



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

Council Members shall:

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council, held on Wednesday, August 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
Michael Carr, Public Works Foreman
- 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 #157/24:** Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Village of Alix Council approve the agenda with the following addition:

Correspondence and Information .d) ATCO Energy Systems: Gas Franchise Agreement

CARRIED
- Minutes:** a) Regular Meeting – July 3, 2024
- Resolution #158/24:** Moved by Councillor T. Besuijen that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council held on Wednesday, July 3, 2024, be accepted as presented.

CARRIED
- Delegation:** None
- Bylaws:** None
- Unfinished Business:** None
- New Business:** a) Infrastructure Update – Request for Decision 24-38
- Resolution #159/24:** Moved by Councillor Cole that the Village of Alix Council accept Public Works Foreman Mike Carr’s report as information.

CARRIED
- b) Strategic Planning – Request for Decision 24-39

Resolution #160/24: Moved by Councillor Cole that the Village of Alix Council hereby sets September 4, 2024 at 1:00 P.M. as the date for a Strategic Planning session.

CARRIED

Financial Reports:

- a) Bank Reconciliation – June 30, 2024
- b) Accounts Payable Cheque Listing – June 19 – July 31 , 2024
- c) Tax Trial Balance – August 1, 2024

Resolution #161/24: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Village of Alix Council hereby accept the Financial Reports as presented.

CARRIED

Committee Reports:

- a) Buffalo Lake Management Team- Councillor J. Besuijen
- b) Lacombe Regional Solid Waste Commission – Councillor Gilliat

Resolution #162/24: Moved by Councillor T. Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council hereby accept the Committee Reports as presented.

CARRIED

Administrative Reports:

- a) Chief Administrative Officer's Report
- b) Lacombe Regional Tourism Report

Resolution #163/24: Moved by Councillor J. Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council hereby accepts the Administrative Reports as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence and Information:

- a) Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs – Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) Agreement
- b) Lacombe Foundation / The Bathany Group – Affordable Housing Partnership Program
- c) RCMP Quarterly Report – April 1 – June 30, 2024
- d) ATCO Energy Systems - Gas Franchise Agreement

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Resolution #164/24: Moved by Councillor T. Besuijen that Correspondence Items (a) through (d) be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Closed Meeting: None

Adjournment:

Resolution #165/24: Moved by Councillor J. Besuijen that this Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council be adjourned at 7:09 P.M.

CARRIED

Mayor

Assistant Chief Administrative Officer

ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: August 22, 2024 RFD 24-40
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: Railway House Utility Bill

1. **PURPOSE** – To seek Council direction regarding the July 2024 utility bill for Bays 1 & 2 of Railway House.
2. **BACKGROUND** – The Village has leased Bays 1 & 2 of Railway House to the Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society for several years. The annual lease amount paid by the Society was set at an amount that would cover the additional utility expenses for having those bays occupied. After two years of operation, the lease amount was checked against the total utilities and was found sufficient to cover the additional costs.

In July 2024, Bay 1 experienced a significant water leak from a running toilet resulting in 329.4 m³ of water consumption. The total bill for July was \$1,966.50.

3. **OPTIONS** –
 1. Bill Alix Mirror Wellness Society for the July utility amount of \$1,966.50
 2. Bill the Society for \$1,830.83 – being the amount of the July bill over their regular monthly average utility bill
 3. Village covers full amount of the July utility bill
4. **DISCUSSION** – Once the billing reports were generated showing a leak at Railway House, Resource Ctr. staff were contacted. Public Works Foreman and the CAO did a site visit and determined the location of the leak. Water was shut off and the repair was done.
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – The average monthly bill for this space in 2023 was \$135.67 (5 m³ water consumption). There have been higher bills in 2024: May \$281.83 (30 m³ water consumption) June \$301.57 (34 m³ of water consumption). It is possible these bills were higher due to water leaks as well.

The negotiated lease amounts for Bays 1 & 2 are considered in the Economic Interest of a Public Body and therefore protected under FOIP section 25. The amount(s) have not been increased since the original lease for each of the bays. (2020 for bay 1, 2022 for bay 2)
6. **LEGAL** – The lease agreement between the Village and the Society is in place until April 14, 2026. Under that lease, utilities are included in the annual rental amount.
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** – The leak report stated that this was an intermittent leak for 15 – 21 days. This is a good example to residents of the impacts of 1 leaking toilet.
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** – I recommend that a review of the utilities / rent amount for bays 1 & 2 is done at the end of 2024. The July utility bill will be considered as a 'one off' situation, but it's worth checking that the annual rent amount continues to cover off the extra utility costs of those bays being occupied.
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Option #3. No action or resolution is required if Option #3 is chosen.

M. White

Author

ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: August 28, 2024 RFD 24-41
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: Alix Medical First Response

1. **PURPOSE** – To update Council on changes regarding the Alix Medical First Response Unit.
 2. **BACKGROUND** – The Alix Medical First Response (MFR) program is separate from the Alix Fire Department. It is run by a group of volunteers as a non-profit society. There is no formal agreement on file for funding the MFR operating costs, but currently the Village pays submitted MFR invoices and County of Lacombe funds 1/3 of those expenses. MFR capital purchases are 100% funded through the society. Alix MFR responds to an average of 100 medical calls per year.
 3. **OPTIONS** –
 1. To continue allowing Alix Fire to self dispatch Alix MFR to calls within Alix corporate limits
 2. To require Alix MFR to be dispatched out by Alberta Health Services for calls within the Village
 3. To refer the matter back to administration for further research
 4. **DISCUSSION** – Lacombe County has made a change to how Alix MFR responds to calls in Lacombe County. Alix Fire is no longer able to self dispatch the MFR Unit to County calls as the MFR Unit is not part of Lacombe County Fire Services. The MFR Unit can respond to calls within Lacombe County if/when it is dispatched out by Alberta Health Services. Historically the Alix MFR Unit attended nearly every call for both Village and County.
 5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – Alix MFR members are volunteers and receive no compensation for training or responding to calls. MFR program expenses paid by the Village are as follows: 2021 - \$3,000; 2022 - \$2,400; 2023 - \$2,300. Further investigation into things like WCB, insurance coverage and professional fees may cause this amount to increase.
- Additional Village MFR expenses include \$6,000/year honorarium and Fire Call proceeds from prior year according to Policy #42; Fire Protection Policy.
6. **LEGAL** – MGA s. 3 “The purposes of a municipality are
 - (b) to provide services, facilities or other things that, in the opinion of council, are necessary or desirable for all or a part of the municipality,
 - (c) to develop and maintain safe and viable communities, and
 - (d) to work collaboratively with neighbouring municipalities to plan, deliver and fund intermunicipal services.”

Additional legal considerations include liability, insurance coverage, WCB coverage, etc.

Because the MFR program is a combined effort between the Village and the non-profit organization, it is recommended that research is done for clarity on the above. Council may also want to consider including some level of active participation in the society (Board appointment) and requiring some level of reporting back to the Village – similar to other non-profit agencies that receive municipal funding.

7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** – Each municipality has the ability to determine their own service levels for municipally offered programs. The fact that the Fire Department is a shared service between the County and the Village does not mean all things have to be exactly the same.
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** – A meeting between members of the MFR society and the CAO is scheduled for September 3, 2024 at the request of the society. I look forward to starting a dialogue with the members on this and may have more information to present at the Council meeting.
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Option #3. I recommend the following resolution:

“that the Village of Alix Council hereby directs administration to review the Alix Medical First Response Program and it’s operations within the Village. A report on findings is to be brought to Council at a future meeting.”



Author

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

SERVUS CREDIT UNION

	CHEQUING	CHEQUING (2)	INVESTMENTS (1)
Balance from Bank Statement:	2,480,290.76	11,462.17	0.00
Plus: Deposits in Transit	58,194.84		
Less: Outstanding Cheques	(115,293.91)		
Reconciled Bank Balance:	<u>2,423,191.69</u>	<u>11,462.17</u>	<u>0.00</u>
31-Jul-24 GL balance 3-120	<u>2,423,191.69</u>		
31-Jul-24 GL balance 3-121		<u>11,462.17</u>	
31-Jul-24 GL balance 3-300			<u>-</u>
Variance:	-	-	

THIS STATEMENT SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL THIS __ 4TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024

CAO REPORT SEPTEMBER, 2024

1. Strategic Planning Survey – 52 survey responses were received – all but one were completed online. A report summarizing responses is included in the agenda pack for Councillor review and transparency to the public.
2. Restorative Justice Open House – Not well attended by community members and unfortunately the Resource Ctr. did not send representatives. We were hopeful they would become informed about the program and how community members might benefit from referral to Restorative Justice. There are many potential uses for Restorative Justice in the community such as neighbour disputes, harassment, bullying etc. We will continue participating in the Restorative Justice Pilot Program that brought this service to Alix and use it as a tool to improve community safety and resident quality of life.
3. Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program – A grant application has been submitted for funding under this program. If received, the funds would be used for a detailed chemical analysis of lake water, a public education campaign aimed at “do’s and don’ts” of riparian areas, policy and bylaw development / review and shoreline mitigation efforts under the supervision of Alberta Environment.
4. Facebook Statistics Report – Included in your package is a breakdown showing details of our Facebook page followers: where they come from, age and gender of those reached as well as year to date page reach and new followers.
5. Webpage Statistics Report – Included in your package is a one page report showing number of users for the Village’s website. It includes a breakdown of the most frequent areas visited with **homepage** and **campground** being the top two. Most repeat visits are to the **Business Directory** and the **Your Government** pages. Length of time spent on each page is quite short, which can be interpreted as users easily finding what they were looking for. A further breakdown of our metrics shows a steady increase in views starting mid April and a significant spike in August. It might be a coincidence, but that’s when we put the Strategic Planning Survey on the homepage!

8,320 unique users have visited the website 45,864 times so far this year.
6. Audit Project – So far I’ve reached out to Municipal Affairs, Alberta Municipalities and Government Finance Officer’s Association regarding the current status and future direction of municipal audits. All have expressed interest in the project and have

committed time to meet with me. Next stage is to reach out to municipal colleagues for statistics and anecdotal information.

On a side note, no expressions of interest came in from our advertised Request for Proposals for a new audit firm. We will be moving to an invitational process to see if we can draw interest.



2024

Strategic Plan Survey Results



Village of Alix

52 Responses

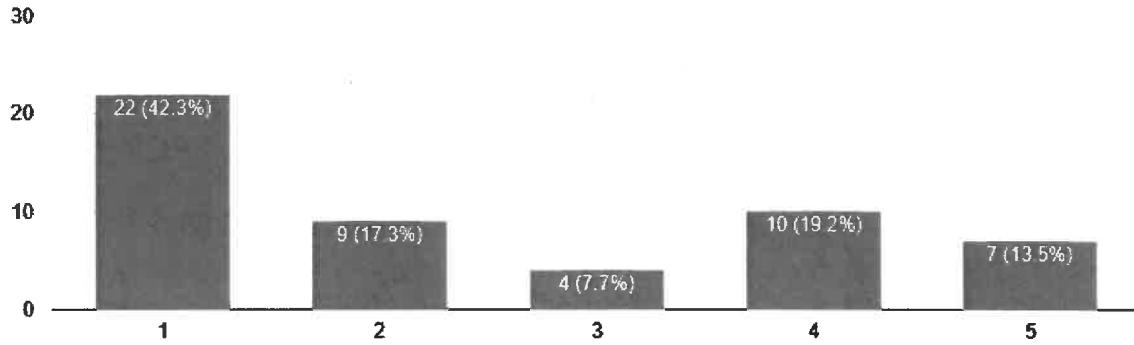
8/26/2024

Goal: Actively investigate what personal services would benefit the community and support recruitment efforts: Very Important (1) to Not Important right now (5)

Nurse Practitioner services

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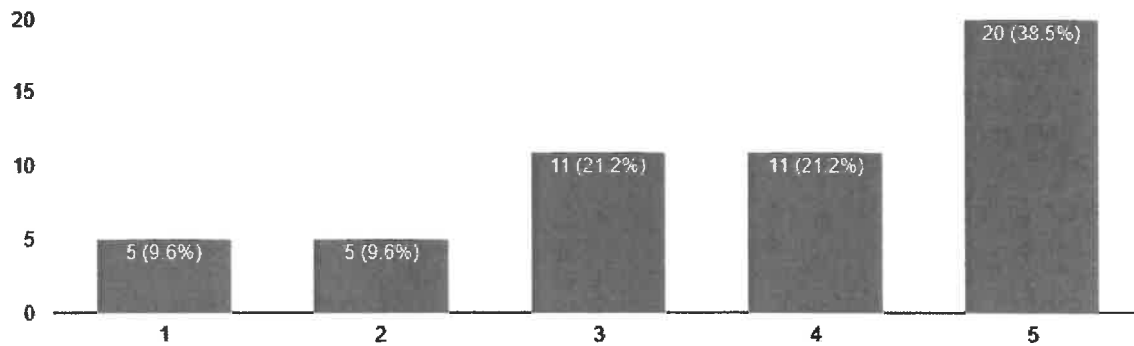
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Lawyer / Legal services

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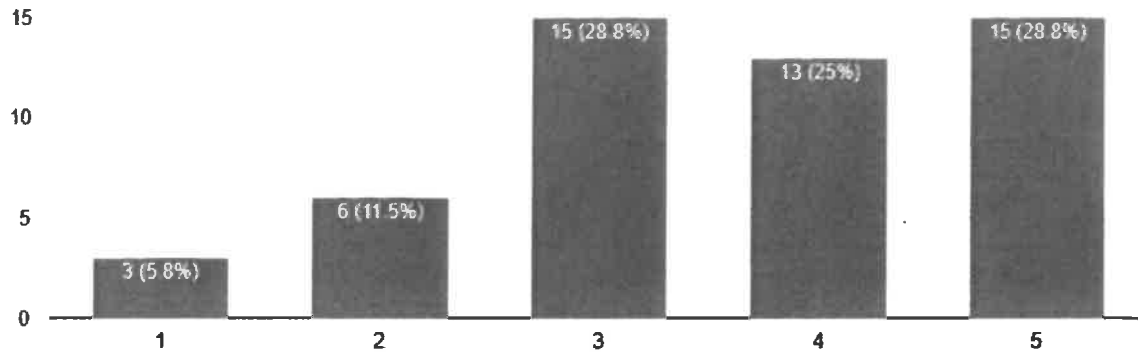
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Optometrist

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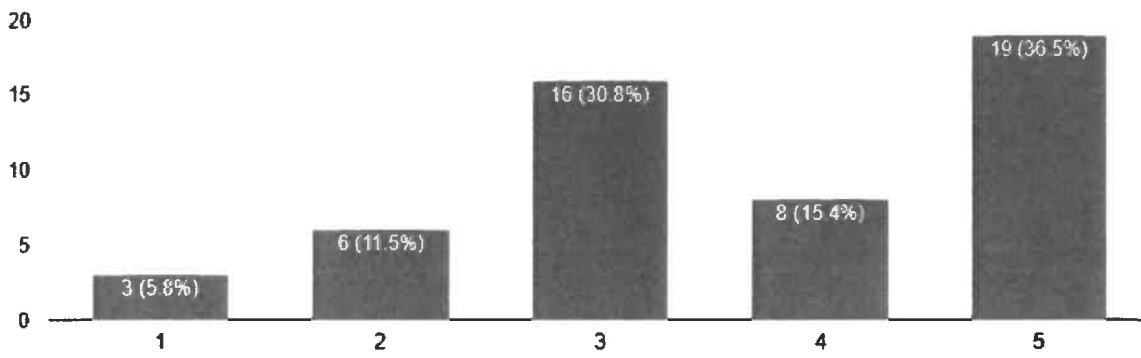
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Bookkeeping

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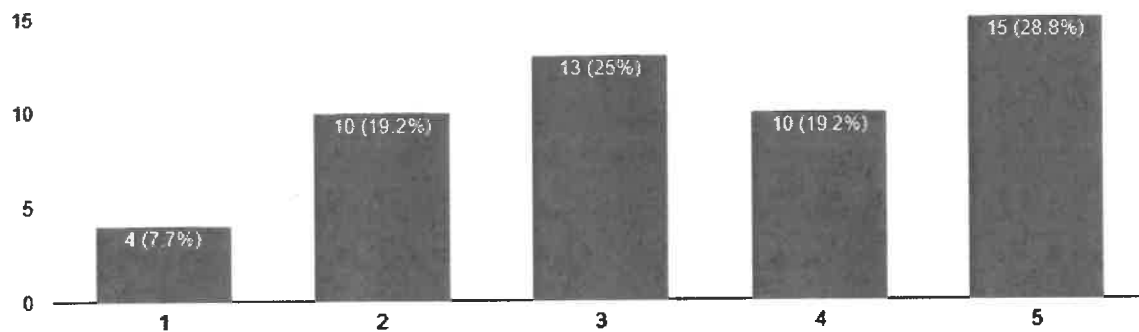
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Property Management (tending vacant properties)

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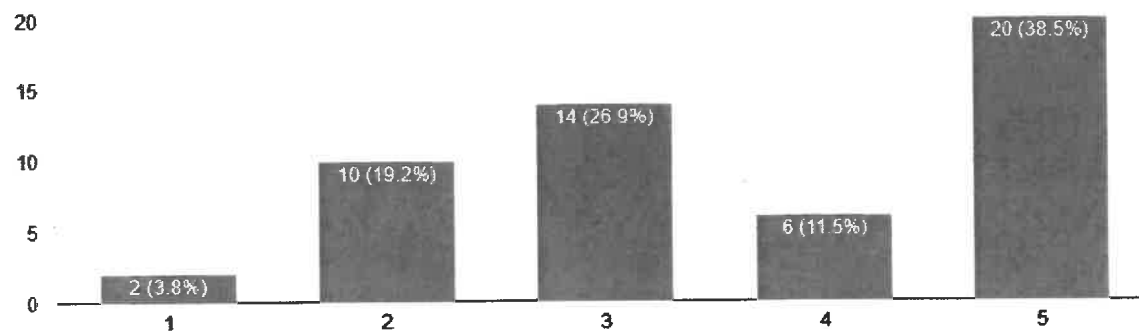
52 responses



Chiropractor

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52 responses



Other

8 responses

blood testing services

Community rec complex. Gym, pickle ball courts, etc.

Lower land tax rates

Doctor

Fitness

A gym!!!

None

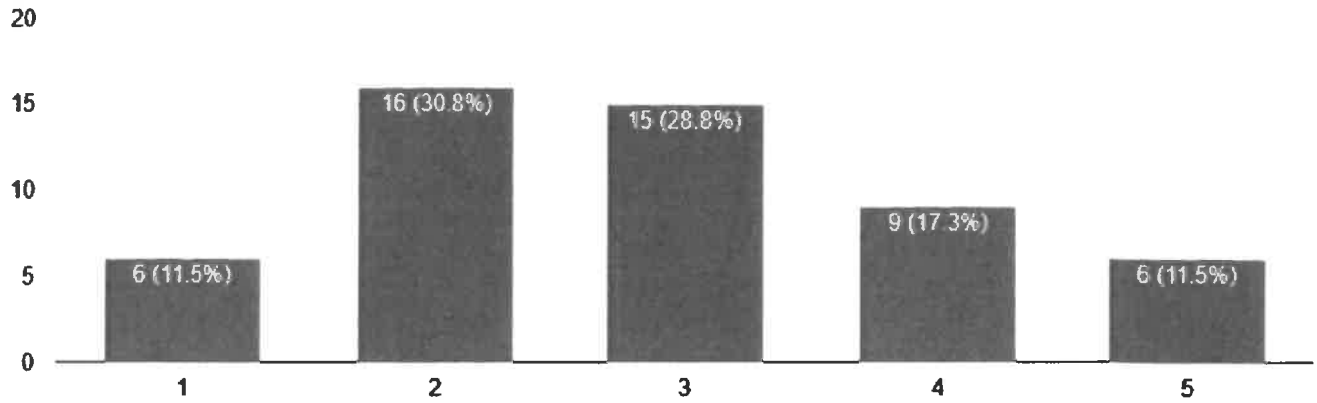
Better hours on grocery store. 7-7 7 days a week.

Goal: Strategically complete infrastructure improvements and services in the community: Very Important (1) to Not Important right now (5).

Street Paving

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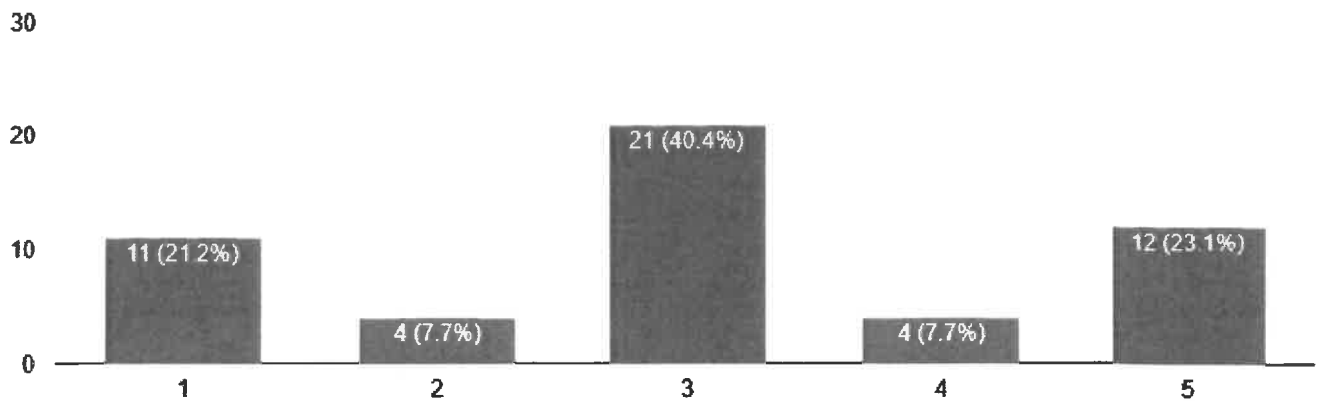
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Sidewalk / Curb replacement

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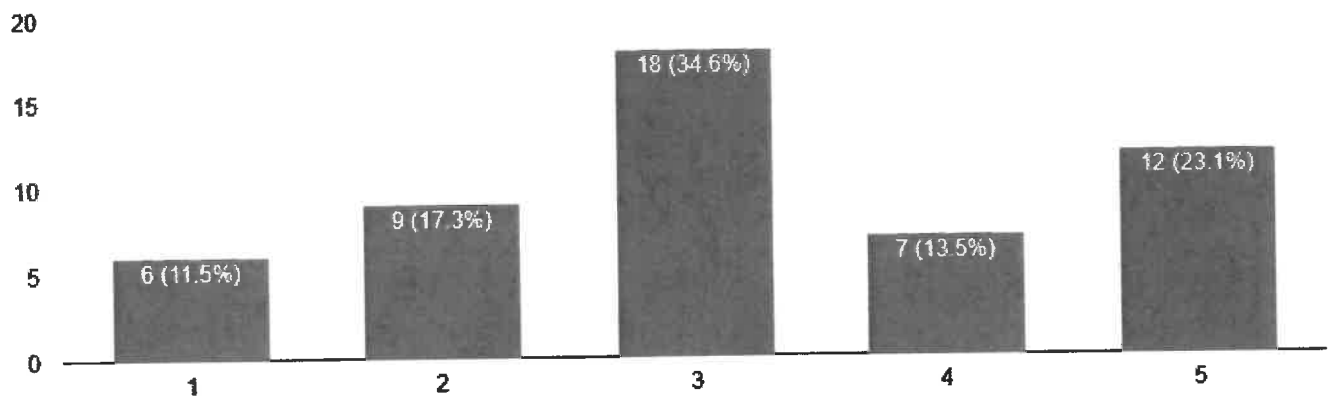
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Playground upgrades (spray park is NOT an option due to high costs of maintenance and water)

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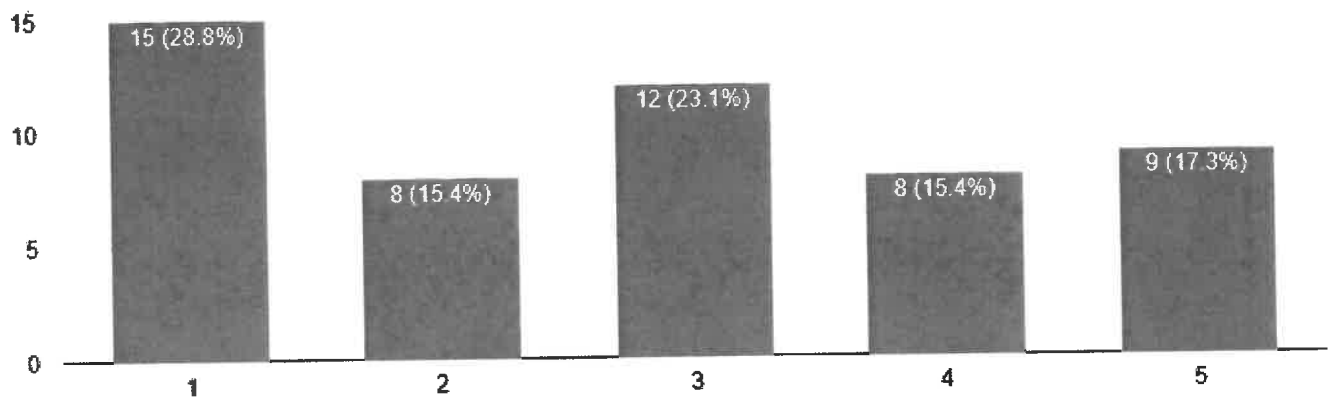
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Lake Dredging and Improvements

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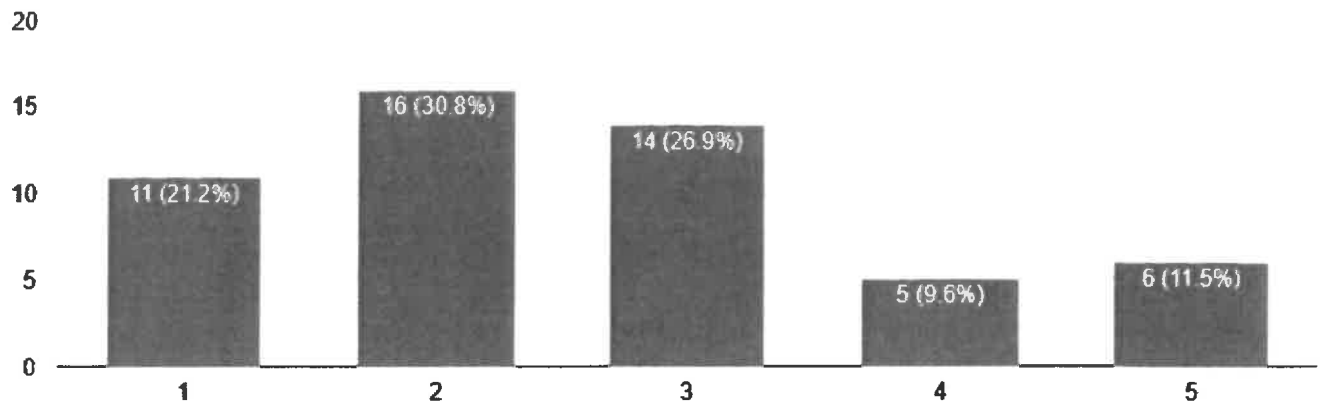
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Arena Roof Replacement

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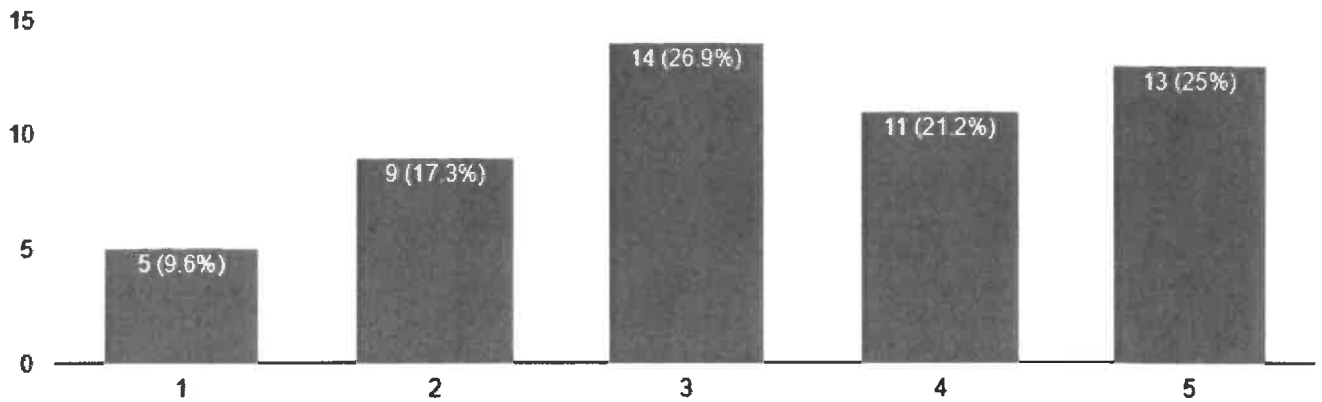
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Water / Sewer main line extensions on North side

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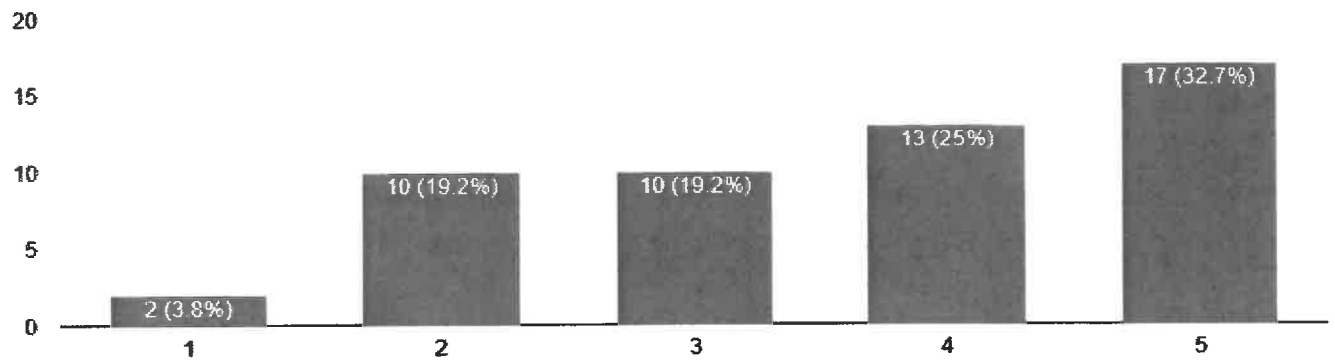
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Cemetery Improvements

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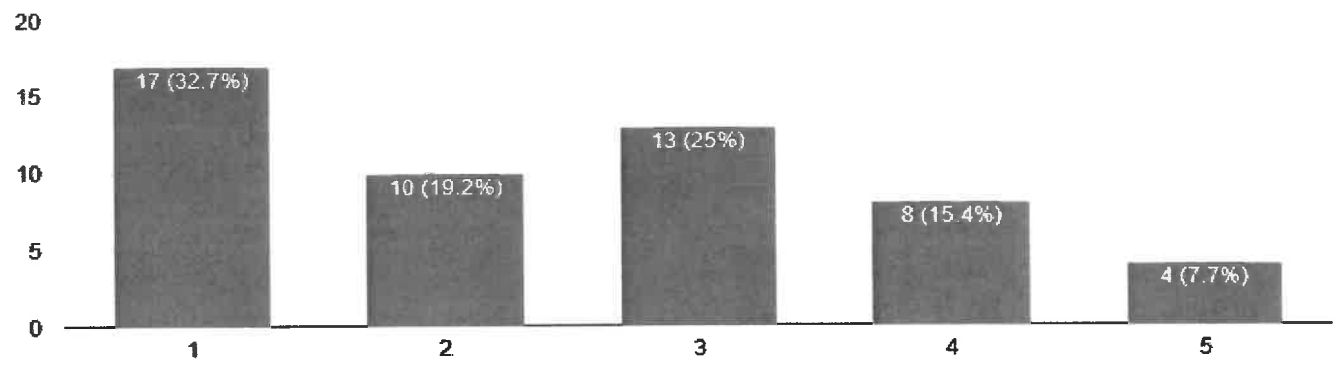
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Fire Hall expansion (building extremely cramped with new/larger trucks)

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52 responses



Other:

7 responses

Lower land tax rates

We need our streets fixed before anything else!

Proper grading of streets to ensure proper flowing of water

the arena people can do their own roof, since the pickleball stuff happened

Lacombe county water supply.

Sidewalk or trail to the AG Grounds and better upkeep to the nature trail.

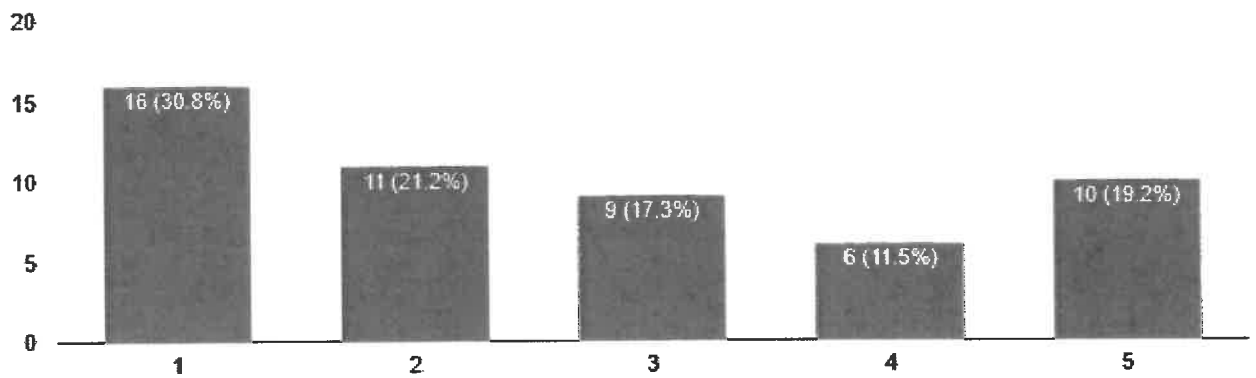
Community safety needs to be considered

Goal: Make Community safety and security a priority: Very Important (1) to Not Important right now (5)

Additional "traffic calming" measures (crosswalks, digital speed signs, 4 way stops etc.)



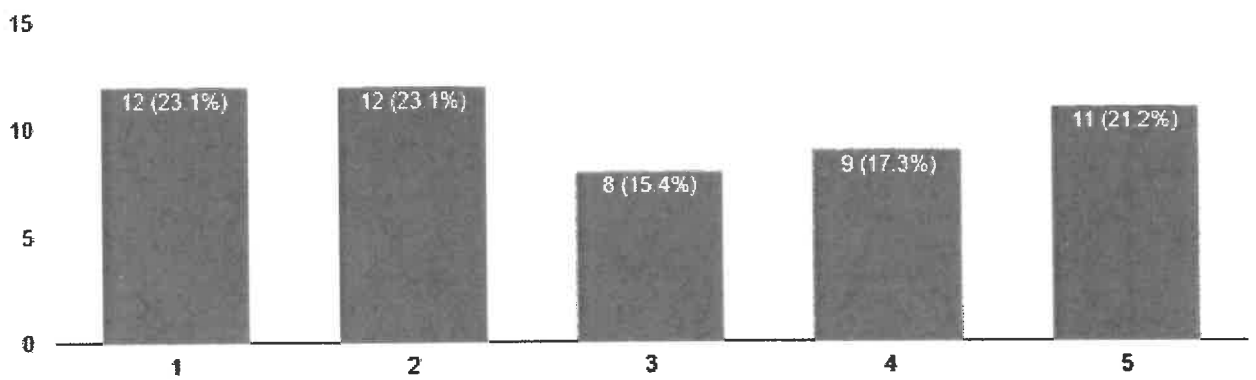
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Increase number of security camera monitoring streets and open spaces (currently 14)



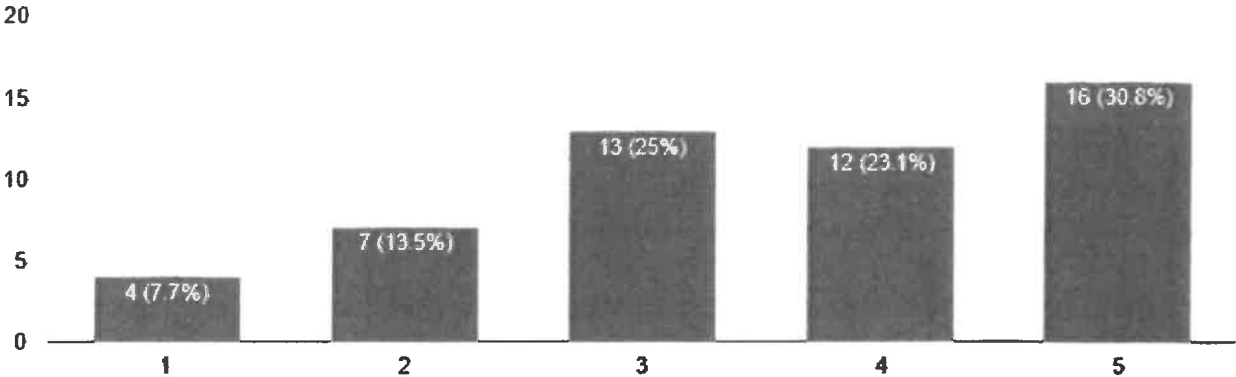
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Publish RMCP public education articles for residents

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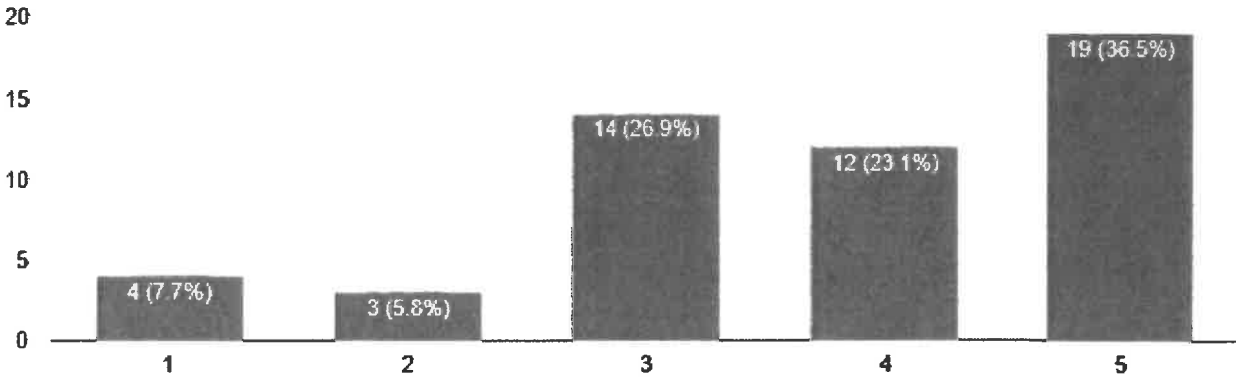
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Facilitate Home and Business safety education nights

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52 responses



Other:

10 responses

more enforcement with dog shit all over, dogs loose

Lower land tax rates

More security patrols and get them to issue parking tickets

We don't need more cameras. And wasn't really well thought out having a crosswalk from a field to a street with no sidewalks.

Lighting on paths near lake

Current traffic calming measures are not listened to currently without enforcement. Cameras are not active deterrent unless monitored and have quick response of physical deterrent measures

Regular RCMP patrol and classic kennels

Provide access to "security cameras" for community watch for all.

Get the loose dog problem under control!!!!

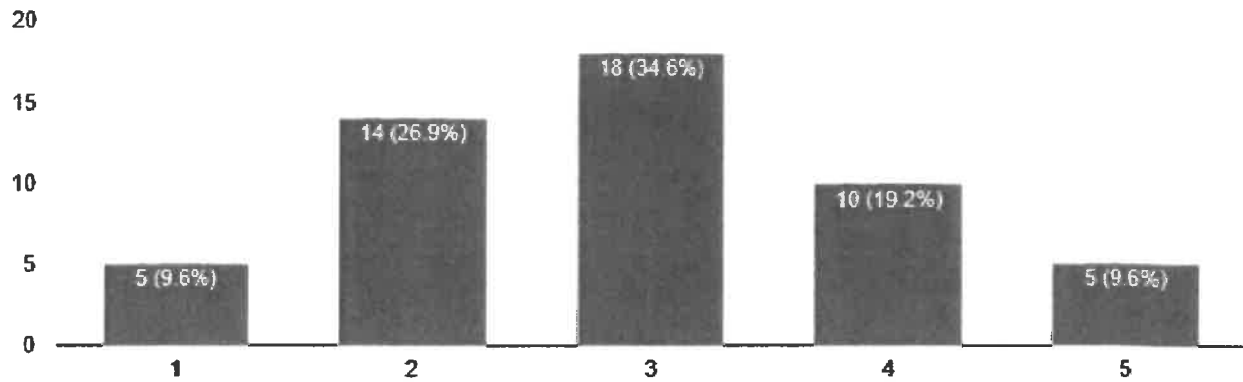
Hope to add cameras soon

Goal: Develop collaborative relationships with external organizations, neighboring communities and other levels of government: Very Important (1) to Not Important right now (5).

Joint Council meetings between Alix, Lacombe County and other neighboring communities.

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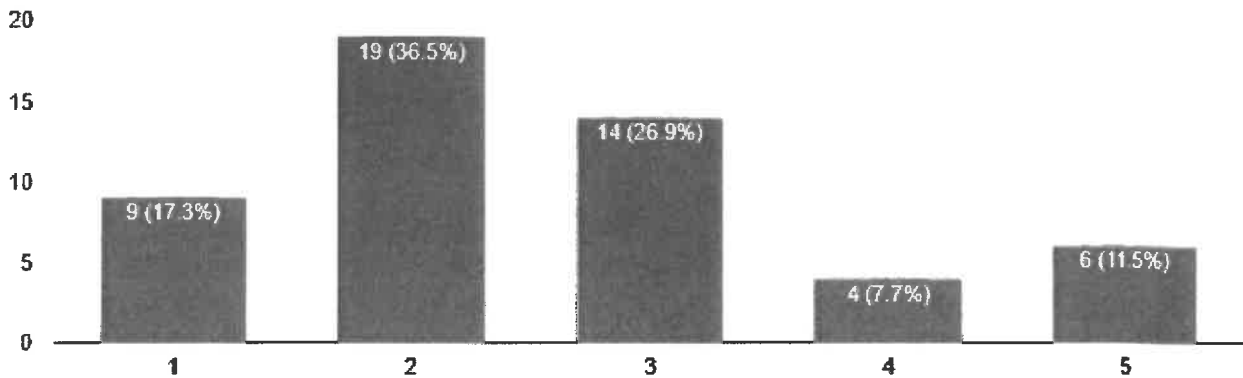
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Strengthen relationships between Council and community organizations.

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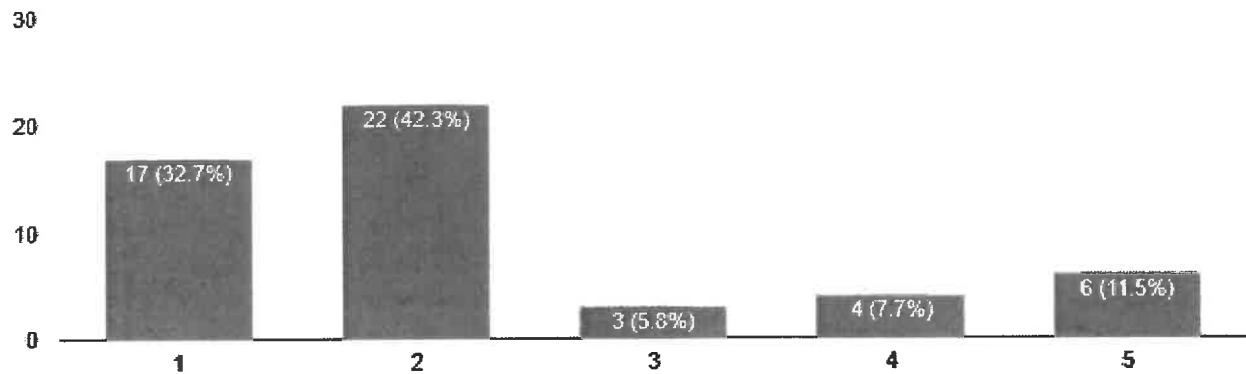
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Advocated for community needs at the Provincial level

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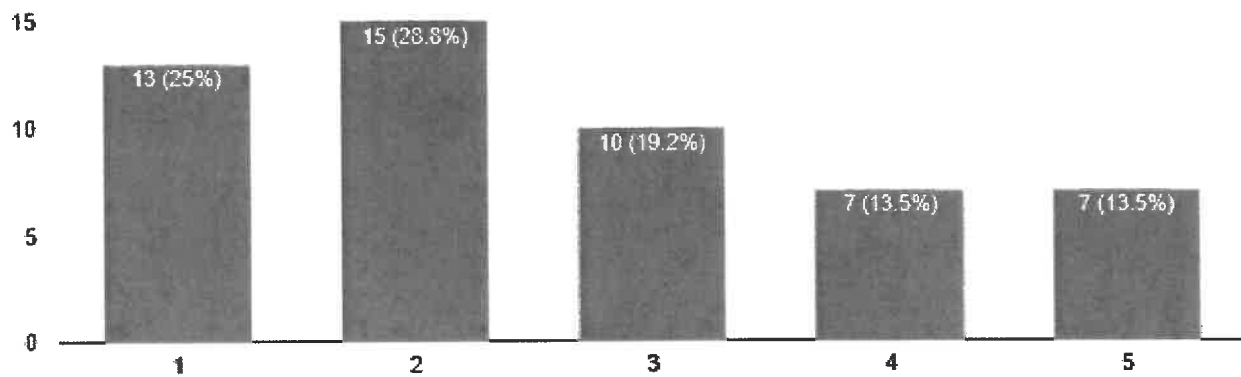
52 responses



Build stronger relationship with Alberta Environment staff re: Alix Lake

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Other:


3 responses

faster internet options

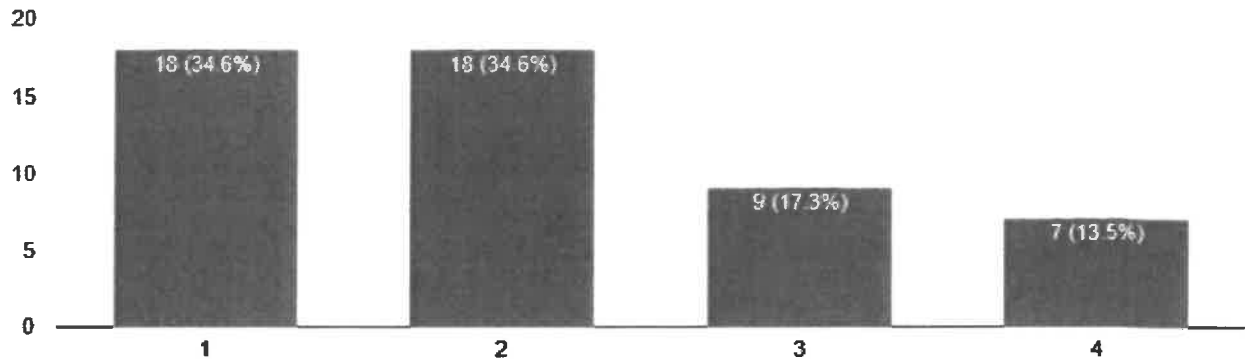
Lower land tax rates

Work to get filters so pumps can be turned on

Please rank the following municipal goals from most to least important (1 being most important and 4 being least)

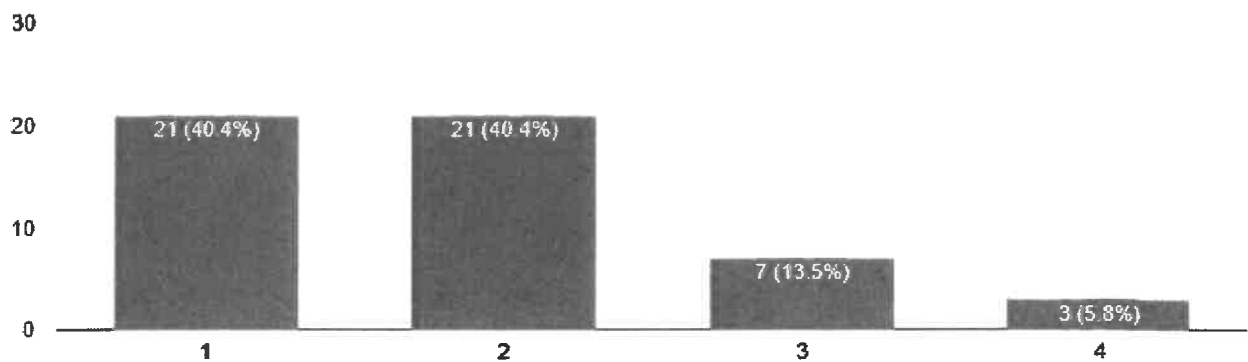
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Strategically complete infrastructure improvements and services in the community.  Copy

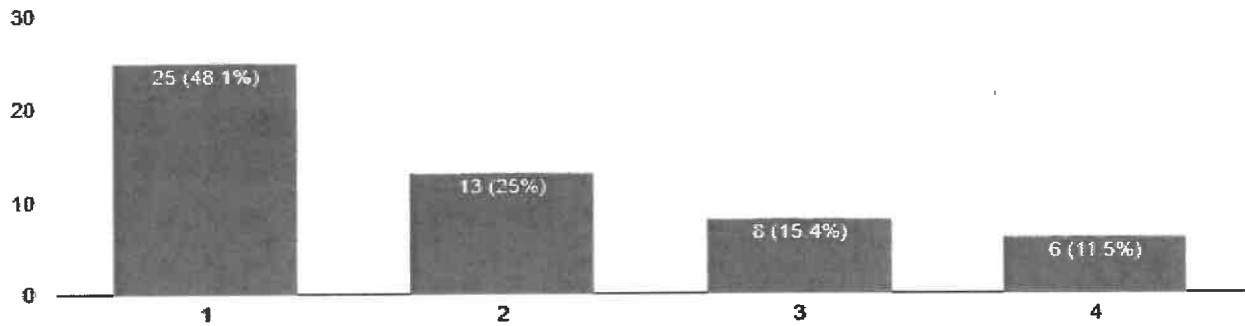
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Make community safety and security a priority.

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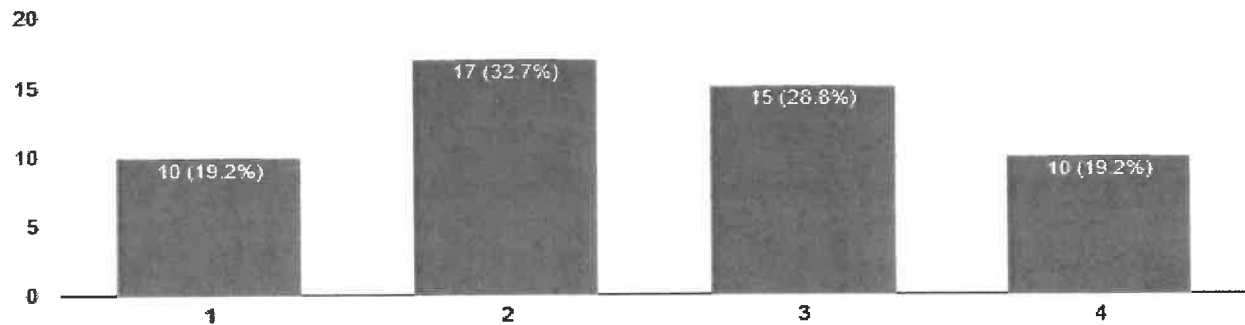
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Develop collaborative relationships with external organizations, neighboring communities, and other levels of government.

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Other:

3 responses

need to bring in another business like Rahr, something to increase tax base and job creation

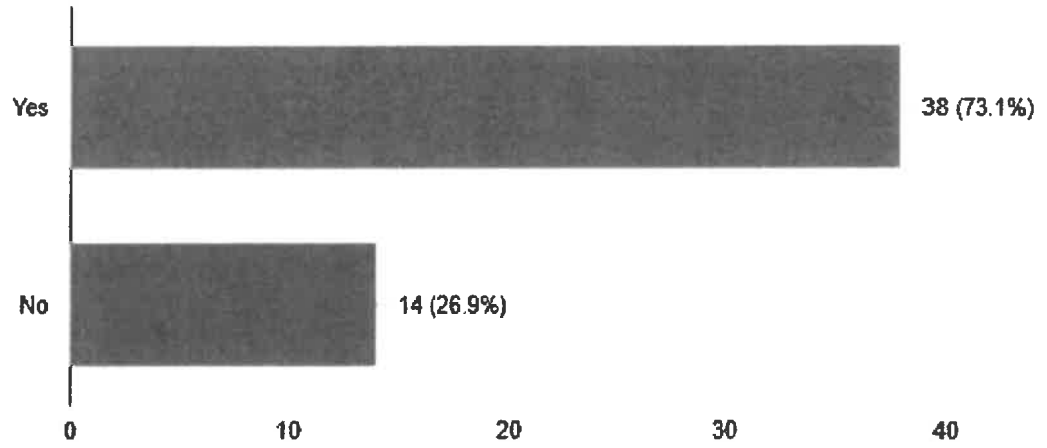
Lower land tax rates

Animal control

Do you support the Village putting resources into Economic Development to help with business attraction and retention?



52 responses



Are there any other Goals you would like Council to consider?

Filter pumps for lake to allow for water level to be raised

continue to work on bringing more medical help into the village; a clinic? blood services? so citizens don't have to leave; even if services are scheduled for one day per week

Lower land tax rates as we are some of the highest for our areas

Fix our streets.

Lower taxes

Build a gym

Lake is very important to tend to

I would just really like to see Alix lake in better shape, as it attracts a lot of traffic, which ultimately helps support the community

A athletic center with pool, gym .

All has been mentioned

No

REALISTICALLY look at overall benefits vs costs prior to spending money, ie actual benefits rather than aesthetic or "hopefully down the road" benefits. We have no doctor, dentist, etc; the water treatment plant still smells but we wasted \$100,000 to dredge the lake which will change nothing as the likelihood of it ever being fish habitat is practically zero, and ultimately will depend on water tables which are not improving, and decisions made by other entities. There is almost no rental housing, our property taxes are exorbitant as are our water/sewer rates. Can our seniors afford to stay at home? Theft etc is a real issue for both village and surrounding area. Our library is pathetic, and multiple other issues need to be looked at. If it wasn't for our great volunteers we would be in serious trouble. We need really look at where our dollars are spent.

Lower property taxes.

Allow Alix businesses to advertise on the highway to get more people into our town.

No

All

Provide policy support to outstanding enterprises

Pay attention to mental health

I think the most important is Healthcare. A nurse practitioner or doctor in Alix is paramount.

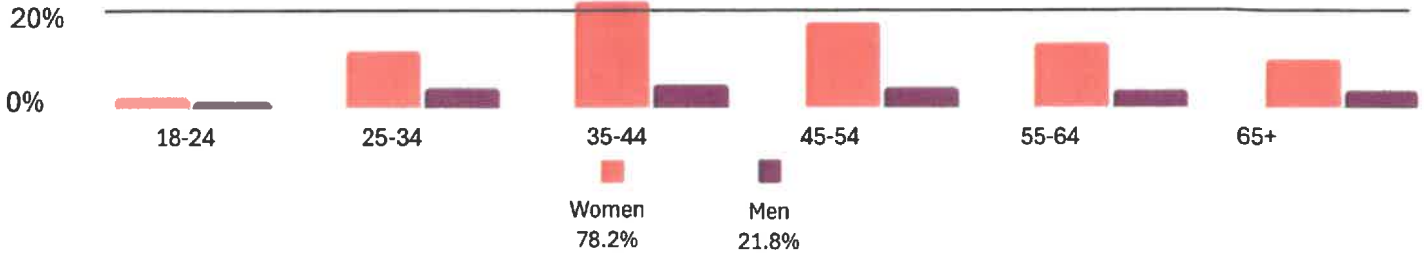
While I ranked collaborative relationships 3rd, I believe we need to work on building community cohesiveness Village Council has a significant responsibility in this regard.

Village of Alix - Facebook Audience as of August 14, 2024

Facebook Followers

1,036

Age & Gender Data



Top Cities

Alix, AB	29.4%
Red Deer, AB	12.0%
Stettler, AB	8.2%
Lacombe, AB	6.5%
Bashaw, AB	5.3%
Clive, AB	4.2%
Calgary, AB	4.1%
Edmonton, AB	2.6%
Blackfalds, AB	1.9%
Ponoka, AB	1.3%

Top Countries

Canada	100.3%
United States	0.7%
France	0.2%
United Kingdom	0.2%
Costa Rica	0.1%
Kazakhstan	0.1%
Netherlands	0.1%
Nigeria	0.1%
Pakistan	0.1%
South Korea	0.1%

January 1, 2024 - August 14, 2024 Village Facebook Page Performance

Page Reach 10.2K

Content Interaction 2.1K

Link Clicks 133

Page Visits 6.4K

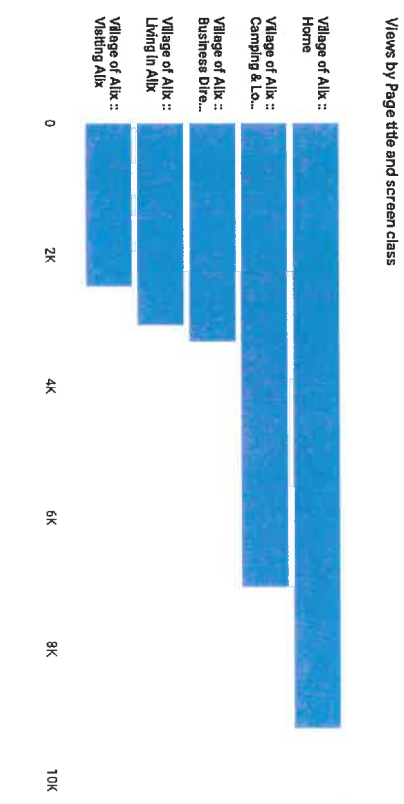
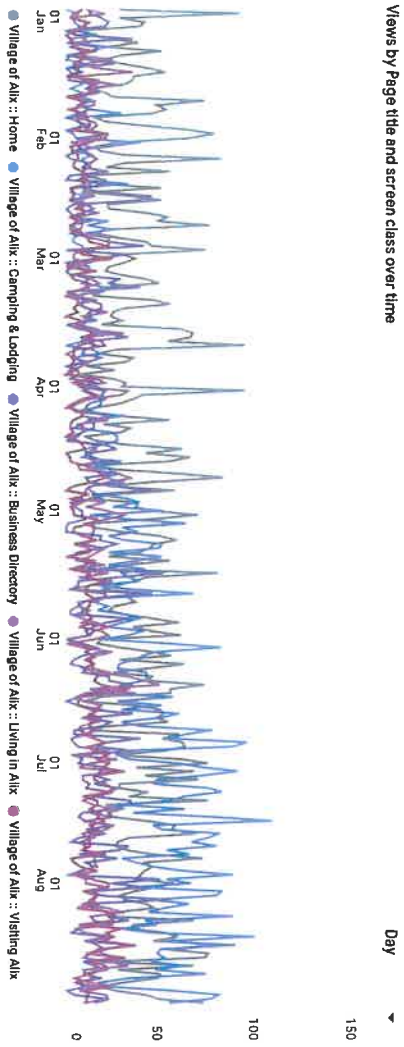
New Facebook Followers

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Pages and screens: Page title and screen class

All Users

Views by Page title and screen class over time



Page title and screen class	Views	Users	Views per user	Average engagement time	Event count	Key events	Total revenue
1 Village of Alix :: Home	45,864 100% of total	8,320 100% of total	5.51 Avg 0%	1m 04s Avg 0%	91,861 100% of total	0.00	\$0.00
2 Village of Alix :: Camping & Lodging	9,224	2,833	3.26	45s	20,368	0.00	\$0.00
3 Village of Alix :: Business Directory	7,069	2,060	3.43	42s	14,319	0.00	\$0.00
4 Village of Alix :: Living In Alix	3,333	666	5.00	59s	6,341	0.00	\$0.00
5 Village of Alix :: Visiting Alix	3,079	896	3.44	30s	5,584	0.00	\$0.00
6 Village of Alix :: Doing Business	2,488	867	2.87	35s	4,438	0.00	\$0.00
7 Village of Alix :: Upcoming / Annual Events	1,560	496	3.15	28s	2,677	0.00	\$0.00
8 Village of Alix :: Contact Info	1,546	520	2.97	28s	3,070	0.00	\$0.00
9 Village of Alix :: Your Government	1,318	470	2.80	23s	2,589	0.00	\$0.00
10 Village of Alix :: Village Amenities	1,188	290	4.10	27s	2,065	0.00	\$0.00
	921	330	2.79	31s	1,872	0.00	\$0.00

Report for Council Meeting – September 2024

General Information

Advertising & Tourism

Sunny 94 Radio Ad – Hot Prize Cooler.

This year I changed the marketing strategy for the Village of Alix, having subbed out some of the tourism magazines we have taken part in for several years and having some additional budget space in Admin Promotion, I went with a Sunny 94 summer promotion pack. The promotional investment was within budget, and included the following:

- Village of Alix name mentioned in 9 x produced 30 second promotional commercials a day (month of July)
- Village of Alix name mentioned throughout the day on our prize day (minimum 15 mentions) (month of July)
- Logo listed on contest page.
- 50 x 30 second commercials to be aired by August 31.
- 25 x 30 second pre-emptible bonus commercials to be aired by August 31.

Our main ads ran from July 14 – July 27 – this ad promoted our lake, nature trail, campground and downtown. Our bonus ad ran from August 12 – 17 and promoted our “small village with BIG adventure” and covered all things Alix Days and Rodeo.

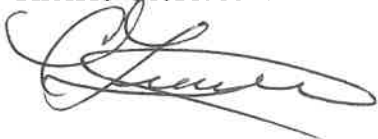
We received great feed back on the ads and had tremendous turn out for all events and activities within the Village with many mentioning they heard our Sunny 94 advertisements.

I feel like this investment will continue to help the Village grow with visitors and tourism and would be beneficial to utilize the couple promotions they have like this in the year for summer and Christmas.

We have four different budget lines to account for advertising throughout the year. The following is what has been budgeted in past years between all four budget lines:

- 2015 - \$36,250
- 2016 - \$21,250
- 2017 - \$16,600
- 2018 - \$5,400
- 2019 - \$9,050
- 2020 - \$9,050
- 2021 - \$5,550
- 2022 - \$6,550
- 2023 - \$8,050
- 2024 - \$9,050

Chelsie Giesbrecht





connecting clans
Quality time spent together.



BLOCK

PARTY

&

**Registration
Night**

**9
SEPT**

6:30PM-8PM

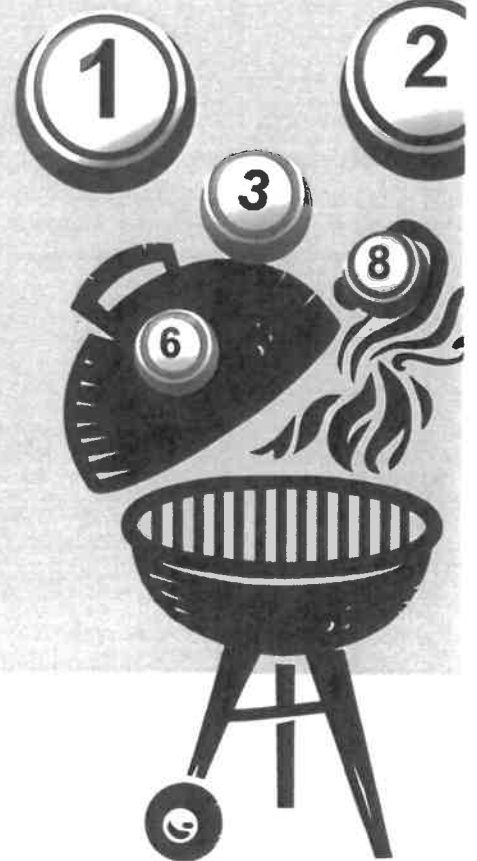
**All Ages
Welcome!**

FREE BBQ

Games &
Activities

BINGO

Community
Group Info &
Sign-up



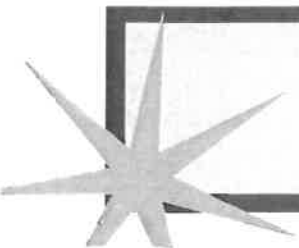
Alix and Area

**Community
Resource Centre**

connections & supports
well-being

Hosted at:

**5008 50 Ave. Alix AB
403-396-3369**



ALIX MIRROR WELLNESS SUPPORTS SOCIETY

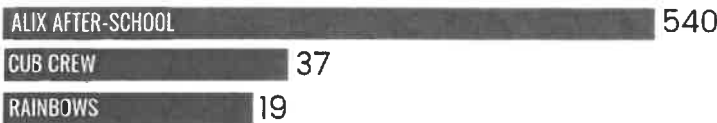


Program Updates for the 2nd Quarter

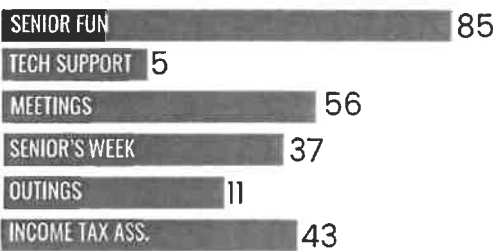
April, May, June 2024

In-House Programming

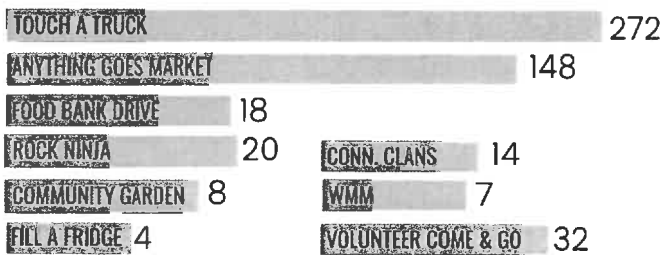
Child & Youth Programs/ Events



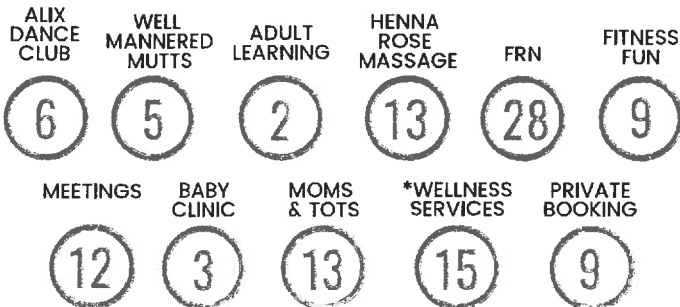
Senior & Adult Programs/ Events



Community & Family Programs/ Events



External Partnerships



*Wellness Services include dental hygiene, foot care clinics, psychologists, acupuncture, holistic practitioner, aesthetics and energy healer.

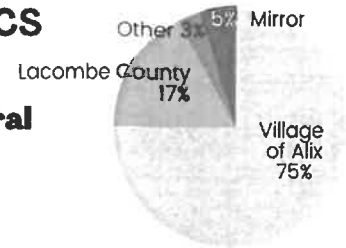
Upcoming

Connecting Clans: Art in the Park and Registration Night, Rock Ninja, Swimming Lessons, Summer Drop-in, Adult/Senior Outing, Beach Days and Alix Parade, Summer Cub Crew, Volunteer at BVJ and Ponoka Chuck Wagon

Core Statistics

Information & Referral

3225 Engagements
3516 Needs Served



Navigation: 31 Individuals

13% Community Referral
87% Walk-in/ Self Referral

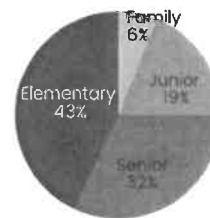
Areas Served (# Of Referrals Out)

173 - Form Support
4 - Food Bank
3 - Mental Health
4 - Other

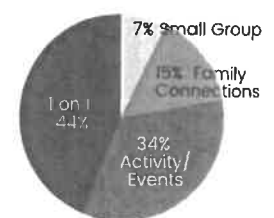
Family Wellness

Extended Learning: 924 Engagements

235 Individuals/
Families



2043 Engagements



Meals on Wheels

212

MEALS DELIVERED

9 Clients
5 Volunteers

Wise Owls

5 Clients

Home Support

1 Clients

ALIX FOOD BANK

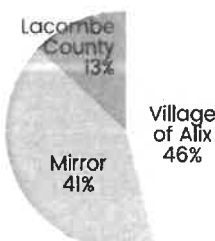
Children: 35
Adults: 27
Seniors: 36

PIC N' PAC VEGGIE PICK-UP

252 Individuals
(9% FB Clients)

RESIDENCE
78% Alix
7% Mirror

14% Lacombe County



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HOUSEHOLDS

Electric Distribution Franchise Fee Percentages for 2025

As part of the Electrical Distribution System Franchise Agreement with FortisAlberta, the franchise fee percentage may be **increased or decreased once per calendar year, with written notice**. If there are no changes to the franchise fee percentage, the current franchise fee percentage will continue for 2025.

IMPORTANT TIMELINES TO ENSURE CHANGES TO THE FRANCHISE FEE PERCENTAGE ARE IMPLEMENTED BY JANUARY 1, 2025.

1. **Review** the attached letter, Franchise Fee Calculator, and present the recommendations to Council.
2. If Council is proposing an **increase or decrease to the franchise fee percentage**, the change in the franchise fee, including the impact on a customer's monthly bill is **required to be advertised in the local newspaper having the widest circulation within your municipality for two consecutive weeks**. (Please use the sample advertisement that is attached).
3. If **increasing** the franchise fee percentage, it must stay within the **Franchise Fee Cap of 20%** set by the Alberta Utilities Commission.
4. **By November 1st, 2024**, please **email** clear copies of the following documentation to **stakeholderrelations@fortisalberta.com**.

INCLUDE:

- ✓ Copies of **both** advertisements.
 - ✓ **Publication dates** for both advertisements.
 - ✓ Name & location of newspaper.
5. Late submissions, inaccurate or incomplete responses may delay the filing and necessary approval from the Alberta Utilities Commission. Late submissions will be filed with the Alberta Utilities Commission in February with an anticipated effective date of **April 1, 2025**.

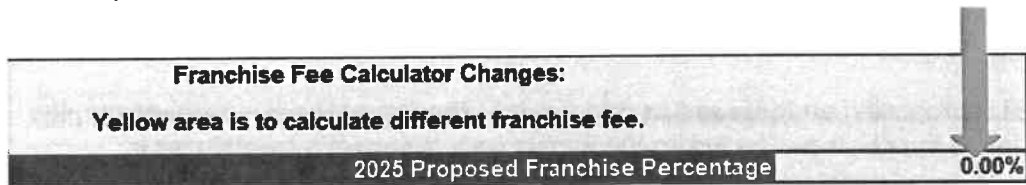
6. If Council decides to maintain the current franchise fee percentage, no advertising is required, simply notify us via email at stakeholderrelations@fortisalberta.com.

TIPS FOR USING THE FRANCHISE CALCULATOR

Attached is the FortisAlberta Franchise Calculator specific to your municipality. The calculator is intended to assist in **estimating** franchise fee revenues for 2025.

- On the first tab: **Financial Impacts**, the Franchise Fee percentage (**yellow cell**) can be changed to model different scenarios. By changing the percentage in this cell, the spreadsheet will automatically update to reflect the estimated revenue for 2025.

Franchise Fee Calculator Changes:	
Yellow area is to calculate different franchise fee.	
2025 Proposed Franchise Percentage	0.00%



- The second tab: **Residential Bill Impacts**, displays the impact on an **Average Residential Bill**. (This information is needed for the advertisement if the franchise fee percentage is being changed.)
- The third tab: **2022 – June 2024 YOY Data**, shows the franchise fee revenue collected by the municipality over the last two and a half years and linear taxes for the last three years. Site count and historical consumption information for the last three years are also included.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Stakeholder Relations Manager.

Thank you,

MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE FEE RIDERS

Availability: Effective for all consumption, estimated or actual, on and after the first of the month following Commission approval, the following franchise fee riders apply to each rate class.

Price Adjustment:

A percentage surcharge per the table below will be added to the total distribution tariff, including both the transmission and distribution charges, and excluding any Riders, calculated for every Point of Service within each Municipality and will be billed to the applicable Retailer.

FortisAlberta will pay to each Municipality each month, in accordance with the franchise agreements between FortisAlberta and the Municipalities or an agreement with a non-municipality, the franchise fee revenue collected from the Retailers.

Muni Code	Municipality	Rider	Effective	Muni Code	Municipality	Rider	Effective
03-0002	Acme	3%	2013/07/01	02-0040	Bowden	15%	2017/01/01
01-0003	Airdrie	20%	2021/04/01	03-0041	Boyle	20%	2021/01/01
03-0005	Alix	8.50%	2019/01/01	03-0042	Breton	20%	2015/01/01
03-0004	Alberta Beach	8%	2021/01/01	01-0043	Brooks	14%	2021/01/01
03-0007	Amisk	0%	2014/01/01	02-0044	Bruderheim	4%	2024/04/01
02-0011	Athabasca	20%	2024/01/01	02-0047	Calmar	20%	2013/07/01
04-0009	Argentia Beach	0%	2017/01/01	01-0048	Camrose	17%	2024/01/01
03-0010	Arrowwood	12%	2015/07/01	02-0050	Canmore	16%	2024/01/01
02-0387	Banff	7%	2024/02/01	03-0054	Carmangay	15%	2021/01/01
07-0164	Banff Park	4%	2019/10/01	03-0055	Caroline	12%	2021/01/01
03-0363	Barnwell	7.5%	2024/01/01	02-0056	Carstairs	10%	2015/01/01
03-0013	Barons	5%	2015/04/01	03-0061	Champion	15%	2015/04/01
02-0014	Barrhead	14%	2023/04/01	03-0062	Chauvin	11%	2016/01/01
02-0016	Bashaw	2%	2021/01/01	01-0356	Chestermere	11.50%	2014/01/01
02-0017	Bassano	14.40%	2019/01/01	03-0064	Chipman	0%	2016/01/01
03-0018	Bawlf	8%	2024/01/01	02-0065	Claresholm	6%	2024/01/01
01-0019	Beaumont	17.25%	2020/01/01	03-0066	Clive	11%	2023/01/01
03-0022	Beiseker	3.50%	2019/01/01	03-0068	Clyde	18%	2024/01/01
02-0024	Bentley	10%	2019/01/01	02-0069	Coaldale	18%	2024/04/01
04-0026	Betula Beach	0%	2017/01/01	02-0360	Coalhurst	7.5%	2023/01/01
03-0029	Bittern Lake	7%	2016/01/01	02-0070	Cochrane	17%	2020/01/01
02-0031	Blackfalds	20%	2013/10/01	03-0076	Coutts	3%	2017/01/01
02-0034	Bon Accord	19%	2022/01/01	03-0077	Cowley	5%	2016/01/01
02-0039	Bow Island	17%	2024/01/01	03-0078	Cremona	10%	2016/01/01
				02-0079	Crossfield	17%	2023/01/01

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09-0361	Crowsnest Pass	16%	2016/01/01	02-0188	Killam	10%	2024/01/01
04-0080	Crystal Springs	0%	2016/01/01	01-0194	Lacombe	17.63%	2024/01/01
03-0081	Czar	5%	2013/10/01	04-0196	Lakeview	2%	2016/01/01
02-0082	Daysland	10%	2024/01/01	02-0197	Lamont	7.50%	2020/01/01
02-0086	Devon	17%	2024/01/01	04-0378	Larkspur	3%	2020/04/01
02-7662	Diamond Valley	10%	2023/01/01	01-0200	Leduc	16%	2014/01/01
02-0088	Didsbury	17%	2016/01/01	02-0202	Legal	20%	2024/01/01
02-0091	Drayton Valley	10%	2016/01/01	03-0207	Lomond	15%	2017/01/01
03-0093	Duchess	15%	2018/01/01	03-0208	Longview	17%	2017/01/01
02-0095	Eckville	10%	2015/01/01	03-0209	Lougheed	5%	2016/01/01
03-0096	Edberg	13%	2021/01/01	02-0211	Magrath	15%	2023/01/01
03-0097	Edgerton	15%	2022/01/01	04-0210	Ma-Me-O Beach	0%	2016/01/01
02-0100	Edson	4.70%	2024/01/01	02-0215	Mayerthorpe	14%	2024/01/01
03-0109	Ferintosh	11%	2016/01/01	04-0359	Mewatha Beach	2%	2016/10/01
03-0112	Foremost	7%	2016/01/01	02-0218	Milk River	12%	2017/01/01
02-0115	Fort Macleod	15%	2018/10/01	02-0219	Millet	18%	2024/01/01
01-0117	Fort Saskatchewan	0%	2013/10/01	03-0220	Milo	20%	2017/01/01
02-0124	Gibbons	10%	2013/01/01	02-0224	Morinville	20%	2013/07/01
03-0128	Glenwood	5%	2022/04/01	04-0230	Nakamun Park	0%	2013/10/01
04-0129	Golden Days	0%	2017/01/01	02-0232	Nanton	9%	2019/01/01
02-0135	Granum	0%	2024/02/01	02-0236	Nobleford	5%	2023/01/01
04-0134	Grandview	0%	2016/01/01	03-0233	New Norway	6%	2009/01/01
04-0138	Gull Lake	0%	2016/01/01	04-0237	Norglenwold	5%	2015/01/01
04-0358	Half Moon Bay	0%	2021/01/01	04-0385	Norris Beach	0%	2016/01/01
02-0143	Hardisty	9.50%	2021/01/01	02-0238	Okotoks	20%	2021/01/01
03-0144	Hay Lakes	9%	2021/01/01	02-0239	Olds	17%	2024/01/01
02-0148	High River	20%	2015/07/01	02-0240	Onoway	10.5%	2024/01/01
03-0149	Hill Spring	5%	2014/01/01	04-0374	Parkland Beach	0%	2015/01/01
02-0151	Hinton	11.73%	2022/01/01	02-0248	Penhold	19%	2014/01/01
03-0152	Holden	4%	2016/01/01	02-0249	Picture Butte	11%	2022/01/01
03-0153	Hughenden	5%	2016/01/01	02-0250	Pincher Creek	20%	2024/01/01
03-0154	Hussar	12.50%	2017/01/01	04-0253	Point Alison	0%	2017/01/23
02-0180	Innisfail	17%	2023/03/01	04-0256	Poplar Bay	0%	2016/01/01
03-0182	Irma	20%	2015/01/01	02-0257	Provost	20%	2015/01/01
02-0183	Irricana	8%	2023/05/01	02-0261	Raymond	16%	2022/01/01
04-0185	Island Lake	0%	2016/01/01	02-0265	Redwater	10%	2023/04/01
04-0186	Itaska Beach	0%	2017/10/01	02-0266	Rimbey	20%	2022/01/01
04-0379	Jarvis Bay	0%	2015/10/08	02-0268	Rocky Mtn House	15.3%	2023/01/01
04-0187	Kapasiwin	0%	2018/04/01	03-0270	Rockyford	7%	2024/01/01

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03-0272	Rosemary	15.50%	2023/01/01	02-0311	Taber	18%	2020/07/01
04-0273	Ross Haven	0%	2016/01/01	02-0315	Thorsby	20%	2014/01/01
03-0276	Ryley	3%	2016/01/01	02-0318	Tofield	5%	2015/01/01
04-0279	Seba Beach	4%	2014/01/01	04-0324	Val Quentin	0%	2016/01/01
02-0280	Sedgewick	11%	2024/01/01	02-0326	Vauxhall	8%	2022/01/01
04-0283	Silver Sands	3%	2018/01/01	02-0331	Viking	8%	2013/01/01
04-0369	South Baptiste	0%	2005/05/01	02-0333	Vulcan	20%	2013/10/01
04-0288	South View	3%	2019/01/01	03-0364	Wabamun	10%	2017/01/01
01-0291	Spruce Grove	20%	2016/01/01	02-0335	Wainwright	12%	2024/01/01
01-0292	St. Albert	15%	2023/01/01	07-0159	Waterton Park	8%	2018/10/01
03-0295	Standard	4%	2024/04/01	03-0338	Warburg	10%	2015/01/01
02-0297	Stavely	6%	2021/01/01	03-0339	Warner	7%	2024/01/01
03-0300	Stirling	12%	2019/01/01	04-0344	West Cove	0%	2018/01/01
02-0301	Stony Plain	20%	2013/01/01	02-0345	Westlock	16.25%	2024/01/01
09-0302	Strathcona County	0%	TBD	01-0347	Wetaskiwin	18%	2024/01/01
02-0303	Strathmore	20%	2020/07/01	04-0371	Whispering Hills	5%	2016/10/01
03-0304	Strome	9%	2022/01/01	02-0350	Whitecourt	4.47%	2024/01/01
02-0307	Sundre	12%	2024/01/01	04-0354	Yellowstone	8%	2024/01/01
04-0386	Sunrise Beach	0%	2018/01/01				
04-0308	Sunset Point	10%	2017/01/01				
02-0310	Sylvan Lake	18%	2023/01/01				

Media Releases

National Police Federation Releases Fresh Data on Policing in Alberta

August 27, 2024

Edmonton, AB – The National Police Federation is releasing our first survey results since the independent Alberta police service was announced earlier this year. This **fresh public opinion research**) from independent research firm Pollara Strategic Insights, reaffirms support for Members of the Alberta RCMP and highlights low levels of awareness, engagement, and support for a new independent police service.

This survey of 1,200 Albertans, conducted for the NPF by Pollara Strategic Insights in June 2024, reflects that Albertans are highly engaged in issues of public safety in their communities and care about investing in resources for existing services.

While the government is laying the groundwork for an independent police service, the research affirms that these new proposed changes to policing remain deeply unpopular, with half of Albertans opposed to a new police service and a quarter unsure. With affordability being a major concern for Albertans across the province, an unwanted and likely costly new duplicative policing service appears to place narrow political interests ahead of the broader public needs.

“This research is a positive reflection of our Members and the critical work they are doing in Alberta,” said Brian Sauvé, President and C.E.O. of the National Police Federation.

“Coupled with surging recruitment and the RCMP’s ability to deploy Members to communities across Alberta, now is the time for government to capitalize on this strong momentum. We encourage the Government of Alberta to listen to their residents and prioritize investment in the highly trained, professional provincial policing service accountable to Albertans: the Alberta RCMP.”

Research findings include:

- 84% of respondents agree that there are more important priorities in Alberta right now than changing who polices local communities.
- 87% of respondents agree that before any changes to municipal policing, there needs to be detailed accounting of costs and impacts on service levels.
- 86% of respondents want to retain the RCMP, some with local improvements.
- 77% of respondents, in RCMP-served communities, are satisfied with the policing service they receive.
- 73% of respondents are satisfied with the RCMP’s response to natural disasters such as wildfires and floods.

Consistent with previous waves of research, Albertans proudly support the Alberta RCMP; about 4 out of 5 Albertans in RCMP-served communities are satisfied with their policing. These research findings also come at a time when RCMP recruitment has seen a significant resurgence, with applications exceeding 17,500 for the 2023/24 fiscal year – an 80% increase compared to years

Dear Ms. White,

Rail Safety Week will be held in Canada from **September 23 - 29, 2024**.

Every year, more than 2,100 North Americans are killed or seriously injured by incidents stemming from unsafe behaviour near railway tracks and trains. All of these incidents and deaths are preventable. By looking out for each other and working together, we can help keep our communities safe and prevent injuries and fatalities on or near railway property.

At CN, safety is our top priority. Every employee deserves to go home safely. Every community needs to know they will not be put in harm's way. We are unwavering in our commitment to achieving **zero** fatalities, **zero** serious injuries, and **zero** harm within our operations.

For over two decades, CN has partnered with Operation Lifesaver to raise public awareness about the dangers of crossing and trespassing on railway property. Through collaborative efforts and community engagement, we strive to foster a culture of rail safety and prevent accidents across our network.

Help us spread the word!

- Visit [Rail Safety Week](#) or operationlifesaver.ca to help educate yourself and your constituents on the importance of being safe around rail property
- Use your social media platforms to show your support for rail safety education and encourage your local stakeholders to do the same using **#RSW2024** and **#StopTrackTragedies**
- Pledge to be safe around trains and tracks at cn.ca/RailSafety
- Request a rail safety presentation from one of our community relations officers by emailing rsw@cn.ca
- [Download](#) suggested social media posts and images to help promote Rail Safety Week
- Let us know how you are promoting rail safety in your community by visiting cn.ca/RSW2024

If you would like more information or tools to help you promote rail safety, please do not hesitate to contact your local CN Public Affairs manager, Julianne Threlfall at julianne.threlfall@cn.ca. We are happy to support you and your communities in this important cause.

Together, let's make a significant impact in preventing injuries and fatalities on or near railway property.



