, and that it truly qualifies as such. Notwithstanding the above, the Minister reserves the right to make information relating to this Agreement available to the public, including providing limited information on a public website as part of a list of all projects funded by the Minister. The Recipient hereby represents that they have authority to consent and consents to the information being made available to the public.
- 11.6 The Recipient's rights to confidentiality shall not impede the Minister in fulfilling subsidy notification obligations to the World Trade Organization under Article 25 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures.
- 11.7 The parties hereto using their best efforts to consult and negotiate in good faith shall address any dispute or controversy arising from or relating to this Agreement. If a solution cannot be agreed upon within a period of 90 days, all differences shall be subject to arbitration by the *Arbitration and Mediation Institute of Canada*.
- 11.8 This Agreement shall terminate after, in the opinion of the Minister, all the terms and conditions in this Agreement have been satisfied.

**12. EFFECTIVE DATE**

- 12.1 This Agreement shall be effective upon the date of execution by the Minister.

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and such counterparts together shall constitute one and the same instrument and shall be effective upon the date of execution by the Minister.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed this Agreement through duly authorized representatives.

\_\_\_\_\_  
For the Minister

\_\_\_\_\_  
For Village of Alix

_____ Name and Title	_____ Date
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## ATTACHMENT "A"

Statement of Work**I. PROJECT SCOPE****i) Description**

The Recipient will repurpose an underutilized downtown space in Alix, Alberta to create an accessible park that has Wi-Fi capabilities. Project activities include site preparation, landscaping, parking lot upgrades, installation of Wi-Fi equipment, fencing, paving stones, lighting and site amenities.

**ii) Project Location**

The Recipient shall carry out the Project in Alix, Alberta.

**iii) Project Costs**

<u>PROJECT COSTS</u>	<u>Project Costs</u>	<u>RDA Assistance</u>	<u>RDA%</u>
<b>Assisted Capital</b>			
Construction costs (1)	\$125,000	\$93,750	75%
<b>Total Assisted Capital</b>	<u>\$125,000</u>	<u>\$93,750</u>	<u>75%</u>
<b>Total Assisted</b>	<u>\$125,000</u>	<u>\$93,750</u>	<u>75%</u>
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COSTS</b>	<u><u>\$125,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$93,750</u></u>	<u><u>75%</u></u>

PROJECT COST COMMENTS

(1) Include costs such as professional fees, contractors, construction materials and supplies, landscaping and amenities such as benches, and shade sails. Internal labor is not eligible.

The above costs include only Project Costs, as set out above, incurred directly to carry out the Project and are subject to verification as direct amounts for which payments to third parties can be proven.

**iv) Cashflow**

The amounts to be paid by the Minister shall not exceed the following amounts in the Minister's fiscal years ending March 31:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2023	\$93,750

**v) Special Conditions**Ongoing Conditions for the Term of the Agreement

N/A

Special Conditions for Specific Events or Timing

N/A

**vi) Dates**

- a) Shared Cost Commencement Date - May 01, 2022
- b) Completion Date - August 31, 2022
- c) Cancellation Date - June 15, 2022
- d) Final Client Reporting Date - September 30, 2022

**vii) Stacking Limit and Funding**

Stacking Limit 100 %

**PROJECT FUNDING**

RDA Non Repayable \$93,750

Other Municipal  
Village of Alix operating revenue/working capital \$31,250

**TOTAL PROJECT FUNDING** **\$125,000**

**II. PROJECT MEASUREMENT**

This section describes the basis for measuring the progress, outcomes and success of the Project. Reporting by the Recipient shall reflect these parameters.

**i) Timeline of Project Activity**

- a) Obtain permits, finish site preparation, and install trees and Wi-Fi equipment May 2022
- b) Complete parking area improvements Jun 2022
- c) Complete installation of lights Jul 2022
- d) Complete brick paver area and fencing; complete installation of fixtures Aug 2022

**ii) Performance Indicators**

Expected Results	Performance Indicator	Type	Baseline Value	Baseline Date	Target Value	Target Date
Communities are Economically diversified in Western Canada	Number of non-HQP jobs created	Total	0	May-2022	1	Aug-2022
Western Canadian communities have necessary public infrastructure and adjustment support to promote economic growth	Number of community spaces created, improved or expanded		0	May-2022	1	Aug-2022
	Number of jobs maintained		0	May-2022	2	Aug-2022

**iii) Expected Results/Methodology & Timing**

Progress on this project shall be evaluated against project performance indicators.

Jobs created include jobs specifically working on the project, while jobs maintained refer to the Recipient's employees working directly on the project.

HQP jobs refer to professional personnel (e.g. architect, engineer, etc.) working directly on the project. Non-HQP jobs refer to contractor personnel working directly on the project.

The Recipient shall continue to provide information and reports with respect to the Performance Indicators, as requested by the Minister, until the Final Client Reporting Date.

**ATTACHMENT "B"**

**COMMUNICATIONS PROTOCOL**

**I. Funding Announcement and/or Official Signing Ceremony**

- (a) The Recipient hereby consents to a public funding announcement and/or an official signing ceremony by, or on behalf of, the Minister in the form of a news release, and/or news conference or event, if recommended by the Minister.
- (b) The Minister shall inform the Recipient, in writing, of the date on which the public announcement is to be made and ensure the proposed date permits the participation of both parties, and their representatives. The Recipient shall maintain the confidentiality of the Agreement until such date.
- (c) The Recipient shall advise the Minister, in writing, at least twenty-eight (28) days in advance of any official ceremony to be held in connection with the Project.
- (d) The Recipient hereby consents to the participation by the Minister, or a representative of the Minister, at any such official ceremony and to have the event take place on a day mutually agreed upon by the Recipient and the Minister. Posting of the contribution on the Western Economic Diversification Canada website under the Proactive Disclosure initiative does not constitute a Project funding announcement.

**II. Federal Funding Recognition**

- (a) The Recipient also consents to the placement of a bilingual sign that identifies the federal government's participation in the Project, on the Project site at any time prior to the Completion Date of the Project, if recommended by the Minister.
- (b) The Recipient shall, in all of its publications, public website, news releases and presentations regarding the Project, or making mention thereof, including in its annual reports, acknowledge, if recommended by the Minister, that the Project was supported and/or funded in part by Western Economic Diversification Canada.
- (c) Any use of Western Economic Diversification Canada's name, its Federal Identity Program (FIP) official government identifier with the Canadian flag logo, or the Canada wordmark, requires prior written approval of the Minister.

**III. Project Milestones**

- (a) The Recipient shall provide the Minister with an opportunity to participate in milestone events and provide milestone information and proposed dates for milestone events at least 28 days in advance, thereby enabling the Minister to use the opportunity to promote the Recipient's Project and Western Economic Diversification Canada's role in supporting it

- (b) The Recipient agrees to the implementation of appropriate communications activities, which the Minister or the Recipient may initiate in conjunction with the other, such as a feature story, an official opening, ceremonies, celebrations. The Minister and the Recipient shall cooperate in these activities. Examples of Project milestones, for promotional purposes, include:

- Sod-turnings / Ribbon cuttings / Grand openings / Plaque unveilings
- Awards
- Completion of prototype and first product produced
- Penetration of new markets, significant sales, new contracts
- First shipment or launch of new product, new technology
- Completion/graduation of training by students or interns
- Launch of new program, tool or reference
- Research discovery
- Promotional/Media campaign

#### **IV. Success Stories/Photos**

From time to time Recipients may be required to provide support and photos for the development of articles to be used in Western Economic Diversification Canada's publications and/or on its public website. It is understood that, in accepting the funding, Recipients agree to provide support when called upon to do so.

Proactive disclosure is an initiative of the Government of Canada whereby all grants and contributions greater than \$25,000 are posted to departmental web sites 60 days following the financial quarter.

Visit <http://www.wd-deo.gc.ca/images/cont/10036a-eng.pdf> for guidelines on how to acknowledge Western Economic Diversification Canada's support.





**Lacombe Regional Solid Waste Commission**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**February 23, 2022**

Meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm at the Prentiss site office

Al Lister of BDO Canada gave a presentation on the upcoming audit. The audit will be presented at the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting

**Waste hauls summaries** – nothing out of the ordinary

Approval was given to purchase a new tri-drive truck and deck for \$227,600. Delivery will be in 2023.

**Managers Report**

Chairman Grant Creasey was approached by a party interested in a tire recycling facility at the LRSWC site. The Board voted to have the manager and chairman pursue this proposal.

Staffing – one full time employee is leaving; two part time employees will replace this position. The vacant scale hours position needs to be filled. One of the present staff has expressed interest.

Mattress Recycling – this continues to be a successful project. To date we have shipped 3006 mattresses and diverted 3166 from the landfill. Volume saved is approx. 2700m<sup>3</sup>. (4 miles lined up end to end)

Compost Facility – We are still waiting on our Disposition Renewal from Alberta Public Lands. Once our lease renewal goes through the sub-lease approval should move forward quickly.

Truck – A 2013 Ram 3500 was purchased for \$25,500. A 30' deck trailer has been ordered and should arrive in April.

Plastic Recycling – Terracore Plastics has approached LRSWC about recycling three types of plastic. They would like to set up a collection point at Prentiss to start with. They grind the plastic and make a composite sheet of "plywood". This would be a good partnership as the plastic would be diverted from the waste stream.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm

## **Parkland Regional Library Regular Board Meeting February 24, 2022 10:00 am via Zoom**

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 am

### **2021 in Review**

Circulation increased from 900,000 to 1.1 million  
30,000 units added to the collection  
Website visits 396,000  
WIFI Usage went from 568,629 to 945,201  
eBooks increased from 79,696 to 89,544  
eAudio books increased from 34,194 to 46,388

### **New Business**

PRL has entered into an agreement with 4 other library systems to use Overdrive an eContent system. This will increase eBooks by 1000's.

In January, the Executive Committee voted to spend \$30,000 more on eContent. These books are increasingly popular. The books can only be downloaded so many times and then they are no longer available. We are also spending another \$11,000 on a Lucky Day program which will allow people to skip the line and get eContent without waiting (it is the luck of the draw).

### **Strategic Planning**

3 sessions were held via Zoom. A total of 63 people participated. I found it very interesting as there was a mix of people, library board members, municipal officials and library managers. It was interesting to hear the different perspectives.

Gord Lawlor will accompany Hailey from PRL to Calgary in May to do a presentation on Advocacy to the Marigold Library Systems annual meeting. I missed out on the draw 🍀

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am

## CAO REPORT MARCH 2022

1. Policing –The subject of policing and costs associated with it were covered in the Alberta Municipalities Preliminary Analysis of Alberta's 2022 Budget. The following is a quote from their document dated February 25, 2022:

*"Alberta Municipalities and Justice and Solicitor General, along with other provinces, territories, and municipal associations across Canada, have partnered to advocate that the federal government need to cover the costs of RCMP retroactive pay. The collective reasoning is that municipalities were not at the negotiating table; we weren't able to plan for cost increases because the federal government didn't keep us informed; and the magnitude of the cost increases threaten the viability of many communities. We understand that the federal government will begin issuing invoices for retroactive pay to MPSA municipalities in May 2022 and we have asked that these municipalities hold off on paying the invoices until we receive a definitive response to our advocacy from Public Safety Canada."*

2. 2022 Tax Rates – We received our Alberta School Foundation Fund (ASFF) requisition numbers after the provincial budget was announced on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Normally this is the last piece of the puzzle needed to prepare our Tax Rate Bylaw for the year, but unfortunately this year is an exception.

Provincial assessors missed one of our linear tax rolls and did not provide an updated assessment for the current tax year. They said it will take them until April to get us the information needed. We will prepare everything we can while waiting for information from the province.

3. Provincial Budget Items – The 2022 Provincial Budget shows "core capital funding for municipalities declined by 24.8 per cent." Included in that number is "a 59.4 per cent reduction in MSI in 2022." When the MSI grant program is replaced by the Local Government Fiscal Framework in 2024-25, "it will be 37 per cent less than the annual average of MSI." The province also announced it "will invest \$390 million over the next four years into broadband projects for underserved communities." Research will need to be done into the definition of *underserved communities* if the Village is interested in trying to participate. MSI Operating, FCSS and Libraries grant funding have all been left at (or very close to) prior year amounts.

Other items of note – the Community Facility Enhancement Program was given a significant boost but the Community Initiatives Program was brought back down to pre-

pandemic levels. Overall, this is good news for non-profit organizations needing to access grant funds.

The above information was sourced through the Alberta Municipalities Preliminary Analysis of Alberta's 2022 Budget document released February 25, 2022.

4. E-mail Utility Billing – Forms for emailed utility bills went out to residents March 3<sup>rd</sup>. As of March 9<sup>th</sup>, we already have 32 utility accounts signed up to receive emailed utility bills! Staff training on the new module will take place March 15<sup>th</sup> and we look forward to rolling out email billing at the end of the month.
5. Alberta Municipalities – I attended a 1.5 day (virtual) workshop put on by Alberta Municipalities. Education sessions included: Alberta Provincial Police Service – Alberta Municipalities will be communicating to the province that they are “strongly oppose[d]” to an APP. Emergency Medical Services – a 10 point plan is in the works to improve the ability of EMS to respond to the ever increasing service needs in the province. Local Government Fiscal Framework – Alberta Municipalities worked with those in attendance to get feedback on their first draft proposal for a funding formula that could be used to disburse the grant. Future of Municipal Government – Alberta Municipalities initiated a project to examine different forms of ‘local government’ that could be applied to Alberta. Regional Districts, Regional Commissions, Amalgamation, Two Tier Government, etc. will all be examined for their potential effectiveness in Alberta.

# Cyberus Protection Services

## Village of Alix Patrol Report

### Summary January 31, 2022 – February 6, 2022

January 31 had a suspicious vehicle in town, RCMP in town at same time. Vehicle was stopped at the gas station, slumped over the steering wheel, performed a welfare check on the driver resulting in a non-emergency phone call as the driver left the scene as something didn't seem right. February 6 suspicious vehicle traveled through town without stopping.

### Summary February 7, 2022 – February 13, 2022

Quiet week other than the occasional fast accelerating vehicle late at night.

### Summary February 14, 2022 – February 20, 2022

February 17, truck seemed to hesitate as patrol vehicle came into view then left town in an urgent manner. February 18, seen a social media post about a suspicious vehicle as shift began. Did not locate the vehicle. February 20, noted a strange metallic squeaking sound on the north side, could not isolate the sound. February 20, had numerous strange tire tracks throughout the town, nothing suspicious could be found other than tire marks indicating strange driving and stopping locations.

### Summary February 21, 2022 – February 27, 2022

February 23, tire tracks on the median of Main Street at the south end where it appears someone turned around. February 24, breaker panel in the cook shack was found open and a dead bird on the ground by the fire stove. February 26, as worth noting a diesel truck with auxiliary light bar on pass through town on highway 12 appeared to accelerate hard and left fast after seeing patrol vehicle.



# ALIX BRIEFS

by the Alix and Area Community Resource Centre

## AMWSS Update

Our board continues to evolve. We have had some members who have moved on to take roles within the Centre, as well some new members have joined the board. Our AGM is scheduled for May 26 at 7:30PM.

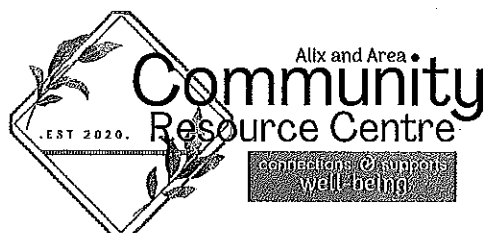
We welcome our community to attend and learn more about us.

Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society appreciates all of our generous supporters. Your recent donations and efforts have assisted with the expansion of our space to include the NEW Community Connections Activity Centre (Bay 2), to sustain existing programs as well to launch new programs like Connecting Clans and Winter Wishes. A special thank you to:

Last of 2021- Ron Wasylenko, Val Humphrey, Earl Slack, Barb Stevens, Four C Simmentals & Bison Ltd, Howard & Helen Copland, Fred Ball, Western Financial, Ember Resources.

2022- John Scwheer, Wayne Rider, Don & Marion Madsen, Rahr Malting, Alix Village Shoppe and FCSS (Village of Alix).

All donations are recognized, any size, and visible on the growing Giving Tree! Stop in to find your leaf or see past donors.



This stretch of the season can feel long.

For the remainder of the month, we have a Winter Wishes program to help you get through the last of winter.

This is for anyone local to Alix, Mirror, Tees or the surrounding area.

### 3 Ways to Fulfill a Winter Wish:

1. Visit us for a complimentary gift.

2. Sign-up for a Winter Hamper, if you are in need of extra supports.

3. Give a donation to support a Winter Hamper.

Reach out, we would love to see you or hear from you!

Runs from March 7 - 31.

## Services Available

- Information & Referral
- Resource Navigation
- Family Wellness
- Alix Food Bank
- Meals on Wheels
- Home Support
- Community Services
- Adult Learning
- Volunteer Services



**Monday to Thursday  
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

\*Closed all statutory holidays\*

Bay 1, 5008 50 Ave, Alix, AB

**403-396-3369**

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ResourceCentre

[www.alixcrc.com](http://www.alixcrc.com)

## New This Month

### Puppy Yoga

Mar 11, 7PM-8PM & Mar 26, 1PM-2PM

\*All welcome, children under age 12 must attend with an adult or older sibling. Sign-up by the Thursday before. Donations welcome. Puppies provided by Saving Grace.

### Visions Country Gospel Performance and Strawberry Tea

Mar 27, Tea & Strawberry Shortcake, 1:30PM & Performance, 3PM

\*All welcome, entry by donation. Register by Mar 24.\*

## Wellness Service Addition

We are pleased to announce that Dental Hygiene appointments are now available! On The Way Mobile Dental Hygiene offers a wide variety services and direct bills.

To book, get your pre-registration form available at the Centre. For more information, visit [www.onthewaymobiledh.com](http://www.onthewaymobiledh.com) or call 403-392-1020.

## Income Tax Assistance Program

CRA trained volunteers can help file FREE basic income tax returns. For seniors and individuals with low to modest incomes and simple tax situations.

Contact us to see if you are eligible and to sign-up.

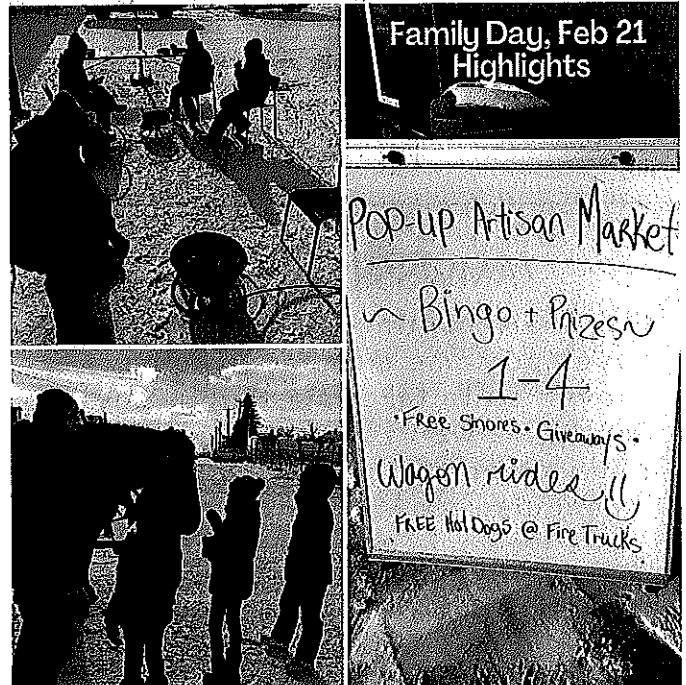
Drop off your tax information during March or April.

All returns will be filed starting April 1st.

## On the Horizon...

- Nurse Practitioner
- Foot Care
- Chiropractor
- Art Sessions
- More Cooking Classes

If you would like to offer wellness services in our area or would be interested in facilitating an activity we would love to hear from you.



## Next Event: Minute to Win It!

Save the date for the next Connecting Clans, on March 28. We can't wait to see you at these NEW monthly events.

The first event was held in February on Family Day, a very fitting holiday to celebrate and be together.

What is Connecting Clans all about?

'Clans' refers to, 'a group united by a common interest or common characteristics'... In this case, the common purpose is to nurture bonds and strengthen community. Basically, we want you to spend time with those who are special to you. That could mean attending together as adult/child, caregiver/child, siblings, partners, family or friends. These events are open to all community members.

\*Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult or older sibling.\*

This is all about having fun and spending quality time together. On March 28, take part in Minute to Win It activities, from 6:30PM-8:30PM.

More details to follow.

FOR COMPLETE DETAILS ON ALL UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS VISIT ONLINE, [WWW.ALIXCRC.COM](http://WWW.ALIXCRC.COM).





ALBERTA

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

*Office of the Minister  
MLA, Calgary-Hays*

February 24, 2022

Dear Chief Elected Officials:

I am writing to share information with you about *Budget 2022*, which my colleague, the Honourable Travis Toews, has tabled in the Alberta legislature. You will find below some details about Budget 2022 that are most closely related to Alberta Municipal Affairs and the Alberta municipalities that we all continue to serve.

Alberta's government is investing approximately \$980 million overall to build stronger communities across our province. These funds will continue to deliver important programs and services, support effective governance, and protect public safety. Alberta is moving forward to a time of economic recovery and prosperity, where Albertans have opportunities to build their skills, pursue their passions, and support themselves and their families. That's why we are continuing to provide significant infrastructure funding in the near term to support our economic recovery, even as we help municipalities adjust to new funding levels.

As we discussed last year, Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) capital funding is averaging \$722 million a year for three years, from 2021-2024. We front-loaded MSI funding for 2021-22 to a total of approximately \$1.2 billion, to help municipalities recover from the pandemic and provide flexibility to ensure priority capital projects could continue. As a result, MSI funding for 2022 and 2023 has been reduced proportionately to \$485 million each year. Additionally, municipalities and Metis Settlements will continue to receive \$30 million under the operating component of the MSI program.

The goal of this strategic, multi-year funding approach is to prepare for implementation of the Local Government Fiscal Framework in 2024-25. Our government passed the *Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) Act*, paving the way for Municipal Affairs to establish a predictable, reliable, long-lasting funding arrangement with Alberta municipalities that is tied to provincial revenues. Baseline funding for the first year of the LGFF in 2024-25 will remain at \$722 million, equivalent to the current three-year average funding level of MSI. The estimated 2022 MSI allocations are available on the program website here.

As you are also aware, the federal Gas Tax Fund changed its name and is now called the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF). Fortunately, the level of funding for Alberta has not changed, and we anticipate receiving approximately \$255 million from this federal fund again this year. The estimated 2022 CCBF allocations are available on the program website here.

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MSI and CCBF program funding is subject to the Legislative Assembly's approval of Budget 2022. Individual allocations and 2022 funding are subject to ministerial authorization under the respective program guidelines. Federal CCBF funding is also subject to confirmation by the Government of Canada. You should anticipate receiving letters confirming MSI and CCBF funding commitments in April.

I am pleased to inform you that funding in support of local public library boards will continue to remain stable, helping to deliver important literacy resources to Albertans. We are also maintaining equivalent levels of operational funding for other services, such as the Land and Property Rights Tribunal.

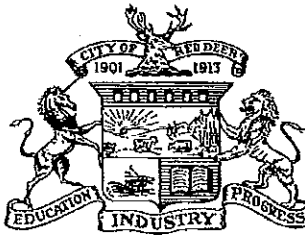
As we all look to the time ahead, I can tell you that Alberta's government understands the challenges and the opportunities that are facing Alberta communities. As we continue to recover from the pandemic and prepare for economic growth, Municipal Affairs remains committed to providing sustainable levels of capital funding, to promoting economic development, and to supporting local governments as they deliver programs and services that Albertans need.

Alberta is moving forward to a prosperous financial future, and Albertans are doing their part to get us there. Alberta's government will do its part by sticking to our fiscal plan. We will continue our disciplined spending to maintain balance, and we will continue to respect Albertans' tax dollars by keeping our spending in line with other provinces.

With our eyes on these goals, we will move forward to a bright, thriving, and prosperous future where Alberta firmly secures our place as the economic engine of our nation.

Sincerely,

Ric McIver  
Minister



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

February 25, 2022

Mayor Rob Fehr  
Village of Alix  
PO Box 87  
Alix AB T0C 0B0

Dear Mayor Fehr,

As you know, Government of Alberta announced a \$1.8 Billion investment in the Red Deer Regional Hospital on February 23, 2022.

On behalf of my City Council colleagues and the citizens of Red Deer, may I extend our appreciation for your partnership and support in the advocacy for this critical project for Central Alberta.

You added the voice of the Village of Alix to the voice of our City and those of the medical community in the common request, the common need of equity in health care for all Central Albertans.

Simply put, we could not have accomplished this without your efforts and for that, we are both thankful and grateful.

Yours in service.



Mayor Ken Johnston  
City of Red Deer

