

Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council, to be held on
Wednesday, October 21, 2026 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 – October 7, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.
4. Delegation: None
5. Bylaws: a) ATCO Franchise Agreement – Bylaw 495/26 – Request for Decision 26-55
6. Unfinished Business: None
7. New Business: a) Alix Public Library 2027 Budget – Request for Decision 26-56
b) Minimum Tax Levy – Request for Decision 26-57
8. Financial Reports: a) Accounts Payable Cheque Listing – September 16 – October 7, 2026
b) Bank Reconciliation September 30, 2026
c) Tax Trial Balance – October 15, 2026
9. Committee Reports: a) Alix Public Library – Mayor Gilliat
b) Lacombe Foundation Special Meeting - September 4, 2026 – Mayor Gilliat
c) Lacombe Foundation Regular Board Meeting – October 5, 2026 – Mayor Gilliat
d) Parkland Regional Library Board – Mayor Gilliat
10. Administrative Reports: a) Capital Budget Survey Results
11. Correspondence: a) Alix Agricultural Society – Thank You and Appreciation Dinner Invite
b) Dan Williams, EOA, Minister of Municipal Affairs – 2027 Fire Services Training Program Grant
c) Alix and Area Community Resource Centre – Quarterly Newsletter
d) Dylan Bressey, President, Alberta Municipalities – Current RCMP Collective Bargaining Process
e) Melissa Barnes – Government Relations Advisor, National Police Federation – Call to Action to the Government of Alberta
f) Aris Argyriou, ATCO Energy Systems – Merger of Emera and Canadian Utilities
g) Alberta Municipalities – News Release – Provincial Overreach
12. Closed Meeting: Access to Information Act – Section 22(1) Confidential Evaluations Re: HR Matter
13. Adjournment:

Village of Alix

"A Way of Life"

Mission

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

Vision

"Vibrant Village by the lake"

Core Values

Community

Help citizens maintain the Villages unique qualities, nurture and preserve our quality of life and strive to meet local needs.

Collaborations/Cooperation

While planning together with internal organizations and neighboring communities, we will work collectively to find solutions and share resources.

Growth

We will strive for innovative solutions towards sustainable growth and land development for Alix residential, business and industrial sectors.

Advocacy

Actively engage with all levels of government on behalf of Alix and surrounding rural area.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council, held on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. in the Village of Alix Council Chambers.

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

Also Present: Michelle White, Chief Administrative Officer

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

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

Approval of Agenda:

Resolution #204/26: Moved by Councillor Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council approve the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

Minutes: a) Regular Meeting – September 16, 2026

Resolution #205/26: Moved by Councillor Cole that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council held on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Delegation: a) Lindsay and Rob MacLeod – Property Development Concept Plan

Mr. and Mrs. MacLeod entered the meeting at 6:05 P.M.

Mr. and Mrs. MacLeod retired from the meeting at 6:16 P.M.

b) Bashaw Regional Wellness Team – Update and Requisition for Support - Christine Buelow, Jackie Northey and Jill Hillman

Mrs. Christine Buelow, Mrs. Jackie Northey and Ms. Jill Hillman representing the Bashaw Regional Wellness Team entered the meeting at 6:17 P.M.

Ms. Buelow, Mrs. Northey and Ms. Hillman retired from the meeting at 6:46 P.M.

c) Alix Arena Association – Katelynn Keddy

Ms. Katelynn Keddy representing the Alix Arena Association entered the meeting at 6:47 P.M.

Ms. Keddy retired from the meeting at 7:15 P.M.

Resolution #206/26: Moved by Councillor Fehr that the Village of Alix Council direct administration to bring back a report to Council regarding the Arena request for financial assistance with capital projects.

CARRIED

Bylaws: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: a) Strategic Planning – Request for Decision 26-53

Resolution #207/26: Moved by Councillor Fehr that the Village of Alix Council hereby accept the Strategic Plan discussion as information.

CARRIED

- New Business: (cont.) b) Parkland Regional Library System Budget 2027 – Request for Decision 26-54
- Resolution #208/26: Moved by Councillor Besuijen that the Village of Alix Council hereby approves the proposed Parkland Regional Library System Board 2027 Budget as presented.
CARRIED
- Financial Reports: None
- Committee Reports: a) Alberta Municipalities Conference – Councillor Fehr
b) Alix Arena Association Meeting – Councillor Fehr
c) Red Deer River Municipal Users Group – Councillor Laneuville
- Resolution #209/26: Moved by Councillor Cole that the Village of Alix Council hereby accept the Committee Reports as presented.
CARRIED
- Administrative Reports: a) Chief Administrative Officer's Report
- Resolution #210/26: Moved by Councillor Laneuville that the Village of Alix Council hereby accept the Chief Administrative Officer's Report as presented.
CARRIED
- Correspondence and Information: a) Corporal Grant Glasier, Action Detachment Commander – Bashaw Royal Canadian Mounted Police Detachment – Quarterly Community Policing Report
b) Parkland Regional Library System Board – Meeting Highlights
c) Safety Smarts – Request for Funding
d) AltaLink – Approval of Plan of Arrangement and Vesting Contracts Under Plan of Arrangement
- Resolution #211/26: Moved by Councillor Besuijen that Correspondence Items (a) through (d) be accepted as information.
CARRIED
- Closed Meeting: None
- Adjournment:
- Resolution #212/26: Moved by Councillor Cole that this Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council be adjourned at 8:20 P.M.
CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: September 2, 2026
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: ATCO Franchise Agreement

RFD 26-55

1. **PURPOSE** – To renew the Franchise Agreement with ATCO Gas.
2. **BACKGROUND** – The existing ATCO Franchise agreement is up for renewal this year. In the fall of 2018, Council reduced the ATCO Franchise Fee amount from 24% down to 12%. This decreased municipal revenue by approx. \$20,000 per year.

First reading of Bylaw 495/26 was done at the April 15, 2026 meeting.

3. **OPTIONS** –
 1. To give the final two readings to Bylaw 495/26
 2. To postpone further bylaw readings pending additional information
4. **DISCUSSION** –
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** –
6. **LEGAL** – The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) has approved the proposed Franchise Agreement (attached). Please see copy of AUC Disposition letter – also attached.
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** –
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** – Franchise Fee rates vary across the province from 0% to 35%.
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – I recommend the following resolutions:

“that the Village of Alix Council hereby gives second reading to Bylaw 495/26, being a bylaw to authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to execute an agreement with ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (the Company), to renew an agreement with, and to confer a franchise on the Company to deliver natural gas to customers within the Municipality.”

“that the Village of Alix Council hereby gives third and final reading to Bylaw 495/26.”

Author

September 24, 2026

Disposition 31082-DO1-2026

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.
Fifth Floor, 10035 105 St.
Edmonton, Alta. T5J 2V6

Attention: Michellle Marti
Senior Regulatory Analyst

**ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.
Franchise Agreement and Rate Rider A with the Village of Alix
Proceeding 31082**

1. On September 23, 2026, ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. applied to the Alberta Utilities Commission for approval of a natural gas franchise agreement with the Village of Alix. The application was filed according to Rule 029¹ and included a copy of the franchise agreement and Rate Rider A schedule.
2. Notice of the proposed franchise agreement was advertised on May 14, 2026, on Alix's website and in Alix's office window, and on May 15, 2026, in the Chautauqua newspaper. No objections or concerns related to the proposed franchise agreement were received.
3. The proposed franchise agreement, attached as Appendix 1, will be effective the later of April 1, 2027, or the first day of the month following Commission approval and Alix providing ATCO Gas, on or before the 20th day of the month, with a fully executed copy of the agreement and evidence that the adopting bylaw has been passed.
4. The proposed franchise agreement includes deviations from the approved natural gas franchise agreement template referred to in Rule 029. These changes include the following:
 - Changes to Clause 2 to clarify the agreement's effective date.
 - Removal of certain language from Clause 16 with respect to changes in municipal boundaries.
 - A typographical correction in Clause 20.
5. The Commission has considered the proposed deviations from the franchise agreement template. After review, the Commission accepts that these deviations do not materially alter the overall intent or operation of the franchise agreement.
6. The proposed franchise fee of 12.00 per cent, as shown on the municipal franchise fee rider schedule, attached as Appendix 2, maintains the current franchise fee. The average monthly

¹ Rule 029: *Municipal Franchise Agreements*.

franchise fee for a typical residential customer is expected to remain unchanged at approximately \$8.90.²

7. The Commission considers that the right granted to ATCO Gas by Alix to construct, operate and maintain the natural gas distribution system is necessary and proper for the public convenience and properly serves the public interest.

8. Pursuant to Section 45 of the *Municipal Government Act* and Section 49 of the *Gas Utilities Act*, the Commission approves the franchise agreement as filed.

9. Given the approval of the franchise agreement, and in accordance with Section 36 of the *Gas Utilities Act*, the Commission approves ATCO Gas's Rate Rider A of 12.00 per cent effective on the date the new franchise agreement takes effect.

10. Prior to any change in the level of the franchise fee pursuant to the franchise agreement, customers shall be notified as outlined in Section 7 of Rule 029.

11. The Commission may, no later than 60 days from the date of this disposition and without notice, correct typographical, spelling and calculation errors and other similar types of errors and post the corrected disposition on its website.

Alberta Utilities Commission

Chris Arnot
Director, Retail Energy and Water
On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachments

² Exhibit 31082-X0003, Notice – website – 2026-05-14.

VILLAGE OF ALIX

BYLAW No. 495/26

BEING a Bylaw of the Village of Alix (the Municipality), in the Province of Alberta, to authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to execute an agreement with ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.(the Company), to renew an agreement with, and to confer a franchise on the Company to deliver natural gas to customers within the Municipality.

WHEREAS the Company has requested a franchise be granted to provide natural gas services to customers within the Municipality;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed that such an agreement would be of benefit to customers within the Municipality;

THEREFORE under the authority of the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter M-26, Part 3, Division 3, Section 45-47 be it enacted that the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the agreement which is attached to and forming part of this Bylaw and marked as Schedule "A" between the Municipality and the Company to renew an agreement with and to confer a franchise on the Company to deliver natural gas services within the Municipality;

THIS Bylaw shall come into force upon the agreement being approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission for the Province of Alberta, and upon being given Third reading and finally passed.

READ a first time this 15th day of April, 2026.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

READ a second time this day of , 2026.

READ a third time and finally passed this day of , 2026.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

2027

BETWEEN:

VILLAGE OF ALIX

- AND -

ATCO GAS AND PIPELINES LTD.

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NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

VILLAGE OF ALIX, a municipality located in the
Province of Alberta (the “Municipality”)

OF THE FIRST PART

– and –

ATCO GAS AND PIPELINES LTD., a
corporation having its head office at the City of
Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta (the
“Company”)

OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS by Agreement dated September 1, 1959, made between the Company and the Municipality a franchise was granted to the Company to supply natural gas to the Municipality and its inhabitants, for a period of twenty (20) years;

WHEREAS by Amending Agreement dated October 20, 1975, the Agreement was amended;

WHEREAS by Renewal Agreement dated February 15, 1980, the Agreement was renewed and extended for a period of ten (10) years;

WHEREAS by Amending Agreement dated May 3, 1982, the Agreement was amended;

WHEREAS by Renewal Agreement dated November 6, 1995, the Agreement was renewed and extended for a period of ten (10) years;

WHEREAS by Agreement dated December 15, 1999 the Municipality consented to the assignment of the Franchise Agreement by Northwestern Utilities Limited to ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.;

WHEREAS by Renewal Agreement dated March 21, 2006, the Agreement was renewed and extended for a period of ten (10) years;

WHEREAS by Renewal Agreement effective April 6, 2017, the Agreement was renewed and extended for a period of ten (10) years;

WHEREAS the Municipality desires to grant and the Company, collectively the “Parties”, desires to obtain an exclusive franchise to provide Natural Gas Distribution Service within the Municipal Service Area on the terms and conditions herein contained;

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises herein contained, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1) Definitions and Interpretation

Unless otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, the words, phrases and expressions in this Agreement will have the meanings attributed to them as follows:

- a) **“Agreement”** means this Natural Gas Distribution System Franchise Agreement;
- b) **“Alternative Course of Action”** shall have the meaning set out in paragraph 14 (c);
- c) **“Commission”** means the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) as established under the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act* (Alberta);
- d) **“Company”** means the Party of the second part to this Agreement and includes its successors and permitted assigns;
- e) **“Construct”** means constructing, reconstructing, upgrading, extending, relocating, or removing any part of the Natural Gas Distribution System;
- f) **“Consumer”** or **“Consumers”** as the text may require, means any individual, group of individuals, firm or body corporate, including the Municipality, with premises or facilities located within the Municipal Service Area from time to time that are provided with Natural Gas Distribution Service by the Company pursuant to the Company’s Delivery Tariff;
- g) **“Core Services”** means all those services set forth in Schedule “A” of this Agreement;
- h) **“Delivery Tariff”** means the rates and Terms and Conditions of service approved by the Commission from time to time on an interim or final basis, as the case may be, for the Company to deliver Natural Gas to the Consumer;
- i) **“Electronic Format”** means any document or other means of communication that is created, recorded, transmitted or stored in digital form or in any other intangible form by electronic, magnetic or optical means or by any other computer-related means that have similar capabilities for creation, recording, transmission or storage;

- j) **“Extra Services”** means those services set forth in Schedule “B” that are requested by the Municipality for itself or on behalf of its citizens and provided by the Company in accordance with paragraph 7 of this Agreement;
- k) **“GUA”** means the *Gas Utilities Act* (Alberta);
- l) **“Intended Time Frame”** shall have the meaning set out in paragraph 14 (c);
- m) **“Maintain”** means to maintain and keep in good repair any part of the Natural Gas Distribution System;
- n) **“Major Work”** means any Work to Construct or Maintain the Distribution System that costs more than one-hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars;
- o) **“MGA”** means the *Municipal Government Act* (Alberta);
- p) **“Modified Plans”** shall have the meaning set out in paragraph 14 (c)(ii);
- q) **“Municipality”** means the Party of the first part to this Agreement;
- r) **“Municipal Compensation”** shall have the meaning set out in paragraph 20;
- s) **“Municipal Service Area”** means the geographical area within the legal boundaries of the Municipality where the Company has been granted rights hereunder in connection with, among other matters, Natural Gas Distribution Service, as altered from time to time;
- t) **“Municipal Property”** means all property, including lands and buildings, owned, controlled or managed by the Municipality within the Municipal Service Area;
- u) **“Natural Gas”** means a combustible mixture of hydrocarbon gases;
- v) **“Natural Gas Distribution Service”** means the delivery of Natural Gas in accordance with the Company’s Delivery Tariff;
- w) **“Natural Gas Distribution System”** means any facilities owned by the Company which are used to provide Natural Gas Distribution Service within the Municipal Service Area, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, will include all mains, pipes, conduits, valves and all other installations used and required for the purpose of delivering Natural Gas to the Consumer within the Municipal Service Area and includes any Natural Gas transmission lines owned by the Company within the Municipal Service Area;
- x) **“NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. (NGTL)”** means NGTL and its successors, as applicable, for purposes of paragraph 5 g) of this Agreement. For greater certainty, the provisions of paragraph 5 g) may only apply in relation to franchises held by ATCO;

- y) **“Operate”** means to operate the Natural Gas Distribution System, or to interrupt or restore service in any part of the Natural Gas Distribution System, in a safe and reliable manner;
- z) **“Party”** means any party to this Agreement and **“Parties”** means all of the parties to this Agreement;
- aa) **“Plans and Specifications”** means the plans, drawings and specifications reasonably necessary to properly assess and review proposed Work prior to issuance of any approval that may be required under this Agreement;
- bb) **“Term”** means the term of this Agreement set out in paragraph 2;
- cc) **“Terms and Conditions”** means the terms and conditions contained within the Delivery Tariff in effect from time to time for the Company as approved by the Commission;
- dd) **“Work”** means any work to Construct or Maintain the Natural Gas Distribution System; and
- ee) **“Work Around Procedures”** shall have the meaning set out in paragraph 14 (c)(ii).

The words “hereof”, “herein”, “hereunder” and other words of similar import refer to this Agreement as a whole, including any attachments hereto, as the same may from time to time be amended or supplemented and not to any subdivision contained in this Agreement. Unless the context otherwise requires, words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa and words importing gender include all genders. References to provisions of statutes, rules or regulations will be deemed to include references to such provisions as amended, modified or re- enacted from time to time. The word “including” when used herein is not intended to be exclusive and in all cases means “including without limitation”. References herein to a section, paragraph, clause, Article or provision will refer to the appropriate section, paragraph, clause, article or provision of this Agreement. The descriptive headings of this Agreement are inserted for convenience of reference only and do not constitute a part of and will not be utilized in interpreting this Agreement.

2) Term

- a) Subject to sub-paragraph 2(b), this Agreement will be for a minimum term of ten years, commencing on the later of:
 - i. First (1st) day of April 2027; and
 - ii. the first (1st) day of the month immediately following the month that all of the following have been completed:

- A. the Commission has approved and acknowledged this Agreement; and
 - B. Council of the Municipality has passed third reading of the applicable adopting bylaw and provided the Company with written evidence of the same on or before the 20th day of the month, and
 - C. the Municipality has provided the Company with a fully executed copy of this Agreement on or before the 20th day of the month.
- b) This Agreement will expire on the first (1st) day of April, 2045.
- c) It is agreed this Agreement supersedes and replaces any prior Natural Gas franchise agreements between the Municipality and the Company.

3) Expiry of Term of Agreement

- a) Provided the Company gives written notice to the Municipality not less than twelve (12) months prior to the expiration of the Term of its intention to negotiate a new franchise agreement, at any time following the expiration of the Term, and if the Municipality has not provided written notice to the Company to exercise its rights to purchase the Natural Gas Distribution System, either Party may submit any items in dispute pertaining to a new franchise agreement to binding arbitration by the Commission.
- b) Subject to subparagraph 3c) of this Agreement, upon expiry of the Term, this Agreement will continue in effect pursuant to the provisions of the MGA.
- c) Commencing one (1) year following the expiration of the Term of this Agreement, unless either Party has invoked the right to arbitration referred to in subparagraph 3a), or the Municipality has given written notice to purchase the Natural Gas Distribution System, this Agreement will be amended to provide the following:
 - i) Fifty percent (50%) of the franchise fee otherwise payable under this Agreement to the Municipality will be held back and deposited in trust in an interest bearing trust account by the Company, for the sole benefit of the Municipality. The trust money along with all accumulated interest will be paid to the Municipality immediately upon execution of another Natural Gas Franchise Agreement with the Company, or if the Municipality purchases the Natural Gas Distribution System, or if the Company transfers or sells the Natural Gas Distribution System, or upon further Order of the Commission.
- d) In the event a franchise agreement template is approved by the Commission during the Term of this Agreement and the provisions are materially different from the provisions of this Agreement, the Parties may, by agreement in writing, amend this Agreement to conform to such franchise agreement template.

4) Grant of Franchise

- a) Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, the Municipality hereby grants to the Company the exclusive right within the Municipal Service Area to:
 - i. provide Natural Gas Distribution Service;
 - ii. Construct, Operate, and Maintain the Natural Gas Distribution System; and
 - iii. use portions of roads, rights-of-way, and other lands owned, controlled or managed by the Municipality which have been designated by the Municipality for such use and which are necessary to provide Natural Gas Distribution Service or to Construct, Operate and Maintain the Natural Gas Distribution System.
- b) Subject to subparagraph 4c) , and to the terms and conditions hereof, the Municipality agrees it will not, during the Term, grant to any other person, firm or corporation, the right to Construct, Operate and Maintain any natural gas distribution system nor the exclusive right to use the portions of the roads, rights-of-way and other lands owned, controlled or managed by the Municipality which have been designated by the Municipality for such use and which are necessary to provide Natural Gas distribution service or to Construct, Operate and Maintain a Natural Gas distribution system, for the purpose of delivering Natural Gas in the Municipal Service Area for Consumers, so long as the Company delivers the Consumers' requirements of Natural Gas.
- c) The Company agrees to:
 - i. bear the full responsibility of an owner of a Natural Gas distribution system and to ensure all services provided pursuant to this Agreement are provided in accordance with the Delivery Tariff, insofar as applicable;
 - ii. Construct, Operate and Maintain the Natural Gas Distribution System;
 - iii. use designated portions of roads, rights-of-way, and other lands including other lands owned, controlled or managed by the Municipality necessary to Construct, Operate and Maintain the Natural Gas Distribution System, including the necessary removal, trimming of trees, shrubs or bushes or any parts thereof; and
 - iv. use the Municipality's roads, rights-of-way and other Municipal Property granted hereunder solely for the purpose of providing Natural Gas Distribution Service and any other service contemplated by this Agreement.

5) Franchise Fee

a) Calculation of Franchise Fee

In consideration of the rights granted pursuant to paragraph 4 and the mutual covenants herein and subject to Commission approval the Company agrees to collect from Consumers and pay to the Municipality a franchise fee. The Parties agree s. 360(4) of the *MGA*, as amended, does not apply to the calculation of the franchise fee in this Agreement. For each calendar year the franchise fee will be calculated as a percentage of the Company's actual total revenue derived from the Delivery Tariff, including without limitation the fixed charge, base energy charge, demand charge, but excluding the cost of Natural Gas (being the calculated revenues from the Natural Gas cost recovery rate rider or the deemed cost of Natural Gas and Natural Gas supply related riders) in that year for Natural Gas Distribution Service within the Municipal Service Area.

For the first (1st) calendar year or portion thereof of the Term of this Agreement, the franchise fee percentage will be twelve percent (12%).

By no later than September 1st of each year, the Company will:

- i. advise the Municipality in writing of the total revenues that were derived from the Delivery Tariff within the Municipal Service Area for the prior calendar year; and
- ii. with the Municipality's assistance, provide in writing an estimate of total revenues to be derived from the Delivery Tariff within the Municipal Service Area for the next calendar year.

b) Adjustment to the Franchise Fee

At the option of the Municipality and subject to Commission approval, the franchise fee percentage may be changed annually by providing written notice to the Company.

If the Municipality wishes to amend the franchise fee percentage, then the Municipality will, no later than November 1st in any year of the Term, advise the Company in writing of the franchise fee percentage to be charged for the following calendar year. Upon receipt of notice, the Company will work with the Municipality to ensure all regulatory requirements are satisfied on a timely basis and agrees to use best efforts to obtain approval from the Commission for implementation of the proposed franchise fee percentage as and from January 1st of the following calendar year.

If the Municipality provides written notice at any other time with respect to a franchise fee change, the Company will implement the new franchise fee percentage as soon as reasonably possible.

c) **Notice to Change Franchise Fee**

Prior to implementing any change to the franchise fee, the Municipality will notify its intent to change the level of the franchise fee and the resulting effect such change will have on an average residential Consumer's annual Natural Gas bill through publication of a notice once in the newspaper with the widest circulation in the Municipal Service Area at least forty five (45) days prior to implementing the revised franchise fee. A copy of the published notice will be filed with the Commission.

d) **Payment of Franchise Fee**

The Company will pay the Municipality the franchise fee amount billed to Consumers on a monthly basis within forty-five (45) days after billing Consumers.

e) **Franchise Fee Cap**

The franchise fee percentage will not at any time exceed thirty five percent (35%) without prior Commission approval.

f) **Reporting Considerations**

Upon request, the Company will provide to the Municipality, along with payment of the franchise fee amount information on the total Delivery Tariff billed, the franchise fee percentage applied, and the derived franchise fee amount used by the Company to verify the payment of the franchise fee amount as calculated under this paragraph 5.

g) **Franchise Fees Collected from NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. Customers**

In the event certain customers in the Municipal Service Area connected to the Company's Natural Gas Distribution System are customers of the NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. (NGTL), a franchise fee will be collected from such customers by NGTL in accordance with NGTL's applicable tariff and such franchise fee once remitted to the Company will be aggregated with the franchise fee as calculated in paragraph 5 a) to be dealt with in accordance with paragraph 5 d).

6) Core Services

The Company agrees to provide to the Municipality the Core Services set forth in Schedule "A". The Company and the Municipality may amend Schedule "A" from time to time upon mutual agreement.

7) Provision of Extra Services

Subject to an agreement being reached, the Company agrees to provide to the Municipality the Extra Services, if any, set forth in Schedule "B", as requested by the Municipality from time to time. The Company is entitled to receive from the Municipality a reasonable amount for full compensation for the provision of the Extra Services in accordance with Schedule "B". The Company and the Municipality may amend Schedule "B" from time to time upon mutual agreement.

Any breach by the Company in connection with the provision of any Extra Services contained in this Agreement will not constitute a breach of a material provision of this Agreement for the purposes of paragraph 9.

8) Municipal Taxes

Amounts payable to the Municipality pursuant to this Agreement will be (without duplication) in addition to the municipal taxes and other levies or charges made by the Municipality against the Company, its land and buildings, linear property, machinery and equipment.

9) Right to Terminate on Default

In the event either Party breaches any material provision of this Agreement, the other Party may, at its option, provide written notice to the Party in breach to remedy such breach. If the said breach is not remedied within two (2) weeks after receipt of the written notice or such further time as may be reasonably required by the Party in breach using best efforts on a commercially reasonable basis, the Party not in breach may give six (6) months notice in writing to the other Party of its intent to terminate this Agreement, and unless such breach is remedied to the satisfaction of the Party not in breach acting reasonably this Agreement will terminate six (6) months from the date such written notice is given, subject to prior Commission approval.

10) Sale of Natural Gas Distribution System

Upon the expiration of the Term of this Agreement or the termination of this Agreement pursuant to the terms and conditions hereof or by operation of law or order of a governmental authority or court of law having jurisdiction the Municipality may, subject to the approval of the Commission under Section 47 of the MGA:

- i. exercise its right to require the Company to sell to it the Natural Gas Distribution System within the Municipal Service Area pursuant to the provisions of the MGA, where applicable; or
- ii. if such right to require the Company to sell the Natural Gas Distribution System

is either not applicable or has been repealed, require the Company to sell to it the Natural Gas Distribution System. If, upon the expiration of the Agreement, the parties are unable to agree on the price or on any other terms and conditions of the purchase, the unresolved matters will be referred to the Commission for determination.

11) Provision of Detailed Plans and Equipment

a) Detailed Plans

The Company agrees to provide to the Municipality for the Municipality's purposes only, the most current set of detailed plan sheets including as-built drawings and specifications showing the locations (excluding depth) and alignments of the Natural Gas Distribution System, excepting service lines and installations on private property, according to the plan sheets in hard copy and in Electronic Format, where available, together with as many prints of the overall Natural Gas Distribution System as the Municipality may reasonably require. These plans and plan sheets will be updated by the Company on at least an annual basis.

The Municipality will, upon reasonable request, provide to the Company any subdivision development plans of the Municipality in hard copy and in Electronic Format, where available. The subdivision development plans are provided to the Company for the sole purpose of assisting the Company in delivering Natural Gas to the Consumer.

b) Provision of Equipment

The Company agrees to provide the Municipality's fire department with the equipment necessary for the operation of curb boxes and service valves. In case of fire, the service valves may be turned off by the fire department if they reach a fire before the Company's representative. The Municipality will notify one of the Company's representatives of fires which may affect the Natural Gas Distribution System and/or the operations thereof as quickly as reasonably possible or, in the event they cannot reach a Company representative, the Municipality will advise the Company's standby personnel of such fires. The Company will ensure its representatives reasonably cooperate with the Municipality in preventing, controlling and investigating fires involving or affecting the Natural Gas Distribution System.

12) Right of First Refusal to Purchase

- a) If during the Term of this Agreement, the Company receives a bona fide arm's length offer to operate, take control of, or purchase the Natural Gas Distribution System within the Municipal Service Area, which the Company is willing to accept, then the Company will promptly give written notice to the Municipality of the terms and conditions of such offer and the Municipality will during the next one hundred and twenty (120)

days, have the right of first refusal to operate, take control of or purchase the Natural Gas Distribution System, as the case may be, for the same price and upon the terms and conditions contained in the said offer.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event the Municipality fails or refuses to exercise its right of first refusal, the Municipality will retain the right to withhold its consent to an assignment of this Agreement in accordance with paragraph 20 below. For the purposes of this paragraph 12, "operate, take control" will not be construed as including the subcontracting by the Company of only some portions of its operations where the Company continues to be responsible for the performance of this entire Agreement;

- b) If the Municipality does not exercise its right of first refusal and the said bona fide offer the Company is willing to accept does not proceed to closure, the Municipality retains its right of first refusal on any other offer.
- c) This right of first refusal applies where the offer pertains only to the entire Natural Gas Distribution System. The right of first refusal does not apply to offers that include any other distribution systems or distribution facilities of the Company located outside of the Municipal Service Area. If such offer includes other distribution systems of the Company, the aforesaid right of first refusal will be of no force and effect and will not apply.
- d) Where the Municipality exercises its rights to purchase the Natural Gas Distribution System from the Company and thereby acquires the Natural Gas Distribution System, the Municipality agrees, should it no longer wish to own the Natural Gas Distribution System within five (5) years after it acquires the said system and the Municipality receives any bona fide offer from an arms-length third party to purchase the Natural Gas Distribution System, which it is willing to accept, then it will promptly give written notice to the Company of the terms and conditions of such offer. The Company will during the next one hundred and twenty (120) days have the first right of refusal to purchase the Natural Gas Distribution System for the same price and upon the same terms and conditions as contained in the said offer.
- e) The Municipality's right of first refusal will not apply where the Company has agreed to transfer the Natural Gas Distribution System to a third party utility company in exchange for certain other assets provided all of the following conditions are met:
 - i. the third party utility can demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the Municipality that it meets the necessary technical and financial requirements to own and operate the Natural Gas Distribution System;
 - ii. the only consideration that will be exchanged between the Company and the third party utility company is the transfer and exchange of assets and monetary consideration limited to a maximum of 49% of the net book value of the Natural Gas Distribution System;

- iii. there is no adverse impact to the Municipality resulting from the transfer and exchange above referenced as determined by the Commission;
- iv. the Company and the third party utility company obtain all the requisite regulatory requirements prior to completing the transfer and exchange; and
- v. full compensation is paid to the Municipality for all reasonable costs including administrative and legal costs incurred by the Municipality in ensuring all of the conditions i) through iv) above are satisfied.

13) Construction and/or Maintenance of Natural Gas Distribution System

a) Municipal Approval

Before undertaking any Major Work, or in any case in which the Municipality specifically requests any Major Work, the Company will submit to and obtain the written approval from the Municipality, or its authorized officers, of the Plans and Specifications for the proposed Major Work and its location. Approval by the Municipality granted in accordance with this paragraph will be limited to an approval of the location and alignment of the Major Work only, and will not signify approval of the structural design or the ability of the work to perform the function for which it was intended.

Prior to commencing the Work, the Company will obtain such other applicable permits as are required by the Municipality. The Company will notify the Municipality of all Work done within the Municipal Service Area prior to commencing the Work where reasonably practicable. However, only Major Work is subject to a formal approval process.

The Company will obtain prior written approval from the Municipality for any traffic lane or sidewalk closures required to be made at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the commencement of the proposed Work.

For the purposes of obtaining the approval of the Municipality for Major Work under this Agreement, the Company will provide the Municipality with the Plans and Specifications for the proposed Major Work in Electronic Format (or upon request, the Company will provide the Municipality with a hard copy of the materials). The Plans and Specifications will include a description of the project and drawings of a type and format generally used by the Company for obtaining approvals from municipalities and will illustrate the proposed changes to the Natural Gas Distribution System.

b) Restoration of Municipal Property

The Company agrees when it or any agent employed by it undertakes any Work on any Municipal Property, the Company will complete the said Work promptly and in a

good and workmanlike manner and, where applicable, in accordance with the approved Plans and Specifications. Further, and unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties, the Company will forthwith restore the Municipal Property to the same state and condition, as nearly as reasonably possible, in which it existed prior to the commencement of such Work, subject to reasonable wear and tear and to the satisfaction of the Municipality acting reasonably.

The Company will, where reasonably practicable and prudent, locate its pipelines and related equipment in lanes and alleys rather than in the streets and main thoroughfares.

The Company further covenants it will not unduly interfere with the works of others or the works of the Municipality. Where reasonable and in the best interests of both the Municipality and the Consumer, the Company will cooperate with the Municipality and coordinate the installation of the Natural Gas Distribution System along the designated rights-of-way pursuant to the direction of the Municipality. During the performance of the Work, the Company will use commercially reasonable efforts to not interfere with existing Municipal Property and to cause as little damage as possible to the property of others (including the Municipality Property). If the Company causes damage to any existing Municipal Property during the performance of any Work, it will cause such damage to be repaired at its own cost.

Upon default by the Company or its agent to repair damage caused to Municipal Property as set out above, the Municipality may provide written notice to the Company to remedy the default. If the default is not remedied within two (2) weeks after receipt of the written notice or such further time as may be reasonably required and requested by the Company using best efforts on a commercially reasonable basis to remedy the default, the Municipality may undertake such repair work and the Company will be liable for the reasonable costs thereof.

c) Urgent Repairs and Notification to Municipality

If any repairs or maintenance required to be made to the Natural Gas Distribution System are of an urgent nature where the operation or reliability of the Natural Gas Distribution System is materially compromised or potentially materially compromised, the Company will be entitled to conduct such repairs or maintenance as are commercially reasonable without prior notice to the Municipality and, unless otherwise specified by the Municipality, the Company will provide notice to the Municipality as soon as practicable and, in any event, no later than seventy-two (72) hours after the repairs are commenced.

d) Company to Obtain Approvals from Other Utilities

The Company will be solely responsible for locating, or causing to be located, all existing utilities or utility mains, pipes, valves and related facilities in, on or adjacent to the Work site. The Company will notify all other utility operators and ensure

utilities and utility mains, pipes, valves and related facilities are staked prior to commencement of construction. Unless the Municipality has staked the location for the utility property, staking will not be deemed to be a representation or warranty by the Municipality the utility or utility property are located as staked. The Municipality will not be responsible for any damage caused by the Company to any utility or any third party as a result of the Company's Work, unless the Municipality has improperly staked the utility property. Approval must be obtained by the Company from the owner of any third party utility prior to relocation of any facility owned by such third party utility.

e) Revised Plans and Specifications

Following completion of the Major Work, the Company will provide the Municipality with the revised Plans and Specifications, updated after construction, in Electronic Format, where available and upon request, the Company will provide the Municipality with a hard copy of the materials within three (3) months of the request. The Company will provide the Municipality with copies of any other revised Plans and Specifications as reasonably requested by the Municipality. For the purposes of this paragraph and paragraph 11, the Company may satisfy its obligations to provide revised Plans and Specifications in Electronic Format by:

- i. advising the Municipality the revised Plans and Specifications are posted to a web- based forum that contains such information; and
- ii. allowing the Municipality access to such web-based forum.

f) Approvals

Where any approvals are required to be obtained from either Party under this paragraph, such approvals will not be unreasonably withheld.

The Company will ensure all Work is performed in accordance with the requirements of all applicable legislation, rules and regulations. The Company will immediately notify the Municipality of any lien, claim of lien or other action of which it has or reasonably should have knowledge, and will cause the same to be removed within thirty (30) days (or such additional time as the Municipality may allow in writing), failing which the Municipality may take such action as it reasonably deems necessary to remove the same and the entire cost thereof will be immediately due and payable by the Company to the Municipality.

14) Responsibilities for Cost of Relocations

- a) Upon receipt of one (1) year's notice from the Municipality, the Company will, at its own expense, relocate to Municipal Property such part of the Natural Gas Distribution System that is located on Municipal Property as may be reasonably required by the Municipality due to planned municipal construction. In order to encourage the orderly

development of Municipal facilities and the Natural Gas Distribution System, the Municipality and the Company agree they will meet regularly to:

- i. review the long-term facility plans of the Municipality and the Company; and
 - ii. determine the time requirements and costs for final design specifications for each relocation. Providing the Municipality is not the developer requesting the relocation for commercial or residential resale to third parties, the Company will bear the expenses of the required relocation.
- b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company will not be required to move any part of the Natural Gas Distribution System after receipt of notice from the Municipality in accordance with this paragraph where:
- i. the Company has illustrated to the satisfaction of the Municipality, acting reasonably, an appropriate Alternative Course of Action is available;
 - ii. the Municipality has provided the Company with its written approval of the Alternative Course of Action (which approval may not be unreasonably withheld by the Municipality); and
 - iii. the Company has provided its written undertaking to carry out the Alternative Course of Action promptly and within a sufficiently short period of time so as to ensure the Municipality will be left with sufficient time to complete the said planned municipal construction within the Intended Time Frame (taking into account any delays which the Municipality may encounter as a result of the Company utilizing the Alternative Course of Action).
- c) For the purposes of this paragraph 14, the term “Alternative Course of Action” will mean any course of action that will enable the Municipality to complete the said Municipal construction and will result in a net cost savings to the Company (taking into account all additional costs incurred by the Company in carrying out the Alternative Course of Action and any additional costs which the Municipality may incur and which the Company will be required to pay in accordance with this paragraph 14 and “Intended Time Frame” will mean the period of time within which the Municipality would have reasonably been able to complete the said Municipal construction if the Company would have relocated the Natural Gas Distribution System in accordance with this paragraph 14.

If the Municipality agrees to permit the Company to utilize an Alternative Course of Action, the Company will pay any and all costs incurred in carrying out the Alternative Course of Action and will pay on demand to the Municipality (on a full indemnity basis) any and all costs incurred by the Municipality:

- i. in conducting a review of the Alternative Course of Action to determine whether the Alternative Course of Action is acceptable to the Municipality;

- ii. in modifying any plans the Municipality may have prepared in respect of the said municipal construction ("Modified Plans") or in preparing or developing plans and procedures ("Work Around Procedures") to work around the Natural Gas Distribution System or any improvement, thing, or component utilized by the Company in effecting the Alternative Course of Action; and
- iii. in the course of conducting the said planned municipal construction where such costs would not have been incurred by the Municipality if the Company had relocated the Natural Gas Distribution System in accordance with this paragraph 14 (including any reasonable additional cost the Municipality may incur in completing the said municipal construction in accordance with the Modified Plans or in effecting any Work Around Procedures).

d) The following example illustrates the intended application of the foregoing provisions:

Where:

- i. The Municipality requires the Company to move a Natural Gas line so the Municipality can replace its own sewer lines. The cost of moving the Natural Gas line is \$10,000. The cost of carrying out the replacement of the sewer line after moving the Natural Gas line is \$40,000;
- ii. The Company proposes to simply brace the Natural Gas line (at a cost of \$2,000) and the Municipality, acting reasonably, approves of this as an Alternative Course of Action;
- iii. As a result of having to prepare Modified Plans and to prepare and implement Work Around Procedures to work around the braces, the actual cost incurred by the Municipality in replacing the sewer line is \$45,000 (being a net increase in cost of \$5,000); the Company is required to pay the \$2,000 cost of the bracing together and the additional cost of \$5,000 incurred by the Municipality (resulting in a net savings of \$3,000 to the Company).

In cases of emergency, the Company will take all measures that are commercially reasonable and necessary to ensure public safety with respect to relocating any part of the Natural Gas Distribution System that may be required in the circumstances.

If the Company fails to complete the relocation of the Natural Gas Distribution System or fails to repair or do anything else required by the Company pursuant to this subparagraph without valid justification and in a timely and expeditious manner to the satisfaction of the Municipality's representative, acting reasonably, the Municipality may, but is not obligated to, complete such relocation or repair and the Company will pay the reasonable costs of such relocation or repair forthwith to the Municipality. If the Municipality chooses to complete such relocation or repair the Municipality will ensure such work is completed using the Company's design specifications and standards, as

provided by the Company, including the use of good and safe operating practices.

The Municipality is not responsible, either directly or indirectly, for any damage to the equipment which forms part of the Natural Gas Distribution System which may occur during its installation, maintenance or removal by the Company, nor is the Municipality liable to the Company for any losses, claims, charges, damages and expenses whatsoever suffered by the Company including claims for loss of revenue or loss of profits, on account of the actions of the Municipality, its agents or employees, working in, under, over, along, upon and across its highways and rights-of- ways or other Municipal Property other than direct loss or damage to the Company caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the Municipality, its agents or employees.

In the event the relocation or any part thereof requires the approval of a third party, the Municipality will use reasonable efforts to assist the Company in any negotiation with such third party to obtain the necessary approval(s).

In the event the relocation results from the demand or order of an authority having jurisdiction, other than the Municipality, the Municipality will not be responsible for any of the costs of such relocation.

15) Natural Gas Distribution System Expansion

Subject to the Terms and Conditions, and at no cost to the Municipality unless otherwise provided for under the Terms and Conditions, the Company will, on a timely basis, use its best efforts on a commercially reasonable basis to meet the Natural Gas Distribution System expansion requests of the Municipality or a Consumer and provide the requisite facilities for connections for new Consumers to the Natural Gas Distribution System.

16) Increase in Municipal Boundaries

Where the Municipality increases its geographical area, through annexation or amalgamation, as understood under the MGA, the rights and obligations contained in this Agreement will apply in respect of the whole Municipal Service Area, including the increased area.

17) Joint Use of Municipal Rights-of-Way

a) Municipal Use

The Municipality will upon written notice to the Company have, for any reasonable municipal purpose, the right to make use of any municipal rights-of-way granted to the Company by the Municipality, provided such use complies with good and safe operating practices, as determined by the Company acting reasonably, applicable legislation, and does not unreasonably interfere with the Company's use thereof, at

no charge to the Municipality. The Municipality is responsible for its own costs and any necessary and reasonable costs incurred by the Company including the costs of any alterations that may be required in using municipal rights-of-way.

b) Third Party Use and Notice

If any third party, including other utilities, desire to jointly use the municipal rights-of-way, the Company agrees it will not grant the third party joint use except in accordance with this paragraph, or unless otherwise directed by any governmental authority or court of law having jurisdiction.

The Company agrees the following procedure will be used in granting permission to third parties desiring joint use of the municipal rights-of-way:

- i. first, the third party will be directed to approach the Company to initially request conditional approval from the Company to use that part of the municipal rights-of-way it seeks to use;
- ii. second, upon receiving written conditional approval from the Company, the third party will be directed to approach the Municipality to obtain its written approval to jointly use that part of the municipal rights-of-way. As a condition of granting its consent, the Municipality may require such third party enter into an agreement with the Municipality, and such agreement may require such third party pay compensation to the Municipality; and
- iii. third, upon receiving written conditional approval from the Municipality, the third party will be directed to obtain final written approval from the Company to jointly use that part of the municipal rights-of-way. Once a joint use agreement has been entered into between the Company and the third party, it will not be subsequently amended without the written consent of the Municipality (which consent will not be unreasonably withheld).

c) Cooperation

The Company and the Municipality agree they will use reasonable efforts to cooperate with each other in encouraging the use of joint trenching and in any negotiations with third parties desiring joint use of any part of the municipal rights-of-way located on Municipal Property.

d) Payment

The compensation paid or to be paid by such third party to the Municipality for the use of the Municipal Property including its rights-of-way, will be determined between the Municipality and the third party.

The compensation paid or to be paid by such third party to the Company for the joint use of any portion of the municipal rights-of-way will be determined between the Company and the third party, subject to the jurisdiction of any governmental authority over the matter and the Municipality's right to intervene in any related regulatory proceeding.

e) Provision of Agreements

Upon reasonable request by the Municipality, copies of these agreements will be updated by the Company and provided to the Municipality at no cost to the Municipality.

18) Municipality as a Retailer

The provisions of this Agreement will not in any way restrict the right of the Municipality to become a retailer within the meaning of the GUA.

19) Reciprocal Indemnification and Liability

- a) The Company will indemnify and save the Municipality, its servants, agents, employees, licensees, contractors and invitees, harmless from and against any and all liability, actions, demands, claims, damages, losses and expenses (including all legal costs and disbursements), including indemnity from and against any claim, loss, cost, demand and legal or other expense, whether in respect of any lien, encumbrance or otherwise, arising out of any Work performed by or for the Company, which may be brought against or suffered, sustained, paid or incurred by the Municipality, its servants, agents, employees, contractors, licensees and invitees, arising from, or otherwise caused by:
 - i. any breach by the Company of any of the provisions of this Agreement; or
 - ii. the negligence or willful misconduct of the Company, or any of its servants, agents, employees, licensees, contractors or invitees in carrying on its business within the Municipal Service Area.
- b) The Municipality will indemnify and save the Company, its servants, agents, employees, licensees, contractors and invitees, harmless from and against any and all liability, actions, demands, claims, damages, losses and expenses (including all legal costs and disbursements) which may be brought against or suffered, sustained, paid or incurred by the Company, its servants, agents, employees, licenses, contractors and invitees, arising from, or otherwise caused by:
 - i. any breach by the Municipality of any of the provisions of this Agreement; or

- ii. the negligence or willful misconduct of the Municipality, or any of its servants, agents, employees, licensees, contractors or invitees, in carrying on the business of the Municipality.
- c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, in no event will the Municipality or the Company be liable under this Agreement, in any way, for any reason, for any indirect, special or consequential damages (including damages for pure economic loss, loss of profits, loss of earnings or loss of contract), howsoever caused or contributed to.

20) Assignment

In the event the Company agrees to sell the Natural Gas Distribution System to a third party purchaser, the Company will comply with paragraph 12 above. In addition, the Company will request the third party purchaser confirm in writing it will agree to all the terms and conditions of this Agreement between the Company and the Municipality. The Company agrees it will provide to the Municipality a copy of the third party purchaser's confirmation letter.

The Company agrees to provide the Municipality with reasonable prior written notice of a sale of the Natural Gas Distribution System to a third party purchaser. The Parties will thereafter meet to discuss the technical and financial capabilities of the third party purchaser to perform and satisfy all terms and conditions of the Agreement, and the compensation payable to the Municipality for all costs including administrative and legal costs relating to providing its written consent to the Assignment ("Municipal Compensation").

The Municipality has thirty (30) days from the meeting date with the Company to provide written notice to the Company of its intention to consent or withhold its consent to the assignment of the Agreement to the third party purchaser. The Company agrees the Municipality may provide notice of its intention to withhold its consent to the assignment of this Agreement to the third party purchaser if the Municipal Compensation is inadequate or if the third party purchaser fails to covenant, in favour of the Municipality, to perform and observe all of the covenants and obligations of the Company to be performed and observed under this Agreement and otherwise solely on the basis of reasonable and material concerns regarding the technical capability or financial wherewithal of the third party purchaser to perform and satisfy all terms and conditions of the Agreement. In this case, such notice to the Company must specify in detail the Municipality's concern.

Should the Municipality not reply within the thirty (30) day period, it is agreed the Municipality will be deemed to have consented to the assignment. The Company further agrees when it applies to the Commission for approval of the sale, it will include in the application any notice received from the Municipality, including the reasons given by the Municipality for withholding its consent. The Municipality will have the right to make its own submissions to the Commission.

Subject to the Company having fulfilled the obligations outlined in the preceding three paragraphs, the Company will be entitled to assign this Agreement to an arm's length third party purchaser of the Natural Gas Distribution System without the consent of the Municipality, subject to paying the Municipal Compensation for the assignment, and having obtained the Commission's approval for the sale of the Natural Gas Distribution System and, the third party purchaser's confirmation in writing that it agrees to all the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Where the Commission approves such sale of the Natural Gas Distribution System to a third party and the third party provides written confirmation to assume all liabilities and obligations of the Company under this Agreement, then upon the assignment of this Agreement and the payment of the Municipal Compensation for its consent to the Assignment subject to Commission approval, the Company will be released from all its liabilities and obligations thereunder.

The Company will be entitled to assign this Agreement to a subsidiary or affiliate of the Company without the Municipality's written consent. Where the Company assigns this Agreement to a subsidiary or affiliate, the Company will remain jointly and severally liable.

Further, it is a condition of any assignment that the subsidiary, affiliate or third party purchaser, as the case may be, will provide written notice to the Municipality indicating it will assume all liabilities and obligations of the Company under this Agreement.

Any disputes arising under the operation of this paragraph will be submitted to the Commission for determination.

21) Notices

- a) All notices, demands, requests, consents, or approvals required or permitted to be given pursuant to the terms of this Agreement will be in writing and will be deemed to have been properly given if personally served, sent by registered mail or sent in Electronic Format to the Municipality or to the Company as the case may be, at the addresses set forth below:

To the Company:

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.
Attention: Vice President, Operations
5302 Forand Street
Calgary, Alberta, T3E 8B4
Phone: (403) 292-7500

To the Municipality:

Village of Alix
Attention: Chief Administrative Officer
Box 87, 4849 - 50 Street,
Alix, Alberta T0C 0B0
Phone: (403) 747-2495

- b) The date of receipt of any such notice as given above, will be deemed to be as follows:
 - i. In the case of personal service, the date of service;
 - ii. In the case of registered mail, the seventh (7th) business day following the date of delivery to the Post Office, provided, however, in the event of an interruption of normal mail service, receipt will be deemed to be the seventh (7th) day following the date on which normal service is restored; or
 - iii. In the case of delivery in Electronic Format, the date the notice was actually received by the recipient or, if not a business day, then the next business day.

22) Interruptions or Discontinuance of Delivery Service

Subject to its Delivery Tariff, the Company will use its best efforts on a commercially reasonable basis to avoid and minimize any interruption, reduction or discontinuance of Natural Gas Distribution Service to any Consumer. However, the Company reserves the right to do so for any one of the following reasons:

- a) Where the Company is required to effect necessary repairs or changes to the Natural Gas Distribution System;
- b) On account of or to prevent fraud or abuse of the Natural Gas Distribution System;
- c) On account of defective aspects of the Natural Gas Distribution Systems which in the opinion of the Company, acting reasonably, may become dangerous to life or property;
- d) Where required, under the Terms and Conditions, due to a Consumer's non-payment of Natural Gas bills.

To the extent the Company has any planned major interruptions, reductions or discontinuances in Natural Gas Distribution Service, it will notify the Municipality in writing as soon as practicable in the circumstances. For any other major interruption, reductions or discontinuances in Natural Gas Distribution Service, the Company will provide notice (in a format acceptable to the Municipality) as soon as is practicable in the circumstances.

23) Dispute Settlement

- a) If any dispute or controversy of any kind or nature arises relating to this Agreement or the Parties' rights or obligations hereunder, the Parties agree such dispute or controversy will be resolved by negotiation, and where such negotiation does not result in the settlement of the matter within thirty (30) days of notice of such dispute being provided by one Party to the other Party, and to the extent permitted by law, the Company and Municipality agree that unresolved disputes pertaining to this Agreement, other than those contemplated in paragraphs 3 and 20 and Section 3 of Schedule "A", or those related to the sale of the Natural Gas Distribution System as contemplated in paragraphs 10 and 12 hereof, or any other matter within the exclusive jurisdiction of a governmental authority having jurisdiction, will be submitted to arbitration for determination and may be commenced by either Party providing written notice to the other Party stating the dispute to be submitted to arbitration.

The Parties will attempt to appoint a mutually satisfactory arbitrator within ten (10) business days of the said notice. In the event the Parties cannot agree on a single arbitrator within the ten (10) business days, the dispute will be forwarded to the Commission for resolution or determination.

In the event the Commission declines to assist in resolving the dispute or declines to exercise or claim jurisdiction respecting the dispute, both Parties agree to have the dispute resolved by an arbitration panel in accordance with the following procedure.

Each Party will appoint an arbitrator within the ten (10) business days thereafter by written notice, and the two arbitrators will, together, appoint a third arbitrator within twenty-five (25) business days of written notice for arbitration. The dispute will be heard by the arbitration panel within forty-five (45) business days of the written notice for arbitration unless extended by mutual agreement between the Parties. The arbitration panel will render a decision within twenty (20) business days of the last day of the hearing.

Except, as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, the provisions of the *Arbitration Act* (Alberta) (as amended from time to time) will apply to any arbitration undertaken under this Agreement subject always to the Commission's jurisdiction over any matter submitted to arbitration. Pending resolution of any dispute, the Municipality and the Company will continue to perform their respective obligations hereunder.

- b) The Company will advise the Commission of any dispute submitted to arbitration within ten (10) business days of it being submitted and will advise the Commission of the results of arbitration within ten (10) business days following receipt of the decision of the arbitrator(s).

24) Application of Water, Gas and Electric Companies Act

This Agreement will be deemed to operate as consent by the Municipality to the exercise by the Company of those powers which may be exercised by the Company with the consent of the Municipality under and pursuant to the provisions of the *Water, Gas and Electric Companies Act* (Alberta), as amended.

25) Force Majeure

If either Party fails to meet its obligations hereunder within the time prescribed, and such failure is caused or materially contributed by an event of "force majeure", such failure will be deemed not to be a breach of the obligations of such Party hereunder, but such Party will use its best efforts on a commercially reasonable basis to put itself in a position to carry out its obligations hereunder. The term "force majeure" will mean any acts of God, strikes, lock-outs, or other industrial disturbances, acts of the King's enemies, acts of terrorism (either foreign or domestic), sabotage, war, blockades, insurrections, riots, epidemics, lightening, earthquakes, storms, fires, wash-outs, nuclear and radiation activity or fall-out, restraints of rulers and people, orders of governmental authorities or courts of law having jurisdiction, the inability to obtain any necessary approval from a governmental authority (excluding the Municipality) having jurisdiction, civil disturbances, explosions, mechanical failure, and any other causes similar in nature not specifically enumerated or otherwise specified herein that are not within the control of such Party, and all of which by the exercise of due diligence of such Party could not have been prevented. Lack of finances will be deemed not to be an event of "force majeure".

26) Terms and Conditions

The Terms and Conditions applicable to the Company and approved by the Commission, as revised or amended from time to time by the Commission, will apply to the Municipality. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to supersede the Terms and Conditions.

27) Not Exclusive Against His Majesty

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, it is mutually understood and agreed the rights, powers and privileges conferred and granted by this Agreement will not be deemed to be exclusive against His Majesty in right of the Province of Alberta.

28) Severability

If for any reason any covenant or agreement contained in this Agreement, or the application thereof to any Party, is to any extent held or rendered invalid, unenforceable or illegal, then such covenant or agreement will be deemed to be independent of the remainder of this Agreement and to be severable and divisible from this Agreement. The invalidity, unenforceability or illegality will not affect, impair or invalidate the

remainder of this Agreement or any part thereof. The intention of the Municipality and the Company is that this Agreement would have been executed without reference to any portion which may, for any reason or to any extent, be declared or held invalid, unenforceable or illegal.

29) Amendments

This Agreement may only be amended by written agreement of the Parties, such amendments to be subject to any regulatory approvals required by law.

30) Waiver

A waiver of any default, breach or non-compliance under this Agreement is not effective unless in writing and signed by the Party to be bound by the waiver. No waiver will be inferred from or implied by any failure to act or delay in acting by a Party in respect of any default, breach or non-observance or by anything done or omitted to be done by the other Party.

The waiver by a Party of any default, breach or non-compliance under this Agreement will not operate as a waiver of that Party's rights under this Agreement in respect of any continuing or subsequent default, breach or non-compliance under this Agreement (whether of the same nature or any other nature).

31) Confidentiality

The Company acknowledges the Municipality is governed by the provisions of the *Access to Information Act* and the *Protection of Privacy Act*.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties hereto have executed these presents as of the day and year first above written.

Municipality

PER: _____
Barbara Jean Gilliat
Mayor

PER: _____
Michelle White
Chief Administrative Officer

Company

PER:  _____
Corinne Severson
Vice President, Operations

PER:  _____
Shane Ellis
Vice President, Engineering &
Construction

SCHEDULE "A" Core Services

The Company will provide to the Municipality the following basic services as Core Services:

- 1) The Company will deliver Natural Gas to the Consumers in accordance with the Company's Terms and Conditions, the Company's Distribution Tariff, the GUA, any regulations thereto, and any Commission orders and decisions.
- 2) The Company will install all Natural Gas facilities required to provide service to the Consumers in accordance with all applicable regulations, codes, applicable standards and common industry practices.
- 3) As required by legislation, the Company will provide and install all necessary regulators and meters necessary for measuring the Natural Gas supplied to each Consumer.
- 4) The Company agrees to collaborate with the Municipality's emergency response services in an effort to mutually develop emergency response procedures relating to Natural Gas emergencies.
- 5) The Company will provide personnel twenty-four (24) hours a day to investigate and make safe any suspected gas leak inside or outside the Consumer's premises.
- 6) The Company will utilize the services of qualified personnel for designing all Natural Gas facilities to satisfy all applicable regulatory codes and standards, preparing necessary work order plans and monitoring the distribution network pressures to ensure the Company's facilities will satisfy the Consumer's current and future Natural Gas delivery requirements.
- 7) The Company will provide to the Municipality, on request, copies of any and all Natural Gas Distribution Service related written or electronic, where available information or reports required to be filed with the Commission by the Company.
- 8) The Company will provide to the Municipality, upon request and to the extent the information is available, an annual report on the following standards:
 - a) **System Reliability** - will be measured by:
 - i. The number of major outages resulting in a loss of service to Consumers;
 - ii. The number of Consumers affected by each major outage; and
 - iii. The duration of each major outage.
 - b) **Consumer Satisfaction** - will be measured by:
 - i. Company-wide call centre targets and statistics (wait times, abandoned calls, call

volumes, etc.); and

- ii. any Consumer complaints received by the Commission.

c) Public Safety - will be measured by:

- i. the number of customer injuries and/or damages due to Natural Gas Distribution System failure;
- ii. the number of line hits per total locates completed;
- iii. the number of line hits as a result of inaccurate locates;
- iv. the percentage of the area of the Municipality surveyed for leaks and yearly cathodic protection measures;
- v. the number and nature of calls received from the Municipality and any of its Municipal agencies (including fire department, police department etc.) regarding the Natural Gas Distribution System.

9) Once per year, upon request and subject to any applicable privacy legislation, the GUA Code of Conduct Regulation or other rules prohibiting or restricting such disclosure, the Company will provide to the Municipality:

- a) The total number of sites billed within the Municipal Service Area, by Company rate class, per revenue month, for each of the last two (2) years;
- b) The total gigajoules (GJ) of Natural Gas consumed by Consumers billed within the Municipal Service Area, by Company rate class, per revenue month, for each of the last two (2) years;
- c) The franchise fee revenue billed to Consumers within the Municipal Service Area, by Company rate class, per revenue month, for each of the last two(2) years;
- d) Where the Municipality is the customer of record and the Municipality provides a list of those sites to the Company on the form provided by the Company:
 - i. The total number of those sites billed within the Municipal Service Area, by Company rate class, per revenue month, for each of the last two (2) years;
 - ii. The total gigajoules (GJ) of Natural Gas at those sites billed within the Municipal Service Area, by Company rate class, per revenue month, for each of the last two (2) years;
 - iii. The franchise fee revenue billed to those sites within the Municipal Service Area, by Company rate class, per revenue month, for each of the last two (2) years; and

e) Such other information as may be agreed upon by the Parties from time to time.

Where privacy legislation, the GUA Code of Conduct Regulation or other rules prohibiting such disclosure prevent the Company from providing the information above, the Company will make reasonable attempts to aggregate the information so as to comply with the applicable rules. The Company will not be obligated to provide such aggregated information if it believes such aggregation will not allow the Company to comply with the applicable rules.

- 10) Upon request by either Party, the Company will meet with the Municipality. Through a mutual exchange of information the Company will keep the Municipality apprised of the Company's construction and upgrading programs planned for the Municipal Service Area and the Municipality will advise the Company of any issues or plans relating to, or potentially impacting, the Natural Gas Distribution System.

SCHEDULE "B" Extra Services

Nothing in this Agreement precludes the Parties from contracting for Extra Services outside the provisions of this Agreement. In the event the Parties do elect to contract for the provision of Extra Services within the provisions of this Agreement and unless otherwise agreed upon by the Parties, nothing in this Agreement will preclude the Company from sub-contracting with third parties for the provision of Extra Services.

Subject to Commission approval, as may be required, any payments from the Municipality to the Company for Extra Services, if agreed to by the Municipality, may be deducted from the Franchise Fee collected from Consumers and otherwise remitted to the Municipality pursuant to paragraph 5 of this Agreement. The timing and quantum of such payments will be as agreed upon by the Parties and set forth in (insert paragraph number from Schedule B) of this Schedule.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: October 13, 2026
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: Alix Public Library 2027 Budget

RFD 26-56

1. **PURPOSE** – To review and approve (or not) the Village of Alix Municipal Library request for funding that are linked to the Village operating budget.
2. **BACKGROUND** – Alix Public Library submits their budget to Council each year and requires a resolution to approve (or not) the estimate of local appropriation.
3. **OPTIONS** –
 1. To approve the Alix Public Library's financial report by making the resolution below.
 2. To make the resolution below and defeat it, thereby not approving the Alix Public Library's financial report.

4. **DISCUSSION** –

5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – There is no proposed change to the dollar amount the Village gives to the Library in the draft budget.

Please note: The categories of wages, honorariums, mileage & hospitality have been redacted and combined in the attached proposed budget in compliance with Access to Information Act and Protection of Privacy Act legislation.

6. **LEGAL** – Following is an excerpt from the Government of Alberta's information sheet titled Municipal Councils and Library Boards: Roles and Responsibilities.

"The Libraries Act (section 8) states that municipal library boards must prepare and submit their budget, along with an estimate of the money required during the ensuing fiscal year to operate and manage the municipal library, to municipal council before December 1.

*This estimate is known as **local appropriation**, and is the money provided to the library board from local taxes to deliver local public library services.*

*It is the responsibility of council to approve, in whole or in part, the **estimate of local appropriation** requested by the library board. Council **does not** approve the library board's budget. If council is unable or unwilling to provide the requested estimate in full, the library board must make adjustments to their budget to reflect their funding situation."*

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

"that the Village of Alix Council hereby approves the estimate of local appropriation as made by the Alix Public Library Board for the 2027 fiscal year."

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Michelle White', written over a horizontal line.

Author

ALIX PUBLIC LIBRARY		
Line #	Income	Budget 2027
7	Grant – Village of Alix	5,800.00
8	Grant Province of Alberta	13,100.00
9	Grant – County of Lacombe	11,000.00
11	Grant – PRL	4,000.00
14	Grant - Canada Summer Jobs	4,500.00
16	Other book sales & lost books	75.00
17	Donations & fundraising	100.00
18	Fines & Fees	10.00
21	Sales, copies, printouts, rentals	100.00
23	Interest	400.00
25	Coffee Sales	50.00
0	Total	39,135.00
	Expenses	Expenses
28	Wages, Salaries, Benefits, Honorariums	30,000.00
	Total Payroll Expense	30,000.00
34	Books outside of allotment	500.00
35	Subscriptions	400.00
36	AudioCine & AV materials	170.00
41	Repair and Maintenance	250.00
43	Legal fees, bank charges, accounting	200.00
44	Library Supplies	400.00
45	Dues & Memberships	80.00
46	Postage	25.00
47	Advertising	200.00
47	Program Expense	2,000.00
48	Stationery, printing & copier supplies	500.00
49	Telephone	350.00
50	Coffee Supplies	250.00
54	Janitorial supplies + Repairs/Maint	200.00
55	Security Alarm (utilities)	600.00
	Total Expense	6,125.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	36,125.00
	Net Gain / Loss	3,010.00

Notes

ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: October 14, 2026
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: Minimum Tax Levy

RFD 26-57

1. **PURPOSE** – To determine if Council will be changing the Minimum Tax Levy amount in the 2027 tax year.
2. **BACKGROUND** – Council put a Minimum Tax Levy of \$400 in place in 2024. The \$400 amount has not been changed since implementation.
3. **OPTIONS** –
 1. To leave the Minimum Tax Levy at \$400
 2. To increase the Minimum Tax Levy to \$500 (or another amount of Council's choosing)
4. **DISCUSSION** – The Min. Tax Levy is charged on all properties affected, regardless of what Land Use District they are in. (residential, commercial, industrial etc.)
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – In 2026, the \$400 Min. Tax Levy raised \$7,972 in taxes.
An increase to \$450 Min Tax would raise an extra \$2,700 (approx. \$10,822 total)
An increase to \$500 Min Tax would raise an extra \$5,850 (approx. \$13,822 total)

NOTE: The above amounts are estimates only. Exact amounts will not be known until after the new property assessments are received in February 2027.

6. **LEGAL** – MGA s. 357(1) "Despite anything in this Division, the property tax bylaw may specify a minimum amount payable as property tax."
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** – There is a significant difference between property tax amounts charged to property owners in Alix. All property owners receive or have access to the same level of municipal services. (snow plowing, library, fire response services etc.) Increasing the Minimum Tax Levy helps to ensure all property owners are contributing to the cost of these services.
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** –
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Option #2. I recommend the following resolution:

"that the Village of Alix Council hereby directs administration to increase the Minimum Tax Levy to \$500, effective January 1, 2027."

Author



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20260357	2026-09-16	2253676 ALBERTA LTD., (ALIX FOODS)	434135	COFFEE SUPPLIES	26.99	38.12
20260357			435351	CLEANING SUPPLIES	11.13	
20260358	2026-09-16	327241 ALBERTA LTD	1649	AUGUST 2026 PATROLS	4,210.50	4,210.50
20260359	2026-09-16	ANDERSON, JANENE	SEPT2026	LREMP MEETING IN BLACKFALD	78.44	78.44
20260360	2026-09-16	CANOE PROCUREMENT GROUP OF CANADA	73985233	OFFICE SUPPLIES	443.16	443.16
20260361	2026-09-16	CENTRAL LABS	2601368	TESTING AT MAIN LIFT STATION	52.12	449.82
20260361			2601423	TESTING AT LAGOON AND MAIN	397.70	
20260362	2026-09-16	DIAKONIA CONSTRUCTION LTD	1064	CEMETERY MOWING	2,205.00	2,625.00
20260362			1065	ROLL 17000 PROP. MAINTENANC	168.00	
20260362			1066	ROLL 16800 PROP. MAINTENANC	168.00	
20260362			1067	ROLL 37700 PROP. MAINTENANC	84.00	
20260363	2026-09-16	ENVIRONMENTAL 360 SOLUTIONS LTD.	0000459441	GARBAGE AND COMPOST AUG :	3,775.26	3,775.26
20260364	2026-09-16	FUTURE AG INC	IS93758	CHAIN FOR HUSQUAVARNA SAM	50.77	50.77
20260365	2026-09-16	HWY 12/21 REGIONAL WATER SERVICES COM	1490	AUGUST 2026 WATER CONSUMF	19,384.40	19,384.40
20260366	2026-09-16	LACOMBE REGIONAL WASTE SVCS COMMISE	39020	THIRD QUARTER REQUISITION	14,620.00	14,620.00
20260367	2026-09-16	PETTY CASH	SEPT2026	REIMBURSE PETTY CASH	216.35	216.35
20260368	2026-09-16	PRINT AND CHEQUES NOW INC.	317627	TONER FOR AP CHEQUE PRINTI	187.95	545.16
20260368			LB426679	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE BLANK CH	357.21	
20260369	2026-09-16	ROADWAY TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	2769	NO LAKE ACCESS SIGN	118.13	118.13
20260370	2026-09-16	STETTLER BUILDING SUPPLIES LTD.	AT2953-00	GAZEBO BUILDING SUPPLIES	365.51	365.51
20260371	2026-09-16	TOWN OF ECKVILLE	SEPT2026	HALF OF LEGAL FEES PAID	435.00	435.00
20260372	2026-09-16	ZONE 3 BUSINESS SOLUTIONS INC.	209780	COPY CHARGES	179.20	179.20
20260373	2026-09-30	ALIX HOME HARDWARE	159063	BATHROOM SUPPLIES FOR CAM	19.41	177.57
20260373			159145	SHOP SUPPLIES	3.49	
20260373			159148	SHOP SUPPLIES	3.77	
20260373			159161	ROOF SUPPLIES OLD SHOP	11.01	
20260373			159181	OFFICE SUPPLIES	6.29	
20260373			159207	SHOP SUPPLIES	4.62	
20260373			159208	SHOP SUPPLIES	33.32	
20260373			159216	STREET PAINTING SUPPLIES	53.51	
20260373			159217	SHOP SUPPLIES	3.66	
20260373			159254	OFFICE CLEANING SUPPLIES	18.89	
20260373			159291	OFFICE CLEANING SUPPLIES	13.84	
20260373			159307	SHOP SUPPLIES	5.76	
20260374	2026-09-30	BESUIJEN, JANICE	SEPT2026	COUNCIL EXPENSE CLAIM SEPT	1,575.71	1,575.71
20260375	2026-09-30	BLUE SQUALL MEDIA	294	BACKROADS ALBERTA DOCUSE	7,875.00	7,875.00
20260376	2026-09-30	BOB'S PAVING	0367	PAVING OF CAMPGROUND ROAI	72,450.00	72,450.00
20260377	2026-09-30	CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO	0011179874	CROSSING MAINTENENCE SEPT	731.00	731.00
20260378	2026-09-30	CENTRAL LABS	2601479	TESTING AT MAIN LIFT STATION	52.12	104.24
20260378			2601509	TESTING AT MAIN LIFT STATION	52.12	
20260379	2026-09-30	COLE, EDWIN	SEPT2026	COUNCIL EXPENSE CLAIM SEPT	375.00	375.00
20260380	2026-09-30	DIVERSE SIGNS	14084	NATURE TRAIL PARKING SIGN	44.52	44.52
20260381	2026-09-30	FEHR, ROBERT LEE	SEPT2026	COUNCIL EXPENSE CLAIM SEPT	1,757.19	1,757.19
20260382	2026-09-30	GAM TECH	INV-6741	FRONT COUNTER COMPUTER U	1,344.46	1,344.46
20260383	2026-09-30	GILLIAT, BARBARA JEAN	SEPT2026	COUNCIL EXPENSE CLAIM SEPT	2,293.20	2,293.20
20260384	2026-09-30	GREGG DISTRIBUTORS CO LTD	000-059989	OIL	139.30	139.30
20260385	2026-09-30	HUMBKE ENTERPRISES LTD.	362507	CAMPGROUND CARETAKER SEI	3,600.00	3,600.00



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20260386	2026-09-30	i.d. APPAREL	135145	MAGNETS FOR LREMP	735.00	735.00
20260387	2026-09-30	LANEUVILLE, FRANCOIS	SEPT2026	COUNCIL EXPENSE CLAIM SEPT	754.41	754.41
20260388	2026-09-30	LOCAL AUTHORITIES PENSION PLAN	SEPT2026	PREMIUMS SEPT 2026	5,317.53	5,317.53
20260389	2026-09-30	RSP Premiums	SEPT2026	RSP PREMIUMS FOR SEPT 2026	255.91	255.91
20260390	2026-09-30	Cemetery Plot.	SEPT2026	PURCHASE OF CEMETERY PLO	212.50	212.50
20260391	2026-09-30	White Good Reimbursement	SEPT2026	REIMBURSE WHITE GOOD PICK	50.00	50.00
20260392	2026-10-07	ACCU-FLO METER SERVICE LTD	126830	6 - 5/8" X 3/4" T10 BRASS METER	932.40	932.40
20260393	2026-10-07	ALIX HOME HARDWARE	159335	PAINT FOR STREET LINE PAINTI	17.05	289.72
20260393			159364	CHALK FOR STREET LINE PAINT	7.86	
20260393			159380	ROLLERS FOR STREET LINE PAI	14.69	
20260393			159382	CHALK FOR STREET LINE PAINT	6.29	
20260393			159393	CAMPGROUND SUPPLIES	83.99	
20260393			159432	CHALK FOR STREET LINE PAINT	6.29	
20260393			159456	OFFICE SUPPLIES	12.89	
20260393			159462	SHOP SUPPLIES	24.12	
20260393			159492	LINE PAINTING AND SHOP SUPP	52.25	
20260393			159560	PW SHOP SUPPLIES	18.77	
20260393			159561	LINE PAINTING AND SHOP SUPP	45.52	
20260394	2026-10-07	CENTRAL LABS	2601569	TESTING AT MAIN LIFT STATION	52.12	52.12
20260395	2026-10-07	GAM TECH	INV-6880	COMPUTER SERVICES SEPT 20:	1,134.00	1,134.00
20260396	2026-10-07	JUST SAFETY SUPPLIES & SERVICES	8525	PUBLIC WORKS PPE	235.85	235.85
20260397	2026-10-07	LACOMBE REGIONAL WASTE SVCS COMMISS	39050	WHITE GOODS DISPOSAL FEE	110.00	110.00
20260398	2026-10-07	NIEHAUS, CODY ELDON	SEPT2026	REIMBURSE FEE FOR CLASS 3 l	45.55	45.55
20260399	2026-10-07	PARKLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEMS	260004	4TH QTR REQUISITION PAYMEN	2,053.33	2,053.33
20260400	2026-10-07	PAYNE'S SEPTIC TANK SERVICE	2460	PUMP OUT AT CAMPGROUND	210.00	210.00
20260401	2026-10-07	PENTAGON FARM CENTRE LTD.	SL07663	STUMP GRINDER REPAIR	200.10	200.10
20260402	2026-10-07	TOWN OF BLACKFALDS	IVC071848	2026 LREMP MEMBERSHIP	6,050.00	6,050.00
20260403	2026-10-07	UFA CO-OPERATIVE LTD.	9571629	WEED SPRAY	145.95	226.24
20260403			9571635	POSTS FOR STREET SIGNS	80.29	
20260404	2026-10-07	VILLAGE OF ALIX	50100SEPT2026	BULK WATER SEPT 2026	1,445.16	2,529.81
20260404			50300SEPT2026	RV DUMP STATION SEPT 2026	85.54	
20260404			54400SEPT2026	CAMPGROUND SEPT 2026	164.59	
20260404			63900SEPT2026	LIBRARY SEPT 2026	116.15	
20260404			69600SEPT2026	PW YARD SEPT 2026	114.02	
20260404			7000SEPT2026	VILLAGE OFFICE SEPT 2026	120.68	
20260404			72700SEPT2026	FIRE HALL SEPT 2026	119.70	
20260404			72800SEPT2026	BAY 1 & BAY 2 RAILWAY HOUSE :	142.67	
20260404			72830SEPT2026	BAY 3 RAILWAY HOUSE SEPT 20	109.68	
20260404			72841SEPT2026	BAY 4 RAILWAY HOUSE SEPT 20	111.62	
20260405	2026-10-07	WEIDNER MOTORS LTD.,	279136A	OIL FILTER AND OIL	219.26	219.26
20260406	2026-10-07	WILD ROSE ASSESSMENT SERVICES	10340	PROGRESS PAYMENT OCT 2026	1,338.75	1,338.75

Total 162,954.49

*** End of Report ***

**VILLAGE OF ALIX
BANK RECONCILIATION
FOR THE MONTH ENDING:
September 30, 2026**

SERVUS CREDIT UNION

		CHEQUING	CHEQUING (2)	INVESTMENTS (1)
Balance from Bank Statement:		2,727,955.15	12,997.28	0.00
Plus:	Deposits in Transit	7,265.06		
Plus:	JE in Transit	-		
Less:	Outstanding Cheques	(124,864.80)		
Reconciled Bank Balance:		<u>2,610,355.41</u>	<u>12,997.28</u>	<u>0.00</u>
30-Sep-26 GL balance	3-120	<u>2,610,355.41</u>		
30-Sep-26 GL balance	3-121		<u>12,997.28</u>	
30-Sep-26 GL balance	3-300			<u>-</u>
Variance:		-	-	

THIS STATEMENT SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL THIS 21ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026



VILLAGE OF ALIX

Tax Trial Balance (Full Listing)

Trial Balance As Of 2026-10-15

Roll #	Title Holder	Tax Levy	Accum. Penalty	Out. Penalty	Outstanding	Current	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	Over 3
		Tax Levy	2,025,520.63		Local Improvement Levy		0.00			
		Additional Tax Levy	0.00		Accumulated Penalty		27,837.42			
					Outstanding Penalty		30,293.63			
		Sub Ledger	General Ledger							
		Current	196,269.85							
		1 Year	46,227.39		3-00-00-00-210		267,095.05			
		2 Years	7,091.99		Totals		267,095.05			
		3 Years	380.82							
		Over 3	17,125.00							
		Added	0.00							
		Outstanding	267,095.05							
		Total GL					267,095.05			
		Total SL					267,095.05			
		Proof					0.00			

*** End of Report ***

Alix Public Library

Regular Meeting

Sept. 14/26

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

Financial Report: Things are good, a motion was passed to keep approx. \$10,000 in the bank account and put the rest in savings.

Managers' Report – the manager has been busy organizing both the upstairs and the basement. She has been busy!

Monthly Patron Count

-June 2026- 103

-July 2026- 167

-August 2026- 332

- June's themes meet the new librarian.

-July 's themes reorganized and clean.

August 's themes "Alix Beach Day"

- Ideas:

· Reading Nook

· Puzzle table

· Movie area (popcorn machine, popcorn cornels, popcorn bags)

- Coffee bar area (juice for the kids and cups)
- CD cleaner machine (Stettler is charging us \$2.00 per CD's to clean them) found the machine Stettler is using (Venmill disc machine \$2000.00 , on Amazon \$533.83 not a Venmill machine brand but it does the same thing.) We can always send the Cd to Parkland as well.
- Program area (downstairs)
- Making Holidays display

Future plans:

- Arrange time with daycare and after school resource center
- Michelle and Barb and I are attending The Annual Conference 2026 September 21,2026 in Lacombe/ Michelle and I are attending the Indigenous sharing circle (workshop) in Maskwacis Oct 2,2026
- Book Club for adults start September 17, 6pm. Looking into starting a Junior book club as well (in the process).
- Mom & Tots Rhymes morning (half hour program once a week , need volunteer)
- Talk to the board about Bill 28 (what we need to do with the policies if any changes)
- Dolly parton Display coming soon
- New book collections to be expected to arrive soon
- October event from Parkland "Golden ticket contest" and " New membership card design
- Halloween "Guess how many candies is in the skull jar" we should get a prize for the winner? Suggestion maybe a Indigo gift card.
- Alix Public library is going to host the annual Lacombe & Ponoka County Forum November 6,2026 from 10-12pm (No cost to us)
- Still looking into ordering Audio book cases.

- Need to make a list of items for sale (furnace room) or give away or dump load. Ex: bulbs \$1.00 each as is, racks, tv/vcr, big heavy wood tables , filling cabinet (2 my opinion only need one)

Need to purchase:

- Open sandwich board
- Dehumidifier for basement
- Bells for the front door (found one on Amazon \$45.00)
- Lighter foldable plastic tables for programs
- Lockable deck storage for outdoor games, winter shovel
- Small infrared heater
- Overhead lights in the basement
- Labeler machine with labels

Village Report - a short report on Bill 28 was given

Friends – no in attendance

HR Committee – A three month review will be done on our new manager

Book Club – starting up on Sept. 17/26. They are trying a new format using the pre-organized boxes from Parkland Regional. It's a bank box that contains everything you need for a book club meeting.

Old Business – Need to find someone to finish replacing the light upstairs. Barb will contact Brent that started the job.

New Business –

Benefits – our new manager has requested benefits; it is not feasible for a part time employee. We are too small.

Budget – Needs to be done for the Village next month

Saturdays – Manager would like some Saturdays off. It was suggested we contact the school and try and find a student that may be interested in work experience and some part time hours.

Wages – Will be reviewed during the three-month interview. It was suggested a small raise be given.

Book drop off bin. Our bin needs some reconstruction; books are getting wet; it is awkward to use. Cheryl will contact a welder friend to see what can be done .

Other – Manager would like a sandwich board for the sidewalk. It was suggested she write a request for funds from the Friends f the Library or the Village Shoppes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Next Meeting October 19th

**Lacombe Foundation
Special Meeting
September 4/26
Lacombe Memorial Centre**

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am

This special meeting was held in order to hear presentation from Scott Builders and Mr Cliff Soper

Delegations

a. Scott Builders Murray Cunningham, Will Woodward and Andrew Tjepkema Presentation on Scoot Builders current approach to design-build in the seniors and affordable housing sector. Preliminary phase – RFP – Planning Phase – Construction Preliminary phase costs are estimated under \$10,000 Reviewed identified barriers and how their approach address barriers to achieve a successful project. Discussion on project manager. Usually comes in at the planning phase. Can be an internal or external role, can cost 3 to 4 % of construction cost.

b. Cliff Soper and Karie Ackerman Presentation on Mr. Soper's vision for a project in the Lacombe County area. The Ask to Lacombe Foundation is - review the proposal - When ready for public discussion to have LF in support of the project - To engage in dialogue to find areas of alignment between the HMB and the project

The board requested that administration reach out to Eagle Builders and Leading Housing for future presentations.

4. Previous Business

a. Lacombe Lodge Redevelopment Update - Land Discussion - Discussed options suggested by Tricon Developments - Discussed land swap possibilities - Discussed obtaining a real property report and valuation of current lodge site C. Ebden moved to direct administration to converse with Tricon and The City of Lacombe regarding land and land swap option. CARRIED

5. Next Meeting Date The next Regular meeting will be held on Monday October 5, 2026 at 1:00 pm at the Lacombe Memorial Center.

6. Adjournment - 10:59 am by Chair Gilliat.

**Lacombe Foundation
Regular Board Meeting
October 5, 2026**

Meeting called to order at 12:59 pm at the Lacombe Memorial Centre

Financial Reports: Both lodges doing well. Increase in occupancy driving revenue. Expenses in line with budget with higher food costs related to the higher occupancy. Affordable housing: On budget with revenue and expenses. Reviewed statement of financial position with no significant changes

Occupancy Report to September 30, 2026 Excellent occupancy in lodges. DSL spaces and affordable housing. D. West moved to approve the occupancy report as

CAO Report

Staffing update. Financial Analyst position has been filled. Highlights of recent lodge activities.

Lodge Facebook pages are great engagement tools, with a lot of positive interactions this summer.

Fall menu is in the 30-day resident review period.

Waitlist 14 Eckville, 0 Lacombe Lodge. 36 applications for affordable housing.

Capital Maintenance the Make-up air unit work has been awarded and additional blinds replacements in Eckville.

Faith and Aging Conference is Friday November 6 in Camrose.

ASCHA regional meeting will be on October 7 with 4 board members attending.

Government will be releasing an RFP for 24/7 homecare provision in lodges. Discussion on the two different approaches (Grant program with ALA or contract for CLE). Some legislative changes related to the lodge program review will be coming into effect in the new year.

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7. Previous Business

a. Lacombe Lodge Redevelopment Update · Follow up on items from the September 4 meeting. · A property valuation has been arranged for the current land and building. · Conversed with Eagle Builders. · Working on contacting the City. · Administration will be meeting with Tricon to view property and discuss land swap potential.

Meeting adjourned at 1:24 pm

Next meeting : November 30, 2026

Parkland Regional Library Board
Regular Board Meeting
September 17, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am
Meeting held virtually.

Licensing Costs for Microsoft. Since 2011, Parkland has maintained an agreement with Microsoft for the licensing of various software throughout the region. Over the past 15 years, this agreement has been renewed every three years on July 1st. This year, on June 25, 2026, we were informed that Parkland no longer qualifies under the existing agreement and that we must move toward a new agreement with different terms. The renewal cost that had been quoted was \$196,000 a year to maintain the existing software, which is four times what we are currently paying (approximately \$52,000 per year). These new licensing fees are unsustainable. As a result, Parkland had no choice but to make the following changes throughout the region: • All Windows desktops and laptops have been downgraded from Windows 11 Enterprise edition to Windows 11 Professional edition. This change did not impact how libraries use Windows. • Microsoft Office was removed from all public-use computers and LibreOffice, a free suite of programs, has been installed in its place. Attached is a short comparison document on LibreOffice vs. Microsoft Office. • Microsoft Office 2021/2024 LTSC was removed from all staff computers and replaced with Microsoft Office 365 desktop apps. • A new Microsoft 365 subscription agreement has been signed. Much of this situation has been out of Parkland's control. While there has not been any service disruption, the change in Parkland's long-standing Microsoft agreement highlights yet again how software and licensing costs, for what are now considered basic services, are becoming a burden which is increasingly difficult to sustain. With our new agreement, Parkland's licensing fee will exceed \$58,800 despite the reduction of licences.

2027 Budget Restructure – Reserves and Capital Spending

Valerie Schellenberg gave a presentation regarding Parkland's reserves and plans for capital purchases.

Parkland has been working together with our auditors, MNP, to put forward a new structure for Reserves and Capital Spending. A high-level overview of Parkland's financial state, as shown in the auditor reports, shows a concerning drop in cashflow, and a continued drop in equity. Currently, the only way to replenish Parkland's reserves is through budgeting

surpluses. However, surpluses have been diminishing over the last few years. After reviewing the situation with MNP, they have put forward a revised structure, which was presented at the Executive Committee meeting in June. How to manage reserves and capital spending contributed heavily to the budget scenarios which were subsequently presented to the Executive Committee and the board. If nothing is done, and Parkland doesn't do some preventative maintenance, then the situation will become much more serious. PRL are always within our budget in providing services and would post a surplus if we did not have to account for the depreciation of capital purchases. In the past, Parkland has not had the ability to include capital expenditures in the budget, except in the budget supplement which permitted staff to pull the required funds from reserves. This is the part that is not sustainable – Parkland cannot be expected to fund the capital purchases we require to provide the necessary services (like van runs) simply by using surpluses achieved in previous years. The situation, if it is allowed to continue indefinitely, would be dire; staff want the board to be aware of the potential problem and address it before it becomes catastrophic. As presented at the board meeting a 3-pronged approach will correct our course of direction – a realigning of the actual reserves that are held within the bonds, the ability to create a separate reserve that is accessible and not in Bond form as well as \$1.01 increase in the budget to allow us to save for expected capital purchases. We believe that the increase is fairly modest given the information of what it will actually achieve, and if we continue in our constant quest to be looking at all our procedures and evaluate efficiencies, PRL will continue to be able to provide outstanding service in the face of ever-increasing costs.

Parkland Website Project

Andrea Newland reviewed progress on Parkland's website project. Sitecore is the software platform.

Parkland's website is based on. This year, we received a new agreement with a significant increase to our licensing fee. Last year Parkland's licensing fee was \$32,986.80. The invoice for this year was \$87,998.65 excluding tax. Tim Spark, Parkland's Manager of Technology Infrastructure, negotiated the cost down to \$37,753.39; however, due to Sitecore's 5% planned increase per year, compounded, Looking for other options, the website team entered discussions with Tapp Network and their partner TechSoup. They prepared a full presentation addressing all the specifications we need for a new website. They recommended a WordPress site as the most affordable option for our needs. However, their quote ran from a minimum of \$242,700 to \$316,200 for implementation

depending on features. The website team has also made inquiries with another Wordpress developer/hosting company called EasyDNS. Parkland currently purchases a number of other licences through them. Staff are hoping for a more affordable option. With quoted one-time development/build costs ranging from \$65,243 – \$316,000 and annual hosting/security and maintenance costs ranging from \$48,793 to \$51,300, Parkland is wondering if we should consider other options:

- Would it not be more cost effective to hire someone at Parkland in the IT department to manually build new websites for the member libraries currently using a Sitecore website? A yearly salary would be more affordable than the prices quoted by external developers.
- Should Parkland consider no longer providing websites to member libraries? As per the Membership Agreement, we are required to offer a website for Parkland Regional Library System only, not the other 49 locations. Regardless of preferences of Parkland's member libraries, maintaining websites for our libraries is becoming increasingly unsustainable.

After some discussion, the board decided to wait until after Parkland has the chance to discuss the issue with member libraries to get an idea of their priorities and will revisit the issue at the November board meeting.

Parkland Budget 2027

After much discussion the proposed budget with a \$1.06 increase was passed. Now, 2/3 of Parkland Regional municipalities must approve the budget in order for it to pass.

As this is the last meeting before the organizational meeting a short survey was taken by the board members regarding their time on this board.

Meeting adjourned at 12:59 pm

Capital Budget Survey – 2026

Comments & Feedback – Finalized October 8, 2026

1. Each of the identified infrastructure areas are important to our community but sanitation (water and sewer) and fire protection must come prior to the recreation, which is also important for the social health of Alix.
2. Fix under the roads before doing roads.
3. Please no additional tax increase
4. Arena is not worth the debt load on residents. No loan is a good loan for taxpayers.
5. Water supply should be #1 priority.
6. Everything in this town is very good and I enjoyed living here for over 50 years.
7. Using grants etc. for the water and sewer and roads. Taking out a long-term funding for fire hall. In 20 years would we be looking at building a new arena? Or even before? So not sure if repairing roof is right.
8. So many of our youth and families devote their lives and spend their winters in this arena and it always seems to be forgotten about in terms of needed repairs. It needs some long overdue attention.
9. Speed bumps, signage, people drive 60-80km down lake street
10. The arena really needs work. Parts of the roof have fallen on the ice in recent past, it is well loved arena by all who live here and it is very busy in the wintertime... it needs attention.
11. I'm very pleased with the improvements of our village over the last years. I've been here 38 years.
12. We applaud you for the excellent care and maintenance you all provide to this tiny Village of Alix
13. Coming from a major city, we definitely know how water and sewer are most important. How about fundraising for arena?
14. Dead trees along 5212 50 Street need to be taken down, as they are falling down, causing property damage.
15. Firehall recently replaced. Areana can fundraise.
16. Some roads are really in need of repair, but water and sewer are most important.
17. Appreciate having the chance to give feedback.
18. Fire Hall is the most important so that equipment can be stored indoors.
19. Water should always be most important.

Capital Budget Survey Result Breakdown

1 = Most Important 6 = Least Important

FINAL RESULTS

AREA'S	RANKINGS					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
ARENA	3	3	8	15	36	6
FIRE HALL	10	1	12	28	19	2
ROADS	8	6	35	15	8	1
SEWER	12	45	9	6		1
WATER	45	15	6	4	1	1
OTHER	I - Flock Cameras		I - Lake Street Speeding	I - Museum	I - Parks & Recreation (Nature Trail)	II - Sidewalk/Curbs
	I - Alix Lake & Nature Trail Maintenance			I - Local Police Service	I - Beautification	I - Invest in investors for Senior Home
	I - No one over 65 years old should have to pay taxes					I - Police Service
	I - Pay off Debentures					II - Fibre Optic
						I - Campground upgrades, showers, and washrooms etc.
						II - Street Lights

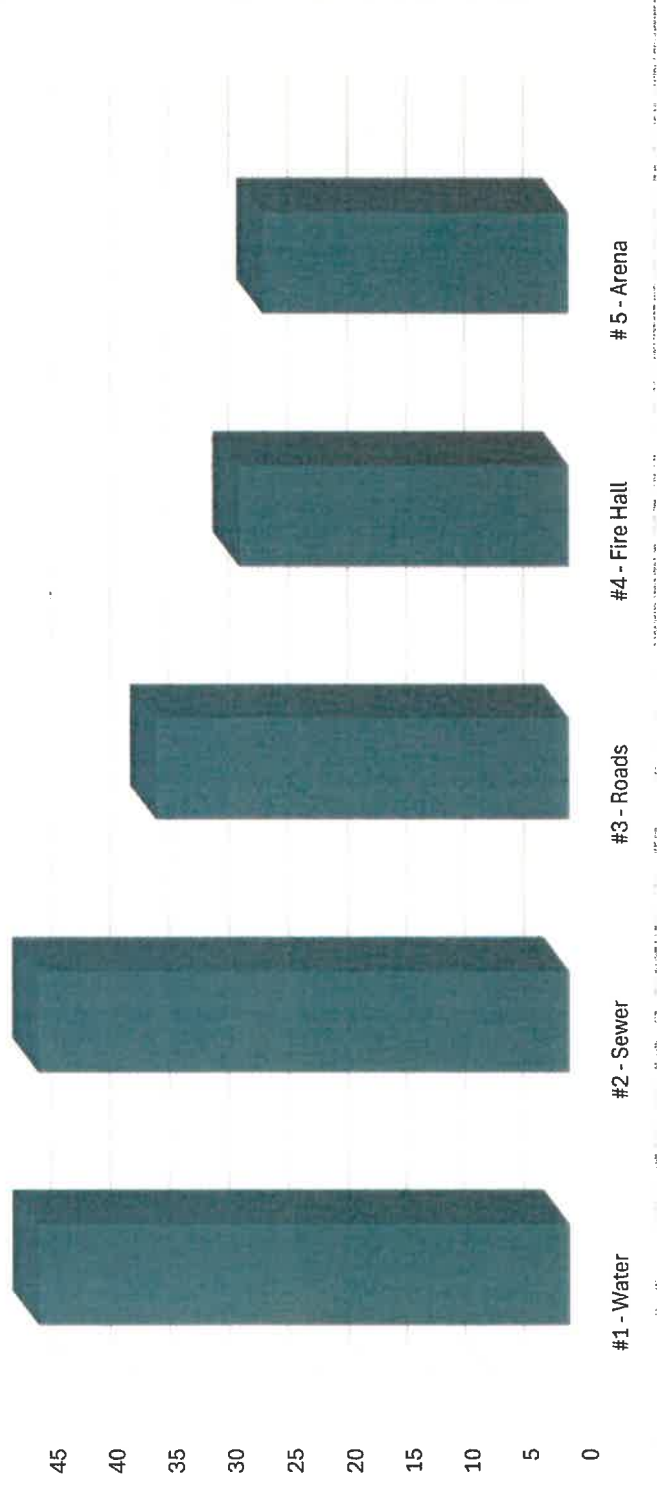
410 paper copies of the survey were mailed out to P.O. Boxes that had local addresses attached to them with Canada Post. An online link to a fillable form was put on our website and Facebook page. As of October 8 we had 75 survey's returned.

- #1 - Water 45
- #2 - Sewer 45
- #3 - Roads 35
- #4 - Fire Hall 28
- #5 - Arena 26

Of the surveys returned - 10 were done on the fillable PDF form online, the other 65 were hand written and handed in.

Revised October 8, 2026 FINAL RESULTS

Survey Ranking



Revised October 8, 2026 FINAL RESULTS



Please Join Us

For an appreciation dinner:

October 29
At the Alix Ag Grounds
Drinks 6pm
Dinner 7pm

Please confirm your attendance by calling or texting Erin at 403-304-5576 before Oct 26

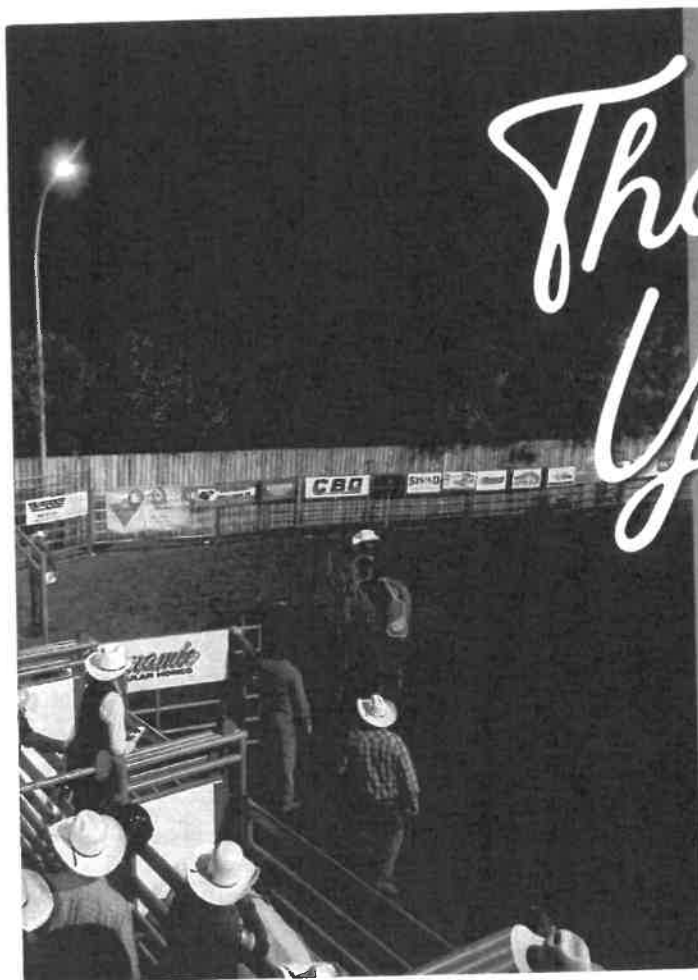


Thank You!

The 2026 rodeo was a success and we couldn't do it without the generous support of our sponsors and the countless hours put in by our volunteers. Thank you for being such an important part of our rodeo family!

With warmest regards,

The Alix Ag Society





ALBERTA
MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

*Office of the Minister
MLA, Peace River*

AR123550

September 29, 2026

Dear Elected Officials:

Thank you for the important work you do to serve and protect your community – public safety is always a priority and fire services are core to that. I am pleased to announce that the application for the 2027 Fire Services Training Program grant is open, and the total amount of grant money is \$500,000. The grant guidelines and application form are available at www.alberta.ca/fire-services-training-grant.aspx.

Municipal Affairs has refreshed the guideline, including revised program dates and the addition of 'enhancement of fire service skills competency course' as a relevant use of training funds. The application form has also been updated for ease of completion.

This grant provides supplemental funding supports to municipalities and Indigenous communities to help ensure their local fire services are adequately trained to respond safely and effectively based on identified risks. Courses approved for delivery under this grant will support key outcomes of preserving public safety, encouraging the management of community risk by local authorities, and ensuring firefighters are able to receive training in alignment with best practices.

Please forward this information to your chief administrative officers and fire chiefs so they may complete the application form. Collaboration involving multiple municipalities is permitted but not required. Please note the application deadline is November 2, 2026.

If you have any questions regarding the grant applications or the program guidelines, please contact Municipal Affairs at 1-866-421-6929, or at firecomm@gov.ab.ca.

This grant program will assist fire departments across the province to be prepared with the knowledge and skills to protect their communities. I look forward to reviewing your 2027 Fire Services Training Program submissions.

Sincerely,

Dan Williams, ECA
Minister of Municipal Affairs

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

ALIX BRIEFS

by the Alix and Area Community Resource Centre

**Services Available**

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

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society and Bashaw and District Support Services wish to thank our valuable volunteers for supporting us with fundraising shifts, during a busy season at major events this past summer. We Can't Say it Enough... Thank You!

Event:	# of Volunteers	# of Shifts:
Ponoka Stampede	67	117
Big Valley Jamboree	Carts: 10, Casino: 12	Carts: 28, Casino: 12

... We also recognize the dedication of those who give their time to continuously support our offerings throughout the year ...

of 2026 Volunteers: Meals on Wheels and Veggie Pick-up: 12, Youth: 4, Program and Events: 16, Board: 7

All Welcome! Senior Tea & Dessert at Alix MAC School on October 5, 11AM-12PM

Senior Wisdom Draw Returns!
Stop in to take part in a fun project for entry to win a prize basket, draw on October 29...

Coming Soon!

Christmas in the Village: Saturday, December 5

Get in the holiday spirit with FREE, fun activities and local shopping! Hosted at the Alix Community Hall. More details to follow...

2027 Health & Wellness Fair: Sunday, January 31

Let us know if you have a service/product you would like to share with Alix and Area. NO table fee! Hosted at the Alix Community Hall. Contact Jill, 403-588-5199.

Save the Date: Family Day Artisan Market and Activities, on Monday, February 15.

Holiday Programs...Apply after November 11!

Alix & Area Santa's Anonymous: Apply at the Centre, after Nov 11. Open to Alix, Mirror, Tees and Lacombe County residents. A vital program, ensuring every child in Alix and Area has a gift to open at Christmas, through the efforts of local partners and Lacombe Kinsmen. Applications available at the Centre, after Nov 11, more details to follow.

Feeding the Holidays: Apply at the Centre, after Nov 11. Open to Alix, Mirror, Tees and Lacombe County residents. Do you need some extra help this holiday? Apply to receive a \$75 voucher to supplement Christmas meal costs (voucher to Alix Foods) more details to follow...

Angel Tree: During December ...Place an angel on the tree at the Centre to name & honor a memory. Angels: \$5 each.

Joy of Giving: Anonymous gifting for Alix and Area seniors and adults... Sign-up by December 15, and pick-up your gift by Dec 21 or 22. Donate or purchase a gift (drop off by December 17)!

Holiday Postcards:

Watch your mailbox for beautiful cards from the Alix MAC School in December!

**HOLIDAY CLOSURE:
December 24 & 31**

...We Rely on Your Support...

This time of year we look forward to our annual **Giving Campaign**, a chance to give back through individual/corporate donations or participating in fundraising events (see below). Follow along as we work towards our goal, from October to December. Plan to join in the fun, all in support of what we do!

50/50 Tickets - Draw Date: December 3 at 1PM. Sales begin October 1, good luck! Tickets are available online, at the Centre and local businesses. Proceeds support current and future programs for all ages.

Winter Escapes Online Auction - Hosted on Facebook during November 10 to 19. Bid on services, gift certificates and experiences (for example event & attraction tickets, bowling/dinner + movie, spa packages, fun family activities, etc.).

We want to get you out of the house during the coming season! Get in touch with Jill (403-588-5199) if you wish to donate an item (drop off by Nov 2). Proceeds support current and future programs for all ages.

PROUD TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY...

Thank you all who joined us, on September 10, 2026, at the annual Block Party & Community Registration Night- Participants, board members and community groups. A special mention to Red Deer Sport and Spine for sharing their info along with Alix Dance Club and Alix Rec Hockey. AND thank you Mandi Peterson for cupcakes!

-Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society -

SELF-CARE MATTERS!

Tooth Travelers- Available to Book in Alix

Contact Victoria Pritchard, RDH . Mobile dental hygiene clinic, provided to you by Registered Dental Hygienists. We offer you a complete oral health care experience through a unique system of convenience and accessibility. Direct billing to health insurance.

Call/ Text: 403-783-1365 or Email: victoria@toothtravelers.ca



Henna Rose Massage and Wellness- In Alix Weekly (Thursdays and Fridays)

Book with Melissa Perez or Sydnee Marcinek- Registered Massage Therapists

Services include massage, reiki, cupping and foot reflexology.

Billable to health insurance. 403-789-0111

Book online: <https://hennarose.com/>



Foot Care by Kaitlin- In Alix Monthly (Tuesday)

Contact Kaitlin Nielsen- Foot Care Nursing

Advance nursing foot care, basic maintenance and hand/foot reflexology.

Diabetic and high-risk care, personalized foot assessment and care plan.

Book in home and clinic. 587-377-6099

<https://footcarebykaitlin.ca/>

Red Deer Sport + Spine- In Alix Weekly (Mondays and Thursdays)

Contact Noah Mulzet or Christina McArthur- Chiropractors.

Services include evidence-informed chiropractic adjustments, acupuncture, structured rehabilitation programs, specialized arthritis care,

Graston technique and cupping. Billable to health insurance. 587-815-9889

Book online: <https://teamrdss.janeapp.com/>



Hearing Evaluation and Cleaning Clinics are offered at our facility, contact us to book an appointment.

Did you know?... Medical services are now available at Bashaw Medical Clinic. We are a part of the region they serve, inquire directly. Call: 780-372-3740 or Email: bashawclinic@gmail.com

NO CHARGE - COUNSELLING FOR ALL AGES AVAILABLE

Connect with our Resource Navigator for referral, to book with Behavioral Health Consultant- Trish Rasmussen (MPCC-Provisional).

Active Living

Stop in or visit online to learn more about what is going on this season. We host programs and activities to help improve your health, quality of life and well-being. Current offerings include fitness classes and yoga!

**Open Monday to Thursday,
10AM - 4PM**

Closed all statutory holidays

alixmirrorwellness@gmail.com

Follow us on social
@AlixandAreaCommunity
ResourceCentre

www.alixcrc.com

Bay 1 & 2, 5008 50 Ave, Alix, AB

403-396-3369

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

Growing a Strong Community

Reasons to Volunteer:

- Develop skills and confidence, gain work experience
- Meet new people, network and help others
- Influence your community, find purpose and fulfillment
- Connect your family with the community
- Enrich you mental, social and physical well-being

Volunteer at the Centre for Meals on Wheels delivery, special programs, medical appointment volunteer driving and at fundraising events!

Contact us for more information.

403-396-3369

Bay 1, 5008 50 Ave., Alix



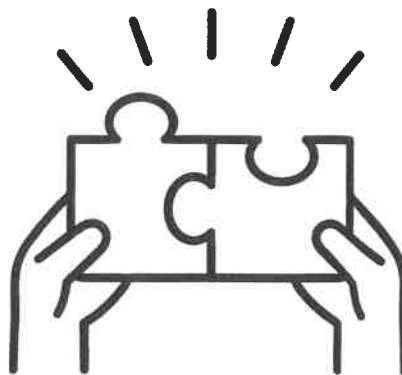
Alix and Area
**Community
Resource Centre**

connections & supports
well-being



Volunteer in Alix

Alix Village Shoppe
Saving Grace Animal Society
Alix Agricultural Society
Alix Arena Board
Alix Chamber of Commerce
Alix Community Hall
Alix Dance Club
Alix Figure Skating Club
Alix Fire Department
Alix Medical Association
Alix Lions Club
Alix MAC School- Breakfast Program
Alix Nature Trail Society (ANTS)
Alix Rec Hockey
Alix Public Library
Alix Wagon Wheel Museum
Alix & District Drop In Center



Helping hands, growing together.

ALIX MIRROR WELLNESS SUPPORTS SOCIETY

SUPPORT LOCAL
AND GET A CHANCE
TO WIN!

50/50 RAFFLE

Draw Date: December 3, 2026 at 1PM

Sales begin on Oct 1, 2026

**Tickets:
1 for \$5**

1650 Available



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

Players must reside in Alberta and be 18 years or older.
AGLC- Licence # 792572

Purchase tickets online, <https://www.rafflebox.ca>
or at the Alix and Area Community Resource Centre.

*Proceeds help to support current and
future programming offered at our facilities:
Alix and Area Community Resource Centre (Bay 1)
& Community Connections Activity Centre (Bay 2).*

Dear Municipal Colleagues:

I am writing to share an update on the current RCMP collective bargaining process. This update is based on a presentation by Treasury Board Canada (TBC) at a September 22, 2026, Contract Management Committee meeting. The Contract Management Committee is the forum through which municipal, provincial, territorial, federal, and RCMP representatives discuss issues related to the Provincial and Municipal Police Services Agreements.

Background

The first RCMP collective agreement expired on March 31, 2023, and included a total compounded increase of 24% to RCMP base salaries over five years. The second collective agreement expired on March 31, 2025, and included a 4% salary increase per year over two years, as well as a one-time allowance of \$2,500.

The National Police Federation (NPF), which represents regular RCMP members, served the Government of Canada with notice to bargain in December 2024. The parties exchanged proposals in May 2025, and after further discussion and negotiation, bargaining proceeded to mediation in May 2026. According to TBC, wages were the only remaining outstanding issue following the May meetings, and the Government of Canada was hopeful that a new collective agreement would be reached in fall 2026, after additional mediation sessions over the summer.

Following the election of a new board and president, the NPF adopted a markedly different approach to negotiations. TBC reports that while the NPF attended one additional mediation session in July 2026, negotiations have since stalled. Although TBC is in contact weekly with union lawyers, these lawyers have yet to receive any directions for future negotiations. According to TBC, the NPF has not yet established a consensus bargaining position following the election of a new board and president, contributing to the current pause in negotiations. TBC is hopeful that the bargaining process will resume by Spring 2027; however, no timeline has been established to date. While negotiations remain stalled, municipalities should continue planning for future increases in RCMP policing costs.

What does this mean for ABmunis members?

ABmunis members that are policed by the RCMP should keep in mind that RCMP policing costs are projected to rise again once collective bargaining concludes, potentially as early as next year.

For municipalities that have Municipal Police Service Agreements (municipalities with populations over 5,000 policed by the RCMP), your multi-year financial plans (MYFPs) should already include an estimate of the impact of salary increases over the next five years to help with planning. Please note, however, that the final agreement could result in increases above and beyond the estimated rate used in your MYFP, as has happened in the past.

For municipalities that fall under the Provincial Police Service Agreement and are subject to the provincial police funding model (municipalities with populations under 5,000), the financial impacts of a new collective bargaining agreement are less clear. An updated police funding model came into effect on April 1, 2026. While this model states that municipal contributions “will be based on actual frontline policing costs from the most recently completed fiscal year”, it is unclear whether retroactive salary costs are considered part of “actual frontline policing costs”. Municipalities can request preliminary five-year cost estimates under the updated model by emailing abpfm@gov.ab.ca. However, please be aware that these estimates are calculated using 2024-25 provincial policing costs and assuming an 8% annual increase, which may not accurately reflect the financial impacts of the final collective bargaining agreement.

Next Steps

While significant uncertainty remains regarding both the timing and cost implications of a new agreement, municipalities should consider building contingencies into their 2027 budgets. ABmunis will continue to share updates as they become available and will continue advocating on members' behalf through the Contract Management Committee

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or feedback to share, please feel free to contact me directly. You can also reach out to Kelly Santarossa, Senior Policy Analyst, who

supports ABmunis' Policing, Justice, and Emergency Management Committee and represents ABmunis on the Contract Management Committee, at kelly@abmunis.ca or 780-419-4315.

Sincerely,

Dylan Bressey | President

E: president@abmunis.ca

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6644 | www.abmunis.ca



Good Afternoon Ms.Gilliat

We are writing regarding the information we first shared on July 14, 2026, regarding our Call to Action to the Government of Alberta.

We wanted to take this opportunity to highlight the initiative and the opportunity for municipalities to participate. We recognize that many municipalities are balancing busy Council schedules, conferences, budget discussions, and other competing priorities, and wanted to ensure this opportunity remains on your radar.

The National Police Federation (NPF) proudly represents nearly 20,000 RCMP Members serving across Canada and internationally, including over 3,100 who serve in Alberta. This initiative urges the Government of Alberta to pause further investment in an Alberta Sheriffs Police Service until a comprehensive, independent, and publicly available feasibility study is completed. It also calls for evidence-based investments in policing, the justice system, mental health and addiction services, and community-based crime prevention.

A growing number of municipalities and stakeholders have already signed on in support of this Call to Action, and we would welcome the opportunity for Village of Alix to be among them.

We understand that municipal participation may require time to bring this initiative forward for consideration at a Council meeting and to complete any necessary internal approval processes. As a result, we will be extending the participation deadline to allow municipalities additional time to consider the initiative and bring it forward through their respective processes.

If your municipality or stakeholder group is interested in participating, please reply to this email and provide your municipality's logo by October 26, 2026.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss the initiative further, we would be pleased to arrange a presentation or meeting with you or members of Council.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We hope Village of Alix will join us in advocating for transparent decision-making and practical investments that strengthen public safety for all Albertans.

Kind regards,

Melissa Barnes

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The mission of the National Police Federation is to provide strong, professional, fair and progressive representation to promote and enhance the rights of RCMP Members. La mission de la Fédération de la police nationale est de fournir une représentation forte, professionnelle, juste et progressive afin de promouvoir et faire avancer les droits des Membres de la GRC.

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CALL TO ACTION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA

Dear Premier,

Albertans deserve safe and healthy communities where residents can rely on essential public safety, health, social, and justice systems. Provincial and municipal governments share responsibility for achieving these outcomes, and municipalities expect the Government of Alberta to be a transparent, accountable, and reliable partner in delivering them.

Municipalities are on the front lines of community safety, working closely with residents, businesses, and law enforcement partners every day. Despite this, municipalities have not been provided with a clear, transparent, and evidence-based plan outlining the full financial, operational, and public safety implications of establishing an Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS) or transitioning policing responsibilities away from the RCMP. No comprehensive feasibility study, detailed costing model, or long-term funding framework has been made available to inform municipal decision-making or public understanding.

At the same time, Alberta's existing policing and public safety systems are under increasing pressure. Challenges related to rural crime, mental health and addictions, and violent repeat offenders require immediate and sustained investment. Rather than diverting significant public funds towards the creation of a new police service, the Government of Alberta should prioritize strengthening and properly resourcing the systems already in place.

Policing reform must be guided by evidence, transparency, and public confidence. Decisions of this magnitude, affecting community safety, municipal budgets, and taxpayer dollars, must be made in partnership with municipalities and with the clear support of Albertans.

We, the undersigned, call on the Government of Alberta to:

- Cease further investment in and advancement of the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service as a replacement for RCMP municipal policing.
- Release a comprehensive, independent, and publicly available feasibility study, including full lifecycle costing, governance structures, and operational impacts of any proposed policing model changes.
- Seek explicit public support before proceeding with any plan to replace or significantly restructure policing in Alberta.
- Strengthen Alberta's existing policing model by:
 - Increasing RCMP officer levels and resources in communities, while ensuring sustainable and predictable funding; and
 - Invest in the Alberta Sheriffs' existing mandate as a complementary public safety service, including targeted enforcement, rural crime initiatives, and court security.
- Strengthen the justice system by addressing bail reform challenges and repeat violent offending; increasing the number of Crown prosecutors and Provincial Court judges; and ensuring timely access to justice.
- Expand integrated public safety approaches, including police and mental health crisis teams, addiction supports, and community-based crime prevention initiatives that address root causes of crime.

Good Afternoon,

We are writing to share that Emera, ATCO and Canadian Utilities have announced a transformational agreement that will combine complementary assets, capabilities and expertise to create a company built for long-term growth.

This merger is the largest combination of two Canadian companies in history. Emera and Canadian Utilities will combine to form a larger, more diversified, Canadian-headquartered utility and energy infrastructure company with the scale, capabilities and financial strength needed to meet growing demand across North America. The combined company will operate as Emera and maintain its public company headquarters in Halifax, and Canadian Utilities' corporate and operational headquarters will remain in Calgary and Edmonton.

While the transaction remains subject to regulatory, shareholder, stakeholder and other customary approvals (anticipated to close in the second half of 2027), we recognize that municipalities may have questions about what this announcement could mean for existing relationships and agreements with the ATCO utility companies, including franchise agreements with ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. and ATCO Electric Ltd.

We are committed to keeping you informed throughout the transaction process. Importantly, we want to assure you **the announcement will not affect our ongoing commitments under our existing agreements, or our safe, reliable day-to-day operations**, service delivery, and ongoing work within your community.

Your existing contacts with ATCO remain unchanged, and we will continue to provide the same level of service, support, and engagement you have come to rely on. The long-standing relationship we have established with your community remains of the utmost importance to us, and we are grateful for the partnership we have built over the years.

Should you have any questions regarding the merger, please do not hesitate to reach out to a member of our Stakeholder Relations team. As always, for all day-to-day and local operational support, your Operations leadership contact remains at the ready to assist.

Thank you for your continued partnership and trust, and I look forward to communicating with you as this process unfolds.

Sincerely,

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NEWS RELEASE

Enough is enough; provincial overreach needs to stop

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EDMONTON – *The following statement is issued on behalf of Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis) President Dylan Bressey and the Board of Directors:*

Today's announcement by the Government of Alberta that it is pausing local infill development is the latest in a series of costly attacks it has made on local democracy.

In the past two years, the current provincial government has stepped in and:

- stopped municipal governments from deciding where, when and how to use automated traffic enforcement in their communities to keep their roads safe.
- told municipalities how to run their 2025 elections and what technologies were and weren't permitted.
- removed municipal council codes of conduct.
- stopped the Town of Canmore from introducing a vacancy tax that was meant to encourage more of the town's existing housing stock to be used by primary residents and generate revenue for housing initiatives.
- forced the City of Calgary to stop construction of its Green Line LRT and realign and redesign it at an additional cost of more than \$1 billion to Calgarians.

Enough is enough. The provincial government's overreach needs to stop.

Alberta Municipalities, which represents 264 municipalities across the province, is deeply alarmed by the steady erosion of local democracy that's being driven by this government. Our call to the Premier and her government is simple: Respect the democratic will of local voters.

Alberta created municipal councils because our founders understood that a member of the legislative assembly living hundreds of kilometres away cannot possibly know what a neighbourhood needs better than local officials who live and work in that community every single day.

The provincial government established this democratic system of local governments. Residents invest time, effort and energy to participate in this system. And this system of local democracy deserves respect.

Today's announcement by the Government of Alberta is insulting to the many thousands of Edmontonians who engaged in good faith through dozens of public consultations, including statutory hearings run strictly under provincial rules. The City of Edmonton spent years and millions of taxpayers' dollars conducting meaningful consultations with residents and key stakeholders.

Worse, today's announcement is offensive to municipal voters across Alberta. When council candidates campaign on core local issues and are elected by their neighbours, the authority that voters gave them must be honoured.

Local councils share provincial goals of building safe, affordable, and prosperous communities. But local decisions belong at the local level.

If, as the Premier and her ministers say, the provincial government believes in grassroots democracy, we call on them to prove it. Rescind this order, halt the assault on municipal autonomy, and start treating local leaders as partners instead of overriding the very voters who sent us here.

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