

Council Package

May 10, 2022



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**AGENDA
TOWN OF LAMONT
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
May 10, 2022**

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**Town of Lamont
April 26, 2022
Regular Meeting of Council**

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| PRESENT: | Kirk Perrin | Mayor |
| | Jody Foulds | Councillor |
| | Linda Sieker | Councillor |
| | Al Harvey | Councillor |
| | David Taylor | Councillor |
| | Perry Koroluk | Councillor |
| | Colleen Holowaychuk | Councillor |
| | Rick Bastow | Chief Administrative Officer |
| | Dawn Nielsen | Deputy Chief Administrative Officer |
| | Tyler Edworthy | Director, Operations & Infrastructure |
| | Robert Mu | Finance Officer |
| | Jaclyn Ponto | Recording Secretary |

CALL TO ORDER AND RELATED BUSINESS:

Call to Order: Mayor Perrin: called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

- Addition of Item 4.5 – Approval of Councillor Absence

MOTION: 110/22 Councillor Holowaychuk: That the Council Agenda be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

- a) Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2022

MOTION: 111/22 Councillor Sieker: That the Minutes of the April 12, 2022 Council Meeting be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

b) Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes – April 4, 2022

MOTION: 112/22 Councillor Taylor: That the Minutes of the April 4, 2022 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Lamont High School Graduation Exercises

MOTION: 113/22 Councillor Taylor: That Council accept the correspondence as information.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

2022 Operating Budget

MOTION: 114/22 Councillor Taylor: That Council approve the 2022 Operating Budget as presented.

CARRIED

2022 3-Year Financial Plan

MOTION: 115/22 Councillor Foulds: That Council approve the 3-Year Financial Plan as presented.

CARRIED

2022 Proposed Taxation Bylaw

MOTION: 116/22 Councillor Harvey: That Council give first reading to Bylaw 04/22, Taxation.

CARRIED

MOTION: 117/22 Councillor Foulds: That Council give second reading to Bylaw 04/22, Taxation.

CARRIED

MOTION: 118/22 Councillor Sieker: That Council provide unanimous consent to proceed to third reading.

CARRIED

MOTION: 119/22 Councillor Holowaychuk: That Council give third reading to Bylaw 04/22, Taxation.

CARRIED

Tax Penalty Bylaw 03/22

MOTION: 120/22 Councillor Taylor: That Council give first reading to Bylaw 03/22, Tax Penalty Bylaw.

CARRIED

MOTION: 121/22 Councillor Koroluk: That Council give second reading to Bylaw 03/22, Tax Penalty Bylaw.

CARRIED

MOTION: 122/22 Councillor Holowaychuk: That Council give unanimous consent to proceed to third reading of Bylaw 03/22, Tax Penalty Bylaw.

CARRIED

MOTION: 123/22 Councillor Sieker: That Council give third reading to Bylaw 03/22, Tax Penalty Bylaw.

CARRIED

Approval of Councillor Absence

MOTION: 124/22 Councillor Sieker: That Council approve Councillor Foulds absence from the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting on May 10, 2022 due to a pre-existing work commitment.

CARRIED

REPORTS:

Council Reports:

Mayor Perrin

Written report attached.

Councillor Taylor Written report attached.

Councillor Harvey Written report attached.

Councillor Koroluk Nothing to report.

Councillor Sieker Written report attached.

Councillor Foulds Nothing to report.

Councillor Holowaychuk Attended the Mayor’s Gala on April 23, 2022.

Staff Reports:

CAO Written report attached.

MOTION: 125/22 Councillor Foulds: That Council accept the reports as presented.

CARRIED

NOTICES OF MOTION: None.

CLOSED SESSION:

- **Tax Levy Reduction Request – Heartcreek Lamont Estate Ltd.**
 - *FOIP Section 24 – Advice from Officials*

MOTION: 126/22 Councillor Harvey: That Council convene in closed session pursuant to Section 197 of the *Municipal Government Act* to meet in private to discuss matters protected from disclosure by Section 24 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* at 8:05 p.m.

CARRIED

MOTION: 127/22 Councillor Foulds: That Council revert to regular Council meeting session at 8:23 p.m.

CARRIED

MOTIONS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION:

MOTION: 128/22 Councillor Foulds: That Council request that the landowner adhere to Bylaw 04/22, which states the minimum amount payable for general municipal purposes in property taxes.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Perrin adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

LAMONT COUNTY HOUSING FOUNDATION

**Summary
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**Date: Monday, March 28, 2022
Place: Staff Room, Father Filas Manor, Mundare**



1.0 Call to Order

Chairperson Judy Schueler called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lamont County Housing Foundation to order at 7:05 p.m.

2.0 Review/Approval of Agenda

The proposed agenda was reviewed and approved as presented.

3.0 Presentation of Service Awards

Guests, past Board of Directors Mr. William (Bill) Skinner and Mrs. Irene Talaga were presented Service Awards.

4.0 Review/Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the last regular Board meeting (January 31, 2022) were reviewed and approved as circulated.

5.0 Highlights of the meeting discussion included:

- i. **Update re: COVID-19**
Mr. Bharmal reviewed COVID-19 precautions and restrictions within the Foundation and the Province.
- ii. **Update re: Seniors' Transportation**
Mr. Bharmal presented members with an update of Seniors' transportation in the Community.
- iii. **Board Committee and Lodge Managers' Reports**
Board Committee members and Managers presented their reports on the operations and management of the Lodges and Self-Contained Units.

The reports presented the following highlights for discussion:

- Lodge Managers' Reports
 - Occupancy
 - Residents
 - Staff
 - Maintenance
 - Recreation

5.0 Highlights

iii. – continued ...

- Policies and Procedures
 - Pet Policy
 - Smoking Policy
- Board Committee Reports
 - Buildings & Grounds
 - Finance
 - Personnel
 - Managers' Liaison
- Board Concerns
- Community News
- Risk Management/IPC/Safety/Psychological Health Matters
- 2022 Annual General Meeting – May 30, 2022 at 6:15 p.m.
- 2022-2024 Business Plan.

iv. **Review/Approval of Accounts Payables and Revenue & Expenditure Statements** Accounts Payables for the period ending March 28, 2022 and Revenue & Expenditure Statements for the period ending February 28, 2022 were reviewed and accepted as presented for information.

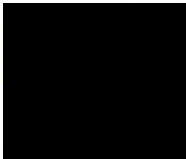
6.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at Beaverhill Pioneer Lodge, Lamont on Monday, May 30, 2022, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

7.0 Adjournment

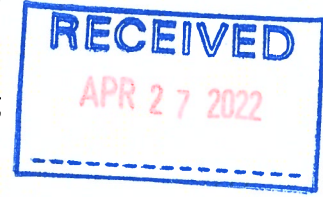
There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

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LAMONT HEALTH CARE CENTRE

**Summary
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Date: Thursday, March 24, 2022**



1.0 Call to Order

Vice-Chairperson Mae Adamyk extended a warm welcome to members and called the regular meeting of the Board to order at 12:34 p.m.

Two members were in attendance via ZOOM; five persons including three members were in attendance in the Board Room; two members sent their regrets.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

The proposed agenda was reviewed and approved as corrected and addended.

3.0 Community Involvement

Members discussed their involvement in various community activities, including the following:

- Town/County Ukrainian Flag Raising Ceremony – March 4, 2022
- Municipalities' Volunteer Appreciation events:
 - Andrew – April 25
 - Bruderheim – April 26
 - Lamont – April 27
 - Mundare – April 28, 2022.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the last regular meeting (February 24, 2022) were reviewed and approved as circulated.

5.0 Highlights of the meeting included discussion on the following items:

i. Update re: 'Faithful Footprints' Grant

Mrs. Trudy Harrold informed members that the paper work submission on the Project is being completed.

Mr. Bharmal noted that the 'finishing step' is to install a breaker and a new energy meter.

5.0 Highlights – continued ...

ii. Update re: COVID-19

Members discussed COVID-19 matters at the Patient Care Committee meeting that was held prior to the Board meeting.

iii. Update re: LTC Replacement

Mr. Bharmal informed members that he has contacted AHS and requested to resume discussion on LTC replacement at LHCC.

iv. Update re: LHCC Logo

The Board is continuing to work on the Logo for LHCC.

v. Presentation of Reports

Reports from the Executive Director, Medical Staff Committee and Board Committees were presented for information and included discussion on the following highlights:

- Revised Organization Chart for LHCC
- Revised GOV Staff Retirement Policy
- Harold James Scholarships applications
- Capital equipment requests
- Medical Staff Membership and Privileges
 - Dr. Adel Abdulhafid, Gynecologist
 - Podiatric Surgeons (Foot & Ankle)
 - Dr. Sahir Zaidi
 - Dr. Kevin James Perry
 - Dr. Samir Lalani.

6.0 Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2022, commencing at 8:30 a.m.

7.0 Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

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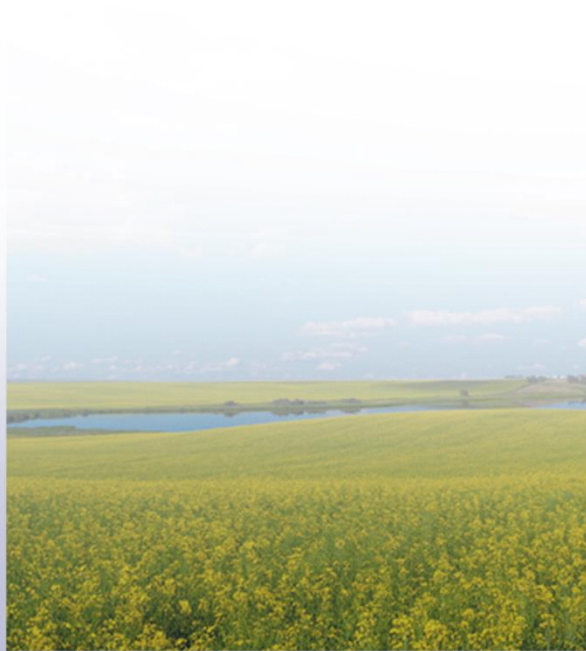


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Agenda Item: 3.3

Your Police – Your Future: Listening to Albertans



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ALBERTAN
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

What we heard

Through the NPF's community engagement sessions and online surveys with Albertans we heard loud and clear that the majority do not want a new police service, and instead want to redirect that funding to prioritize improving the justice system, strengthening social services, and increasing police resources. Participants felt that these targeted investments would bring better and more immediate results to address crime within communities.

Background

In 2020, the Fair Deal Panel (FDP) recommended that the Government of Alberta consider transitioning away from the RCMP to an Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS). The Panel's own survey showed that most Albertans do not support this idea, ranking it second last in terms of priorities for Alberta. Following the FDP recommendations, the Government hired PricewaterhouseCooper (PwC) in October 2020 to conduct a \$2 million report which was completed in spring 2021 and released publicly in November 2021, titled [APPS Transition Study](#).

Since December 2020, the National Police Federation (NPF) has conducted three rounds of public opinion research through Pollara Strategic Insights which have consistently shown that only less than nine per cent of Albertans support such a transition. This research has shown that

Albertans do not want to pay for increased costs and instead want additional resources to be invested into the Alberta RCMP to continue to reduce and mitigate rural crime and more funding within the Alberta justice system to tackle the issue of repeat offenders.

Our community engagement

The NPF has been actively meeting with Albertans, stakeholders, and elected officials over the past year, all of whom have shared these same sentiments. Following the release of the APPS Transition Study, the Government continued to assert that the majority of Albertans supported such a plan: which is the exact opposite of Pollara's findings and what the NPF has heard. In response to this, the NPF undertook a community engagement tour of Alberta municipalities to both inform and hear from municipalities and residents on policing.

The KeepAlbertaRCMP Community Engagement Tour held meetings in [38 municipalities](#) from Pincher Creek to Fort McMurray with five additional [virtual sessions](#), and other meetings with stakeholders and organizations as requested by them. From the Community Engagement Tour, the NPF developed this report sharing what we heard from communities across the province and the questions they still want answered by the Government.



WHO WE HEARD FROM



The KeepAlbertaRCMP Community Engagement Tour held public sessions throughout the province which were open to everyone. Significant social media ads, print and digital ads, and local radio commercials ensured that as many people as possible knew we were coming to their community and how to join. The NPF also held additional presentations with community groups, on request, such as Rotary Club and Rural Crime Watch, as well as presented to numerous First Nations Chiefs and First Nations members.

In addition to the public, Mayors, Reeves, Councillors, Members of the Legislative Assembly, and Members of Parliament attended these engagement sessions, as well as various other municipal officials and municipal employees. Many community organizations also attended our engagement sessions including Rural Crime Watch chapters, Citizens on Patrol chapters, and others who work to make the Alberta justice system safer and fairer for all.

WHAT WE HEARD

Survey respondents and engagement session participants shared a great deal about both the positive aspects of the current policing structure and the challenges they have experienced with policing in their community. Participant views, challenges, and their need for more information on the proposed police model are outlined in more detail in the following sections.



The image above captures the most used words in open-ended responses across all surveys. The size of the word corresponds with the relative frequency each word was used. “RCMP”, “money” and “resources” were the most frequently used words, followed by “financial pain”, “judicial system”, “great jobs” and “utmost respect” - indicating the predominance of these sentiments. It is important to note that in most open-ended responses, 86% supported keeping the RCMP. Statements most often reflected their concerns with transitioning to a new police service, while at the same time highlighting the great job and respect for the RCMP.

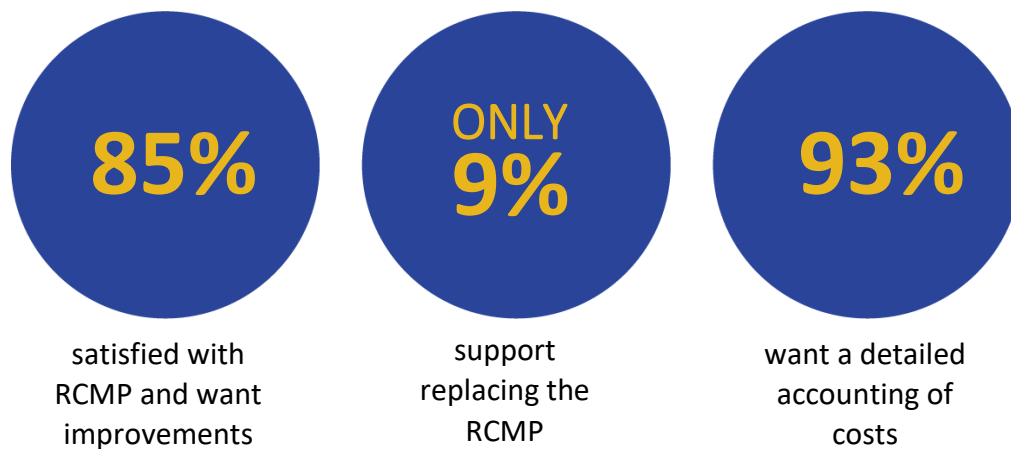


By the Numbers

Since October 2020, the NPF has conducted three rounds of research through Pollara Strategic Insights, October 2020 (W1), April 2021 (W2) and October 2021 (W3). The NPF also conducted an online survey during the same timeframe as the engagement sessions to gain feedback from those who attended and those who were unable to attend. This survey was open from January to March 31, 2022.

| SURVEYS | Number of responses |
|--|---------------------|
| Pollara October 2020 (W1) | 1,300 |
| Pollara April 2021 (W2) | 1,228 |
| Pollara October 2021 (W3) | 1,221 |
| NPF: Satisfaction of RCMP policing (2022) | 672 |
| NPF: Policing improvements within communities (2022) | 739 |

Across all research conducted between 2020 and 2022, the graphic below demonstrates the average response to questions asked. See Appendix A for further analysis of the survey responses.



Municipal Support

In March of 2022, both of Alberta’s municipal associations, Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis) and Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA), passed resolutions opposing the Government of Alberta’s provincial police service transition proposal. Together, these organisations represent all the 300+ municipalities across Alberta.

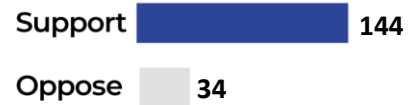
ABmunis passed a resolution that “Alberta Municipalities strongly oppose the APPS models proposed in the PwC study and develop an advocacy and communications strategy to advance our position.

Further, that Alberta Municipalities urge the Government of Alberta to invest in the resources needed to:

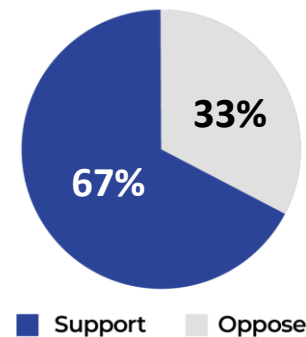
1. Address the root causes of crime (i.e., health, mental health, social and economic supports); and
2. Ensure the justice system is adequately resourced to enable timely access to justice for all Albertans.”ⁱ

RMA passed a resolution that “Rural Municipalities of Alberta request that the Government of Alberta not create an Alberta Provincial Police Service”.ⁱⁱ

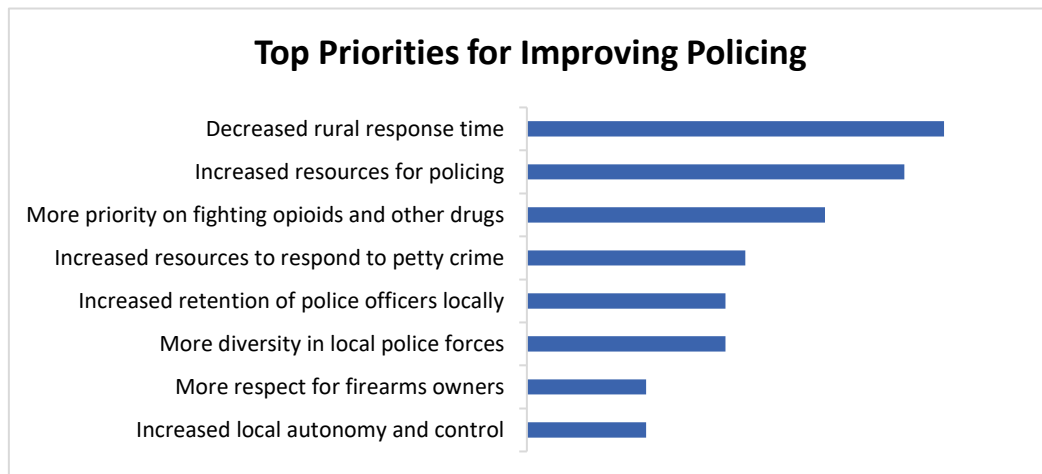
ABMUNIS MOTION 2022



RMA RESOLUTION 2022



Priorities of Albertans



We know that there are improvements that can be made within the current policing model in Alberta. Through our surveys and during discussions at our engagement sessions and as noted above in the ABmunis motion, Albertans want the Government to decrease rural response time, increase resources for police and focus on fighting opioids and other harmful drugs that are on the rise within communities.

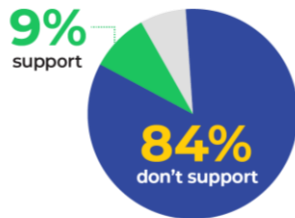


Key Themes

We heard about the positive aspects of the current policing model and of the challenges experienced by residents and communities. While some aspects of the discussions differed across the province, we heard overwhelmingly the same message: Albertans do not support a transition away from the RCMP.

During engagement sessions, two main issues continued to be raised: associated costs and impacts to public safety.

Albertans DO NOT SUPPORT replacing the Alberta RCMP



Participants also shared their frustration over the lack of basic information surrounding the potential transition from the Government. Many participants expressed that they had reached out to their local MLA and either did not receive a satisfactory answer or are still waiting for answers.

More specifically, Albertans noted that the challenges they face with the current policing structure are not just a result of policing, but a multitude of services that impact public safety including: the judicial system, lack of crown prosecutors, lack of community supports, reduction of mental health programs, and a need for better police infrastructure and resources - all of which the province oversees.

The following key themes emerged from the NPF's community engagement sessions:

1. Why is This Being Pursued?

Frequently asked questions

Why is the Alberta government continuing to pursue this?

What is so broken it must be replaced instead of fixed?

Who is going to benefit from this transition?

Many attendees questioned whether the Government was pursuing a new police service for motives other than public safety. This topic arose as residents pointed out that the Fair Deal Panel's findings through surveys of Albertans showed a lack of community support. Many continue to feel that this proposed transition is going to move forward, regardless of what Albertans want. Albertans want to ensure that public safety will not and can not be compromised for any political reason. Many people expressed that they did not feel consulted and were not heard by either the Government or their local MLAs.

Participants also questioned why the Government failed to conduct a review of the current services provided by the RCMP to identify where resources could be invested to improve the current police structure and associated costs of doing so.



2. Costs

Frequently asked questions

Why isn't the Government investing this "extra" money to address the root causes of crime?

Why does the Transition Study seem to ignore the federal contribution?

Where is all this additional money going to come from?

How much will costs increase if transition timelines are delayed?

Throughout the engagement sessions and surveys, participants emphasized their concern surrounding additional costs associated with a potential APPS. Many felt that while the Transition Study was fulsome in some cost areas, there were many noted "unknown" costs or areas where more analysis would be needed to assess the full costs and impacts. This has left participants with more questions than answers.

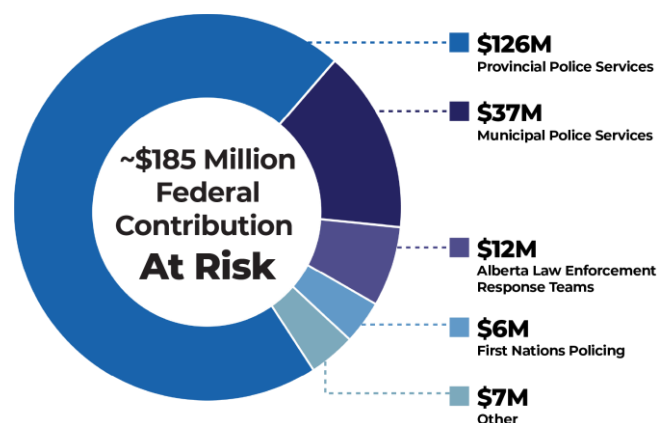
The most common question raised surrounding costs was "who is going to pay for this?" Attendees noted that the Government has stated that municipalities would not pay for the additional costs (+\$139 million per year, increasing with inflation) but has still not been able to state clearly to Albertans who would. We heard that participants felt that ultimately municipalities and taxpayers would be saddled with the increased costs and/or the fear that taxes would be raised.

"Municipalities cannot bear to have more of these (police) costs downloaded to them, especially if there's not proof that there will be increased levels of service."

– Sturgeon County Mayor Alanna Hnatiw
St Alberta Today (February 9, 2021)ⁱⁱⁱ

Costs continued to be the main concern amongst participants. Many found it hard to rationalize the proposed costs associated with an APPS and pointed out that the Transition Study noted that the APPS would be modeled after the RCMP. Many saw this as a waste of taxpayers' money which could be better spent in other ways to better address public safety in Alberta. Participants believed increased investments alone into policing will not fix rural crime, but instead a multi-pronged approach including hiring and retaining crown prosecutors and ensuring an end to the revolving door of the justice system would provide more immediate crime reduction.

We heard that some residents did not fully understand the current federal contribution that the federal government provides to the Government of Alberta to cover 30% of the policing costs for having the RCMP as the provincial police service. Many believed that the federal government would continue to provide the Government some money to cover policing costs.



At the same time, participants felt the Transition Study was misleading because it didn't outline the Ontario Provincial Police or the Sûreté du Québec policing models and associated costs, which would be the best comparison to demonstrate potential costs for an APPS. Neither Ontario nor Quebec receive any federal contributions to cover their own provincial police services. This benefit is provided only to provincial partners who use the RCMP. Many participants also expressed that they felt the Government was not doing a great job at providing accurate information to MLAs on the topic, as some UCP MLAs had been telling their residents that the federal contribution would continue under an APPS model. During one of our sessions, a UCP MLA in attendance, also stated this misleading information. In addition, we also heard from some UCP staff who attended that they believed that the contribution would continue. Many attendees felt misled, frustrated, and expressed a lack of trust with the information being provided to them.

3. Oversight & Provincial Responsibility

Looking at the current state of policing in Alberta, there appeared to be some misunderstanding as to the role the Province plays in setting the priorities of the Alberta RCMP. Participants expressed that part of this confusion stems from false claims by the Province that the RCMP priorities are set by Ottawa.

During our engagement sessions we pointed to the various sections of the [Provincial Police Service Agreement](#) (PPSA), which outlines police services between the RCMP and the province, which state:

Article 6.1:

"The Provincial Minister will set the objectives, priorities and goals of the Provincial Police Service."

Article 6.3:

"The Provincial Minister will determine, in consultation with the Commissioner, the level of policing service to be provided by the RCMP..."

Article 18.1(e):

"Each fiscal year the Provincial Minister will...provide the Commanding Officer with the projected annual budget for the Provincial Police Service for the next fiscal year, as well as projected budgets..."

Did You Know?

Detachment Commanders hold townhalls regularly to get input from the general public in their communities around policing priorities, along with general discussions around community safety issues.

Some attendees found this helpful, while others still questioned why the Province would state otherwise. It was expressed that these two narratives are creating confusion amongst the public.

Municipal officials who attended the engagement sessions expressed appreciation for the hard work of Alberta RCMP Members and the difference they make in their communities. Municipal officials maintain direct and open contact with their local Detachment Commander through strong relationships. We heard that many municipalities utilize local advisory committees with their local RCMP as a way to express local concerns, identify crime trends, and to discuss and determine local priorities for the year. Many municipal leaders expressed fear that these strong



relationships would be lost through a transition, including local knowledge of crime trends and offenders.

“I believe that the town of Millet has great relationship with the local RCMP detachment and would not support their removal from the Province”

- Millet Mayor Doug Peel
The Wetaskiwin Times (Nov 3, 2021)^v

4. Staffing and Training

Frequently asked questions

If Alberta has the money for a transition, why not use it to provide additional resources to the RCMP?

Where is the Government going to find that many officers in Alberta?

How would an APPS match the high-level of police standards of the RCMP?

How much would a training facility costs, and the staff needed?

We consistently heard about staffing challenges with the current policing structure and concerns about how an APPS would better address these challenges. Participants noted that there is a decline in police personnel within Canada, which does create staffing issues within the RCMP and can impact crime rates within their communities. However, many noted that the Transition Study does not outline this issue and how it would be able to recruit and train the number of officers it would need to fully staff a provincial police service.

Many participants questioned if the current Alberta RCMP Members would transfer over to a new APPS. However, some municipal leaders pointed out that in the Government consultations they attended, the provincial government was citing that they predict about 15% of the current Alberta RCMP would transition over. This flagged a further issue with attendees on how the Government would recruit the remaining ~2,500 officers needed to form an APPS. During the engagement sessions, the NPF outlined that most of the RCMP officers would continue to stay with the RCMP and transfer to other postings, as we have seen in other jurisdictions. We then heard attendees note that the Government is highlighting a potential APPS as being local officers from Alberta, and with recruiting challenges and most of the RCMP officers remaining with the RCMP, such a notion would be impossible.

“The RCMP are serving us well...I don’t see a lot of positives to a provincial police force.”

- St. Albert Mayor Cathy Heron
St Alberta Today (February 9, 2021)^v

Another issue that was raised was that the current RCMP model allows for officers to move in and out of communities, which can be a challenge. While the current RCMP structure does move officers, most often these officers are relocated between communities within Alberta and not out of province. This still allows the community to benefit from the Member’s Alberta crime knowledge. However, not all participants saw this as a concern and praised the model as it allows for officers with various expertise and backgrounds to come into the community; stops political influence of officers in communities; and if a municipality wishes to retain an officer there were avenues to obtain the officer for a longer contract.



“Lethbridge County Council and a majority of other rural municipalities do not support this proposed transition to an Alberta Provincial Police Service.”

– Lethbridge County Reeve Tory Campbell
My Lethbridge Now (Jan 20, 2022)^{vi}

During our sessions we also heard that the RCMP has some of the highest training standards in the world and that a move to an APPS could jeopardize the quality of service they receive. The Transition Study also noted a two-tiered police model for an APPS with less fully trained officers. Many participants expressed huge concerns, especially in rural communities, on how this could negatively impact police services to some of the complex crimes they experience and how this would improve public safety and confidence in the police.

5. Improve, Not Replace

Communities across Alberta appreciated having both the NPF and the Government come to their community to discuss policing but felt that the conversation should not be about replacing, but instead on ways to improve the current policing model.

It was often repeated throughout the NPF engagement sessions that Albertans do not have an issue with the RCMP, but instead with the Alberta justice system that seems to create a revolving door for criminals to reoffend with little-to-no repercussion. Part of this problem comes from the shortage of crown prosecutors which communities want addressed first and foremost.

“The issue with rural crime is not about the police force, it's about the justice system not performing well”

– Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara
CBC Edmonton (March 9, 2022)^{vii}

We heard how the RCMP can better serve communities including better support for mental health calls, continuing to address rural response times, addressing delays in RCMP transfers, and increasing administrative help to ensure RCMP officers can be out on the streets instead of behind a computer.

6. Call for Consultation and Answers

Frequently asked questions

Why isn't the public allowed into the Government consultations?

How do we make sure our MLAs are listening to us?

Why is the Government pursuing this without consulting Albertans?

Since the release of the Transition Study, the Government has undertaken limited consultations with only municipal leaders and key stakeholders. The public was not allowed to attend and even had their participation revoked if they were invited by a municipal official. We heard repeatedly from participants that they do not feel properly consulted by the Government on this matter. They were frustrated that the only consultation that is open to the public is a proposed online survey. We also heard from many First Nation leaders that they were not consulted and grew frustrated with this proposal and lack of communication from the Government.

We heard that participants have written letters to their local MLA, but many have gone unanswered, or the response received was vague and did not answer the questions asked, but instead only received a templated response.



Unanswered Questions

During our engagement sessions we heard a multitude of questions from participants that have gone unanswered by the Government. Albertans need answers to make an informed decision.

1. The proposed APPS transition will cost Albertans more than \$185 million/year in Federal contributions, plus more than \$366 million in transition costs. Where is this money going to come from?
2. With so many police departments struggling to recruit, and the Government assuming only 15% of Alberta RCMP would transition to an APPS, how do they plan to fill the other ~2,500 positions in just four years?
3. The Transition Study states that APPS officers would initially be trained in municipal training facilities (Calgary and Edmonton police services). Are these facilities prepared and equipped to train the ~2,500 officers needed?
4. The APPS report offers two models, with Model A offering half as many fully trained officers as the current Alberta RCMP. Why would the Government consider providing less than the current complement of fully trained police officers for rural Albertans, and for more money?
5. Why didn't the Provincial Government review the current Alberta RCMP police service model for how efficiencies could be made, and the cost to do so?
6. When will the Government be completing a true feasibility study to clarify the assumptions made in the Transition Study as recommended by PwC?

ABOUT THE NPF



The National Police Federation (NPF) is the sole certified bargaining agent representing ~20,000 Members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) across Canada and internationally, including about 3,500 Members in Alberta. Certified in 2019, the NPF is the largest police labour relations organization in Canada. The NPF's mission is to provide strong, fair, and progressive representation to promote and enhance the rights of RCMP Members.

APPENDIX A: Survey Results

The following charts display the results from the surveys conducted since October 2020 and show a cross comparison overtime of the responses to specific questions asked.

Table A1: Surveys

| SURVEYS | Number of responses |
|--|---------------------|
| Pollara October 2020 (W1) | 1,300 |
| Pollara April 2021 (W2) | 1,228 |
| Pollara October 2021 (W3) | 1,221 |
| NPF: Satisfaction of RCMP policing (2022) | 672 |
| NPF: Policing improvements within communities (2022) | 739 |

Between January and March 31, 2022, the NPF conducted its own online survey at the same time as the NPF's engagement sessions to further collect information and feedback.

Figure A1: How satisfied are you with the RCMP's policing in your community? (4,421 respondents)

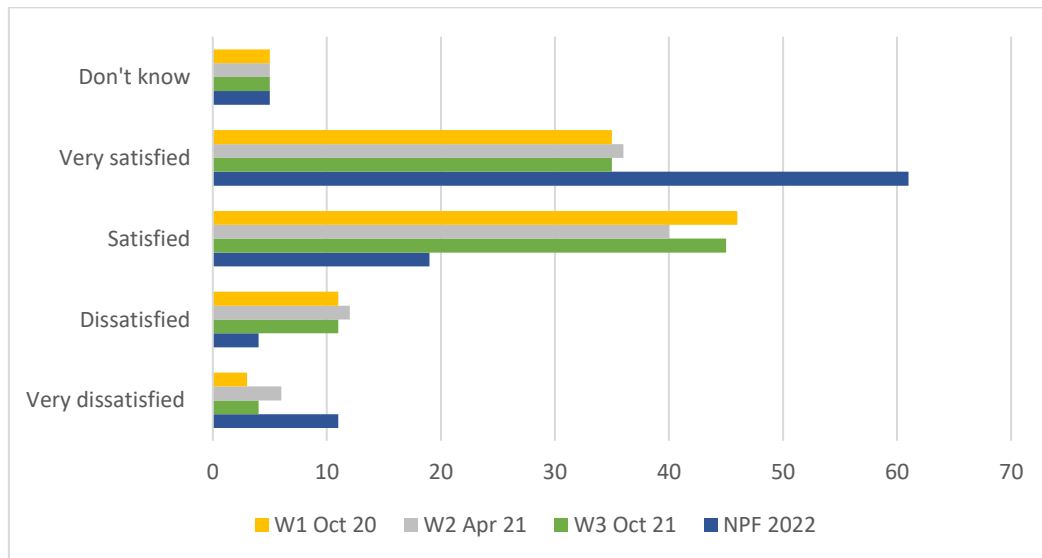


Figure A2: Before any changes to policing are made, there needs to be a detailed accounting of costs and impacts to service levels. (3,749 respondents)

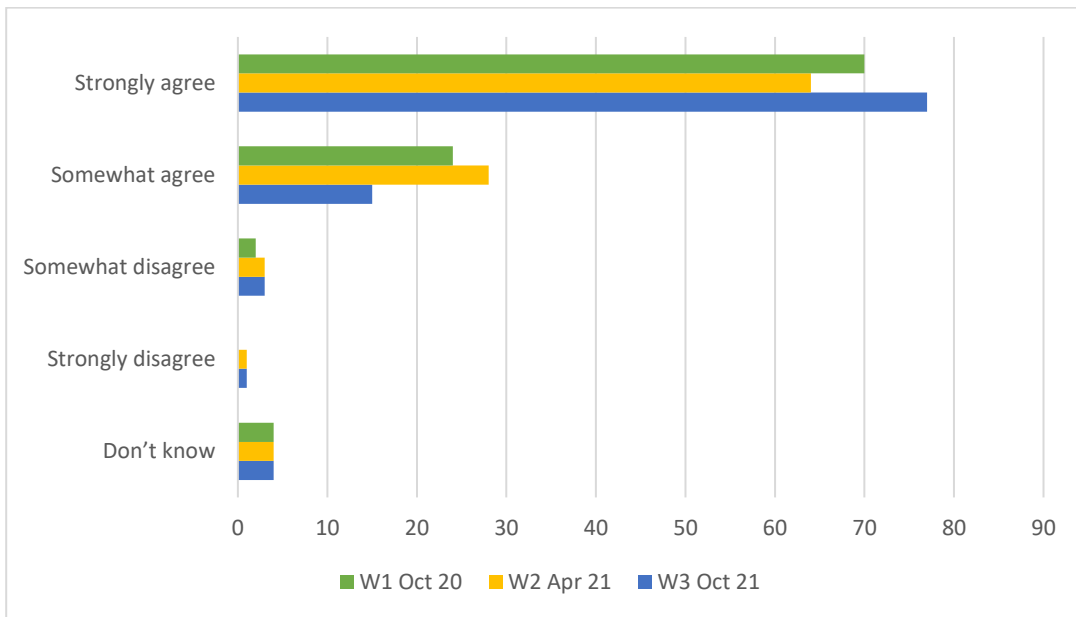


Figure A3: What is the most important improvement you'd like to see in policing in your community? (4,448 respondents)

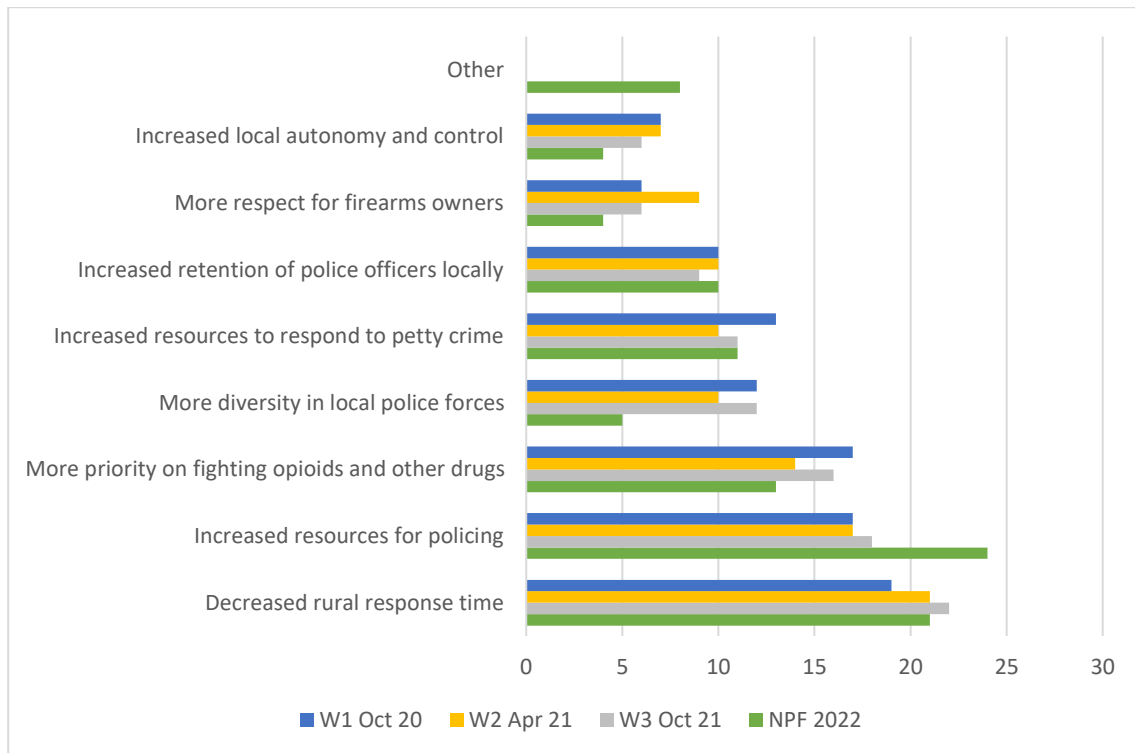
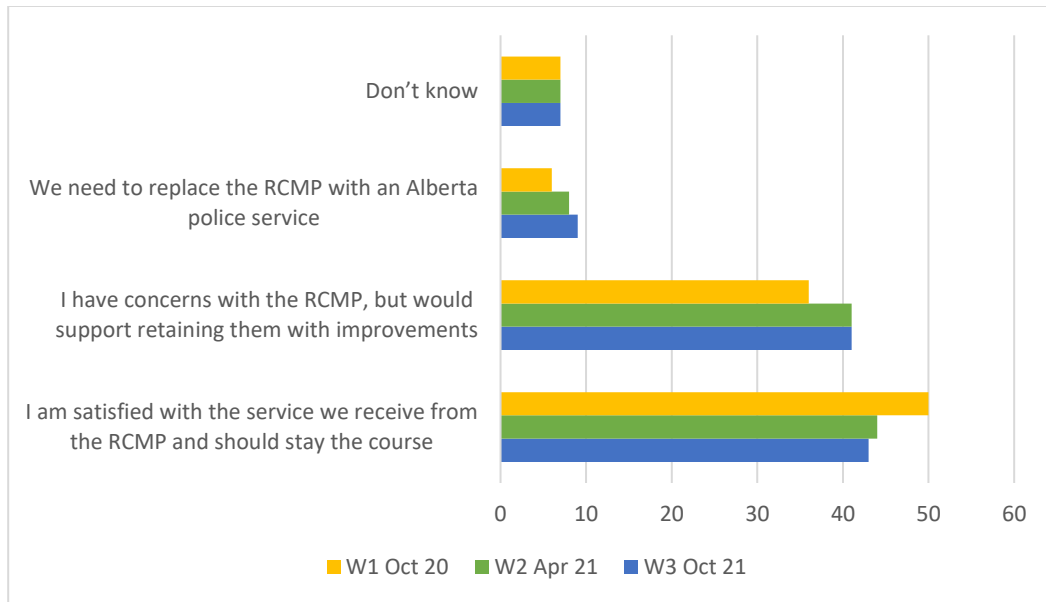


Figure A4: Which of the following statements best reflects your viewpoint? (3,749 respondents)



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April 20, 2022

File: 100-G03

Alberta Utilities Commission
106 Street Building
10th Floor, 10055 106 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 2Y2

Dear Utilities Commission,

RE: Increasing Utility Fees

Please accept this correspondence as a letter of support in addition to the correspondence you have already received from the Town of Fox Creek, dated March 23, 2022.

The Town of Taber joins in the increasing concern across the province regarding the rising utility fees for both natural gas and electricity. This concern is being felt throughout public and private spheres, and we are urging the Commission to take serious note of the concerns herein.

Over the past two years, residents of both Taber and the province have felt the ever-increasing strain of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic coupled with increasing job insecurity and the rapid inflation of food, fuel, and housing costs. The rising costs of utilities have placed an additional strain on residents' already thin bottom lines.

It is important to note that the rising costs are not just impacting residents, but non-profits, small businesses, and commercial industries. Many of the aforementioned are in jeopardy of closing or forced to stop their services to our communities due to the increasing costs of utilities.

We as representatives of our community also note that it is wholly unacceptable that the rising costs of utilities have led to increased private profits as has been noted in the media lately. In our estimation, increased private profits seems to be a step too far given the undue hardship the public has faced these past two years and will likely continue to face unless the Commission takes swift action. As members of Council and representatives for our community's citizens, we believe now is not the time to be taking more money from the pockets of Albertans. Now is the time to be supporting Albertans when and where they need it most.

Alongside the Town of Fox Creek, the Town of Taber is urging the Commission to perform a review of the fees being charged on top of the actual usage fees all the while giving strict attention to the amount of profit corporations are making off of our residents and Albertans.

Your time and consideration for our residents, businesses, and non-profits is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Mayor Andrew Prokop

Cc: Town of Taber Council
Mr. Grant Hunter, MLA
Alberta Municipalities
Town of Fox Creek



TOWN OF LAMONT COUNCIL AGENDA REQUEST FOR DECISION

AGENDA ITEM: 4.1

COUNCIL MEETING DATE:
May 10, 2022

ITEM DESCRIPTION OR TITLE

2022 Capital Works Program- 2022 Capital Budget Reallocation

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve the 2022 Capital Budget reallocation of funds, based on construction milestones and contingency savings.

BACKGROUND

As stated in the March 22, 2022, Request for Decision (RFD) titled Town of Lamont- 2022 Capital Works Program, administration asked that Council approve the recommendation by Select Engineering Consultants Ltd to award the Capital Works Program to Border Paving. The RFD also identified an opportunity to extend the Capital Works Program if contingencies allow.

After review of the 2022 capital budget and project status, administration has identified cost savings on capital equipment purchases of over \$100,000. This was mainly due to the purchase of a used 1-ton truck in place of a new one, excellent pricing on the skid steer, and reallocation approved by Council to purchase the utility vehicle in place of a ½-ton truck. In addition, the Sanitary Trunk Line project carried over a budget of \$670,773 from 2021, this project is now complete with a cost savings of approximately \$56,000.

Administration is asking that Council approve the reallocation of the approved 2022 Capital Budget funds identified above, to extend the infrastructure work to be completed in Campbell stage 2 (shown on the attached drawing), and pertinent infrastructure work identified by the operations department including outstanding asphalt, sidewalk, and utility repairs. This work would be implemented as contingencies are confirmed in the 2022 Capital Works Program.

This approval will provide administration the ability to make timely decisions that will maintain the project timeline if contingencies allow.

COMMUNICATIONS

Monitor contingencies and provide direction to contractor when milestones are reached. Provide Council regular progress updates and identify if extended infrastructure work has been completed.



**TOWN OF LAMONT
COUNCIL AGENDA
REQUEST FOR DECISION**

IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

Provide sound project management that supports the identified 2022 Capital Works Project timeline.

Reduce risk of essential service failure and emergency repairs.

Utilize approved funding at preferred construction rates that will reduce future budget impacts.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Reallocation of funding approved in the 2022 Capital Budget and Sanitary Trunk Line Project.

Reduce the cost of Campbell Stage 2 Phase 2 identified in the 5-year Capital Plan.

Reduce future financial risk based on aging infrastructure.

POLICY AND/OR LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES

Strategic Plan 2019 – 2022 Goal 1. Manage, invest, and plan for sustainable municipal infrastructure.

2022 Capital Budget, Approved November 23, 2021.

Sanitary Trunk Line Project- Relining, approved November 23, 2021.

ATTACHMENTS

Campbell Stage 2 extended construction map.

Report Prepared By: Tyler Edworthy Director Operations and Infrastructure.

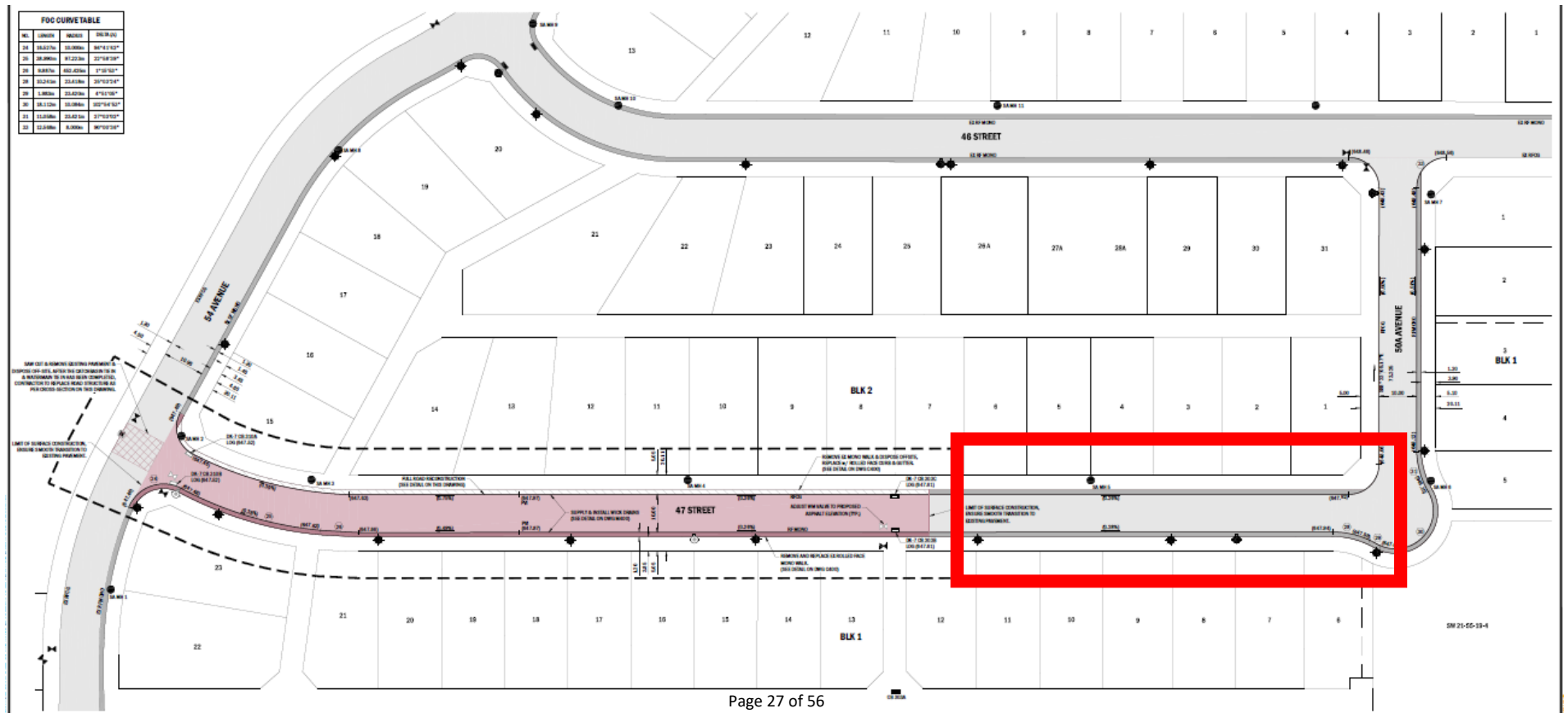
Approved by CAO:

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CAMPBELL STAGE 2 WORK EXTENTION

Work Will Include:

- New waterline would extent to 50 A Avenue.
- 14 new water and sewer service connections
- 1 Hydrant replacement
- The extended work area will be left with base work completed and a packed gravel surface that can be cleared in the winter, the curb and sidewalk will be patched with cold mix.
- Extending this work will Reduce the cost of Campbell Stage 2 Phase 2 identified in the 5 year capital plan by more than 60% for the utility work and 40% of the roadwork.





**TOWN OF LAMONT
COUNCIL AGENDA
REQUEST FOR DECISION**

AGENDA ITEM: 4.2

COUNCIL MEETING DATE:
May 10, 2022

ITEM DESCRIPTION OR TITLE

Elk Island Wild – Jersey Sponsorship

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council determine the appropriate course of action.

BACKGROUND

Lamont Minor Hockey Association and Bruderheim Hockey Association will be merging starting in the 2022-2023 hockey season and will be renamed the Elk Island Wild. Becoming the Elk Island Wild creates the need for new jerseys.

The Associations are requesting the Town provide a jersey sponsorship at either a bronze, silver or gold level.

Bronze Donation - \$500

- Website advertising and the associated social media promotion of the sponsor

Silver Donation - \$1500

- Company name printed on the bottom back of either home OR away jerseys for the lifespan of the jersey
- Website advertising and the associated social media promotion of the sponsor

Gold Donation - \$2500

- Company name printed on the bottom back of both home and away jerseys for the lifespan of the jersey
- Honorary member personalized jersey for business owner
- Thank you picture with the team to hang in your office
- Website advertising and the associated social media promotion of the sponsor

The request from Council the Lamont Minor Hockey Association and Bruderheim Hockey Association does not fit within the parameters of Town policy 11-10 -Donation Request from Clubs, Organizations and Others. However, Council may consider any request that does not fall within the parameter of the defined milestone or non-monetary events as set out in Policy 11-10.

\$7,000 is set aside annually to support donation requests from Clubs, Organizations and Others. Approximately \$5,800 is currently committed in 2022.



**TOWN OF LAMONT
COUNCIL AGENDA
REQUEST FOR DECISION**

Options:

1. That Council provide the Elk Island Wild with a jersey sponsorship.
2. Accept the update for information.
3. Defer to a future Council meeting.
4. Refer to administration for further follow up.
5. Assign to Governance and Priorities committee for further review.
6. Other.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Associations will be notified of Council's decision. Where relevant, updates to social media and other media platforms will be implemented.

IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds would be allocated from the Public Relations/Donations line item.
\$7,000 is set aside annually.


POLICY AND/OR LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES

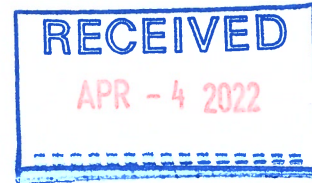
Town policy 11-10 -Donation Request from Clubs, Organizations and Others

ATTACHMENTS

Sponsorship request
Town policy 11-10 -Donation Request from Clubs, Organizations and Others

Report Prepared By: Jackii Ponto, Executive Assistant

Approved by CAO: 



Dear Community Member:

The Lamont Minor Hockey Association and Bruderheim Hockey Association has become an important part of our small communities for many families living in this area. Our association has an amazing base of volunteers in the parents, families and friends of our players. However, in small communities it can be difficult to retain and gather enough players to create hockey teams. **With pleasure Lamont and Bruderheim will be merging starting the 2022-2023 hockey season and renamed the Elk Island WILD!**

Our hockey families are so excited to embark on this new partnership so that our kids can continue to experience the pride of being part of a team and the value of sportsmanship. We will continue to support and organize the youth hockey teams from Initiation level through to the U15 level. Throughout the hockey season, the Lamont and Bruderheim arenas are often a gathering place for families and friends to visit and watch our children enjoy the sport.

Along with the necessity and excitement of the becoming **the Elk Island WILD** comes the need for new Jerseys. Our associations are seeking sponsors for our new Jerseys!

Jersey Sponsorship Level Options:

Gold: \$2500

- company name printed on the bottom back of **both home and away jerseys** for the lifespan of the jersey
- honorary member personalized jersey for business owner
- thank you picture with the team to hang in your office
- website advertising and the associated social media promotion of the sponsor

Silver: \$1500

- company name printed on the bottom back of **either home OR away jerseys** for the lifespan of the jersey
- website advertising and the associated social media promotion of the sponsor

Bronze Donation: \$500

- \$500 cash donation to put to towards new jerseys
- website advertising and the associated social media promotion of the sponsor

Please consider a donation and or sponsorship of Jerseys to help our dream of the ELK ISLAND WILD come alive. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact, our fundraising coordinator, Jennifer Sobkow [REDACTED] or lamonthockeyfundraising@gmail.com. We thank you for your consideration and look forward to developing a valued relationship.

Sincerely,

Bruderheim Minor Hockey Association & Lamont Minor Hockey Association



Town Of Lamont Policy Manual

Donations to Clubs, Organizations & Other Community Events
Policy # 11-10
Corporate Services Committee
September 10, 2013

11-10 Donations Requests from Clubs, Organizations and Others.

Policy Content There shall be a policy establishing a set of guidelines and a system to follow when local clubs, organizations and/or other community events approach the Town of Lamont for a monetary or non-monetary donations.

All requests must be written and submitted to Council for approval. Council will decide what is fair and equitable as per written request submitted to Council for consideration.

- Monetary Donations**
1. Council will consider monetary donations to nonprofit clubs, organizations or events within our local community when hosting their milestone achievements in the Town of Lamont.
 2. Milestone achievements will be defined as celebrating:
 - 25 years
 - 50 years
 - 75 years
 - 100 years
 and increments of 25 years thereafter.
 3. Monetary donations will be at the discretion of Town Council.

- Non-Monetary Donations**
1. Council will consider non-monetary donations to nonprofit clubs, organizations or events within our local community when hosting a town wide – not for profit event. Examples of such events are the Lamont Light-up or Lamont Community Fair and Summer Sizzler Rodeo.
 2. Non-Monetary donations will be at the discretion of Town Council

- Door Prizes**
1. C.A.O. may authorize doors prizes to clubs and organizations not to exceed \$100.00 for fund raising events.

Council may consider any request that does not fall within the parameter of the defined milestone or non-monetary events.

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| Adopted by Council: | January 13, 2015 | Initials: [Redacted] |
| Motion Number: | 12/15 | |
| Supersedes: | 12-15 (Renumbered) | |



**TOWN OF LAMONT
COUNCIL AGENDA
REQUEST FOR DECISION**

AGENDA ITEM: 4.3

COUNCIL MEETING DATE:
May 10, 2022

ITEM DESCRIPTION OR TITLE

Town Of Mundare - Police Fine Revenue Resolution

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council second the Town of Mundare’s motion for the Policing Fines and Penalties Revenue Sharing resolution.

BACKGROUND

The Traffic Safety Act was changed after October 31, 2005 so that traffic fines were distributed based on the “who pays for policing model”. Municipalities required to pay for their policing costs under section 4(5) or 6 of the Police Act and municipalities that pay for a Peace Officer receive 60% of the specified fine or penalties.

Currently 291 municipalities and municipal districts/counties are covered under the Provincial Police Services Agreement and do not receive any portion of fine or penalty revenue.

The Town of Mundare made a resolution that as of 2023/2024, Provincial Police Services Agreement Municipalities would receive 18% of the fines and penalties.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Town of Mundare will be made aware of Council’s decision

IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

Supports neighbouring municipality’s policy efforts.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

POLICY AND/OR LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES

N/A



**TOWN OF LAMONT
COUNCIL AGENDA
REQUEST FOR DECISION**

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter from Town of Mundare
2. Town of Mundare Police Fine Resolution

Report Prepared By: Jackii Ponto, Executive Assistant

Approved by CAO:

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April 25, 2022

Mayor Kirk Perrin
Town of Lamont
Box 330
Lamont, AB
T0B 2R0

Re: Police Fine Revenue Resolution

Attached please find a resolution regarding police fine/penalty revenue that Mundare wishes to submit for the 2022 ABMunis Convention.

Resolutions to be submitted to the convention are required to be seconded by another municipality. We would appreciate it if your Council would consider passing a motion to second the resolution.

Resolutions must be submitted to ABMunis by May 31. If your Council passes a motion to second the resolution, we will require the resolution number, mover, wording of the motion and the date of the meeting it was passed.

Please be advised that we are requesting all the Towns and Villages in the County to pass a motion to second the resolution. More than one seconder would send a strong message to the convention.

I thank you for your consideration of our request.

If you have any questions, please contact our CAO, Colin Zyla at 780-764-3929.

Yours truly,

Cheryl Calinoiu
Mayor

Policing Fines and Penalties Revenue Sharing

Moved by: Town of Mundare

Seconded by:

WHEREAS section 162(2) of the Traffic Safety Act states: “Fines and penalties imposed under this Act in respect of offences occurring in a municipality for which policing services are required to be provided under section 4(5) or (6) of the Police Act belong to the municipality that is required to provide the policing services”;

WHEREAS as of April 1, 2020, municipalities receiving policing services under the Provincial Police Services Agreement (PPSA) are required to pay a portion of policing costs;

WHEREAS these municipalities will be paying 30% of the policing costs by 2023/2024;

WHEREAS the intent of Section 162 of the Traffic Safety Act is that fines should be distributed on the basis of who pays for the policing;

WHEREAS despite the intent of the Act, those municipalities receiving policing under the PPSA do not receive a share of the fines and penalties;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to amend section 162 of the Traffic Safety Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter T-6 to distribute fines and penalties under the act to those municipalities receiving policing services under the Provincial Police Services Agreement at the same percentage that these municipalities pay for policing.

BACKGROUND

Prior to October 31, 2005, Section 162 of the Traffic Safety Act stated:

Disposition of fines and penalties (in effect prior to October 31, 2005)

- 162(1)** Subject to subsection (2), any fine or penalty imposed under this Act belongs to the Crown in right of Alberta.
- (2) Any fine or penalty imposed under this Act in respect of an offence occurring in
- (a) a municipality that is an urban area, belongs to that municipality,
 - (b) a municipal district or Metis settlement, other than on a highway designated as a primary highway pursuant to the *Public Highways Development Act*, belongs to the municipal district or Metis settlement, and
 - (c) an Indian reserve, other than on a highway designated as a primary highway or a highway designated as a secondary road pursuant to the *Public Highways Development Act*, belongs to the band.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2)(c), “band” and “reserve” mean a band and reserve as defined in the *Indian Act* (Canada).

After October 31, 2005, the Traffic safety act was changed so that traffic fines were distributed based on the “who pays for policing model”.

Municipalities required to pay their policing costs under sections 4(5) or 6 of the Police Act and municipalities that pay for a Peace Officer receive 60% of the specified fine or penalties.

291 municipalities and municipal districts/counties are covered under the Provincial Police Services Agreement and do not currently receive any portion of fine or penalty revenue.

As per the resolution, as of 2023/2024, PPSA Municipalities would receive 18% of the fines and penalties (30% of 60%)

The Town of Mundare, population 852, will pay \$47,740 in 2023/2024 for policing.

This resolution relates to ABMunis Policing and Justice strategy.



TOWN OF LAMONT COUNCIL AGENDA REQUEST FOR DECISION

AGENDA ITEM: 4.4

COUNCIL MEETING DATE:
May 10, 2022

ITEM DESCRIPTION OR TITLE

Update: Stand with Ukraine Fundraiser

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receive the Stand with Ukraine fundraiser update as information.

THAT Council direct Administration to send a letter to the Mundare Easter Basket Steering Committee regarding the Town's efforts to support Ukraine.

BACKGROUND

June 4, 2022 has been confirmed as the date to hold the fundraiser. The event will consist of a pancake breakfast accompanied by dance and musical entertainment. Attendees will make a financial or non-perishable donation in advance of the fundraiser as well as during the fundraiser. Funds and supplies raised will be directed to support persons impacted and/or displaced by the war. The Ed Stelmach Community Foundation will manage and administer the funds. Town and County of Lamont will work with the Vegreville Community Committee to distribute non-perishable donations. CENOVUS ENERGY has confirmed its participation and will provide funds to host the fundraiser.

COMMUNICATIONS

Promotion/advertising of event is underway.
Invitations to neighbouring communities and other persons have been sent.

IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

Supports broader awareness and participation in humanitarian efforts.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| In kind contribution of hall rental: | \$425 |
| Food (estimate) | \$500 |
| Promotion/Entertainment: | Sponsored |

POLICY AND/OR LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES

Policy 11-10 – Other Community Events



**TOWN OF LAMONT
COUNCIL AGENDA
REQUEST FOR DECISION**

ATTACHMENTS

- Letter: Mundare Easter Basket Initiative

Report Prepared By: CAO Bastow

Approved by CAO:

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April 27, 2022

To Area Business Owners/Managers

The war in Ukraine has been an absolute disaster for its citizens, and as a result, hundreds or thousands of these unfortunate people are evacuating to countries including Canada. Many of these are mothers and children; with many of their husbands being left behind to help fight the war.

The Province of Alberta, and specifically East Central Alberta, is the home and business location of a very large number of farmers of Ukrainian descent and they have been rallying together to help these evacuees. The effort of providing food, shelter and support to these evacuees is not a small task and requires huge financial resources.


I have been farming in the Mundare area for over 45 years, a fourth generation grain farm just one mile east of Mundare. My sons will be the fifth generation. My wife's family was one of the first Ukrainian settlers in the Lamont area; the Eleniak family. We are proud of our Ukrainian descent and heritage, as are hundreds of residents in this area.

I have assumed the job of Chairman of a local effort to help support these evacuees. The **"Mundare Easter Basket"** is the name of our organization; a collection of eight dedicated individuals from the community with a desire to make this a successful and enviable project. We have, so far, been successful in obtaining donated housing for four Ukrainian evacuee families for a twelve month period. Our funds are being used to provide food, clothing and services for that same period. We could help many more families if we had the additional financial resources to work with.

If your organization could find it in your hearts and in your budget to contribute financially to our effort, we would greatly appreciate it and so would the evacuees who would benefit from your donation.

Please contact me for more information or for instructions on how to make a contribution.

Thank you



Rudy J. Warawa

Chairman, Mundare Easter Basket Steering Committee





TOWN OF LAMONT COUNCIL AGENDA REQUEST FOR DECISION

AGENDA ITEM: 4.5

COUNCIL MEETING DATE:
May 10, 2022

ITEM DESCRIPTION OR TITLE

Seniors' Week Declaration

RECOMMENDATION

1. **THAT** Council declare June 6-12, 2022 to be Seniors' Week.
2. **THAT** Council provide FCSS Lamont County Region with a waiver of rental fees for the Lamont Meeting Room on Friday, June 10, 2022.

BACKGROUND

Recognized annually across Alberta, Seniors' Week provides an opportunity to show appreciation for older adults and the many contributions they make to our communities.

FCSS Lamont County Region is planning to hold a Seniors' BBQ in Lamont on June 10 from 12 (noon) to 2:00 p.m. They have requested the Town provide the Lamont Meeting Room free of charge. If they are able to use the meeting room they will be able to provide the Town's seniors with a free lunch.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Government of Alberta will be notified of the declaration.

IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

Supports Town's existing efforts to recognize the significant contribution Senior's make to the community.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

In kind contribution of rental: \$425

POLICY AND/OR LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES

Strategic Plan 2019 – 2022 Goal 5: Develop and deliver quality services and amenities for all residents.



**TOWN OF LAMONT
COUNCIL AGENDA
REQUEST FOR DECISION**

ATTACHMENTS

1. Declaration request
2. FCSS Donation request
3. Declaration

Report Prepared By: Jackii Ponto, Executive Assistant

Approved by CAO: 

From: Seniors and Housing Information <Seniorsinformation@gov.ab.ca>

Sent: April 27, 2022 11:25 AM

Cc: Seniors and Housing Information <Seniorsinformation@gov.ab.ca>

Subject: Declare Seniors' Week – June 6-12, 2022

For more than 30 years, the Government of Alberta has celebrated the first week in June to honour and recognize seniors for their many contributions to our province. Seniors' Week 2022 is June 6 to 12 and will be kicked-off with a provincial launch event co-hosted by the Town of Taber on June 6. Seniors and Housing encourages communities, organizations, and all Albertans to take the opportunity to recognize and celebrate seniors throughout Seniors' Week.

The Honourable Josephine Pon, Minister of Seniors and Housing, encourages all municipalities, First Nations communities and Metis Settlements to officially declare Seniors' Week. Attached is a Community Declaration to show your community's support and to generate greater awareness of the importance of seniors in Alberta. Please notify the province of your declaration by June 2, 2022, so this information can be highlighted on the Seniors and Housing website. To register your declaration, please email seniorsinformation@gov.ab.ca.



FCSS Lamont County Region
5303-50th Ave
Lamont, AB T0B 2R0

May 2nd, 2022

Town of Lamont
5307-50 Ave
Lamont, Alberta T0B 2R0

Dear Rick Bastow, CAO,

It's time to show appreciation for and thank the seniors in our lives! Recognized annually across Alberta, Seniors' Week takes place June 6 - 12, 2022. Seniors' Week has been recognized since 1986 to celebrate and recognize the contributions seniors make to enhance the quality of life in Alberta. Each year, organizations hold events in communities throughout the province to show their support for seniors by declaring Seniors' Week locally. It's an opportunity to show appreciation for older adults and the many contributions they make to our communities through volunteerism, assisting charities and by supporting family members and friends.

This year, FCSS Lamont County Region is planning on holding a Seniors' BBQ in 5 communities the week of June 6-10. We are asking our local Towns, Villages, and community organizations for a donation of their local community Centre's. We are planning to be in Lamont on Friday June 10th from 12-2pm and would love to be able to hold the event at the Lamont Arena Meeting Room. If the Town of Lamont can provide us the space for free, FCSS will provide the barbeque lunch for our local seniors within our community of Lamont, also for free. By working together and collaborating with our Towns, Villages and Community Centre's, we will be able to appreciate our local seniors the way they deserve!

Please let Michelle at FCSS Lamont County Region know if the Town of Lamont can donate the Meeting Room for free for this worthy annual event.

Thank you,



Michelle Andriashyk
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FCSS Lamont County Region
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DECLARATION

In honour of the past, present and future contributions of the seniors of this community and throughout Alberta, I hereby declare June 6 – 12, 2022 to be Seniors' Week in

Community

Official Title

Official Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Josephine Pon", written over a horizontal line.

The Honourable Josephine Pon, Minister of Seniors and Housing



MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORT

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: May 10, 2022

ELECTED OFFICIAL: Kirk Perrin

REPORT PERIOD: April 21 – May 5, 2022

Boards and Committees:

- **Stand with Ukraine planning committee – April 22nd**
- **Stand with Ukraine planning committee – May 4th**

Town of Lamont Business:

- **Council Meeting – April 26th**
- **Strategic International investment Forum – April 28th**
- **Fort Trade Show – April 30th**
- **Collaboration Discussion with Lamont Heath – May 4th**

Professional Development (Workshops & Conferences):

- **N/A**

Lamont Functions and Events:

- **Bruderheim Mayors Gala – April 23rd**
- **FCSS Volunteer appreciation event – April 27th**
- **Fort Trade Show VIP Reception – April 29th**



MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORT

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: May 10, 2022

ELECTED OFFICIAL: Jody Foulds

REPORT PERIOD: April 26, 2022 to May 4, 2022

Boards and Committees:

- **St. Michael Solid Waste Commission – April 21, 2022 and April 28, 2022**

Town of Lamont Business:

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Professional Development (Workshops & Conferences):

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Lamont Functions and Events:

- **FCSS Volunteer Night – April 27, 2022**
- **Fort Sask Chamber Trade Shop Event – April 29, 2022**



MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORT

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: May 10, 2022

ELECTED OFFICIAL: Dave Taylor

REPORT PERIOD: April 27 – May 4, 2022

Boards and Committees:

Town of Lamont Business:

Professional Development (Workshops & Conferences):

Lamont Functions and Events:

- **April 17: Lamont County Region FCSS Volunteer Appreciation event (MC)**
- **April 29: Fort Saskatchewan and District Chamber of Commerce Trade Show VIP reception & grand opening**
- **April 30: Fort Saskatchewan and District Chamber of Commerce Trade Show VIP volunteer shift**



MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORT

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: May 10, 2022

ELECTED OFFICIAL: Al Harvey

REPORT PERIOD: April 22 – May 4, 2022

Boards and Committees:

- April 26 Council

Items for Council Discussion:

(Requires Input from Council to Take Back to Boards and Committees)

- N/A

Town of Lamont Business:

- April 29 – May 1 Chamber Trade Show

Professional Development (Workshops & Conferences):

- N/A

Lamont Functions and Events:

- April 27, Lamont Volunteer Appreciation



MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORT

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: May 10, 2022

ELECTED OFFICIAL: Linda Sieker

REPORT PERIOD, April 21, 2022, – May 6 ,2022

Boards and Committees:

- N/A

Town of Lamont Business:

- **April 22 Support of Ukraine Event Planning for June 4**
- **May 4 Support for Ukraine Event Planning for June 4**

Professional Development (Workshops & Conferences:

- N/A

Lamont Functions and Events:

- **April 23 – Mayors Gala – Bruderheim**
- **April 27 - FCSS – Volunteer Banquet**
- **April 29 – Chamber of Commerce VIP Reception**
- **April 30 -Chamber of Commerce -Volunteer Trade Show**



MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORT

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: May 10, 2022

ELECTED OFFICIAL: Colleen Holowaychuk

REPORT PERIOD: April 27, 2022 – May 10, 2022

Boards and Committees:

- **April 27, 2022 - Lamont Public Library Budget Meeting**
- **April 28, 2022 - Lamont Elementary School Council Meeting**

Town of Lamont Business:

- **N/A**

Professional Development (Workshops & Conferences):

- **N/A**

Lamont Functions and Events:

- **April 27, 2022 – FCSS Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**
- **May 7, 2022 – Volunteering - Lamont Ag Society Bullarama**

CAO REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING May 4, 2022

HIGHLIGHTS:

April 20, 2022

- Strand with Ukraine fundraiser planning.
- Weekly finance meeting.

April 21, 2022

- Weekly Operations and Infrastructure meeting.
- Weekly Deputy CAO meeting.
- Meeting with ATB.
- Meeting with Chamber of Commerce re: parade.

April 22, 2022

- Strand with Ukraine fundraiser planning.
- Test meeting room internet connection/camera technology.

April 25, 2022

- Respond to RFP inquiry.
- Weekly finance meeting.
- Weekly Deputy CAO meeting.

April 26, 2022

- Test meeting room internet connection/camera technology.

May 3, 2022

- Regional CAO meeting.

May 4, 2022

- Meet with Lamont Hospital.
- Strand with Ukraine fundraiser planning.

MEETINGS/EVENTS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- CEO/CAO Meeting May 16, 2022

OPERATIONS & INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING May 10, 2022

HIGHLIGHTS

STAFF

- Held weekly Operations team meetings Thursday.
- Operations OH&S Team meeting April 27, 2022
- Seasonal Laborer Staff Started May 2, 2022
- 2 Staff attended the Alberta Water & Wastewater Level 1 preparation Course April 25, 26 & May 9 & 10.
- Staff attended CityWide Asset Management Training April 5th & 7th.

Facilities

- Facility Bookings have taken an upturn with restrictions lifting.
- Curling Rink has been turned over to Lamont for the season.
- Picnic Pavilion has been cleaned water will be turned on when weather permits.

Transportation Maintenance

- Street Sweeping was initiated the end of April and is now complete.
- Pothole repairs have started and will be ongoing throughout the summer.
- Annexed road maintenance has started and will be ongoing through the summer.

Parks & Recreation

- Ball Diamond prep work was completed. Minor Baseball has started.
- Flowers have been ordered and pots have been delivered to be ready for spring.
- Rodent control was initiated.
- CN annual vegetation management program was reviewed. The program does not pertain to the Town of Lamont as we are not scheduled for spraying.

Utilities

- Culvert thawing and ditch clearing has been ongoing.
- Meter replacement program has been ongoing.

Projects & Requests:

- PSD CityWide asset management software access has been granted. Staff training and integration has been initiated, starting with age-based data.

OPERATIONS & INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING May 10, 2022

- Sanitary Trunk Line Project- Sewer Re-lining work is now complete.
- 2022 Capital Works Program:
 - Contract has been awarded and signed.
 - Utility point repair work has been completed.
 - Attended pre-construction meeting May 3, 2022.
 - Program construction start scheduled for mid-May.
- Attended the Economic Developers Conference April 6 to 8, 2022.

| Description | 2022 Budget | Targeted | | Variance | % of Completion | 2022 - April | 2021 - April | Increase/ (Decrease) | Percentage | Note |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------|------|
| | | Amount April | 2022 Actual April | | | | | | | |
| REVENUE | | | | | | | | | | |
| General Revenue | (2,831,611) | (280,757) | (162,003) | (2,669,608) | 6% | (35,107) | (23,950) | (11,157) | 47% | |
| Administration | (160,862) | (120,647) | (6,320) | (154,542) | 4% | (481) | (840) | 359 | -43% | |
| By Law | (5,967) | (4,475) | (1,771) | (4,196) | 30% | (310) | (385) | 75 | -19% | |
| Strs. & Road | (2,602,559) | (1,951,919) | 0 | (2,602,559) | 0% | 0 | (638) | 638 | -100% | |
| Storm Sewer | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | |
| Water | (620,698) | (465,524) | (90,836) | (529,862) | 15% | (90,288) | (86,447) | (3,841) | 4% | |
| Sewer | (835,395) | (626,546) | (26,612) | (808,783) | 3% | (26,939) | (25,740) | (1,199) | 5% | |
| Garbage | (349,415) | (262,061) | (58,181) | (291,234) | 17% | (58,181) | (58,239) | 58 | 0% | |
| Cemetery | (1,248) | (936) | 0 | (1,248) | 0% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | |
| Planning & Subdivision | (2,143) | (1,607) | (546) | (1,597) | 25% | (128) | (50) | (79) | 159% | |
| Hall | (10,528) | (7,896) | (1,437) | (9,091) | 14% | (432) | 0 | (432) | 0% | |
| Arena | (143,893) | (55,420) | (1,373) | (72,520) | 1% | (911) | 0 | (911) | 0% | |
| Park | (10,734) | (8,051) | 0 | (10,734) | 0% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | |
| Curling Rink | (277) | (208) | 0 | (277) | 0% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | |
| TOTAL REVENUE | (7,575,330) | (3,812,296) | (324,888) | (7,210,442) | 4% | (214,740) | (200,206) | (14,534) | 7% | |

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|-----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----|--------|--------|----------|------|--|
| EXPENSE | | | | | | | | | | |
| Council | 126,262 | 94,697 | 26,055 | 100,207 | 21% | 7,588 | 6,220 | 1,367 | 22% | |
| Administration | 735,696 | 547,647 | 186,142 | 544,054 | 25% | 70,953 | 60,500 | 10,453 | 17% | |
| Fire | 36,554 | 27,416 | 11,757 | 24,797 | 32% | 1,773 | 1,559 | 213 | 14% | |
| Disaster Service | 1,500 | 1,125 | 242 | 1,258 | 16% | 242 | 0 | 242 | 0% | |
| By-Law | 93,491 | 70,118 | 4,483 | 89,008 | 5% | 1,638 | 1,182 | 456 | 39% | |
| Public Work | 266,896 | 179,576 | 47,351 | 192,084 | 18% | 15,125 | 45,951 | (30,826) | -67% | |
| Street & Road | 577,359 | 413,148 | 95,396 | 455,468 | 17% | 37,988 | 13,062 | 24,926 | 191% | |
| Storm Sewer | 15,472 | 12,129 | 0 | 16,172 | 0% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | |
| Water | 700,478 | 464,645 | 115,778 | 503,748 | 17% | 40,764 | 18,469 | 22,424 | 121% | |
| Sewer | 67,184 | 50,388 | 6,112 | 61,072 | 9% | 1,744 | 1,052 | 691 | 66% | |
| Garbage | 302,044 | 254,340 | 50,166 | 251,878 | 17% | 24,770 | 23,679 | 1,091 | 5% | |
| Family Community & Cemetery | 27,126 | 20,345 | 0 | 27,126 | 0% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | |
| Town Beautification | 8,500 | 6,375 | 510 | 7,990 | 6% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | |
| Planning & Subdivision | 92,235 | 69,176 | 8,318 | 83,917 | 9% | 5,598 | 2,392 | 3,205 | 134% | |
| Hall | 144,956 | 108,717 | 38,911 | 106,045 | 27% | 8,503 | 12,197 | (3,694) | -30% | |
| Arena | 327,105 | 229,954 | 79,652 | 226,953 | 24% | 27,561 | 13,478 | 14,084 | 104% | |
| Park | 180,554 | 99,394 | 18,326 | 114,199 | 10% | 6,107 | 3,552 | 2,555 | 72% | |
| Curling Rink | 46,150 | 34,613 | 18,343 | 27,807 | 40% | 254 | 4,507 | (4,253) | -94% | |
| FCSS & School Fund | 555,682 | 416,762 | 9,735 | 545,947 | 2% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | |

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|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|------------|
| Total Expense | 4,305,244 | 3,100,562 | 717,277 | 3,379,730 | 17% | 250,607 | 207,801 | 42,934 | 21% |
| Amortization Expense | | | | | | | | | |
| Administration Amorti | 25,000 | 18,750 | 0 | 25,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fire Amortization | 18,600 | 13,950 | 0 | 18,600 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Public Works Amortiza | 48,000 | 36,000 | 0 | 48,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Road Amortization | 345,000 | 258,750 | 0 | 345,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Storm Sewer Amortization | 700 | 525 | 0 | 700 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Water Amortization | 191,000 | 143,250 | 0 | 191,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sewer Amortization | 191,000 | 143,250 | 0 | 191,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Recreation Amortizari | 110,000 | 82,500 | 0 | 110,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Amortization Expense | 929,300 | 696,975 | 0 | 929,300 | 0% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Capital Programs | | | | | | | | | |
| Administration | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fire | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Public Work | 244,000 | 183,000 | 48,814 | 195,186 | 0 | 32,314 | 0 | 32,314 | 0 |
| Street and Road | 2,300,311 | 1,725,233 | 73,320 | 2,226,991 | 0 | 21,422 | 0 | 21,422 | 0 |
| storm Sewer | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Water | 55,000 | 41,250 | 0 | 55,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sewer | 670,773 | 503,080 | 552,809 | 117,964 | 1 | 543,697 | | Carried from 2021 | |
| Planning & Subdivision | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hall | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Arena | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Park | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Curling Rink | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Capital Programs | 3,270,084 | 2,452,563 | 674,943 | 2,595,141 | 21% | 597,433 | 0 | | |
| Grand Total | 8,504,628 | 6,250,100 | 1,392,220 | 6,904,171 | 16% | 848,039 | 207,801 | 42,934 | |

CLOSED SESSION NOTICE

May 10, 2022

7.1 Alberta Municipalities Power+ Program

(Advice from Officials)

- *FOIP Section 24 – Advice from Officials*

7.2 John S. Batiuk Regional Water Commission

(Advice from Officials)

- *FOIP Section 24 – Advice from Officials*

Motion to go into Closed Session:

"That Council convene in closed session pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act to meet in private to discuss matters protected from disclosure by Section 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act at XXXX p.m."