

Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council, to be held on
Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order:
2. Agenda Amendments and Adoption
3. Adoption of the Minutes: a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting – April 16, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.
4. Delegation: None
5. Bylaws: a) Tax Rate Bylaw 488/25 – Request for Decision 25-21
6. Unfinished Business: None
7. New Business: a) Alix Fire Department Chief – Request for Decision 25-19
8. Financial Reports: None
9. Committee Reports: a) Lacombe Regional Emergency Management Partnership – Councillor Cole
10. Administrative Reports: None
11. Correspondence
 - a) Alix Wagon Wheel Museum – Funding Request
 - b) Sharon Faszer – Public Concern Re: Alix Lake
 - c) Kate Rich, Assistant Deputy Minister, Alberta Environment and Protected Areas – Water Availability in Alberta
 - d) Alix and Area Community Resource Centre – Mother’s Day Pamper Evening
 - e) Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society – AGM
 - f) Alix and Area Community Resource Centre – Call for Volunteers
 - g) Association of Communities Against Abuse – 35 Years of Service Celebration and AGM
12. Closed Meeting: a) FOIP Section 21 – Intergovernmental Relations – Re: Fire Department Services
13. Adjournment:

Village of Alix



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

Council Members shall:

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council, held on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.

- Present: Mayor Tim Besuijen, Councillors Barbara Gilliat, Janice Besuijen, Edwin Cole and Rob Fehr.
- Also Present: Michelle White, Chief Administrative Officer
- Call to Order: Mayor T. Besuijen called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.
- Amendments/Deletions to Agenda: Mayor T. Besuijen called for amendments to the agenda.
- Approval of Agenda:
- Resolution #077/25: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Village of Alix Council approve the agenda as presented. CARRIED
- Minutes: a) Regular Meeting – April 2, 2025
- Resolution #078/25: Moved by Councillor J. Besuijen that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council held on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, be accepted as presented. CARRIED
- Delegation: a) Seniuk & Marcato – Virtual Presentation of 2024 Financial Statements
Ms. Laura Marcato representing Seniuk & Marcato entered the meeting virtually at 6:02 P.M.
Ms. Marcato retired from the meeting at 7:04 P.M.
- Resolution #079/25: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Village of Alix Council hereby approve the 2024 Financial Statements as presented. CARRIED
- Bylaws: None
- Unfinished Business: None
- New Business: a) 2025 – 2028 Operating Budget
- Resolution #080/25: Moved by Councillor Fehr that the Village of Alix Council hereby approves the 2025 – 2028 Operating Budget as presented. CARRIED
- Financial Reports: a) Accounts Payable Cheque Listing – March 19 – April 2, 2025
b) Bank Reconciliation – March 31, 2025
c) Tax Trial Balance – April 10, 2025
- Resolution #081/25: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Village of Alix Council hereby accept the Financial Reports as presented. CARRIED
- Committee Reports: a) Parkland Regional Library System Board Meeting – November 4, 2024 and February 27, 2025 – Councillor Gilliat
b) Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission Board Meeting - Councillor Gilliat
c) Alix Arena Association – Councillor Fehr

Committee Reports (cont.):

Resolution #082/25: Moved by Councillor J. Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council accept the Committee Reports as presented.

CARRIED

Administrative Reports: a) Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Resolution #083/25: Moved by Councillor J. Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council hereby accept the Chief Administrative Officer's Report as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence and Information:

- a) Ric McIver, Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs – Provincial Priorities Act and Municipal Sector Update
- b) Ric McIver, Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs – Local Authorities Elections Act Amendments
- c) Ric McIver, Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs – Bill 50, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act
- d) Tyler Gandam, President, Alberta Municipalities – Webinar on Bill 50
- e) Parkland Regional Library System – Board Highlights February 27, 2025

Resolution #084/25: Moved by Councillor Cole that Correspondence Items (a) through (e) be accepted as information:

CARRIED

Closed Meeting: a) FOIP Section 27 – Privileged Information Re: Fire Department Legal Matter

Resolution #085/25: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Village of Alix Council go into a Closed Meeting at 7:56 P.M. to discuss FOIP Section 27, Privileged Information regarding a Fire Department legal matter.

CARRIED

Resolution #086/25: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Village of Alix Council return to the Public Meeting at 8:40 P.M.

CARRIED

Adjournment:

Resolution #087/25: Moved by Councillor J. Besuijen that this Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council be adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: May 1, 2025 RFD 25-21
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: 2025 Tax Bylaw

1. **PURPOSE** – To present Council with the proposed 2025 Tax Rate Bylaw outlining Mill rates for the purpose of charging property taxes.
2. **BACKGROUND** – Council was able to keep the municipal Mill rate the same since 2017 despite several years of decreased tax revenue. In 2024, the Mill rate was reduced due to extremely high assessment increases. 2025 property assessments went up significantly again and Council directed administration to decrease the municipal Mill rate for the second year in a row.
3. **OPTIONS** –
 1. To give all three readings to Bylaw 488/25
 2. To amend Bylaw 488/25 prior to adoption
4. **DISCUSSION** – It is strongly recommended that the bylaw be passed at the May 7th meeting so that the combined tax and assessment notices can be sent in a timely manner. We will be working very quickly after the bylaw is passed to have notices out in sufficient time before the pending postal strike.
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – Without further reduction to the Mill rate, tax revenue would have increased by \$43,000 from 2024. After reducing the Mill rate, the increase dropped to \$30,000 – comparable to the increase for the 2024 tax year.

Municipal Mill rate 2017 to 2024 = 11.2565
Municipal Mill rate for 2025 = 10.3978
Total Mill rate reduction = 0.8587

6. **LEGAL** – MGA s. 247 “No municipality may pass a property tax bylaw or business tax rate bylaw in respect of a year unless the operating and capital budget for that year have been adopted by council or established by the Minister under section 244.”

MGA s. 327(1) “Each municipality must prepare a tax roll annually.”

MGA s. 333(1) “Each municipality must annually (a) prepare tax notices for all taxable property and businesses shown on the tax roll of the municipality, and (b) send the tax notices to the taxpayers.”
333(4) “The assessment notice and the tax notice relating to the same property may be sent together or may be combined on one notice.”
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** – The reduced Mill rate equals a \$102,598 cost savings for rate payers vs. keeping the Mill rate the same.

Total 2025 assessment \$119,480,130 x (0.8578/1000) = \$102,598 cost savings for property owners
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** – Also attached is an information sheet that will go in with property tax notices. This sheet explains the increase in Alberta School Tax, Police Cost Funding and how

assessed value impacts property taxes. We hope that by providing this information, residents may have a better understanding of why their taxes have increased despite Council lowering the Mill rate.

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

“that the Village of Alix Council give first reading to Tax Bylaw 488/25, being a bylaw to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessable property within the Village of Alix in the province of Alberta for the 2025 taxation year.”

“that the Village of Alix Council give second reading to Tax Bylaw 488/25.”

“that the Village of Alix Council give permission for third and final reading to Tax Bylaw 488/25 at this time.”

“that the Village of Alix Council give third and final reading to Tax Bylaw 488/25.”



Author

NOTE: Using Municipal Affairs' Municipality Measurement Index (MMI) I compared the Alix tax rates to all other Alberta communities of similar size and financial metric.

In 2019, our residential tax rate ranked 29th highest out of 36 communities. This was the earliest year Municipal Affairs was collecting data for MMI.

By 2024, we ranked 20th out of 35 – nearly in the middle of the pack. With another tax rate reduction for 2025, Alix will continue moving down on the list, becoming a more affordable community when compared to others. Attached are the tax rate comparison sheets.

VILLAGE OF ALIX

BYLAW No. 488/25

BEING a Bylaw to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessable property within the Village of Alix in the province of Alberta for the 2025 taxation year.

WHEREAS the Village of Alix has prepared and adopted detailed estimates of the municipal revenues and expenditures as required, at the Council Meeting held on November 20, 2024 and amended on April 16, 2025; and

WHEREAS the estimated municipal operating expenditures and transfers set out in the budget the Village of Alix for 2025 total \$2,631,322.29; and

WHEREAS the estimated amount required to fund future financial plans is \$261,155.11; and

WHEREAS the estimated amount required to fund capital expenditures is \$189,748.44; and

WHEREAS the estimated municipal operating revenues from transfers from all sources other than taxation is estimated at \$1,432,126.05, and the balance of \$1,650,099.79, is to be raised by general municipal taxation; and

WHEREAS the requisitions are:

Alberta School Foundation Fund (ASFF)	
Residential/Farm land	\$184,518.51
Minus 2024 Under-Levy	\$ 41.53
Non-Residential	\$ 69,549.74
Plus 2024 Over-Levy	(\$ 9.99)
Total School Requisitions	\$254,099.79
Seniors Foundation	\$ 8,662.00
Designated Industrial Property (DIP)	\$ 124.63

WHEREAS the Council of the Village of Alix is required each year to levy on the assessed value of all property, tax rates sufficient to meet the estimated expenditures and the requisitions; and

WHEREAS the Council is authorized to classify assessed property, and to establish different rates of taxation in respect to each class of property, subject to the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M-26, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 2000; and

WHEREAS the assessed value of all property in the Village of Alix as shown on the assessment roll is:

Residential/Farmland	\$ 69,981,320
Non-residential	\$ 17,816,410
Machinery and equipment	<u>\$ 31,682,400</u>
	\$119,480,130

NOW THEREFORE under the authority of the Municipal Government Act, the Council of the Village of Alix, in the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

- That the Chief Administrative Officer is hereby authorized to levy the following rates of taxation on the assessed value of all property as shown on the assessment roll of the Village of Alix:

<u>Municipal</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Mill Rate</u>
Residential & Farm	\$ 727,651.82	\$ 69,981,320	10.3978
Non-Residential	\$ 329,122.55	\$ 17,816,410	18.4730
Machinery & Equip.	<u>\$ 585,268.98</u>	<u>\$ 31,682,400</u>	18.4730
Total	\$1,642,043.35	\$119,480,130	

- The minimum amount payable as property tax for general municipal purposes shall be \$400 per parcel.

<u>ASFF</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Mill Rate</u>
Residential & Farm	\$184,561.75	\$69,981,320	2.6373
Non-Residential	<u>\$ 69,539.23</u>	<u>\$17,816,410</u>	3.9031
Total	\$254,100.98	\$87,797,730	

Seniors Foundation \$8,662.00 \$119,480,130 .0725

Designated Industrial Property \$124.63 \$ 1,777,950 .0701

This Bylaw shall take effect on the date of the third and final reading.

Read a first time this _____ day of May, 2025.

Read a second time this _____ day of May, 2025.

Read a third and final time this _____ day of May, 2025 and passed.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

2025 Tax Information

Village of Alix

Education Property Tax – Government of Alberta

- Budget 2025 has an increase to the education property tax rates after being frozen in 2024-2025. The higher rates, along with rising property value and increased development, are expected to raise the education property tax requisition from 2.7 billion in 2024-2025 to 3.1 billion in 2025-2026. The amount of **school tax collected for the Province by Alix has increased by \$37,320 (total bill \$254,069)**. This represents an **18% increase** for residential properties and **16% increase** for businesses.
- Education property taxes provide a stable source of revenue and equitable funding that supports K-12 education, including teachers' salaries, textbooks and classroom resources. They are not used to fund government operations, school capital costs or teachers' pensions.

Your Tax/Assessment Notice have line breakdowns that shows you how much of your total tax amount goes to which section.

Alberta School Foundation – Money sent to Alberta Government for Education

Lacombe Foundation – Money sent to Lacombe Foundation (seniors)

Village of Alix – Money that stays in the Municipality (operating budget)

Did you know: Since 2020 all municipalities, regardless of size have had to collect money through municipal taxes to help fund the RCMP. **In 2024 Alix was billed \$41,775 by the province.** We are told that rates will remain the same for 2025, but 2026 will see a significant cost increase.

How do they determine my assessment value?

Property assessments are prepared using mass appraisal and reflect a value for July 1 (valuation date) the previous year and a physical condition on December 31 (condition date). Up to 3 years of sales are compiled and adjusted to determine the assessments. Since your property assessment is based on market value, it is affected by market changes caused by supply and demand. The age, size, condition, and improvements done to the property will also affect the assessed value.

Purchased or Sold a property?

If you recently bought your property (last 3 months), Alberta Land Titles is experiencing delays in the processing of title transfers. This may result in property owners not receiving tax notices for the property they have purchased. If you do not receive a tax notice for your property, it is your responsibility to reach out to the Village Office at 403-747-2495 to get a copy. The Village of Alix is not responsible for delays, and non-receipt of your property tax notice does not exempt you from late payment penalties.

If you have recently sold your property and receive a tax notice, this is because the Land Title is still in your name. Until the transfer of land is complete, legally we have to send the notice to who is on title.

T.I.P.S (Tax Instalment Payment Plan)

This is a monthly payment option that the Village offers. Your tax account has to be at zero to qualify. This program is available to sign up for in **January** of every year.

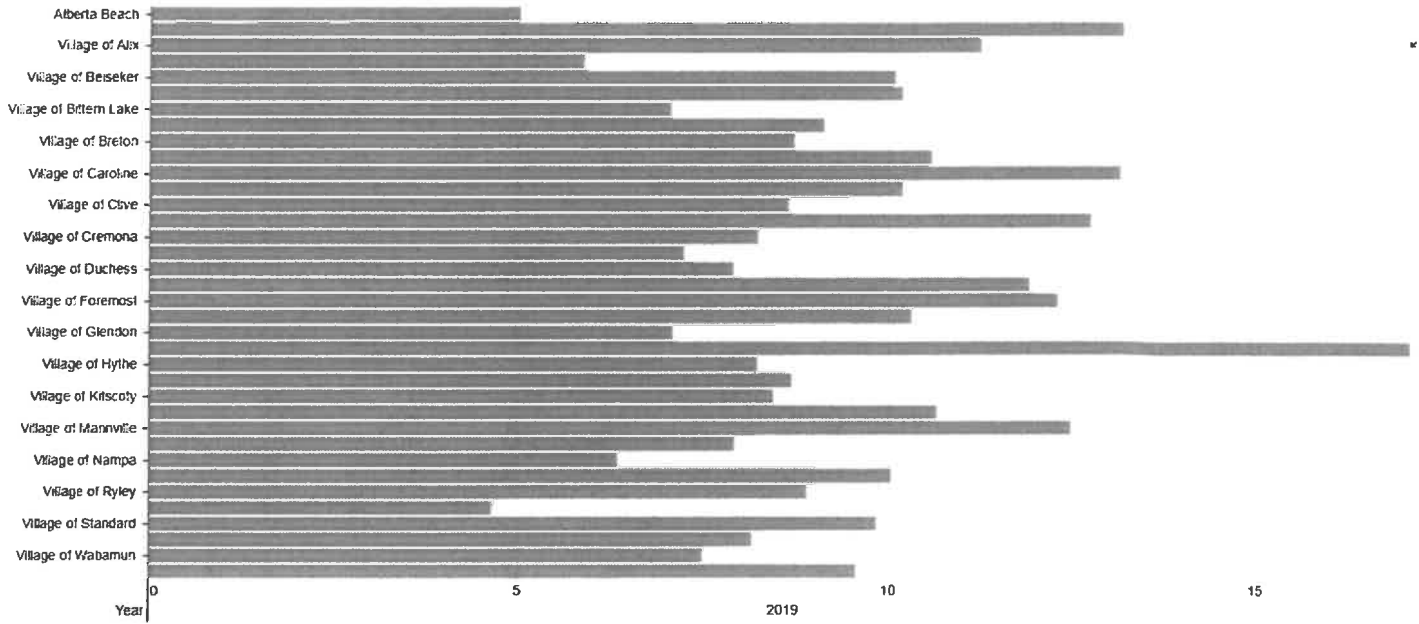
The Village of Alix tax years run from January to December.

Tax/Assessment notices are mailed out in May of each year.

Municipal Affairs: Municipality Measurement Index (MMI) Comparison of Alberta villages with an MMI score between 49-59. NOTE: Alix MMI is 57, highest Village score is 59.

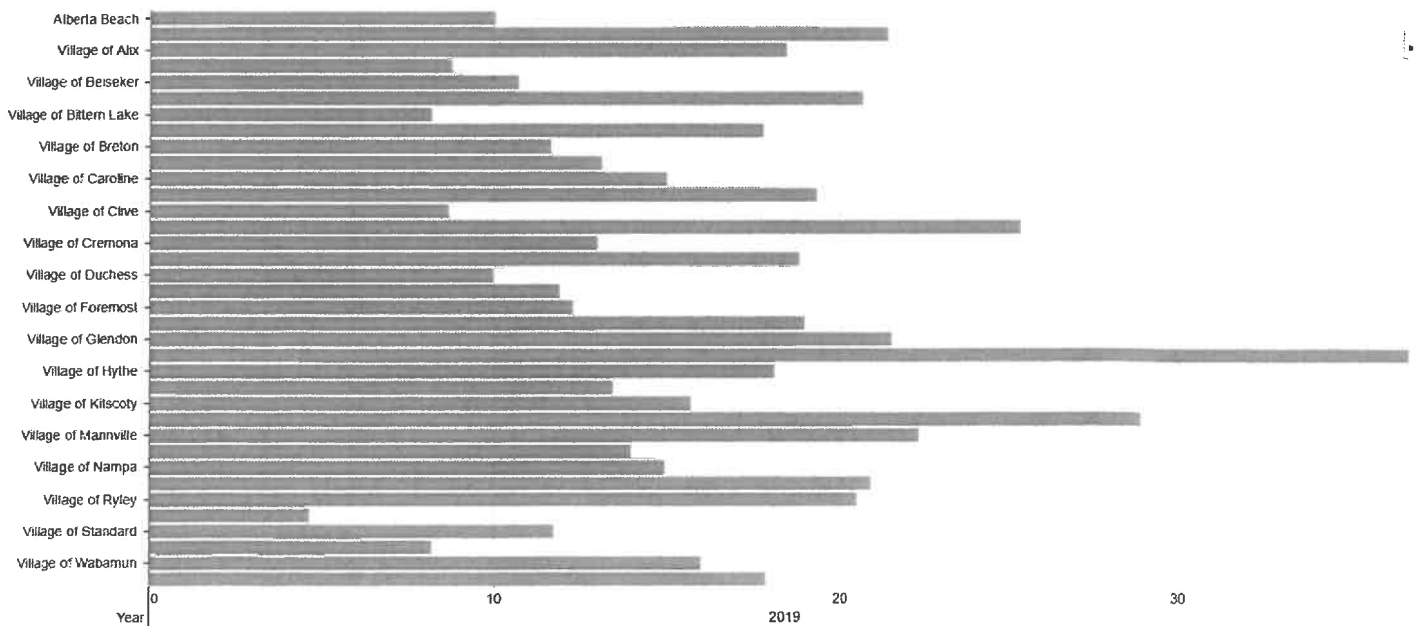
Residential tax rate: 2019:

Alix is 29/36 (81%)



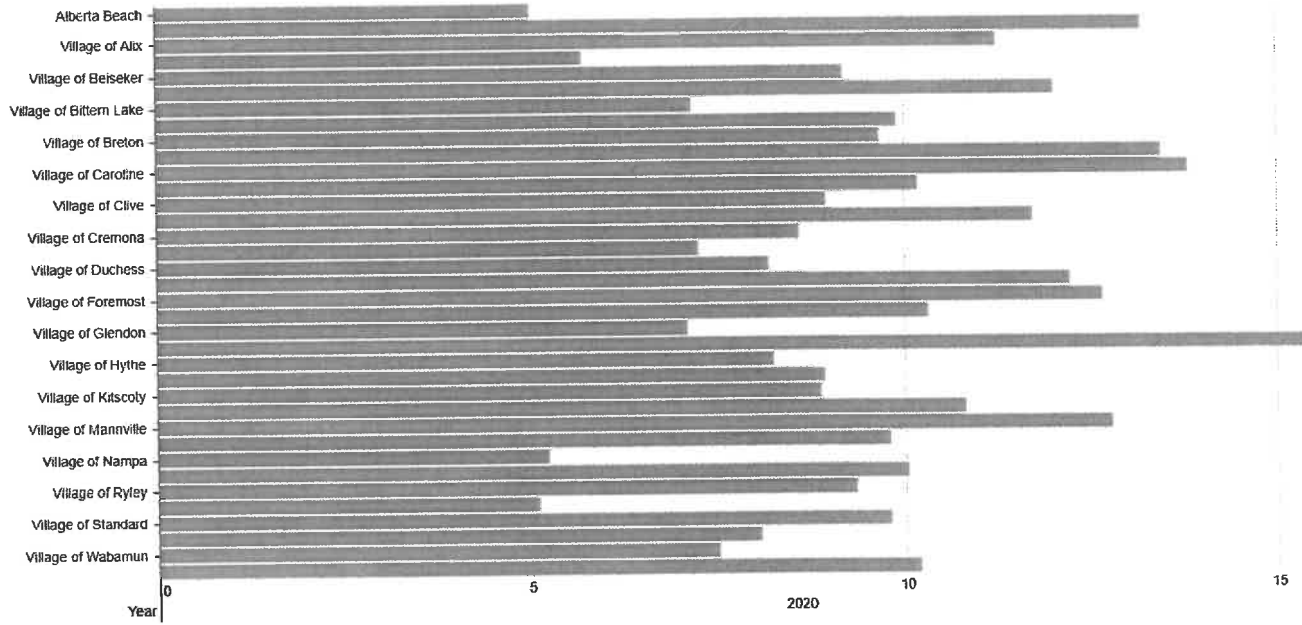
Non-Residential tax rate: 2019

Alix is 24/36 (67%)



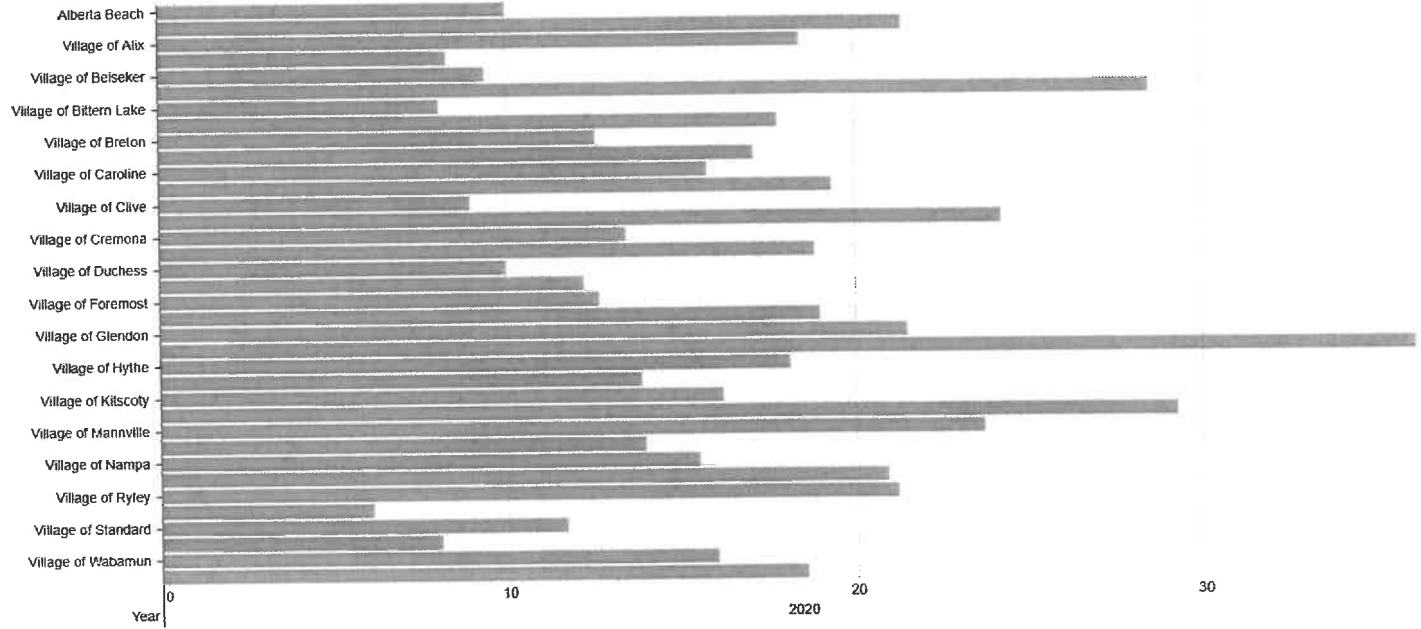
Residential tax rate: 2020

Alix is 27/36 (75%)



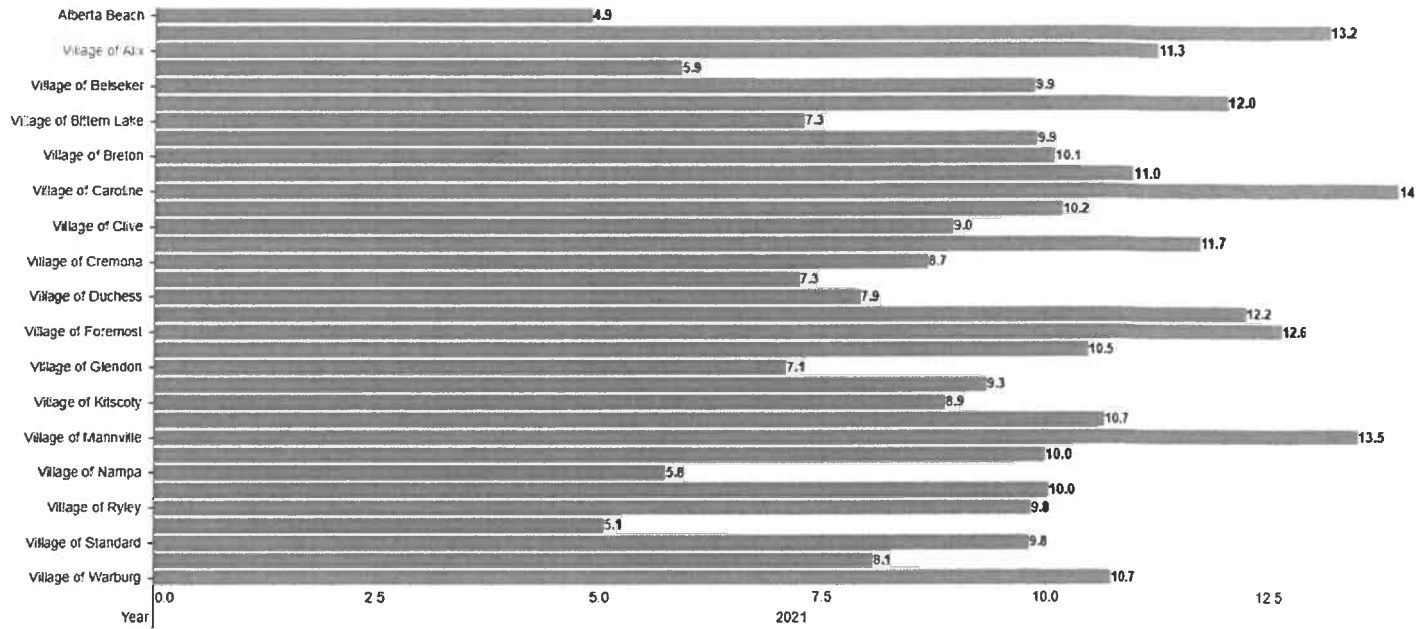
Non-Residential tax rate: 2020

Alix is 23/36 (64%)



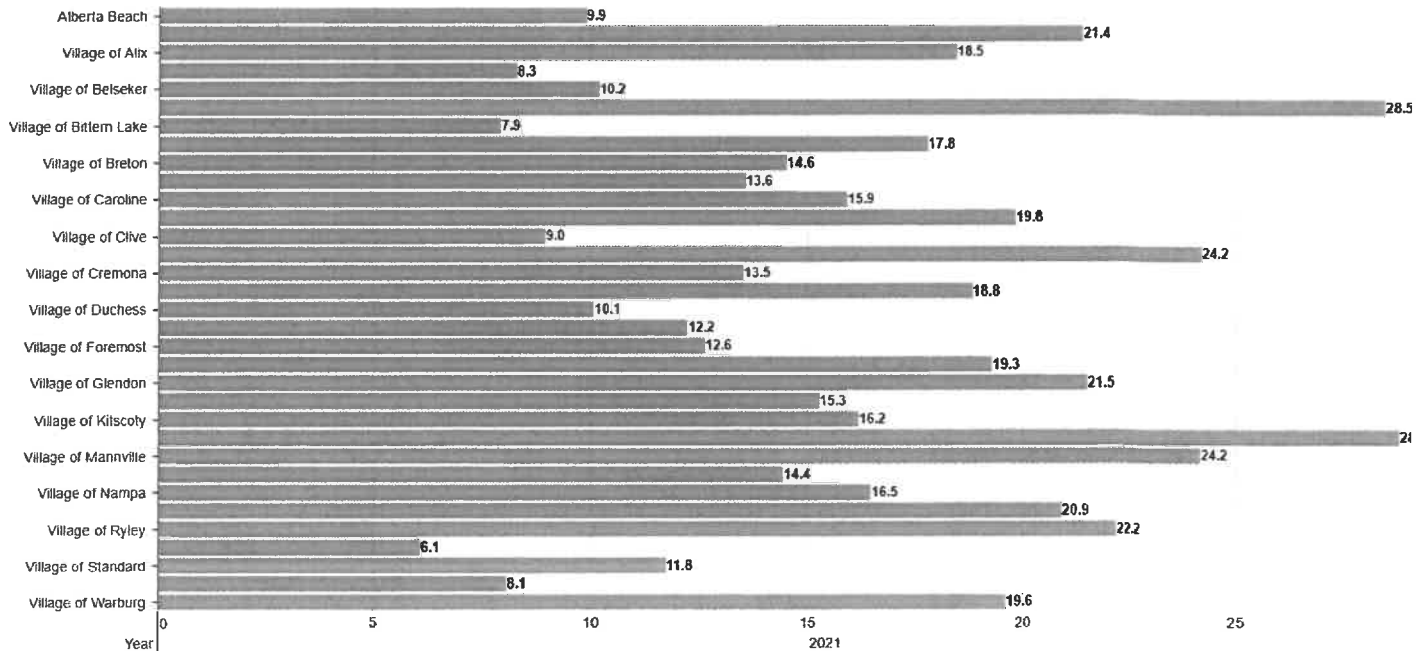
Residential tax rate: 2021

Alix is 26/33 (79%)



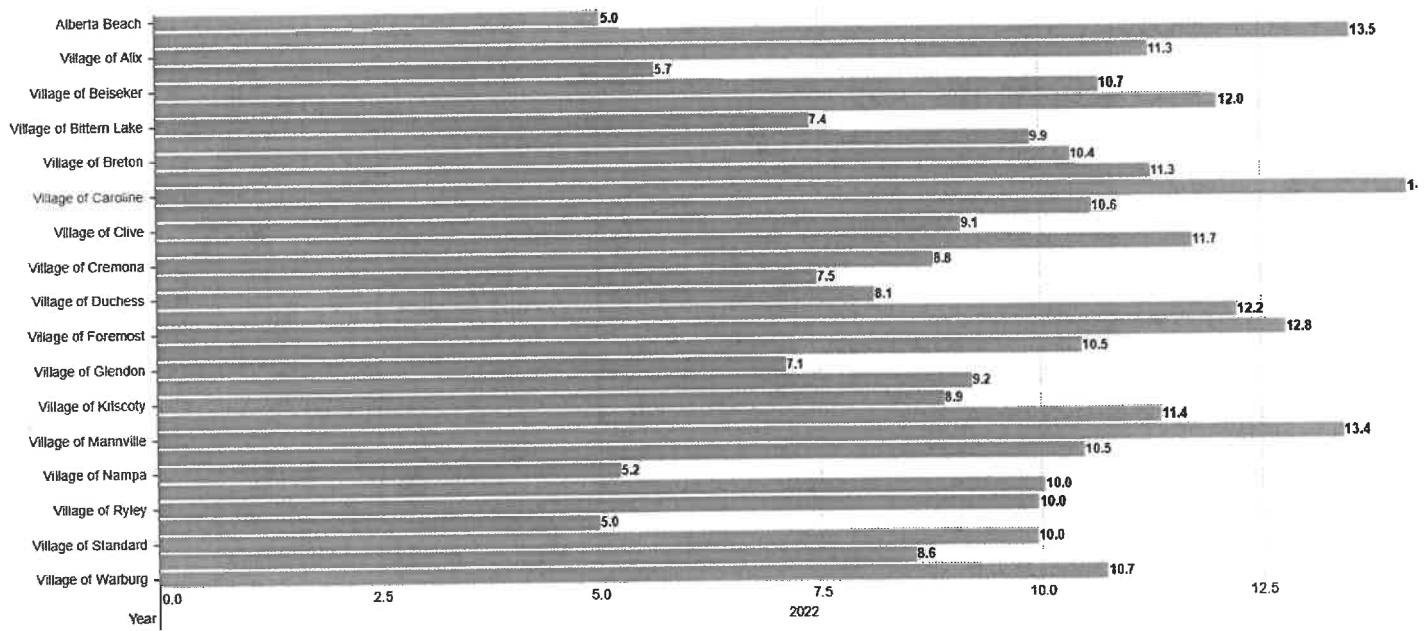
Non-Residential tax rate: 2021

Alix is 21/33 (64%)



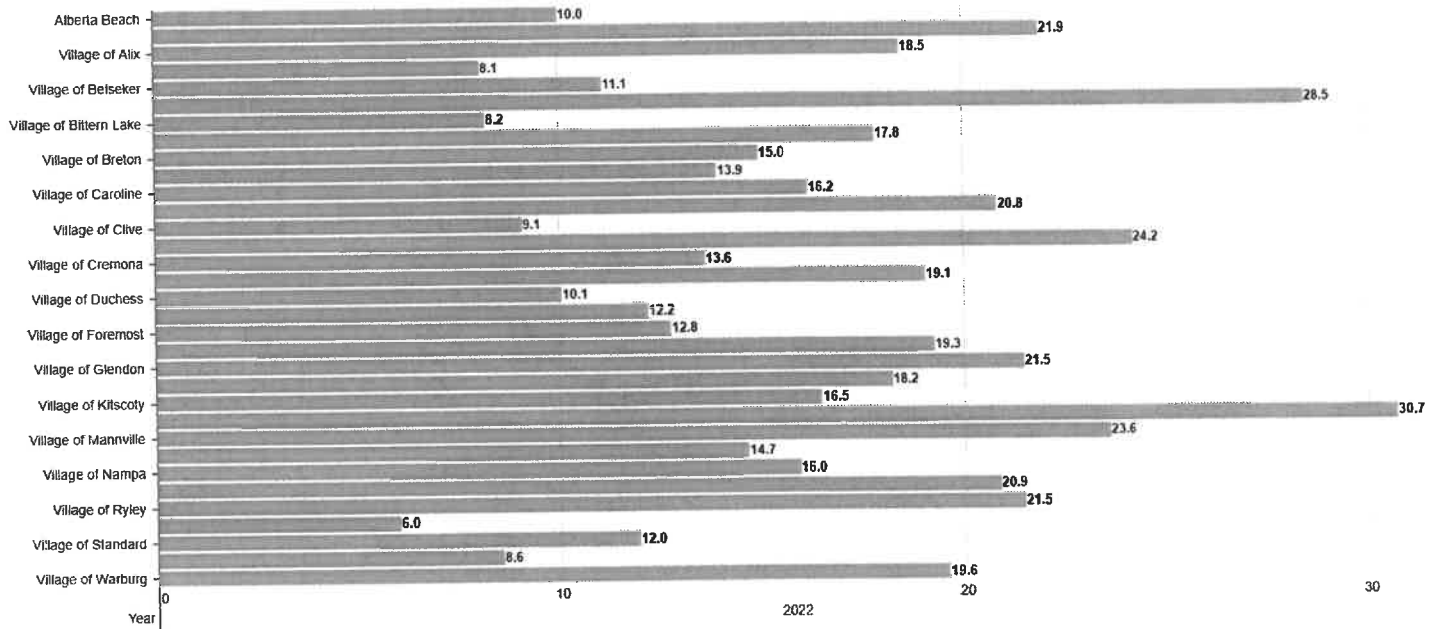
Residential tax rate: 2022

Alix is 24/33 (77%)



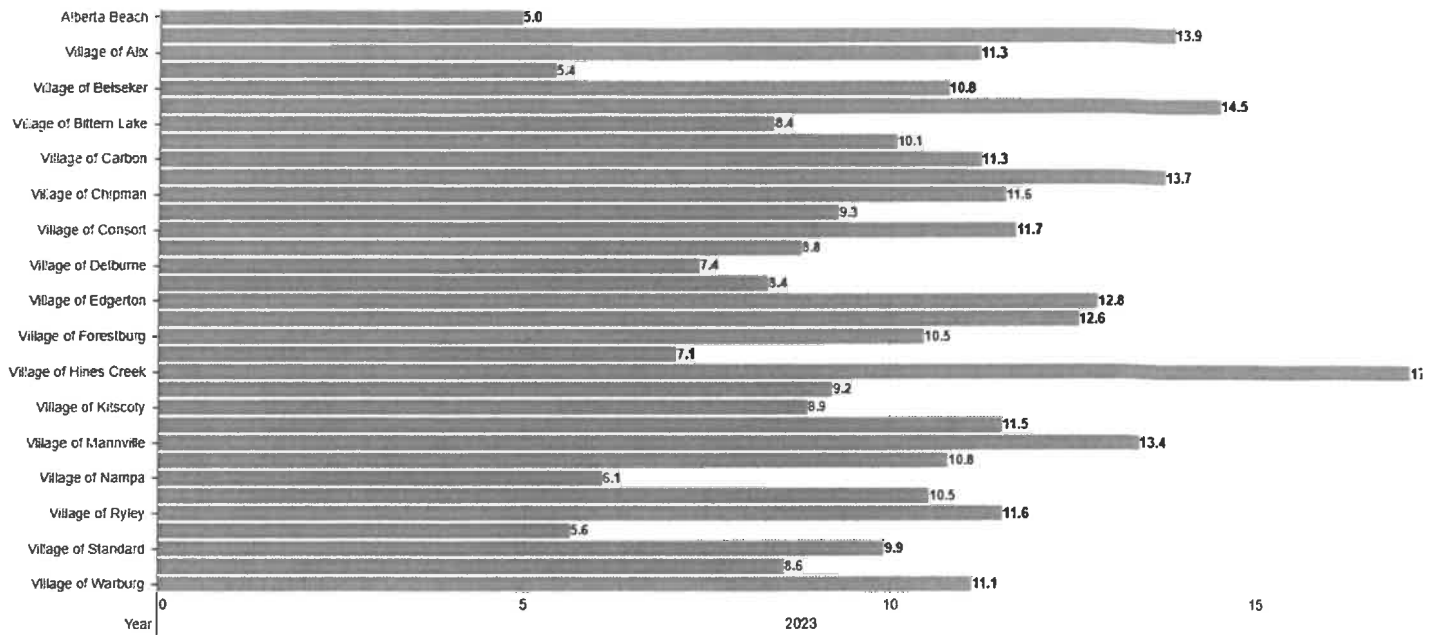
Non-Residential tax rate: 2022

Alix is 21/33 (64%)



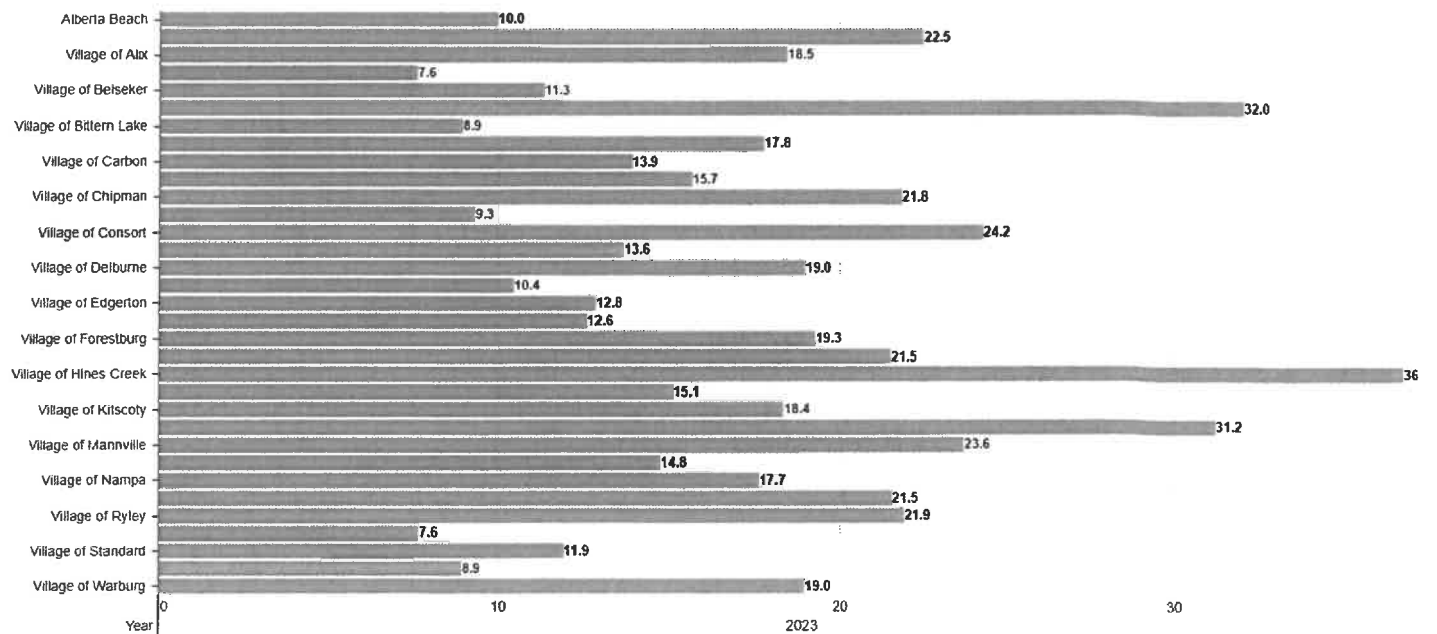
Residential tax rate: 2023

Alix is 21/33 (64%)



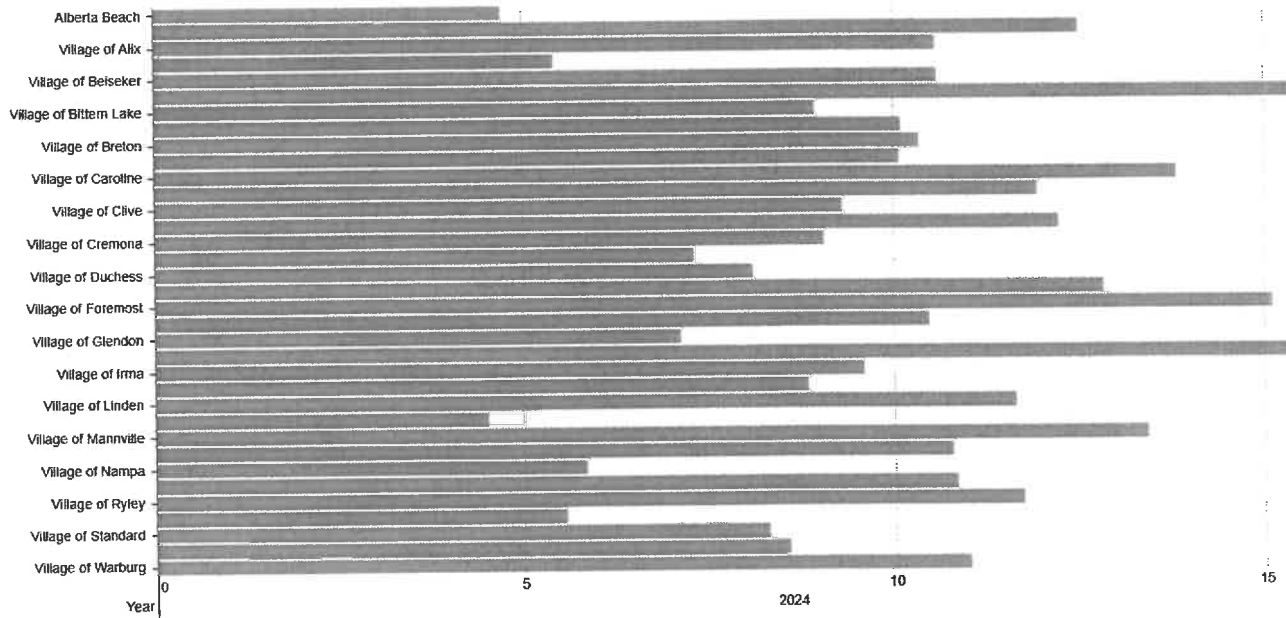
Non-Residential tax rate: 2023

Alix is 20/33 (61%)



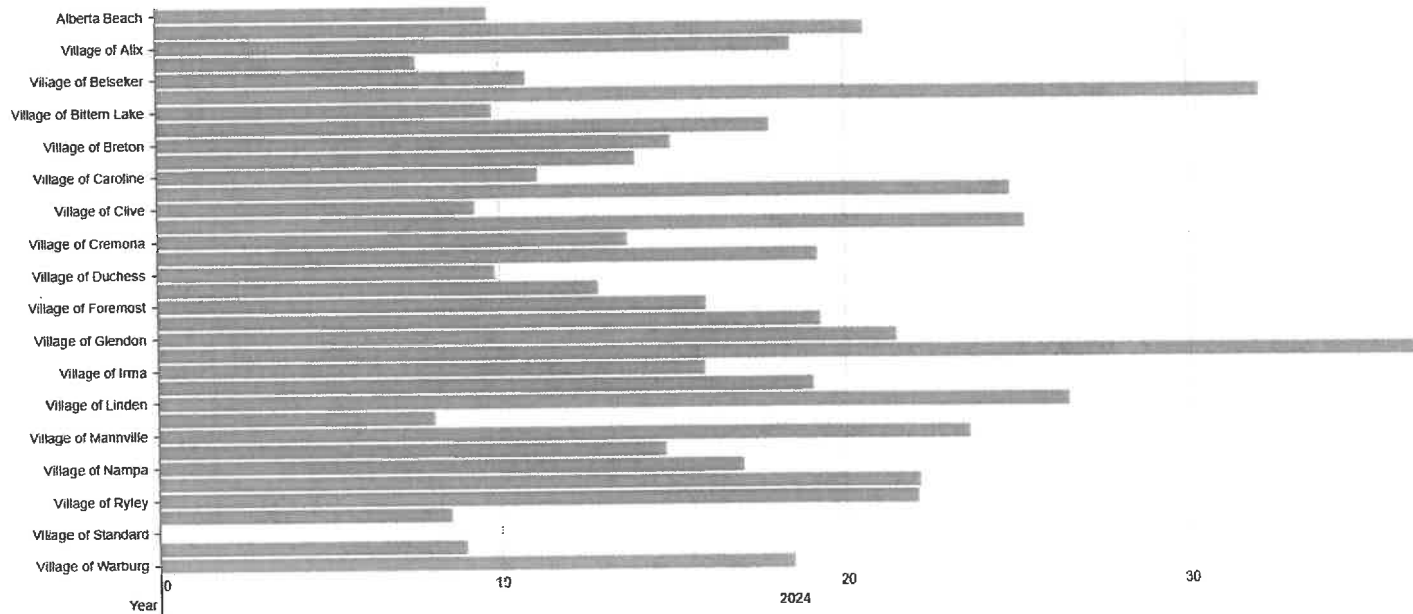
Residential tax rate: 2024

Alix is 20/35 (58%)



Non-Residential tax rate: 2024

Alix is 21/35 (60%)



ADMINISTRATION REPORT



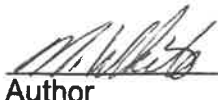
Date: April 10, 2025 RFD 25-19
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: Alix Fire Department

1. **PURPOSE** – To request confirmation of appointment of a new Alix Fire Department Chief.
2. **BACKGROUND** – Councillor Cole and CAO White went to Lacombe County office and together with County Councillor John Ireland, Director of Community Services Dion Burlock and County Fire Chief Dave Bain, conducted interviews for the position of Alix District Fire Chief.
3. **OPTIONS** –
 1. To confirm the appointment of Corrie Anderson as Alix District Fire Chief by resolution of Council
 2. To accept this report as information
4. **DISCUSSION** –
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – None. Alix Fire Department members act in a volunteer capacity within the Village of Alix. The Fire Department and the Alix Medical Society are given an honorarium from the Village once per year in recognition of their service.
6. **LEGAL** – Lacombe County Fire Services Policy Manual:

Policy 100 “Partner municipalities will, according to their individual policies, in cooperation with the County Fire Chief appoint District Fire Chiefs.”

Policy 102.1 “The District Chief is appointed by the municipality and the County Fire Chief through an application process and endorsed by department membership with an annual vote of confidence if they so choose.”
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** –
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** –
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Option #1, I recommend the following resolution:

“that the Village of Alix Council hereby confirms the appointment of Corrie Anderson to the position of District Fire Chief for the Alix Fire Department and offers him congratulations on his new role with the Department.”



Author

LACOMBE REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MEETING

The meeting was held in person on April 09, at 7 pm, with 16 in attendance at the LMC in Lacombe. There were two virtual participants.

LREMP CO-ORDINATOR

Motion to accept draft with amendments to the Coordinators contract, from 01 April 2025 to 31 May 28, with a option of one year, with a salary increase to \$44,500. Evaluation with be done by past LREMP Chair

MINISTERIAL ORDER

It was decided not to proceed with a Ministerial Order but to strengthen the present agreement.

LREMP ERP PLAN

The plan attached as Appendix C was approved.

LREMP EMPP

The plan attached as Appendix D was approved

PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Is was decided at the March 19 meeting, that th agreement was to be rewritten, this is being lead by Michelle White.

ESS/CRESS PRESENTATION

Building and training among municipalities among municipalities to strengthen emergency social services. This is for municipal staff, training to be done in Blackfalds, June 10-11

EMERGENCY PREPARATION WEEK

This is May 4 to 10, our own J. Anderson is doing presentations at different locations.

2025 TRAINING

The large exercise is scheduled in November 2025. An Elected Officials Course to be completed within 90 days of the October election. A good portion of the staff across the partnership has been trained.

2024 ENDING BUDGET

Attached as Appendix E

2025 BUDGET

Attached as Appendix F. One change will be the \$1000 miscellaneous will be expanded with more detail

AEMA REPORT

As no AEMA rep present, report done by J Veuger.

There is a New Hazard Identification Course for DEM's to complete. There are only 2 courses per Province.

NEXT MEETING

Scheduled for June 25.

Meeting adjourned at 8: 28 pm.

E.W. (ED) COLE/Councillor

PROJECT NAME	Regional Plan
COMPANY NAME	Lacombe Regional Emergency Management Partnership
POINT OF CONTACT	Julian Veuger/Janene Anderson
PHONE	Julian Veuger -403-896-3339 Janene Anderson -403-747-2495
EMAIL	Julian Veuger -hhid@townofbentley.ca Janene Anderson - janderson@villageofalix.ca
COMPANY MAILING ADDRESS	P.O. Box 87 Alix AB T0C0B0
PROJECT LOCATION	Central Alberta
AUTHOR	Janene Anderson
DATE	2025

SCOPE OF WORK

What does the project entail? What are the delivery methods?

The Lacombe Regional Emergency Management Partnership (LREMP) is in the process of renewing our regional plan. LREMP has completed a Regional Draft Plan that the consultant will use as a base.

PROJECT DELIVERABLES

Regional functions

LREMP consists of 13 different municipalities

1. City of Lacombe
2. Lacombe County
3. Town of Blackfalds
4. Town of Eckville
5. Town of Bentley,
6. Village of Alix
7. Village of Clive
8. S.V. Gull Lake
9. S.V. of Birchcliff
10. S.V. of Half Moon Bay
11. S.V of Sunbreaker Cove

- 12. S.V. of Jarvis Bay
- 13. S.V. of Nörglenwold

With the thirteen different partners, there are various response capabilities. LREMP has been a thriving partnership since 2011 and is looking to make our new plan versatile for everyone's needs.

For the smaller municipalities, would be looking at a 4-6 hour window for local Emergency Management to take care of an incident because of the limited resources and staff capability. For evacuation purposes, they would have to send their evacuees to a larger center. The Municipalities would be looking to the rest of the region for guidance. For all the regional partners we have a fantastic opportunity to be a dedicated team and if needed we could utilize the Central Region All Hazards Incident Management Team (CRAHIMT).

We are looking for a small municipality response and a large municipality response in our plan.

1. Alignment with the 2025 LREMP Draft Agreement

- The Scope of Work should reflect the expanded role of the Lacombe Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee, as defined in the 2025 LREMP Draft Agreement.
- The consultant should incorporate governance structures, delegation of authority, and emergency decision-making models into the updated regional plan.
- The role of the newly established Regional Emergency Coordinator (REC) should be clearly defined in the SOW, ensuring plan administration, training, and regional hazard assessment oversight.

2. Compliance with LEMR & Provincial Standards

- The Scope of Work should include a pre-audit review to ensure LREMP compliance with:
 - Annual plan reviews and updates as mandated by LEMR.
 - Training & ICS certification mandates for elected officials and emergency personnel.
 - Exercise and hazard assessment standards under LERMP Section 4.

3. Integration of the Alberta Incident Management System (AIMS 2024)

- The consultant must ensure the Regional Plan fully supports AIMS by incorporating:
 - Incident Command System (ICS) principles, including modular organization, management by objectives, and resource management.
 - Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC) activation and operational protocols, ensuring clear coordination between municipal and regional ECCs.
 - Interoperability with other municipal and provincial emergency response structures.
- The SOW should require the consultant to standardize ICS training, response protocols, and regional coordination frameworks in alignment with AIMS.

4. Budgeting, Mutual Aid, & Cost Recovery

- The consultant should review financial tracking processes, including:
 - Cost-sharing for regional exercises.
 - Tracking emergency events for potential cost recovery.
 - Updating municipal reimbursement models for mutual aid agreements.
- A centralized expense tracking system for Regional ECC activation should be included in the plan.

5. Regional Risk Assessments & Hazard Mitigation

- The consultant should assist with regional hazard identification and mitigation planning, using AEMA’s CEMP risk assessment matrix.
- This should be integrated with municipal planning and funding strategies to ensure a coordinated risk reduction approach.

6. ECC Activation & Unified Command Structure

- The Scope of Work should clarify:
 - When and how are ECC/ICP activated across municipalities?
 - Standardized ICS and Unified Command procedures for intermunicipal coordination.
 - A formalized mutual aid deployment system between partner municipalities.

7. Recovery & Business Continuity Planning

- The consultant should support the integration of recovery planning, ensuring:
 - A coordinated approach across municipalities.
 - Clear expectations for regional assistance in municipal business continuity efforts.

Final Recommendation

Ensuring the LREMP Regional Plan fully aligns with the 2025 LREMP Draft Agreement, LEMR, AIMS 2024, the RESS Plan, and the Emergency Management Act will enhance regional preparedness and streamline the approval and compliance process.

EXCLUSIONS

There is a draft for a Regional Emergency Social Services Plan that is in the process of being overlooked by AEMA and eventually to be added as a part of the regional plan

MILESTONES

DELIVERY DATE	TASK	GOODS REQUIRED	SERVICES REQUIRED
March 20, 2025	Have the Plan SOW ready for the consultant.		Everyone agrees
April 09, 2025	Have the Plan ready to be presented to the LREMP Advisory Committee		Acceptance of new regional Plan

LREMP Plan Committee		
Name	Municipality	ROLE
Julian Veuger	Bentley/ Eckville	Regional Coordinator / DEM
Janene Anderson	Alix/Clive	DEM
Ken Morrison	Blackfalds	DEM
Jennifer Peterson	City of Lacombe	Executive Assistant
Mark Sproule	Lacombe County	DDEM
Dave Bain	Lacombe County	DEM
EXPENSE	DESCRIPTION	COST
	Unit rate	
	Schedule of completion	
	Engagement plan(in person/virtual how many)	
	Estimated hours of work.	
TOTAL		\$ -

**Lacombe Regional Emergency Management Program
Operating Statement for the Period Ending December 31, 2024**

Account #	2024 ACTUAL	2024 BUDGET	Variance	% of Budget
<u>LREMP - Revenue</u>				
Other Revenue	7-10-00-590	-	-	
Membership Fee	7-10-00-591	58,850.00	58,850.00	100%
Total Revenue	58,850.00	58,850.00		
<u>LREMP - Expenses</u>				
Contracted Services HHID	7-20-00-231	39,999.96	40,000.00	0.04
2024 Coordinator COLA Payment	7-20-00-231	2,000.00	2,000.00	100%
Contracted Services Edge Design Solutions	7-20-00-239	412.50	680.00	267.50
Professional Fees / Training	7-20-00-211	2,334.43	8,000.00	5,665.57
Miscellaneous	7-20-00-510	529.06	1,000.00	470.94
Field Exercise Celebration	7-20-00-270	-	-	
LREMP/Municipal Plan Allowance	7-20-00-250	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Supplies (Meeting & Training)	7-20-00-225	209.00	1,000.00	791.00
EML Canada Allowance	7-20-00-250	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
Transfer to 2026 Field Exercise Reserve	7-10-01-920	7,500.00	7,500.00	100%
Total Expenditures	52,984.95	63,180.00	10,195.05	84%
Net Surplus / (DEFICIT) To Date	5,865.05	- 4,330.00	- 10,195.05	-135%

**Lacombe Regional Emergency Management Program
Statement of Financial Reserves for the Period Ending December 31, 2024**

Operating Reserve - Ending 2023	7-40-01-280	- 17,004.57	- 17,004.57	-	100%
(Gain) / Loss on operations 2024	7-10-00-920	5,865.05	- 4,330.00	- 10,195.05	-135%
Operating Reserve Ending Balance - Ending 2024	7-40-01-280	- 22,869.62	- 12,674.57	10,195.05	180%
Field Exercise Reserve - Ending 2023	7-40-02-280	- 7,500.00	- 7,500.00		
Transfer to Restricted Reserve 2024	7-10-00-920	- 7,500.00	- 7,500.00	-	100%
Restricted Reserve Ending Balance 2024	7-40-02-280	- 15,000.00	- 15,000.00	-	100%
Reserve Total		- 37,869.62	- 27,674.57		

Lacombe Regional Emergency Management Partnership (LREMP)

2025 Budget

Revenue

Carry Over from 2024 (Operating Reserve)	22,870	
Carry Over from 2024 EMPP Grant	22,014	
LCMAO Contribution (Anticipated)	11,625	
2025 LREMP Revenue(Membership Fees)	<u>58,850</u>	
Total Revenue		<u>115,359</u>

Expenditures

Contract Services HHID Consultants	43,000	
Contract Services Edge Design Solutions	1,200	- better email system.
Professional Fees / Training	5,000	- JUST DID AN ICS 300 BILL WAS \$1400
Transfer to Field Exercise Reserve	7,500	
Meetings, Meals, other	1,000	
LREMP 2025 Field Exercise	46,500	
LREMP ERP/ESS Re-write Consultant Fee (Allowance).	13,000	
Miscellaneous	1,000	- PHOTOCOPY, etc
Emergency Preparedness' Week	<u>1,000</u>	
Total Expenditures		<u>119,200</u>

Net Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(3,841)	
Transfer from LREMP Field Exercise Reserve	<u>22,500</u>	
Operating Reserve - Ending 2025		<u>18,659</u>

Field Exercise Reserve – Ending 2025 0

Alix Wagon Wheel Museum



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Box 245
Alix, AB T0C 0B0

Lacombe County
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AB T4L 2N3

RE: Funding – Alix Wagon Wheel Museum Fire Suppression & Ceiling Renovation Project
Mr. Michael Minchin, Director, Corporate Services &
Ms. Megan Richer-Poth, MGR. HR & Legislative Services

Dear Mr. Minchin and Ms. Richer-Poth,

28 April, 2025

Thank you for the letter from the County, signed by Mr. Timmons, confirming the prior commitment to match the Village of Alix's contribution of \$3,000 and agreeing to match an additional \$2,500 based upon a like amount from the Village of Alix.

At the County Council meeting of March 27th, I presented a case for recognizing the Museum as a "District" (County) resource, not merely representative of a local municipality (Alix). My hope was that Lacombe County would provide a more generous level of support, than the traditional "dollar for dollar" given the importance of protecting and preserving the history of our area of the county.

While my hopes for a more substantial contribution were not met, the Alix Wagon Wheel Museum Association is grateful for all the assistance we receive towards achieving our goal of protecting and preserving our irreplaceable collections.

The Village of Alix has provided \$3,000 towards the cost of the equipment to automate the system plus \$2,500 (1/10th) of the estimated cost for the ceiling air-barrier renovation.

We look forward to receipt of the County's matching donation, and on behalf of the Museum's Board of Directors, I express our deep gratitude for your support.

Sincerely,

Charles Andrews, President, Alix Wagon Wheel Museum Association

cc. Ms. Michelle White, CAO, Village of Alix

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APR 30 2025

APRIL 30, 2025

TO BE INCLUDED IN MAY 7, 2025
COUNCIL AGENDA: NEW BUSINESS

FROM: S. FASZER

NOTICE OF PUBLIC CONCERN

RE: DEMISE OF AUX LAKE

YOUR "HIDDEN GEM" IS IN TROUBLE

YOU NEED TO REVIEW A.L.M.S
LAST TWO TESTING RESULTS ON
THEIR WEBSITE. THIS SHOULD HAVE
BEEN REVIEWED BY YOURSELVES AT
TIME OF TESTING. YOU (COUNCIL +
CAD) ARE THE KEEPERS OF THE LAKE.

AUX LAKE NEEDS TO BE ON A
NUTRIENT DIET LIKE WHAT WAS
DONE AT PIGEON LAKE.

NO MORE DREDGING!

NO MOTORS ON LAKE THIS YEAR!

RESPOND IN WRITING AFTER
MEETING

[Signature]

April 29, 2025

I am writing to municipalities across Alberta regarding a second phase of engagement to enhance water availability in Alberta.

As part of the province's ongoing work to increase water availability, the government engaged Albertans in fall 2024 to early 2025 to hear ideas on how to strengthen the water management system to enhance availability for years to come. While the feedback was wide-ranging, it was clear that Alberta's water management system and the *Water Act* generally serve us well and should not be changed. However, some opportunities and barriers identified raised some limitations of the *Water Act* for supporting water availability.

Based on the feedback, the Government of Alberta is proposing changes to the *Water Act* and complementary policy to increase the availability of water licences to Alberta municipalities, businesses, agricultural producers and others, while continuing to protect the aquatic ecosystem.

The proposed changes focus on:

1. Streamlining decision making for water licensing and transfers
2. Enhancing water use information to support effective and transparent management of water by all users, including licensing and licence transfers
3. Enabling lower risk inter-basin transfers
4. Enabling the use of alternative water sources (e.g., rainwater, stormwater, wastewater)

The Government of Alberta remains committed to maintaining the following policies, approaches, and principles:

- Alberta's priority system for licenced water allocation, based on principles of first-in-time, first-in-right, will remain.
- Existing water licence allocations will not be reduced.
- The Water for Life strategy and its goals and directions remain, where water is managed for community, economic and environmental needs, including traditional use needs and environmental objectives to support ecosystem health.
- Water allocation transfers will remain enabled in basins with approved water management plans (Milk, Battle, Bow, Oldman and South Saskatchewan River basins).
- Alberta will continue to manage water on a watershed basis, where any large or higher risk inter-basin transfer would continue to require approval by special act of the legislature (except, as established in the act, during a Cabinet-declared water emergency under section 107).
- No new royalties, bulk or volumetric pricing of water will be introduced.
- No new terms and conditions will be added to existing older licences regarding requirements to support water conservation objectives (WCOs).

Details on the proposed engagement, scope and changes are the outlined in the discussion document on Enhancing Water Availability: Engagement on Proposed Amendments to the *Water Act* to Improve Availability – accessible online at alberta.ca/water-availability-engagement.

We will soon invite you/your organization to join us for an in-person information session where we will share more information about the proposed changes and give you an opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions. Sessions are planned to be in person in May in Lethbridge, Brooks, Calgary, Red Deer and Grande Prairie (locations are being confirmed as venues are secured). We will also arrange an online session. The same information will be shared across all sessions. (In addition to issuing this letter to each municipality, we are sending correspondence to organizations including Alberta Municipalities, Rural Municipalities or Alberta, Alberta Rural Municipal Administrators' Association, Local Government Administrators; Association of Alberta, Mid-sized Cities Mayors' Caucus)

In preparation for these information sessions, we encourage you to review the discussion document to prepare questions, comments and feedback.

We ask that all feedback be provided through the online survey, which will remain open until June 30, 2025.

For more specific information, please visit the online engagement page at alberta.ca/water-availability-engagement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Rich', written in a cursive style.

Kate Rich
Assistant Deputy Minister

Mother's Day Pamper Evening

Friday, May 9
6PM-9PM

Mini Family
Photo Sessions

**LIGHT SNACKS
& REFRESHMENTS**

**MAKE & TAKE
SCENTED ROOM SPRAY
& BATH SALTS**

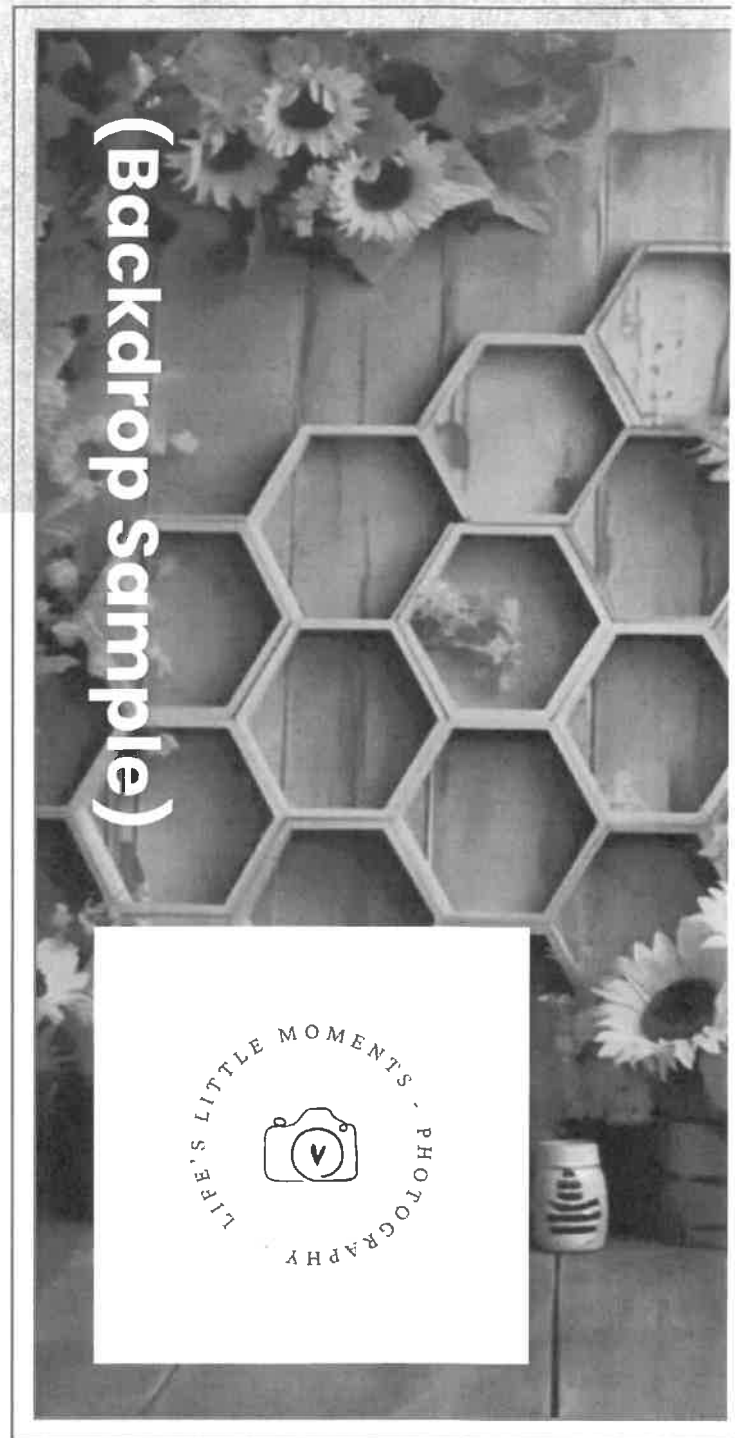
*A way to honor mothers
and mother figures,
recognizing motherhood,
maternal bonds and the
positive contributions to
families and society.*

FREE! Everyone is welcome.

Drop-in for a FREE
mini photo session
(2-3 photos per family).

Sessions will be first come
first serve, with photographer:
Life's Little Moments Photography.

While you wait for your turn enjoy
a light snack and make a scented
room spray and/or bath salt!



CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION,
403-396-3369.
BAY 1, 5008 50 AVE., ALIX, AB



ALIX MIRROR WELLNESS SUPPORTS SOCIETY

AGM

Everyone is welcome.



DAY MAY 29	TIME 7PM	Bay 1, 5008 50 Ave Alix, AB
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CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

JOIN NOW!

This is a major fundraiser and helps support programs for all ages!



403-396-3369



We're seeking for volunteers for:

Bartending Shifts at Ponoka Stampede.
Must be 18+.



Perk: Entrance to the grand stand on the day of volunteer shift.

June 25-July 1 Schedule:

Wednesday, June 25

5PM-9PM, 6 spots
9PM-2AM, 14 spots

Friday, June 27

2PM-7PM, 6 spots
4PM-7PM, 4 spots
7PM-2AM, 16 spots
9PM-2AM, 6 spots

Sunday, June 29

2PM-7PM, 6 spots
4PM-7PM, 4 spots
7PM-2AM, 10 spots
9PM-2AM, 6 spots



Celebration

in honour of
Association of Communities Against Abuse

35 Years of Service



May 15th, 2025
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Annual General Meeting
ACAA Central Office
4804 50 St. Stettler or via Zoom

Celebration to follow at
Oaklynn & Vine, 4810 50 St. Stettler
Refreshments will be served.

RSVP to: info@acaahelps.ca (403)742-3558

If you are unable to attend in Stettler, please join us to celebrate in Camrose or Drumheller.

North Celebration

May 13th, 2025
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Spotlight Diner
5041 50 Street Camrose
Refreshments will be served.



South Celebration

May 14th, 2025
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Badlands Community Facility
80 Veterans Way Drumheller
Refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP if you plan to attend one or more events:
info@acaahelps.ca (403)742-3558, extension 7