

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Agenda: Amendments and Adoption
3. Adoption of the Minutes:
 - a) Minutes of Regular Meeting – Wednesday, December 2, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.
4. Delegation: None
5. Bylaws: None
6. Unfinished Business:
 - a) Fire Department Policy – Request for Decision 21-02
 - b) Off-Highway Vehicles – Request for Decision 21-04
7. New Business:
 - a) Orthophotography Project – Request for Decision 21-01
 - b) FCSS Office Space – Request for Decision 21-03
 - c) Alix MAC School Breakfast Program – Request for Decision 21-05
8. Financial Reports:
 - a) Accounts Payable Cheque Listing – November 11 – December 30, 2020
 - b) Bank Reconciliation – November 2020
 - c) Tax Trial Balance – December 31, 2020
9. Committee Reports:
 - a) Lacombe Regional Solid Waste Commission – Councillor Gilliat
 - b) Red Deer River Municipal User Group Association – Councillor Besuijen
10. Administrative Reports: None
11. Correspondence and Information:
 - a) Lacombe County – Quarterly Enforcement Activity Report
 - b) Alberta Minister of Health – EMS Dispatch Integration Response Letter
 - c) Emergency Dispatch Services Letter of Support
 - d) City of Cold Lake – Government of Canada’s “COVID-19 Alert” Mobile Application
 - e) Endorsement Request - Bill C-213, the Canada Pharmacare Act
 - f) Municipal Support Request - Red Deer River Watershed Alliance
12. Closed Meeting: None
13. Adjournment

**This Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council will be held virtually. The link to join the meeting as well as the agenda package can be found on the Village of Alix website.
www.villageofalix.ca**

VILLAGE OF ALIX

MISSION STATEMENT

Through Village Council policies and leadership, we foster an open, cooperative government that encourages public participation and ensures levels of services our citizens expect and deserve.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council, held on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. in the Village of Alix Council Chambers.

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

Also Present: Michelle White, Chief Administrative Officer

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

Amendments/Deletions

to Agenda: Mayor Fehr called for amendments to the agenda.

Approval of Agenda:

Resolution #288/20: Moved by Councillor Cole that the Village of Alix Council approve the agenda with the following amendment:

Add: Correspondence: d) City of Red Deer Ambulance Dispatch Services

CARRIED

Minutes: a) Regular Meeting -- November 18, 2020

Resolution #289/20: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council held on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Delegation: a) East Central Express

Mr. Robert Duncan representing East Central Express entered the meeting at 6:02 P.M.

Mr. Duncan retired from the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

b) Community Resource Centre

Ms. Christine Buelow and Ms. Jill Hillman representing the Community Resource Centre entered the meeting at 6:32 P.M.

Ms. Buelow and Ms. Hillman retired from the meeting at 7:01 P.M.

Bylaws: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: a) Tangible Capital Assets Policy -- Request for Decision 20-60

Resolution #290/20: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Village of Alix Council hereby amends Policy No. 24: Accounting for Tangible Capital Assets Classification/Capital Threshold/Amortization as follows: POLICY STATEMENTS: Capitalization d) all others with a unit cost of \$5,000 or greater, plus the additions of Appendix "A" and Appendix "B".

CARRIED

b) Tax Recovery Property -- Request for Decision 20-61

Resolution #291/20: Moved by Councillor Besuijen that the Village of Alix transfer title and take ownership of Lots 18 and 19, Block 6, Plan RN30 within the Village of Alix and Council directs Administration to take steps to sell the property for the assessed value, once title has been transferred.

CARRIED

Financial Reports: None

Committee Reports: a) Alix Family and Community Support Society - Councillor Cole

Resolution #292/20: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Village of Alix Council accept the Committee Report as presented.

CARRIED

Administrative Reports: a) Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Resolution #293/20: Moved by Councillor Cole that the Village of Alix Council accept the Chief Administrative Officer's Report as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence and Information:

a) Telus – Cracking the Rural Broadband Challenge

b) Red Deer River Watershed Alliance – Annual Report

c) Alix Wagon Wheel Museum Funding Request

d) City of Red Deer – Ambulance Dispatch Services

Resolution #294/20: Moved by Councillor Besuljen that the Village of Alix Council accept Correspondence Items (a) through (d) for information.

CARRIED

Closed Meeting: None

Adjournment:

Resolution #295/20: Moved by Councillor Soltermann that this Regular Meeting of the Village of Alix Council be adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: December 11, 2020
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: Fire Department Policy

RFD 21-02

1. **PURPOSE** — To provide Council with an update regarding public feedback for the proposed Fire Department Policy.
2. **BACKGROUND** — At the October 7, 2020 Council meeting a resolution was made directing administration to develop a Fire Department fees & charges policy. A draft policy was brought to Council's October 15th meeting for review. The policy was put out for public review and comment for the month of November.
3. **OPTIONS** —
 1. To approve the policy as presented
 2. To amend the policy prior to approval
 3. To accept this report as information
4. **DISCUSSION** —
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** — Since any fees charged or received would be for incidents within Village limits, the revenue generated is likely to be minimal and unpredictable from year to year.
6. **LEGAL** — There is no reference made in Fire Bylaw 168/90 regarding charging for incidents.
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** — The public were advised of the opportunity to provide feedback for this policy on the Village website, on the back of the utility bills and hard copies were available at the office. Only one written submission was received (attached) and no verbal submissions were made.
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** —
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** — Option #1

"that the Village of Alix Council hereby approves Fire Department Response Fees Policy #42 as presented."

Author

Fire Protection Services / User Fees

Submitted November 10, 2020

Original form had personal information on it so the content of the concern is being presented to Council in this way.

Concerns regarding the new proposed user fees for emergency services. Will anything be deducted or refunded on the taxes. I already pay for this service? I realize the insurance companies will most likely absorb this cost if needed, however, this gives the insurance company legitimate reasons to raise rates considerably. I feel this seems like "double dipping" on the part of the County. Why am I paying for this service twice should I ever need it? I've been paying for fire protection coverage for the last 16 years and never used it – Does this mean I get a rebate?

Gary Thompson & Jodi Henry



Department: Fire Department and First Response

Policy No: 42

Policy Title: Fire Department Response Fees

Resolution No: 2 /20

Date:

Review Date: 2023

Policy Statement:

The Village of Alix recognizes the importance of providing effective fire protection and emergency response service to its residents, ratepayers, the municipality and the general public.

Pursuant to the Village of Alix Fire Bylaw #168/90, the Village of Alix provides fire protection and emergency response services to its residents, ratepayers, other municipalities and the general public with firefighting equipment and personnel.

Charges for Fire and Emergency Response Equipment and Personnel

1. The Village of Alix will charge fees to residents and ratepayers of the Village of Alix in accordance with "Schedule A".
 - a) to the owner or occupant of the parcel of land, to the owner of the property or to the owner of the motor vehicle for fire response services inside the boundaries of the Village of Alix where Village of Alix Fire services have engaged in fire suppression activities;
 - b) to the owner of the motor vehicle where Village of Alix Fire services have engaged in motor vehicle collision response services;
 - c) to the person responsible for the incident, to the owner or occupant of the parcel of land, to other owner of the property or to the owner of the motor vehicle for the costs of any materials used and third party costs where the Village has engaged in any response service for any duration of time; and
 - d) to the Province of Alberta for a response to a motor vehicle collision or fire on a Provincial Highway.
2. A charge will be levied for responses in accordance with "Schedule A", unless otherwise provided for by an agreement;
 - a) Of persons who are not residents or ratepayers of the Village of Alix.

- b) To a fire intentionally set when a fire ban is in effect.
 - c) Originating on a railway right-of-way.
 - d) To a fire monitoring system nuisance alarm.
3. Charges shall be applied for the period commencing from when the equipment leaves its base facility until it is deemed back in service, rounded to the next one-half hour.
4. At the discretion of the Chief Administrative Officer:
- a) a rate of charge levied for responses for other municipalities may be adjusted pursuant to a reciprocal arrangement with that municipality.
 - b) the charge levied for responses may be adjusted based on the level of fire suppression services provided at the incident.
 - c) other costs may be charged for items including, but not limited to:
 - i. Replacement of foam
 - ii. Meals and refreshments
 - iii. Fuel
 - iv. Lost or damaged equipment and clothing
 - v. Fire investigation costs
 - vi. Specialty firefighting services
5. Appeals regarding charges levied in accordance with this policy may be made to Alix Village Council within 14 days of the date of issue.

Mayor

CAO

Date

Schedule "A"

EMERGENCY RESPONSE FEES

Service	Fee
Fire Suppression Response	<u>Total response time less than 1 hour:</u> \$0 <u>Total response time greater than 1 hour:</u> Fire Engine – First Hour - \$500 Additional Hours - \$250.00/half hour or part thereof Additional Units – First Hour - \$350 Additional Hours - \$175/unit/half hour or part thereof
Motor Vehicle Collision Response	Alberta Transportation Rates at a minimum of one hour
Any Response Other Than Medical First Response	Cost of material used and third party costs
Response to Motor Vehicle Collision or Fire on Provincial Highway	Alberta Transportation Rates
Response to a Fire Monitoring System Nuisance Alarm may be charged as follows at the discretion of the Village of Alix Fire Chief. <i>Defined as any alarm system malfunction, including faulty equipment and misuse of alarm monitoring equipment or services.</i>	No charge first response \$100 for second response \$200 for third response \$300 for subsequent responses

NOTE: Fees will not be charged for call outs that are strictly Medical First Response

ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: December 31, 2020 RFD 21-04
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: Off-Highway Vehicles

1. **PURPOSE** – To update Council regarding the matter of Off Highway Vehicles operating on or near Alix Lake and the Nature Trail.
2. **BACKGROUND** – See RFD 20-53 (attached). Council made the following resolution at the November 4, 2020 regular meeting:

Resolution #265/20: Moved by Councillor Gilliat that the Village of Alix Council hereby refer this matter to the Alix Nature Trail Society for feedback. CARRIED

3. **OPTIONS** –
 1. To accept this report as information
 2. To do public consultation on the matter
 3. To rescind Off-Highway Vehicle Bylaw 201/92
 4. To amend Bylaw 201/92 to include additional restrictions
4. **DISCUSSION** – The matter was discussed at an Alix Nature Trail Society (ANTS) meeting. Feedback from the group was received from Vice President Arlene Nelson-Dahl (attached).
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – Possible financial cost if the Bylaw is repealed and there are increased enforcement needs.
6. **LEGAL** – In some other communities, trail use is restricted in some ways (e.g. no motorized vehicles) and signs indicating this are posted at all trail heads. If Council were to implement a change like this, Bylaw 201/92 would need to be amended to reflect the changes.
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** –
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** – If restrictions were put in place regarding trail use, enforcement would be an issue. Most occurrences are likely to occur quickly and access to the Lake/Trail by car or truck to track down an offender is not possible. Also, contracted Peace Officers are not authorized to enforce Bylaw 201/92 at this time. Research would need to be done to determine if it was possible for them to add this bylaw to the list in our agreement with them.
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – There was discussion at the November 4, 2020 meeting about doing a larger lake management project partially based on the Buffalo Lake Integrated Shoreland Management Plan. This matter could be looked at in conjunction with the larger project. I will need further direction from Council on this before I would be able to do an RFD on an overarching lake management project.
If this is acceptable to Council I recommend Option #1 at this time.



Author

ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: October 21, 2020
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: Off-Highway Vehicles

RFD 20-53

1. **PURPOSE** – To bring a Public Concern to Council's attention and provide background information for consideration.
2. **BACKGROUND** – In March 2019, Ms. S. Fazer wrote to Council outlining concerns for the sustainability of Alix Lake and Nature Trail. The letter was included in Council's agenda package and subsequently accepted as information. Ms. Fazer called Village Office on October 16, 2020 to reiterate her concerns, specifically as they relate to the operation of off-highway vehicles.
3. **OPTIONS** –
 1. To accept this report as information
 2. To do public consultation on the matter
 3. To rescind Off-Highway Vehicle Bylaw 201/92
 4. To amend Bylaw 201/92 to include additional restrictions
4. **DISCUSSION** – Ms. Fazer's commented that Council has lake sustainability in the Village Strategic Plan. A review of the plan notes the Vision as **"Vibrant Village by the Lake"**. One of the Core Values is listed as "Stewardship: As stewards of community resources, we will help citizens maintain the Village's unique qualities and to nurture and preserve our quality of life."
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – Possible financial cost if the Bylaw is repealed and there are increased enforcement needs.
6. **LEGAL** – Off Highway Vehicle Bylaw 201/92 is attached for your consideration. Even if it were rescinded, off highway vehicles would be allowed to operate within the Village. By having a bylaw in place, Council is able to restrict or limit where operators are allowed to go. Option #3 above would take out those limits within the corporate limits of the Village.
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** –
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** – Ms. Fazer stated that her concerns are primarily to do with the riparian area around Alix Lake as well as with the Lake itself being harmed by off highway vehicles.
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Factors such as volume of off highway vehicle use in the community and how much damage they may do when used over land in the winter months need to be considered when making this decision.

Author

From: Arlene Nelson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: December 28, 2020 11:52 AM
To: CAO
Subject: Quads on Nature Trail

Hi Michelle

Quads are not encouraged on the nature trail because of the destruction they can cause if the rider is careless or deliberately destructive. We have found instances of both in the past.

At the ANTS meeting, on Nov 26, 2020, this subject was discussed. The general consensus was that there had been no obvious damage done to the trail in recent times by quads. Those who walk the trail regularly have stated that they have not seen any machines on the trail that should not be there.

There is a snowmobile that regularly grooms the trail in the winter. This project is supported by ANTS as it makes the trail usable during the winter months.

I hope that this is useful information for you.

Arlene Nelson-Dahl VP ANTS

ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: December 11, 2020
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: Orthophotography Project

RFD 21-01

1. **PURPOSE** – To determine if Council is supportive of an Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) grant application for the purpose of new aerial photos to go with our Geographic Information System (GIS).
2. **BACKGROUND** – The Village of Alix has GIS services through the Oldman River Regional Services Commission. They do regular aerial photos of all the communities they serve. Our last one was done in 2017 so they would like to do an update.
3. **OPTIONS** –
 1. To make the resolution below endorsing the grant application
 2. To accept this report as information
4. **DISCUSSION** – There have been some changes to the geography of the community since 2017, but nothing that would necessitate paying out of our operating budget to get the update done.
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – If the grant application is successful there will be no cost to the Village for this update. If the application is not successful it would cost the Village approximately \$3,424 (estimate only) to get this work done.
6. **LEGAL** – There is a legal requirement to have a resolution of Council on record to be a participating member of an ACP grant. One of the municipalities involved has to be lead on the project, and in this case it would be the Town of Fort Macleod.
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** –
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** –
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Option #1. I recommend the following resolution:

“ that Council hereby authorizes the Village of Alix to participate in an application for the 2021 South Region Urban Orthophotography Project, submitted by the Town of Fort Macleod under the Intermunicipal Collaboration component of the Alberta Community Partnership grant, further;

That the Village of Alix, a participant, agrees to abide by the terms of the Conditional Grant Agreement, governing the purpose and use of the grant funds.”



Author

ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: December 31, 2020
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: FCSS Office Space

RFD 21-03

1. **PURPOSE** – To determine if Council will continue to allow FCSS to occupy office space in Railway House free of charge.
2. **BACKGROUND** – FCSS currently has office space on the ground floor of Railway House in the same bay as the Youth Center.

Council made a resolution to change the FCSS funding method to an application based process on a per project or per program basis in 2021. The agreement with the Alix Family and Community Services Society ended as of December 31, 2020.

3. **OPTIONS** –
 1. Allow FCSS to continue using office space at Railway House free of charge as long as the space is needed
 2. To charge a fee for continued use of the office space
 3. To ask FCSS to vacate the office space

4. **DISCUSSION** – I understand the FCSS Board still has funds they would like to use and may also have programming to wrap up.

5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – The Village allocates approximately \$4,000/year in building expenses (insurance, utilities, debenture payments) to FCSS. These expenses would still be incurred by the Village whether the office space is occupied or not.

There is an additional \$2,000 per year in phone expenses that the Village pays. This cost would be saved if the office was vacant.

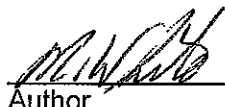
Based on \$6,000 per year, monthly expenses would be \$500.

Based on \$2,000 per year, monthly expenses would be \$166,67.

6. **LEGAL** – The agreement with the Society is no longer in effect. There was nothing in the 2008 agreement regarding provision of office space by the Village.
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** – Allowing the continued use of the office space would help with making this transition easier for the public. Though a long period of notice was given to the Society regarding the changes, many FCSS activities happen only at certain times of year. This means some clients may not yet be aware of the changes. Authorizing extra time may allow the Society to connect with more users before closing.
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** –
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Option #1. I recommend the following resolution:

“that the Village of Alix Council will continue to allow Alix Family and Community Services Society to use office space at Railway House (5008 50th Ave Alix, AB) free of charge as long as the

Society adheres to all government regulations set out in the Family and Community Support Services Act and subsequent Regulations as well as the Societies Act and Regulations."

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

Author



WE PUT OUR HEART INTO THE COMMUNITY

To Council:

This past year has been a year of changes. Some were good and some were bad. The Food Bank will be moving to the Wellness area in the New Year. The board is hoping that you will allow us to stay in the FCSS office until we feel comfortable that all matters are taken care of. This is not an easy transition for our coordinator and we hope that you understand closing up an office that has been her life for twenty some years has taken a toll on her mental well being. If this is feasible please let us know asap.

Thank you

FCSS Chairman

ADMINISTRATION REPORT



Date: December 31, 2020
Memo To: Village Council
From: Michelle White
Subject: Alix MAC Breakfast Program

RFD 21-05

1. **PURPOSE** – To determine if Council will provide funding assistance to the Alix MAC Breakfast Program.
2. **BACKGROUND** – Please see attached letter.
3. **OPTIONS** –
 1. To accept the attached letter as information
 2. To make a resolution to provide funding assistance as requested
4. **DISCUSSION** – After receiving the letter of request, I contacted Alix FCSS to see if they would be interested/able to provide some level of funding to the Breakfast Program as well. I have not heard back if they will be giving any funding support.
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – Program volunteers indicated they would need an additional \$2,500 to be fully funded for the remainder of the School year.
6. **LEGAL** – This is an eligible expense under the terms of the Municipal Operating Support Transfer (MOST) funding agreement.
7. **POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS** –
8. **OTHER COMMENTS** –
9. **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Option #2. Because other organizations may have already agreed to donate to the Breakfast Program, I recommend the following resolution. Prior to writing a cheque, I can contact the group to confirm the amount needed.

"that the Village of Alix Council will grant the Alix MAC Breakfast program funding from the Municipal Operating Support Transfer grant in an amount not to exceed \$2,500."

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. White".

Author

Dear Village of Alix

RE: Alix MAC Breakfast Program

Since 2010, Alix MAC School has been offering a breakfast program for our students with the support of the community. We would love the opportunity to partner with you to continue being able to provide a breakfast program to our student population.

This year looks quite a bit different at our breakfast program. Covid pandemic protocols have unfortunately created issues we have had to work through to keep the breakfast program in place. We were able to work through the issues and began providing breakfast program at the beginning of October. Staff members at the school have taken over food distribution from the parent volunteers, as parent volunteers are not allowed in the school at this time. New food serving guidelines allow us to only offer commercially prepared foods. This change increases the cost of the program significantly as it means that we can only offer cereal, granola bars, yogurt, whole fruits and other prepackaged foods. This is much more costly than in the past where we were able to provide toast, baked goods and buns which were wholly donated through Sobey's in Stettler as our main item, sliced fruit and bulk items.

Among the struggles this year is that due to the Covid restrictions and the cancelling of the Christmas concert we have been unable to accept food donations and have also lost one of the moments when we typically receive a number of cash donations. If the students go back to school as scheduled on January 11, 2021, we currently funds in place to last until March.

We really believe that no student should go without breakfast and statistics show us how important breakfast is to improve overall school performance and positively affect children's educational outcomes. Students may be hungry when they get to school for a variety of reasons. They may have to eat breakfast 2+ hours prior to school start due to a long rural bus ride, parents' work schedules, or caregiver arrangements. Or they may have an unsupervised morning meal or not enough food at home due to inadequate household income. Our student population has an over 50% socioeconomic "at risk" percentile which makes the breakfast program even more important.

Every student is welcome to come and have breakfast before they go to class, and we feed 50-70 students each morning. By offering it to all students there has not been a stigma or embarrassment attached to it for the students who NEED it.

We hope that you will consider donating to the breakfast program this holiday season, or in the New Year. You can make the cheque out to "Wolf Creek School Division" and mailed to Alix MAC School, PO Box 160, Alix, Alberta T0C 0B0 with a note on the subject line – "for Breakfast Program". Please feel free to reach out with any questions to Sandy Sargent at (403) 788-2334, or Helen Lacroix at Alix MAC (403) 747-2778.

Kind Regards,

Alix MAC Breakfast Program Volunteers



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Cheque Listing For Council

2020-Dec-31

8:14:23AM

Cheque		Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Description	Invoice Amount	Cheque Amount
Cheque #	Date					
20200686	2020-11-18	[REDACTED]	202011181	PAYMENT CREDIT BALANCE PAID	2,000.00	2,000.00
20200687	2020-11-18	2253676 ALBERTA LTD., (ALIX FOODS)	OCT.2020	PAYMENT SUPPLIES	90.90	90.90
20200688	2020-11-18	327241 ALBERTA LTD	805	PAYMENT OCTOBER PATROLS	388.50	388.50
20200689	2020-11-18	ACTION PLUMBING & EXCAVATING	W34464	PAYMENT SEWER & WATERLINE REPLACE	3,729.18	3,729.18
20200690	2020-11-18	AED ADVANTAGE SALES LTD	15118	PAYMENT HEARTSTART ADULTS PADS	90.30	90.30
20200691	2020-11-18	ALIX HOME HARDWARE	132826 132944 133087 133110 133144 133179 133252	PAYMENT SUPPLIES, PARTS SUPPLIES SUPPLIES, PARTS SUPPLIES FLAGS PARTS SUPPLIES	45.65 48.27 31.48 123.84 138.57 3.81 11.21	402.83
20200692	2020-11-18	BROWNLEE LLP	506068	PAYMENT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-BYL/	1,429.31	1,429.31
20200693	2020-11-18	DIVERSE SIGNS	7197	PAYMENT DIGITAL PRINT SIGNS	194.45	194.45
20200694	2020-11-18	ECA REVIEW	2049934A 2050124A	PAYMENT REMEMBRANCE DAY AD BULLYING AWARENESS AD	41.48 41.48	82.96
20200695	2020-11-18	EMBER GRAPHICS TRIM & SIGNS	2220	PAYMENT KRAFT ENVELOPES	39.90	39.90
20200696	2020-11-18	ENVIRONMENTAL 360 SOLUTIONS LTD.	RD118501	PAYMENT OCT GARBAGE & RECYCLING	6,817.12	6,817.12
20200697	2020-11-18	GREGG DISTRIBUTORS CO LTD	000-789156	PAYMENT RUBBER BOOTS	18.47	18.47
20200698	2020-11-18	HWY 12/21 REGIONAL WATER SERVICES COMM	1048	PAYMENT SEPTEMBER CONSUMPTION	12,449.13	12,449.13
20200699	2020-11-18	LACOMBE COUNTY	IVC00039685	PAYMENT MIXED SAND	1,207.20	1,207.20
20200700	2020-11-18	LEAD SERVICES	2021-001	PAYMENT FIRE PRACTICE -RADIO COMMU	315.00	315.00
20200701	2020-11-18	LIBERTEVISION WEST INC.	535	PAYMENT DIGITAL SIGN REPAIR	220.50	220.50
20200702	2020-11-18	PAUL DAVIS RED DEER	RED-20-2820	PAYMENT ARENA ROOF INSURANCE CLAIM	1,000.00	1,000.00
20200703	2020-11-18	PAYNE'S SEPTIC TANK SERVICE	10564	PAYMENT FIREHALL PUMPOUT	173.25	173.25
20200704	2020-11-18	TAXervice	2367571 2367940	PAYMENT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	194.25 325.50	519.75
20200705	2020-11-18	UNIFIRST LTD.	756 0502022	PAYMENT MATS	80.95	80.95
20200706	2020-11-18	VILLAGE OF ALIX	50100-OCT.2020 55100-OCT.2020 63900-OCT.2020 69600-OCT.2020	PAYMENT OCT BULK WATER OCT UTILITIES-OLD FIREHALL OCT UTILITIES-LIBRARY OCT UTILITIES-P/W	131.08 112.40 115.05 105.04	1,002.39



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Cheque Listing For Council

2020-Dec-31

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Cheque		Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Description	Invoice Amount	Cheque Amount
Cheque #	Date					
20200706	2020-11-18	VILLAGE OF ALIX	7000-OCT.2020	OCT UTILITIES-OFFICE	116.65	1,002.39
			72700-OCT2020	OCT UTILITIES- BAY #1 & 2	110.28	
			72800-OCT2020	OCT UTILITIES- BAY 1 & 2	163.38	
			72841-OCT2020	OCT UTILITIES- BAY #4	148.51	
20200716	2020-12-02	ADVANCED SYSTEMS (LACOMBE)		PAYMENT		5,358.86
			37624	REMAINDER OF NEW SERVER C	4,594.92	
			37627	GIGABIT SWITCH	51.45	
			37629	DISK DRIVE	61.95	
			MSP-37685	IT SUPPORT	383.25	
			MSP-37718	NOVEMBER OFFICE 365	136.04	
			MSP-37720	NOVEMBER BACKUPS	131.25	
20200718	2020-12-02	ALIX HOME HARDWARE		PAYMENT		681.32
			133308	PAPER TOWELS	77.68	
			133401	PARTS, SUPPLIES	60.60	
			133478	SPRAY BOTTLES-SANITIZER	6.28	
			133546	PANIC BAR - BAY 3	152.24	
			133565	PLEXI-GLASS - SAFETY BARRIER	41.35	
			133668	FAUCET, CONDUIT STAPS	257.66	
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			NOV2020	NOVEMBER MEETINGS	450.00	
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			2050156A	AD	41.48	
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			NOV.2020	NOVEMBER MEETINGS	550.00	
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			NOV.2020	NOVEMBER MEETINGS, TRAVEL	698.00	
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			444937	NOVEMBER CLEANING	290.00	
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			1055	OCTOBER CONSUMPTION	12,183.34	
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			INV00039751	EQUIPMENT & REPAIR EXPENSE	1,197.17	
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			OCT2020	NOVEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS	6,956.28	
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			20201618	DECEMBER SUPPORT	469.51	
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			446105883	SIGNS -FREIGHT CHARGES	41.59	
20200735	2020-12-02	SERVUS CREDIT UNION LTD.		PAYMENT		266.50
			M202011		266.50	



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20200736	2020-12-02	SOLTERMANN, VICKI	NOV.2020	PAYMENT NOVEMBER MEETINGS, TRAVEL	557.00	557.00
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20200750	2020-12-16	AIR LIQUIDE CANADA INC.	72201505	PAYMENT OXYGEN	98.20	98.20
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20200762	2020-12-16	KERRY'S MECHANICAL LTD	54059	PAYMENT SAFETY INSPECTION,PARTS	451.50	451.50
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20200764	2020-12-16	M & M MOWING	2020018 2020019	PAYMENT ROADSIDE MOWING LAGOON MOWING	892.00 2,047.50	2,939.50
20200765	2020-12-16	MONSTER CONTROLS	4151	PAYMENT SECURITY CAMERAS-PARTS & L	1,080.41	1,080.41
20200766	2020-12-16	STAPLES-DESJARDINS CREDIT CARD	5141842871-0-1	PAYMENT SUPPLIES	278.79	278.79
20200767	2020-12-16	UNITED RENTALS OF CANADA INC.	188521569-001	PAYMENT BOOM RENTAL-CHRISTMAS LIGI	1,011.02	1,011.02
20200768	2020-12-16	VILLAGE OF ALIX	50100-NOV.2020	PAYMENT NOV BULK WATER	187.69	1,116.70



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20200768	2020-12-16	VILLAGE OF ALIX	55100-NOV.2021	NOV UTILITIES - OLD FIREHALL	112.40	1,116.70
			63900-NOV.2021	NOV UTILITIES-LIBRARY	116.65	
			69600-NOV.2021	NOV UTILITIES-P/W	92.83	
			7000-NOV.2020	NOV UTILITIES - OFFICE	117.18	
			72700-NOV.2021	NOV UTILITIES - FIREHALL	109.74	
			72800-NOV.2021	NOV UTILITIES-BAYS 1 & 2	129.39	
			72830-NOV.2021	NOV UTILITIES-BAY # 3	112.40	
			728411-NOV.2021	NOV UTILITIES- BAY # 4	138.42	
20200769	2020-12-16	WEIDNER MOTORS LTD.,	221975	PAYMENT		78.39
				2010 CEHEV PARTS	78.39	
20200779	2020-12-30	ADVANCED SYSTEMS (LACOMBE)	37925	PAYMENT		3,154.20
			37933	EXTERNAL DRIVE	208.95	
			38012	TECH SUPPORT-NEW SERVER S	2,829.75	
				TECH SUPPORT	115.50	
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				PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	519.75	
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				DECEMBER FLASHERS	592.00	
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			961853	FACE ROD	40.11	
			961854	HAND SANITIZER	91.12	
				ELECTRICAL TAPE	14.47	
20200783	2020-12-30	HACH SALES & SERVICE CANADA LP	238556	PAYMENT		387.56
				WATER CHEMICALS	387.56	
20200784	2020-12-30	JOHN BROOKS CO. LTD.	2383389	PAYMENT		945.00
				SUPPLIES-SEWER	945.00	
20200785	2020-12-30	LACOMBE COUNTY	IVC39838	PAYMENT		5,999.80
				2020 COUNTY FIRE CHIEF COST	5,999.80	
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				FIELD SURVEY-CEMETERY	1,412.78	
20200787	2020-12-30	LOCAL AUTHORITIES PENSION PLAN	DEC. 2020	PAYMENT		7,692.27
				DECEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS	7,692.27	
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				FREIGHT CHARGES	44.57	
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				[REDACTED]	304.57	
20200790	2020-12-30	SOLTERMANN, VICKI	DEC. 2020	PAYMENT		350.00
				DECEMBER MEETINGS	350.00	
20200791	2020-12-30	UNIFIRST LTD.	756 0505861	PAYMENT		44.29
				MATS	44.29	

Total 130,010.99

*** End of Report ***

**VILLAGE OF ALIX
BANK RECONCILIATION
FOR THE MONTH ENDING:
November 30, 2020**

SERVUS CREDIT UNION

	CHEQUING	INVESTMENTS
Balance from Bank Statement:	2,474,582.05	4,012.00
Plus: Deposits in Transit	9,812.87	
Less: Outstanding Cheques	(14,850.81)	
 Reconciled Bank Balance:	 <u>2,469,544.11</u>	 <u>4,012.00</u>
 GL balance @ : November 30, 2020	 <u>2,469,544.11</u>	 <u>4,012.00</u>
Variance:	-	-

THIS STATEMENT SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL THIS 6th DAY OF JANUARY, 2021



*** End of Report ***

Lacombe Regional Solid Waste Commission
Regular Board Meeting
November 25, 2020
Lacombe County Office

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm.

Old Business:

CIBC Woody Gundy GIC allocation was discussed. We have three different GIC's with interest ranging from 1.57% to 2%. The amounts will be reviewed regularly. Investment duration will coincide with closure/post closure needs. Servus offered .75%.

Third Party Disposal Rates.

In October the commission voted to increase Commercial Hauler tipping fees at the Prentiss Facility. The Manager asked if we would delay or rescind this decision because the amount hauled in by Third Parties has decreased since the Commission started asking for identification before allowing anyone to use the facility. He feels the increase will be hard on businesses in the area.

It was argued that we are either favouring all our requisition customers or commercial customers. We could lower the municipal requisition by almost 7% or help out businesses. In the end the matter was tabled until our April meeting.

Managers' Report:

Still one employee off on a non-work related injury. WCB will make a decision regarding the worker off since 2019 on a claim.

We are still waiting for the insurance company to approve a quote to repair the damage to the building from the break in September 6th. The site truck was replaced and the 3 ton should be repaired the first week of December. All the tools have been replaced.

The mattress recycling has been working well. To date they have shipped 241 mattresses at a cost of \$20.77 each. This will free up an amazing amount of space in the landfill.

AEP has decided that LRSWC cannot use grass clippings on our Cell 5 reclamation.

The County of Lacombe has begun the excavation of Cell 5 and the reclamation of cells 3 & 4. Cell 5 should last 5 years.

They are stock piling wood waste in order to grind/chip and sell to Strickland Farms. LRSWC will partner with the City of Lacombe in order to be cost effective.

Next Meeting February 24, 2021

The Organizational meeting was called to order at 1:55 pm

Election of Officers

Chairman – Grant Creasey

Vice Chairman – *Barb Shepherd*

Executive Committee Member – Barb Gilliat

Meeting adjourned at 1:59

Red Deer River Municipal User Group Association

19-November-2020

Councilor Besuijen

For more information see the RDRMUG web page rdrmug.ca

1. Minutes of meeting are provided by the Executive Director are attached.
2. Highlights of the meeting
 - a. Josee Methot, Exectutive Director for the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance provided a presentation and overview of RDRWA operations and mandates.
 - b. Reviewed and adopted financial statements.
 - c. Reviewed 2021 budget that was adopted as a draft to be finalized at the January meeting.
 - d. Bill Shaw from BPS Consulting Ltd. Provided a presentation regarding a water handbook entitled "Looking Back -- Going Forward" on sustainability of the Red Deer River basin and key water roles for municipalities.
 - i. Presentation is part of this report below.
 - ii. Copy of the handbook provided below. (Summary Version)
 - iii. See minutes for other discussion points related to this exercise
 - e. Keith Ryder provided the Executive Director Report. (see minutes for details).

Regards,



Tim Besuijen

Minutes of the Red Deer River Municipal User Group

Regular Meeting

November 19, 2020 at 1:00 PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Attendance: T. Leslie – Town of Sundre, J. Ireland – Lacombe County, D. Wyntjes – City of Red Deer, A. Campbell – Town of Stettler, D. Grover – County of Stettler, M. Marshall – Starland County, R. Poole – Town of Blackfalds, G. Bates – Town of Innisfail, G. Keiver – Kneehill County, P. Massier, B. Windsor – Town of Didsbury, A. Kemmere – Mountain View County, G. Parsons – Town of Sylvan Lake, R. Kasco – Town of Oyen, J. Berry – Lacombe County, J. Slemp – Special Areas, C. Reeds – Town of Trochu, R. Wildeman – Town of Three Hills, A. Monkman – City of Red Deer, B. Shaw – City of Red Deer, T. Besuijen – Village of Alix, A.M. Philipsen – County of Newell, R. Hoyt – M.D. Acadia Valley, J. Methot – RDRWA (Presenter) K. Ryder – RDRMUG. Ipad (6)??

1. Call to Order:

Co-Chair John Ireland called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.

2. Adoption of Agenda:

2.1. Additions to Agenda

Motion: A. Campbell moved that the agenda for the November 19, 2020 RDRMUG regular meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. Presentation:

3.1. J. Méthot, MSc. – Executive Director/Watershed Planning Manager, Red Deer River Watershed Alliance (RDRWA).

- Josée has recently been appointed to the RDRWA Executive Director Position, however, has been part of the RDRWA for six years as the Watershed Planning Manager.
- RDRWA is one of the Provincial Watershed Management and Advisory Councils. (WPAC)
- RDRWA is a multi-sector group representing all stakeholders within the Watershed.
- This year marks the fifteenth anniversary of the creation of the RDRWA.
- RDRWA Key Roles:
 - Act as convenors and collaborators.
 - Develop Watershed management policy.
 - Assess and report on the health of the Watershed.
 - Deliver educational and literacy programs
- RDRWA Current/Ongoing Projects:
 - Produced factsheets on a variety of topics including hydraulic fracturing
 - Updating RDRWA website
 - Producing a film on the Red Deer River Basin. (In final stages and soon to be released).

- Have completed a technical report on the Riparian Area Assessment for the Medicine-Blindman Rivers Watersheds.
 - Mapping hydraulically sensitive areas, which will benefit municipal planning, landowner management, stewardship group projects and Provincial planning.
 - Annual Report is available on www.rdrwa.ca and outlines key information.
- Acknowledged partnerships with RDRMUG on several joint initiatives.

4. Minutes:

4.1. Confirmation of Minutes of September 17, 2020

Motion: Moved by R. Poole that the RDRMUG regular meeting minutes from September 17, 2020 be approved as presented. **Carried**

4.2. Business arising from Minutes of September 17, 2020 – None

5. Financial:

5.1. Financial Statements to October 31, 2020

Executive Director, K. Ryder provided an overview of the RDRMUG financial statements to October 31, 2020 and highlighted the following:

- Balance Statement: Current Assets - \$83,116.51
- Closing Surplus - \$71,996.92
- Statement of Revenue and Expenses: Revenue - \$56,458.92 Expenses - \$31,501.66
- Surplus (loss) for Year-to-date: \$24,957.26

K. Ryder explained that due to the Covid-19 implications and restrictions that many projects that were budgeted and planned for the 2020 fiscal year have either been put on hold, scaled back or will carry over into future year(s).

Motion: Moved by B. Windsor to accept the Financial Statements to October 31, 2020 as presented for information. **Carried**

5.2. 2021 DRAFT Operating Budget: ([Click here for copy](#))

Executive Director, K. Ryder presented a DRAFT budget for the RDRMUG year ending December 31, 2021. He reviewed the line items individually with the following highlights and recommendations:

- Request for member's contribution will remain at .25 cents per capita.
- Discussion on surplus amount reflected in the DRAFT 2021 budget. Explanations included that in recent years RDRMUG had operated with a small annual deficit and 2020 was a unique year with the restrictions encountered due to the Covid-19 effects. The consensus is that the surplus amount will be finalized in consideration of the proposed future projects.
- Project funding is to be determined and finalized by membership after review of "Possible RDRMUG Actions" as presented by BPS Consulting Ltd. to members.

Motion by A. Kemmerer to receive the DRAFT budget for information and to bring forward to the January meeting. This will provide members with time to review the implications of the "Possible RDRMUG Actions" items in budget implications.

6. New Business:

6.1. Special Committee – Next Steps RDRMUG Handbook

Bill Shaw, (BPS Consulting Ltd.) presented a power point on the work that he has completed to date relating to the Handbook that highlights “Looking Back – Going Forward”

[Click here](#) for power point.

Round table discussion highlighted the following points:

- RDRMUG appreciative of the detailed, quality work prepared by Bill Shaw.
- Documents are comprehensive and very readable with a blend of history and suggested future directions.
- RDRMUG is a unique organization of urban and rural municipalities that has continued to proactively provide advocacy and raise awareness of the municipal perspective of water related issues within the Red Deer River Basin.
- Provide an extensive educational resource for our members and stakeholders.
- Excellent document to share the function(s) of RDRMUG with council colleagues, MLAs, MPs and other interested stakeholders.
- Continue to build on the credibility that has been established with Alberta Environment and other Provincial departments.
- Work closely and share resources with other agencies such as the RDRWA, AUMA, RMA, AWC and others as required.
- Investigate all types of possible presentation media including a video/pod cast or ??? that could be installed on our www site and used to present this information to all Councils and other stakeholders. K. Ryder will gather information and provide suggestions for next meeting.

6.2. Possible RDRMUG 2021 (and ongoing) Actions (DRAFT):

BPS Consulting Ltd. presented a table listing 5 possible future actions that RDRMUG should consider in moving forward with goals and mandate. These considerations have been gathered from RDRMUG Members in the form of water related priorities to their municipalities.

[Click here](#) latest edition of the Handbook Report...

[Click here](#) for Executive Summary of Handbook Report

Points highlighted for discussion:

- Future actions would include discussion and action on Water Quality, Availability, Assurance, and Storage.
- Begin by RDRMUG Executive Committee provide a briefing to RDRWA Board of Directors.
- Continue work with stakeholders including Alberta Water Council.

- Follow up with members on past projects such as the Integrating Source Water Protection and Conservation into Land Use Planning documents.
- Continue to lobby Province to ensure that the Red Deer River Basin does not fall into the same situation as the Bow and Old Man Rivers in that both rivers are fully allocated. Future allocation of the Red Deer River must be handled efficiently to the benefit of all users.
- Very important to exercise advocacy role to the Provincial Government prior to any decisions being made on future allocation limits and licenses.
- Ensure that “Possible Actions” include the water related issues that are important to your municipality.
- Members to review budget implications of “Possible Actions” for discussion at next RDRMUG meeting.
- Review methods of sharing information with member’s Councils through video/pod casts, personal presentations, workshops, etc.

Consensus was to bring this document forward to the RDRMUG January meeting. This will allow members to review and if they wish gather input from their colleagues or administration.

7. Meeting with Minister J. Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks

The RDRMUG Special Committee met with Minister Nixon on October 23, 2020 in Sundre. [Click here for summary of meeting.](#)

8. Executive Director Report:

K. Ryder provided and update on administrative items and information including:

- Attended a webinar session with the Orphaned Wells Association (OWA). This organization deals with wells and lease sites that have been abandoned by companies that have become insolvent. [Click here for power point.](#)
- Received information from Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) on projects relating to riparian health assets within the River Basin. Mr. Ken Lewis has offered to provide RDRMUG with an update at our January meeting.
- An information news video pertaining to an invasion of Prussian Carp within the Town of Innisfail to be shared with regular meeting.
- Advised that **NO** password is required to access any sections of <http://rdrmug.ca/> (several members had commented that they were having difficulty in accessing these files and that this information would be made available to anyone on request through their municipal offices).

Motion by T. Besuijen to accept the Executive Director’s report for information.

Carried

9. Agenda Additions: None

10. Municipal Project Review:

11. Articles and Correspondence:

- [Click here](#) for Water Canada November/December Magazine
- [Click here](#) for Innisfail Prussian Carp issue

12. Upcoming Events:

12.1. RDRWA Fall Forum – Webinar November 24, 2020

13. Next RDRMUG Regular Meeting:

- January 21, 2021 (details to be determined)

14. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:15pm by J. Ireland

Carried

Unapproved



RED DEER RIVER MUNICIPAL USERS GROUP

A LOOK BACK - THE PATH FORWARD

Water is the lifeblood of municipalities. It is vital for municipal sustainability, including economic viability, environmental integrity, social well-being and cultural vibrancy.

Red Deer Municipal Users Group

REPORT STRUCTURE

RDRMUG FORMATION AND

ACTIONS 2006 – 2020

PRIORITY WATER ISSUES and

WAYS TO ADDRESS THE
ISSUES

THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER

• WATER IS AT THE CORE OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND IS CRITICAL FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENERGY AND FOOD PRODUCTION, HEALTHY ECOSYSTEMS AND FOR HUMAN SURVIVAL-ITSELF. WATER IS ALSO AT THE HEART OF ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE, SERVING AS THE CRUCIAL LINK BETWEEN SOCIETY AND THE ENVIRONMENT." *UNITED NATIONS.*

WATER: VITAL MUNICIPAL ASSET

AUMA:

**"NO WATER, NO MUNICIPALITY. WATER IS THE LIFEBLOOD OF MUNICIPALITIES.
IT IS ESSENTIAL TO ALL FIVE ELEMENTS OF MUNICIPAL SUSTAINABILITY:**

- **ECONOMIC VIABILITY . . .**
- **ENVIRONMENTAL INTEGRITY. . .**
- **SOCIAL WELL-BEING . . .**
- **CULTURAL VIBRANCY. . .**
- **GOVERNANCE "**

MUNICIPALITIES: KEY WATER ROLES

- Drinking water management and wastewater management
- Environmental conservation (e.g. wetland, riparian land and aquatic habitat protection)
- Management of land use impacts (e.g. point source and non-point source pollution)
- Land use planning, and
- The promotion of land stewardship.

REPORT CONTENTS

FORMATION

- 2006-2008
 - WHY
- PURPOSES
- GOALS

ACTIONS

- COLLABORATION
- REPORTS

PRIORITY ISSUES

- IDENTIFY
- PRIORITIZE
- POSSIBLE APPROACHES

RED DEER RIVER: WATER SUPPLY LIMITATION

River system	Ave. Annual Flow (dam ³)	Equivalent (barrels)	Allocation Limit	Useable Barrels
Bow	3,829,000	100	70%	70
Oldman	3,342,000	87	70%	61
Red Deer	1,666,000	44	33%	

ISSUES – LIST and PRIORITY

Initial list	
Climate change	Water assurance
Drought	Water quality
Floods	Watershed impacts
Invasive species	Water resource management
Groundwater	Wildfires
Water storage	Water treatment
Water security	

Top 5 Priorities	Next 3
1. Water availability	Integrated water resource management
2. Water quality	Watershed impacts
3. Drought	Floods
4. Water assurance	
5. Water storage	

ISSUE ACTION FRAMEWORK

NEEDS	SOURCE WATER PROTECTION	WATER UNDERTAKING S	INTEGRATED PLANNING
ISSUES	WATER AVAILABILITY	WATER ASSURANCE	INTEGRATED WATER
ISSUES	WATER QUALITY	WATER STORAGE	RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

WATER AVAILABILITY

(A SUB-ISSUE OF SOURCE WATER PROTECTION)

DESIRED KEY OUTCOMES

- Adequate stream flow in all seasons to ensure the availability of water for the operation and sustainable growth of municipalities, a viable economy and healthy aquatic environments
- Review of the allocation limits established for the Red Deer River by the *South Saskatchewan River Basin Water Management Plan*

GOALS

- Year-round availability of sufficient water for municipalities, other water users and aquatic health
- Increase Red Deer River water allocation limit
- Summary Report: Red Deer River water supply, uses, demand projections, current storage, allocation status, relevant studies and quotes

ROLES

- Lead Roles: Alberta Environment and Parks, RDRMUG
- RDRMUG roles:
- Meet with AEP to discuss key water availability issues
 - Review South Saskatchewan River Water Supply study (2009) and others
 - Apprise and update the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance

WATER QUALITY

(A SUB-ISSUE OF SOURCE WATER PROTECTION)

DESIRED KEY OUTCOMES

GOALS

ROLES

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Surface water quality management framework for the Red Deer River watershed• Reliable access by municipalities and other water users to clean water• Watershed conservation through beneficial land use practices | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safe, secure and reliable drinking water• Avoid water contamination by acting on a broader knowledge of contamination threats throughout the watershed• Prepare and implement source water protection plans A surface water quality framework for the red deer river watershed | <p>Lead Roles: Alberta Government, Red Deer River Watershed Alliance, municipalities</p> <p>RDRMUG roles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide input into the development of a surface water quality management framework• Encourage municipalities to adopt beneficial land use policies and promote their implementation |
|---|--|--|

WATER ASSURANCE

DESIRED KEY OUTCOMES

- Municipalities have a secure very long-term water supply within a water allocation system that also provides water security for other water use sectors.

GOALS

- Better understanding of water supply, uses and future needs
- Productive dialogue with Alberta Environment and Parks regarding long term municipal water security
- Commitments to allocate water to meet long-term municipal needs while sharing water with other users
- Water conservation and effective use of water

ROLES

Lead Role: RDRMUG

- Meet Alberta Environment and Parks re: municipalities' need to have an assured supply of water
- Request Alberta Environment and Parks to explore and evaluate options to provide assured water supplies for municipalities
- Inform, update and involve, when appropriate, municipalities throughout the watershed and the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance

WATER STORAGE

DESIRED KEY OUTCOMES

- A report that addresses the need for additional water storage, including options, benefits, impacts, and recommendations
- A water storage strategy and action plan for the Red Deer River Basin.

GOALS

- Infrastructure in place to meet future water demands, maintain a healthy river and minimize the impacts of droughts and floods
- Assist in meeting water conservation objectives, and thus aquatic health
- Provincial government confirms the need to prioritize the provision of additional water storage infrastructure in the Red Deer River sub-basin

ROLES

Lead Role: RDRMUG

- Prepare a terms of reference a water storage strategy report
- Establish a steering committee
- Engage a consultant to produce the water storage strategy report
- Present the report to the provincial government and encourage action.

INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

DESIRED KEY OUTCOMES

- A Red Deer River Integrated Water Resources Management Plan
- A completed integrated watershed management plans for the Red Deer River watershed
- A dynamic relationship between basin stakeholders and the provincial government to work together to amplify the benefits of water for the environment, economy, communities and people throughout the watershed

GOALS

- Effective watershed wide perspectives, partnerships, strategies and actions
- Integrated land use planning, water resource management and watershed conservation
- Water security (sufficient quantity and quality in all seasons) for lasting environmental, economical and social benefits

ROLES

Lead Roles: Provincial Government, Red Deer River Watershed Alliance
RDRMUG roles:

- Encourage Provincial Government to prepare an integrated water resources management plan
- Encourage the RDRWA to prioritize the completion of the integrated watershed management plan
- Support and participate



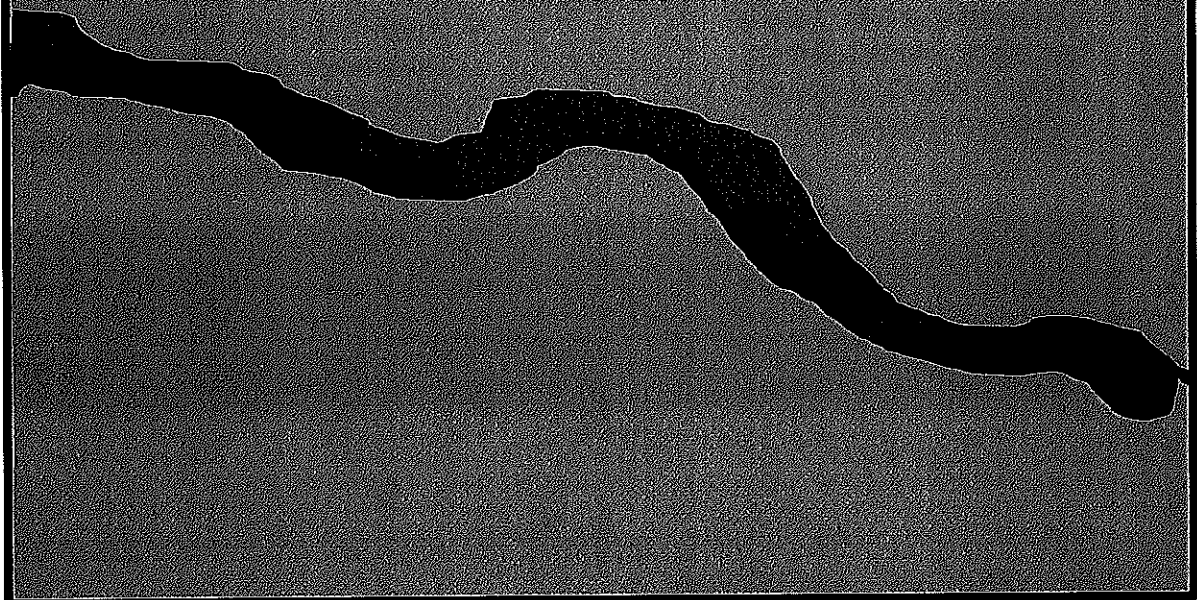


**RED DEER RIVER MUNICIPAL
USERS GROUP**

A LOOK BACK – THE PATH AHEAD

2006 – 2020

2020 - 2023



Water is the lifeblood of municipalities. It is vital for municipal sustainability, including economic viability, environmental integrity, social well-being and cultural vibrancy.

Red Deer Municipal Users Group

RED DEER RIVER MUNICIPAL USERS GROUP

FORMATION: In August 2006 municipalities from throughout the Red Deer River watershed began to meet regarding the long-term availability of water to municipalities.

Three factors prompted these meetings:

1. 2006 *South Saskatchewan Water Management Plan* significantly set limits the amount of water that can be allocated from the Red Deer
2. interests in new water licences, including for a very large licence for agricultural and related uses
3. recognition there will continue to be growing and competing demands for water.

PURPOSES: The purposes of the Red Deer River Municipal Users Group are:

- A forum to discuss water supply, use and quality
- An advocate of municipal interests in the supply, use, delivery and quality of water
- Foster communication and cooperation among stakeholders to work together to achieve common goals to protect, conserve and wisely use water resources.

GOALS:

The goals of MUG are those of the *Alberta Water for Life Strategy*:

- Safe secure supply of drinking water for all residents
- Reliable quality water supplies for a sustainable economy
- Healthy aquatic ecosystems.

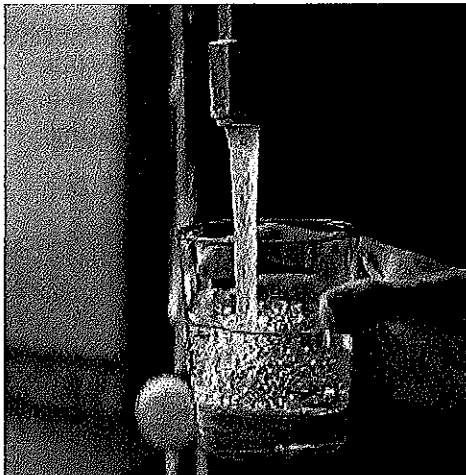
OBJECTIVES: Some objectives of MUG are:

- Encourage the effective management of water resources throughout the watershed
- Ensure that reliable water supplies, both quantity and quality, are available for a sustainable and growing economy throughout the watershed, including its municipalities
- Promote the conservation and effective use of water
- Encourage watershed conservation and source water protection throughout the entire basin
- Inform and update municipalities on water matters and concerns
- Support integrated watershed management planning through the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance
- Participate in supportive relationships with other stakeholders

Alberta's Water for Life Strategy states: "In Alberta, our quality of life, and life itself, depends on having a healthy and sustainable water supply for the environment, for our communities and for our economic well-being."

ACTIONS TO DATE among others:

- Liaise with and assist the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance
- Encourage municipalities to conserve and effectively use water
- Input to the Province's 2013 "Water Conversations"
- Input to the WaterSmart report *Adaptation Roadmap for Sustainable Water Management in the South Saskatchewan River Basin*
- Input to the Alberta Water Council report on source water protection
- Input to the review of the South Saskatchewan River Basin Water Management Plan
- Support the interbasin transfer of Red Deer River water to areas east and north of the watershed
- Opposed the interbasin transfer of water to CrossIron Mills
- Special Areas Water Supply input
- Support floodproofing in highly prone reaches of the Red Deer River
- Advocate for additional storage within the basin
- Conduct municipal workshops and seminars



MAJOR REPORTS

MUG also has a number of significant reports, including:

- *Water Assurance Study* - proactive approaches to securing water for municipalities, including reserving water for municipal use, net diversion licencing, return flow credits, and more
- *Source Water Quality Primer* - water availability in the basin and the importance of source water quality
- *Toolkit for Protecting Source Water Quality in the Red Deer River Watershed*: describes threats to water quality, municipal roles and tools to use in protecting source water quality
- A Municipal Report on *Integrating Source Water Protection and Watershed Conservation into Municipal Planning*:
- *Natural Assets – A Statutory Plan Guide*: provides a comprehensive list of policy guides to meaningfully address the conservation of natural assets - air arable land, water, environmentally significant areas.

WATER: VITAL IMPORTANCE and MUNICIPAL ROLES

VITAL IMPORTANCE: Water is vital to the sustained well-being of municipalities, both rural and urban.

The AUMA states: “No water, no municipality. Water is the lifeblood of municipalities. It is essential to all five elements of municipal sustainability:

- Economic viability . . .
- Environmental integrity. . .
- Social well-being . . .
- Cultural vibrancy. . .
- Governance “

These five key elements are significant to all municipalities – both rural and urban.

WATER RELATED MUNICIPAL ROLES: The RMA emphasizes two key municipal roles of municipal roles in water management and protecting water quality.

- “Municipalities are responsible for land-use planning and environmental decisions where water bodies or wetlands are factors.
- Municipalities play a role in managing water systems that impact residents, business and industry.” (RMA. Rural Municipalities of Alberta. *Position Statement on Water*).

The AUMA supports these views in stating:

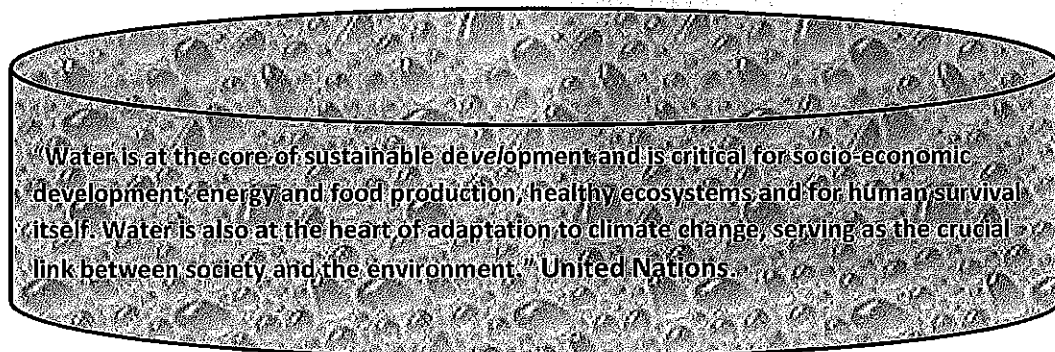
- “One of the most important ways that we can effectively manage our water is

to change the way we manage our land. Land use has many impacts on our watersheds, from encroachment of development on riparian areas and wetlands, to creation of impervious surfaces that cause stormwater issues, to environmentally damaging uses that leech contaminants into our groundwater. **It is vitally important to combine land use management with watershed management to ensure that both our land and water are protected.”** (*Municipal Water Primer and Discussion Paper*).

In summary then, municipalities have key roles to play in protecting water quality and conserving water:

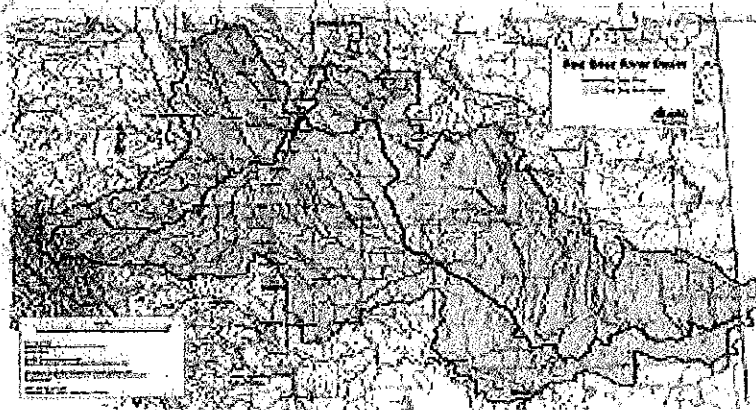
1. drinking water management and wastewater management
2. environmental conservation (e.g. wetland, riparian land and aquatic habitat protection)
3. management of land use impacts (e.g. point source and non-point source pollution)
4. land use planning, and
5. the promotion of land stewardship.

Municipalities, and especially municipalities working collaboratively, and with other partners can do much to protect water and manage water use within a watershed.



RED DEER RIVER: WATER SUPPLY LIMITATION

RED DEER RIVER WATERSHED: The Red Deer River watershed has an area of 49,650 km² and home to approximately 300,000 people.. Over 80 rural and urban municipalities are located wholly or partly in the watershed and/or have the Red Deer River as their drinking water source.



WATER SUPPLY: Because the mountainous headwaters area of the Red Deer River is much smaller than those of the Bow and Oldman, the annual volume of the Red Deer River is much smaller than the Bow and Oldman River volumes. (see table below). (source AMEC report).

The 2006 *South Saskatchewan River Basin Water Management Plan* provides water management objectives for these rivers and sets the amount of water from each river that can be licenced for withdrawal. The allocation

limits for the Bow and Oldman are 70%, based on the licences allocated by the early 2000s. The allocation limit for the Red Deer was set at only 33% as a means to enable flows to regularly meet water conservation objectives and interprovincial water apportionment agreements. The table below provides a simplified comparison of the volume of allowable water use (licenced water) from each river system.. Because of the difference in the sizes of the rivers and the established allocation limits, the amount of water from the Red Deer River system that can be licenced for withdrawal is only 21% of that of the Bow and 24% of the Oldman.

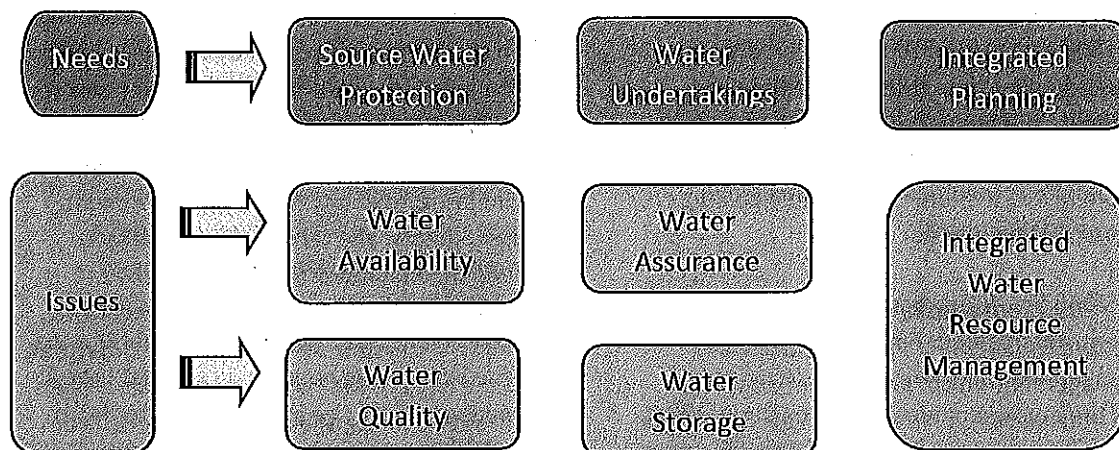
River System	Ave. Annual Flow (dam ³)	Equivalent (barrels)	Allocation Limit (%)	Useable Barrels
Bow	3,829,000	100	70	70
Oldman	3,342,000	87	70	61
Red Deer	1,666,000	44	33	14.5

PRIORITY WATER ISSUES

PRIORITY ISSUES: Early in 2020 the MUG members identified thirteen issues MUG could address, they being; climate change, drought, flooding, invasive species, groundwater, water storage, water security, water assurance, water quality, watershed impacts, water resource management, wildfires and water treatment. Each member gave a priority rating to each issue. The top five issues were: (1) water security; (2) water quality; (3) drought; (4) water assurance; and (5) water storage. The next three were: (6) water resource management; (7) watershed impacts; and (8) flooding. Subsequent research reflected on the issue of water security as defined by UNESCO.

UNESCO: water security is "the capacity of a population to safeguard access to adequate quantities of water of acceptable quality for sustaining human and ecological health on a watershed basis, and to ensure efficient protection of life and property against water-related hazards such as floods, landslides, land subsidence and droughts."

This definition enunciates three core aspects of water security: (1) adequate **quantities** of water, (2) acceptable water **quality** and efficient **protection**. Security infers each of these is ensured, thus requiring planning and management. This led MUG to address issues in the scope of three broad needs, source water protection, water undertakings and integrated planning.



Addressing these five issues does not dismiss the other top priorities identified by MUG. Drought and flooding can be considered within water resource management and water storage, while watershed impacts can be addressed under water resource management and water quality. Important to note is that issues overlap and thereby interact.

ISSUE ACTION FRAMEWORK: To address the issues, what follows is a framework for MUG actions over the next three to five years. The directions outlined could change as life unfolds in the Red Deer River watershed and Alberta. (environmentally, economically and socially). While the issues are addressed from a municipal perspective, it is recognized there a host of other perspectives at play.

ISSUE 1: WATER AVAILABILITY (a sub-issue of source water protection)

Water Availability: access to adequate supplies of water through all seasons of the year for sustaining human well-being, livelihoods, economies and social fabrics.

Essential Message: Water availability is essential for a municipality's sense of *security* and hope for the future.

Desired Key Outcomes

- Adequate stream flow in all seasons to ensure the availability of water for the operation and sustainable growth of municipalities, a viable economy and healthy aquatic environments
- Review of the allocation limits established for the Red Deer River by the *South Saskatchewan River Basin Water Management Plan*.

Goals

- Year-round availability of sufficient water for municipalities, and other water use sectors.
- An increase in the water allocations allowable from the Red Deer River, perhaps to as much as 50%.
- During periods of low flows in the South Saskatchewan River basin, the water licences in the Red Deer sub-basin are not disproportionately impacted.

Some Basic Matters

- Ensuring the primary role in management of the Eastern Slopes is source water protection
- Municipal statutory plans address source water protection and watershed conservation

- A commitment by the Provincial Government to review the limit placed on allocations from the Red Deer River
- Intrabasin Water Coordinating Committee addresses apportionment during water shortages in any or all sub-basins by the sharing of water resources during periods of low flows in such a way that the water licences in the Red Deer sub-basin, so the majority of junior licences, are not disproportionately impacted.
- Appropriate infrastructure in place to meet future needs for water

Lead Actions:

- Protection of headwaters
- Review of Red Deer River water allocation limit
- Summary report: Red Deer River water supply, uses, demands and allocations

Lead Roles:

- Alberta Environment and Parks
- RDRMUG

MUG's Roles

- Meet with Alberta Environment and Parks to discuss key water availability issues: headwater protection (i.e. all of the Green Zone); adequate stream flow (water volumes) in all seasons and Red Deer River allocation limits
- Review 2009 South Saskatchewan River Water Supply Study and other related reports
- Apprise and update the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance.

Other Partners

- Red Deer River Watershed Alliance.

ISSUE 2: WATER QUALITY (a sub-issue of source water protection)

Essential Message:

- Having reliable clean water is significantly beneficial to municipalities and other water users, and is a reflection of the health of the watershed.
- Collaborative input to the “Surface Water Quality Management Framework”
- Promote wider, effective community education and engagement of actions to protect water quality.

Desired Key Outcomes

- Surface Water Quality Management Framework for the Red Deer River Watershed
- Reliable access by municipalities and other water users to clean water

Goals

- Safe, secure and reliable drinking water
- Avoid all water contamination, especially source water for drinking
- A better understanding of contamination threats throughout the watershed, with initial focus on areas close to drinking water sources
- Prepare and implement source water protection plans in support of drinking water safety plans
- A surface water quality framework for the Red Deer River watershed
- Beneficial land use practices
- Collaborative strategies and actions by key partners working together.

Some Basic Matters

- Reduce, and where possible eliminate, point and non-point water polluting impacts.
- The preparation of source water protection plans
- Encourage municipalities through land use planning to support source water and water quality protection through beneficial land use practices

Lead Actions:

- Develop a Surface Water Quality Management Framework
- Initiate and encourage actions to maintain and improve surface water quality.

Lead Roles:

- Alberta Government (re: *Alberta Land Stewardship Act*): Surface Water Quality Management Framework
- Red Deer River Watershed Alliance: encourage actions to maintain and improve surface water quality as outlined in *Blueprint: An Integrated Watershed Management Plan for the Red Deer River Watershed Phase 1: WATER QUALITY*
- Municipalities: statutory plans guide source water protection and watershed conservation through beneficial land use planning.

MUG's Roles

- Provide input into the development of a Surface Water Quality Management Framework
- Continue to encourage municipalities to incorporate and implement beneficial management practices

Other Partners

- Municipalities, watershed stewardship groups, water and wastewater utility providers.

ISSUE 3: WATER ASSURANCE

Essential Message:

- Without sufficient supplies of good quality water, the long economic, social and environmental viability and sustainability of communities will be in doubt.

Desired Key Outcome

- Municipalities have a secure very long-term water supply within a water allocation system that also provides water security for other water use sectors.

Goals

- Better understanding of water supply and uses/needs, current and future
- Productive dialogue with Alberta Environment and Parks regarding long term municipal water security
- Ascertain commitments to allocate water to meet very long-term municipal needs while sharing water with other use sectors
- Considering water conservation objectives sectors to maintain the health of aquatic ecosystems as an important factor in pursuing long-term municipal water security
- Municipalities promote water conservation and the effective use of water.

Some Basic Matters

- Meetings with Alberta Environment and Parks to:
 - explore a Crown Reservation and other water management options
 - discuss a need to re-assess Red Deer River system water allocation limits

- Review Water Assurance Study
- Municipalities implementing water conservation plans to foster the efficient and effective use of water
- Gain a clear understanding of the Red Deer River Water Conservation Objectives (WCO), including how they were established and how they impact the water allocation limit for the Red Deer River.
- Consider supporting the Intrabasin transfer of the Red Deer River water to areas where viable options for demonstrated water needs are not available.

Lead Action:

- A report that guides achieving municipal water assurance through sharing.

Lead Role:

- Red Deer River Municipal Users Group

MUG's Roles

- Meet with Alberta Environment and Parks to discuss municipalities' need to have an assured supply of water
- Request assistance from Alberta Environment and Parks to explore and evaluate options, including a Crown Reservation, that will provide an assured supply of water for municipalities
- Inform, update and involve, when appropriate, municipalities throughout the watershed and the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance

Other Partners

Alberta Environment and Parks, Red Deer River Watershed Alliance, municipalities.

ISSUE 4: WATER STORAGE

Essential Message:

- Additional water storage in the Red Deer River watershed is a strategic need
- Additional water storage will provide a broad range of long-term benefits, a critically important one being to assist water management in low flow years.

Desired Key Outcomes

- A report that addresses the need for additional water storage, including options, benefits, impacts, and recommendations
- A water storage strategy and action plan for the Red Deer River basin.

Goals

- Appropriate infrastructure in place to meet future water demands and maintain a healthy river and minimize the impacts of droughts and floods
- Assist in meeting Water Conservation Objectives, and thus aquatic health
- Provincial Government confirmation of the need to prioritize the provision of additional water storage infrastructure in the Red Deer River sub-basin.

Some Basic Matters

- *"In the future the Red Deer sub-basin will require an additional 80,000 dam³ of storage to meet Water Conservation Objectives requirements in view of increasing water demands." Alberta WaterSmart*
- "high variability in annual natural flows indicates that storage development and regulation of flow would be helpful to better match available supply with demand on both a seasonal and annual

basis . . . In light of projections of 2030 deficits, investigation of new storage opportunities . . . is prudent." AMEC

- Improve understanding of water storage requirements in relation to future water use needs, climate variability and periods of drought
- Explore the benefits of increased storage: greater flexibility to manage surface water runoff and supplies to meet water users' needs water conservation objectives; assist water quality and aquatic systems management; assist in alleviating the impacts of flood and droughts.

Lead Action:

- Preparation of a Water Storage Strategy Report

Lead Partner:

- Red Deer River Municipal Users Group

MUG's Roles

- Prepare a terms of reference for the preparation of a Water Storage Strategy Report
- Establish a Steering Committee representing a number of key stakeholders
- Engage Contract a consultant to produce the Water Storage Strategy Report
- Present the report to the Provincial Government and encourage action.

Other Partners

- Alberta Environment and Parks, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Red Deer River Watershed Alliance, Special Areas/Acadia Valley, other major water users.

ISSUE 5: INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Essential Messages:

- Water resource management for the Red Deer River can be significantly advanced through two complementary plans: Integrated Water Resource Management Plan and Integrated Watershed Management Plan
- By working in harmony, these plans would encourage, guide and support strategic directions to manage land and water resources for environmental, economical and social sustainability.

Desired Key Outcomes

- A Red Deer River Integrated Water Resources Management Plan
- A completed Integrated Watershed Management Plans for the Red Deer River Watershed
- A dynamic relationship between basin stakeholders and the provincial government to work together to amplify the benefits of water for the environment, economy, communities and people throughout the watershed

Goals

- Effective watershed wide perspectives, partnerships, strategies and actions
- Integrated land use planning, water resource management and watershed conservation
- Comprehensive, collaborative river basin planning
Water security (i.e. sufficient quantity and quality in all seasons) for lasting environmental, economic and social benefits
- Collaborative engagement by many partners working together.

Lead Action:

- Plans to integrate water resources management and watershed management.

Lead Roles:

- Alberta Environment and Parks: Red Deer River Integrated Water Resources Management Plan
- Red Deer River Watershed Alliance: Integrated Watershed Management Plan for the Red Deer River Watershed.

MUG's Roles

- Encourage Alberta Environment and Park to prioritize the preparation of Integrated Water Resources Management Plan to foster water security for municipalities and other water users, including the environment
- Encourage the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance to prioritize the completion of the Integrated Watershed Management Plan for the Red Deer River Watershed
- Participate in the preparation of Integrated Water Resources Management Plan and Integrated Watershed Management Plan
- Support positive collaborative relationships among water stakeholders within and outside the Red Deer River watershed.

Partners

- Municipalities, various Provincial Government Departments, major water use sectors, water stewardship groups .

Thus, WHY THE RED DEER RIVER MUNICIPAL USERS GROUP?

MUG established and continues to function and to be effective? Because municipalities throughout the Red Deer River watershed recognize:

1. Water is a vital municipal asset.
2. Water availability is a source of personal well-being, not the least of which is water to drink, to use for cooking and personal cleanliness.
3. An assured long-term water supply provides for municipal security and optimism.
4. There will continue to be growing and at times competing needs for water.
5. The future availability of water for municipal sustainability is a fundamental need.
6. A sustainable environment is closely related to the availability of water.
7. Land use planning to protect water quality and to promote the efficient and effective use of water are key municipal roles.
8. Municipal water, stormwater and wastewater systems collectively impact water resources and aquatic environments.
9. Sharing municipal perspectives with other water use sectors is an important component of the management of water resources.
10. Municipalities can help to address current and future threats to the availability of source water and water quality.
11. The need to advocate the management of water resources within the South Saskatchewan River basin that balances the water needs of the Red Deer River sub-basin with those of the Bow, Oldman and South Saskatchewan River sub-basins.

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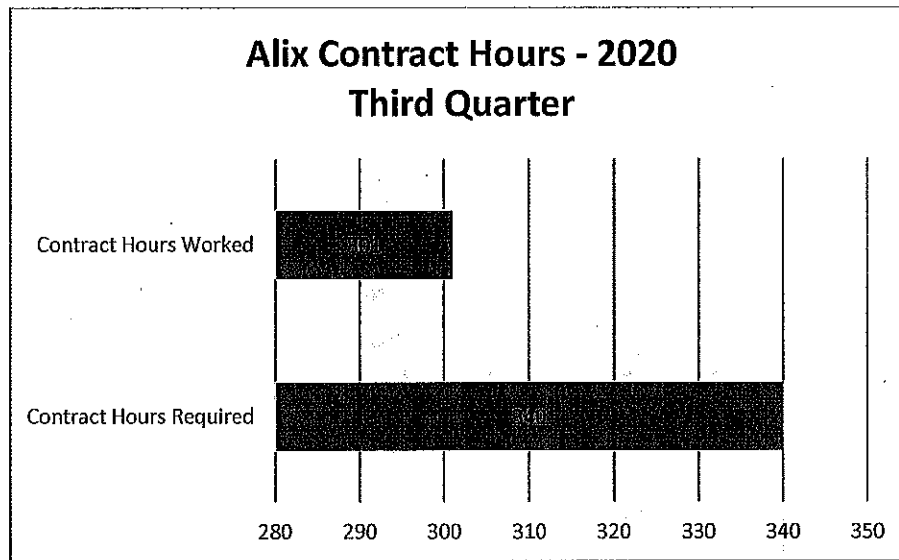
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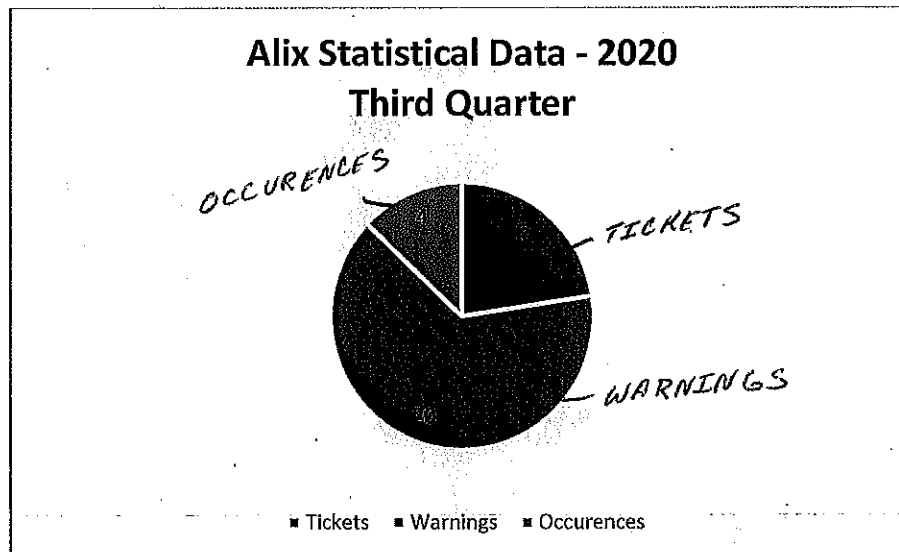
Quarterly Enforcement Activity Report



STATISTICAL OVERVIEW



'2020 Peace Officer Services, Schedule E of the Peace Officer Services Agreement'



'Data collected from July 1st, 2020 – September 30th, 2020 as per Section 11, Peace Officer Service Agreement'

PEACE OFFICER HIGHLIGHTS

Throughout the quarter Community Peace Officers patrolled the Village of Alix providing Community Safety Patrols and dealing with resident concerns regarding Bylaw and Traffic Safety. With students heading back to school in September, officers provided a number of patrols in and around our schools as a reminder to motorists to be watchful on their daily commute.

Officers were excited to be in attendance for the Alix-MAC Terry Fox run on September 25th. Officers engaged students and members of the public while promoting support for cancer research.

Community Peace Officers support the Village of Alix in its efforts to ensure compliance with various bylaws. In addition to violations tickets and violation tags, Officers can serve Notices and Orders under the Municipal Government Act for Bylaw Contraventions. Officers continue to remind residents to contact the Village office or visit the Town's website for rules specific to their community.

Lacombe County promotes the Provincial Traffic Safety Calendar and supports 'Vision Zero'.

July

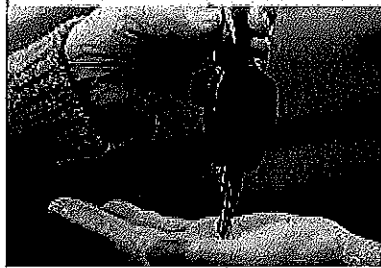
Impaired driving



Cycling
Construction zones
Off-highway vehicles

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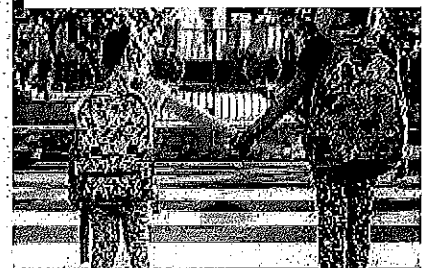
New drivers



Cycling
Alcohol and drug impairment
Aggressive drivers
Motorcycles

September

Back to school

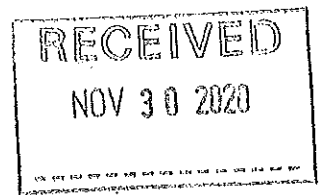


Cycling
Alcohol and drug impairment
Speed

For more information on the Lacombe County's Peace Officer program please contact the Lacombe County office at 403-782-8959.

Prepared and submitted by,

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Lacombe County



*Office of the Minister
MLA, Calgary - Acadia*

AR 178081

November 26, 2020

His Worship Rob Fehr
Mayor, Village of Alix
Box 87
Alix AB T0C 0B0

Dear Mayor Fehr:

Thank you for your letter regarding emergency medical services (EMS) dispatch integration. I appreciate the work that the Village of Alix undertakes to support the health of its residents.

I understand that you are concerned about potential impacts to patient outcomes for communities where dispatch will transition to Alberta Health Services (AHS) EMS, and I want to assure you that EMS users will notice no change. Throughout the last decade of EMS dispatch transition in Alberta, EMS research and data has shown that this change will not result in service delays or decreased levels of care. In fact, a borderless system complemented by an integrated dispatch system provides improved medical oversight and better continuity of care.

As you are aware, both the Health Quality Council of Alberta (HQCA) and the Ernst and Young review of AHS identified that integration of EMS dispatch services improves system performance and overall patient outcomes due to gains in efficiency, coordination and integration with the health system. The HQCA consulted with municipalities throughout their review.

Please be assured this is a fiscally responsible transition that will maintain patient safety and ensure consistency and sustainability for dispatch services across all communities.

If you have additional questions about the transition, I encourage you to reach out to AHS EMS Chief Paramedic, Darren Sandbeck, at darren.sandbeck@ahs.ca or 403-701-3070.

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His Worship Rob Fehr
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Thank you again for taking the time to express your concern about this issue, and for your advocacy for your community.

Sincerely,

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Tyler Shandro, Q.C.
Minister of Health

cc: Darren Sandbeck, AHS EMS Chief Paramedic

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December 2, 2020

His Worship Robert Fehr
Mayor of Alix
Box 87, 4849 50th Street
Alix, AB
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Re: Thank You and Update Regarding Emergency Dispatch Services Support

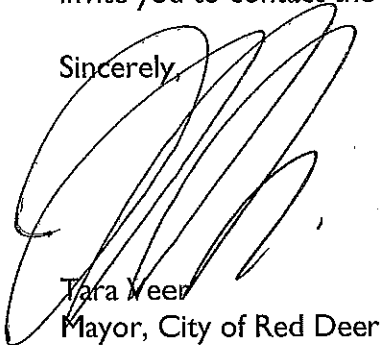
Dear Mayor Fehr:

The Cities of Red Deer, Lethbridge, Calgary and the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo have been advocating to the Minister of Health to keep ambulance dispatch regional. As part of our efforts, we shared your letter of support with the Minister of Health, as it was essential for him to see how many communities have concerns with the Government intent to consolidate ambulance dispatch. We would like to thank you for your public support.

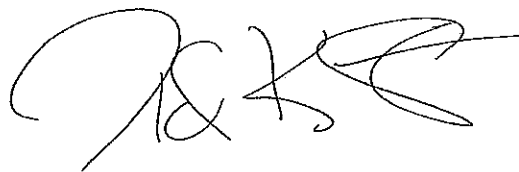
Your support on ambulance dispatch provides evidence that Alberta Health Services needs to engage with municipalities before any change occurs to emergency dispatch services. We are continuing to advocate for our regional ambulance dispatch services, and are now appealing to the Premier to overturn the decision by Alberta Health Services.

We appreciate your support on this critical matter. If you would like to discuss further, we invite you to contact the Office of Mayor Tara Veer at 403.342.8154.

Sincerely,



Tara Veer
Mayor, City of Red Deer



Don Scott
Mayor, Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo



Chris Spearman
Mayor, City of Lethbridge



Naheed Nenshi
Mayor, City of Calgary

cc Chris Spearman, Mayor of Lethbridge

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Mayor Fehr

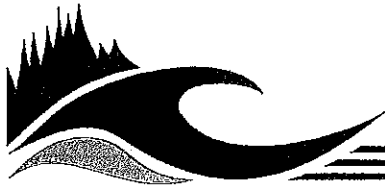
Naheed Nenshi, Mayor of Calgary

Don Scott, Mayor of Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo

Red Deer City Council

Allan Seabrooke, Red Deer City Manager

Steven Ellingson, Red Deer Intergovernmental Strategist



COVID-19

City of **Cold Lake**

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

December 3, 2020

Via Email health.minister@gov.ab.ca

Government of Alberta
Office of the Minister of Health
423 Legislature Bldg. 10800-97th Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Attention: Honourable Tyler Shandro, Minister of Health

Dear Minister Shandro:

At the City of Cold Lake's regular Council meeting, held on November 24, 2020, City Council debated concerns being raised by our residents relating to access to the Government of Canada's "COVID-19 Alert" mobile application.

In the Cold Lake context, these concerns are exacerbated due to our proximity to the Province of Saskatchewan, the City of Cold Lake's position as an economic hub in the northeast, and the presence of CFB Cold Lake. Many Saskatchewan residents are using the federal COVID-19 contact/exposure alert application and come to our community to shop and access healthcare services. It is our hope that a solution may be found that would allow the Government of Alberta to enable the federal government's application, or to harmonize the Alberta tracing application with the federal one.

We understand that the "ABTraceTogether" was launched in May 2020 and the Government of Canada developed its "COVID-19 Alert" at a later date, and that this has caused concerns relating to provincial coordination and potential confusion between different applications.

Our Council feels that the Government of Alberta deserves much credit in its quick response, development, and deployment of its tracing application. Since inter-provincial travel and trade is critical to our economy and will be a large factor in our post COVID recovery, however, it is our hope that a Canada-wide solution can be implemented as soon as reasonably possible.

Although the federal government's application may have been late, it has the unique advantage of being able to trace contacts across the country. Our residents feel there are significant benefits a Canada-wide approach can bring to help safely strengthen interprovincial travel and trade.

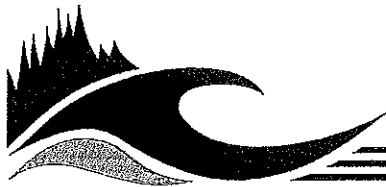
In response to our residents' concerns, Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by Councillor Vining that Council consider a letter to the Government of Alberta urging it to open access to the federal COVID-19 mobile app in Alberta.

WHEREAS Canada is in the midst of a global pandemic relating to the COVID-19 virus, during which health experts have expressed the need to be able to trace people who may have been exposed to the virus in an effort to break the cycle of infection; and

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***WHEREAS** the Government of Canada has developed a nation-wide mobile application to assist with tracing efforts in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and*

***WHEREAS** as on November 4, 2020, eight (8) provinces and territories have opened the app for access within their jurisdictions and over 5 million Canadians have now downloaded the application.*

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Cold Lake urges the Government of Alberta to enable the Government of Canada "COVID-19 Alert" application for Albertans.*

And that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Jason Kenny Premier of Alberta, MLA David Hansen, opposition health critic MLA David Shepherd, the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association, and all municipalities within the Province of Alberta.

The City feels that the more Albertans who voluntarily download and use a tracing application capable of operating across all provinces, the quicker Albertans can react to information and assist with curbing the spread of the COVID-19 virus, which will assist in quicker economic recovery efforts.

The City of Cold Lake appreciates your leadership in these uncertain times and stands ready to assist in any way called upon.

And we remain,

Respectfully yours,

Craig Copeland,
Mayor

cc: Council

Chief Administrative Officer K. Nagoya
The Honourable Jason Kenny, Premier of Alberta
The Honourable David Hanson, MLA Bonnyville-ColdLake-St. Paul Constituency
The Honourable David Shepherd, MLA Opposition Health Critic
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Mayor ROB FEHR
City of ALIX

Dear Mayor FEHR,

We are writing to you today seeking the City Council of ALIX's formal endorsement of Bill C-213, the *Canada Pharmacare Act*.

Introduced in February 2020, the *Canada Pharmacare Act* is ground-breaking new federal legislation based on the recommendations of the Hoskins Advisory Council on the Implementation of National Pharmacare and modelled on the *Canada Health Act*.

The *Canada Pharmacare Act* specifies the conditions and criteria that provincial and territorial prescription drug insurance programs must meet to receive federal funding. This includes the core principles of public administration, comprehensiveness, universality, portability, and accessibility.

Universal public drug coverage has been recommended by commissions, committees, and advisory councils dating as far back as the 1940s. Immediately following the last election, the New Democratic Party of Canada began working to draft a legislative framework to enable the implementation of a universal, comprehensive and public pharmacare program. The *Canada Pharmacare Act* is the first piece of legislation introduced by the New Democrat Caucus in the current Parliament.

As you know, across Canada, people are making impossible choices every day because they cannot afford their prescription medications. Over the past year alone, one-in-four Canadians were forced to avoid filling or renewing a prescription due to cost or take measures to extend a prescription because they could not afford to keep the recommended dosage schedule.

Even those with private coverage are seeing their employer-sponsored benefits shrink – a trend that has accelerated due to the economic impacts of COVID-19. In fact, Canadians are twice as likely to have lost prescription drug coverage as to have gained it over the past year.

Simply put, universal public pharmacare will extend prescription drug coverage to every single Canadian, while saving billions every year. The final report of the Hoskins Advisory Council found that, once fully implemented, universal public pharmacare will reduce annual system wide spending on prescription drugs by \$5 billion. Businesses and employees will see their prescription drug costs reduced by \$16.6 billion annually and families will see their out of pocket drug costs reduced by \$6.4 billion a year.

Although a recent study from Anus Reid Institute found near universal support for pharmacare among the Canadian public, powerful vested interests in the drug and insurance industries are lobbying to block this critical program in order to protect their profits.

Indeed, the *Canada Pharmacare Act* is reaching a crucial period in the legislative process. The first hour of debate on this bill took place in Parliament on November 18, 2020. The second hour of debate and the first vote will be held in February 2021. This legislation could be enacted by next spring, allowing millions of Canadians who are struggling to pay for medication to receive the support they desperately need.

That's why we need your help to secure the adoption of the *Canada Pharmacare Act* in Parliament. We are asking your City Council to join other municipalities across Canada to formally endorse Bill C-213. We will be publicizing this support nationally.

For more information on C-213 and to sign the e-petition, please visit our website:

www.pharmacarec213.ca

Thank you very much for your consideration. Please feel free to contact us if you require further detail.

We look forward to hearing from you. ROB

Sincerely,
Peter Julian, MP
New Westminster-Burnaby

Jenny Kwan, MP
Vancouver East

Don Davies, MP
Vancouver Kingsway



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December 17, 2020

Re: Municipal Support for the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance

Dear Village of Alix,

As a municipality operating in the Red Deer River watershed, the Village of Alix is a vital part of watershed management efforts in the basin. This letter provides an update on the recent activities of the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance (RDRWA), the Watershed Planning and Advisory Council for the Red Deer River watershed.

Who We Are

The Red Deer River Watershed Alliance was established in 2005 and is one of 11 Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils (WPACs) which partner in the delivery of Alberta's *Water for Life Strategy*. Our vision is that the watershed will be healthy, dynamic, and sustainable through the efforts of the entire community. As a multi-sector and collaborative not-for-profit organization, a core tenet of our work is that all sectors have a role to play in watershed management.

Our goals are to provide a forum for information exchange and dialogue, to raise awareness of watershed issues, and to promote the use of best practices and the integrated management of land and water resources. 2020 marks our 15th anniversary, and over this time, we have been able to bring diverse perspectives together to tackle complex watershed issues in practical and innovative ways. Highlights of our work include a comprehensive State of the Watershed Report (2009), an Integrated Watershed Management Plan on water quality (2016), education and outreach programs to thousands of central Albertans, on-the-ground restoration projects, and timely advice on land and water-resource files to members and municipalities.

Benefits to Your Municipality

We are sending this letter, and the attached '*Our Common Water*' case for support, to invite the Village of Alix to consider joining municipalities from across the watershed with a financial contribution in support of the RDRWA. The RDRWA's work benefits the municipality in two primary ways. First, through any direct programming within municipal boundaries, and second, through programming at the watershed-scale that influences the health of local watersheds and the water security of communities and industries.

Municipalities contribute approximately 20% of the RDRWA's annual funding, based on a funding model of **just 50 cents per capita**. Municipal funding strengthens the RDRWA's ability to provide support to partner municipalities, advance integrated watershed management, engage different sectors, and lead water literacy and environmental education efforts.

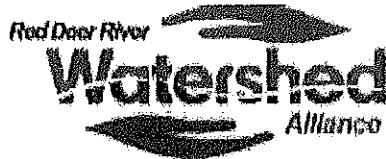
The Village of Alix can play a key role in watershed management by joining the growing community of municipalities supporting the RDRWA. We hope that you will consider a 50 cent per capita annual donation to the RDRWA, and contribute to joint efforts for a healthy, dynamic, and sustainable watershed.



Update on 2019-2020 Activities

The RDRWA recognizes the role of municipalities as major land-use decision-makers and community leaders, and we have been working to provide more targeted support to municipalities since 2017. Our *2019-2020 Annual Report* provides details about our recent activities (attached), and highlights include:

- **Planning Resources:** To assist municipalities with land and water resource management, we have produced multiple technical reports and tools addressing watershed topics (e.g., riparian areas, water security, hydraulic fracturing). All of these resources are available to you at no charge via www.rdrwa.ca.
- **Blueprint: An Integrated Watershed Management Plan (Phase One, Water Quality):** Implementing the recommendations in *Blueprint* requires support and leadership from individuals, groups, and governments. The RDRWA would be pleased to work with your municipality to identify strategic ways forward around implementation.
- **Protecting Source Waters:** The RDRWA partnered with Fiera Biological Consulting to assess riparian intactness (condition) along 1782 kilometers of shoreline in the Medicine-Blindman Rivers watershed using a GIS-based approach in 2020. The [technical report](#) provides essential information to municipalities and other partners to spatially target the conservation and restoration of riparian areas. The RDRWA will work with partners to develop videos, infosheets, and to plan workshops in support of this project into 2021.
- **Watershed Film:** The RDRWA created a short, broadcast-quality film to raise awareness about the Red Deer River watershed and the importance of water in central Alberta. The film follows the journey of the river from tip to toe, and features a range of experts and municipal leaders. The [trailer](#) for the film has been released, with a full launch planned for early 2021.
- **Education and Outreach:** The RDRWA runs multiple events to bring various sectors together to learn about watershed issues each year, and also offers education programs to Grade 5 and Grade 8 students. Our work reaches thousands of central Albertans every year.
- **Mapping Hydrologically Significant Areas:** The RDRWA partnered with the Nature Conservancy of Canada to map "hydrologically significant areas" across the watershed and to develop an online [map portal](#). This information can be used as a practical tool to inform planning and management decisions without being prescriptive.
- **Website:** We launched a new RDRWA website in 2020, designed to better meet the needs of our partners and community members. Resources include RDRWA reports, high-resolution maps, a co community calendar, and more.
- **New Leadership:** The RDRWA was pleased to appoint Josée Méthot as the new Executive Director in 2020. Ms. Méthot brings extensive expertise in science, policy, systems thinking and stakeholder engagement to advance watershed management in Alberta.



Stronger Together

Thank-you for considering this invitation to become a funding partner of the RDRWA, through a 50 cent per capita annual contribution. If this is of interest, please contact Kelly Dodds at info@rdrwa.ca or by phone at 403-340-7379. We would be pleased to discuss the specific needs of your municipality or send an invoice. If the Village of Alix would like to receive regular updates from the RDRWA, we also ask that you provide us with a primary contact name, phone number and email address, to ensure your municipality receives regular updates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Josée Méthot". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Josée Méthot, Executive Director
Red Deer River Watershed Alliance

