Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council, to be held on
Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order:	
2. Public Hearing:	a) Proposed Bylaw 481/24 Municipal Development Bylaw – Request for Decision 24-09
3. Agenda	Amendments and Adoption
4. Adoption of the Minutes:	a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting – February 7, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.
5. Delegation:	a) Jill Hillman, Executive Director and Latisha Niehaus, Administrative Manager, Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society – Review of 2023 Resource Ctr programs
6. Bylaws:	a) Bylaw 481/24 Municipal Development Bylaw – Request for Decision 24-08 b) Bylaw 421/16, Schedule A, Bulk Water Rate – Request for Decision 24-05
7. Unfinished Business:	a) Policy 47 – Memorial Tree and Bench Program – Request for Decision 24-06
8. New Business:	a) Alix Public Library – Request for Decision 24-07 b) Municipal Census – Request for Decision 24-10
9. Financial Reports:	a) Accounts Payable Cheque Listing b) Bank Reconciliation – January 2024 c) Tax Trial Balance – February 14, 2024
10. Committee Reports:	None
11. Administrative Reports:	a) CAO Report
12. Correspondence and Information:	a) Bashaw RCMP – Alix Stats 2023 b) Brenda Knight, Lacombe County Councillor, Division 2 – Mirror Day Parade Invitation c) Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas – Alberta's Water Shortage Management Plan d) National Police Federation – 2024 Pre-Budget Submission to the Government of Alberta e) Westerner Days 2024 – Central Alberta Pavilion f) S. Faszer – Lake Dredging and Riparian and Shoreline Removal – Notice of Objection g) S. Faszer – Alix Lake Dredging and Removal of Aquatic/Riparian Areas – Notice of Public Concern
13. Closed Meeting:	None
14. Adjournment:	



This Strategic Plan provides a strong foundation for our organization to use as we move forward into the future. It reflects our commitment to the health, well-being, connectedness, and economic prosperity of our community. We want to make sure Alix is not just a great place to live, raise a family, and retire, but a place where one day your kids can live and raise a family of their own. And as we grow, we want to keep all the things that make our community special. In addition to the strategic goals in this plan, the Village of Alix will also continue delivering on fundamental municipal responsibilities such as fire protection, planning and development, water, waste collection, safe roads and more.

Our community is much more than its elected representatives and municipal staff. It's the citizens who live, volunteer, work, play, and socialize here who shape this community and bring it to life. This plan shows our commitment to working for you and with you to help shape a bright future we can all be proud of.

Vision

Vibrant Village by the lake

Mission

We foster an open, cooperative government that encourages public participation and ensures levels of service our citizens expect and deserve.

Core Values

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

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

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

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

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

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

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Date: February 16, 2024 RFD 24-09
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: Municipal Development Plan

1. **PURPOSE** – To report to Council regarding the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) Public Hearing comments received.

1. **BACKGROUND** – Council gave first reading to the new MDP Bylaw at the January 17, 2024 regular meeting. The public hearing was advertised in accordance with the MGA and written responses to the draft MDP were received. Responses are attached for Council consideration.

2.

3. **OPTIONS** – 1. To hear and consider all written and verbal statements regarding the proposed Municipal Development Plan

3. **DISCUSSION** – There were three written submissions received (attached).
   - Telus states they have no concerns at this time.
   - CN Rail does not discuss the MDP but does address the "zoning by-law" which would be the Land Use Bylaw.
   - Lacombe County had no concerns with the content of the MDP.

5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** –

6. **LEGAL** – MGA s. 692(1) "Before giving second reading to (b) a proposed bylaw to adopt a municipal development plan" "a council must hold a public hearing with respect to the proposed bylaw in accordance with section 216.4 after giving notice of it in accordance with section 606."

7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** –

8. **OTHER COMMENTS** –

9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – That Council hear all submissions regarding the MDP prior to closing the Public Hearing. Council may then decide to consider or debate any matters heard during item 6.a) of the regular meeting agenda.

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Village of Alix



MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

ADOPTED 2024

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1.0 INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

The Municipal Government Act, RSA, 2000 (as amended) requires every council of a municipality to adopt a Municipal Development Plan (MDP). The Act states that an MDP must address such issues as future land use and development in the municipality, the provision of municipal services and facilities, and intermunicipal issues such as future growth areas and the co- ordination of transportation systems and infrastructure.

The Alix Municipal Development Plan is intended to guide community growth and development for the next 25-years. The purpose of the Municipal Development Plan is to translate a community's vision statement for the long- term sustainability of the Village into a meaningful set of goals, objectives, and policies intended to benefit the entire community.

The Municipal Development Plan is a policy document intended to direct future land use and development. It is a general document that focuses on the community's long-term outlook and helps Council evaluate immediate proposals in the context of the community's desired long-term future. More detailed plans for site-specific developments are undertaken as part of the Area Structure Plan, Area Redevelopment Plan, or Outline Plan processes, which must be designed in accordance with the general policy guidance of the Municipal Development Plan.

The Municipal Development Plan does not change the land use designation of a specific property. The Land Use Bylaw is a regulatory mechanism for controlling land uses based on today's conditions. The Municipal Development Plan represents the community's vision for the future while the Land Use Bylaw helps govern the path towards achieving that vision.

The Municipal Development Plan is intended to be a dynamic document that evolves with the community. Revisions to the plan are implemented when warranted and a formal review of the document will occur at regular intervals. Amendments to the Municipal Development Plan must be approved by Council. For every proposed amendment a public hearing must be conducted prior to Council considering the amendment. Any development proposal requiring a Land Use Bylaw change that is inconsistent with the Municipal Development Plan will require an amendment to the Municipal Development Plan prior to or concurrent with approval of the Land Use Bylaw change.

2.0 COMMUNITY CONTEXT AND TRENDS

Regional Setting

The Village of Alix is located on Highway 12 mid-way between the Towns of Lacombe and Stettler in the County of Lacombe #14. It is situated 68km (42 miles) east of Red Deer and 190 km (118 miles) south of Edmonton.

The Village is located in a historically strong agricultural and oil producing region. The strong agricultural industry is highlighted by the Rahr Malting Plant, which opened in 1993 and is one of the most advanced malting facilities in the world. It is conveniently situated adjacent to the southeast corner of Alix at the intersection of both the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railway lines.

Alix is located in gently undulating terrain and surrounded by productive farmland and tree stands. Alix Lake, a significant feature within the Village, is located south of Highway 12, with Parlby Creek flowing to the north from the lake. Provincial Recreational Areas including Buffalo Lake and the growing summer

villages of Rochon Sands and Whitesands, are located approximately 15 km (9 miles) east of Alix.

Development and Community

Commercial activities currently found in Alix are largely convenience retail and personal services. This includes gas stations, restaurants, local hotels, liquor stores, personal services and a grocery store. For the most part, these activities are concentrated along Highway 12, 50 Ave, and 50 Street. Further commercial lands have been designated adjacent to Highway 601 the Village boundary.

The Village's present industrial base consists largely of the Rahr Malting Plant. Industrial activities are concentrated along the railway and eastern portions of the Village. Some existing industrial uses are close to residential uses and development reflecting the historical origins of the community.

The Village's proximity to the larger urban centres of Red Deer and Lacombe promotes commuter activity for the Village. While this has positive aspects, more balanced growth in the assessment base, in the form of commercial, industrial, and non-residential development, not only provides more local employment opportunities but also assists with the costs of providing, maintaining, and improving municipal services. Balanced growth also must consider impacts on the environment and the community's overall quality of life.

Currently, open space in Alix takes the form of the trail system, school grounds, arena and recreational sites. Most recreational use and open space is located within close proximity of Alix, such as the golf course just east of the Village.

Significant Features

The Significant Features Map identifies the features that influence the future growth of Alix. These features represent constraints to urban development as well as opportunities for the creation of an attractive and livable community.

While the highways that serve the community provide good access they also pose constraints relating to residential areas being located in close proximity and balancing the desire to access land along the highway with maintaining the ability of the highway to move traffic. The Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways form a significant barrier to the contiguous development of the community, confining the majority of development in a small pocket against Alix Lake.

Expansion to the north is limited by the Parlby Creek and proximity to the wastewater lagoon, which restricts most development within a 300 m radius of the lagoon. In addition, gas/oil facilities have setbacks that restrict development in their proximity. Specifically, to the southwest is a currently discontinued sour gas facility, if this were to begin operating again there is the possibility for setbacks restricting residential development. Similarly, although overhead powerlines are necessary features, they restrict uses and development in the swath of land underneath them and produce some noise.

Existing land use patterns set the stage for the development of adjacent lands. The distribution of existing community service, recreation and education facilities influences residential land use patterns. Similarly, the existing development of commercial and industrial properties presents opportunities and constraints for the future development of nearby properties.

Long-Term Growth Area

The Long-Term Growth Area Map identifies the preferred growth direction for the Village. This map and any corresponding policies are included to promote consistency between the Intermunicipal Development Plan and the Municipal Development Plan. Any identified future land uses, goals,

objectives, and policies related to lands outside the Village's current boundaries are statements of future intent or preference and are not binding on the owners of these properties until such a time that they are annexed by the Village.

Land Use Concept

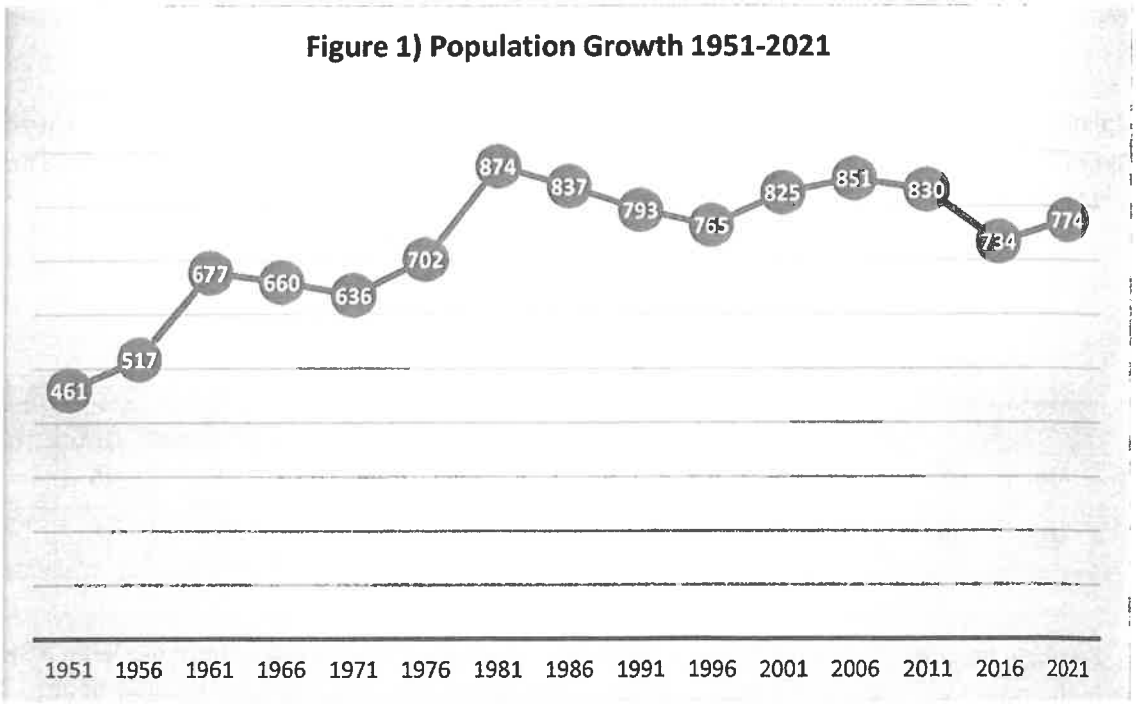
The Land Use Concept Map identifies land use patterns as envisioned by the Village within the Village boundary. This includes the type and location of different land uses, the general location of major roads, and possible growth areas. The land use concept may be further defined through the preparation and adoption of statutory and non-statutory plans for smaller portions of the Village.

The Land Use Bylaw shall be utilized to implement the Municipal Development Plan policies through the designation of land use districts and the application of development standards for each district. In this regard, the boundaries between the land uses are not to be rigidly interpreted and the specific boundaries shall be determined through the designation of the Land Use Bylaw Districts. The Land Use Concept Map should not be viewed or interpreted in isolation from the goals, objectives, and policies expressed throughout the Municipal Development Plan.

Population Growth

The Village of Alix has experienced both population growth and decline since 1951 when it totaled 461 people. Figure 1 below illustrates that declines during the periods of 1966-1971 and 1986-1996 were offset by gains at other times including 26 additional people between 2001-2006, which represents an average annual growth rate of 0.62%. Alix has experienced another decline in its population between 2006 and 2016. However, since 2016 with an average 1.1 percent annual growth rate the Village of Alix population has increased from 734 in 2016 to 774 in 2021.

Figure 1) Population Growth 1951-2021



Demographic Overview

While the overall population in 2016 has significantly declined since 2006, there has been a reasonable growth in population between 2016 and 2021.

Figure 2 below provides a breakdown of the population by age group and explains the demographic changes in Alix between 2016 and 2021. Since 2016, the number of people between the ages of 0 and 14 has increased from 16% to 20% in 2021.

Figure 2) Age group percentages 2016-2021

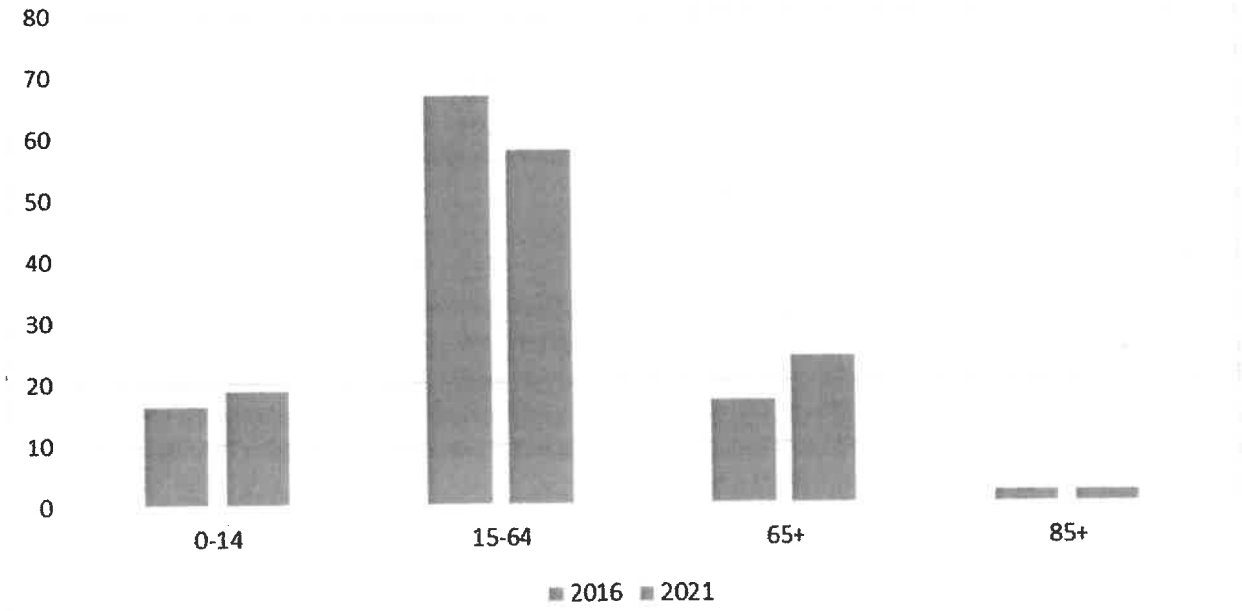


Table 2 illustrates that the average household size in Alix has increased from 2.1 in 2016 to 2.3 in 2021. This figure corresponds to the growth rate of children (0-14 age group) from 16% in 2016 to 20% in 2021. In contrast, the number of people aged 15-64 has decreased from 67% to 59%.

Table 2) Community Profile 2026 – 2021

	Age Structure (%)				Household Size					
	0-14	14-65	65+	85+	1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 or more	Average
2016	16	67	17	2	125	130	30	40	15	2.1
2021	20	59	20	1	110	140	35	35	20	2.3

Correspondingly, Figure 2 and Table 2 above show that between 2016 and 2021 there has been a 3% growth in the number of people aged 65 and above. This figure, which represents the baby boom generation suggests that permanent residents of Alix are getting aged in place. It may also suggest that more senior groups have chosen Alix as a suitable place to live.

Therefore, it might be said that the number of empty-nest households, couples whose children have left home, is increasing. This assumption is supported by the fact that although the number of children has increased, the number of households containing a couple with children has increased. Age group trends may impact the demand for educational, social, medical and recreational facilities and services.

Housing Development Trends

Chart 1 below illustrates various housing development in Alix between 2011 and 2021. Out of 335 dwelling units in total, there are 245 Single Detached, 15 Duplex, 15 Multi-unit and 60 Mobile Homes. According to this data the most popular form of housing in Alix is the Single Detached dwelling at 73% (245 units) in 2021. The second common housing type is Mobile Home which has increased from 55 in 2011 to 60 or 18% of total homes in 2021.

Comparing data shows that during the past decade, there hasn't been a significant change in the number of housing developments in Alix.

Figure 3) Housing Types



3.0 VISION STATEMENT

Vision

Identifying a shared vision is an important component of community planning. Alix has defined a community vision based on its heritage, environment, the values of its citizenry, and its aspirations for future generations. The proper stewardship of community assets, while managing the pressures of growth, is a balancing act that will require foresight, long- range planning, and a great amount of community involvement. Periodically Alix will need to review its vision to ensure it continues to focus on the right direction.

- "The Village of Alix is a diverse community with a friendly, family- oriented, small-town atmosphere committed to preserving and enhancing its historic and environmental character, the quality of its neighbourhoods, the diversity of employment opportunities, and a diversity of arts, cultural, and recreational pursuits."

- "The Village of Alix promotes public participation in civic, social, and cultural endeavors by reaching out to its residents and businesses involving them in important decisions and working cooperatively to determine the best overall course of action. Through the support of its residents and businesses the Village in return benefits from the community's service, leadership, and generosity."

Guiding Principles

Developing a set of principles that support the community vision is another important part of the framework of the Alix Municipal Development Plan. Inevitably, Alix will have to make decisions on community issues that are either not addressed in the Municipal Development Plan or that are inconsistent with the specific recommendations found in the plan. In such cases, the guiding principles can be a valuable reference in determining if a specific proposal is consistent with the direction stated in the Municipal Development Plan. The guiding principles are as follows:

1. **Preserving the small-town atmosphere should be a priority for the Village:** Control and manage future growth in a fashion that complements and preserves the local small-town character.
2. **Public involvement is key to a successful future:** Involvement of individual citizens, businesses, and organizations in both private and public endeavors will strengthen the community and foster a stronger sense of community ownership.
3. **Downtown Alix should be the centre and focus of social, commercial, and community life:** The downtown should maintain a balance of goods and services, residences, and activities that attract people to the area. It should remain a daytime and evening destination for commerce, entertainment, social interaction, and government.
4. **Alix shall actively participate in regional initiatives:** The Village will work together with surrounding jurisdictions to further shared local and regional interests while maintaining the autonomy to advance local interests on behalf of its residents.
5. **Historic preservation is vitally important to preserving the character of the community:** The Village is committed to protecting its historic resources as a means of fostering community pride and encouraging the preservation of its local assets.
6. **Fostering an attractive business environment compatible with the community's character is**

imperative for the Village's long-term success: An environment that attracts and retains commercial and industrial investment opportunities that are compatible with the community is vital to the Village's future prosperity and quality of life.

7. **Publicly accessible natural areas are an essential part of a great community:** Open space and environmentally sensitive areas should be integrated with new development and re-development areas to preserve natural systems, and wildlife habitats, and allow the Village to capitalize on its natural assets.
8. **The Village should continue to emphasize Alix Lake as an important element of the community's environment:** Alix Lake is the most significant physical and visual element of the Village. Alix should emphasize the lake's importance as a unifying element of the community, as well as its role as a gathering area. Lands adjacent to the lake should accommodate public access and viewing areas.
9. **Alix should be proactive in planning for its future:** Alix will be a better place if the change is managed and well-planned. The community should shape its future rather than simply letting it happen.
10. **Alix should maintain a strong public infrastructure**: Alix's streets, utilities, parks, and public buildings are essential core components of the community. These public investments enhance the community's image, reduce long-term costs, and make Alix a more desirable place to live and work.
11. **Alix should maintain a housing supply that offers a full range of choices:** Alix should offer affordable housing choices that serve a broad range of incomes, lifestyles, and age groups while maintaining the small-town character. The community's housing stock should allow people to remain lifelong Alix residents by providing opportunities to move into alternative forms of housing as their needs change over time.
12. **Alix should provide indoor and outdoor recreational opportunities to meet community needs:** Alix should strive to maintain a balanced system of neighbourhood and community parks and open space areas that are interconnected by a local trail system.
13. **Alix should strive to maintain and enhance the provision of protective services for all residents:** The Village will continue to build cooperative relationships with all service providers and agencies to ensure that all existing and future residents are provided an adequate level of service.

4.0 GROWTH MANAGEMENT

Growth management is the process of accommodating changes and growth in the community, while directing the location and pattern of development. It seeks to ensure that the quality of life in Alix is maintained as the size of the community increases.

Growth management is also a tool to ensure that development contributes to, and works towards, making the community's future vision as a sustainable community a reality. A lack of coordinated growth management can lead to land use conflicts and inefficient servicing patterns. This, in turn, can affect the ability of the Village to provide municipal services in a more efficient manner and achieve the optimal use of limited funds for capital improvements and upgrades.

Goal

Develop a managed and environmentally sound growth strategy that makes the most efficient use of public services and infrastructure while preserving the character of the Village.

Objectives

(a) Manage growth within the Village's fiscal capabilities.

(b) Encourage orderly, economical, and contiguous development that is capable of utilizing existing or planned infrastructure capacity.

(c) Ensure an adequate supply of land and infrastructure capacities are available to accommodate future growth.

Policies

4.1 Community Character: The Village shall evaluate projects with respect to the magnitude, scale, and diversity of land uses so that no one project or combination of projects overtakes the character of the existing community.

4.2 Annexations: The Village shall endeavour to annex lands within the identified Long-Term Growth Area as illustrated in Appendix A in a timely fashion as necessitated by the Village's growth rates.

4.3 Adequate Supply of Land: The Village shall ensure that an adequate supply of commercial, industrial and residential lands are available through annexation, designation in the Municipal Development Plan, Land Use Bylaw, and more detailed area-specific plans.

4.4 Efficient Utilizations of Infrastructure: The Village shall emphasize the efficient utilization of existing and planned utility and transportation infrastructure capacity in determining appropriate short-term growth directions.

4.5 Contiguous Growth: The Village shall encourage new development to locate contiguous to the existing developed area and take advantage of proximity to existing infrastructure. This aim for contiguous development may not always be possible where the extension of services is not feasible.

4.6 Encouraging Infill Development:

The Village shall generally support development opportunities where infill or redevelopment of existing serviced land is proposed.

4.7 Progression of Development: The Village shall ensure an orderly progression of development to minimize land use conflicts and protect existing agricultural operations and land until such time as it is required for urban development.

4.8 Allocation of Costs of Development: The costs associated with servicing newly developed areas shall be allocated to the Developer in accordance with policies approved by Council.

4.9 Existing Gas Facilities: The Village shall consult with the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) regarding the potential for new development in the vicinity of existing Oil and Gas facilities and shall refer to AER, applications for subdivision and development of land, in accordance with the Subdivision and Development Regulations as approved under the Municipal Government Act.

4.10 Location of New Oil and Gas Facilities: The Village shall encourage new Oil and Gas facilities and pipelines to be located beyond the identified long-term growth area. Where it is not possible to avoid these areas, the Village shall encourage the use of alignments and locations that are conducive to future urban development.

4.11 Development Adjacent to Railways: Subdivision and development of land adjacent to the

railway tracks shall be undertaken in a manner that mitigates the impact of rail operations on adjacent uses. The Village may require a noise study or other type of study (e.g. visual impact study, vibration study) that may, in the opinion of the Approving Authority, be considered necessary to properly evaluate subdivision and development proposals along the railway tracks.

4.12 Setback from Wastewater Treatment: Subdivision and development of lands within 300 metres of wastewater treatment facilities as identified in the Significant Features Map shall only be permitted in accordance with the Subdivision and Development Regulations. The Village may request a waiver of this setback from Alberta Environment and Parks.

5.0 URBAN FORM

Urban form refers to the physical layout and design of Alix's urban environment. Urban design deals with the visual quality of the built environment. High-quality urban design can enhance the distinctiveness of parts of the community and promote social objectives such as creating a strong sense of place and belonging and interaction amongst community members. It creates character and interest through such elements as the design of public parks, attractive streetscapes, and the contribution of individual buildings towards creating attractive outdoor spaces. Urban design can also influence the safety of the urban environment through the establishment of highly visible and lively spaces.

Goal

To create an attractive, safe, and functional physical environment where residents and visitors experience a strong sense of place and community pride.

Objectives

(a) Promote high-quality architecture and design in commercial, industrial, institutional and residential development

(b) Support and encourage innovative neighbourhood and building designs.

(c) Ensure public spaces are designed with community safety as a priority.

(d) Encourage environmentally friendly building practices and the incorporation of existing natural features into urban designs.

Policies

5.1 Promoting a Compact Urban Design: The Village shall promote a compact and efficient urban form by facilitating designed mixed-use areas, Infill development, higher-density housing, and local community facilities.

5.2 Urban Design that Encourages Pedestrian Accessibility: The Village shall promote urban design that encourages pedestrian accessibility by providing the following:

(a) functional and attractive pedestrian linkages between adjacent neighbourhoods and existing and proposed trails;

(b) pedestrian facilities designed for universal accessibility; and

(c) clearly marked pedestrian crossings.

5.3 Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design: The Village shall encourage the use of Crime

Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) in new developments to avoid the creation of areas hidden from view and isolated spaces, as well as provide clear sightlines, sufficient lighting and promote natural surveillance throughout the Village.

5.4 Green Buildings: The Village shall encourage developers and builders to follow the voluntary LEEDTM green building rating system administered by the Canadian Green Building Council or follow sustainable building practices compatible with LEEDTM standards. Sustainable building practices include:

(a) Manage stormwater through on-site collection;

(b) Installing water-saving plumbing fixtures;

(c) Using water-efficient landscaping;

(d) Increasing energy performance through reduction in demand, harvesting site energy and efficient building design;

(e) Reducing waste by extending the life of existing buildings and using local and recycled building materials; and

(f) Improving indoor environmental quality through efficient heating and ventilation.

5.5 Attractive Development Along Highways: The Village shall require a high-quality of architectural appearance and visually attractive development along all major travel corridors into and through the Village. Where necessary, specific requirements shall be added to the Land Use Bylaw. The Village may work with Lacombe County to achieve a similar level of architecture and visually attractive development along highways leading to the Village.

6.0 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Environmental management and the development of Alix as an environmentally sustainable and responsible community is a priority. Preservation of significant natural features is an important contributor to the high quality of life enjoyed by residents. Integrating these features into the open space system helps create an attractive and desirable community. It reinforces the interrelationships and linkages between the community and their surroundings. Environmental management also entails consideration of how development can impact environmental systems. Efficient use of land, reduction of air pollution, protection of water quality, management and enhancement of open space natural features, and efficient use of resources are important elements in Alix's efforts to be environmentally sustainable.





Goal

Become a responsible steward of the Village's natural resources through the creation and maintenance of attractive, clean, and ecologically responsible natural and built environments.

Objectives

(a) Protect and enhance the quality of the natural environment.

(b) Review and minimize the impacts of development on natural areas, considering land use compatibility, buffering, linkages, recreational uses, etc.

(c) Recognize the value and contribution that natural areas and functions make towards the quality of life in an urban setting.

(d) Conserve and incorporate environmentally significant features into the open space, utility, and transportation systems.

Policies

6.1 Natural Area Integration: As part of the subdivision and development process the Village shall require, wherever possible, that natural areas be integrated into the design of new developments.

6.2 Requirements of Environmental Impact Assessment: The Village may require an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for any proposed development that would adversely impact a natural environmental feature deemed significant by Council. An EIA must include, but is not limited to:

(a) A description of the proposed development, including its purpose, alternatives, and staging requirements;

(b) A description of the biophysical environment that would be affected;

(c) A prediction of the effects (both positive and negative) that the proposed undertaking may have on the biophysical environment;

(d) An indication of the limitation of the study, criteria used in predicting effects, and interests consulted;

(e) Recommended measures to mitigate any negative effects identified; and

(f) Presentation of the results in a framework that can assist decision-makers in determining the final course of action.

6.3 Xeriscape Requirements: As part of the subdivision and development process the Village shall encourage the use of xeriscape concepts (drought-resistant, low water requirements) in landscape programs.

6.4 Engineering Requirements: As part of the subdivision and development process the Village may require a geotechnical report and supporting engineering plans, prepared by a qualified engineer and to the Village's satisfaction, outlining the development capability of lands within or adjacent to natural environmental features.

6.5 Environmental Reserve Dedication of Lands Unsuitable for Development: Through the subdivision process, the Village shall require that lands considered unsuitable for development (e.g. due to steep slopes or being subject to flooding or consisting of a natural drainage course) are dedicated as environmental reserve in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act.

6.6 Environmental Reserve Dedication of Lands Adjacent Water Bodies and Water Courses: When lands adjacent to water bodies or watercourses are subdivided, a strip of land shall be dedicated as an environmental reserve to provide a buffer and provide public access. The width of the required dedication shall be established by the Approving Authority. The minimum width of the strip of land to be required shall be 6m.

6.7 Environmental Reserve Easements: Despite Policy 6.5 and Policy 6.6, the Village may use an environmental reserve easement in place of the dedication of an environmental reserve parcel where public access to the lands in question is not desirable. This shall not apply to the required environmental reserve around Alix Lake.

6.8 Use of Environmental Reserve: Lands dedicated as environmental reserve shall remain in their natural state and/or be used as part of the public trail system where necessary to ensure a continuous, integrated trail system.

6.9 Crown Ownership of Wetlands: Where the Crown (Province) claims ownership of a wetland classified as permanent or semi-permanent under the Alberta Wetland Policy, the wetland shall be treated as a water body and environmental reserve dedication shall be provided in accordance with Policy

6.10 Environmental Reserve – Wetland Value A: The Village shall require all wetlands that are given a wetland value of A under the Alberta Wetland Policy to be dedicated as environmental reserve at the time of subdivision.

6.11 Environmental Reserve – Wetland Value B: The Village shall require all wetlands that are given a wetland value of B under the Alberta Wetland Policy to be dedicated as environmental reserve at the time of subdivision. The boundaries of a wetland with a wetland value of B may be modified to accommodate logical roadway, utility alignment and lot patterns.

6.12 Environmental Reserve – Wetland Value C and D: The Village shall not seek dedication as environmental reserve or preservation of wetlands that are given a wetland value of C or D under the Alberta Wetland Policy.

6.13 Green Infrastructure: The Village shall incorporate existing natural features as part of the overall infrastructure systems. This may include using existing wetlands as storm water management facilities wherever possible and planting shrubs and trees to improve air quality along major roads and within industrial areas.

6.14 Green Streets: The Village shall encourage new development to incorporate existing trees and vegetation into their design and to recognize the importance of street trees

6.15 Area Structure Plan Environmental Identification: As part of the subdivision and development process the Village shall require, through the Area Structure Plan or Outline Plan process, the location of all environmentally sensitive areas be identified, including but not limited to:

(a) Lands that are susceptible to erosion, subsidence or slumping;

(b) Areas prone to flooding;

(c) Watercourses including ponds, lakes, rivers, streams, and natural drainage courses;

(d) Significant geological features, grasslands, bluffs, or areas of excessive slope (>25%); and

(e) Wildlife, aquatic, and riparian habitats or habitats known to be occupied by rare or endangered species.

6.16 Conservation Reserve: The Village may designate lands that cannot be obtained as environmental reserve as conservation reserve where the lands contain an environmentally significant feature that the Village wishes to conserve. Candidate sites may include existing sizeable (more than 1 acre) stands of trees or areas covered in native prairie grasses.

6.17 Conservation Tools: in addition to environmental reserve dedication and possible conservation reserve designation, the Village shall investigate the possible use of such tools as land purchases, land swaps, tax incentives, leasing and conservation agreements or easements and other similar mechanisms as means of conserving natural features both within and in the areas surrounding Alix.

6.18 Timing of Conservation Planning and Efforts: The Village shall recognize that planning and efforts to conserve natural features in and around Alix must be initiated well in advance of urban expansion or development of the surrounding lands. This will require conversation well before lands are annexed or planned in detail for urban expansion or non-agricultural use.

7.0 HERITAGE PRESERVATION

Heritage preservation helps provide links between present-day life and past events in the creation and evolution of a community. Retaining physical evidence of Alix's past is part of instilling a sense of community and belonging. This includes historic buildings reflecting past practices in architecture and craftsmanship, and landscape features that have cultural significance. Heritage preservation is also about respecting the past and the efforts of earlier generations in making Alix the beautiful and attractive community it is today.

Goal

Encourage the preservation of historically significant sites and buildings as an expression of community identity and pride.

Objectives

(a) Preserve the Village's heritage resources including buildings of historic and architectural significance and any known archaeological sites.

(b) Recognize the importance of the Village's heritage in creating a unique sense of place and fostering community identity.

(c) Ensure compatible development and adaptive reuse of heritage properties and that development adjacent heritage property is compatible with the historic character of the area.



Policies

7.1 Preservation and Restoration: The Village should encourage the preservation and restoration of heritage properties in a manner that maintains the historical and architectural integrity of the property.

7.2 Compatible Development: The Village should ensure that development on sites adjacent to heritage properties is carried out in a manner that is compatible in terms of height, mass, setbacks, and overall architectural treatment.

7.3 Heritage Preservation: The Village shall, wherever possible, encourage the preservation and restoration of heritage properties in their original location. Where this is not possible the Village shall encourage the relocation and restoration in an appropriate alternative site.

7.4 Community Awareness: The Village shall promote awareness about the importance and value to the community of heritage preservation and shall also promote heritage preservation awareness programs such as historic walking tours.

7.5 Partnerships for Heritage Preservation: The Village shall cooperate with other orders of government, private agencies, and individuals in the preservation of historic sites.

8.0 RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

To ensure residential development in Alix meets the needs of its citizens, it is important to promote a variety of housing options, ensure an adequate supply of land for development, and create complete neighbourhoods.

A variety of housing options can include single detached dwellings, semi-detached dwellings, multi-family units, and special housing. Affordable housing should also be included in residential developments. Having a variety of housing options will attract and cater to citizens with different ages, desires, incomes, and lifestyles.



Goal

Encourage the development of well-planned, attractive neighbourhoods that facilitate a balanced range of housing opportunities supporting the needs and preferences of all household types and income levels while preserving the small-town character of the community.

Objectives

(a) Promote the establishment of neighbourhoods that are designed based on the principles of social, environmental and economic sustainability.

(b) Facilitate the development of compatible infill housing in established neighbourhoods, subject to infrastructure capacity.

(c) Ensure a broad range and choice of housing types and locations is available capable of meeting the needs of residents of various age groups, family types, lifestyles, and income levels.

(d) Encourage innovation, flexibility, and quality in the provision of housing.

(e) Encourage suitable housing opportunities and convenient community services for residents having special housing requirements.

Policies

8.1 Location of Future Residential: The Village shall direct future residential development to the areas conceptually shown for residential uses on the Future Land Use Concept Map.

8.2 Residential Development Criteria: When considering proposals for new residential development the Village shall consider the following criteria:

(a) Accessibility to adequate transportation routes;

(b) Accessibility to parks, recreation, and open space;

(c) Accessibility to community services;

(d) Sufficiently removed from incompatible land uses to ensure the health and safety of the residents;

(e) Capable of being serviced with municipal utilities;

(f) Sufficiently preserved special site features, such as mature tree vegetation, topography, view sheds, etc.;

(g) Sufficiently provided for safe, convenient, and separated pedestrian and vehicular routes; and

(h) Sufficiently provided opportunities for interaction with natural surroundings including the provision of trail linkages.

8.3 Residential Density: The Village shall endeavour to achieve an optimal residential density of 12.50 dwelling units per gross developable hectare as a means to preserve the small-town character. Higher densities may be encouraged where there is sufficient capacity in the municipal utility infrastructure.

8.4 Housing Types: The Village shall require a mix of housing types and forms in all residential neighbourhoods to avoid excessive concentration of any single type of housing. The actual mix may be determined through the process of preparing an Area Structure Plan.

8.5 Encouraging Variety in Housing: The Village shall encourage innovative housing types and forms including dwelling units in combination with compatible non-residential uses, live-work units and secondary suites in appropriate locations as determined by Council.

8.6 High Residential Density: The Village may consider the development of higher-density residential uses (4 or more units) in accordance with the following guidelines:

(a) The development is adjacent to or in close proximity to collector and/or arterial roads;

(b) The development is located in proximity to natural amenities, parks and recreation areas, shopping, and community facilities;

(c) The proposed development provides sufficient amenity space to meet the needs of its residents;

(d) The use is located at the periphery of low-density residential neighbourhoods;

(e) The use is compatible with surrounding land uses;

(f) If located in an existing neighbourhood, the site is suitable for the proposed form of infill development;

(g) The development is in a location where all necessary services and amenities can readily be provided.

8.7 Affordable and Special Needs Housing: The Village shall encourage the provision of affordable and special needs housing in the community. Specifically:

(a) The Village shall encourage the Government of Alberta and the Government of Canada to fulfill their mandates with respect to the provision of affordable housing;

(b) The Village should consider partnering with private, public and non-profit organizations in the creation of affordable and special needs housing.

8.8 Inclusion of Non-residential Land Uses: The design of new neighbourhoods shall be encouraged to include compatible non-residential uses, such as local commercial services and public uses that serve the needs of area residents, to help create neighbourhood identity and bring basic services closer to residents.

8.9 Secondary Suites: The Village shall consider the development of secondary suites in low-density residential areas to broaden the range of available affordable housing options.

8.10 Design and Architecture of Residential Structures: The Village shall encourage high-quality design and architectural appearance for all new and renovated residential structures. This may be put into effect through criteria and guidelines established in the Village's Land Use Bylaw, area structure plans, or area redevelopment plans.

8.11 Infill and Intensification in Older Neighbourhoods: Residential and mixed-use infill projects that make a positive contribution to the image, overall architectural appeal, and quality of older neighbourhoods shall be encouraged where there is adequate capacity in the major municipal infrastructure to accommodate the impacts of the project.

The following criteria should be considered:

(a) Alignment with existing neighbouring properties buildings in relation to the front and side parcel boundaries;

(b) Rational increases in building mass with landscaping and architectural treatment used to achieve

transition between larger and smaller buildings;

(c) Preservation of existing mature vegetation to the greatest extent possible; and

(d) Positive contribution to the streetscape in terms of building appearance, landscaping and parking areas.

8.12 Residential Buffers: Residential areas shall be adequately buffered from highways, industrial areas, and commercial areas.

9.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

In order to make Alix more economically sustainable, and an attractive place to reside, it is important to attract and retain business investment, create employment opportunities and expand the local tax base. Economic development entails attracting new businesses seeking to enter the regional and provincial market, as well as providing an environment where existing businesses can thrive and expand. Creating an attractive community with high-quality amenities and services is a vital component in attracting and keeping the skilled labour force that local businesses require for success.



Goal

Encourage a strong, diversified, and self-sustaining economy focusing on the retention and expansion of existing businesses, creating a wide range of employment opportunities, enhancing local ownership opportunities, and expanding and balancing the local tax base.

Objectives

(a) Maintain a healthy balance of residential to non-residential tax assessment ratio in order to reduce the residential tax burden.

(b) Support businesses creating local, well-paying jobs.

(c) Avoid or minimize potential land use conflicts between residential and non-residential (specifically commercial and industrial) development.

(d) Maintain an adequate supply of commercial and industrial lands

(e) Promote and enhance the Village's assets to increase the attractiveness of Alix as a tourism destination.

Policies

9.1 Employment Generation: The Village shall strongly support and encourage employment-generating development, particularly that which will not negatively impact the environment.

9.2 Regional Cooperation in Promoting Economic Development: The Village shall be an active partner in promoting regional economic development initiatives in Central Alberta and particularly in Lacombe County.

9.3 Adequate Supply of Land: The Village shall ensure that an adequate supply of commercial, industrial, and residential lands is available through annexation, designation in the Municipal Development Plan, Land Use Bylaw, and more detailed area-specific plans.

9.4 Economic Diversity: The Village should pursue opportunities to diversify the local and regional economic base by promoting and attracting value-added industries.

9.5 Attracting and Maintaining Local Jobs: The Village shall encourage the recruitment, retention, and expansion of businesses that provide local jobs to Village residents and/or provide needed local services.

9.6 Tourism Development: The Village shall continue to promote Alix as a tourist destination through promotions and the development and enhancement of tourism attractions and services.

9.7 Community Character/Quality of Life: While a broad range of economic activity should be accommodated, activities which in the opinion of the Village would detract from the community's character, and quality of life for residents, or unduly impact the environment of the Village's infrastructure may not be permitted.

9.8 Ratio of Residential to Non-residential Assessment: The Village shall strive to maintain a 70:30 ratio of residential to non-residential assessment by encouraging appropriate economic development.

10.0 COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Commercial development is a vital component of a community growth and development. It provides local and regional goods and services, acts as employment areas, and contributes to the health and vitality of the local economy. Concepts for commercial development evolve and there are a variety of forms that may occur. Local convenience stores, smaller commercial centres and office space are more common in Alix among the types of commercial development possible.

Goal

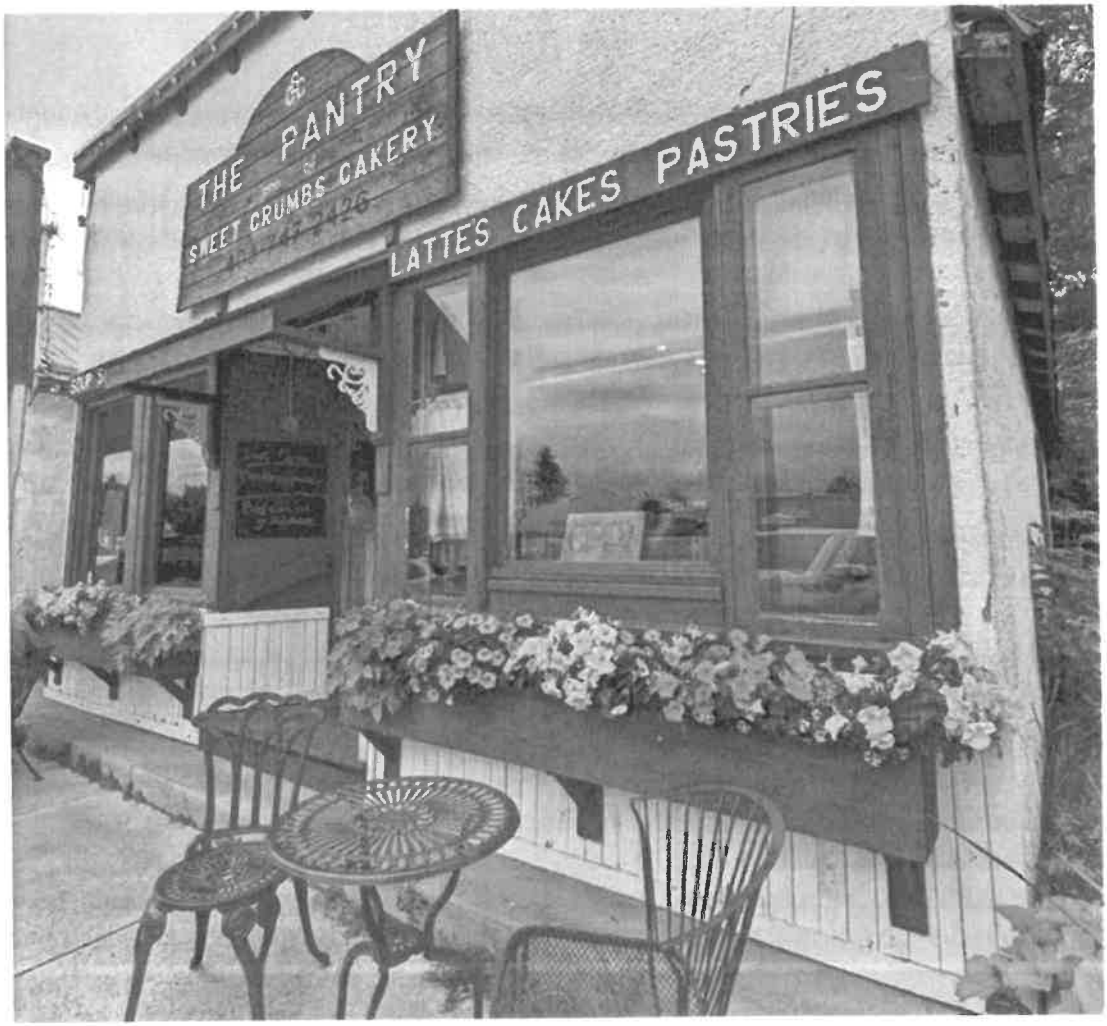
Provide convenient and available retail, service, and office opportunities to residents of the Alix market area.

Objectives

(a) Promote commercial development that generates opportunities for local employment.

(b) Improve the quality and aesthetics of development along major transportation corridors.

(c) Identify locations and policies for long-term commercial development.



Policies

10.1 Location of Future Commercial: The Village shall direct future commercial development to the areas conceptually shown for commercial uses on the Future Land Use Concept Map.

10.2 Commercial Development Requirements: Commercial uses within the designated commercial areas should meet the following criteria:

(a) Accessible to adequate transportation routes;

(b) Capable of being serviced with municipal utilities;

(c) Capable of being sufficiently buffered from adjacent non-compatible land uses;

(d) Accessible to community services, recreation, and open space areas; and

(e) Sufficiently addresses special site features, such as but not limited to mature vegetation, topography, and view sheds.

10.3 Commercial Cluster: The Village shall encourage commercial development in planned clusters along arterial transportation corridors to help mitigate the adverse impacts of strip development specifically limiting access points along arterial roads, promoting shared parking, and providing adequate screening, signage, and landscaping.

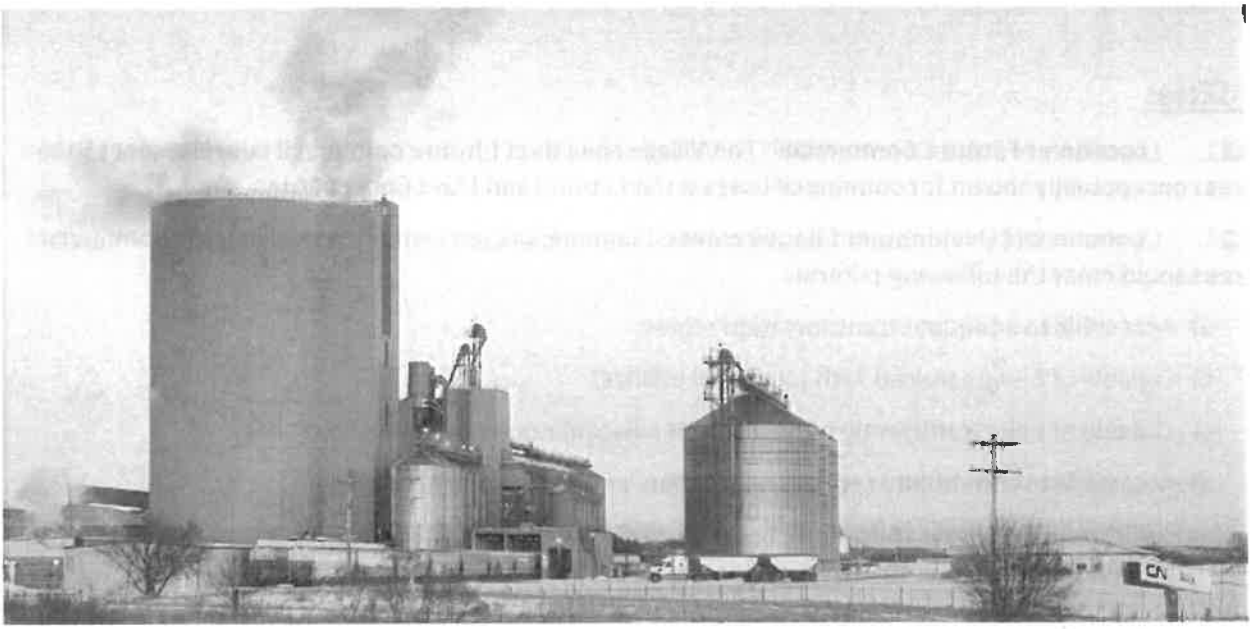
10.4 Location of Local Commercial Sites: The Village may support the establishment of neighbourhood commercial centres that serve the local neighbourhood needs including, but not limited to personal services, convenience/food outlets, and small-scale offices, provided the proposed development will not detract from Downtown businesses.

10.5 Mixed-Use Area: The Village shall encourage mixed-use development in the designated commercial areas that include complementary land uses such as community, cultural, recreational, entertainment, public uses, and residential uses where appropriate.

10.6 Pedestrian-Oriented Design Standards: New development and major redevelopments shall encourage pedestrian-oriented building and site design (building entrance close to or directly accessible to the public sidewalk) rather than vehicle-oriented designs (parking lot separating the building from the public sidewalk) wherever possible.

11.0 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Land for industrial development opportunities, in locations that meet the needs of a broad range of industrial activities, is a vital part of overall community planning. Industrial uses and locations serve as major employment areas, contribute to the standard of living enjoyed by residents, and supplement the residential tax base to fund services provided to residents. Successful industrial areas rely on ready access to regional and provincial transportation infrastructure, support services, and skilled labour. Locations for a range of industrial activities should be free of potential constraints to not hinder future industrial expansion. The ability to expand Alix's industrial land base is key to the community's long-term economic success and sustainability.



Goal

Retain, attract, and recruit industries that use high-quality environmental practices, bring new capital into the local economy, and provide competitive-wage employment opportunities.

Objectives

(a) Maintain an adequate inventory of industrial sites of varying lot sizes to meet the needs of the industry.

(b) Encourage existing industries to maintain and expand their operations.

(c) Avoid conflict between industrial and other land uses.

(d) Encourage a high standard of development to enhance and protect the urban and natural environments.

Policies

11.1 Location of Future Industrial: The Village shall direct future industrial development to the areas conceptually shown for industrial uses on the Future Land Use Concept Map.

11.2 Industrial Development Requirements: Industrial uses within the designated industrial areas should meet the following criteria:

(a) Accessible to major transportation routes;

(b) Capable of being serviced with municipal utilities;

(c) Capable of being sufficiently buffered from adjacent non-compatible land uses to ensure the health and safety of adjacent occupiers; and

(d) Accessible to community and protective services.

11.3 Screening and Buffering: Where industrial development occurs or exists adjacent to non-industrial land uses, the Village shall require the provision of sufficient screening and/or buffering to minimize potential impacts on the non-industrial areas. This may include the provision of landscaping, fences, and/or berms.

11.4 Land Use Compatibility with Industrial Development: The Village, through provisions in detailed plans and the Land Use Bylaw, shall ensure that adequate separation distances and transition between industrial and non-industrial uses are maintained in locating any industry that may create land use conflicts with regard to noise, dust, vibration, smoke, and odour or pose safety and risk management issues.

11.5 Heavy Industrial Requirements: When evaluating a proposal for heavy industrial development the following site-specific criteria shall be applied:

(a) Minimize the impact of industrial development on adjacent land uses through the use of buffers, screening, site design, and arrangement of buildings, parking, and site circulation;

(b) Provide a large site area to accommodate future land use needs while providing spatial separation from neighbouring uses and enhancing and protecting the natural and urban environments;

(c) Activities should be non-polluting;

(d) Accessible to the municipal water system;

(e) Meets all environmental management standards of the relevant provincial and federal agencies;

(f) Accessible to the major components of the Village's road network so that traffic is not directed through urban residential areas; and

(g) Should not involve special waste storage, processing, or handling facilities.

11.6 Promoting Environmentally Friendly and Innovative Industrial Uses: The Village shall encourage the development of more innovative and environmentally friendly industrial employment centre concepts such as business parks, high-tech campuses, research parks, and eco-industrial parks.

12.0 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

Downtown Alix functions as the business, administrative and cultural centre of the community. It is a mixed-use area that includes commercial and residential uses. It is an important element of Alix's image in the eyes of residents, investors, and visitors. Its vitality and health reflect the community as a whole. Diversity, intense development, and linkages to other parts of the community are key elements in revitalizing and maintaining a strong and vibrant Village core.



Goal

Encourage the continued growth and intensification of downtown Alix as a focal point of the community and a vibrant mixed-use centre.

Objectives

(a) Reinforce the downtown as a business, administrative, and cultural centre.

(b) Ensure the downtown is an attractive, functional, and accessible place.

(c) Encourage housing in and near the downtown.

Policies

12.1 Location of Future Downtown: The Village shall direct future downtown development to the areas conceptually shown for downtown uses on the Future Land Use Concept Map.

12.2 Promoting Downtown Attraction and Redevelopment: The Village shall encourage the redevelopment and expansion of Downtown Alix with the intent of enhancing the area as a mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly centre for services, commerce, and entertainment facilities.

12.3 Promoting Downtown Infill and Intensification: The Village shall promote opportunities for infill and intensification within the downtown area in order to facilitate a mixed-use and compact urban

form that efficiently utilizes available infrastructure and increases the range of services and amenities available to residents and visitors.

12.4 Downtown Mix Use Development: The Village shall support innovative residential development proposals, where practical, within the downtown area incorporating live-work units, second-floor residential, and other uses that may be appropriate.

12.5 Pedestrian-Oriented Design Standards: New development and major redevelopments in the downtown area shall be encouraged to use pedestrian-oriented building and site design (building entrance close to or directly accessible to the public sidewalk) rather than vehicle-oriented designs (parking lot separating the building from the public sidewalk) wherever possible.

12.6 Downtown Parking: The Village shall ensure through the Land Use Bylaw that provision is made for sufficient on-street and off-street parking in the downtown area.

13.0 PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE

Parks and open space system is a highly valued aspect of the community. The recreational and cultural opportunities provided contribute greatly to the satisfaction of residents. Individuals and groups are able to pursue a wide range of activities based on their differing interests and abilities. Major open space, recreation, and cultural facilities foster and encourage interaction among community members, as well as provide venues for individual development. Health and wellness in a village setting can be significantly influenced through the provision of easily accessible recreation and cultural experiences in both indoor and outdoor settings. Planning for, and expanding these necessities and amenities is part of ensuring that Alix remains a community offering a high quality of life.



Goal

Create an integrated, accessible, and well-planned parks and open space system that supports a broad range of recreational and cultural opportunities, enhances the quality of life of all residents, and preserves the natural environment.

Objectives

(a) Provide and support the provision of a range of recreation and cultural facilities that reflect the variety of recreational and cultural pursuits and interests of the Village residents and visitors.

(b) Distribute public park space equitably throughout the community to meet the entire community's needs.

(c) Provide residents with safe, accessible, and convenient pedestrian access to parks and open spaces.

(d) Monitor the provision of parks, open space, and recreation facilities to ensure they are responsive to demographic and leisure trends.

(e) Maintain and develop parks and open spaces in an environmentally sensitive and sustainable manner.

(f) Integrate passive recreational uses into locally significant natural areas as a form of conservation.

(g) Develop and maintain an aesthetically appealing environment that enhances the community's image.

(h) Explore inter-municipal options and public/private partnerships for the delivery of recreational services and the development of recreational facilities.

Policies

13.1 Parks and Trails: Parks and trails shall be designed and constructed concurrently with new development.

13.2 Types of Parks: Three categories of parks, recreation, and open spaces shall be recognized in this plan and utilized for all future development proposals and redevelopment opportunities:

(a) Neighbourhood Parks;

(b) Community Parks; and

(c) Open space.

13.3 Neighbourhood Park Requirements: Neighbourhood parks should include open spaces developed to serve the recreational needs of neighbourhoods. Neighbourhood parks should be developed under the following criteria:

(a) Located within walking and/or cycling distance (up to 500-meters) of neighbourhood residents;

(b) Under most conditions neighbourhood parks should be between 0.2 ha (0.5 ac) and 0.8 ha (2 ac) in size;

(c) At least 50% of the site should be flat and usable, and provide space for both active and passive uses;

(d) Where possible, streets should abut the park on at least one side;

(e) The site should be reasonably central to the neighbourhood it is intended to serve;

(f) Wherever possible the park should have direct access to a sidewalk or trail. Access routes should minimize physical barriers and crossing of major roadways;

(g) The site should be clearly visible from adjoining streets;

(h) Access to the site should be via a local residential street. If located on a busy street the park design should incorporate buffers and/or barriers necessary to reduce the potential hazards from passing vehicles; and

(i) Appropriate facilities include but are not limited to:

I. Children's playground;

II. Unstructured open play areas;

III. Active recreation areas limited to outdoor recreation or sports courts;

IV. Picnic areas;

V. Small shelter building;

VI. Natural open space;

VII. Internal trials; and

VIII. Site amenities (public art, picnic tables, benches, trash receptacles, etc.).



13.4 Community Park Requirements: Community parks are intended to serve community-wide needs for informal, passive, and active recreational use. Community parks may also include unique environmental areas that are attractive to the entire community and may draw visitors from outside the community. Community parks should be developed under the following criteria:

(a) Located within walking and/or cycling distance (up to 1,000 metres) of neighbourhood residents;

(b) Under most conditions neighbourhood parks should be between 2.0 ha (5 ac) and 8.0 ha (20 ac) in size;

(c) At least 50% of the site should be available for active recreation use. Adequate buffers should separate active-use areas from adjacent residential areas;

(d) Access to the site should be via a collector or arterial street;

(e) To separate adjacent homes from the park public streets or trails should border the park property;

(f) The site should be clearly visible from adjoining streets;

(g) Appropriate facilities include, but are not limited to:

i. Designated sports fields – softball, baseball, soccer, football, etc.

ii. Tennis courts;

iii. Outdoor basketball courts

iv. Sand or grass volleyball courts;

v. Open multi-use grassed area;

vi. Restrooms;

vii. Children's playground (both for tots and youth);

viii. Picnic areas;

ix. Picnic shelters (buildings of varying sizes;

x. Natural open space

xi. Internal trails; and

xii. Site amenities (public art, picnic tables, benches, trash receptacles, etc.).

13.5 Open Space Requirements: Typically, open spaces are relatively large in size and independent of each other. Open space varies considerably in terms of character, terrain, vegetative cover, and other features. The following criteria should be considered when identifying open spaces:

(a) Open space should be managed to protect and preserve environmentally sensitive lands;

(b) Open space areas should be primarily used for passive and trail-related activities. Maintenance levels should reflect the character of the open space;

(c) Passive recreation uses should be encouraged that are compatible with the character of the area. Where feasible, public access and use of open space areas should be permitted, but sensitive areas should be protected from degradation;

(d) Improvements should be kept to a minimum, with the natural environment emphasized. Improvements may include:

I. Pathways;

II. Seating;

III. Informational/directional signs;

IV. Viewing areas.

(e) The location and construction of trails and other features should avoid stream banks, significant plant populations, and other sensitive features.

(f) Erosion control should be a priority in the design of facilities in open space areas.

13.6 Recreational Gathering Spaces: The Village shall ensure that all art, cultural, athletic, and other recreation opportunities are designed to be multi-purpose, safe, and accessible to residents of all ages, abilities, and interests.

13.7 Park Plans: Conceptual development plans for future parks should be prepared in conjunction with local residents, potential user groups, local naturalists, and local government staff and officials to ensure the diverse needs of the community are met.

13.8 Open Space Connections: As new areas are planned and developed the Village shall ensure the design of the parks and open spaces provide linkages between major open spaces, and connections between neighbourhoods through the use of linear corridors.

13.9 Amount of Reserve Dedication: The Village shall require that at least 10 percent of the gross developable land being subdivided be dedicated as Reserve (municipal reserve, school reserve and/or municipal and school reserve) in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act. Gross developable land excludes all lands that have been or will be dedicated as environmental reserve.

13.10 Form of Reserve Dedication: In residential areas, the Village shall generally seek reserve dedication in the form of land. In non-residential areas, reserve dedication may be provided in the form of land, cash-in-lieu, or a combination of land and cash as determined by the Approving Authority.

13.11 Use of Reserve: Reserve lands, or cash-in-lieu, may be used for school sites, parks, or recreational facilities.

13.12 Events and Community: The Village shall promote the continuation and expansion of local events to improve citizen involvement in the community.

14.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community services encompass a broad range of services provided to the whole community, neighbourhoods, and individuals. These services help make Alix a safe community in which to live and work and create an environment where all residents have the opportunity to enjoy a high quality of life. A key focus is to ensure that individuals, families, and communities in need are able to access a range of support services and that all community members can participate in and feel part of the larger community. Related to this is the physical environment's ability to encourage interaction through formal and informal contact with neighbours and with other community members.

Goal

Cooperate with service providers and adjacent municipalities to ensure that residents are well-served by accessible and affordable community and protective services.

Objectives

(a) Facilitate the planning and delivery of social programs that support and enhance individuals, families, neighbourhoods, and the community.

(b) Provide residents with a safe living environment through the effective provision of protective and emergency services.



Policies

14.1 Protective and Emergency Services: The Village shall continue to provide protective and emergency services either directly or in cooperation with service providers.

14.2.1 School Facilities: The Village shall continue to work cooperatively with school authorities in monitoring local demographics and planning for future school sites as needed.

14.2.2 Location of Future Facilities: The need for community and institutional facilities shall be addressed through the Area Structure Plan or Outline Plan process and should be located, wherever possible, on corner sites along collector or arterial roads.

14.4 Location of Social Services Facilities: The Village shall ensure that its land use plans accommodate the development of facilities that house social services and programs within the community in locations that are compatible with existing and future surrounding land uses. Facilities accommodating social services should be:

(a) Located in areas convenient for users to access using major roads and the pedestrian system

(b) Able to accommodate multiple uses and be physically accessible to seniors and persons with disabilities.

14.5.1 Inclusive Community: The Village shall continue to work with community agencies in the provision of social and support services to Alix residents. This includes coordinating and facilitating the provision of preventative social services to meet the community's needs with specific consideration given to youth, the elderly, persons with disabilities, immigrants and single-parent families.

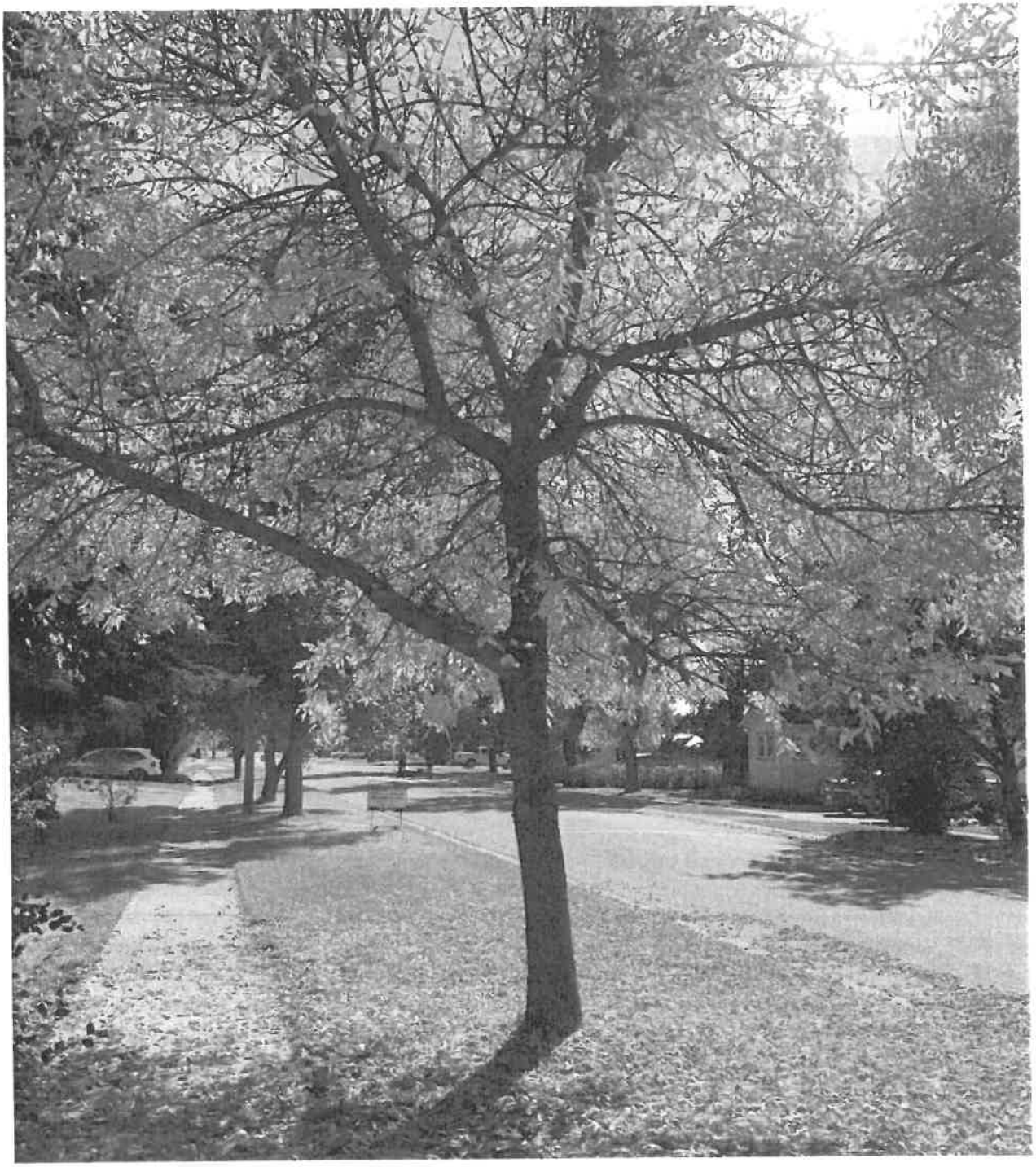
14.5.2 Promoting Volunteerism: The Village shall promote volunteerism as one means of addressing community needs and shall encourage businesses and industry to participate in partnerships to help provide services and facilities to assist in meeting community needs.

15.0 TRANSPORTATION

Facilities related to travel within, and through, Alix occupy a considerable amount of land and represent a significant investment of public resources. Ensuring the efficient movement of people and goods to and between various parts of the community is a key planning consideration. It is important to recognize and seek balance between the implications that land use patterns have on transportation needs and vice versa. Equally important is the fact that personal mobility takes many forms, and a diverse range of transportation modes needs to be considered. This includes use of Private Vehicles, Active Transportation (cycling, walking trails) and possibly Public Transit. In planning for growth and change in Alix for the long term, appropriate attention must be paid to the provision of facilities for all these modes of transportation.

Goal

Provide and maintain a transportation system that supports the safe, orderly, and efficient movement of persons and goods and considers the needs of all users and modes of transportation.



Objectives

(a) To develop and maintain a suitable transportation network that reflects the various functions of the transportation network, ensuring the provision of a variety of transportation options while maintaining sufficient flexibility to respond to changing needs.

(b) Coordinate the planning and construction of transportation facilities within the Village with the Provincial and County authorities responsible for connecting routes outside of and through the

Village.

(c) Encourage reduced reliance on the private automobile through the development of a compact community with complete neighbourhoods providing local services.

Policies

15.1 Transportation and Land Use Plans: The Village shall coordinate transportation and land use plans to reduce the travel demand, particularly by private automobile.

15.2 Transportation Infrastructure Construction: The Village shall coordinate the planning and construction of transportation infrastructure and development, so as to maximize the utilization of available and planned transportation capacity.

15.3 Coordination of Connections: The Village shall coordinate the provision of road, sidewalk, and pathway connections between and through communities in the local area planning process. This includes such items as:

(a) Collector road connections and patterns that facilitate movement within neighbourhoods without reliance on the arterial road system (e.g., school drop-offs)

(b) Trails and paths that link to facilities within and beyond the community.

15.4 Linear Trail Corridors: Linear trail corridors linking neighbourhoods, parks, or preserving or protecting important natural features in the Village shall be encouraged as part of all new development. Three major categories of linear trail corridors are as follows:

(a) Greenways, which include multi-use linear corridors and trails;

(b) Bikeways, which typically follow existing road and public rights-of-way; and

(c) Multi-Use Paths, which are intended to accommodate multiple users and are typically constructed adjacent road right-of-way.

15.5 Mitigation of Undesirable Impacts: The Village shall endeavor to mitigate undesirable community, social, environmental, and noise impacts in the planning, construction, and operation of transportation facilities.

15.6 Encouraging Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities: The Village shall endeavour to provide bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout the Village through the joint efforts of the municipality and private developers. The Village shall view bicycle and pedestrian facilities as integral parts of the transportation system serving both recreation and transportation needs.

15.7 Infrastructure Master Plan Coordination: The Village shall protect the appropriate rights-of-way to allow for the implementation of proposals contained in the Village of Alix Growth and Infrastructure Master Plan as amended from time to time.

15.8 Traffic Impact Assessment Requirements: The Village shall require a Transportation Impact Assessment (TIA) to be prepared in conjunction with the Area Structure Plan or Outline Plan process for applications of significant development that shall address, at a minimum, the following issues:

(a) A multi-modal approach to the provision of transportation infrastructure to achieve a reasonable balance between motorized and non-motorized modes of travel;

(b) The impacts of development traffic on the capacity of adjacent, and nearby transportation corridors;

(c) Identification of the need for modifications to the transportation infrastructure to support and/or accommodate new development;

(d) Consideration of the potential for Travel Demand Management measures in new developments; and

(e) Account for both the influence of anticipated future development in the surrounding area, as well as any planned infrastructure modifications.

15.9 Highway 12 Connections and Crossing: The Village shall work cooperatively with Alberta Transportation to establish, maintain, and enhance cross-town connections traversing Highway 12.

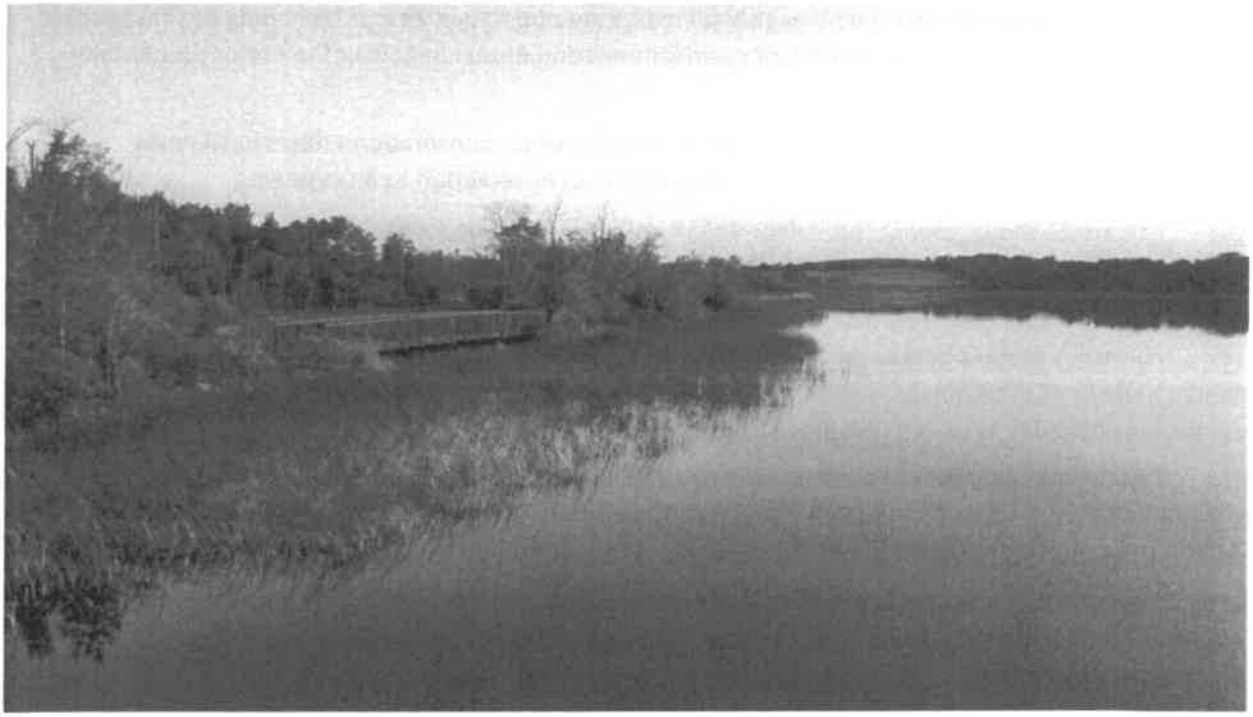
15.10 Transportation Needs in Industrial and Commercial Areas: The Village shall ensure the provision of appropriate transportation facilities in commercial and industrial areas to accommodate both the movement of truck traffic and the travel needs of employees and customers.

15.11 Coordination with Provincial and County Transportation Facilities: The Village shall work with the Province of Alberta and Lacombe County to ensure coordination in the planning and construction of connections with the Provincial and County road and trail system.

15.12 Highway 12 and Highway 601: The Village shall work with Alberta Transportation to protect Highway 12 and Highway 601 from land uses and development that may be detrimental to the flow and safety of highway traffic. This includes efforts to reduce the number of existing accesses/driveways onto the highways to improve traffic safety.

16.0 UTILITIES

The utility systems that support the community's day-to-day activities include the municipal water system, wastewater system, stormwater management system, solid waste management system, and franchise utilities (electricity, gas, cable, and telecommunications). These services are essential for the day-to-day health, safety, and convenience of Alix residents. Environmental protection, health, safety, and convenience are all safeguarded through asset management and maintenance of these systems.



Goal

Plan and develop municipal infrastructure in an economical, effective, and efficient manner that meets the present and future growth needs.

Objectives

(a) Ensure that municipal utilities and services are provided in an efficient, affordable, coordinated, and timely manner.

(b) Ensure that utility infrastructure and capacity are available when required to accommodate growth in the Village.

(c) To proactively plan for the maintenance, replacement, and upgrading of water, sanitary sewer and stormwater systems.

(d) To promote the use of conservation practices to reduce utility consumption, demands on utility systems, and impacts on the environment.

Policies

16.1 Municipal Infrastructure for New Developments: The Village shall ensure that new development is consistent with the efficient, economic, and coordinated provision of municipal infrastructure.

16.2 Conformity to Master Plan: The Village shall endeavour to expand the municipal infrastructure system in accordance with the Village of Alix Growth and Infrastructure Master Plan as amended from time to time.

16.3 Conservation and Sustainability: The Village shall manage municipal utilities in a manner that emphasizes energy conservation, environmental sustainability, and fiscal responsibility.

16.4 Utility Improvements: The Village shall investigate opportunities and technologies that provide cost-effective improvements in the efficiency and/or environmental impacts of the provision of utility services.

16.5 Water Conservation: The Village shall encourage water conservation efforts in all new development and redevelopment proposals and promote conservation to all residents.

16.6 Disposal Management: The Village shall continue to pursue innovative ways of treating and disposing of effluent including, but not limited to biological nutrient removal, spray irrigation, rapid infiltration, and wetlands development.

16.7 Natural Water Courses and Drainage: The Village shall continue to use the existing natural drainage pattern as the primary storm drainage system. Natural watercourses shall be protected from encroaching development and enhanced as necessary.

16.8 Municipal Investment in Infrastructure and Services: The Village shall maintain, fund, and implement a comprehensive long-term plan for utility infrastructure and establish budget priorities based on the premise that investment in infrastructure maintenance is a necessary annual investment.

16.9 Solid Waste Reduction, Recycling and Energy Efficiency: The Village shall promote the principles of reducing, reusing and recycling materials and efficient use of energy by Village departments, businesses and residents.

16.10 Broadband Network: The Village shall require the installation of infrastructure and facilities related to broadband telecommunication services in all new developing areas and major redevelopment areas.

16.11 Quality of Utility Services: The Village shall provide high-quality utility services to residents and businesses in Alix. To this end, the Village shall establish and maintain standards and specifications for the construction of infrastructure based on:

(a) Accepted engineering practice and local experience

(b) Compliance with relevant Federal and Provincial requirements

(c) Compatibility with current industry materials and construction methods

(d) Adaptability to future upgrades and maintenance requirements.

16.12 Timing of Utility Provision: The Village shall provide or facilitate the provision of utility services as the development of growth areas occurs and in advance of anticipated development and population increases.

17.0 INTERMUNICIPAL PLANNING AND REGIONAL COOPERATION

It is important to recognize that Alix is part of a region where several issues and factors can impact the community. These issues that occur beyond the Village boundaries may influence Alix's economic vibrancy and the quality of life of its citizens. For this reason, the Province encourages and expects cooperation between municipalities, provincial departments, and other agencies to address common planning and development issues.

Decisions made by the Village and surrounding communities affect and influence one another. Some of the prominent planning issues include potential conflicts between urban and rural land uses in proximity

to one another and coordinating transportation, infrastructure, and provision of services. Positive relations, achieved through communication and consultation, between neighbouring communities can provide many opportunities to share resources, achieve economic development goals, and reduce the costs of providing services.

Goal

Enhance cooperative relationships with adjacent municipalities and other government agencies as a means to recognize both the short-term and long-term needs of the Village and to achieve mutual objectives benefiting both the Village and County.

Objectives

(a) Work cooperatively with Lacombe County to ensure orderly development practices, issue resolution, and appropriate management and control of future growth areas through the regular review of the Intermunicipal Development Plan.

(b) Seek cooperative relationships with neighbouring municipal authorities, provincial authorities, and public and private interests in providing services to local ratepayers most cost-effectively and efficiently possible.

Policies

17.1 Intermunicipal Development Plan: The Village shall maintain an Intermunicipal Development Plan with Lacombe County and the Plan shall address:

(a) Future land use within the area that the Plan covers

(b) How proposals for future development in the area will be addressed including the process of referring planning matters, plans, and applications between the two municipalities

(c) Co-ordination of transportation systems and municipal utilities and proposals for the financing and programming of inter-municipal infrastructure

(d) Co-ordination of inter-municipal programs relating to the physical, social and economic development of the area and provision of intermunicipal services and facilities consistent with the agreed upon intermunicipal collaboration framework

(e) Co-ordination of environmental matters within the area

(f) Process to consider annexation proposals needed to facilitate Village growth

(g) Identification and protection of the Long-Term Growth Area

(h) Processes for ongoing consultation and discussion of planning issues and issues of mutual concern, including a process to resolve points of interpretation and disagreement

(i) Processes relating to the administration of the Plan including the process to consider amendments or repeal.

17.2 Regional Emergency Service Provision: The Village shall work at an elected official and administrative level with surrounding municipalities, communities, and agencies to ensure the coordinated delivery of protective and emergency services and awareness and cooperation in the delivery of social programs.

18.0 IMPLEMENTATION

The Municipal Development Plan provides the means whereby Council, Village staff and members of the community can evaluate situations or proposals in the context of a long-range plan for Alix. The success of this plan depends on the degree to which efforts are made to implement effectively and integrate the plan's directions into decision-making.

Goal

Implement the goals, objectives, and policies as stated in the Municipal Development Plan as a means to effectively achieve the long-term vision as described by the residents of Alix.

Objectives

(a) Implement the Municipal Development Plan through other statutory and non-statutory plans and ensure consistency between these plans and the Municipal Development Plan.

(b) Foster awareness of land use planning policies and participation in planning processes by stakeholders and the general public.

(c) Monitor and update the Municipal Development Plan as an effective management tool through an orderly amendment procedure.

Policies

18.1 Interpretation of Key Words: The MDP contains "shall", "should" and "may" policies which are interpreted as follows:

(a) "Shall" policies mean must be complied with;

(b) "Should" policies mean compliance in principle but subject to the discretion of the applicable authority on a case-by-case basis; and

(c) "May" policies mean the applicable authority determines the level of compliance that is required.

18.2 Relation to Other Statutory Plans: All statutory plans adopted by the Village shall be consistent with one another. The Municipal Development Plan shall be consistent with the direction of the Intermunicipal Development Plan. All area structure plans, area redevelopment plans and the Land Use Bylaw shall be consistent with the Municipal Development Plan.

18.3 Municipal Development Plan Compliance: All proposed amendments to a municipal statutory plan and new statutory plans, subdivision applications, amendments to the Land Use Bylaw, and development permit applications shall include a statement addressing compliance with the Municipal Development Plan.

18.4 Area Structure Plan: In order to consider a Land Use Bylaw redesignation, subdivision or development application, or to generally provide directions for land use change in an area, the Village may require the preparation of an area structure plan, or an outline plan or amendments to existing plans to provide the details of intended land uses, provision of utility services, roads and open space pertaining to the subject lands and, where necessary, surrounding lands.

18.5 Area Structure Plan Requirements: Area Structure Plans and Outline Plans or amendments that

propose to significantly change the extent or nature of areas shall be prepared to address, at minimum, the following items where applicable:

(a) Site conditions and topography;

(b) Neighbourhood population;

(c) Lot sizes and the anticipated housing types and density;

(d) Market evaluation for the demand for various housing types;

(e) Parks and open space;

(f) School sites;

(g) Open space and pedestrian walkway systems;

(h) Identification and protection of locally significant natural areas;

(i) Archaeologically or historically sensitive areas;

(j) Community facilities;

(k) Transportation;

(l) Servicing and infrastructure networks;

(m) Impact on existing transportation and infrastructure capacities;

(n) Evaluation of the need for noise attenuation along major transportation and railway corridors;

(o) Fiscal impact review;

(p) A detailed statement addressing the plan's compliance with the Municipal Development Plan;

(q) Any other topic deemed appropriate by the Approving Authority.

18.6 Plan Amendments: The Village or a landowner may initiate an amendment to this Plan. The Village shall require the submission of such background information as is considered necessary to support the amendment prior to the start of the bylaw amendment process. Amendment of the Municipal Development Plan shall follow the appropriate procedures as outlined in the Municipal Government Act.

18.7 Plan Review: The Village shall conduct a formal review of this Plan every five to ten years to ensure the validity and effectiveness of the vision, goals, objectives and policies.

18.8 Plan Monitoring: To allow tracking of the impact and effectiveness of the Municipal Development Plan policies an annual report should be prepared and submitted to Village Council.

Glossary of Terms

The definitions provided below are for use in understanding the concepts and ideas discussed in the context of the Municipal Development Plan. Where a definition listed below is different than the one provided in the Land Use Bylaw, the Land Use Bylaw definition shall be used in processing a development or subdivision application.

Adaptive Reuse is a process whereby buildings are adapted for new uses while retaining their original architectural features.

Affordable Housing refers to appropriately designed dwelling units that are accessible to households below the Village's defined median income according to Stats Canada

Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP) is a plan adopted as an area redevelopment plan pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, which provides a framework for future development in an already developed area.

Area Structure Plan (ASP) is a plan adopted as an area structure plan according to the Municipal Government Act, which provides a framework for future subdivisions and development in an area.

Brownfield Site is a site that is the result of industrial activities such as railroads, gas stations, oil refineries, truck terminals, wood treatment facilities, dry cleaners, liquid/chemical storage facilities, steel and heavy manufacturing plants, etc. Often these sites are contaminated and require remediation before redevelopment can occur.

Conservation Agreement or Easement is an agreement registered against title whereby a landowner grants to another person or organization rights related to the protection, conservation, and enhancement of the environment, including the protection, conversation, and enhancement of biological diversity and items of natural scenic or aesthetic value. A conservation agreement may provide for recreational use, open space use, environmental education use, and research and scientific studies of natural ecosystems.

Conservation Reserve is land designated to protect and conserve environmentally significant features that could not be required to be provided as environmental reserve during the subdivision process and is purchased at market value by the municipality in accordance with Section 664.2 of the Municipal Government Act.

Eco-industrial Park refers to a type of industrial park in which businesses cooperate with one another and the local community in an attempt to reduce waste, efficiently share resources (such as information, materials, water, energy, infrastructure, and natural resources), and produce sustainable development, to increase economic gains and improve environmental quality.

Economic Development refers to creating a positive environment in which local businesses can succeed, grow, and attract new enterprises to the community.

Environmental Reserve is land that is dedicated (given) to a municipality, during the subdivision process, because it is considered undevelopable for environmental reasons in accordance with Section 664 of the Municipal Government Act. This may include areas such as wetlands, ravines, drainage courses, steep slopes, etc.

Environmental Reserve Easement is a legal agreement registered with Land Titles in favour of the municipality for lands that would be normally taken as environmental reserve in accordance with Section 664 of the Municipal Government Act. It requires the land to remain in its natural state but continues to

be owned by a private landowner.

Environmentally Sensitive Area means an undisturbed or relatively undisturbed site, which because of its natural features, has value to society and ecosystems worth preserving.

Goal refers to an idealized end towards which planned action is directed and which provides an indication of what is to be achieved.

Grey field Sites are older, economically obsolete commercial areas, often characterized by a large expanse dedicated to surface parking.

Heritage Preservation refers to actions or processes that are aimed at safeguarding the character-defining elements of a cultural resource to retain its heritage value and extend its physical life. This may involve conservation, rehabilitation, restoration, or a combination of these actions or processes.

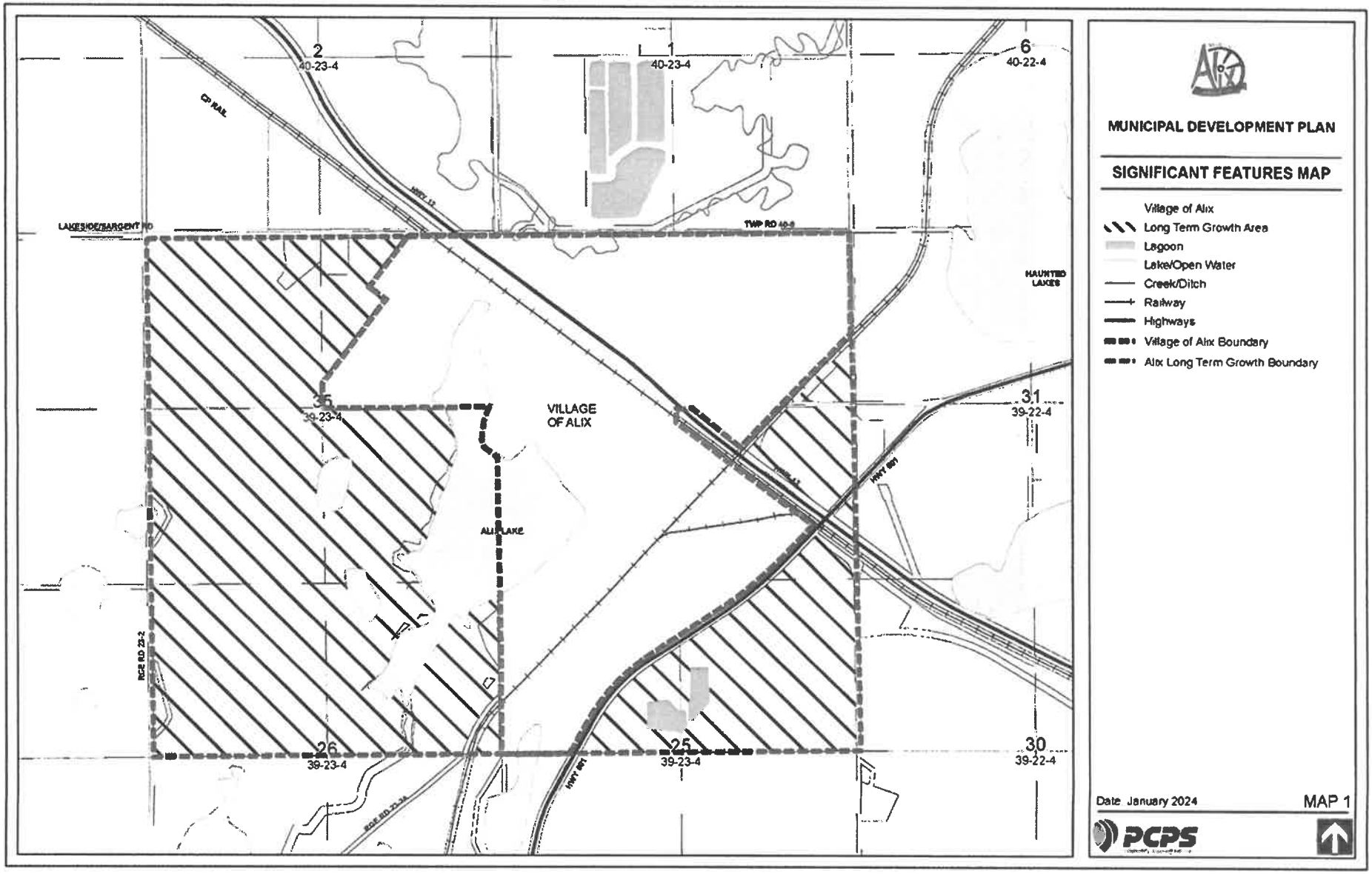
Infill refers to development that occurs in mature or built-up areas on vacant or underutilized lands, behind or between existing development, and which is comparable with the characteristics of surrounding development.

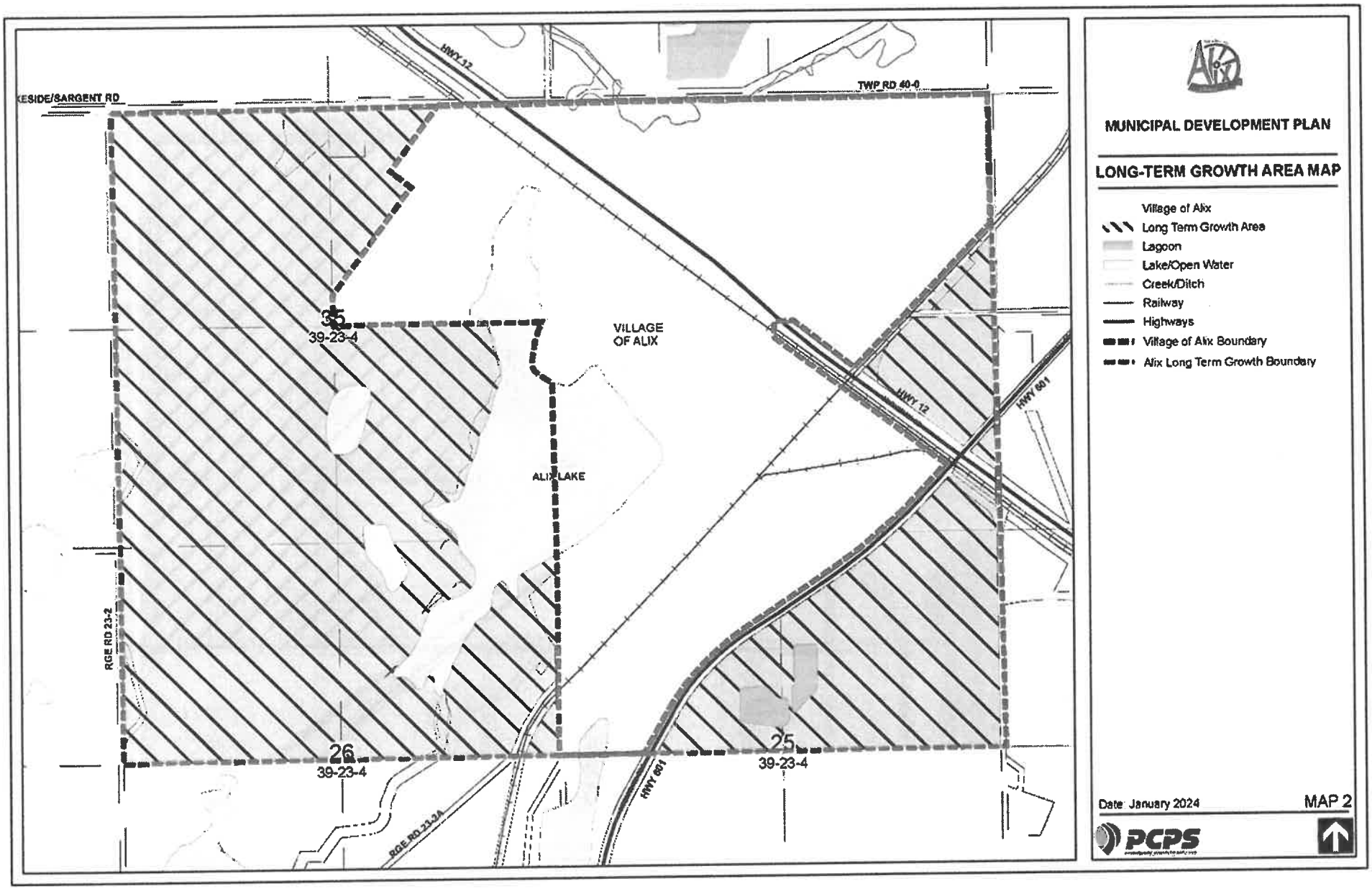
Infrastructure refers to systems and facilities (e.g. roads, sanitary sewers, water treatment and distribution networks, power lines, and telephone and cable TV systems) that service urban development.

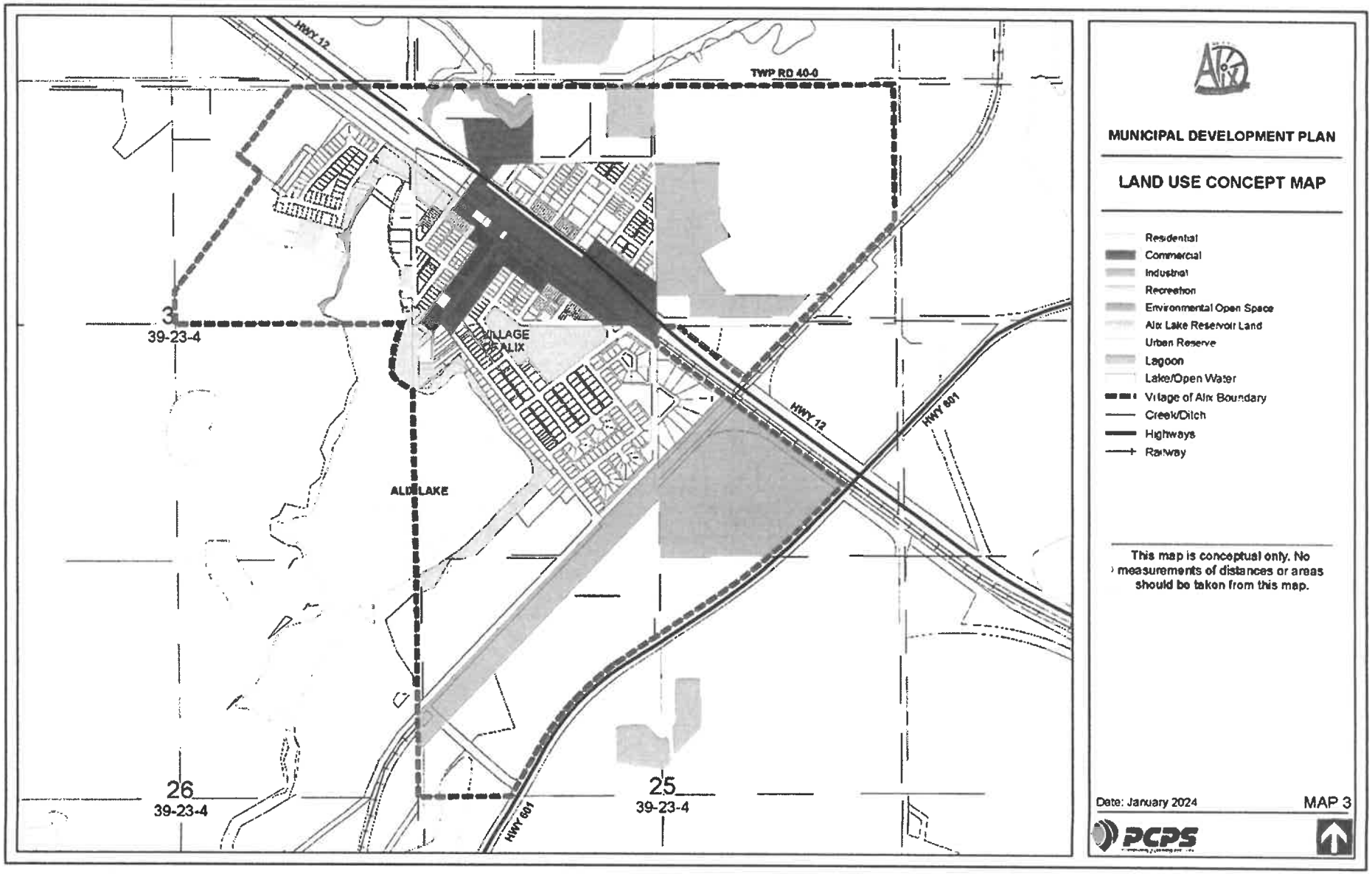
Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) is a document describing how two or more municipalities work together to provide desired services to residents, ratepayers and properties.

Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) is a plan adopted by two or more councils, according to the Municipal Government Act, which is an overall policy guide for the coordination of land use planning matters between the municipalities.

SCHEDULE 1 - MAPS


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TWP RD 40-2
HAUNTED LAKES
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VILLAGE OF ALIX
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MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
SIGNIFICANT FEATURES MAP
Village of Alix
Long Term Growth Area
Lagoon
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Railway
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Village of Alix Boundary
Alix Long Term Growth Boundary
Date January 2024
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MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
LAND USE CONCEPT MAP
Residential
Commercial
Industrial
Recreation
Environmental Open Space
Alix Lake Reservoir Land
Urban Reserve
Lagoon
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Village of Alix Boundary
Creek/Ditch
Highways
Railway
This map is conceptual only. No measurements of distances or areas should be taken from this map.
Date: January 2024
MAP 3
PCPS

From: circulations <circulations@telus.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 10:18 AM
Subject: RE: Notice of Public Hearing - Village of Alix Municipal Development Plan

Good Morning,

Thank you for including TELUS in your circulation At this time, TELUS has no concerns with the proposed activities.

Thanks,

[redacted] (she/her)
Real Estate Specialist | TELUS Land Solutions Team Customer Network Planning (CNP)
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-----Original Message-----
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 1:03 PM
To: circulations <circulations@telus.com>
Subject: Notice of Public Hearing - Village of Alix Municipal Development Plan

RESPOND BY FEB 15

Good afternoon,

Please find attached notification of Bylaw 481/24 for the purpose of adoption of a Municipal Development Plan for the Village of Alix. The proposed bylaw and draft Municipal Development Plan can be viewed on the Village of Alix website. If you have any questions or need any more information, please just let me know.

Thanks very much,

Tanya

Tanya Meston
Development Officer
Village of Alix

From: Proximity <proximity@cn.ca>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 7:11 PM
Subject: 2024-02-01_CN Comments_Notice of Public Hearing - Village of Alix Municipal Development Plan

Thank you for consulting CN on Bylaw 481/24 concerning the Municipal Development Plan. CN's guidelines reinforce the safety and well-being of any existing and future occupants of the area. Please refer to CN's guidelines (attached) for the development of sensitive uses in proximity to railways. These policies have been developed by the Railway Association of Canada and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

With reference to the attached Land Use Concept Plan included in the Municipal Development Plan, CN encourages the municipality to include the following standards in the zoning by-law for the vacant residential use lots located between Pacific Avenue and highway 12 and adjacent to CN and CP rail corridors:

1. Safety setback of principal buildings from the railway rights-of-way to be a minimum of 30 metres in conjunction with a safety berm. The safety berm shall be adjoining and parallel to the railway rights-of-way with returns at the ends, 2.5 meters above grade at the property line, with side slopes not steeper than 2.5 to 1.

2. The Owner shall install and maintain a chain link fence of minimum 1.83 meter height along the mutual property line.

3. Ground-borne vibration transmission to be evaluated in a report through site testing to determine if dwellings within 75 meters of the railway rights-of-way will be impacted by vibration conditions in excess of 0.14 mm/sec RMS between 4 Hz and 200 Hz. The monitoring system should be capable of measuring frequencies between 4 Hz and 200 Hz, ±3 dB with an RMS averaging time constant of 1 second. If in excess, isolation measures will be required to ensure living areas do not exceed 0.14 mm/sec RMS on and above the first floor of the dwelling.

4. Inclusion of forced air ventilation systems with central air conditioning for all dwellings.

5. The exterior wall siding of buildings closest to the railway line to be brick or a masonry equivalent for the exposed facades,

6. Acoustically upgraded windows meeting the minimum requirements of the Building Code and providing a maximum 35 dBA indoor limit for bedrooms and 40 dBA for living rooms,

7. Locating noise sensitive rooms away from the railway right of way,

8. Noise barrier fence providing a maximum 55 dBA limit for outdoor living areas,

9. The Dwelling shall be constructed to include 12-inch thick poured concrete foundation walls, with 50 mm thick polyethylene foam or 100 mm thick polystyrene foam as the resilient material used for the entire foundation perimeter.

Furthermore, CN requests for the following criteria to be included as conditions of an eventual development application approval:

1- The following clause should be inserted in all development agreements, offers to purchase, and agreements of Purchase and Sale or Lease of each dwelling unit within 300m of the railway right-of-way:

> "Warning: Canadian National Railway Company or its assigns or successors in interest has or have a rights-of-way within 300 metres from the land the subject hereof. There may be alterations to or expansions of the railway facilities on such rights-of-way in the future including the possibility that the railway or its assigns or successors as aforesaid may expand its operations, which expansion may affect the living environment of the residents in the vicinity, notwithstanding the inclusion of any noise and vibration attenuating measures in the design of the development and individual dwelling(s). CNR will not be responsible for any complaints or claims arising from use of such facilities and/or operations on, over or under the aforesaid rights-of-way."

2- The storm water management facility must be designed to control storm water runoff to pre-development conditions including the duration and volume of the flow and accordingly have no impacts on CN right of way, including ditches, culverts and tracks.

Thank you and do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Best regards

[redacted], Urb. OUQ. MBA

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LACOMBE COUNTY

Sent via email only to: cao@villageofalix.ca

January 31, 2024

Village of Alix
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4849 50 Street
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Dear Ms. White:

RE: Village of Alix – Bylaw No. 481/24 Municipal Development Plan

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Bylaw No. 481/24 to adopt a Municipal Development Plan. After review of the proposed Bylaw the County has no objection in principle to the proposed Municipal Development Plan but would like to note a discrepancy with the Land Use Concept Map.

The proposed plan contains policies which direct future land uses to the areas identified on the Land Use Concept Map. The County would like to note that the Land Use Concept Map included in the circulated document does not identify the future land uses for the undeveloped portions of land within the Village boundary. Additionally, the Land Use Concept Map does not identify the Long Term Growth Area for annexation as outlined in Policy 4.2. The Land Use Concept Map should be updated to reflect the policies to ensure they can be implemented.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,
LACOMBE COUNTY

Natasha Wright
Planner/Development Officer

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Email | nwright@lacombecounty.com

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council, held on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 6:00 P.M.

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

Also Present: Michelle White, Chief Administrative Officer

Call to Order: Mayor Fehr called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Amendments/Deletions to Agenda: Mayor Fehr called for amendments to the agenda.

Approval of Agenda:

Resolution #023/24: Moved by Councillor T. Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council approve the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

Minutes: a) Regular Meeting – January 17, 2024

Resolution #024/24: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council held on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Delegation: a) Sergeant Trent A. Cleveland, Detachment Commander, Bashaw RCMP Detachment – Fourth Quarter Statistics and Community Update

Sergeant Trent A. Cleveland, Detachment Commander of the Bashaw Royal Canadian Mounted Police Detachment was unable to attend the meeting.

Constable Kyle Neilson, Investigator for the Bashaw Royal Canadian Mounted Police Detachment entered the meeting at 6:01 P.M.

Constable Neilson retired from the meeting at 6:41P.M.

Bylaws: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: a) Rural Renewal Program – Request for Decision 24-03

Resolution #025/24: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Village of Alix Council hereby directs administration to consult with Alix Chamber of Commerce regarding the need for participation in the Alberta Advantage Immigration Program Rural Renewal Stream and report back to Council.

CARRIED

b) Uncollectable Account – Request for Decision 24-04

Resolution #026/24: Moved by Councillor T. Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council hereby directs administration to waive $210.00 for account #27900, being uncollectable bylaw enforcement fines.

CARRIED

Financial Reports: None

Committee Reports: a) Alix Fire Department Meeting – Mayor Fehr

Resolution #027/24: Moved by Councillor T. Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council accept the Committee Report as presented.

CARRIED

Administrative Reports: a) Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Resolution #028/24: Moved by Councillor J. Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council hereby accept the Administrative Report as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence and Information: a) Lacombe County – Funding Request – Alix Nature Trail

b) Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policies Becoming a Priority

Resolution #029/24: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that Correspondence Items (a) and (b) be accepted as information.

CARRIED

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

Resolution #030/24: Moved by Councillor Cole that the Village of Alix Council go into a Closed Meeting at 7:25 P.M. to discuss FOIP Section 27, Privileged Information regarding a Legal Opinion.

CARRIED

Resolution #031/24: Moved by Councillor T. Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council return to the Public Meeting at 8:10 P.M.

CARRIED

Adjournment:

Resolution #032/24: Moved by Councillor J. Besuijen that this Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council be adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

ALIX MIRROR WELLNESS SUPPORTS SOCIETY

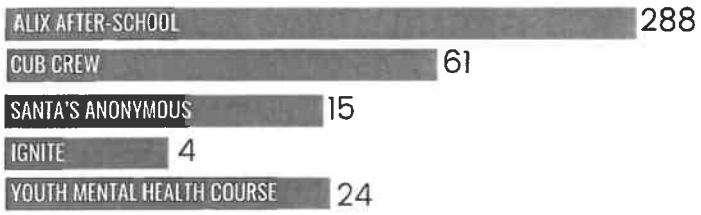
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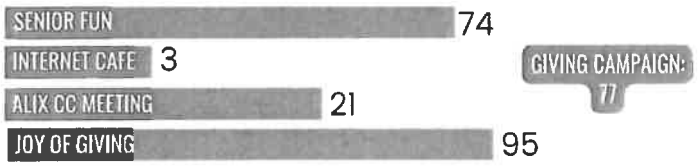
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In-House Programming

Child & Youth Programs/ Events

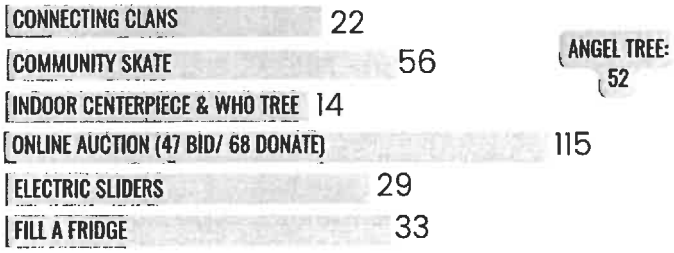


Senior & Adult Programs/ Events



GIVING CAMPAIGN: 77

Community & Family Programs/ Events



ANGEL TREE: 52

External Partnerships

YOUTH COUNSELLING	ALIX DANCE CLUB	HENNA ROSE MASSAGE	FRN	FITNESS FUN
9	24	13	23	24

ALIX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	BABY CLINIC	MOMS & TOTS	FOOT CARE CLINIC	PRIVATE BOOKING
7	3	13	3	14

Upcoming

Community BINGO, Wellness Fair, Connecting Clans: Family Day Event, Milkshake Mondays, Meat Draws, Child & Youth Safety Week and Rainbows.

Core Statistics



Information & Referral

3465 Engagements
4083 Needs Served

Navigation: 15 Individuals

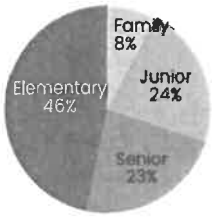
20% Community Referral
80% Walk-in/ Self Referral

Areas Served
(# Of Referrals Out)
127 Form Support
6 Other

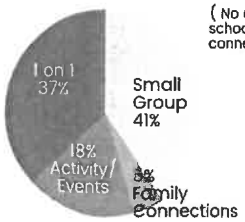
Family Wellness

Extended Learning: 924 Engagements

262 Individuals/ Families



771 Engagements



(No after-school program connections)

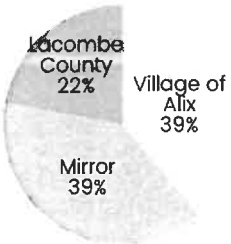
Meals on Wheels

178
MEALS DELIVERED

7 Clients
6 Volunteers

Wise Owls
3 Clients

Home Support
3 Clients



ALIX FOOD BANK

Children: 34
Adults: 40
Seniors: 35

59
HOUSEHOLDS

PIC N' PAC VEGGIE PICK-UP

214 Individuals
(14% FB Clients)

RESIDENCE
67% Alix
15% Mirror
18% Lacombe County

ALIX AND AREA COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

2023

by Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society

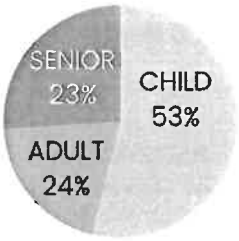
Information & Referral

Village of Alix: 70%
Mirror: 8%
Lacombe County: 18%
Other: 4%

11,131
ENGAGEMENTS

Forms & Technology Support: 2%
Program Assistance: 51%
Health & Wellness: 5%
Client Care: 27%
Other: 7%
Food Bank: 8%

12,484
# of Needs Served



Wise Owls

5
CLIENTS

Home Support

8
CLIENTS

Meals on Wheels

731
MEALS DELIVERED
13 Clients
7 Volunteers



FOOD BANK

Children: 91
Adults: 142
Seniors: 138

190
FOOD HAMPERS

External Partnerships

Private	Partner	Long-Term
11	9	8

FACILITY USE

27
PROGRAM PARTNERS

Partner Highlights

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

403-396-3369 Bay 1 & 2 , 5008 50 Avenue, Alix, AB

Seasonal

OF PARTICIPANTS

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

Alix and Area Community Resource Centre

Programs & Events

OF PARTICIPANTS

ADULT/ SENIOR

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

FAMILY/ COMMUNITY

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

CHILD & YOUTH

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

Volunteers

1,106 HOURS DONATED

Resource Navigation

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

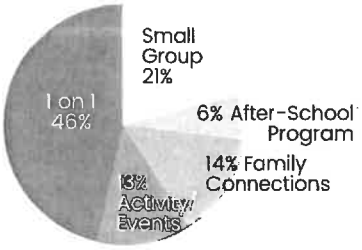


117
PARTICIPANTS
Village of Alix: 73%
Mirror: 21%
Lacombe County: 1%
Other: 5%

Family Wellness

315
PARTICIPANTS

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



4,183 ENGAGEMENTS

Health & Wellness Fair

Nurturing yourself is not selfish- it's essential....

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

ALIX COMMUNITY HALL
5008 49 AVE.

Sunday, Jan 28
11AM-4PM



2024 HIGHLIGHTS

~Have you been able to pick up some of the fresh veggies, delivered weekly to the Centre? Available to everyone, typically on Tuesdays. Thank you Pik-N-Pak Produce for the wonderful donations and volunteers who help to make sure veggies are brought to our community every week.

~NEW Addition to the Alix After-School! Programming will now run every Monday... Milkshake Monday will be a part of the regular schedule. For ages 8+, Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs, 3:00PM-5:30PM. Join in planned activities daily and check out our monthly schedule.

~Cooking Connections begins! Sharing ideas and laughs, while working together to assemble jar recipes to take home. Each week 1 meal and 1 dessert/drink will be created. FREE. Must register. Jan 23, 30 & Feb 6, 13, 20, 27 Tuesdays @ 10:30AM-12PM

~Pencil in Feb 19 and plan to be around Alix for all of the Family Day activities. We will host an Artisan Market, Community BINGO, scavenger hunt, snow painting and sculpture contest. FREE Chili, smores and hot chocolate. WE will be announcing the numerous other community activities soon. Please stay tuned!!!

~In February we will offer Child & Youth Safety Week. Watch for more details coming soon on Confident Kids- Feb 20, Home Alone- Feb 21 and Babysitters Course- Feb 22.

~We are beginning to ASK for items to include in the Winter Wishes online auction, coming this March. Please keep us in mind and get in touch if you would like to make a donation!

Services Available

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

alixmirrorwellness@gmail.com

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ResourceCentre

www.alixcrc.com

For complete details on all upcoming events and programs visit online or contact us.
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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

ALIX BRIEFS

by the Alix and Area Community Resource Centre

INTRODUCING... REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

With the support of Government of Alberta and Government of Canada funding, a Regional Transportation Program has come to life!

A door to door service, designated to support Healthy Aging in the Bashaw region. This is currently a FREE service, and is subject to change based on funding availability. **Eligible riders are 50+ AND:**

- Live within the areas of Bashaw, Donalda, Alix, Mirror, Mecca Glen, Ferintosh, Edberg, Meeting Creek and everywhere in between
- Folks who need transportation services to medical and other health related appointments
- Folks that do not drive, or do not drive in the cities where their appointments may be
- Folks who are attending short-term appointments

Each service request is evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
Riders must meet screening requirements prior to approval of services.

To find out more and to book, please call Bashaw & Area Community Resource Centre
780-372-4074 or email frontdesk.bdss@gmail.com.

True Joy!

...Last Oct - Dec we hosted several fundraising and giving opportunities. We are so amazed by the results: During the 2023 Giving Campaign we surpassed our gool and raised over $25,000! **Thank you** everyone who supported the Winter Escapes Online Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Who Tree & Indoor Centerpiece making events and many individual and corporate sponsors!!

...As well, a special note and thanks to the numerous donations and community food drives in support of the Alix Food Bank.

...The Joy of Giving: 96 participants were matched to help spread some holiday cheer. This annual program facilitates a way to anonymously give/receive gifts for local adults/seniors.



OPEN
Monday to Thursday 10AM - 4PM
Closed all statutory holidays

Bay 1 & 2,
5008 50 Ave, Alix, AB
403-396-3369

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Date: February 14, 2024 RFD 24-05
Memo To: Village Council
From: Wendy Menage
Subject: Bulk Water Rate

1. **PURPOSE** – To present Council with an opportunity to update Schedule "A" of Bylaw 421/16 to increase the bulk water rate.

2. **BACKGROUND** – On February 1, 2012 the Village of Alix Council raised the Bulk Water Rate from $4.00 to $5.00 per cubic meter and increased the Residential/Commercial/Industrial Water Rate from $2.81 to $2.91 per cubic meter.

   Fast forward 12 years, the Residential/Commercial/Industrial Water Rate has risen to $3.39 per cubic meter but the Bulk Water Rate is unchanged.

3. **OPTIONS** –
   1. To increase the Bulk Water Rate by $1.00 from $5.00 to $6.00 per cubic meter.
   2. To increase the Bulk Water Rate by any other amount, as determined by Village Council.
   3. To leave as is and reevaluate for 2025.

4. **DISCUSSION** – Bulk water rates vary throughout our area from as low as $2.65/cubic meter (City of Red Deer) to $5.85/cubic meter (County of Camrose).

5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – The difference between the Commissions cost of water and the amount we charge for bulk water would pay for the maintenance of the Bulk Water Station so that it would not be a burden on the Village tax payers. Every time the Commission raises the water rate we lose that difference that offsets the maintenance of the bulk water station.

6. **LEGAL** – A bylaw to amend the utility rates and fees schedule would be required to implement a change to the bulk water rate.

7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** –

8. **OTHER COMMENTS** – There is cost associated with recalibrating the Bulk Water Station meter. The quote given to have this completed is approximately $100-$200.

9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Option #1. I recommend Council give all 3 readings to Bylaw 482/24 (attached).

"that the Village of Alix Council give first reading to Alix Utilities Bylaw #482/24 being a bylaw to Amend Bylaw No. 421/16, Schedule "A"."

"that the Village of Alix Council give second reading to Alix Utilities Bylaw #482/24."

"that the Village of Alix Council give permission for third and final reading to Alix Utilities Bylaw #482/24 at this time."

"that the Village of Alix Council give third and final reading to Alix Utilities Bylaw #482/24."

C.W. Menage
Author

VILLAGE OF ALIX

BYLAW NO. 482/24

Amendment to the Alix Utilities Bylaw No. 421/16 – Schedule "A"

BEING A Bylaw of the Village of Alix in the Province of Alberta, to amend Bylaw No. 421/16 being the Utilities Bylaw.

NOW THEREFORE, the local authority of the Village of Alix, in Council duly assembled, enacts as follows:

THAT the Alix Utilities Bylaw No. 421/16 – Schedule "A" be amended as follows:

1. BULK WATER:

Automated Water Dispensing Station Bulk Water Rate: $6.00 per cubic meter.

THIS Bylaw shall come into force and effect on April 1, 2024.

Read a first time this 21st day of February, 2024.

Read a second time this 21st day of February, 2024.

Read a third time and finally passed this 21st day of February, 2024.

_____
Mayor

_____
Chief Administrative Officer

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Date: February 16, 2024 RFD 24-08
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: Municipal Development Plan

1. **PURPOSE** – To present the final draft of the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) to Council for review along with the new MDP Bylaw for second and third readings.

2. **BACKGROUND** – Council gave first reading to the new MDP Bylaw at the January 17, 2024 regular meeting. The public hearing for this Bylaw was held February 21, 2024, prior to consideration for the remaining 2 Bylaw readings.

3. **OPTIONS** – 1. To give second and third readings to Bylaw 481/24

   2. To amend the MDP based on feedback received at the Public Hearing

4. **DISCUSSION –**

5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS –**

6. **LEGAL** – MGA s. 632(1) "Every council of a municipality must by bylaw adopt a municipal development plan."
   Section 632(3) lists all things an MDP "must address."

7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS –**

8. **OTHER COMMENTS –**

9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – I recommend the following resolutions:

"that the Village of Alix Council hereby gives second reading to Bylaw 481/24, being a bylaw to authorize the adoption of a Municipal Development Plan."

"that the Village of Alix Council hereby gives third and final reading to Bylaw 481/24."

M. White

Author

VILLAGE OF ALIX

BYLAW No. 481/24

BEING A Bylaw of the Village of Alix in the Province of Alberta, to authorize the adoption of a Municipal Development Plan.

WHEREAS, Section 632, of the Municipal Government Act allows the Council of a Municipality to adopt a Municipal Development Plan; and

WHEREAS, a Municipal Development Plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Part 17 of the Municipal Government Act;

WHEREAS, Council deems it desirable to adopt a Municipal Development Plan to guide the future growth and development of the Village of Alix;

NOW THEREFORE, the Municipal Council of the Village of Alix in open Council duly assembled enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw shall be known as the "Municipal Development Plan Bylaw".

2. Upon third and final reading of this bylaw the Municipal Development Plan for the Village of Alix shall be formally adopted.

3. Bylaw #380/09 and any amendments thereto shall be repealed in their entirety.

Read a first time this 17th day of January, 2024

Read a second time this day of , 2024

Read a third and final time this day of , 2024

_____ _____

Mayor CAO

Department: Administration
Policy No: 47
Policy Title: Memorial Tree and Bench Program
Resolution No:
Date:
Review Date:

Policy Statement:

The Village of Alix recognizes the importance of memorializing loved ones in a lasting and meaningful way. An important date, a personal message or the name of a loved one can accompany trees or park benches as outlined in this policy.

This policy aligns with the Village of Alix Core Value of Community – "We will help citizens maintain the Village's unique qualities, foster a strong sense of belonging, and strive to meet needs locally."

Part A - Guidelines/Procedures:

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3. Municipal Staff will maintain the Memorial according to regular maintenance standards.
4. All wording on Memorial plaques must be approved by municipal staff. The Village reserves the right to deny any memorialization.
5. There shall be a maximum of three (3) plaques on any Memorial Bench.
6. There shall be a maximum of three (3) plaques per Memorial Tree with the option to add more at the Village's discretion.
7. The Village reserves the right to move or remove a Memorial to accommodate unforeseen future events. Should this occur, every effort will be made to contact the applicant to discuss options (relocation possibilities, return of Memorial plaque etc.)
8. Installation of Memorial Trees will be performed/arranged by municipal staff.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Date: February 14, 2024 RFD 24-06
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: Memorial Tree & Bench Program Policy

1. **PURPOSE** – To update Council on the draft policy relating to a Memorial Tree and Bench Program for the Village.

2. **BACKGROUND** – Council reviewed draft policy 47: Memorial Tree and Bench Program at the January 17, 2024 regular meeting. A resolution was passed to allow until February 21st as a time for public comment and feedback on the policy.

3. **OPTIONS** – 1. To approve the policy as presented

   2. To approve the policy with amendments

   3. To accept this report as information

3. **DISCUSSION** – There were a few residents who came in and picked up print copies of the policy. We don't know how many may have viewed the policy online, but it was posted on our website for the review period also.

   No comments or concerns were brought forward during the review time.

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 No. 47: Memorial Tree and Bench Program as presented."

Author

Schedule "A" - Policy #47

Village of Alix Memorial Tree Application

Any request requiring Village of Alix approvals or services must provide the following information. Submittal of application does not constitute approval.

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ **Date**:_____

Address:_____ **Phone Number: Cell**:_____

Home:_____

Email: _____

Memorial Tree—Map Provided to Pick Location

☐ **Memorial Tree—$100** **Tree Number chosen**:_____

Pick one of the following tree options:

☐ Spring Snow

☐ Prairie Spire Green Ash

Memorial Plaque

Plaque options are all 3"x5" on a DuraBlack plate and laser engraved. Each plaque is $34.00. If purchasing 2 or more plaques (limit to 3 per tree) the cost is $28 per plaque. All plaques will be attached using a wrapped around chain. Schedule "B" shows the plaques and engraving options.

Please check your chose below:

☐ Option A—"In Loving Memory" / "We Love You"

☐ Option B—"Planted with Love In Memory Of"

☐ Option C—"In Loving Memory of" / "Quote of Choice-2 Lines Max"

Honoree's Name: _____ **Years**:_____

Other message (if option C was chosen): _____

_____

5. The Village is not responsible for loss or damage to a Memorial Bench resulting from theft, vandalism, natural or accidental causes excluding municipal staff negligence.

6. The applicant is not permitted to tamper with or relocate the Memorial Bench or tamper with the area immediately surrounding it.

_____ _____

Mayor CAO

_____

Date

Applicant Signature

Applicant Signature: _____

Date:_____

Please return application to the Village of Alix—4849 50 Street—Box 87, Alix, AB, T0C 0B0

Phone: 403-747-2495 **Email: info@villageofalix.ca** **Fax: 403-747-3663**

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Village of Alix approval Signature: _____

Date:_____

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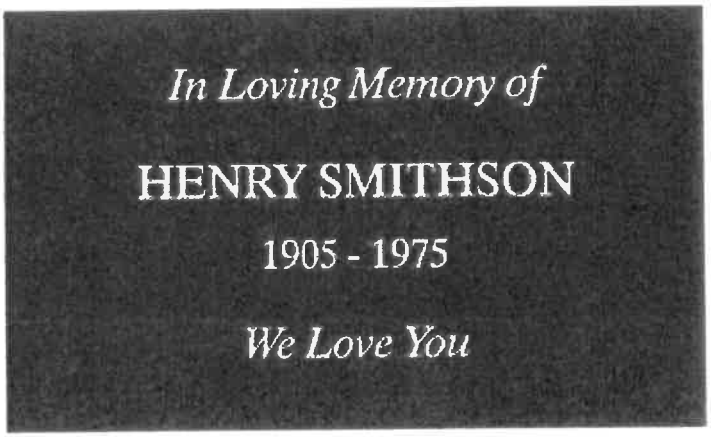
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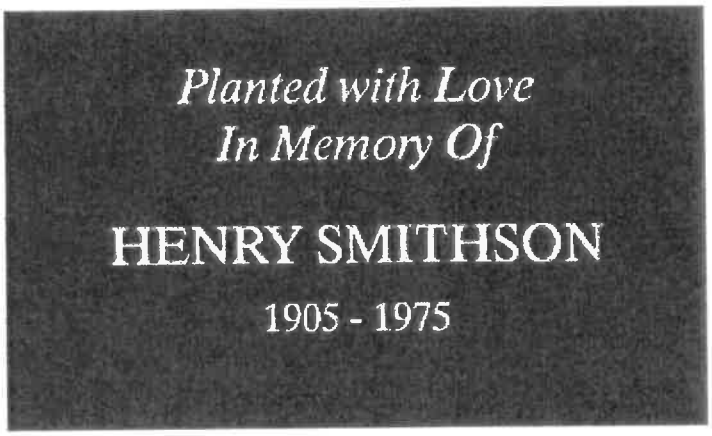
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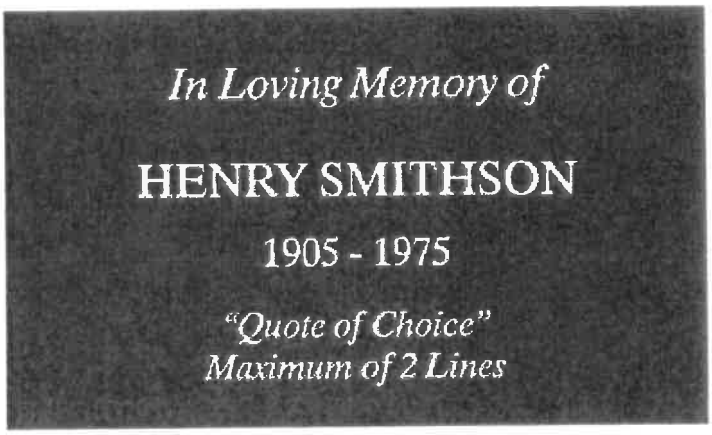
OPTION A



OPTION B



OPTION C



Schedule "C" - Policy #47

Village of Alix Memorial Bench Application

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Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ **Date**:_____

Address:_____ **Phone Number: Cell**:_____

Home:_____

Email: _____

Memorial Bench—Map Provided to Pick Location

Memorial Bench Location: _____

Memorial Bench Material: _____

Bench Dimensions: _____

Number of Plaques: _____

Memorial Bench Criteria

All costs associated with the bench, plaque(s) and installation of the Memorial Bench are the responsibility of the applicant.

Memorial Benches must be installed on a concrete pad. The Village will supply the concrete pad at the agreed upon location. The Applicant is responsible to pay full cost for the installation of the concrete pad upon approval of an application by the Village.

Memorial Bench Material: Benches must be made from resin, metal or stone

Memorial Bench Size: Benches must not exceed 6 feet in length

Plaque Approval: Inscriptions on Memorial Plaques for benches must be approved by municipal staff. Please provide wording for each plaque below.

_____

_____

_____

Applicant Signature

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

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ADMINISTRATION REPORT

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7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS –**

8. **OTHER COMMENTS –**

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Author

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4. All wording on Memorial plaques must be approved by municipal staff. The Village reserves the right to deny any memorialization.

5. There shall be a maximum of three (3) plaques on any Memorial Bench.

6. There shall be a maximum of three (3) plaques per Memorial Tree with the option to add more at the Village's discretion.

7. The Village reserves the right to move or remove a Memorial to accommodate unforeseen future events. Should this occur, every effort will be made to contact the applicant to discuss options (relocation possibilities, return of Memorial plaque etc.)

8. Installation of Memorial Trees will be performed/arranged by municipal staff.

Part B - General: Memorial Tree(s)

1. Memorial Trees are located at the Village of Alix Cemetery. Tree species and planting locations will be determined by municipal staff.

2. Those wishing to participate in the Memorial Tree program may do so by completing an application form, attached as Schedule "A" and paying all associated fees as outlined in this policy.

3. The Memorial Tree program will include a commemorative plaque. Style and size of the plaque options are shown in Schedule "B".

4. The applicant is responsible for the cost of the plaque, associated installation hardware, and engraving on a full cost recovery basis at the time of ordering, plus $100 for sponsorship of the tree.

5. A tree may not be sponsored under this policy until it has been planted for one full year.

6. The Village is not responsible for loss or damages to Memorial Trees resulting from theft, vandalism, natural causes or damages resulting from wildlife, insects, or disease.

7. The Village reserves the right to remove a Memorial Tree that has become damaged or a danger to the surrounding area.

8. The applicant is not permitted to tamper with or relocate the Memorial Tree or tamper with the area immediately surrounding it.

Part C - General: Memorial Bench

1. Memorial Bench placement will be determined through discussion between the applicant and municipal staff.

2. Those wishing to participate in the Memorial Bench program may do so by completing an application form, attached as Schedule "C" and paying all associated fees as outlined in this policy.

3. Once an application is approved, the applicant is responsible for ordering the bench and plaque(s) at their sole expense.

4. Memorial Bench installation is only permitted on concrete pads provided by the Village after approval of an application. All costs for the concrete pad are to be reimbursed to the Village and bench installation through a third party is to be arranged by and paid for by the applicant.

5. The Village is not responsible for loss or damage to a Memorial Bench resulting from theft, vandalism, natural or accidental causes excluding municipal staff negligence.

6. The applicant is not permitted to tamper with or relocate the Memorial Bench or tamper with the area immediately surrounding it.

_____ _____

Mayor CAO

_____

Date

Schedule "A" - Policy #47

Village of Alix Memorial Tree Application

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Address:_____ **Phone Number: Cell**:_____

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Other message (if option C was chosen): _____

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Schedule "B" - Policy #47

Village of Alix Memorial Tree Plaque Options

Plaque are 3"x5" on DuraBlack plate and laser engraved. Each plaque is $34.00. If purchasing 2 or more plaques (limit to 3 per tree) the cost is $28 per plaque.

OPTION A

In Loving Memory of

HENRY SMITHSON

1905 - 1975

We Love You

OPTION B

Planted with Love
In Memory Of

HENRY SMITHSON

1905 - 1975

OPTION C

In Loving Memory of

HENRY SMITHSON

1905 - 1975

"Quote of Choice"
Maximum of 2 Lines

Schedule "C" - Policy #47

Village of Alix Memorial Bench Application

Any request requiring Village of Alix approvals or services must provide the following information. Submittal of application does not constitute approval.

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ **Date**:_____

Address:_____ **Phone Number: Cell**:_____

Home:_____

Email: _____

Memorial Bench—Map Provided to Pick Location

Memorial Bench Location: _____

Memorial Bench Material: _____

Bench Dimensions: _____

Number of Plaques: _____

Memorial Bench Criteria

All costs associated with the bench, plaque(s) and installation of the Memorial Bench are the responsibility of the applicant.

Memorial Benches must be installed on a concrete pad. The Village will supply the concrete pad at the agreed upon location. The Applicant is responsible to pay full cost for the installation of the concrete pad upon approval of an application by the Village.

Memorial Bench Material: Benches must be made from resin, metal or stone

Memorial Bench Size: Benches must not exceed 6 feet in length

Plaque Approval: Inscriptions on Memorial Plaques for benches must be approved by municipal staff. Please provide wording for each plaque below.

_____

_____

_____

Applicant Signature

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return application to the Village of Alix—4849 50 Street—Box 87, Alix, AB, T0C 0B0

Phone: 403-747-2495 **Email: info@villageofalix.ca** **Fax: 403-747-3663**

Office Use Only

Village of Alix approval Signature: _____

Date: _____

☐ **Total Amount Paid:** _____

☐ **Paid by:**

☐ Cash

☐ Cheque

☐ Debit

☐ E-transfer

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Date: February 14, 2024 RFD 24-07
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: Library Board appointments

1. **PURPOSE –** To determine if Council will accept the Library Board's proposed changes to their Board membership.

2. **BACKGROUND** – Please see attached letter.

3. **OPTIONS –** 1. Pass the resolutions outlined below
   2. Defeat the resolutions outlined below

4. **DISCUSSION –**

5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – none

6. **LEGAL –** Excerpt from the Alberta Government Councils and Library Boards: Roles and Responsibilities: "The appointments of the members of the municipal Board shall be made on the date fixed by council. Any vacancy arising from any cause must be filled by council as soon as reasonably possible for council to do so."

Libraries Act: Appointment
4(1) A municipal board shall consist of not fewer than 5 and not more than 10 members appointed by council.
(2) A person who is an employee of the municipal board is not eligible to be a member of that board.
(3) Not more than 2 members of council may be members of the municipal board.
(4) A member of the municipal board is eligible to be reappointed for only 2 additional consecutive terms of office, unless at least 2/3 of the whole council passes a resolution stating that the member may be reappointed as a member for more than 3 consecutive terms.
(5) Subject to subsection (6), appointments to the municipal board shall be for a term of up to 3 years.
(6) When appointments are made in respect of a first municipal board, council shall, as nearly as may be possible, appoint 1/3 of the members for a term of one year, 1/3 of the members for a term of 2 years and the remaining members for a term of 3 years.
(7) Notwithstanding this section, the term of office of a member continues until a member is appointed in that member's place.

Date of appointment
5(1) The appointments of the members of the municipal board shall be made on the date fixed by council.
(2) Any vacancy arising from any cause must be filled by council as soon as reasonably possible for council to do so.

7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS –**

8. **OTHER COMMENTS –**

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

"that the Village of Alix Council hereby accepts with regret, the resignation of Ron MacIntosh from the Alix Public Library Board and extends appreciation for his years of service."

M. White
Author

Village of Alix
Box 87
Alix, AB T0C 0B0

Alix Public Library
Box 69
Alix, AB T0C 0B0

Dear Village of Alix Council

Please be informed of the following changes to our Library Board.

At the AGM December 19, 2023, Cathy Perry was elected Board Chair. Barbara Gilliat is Vice Chair.

At our regular Board Meeting, December 19, 2023, Ron MacIntosh resigned his seat on the Board.

We would appreciate these changes to our Board be approved at your next Council meeting.

Regards,

Cathy Perry
Alix Public Library
Board Chair

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Date: February 16, 2024 RFD 24-10
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: Municipal Census

1. **PURPOSE** – To determine if the Village will be conducting a municipal census in 2024.

2. **BACKGROUND** –Though municipalities have always had the right to do a municipal census, the province said they would not be using census numbers anymore as of 2019 and would be using estimates provided by Alberta Treasury Board and Finance. The province has now rescinded that decision and will allow municipal census numbers to be used as of 2024.

3. **OPTIONS** – 1. To conduct a municipal census

   2. To continue using federal census numbers and provincial population estimates

4. **DISCUSSION** – Having an accurate count of your population can have significant impacts on the budget and Strategic Planning processes.

5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – Population is used to determine many grant allocation amounts. According to a Price Waterhouse Cooper report, municipalities are allocated / receive approximately $440 per capita. Currently our federal census indicates a population of 774 and our estimate from the province is 818 – that's about a $19,000 discrepancy.

   Population is also used to determine requisition amounts from other organizations and levels of government.
   There would be minimal cost to conducting a census. Internal staff and resources would be used.

6. **LEGAL** – MGA s. "A council may conduct a census."
   Municipal Census Regulation s. 3.(1) "A municipal authority that wishes to conduct a municipal census must (a) Notify the Minister's department by February 28 of the year in which the census will be conducted that the municipal authority will be conducting a municipal census..."
   FOIP legislation must also be followed regarding what data can be collected and how.

7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** – A municipal census is typically very short. It is more likely to get participation from residents if you don't take up much of their time and they understand the importance of why the information is being collected.

8. **OTHER COMMENTS** –

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

"that the Village of Alix Council hereby directs administration to conduct a municipal census in 2024."

Author

VILLAGE OF ALIX

Cheque Listing For Council

2024-Feb-15
1:21:43PM

Cheque #	Cheque Date	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Description	Invoice Amount	Cheque Amount
20240031	2023-12-31	2253676 ALBERTA LTD., (ALIX FOODS)		PAYMENT		21.30
			276894	COFFEE SUPPLIES	14.69	
			278182	COFFEE SUPPLIES	6.61	
20240032	2023-12-31	ALIX DRUGS LTD.		PAYMENT		19.67
			136991	FIRE DEPT SUPPLIES	19.67	
20240033	2023-12-31	FUTURE AG. INC.		PAYMENT		40.19
			IN84931	WEED EATER PARTS	40.19	
20240034	2023-12-31	HIRON, PAMELA		PAYMENT		200.00
			DEC2023	FIREHALL CLEANING NOV/DEC 2	200.00	
20240035	2023-12-31	MPE ENGINEERING LTD		PAYMENT		173.25
			4420-001-00-87	GEN. ENGINEERING MAIN LIFT S	173.25	
20240036	2023-12-31	PETTY CASH		PAYMENT		74.00
			DEC2023	PETTY CASH SEPT - DEC 2023	74.00	
20240037	2023-12-31	RAWK J SERVICES LTD		PAYMENT		657.09
			24009	CHECKING ASBESTOS IN 8 BUIL	657.09	
20240038	2023-12-31	TAGISH ENGINEERING		PAYMENT		7,312.28
			20316	LAKEVIEW LIFT STATION PROJE	7,312.28	
20240039	2024-01-17	AGAT LABORATORIES LTD.		PAYMENT		262.50
			24221632E	MAIN LIFT STATION TESTING	262.50	
20240040	2024-01-17	ANDERSON, JANENE		PAYMENT		45.50
			JAN2024	LREMP TRAVEL CLAIM	45.50	
20240041	2024-01-17	GARY MOE CHEVROLET BUICK GMC		PAYMENT		449.19
			205503	SERVICE AND BATTERY 2014 CH	449.19	
20240042	2024-01-17	GULLYS CONTRACTING		PAYMENT		1,323.00
			016	SNOW CLEARING JAN 10, 2024	1,323.00	
20240043	2024-01-17	LACOMBE COUNTY		PAYMENT		997.50
			IVC00044496	2024 ASSESSMENT REVIEW BO/	997.50	
20240044	2024-01-17	PARKLAND COMMUNITY PLANNING SVCS.		PAYMENT		375.00
			JAN2024	JAN - MARCH 2024 MEMBERSHI	375.00	
20240045	2024-01-17	PITNEY BOWES LEASING		PAYMENT		231.81
			3202314450	LEASE PAYMENT JAN 2024	231.81	
20240046	2024-01-17	ZONE 3 BUSINESS SOLUTIONS INC.		PAYMENT		38.85
			149016	COPY CHARGES OVERAGE	38.85	
20240055	2024-01-30	AGAT LABORATORIES LTD.		PAYMENT		787.50
			24222160E	LAB TESTING MAIN LIFT STATIOI	262.50	
			24223546E	LAB TESTING MAIN LIFT STATIOI	262.50	
			24225581E	LAB TESTING MAIN LIFT STATIOI	262.50	
20240056	2024-01-30	ALIX & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE		PAYMENT		50.00
			20180349	2024 MEMBERSHIP FEES	50.00	
20240057	2024-01-30	ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES		PAYMENT		1,755.88
			RG202401-187	2024 BASIC MEMBERSHIP FEE	1,755.88	
20240058	2024-01-30	BESUIJEN, JANICE		PAYMENT		541.93
			JAN2024	COUNCIL EXPENSE CLAIM JAN 2	541.93	
20240059	2024-01-30	BESUIJEN, TIMOTHY W		PAYMENT		559.37
			JAN2024	COUNCIL EXPENSE CLAIM JAN 2	559.37	
20240060	2024-01-30	CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO		PAYMENT		731.00
			1000-001115486	FLASHER MAINTENANCE JAN 2(	731.00	
20240061	2024-01-30	COLE, EDWIN		PAYMENT		440.58
			JAN2024	COUNCIL EXPENSE CLAIM JAN 2	440.58	
20240062	2024-01-30	CONSOLIDATED ENVIRONMENTAL SVCS INC		PAYMENT		892.50

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20240062	2024-01-30	CONSOLIDATED ENVIRONMENTAL SVCS INC	406	SNOW REMOVAL JAN 24 & JAN 2	892.50	892.50
20240063	2024-01-30	CYBERUS PROTECTION SERVICES		PAYMENT		2,861.58
			202418	CONTRACTED SERVICES FEB 2(	2,861.58	
20240064	2024-01-30	FEHR, ROBERT LEE		PAYMENT		628.68
			JAN2024	COUNCIL EXPENSE CLAIM JAN 2	628.68	
20240065	2024-01-30	GILLIAT, BARBARA JEAN		PAYMENT		440.58
			JAN2024	COUNCIL EXPENSE CLAIM JAN 2	440.58	
20240066	2024-01-30	GREGG DISTRIBUTORS CO LTD		PAYMENT		136.34
			000-598796	HARD FACE ROD 1/8 5LB	136.34	
20240067	2024-01-30	GULLYS CONTRACTING		PAYMENT		3,780.00
			020	SNOW PLOWING JAN 23, 24 & 25	3,780.00	
20240068	2024-01-30	LACOMBE FOUNDATION		PAYMENT		7,600.00
			C-671665	EQUALIZED ASSESSMENT 2024	7,600.00	
20240069	2024-01-30	LOCAL AUTHORITIES PENSION PLAN		PAYMENT		5,922.64
			JAN2024	LAPP CONTRIBUTIONS JAN 202	5,922.64	
20240070	2024-01-30	RSP Contribution		PAYMENT		293.86
			JAN2024	RSP CONTRIBUTION JAN 2024	293.86	
20240071	2024-01-30	NU-EDGE CONSTRUCTION		PAYMENT		88,603.41
			18753	PROGRESS CLAIM 6 LAGOON PI	88,603.41	
20240072	2024-01-30	OLDMAN RIVER REGIONAL SERVICES COMMIS		PAYMENT		4,814.28
			13877	GIS MEMBER FEES 2024	4,814.28	
20240073	2024-01-30	THE CITY OF RED DEER		PAYMENT		2,371.40
			443195	FIRE DISPATCH FEES 2024	2,371.40	
20240074	2023-12-31	ALIX HOME HARDWARE		PAYMENT		287.25
			148429	FIRE HALL GARBAGE BAGS	18.89	
			148527	FIRE DEPT & RAILWAY HOUSE S	199.45	
			148565	WATER FOR FIREHALL	7.00	
			148731	BAY 4 PAINT SUPPLIES	51.42	
			148759	LIGHT BULBS	10.49	
20240075	2023-12-31	LACOMBE COUNTY		PAYMENT		39,301.45
			IVC00044583	2023 COUNTY FIRE CHIEF CONT	5,017.67	
			IVC00044590	2023 PEACE OFFICER SERVICES	32,976.60	
			IVC00044596	2023 FIRE DEPT. COSTS Q4	763.74	
			IVC00044613	ALIX FIRST RESPONSE EXPENS	543.44	
20240081	2024-02-07	327241 ALBERTA LTD		PAYMENT		283.50
			1270	JAN 2024 PATROLS	283.50	
20240082	2024-02-07	ACCU-FLO METER SERVICE LTD		PAYMENT		672.00
			112233	5 - 5/8" X 3/4" T10 BRASS BODY E	672.00	
20240083	2024-02-07	ALIX DRUGS LTD.		PAYMENT		115.40
			142167	FIRE DEPT. SUPPLIES	4.19	
			142845	ALIX FIRE DEPT SUPPLIES	31.49	
			142895	ALIX FIRE DEPT SUPPLIES	79.72	
20240084	2024-02-07	AMSC INSURANCE SERVICES LTD.		PAYMENT		4,853.10
			FEB2024	PREMIUMS FEB 2024	4,853.10	
20240085	2024-02-07	BROWNLEE LLP		PAYMENT		1,929.38
			561589	PROFESSIONAL FEES	1,929.38	
20240086	2024-02-07	CANADA REVENUE AGENCY		PAYMENT		1,016.85
			FEB2024	ACCOUNT # 108175498 RP0001	1,016.85	
20240087	2024-02-07	CENTRAL LABS		PAYMENT		52.12
			2400120	MAIN LIFT STATION SAMPLES	52.12	
20240088	2024-02-07	CONTACT SAFETY SERVICE LTD		PAYMENT		1,284.15
			14608	SERVICE FIRE EXTINGUISER - A	304.50	
			14609	SERVICE FIRE EXTINGUISER - F	57.75	

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20240088	2024-02-07	CONTACT SAFETY SERVICE LTD	14610	SERVICE FIRE EXTINGUISER - B	42.00	1,284.15
			14611	SERVICE FIRE EXTINGUISERS -	89.25	
			14612	SERVICE FIRE EXTINGUISHER -	89.25	
			14613	SERVICE FIRE EXTINGUISHER -	57.75	
			14614	SERVICE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	133.35	
			14615	SERVICE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	510.30	
20240089	2024-02-07	ENVIRONMENTAL 360 SOLUTIONS LTD.		PAYMENT		5,777.61
			RD0000294238	GARBAGE AND RECYCLING JAN	5,777.61	
20240090	2024-02-07	GAM TECH		PAYMENT		1,233.74
			INV15886	SERVICE FOR FEB 2024	1,233.74	
20240091	2024-02-07	GREGG DISTRIBUTORS CO LTD		PAYMENT		211.28
			000-618351	PW SUPPLIES	128.12	
			000-618352	PAINT FOR MARKING ON STREE	83.16	
20240092	2024-02-07	GULLYS CONTRACTING		PAYMENT		1,512.00
			019	STANDBY HOURS TOP UP JAN 1	567.00	
			025	CLEARING STREETS FEB 5, 202	945.00	
20240093	2024-02-07	LOOMIS EXPRESS, A DIV OF TFI TRANSPORT 2:		PAYMENT		57.94
			10780707	FREIGHT FOR WATER METERS	57.94	
20240094	2024-02-07	UFA CO-OPERATIVE LTD.		PAYMENT		62.94
			SOINV5670612	SALT FOR STREETS	62.94	
20240095	2024-02-07	URBAN DIRTWORKS INC.		PAYMENT		51,470.01
			4660	LIFT STATION PROJECT - PROGI	51,470.01	
20240096	2024-02-07	VILLAGE OF ALIX		PAYMENT		936.92
			50100JAN2024	BULK WATER STATION JAN 2024	117.72	
			63900JAN2024	LIBRARY JAN 2024	115.45	
			69600JAN2024	PW YARD JAN 2024	92.66	
			7000JAN2024	VILLAGE OFFICE JAN 2024	121.09	
			72700JAN2024	FIRE HALL JAN 2024	126.17	
			72800JAN2024	BAY 1 & 2 JAN 2024	142.52	
			72830JAN2024	BAY 3 JAN 2024	112.06	
			72841JAN2024	BAY 4 JAN 2024	109.25	
20240097	2024-02-07	WILD ROSE ASSESSMENT SERVICES		PAYMENT		2,639.00
			9238	PROGRESS PAYMENT JAN 2024	1,319.50	
			9278	PROGRESS PAYMENT FEB 2024	1,319.50	
20240098	2024-02-14	ALIX HOME HARDWARE		PAYMENT		145.02
			148777	RAILWAY HOUSE AND SHOP SUI	28.25	
			148879	FIREHALL SUPPLIES	11.06	
			148912	WATER SHUT OFF ALIX HOTE	17.84	
			148936	VILLAGE OFFICE AND SHOP SUI	26.00	
			149031	SHOP SUPPLIES	31.49	
			149076	VILLAGE OFFICE AND SHOP SUI	30.38	
20240099	2024-02-14	AMSC INSURANCE SERVICES LTD.		PAYMENT		73,814.00
			44482	INSURANCE POLICY 2024	69,443.00	
			44797	INSURANCE LIBRARY	1,135.00	
			45054	ARENA INSURANCE	3,236.00	
20240100	2024-02-14	CENTRAL LABS		PAYMENT		52.12
			2400150	LAB TESTING MAIN LIFT STATIOI	52.12	
20240101	2024-02-14	ECA REVIEW		PAYMENT		143.85
			17648	LAKE NIGHT ADS	143.85	
20240102	2024-02-14	GREGG DISTRIBUTORS CO LTD		PAYMENT		38.58
			000-631341	SHOP SUPPLIES	38.58	
20240103	2024-02-14	LOOMIS EXPRESS, A DIV OF TFI TRANSPORT 2:		PAYMENT		51.20
			10789071	WATER SUPPLIES FREIGHT	51.20	
20240104	2024-02-14	MPE , A DIVISION OF ENGLOBE		PAYMENT		6,526.82
			4420-001-00-89	LAKEVIEW LIFT STATION PROJE	115.50	
			4420-015-06-08	LAGOON PROJECT CELL 5	6,411.32	

VILLAGE OF ALIX

Cheque Listing For Council

2024-Feb-15
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Cheque #	Cheque Date	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Description	Invoice Amount	Cheque Amount
20240105	2024-02-14	T & T ENTERPRISES INC.		PAYMENT		152.25
			13329	BACKFLOW PREVENTION TEST	152.25	
20240106	2024-02-14	TAGISH ENGINEERING		PAYMENT		2,247.40
			20352	LAKEVIEW SUBDIVISION LIFT ST	2,247.40	
20240107	2024-02-14	WOODCHUK ENTERPRISES LTD.		PAYMENT		681.45
			24003	PESTICIDE APPLICATOR COURS	681.45	
20240108	2024-02-14	WOODYS AUTO STETTLER		PAYMENT		128.52
			612-865142	BLOWER MOTOR GRAIN TRUCK	62.75	
			612-865179	2011 TRUCK POWER STEERING	65.77	

Total 333,110.51

*** End of Report ***

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

SERVUS CREDIT UNION

			CHEQUING	INVESTMENTS (1)	INVESTMENTS (2)
Balance from Bank Statement:			2,673,511.62	-	11,178.72
Plus:	Deposits in Transit		7,887.86		
Less:	Outstanding Cheques		(200,774.23)		
	Reconciled Bank Balance:		2,480,625.25	-	11,178.72
31-Jan-24	GL balance	3-120	2,480,625.25		
31-Jan-24	GL balance	3-300			11,178.72
		Variance:	-	-	

THIS STATEMENT SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL THIS __21ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024

VILLAGE OF ALIX

Tax Trial Balance (Full Listing)

Trial Balance As Of 2024-02-14

2024-Feb-14
3:32:52PM

Roll #	Title Holder	Tax Levy	Accum. Penalty	Out. Penalty	Outstanding	Current	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	Over 3

Tax Levy	1,731,638.62	**Local Improvement Levy**	0.00
Additional Tax Levy	0.00	**Accumulated Penalty**	20,754.73
		Outstanding Penalty	20,687.25

Sub Ledger		**General Ledger**	
Current	11,560.77		
1 Year	73,287.01	3-00-00-00-210	135,036.73
2 Years	35,917.40	**Totals**	135,036.73
3 Years	9,873.58		
Over 3	4,397.97		
Outstanding	135,036.73		

Total GL	135,036.73
Total SL	135,036.73
Proof	0.00

*** End of Report ***

CAO REPORT FEBRUARY 21, 2024

1. Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Grant – Unfortunately our application for a grant under the Watershed Resiliency and Restoration program was not successful. Funds were requested to do a comprehensive education campaign about Environmental Reserve lands and the importance of riparian areas. Included in the proposal was survey work to help physically show the dividing line between private and public property. There were 36 applicants asking for a total of $17 million in funding but there was only $3.5 million of total funding available. We will continue to look for grant programs of this type and apply for funds where we meet the eligibility criteria.

2. Alix Lake Nature Trail Society – We received an invitation from ANTS to their upcoming Bridge Dedication celebration. It will take place on June 2, 2024 at 1:00 pm at the Bridge site and an appreciation BBQ will follow. All Councillors and staff are invited.

3. Extended Producer Responsibilities – I am taking a series of webinars to prepare for the transition to the new EPR format of dealing with recyclable materials. These webinars are very informative and as we get into the details of the program, I am finding it is not quite the straight forward process we were originally told about.

4. Legal Workshop – I participated (virtually) in an Emerging Trends – legal training seminar for municipalities on February 15th. Topics discussed included: Clearing up concerns related to municipal utility bylaws, tax incentives for municipalities and municipal risk assessment for public spaces, construction and employment. There was also discussion on how municipalities can begin preparing for water shortages this year. I'm glad to say we're on track with their recommendations.

5. Municipal Census – A staff member and I attended (virtually) a training session on conducting a municipal census. It had been many years since I'd taken the training and I thought it best to do a 'refresher' in case the legislation had changed.

6. Audit – Our annual municipal audit took place on February 5th & 6th. They were two very long days, but we met the requirements under the new Asset Retirement Obligation and are on track to meet the Municipal Affairs completion and reporting date of May 1st.

ALIX STATS 2023

Total 311 calls for service

5 – 911 Act – Offences

6 – Abandoned Motor Vehicles

7 – Animal Calls

12 – Assault

1 – Assault with a weapon

7 – Assistance to Another Agency

1 – Being Unlawfully in a dwelling

14 – Breach of Peace

5 – Break and Enter Business

4 – Break and Enter Residence

1 – Careless use of a firearm

1 – Children and Family Services

1 – Controlled Drugs and Substance Act (CDSA)

1 – Crime Prevention

1 – Criminal Harassment

1 – Dangerous Driving (Provincial)

2 – Defamatory Libel

1 – Distribution of intimate image

1 – Disturb the Peace

4 – Fail to comply with release

1 – Fail to remain at collision

5 – False Alarms

2 – Family Orders and Agreements (Enforceable)

3 – Fire Prevention Act

2 – Firearms Act

3 – Fraud

7 – Harassing Communications

6 – Lost and Found Items

6 – Mental Health Act (MHA)

6 – Mischief (damage to property)

1 – Mischief (enjoyment of property)

57 – Speeding Violations

3 – Bylaw Complaints

1 – Non-Pursuit – Flight from Police

1 – Off-highway Fatal Collision

3 – Impaired Operation of a Motor Vehicle

12 – Other Moving Violations

11 – Non-Moving Violations

1 – Theft Over $5000

7 – Theft under $5000

1 – Person Reported Missing

2 – Possession of Property Obtained by Crime

1 – Resist / Obstruct Police

2 – Sexual Assaults

1 – Sexual Interference

17 – Suspicious Person / Vehicle

1 – Take Motor Vehicle without Consent

1 – Theft of Truck

52 – Motor Vehicle Collisions

3 – Trespass Act

1 – Unsafe storage of firearm

5 – Uttering Threats

11 – Wellbeing Checks

February 3, 2024

Mayor Fehr and Council
Box 87,
Alix, Alberta
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Dear Mayor Fehr:

I would like to invite any members of your Council who can attend to be part of the Mirror Day Parade to be held on Saturday May 18, 2024. We certainly appreciate your presence and welcome you to our community.

Line up is at 10:00 and the parade commences at 11:00 am. The parade line up will be adjacent to the outdoor skating rink one block north of Main Street.

If you need a vehicle to ride in please let me know asap, thank you. You private vehicles are most welcome as well.

This is a family event filled day therefore you and your family are welcome to join us for all of the activities.

My email address is: bknight@lacombecounty.com

Home phone: 403 788-2168

Cell phone: 403 550-2168

You are also invited to join us for a lunch following the parade at the Mirror Alliance Church. Please find 2 tickets attached for the lunch, free on me.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Brenda

Brenda Knight
Councillor Division 2

ALBERTA

ENVIRONMENT AND PROTECTED AREAS

Office of the Minister

Dear Water License Holder,

As you know, our province is currently in a drought. Unfortunately, we have received little precipitation so far this winter. These conditions mean there is potential for the drought to worsen this year, and we must be prepared.

Our province is taking action in accordance with Alberta's water shortage management plan. This plan ranges from Stage 1, which is a minor drought, to Stage 5, which can lead to a declaration of an emergency. We are currently in Stage 4.

Alberta has stood up a Drought Command Team, and a first draft of a 2024 Drought Emergency Plan has been completed and is being refined. We have also initiated drought modelling work that will help us predict and maximize the province's water supply.

The province is also bringing together an external advisory panel of leaders from various sectors to provide advice on drought preparations and to advise on how Alberta can make water more available over the long term.

Finally, and most importantly, starting February 1st, 2024, the Drought Command Team will be bringing together major water licence holders to negotiate water sharing agreements.

Water license holders will be asked to voluntarily take less water in order to ensure that there is water available for as many users as possible. These negotiations will be the largest water-sharing effort that has ever been initiated in Alberta and the first since 2001.

In Alberta, there are 25,000 water licence holders that hold licences for 9.5 billion cubic metres of water. The Drought Command Team will select and prioritize negotiations with Alberta's largest water licence holders in an effort to secure significant and timely reductions in water use.

However, even if you are not identified as a major water licence holder, your support is still needed to help fully prepare Alberta for a severe drought. All Albertans will need to use less water to ensure that water is available to as many users as possible.

That is why I am writing to all water licence holders to ask that the following action be undertaken in the coming months:

1. Review and understand the conditions of your licence(s).
2. Review and understand how much water your business or organization uses and identify ways to reduce your use of water.
3. Take immediate action by investing in water conservation technologies that will help your business or organization reduce water use.
4. Develop drought plans now in case they are needed in the spring or summer.
5. Enter your licence onto Alberta's Digital Regulatory Assurance System (DRAS). DRAS is a secure online platform which will help licence holders compile and view all parts of their license(s) for greater transparency, completeness, accuracy and timeliness when managing their water licences and water use.
6. Monitoring water availability in your area using rivers.alberta.ca and take action to reduce your water use if your area is under a water shortage advisory.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please call us toll free at: 310-3773 (in Alberta), or email: epa.drought@gov.ab.ca.

Alberta has successfully navigated droughts before and has a long, proud history of coming together during tough times. I know we can count on you and all of Alberta's other water licence holders to take the actions necessary to get through these challenging times.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Schulz,
Minister of Environment and Protected Areas

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2024 PRE-BUDGET SUBMISSION

TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA

JANUARY 2024



NPF Contact:
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INTRODUCTION

The National Police Federation (NPF) represents ~20,000 RCMP Members serving across Canada and internationally. We are the largest police union in Canada. The NPF is focused on improving public safety for all Canadians, including our Members by advocating for much-needed investment in the public safety continuum. This includes investments in police resourcing and modern equipment, as well as social programs including health, addiction, and housing supports to enhance safety and livability in the many communities we serve, large and small, across Canada.

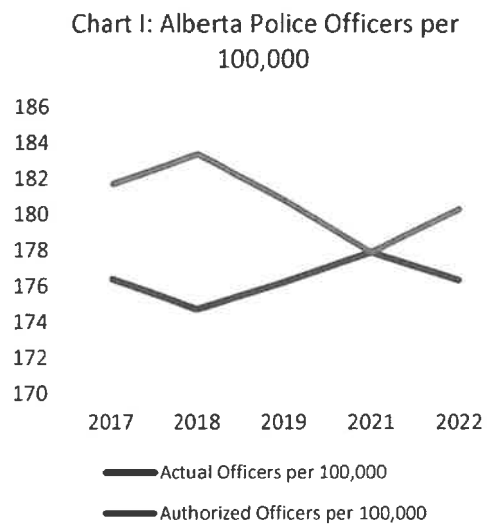
In 2019, the Government of Alberta announced a commitment of $286m over five years to fund improvements to public safety. This funding would include an additional 300 officer positions across RCMP detachments in Alberta with the support of an additional 200 civilian staff. Under this investment plan, the Alberta RCMP would have increased from the 1,600 officers recorded in 2019 to approximately 1,900 by 2024.[i] While this announcement was welcomed, the province had been critically underfunding the Alberta RCMP to this point. This announcement was made concurrently with modifications to the Police Funding Model (PFM) that would result in every Alberta municipality beginning to pay for their policing services. While the province had stated that the revenue from the new police funding model would be reinvested into policing, both promises of additional personnel and increased resources for public safety across rural communities have not been kept.

Today, rather than invest in areas that could support the rural communities our Members are proud to serve and call home, Budget 2023 saw investments in the Alberta Sheriffs and other programs that largely benefitted Edmonton and Calgary. Polling conducted by the NPF with Pollara Strategic Insights quantifies that half of Albertans agree that the province should focus funding for public safety on existing fully-trained police officers. Additionally, 4-in-5 Albertans in RCMP-served areas are satisfied with the RCMP's policing. The NPF, the Alberta RCMP, many Alberta Mayors and Councils, and Indigenous communities have reiterated to the provincial province that equitable investments must be made across police services in Alberta. Investing in the Alberta RCMP is crucial to demonstrating that the Government of Alberta both understands and is committed to addressing public safety challenges equitably across communities. For Budget 2024, the public safety of all Albertans – both urban and rural – must be upheld by the province through renewed investments from the Government of Alberta toward the Alberta RCMP.

NPF RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **Invest $80m over three years to hire 400 RCMP officers to meet population growth and future demand**

From 2017-2022, Alberta's population increased by 9.5%. Over the same period, total police personnel increased by 7%. Actual police personnel in 2022 consisted of 8,007 officers, but the authorized strength had been 8,190 personnel total – thereby leaving Albertans short 183 officers across the province.[ii] For years, the Government of Alberta has not been ensuring that officer strength has been met and made little investments in ensuring it. Investments must match the needs



of 2024 and beyond to ensure that future needs can continue to be met as the province encourages and promotes Alberta's population growth. By the province's stated ideal personnel strength of 180 police personnel per 100,000 population, 400 more officer personnel are needed, constituting a 5% increase in the current amount of police personnel.

Further, while the Alberta Crime Severity Index has decreased by 9.5%, demonstrating the outstanding work of our Members, calls for service continue to rise. Between 2017 and 2021, calls for service increased by 8%, from 650,080 in 2017 to 701,126 in 2021.[iii] All of these factors indicate that a fully resourced Alberta RCMP continues to be necessary for maintaining this effective response across communities.

Polling conducted by the NPF with Pollara Strategic Insights from September 2023 demonstrated that increasing resources for policing was the top public safety priority for Albertans. Increased resources for policing outranked priorities such as increased response times, increased resources for addressing petty crimes, and increased local autonomy in policing. Continued and sustained investment in the Alberta RCMP is necessary to meet current and future demands.

2. **$4m in grant funding to support the implementation of policing committees**

Policing committees are a critical function in delivering community-based needs and priorities to those that contract the RCMP as their municipal police service. Through a policing committee, municipal leadership can represent the interests of Council to the officer in charge of the contracted detachment.

Recent changes to the *Police Act* in 2022 have now made it mandatory for municipalities policed by the RCMP to establish their own policing committees, giving them a role in setting policing priorities. Before this, these committees were not mandatory and many communities never established them, creating a disconnect between the RCMP and the community. These committees are another function of local governance and would require that the municipality put yearly funding towards the success of the committee. Many chose not to establish these committees as a way to save money.

The *Police Act* changes establish that communities served by the RCMP with populations over 15,000 must now create their own policing committee. Additionally, communities with populations under 15,000 can choose to be represented by a regional governance body that will make recommendations on policing priorities in the region, or establish their own local policing committee.

While this function should be considered a core component of ensuring municipalities are best able to provide community-based public safety priorities through the RCMP, these committees do not currently receive any investment from the Government of Alberta to support their implementation. The province should fund the creation of these committees for communities over and under

populations of 15,000 who wish to create their own police committee, separate from the regional governance bodies, by providing a commensurate financial investment into these communities.

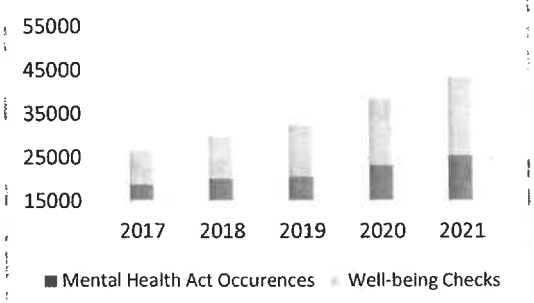
The Government of Alberta should support the implementation of greater community involvement in their policing services by investing $4m toward the establishment of policing committees. By investing in municipalities through assisting their launch of these committees, the province can fulsomely demonstrate its commitment to all Albertans having access to policing services that best support their individualized needs.

3. $4m to expand the Regional Police and Crisis Teams in partnership with Alberta Health Services

The Alberta RCMP have been increasingly called on to fill gaps resulting from significantly decreased funding for mental health and social services. Albertans and our Members want to see more funding for frontline services that help alleviate pressures on vulnerable Canadians and, by extension, the police.

A clear example of this pressure is present in both the increase of mental health calls and well-being checks being done by our Members. In Alberta, from 2017 to 2021, the number of *Mental Health Act* calls and well-being checks have increased by 63% (see Chart II), from a combined total of 26,855 occurrences in 2017 to 43,761 in 2021.[iv] This means that our Members are spending more time responding to those in mental health crises and less time on core policing duties.

Chart II: Alberta RCMP *Mental Health Act* and Well-being Check Related Calls for Service



Police calls responding to someone in crisis are not always routine and can vary in complexity. The Alberta RCMP has implemented and expanded the Regional Police and Crisis Teams (RPACT) units across Alberta to address a rising number of calls for service associated with the *Mental Health Act*. RPACT is a collaboration between the Alberta RCMP and Alberta Health Services, pairing Members with mental health professionals to provide a fulsome response to *Mental Health Act* related calls. From its launch in 2011, RPACT has since expanded to various detachments across Alberta, inclusive of Red Deer, Grande Prairie, and Airdrie. Recently, the Alberta RCMP announced that RPACT would be expanding to serve Hinton, Athabasca, Gleichen, Wainwright, and High level in addition to Sundre, Rocky Mountain House, Innisfail, Blackfalds, Rimbey, Sylvan Lake, Drayton Valley, Lake Louise, Banff, Canmore, Cochrane, Airdrie rural, Disbury, Olds, Drumheller, Chestermere, Strathmore, St. Paul, and Coaldale.[v]

However, calls for service related to those in crisis are continuing to increase at an alarming rate and more investment into these successful RPACT programs are needed. These investments should be evidence-based and be established in communities who frequently see *Mental Health Act* related calls. Through a total investment of $4m to expand the RPACTs in Alberta, the province can demonstrate its commitment to providing all Albertans with accessible assistance when they need it.

[i] December 2019. Municipalities will pay up as Alberta adds 300 RCMP officers to combat rural crime. Available at: https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/alberta-rcmp-rural-crime-schweitzer-1.5383062

[ii] Statistics Canada. Police personnel and selected crime statistics. Available at: https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/t1/tbl1/en/tv.action?pid=3510007601&pickMembers%5B0%5D=1.10&cubeTimeFrame.startYear=2018&cubeTimeFrame.endYear=2022&referencePeriods=20180101%2C20220101

[iii] Royal Canadian Mounted Police. RCMP Occurrence Report – 2021. Available at: https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/transparenc/police-info-policieres/calls-appels/occurence-incident/2021/index-eng.htm

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[v] March 2023. RCMP's Regional Police and Crisis Teams expanding. Available at: https://www.mountainviewtoday.ca/sundre-news/rcmps-regional-police-and-crisis-teams-expanding-6589661

Dear Premier Smith,

The government's renewed interest in supporting public safety across the province is appreciated by my community and others. To ensure that every community across our province has the resources they need to continue to keep the public safe, I'm writing to ask you to include the Alberta RCMP in Budget 2024.

As you know, the Commissioner of the RCMP establishes a minimum level of policing in consultation with the Provincial Minister, who then decides if that standard will be met or exceeded per Article 6 of the Provincial Police Service Agreement (PPSA). The number of officers is reviewed annually by the Provincial Minister as part of planning for each upcoming fiscal year. The Provincial Minister can increase the number of Members in the service through Article 5 of the PPSA.

We are asking the Government of Alberta to invest $80 million in our Alberta RCMP in pursuit of hiring an additional 400 new RCMP officers across the province. Our community could specifically benefit from an additional ## officers from these new positions. The government can utilize the PPSA as described above to request additional personnel that will bolster the safety of Albertans across the province, and we invite you to act on this function.

Over the past few years, the provincial investments to the RCMP have been minimal, forcing the provincial service to have to cut its budget and run under-resourced. Starting in 2021, the province changed the Police Funding Model, so that every municipality would have to pay a portion for policing. Since then, millions have been collected that are supposed to go towards reinvestment in policing, with a priority on increasing core policing.

We need your reassurance that communities served by the RCMP are just as crucial to your government's public safety plans as others. We know that the impact of crime and the number of Albertans needing help aren't limited to the boundaries of Calgary and Edmonton, which is why we are asking you to equitably invest in the Alberta RCMP.

Sincerely,

CAO

From: Maryanne King <mking@npf-fpn.com>
Sent: February 8, 2024 8:38 AM
To: rfehr@villageofalix.ca
Cc: CAO
Subject: Budget 2024 Update from the National Police Federation
Attachments: NPF - 2024 Pre-Budget Submission.pdf; SAMPLE Support For ABRCMP Funding Letter.docx

Hello Mayor Fehr,

I hope that your 2024 is off to a pleasant start.

Over the past few years, the NPF has been advocating for a needed increase into Alberta RCMP resources. Since 2017, the provincial investments to the RCMP have been minimal, forcing the provincial service to have to cut its budget and run under resourced. Starting in 2021, the province changed the Police Funding Model, so that every municipality would have to pay a portion for policing. Since then, millions have been collected that are supposed to be reinvested in policing, with a priority on increasing core policing.

However, recent policing investments have gone to municipal policing services in Edmonton and Calgary, or the Alberta Sheriffs who do not typically perform policing duties in rural environments like the Alberta RCMP does.

The NPF has submitted to the Government of Alberta our 2024 2024 Pre-Budget Recommendations, which address the issue of needed funding for the AB RCMP. To keep pace with population growth of 10% since 2017, the province needs to fund 400 more RCMP positions to keep pace with current and future needs. I have attached our full 2024 Pre-Budget submission for your review and consideration.

We invite you to consider supporting this crucial ask by writing to the Government in support of hiring additional RCMP officers in your community and across the province. To aid in this endeavour, we have included a template letter that you can use in whole or in part.

If you have any questions on our 2024 Budget submission or should you like to meet to discuss, I welcome inquiries at your convenience.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Kind regards,

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Good morning,

It is with pleasure that we announce that Westerner Days 2024 will be honoring our home region with the creation of the Central Alberta Pavilion! That would not be possible without the cooperation of the municipalities who make up Central Alberta.

With that in mind **we would like to invite your municipality to be a part of the Central Alberta Pavilion by creating a 10 x 10 booth space as a representation of your community, all at no charge to you.**

Westerner Days is taking place July 17th to 21st, and the pavilion is open 12pm-8pm daily, in the Prairie Pavilion.

What you will be a part of:

The Central Alberta Pavilion will be a celebration of the diverse make up and rich history of Central Alberta and Westerner Park. This space strives to engage all of Central Alberta's communities and a wide variety of the community organizations who continually work to create what we all know as home, as well as honor the dynamic timeline that has brought us to where we are today.

This indoor showcase will provide fair-goers with an indoor haven in which to meander through displays of photographs, plans, maps and heartfelt dedications to those individuals, organizations and events that have made the most impact on Central Alberta and Westerner Park. Guests are invited to sit and enjoy refreshments at the indoor bar setting where they can reminisce over clips from archived local television programming, enjoy a look at a variety of vehicles that are so vital to all that we do, or wander through the community booths and discover the hard work and opportunities, that these organizations bring to enrich our region.

How to be involved:
To reserve your free booth space in the Central Alberta Pavilion please respond to this email to express your interest, once your response is received a member of our planning team will reach out with more information.

We look forward to working with you to honor all of Central Alberta and each diverse Municipality that make our region home.

To sign up for a **free booth space** please fill out this form.

Thank you,

Westerner Park
Natasha Chappell
Event Coordinator and Admin Support

February 8, 2024

Village of Alix Council CAO (Michelle White)

Re: Lake Dredging and Riparian and Shoreline Removal

I would like to register a **Notice of Objection** to the above proposed project. Please advise me in writing as soon as possible the protocol for filing an objection.

I have a vested interest because of my **location**.

In my opinion, the current Council and Administration and all previous Council and Administration have not done their due diligence in the sustainability of Alix Lake. Rules and regulations imposed by the Village of Alix Council should have been in place years ago.

I would also like to receive in writing who are the supporters and partners referred to in #9 of RFD 23-64.

Respectfully,

S. Faszer

Angela Fulton, Alberta Environment, Red Deer.

Brad Peters, Alberta Lake Management Society

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC CONCERN

Please include this letter on the Council Agenda for February 21, 2024 for discussion by Council

Alix Lake Dredging and Removal of Aquatic/Riparian Areas

How do you justify spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on the above proposed project when you declined an offer from a lake environmental group to come to Alix Lake for a lake assessment which would include lake front property owners, riparian health, etc.? I recall reading that the assessment would cost $2,000.00 to $3,000.00 (two to three thousand dollars) and would have revealed the real causes of algae bloom and growth on Alix Lake.

Council and administration should be focused on preserving mother nature not harming it! Are areas that you are proposing to remove, nesting areas as indicated on the brochure produced many years ago by the Alix Nature Trail Society? Mayor Fehr should be aware of these areas as he is involved with the Alix Nature Trail Society.

S. Faszer

Enclosure: Brochure Living by Water - Rules and Regulations for Boating near Shorelines

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Village of Alix

Top 5 "Nature-Friendly" Boating Practices

Clean your boat before and after using it in the lake



Always follow speed restrictions – they are in place for a reason!

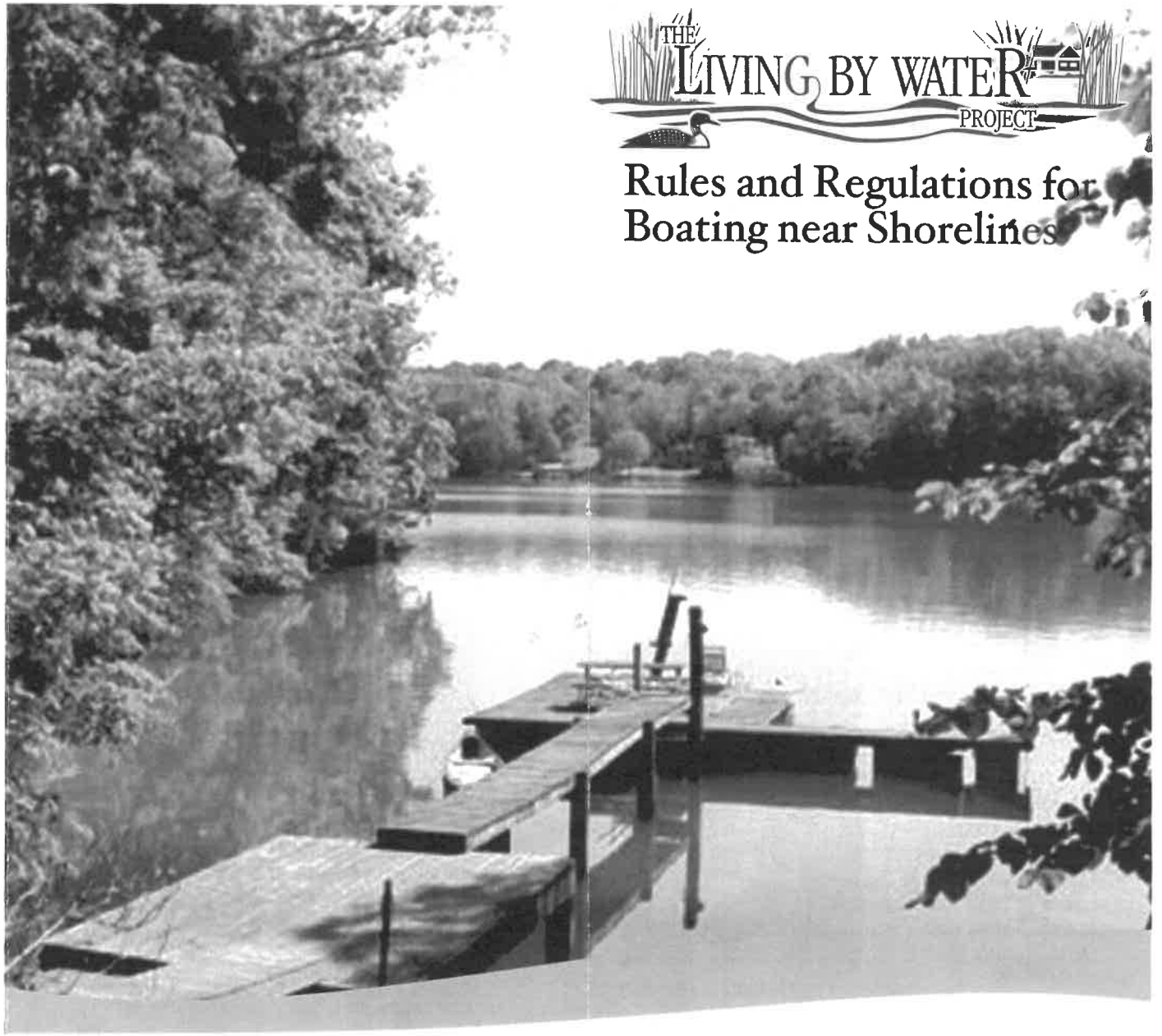
Use a "No-Spill" spout for refilling fluids



Avoid boating near the shore (this can create a wake that will disturb wildlife). If you must boat near the shoreline ensure your motor is turned off.



Consider creating a "safe kit" for any oil/fluid spills that may occur on the boat. Kitty litter is a popular option!



THE LIVING BY WATER PROJECT

Rules and Regulations for Boating near Shorelines

Funding for this initiative provided by Environment Canada EcoAction, Alberta Conservation Association and Canadian Wildlife Federation

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How Boating can Impact the Shoreline

Oil and gas spills reduce the waters ability to absorb oxygen which is detrimental to all aquatic life. Larger animals that live on the surface can get poisoned by the chemicals in their fur/feathers.



Strong wakes can damage waterfowl habitat and nesting grounds irreversibly. High speed boating can also produce noise pollution that deters shoreline wildlife.

Invasive species of all types can attach themselves to your boat very easily. If you don't thoroughly clean your boat after using it in different lakes, you risk introducing new species that can monopolize your shoreline.

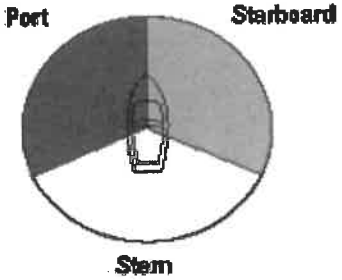


The bad kind of Milfoil (Eurasian watermilfoil - Myriophyllum spicatum) is on the right; the native variety (good) is on the left.

Common Rules and Regulations for Boating on Alberta Lakes

The Government of Canada has several regulations in place for safe boating:

If a power driven vessel approaches on your port side, maintain your speed and proceed with caution. If it approaches on your starboard side, keep out of its way. If it approaches on the stern sector, maintain your speed and proceed with caution.



Towing activities such as tubing and water skiing are prohibited from one hour after sunset until sunrise, and there must be enough seats for everyone including the individuals being towed. Careless boating can result in a fine of $250 or more.

Consuming alcohol and operating your boat is still considered drinking and driving and is illegal. Fines can be up to $600 for a first offense, and can lead to losing your boating license for up to 3 years and even jail time.

For more details on boating regulations contact the Office of Boating Safety:

http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/menu.htm

Costs of Irresponsible Boating

Failing to upgrade the engine on the boat can cause a great deal of unnecessary pollution. Older two-stroke engines can leave behind up to 25% of their fluids unburned, which can leave toxic chemicals such as gas and oil in the water.

Irresponsible boating is a danger to swimmers and "low speed" boaters such as canoeists. In a high speed vessel it is almost impossible to see a swimmer in the distance, and maneuverability at such speeds is difficult. It is important to consider how occupied the lake is on that particular day in order to judge your speed, or the consequences could be severe.

Propellers can stir up sediments on the bottom of the lake, particularly in years when the water is lower than average and drivers "bottom out" more often. These sediments make the water look murky and unappealing, but their disruption can also release phosphorous that has accumulated on the bottom. This added or "reactivated" phosphorous can contribute to severe algae blooms.

All of these factors in conjunction with the wake created by the boat itself contribute to damaging fish habitat irreversibly. Wakes destroy their spawning grounds, and algae blooms can drastically reduce the population. An absence of fish species is bad for the health of the lake and for recreational use, so be cautious!

