

**AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ONOWAY  
HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2022 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE  
ONOWAY CIVIC CENTRE AND VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM  
COMMENCING AT 9:30 A.M.  
MEETING IS BEING AUDIO/VIDEO RECORDED**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

*Recommendation:*

*that the June 23, 2022 Regular Council Meeting agenda be approved as presented*

*or*

*that the June 23, 2022, 2022 Regular Council Meeting agenda be approved with the following amendment(s) (as noted at meeting time)*

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – June 9, 2022 Regular Council Meeting**

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*Recommendation:*

*that the June 9, 2022 Regular Council Meeting minutes be approved as presented*

*or*

*that the June 9, 2022 Regular Council Meeting minutes be approved with the following amendment(s) (as noted at meeting time)*

**4. APPOINTMENTS/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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- a) 9:35 a.m.– Michelle Gallagher, Q.C. - Patriot Law  
Mayor Kwasny present congratulatory plaque to Michelle Gallagher on the occasion of her appointment as Queen's Counsel

*Recommendation:*

*that the discussion be accepted for information*

*or*

*some other direction as given by Council at meeting time*

## 5. FINANCIAL REPORTS- n/a

## 6. POLICIES & BYLAWS

- a) Bylaw 798-22 – Tax Rate Bylaw – a bylaw to authorize the several rates of taxation imposed for all purposes for the year 2022. This bylaw incorporates the 3.8% increase in municipal tax dollars collected. The tax deadline date is August 31.

*Recommendation:*

*give 1<sup>st</sup> reading to Bylaw 798-22, being the Tax Rate Bylaw, as presented (or amended);*

*give 2<sup>nd</sup> reading to Bylaw 798-22 as presented (or amended);*

*give unanimous consent to consider third reading to Bylaw 798-22 as presented (or amended);*

*give third and final reading to Bylaw 798-22 as presented (or amended),*

*or*

*defer for further changes as directed by Council*

*or*

*some other direction as given by Council at meeting time*

- b) Bylaw 797-22– Special Tax Bylaw - a bylaw to authorize special tax charges to be levied against all taxable property within the Town of Onoway for the 2021 taxation year. The same as last year, this special tax includes two charges: \$50.00 per property for a recreation tax, and \$120.00 per property for the cost share road rehabilitation project with Lac Ste. Anne County.

*Recommendation:*

*give 1<sup>st</sup> reading to Bylaw 797-22, being the Special Tax Bylaw, as presented (or amended);*

*give 2<sup>nd</sup> reading to Bylaw 797-22 as presented (or amended);*

*give unanimous consent to consider third reading to Bylaw 797-22 as presented (or amended);*

*give third and final reading to Bylaw 797-22 as presented (or amended),*

*or*

*defer for further changes as directed by Council*

*or*

*some other direction as given by Council at meeting time*

## **7. ACTION ITEMS**

- P96-7 a) East End Bus Society (EEB) – further to the June 14, 2022 EEB Board meeting, a request is coming to Council from EEB for payment of past due municipal requisitions in the amount of \$20,722.80. The summary that was provided at the meeting is attached for Council's reference. This amount does NOT include the \$6,600.00 municipal funding requisition for 2022.

*Recommendation:*

*that Administration advise the East End Bus Society that funds are being built into Onoway's 2022 budget in the amount of \$27,322.80*

*or*

*some other direction as given by Council at meeting time*

- b) East End Bus Society – June 14 meeting – Councillor Coninx attended this meeting as the Town representative as Councillors Winterford and Murray were not available to attend.

*Recommendation:*

*that Council ratify the attendance of Councillor Coninx at the June 14 meeting in Alberta Beach*

*or*

*some other direction as given by Council at meeting time*

- c) Wabamun Watershed Management Council (WWMC) – June 8, 2022 letter from Neil Fleming inviting Council and Administration to attend an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) demonstration day on Saturday, July 23, 2022 at the Wabamun Boat Launch. WWMC is co-hosting with Alberta Environment and Parks and Parkland County. Time is 7:30 a.m. until noon.

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*Recommendation:*

*that Council and Administration staff who wish to attend be authorized to attend the AIS demonstration at Wabamun on July 23, 2022.*

*or*

*to accept the invitation for information*

*or*

*some other direction as given by Council at meeting*

- d) Onoway Town Centennial – June 25, 2023 – the Centennial Committee has approached Administration to request support with Centennial planning. A report from interim CAO Duhamel is included with the agenda.

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*Recommendation:*

*that Council direct Administration to provide leadership and administrative support to the Centennial Committee to plan and manage the celebration of Onoway's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*

*or*

*some other direction as given by Council at meeting time*

- e) Lot 14 Subdivision Proposal – the developer for the "Lot 14" project has inquired about modifying their current development proposal to include up to 18 lots (from the previously discussed 13 lots). A background report is attached for Council to review.

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*Recommendation:*

*that Council provide endorsement for the necessary revisions to the existing development agreement to reflect the increased number of residential.*

*or*

*some other direction as given by Council at meeting time*

- f) Draft 2022 Operating Budget – further to previous discussions and direction, we will give further review and discuss the 2022 draft operating budget at meeting time.

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*Recommendation:*

*that Council approve the 2022 Operating Budget as presented*

*or*

*some other direction as given by Council at meeting*

- g) Draft 2022 Capital Budget – further to previous discussions and direction, we will give further review and discuss the 2022 draft capital budget at meeting time.

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*Recommendation:*

*that the 2022 Capital Budget in the amount of \$377,057.00 be accepted and be funded as presented*

*or*

*some other direction as given by Council at meeting*

## **8. COUNCIL, COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS**

- a) Mayor's Report
- b) Deputy Mayor's Report
- c) Councillor's Reports (x 3)
- d) Chief Administrative Officer Report
  - WILD Alberta update
- e) Public Works Report

*Recommendation:*

*that the Council, Chief Administrative Officer and Public Works written and verbal reports be accepted for information as presented*

*or*

*some other direction as given by Council at meeting time*

## **9. INFORMATION ITEMS**

P917-24 a) EMS in Alberta – June 10, 2022 email from Alberta Health Services (AHS)

P925-34 b) Together 4 Health Headlines – AHS June 13, 2022 newsletter

P935-39 c) Alberta Roadbuilders and Heavy Construction Association – June 14, 2022 email regarding Fuel Cost Recovery surcharge addendum

P940-41 d) A Coal Policy for Alberta – 2022 and Beyond – Town of High River policy

*Recommendation:*

*that Council accept the above noted items for information*

## **10. CLOSED SESSION – n/a**

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

## **12. UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- June 23, 2022 – Regular Council Meeting	9:30 a.m.
- July 14, 2022 – Regular Council Meeting	9:30 a.m.
- July 28, 2022 – Regular Council Meeting	9:30 a.m.

TOWN OF ONOWAY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2022  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE ONOWAY CIVIC OFFICE AND ZOOM  
COMMENCING AT 9:30 A.M

	<b>PRESENT</b>	<p>Mayor: Lenard Kwasny  Deputy Mayor: Lisa Johnson  Councillor: Bridgitte Coninx  Councillor: Robin Murray  Councillor: Robert Winterford</p> <p>Administration: Tim Duhamel, Interim Chief Administrative Officer  Debbie Giroux, Recording Secretary</p> <p>5 members of the public joined the meeting via Zoom  2 members of the public joined the meeting in person</p>
1.	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Mayor Lenard Kwasny called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and advised that the meeting will be recorded.
2.	<b>AGENDA Motion #234/22</b>	<p><b>MOVED</b> by Councillor Robin Murray that Council adopt the agenda of the Regular Council meeting of Thursday, June 9, 2022 as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
3.	<b>MINUTES Motion #235/22  Motion #236/22</b>	<p><b>MOVED</b> by Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson that the minutes of the May 19, 2022 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> <p><b>MOVED</b> by Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson that the minutes of the May 26, 2022 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
4.	<b>APPOINTMENTS/PUBLIC HEARINGS</b>	n/a
5.	<b>FINANCIAL REPORTS</b>	n/a
6.	<b>POLICIES AND BYLAWS</b>	n/a
7.	<b>ACTION ITEMS Motion #237/22</b>	<p><b>MOVED</b> by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that the Town provide funding in the amount of \$853.00 (based on population statistics from the regional dashboard at alberta.ca) as a municipal contribution to the WILD Alberta Regional Tourist Association from the 2022 operating budget, conditional on time sensitivity, and if not urgent, Council will deal with this request during Council's budget discussions.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>





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		<p>and Section 17 of the FOIP Act, Council move into a Closed Session at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the following items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. "Land"</li> <li>2. "Personnel"</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> <p>A recess was held from 11:00 a.m. until 11:02 a.m.</p> <p><b>CLOSED SESSION:</b>  The following individuals were present for the Closed Session regarding Land:  Mayor Lenard Kwasny  Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson  Councillor Bridgitte Coninx  Councillor Robin Murray  Councillor Robert Winterford  Tim Duhamel, Interim Chief Administrative Officer  Debbie Giroux, Recording Secretary</p> <p>A recess was held from 11:20 until 11:22 a.m.</p> <p><b>Motion #245/22</b> <b>MOVED</b> by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that Council move out of Closed Session at 11:20 a.m.  <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> <p><b>Motion #246/22</b> <b>MOVED</b> by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that Council provide endorsement allowing the potential buyer to move forward with a development agreement based on the conditions of sale proposed in the contract and direct Administration to investigate the caveat requirements that are requested by the developer.  <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> <p><b>Motion #247/22</b> <b>MOVED</b> by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that Council direct Administration to draft a bylaw allowing the permitted use of the cannabis store to be within the 100-meter distance requirement of a health facility.  <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> <p><b>Motion #248/22</b> <b>MOVED</b> by Councillor Robin Murray that Council accept the discussion on the Personnel issue for information.  <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> </p></p></p></p>
<b>11.</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	As all matters on the agenda have been addressed, Mayor Lenard Kwasny declared the regular council meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

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<b>12.</b>	<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b>	June 15, 2022	EOEP Reg. Partnerships (Virtual) 2:00 p.m.
		June 22, 2022	EOEP Reg. Partnerships (Virtual) 2:00 p.m.
		June 23, 2022	Regular Council Meeting 9:30 a.m
		July 14, 2022	Regular Council Meeting 9:30 a.m.

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Mayor Lenard Kwasny

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Debbie Giroux  
Recording Secretary

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**Town of Onoway**

**Request for Decision**

Meeting:	<b>Council Meeting</b>
Meeting Date:	June 23, 2022
Presented By:	Tim Duhamel, Interim CAO
Title:	<b>Michelle Gallagher - Queens Counsel Appointment</b>

**BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL**

It is tradition to appoint lawyers as Queen's Counsel (QC) who have made particularly notable contributions to the legal profession or public life. The Minister of Justice and Solicitor General will consider certain criteria when considering an application for Queen's Counsel (Her Majesty's Counsel, learned in the law, for the Province of Alberta) and will award the appointments of Queen's Counsel to those lawyers who have been called to the bar for at least ten years and have demonstrated leadership in the legal profession.

Earlier this year, on April 6, Michelle Gallagher of Patriot Law was honoured with this designation.

**DISCUSSION / OPTIONS / BENEFITS / DISADVANTAGES**

Michelle and Ed Gallagher opened Patriot Law in Onoway nearly 20 years ago and have served as legal counsel for the town for over a decade.

She is deeply connected and committed to Onoway as evidenced by her many volunteer and board positions within the community. Even prior to embarking on her legal career, Michelle was serving both the public and her country as an officer in the Canadian Armed Forces for many years.

**STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT**

N/A

**COSTS / SOURCE OF FUNDING**

N/A

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

That Council recognize and celebrate this achievement on behalf of the Town of Onoway with the presentation of a congratulatory plaque.

## Town of Onoway Payment Record (June 6, 2022)

### Town of Onoway Annual Commitment

Driver/Coordinator	\$	6,600.00	
Bus Replacement	\$	2,233.45	**Waived for all participants in 2021
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,833.45</b>	

### Town of Onoway - Payment Record

Year	Total Paid	Balance Owing
2016	\$ 8,833.45	\$ -
2017	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 1,833.45
2018	\$ 7,070.00	\$ 1,763.45
2019	\$ 7,141.00	\$ 1,692.45
2020	\$ -	\$ 8,833.45
2021	\$ -	\$ 6,600.00
	<b>\$ 30,044.45</b>	<b>\$ 20,722.80</b>

2022  
owing  
= \$6,600.00



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## Operations Funding Overview

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EXCURSIONS – Miette, Mayfield Dinner Theatre etc.

FCSS Funded. 40% - 60% (FCSS) – 40 % - 60 % (Passenger Revenue)

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### CHARTERS

Available to community groups and organizations for transportation needs.  
\$100.00 damage deposit is required for all charters with a minimum of four hours.

SPRINTER	\$250.00	BOOKING FEE IF OUTSIDE SERVICE AREA
	\$ 1.50 KM	PER KILOMETER
	\$ 25.00 HR	DRIVERS TIME

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COUNTY 80% TOWN OF ONOWAY 11% ALBERTA BEACH 9%

### MUNICIPAL FUNDING REQUISITION –

Lac Ste. Anne County – \$48,000.00 Town of Onoway \$6,600.00 Alberta Beach \$5,400.00

Onoway did not contribute to Municipal Funding Requisition 2019  
Onoway did not contribute to Municipal Funding Requisition 2020

### MUNICIPAL FUNDING BUS REPLACEMENT REQUISITION

Lac Ste. Anne County – \$15610.20 Town of Onoway \$2,233.45 Alberta Beach \$2,210.71

Onoway paid a portion of Bus Replacement for 2019 of \$541.00  
Onoway did not pay any portion of Bus Replacement 2020  
All municipalities were given an exemption for Bus Replacement in due to Covid-19 2021

### MUNICIPAL IN KIND CONTRIBUTION

Lac Ste. Anne County – Maintenance and Insurance \$4,500.00  
Town of Onoway - Administration \$5,500.00  
Alberta Beach – Housing \$3600.00

### MUNICIPAL FCSS

Lac Ste. Anne County – \$12,500.00  
Town of Onoway & Group \$6,410.00

### SUMMER VILLAGES CAPITAL REPLACEMENT CONTRIBUTION

\$300.00 since 2012 prior to that it was \$200.00.



# WABAMUN WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

wwmc.ca Box 1005, Wabamun, Alberta T0E 2K0 info@wwmc.ca

June 8, 2022

Dear Councillors and Administrators,

The Wabamun Watershed Management Council (WWMC) is a lake stewardship group tasked with maintaining the health and viability of Wabamun Lake and it's watershed.

In keeping with our efforts to protect this valuable resource, we would like to make you aware that we have partnered with Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) and Parkland County to host an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) demonstration day. The demo is set for Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:30am until noon, at the Hamlet of Wabamun boat launch site. It will be a "Pop Up" watercraft inspection station, complete with the entire AEP inspection team and their sniffer dogs. We will be inspecting all watercraft entering the lake at that location; it should be a fun and informative day!

We see this as an excellent learning/teaching opportunity for local and recreational boat users of Wabamun and the surrounding lakes, on the risks associated with AIS, in particular Quagga and Zebra Mussels. We will be doing a media release and coordinating the day with the Pigeon lake group who will be doing a similar demonstration on Sunday, July 24. We would welcome your attendance and encourage all council members and administrative staff to join us. We will be happy to provide more details as the event draws nearer.

Thank you for considering attending this activity and we look forward to hearing back from you should you want additional information.

Neil Fleming,  
for the WWMC

**debbie@onoway.ca**

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**From:** penny@onoway.ca  
**Sent:** June 10, 2022 1:36 PM  
**To:** debbie@onoway.ca  
**Subject:** FW: Aquatic Invasive Species Inspection station and demonstration July 23, 2022  
**Attachments:** Councillors and Admin AIS Invitation.doc

Penny Frizzell

penny@onoway.ca

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**Cc:** styles. seba <sebastyles@telus.net>; Don Meredith <don@donmeredith.ca>  
**Subject:** Aquatic Invasive Species Inspection station and demonstration July 23, 2022

Dear Municipal Administrators,

I am attaching a notice and invitation for a planned Aquatic Invasive Species inspection station and demonstration planned for Wabamun Lake, Saturday July 23, 2022. As I am sure you are aware, one of the greatest threats to the health of Alberta's waterbodies and associated infrastructure would be the introduction of Quagga and Zebra mussels. No Alberta lakes have been infected to date and the Wabamun Watershed Management Council (WWMC) is doing what we can to keep it that way. Please review the attached invitation and share it with your administration, council and anyone else you feel might benefit from this session.

Should you require any additional information, please feel free to reach out to me.

Neil Fleming,  
WWMC



**Town of Onoway**

**Request for Decision**

Meeting:	<b>Council Meeting</b>
Meeting Date:	June 23, 2022
Presented By:	Tim Duhamel, Interim CAO
Title:	<b>Onoway Town Centennial</b>

**BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL**

June 25, 2023 will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the town of Onoway.

A volunteer committee has been established for the purpose of creating a celebration. Although this group has already received approval for \$10,000 from FCSS funding and applied for a federal grant of \$25,000 (in partnership with the town), they have been greatly challenged by the planning of festivities and fund-raising from the community to cover those costs.

**DISCUSSION / OPTIONS / BENEFITS / DISADVANTAGES**

This committee has approached administration to express their frustration with a lack of formal involvement by Council and Administration. In our experience, public festivities such as these will often turn out best when managed by the entity being celebrated -- as third parties may sometimes lack the necessary expertise, lose interest or have competing priorities.

**STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT**

N/A

**COSTS / SOURCE OF FUNDING**

2022 and 2023 Operating Budget

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

That Council direct administration to provide leadership and administrative support to the Centennial Committee to plan and manage the celebration of Onoway's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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**Town of Onoway**  
**Request for Decision**

Meeting:	<b>Council Meeting</b>
Meeting Date:	June 23, 2022
Presented By:	Tim Duhamel, Interim CAO
Title:	<b>Lot 14 Subdivision Proposal</b>

**BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL**

The developer for the LDS "Lot 14" project has approached the town about modifying the current development proposal to include up to 18 lots (from the previously discussed 13 lots). Some but not all of these lots would have smaller in size than the previously proposed lots, however the overall footprint of the subdivision would remain the same.

**DISCUSSION / OPTIONS / BENEFITS / DISADVANTAGES**

The increase in the number of residential lots would also represent increased tax revenues for the town.

**STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT**

N/A

**COSTS / SOURCE OF FUNDING**

N/A

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

That Council provide endorsement for the necessary revisions to the existing development agreement to reflect the increased number of residential lots.

**Town of Onoway**

**Request for Decision**

Meeting:	<b>Regular Council</b>
Meeting Date:	June 23, 2022. Presented by Tim Duhamel Interim CAO
Title:	<b>2022 Operating Budget</b>

**BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL**

The 2022 Operating Budget have been presented to Council in accordance with the Municipal Government Act (MGA)

The operating budget can be considered a transitional budget for several reasons.

- Covid had subsided allowing for normal operations to commence.
- Economic turmoil has resulted in hyperinflation causing budgetary concern.
- The municipality has undergone a high-level organizational review resulting in some staffing changes and approach to certain tasks. These changes are intended to improve efficiencies and service delivery.

The 2022 budget includes an operating budget of \$3,723,855 This includes Municipal Taxation of \$1,258,422 an increase from 2021 by 3.8% or \$46,079.

For the average residential home (assessment value of \$175,000 in 2021), this results in approximately a \$4/month increase, or \$49/year.

**DISCUSSION / OPTIONS / BENEFITS / DISADVANTAGES**

In accordance with Section 242 of the MGA, a Council must adopt an operating budget for the calendar year.

Budget Influences/Challenges:

COVID-19 – As we return to normal operations the COVID-19 we must plan for normalized operations.

Inflation – With the last couple of years of lower inflation, the expected hyper-inflation is coming up. The Edmonton Economic forecast for September 2021 shows inflation at 3.5% for Edmonton area, 4% for Alberta, and 4.4% for Canada. This translates to significant increased costs to maintain the current services that we provide.

The organization is going through a transition which included some staffing change in conjunction with an organizational review. This budget effectively transitions the municipality from using contracted relationships for certain tasks such as grant writing and emergency management. This transition supports self sufficiency, improved

sustainability, and communication synergy. The goal is to improve service levels while also saving financial resources.

Section 283.1 of the MGA states *“Each municipality must prepare a written plan respecting its anticipated financial operations over a period of at least the next 3 financial years”*.

The 2022 Operating Budget were presented in detail at meetings in November and December. Discussions at this meeting have been incorporated into the 2022 budget.

## **STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT**

Good Governance: We actively pursue and embrace good governance and integrity by being accountable, responsible, transparent, focusing on the overall good of the community.

Service Excellence: We proactively consider service delivery, focusing on doing the right things well, understanding core versus value-added services and communicating what we do.

## **COSTS / SOURCE OF FUNDING**

In the proposed 2022 Operating Budget, municipal only taxation revenue has increased by 4.55% (\$138,644) over the 2021 Budget.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Moved that the 2022 Operating Budget be approved as presented:

- Total Revenue = \$3,723,855
- Total Expenses = \$3,723,855
- Municipal Taxation = \$1,258,422
- 3.8% tax dollar increase

**Town of Onoway**  
**Request for Decision**

Meeting:	<b>Regular Council</b>
Meeting Date:	June 23, 2022
Presented By:	Tim Duhamel, Interim CAO
Title:	<b>2022 Capital Budget</b>

**BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL**

The fully funded Capital Budget for 2022 is attached for a total of \$377,057. Funded through:

- Grants \$130,057
- Town Reserves \$247,000

A key strategy in the Town Strategic Plan is to ensure infrastructure, services and programs meet community needs. This strategy addresses assessments for the Town infrastructure and incorporating the results into long term planning.

*Section 283.1 of the MGA*

- *At a minimum must prepare a "written" 5-year capital plan.*
- *Multi-year plans do not include the year in which they are prepared.*
- *Council must **review** and update the plans annually.*

The purpose of the 5-year plan is to show potential funding available and identify funding strategies for future projects.

**DISCUSSION / OPTIONS / BENEFITS / DISADVANTAGES**

In accordance with Section 245 of the MGA, a Council must **adopt** a capital budget for the calendar year.

**STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT**

Community Sustainability: We embrace community sustainability focusing on well maintained and planned infrastructure, effective financial stewardship and excellence in service delivery.

Good Governance: We actively pursue and embrace good governance and integrity by being accountable, responsible, transparent, focusing on the overall good of the community.

Service Excellence: We proactively consider service delivery, focusing on doing the right things well, understanding core versus value-added services and communicating what we do.

### **COSTS / SOURCE OF FUNDING**

As presented.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION (by originator)**

Moved that the Capital Budget 2022 total of \$377,057 be accepted and be funded as presented.

**debbie@onoway.ca**

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**From:** penny@onoway.ca  
**Sent:** June 14, 2022 1:11 PM  
**To:** cao@onoway.ca  
**Cc:** debbie@onoway.ca  
**Subject:** FW: EMS in Alberta - What We Heard and Future Planning  
**Attachments:** Areas of Priority Working Groups Graphic.pdf; 06 06 2022\_EMS Survey Findings\_FINAL.pdf

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Good afternoon,

Alberta Health Services (AHS) has heard from more than 1,000 Albertans in response to our EMS Current State Survey. The survey findings will be used to direct the development of the Provincial EMS Service Plan.

Attached please find a document highlighting 'What We Heard', as well as a detailed outline of six priority areas that have emerged from our EMS current state engagement, to date.

As noted in the attached, the learnings from our survey and engagement will be used to inform the development of the EMS Provincial Service Plan. This Plan, which will be forward-looking and focused on continued improvement, is one element of the AHS EMS 10-Point Plan which has been implemented to address system pressures. Keep up to date on how these initiatives are progressing [here](#).

To kick off the Future Planning Process, we are forming working groups to address the six priorities that emerged from the current state work. Members of these groups will integrate the feedback provided by Albertans, and provide subject matter expertise to guide our next steps.

As we continue to consider ideas to address these six priorities, AHS invites Albertans to [share their ideas for EMS innovation](#) on [Together4Health](#), by **June 24**.

Please feel free to share this link with others who may have interest in helping to shape the future of EMS in Alberta.

Thank you, and we look forward to receiving your input.

Sincerely,

Provincial EMS Service Planning Team

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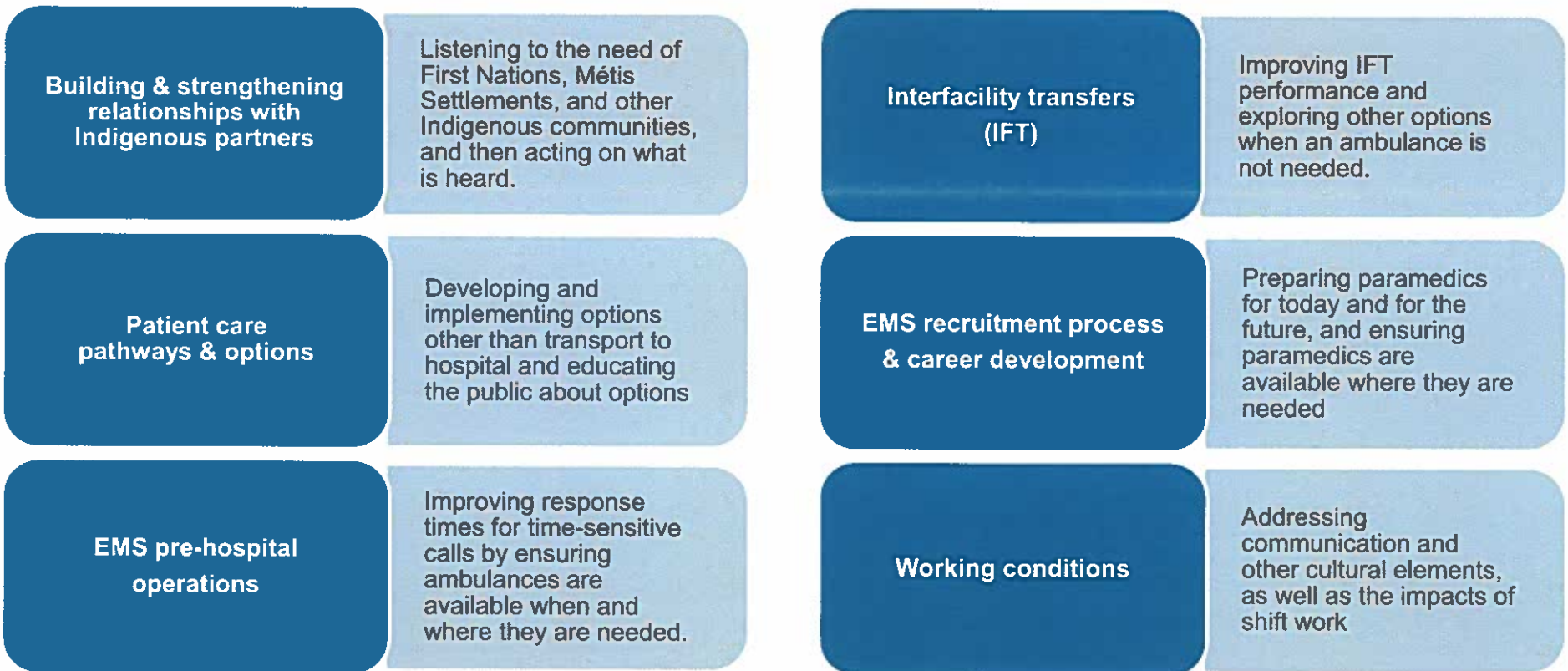


## AHS Provincial EMS Service Planning

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### Future Planning Working Groups

Based on what we heard in the Current State Survey, we have created 6 working groups to focus on Future Planning. Each group will focus on a specific theme:



June 2022

# Provincial EMS Service Planning Current State Survey

March 17 to April 8, 2022

## What We Heard Summary

Alberta Health Services (AHS) has heard from hundreds of Albertans as part of our EMS Current State Survey. This survey is one step in creating the long-term EMS Service Plan, and is a component of the engagement work being undertaken, provincially, to inform the future of EMS. This work also aligns with the more immediate work already underway, via the AHS EMS 10 point plan. For the latest news on all ongoing EMS work, click [here](#).

## Background

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is a critical component in Alberta's healthcare system. EMS provides emergency response to 911 calls for patients across the province, treats patients in their homes, as well as handling transfers for patients needing medical care between hospitals and medical facilities.

AHS has been experiencing extremely high call volumes, resulting in longer response times and impacts on both patients and staff.

As one component of the EMS 10 Point Plan, the Minister of Health asked AHS EMS to work with Alberta Health to create a long-term Service Plan for EMS; this plan is to be completed by September 30, 2022. The EMS Service Plan is to be inclusive of all EMS services (AHS direct delivery and those provided by contracted service partners), and to reflect how EMS integrates into Alberta's health system. It will provide the vision and direction for EMS in Alberta for the next five years and set out a clear roadmap on how to get there.

## Current State Survey & Engagement

In order for AHS to understand where we need to go and how best to serve Albertans, we first needed to hear from Albertans to understand our current state and identify priorities. To do this, we began targeted focus group discussions with Indigenous communities and AHS clinical operations; and invited Albertans to share their views by taking the Current State Survey online. From March 17 to April 8, Albertans were asked to share what they thought was working, and what isn't, to help us build on strengths and plan for improvements. 1946 responses were received.

In the Current State Survey, we asked respondents to share their perspectives on a series of questions, including:

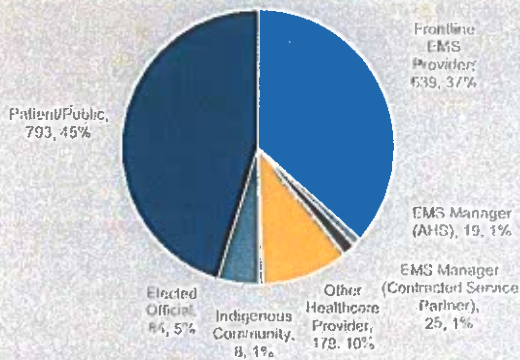
- What EMS is doing well and where they could improve
- What the role of EMS in Alberta should be
- What would help EMS better respond and prepare for the future

# What We Heard – Provincial EMS Service Planning Current State Survey

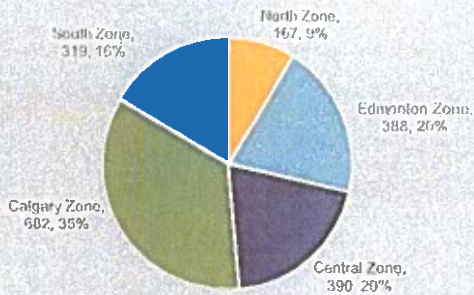
## Who We Heard From

**1946** Survey responses

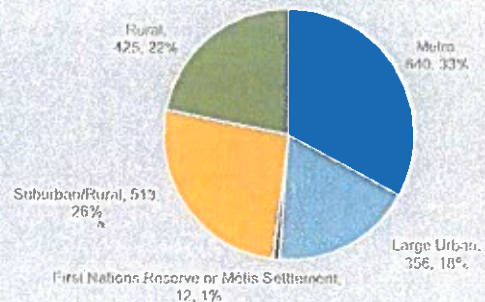
Which perspective do you represent?



Which AHS geographic Zone do you currently reside in?



What type of community do your perspectives represent?



## Highlights

- People said that staff provide excellent care, work hard and are highly skilled
- Albertans are concerned that the current EMS workload is unsustainable and that staff are under strain
- Many expressed concern about the appropriate use of ambulances, and noted that there is a need to clarify EMS roles and responsibilities in the healthcare system
- Relationships with Indigenous communities are important and need to be built and fostered over time
- People are concerned about ambulance availability and getting paramedics out of hospitals and back in their home communities
- People acknowledged that not every situation requires an emergency response – how can EMS support patients & families in **knowing their care options?**

## Themes that emerged

### What people feel is going well

When asked to identify what EMS does well, people said that paramedics are skilled professionals who provide quality and compassionate patient care. Respondents indicated that they felt that EMS's primary role should be to respond to 911 calls.

Patient care was brought forward as the most important part of EMS's work and something paramedics do well - helping patients was overwhelmingly what frontline staff indicated to be what they liked best about their job.

*"When I did have to call EMS they were at my house within minutes, they were professional, they gave me instant reassurance and I felt safe. They also helped my daughter cope."*

# What We Heard – Provincial EMS Service Planning Current State Survey

## Where people identified areas of concern and need of improvement

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*"I live rural – I want my ambulances available for the area."*

While respondents agreed that EMS staff are very good at what they do, they are also very concerned that the current workload is unsustainable, acknowledging there has been a 30 percent increase in call volumes.

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*"Response times need to improve, communities need coverage."*

People expressed that they felt that additional ambulances, staffing and funding are necessary to allay the current pressures, and they believe this would in turn increase community ambulance availability and lower response times.

Another large area of concern had to do with patient flow through the health system. The process of transferring a patient from EMS care to hospital care was an area that Albertans felt needed to be greatly improved. The Interfacility Transfer (IFT) process was also cited as a process that could be improved.

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*"When you go to an emergency room and see all the EMS waiting with patients while someone in the community needs them it is frustrating."*

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There were also concerns expressed about how ambulances are dispatched, and that more clarity could be provided regarding how calls are triaged and prioritized.

Communication to both EMS staff and communities was highlighted as an area that could be improved.

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*"Better public education, more non-ambulance options, more responsibilities for paramedics."*

*"Planning for growth matches population group, increasing and enhancing paramedic skills to provide more meaningful treatments and care. Providing ongoing and value-added training to keep paramedics at the top of their skill level and continuously improving with changes in medical research."*

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## Where people felt we should focus for future planning

As we look to plan for the next 5 to 10 years, Albertans told us that they think EMS should focus on:

- Our people
- Paramedic scope of practice
- Increasing use of virtual health care options
- Exploring other patient care pathways and options other than transport to emergency departments
- Building and strengthening relationships with Indigenous partners
- Connecting with the public and leveraging partnerships
- Preparing for population growth and an aging population

# What We Heard – Provincial EMS Service Planning Current State Survey

## Areas of Priority

Based on what we heard, we have created 6 working groups to focus on Future Planning. Each group will focus on a specific theme:

Building & Strengthening Relationships with Indigenous Partners

*Listening to the needs of First Nations, Métis Settlements, and other Indigenous communities, and then acting on what is heard.*

Patient Care Pathways & Options

*Developing and implementing options other than transport to hospital and educating the public about options.*

EMS Pre-Hospital Operations

*Improving response times for time-sensitive calls by ensuring ambulances are available when and where they are needed.*

Interfacility Transfers (IFT)

*Improving IFT performance and exploring other options when an ambulance is not needed.*

EMS Recruitment Process & Career Development

*Preparing paramedics for today and for the future, and ensuring paramedics are available where they are needed.*

Working Conditions

*Addressing communication and other cultural elements, as well as the impacts of shift work.*

## What happens next

Now that we have assessed our current state and identified priorities, we will begin the Future Planning Process. This kicks off with the formation of working groups, one for each of the Areas of Priority listed above. Members of these groups will provide subject matter expertise in order to identify initiatives for their respective priority area. Suggestions from the [Alberta EMS Provincial Advisory Committee](#) will also be incorporated into the priorities for these working groups.

### About the working groups

The working groups will be comprised of subject matter experts who have been selected for their expertise from a number of different disciplines across AHS, Alberta Health and other partner organizations.

The first step that the working groups will undertake will be to brainstorm initiatives to address the priorities, and we invite Albertans to share their ideas for the working groups to consider. Share your thoughts and innovations [here on Together4Health](#).

The working groups will then develop a set of recommendations and initiatives that will be considered in context of the EMS 10 point plan, the recommendations from the Minister's Advisory council, and AHS' larger strategic plans. Then, these concepts will be rolled up into objectives and overarching goals as part of the Provincial EMS Service Plan. Through the plan, concepts will be formalized, staged, and ultimately, implemented.

## What We Heard – Provincial EMS Service Planning Current State Survey

### Thank you

Thank you to everyone who took the time to share your perspectives. We received a lot of insightful feedback, and we appreciate your honesty, candor and advice.

EMS continues to be here for all Albertans. We are working together with our people, our patients and our partners, to ensure our system is robust and sustainable. We thank everyone for their involvement and support, and hope that you will continue to work with us as we progress through the Service Planning process.

If you have further reflections, please feel free to reach out to us via the [Provincial EMS Service Planning Together4Health Page](#).

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# Together Health Headlines

• HEALTH NEWS YOU CAN USE •

Welcome to **Together4Health Headlines**, a weekly newsletter designed to keep you informed about key public health information and opportunities for you to connect with AHS. We are committed to ensuring our partners and stakeholders, like you, receive the public health information you want and need.

[Respond to this short survey](#) to let us know if you're receiving the information you need in a format that is working for you.

If you know someone who would benefit from receiving this information directly from AHS, invite them to subscribe by [clicking here](#). You can unsubscribe from this e-newsletter by clicking "Unsubscribe" above.

## Today's Update:

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## Things You Need to Know

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*We are expanding the scope of Together4Health Headlines. We will continue to provide the latest information on our COVID-19 response but will balance that with updates on the progress AHS is making on several priority areas. We have much to accomplish in these areas, so we want to make sure you have the most current information on the work underway, and on the work ahead.*

### Priority: Alberta Surgical Initiative

The Alberta Surgical Initiative (ASI) will improve timely access to surgical care in Alberta. The goal of ASI is to ensure adult and pediatric patients receive scheduled surgeries within clinically appropriate timeframes. The Diagnostic Imaging CT and MRI Action Plan is intended to bring CT and MRI wait times within clinical targets for patients across Alberta by 2025.

#### *Current surgical status*

We continue to work diligently to recover to pre-pandemic surgical status. Over the past four weeks the average of weekly volumes for surgical activity is 90 per cent of our pre-pandemic surgical volumes. Our total surgical wait list for adults sits at approximately 71,897, compared to approximately 72,860 at the beginning of May. In February 2020, before the pandemic, our total wait list was 68,000.

### Priority: Digital Health Evolution and Innovation

This work involves the ongoing rollout of Connect Care; continued expansion of virtual health to support more community- and home-based care, programs and services; the rollout of the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Health System ([PRIHS](#)) digital health program, and continued work with provincial and federal governments and industry on bringing new health innovations to market.

#### *Connect Care Launch 4 continues to stabilize in week two*

Week two of Connect Care Launch 4 moved ahead smoothly. As always, patient safety remained the number one focus and any concerns with even minor potential for patient risk are addressed immediately. Typical of the second week of a launch, we saw issues with more complexity, which require collaboration between departments who share patients and have overlapping charting needs.

We continue to be grateful for the amazing encouragement our teams have shown each other throughout this transition and for the efforts of our super user and resource teams, who are ensuring that those working in the system are supported throughout these weeks of learning and change.

### Independent Review of EMS Response to Tragic Incident in Calgary

Last week [Alberta Health Services announced](#) that an independent review will be conducted into the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) response to a fatal dog attack in Calgary that took place June 5. This was a tragic incident, and our deepest condolences are with the family, friends, and neighbours of the Calgarian who died.

The independent review will look into the events surrounding the calls to EMS dispatch, call handling protocols with other agencies, ambulance response time and availability of ambulances at the time. We are also conducting a quality assurance review, which is designed to identify areas where the overall system response can be improved and strengthened with the goal of improving patient care.

This review is being undertaken as part of our culture of improvement to empower EMS to deliver the best care possible. EMS is and will continue to be supported as we move through this process, and learnings from the review will be approached as opportunities for improvement. Our EMS crews are working tirelessly to respond to extremely high call volumes, and under significant pressure. We appreciate and see these efforts.

### AHS Support for Ukraine

As Ukrainian people continue to evacuate their homeland, many have come to Canada to escape the

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and personal care items and are without a family to support them or home to stay in. Community groups and social services have worked to identify and engage hundreds of families who have volunteered their homes to help support evacuees.

Once housing support is found many evacuees and host families turn their focus to obtaining identification and healthcare support they need during their stay. AHS has developed many resources to help evacuees and host families navigate the healthcare system and is working with the Government of Alberta, non-profit organizations and community groups to ensure evacuees have access to the healthcare services they need.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) have been created with tailored information to support staff, [primary care providers](#) and [evacuees and host families](#). The FAQs include information on health assessment and fees including an outline of the [Immigration Medical Examination](#) for refugees/evacuees who enter Canada as part of the application process for various visas. The staff and provider FAQs have additional information on patient registration, billing, mental health resources and ways to support evacuees and more. [Welcome – We are Here to Help](#) offers translated resources in English, Ukrainian and Russian for evacuees and host families, including a list of healthcare options and mental health support.

If you have questions or comments, please email [Ukraine.Inquiries@ahs.ca](mailto:Ukraine.Inquiries@ahs.ca).

### Monkeypox Update

As of June 8, 2022, four confirmed cases of Monkeypox have been reported in Alberta. To protect patients' confidentiality, no identifying information will be provided.

Monkeypox is a rare disease that does not pose a high risk to the public and does not spread easily between people. Transmission primarily occurs through close physical contact, and less commonly may occur through large respiratory droplets with prolonged (estimated > 3 hours) face-to-face contact.

In the current outbreak, close physical contact with infectious skin lesions during sexual activity seems to be the most common mode of transmission. The risk to the general public is low, but should be considered in people presenting with new rashes of unclear cause and who have a risk factor such as a recent history of a new or multiple sexual partners. It is important to promote safer sexual practices, not just for this rare disease, but all the reasons why safer sexual health behaviors improve overall health.

Those who believe that they have been in contact with a case of monkeypox should self-isolate and call Health Link 811 or their primary care physician. They should also wear a mask and cover any lesions if leaving home to seek medical care AND should notify the healthcare facility in advance or upon arrival that they are concerned about Monkeypox to ensure appropriate precautions are in place.

Alberta has mandatory reporting for rare or emerging communicable diseases. We are continuing to investigate the spread of monkeypox with our provincial and federal partners and will regularly assess the situation as it evolves.

Testing is available for those who have symptoms of Monkeypox. If you think you may have Monkeypox, call Health Link at 811 or your healthcare provider for advice. Many Sexual and Reproductive Clinics can provide testing for Monkeypox, along with testing for more common STIs. Visit [ahs.ca/srh](https://ahs.ca/srh) to find a clinic near you. Regardless of the where you are seeking care, advise the healthcare provider in advance so that precautions can be put in place.

### Contrast Dye Shortage

On Friday AHS announced the [postponement of approximately up to 1,500 imaging procedures](#) per week, effective immediately, due to a temporary worldwide shortage of contrast dye used in CT scan imaging and angiographic procedures of the heart and blood vessels. Imaging procedures will only be deferred if it is considered clinically safe to do. Patients with critical needs will continue to be prioritized as radiologists and other physicians review all requests for imaging and intervention. AHS is also considering the use of alternate imaging options, like Ultrasound and MRI, where clinically appropriate.

AHS is contacting all affected patients directly. These patients will be updated by AHS on ongoing basis and to reschedule as soon as possible.

meeting daily with suppliers and other partners across the country for situation updates.

### **Indigenous support line launches across northwestern Alberta**

Indigenous Peoples in the west and central areas of AHS North Zone now have a dedicated support line to help them better navigate the health system. The line was launched on May 30 in the northwest areas near High Level, and expanded to the central and southwest areas of North Zone last week. The eastern side of AHS' North Zone will be added on June 20.

The toll-free Indigenous support line can be reached by calling **1-844-944-4744**. The support line is staffed by Indigenous Health Link staff and available weekdays from noon to 8 p.m. Staff will answer callers' questions, help them access culturally appropriate care and support and assist them with navigating the healthcare system. Clients can call at any time during their healthcare journey with questions or concerns – whether they are not currently receiving care, about to start care, in care, or discharged from care.

All Albertans are asked to call 911 if they have a medical emergency. Health Link (811) also remains available 24/7 for non-emergency health-related questions. Dedicated AHS [Indigenous Wellness Core](#) staff is available throughout the province and take into consideration culturally appropriate health services for First Nations, Métis and Inuit people.

### **New physicians join Drayton Valley Community Cancer Centre**

With the recruitment of two new physicians, the Drayton Valley Community Cancer Centre has resumed providing cancer care for patients in the community after a six-month service suspension due to staffing shortages. AHS is pleased to welcome Dr. Ike Akwu-ude and Dr. Valerie Smith to the Drayton Valley Community Cancer Centre.

Dr. Ike Akwu-Ude, a family physician from Red Deer, is passionate about providing patient-centered care using evidence-based best practices and is now providing outpatient cancer care to the patients in Drayton Valley and surrounding area.

Dr. Valerie Smith is a family physician in Camrose who has been practicing in the community since 1998. Located at the Camrose Community Cancer Clinic, she is now providing virtual cancer care from Camrose.

The Drayton Valley Community Cancer Centre provides outpatient cancer treatments such as chemotherapy, biotherapy, immunotherapy, and targeted therapy, as well as cancer patient navigation services. AHS continues to recruit across Central Alberta to meet community needs.

### **Hinton to welcome new physician-anestheologist**

Family physician-anestheologist Dr. Evan Johnson will begin practising at Hinton Medical Clinic on July 1, 2022. Dr. Johnson will increase access to surgery and family medical care for residents of Hinton and area. Dr. Johnson has been working as a locum physician, covering family medicine shifts across Alberta, and recently completed his anesthesia residency through the University of Alberta. His addition will bring the number of family physicians in Hinton to 16.

### **Reducing the Impact of Financial Strain on patients**

AHS is working with the AMA (Alberta Medical Association) and Primary Care Networks (PCN) to ask patients about their financial security, and focus on treating the whole patient. The 'Reducing the Impact of Financial Strain (RIFS)' project aims to strengthen connections between community members and organizations - including primary care teams. The aim is to collaboratively design local solutions to support health by addressing financial concerns in a sensitive, compassionate and sustainable way.

While community looks at improving supports, Primary Care teams identify and support patients with financial concerns and help them access appropriate community supports. Visit [healthiertogether.ca](https://healthiertogether.ca) to learn more about how you can play an active role in keeping yourself and your community health. And visit [Together4Health](#) to join the conversation.

### **Interim CEO Video Message - Celebrating Diversity and Pride**

Diversity and inclusion are essential to everything we do at AHS. Everyone matters and deserves to feel

Joining the AHS Vlog to talk [more about Pride Month and how we support an inclusive workplace](#) are:

- Marni Panas, Program Manager, Diversity and Inclusion.
- Sean Schaffer, Proud Together Workforce Resource Group Communications Lead.
- Dalton Terhorst, Co-Chair of Proud Together Workforce Resource Group.



### **Glenrose program helps patients tailor how they communicate**

For the past twenty years, speech language pathologists (SLP) in the [Voice and Resonance Program at the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital](#) have been helping transgender and gender diverse people find a voice that matches how they see themselves. Awareness of the service among referring providers and patients continues to expand. Over the past decade, the program has seen referrals increase from five per year to upwards of five per month. Today, the program receives referrals from a variety of practitioners, including family physicians, endocrinologists, and psychiatrists.

Over the years, SLP Teresa Hardy has heard many stories from her clients who were harassed and even physically harmed because of the way they communicated. Within the program, Hardy and her colleagues present clients with options for voice change, helping to guide them through exploring different sounds and manners of speaking to find one that feels right for them, and to do so in a way that promotes healthy voice function.

### **RhPAP Awards support Albertans aiming to serve rural Alberta**

Congratulations to Jaslyn Rasmuson of Gwynne, Alberta, one of the recipients of the 2022 RhPAP Rural Medical School Award. Jaslyn, a medical student at the University of Alberta, grew up on a farm near Gwynne. Jaslyn started volunteering at a young age. She was president of her high school student council. More recently, she has volunteered at the Wetaskiwin Hospital and Care Centre and the Edmonton General Continuing Care Centre.

Jaslyn was inspired to enter medicine by her family physician, Dr. Deborah Jeffrey in Wetaskiwin. She plans to emulate her as a rural family physician or perhaps practice as an internal medicine specialist (internist) in a rural community.

The Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP) Rural Medical Student Awards provide a one-time contribution of \$5,000 to Alberta medical students to assist with tuition, accommodation, living, and/or professional development expenses.



### Therapy horses visit Taber Health Centre

A partnership between the Taber Health Centre and the [Lethbridge Therapeutic Riding Association \(LTRA\)](#), which started during the pandemic, brings therapy horses to long term care residents' windows. Those with greater mobility can also come out to the unit's patio to pet the horses. Recreation Therapist Andrea Rose explains said not only do the animals have a calming influence on residents, but the shared experience brings them closer together, supporting a key element of their mental health needs.



## Enhance Your Health and Wellbeing

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*The health and wellbeing of Albertans is the heart of everything we do, and every decision we make. To enhance the health and wellbeing of Albertans, we offer services, workshops, classes, events and support groups to encourage healthy choices that enhance the health and wellbeing of Albertans.*

- [Find what's available in your zone](#)
- [Join Alberta Healthy Living Program Workshops & Classes](#) for adults living with chronic health conditions and/or diseases

*Additionally, primary care providers play a key role in keeping Albertans healthy: when a patient consistently sees the same family doctor, nurse practitioner and team, it can lead to better health. If you need help finding a family doctor, visit [albertafindadoctor.ca](http://albertafindadoctor.ca).*

### Mobile mammography service to visit Athabasca and Boyle

A mobile mammography trailer will be stationed at the Athabasca Community Health Services (3401 48 Ave., south of building) on July 4, 5 and 6. The mobile mammography trailer will then be stationed at Boyle Healthcare Centre (5004 Lakeview Road) on July 7, 8, 9 and 11. Residents can book an appointment or learn more about the program by calling 1- 800-667-0604.

### New Alberta Health DORS program prevents fatal overdose

The [Digital Overdose Response System \(DORS\)](#) is an app that helps prevent a fatal overdose when using opioids and other substances alone at home. DORS is a confidential, anonymous and professional program that prevents death by dispatching emergency medical services if a user becomes unresponsive.

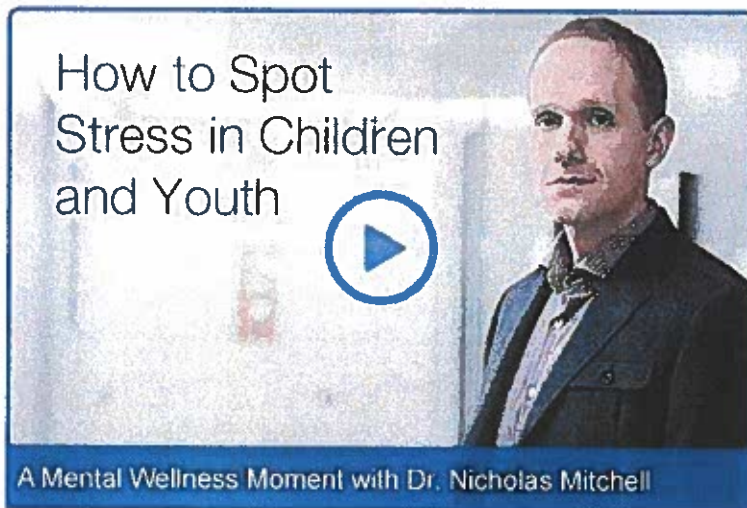
### In-person prenatal, postnatal classes resume in South Zone

In-person prenatal and postnatal group classes are returning across the South Zone of Alberta Health Services, after being paused in March 2020 due to COVID-19. Classes will resume gradually, staggering start times and building capacity over the summer. In-person classes will resume in Lethbridge this month, with classes resuming in Medicine Hat and additional South Zone sites this fall.

Registration is now open at [Prenatal and Postnatal \(Baby Steps\) class registration website](#). Online options are still available through self-directed resources or live virtual classes. Please visit [On-line Birth and Babies | Birth & Babies](#) For more information on pregnancy, birth and parenting supports, visit [AHS.ca/prenatal](https://www.aHS.ca/prenatal).

### Mental Wellness Moment - How to Spot Stress in Children and Youth

Stress can impact children and teens. Every child is different, and each can be impacted by stress differently, depending on their personality and their development. In this month's [Mental Wellness Moment](#), Dr. Nick Mitchell - Provincial Medical Director, AHS Addiction and Mental Health - gives advice on how to spot stress in children and how parents and caregivers can help.



### Free child car safety seat clinics offered in Edmonton

AHS is partnering with Edmonton Police Service once a month to host [free child car safety seat inspection clinics](#) at recreation centres in Edmonton this summer. AHS Public Health staff are also offering clinics at public health centres throughout the zone, over the next several months. The clinics will teach families how to correctly choose, install and use child safety seats in their vehicles. Proper use of a child safety seat has been shown to reduce the likelihood of a child being injured or killed in a motor vehicle accident by as much as 71 per cent.

Clinics will be held on the second Thursday of the month at Edmonton recreation centres around the city through October. For more information on child safety seats go to [MyHealth.Alberta](https://www.myhealth.alberta.ca).

## Join the Conversation

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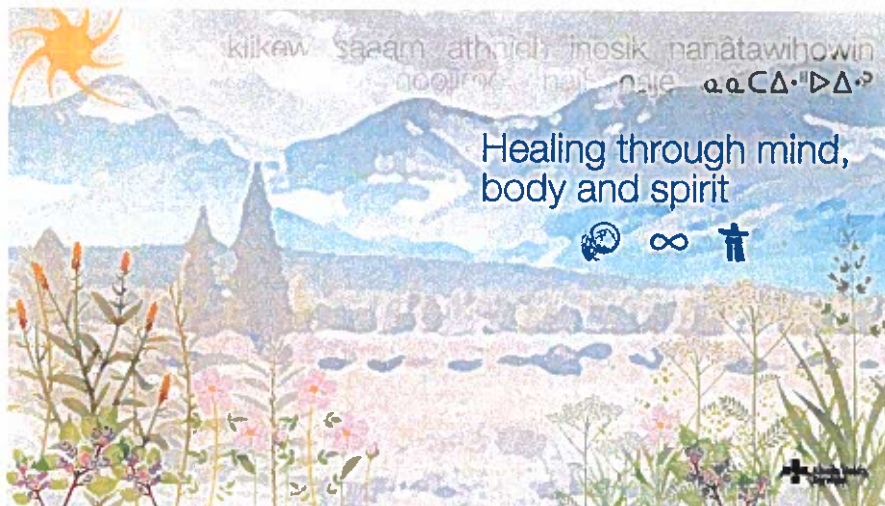
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recommendations to guide next steps. Please feel free to share this link with others who may have interest in helping to shape the future of EMS in Alberta.

### How are you commemorating National Indigenous Peoples Month?

Across the province, Albertans and communities are commemorating National Indigenous Peoples Month. We are inviting you to share how you and your community will be honouring and learning more about indigenous history and culture. [Go to our map](#) and share a poster, a photo or an idea of how you plan to celebrate. And we invite you to join us for [AHS' online events](#) that will be continuing throughout the month of June.



*Jacqueline Barr, a skilled member of AHS' communications team, created this Zoom background for AHS staff to use throughout the month as they participate in virtual celebrations. You can find recordings of the virtual events, including a PowWow lesson, on [Together4Health](#).*

### Volunteer: Advisory Council Recruitment!

Volunteers are needed to fill vacancies on Health Advisory Councils across the North Zone. Health Advisory Councils are comprised of members from communities across Alberta who bring diverse, local perspectives to AHS on the healthcare system. Members are connected to their community and enjoy participating in engagement activities that contribute to improving healthcare services. Councils host public meetings and community events within their geographical area, and members participate in community activities to hear from, and share information with community members.

Learn more about Advisory Councils at [ahs.ca/advisorycouncils](https://ahs.ca/advisorycouncils). To [apply](#), please complete an Expression of Interest (EOI) form and submit to [communityengagement@ahs.ca](mailto:communityengagement@ahs.ca).

## COVID-19 in Alberta

[Read the COVID-19 Update](#)

### Long COVID resources available to Albertans

While the vast majority of Albertans can and should safely manage mild COVID-19 symptoms at home with the support of AHS self-care resources, as of May 2022, there have been 2,246 Albertans who have been referred to specialty medicine with concerns over post-COVID symptoms that have lasted longer than 12 weeks. AHS is working to plan clinical supports for the small subset of long COVID patients with post-COVID symptoms, and supporting clinicians in various approaches to serve specific groups of patients.

- [Getting Healthy After COVID-19: Resources for Patients](#)
- [After COVID-19: Information and resources to help you recover](#)
- [Together4Health: Long COVID Information & Resources](#)
- [Recovery & Rehabilitation After COVID-19: Resources for Health Providers](#)

AHS' Alberta Health Living Program (AHLP) team provides services to those with chronic conditions in communities throughout Alberta and has developed the following long COVID education and learning resources:

- [12 part Long COVID Video Series](#)
- [Free on-line courses for adults with ongoing COVID-19 symptoms](#)

Since the start of the pandemic, AHS' [Rehabilitation Advice Line](#) (RAL) has connected with over 8,700 "COVID" patients. RAL defines a COVID patient as being discharged from acute care seven days post discharge. RAL is staffed by occupational therapists and physiotherapists who can assist patients, families or providers with questions about ongoing COVID symptoms by calling 1-833-379-0563.

AHS and the University of Alberta are currently studying the long-term effects in people who tested positive or negative for COVID-19 in Alberta in order to get a better understanding of the health outcomes of Albertans during the COVID-19 pandemic. AHS is inviting all Albertans who have had a COVID lab test (PCR) or home test (rapid antigen), and have tested positive or negative, to complete a survey which aims to evaluate the long-term physical and psychological health outcomes Albertans have been suffering from during the pandemic. As of May 2022 there has been over 7,000 responses. Click here to participate in the survey: <https://albertapostcovidsurvey.ca/>.

## Be Well - Be Kind

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### Foundation Good News

Through donor support, our philanthropic partners fund enhancements to healthcare delivery including equipment, programs, renovations, research and education across the province and in your community. [Learn more here.](#)

#### ***Grande Prairie Regional Hospital Foundation celebrates Key to Care Campaign donors***

On May 28, the Grande Prairie Regional Hospital Foundation celebrated its [Key to Care Capital Campaign](#) donors. The foundation recently reached its \$20-million-dollar fundraising goal. The Key to Care Capital Campaign focuses on improving the healthcare experience for everyone in the region in four key areas: equipment, innovation, education, and the art of healing.

#### ***Northern Lights Health Foundation Spring Fling 2022***

At [Spring Fling 2022](#), presented by Syncrude, the Northern Lights Health Foundation showed just how much local healthcare initiatives have evolved over the past few years and simultaneously raised \$360,000 (net) for new projects. In its 35<sup>th</sup> year, Spring Fling 2022 was a huge success breaking all previous fundraising records.

The program kicked off with a Health Showcase presented by ATB which featured innovative technology for increased patient care and community support. Representatives from AHS were on hand to describe the impact donor support had on advancing their program areas.

Guests were delighted by 'Big Blue', the double-rider tandem Fun2Go bike that was funded through a grant from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 165 to support senior's health and reduce frailty from muscle loss. Guests were able to see their veins clearly through the Accuvein scanner and understand the impact of more accurate readings for injections for the elderly and children. Many other exciting pieces brought home the realization that putting great tools and technology in the hands of caregivers is the best way to support them and their patients.



### Gratitude from Albertans

Thank you to all of the Albertans who have taken the time to recognize the work of healthcare providers and physicians. Messages of gratitude keep pouring in from across the province and beyond during the COVID-19 pandemic. We want to share a few recent messages of thanks with you - and you can see others on our [Sharing the Love](#) webpage:

*What a great team in Strathmore, that all stand together, if one person struggles they all step in to help! I've enjoyed my time with these fabulous caring staff of AHS. Thank you.*  
-Liz

*Congratulations on Launch 4 [of Connect Care] Everyone! I know how much hard work has gone into preparing for this momentous event. Your dedication and efforts will ultimately make the experience of our patients and families so much better throughout their healthcare journeys. Cheers to Amazing AHS'ers!*

### Wrapping Up

June is a month of recognition and celebration, and AHS is proud to participate in activities and events that honour and celebrate the diversity of our teams, and the communities we serve. [National Indigenous Peoples Month Celebrations](#) have been well attended by AHS staff, leaders and volunteers who are eager to learn more about indigenous history and culture. Check out our Book Club, where we are sharing books that inspire our journey of reconciliation; and share how you are commemorating National Indigenous Peoples Month through local community events.

And during Pride month, we encourage you to show your support of the wonderful diversity we have at AHS. When we create an environment that is safer and more inclusive for everyone, we improve patient experience, outcomes, and quality of care for all Albertans.

With enduring appreciation and gratitude,

#### Mauro Chies

Interim AHS President & CEO

#### Dr. Laura McDougall

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**From:** Rae Thygesen <Rae.Thygesen@arhca.ab.ca>  
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**Subject:** Cost-Recovery Fuel Surcharge from ARHCA

*Sent on behalf of Ron Glen, CEO, ARHCA*  
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Good afternoon,

Please see the attached notification regarding the Cost-Recovery Fuel Surcharge. Please share with the appropriate staff members.

Thank you,

Rae Thygesen

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# NOTICE OF ADDENDUM

Date: June 14, 2022

To: Municipal Road Infrastructure Owners  
Private Sector Infrastructure Owners  
Public and Private Agencies Referencing the ARHCA Equipment Rate Guide

From: Ron Glen, CEO, Alberta Roadbuilders and Heavy Construction Association (ARHCA)

Re: **Fuel Cost Recovery surcharge addendum to 2022 Rate Guide**

The volatility in global oil markets have caused fuel prices to exceed contractors' abilities to absorb costs. The ARHCA Rental Rate Guide published each year provides owners and contractors with a reasonable per hour base price (inclusive of a contractor's cost of ownership and operating costs) for more than 1000 different models and makes of heavy equipment used in road construction, maintenance and in other industries such as forestry. Equipment financing, labour, material and in particular fuel prices have escalated dramatically in-year since our book was published in February.

The benchmark price for diesel consisting of the posted rack rate plus applicable taxes, less the off-road rebate used in the 2022 Rate Guide was \$1.35/litre. Oil prices have since spiked due to international events and political responses to isolate Russian aggression in Europe. The impact on local fuel prices is a risk beyond the capacity of contractors to manage and without risk sharing amongst construction partners, contractors will incur substantial losses.

For this reason, in response to this unforeseen change in international oil markets, the ARHCA is issuing an addendum to the 2022 Rate Guide to include a Fuel Cost Recovery Surcharge. ARHCA has developed an approach that balances reasonable application with simplicity of administration. The surcharge rates are based on a fuel cost as at June 2 of \$1.96/litre and consumption measured by net horsepower averaged across 13 major types of heavy equipment. As seen in the attached table, for equipment with engines of less than 150 net horsepower the surcharge is \$9.25 per hour. The surcharge rate increases in step changes of approximately 150 hp up to the largest machines which have over 1100 hp. Equipment engine power is easily confirmed by manufacturer and third-party sources found on-line. The category surcharge is then added to the specific equipment rental rate for the specific manufacturer and model listed in the Rate Guide.

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The ARHCA will continue to monitor the situation and, if necessary, provide further guidance in case prices drop or rise significantly during the construction season. **Please note:** this surcharge is inclusive of applicable taxes, but does not cover inflationary pressures for other materials, labour, or services that contractors and subcontractors are currently absorbing.

While we anticipate that by next year, the situation will most likely have stabilized, the current surcharge is outlined in the table attached, and on the ARHCA website.

Contractors recognize that all organizations are facing cost pressures. While the industry has survived through two years of pandemic related challenges, the cooperation of all partners in construction is needed now more than ever to deliver projects as best we can.

Thank you,

Ron Glen, CEO, ARHCA

Attachment: Fuel Cost Recovery Surcharge Table

CC: ARHCA Board of Directors

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## ADDENDUM TO 2022 RENTAL RATE GUIDE

### Cost-Recovery Fuel Surcharge 2022

ARHCA is issuing this addendum to the 2022 Rental Rate Guide for a fuel surcharge to be added to the hourly rates as per the table below. To establish a new rate for a piece of equipment, please use the existing rental rate as published in the 2022 Rental Rate Guide and **add** the surcharge based upon the NET horsepower of the equipment being used. The net horsepower is available on the sites below using the manufacturer and the model number of the unit:

[Constructionequipmentguide.com](http://Constructionequipmentguide.com)

[Ritchiespecs.com](http://Ritchiespecs.com)

[Lectura-specs.com](http://Lectura-specs.com)

COST RECOVERY FUEL SURCHARGE FOR 2022 - as of June 14, 2022 \*Includes applicable taxes

<b>Net Horsepower Rating</b>	<b>0-150 HP</b>	<b>\$9.25</b>
	<b>151-300 HP</b>	<b>\$20.75</b>
	<b>301-450 HP</b>	<b>\$30.25</b>
	<b>451-600 HP</b>	<b>\$38.00</b>
	<b>601-750 HP</b>	<b>\$48.50</b>
	<b>751-900 HP</b>	<b>\$68.00</b>
	<b>901-1050 HP</b>	<b>\$79.50</b>
	<b>1051-1200 HP</b>	<b>\$106.00</b>

*\*\*\*This surcharge is in effect as of June 14, 2022 and may be revised should fuel markets vary significantly during the 2022 construction season.*

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Deb I did not send to Len – not sure if I do or not.

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June 8, 2022

Mr. Lenard Kwasny  
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Via email: [info@onoway.ca](mailto:info@onoway.ca)

**RE: A Coal Policy for Alberta – 2022 and Beyond**

The Town of High River Mayor and Council is grateful for the ongoing support that they have received through the previously passed Town of High River Coal Policy Resolution.

On May 24, 2022 the Town of High River Mayor and Council passed the following resolution:

*Coal Policy - A Coal Policy for Alberta - 2022 and Beyond Resolution #RC101-2022*

**WHEREAS** coal exploration and development will impact water resources for downstream communities affecting businesses, residents, ranchers, farmers and ecosystems;

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**AND WHEREAS** coal exploration and development is causing irreparable damage to the landscapes and watersheds as well as adversely affecting the public's access, use and enjoyment of Crown lands on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council endorse the proposed policy titled – "A Coal Policy For Alberta – 2022 and Beyond" prepared by a Grassroots Coalition of Albertans including policy experts, indigenous groups, conservationists, recreation groups, ranchers and landowners;

**AND THAT** Council directs administration to send this document to all other urban, rural and first nations municipalities throughout Alberta and Saskatchewan asking them to endorse and sign on.

The "[A Coal Policy for Alberta – 2022 and Beyond](#)" document can be downloaded for your organization by visiting the link. The Town of High River does not require an endorsement signature in response to this letter, it is merely for informational purposes only.

If you wish to sign on and support this policy, please visit [www.acoalpolicyforalberta.com](http://www.acoalpolicyforalberta.com). Your municipality will be added to the large list of supporters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Snodgrass", enclosed within a large, loopy circular scribble.

Mayor Craig Snodgrass