

Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council, to be held on
Wednesday, May 4, 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, April 20, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.
 - b) Minutes of Special Meeting – Wednesday, April 27, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.
4. Delegation: None
5. Bylaws: None
6. Unfinished Business: a) Policy No. 13 – Purchase & Procurement Policy – Request for Decision 22-21
7. New Business: a) Utility Right of Way Agreement – Request for Decision 22-20
8. Financial Reports: None
9. Committee Reports: a) Lacombe Regional Emergency Management Meeting – Councillor Cole
10. Administrative Reports: a) Alix Fire Department – First Quarter Report – Drayton Bussiere, County Fire Chief, Lacombe County
11. Correspondence and Information:
 - a) Joint Use Planning Agreements (JUPA) – Orientation – Tim Timmons, County Manager, Lacombe County
 - b) National Police Federation – Community Engagement Report
 - c) Accu-Flo & Neptune Customer Appreciation Golf Outing Invitation
 - d) Town of Taber – Increasing Utility Fees
12. Closed Meeting: None
13. Adjournment

VILLAGE OF ALIX
MISSION STATEMENT

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, April 20, 2022, at 6:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Rob Fehr, Councillors Tim Besuijen, Janice Besuijen, 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 #091/22: Moved by Councillor Cole that the Village of Alix Council approve the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

Minutes: a) Regular Meeting – April 6, 2022

Resolution #092/22: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council held on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Delegation: None

Bylaws: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: a) Policy No. 13 – Purchasing of Goods and Services - Request for Decision
22-17

Resolution #093/22: Moved by Councillor Cole that the Village of Alix Council hereby refer
Policy No. 13: Purchase and Procurement Policy back to administration for amendments.

CARRIED

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

b) Accounts Payable Cheque Listing – February 24 – April 13, 2022

c) Tax Trial Balance – April 14, 2022

Resolution #094/22: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Village of Alix Council accept the Financial Reports as presented.

CARRIED

Committee Reports: None

Administrative Reports: a) Chief Administrative Officer's Report

b) Cyberus Protection Services – Village of Alix Patrol Report

Resolution #095/22: Moved by Councillor J. Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council accept the Administrative Reports as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence and
Information:

a) Citizen Concern – Nancy Cannon

b) Lacombe County – Community Peace Officers (CPO) Services
Final Report 2021

c) Alberta Health Services – Community Engagement – EMS 10
- Point Plan Update: April 2022

d) Fortis Alberta Inc. – Franchise Presentation

e) Canadian National (CN) Right-of-Way Vegetation Control

f) Government of Alberta – 2022 Alberta Wind Power Projects and
Over-Dimensional Loads

Resolution #096/22: Moved by Councillor T. Besuijen that Correspondence Items (a) through (f) be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Closed Meeting: None

Adjournment:

Resolution #097/22: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that this Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council be adjourned at 6:47 P.M.

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Village of Alix Council, held on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 6:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Rob Fehr, Councillors Tim Besuijen, Janice Besuijen, 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 #098/22: Moved by Councillor T. Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council approve the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

Delegation: a) Gitzel & Company – Scott St. Arnaud, CPA, CA
Presentation of the 2021 audited Financial Statements

Mr. Scott St. Arnaud, CPA, CA from Gitzel & Company entered the meeting at 6:02 PM

Mr. St. Arnaud retired from the meeting at 7:13 PM

New Business: a) Approval of the Village of Alix Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2021.

Resolution #099/22: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Village of Alix Council hereby adopts the 2021 Financial Statements as presented.

CARRIED

b) Financial Comparison – Request for Decision 22-18

Resolution #100/22: Moved by Councillor T. Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council hereby accepts Request for Decision 22-18; Financial Comparison as information.

CARRIED

c) Reserve Transfers – Request for Decision 22-19

Resolution #101/22: Moved by Councillor Cole that the Village of Alix Council hereby transfers \$45,000 to Parks and Playgrounds Reserve and \$300,000 to Sewer Reserve.

CARRIED

Adjournment:

Resolution #102/22: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that this Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council be adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

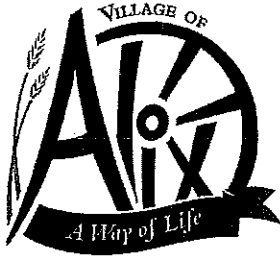


Date: April 27, 2022 RFD 22-21
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: Purchase & Procurement Policy

1. **PURPOSE** – To provide Council with an updated draft of the Village Purchasing of Goods and Services policy.
2. **BACKGROUND** – Approved in 2006, no amendments have been made to this policy since initial adoption. Council reviewed the first draft of this policy at the April 6, 2022 regular meeting and sent it back to administration with amendments.
3. **OPTIONS** –
 1. To approve the attached policy as presented
 2. To approve Policy #13 with amendments
 3. To send the policy back to administration with recommendations
4. **DISCUSSION** – Amendments to the policy were made as per direction received from Council at the April 6th review. Those changes are highlighted in the attached second draft.
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** –
6. **LEGAL** –
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** –
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** –
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Option #1. I recommend the following resolution:

"that the Village of Alix Council hereby approves Policy #13: Purchase & Procurement Policy as presented."

Author



Department: **All Departments**

Policy No: **13**

Policy Title: **Purchase & Procurement Policy**

Resolution No: **/22**

Date:

Review Date: **202**

Policy Statement:

The Village of Alix recognizes the need for purchases to be made in an efficient, economical, expedient and fair manner. Further, the Village of Alix recognizes that the need will arise from time to time for purchases that are of an emergent or unforeseen nature. Purchasing shall be done in accordance with Provincial legislation, including Agreement on International Trade (AIT) and New West Partnership Trade Agreement (NWPTA), following these guidelines and procedures.

- 1) The CAO is the Village of Alix Purchasing Agent.
- 2) Expenditures must be provided for by the Village Council in the operating or capital budget.
- 3) Unbudgeted expenditures up to \$3,000.00 may be approved by the CAO or designate or the Director or Public Works.

The Village undertakes to provide a consistent method of choosing suppliers and products that will ensure its operations are cost effective and at the same time supportive of local business. Thus, the Village will purchase products and services locally whenever possible, provided prices are competitive.

In some cases, the Village purchases certain services and goods through one company, without obtaining prices from several sources. This arrangement is established due to the uniqueness, quality and/or type of services or goods provided by the contractor/company. Periodically the Village will review these arrangements to ensure quality service(s)/good(s) are being provided and the Village is receiving competitive pricing. This arrangement of selective purchasing is required to ensure Village business is conducted efficiently and effectively.

Conditions:

The Purchasing of Goods and Services Policy applies to both operating and capital expenditures with exceptions such as: Real estate transactions, postage purchases, payroll expenses, grants to non-profit agencies.

1) **MAXIMUM AUTHORIZED PURCHASING APPROVAL LEVELS:**

Maximum authorized approval levels for purchases of materials and services, which are provided in the operational budget and purchased by Village Personnel and Authorized Village Officials, shall be established as follows:

a) Operating expenditures:

\$50,000.00 plus	Motion of Council
\$50,000.00	CAO
\$ 1,000.00	Fire Chief
\$ 500.00	Other Village Personnel, as approved

- b) In the absence of the CAO, the Designated CAO's level will be temporarily increased to \$50,000.00 for emergency purposes.
- c) The CAO may approve expenditures exceeding the authorized level, such as contract payments or capital payments, providing:
- i) The expense was allotted for in the Annual Budget and approved by Council.
 - ii) A motion was previously passed by Village Council approving purchase.
- d) Capital purchases that have been approved as part of the Capital Budget do not require additional approval by Council.

2) **VILLAGE CREDIT CARDS:**

Village credit cards shall be issued to the following Village Personnel and Authorized Village Officials:

Administration	shared credit
Public Works	limit of
Mayor	\$50,000.00

Supporting documentation of all credit card purchases must be provided to the Director of Corporate Services.

3) **TENDERS:**

The "Tender" process should be used when price is the main award factor, providing all specifications, terms and conditions have been satisfied. There is to be no negotiation after closing.

All tenders must include the date and time of the competition closing.

All tenders must indicate that submissions are to be sealed and delivered to the address specified, with the content clearly noted.

All tenders are to be dated and time stamped upon receipt at the location specified and are to remain unopened until the closing time for that competition has passed.

Any submissions which are received after the closing date and time are to be returned unopened to the originator. Such submissions may be opened solely to determine the return address of the submission.

It is the responsibility of the vendor to ensure their bid has been received into competition without exception.

Electronic transmission tenders will not be accepted unless otherwise stated.

All tenders may be subject to public opening. The time, location and conditions of the public opening will be made known in advance and shall be contained in the competition documentation provided to potential suppliers.

Only the name of the supplier and the total cost or price in the submission are to be released during a public opening and thereafter.

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

The following criteria may be requested or considered when a tender decision is made:

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| - price | - availability |
| - capability to perform work | - brands |
| - past experience with bidder | - warranties |
| - result of reference check | - expertise in product/service area |
| - information relating to financial state of bidder | - quality |
| - length of construction period | - support and service availability |
| - specific time for construction | - resale value of goods/equipment |
| - insurance coverage, including WCB, vehicle, liability, errors & omissions | |

The tender will be an irrevocable bid by the vendor.

The following statement is to be included in ~~advertising and~~ tender packages:

“The Village of Alix reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders and to waive irregularities and informalities at its discretion. The Village of Alix reserves the right to accept a tender other than the lowest tender.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Village of Alix may consider any other factor besides price and capability to perform the work that it deems in

its sole discretion to be relevant to its decision, including but not limited to the following:

- a) Any past experience with the Bidder, or lack thereof;
- b) The results of any reference check done by the Village of Alix;
- c) Information relating to the financial state of the bidder, however obtained
- d) List other criteria the Village deems appropriate.”

A specific description of the proposed “conditions of work” should be prepared, outlining in as much detail as possible, exactly what is expected by the supplier or contractor. Items to be considered for inclusion as conditions of work should include but not be limited to the following:

- a) A statement on provision of all necessary labour, equipment and in some cases materials.
- b) A requirement for provision of worker’s compensation board coverage, along with the contractor’s actual account number.
- c) A requirement for the provision of indemnity insurance.
- d) A requirement for the provision of liability insurance.
- e) A requirement that the contractor will ensure that all work done on the Village’s property or site shall be done in a safe manner and that all pertinent sections of the “occupational health and safety act” are to be adhered to.
- f) Any other details that the CAO may deem appropriate.

4) REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:

The “Request for Proposals” process may be used as an alternative to the tender process, normally for the provision of services or completion of a given project. This method provides the vendor with an opportunity to bid on work or service using their unique skills.

Specifications are general in nature. The selection of the successful supplier is based on Village of Alix’s appreciation of the proposal and the supplier’s ability to complete the project or provide the service. Electronic submissions will be accepted.

If a closing date (and time) is provided for “RFP”, submissions after this date (and time) will not be accepted.

5) EMERGENCY PURCHASES:

An emergency purchase occurs when a situation presents itself which requires serious and immediate attention which may not be reasonably met by another procedure and includes the following limitation:

- a) A condition where lack of supplies or services may adversely affect the function of the Village of Alix, residents, public property, private property, the environment or endanger the health of the public.
- b) Interim contractual arrangements following the expiration, abandonment or breach of a contract; or the receipt of unacceptable bids.

Emergency purchases are to be completed in an expedient manner but should take economy into consideration. In each case the authorizing person is required to report the emergency purchase, in writing, to the CAO.

Mayor

CAO

Date

ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: April 22, 2022 RFD 22-20
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: Utility Right of Way Agreements

1. **PURPOSE** – To determine if Council is willing to update utility Right of Way agreements with Fortis due to planned line improvements.
2. **BACKGROUND** – The Village has a franchise agreement with Fortis Alberta for the electrical supply system within Village corporate boundaries.
3. **OPTIONS** –
 1. To approve the proposed agreements
 2. To decline Fortis' request for new agreements
4. **DISCUSSION** – One utility Right of Way (ROW) agreement is located on Municipal Reserve within Pheasant Trail, the other is on the same land as our lagoon.

Because one of the agreements is on Village of Alix owned land within the County, I contacted County of Lacombe to see if they had any interest or conflict with the proposed agreement from Fortis and they said they did not.

5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – None
6. **LEGAL** – These agreement updates are being proposed to ensure they are accurate for current and future infrastructure placement. The agreements are legally necessary and have standard content.
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** –
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** –
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Option #1. I recommend the following resolution:

"that the Village of Alix Council hereby agrees to enter into Electric Distribution Lines Utility Right of Way Agreements with Fortis Alberta Inc. on lands described as:
Lot 1MR; Block 2; Plan 0827785, and
Lot 2; Plan 9221225."

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. White', written over a horizontal line.
Author

April 19th, 2022

Michelle White, CAO
Village of Alix
Box 87, 4849 – 50 Street
Alix, AB T0C 0B0

Dear Michelle

RE: Utility Right of Way Agreement
Plan 0827785, Block 2, Lot 1MR
Plan 9221225, Lot 2

We are planning an upgrade to our electrical system within the Village of Alix and surrounding area. There are couple of locations within the Village that we would like to obtain a new right of way agreement and cancel the old ones. Details as follows:

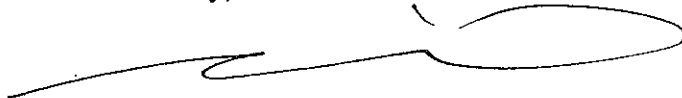
1. The new anchor location on Lot 1MR does not match the 1930 URW
2. The right of way agreement on Lot 2 (Reservoir Lands), does not capture all of the line on this parcel, so we want to correct this as well.

I attach the two new right of way agreements (in triplicate). I kindly request that you sign and seal the documents and return all copies to me. I will arrange for our execution and subsequent registration at Land Titles Office. A copy will be returned to your office upon completion.

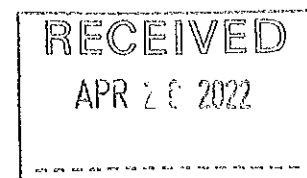
I will remove the old interests concurrently with the registration of the new agreements, I attach a title for both lots for reference.

Please call if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours truly,



Mark Hameister,
Land Agent, Red Deer 403 318-9710 cell



**FORTISALBERTA INC.
ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION LINES
UTILITY RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT**

THE VILLAGE OF ALIX. (the "Grantor") is the registered owner of the following land:

PLAN 0827785

BLOCK 2

LOT 1MR (MUNICIPAL RESERVE)

EXCEPTING THEREOUT ALL MINES AND MINERALS

(the "Land")

In consideration of **ONE (\$1.00) DOLLAR** paid to the Grantor by FortisAlberta Inc. ("FortisAlberta"), receipt of which the Grantor acknowledges, the Grantor grants and transfers to FortisAlberta and its contractors and agents a right of way within, on, over and under a portion of the Land (the "Right of Way") for the erection, installation, construction, operation, maintenance, inspection, testing, alteration, reconstruction, repair, removal, replacement and relocation of FortisAlberta's electric power lines, telecommunication facilities and all related equipment, apparatus and accessories which now or in the future may be necessary for the distribution of electric energy (the "Works"), upon the following terms and conditions:

1. DESCRIPTION OF RIGHT OF WAY

The boundaries of the Right of Way will be limited to that portion of the Land described as follows:

ALL THOSE PORTIONS OF THE SAID LANDS OUTLINED IN RED ON THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE "A" HERETO

2. RECONSTRUCTION, RELOCATION, REPLACEMENT

Under this Agreement FortisAlberta is entitled to erect within, on, over or under the Right of Way, such Works as it may deem necessary for the purpose of reconstructing, relocating, or replacing its electrical power line, telecommunication facilities or any part thereof provided that FortisAlberta will, as soon as practicable under the circumstances, remove all such Works once they are no longer required. FortisAlberta will restore all parts of the Right of Way affected by the removal of such Works to the same condition it was prior to FortisAlberta entering onto and using the Right of Way, to the extent that restoration is reasonably practicable.

3. ACCESS

FortisAlberta, its contractors and agents will have the full, free and uninterrupted right to go on and cross any part of the Land for the purpose of gaining access to and exiting the Right of Way and will be entitled to use and occupy the Right of Way for all purposes incidental to the rights granted by this Agreement.

4. DAMAGE AND INTERFERENCE

FortisAlberta will exercise its rights under this Agreement reasonably, and in a proper and workmanlike manner so as to:

- (a) minimize any damage to the Land; and
- (b) minimize its interference with the Grantor's use of the Land.

5. GRANTOR'S USE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY

The Grantor will have free use of the Right of Way provided such use does not:

- (a) interfere with FortisAlberta's Works located in, on, over or under the Right of Way; and
- (b) interfere with FortisAlberta in its exercise of any of the rights granted to it by this Agreement.

The Grantor may only erect, build or maintain any buildings, structures, materials, equipment, vehicles, agricultural products or other obstructions in, on, over or under the Right of Way with FortisAlberta's prior written consent, which consent may be arbitrarily withheld. If the Grantor erects, builds or maintains any thing in, on, over or under the Rights of Way or makes any improvements to the Right of Way, either with or without FortisAlberta's prior written consent, the Grantor does so at the Grantor's own risk and FortisAlberta will not be liable for any damage to such thing if such damage results from the exercise by FortisAlberta of its rights under this Agreement.

6. FENCES

If the Grantor fences any portion of the Right of Way then FortisAlberta may, at its option, install a gate or gates in the fence. The gates will be of sufficient width to admit passage of an ordinary vehicle. FortisAlberta will furnish the Grantor with a lock and key for each gate upon request.

7. HAZARDS

FortisAlberta and its contractors and agents will have the right to enter upon the Land, including the Right of Way acting reasonably, to cut or remove trees and other vegetation, pump and divert water and dismantle and remove any other obstruction in, on, over or under the Right of Way and the Land that in the sole opinion of FortisAlberta is causing or may cause a hazard, damage or interference to the Works.

8. COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGE

FortisAlberta agrees to reasonably compensate, reclaim or repair as the case maybe, the Grantor for any direct physical damage that may be caused to the Land, or to fences, personal property or crops on the Land by reason of the exercise by FortisAlberta of any of the rights granted to it by this Agreement. FortisAlberta's liability to reasonably compensate the Grantor is subject to the laws in force in Alberta and does not include compensation for damage to trees and other vegetation or property which FortisAlberta is allowed to cut, remove or dismantle under this Agreement.

9. INDEMNIFICATION OF CLAIMS

FortisAlberta will indemnify and hold harmless the Grantor from all cost, expense, loss or damage, including legal expense, that may arise from actions or claims brought against the Grantor by a third party arising from the exercise by FortisAlberta, its contractors or agents of any of the rights granted by this Agreement. This indemnity shall not apply and shall be without force or effect if the said action or claim arises in whole or in part from the negligence or wilful misconduct of the Grantor.

10. RESERVATION OF TITLE TO FORTISALBERTA'S PROPERTY

The Grantor acknowledges that notwithstanding any rule of law or equity to the contrary, all Works placed on or under the Land are deemed to be chattels and not fixtures and will remain the property of FortisAlberta even though attached to the Land.

11. DURATION OF GRANT OF RIGHT OF WAY AND REMOVAL OF WORKS

The grant and transfer of a right of way under this Agreement will commence on the effective date of this Agreement and will continue until FortisAlberta indicates in writing to the Grantor that FortisAlberta no longer desires to use the rights granted. For greater certainty, removal of the Works or any part of the Works by FortisAlberta for any period of time shall not terminate this Agreement. Upon termination of this Agreement FortisAlberta will remove the Works at its option, and restore the Right of Way to the same condition, to the extent the restoration is reasonably practical, as it was prior to FortisAlberta entering onto and using the Right of Way and after that FortisAlberta will discharge any instrument registered against title to the Land in respect of its rights under this Agreement.

12. NOTICES

Notices to either the Grantor or FortisAlberta shall be given in writing and will be personally served, delivered or sent by registered mail to the following:

- (a) For the Grantor: At the address indicated on the certificate of title for the Land; and
- (b) For FortisAlberta: At the registered corporate head office of FortisAlberta Inc. currently located at 320 17th Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta, T2S 2V1, Attention: Land Department.

13. COVENANT

This Agreement is and will be of the same force and effect to all intents and purposes as a covenant running with the Land.

14. ENUREMENT

This Agreement will be binding upon and enure to the benefit of the parties, their heirs, executors, administrators, attorneys, trustees, successors, franchisees, licensees and assigns, as the case may be.

15. ASSIGNMENTS AND LICENSES

FortisAlberta will have the right from time to time to grant in its sole discretion franchises, licences or assignments of its rights under this Agreement, in whole or in part, without notice to the Grantor or further compensation becoming payable to the Grantor under this Agreement.

16. REGISTRATION OF INTEREST

FortisAlberta will be entitled to register this Agreement or a caveat in respect of this Agreement against title to the Land.

17. SAFETY

FortisAlberta and Grantor acknowledge that safety regarding the governance of their relationship is of paramount importance. FortisAlberta and Grantor shall work in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, in order to ensure that all Work(s) contemplated herein shall be completed in a safe and professional manner.

18. GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement shall be governed by, subject to and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of Alberta and the Federal laws of Canada, applicable therein.

19. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Agreement is effective only if signed by the Grantor, and two powers of attorney authorized by FortisAlberta Inc. to sign this Agreement and register this Agreement with the Land Titles Office.

The Grantor has signed this Agreement on _____, 20__ and once signed by FortisAlberta Inc. will be effective as of the date signed by the Grantor.

GRANTOR

Witness

THE VILLAGE OF ALIX.

Witness

THE VILLAGE OF ALIX.

FORTISALBERTA INC.

Per: _____

Per: _____

INDIVIDUAL OWNERSHIP SKETCH PLAN

FOR ANCHOR RIGHT OF WAY

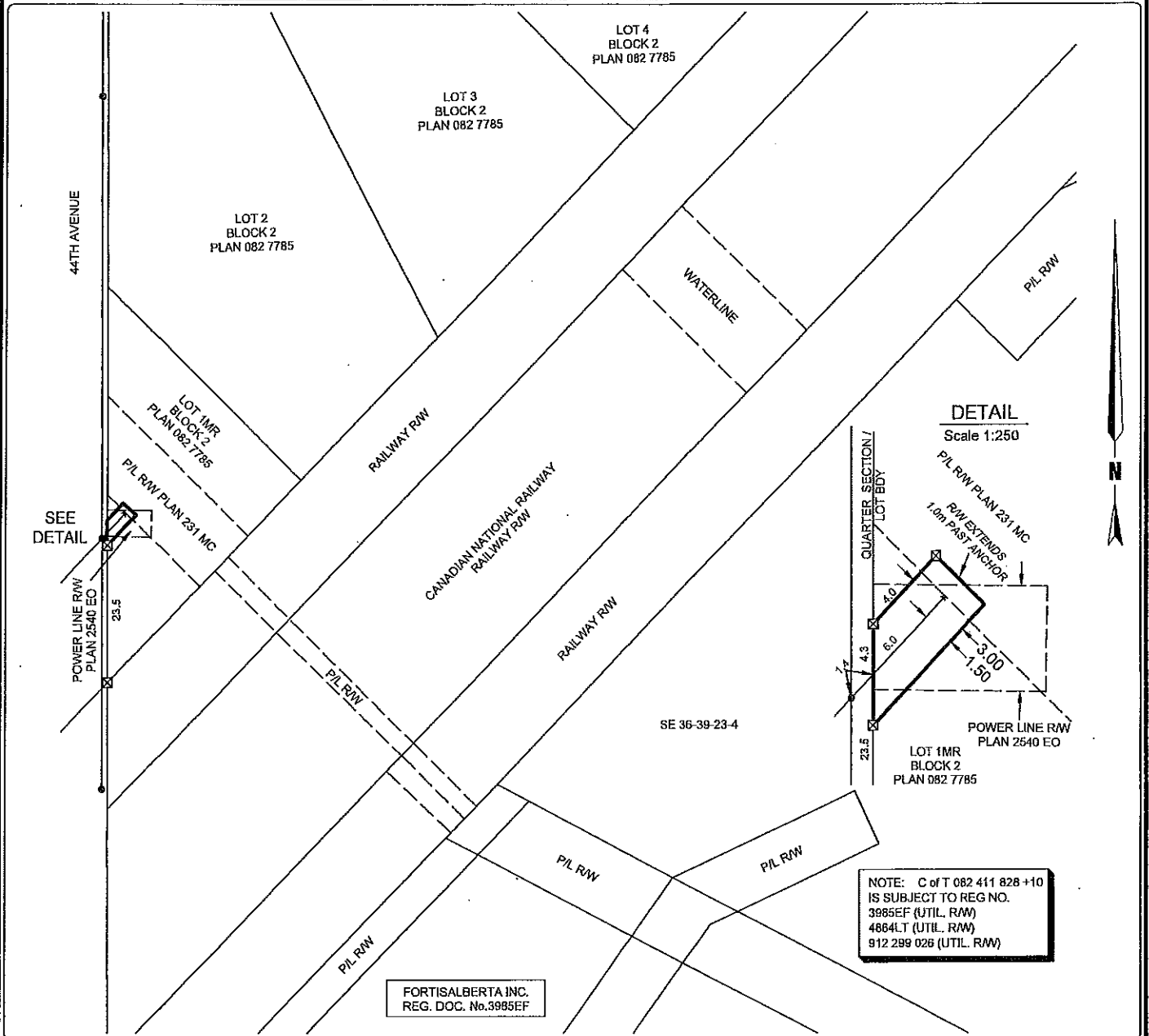
LOT 1MR, BLOCK 2, PLAN 082 7785
(SE 1/4 SEC 36 TWP 39 RGE 23 W4M)

Lacombe County

SCALE: 1:1000

FORTIS ALBERTA

SCHEDULE "A"



LEGEND:

Portions referred to shown thus:

Staked overhead power shown thus:

Existing overhead power shown thus:

Calculated position shown thus:

Staked anchor shown thus:

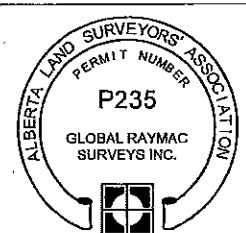
Existing pole shown thus:

NOTES:

Distances are in metres and decimals thereof.
All distances shown are horizontal and at ground elevation.

Combined Scale Factor = 0.999760

C of T : 082 411 828 +10
Owner(s) : The Village Of Alix.



WORK ORDER No: 65411823
REQUEST FILE No: 610013096
DATE OF SURVEY: 7 Jan 2021
IOP-LOT 1MR

global raymac
Ph: 403.526.6300 www.globalraymac.ca

GRS Job No. 20MF0480104

PREP BY	DESCRIPTION	DATE	REV
LP/VM/TF	ORIGINAL PLAN	17 Jan 2021	0

GRANTOR: THE VILLAGE OF ALIX.

WORKORDER: 65411823

CRM NUMBER: 610013096

LMR NUMBER: 310034769

FUNCTION NUMBER: 320108814

REGISTRATION

NO. _____

**FORTISALBERTA INC.
ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION LINES
UTILITY RIGHT OF WAY**

(General Utilities)

**FORTISALBERTA INC.
ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION LINES
UTILITY RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT**

THE VILLAGE OF ALIX. (the "Grantor") is the registered owner of the following land:

PLAN 9221225

LOT 2

CONTAINING 34.1860 HECTARES(84.48 ACRES) MORE OR LESS

EXCEPTING THEREOUT:

	HECTARES (ACRES) MORE OR LESS	
A) PLAN 9321264 PUBLIC WORKS	0.979	2.42

EXCEPTING THEREOUT ALL MINES AND MINERALS

(the "Land")

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2. RECONSTRUCTION, RELOCATION, REPLACEMENT

Under this Agreement FortisAlberta is entitled to erect within, on, over or under the Right of Way, such Works as it may deem necessary for the purpose of reconstructing, relocating, or replacing its electrical power line, telecommunication facilities or any part thereof provided that FortisAlberta will, as soon as practicable under the circumstances, remove all such Works once they are no longer required. FortisAlberta will restore all parts of the Right of Way affected by the removal of such Works to the same condition it was prior to FortisAlberta entering onto and using the Right of Way, to the extent that restoration is reasonably practicable.

3. ACCESS

FortisAlberta, its contractors and agents will have the full, free and uninterrupted right to go on and cross any part of the Land for the purpose of gaining access to and exiting the Right of Way and will be entitled to use and occupy the Right of Way for all purposes incidental to the rights granted by this Agreement.

4. DAMAGE AND INTERFERENCE

FortisAlberta will exercise its rights under this Agreement reasonably, and in a proper and workmanlike manner so as to:

- (a) minimize any damage to the Land; and
- (b) minimize its interference with the Grantor's use of the Land.

5. GRANTOR'S USE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY

The Grantor will have free use of the Right of Way provided such use does not:

- (a) interfere with FortisAlberta's Works located in, on, over or under the Right of Way; and
- (b) interfere with FortisAlberta in its exercise of any of the rights granted to it by this Agreement.

The Grantor may only erect, build or maintain any buildings, structures, materials, equipment, vehicles, agricultural products or other obstructions in, on, over or under the Right of Way with FortisAlberta's prior written consent, which consent may be arbitrarily withheld. If the Grantor erects, builds or maintains any thing in, on, over or under the Rights of Way or makes any improvements to the Right of Way, either with or without FortisAlberta's prior written consent, the Grantor does so at the Grantor's own risk and FortisAlberta will not be liable for any damage to such thing if such damage results from the exercise by FortisAlberta of its rights under this Agreement.

6. FENCES

If the Grantor fences any portion of the Right of Way then FortisAlberta may, at its option, install a gate or gates in the fence. The gates will be of sufficient width to admit passage of an ordinary vehicle. FortisAlberta will furnish the Grantor with a lock and key for each gate upon request.

7. HAZARDS

FortisAlberta and its contractors and agents will have the right to enter upon the Land, including the Right of Way acting reasonably, to cut or remove trees and other vegetation, pump and divert water and dismantle and remove any other obstruction in, on, over or under the Right of Way and the Land that in the sole opinion of FortisAlberta is causing or may cause a hazard, damage or interference to the Works.

8. COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGE

FortisAlberta agrees to reasonably compensate, reclaim or repair as the case maybe, the Grantor for any direct physical damage that may be caused to the Land, or to fences, personal property or crops on the Land by reason of the exercise by FortisAlberta of any of the rights granted to it by this Agreement. FortisAlberta's liability to reasonably compensate the Grantor is subject to the laws in force in Alberta and does not include compensation for damage to trees and other vegetation or property which FortisAlberta is allowed to cut, remove or dismantle under this Agreement.

9. INDEMNIFICATION OF CLAIMS

FortisAlberta will indemnify and hold harmless the Grantor from all cost, expense, loss or damage, including legal expense, that may arise from actions or claims brought against the Grantor by a third party arising from the exercise by FortisAlberta, its contractors or agents of any of the rights granted by this Agreement. This indemnity shall not apply and shall be without force or effect if the said action or claim arises in whole or in part from the negligence or wilful misconduct of the Grantor.

10. RESERVATION OF TITLE TO FORTISALBERTA'S PROPERTY

The Grantor acknowledges that notwithstanding any rule of law or equity to the contrary, all Works placed on or under the Land are deemed to be chattels and not fixtures and will remain the property of FortisAlberta even though attached to the Land.

11. DURATION OF GRANT OF RIGHT OF WAY AND REMOVAL OF WORKS

The grant and transfer of a right of way under this Agreement will commence on the effective date of this Agreement and will continue until FortisAlberta indicates in writing to the Grantor that FortisAlberta no longer desires to use the rights granted. For greater certainty, removal of the Works or any part of the Works by FortisAlberta for any period of time shall not terminate this Agreement. Upon termination of this Agreement FortisAlberta will remove the Works at its option, and restore the Right of Way to the same condition, to the extent the restoration is reasonably practical, as it was prior to FortisAlberta entering onto and using the Right of Way and after that FortisAlberta will discharge any instrument registered against title to the Land in respect of its rights under this Agreement.

12. NOTICES

Notices to either the Grantor or FortisAlberta shall be given in writing and will be personally served, delivered or sent by registered mail to the following:

- (a) For the Grantor: At the address indicated on the certificate of title for the Land; and
- (b) For FortisAlberta: At the registered corporate head office of FortisAlberta Inc. currently located at 320 17th Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta, T2S 2V1, Attention: Land Department.

13. COVENANT

This Agreement is and will be of the same force and effect to all intents and purposes as a covenant running with the Land.

14. ENUREMENT

This Agreement will be binding upon and enure to the benefit of the parties, their heirs, executors, administrators, attorneys, trustees, successors, franchisees, licensees and assigns, as the case may be.

15. ASSIGNMENTS AND LICENSES

FortisAlberta will have the right from time to time to grant in its sole discretion franchises, licences or assignments of its rights under this Agreement, in whole or in part, without notice to the Grantor or further compensation becoming payable to the Grantor under this Agreement.

16. REGISTRATION OF INTEREST

FortisAlberta will be entitled to register this Agreement or a caveat in respect of this Agreement against title to the Land.

17. SAFETY

FortisAlberta and Grantor acknowledge that safety regarding the governance of their relationship is of paramount importance. FortisAlberta and Grantor shall work in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, in order to ensure that all Work(s) contemplated herein shall be completed in a safe and professional manner.

18. GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement shall be governed by, subject to and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of Alberta and the Federal laws of Canada, applicable therein.

19. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Agreement is effective only if signed by the Grantor, and two powers of attorney authorized by FortisAlberta Inc. to sign this Agreement and register this Agreement with the Land Titles Office.

The Grantor has signed this Agreement on _____, 20__ and once signed by FortisAlberta Inc. will be effective as of the date signed by the Grantor.

GRANTOR

Witness

THE VILLAGE OF ALIX.

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FORTISALBERTA INC.

Per: _____

Per: _____

WORK ORDER No: 65411823	 P/c 408,528,6200 www.globalraymac.co.uk	PREP BY	DESCRIPTION	DATE	REV
REQUEST FILE No: 610013096		LP/VMTF	ORIGINAL PLAN	17 Jan 2021	1
DATE OF SURVEY: 7 Jan 2021		LP/VMA/JL	REVISED TO ONLY N/S ALIGNMENT	07 Feb 2022	
IOP-LOT 2		GRS Job No. 20MF0480101			

GRANTOR: THE VILLAGE OF ALIX.

WORKORDER: 65411823

CRM NUMBER: 610013096

LMR NUMBER: 310034769

FUNCTION NUMBER: 320108814

REGISTRATION

NO. _____

**FORTISALBERTA INC.
ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION LINES
UTILITY RIGHT OF WAY**

(General Utilities)

LACOMBE REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MEETING

The meeting was held in person at the Eckville Legion Hall and virtually by Zoom on April 13 2022, at 7 pm, with 12 participants.

HHID CONTRACT REVIEW AND UPDATE

Ken Morrison (Director Emergency Services Blackfalds) spoke and advised the sub review committee recommenced a 3 year contract for HHID Julian Veuger.

Only addition to old contract is 2 years with an optional third year.

I spoke and backed up Morrison saying this added stability to LREMP and that due to Veugers performance was well justified.

Thalia HIBBS (City of Lacombe Council advised that as she and others were new she was uncomfortable and it was irresponsible to vote on something she hadn't seen and knew nothing about.

Veuger requested a annual assessment.

Lacombe Council Fire Chief Bushier would like to see 2 visits per calender year per community.

Contract tabled for a month to be disseminated to each member to review. A ZOOM meeting will be held May 11, 2022 to vote on same.

A motion was tabled to ensure Veuger is paid in the interim.

WELCOME TO SV's OF NOGENWOLD & JARVIS BAY

Though same are in Red Deer County this brings all SV's onto our committee. This was previously approved in the Spring of 2021 meeting.

LREMP FEE REVIEW COMMITTEE FORMED

The committee has been formed though has not met, a report is expected at the fall LREMP meeting.

BUDGET UPDATE (VEUGER)

Julian Veuger advised the new SV's are reflected in the budget. \$5000 added in budget for training to reflect mandatory courses that are subject to legislative requirements. The \$30000 previously budgeted for exercises (mandated by legislation) is under due to COVID. The 2 major expenses in the budget are for Veuger and training.

AEMA REPORT

Brian Boutin was unable to attend. Bushier advised Boutin wanted us to be aware of the new AIMS (Alberta Incident management System). A report to the public is due later this year.

LREMP ALIX EXERCISE TEAM REPORT (VEUGER)

This was the table top exercise we all attended. All municipalities are to be tested, 9 of 13 have occurred. An actual exercise is scheduled for October 26 using the Fort McMurray fire as an example. Plan is to bring all member communities into either Lacombe or Blackfalds.

ROUND TABLE

Lacombe Councillor HIBBS requested access to the website for new members regards terms of reference and access to previous minutes. To be provided

NEXT MEETING

ZOOM meeting to vote on HHID contract and next regular meeting November 23, 2022 at 7 pm
(location to be determined)

Meeting ended at 8:22 pm

E.W. (ED) COLE
Councillor

Lacombe Regional Emergency Management Program

2022 Budget

Carried from 2021: \$31,726.00

Revenues	Budgeted	Actual
Member Contributions		
City of Lacombe	5,500	
Town of Blackfalds	5,500	
Village of Clive	5,500	
Village of Alix	5,500	
Town of Bentley	5,500	
Town of Eckville	5,500	
Lacombe County	5,500	
SV of Birchcliff	2,500	
SV of Sunbreaker Cove	2,500	
SV of Half Moon Bay	2,500	
SV of Gull Lake	2,500	
SV of Norglenwold	2,500	
SV of Jarvis Bay	2,500	
Total Revenue	\$ 53,500.00	\$ -

Expenditures	Budgeted	Actual	Remaining
Contract Services (HHID Consultants)	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 6,666.00	\$ 33,334.00
Contract Services (Edge Design Solutions)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Misc.	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
2022 Exercises Program	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 4,705.00	\$ 25,295.00
Training	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
Totals	\$ 77,500.00	\$ 11,371.00	\$ 66,129.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 77,500.00		

Net Surplus(Deficit)

\$ (24,000.00) \$ -

2022 opening operating reserve: \$ 31,726.00
 2022 Surplus (Deficit) \$ (24,00.00) Deficit to be covered by reserve funds.
 Ending Reserve Balance \$ 7,726.00⁶

From: Drayton Bussiere <dbussiere@lacombecounty.com>
Sent: April 19, 2022 2:04 PM
To: CAO
Subject: First quarter 2022
Attachments: Alix Fire - Totals by Geographic Location.pdf

Hi Michelle,

Attached is the first quarter reporting for Alix Fire.

As we also discussed at the audit review, I intend to review our policy manual this year just to make sure all our policies are applicable and working as intended. Included in this review will be a suggested change to the Alix Fire Scope of Practice/Service Level. When we initially set the current service level training records and completion dictated a structure fire response that was slightly reduced from the rest of the County and had Alix Fire at an offensive only service level. Since then, significant training efforts from the members, and continued training in 2022, should allow us to adjust this service level to meet those of the rest of the County. I will of course discuss any changes with Darren, yourself and County administration before any changes are made and presented to Council but this is an exciting achievement and the members of Alix Fire deserve a lot of credit for their hard work.

Thank you and feel free to let me know if you have any questions,

Drayton



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Be Ready, Look Professional, Act Professional, Take Care of Each Other

Date
Apr 19 22

Lacombe County Fire Service
40403 Range Road 27-4, Lacombe County Lacombe AB T4L 2N3
PH : 403-782-8959

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Totals by Geographic Location
From Jan 1 22 to Mar 31 22

Response Type	# of Incidents	Staff Hours
Village of Alix		
10 Fire - Structure	1	33 h 18 m
12 Fire - rubbish or grass fire (no dollar loss)	1	0 h 0 m
62 Public Service - first-aid	13	18 h 29 m
63 Public Service - assist police, EMS, or other agency	2	3 h 12 m
69 Public Service - miscellaneous	1	0 h 0 m
73 Alarm No Fire - detector activated	1	0 h 0 m
82 False Alarm - internal or local alarm system	1	4 h 5 m
8 Fire - Outside Rubbish/Grass dollar loss	4	35 h 34 m
Total For Village of Alix:		24 94 h 38 m
Lacombe County - Alix		
09 Fire - Vehicle	1	5 h 32 m
31 Vehicle Accident	3	44 h 7 m
35 Resuscitation Call - respiratory emergency	1	0 h 0 m
36 Resuscitation Call - heart attack	1	2 h 58 m
43 Hazmat - electrical	1	9 h 20 m
62 Public Service - first-aid	4	20 h 7 m
63 Public Service - assist police, EMS, or other agency	4	9 h 15 m
73 Alarm No Fire - detector activated	3	24 h 17 m
90 Incident Situation Unclassified	1	12 h 9 m
Total For Lacombe County - Alix:		19 127 h 45 m
Total Number of Responses		43 222 h 23 m

From: Tim Timmons
Sent: April 20, 2022 4:26 PM
To:
Cc: Craig Teal; Laverne Turnbull
Subject: Joint Use and Planning Agreements (JUPA) - Orientation

Good afternoon,

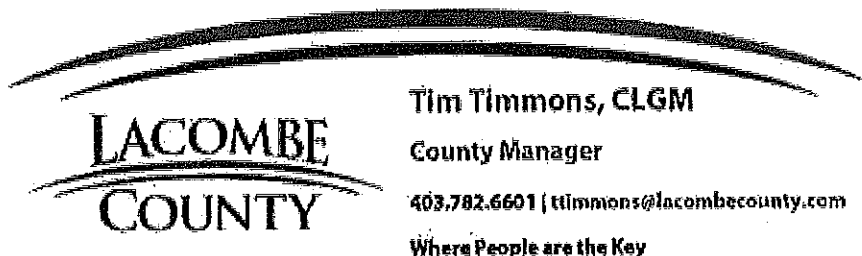
A group of central Alberta municipalities (Clive, Alix, Bentley, SV of Parkland Beach, Penhold, Ponoka and Big Valley) successfully applied for an Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) grant to assist them in developing JUPA's with their respective school boards. With funding through this grant program Parkland Community Planning Services has been engaged to assist with this initiative which, to date, has comprised of providing orientation workshops for municipal and school board staff and elected officials with respect to JUPA requirements, and developing template agreements.

With the authorization from this group of municipalities and the allocation of some of the ACP grant Lacombe County has arranged for Craig Teal from Parkland Community Planning Services to provide a JUPA workshop titled "Creating Joint Use and Planning Agreements" on May 20th at the Lacombe County office. The approximate 1 ½ - 2-hour workshop will start at 9:00 a.m. Virtual attendance is an option.

Lacombe County is pleased to extend an invitation for your elected officials and administrative staff to attend this workshop. If you are interested please RSVP (via email) to Laverne Turnbull, Executive Administrative Coordinator, by May 13th, and indicate the number of representatives from your organization that will be attending and whether they will be participating virtually or in-person.

Thank you.

Tim



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

What we heard

Through the NPF's community engagement sessions and online surveys with Albertans we heard loud and clear that the majority do not want a new police service, and instead want to redirect that funding to prioritize improving the justice system, strengthening social services, and increasing police resources. Participants felt that these targeted investments would bring better and more immediate results to address crime within communities.

Background

In 2020, the Fair Deal Panel (FDP) recommended that the Government of Alberta consider transitioning away from the RCMP to an Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS). The Panel's own survey showed that most Albertans do not support this idea, ranking it second last in terms of priorities for Alberta. Following the FDP recommendations, the Government hired PricewaterhouseCooper (PwC) in October 2020 to conduct a \$2 million report which was completed in spring 2021 and released publicly in November 2021, titled APPS Transition Study.

Since December 2020, the National Police Federation (NPF) has conducted three rounds of public opinion research through Pollara Strategic Insights which have consistently shown that only less than nine per cent of Albertans support such a transition. This research has shown that

Albertans do not want to pay for increased costs and instead want additional resources to be invested into the Alberta RCMP to continue to reduce and mitigate rural crime and more funding within the Alberta justice system to tackle the issue of repeat offenders.

Our community engagement

The NPF has been actively meeting with Albertans, stakeholders, and elected officials over the past year, all of whom have shared these same sentiments. Following the release of the APPS Transition Study, the Government continued to assert that the majority of Albertans supported such a plan: which is the exact opposite of Pollara's findings and what the NPF has heard. In response to this, the NPF undertook a community engagement tour of Alberta municipalities to both inform and hear from municipalities and residents on policing.

The KeepAlbertaRCMP Community Engagement Tour held meetings in 38 municipalities from Pincher Creek to Fort McMurray with five additional virtual sessions, and other meetings with stakeholders and organizations as requested by them. From the Community Engagement Tour, the NPF developed this report sharing what we heard from communities across the province and the questions they still want answered by the Government.



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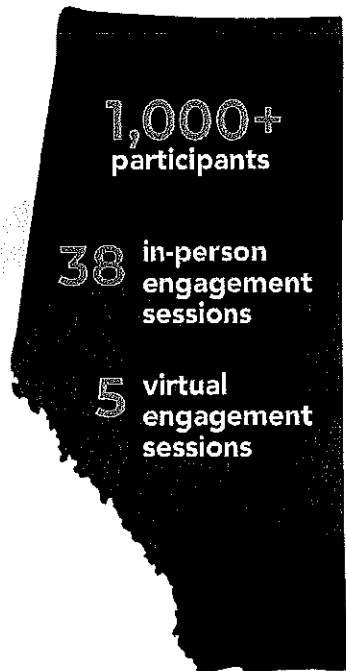
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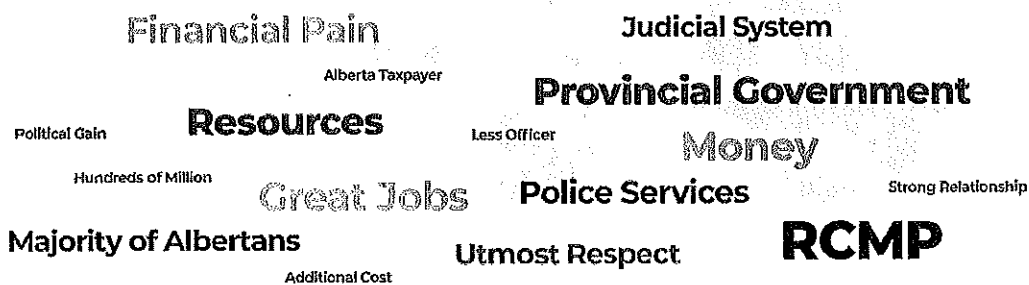


The KeepAlbertaRCMP Community Engagement Tour held public sessions throughout the province which were open to everyone. Significant social media ads, print and digital ads, and local radio commercials ensured that as many people as possible knew we were coming to their community and how to join. The NPF also held additional presentations with community groups, on request, such as Rotary Club and Rural Crime Watch, as well as presented to numerous First Nations Chiefs and First Nations members.

In addition to the public, Mayors, Reeves, Councillors, Members of the Legislative Assembly, and Members of Parliament attended these engagement sessions, as well as various other municipal officials and municipal employees. Many community organizations also attended our engagement sessions including Rural Crime Watch chapters, Citizens on Patrol chapters, and others who work to make the Alberta justice system safer and fairer for all.

WHAT WE HEARD

Survey respondents and engagement session participants shared a great deal about both the positive aspects of the current policing structure and the challenges they have experienced with policing in their community. Participant views, challenges, and their need for more information on the proposed police model are outlined in more detail in the following sections.



The image above captures the most used words in open-ended responses across all surveys. The size of the word corresponds with the relative frequency each word was used. "RCMP", "money" and "resources" were the most frequently used words, followed by "financial pain", "judicial system", "great jobs" and "utmost respect"- indicating the predominance of these sentiments. It is important to note that in most open-ended responses, 86% supported keeping the RCMP. Statements most often reflected their concerns with transitioning to a new police service, while at the same time highlighting the great job and respect for the RCMP.



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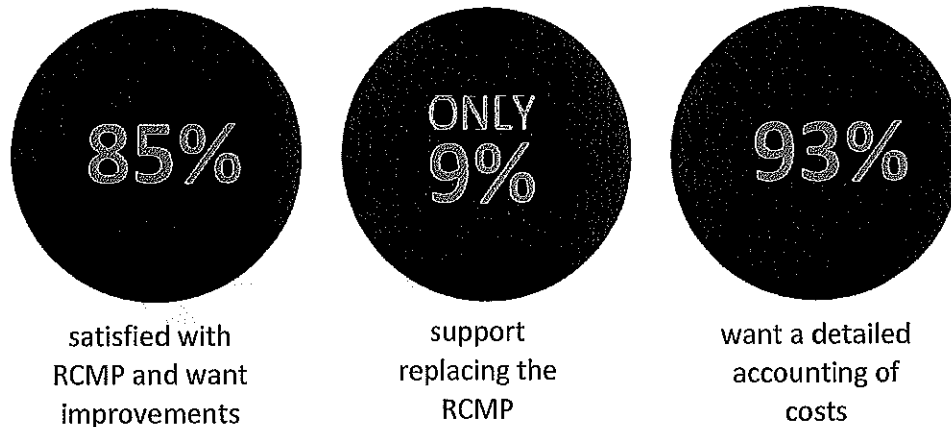


By the Numbers

Since October 2020, the NPF has conducted three rounds of research through Pollara Strategic Insights, October 2020 (W1), April 2021 (W2) and October 2021 (W3). The NPF also conducted an online survey during the same timeframe as the engagement sessions to gain feedback from those who attended and those who were unable to attend. This survey was open from January to March 31, 2022.

SURVEYS	Number of responses
Pollara October 2020 (W1)	1,300
Pollara April 2021 (W2)	1,228
Pollara October 2021 (W3)	1,221
NPF: Satisfaction of RCMP policing (2022)	672
NPF: Policing improvements within communities (2022)	739

Across all research conducted between 2020 and 2022, the graphic below demonstrates the average response to questions asked. See Appendix A for further analysis of the survey responses.



Municipal Support

In March of 2022, both of Alberta's municipal associations, Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis) and Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA), passed resolutions opposing the Government of Alberta's provincial police service transition proposal. Together, these organisations represent all the 300+ municipalities across Alberta.

ABmunis passed a resolution that "Alberta Municipalities strongly oppose the APPS models proposed in the PwC study and develop an advocacy and communications strategy to advance our position.

Further, that Alberta Municipalities urge the Government of Alberta to invest in the resources needed to:

1. Address the root causes of crime (i.e., health, mental health, social and economic supports); and
2. Ensure the justice system is adequately resourced to enable timely access to justice for all Albertans."ⁱ

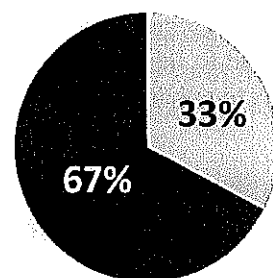
RMA passed a resolution that "Rural Municipalities of Alberta request that the Government of Alberta not create an Alberta Provincial Police Service".ⁱⁱ

ABMUNIS MOTION 2022

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Oppose  34

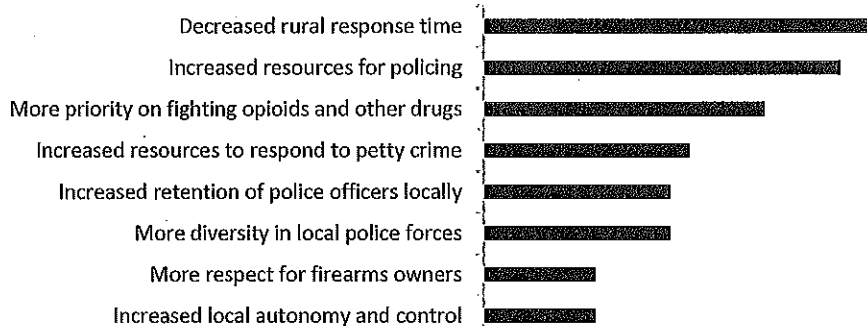
RMA RESOLUTION 2022



 Support  Oppose

Priorities of Albertans

Top Priorities for Improving Policing



We know that there are improvements that can be made within the current policing model in Alberta. Through our surveys and during discussions at our engagement sessions and as noted above in the ABmunis motion, Albertans want the Government to decrease rural response time, increase resources for police and focus on fighting opioids and other harmful drugs that are on the rise within communities.



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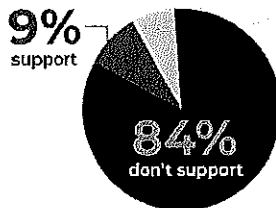


Key Themes

We heard about the positive aspects of the current policing model and of the challenges experienced by residents and communities. While some aspects of the discussions differed across the province, we heard overwhelmingly the same message: Albertans do not support a transition away from the RCMP.

During engagement sessions, two main issues continued to be raised: associated costs and impacts to public safety.

Albertans DO NOT SUPPORT replacing the Alberta RCMP



Participants also shared their frustration over the lack of basic information surrounding the potential transition from the Government. Many participants expressed that they had reached out to their local MLA and either did not receive a satisfactory answer or are still waiting for answers.

More specifically, Albertans noted that the challenges they face with the current policing structure are not just a result of policing, but a multitude of services that impact public safety including: the judicial system, lack of crown prosecutors, lack of community supports, reduction of mental health programs, and a need for better police infrastructure and resources - all of which the province oversees.

The following key themes emerged from the NPF's community engagement sessions:

1. Why is This Being Pursued?

Frequently asked questions

Why is the Alberta government continuing to pursue this?

What is so broken it must be replaced instead of fixed?

Who is going to benefit from this transition?

Many attendees questioned whether the Government was pursuing a new police service for motives other than public safety. This topic arose as residents pointed out that the Fair Deal Panel's findings through surveys of Albertans showed a lack of community support. Many continue to feel that this proposed transition is going to move forward, regardless of what Albertans want. Albertans want to ensure that public safety will not and can not be compromised for any political reason. Many people expressed that they did not feel consulted and were not heard by either the Government or their local MLAs.

Participants also questioned why the Government failed to conduct a review of the current services provided by the RCMP to identify where resources could be invested to improve the current police structure and associated costs of doing so.



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2. Costs

Frequently asked questions

Why isn't the Government investing this "extra" money to address the root causes of crime?

Why does the Transition Study seem to ignore the federal contribution?

Where is all this additional money going to come from?

How much will costs increase if transition timelines are delayed?

Throughout the engagement sessions and surveys, participants emphasized their concern surrounding additional costs associated with a potential APPS. Many felt that while the Transition Study was fulsome in some cost areas, there were many noted "unknown" costs or areas where more analysis would be needed to assess the full costs and impacts. This has left participants with more questions than answers.

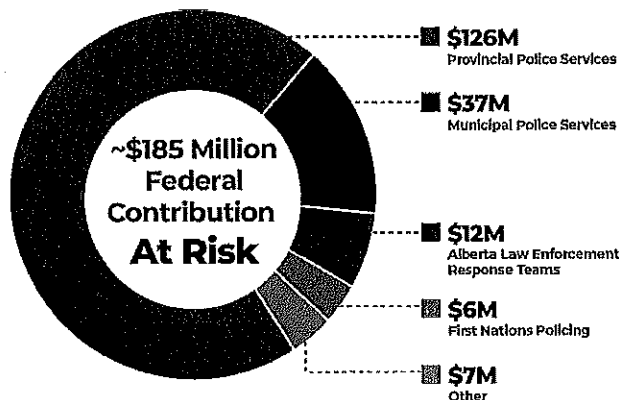
The most common question raised surrounding costs was "who is going to pay for this?" Attendees noted that the Government has stated that municipalities would not pay for the additional costs (+\$139 million per year, increasing with inflation) but has still not been able to state clearly to Albertans who would. We heard that participants felt that ultimately municipalities and taxpayers would be saddled with the increased costs and/or the fear that taxes would be raised.

"Municipalities cannot bear to have more of these (police) costs downloaded to them, especially if there's not proof that there will be increased levels of service."

— Sturgeon County Mayor Alanna Hnatiw
St Alberta Today (February 9, 2021)ⁱⁱⁱ

Costs continued to be the main concern amongst participants. Many found it hard to rationalize the proposed costs associated with an APPS and pointed out that the Transition Study noted that the APPS would be modeled after the RCMP. Many saw this as a waste of taxpayers' money which could be better spent in other ways to better address public safety in Alberta. Participants believed increased investments alone into policing will not fix rural crime, but instead a multi-pronged approach including hiring and retaining crown prosecutors and ensuring an end to the revolving door of the justice system would provide more immediate crime reduction.

We heard that some residents did not fully understand the current federal contribution that the federal government provides to the Government of Alberta to cover 30% of the policing costs for having the RCMP as the provincial police service. Many believed that the federal government would continue to provide the Government some money to cover policing costs.



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At the same time, participants felt the Transition Study was misleading because it didn't outline the Ontario Provincial Police or the Sûreté du Québec policing models and associated costs, which would be the best comparison to demonstrate potential costs for an APPS. Neither Ontario nor Quebec receive any federal contributions to cover their own provincial police services. This benefit is provided only to provincial partners who use the RCMP. Many participants also expressed that they felt the Government was not doing a great job at providing accurate information to MLAs on the topic, as some UCP MLAs had been telling their residents that the federal contribution would continue under an APPS model. During one of our sessions, a UCP MLA in attendance, also stated this misleading information. In addition, we also heard from some UCP staff who attended that they believed that the contribution would continue. Many attendees felt misled, frustrated, and expressed a lack of trust with the information being provided to them.

3. Oversight & Provincial Responsibility

Looking at the current state of policing in Alberta, there appeared to be some misunderstanding as to the role the Province plays in setting the priorities of the Alberta RCMP. Participants expressed that part of this confusion stems from false claims by the Province that the RCMP priorities are set by Ottawa.

During our engagement sessions we pointed to the various sections of the Provincial Police Service Agreement (PPSA), which outlines police services between the RCMP and the province, which state:

Article 6.1:

"The Provincial Minister will set the objectives, priorities and goals of the Provincial Police Service."

Article 6.3:

"The Provincial Minister will determine, in consultation with the Commissioner, the level of policing service to be provided by the RCMP..."

Article 18.1(e):

"Each fiscal year the Provincial Minister will...provide the Commanding Officer with the projected annual budget for the Provincial Police Service for the next fiscal year, as well as projected budgets..."

Did You Know?

Detachment Commanders hold townhalls regularly to get input from the general public in their communities around policing priorities, along with general discussions around community safety issues.

Some attendees found this helpful, while others still questioned why the Province would state otherwise. It was expressed that these two narratives are creating confusion amongst the public.

Municipal officials who attended the engagement sessions expressed appreciation for the hard work of Alberta RCMP Members and the difference they make in their communities. Municipal officials maintain direct and open contact with their local Detachment Commander through strong relationships. We heard that many municipalities utilize local advisory committees with their local RCMP as a way to express local concerns, identify crime trends, and to discuss and determine local priorities for the year. Many municipal leaders expressed fear that these strong



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relationships would be lost through a transition, including local knowledge of crime trends and offenders.

“I believe that the town of Millet has great relationship with the local RCMP detachment and would not support their removal from the Province”

- Millet Mayor Doug Peel
The Wetaskiwin Times (Nov 3, 2021)^{iv}

4. Staffing and Training

Frequently asked questions

If Alberta has the money for a transition, why not use it to provide additional resources to the RCMP?

Where is the Government going to find that many officers in Alberta?

How would an APPS match the high-level of police standards of the RCMP?

How much would a training facility costs, and the staff needed?

We consistently heard about staffing challenges with the current policing structure and concerns about how an APPS would better address these challenges. Participants noted that there is a decline in police personnel within Canada, which does create staffing issues within the RCMP and can impact crime rates within their communities. However, many noted that the Transition Study does not outline this issue and how it would be able to recruit and train the number of officers it would need to fully staff a provincial police service.

Many participants questioned if the current Alberta RCMP Members would transfer over to a new APPS. However, some municipal leaders pointed out that in the Government consultations they attended, the provincial government was citing that they predict about 15% of the current Alberta RCMP would transition over. This flagged a further issue with attendees on how the Government would recruit the remaining ~2,500 officers needed to form an APPS. During the engagement sessions, the NPF outlined that most of the RCMP officers would continue to stay with the RCMP and transfer to other postings, as we have seen in other jurisdictions. We then heard attendees note that the Government is highlighting a potential APPS as being local officers from Alberta, and with recruiting challenges and most of the RCMP officers remaining with the RCMP, such a notion would be impossible.

“The RCMP are serving us well...I don't see a lot of positives to a provincial police force.”

- St. Albert Mayor Cathy Heron
St Alberta Today (February 9, 2021)^v

Another issue that was raised was that the current RCMP model allows for officers to move in and out of communities, which can be a challenge. While the current RCMP structure does move officers, most often these officers are relocated between communities within Alberta and not out of province. This still allows the community to benefit from the Member's Alberta crime knowledge. However, not all participants saw this as a concern and praised the model as it allows for officers with various expertise and backgrounds to come into the community; stops political influence of officers in communities; and if a municipality wishes to retain an officer there were avenues to obtain the officer for a longer contract.



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“Lethbridge County Council and a majority of other rural municipalities do not support this proposed transition to an Alberta Provincial Police Service.”

— Lethbridge County Reeve Tory Campbell
My Lethbridge Now (Jan 20, 2022)^{vi}

During our sessions we also heard that the RCMP has some of the highest training standards in the world and that a move to an APPS could jeopardize the quality of service they receive. The Transition Study also noted a two-tiered police model for an APPS with less fully trained officers. Many participants expressed huge concerns, especially in rural communities, on how this could negatively impact police services to some of the complex crimes they experience and how this would improve public safety and confidence in the police.

5. Improve, Not Replace

Communities across Alberta appreciated having both the NPF and the Government come to their community to discuss policing but felt that the conversation should not be about replacing, but instead on ways to improve the current policing model.

It was often repeated throughout the NPF engagement sessions that Albertans do not have an issue with the RCMP, but instead with the Alberta justice system that seems to create a revolving door for criminals to reoffend with little-to-no repercussion. Part of this problem comes from the shortage of crown prosecutors which communities want addressed first and foremost.

“The issue with rural crime is not about the police force, it's about the justice system not performing well”

— Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara
CBC Edmonton (March 9, 2022)^{vii}

We heard how the RCMP can better serve communities including better support for mental health calls, continuing to address rural response times, addressing delays in RCMP transfers, and increasing administrative help to ensure RCMP officers can be out on the streets instead of behind a computer.

6. Call for Consultation and Answers

Frequently asked questions

Why isn't the public allowed into the Government consultations?

How do we make sure our MLAs are listening to us?

Why is the Government pursuing this without consulting Albertans?

Since the release of the Transition Study, the Government has undertaken limited consultations with only municipal leaders and key stakeholders. The public was not allowed to attend and even had their participation revoked if they were invited by a municipal official. We heard repeatedly from participants that they do not feel properly consulted by the Government on this matter. They were frustrated that the only consultation that is open to the public is a proposed online survey. We also heard from many First Nation leaders that they were not consulted and grew frustrated with this proposal and lack of communication from the Government.

We heard that participants have written letters to their local MLA, but many have gone unanswered, or the response received was vague and did not answer the questions asked, but instead only received a templated response.



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Unanswered Questions

During our engagement sessions we heard a multitude of questions from participants that have gone unanswered by the Government. Albertans need answers to make an informed decision.

1. The proposed APPS transition will cost Albertans more than \$185 million/year in Federal contributions, plus more than \$366 million in transition costs. Where is this money going to come from?
2. With so many police departments struggling to recruit, and the Government assuming only 15% of Alberta RCMP would transition to an APPS, how do they plan to fill the other ~2,500 positions in just four years?
3. The Transition Study states that APPS officers would initially be trained in municipal training facilities (Calgary and Edmonton police services). Are these facilities prepared and equipped to train the ~2,500 officers needed?
4. The APPS report offers two models, with Model A offering half as many fully trained officers as the current Alberta RCMP. Why would the Government consider providing less than the current complement of fully trained police officers for rural Albertans, and for more money?
5. Why didn't the Provincial Government review the current Alberta RCMP police service model for how efficiencies could be made, and the cost to do so?
6. When will the Government be completing a true feasibility study to clarify the assumptions made in the Transition Study as recommended by PwC?

ABOUT THE NPF



The National Police Federation (NPF) is the sole certified bargaining agent representing ~20,000 Members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) across Canada and internationally, including about 3,500 Members in Alberta. Certified in 2019, the NPF is the largest police labour relations organization in Canada. The NPF's mission is to provide strong, fair, and progressive representation to promote and enhance the rights of RCMP Members.



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APPENDIX A: Survey Results

The following charts display the results from the surveys conducted since October 2020 and show a cross comparison overtime of the responses to specific questions asked.

Table A1: Surveys

SURVEYS	Number of responses
Pollara October 2020 (W1)	1,300
Pollara April 2021 (W2)	1,228
Pollara October 2021 (W3)	1,221
NPF: Satisfaction of RCMP policing (2022)	672
NPF: Policing improvements within communities (2022)	739

Between January and March 31, 2022, the NPF conducted its own online survey at the same time as the NPF's engagement sessions to further collect information and feedback.

Figure A1: How satisfied are you with the RCMP's policing in your community? (4,421 respondents)

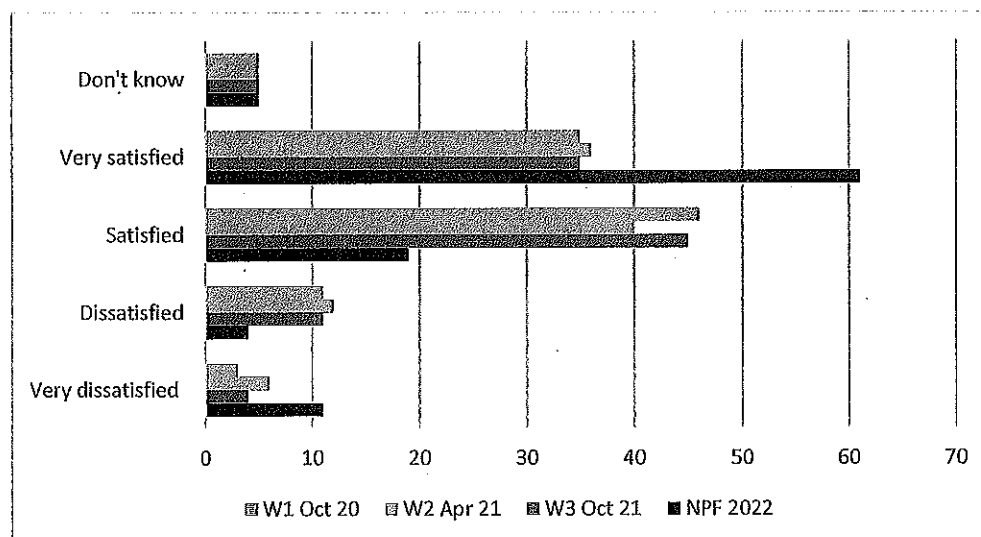


Figure A2: Before any changes to policing are made, there needs to be a detailed accounting of costs and impacts to service levels. (3,749 respondents)

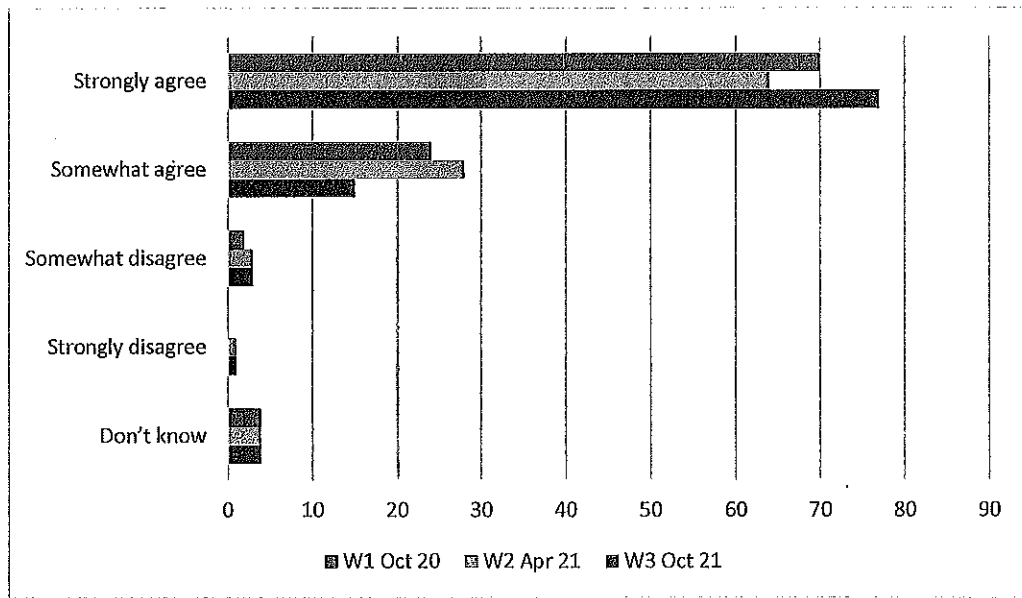


Figure A3: What is the most important improvement you'd like to see in policing in your community? (4,448 respondents)

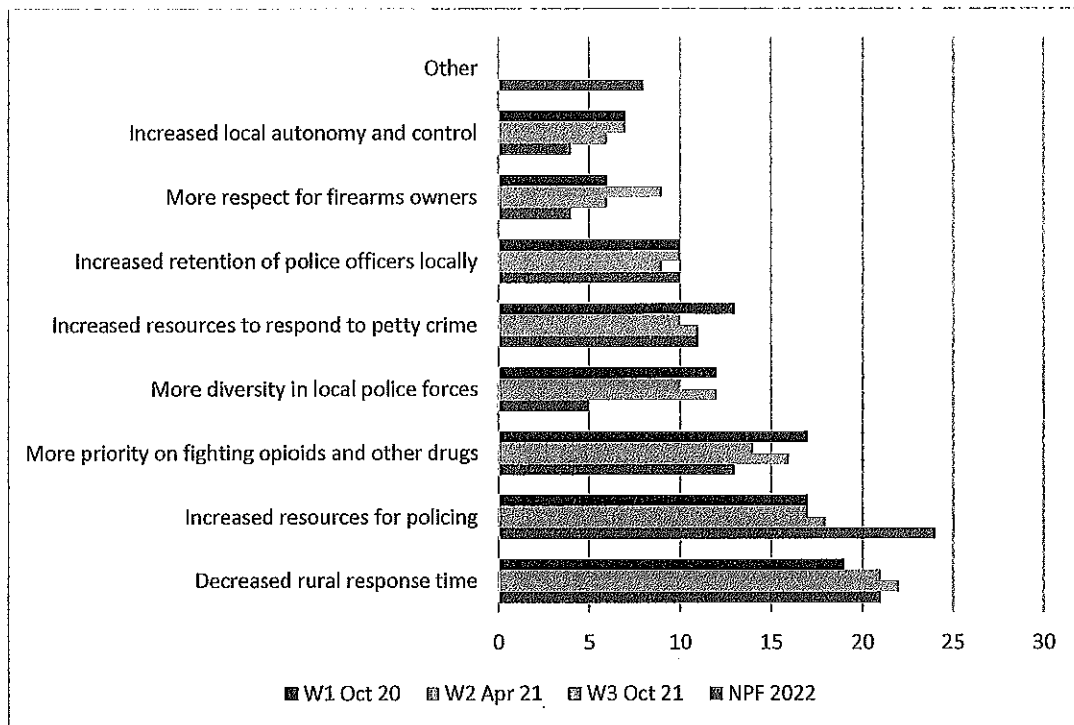
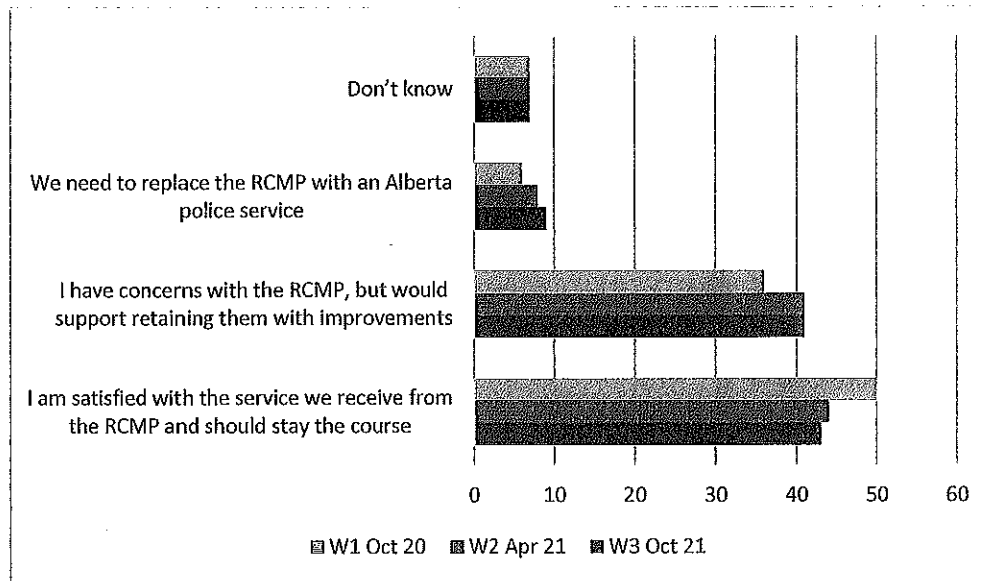


Figure A4: Which of the following statements best reflects your viewpoint? (3,749 respondents)



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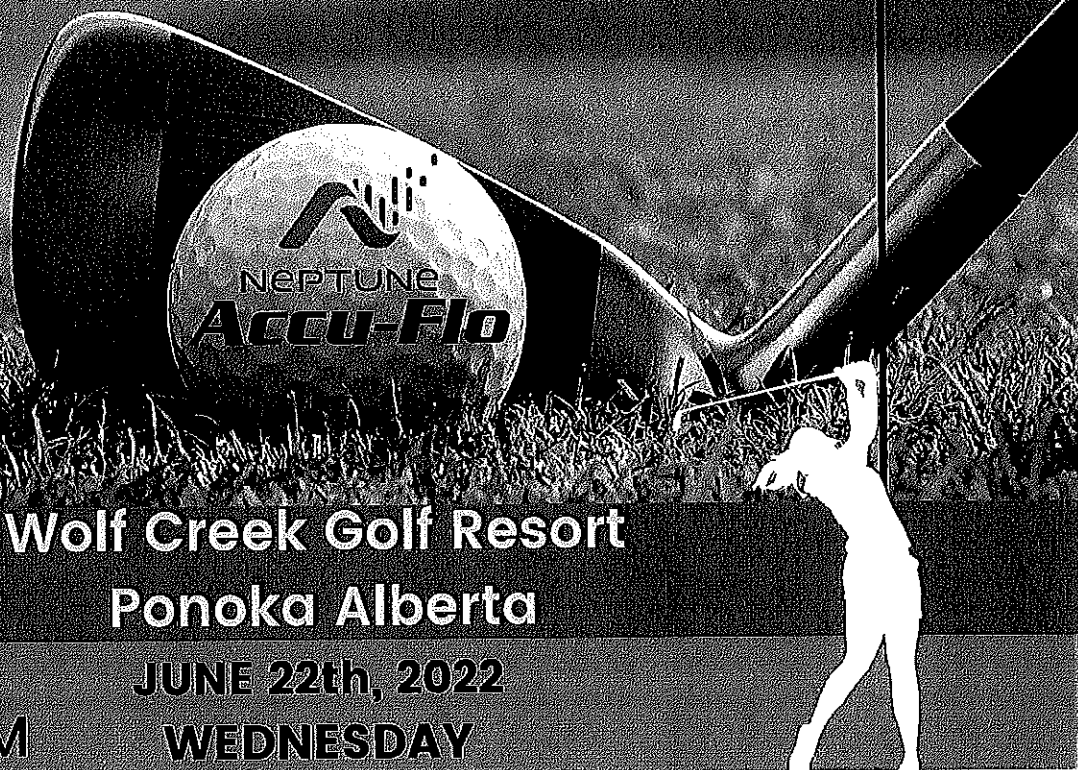
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Alberta Utilities Commission
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Dear Utilities Commission,

RE: Increasing Utility Fees

Please accept this correspondence as a letter of support in addition to the correspondence you have already received from the Town of Fox Creek, dated March 23, 2022.

The Town of Taber joins in the increasing concern across the province regarding the rising utility fees for both natural gas and electricity. This concern is being felt throughout public and private spheres, and we are urging the Commission to take serious note of the concerns herein.

Over the past two years, residents of both Taber and the province have felt the ever-increasing strain of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic coupled with increasing job insecurity and the rapid inflation of food, fuel, and housing costs. The rising costs of utilities have placed an additional strain on residents' already thin bottom lines.

It is important to note that the rising costs are not just impacting residents, but non-profits, small businesses, and commercial industries. Many of the aforementioned are in jeopardy of closing or forced to stop their services to our communities due to the increasing costs of utilities.

We as representatives of our community also note that it is wholly unacceptable that the rising costs of utilities have led to increased private profits as has been noted in the media lately. In our estimation, increased private profits seems to be a step too far given the undue hardship the public has faced these past two years and will likely continue to face unless the Commission takes swift action. As members of Council and representatives for our community's citizens, we believe now is not the time to be taking more money from the pockets of Albertans. Now is the time to be supporting Albertans when and where they need it most.

Alongside the Town of Fox Creek, the Town of Taber is urging the Commission to perform a review of the fees being charged on top of the actual usage fees all the while giving strict attention to the amount of profit corporations are making off of our residents and Albertans.

Your time and consideration for our residents, businesses, and non-profits is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mayor Andrew Prokop

Cc: Town of Taber Council
Mr. Grant Hunter, MLA
Alberta Municipalities
Town of Fox Creek

