

**AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ONOWAY
HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 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 September 29, 2022 Regular Council Meeting agenda be approved as presented

or

that the September 29, 2022, Regular Council Meeting agenda be approved with the following amendment(s) (as noted at meeting time)

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Pg 1-4 a) August 25, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

Recommendation:

that the August 25, 2022 Regular Council Meeting minutes be approved as presented

or

that the August 25, 2022 Regular Council Meeting minutes be approved with the following amendment(s) (as noted at meeting time)

Pg 5-7 b) September 15, 2022 Special Council Meeting

Recommendation:

that the September 15, 2022 Special Council Meeting minutes be approved as presented

or

that the September 15, 2022 Special Council Meeting minutes be approved with the following amendment(s) (as noted at meeting time)

4. APPOINTMENTS/PUBLIC HEARINGS – n/a

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS – n/a

6. POLICIES & BYLAWS – n/a

7. ACTION ITEMS

- Pg 8-10 a) Regional Municipalities Meeting – Monday, October 24, 2022 – please refer to the August 18, 2022 letter from Reeve Joe Blakeman, Lac Ste. Anne County, inviting municipalities to attend an all-day meeting at the Alberta Beach Senior's Centre. The County is requesting RSVP's before October 17, 2022.

Recommendation:

that Council be authorized to attend the October 24, 2022 Regional Municipalities Meeting at 9:30 a.m. at the Alberta Beach Senior's Centre
or
some other direction as given by Council at meeting time

- Pg 11-13 b) Economic Development Update – A Request for Decision is attached. Also for discussion is a request from Michelle Jones, Community Futures Yellowhead East (CFYE) to request a meeting with Councillor Murray and CAO Duhamel to discuss economic development efforts for Onoway and region.

Recommendation:

that Council appoint a member of Council and alternate to the new economic development and tourism committee.
or
some other direction as given by Council at meeting time

- Pg 14-17 c) East End Bus – A Request for Decision is attached

Recommendation:

that Council review the current situation for the delay in payments to the East End Bus Society and provide further direction at meeting time

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- d) North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance NSWA - Request for Municipal Contribution – A Request for Decision is attached

Recommendation:

the Town of Onoway renew it's 2023 membership in the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) with a contribution in the amount of \$514.50, which is \$0.50 per capita.

or

some other direction as given by Council at meeting time

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- e) New FCSS Agreement – A Request for Decision is attached

Recommendation:

that Council authorizes the agreement with Lac Ste. Anne County for Home Support and Preventative Counselling Subsidy Programs to be executed

or

some other direction as given by Council at meeting time

- f) FCSS Funding Requests – 6 additional requests for funding have been received. Further information will be provided to Council at meeting time.

Recommendation:

that funding be provided to organizations as determined by Council at meeting time

or

some other direction as given by Council at meeting time

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- g) Alberta Beach and District Amateur Softball Association (ABADASA) Golf Tournament – September 9 – Ratify attendance of Councillors Coninx and Winterford. Council's remuneration policy is also attached for ease of reference.

Recommendation:

direction as given by Council at meeting time

Pg 38-46 h) Audit Engagement Letter – Metrix Group – A Request for Decision is attached.

Recommendation:

that Council authorize interim CAO Tim Duhamel and Mayor Kwasny to sign the engagement letter authorizing Metrix Group LLP to be the 2022 named auditor

or

some other direction as given by Council at meeting time

Pg 47 i) Onoway Centennial Committee Update – A report from Glenn Jensen is attached.

Recommendation:

that Council appoint a member of Council and alternate to the Centennial committee

or

some other direction as given by Council at meeting time

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
- 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

- Pg 48-51 a) Town of Onoway Development Permit 22DP07-24 – Construction of a wooden deck, operation of a patio associated with the restaurant "The Table" - 4918 – 51 Street
- Pg 53-58 b) Victim Services Redesign – Town of Tofield Mayor's 23 August, 2022 letter to Justice Minister and Solicitor General Shandro and Minister Shandro's August 26, 2022 response
- Pg 59-64 c) Alberta Justice – RCMP Reforms/Commissioner Brenda Lucki– Justice Minister and Solicitor General – August 25, 2022 email to Mayor and Council
- Pg 65-73 d) Alberta Health Services - August 29, 2022 Together 4 Health Newsletter
- Pg 74-77 e) Alberta Health – August 22, 2022 Engagement Tour Update
- Pg 78-79 f) Alberta Health Services – Tamarack Health Advisory Council volunteer recruitment
- Pg 80-81 g) Onoway Fish and Game Association – 40th Anniversary
- Pg 82-83 h) EQUUS – September 14, 2022 letter from Liz James, thanking Town for Donation to their 15th Anniversary Golf Tournament Silent Auction
- Pg 84 i) Community Futures Yellowhead East September 14, 2022 information email
- Pg 85-88 j) Alberta Justice and Solicitor Engagement – September 6, 2022 email regarding community justice centres
- Pg 89-91 k) Onoway Chamber of Commerce – September 21, 2022 email from Grant Johnson regarding Kids Strong and Free – Launch of the National Recycling Program
- Pg 92 l) Support for Ukrainian Refugees – September 29, 2022 Report from Tim Duhamel

Recommendation:

that Council accept the above noted items for information

10. CLOSED SESSION - Pursuant to Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act and Section 16(1)(c)(i) of the FOIP Act

"Land" x 2 items

11. ADJOURNMENT

12. UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Oct 13, 2022 – Regular Council Meeting 9:30 a.m.
- Oct 27, 2022 – Regular Council Meeting 9:30 a.m.
- Nov 10, 2022 – Regular Council Meeting 9:30 a.m.
- Nov 24, 2022 – Regular Council Meeting 9:30 a.m.

TOWN OF ONOWAY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2022
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE ONOWAY CIVIC OFFICE AND ZOOM
COMMENCING AT 9:30 A.M

	PRESENT	<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>1 member of the public joined the meeting via Zoom 1 member of the public joined the meeting in person</p>
1.	CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Lenard Kwasny called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and advised that the meeting will be recorded.
2.	AGENDA Motion 324/22	<p>MOVED by Councillor Robin Murray that Council adopt the agenda of the Regular Council meeting of Thursday, August 25, 2022 with the following addition:</p> <p>10) Closed Session - Pursuant to Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act and Section 16(1)(c)(i) of the FOIP Act – 3rd party business interests (CAO requested)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
3.	MINUTES Motion #325/22	<p>MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson that the minutes of the August 11, 2022 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
4.	APPOINTMENTS/PUBLIC HEARINGS	n/a
5.	FINANCIAL REPORTS	n/a
6.	POLICIES AND BYLAWS	n/a
7.	ACTION ITEMS Motion #326/22	<p>MOVED by Councillor Robert Winterford that Council direct Administration to sign the renewal letter for the Electric Distribution System Franchise Agreement between FortisAlberta and The Town of Onoway for its first subsequent term, which provides a further period of five years, expiring September 30, 2028.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

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	<p>Motion #327/22</p>	<p>MOVED by Councillor Robert Winterford that Administration include responsibilities for the Director of Emergency Management in the Director of Community and Corporate Services position and that training be completed within six months of the position being filled.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
	<p>Motion #328/22</p>	<p>MOVED by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that Council direct Administration to provide payment to the Onoway Facility Enhancement Association (OFEA) in the amount of \$11,000 to be used for the washroom renovations of the community hall.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
	<p>Motion #329/22</p>	<p>MOVED by Councillor Robin Murray that the discussion about the September 17 Fall Harvest Festival being held by the Onoway and District Historical Guild be accepted for information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
	<p>Motion #330/22</p>	<p>MOVED by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that the September 22, 2022 Council meeting be rescheduled to September 29, 2022.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
	<p>Motion #331/22</p>	<p>MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson that Council and Administration be authorized to participate in the Onoway and District Agricultural Society (ODAS) Make the Connection event on September 10, 2022.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
8.	<p>COUNCIL, COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS</p> <p>Motion #332/22</p> <p>Motion #333/22</p> <p>Motion #334/22</p>	<p>MOVED by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that Council be authorized to attend the October 5, 2022 Round Table Discussion being hosted by Community Futures Yellowhead East regarding Agriculture/Agri-Food & Innovation.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>MOVED by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that administration arrange and Council be authorized to attend a thank you luncheon for the public works summer students.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>MOVED by Councillor Robin Murray that the Council, Interim Chief Administrative Officer and Public Works written and verbal reports be accepted for information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

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9.	INFORMATION ITEMS Motion #335/22	<p>MOVED by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that Council accept the following items for information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Alberta Seniors and Housing – August 15, 2022 email regarding “How Ageism Affects Older Canadians” b) Statistics Canada – August 2022 Census update <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
10.	CLOSED SESSION Motion #336/22	<p>MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson that, pursuant to Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act, Council move into a closed session at 10:35 a.m. to discuss the following items:</p> <p>Section 16(1)(c) – Land - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party</p> <p>Section 16(1)(c) - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>A recess was held from 10:35 a.m. until 10:40 a.m.</p> <p>CLOSED SESSION: The following individuals were present for the Closed Session: Mayor Lenard Kwasny Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson Councillor Bridgitte Coninx Councillor Robin Murray Tim Duhamel, Interim Chief Administrative Officer Debbie Giroux, Recording Secretary</p> <p>A recess was held from 11:25 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Motion #337/22 MOVED by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that Council move out of Closed Session at 11:30 a.m. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Motion #338/22 MOVED by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that Council accept the discussions in Closed Session for information. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> </p></p>
11.	ADJOURNMENT	<p>As all matters on the agenda have been addressed, Mayor Lenard Kwasny declared the regular council meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.</p>

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12.	UPCOMING EVENTS	September 8, 2022 Regular Council Meeting	9:30 a.m.
		September 21-23 AB Muni's Convention	Calgary
		September 29, 2022 Regular Council Meeting	9:30 a.m.

 Mayor Lenard Kwasny

 Debbie Giroux
 Recording Secretary

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**TOWN OF ONOWAY
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE ONOWAY CIVIC OFFICE AND ZOOM
COMMENCING AT 9:30 A.M**

	PRESENT	<p>Mayor: Lenard Kwasny Deputy Mayor: Lisa Johnson Councillor: Bridgitte Coninx Councillor: Robin Murray Councillor: Robert Winterford</p> <p>Administration: Wayne Rothe, Bloom Associate Chris Yuen, Bloom Associate</p> <p>1 member of the public joined the meeting via Zoom</p>
1.	CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Lenard Kwasny called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. and advised that the meeting will be recorded.
2.	AGENDA Motion 339/22	<p>MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson at 9:32am that Council adopt the agenda of the Special Meeting of Thursday, September 15, 2022 as amended to move #4 "Closed Session - Pursuant to Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act and Section 23(1)(b) of the FOIP Act – Local Public Body Confidences (Governance)" prior to #2 "Closed Session - Pursuant to Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act and Section 17(1) of the FOIP Act – Personal Privacy (Personnel)"</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
3.	CLOSED SESSION Motion #340/22	<p>MOVED by Councilor Bridgitte Coninx that, pursuant to Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act, Council move into a closed session at 9:35 a.m. to discuss the following item:</p> <p>Section 23(1)(b) – Local Public Body Confidences (Governance) CARRIED</p> <p>CLOSED SESSION: The following individuals were present for the Closed Session: Mayor Lenard Kwasny Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson Councilor Bridgitte Coninx Councilor Robin Murray Councilor Bob Winterford Wayne Rothe, Bloom Associate Chris Yuen, Bloom Associate, Recording Secretary</p>

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	<p>Motion #341/22</p> <p>Motion #342/22</p> <p>Motion #343/22</p>	<p>MOVED by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that Council move out of Closed Session <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>A recess was held from 10:25 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Councillor Winterford left the meeting</p> <p>MOVED by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that, pursuant to Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act, Council move into a closed session at 10:35 a.m. to discuss the following item:</p> <p>Section 17(1) – Personal Privacy (Personnel) <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>CLOSED SESSION: The following individuals were present for the Closed Session: Mayor Lenard Kwasny Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson Councillor Bridgitte Coninx Councillor Robin Murray Wayne Rothe, Bloom Associate Chris Yuen, Bloom Associate, Recording Secretary</p> <p>MOVED by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that Council move out of Closed Session <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> </p></p></p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>ACTION ITEMS</p> <p>Motion #344/22</p> <p>Motion #345/22</p>	<p>MOVED by Councillor Robin Murray that Council appoint Jennifer Thompson as Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Onoway. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson that the Town of Onoway continue to utilize the resources of Bloom Centre for Municipal Education under the currently contracted terms in support of Chief Administrative Officer duties until Jennifer Thompson's official start date of October 14, 2022. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> </p></p>

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5.	ADJOURNMENT	As all matters on the agenda have been addressed, Mayor Lenard Kwasny declared the Special Meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.												
6.	UPCOMING EVENTS	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">September 21-23</td> <td style="width: 30%;">AB Muni's Convention</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: right;">Calgary</td> </tr> <tr> <td>September 29, 2022</td> <td>Regular Council Meeting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">9:30 a.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>October 13, 2022</td> <td>Regular Council Meeting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">9:30 a.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>October 27, 2022</td> <td>Regular Council Meeting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">9:30 a.m.</td> </tr> </table>	September 21-23	AB Muni's Convention	Calgary	September 29, 2022	Regular Council Meeting	9:30 a.m.	October 13, 2022	Regular Council Meeting	9:30 a.m.	October 27, 2022	Regular Council Meeting	9:30 a.m.
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Mayor Lenard Kwasny

Chris Yuen
Recording Secretary

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August 18, 2022

To Whom it may concern,

Re: Save the Date – Regional Municipalities Meeting

Lac Ste. Anne County is inviting you to “SAVE THE DATE” for a Regional Municipalities Meeting to be held at the Alberta Beach Senior’s Center located at 5012 49 Ave., Alberta Beach, AB on Monday, October 24, 2022, commencing at 9:30 a.m.

Ensure you rsvp prior to October 17, 2022, we require numbers for the caterer and any food allergies. There will be morning snacks and a light lunch provided.

Agenda items to be forwarded by October 17, 2022, to Cindy Suter at csuter@lsac.ca. Further should you have any questions feel free to contact Cindy Suter at csuter@lsac.ca or 1-866-880-5722.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joe Blakeman', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Joe Blakeman
Reeve

Cc: County Council
Shane Getson, MLA Lac Ste. Anne Parkland
Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation
Summer Village of Birch Cove
Summer Village of Castle Island
Summer Village of Nakamun Park
Summer Village of Ross Haven
Summer Village of Sandy Beach
Summer Village of Silver Sands
Summer Village of South View
Summer Village of Sunrise Beach
Summer Village of Sunset Point
Summer Village of Val Quentin
Summer Village of West Cove



LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY

Summer Village of Yellowstone
Town of Onoway
Town of Mayerthorpe
Village of Alberta Beach

debbie@onoway.ca

Subject: Regional Municipalities Meeting
Location: Alberta Beach Senior's Center

Start: Mon 2022-Oct-24 9:30 AM
End: Mon 2022-Oct-24 3:30 PM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Cindy Suter

On behalf of Reeve Blakeman.

Please ensure you rsvp to myself prior to October 17, we need accurate numbers for the caterer.

Thank you.

Cindy Suter

Legislative & Support Services Coordinator

56521 RGE RD 65 | BOX 219 | SANGUDO, ALBERTA T0E 2A0

PHONE: 780.785.3411 Ext. 3698 | TOLL-FREE: 1.866.880.5722 | FAX: 780.785.2985

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Town of Onoway

Request for Decision

Meeting:	Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	September 29, 2022
Presented By:	Tim Duhamel, Interim CAO
Title:	Subject: Economic Development Committee – Council Appointee

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL

Town business owner, Dale Johnson was a delegation presenter at the July 14th Council meeting.

At that meeting., Council directed administration to complete the foundational work required to create an economic development and tourism committee. Administration has advertised for economic development committee members to form the committee.

The committee will require a representative and alternate from Council.

DISCUSSION / OPTIONS / BENEFITS / DISADVANTAGES

Economic development is essential to any municipalities' sustainability. Positive economic development provides local jobs for residents and property assessment that generates taxation dollars for the municipality. Administratively, duties related to economic development have been written into the Director of Corporate and Community Services position and the new Community Support position.

Having a council member on the committee supports positive communication between council and the committee.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

Economic Sustainability

COSTS / SOURCE OF FUNDING

To be researched and brought back to council at a later date.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That Council appoint a member of Council and delegate to the new economic development and tourism committee.

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debbie@onoway.ca

From: Tim Duhamel <Tim.Duhamel@bloomcme.com>
Sent: September 22, 2022 12:04 PM
To: Chris Yuen; debbie@onoway.ca
Subject: Fwd: What Can We Do Together! Investing in Economic Development Recovery & Diversification

For edt committee discussion
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From: cao@onoway.ca <cao@onoway.ca>
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 10:39 AM
To: Tim Duhamel <Tim.Duhamel@bloomcme.com>
Subject: FW: What Can We Do Together! Investing in Economic Development Recovery & Diversification

From: Michelle Jones <mjones@albertacf.com>
Sent: September 22, 2022 10:28 AM
To: Wendy Wildman <cao@onoway.ca>; Robin Murray <rmurray@onoway.ca>
Cc: Ellen MacCormac <emaccormac@albertacf.com>; Serena Lapointe <serenalapointe@whitecourt.ca>
Subject: What Can We Do Together! Investing in Economic Development Recovery & Diversification

Good morning, I am reaching out on behalf of the CFYE Community Investment Committee, to arrange for a meeting with yourselves and staff at CFYE, to discuss and share ideas around future economic development recovery efforts for both the Town of Onoway and the CFYE region.

The CFYE Community Investment Committee is a newly appointed committee, whose purpose is to learn, analyze, inform and determine what economic development challenges and opportunities currently exist within the region. The results from these meetings will help to inform us in providing the best path forward for investing existing CFYE stakeholder dollars in a manner that will assist the entire CFYE region's economic development recovery, and diversification efforts.

We plan to meet with each municipality within the first few weeks of October. If this is something you would be interested in participating in, please provide a few days and times in early October that would best fit with your schedule.

Thank you, we look forward to meeting with our stakeholder partners, and charting a path to assist in the economic recovery of our region.

Sincerely

Michelle Jones

Executive Director, Community Futures Yellowhead East

Onoway Economic Development Needs You!



We're looking for volunteers for a new town committee to both represent and grow Onoway's business interests. The time is now and the need never greater. This impacts us all and you will be making a difference.

*Drop us a note at info@onoway.ca
and let's get things started!*

Town of Onoway

Request for Decision

Meeting:	Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	September 29, 2022
Presented By:	Tim Duhamel, Interim CAO
Title:	Subject: East End Bus Outstanding Balance

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL

A past Council decision resulted in a delay of past year payments to East End Bus. Correspondence from East End Bus notes the outstanding payments as follows:

2017 - \$1,833.45
2018 - \$1,763.45
2019 - \$1,692.45
2020 - \$8,833.45
2021 - \$6,600.00

Total \$20,772.80

DISCUSSION / OPTIONS / BENEFITS / DISADVANTAGES

Under the executed agreement, the town is obligated to pay the outstanding balance of \$20,772.80. It is administration's understanding that Council had requested a financial needs assessment be completed prior to releasing the funds. Administration would like the current Council to review the situation and provide specific direction.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

Economic Sustainability

COSTS / SOURCE OF FUNDING

Recommended source of funding will be the General Operating Reserve. This will require an operating budget amendment.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That Council review the current situation for the delay in payments to East End Bus and provide further direction.



BOX 540 ONOWAY, ALBERTA T0E 1V0
780.905.3934

July 11, 2022

Town of Onoway
Box 540
Onoway, AB T0E 1V0



Attention: Tim Duhamal, Interim CAO

Re: Outstanding Balances Owed to East End Bus Society

Upon a review of finances, the East End Bus Society has observed several financial commitments from the Town of Onoway have not been paid, or have not been paid in full, over the past several years. Both Lac Ste. Anne County and Alberta Beach have maintained their commitments in full.

The commitments from the three larger municipal partners have remained constant (operation & capital combined):

Lac Ste. Anne County 63,610.20 (80%)

Town of Onoway \$8,833.45 (11%)

Alberta Beach \$7,610.71 (9%)

Plus the additional support commitments of:

Lac Ste. Anne County – vehicle insurance and repairs/maintenance (ltd)

Town of Onoway – administration support (in kind)

Alberta Beach – vehicle storage

For the Town of Onoway, the cash contribution breakout is:

Operations (Driver/
Coordinator)

\$6,600.00

Capital

(Bus Replacement)

\$2,233.45

Total

\$8,833.45

**Waived for all participants in 2021 & 2022

(Note that FCSS funding is provided over and above, based on annual considerations and established by the municipal bodies).

The following is outstanding for the Town of Onoway:

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
	\$30,044.45	\$20,722.80

The Society respectfully requests that the total balance due (\$20,722.80 plus the 2022 commitment) be forwarded.

Regards,



Lorne Olsvik
East End Bus Society Chairperson

c.c. East End Bus Society Members
Lac Ste. Anne County
Alberta Beach

LAC STE. ANNE EASTEND BUS SOCIETY

BOX 540
ONOWAY
AB T0E 1V0

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
2022-06-28	88

Invoice To
ONOWAY TOWN OF BOX 540 ONOWAY, ALBERTA T0E 1V0

P.O. No.	Terms	Project

Qty	Description	Rate	Amount
	DRIVERS & COORDINATORS WAGES 2022	6,600.00	6,600.00
	VEHICLE REPLACEMENT FUND - DEFERRED 2022 \$2,233.45	0.00	0.00
	VEHICLE REPLACEMENT FUND IN THE REARS 2021	6,600.00	6,600.00
	VEHICLE REPLACEMENT FUND IN THE REARS 2020	6,600.00	6,600.00
	DRIVERS & COORDINATORS WAGES IN THE REARS 2020	2,233.45	2,233.45
	VEHICLE REPLACEMENT FUND 2019	1,692.45	1,692.45
	VEHICLE REPLACEMENT FUND 2018	1,763.45	1,763.45
	VEHICLE REPLACEMENT FUND 2017	1,833.45	1,833.45

Sales Tax Summary

Total Tax 0.00

Phone #
(780) 967-5338 805286093

Total \$27,322.80

GST/HST No.

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Town of Onoway

Request for Decision

Meeting:	Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	September 29, 2022
Presented By:	Tim Duhamel, Interim CAO
Title:	Subject: North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance NSWA

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL

North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance NSWA has submitted a request for its annual contribution from the town for 2023. It is customary that NSWA requests its annual contribution and invoices its members in the previous year to the use of funds. The requested contribution is \$514.50 which is \$0.50 per capita.

DISCUSSION / OPTIONS / BENEFITS / DISADVANTAGES

The town of Onoway historically has supported NSWA which focuses on water conservation and sustainability.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

Environmental Sustainability

COSTS / SOURCE OF FUNDING

2022 operating budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That Council approve the 2023 NSWA contribution of \$514.50



202, 9440 49 Street, Edmonton, AB T6B 2M9 | NSWA.AB.CA

September 1, 2022

His Worship Lenard Kwasny
Mayor, Town of Onoway
PO Box 540
Onoway, AB T0E 1V0



Dear Mayor and Council,

Has water and good water management ever not been a priority for the Town of Onoway and its residents? Drinking water safety and supply, flooding, drought, storm water, water for growth, water for recreation. Water is a critical element of any municipality’s growth and well-being. And yet, managing our water is never simple and clear cut. The challenges we face in one community are connected to our landscape and to all our neighboring communities, which means that our biggest challenge lies in working across communities, industries, and jurisdictions.

Onoway is important to our watershed because the water the town needs comes from the landscape upstream of town, while town stormwater or wastewater can affect the landscape downstream. This means that sustainability, an important goal for any municipality, is best achieved at a watershed scale.

For more than 22 years, the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) has been building collaborative partnerships to steadily improve how we manage our rivers, wetlands, and lakes, using the best and most applicable science. This important work is accomplished because of the generous support of many municipalities in our watershed, the provincial government, and water utilities.

Last year, Onoway was among the more than 40 municipalities who supported the NSWA by donating a \$0.50 per capita contribution. This year, we would again ask for the positive consideration by you and your Council in 2023 for a **total contribution of \$514.50**.

Your contribution goes a long way with the NSWA. We leverage your support at a **ratio of 3 to 1**, meaning NSWA can **leverage your \$1 into \$3 in project grant funding**. NSWA has received over \$3.0 million worth of project grants to support municipalities and local stewardship groups in the last five years for watershed projects.

One of several NSWA focal projects this year is building municipal policy and planning tools to help manage the condition of shorelines, including municipal environmental reserves and other managed spaces. This work builds on a unique geospatial tool developed by the NSWA for assessing the state of riparian areas and was used to assess nearly 17,000 km of shoreline in the North Saskatchewan watershed so far. It also makes use of the NSWA-developed Riparian Web Portal that enables



landowners of all kinds to see riparian assessment information and showcase their own stewardship efforts. The Riparian Web Portal won a 2022 Emerald Award in the water category.

Attached are some highlights from the 2021-22 NSWA's Annual Report so you can see where we've been, the NSWA Strategic Plan to show you what we are planning, and an invoice to simplify administering your suggested contribution. The full Annual Report and other information is available at www.nswa.ab.ca

I would be happy to connect with you and your Council to provide more information. Further, the NSWA Executive Director, Scott Millar (scott.millar@nswa.ab.ca) is also available to present to the Town of Onoway and to answer any questions you may have about the NSWA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Neufeld'.

Stephanie Neufeld
Chair, North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance

Cc: Chief Administrative Officer

NSWA GOALS AND 3-YEAR STRATEGIES

1. THE NSWA SUPPORTS COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

To achieve this goal, the NSWA will:

Focus collaborative efforts on partnerships that can most effectively address the directions and actions of the *Integrated Watershed Management Plan*.

Description: The NSWA will concentrate its support on partnerships that are most likely to positively impact the ability to protect and improve water quality, water quantity, and the health of the North Saskatchewan River watershed.

Rationale: The highest potential to positively affect watershed function and management lies in the ability to combine and leverage the most effective work occurring in the watershed. This work maintains the momentum of the NSWA in using a partnership approach in its work.

- Subwatershed Alliances (e.g., municipalities, Indigenous communities, NGOs)
- Partner NGOs that support on-the-ground watershed work (e.g., ALUS, Ducks Unlimited, Cows and Fish, AWES, EALT)
- Partner projects (e.g., WaterSHED, IH/CR Surface Water Quality Framework, Watershed Integrity Project)

2. THE NSWA IS A LEADER IN WATERSHED PLANNING

To achieve this goal, the NSWA will:

Complete a 2025 *State of the Watershed* report to provide an update on the watershed health and implementation status of the *Integrated Watershed Management Plan* of the North Saskatchewan River watershed.

Description: The NSWA will use the process of updating the *State of the Watershed* report to gather data from new sources, address emerging watershed issues and evaluate the progress of the *Integrated Watershed Management Plan*.

Rationale: It has been 20 years since the original *State of North Saskatchewan River Watershed* report was produced. There have been advances in watershed science, monitoring and GIS datasets that would be able to provide a more detailed picture of the NSRW. There is also an opportunity to collect information from new sources such as academia, indigenous communities, municipalities, and citizen science, as well as address emerging issues such as climate change, invasive species and cumulative impacts. This process would also allow for an evaluation of the progress of the IWMP. Been 10 years since IWMP was put together with mixed progress across the plan. Good linkage to the W4L Action Plan.

- Information from academia, Indigenous communities, municipalities, and citizen science
- Highlight emerging issues such as climate change, invasive species and cumulative impacts
- Use the opportunity to report on the progress of the IWMP

3. THE NSWA PROMOTES WATERSHED KNOWLEDGE SHARING

To achieve this goal, the NSWA will:

Focus and align communications efforts on key stakeholders who have the greatest influence on watershed condition.

Rationale: This approach ensures good reach for minimal cost, while also promoting mutual partnership objectives.

Description: The NSWA will concentrate its efforts on building relationships with and providing knowledge to those most likely to improve water quality, water quantity, watershed health. The NSWA will combine forces with watershed partners with quality education and knowledge platforms, to maximize the reach of NSWA's knowledge and programming.

- Align communications with watershed planning partners such as AEP, Alberta Water Council and other WPACS
- Leverage communications from NGO partners such as Alberta Lake Management Society (ALMS), Cows and Fish, Ducks Unlimited, Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS), Agroforestry and Woodlot Extension Society (AWES) and others

4. THE NSWA REMAINS A FUNCTIONAL AND SUSTAINABLE ORGANIZATION

To achieve this goal, the NSWA will:

- Seek to broaden and diversify its funding sources.
- Enhance the organization's stability by effectively supporting NSWA staff.
- Provide strong society governance mechanisms and structure.

Description: The NSWA will address three key areas of the organization to ensure its long-term sustainability and ability to adapt to change.

Rationale: To continue to be an effective Watershed Planning and Advisory Council the NSWA must have a strong governance structure, long term funding and committed, qualified staff.



ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022 SYNOPSIS

The NSWA is a not-for-profit organization designated by the Government of Alberta as the Watershed Planning and Advisory Council for the North Saskatchewan watershed.



WE PLAN

We work with others to integrate land and water planning to improve watershed function.



WE COLLABORATE

We create opportunities for stakeholders to come together, share resources and explore innovative solutions to watershed management challenges.



WE SHARE

We provide information about the watershed and create forums for sharing that information.

Board Governance

The work of the NSWA is guided by a 20 person multi-stakeholder Board of Directors that provides strategic oversight, direction, and advice to the organization.

This past year, the Board developed and approved the 2022-2024 Strategic Plan which identified 3 key priorities for the NSWA that include updating the State of the Watershed assessment, making our collaborative efforts more effective, and leveraging our communication and outreach.

SUPPORTERS & PARTNERS



40 MUNICIPALITIES

- 14 counties
- 3 cities
- 10 towns
- 2 villages & 11 summer villages

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Engagement and Knowledge Sharing

As a key resource for information on the North Saskatchewan River watershed, the NSWA strategizes with key stakeholders to focus on important watershed issues. We align and complement our communications with Alberta Environment and Parks, and other watershed organizations to reinforce watershed knowledge and stewardship messages.



6 ONLINE FORUMS
16 SPEAKERS

300+
Participants

4000 +
Social Media
Followers

850+ People Engaged

YouTube

7 PLAYLISTS
29 VIDEOS



2 SUMMER STUDENTS

16 COMMUNITY EVENTS
6 SUMMER VILLAGES
5 SUBWATERSHEDS
5 LAKES



12 NEWSLETTERS

950

Subscribers

Funding Sources

For 22 years, the NSWA has been mobilizing research, partnering on conservation and restoration projects, monitoring water quality, and educating the public about water resources. Over \$3.0 million worth of project grants, or grants for watershed projects have been awarded to the NSWA in the last five years.

For every \$1.00 NSWA receives in operational funding, we generated over \$3.00 in grant funding.



NSWA
NORTH SASKATCHEWAN
WATERSHED ALLIANCE



www.nswa.ab.ca

Twitter: @NorthSaskRiver

Facebook: facebook.com/NorthSaskRiver

Instagram: north_sask_river

LinkedIn: North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance

Highlights of the NSWA's 2021-2022 work across the North Saskatchewan Watershed

BASIN-WIDE INITIATIVE

The Riparian Web Portal

The Riparian Web Portal was officially launched in 2021. This website encourages Albertans to conserve and improve riparian health today for the benefit of future generations.

The Riparian Web Portal:

- Provides access to riparian data and summary tools
- Shares examples of on-the-ground restoration and conservation projects
- Provides links to riparian programs and grants and offers recommendations for best management practices

The Riparian Web Portal won an Emerald Award in 2022 for excellence in the Water category.

To learn more, go to: www.riparian.info



HEADWATERS ALLIANCE

Natural Infrastructure Project

The Headwaters Alliance is a partner in the *Modeste Natural Infrastructure Project*.

In 2021, the project team released an interim report on the economics of natural infrastructure and watershed restoration.

Parkland County is taking the study to the next level and developing a *Municipal Hotspot Natural Infrastructure Assessment* to address localized flooding issues with natural infrastructure solutions.



BASIN-WIDE INITIATIVE

Lake Stewardship Group Resources

The NSWA has developed lake watershed report summaries for local watershed stewardship groups to use for their communications and education programs.

Lake stewardship activities are delivered by NSWA in partnership with Alberta Environment and Park, Alberta Lake Management Society, and the Land Stewardship Centre.



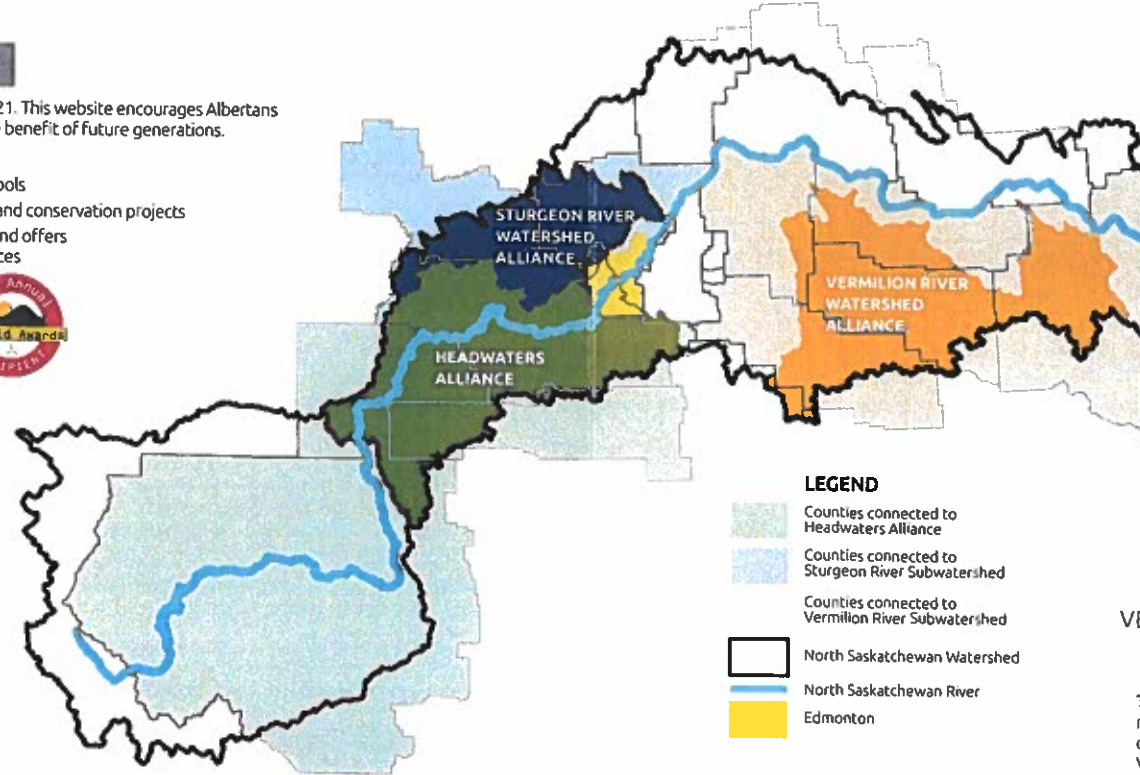
STURGEON RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE

Watershed Management Plan



The Alliance developed the Sturgeon River Watershed Management Plan to identify watershed outcomes and actions to be address over the next 10 years. This plan:

- Uses a watershed approach
- Has clear goals and performance measures
- Supports intermunicipal collaboration and local stewardship
- Encourages work to address knowledge gaps



BASIN-WIDE INITIATIVE

North Saskatchewan River WaterSHED Monitoring Program

By combining and coordinating resources this collaborative partnership has created the North Saskatchewan River's most comprehensive river monitoring program.

The WaterSHED Monitoring Program is a unique partnership between:

- Alberta Environment and Parks
- EPCOR
- North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance
- City of Edmonton

The first Technical Progress Report for the program was published in 2021 and the data from the project is now available publicly on the DataStream website.



VERMILION RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE

Water Quality Monitoring

The SAVER Program is a student-led water quality monitoring program for the Vermilion River that is orchestrated through a partnership between the Vermilion River Watershed Alliance and Lakeland College.

Year-round, continuous monitoring will provide information about:

- Temperature changes due weather and climate
- Nutrient loads from agricultural and industrial pressures
- Hot spots within the watershed for further investigation and action





NSWA

NORTH SASKATCHEWAN
WATERSHED ALLIANCE

202 - 9440 49 Street NW
Edmonton, Alberta
T6B 2M9

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
9/01/2022	2023.054

Phone #	587.525.6827
E-mail	ellen.cust@nswa.ab.ca
Web Site	www.nswa.ab.ca

Invoice To
Town of Onoway PO Box 540 Onoway, AB T0E 1V0

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Description	Amount
Municipal Contribution January 1 to December 31, 2023 - Per Capita Funding Request	514.50
Thank you for your support	Total \$514.50

GST/HST No. 890443419

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Town of Onoway

Request for Decision

Meeting:	Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	September 29, 2022
Presented By:	Tim Duhamel, Interim CAO
Title:	Subject: FCSS Programming Agreement - LSAC

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL

The town of Onoway outsources its Family and Community Support Services programming to Lac St. Anne County. Included in those services are Home Support and Preventative Counseling Subsidies. Lac St. Anne County has delivered an agreement for Council consideration and execution.

DISCUSSION / OPTIONS / BENEFITS / DISADVANTAGES

Home support and preventive counseling are core value ad services provided under FCSS programming.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

Safe Community

COSTS / SOURCE OF FUNDING

2022 operating budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That Council Execute the FCSS Programming agreement.

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT made this _____ day of _____, A.D., 2022

BETWEEN:

LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY
BOX 219, SANGUDO, ALBERTA, T0E 2A0
(hereinafter referred to as the "County")

OF THE FIRST PART

AND:

TOWN OF ONOWAY
BOX 540, ONOWAY, T0E 1V0
(hereinafter referred to the "Town")

OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS the County provides internal Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) programming for the benefits of its residents;

AND WHEREAS the Town wishes to provide an opportunity for similar programming for the benefits of its residents;

AND WHEREAS the municipalities listed in Schedule A, whose Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) programs are administered by the Town, wish to provide an opportunity for similar programming for the benefit of their residents;

AND WHEREAS the Town wishes to enter into agreement with the County to allow residents of the municipalities listed in Schedule A to access the FCSS programming being offered by the County.

NOW THEREFORE the parties to this Agreement, in consideration of the promises, mutual terms, covenants and conditions to be observed and performed by each party, agree as follows:

1. The Parties recognize that the authority for the management and control of the FCSS programming lies with the County.
2. The Town shall provide funding to the County to support any subsidies and administration costs for FCSS programming provided to the residents of the municipalities listed in Schedule A, and as outlined in Schedule A.
3. The Parties recognize that the program will be delivered in a "first come first served" format, as the funding provided by each municipality or program allows, as outlined in Schedule A.
4. The Parties recognize that the County will track and provide upon request, FCSS programming participation by all municipalities listed in Schedule A.
5. The County will advise the Town should requests from any residents listed in Schedule A exceed the funding provided by any municipality listed in Schedule A, and residents be declined the programming.

Memorandum of Agreement between Lac Ste. Anne County and Town of Onoway (FCSS Programming)

6. The County will provide a financial report by December 1st annually, and any anticipated surplus will be returned to the Town.
7. The County will provide an annual statistical report to the Town by February 15th annually, to assist both parties for program budgeting for the upcoming year.
8. The Parties to this Agreement shall indemnify and hold harmless each other, their employees, and agents from any, and all claims, actions, and costs whatsoever that may arise directly or indirectly out of any act or omission of the Parties, their employees, or agents in the performance of this Agreement. Such indemnification shall survive termination of this Agreement.
9. The Parties shall not be liable nor responsible for any bodily or personal injury or property damage of any nature whatsoever that may be suffered or sustained by the other Party, its employees, or agents in the performance of this Agreement.
10. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties. No other warranties or representations are given or implied.
11. This Agreement will remain in force from year to year unless and until such time as:
 - a. A new Agreement is negotiated, or
 - b. The Agreement is terminated in writing, with 30 days prior notice. However, the notice period may be waived with the mutual consent of both Parties to this Agreement. Any changes to this Agreement must be mutually agreed upon and evidenced in writing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties hereto have affixed their signatures below on the day and year first above written.

Witness

Reeve, Lac Ste. Anne County

Witness

Mayor, Town of Onoway

Schedule A

Municipality	Annual Funding*	Program(s) to be Funded	
		Home Support	Preventative Counselling Subsidy
Town of Onoway	\$4,000	Yes	No
Tri-Village (Includes Alberta Beach, Summer Village of Castle Island, Summer Village of Sunset Point and Summer Village of Val Quentin)	\$10,000	Yes	Yes
Summer Village of Silver Sands	\$1,000	Yes	Yes
Summer Village of Southview	\$1,000	Yes	Yes
Summer Village of Sunrise Beach	\$1,000	Yes	Yes
Summer Village of West Cove	\$1,000	Yes	Yes

*The funding will be tracked per municipality listed above, and will be utilized at a rate of \$13.00 per client hour of service, as funding allows.

debbie@onoway.ca

From: cao@onoway.ca
Sent: September 7, 2022 4:48 PM
To: 'Donna Kerr'
Cc: 'Tim Duhamel'; 'Vaughan, Shelley (FCSS Coordinator - Town of Onoway)'; 'Trista Court'; chris.yuen@bloomcme.com; debbie@onoway.ca
Subject: RE: Expansion - Home Support and Preventative Counselling Subsidy Programs (Draft Agreement)

Hi Donna. I will take this to Council for approval on Sept 29 which is our earliest Council meeting.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

Tim Duhamel
Interim CAO
Town of Onoway
Box 540
Onoway, AB. T0E 1V0
780-967-5338 Fax: 780-967-3226
cao@onoway.ca

From: Donna Kerr <dkerr@lsac.ca>
Sent: September 7, 2022 1:49 PM
To: cao@onoway.ca
Cc: 'Tim Duhamel' <Tim.Duhamel@bloomcme.com>; Vaughan, Shelley (FCSS Coordinator - Town of Onoway) <shelley@onoway.ca>; Trista Court <tcourt@lsac.ca>
Subject: Expansion - Home Support and Preventative Counselling Subsidy Programs (Draft Agreement)

Good Afternoon Tim,

Lac Ste. Anne County was approached this spring by some of the municipalities that the Town of Onoway administers FCSS programs for, with interest in the County expanding our Home Support and/or Preventative Counselling Subsidy programs into their municipalities. Currently both these programs are limited to County residents.

Through discussions, we have received confirmation that the following municipalities wish to be part of that program expansion: Town of Onoway, Tri-Village (Alberta Beach, SV of Val Quentin, SV of Sunset Point, SV of Castle Island) SV of West Cove, SV of Sunrise Beach, SV of Silver Sands, and SV of Southview. The Town, as the administrator for all these FCSS programs, has forwarded allocations to the County on behalf of each one. We understand that the SV of Nakamun Park is also interested, but we haven't received any funding from them to date.

To proceed with program delivery, the County requires an agreement with the Town of Onoway (on behalf of themselves but also on behalf of the FCSS programs they administer). Attached you will find a first draft of that

agreement – you will notice that I have highlighted SV of Nakamun Park in the Schedule, as their participation although anticipated is not yet confirmed.

The Tri-Village Committee (Alberta Beach, Val Quentin, Sunset Point, Castle Island) and the Summer Villages of West Cove, Sunrise Beach, Silver Sands, Southview and potentially Nakamun Park have all indicated they wish to have the agreement include provision for both the Home Support AND Preventative Counselling Subsidy initiatives. At this time, the Town of Onoway is only slated for Home Support services.

Please review the attached, and let either myself or Trista Court, GM of Community & Protective Services, know if you have any questions. We have senior clients waiting for services in Onoway, Alberta Beach and at least one of the Summer Villages, so would like to get this agreement in place as soon as possible so we can start supporting those individuals. We currently do not have anyone waiting for the Preventative Counselling Subsidy.

I look forward to your response at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

Donna Kerr

Community Services Manager, Lac Ste. Anne County

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From: Shelley Vaughan <shelley@onoway.ca>
Sent: September 7, 2022 12:40 PM
To: Donna Kerr <dkerr@lsac.ca>
Cc: 'Tim Duhamel' <Tim.Duhamel@bloomcme.com>; cao@onoway.ca
Subject: RE: Contact Info - CAO

Hi Donna – our Intern CAO is Tim Duhamel – you can reach at cao@onoway.ca or tim.duhamel@bloomcme.com – I have cc'd him on this email. If you wish to talk in person you can call him at the office 780-967-5338 or on his cell 780-932-8254.

Council made a motion to have home support so yes the Town is still interested in home support being offered to residents. I will let you talk to Tim about your other questions regarding Preventative Counselling Subsidy (PCS).

Thank you Donna,

Shelley

From: Donna Kerr <dkerr@lsac.ca>
Sent: September 7, 2022 12:12 PM
To: Vaughan, Shelley (FCSS Coordinator - Town of Onoway) <shelley@onoway.ca>
Subject: Contact Info - CAO

Hi Shelley,

Can you please provide the name and email address of the current CAO please. Trista asked me to reach out with the draft Home Support expansion agreement and start the discussions.

Also, to confirm, is the Town still only interested in Home Support? Or can we include the Preventative Counselling Subsidy (PCS) as well? It's been available for almost a year, and we have only ever had one potential client and he was an Onoway resident, so I don't anticipate it would require a huge piece of your \$4,000. For now, I have Onoway as only Home Support in the agreement, and all other municipalities as either Home Support or PCS. If you could let me know, I'll amend as needed before sending to your CAO.

Thanks!

Donna Kerr

Community Services Manager, Lac Ste Anne County

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Town of Onoway

Council Policy

Number	Title			
C-COU-REM-1 <small>[1.2, 3.1, 3.6]</small>	Council Remuneration and Expense Reimbursement			
Approval	Originally Approved		Last Revised	
(CAO initials)	Resolution No:	312/13	Resolution No:	457/21
	Date:	May 9, 2006	Date:	Nov. 10, 2021
			Resolution No:	329/20
			Date:	Oct. 15, 2020
			Resolution No:	304/19
			Date:	Oct. 24, 2019

Purpose

To ensure Council Members receive fair compensation for their time and expenses incurred while on Town business.

Policy Statement

Council Members shall be provided with remuneration for their time and reimbursement for the expenses incurred in fulfilling their duties on Town Council.

Standards

1. Remuneration is intended to compensate for official business conducted on behalf of the Council as a whole to benefit the Town of Onoway.
2. Remuneration is not intended to match or replace employment or professional rates that the Councillors or Mayor may expect in their job or profession.
3. Remuneration rates will be adjusted from time to time based upon comparisons, inflation rates, and any other considerations deemed appropriate in a manner agreed upon by Council.
4. Cost of living adjustment will be reviewed by council on an annual basis and may or may not be applied to council base pay and/or meeting rates at the discretion of Council.
5. Remuneration shall be paid in accordance with the amounts and rates shown in Schedule "A".
6. Travel – as per the simplified per kilometer rate for Alberta according to Canada Revenue Agency.



Town of Onoway

Council Policy

7. Meals – as per the simplified flat rate according to Canada Revenue Agency without receipt, or full reimbursement per receipt, including a maximum gratuity of 15%. No alcoholic beverages shall be paid for by the Town at any time.
8. Other Items – actual receipted cost. May include incidentals such as parking, use of public transportation, etc.
9. Lodgings – shall be paid by receipt and Council Members shall use discretion in selecting accommodations. If a Council Member is lodging with a friend or relative, the Council Member shall be paid an honorarium as agreed upon by Council at the time.
10. Communications – shall be provided with a monthly communications allowance to cover expenses related to personal communications (telephone, internet, smart phone, etc.) as shown in Schedule “A”.
11. Schedule “A” shall be reviewed annually.

Legal References:

Cross References:

Revisions:

Resolution Number	MM/DD/YY
077/19	03/21/19
410/18	10/18/18
279/17	06/15/17
171/17	10/05/17
281/16	10/20/16
168/15	05/07/15
005/15	01/15/15
213/13	10/24/13
	12/01/11
	11/17/11
	03/11/11
	01/01/07
	05/19/06



Town of Onoway

Council Policy

Schedule "A" (Approved by Resolution– Oct. 2021 Org. Meeting)

Honorariums

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. Regular Council Meetings – Mayor & Councillors | \$175.00 |
| 2. All other meetings or activities related to Town business | \$25.00/hour to a
max. \$175.00/day |

Note:

- Expense forms must be filled out and signed by each member of Council prior to reimbursement. Expense forms shall be submitted prior to the last business day of the month.

Billable time is to be rounded up to the nearest 30 minute increment. Minimum pay will be 4 hours.

Accommodation Expense

When travelling on Town business the actual cost of the accommodation may be claimed.

Communications Expense

The Mayor shall receive \$400 per month as reimbursement for personal cell phone use and personal internet costs incurred in exercising his/her duties as an elected official, as well as personal time required for the preparation for all of their meetings.

All councillors shall receive \$250 per month as reimbursement for personal cell phone use and personal internet costs incurred in exercising their duties as an elected official, as well as personal time required for the preparation for all of their meetings.

Council and select employees are provided with an iPad for Town business. The Town will pay up to \$20/month towards data usage. Any cost incurred over and above this \$20 will be reimbursed to the Town by the individual using the iPad, unless otherwise authorized by the Chief Administrative Officer



Town of Onoway

Council Policy

Donations

Annually, in November, Council may consider the donation of \$100 per Council member to the East Lac Ste. Anne Food Bank.

Town of Onoway

Request for Decision

Meeting:	Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	September 29, 2022
Presented By:	Tim Duhamel, Interim CAO
Title:	Subject: Audit Engagement

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL

municipalities are legislated under the municipal government to act to how an annual audit conducted by a qualified accounting firm. Each year tell must sign off on the engagement and agree to the scope of the work. The engagement letter includes:

1. The responsibilities of the auditor
2. Form and content of the audit opinion
3. The responsibilities of management
4. Communications
5. Use of information
6. Use and distribution of the report
7. Reproduction of the auditors' reports
8. Preparation of schedules
9. Ownership
10. File inspections
11. Accounting advice
12. Other services
13. Dispute resolution
14. Estimated fees
15. Cost of responding to government or legal processes
16. Termination
17. Not liable for any failures or delay beyond our control
18. Metrix privacy
19. Metrix working papers

DISCUSSION / OPTIONS / BENEFITS / DISADVANTAGES

Signing of the engagement letter is required to name Metrix Group LLP as the town of Onoway's auditor for 2022.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

Financial Sustainability

COSTS / SOURCE OF FUNDING

The cost of the audit si \$16,000 for the engagement plus direct auto pocket expenses and applicable GST.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That Council authorize the interim CEO Tim Duhamel and the Mayor of Onoway Len Kwasny to sign the engagement letter authorizing Metrix Group LLP to be the 2022 named auditor.



September 16, 2022

Town of Onoway
Box 540
Onoway AB T0E 1V0

Attention: Mr. Tim Duhamel, Interim Chief Administrative Officer

Dear Mr. Duhamel:

Re: Audit Engagement Letter

The Objective and Scope of the Audit

Metrix Group LLP is pleased to serve as auditors for Town of Onoway for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022. The purpose of this letter is to outline the terms of our engagement to audit the financial statements of Town of Onoway which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2022, and the statements of operations and accumulated surplus, changes in net financial assets and cash flows for the year then ended. Philip Dirks, CPA, CA, will be responsible for the services that Metrix Group LLP performs for Town of Onoway. He will, as considered necessary, call upon individuals at Metrix Group LLP to assist in the performance of our services.

We are pleased to confirm our acceptance and our understanding of the nature, scope and terms of this audit engagement and all services related thereto, by means of this letter (the "Engagement").

The objectives of our audit are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement (whether due to fraud or error) and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The Responsibilities of the Auditor

We will conduct our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements. As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- a. Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements (whether due to fraud or error), design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control.



- b. Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. However, we will communicate to you in writing concerning any significant deficiencies in internal control relevant to the audit of the financial statements that we have identified during the audit.
- c. Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- d. Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going-concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- e. Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements (including the disclosures) and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, together with the inherent limitations of internal control, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards.

Form and Content of Audit Opinion

Unless unanticipated difficulties are encountered, our report will be substantially in the following form:

To the Mayor and Council of Town of Onoway

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Town of Onoway (the Town), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December-31-22, and the statements of operations and accumulated surplus, changes in net financial assets, and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town as at December 31, 2022 and the results of its operations and its cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with those requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

If we conclude that a modification to our opinion on the financial statements is necessary, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance.

The Responsibilities of Management

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that management and, where appropriate, those charged with governance acknowledge and understand that they have responsibility:

- a. For the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the Canadian public sector accounting standards;
- b. For the design and implementation of such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- c. To provide us with timely:
 - i. Access to all the information of which management is aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation and other matters;
 - ii. Information about all known or suspected fraud, any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud and any known or probable instances of non-compliance with legislative or regulatory requirements;

- iii. Additional information that we may request from management for the purpose of the audit; and
- iv. Unrestricted access to persons within Town of Onoway from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

As part of the audit process:

- a. We will make inquiries of management about the representations contained in the financial statements. At the conclusion of the audit, we will request from management [and, where appropriate, those charged with governance] written confirmation concerning those representations. If such representations are not provided in writing, management acknowledges and understands that we would be required to disclaim an audit opinion.
- b. We will communicate any misstatements identified during the audit other than those that are clearly trivial. We request that management correct all the misstatements communicated.

Communications

In performing our services, we will send messages and documents electronically. As such communications can be intercepted, misdirected, infected by a virus, or otherwise used or communicated by an unintended third party, we cannot guarantee or warrant that communications from us will be properly delivered only to the addressee. Therefore, we specifically disclaim, and you release us from any liability or responsibility whatsoever for interception or unintentional disclosure of communications transmitted by us in connection with the performance of this Engagement. In that regard, you agree that we shall have no liability for any loss or damage to any person or entity resulting from such communications, including any that are consequential, incidental, direct, indirect, punitive, exemplary or special damages (such as loss of data, revenues, or anticipated profits).

If you do not consent to our use of electronic communications, please notify us in writing.

Use of Information

It is acknowledged that we will have access to all information about identified individuals ("personal information") in your custody that we require to complete our Engagement. Our services are provided on the basis that:

- a. You represent to us that management has obtained any required consents for our collection, use, disclosure, storage, transfer and process of personal information required under applicable privacy legislation and professional regulation; and
- b. We will hold all personal information in compliance with our Privacy Statement.

Use and Distribution of Our Report

The examination of the financial statements and the issuance of our audit report are solely for the use of Town of Onoway and those to whom our report is specifically addressed by us. We make no representations or warranties of any kind to any third party in respect of these financial statements or our audit report, and we accept no responsibility for their use by any third party or any liability to anyone other than Town of Onoway.

For greater clarity, our audit will not be planned or conducted for any third party or for any specific transaction. Accordingly, items of possible interest to a third party may not be addressed and matters may exist that would be assessed differently by a third party, including, without limitation, in connection with a specific transaction. Our audit report should not be circulated (beyond Town of Onoway) or relied upon by any third party for any purpose, without our prior written consent.

You agree that our name may be used only with our prior written consent and that any information to which we have attached a communication be issued with that communication, unless otherwise agreed to by us in writing.

Reproduction of Auditor's Report

If reproduction or publication of our audit report (or reference to our report) is planned in an annual report or other document, including electronic filings or posting of the report on a website, a copy of the entire document should be submitted to us in sufficient time for our review and approval in writing before the publication or posting process begins.

Should some of the information in the annual report not be available until after the date of the auditor's report, we will request management to provide a written representation that the final version of the document(s) will be provided to us when available (and prior to its issuance) so we can complete our required procedures.

Management is responsible for the accurate reproduction of the financial statements, the auditor's report and other related information contained in an annual report or other public document (electronic or paper-based). This includes any incorporation by reference to either full or summarized financial statements that we have audited.

We are not required to read the information contained in your website or to consider the consistency of other information on the electronic site with the original document.

Preparation of Schedules

We understand that your employees will prepare certain schedules and locate specified documents for our use before our Engagement is planned to commence.

This assistance will facilitate our work and help to minimize our costs. Any failure to provide these working papers or documents on a timely basis may impede our services and require us to suspend our services or even withdraw from the Engagement.

Ownership

The working papers, files, other materials, reports and work created, developed or performed by us during the course of the Engagement are the property of our firm, constitute our confidential information and will be retained by us in accordance with our firm's policies and procedures.

During the course of our work, we may provide, for your own use, certain software, spreadsheets and other intellectual property to assist with the provision of our services. Such software, spreadsheets and other intellectual property must not be copied, distributed or used for any other purpose. We also do not provide any warranties in relation to these items and will not be liable for any lost or corrupted data or other damage or loss suffered or incurred by you in connection with your use of them.

We retain the copyright and all intellectual property rights in any original materials provided to you.

File Inspections

In accordance with professional regulations (and by our firm policy), our client files may be periodically reviewed by practice inspectors and by other engagement file reviewers to ensure that we are adhering to our professional and firm standards. File reviewers are required to maintain confidentiality of client information.

Accounting Advice

Except as outlined in this letter, this Engagement does not contemplate the provision of specific accounting advice or opinions or the issuance of a written report on the application of accounting standards to specific transactions and to the facts and circumstances of the entity. Such services, if requested, would be provided under a separate engagement letter.

Other Services

In addition to the audit services referred to above, we will, as allowed by the *Code of Professional Conduct /Code of Ethics*, prepare the Non-Profit Organization (NPO) Information Return and corporate tax return. Management will, on a timely basis, provide the information necessary to complete these federal and provincial income tax returns and will review and file them with the appropriate authorities on a timely basis.

Dispute Resolution

You agree that any dispute that may arise regarding the meaning, performance or enforcement of this Engagement will, prior to resorting to litigation, be submitted to mediation.

Estimated Fees

We estimate that our fees for these services will be \$16,000 for the Engagement, plus direct out-of-pocket expenses and applicable GST. This fee estimate is based on:

- a. The anticipated cooperation from all your personnel in preparing the requested information on a timely basis;
- b. The ongoing assistance of personnel throughout the Engagement; and
- c. The assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered.

If significant additional time is likely to be incurred, we will discuss the reasons with you and agree on a revised fee estimate before we incur the additional costs.

Costs of Responding to Government or Legal Processes

In the event we are required to respond to a subpoena, court order, government agency or other legal process for the production of documents and/or testimony relative to information we obtained and/or prepared during the course of this Engagement, you agree to compensate us at our normal hourly rates for the time we expend in connection with such response and to reimburse us for all of our out-of-pocket costs (including applicable GST) incurred.

Termination

Management acknowledges and understands that failure to fulfill its obligations as set out in this engagement letter will result, upon written notice, in the termination of the Engagement.

Either party may terminate this agreement for any reason upon providing written notice to the other party (*not less than 30 calendar days before the effective date of termination*). If early termination takes place, Town of Onoway shall be responsible for all time and expenses incurred up to the termination date.

If we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to come to a conclusion on the financial statements, we may withdraw from the audit before issuing an auditor's report, or we may issue a denial of assurance on the financial statements. If this occurs, we will communicate the reasons and provide details.

Not Liable For Any Failures or Delays Beyond Our Control

We will use all reasonable efforts to complete the engagement as described in this letter within the agreed-upon time frames. However, we shall not be liable for failures or delays in performance that arise from causes beyond our control, including the untimely performance by your company of its obligations.

Metrix privacy

The privacy and security of the personal information you provide is important to us. We strive to ensure the strictest compliance with all applicable provincial and federal standards of protection and disclosure of personal information by any and all of our employees, agents, divisions and/or affiliates. You may review our privacy policy at www.metrixgroup.ca. We will not collect, use, or disclose any of your personal information without your knowledge and consent, or as may be required by law or our profession's Rules of Conduct.

By signing this engagement letter you agree that for the purposes of this engagement, Metrix Group LLP may collect, use, and disclose personal information in accordance with our privacy policy. You also agree that Metrix Group LLP may collect and use personal information from you for the purposes of providing other services or informing you of other opportunities from time to time. Personal information that is not relevant to the purposes of this engagement or any other matters will not be disclosed to anyone for any reason without your further prior consent.

Metrix working papers

Metrix Group LLP owns all working papers and files, other materials, reports and work created, developed or performed during the course of the engagement, including intellectual property used in the preparation thereof. We will provide management with a copy of all practitioner-prepared working papers necessary for the company's accounting records. Metrix Group LLP may develop software, including spreadsheets, documents, databases, and other electronic tools, to assist us with our assignment. As these tools were developed specifically for our purposes and without consideration of any purpose for which the company might use them, any such tools provided to the company, are made available on an "as is" basis only and should not be distributed to or shared with any third party.

Conclusion

This engagement letter includes the relevant terms that will govern the Engagement for which it has been prepared. The terms of this letter supersede any prior oral or written representations or commitments by or between the parties. Any material changes or additions to the terms set forth in this letter will only become effective if evidenced by a written amendment to this letter, signed by all of the parties.

The arrangements outlined in this letter will continue in effect from year to year unless changed by either party.

If you have any questions about the contents of this letter, please raise them with us. If the services outlined are in accordance with your requirements, and if the above terms are acceptable to you, please sign the attached copy of this letter in the space provided and return it to us. We appreciate the opportunity of continuing to be of service to the Town.

Yours truly,

METRIX GROUP LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants

Acknowledged and agreed to on behalf of Town of Onoway by:

Mr. Tim Duhamel, Interim Chief
Administrative Officer

Date signed

Mr. Lenard Kwasny, Mayor

Date signed

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Council Update

The committee met on Wednesday Sept. 14, 2022

We discussed the terms of reference to guide the committee. I also let the committee know that I had reached out regarding the grant application that was submitted. There is no decision yet.

We reviewed the list of committee members that had participated in past meetings. There were a few that had previous commitments that night and were unable to attend. It was discussed to reach out to more service groups in Onoway, like the Chamber of Commerce, for interest in participating on the committee. I am working on coming up with that list of groups.

June 24-26, 2023 is the date for the Centennial with June 25 being the primary date to hold the celebrations. The committee can now work on what events they would like included in the Centennial. I had submitted a list of possible ideas and asked them to review the list, come up with other ideas, and suggest what they would like to see. At our next meeting on Sept. 28, we hope to narrow down the list as that would allow me to start on a preliminary budget. It was mentioned that Heritage days will cancel their event that year and hold the events they usually have on the Centennial weekend. I will connect with the Heritage days committee to coordinate. I will have more information from the meeting that night to give to council during the presentation on Thursday Sept. 29.

We discussed letters of support/gift in kind. I still need to work out the levels of support, be it corporate/private donations. I am working on those letters to present at the next committee meeting. It is important to get the letters out as soon as possible.

Personally, I have been researching ideas, possible grants, setting up a Critical path and becoming familiar with Onoway and where we might be able to hold the various events. I have also been looking at what the committee might be able to use the FCSS grant for. This is ongoing as the committee needs to first decide what they would like to include. Once that is figured out the work will begin to formalize the schedule of events.

I will coordinate with Penny to submit a "Save the Date" in Onowaves. And will have monthly updates following.



Development Services
for

Town of Onoway

Box 2945, Stony Plain, AB., T7Z 1Y4, Phone (780) 718-5479 Fax (866) 363-3342
Email: pcm1@telusplanet.net

August 17, 2022

File: 22DP07-24

**Re: Development Permit Application No. 22DP07-24
Road Allowance Adjacent to Plan 4401 HW, Block 6, Lot 11 : 4918 – 51 Street
(the "Lands")
C1 – Commercial- Office, Retail & Service District : Town of Onoway**

Preamble: The Development Permit authorizes the construction of a wooden deck 35' X 8' upon the adjacent Road Allowance, between the "sidewalk" and the asphalt surface of the roadway, and the operation of the "Patio" as an extension of the Restaurant operated upon Plan 4401 HW, Block 6, Lot 11.

APPROVAL OF DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

You are hereby notified that your application for a development permit with regard to the following:

CONSTRUCTION OF A WOODEN DECK, OPERATION OF A PATIO ASSOCIATED WITH THE RESTAURANT OPERATED AS "THE TABLE".

has been **APPROVED** subject to the following conditions:

- 1- The applicant shall enter into a development agreement with the Town of Onoway to the Town's satisfaction and at the applicant's expense. This agreement may include, but not necessarily limited to:
 - a. Provision for an encroachment agreement;
 - b. Provision for insurance, indemnifying the Town of Onoway from liability, at the applicant's expense.
- 2- The applicant shall display for no less than twenty-one (21) days after the permit is issued, in a conspicuous place on the site or on streets abutting the site, the enclosed notice.
- 3- The applicants shall obtain and comply with the requirements, where applicable, from the appropriate authority, permits relating to building, electricity, plumbing and drainage, and all other permits required in connection with the proposed development. Copies of all permits shall be submitted to the Town of Onoway for review.
- 4- Arrangements, satisfactory to the Development Authority, must be in place to provide sanitary facilities for the contractors working on the site.

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- 5- The applicants shall be financially responsible during construction for any damage by the applicant, his servants, his suppliers, agents or contractors, to any public or private property.
- 6- That all improvements shall be completed within twelve (12) months of the effective date of the permit.
- 7- The site and improvements thereon shall be maintained in a clean and tidy condition during construction, free from rubbish and debris. Receptacles for the purpose of disposing of rubbish and debris shall be provided to prevent scatter of debris and rubbish.
- 8- No person shall keep or permit to be kept in any part of a yard any excavation, storage or piling of materials required during the construction stage unless all necessary safety measures are undertaken. The owner of such materials or excavation must assume full responsibility to ensure the situation does not prevail any longer than reasonably necessary to complete a particular stage of construction.

Should you have any questions please contact this office at (780) 718-5479.

Date Application Deemed Complete	August 17, 2022
Date of Decision	August 17, 2022
Effective Date of Permit	September 15, 2022
Signature of Development Officer	

Tony Sonnleitner, Development Officer for the Town of Onoway
cc CAO, Town of Onoway
cc Inspections Group Inc.

Note: An appeal of any of the conditions of approval may be made to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board by serving written notice of appeal to the Clerk of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. Such an appeal shall be made in writing and shall be delivered either personally or by mail so as to reach the Clerk of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board no later than twenty-one (21) days after the notice of decision. The appeal should be directed to this office at:

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Box 540
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and should include a statement of the grounds for the appeal and have attached an Appeal fee in the amount of \$200.00.

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NOTE:

1. *The issuance of a Development Permit in accordance with the notice of decision is subject to the condition that it does not become effective until twenty-nine (29) days after the date of the order, decisions or development permit is issued.*
2. *The Land Use Bylaw provides that any person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Officer may appeal to the Development Appeal Board by serving written notice of appeal to the Clerk of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board within twenty-one (21) days after notice of the decision is given.*
3. *A permit issued in accordance with the notice of the decision is valid for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of issue. If at the expiry of this period, the development has not been commenced or carried out with reasonable diligence, this permit shall be null and void.*

IMPORTANT NOTES

1. *Any development proceeded with prior to the expiry of the appeal period is done solely at the risk of the Applicant even though an application for Development has been approved and a Development Permit has been issued. The period allowed for an appeal to be filed is twenty-one (21) days after a development permit is issued.*
2. *Any person claiming to be affected by a decision regarding an application for a development permit may appeal by serving written notice to the Clerk of the Development Appeal Board within twenty-one (21) days after a development permit or notice of decision was issued.*
3. *This Development Permit is valid for a period of 12 months from the date it was issued, or the date of an approval order being granted by the Development Appeal Board. If at the expiry of this period, the development has not been commenced or carried out with reasonable diligence, the permit becomes invalid unless an extension has been granted by the Development Officer.*
4. *The applicant is reminded that compliance with this Permit requires compliance with all conditions affixed thereto.*
5. *A development permit is an authorization for development under the Land Use Bylaw; but is not an approval under any other regulations that may be applicable.*
6. *In the interest of public safety and as required by the Safety Codes Act construction projects must be covered by the appropriate permits prior to commencement of construction (Demolition, Building, Electrical, Gas, Plumbing, Private Sewage, and Water). The issuance of these permits is under the jurisdiction of Agencies Authorized by Alberta Municipal Affairs to Issue Permits and Provide Compliance Monitoring.*



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*Within the municipal limits of the Town of Onoway, the authorized agency is
Inspections Group Inc., and may be contacted at*

Edmonton:

12010 - 111 Ave.
Edmonton, Alberta T5G 0E6

Phone: (780) 454-5048

Fax: (780) 454-5222

Toll-Free: (866) 554-5048

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Email: questions@inspectionsgroup.com

7. *Development in proximity to gaslines, other pipelines, powerlines, or telephone lines require approvals from: The Gas Protection Branch - Alberta Labour, Alberta Energy Resources Conservation Board, Alberta Utilities and Telecommunications.*
8. *All plans submitted for the construction, or alteration, of a commercial or industrial building as specified under the Alberta Architects Act, shall be authorized by a registered architect or a professional engineer.*



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Public Notice

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NUMBER: 22DP07-24
APPROVAL OF DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

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has been **CONDITIONALLY APPROVED** by the Development Officer.


Any person who objects to the proposed use of the parcel may deliver to the Clerk of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board a written statement of their objection to such use indicating the following:

1. His/ her full name and mailing address, for the delivery of any notices to be given with respect of the objection; and
2. The reasons for his/her objection to the proposed use.

The statement must be received by the Clerk of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board by no later than 4:30 pm on September 7, 2022.

Statements of concern with regard to this development permit should be addressed to:
Town of Onoway
Box 540
Onoway, Alberta, T0E 1V0
Attention: Clerk of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board

Should you have any questions please contact the Development Officer at (780) 718-5479

Date Application Deemed Complete	August 17, 2022
Date of Decision	_____
Effective Date of Permit	August 17, 2022
Signature of Development Officer	September 15, 2022
	

Note: This permit does not come into effect until twenty-nine (29) days after the date of issuance.

Note: Any development undertaken prior to the expiry of the appeal period is done solely at the risk of the applicant. The period allowed for an appeal to be filed is twenty-one (21) days after a development permit has been issued.

Note: This permit is valid for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of issue. If at the expiry date of this period the development has not been commenced and carried out with reasonable diligence, this permit shall be null and void.

THIS IS NOT A BUILDING PERMIT



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August 23, 2022

**The Honorable Tyler Shandro
Minister of Justice and Solicitor General
204, 10800-97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB
T5K 2B6**

Dear Minister,

Re: Victim Services Redesign

Minister Shandro, Town of Tofield Council have only recently become aware of the Victim Services Redesign, and to say that we are both shocked and disappointed would be a vast understatement. Victim Services play an integral part in our community, and rural Alberta. Victim Services staff are as essential as first responders, and work cohesively with RCMP. These people help families and individuals through what could be the most traumatic experience of their lives. Having experience in dealing with trauma, unexpected loss, and extreme shock cannot be measured. Now, your government is looking to remove this from our community and proceed with a centralized approach.

The MLA led review did not engage municipalities, nor did it fully engage Victim Services Boards. Had our local Victim Services Board Chair not come forward to Mayor and Council, we would not be aware of this ill-thought-out change. Of interest, the two MLA'S leading this charge were from major urban centres, with no tie, nor thought to the impacts this would have on rural Albertans.

Not only will this change see a loss of jobs within our community, but more importantly it will leave this service to become reliant on an individual(s) residing outside our community boundaries. What does this mean for response time? Does this mean that response could be upwards of hours before assistance is provided, or does this also mean that it will be based upon the availability of staff? Neither of these scenarios is ideal, especially when dealing with crisis. Our current structure is comprised of hard working, caring individuals who provide an immeasurable service in what is the most trying of circumstances. These people respond in a quick, professional, and caring manner. Now, your government is removing this service from our community, and failing those who require what is often the immediate assistance of Victim Services.

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Honorable Tyler Shandro
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Minister Shandro, we can not fathom the rationale behind this decision, once again without input or consultation from those that this affects most. In our opinion this is a recipe for disaster and stands to only continue to fail rural Alberta. Mayor and Council implore you to pause on this decision and seek input from those forgotten, rural Alberta.

Sincerely,

Debora L. Dueck

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Mayor

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August 26, 2022

Her Worship Debra Dueck
Mayor
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Dear Mayor Dueck:

Thank you for your letter of August 23, 2022 regarding the provincial changes to victim services announced July 19, 2022. I would like to reassure you that these changes, including the new zonal governance model, have been designed to ensure services to victims of crime remain consistent and uninterrupted across all regions of the province, including Tofield, while also ensuring that victims are supported locally from within their own communities. I appreciate the opportunity to provide further information about the redesign work that has occurred to date as it relates to your municipality and others like it.

I would like to ensure that you have the most up-to-date information about the consultations and engagements completed during, and following, the MLA led Review of Victim Services that took place over 2020/2021. The Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) and the Alberta Municipalities (AM) were invited to, and attended, the engagements. This was intentional to ensure a linkage and a mechanism for information sharing. In addition, a specific meeting was held with the RMA and AM to ensure they were comfortable with this approach, and by all indications they were. Further, all MLAs were also invited, regardless of political affiliation.

Other engaged individuals and organizations included:

- Volunteers, staff, and board members of police-based victim services units;
- Victim-serving community and specialized organizations such as child advocacy centres, sexual assault centres, and domestic violence service providers;
- Representatives from the Alberta Police-based Victim Services Association;
- The Alberta Association of Chiefs of Police;

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- The Alberta Federation of Police Associations;
- The Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
- Legal community representatives such as the Criminal Trial Lawyers Association and Legal Aid Alberta; and
- Indigenous organizations such as the Awo Taan Healing Lodge Society, and Métis Child and Family Services Society.

I can advise that the changes to victim services are particularly centred around stabilizing and improving program governance and leadership at a high level, in addition to the significantly enhances supports and services available to victims. There are no plans to interrupt service delivery within communities or at detachments, nor to disrupt victim service workers from continuing to engage in the important work they do. In fact, it is intended that these same locally based services will continue to be offered through the new zonal governance model, in the same co-located manner as they are now, but with more flexibility and sustainability than could be offered under the current governance model. In the new model, local front-line victim services workers will be supported by a core of professional support staff at the zonal level that will provide financial, legal, and human resource services; direct supervision and resource coordination; and personal support and guidance for each employee. There is no reduction in paid positions within the new model, in fact with the new professional support staff there will be approximately 40 additional positions available to Albertans.

To ensure that you and your colleagues have the most accurate and up to date information as to how the new victim services zones will operate, I encourage you to follow up with Trent Forsberg, the director of Victim Services at Trent.Forsberg@gov.ab.ca. He would be happy meet with you and relay further detailed information about the changes to victim services programs, and provide you with the opportunity to ask specific questions.

I also understand that you have a requested a meeting with MLA Jackie Lovely. I welcome the opportunity to have representatives from my office and our department staff who are leading this work attend this meeting. To schedule a meeting, please contact my scheduling coordinator Lisa Gentles at Lisa.Gentles@gov.ab.ca.

I am appreciative of any time you would be willing to dedicate to gaining a complete understanding of the improvements planned to the systems that serve victims of crime in Alberta. Thank you for ensuring the needs of victims in your community continue to be met.

Sincerely,



Honourable Tyler Shandro, QC, ECA
Minister

cc: Jackie Lovely, MLA Camrose
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Subject: FW: Victim Services Redesign

Good afternoon,

On behalf of Mayor Dueck, please see the attached.

Regards,

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Good afternoon,

Please find the attached letter from Minister Tyler Shandro to Mayor Dueck.

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Sent: August 25, 2022 4:04 PM
Subject: Commissioner Brenda Lucki says there have been no RCMP reforms

Dear Mayor/Reeve and Council,

The Mass Casualty Commission is an independent inquiry into the deadliest mass killing in Canadian history, which occurred two years ago in Nova Scotia on April 18th-19th, 2020. You can watch the testimony here: <https://masscasualtycommission.ca/>

Testimony from senior RCMP officers and from Commissioner Brenda Lucki has laid bare the bureaucratic mismanagement of RCMP headquarters. I believe it also demonstrates how the dual mandate of the RCMP, which provides contract policing to 169 communities and federal policing, is failing Canadians. Commissioner Lucki also claimed that the RCMP is underfunded, a claim which was flatly rejected by Nova Scotia's Justice Minister (<https://atlantic.ctvnews.ca/nova-scotia-justice-minister-dismisses-rcmp-assertion-of-chronic-underfunding-1.6040586>).

I have attached a PDF of a G&M news story that was published yesterday reporting on testimony provided by RCMP Commissioner Brenda Lucki. In particular, I would highlight for your attention the following excerpts:

- RCMP Commissioner Brenda Lucki told a public inquiry into the 2020 Nova Scotia mass shooting **that there have been no reforms to the national police force in the more than 28 months since the deadly gun rampage**, despite a series of problems exposed by the Mounties' response to the violence.
- In her testimony, Commissioner Lucki said she couldn't directly answer questions about why the RCMP's national headquarters hadn't acted upon requests from the Nova Scotia RCMP for a formal review of the police response to the shooting. And **she also didn't respond directly to questions about why the force hasn't made any improvements – particularly in areas such as policy, staffing in rural areas, equipment and cadet training** – that could help prevent another tragedy from happening.
- **The commissioner said some of the challenges highlighted by the Nova Scotia mass shooting raise broader questions about the future of rural policing in Canada.** The RCMP provide policing under contract to 169 communities, a service that gets a 30-per-cent subsidy from Ottawa.
- During Wednesday's testimony, she acknowledged that the RCMP had made mistakes in Nova Scotia. **But she stopped short of saying the Mounties should have used the province's Ready Alert system to notify the public that the killer was on the loose.** At the time of the incident, she said, it wasn't the RCMP's practice to use the alert system for anything other than severe weather events. **Instead, the force used Twitter to warn the public of the killings.**
- The commissioner also defended Chief Superintendent Chris Leather, who has been criticized for his decision during the manhunt to ignore an offer of help from the chief of the Truro Police, who had officers nearby able to assist. **Commissioner Lucki said the RCMP commander had a lot going on, and that the Truro police should have directed their offer elsewhere.**

Thank you,
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Commissioner Brenda Lucki says there have been no RCMP reforms since N.S. mass shooting

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RCMP Commissioner Brenda Lucki testifies at the Mass Casualty Commission inquiry in Halifax on Aug. 24. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

RCMP Commissioner Brenda Lucki told a public inquiry into the 2020 Nova Scotia mass shooting that there have been no reforms to the national police force in the more than 28 months since the deadly gun rampage, despite a series of problems exposed by the Mounties' response to the violence.

In her testimony, Commissioner Lucki said she couldn't directly answer questions about why the RCMP's national headquarters hadn't acted upon requests from the Nova Scotia RCMP for a formal review of the police response to the shooting. And she also didn't respond directly to questions about why the force hasn't made any improvements – particularly in areas such as policy, staffing in rural areas, equipment and cadet training – that could help prevent another tragedy from happening.

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The commissioner said the Mounties are monitoring the inquiry, and are trying to identify gaps in their policies and training, but have yet to enact any changes. While she said criticism of the RCMP's actions in Nova Scotia have troubled her, she insisted the force's leadership is taking the problems exposed by the independent probe seriously.

"It's not going on deaf ears," she said. "I know before this incident there were many in Nova Scotia who had trust in their RCMP. I know this incident has shattered that trust for many."

Wednesday was the commissioner's second day in Halifax giving testimony to the inquiry, which is known as the Mass Casualty Commission. Lawyers for families of the gunman's 22 victims pressed her on the RCMP's lack of action in the aftermath of the shooting, the deadliest in Canadian history.

"You've not instituted any material changes," said lawyer Josh Bryson, who represents the family of Joy and Peter Bond, two of the victims. "You've missed valuable learning opportunities for those cadets who are now members. You could've been teaching them your findings, best practices of what came out of Portapique."

The inquiry, now in its sixth month, has shown the RCMP were ill-prepared for the attack. The gunman, a dentist driving a replica RCMP patrol car, began killing in Portapique, N.S., and then spent 13 hours spreading mayhem across rural communities in the province before he was killed by police. The RCMP response was plagued by shoddy technology, inaccurate assumptions about the killer's whereabouts and delays in warning the public. At one point, in a case of mistaken identity, two Mounties shot up a fire hall with people cowering inside. Officers complained of a confusing and contradictory chain of command.

The RCMP have also been criticized for failing to prevent the shooting spree. Before the killings, police had received complaints about the man, Gabriel Wortman, for years, including allegations of domestic violence and reports that he had a collection of illegal guns.

And yet no RCMP personnel have been disciplined as a result of the force's actions before and during the killings. And the force has so far resisted calls to examine what went so terribly wrong over the course of the manhunt.

Near the end of the day's testimony, the commissioner expressed regret on behalf of the force. "I want to apologize for the RCMP, but in such a way that we weren't what you expected us to be and I don't think we were what you wanted us to be or what you needed us to be," she said.

The commissioner said some of the challenges highlighted by the Nova Scotia mass shooting raise broader questions about the future of rural policing in Canada. The RCMP provide policing under contract to 169 communities, a service that gets a 30-per-cent subsidy from Ottawa.

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The RCMP chief acknowledged some communities have been re-examining their use of the Mounties in the years since the mass shooting. The RCMP, she added, are being forced by financial constraints to review the way they deploy police in rural areas. But she said their policing has remained “second to none.”

“I think any municipality and province would be remiss not to review their policing services, to make sure it meets their needs,” she said. “We’re thinking about this a lot. ... Often the case is we’re not resourced to do the policing we are asked to do.”

Mr. Bryson asked Commissioner Lucki why the RCMP hadn’t implemented recommendations from past reviews calling for police investigators to attend crime scenes in a timely fashion. The Bonds’ bodies weren’t discovered until more than 18 hours after the shooting began, which the lawyer said was a failure of basic RCMP policy. Officers ordinarily canvass neighbours and secure crime scenes following major incidents.

The commissioner noted that the RCMP has about 32,000 employees, and said she couldn’t personally address past policy reforms in detail, such as changes to the way officers respond to mass shootings. She speculated that the RCMP had failed to communicate lessons learned from past cases to rank-and-file members.

“In my role as commissioner, I’m looking at things from the 10,000-foot level,” she said. “At my level, I don’t get into the weeds on many of these questions.”

On Tuesday, her first day of testimony, the commissioner played down concerns about political interference in the mass shooting investigation. She has been accused of pressing Nova Scotia investigators to release details about the guns used by the killer in order to bolster the federal government’s push for gun control. She said she wanted those details made public in the interest of transparency, not because of a political agenda.

During Wednesday’s testimony, she acknowledged that the RCMP had made mistakes in Nova Scotia. But she stopped short of saying the Mounties should have used the province’s Ready Alert system to notify the public that the killer was on the loose. At the time of the incident, she said, it wasn’t the RCMP’s practice to use the alert system for anything other than severe weather events. Instead, the force used Twitter to warn the public of the killings.

Commissioner Lucki said the Mounties need to learn from their failures, and she apologized to those who had been let down by the national force.

“It can always be better,” she said.

Jane Lenehan, a lawyer for family of the gunman’s last victim, Gina Goulet, asked the commissioner whether she approved of a decision by Sergeant Andy O’Brien, now retired, to take control of the police response on April 18, 2020, even though he had just had four to five drinks of rum while off duty.

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“My expectation is that when people go to work, they are able to work, and are not over the legal limit,” Commissioner Lucki replied.

The commissioner also defended Chief Superintendent Chris Leather, who has been criticized for his decision during the manhunt to ignore an offer of help from the chief of the Truro Police, who had officers nearby able to assist. Commissioner Lucki said the RCMP commander had a lot going on, and that the Truro police should have directed their offer elsewhere.

“My first thought would be, ‘Oh my gosh, why are you phoning me?’” the commissioner said.

Ms. Lenehan suggested the RCMP’s bureaucratic management culture is the reason it has been slow to reform. The force’s web-like structure is “actually thwarting efforts for accountability, and efforts to change this organization that you lead,” she said.

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Things You Need to Know

We have much to accomplish in several priority areas, and want to make sure you have the most current information on the work underway, and on the work ahead. More information is available at www.albertahealthservices.ca.

Priority: Alberta Surgical Initiative (ASI)

The 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.

Surgical wait list status update

We continue to work diligently to recover to pre-pandemic surgical status. Over the past four weeks, the average weekly volume for surgical activity is 87 per cent of our pre-pandemic surgical volumes. It is important to note that AHS is now using summer weekly baselines, which are lower than standard baselines. This is typically done over the summer months to account for summer vacation schedules.

Our total surgical wait list for adults sits at approximately 72,600, compared to approximately 72,860 at the beginning of May. In February 2020, before the pandemic, our total wait list was 68,000.

Approximately 87,600 surgeries have been completed in the 2022/23 fiscal year.

AHS continues to reduce wait times for cancer surgeries

The Government of Alberta [announced](#) Alberta's cancer surgery program is operating at nearly 115 per cent of pre-pandemic surgical volumes, with a larger proportion completed within a clinically appropriate timeframe. Through the strategies under the ASI, AHS continues to increase surgical activity in the province to get Albertans the surgical care they need within clinically recommended wait times.

As part of the ASI, prioritization of patients such as Edmonton-based AHS Patient Advisor, Susan Ruddick, was a strategy implemented during the pandemic to ensure those most acute received their surgery when they needed it.

"This was at the height of the pandemic and I was worried about surgery cancellations," she says. "I started looking elsewhere just in case my surgery was cancelled but the delays were happening across the country. My surgery was delayed by a week but I still got in at the end of September."

You can read Susan's story on the [AHS website](#). For more information and updates on the ASI, please visit ahs.ca/asi.

Virtual MD pilot connects Health Link callers directly to physicians

A new pilot is now connecting Health Link callers from across the province directly to physicians. Under the [Virtual MD program](#), launched earlier this year, Health Link 811 callers needing medical assessment can be referred, where clinically appropriate, to a physician to virtually assess them over the phone or through a secure Zoom link. This helps Health Link to ensure Albertans are directed to appropriate healthcare support while reducing potentially unnecessary visits to the hospital.

The pilot reflects Alberta Health Services' progress in finding innovative ways to better support the care of Albertans in their home communities. To date, more than 7,600 patients have been assessed by a program physician, with 4,200 of these patients able to manage at home with self-care.

Additional EMS coverage, paramedics for Okotoks and Chestermere

Alberta Health Services Emergency Medical Services (AHS EMS) has added additional paramedic staff and increased ambulance hours to better serve patients in the communities of Okotoks and Chestermere. Ambulance coverage in both Chestermere and Okotoks will now be available, locally, 24 hours daily. Previously, ambulances from surrounding areas have served the community outside of coverage hours.

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these resources, AHS EMS considered such factors as municipal call volume, population increase, age and demographics, and each community's proximity to urgent and emergency healthcare facilities. As of August 15, eight new paramedics have started working in Okotoks and Chestermere – four in each municipality.

This additional suburban coverage is also being bolstered by nine additional ambulances which are now serving patients in Calgary and Edmonton, helping to relieve some pressure on EMS, and reducing demand on EMS support from neighbouring communities. These new ambulances have been funded through \$16 million included in the current Government of Alberta budget, and are also a component of the [AHS EMS 10 Point Plan](#).

New AHS Board Appointment

Alberta Health Services is pleased to welcome Tara Lockyer to Alberta Health Services' Board, the governing body of our organization. Her appointment was made official by Health Minister Jason Copping on August 18.

[Tara Lockyer](#) is the chief people, culture brand and communications officer with ATB Financial, overseeing human resources, change management, communications and marketing. Her wealth of experience includes the development of change strategies for complex business and culture transformation. Ms. Lockyer holds a Bachelor of Arts in business communications, a diploma in adult education and a certified insurance professional designation. She will serve as a member of the AHS board for a three-year term effective immediately.

As well, [Brian Vaasjo](#) has been reappointed to the AHS board for a further term of three years. He most recently served as president and CEO of Capital Power. Vaasjo was a past chairman of the board of the United Way, Alberta Capital Region and a past chairman of the board for the Alberta Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS).

For more information, please see the [Government of Alberta news release](#).

AHS Selects Vendors for Retail Food Services in Calgary and Edmonton

Alberta Health Services has entered into negotiations with three vendors to provide retail food services at several AHS sites, following a [Request for Proposal process](#). The goal is to expand the options and availability of food at cafeterias and coffee shops at several sites, including Peter Lougheed Centre, Rockyview General Hospital, Foothills Medical Centre, Calgary Cancer Centre, Alberta Children's Hospital, Richmond Road Diagnostic and Treatment Centre, Sheldon M Chumir Health Centre, University of Alberta Hospital, Royal Alexandra Hospital and Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital.

AHS already contracts approximately 40 percent of retail food services in Calgary and Edmonton. When negotiations are concluded, AHS will contract out 100 percent of retail food services in these cities. Having external vendors provide these services allows AHS to focus on its core mandate of health care delivery. AHS maintains oversight of all contracts. This decision will result in approximately \$3 million in revenue annually that will be driven into health care services.

Grow your career in northern Alberta

AHS offers a unique bursary opportunity in partnership with the [Northern Alberta Development Council \(NADC\)](#) that helps fund the education of students in clinical post-secondary programs, while allowing them to experience the fantastic lifestyle that Northern Alberta has to offer.

Successful applicants will grow their career in Northern Alberta; gaining exposure to a wider range of conditions within their scope of practice. As well, a lower cost of living helps them enjoy a higher quality of life as they launch their career in health care.

If you or someone you know is interested in pursuing employment in Northern Alberta and meet the eligibility criteria, we encourage you to apply! Please complete the [application form](#), attach a copy of your resume, and email it to youth.careers@ahs.ca before September 30, 2022. Learn more at [AHS & NADC Joint Bursary Partnership Program](#).

Interim CEO Video Message: Following up on Our People Pulse Survey

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this in the Pulse Survey results from the spring. The results show that while our people are often satisfied in your work, there are opportunities to support workload concerns. This comes as no surprise, given the demands that responding to COVID-19 has had on everyone.

We want to help find meaningful solutions and support our teams to focus on your mental health and wellbeing as we move beyond pandemic response. [Joining me on the vlog \(Mauro\) to discuss this further](#) are:

- Dr. Francois Belanger, Vice President, Quality and Chief Medical Officer
- Dr. Mircea Fagarasanu, Senior Program Officer, Workplace Health and Safety
- Mona Sikal, Executive Director, Employee Relations



Blue-green algae advisories in Alberta

Blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) blooms have been identified in:

- Hutch Lake, located in Hutch Lake Park north of High Level (North Zone)
- Moonshine Lake, located in Moonshine Lake Provincial Park west of Spirit River (North Zone)
- Wapasu Lake (Central Zone)
- Eagle Lake, located in Wheatland County (Calgary Zone)
- Ilet Lake (Central Zone)
- Crestview Beach, Lower Therien Lake (North Zone)
- Clear Lake, located in the MD of Willow Creek (Calgary Zone)
- Hilliard's Bay Provincial Park of Lesser Slave Lake (North Zone)
- Wabamun Lake (Edmonton Zone)
- Freeman Lake, located near Swan Hills in Big Lakes County (North Zone)

Residents living near the shores of these lakes, as well as visitors, are advised to take precautions. As always, visitors and residents are reminded to never drink or cook with untreated water directly from any recreational body of water, at any time. Boiling of this water will not remove the toxins produced by blue-green algae. An alternate source of drinking water should also be provided for pets and livestock while this advisory is active. Additional information is also available online, at www.ahs.ca/bga.

Water quality advisories issued for Iosegun Lake Provincial Recreation Area and Camper's Beach on Lac La Biche

A health advisory was issued notifying Fox Creek residents that, due to elevated levels of fecal bacteria currently present in the water at Iosegun Lake Provincial Recreation Area, AHS is advising the public not to swim or wade at this beach area, effective immediately.

A health advisory was also issued to Lac La Biche residents - due to elevated levels of fecal bacteria currently present in Camper's Beach at Sir Winston Churchill Provincial Park on Lac La Biche (lake), AHS is advising the public not to swim or wade at this beach area, effective immediately. AHS Environmental Public Health officers will continue to monitor the water at both sites.

Hospital (UAH) Emergency Department (ED). The structure will be a fully finished, enclosed, insulated space with accessible washroom facilities. It can accommodate the same volume of patients as the current ED waiting area. The UAH and Stollery Children's Hospital emergency departments will remain safe and open for patients during construction of the temporary space, which is expected to take two weeks.

Once the temporary space is complete, the adult waiting area at the UAH ED will be relocated to that space so maintenance work in the current ED space can begin. This work includes necessary preventive maintenance and repairs to drywall, washrooms, and flooring to meet infection prevention and control standards, and improve patient safety. The project is expected to take six weeks to complete.

The temporary waiting area will occupy a portion of the UAH ED ambulance bay. This will mean some temporary parking changes for EMS waiting on site. There will be no impact on patients arriving with EMS.

New pilot aims to inspire healthy behaviour and prevent diabetes

A digital Diabetes Prevention Program that is delivered through a smartphone app is being piloted in Alberta. This app provides participants with 1:1 support from health coaches virtually in order to promote healthy lifestyles and better manage risk factors. This year-long lifestyle change program is a collaboration between Alberta Blue Cross, Alberta Health Services' (AHS) Diabetes, Obesity & Nutrition Strategic Clinical Network™ (SCN), primary care providers, and [Yes Health](#) – a leading digital health provider focused on weight loss, diabetes prevention and concierge health coaching.

This virtual Diabetes Prevention Program is available to eligible Albertans through participating primary care providers, and is aimed at preventing type 2 diabetes among adults who have prediabetes. It will appeal to those who want on-demand support and advice – and no more calorie-counting, strict diets, or scheduling of phone or video appointments – just practical, in-the-moment feedback on meals, workouts, groceries, or other questions.

In Alberta, approximately 667,000 people live with prediabetes – which places individuals at a much higher risk of developing type 2 diabetes because of having higher than normal blood glucose levels. The province had the largest increase in diabetes prevalence in Canada over the last 10 years, and the rate of type 1 and type 2 diabetes is expected to rise another 44 percent over the next decade.

Eligible participants will be identified by physicians and primary care networks that have agreed to be part of the pilot. For more information about this pilot project, eligibility requirements, or which providers are participating, contact vdpp@ahs.ca, or visit www.ahs.ca/vdpp.

Enhance Your Health and Wellbeing

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.

Mobile mammography service to visit Fox Creek, Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation

A mobile mammography trailer will be stationed at the Fox Creek Healthcare Centre (600 3 Street) on Sept. 23, 24 and 26 and also stationed at the Sturgeon Lake Health Centre on Sept. 27. Residents can book an appointment or learn more about the program by calling 1- 800-667-0604.

Better Choices, Better Health Chronic Pain workshops are available in the fall

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provide tools and skills to help people better manage their chronic conditions physical, emotional, and social impact, and prepare them to make care planning decisions.

These peer-led workshops run once a week for six weeks; each session is 2.5 hours. Topics of exploration include managing the day-to-day challenges of living with chronic health conditions, symptom management, tips for healthy eating, communication strategies, methods for dealing with difficult emotions, ways to enjoy a better quality of life and more.

Participants can self-refer or be referred to the workshop by a healthcare provider. Caregivers, family members and friends are also welcome to attend. Please call 825-404-7460 (press 3) to register. For more information, please visit www.ahs.ca/bcbh or email selfmanagement@ahs.ca

Join the Conversation

Advisory Council Fall Meeting Schedule

You are invited to join the healthcare conversation at AHS Advisory Council meetings this fall! See the upcoming meeting schedule and learn more about Advisory Councils at ahs.ca/ac.

Follow AHS Advisory Councils on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to stay up to date on upcoming meetings, community events and opportunities to engage!

True North HAC

Learn about cancer screening in Alberta. Hear updates from AHS North Zone leadership.

- Wednesday, September 7 from 6:00 - 8:30 pm
- Zoom | Room NC201 at the Northwest Health Centre (11202 100 Ave., High Level).
- Advance registration required. [Click to register to join in person or virtually via Zoom](#)

Tamarack HAC

Learn about the Northwest Central Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Network. Hear updates from AHS North Zone leadership.

- Wednesday, September 7 from 5:00 - 8:30 pm
- Telehealth Room at the Westlock Healthcare Centre (10220 93 St, Westlock, AB)

Lesser Slave Lake HAC

Learn about the North Zone Indigenous Health Program. Hear updates from AHS North Zone leadership.

- Monday, September 12 from 6:00 - 8:30 pm
- Zoom | Room 305A at the Lakeland Centre in Slave Lake (101 Main Street SE).
- Advance registration required. [Click to register to join in person or virtually via Zoom](#).

Peace HAC

Learn about the North Zone Indigenous Health Program. Hear updates from AHS North Zone leadership.

- Tuesday, September 13 from 6:00 - 8:30 pm
- Zoom | Grande Prairie Regional Hospital Auditorium (11205 110 St, Grande Prairie)
- Advance registration required. [Click to register to join in person or virtually via Zoom](#).

Help Shape Alzheimer Research in Alberta

The Alzheimer Society of Alberta and Northwest Territories has launched a new research partnership with Campus Alberta Neurosciences (CAN). \$5M will be invested over the next five years to support world-class Alberta-based dementia research. You can access the announcement [here](#).

To get the research started the Alzheimer Society is asking people who have an interest in dementia to complete a survey that will help identify potential areas for research. This includes researchers, those with a diagnosis, family members, care partners and donors. You can use this link to complete the survey [Alzheimer's and Dementia Research Survey \(ucalgary.ca\)](#). The deadline for survey participation is August 31.

Join Immigrant Services Calgary Wednesday, September 7 for a virtual session to learn about the health benefits available to Albertans. Silvia Song, Diversity Liaison with Alberta Health Services, will talk about:

- Alberta Health Care Insurance
- Alberta Blue Cross
- Alberta Child Health Benefit
- Alberta Adult Health Benefit
- Low-Income Eye and Dental Assistance Programs
- And more

This free session will be hosted in English, on Microsoft Teams. [Click here to register.](#)

COVID-19 in Alberta

Read the COVID-19 Update

COVID-19 Booster Dose now available for Albertans aged 5 - 11

Starting today, August 29, all Albertans 5 – 11 years of age can book a booster dose of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine at least five months after receiving their previous dose. First appointments will roll out on Wednesday, August 31.

Appointments for booster doses can be booked through the [Alberta vaccine booking system](#), Health Link at 811, at [participating pharmacies](#) or a participating physicians' office. You can [register your child online](#) in advance of appointment availability. Children five to 11 years of age who live in First Nations communities can access a booster dose through public health clinics or nursing stations.

An [AHS webpage](#) is available to help parents, guardians and families make the best decision about the COVID-19 vaccine for their children. It features videos that provide advice from top pediatric specialists as well as resources to help fearful children cope with needles. The site provides credible information to Albertans as we plan our vaccine roll out to this important population.

If you have questions about getting your children immunized or about the booster dose, we encourage you to visit our [website](#), talk to your pediatrician or family physician, or speak with a registered nurse by calling Health Link at 811.

Be Well - Be Kind

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.](#)

Volunteers pursuing healthcare careers receive Friends of CRH scholarships

Each year, the Friends of Chinook Regional Hospital along with Alberta Health Services Volunteer Resources, honour four aspiring healthcare workers and dedicated hospital volunteers with the Healthcare Professionals of Tomorrow scholarships.

Friends recently announced this year's worthy recipients: Vinura Abeysekara, Amy Quan, Saffren Colbourne and Hunter Johnson. "Volunteering has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life," says Johnson. Read more about why they volunteer at CRH and their goals for a future career in healthcare: [Scholarships celebrate youth volunteers | Alberta Health Services.](#)



Celebrating our four-legged volunteers

On August 26 AHS celebrated National Dog Day by recognizing all of our four-legged volunteers, who make a paws-itive impact on patients and staff. Princess and her owner, Shirley, volunteer at the Chinook Regional Hospital and Coaldale Health Centre. [Visit our Facebook page](#) for more heartwarming photos.



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:

I want to thank you for all your unconditional support. You all go above and beyond for patients and make us feel like fun people and not just patients. Your jokes brighten our days and your friendliness is very much appreciated. Thank you for life advice and helping us get through the day.

Wrapping Up

We'd like to reflect on something our guests said on the vlog this week. The pandemic has been a difficult time for all of us. That's why it's so important that we check in on ourselves and others to see if we're doing okay. Reach out to others if you need to and try to offer support to colleagues, friends and family when they need it. We're all in this together, and AHS will support you the best we can.

With enduring gratitude and appreciation,

Mauro Chies
Interim AHS President & CEO

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Senior Medical Officer of Health

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Health Engagement Tour Update

August 22, 2022

Your Update from the Ministry of Health and Alberta Health Services

▼ MESSAGE FROM MINISTER COPPING

We're listening to you about healthcare

Thank you everyone who's taken the time to talk to me and representatives from Alberta Health and Alberta Health Services over the summer, as I've visited cities and towns around the province.



JASON COPPING
Minister of Health

I'm asking people to tell me about health care in their communities: what's working, what's not, and most importantly what we can do to make it work better.

The response has been tremendous, from people both inside and outside the system. It's a reminder of the amazing dedication of the people who care for patients and make the system work, as well as the support for our health system in all our communities. We have a great health system (although with challenges) and I want to make sure it's there for people when they need it, and that it keeps earning people's trust every day.

So I'm writing to everyone who's participated, to say thank you — and more importantly, to tell you that it's making a difference. As a small start, the idea for ongoing communication was a suggestion that came out of a session in northern Alberta. This newsletter is first of a number to update participants on what we are hearing at a high level and what we are acting on to improve our health system prior to finishing the tour of the province and posting our overall



Health Minister Jason Copping listens to Whitecourt leaders and stakeholders about their thoughts and opinions on healthcare delivery in the town, located 180 km northwest of Edmonton.

results and plan to improve.

So — what have we heard so far? First and foremost, people have high praise for the quality of caregivers and other staff in the system, and the way they've adapted to the pandemic. But there are a lot of ways we can do better. Most of them are longstanding issues, but the pandemic has made them more urgent.

The biggest area of concern is maintaining and growing the healthcare workforce. There are at least three recurring themes:

First, we need to invest more in "growing our own" health professionals — creating more opportunities for young people from outside Edmonton and Calgary to enroll in healthcare programs, and then build their careers in their home communities, or other ones

where they're most needed. Second, we need to build on our partnerships with municipalities on recruitment and retention of physicians and other health care professionals. And third, we need to look at how we can streamline the licensing process for healthcare

There are a lot of ways we can do better.

professionals trained and licensed in other countries. Those are all familiar issues and we're working on them, but hearing directly from people in these recent meetings has bumped them up the priority list for me personally and for my department and

AHS. That is the purpose of the Health Engagement Tour and these updates: to provide another form of communication with our front-lines and give you an opportunity to provide input to all areas of our healthcare system.

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▼ IMPROVING HEALTH SERVICES

Millions spent to upgrade rural health facilities

Rural facilities in the Edmonton, Central and South zones of Alberta Health Services (AHS) are receiving upgrades and renovations to improve patient care and the patient experience, through the Government of Alberta's Infrastructure Maintenance Program. This includes: \$400,000 for upgrades to heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems at Fort Saskatchewan Community Hospital; \$2.6 million for roof repairs and security upgrades at the Drumheller Health Centre; and \$900,000 for various upgrades at the Pincher Creek Health Centre.

More ambulances on road: Nine additional ambulances are now serving patients in Calgary and Edmonton, helping to relieve some pressure on EMS, and reducing demand on EMS support from neighbouring communities.

AHS, HSAA reach agreement: Alberta Health Services (AHS) and the Health Sciences Association of Alberta (HSAA) have ratified a new collective agreement. The four-year agreement expires on March 31, 2024, and sets out the terms and conditions for more than 21,000 healthcare workers.

▼ MESSAGE FROM MINISTER COPPING

We're listening to you

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I've heard about many other issues too, such as EMS response times, increasing local decision-making, and access to family physicians and primary care throughout Alberta. I'll talk on these topics and many more in later issues. But I'd like to end here by thank you, again, for taking the time to meet with our team and your commitment to providing high-quality healthcare for every Albertan.

If you have other ideas to improve our health system or other challenges or successes you want to mention that were not raised in the meeting, please forward an email to me with the subject line HEALTH ENGAGEMENT TOUR to minister.health@gov.ab.ca.

▼ MESSAGE FROM AHS BOARD CHAIR AND INTERIM PRESIDENT AND CEO

Your priorities are ours, too

Alberta Health Services (AHS) is grateful to our many partners across the province. That's why it is important to the AHS Board and to the AHS Executive Leadership Team to tour the province and talk to Albertans about the direction of AHS and how we can improve care.



GREG TURNBULL
AHS Board Chair



MAURO CHIES
Interim AHS CEO

from patients, clients and families who have received care from AHS.

Among other goals, we're aiming for surgeries scheduled within clinically appropriate wait times; a reduction in EMS response times;

The Health Engagement Tour coincides with the imminent release of the AHS Health Plan 2022-25, which will guide the organization as it enters a new era of transformation and innovation.

At the heart of this health plan are 10 priorities that align with direction from the Minister of Health, and reflect feedback

an increase in the number of continuing care spaces and living options; implementation of strategies to address mental health issues and support opioid recovery; stronger relationships with rural communities; and enabling more virtual, community- and home-based care.

AHS will make progress on these priorities and deliver healthcare services that meet the needs of Albertans.

▼ PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

Tour draws positive feedback

AHS leadership joined Health Minister Jason Copping during a health engagement tour in south, central and north zones in June and July.

In each community, events invited internal and community stakeholders to discuss three questions:

- What is the healthcare system doing well?
- What are the current challenges within the healthcare system?
- What opportunities exist to address challenges?

Internal and community stakeholders in Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Fort McMurray, Cold Lake, Lloydminster, Peace River, Slave Lake, Grande Prairie and Whitecourt highlighted the quality of care being delivered across Alberta.

Overall, about 500 Albertans



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have participated in the engagement sessions and evaluations have been largely positive.

Of the 310 total responses:

- 89% said that the session was relevant and something they wanted to know more about.
- 88% felt the event was well organized.
- 86% felt the session was a good use of their time.

As for next steps, summaries of each session are being developed and will be shared with participants; opportunities to take action now are being identified; additional sessions are being planned for the fall; and Alberta Health will compile a report when all events are completed.



Dr. Jenny Edge, a physician with the Virtual MD pilot program, supports callers by offering virtual appointments. To date, more than 7,600 patients have been assessed by a program physician.

▼ IMPROVING HEALTH SERVICES

Virtual MD gives Albertans better access to physicians

A new program can now connect Health Link callers by phone or video directly to physicians.

Under the Virtual MD pilot program, Health Link 811 callers needing medical assessment can be referred, where clinically appropriate, to a physician to virtually assess them over the phone or through a secure Zoom link. This helps Health Link to ensure Albertans are directed to appropriate healthcare support while reducing potentially unnecessary visits to the hospital.

According to Dr. Jenny Edge, a

physician supporting the pilot, one of the most compelling aspects of the Virtual MD initiative is the ability to serve patients in their home environments, and increase their access to physician services through the use of virtual technologies.

“Sometimes patients just want to have their health-related questions answered in a timely manner by a medical professional,” she says.

To date, more than 7,600 patients have been assessed by a program physician, with 4,200 of these patients able to manage at home with self-care.

▼ IMPROVING HEALTH SERVICES

Government program to attract rural doctors

Government recognizes that finding a family physician outside an urban centre can be a challenge and is working with our partners to address the shortage of rural doctors. One program that was newly launched this year is the Rural Education Supplement and Integrated Doctor Experience (RESIDE) program. This program is providing \$2 million to 20 new family physicians in each of the next three years. The physicians will practise in identified rural or remote communities of need.

Sixty new family physicians are eligible for benefits through the program over the next three years. A RESIDE program application process will take place each year.

Fifteen communities have been identified for the first year of the program, including Fox Creek, Grande Cache, Fort Vermilion, Wabasca, High Level, Rimbey, Lloydminster, Milk River, Cold Lake, Lac La Biche, Rocky Mountain House, Fort Macleod, Barrhead, Ponoka and Athabasca.

More information at rhpa.ca/programs-services/reside/

Alberta Health establishing Diabetes Working Group

Alberta Health is establishing a diabetes working group to develop a comprehensive diabetes strategy for the province.

Working with representatives from across Alberta, the group will shape a go-forward care plan to meet the needs of a growing population of Albertans living with this chronic disease.

Given the growing population of Albertans being diagnosed with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes, a long-term care pathway needs to be determined so Albertans can manage their diabetes and lower the risk of adverse outcomes.

The Diabetes Working Group will include patients, diabetes organizations, health professionals, researchers and

health insurers.

Recommendations will be shared with the Minister of Health before fall of 2023.

Information on this announcement can be accessed on Alberta.ca.





Albertans at the table

Images from the Health Engagement Tour



TOP: Health Minister Jason Copping, second from right, meets with community leaders in Cold Lake.

LEFT: Stacy Greening, Chief Zone Officer for the AHS North Zone, Vegreville-Lloydminster-Wainright MLA Garth Rowsell and Martin Long, MLA for West Yellowhead, meet with representatives from the Friends of Whitecourt Society to hear their thoughts and concerns about local healthcare delivery.

BOTTOM LEFT: Minister Copping listens to the concerns and ideas of Alberta Health Services staff during an internal engagement event in Lethbridge.

BELOW: Minister Copping listens to AHS staff in Peace River.



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU: Email minister.health@gov.ab.ca and put HEALTH ENGAGEMENT TOUR in the subject line

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From: penny@onoway.ca
Sent: September 8, 2022 11:03 AM
To: debbie@onoway.ca
Subject: FW: VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Tamarack Health Advisory Council is Recruiting
Attachments: ahs-ac-eoi.docx; Tamarack Poster.pdf; wf-ac-faqs-recruitment.pdf

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From: Community Engagement <Community.Engagement@albertahealthservices.ca>
Sent: September 8, 2022 10:54 AM
To: Community Engagement <Community.Engagement@albertahealthservices.ca>
Subject: VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Tamarack Health Advisory Council is Recruiting

Hello,

The Tamarack Health Advisory Council is currently recruiting new volunteer members within the **North Zone** to join the healthcare conversation.

We are seeking representatives from the Tamarack area who:



- Want to be part of the health care conversation and engage with Alberta Health Services on health care topics.
- Are appreciative of diverse points of view
- Are connected to members of their community
- Can attend three scheduled meetings (in person or virtually) and one engagement event (in person or virtually) per year.

For more information, visit the [Tamarack Health Advisory Council](#) website and review the [Tamarack Annual Report](#).

Please [Apply online](#), or complete the attached Expression of Interest (EOI) form and submit directly via email to

community_engagement@ahs.ca

Thank you in advance for your consideration. I am available to speak about the opportunity further with anyone who may be interested in applying! **Please share this volunteer opportunity widely with the members of your community.**

Thank you for your help in spreading awareness of this opportunity,

Melony ColeZettler

Advisor, Advisory Council relations

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From: Tim Duhamel <Tim.Duhamel@bloomcme.com>
Sent: September 18, 2022 2:52 PM
To: rwinterford@onoway.ca; Chris Yuen; debbie@onoway.ca
Subject: Fwd: Onoway Fish and Game Association - 40th year anniversary

It's been added to the next council agenda as an information item.

Thanks

Tim
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From: Robert Winterford <rwinterford@onoway.ca>
Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2022 2:48 PM
To: Tim Duhamel <Tim.Duhamel@bloomcme.com>; Chris Yuen <Chris.Yuen@bloomcme.com>
Subject: Fwd: Onoway Fish and Game Association - 40th year anniversary

Regarding the attached, I had forwarded this to you with a request to respond .Perhaps with a congratulatory letter or acknowledgement showing our Town's appreciation for their continued positive contributions.
Has anything been done?

Thanks
Bob

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Sandro <sanman@shaw.ca>
Date: September 6, 2022 at 9:36:56 PM MDT
To: Robert Winterford <rwinterford@onoway.ca>
Subject: RE: Onoway Fish and Game Association - 40th year anniversary

Sounds great Bob, thank you so much, and we look forward to speaking in the future!

Sandro Cerminara

From: Robert Winterford [mailto:rwinterford@onoway.ca]
Sent: Monday, September 05, 2022 8:05 PM
To: Sandro
Subject: Re: Onoway Fish and Game Association - 40th year anniversary

More than happy to tell the story of F&G's contributions and involvement in our community.
The 40 year milestone and the years of building character in youth has and remains admirable.

Organizations like Fish and Game are the backbone of our community. Thank you! I will certainly share your story and will personally call on you for possible youth development as we progress.

Best regards
Bob Winterford

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 5, 2022, at 5:33 PM, Sandro <sanman@shaw.ca> wrote:

Good evening Mr. Winterford,

In the past you have expressed an interest in the Onoway & District Fish & Game Association and Gun Club (OFGA) and its positive involvement in the community.

We were wondering if we could appeal to you to make a statement at the next council meeting celebrating some of our interaction, and accolades on our 40th anniversary in the community.

As well as being affiliated with the Alberta Fish & Game Association and the positive work they do in many areas of outdoor education and conservation, we are also the stewards of the land for:

Salters Lake, we are continually aiding in aerating in stocking Rainbow Trout for this local fishing hole.

Imrie Park, a 216 acre park with groomed trails and natural habitat viewing area with camping, day use and group use facilities. Currently there are 18 camping spots, a cookhouse, a playground, an enclosed picnic shelter, and a day use area.

Bilby Natural Recreational Area, providing maintenance on behalf of the province of Alberta

The Onoway & District Fish & Game Association is well known in around Onoway for our:

Birdhouse building and distribution in and around the county.

Onoway Heritage Days participation.

Onoway Heritage Days Pancake Breakfast.

The Onoway & District Fish & Game Association and Gun Club has a vibrant Ladies League with over 50 members, and a growing Youth Club with an average of 20 youth, ranging from ages 8-17.

We are proud to be part of the Onoway community, and the county of Lac St. Anne, and look forward to another 40 more years!!

Sandro Cerminara
OFGA Vice President

debbie@onoway.ca

From: Liz James <LJames@equs.ca>
Sent: September 14, 2022 4:45 PM
To: Liz James
Subject: Thank You ECC 15th Annual Golf Tournament Auction Success
Attachments: 2022 ECC 15th Annual Charity Golf Tournament Thank you letter.docx

Dear Cherished Partner,

Thank you for your generous donation to our 2022 ECC 15th Annual Charity Golf Tournament Silent Auction. Because of your generosity, Alberta Search and Rescue will be able to expand their Adventure Smart program and help educate Albertans to prevent future critical incidents. EQUUS Community Connection is dedicated to our communities and will continue supporting Albertans in every way we can.

Best Wishes,

Liz

Liz James

Business Development Representative



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September 14th, 2022

Dear Valued Partner:

Thank you for your generous donation to our 2022 ECC 15th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

The EQUUS Community Connection (ECC) would like to thank you and your company for the generous donation to silent auction for our 15th Annual Charity Golf Tournament, supporting Search and Rescue Alberta. Our fundraiser was a huge success and this would not have been possible without your help.

For 2022, all funds raised through the tournament and silent auction will support the dedicated volunteers at **Search and Rescue Alberta** in delivering the **AdventureSmart** preventative safety program in EQUUS communities throughout the province.

To date, the EQUUS Community Connection (ECC) has helped raise more than \$270,000 for the betterment of communities in Rural Alberta.

<https://www.equs.ca/community/equs-community-connection/>

You have truly made difference in the lives of Albertan's through your generosity. Thank you on behalf of the entire team at EQUUS.

With Sincere Gratitude,



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Sent: September 14, 2022 12:03 PM
Subject: Regional Business News & Events
Attachments: General 2022 FT.pdf

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Hello, hello!

Community Futures Yellowhead East (CFYE) - your business resource center - has many new items to share with you, this fall season.

Power UP NORTH 2022 is an entrepreneurs' conference that has something for all ages, stages and phases of business. Get inspired, network and learn from September 20-22 at the Athabasca Multiplex. Tickets range from \$48 - \$319. See more details and register here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/power-up-north-the-entrepreneurs-conference-tickets-387071911507>

CFYE's **Traveling Business Incubator** works in 6 communities once per month to deliver business coaching, training, and lending information and support closer for entrepreneurs in the **County of Barrhead** (1st Friday), **Onoway** (2nd Tuesday), **Swan Hills** (2nd Thursday), **Fox Creek** (3rd Tuesday), **Mayerthorpe** (3rd Friday), and **Barrhead** (4th Tuesday). Call (780) 706-3500 or email emaccormac@albertacf.com to book your free timeslot. These events are listed on our website <https://yellowheadeast.albertacf.com/news-events/upcoming-events>.

The **Digital Economy Program** continues to provide for-profit business owners in our region with assistance in adopting digital technologies. Is your business eligible? Sign up today at <https://digitalmainstreet.ca/business-account/registration> to get started working with our Digital Service Squad member, Ian, on things such as your Google Business Profile, social media platform selection, enhancing local search engine rankings, auditing your website content, and more.

The **Capital Growth Initiative** loan fund is still taking applications for a short window of time. For women who own minimum 50.1% of their small or medium-sized business, access up to \$20,000 in loan dollars. Prime + 2% interest rate for a 5-year term, 6 months interest-only payments at the start of the loan, and forgivable 25% portion of loan amount if 75% is repaid within the 5-year loan term. Download the Eligibility Assessment and see more details here: <https://yellowheadeast.albertacf.com/services/capital-growth-initiative-loan>

The **Collective Coworking Space** is open and operating in Community Futures Yellowhead East's office at 1, 5023 - 50 Ave. in Whitecourt. It is an inclusive hot desk coworking solution for entrepreneurs and small business owners, and is open on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays. See more details here: <https://yellowheadeast.albertacf.com/services/the-collective-coworking-space>. Call (780) 706-3500 or email admincfye@albertacf.com to reserve your free space.

Anyone looking for current **grants and loan products**? Be sure to check out the Resources page of our website, <https://yellowheadeast.albertacf.com/resources>. Updated, categorized information with quick descriptions and links will give you a great start on your funding options search.

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From: penny@onoway.ca
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Subject: FW: Community Justice Centre (CJC) Stakeholder Engagement
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From: JSG Engagement <JSG.Engagement@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: September 6, 2022 2:44 PM
Cc: JSG Engagement <JSG.Engagement@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: Community Justice Centre (CJC) Stakeholder Engagement

Good afternoon,

Justice and Solicitor General is excited to be starting stakeholder engagement on how a Community Justice Centre (CJC) could improve access to justice and address the root causes of crime in your community. These conversations will occur between September 2022 and November 2022 and will be open to First Nations and Metis community leaders (elected and technicians) and community-based organizations that support Indigenous peoples as well as representatives from law enforcement, organizations representing municipalities, non-governmental organizations, social service agencies, legal groups, and community groups representing cultural and ethnic diversity.

CJCs are places where justice processes are integrated with health and social services to facilitate a coordinated approach that more effectively addresses the root causes of crime, breaks the cycle of offending, and improves public safety and community well-being. CJCs can take different forms, from a physical setting that brings together a courtroom and social services, to a virtual linking of different providers aligned with justice system processes.

The design of CJCs needs to be driven by communities, providing the ability to directly address the unique challenges they face, and being informed by their own priorities and cultural protocols.

The engagement sessions will explore the concepts of CJs, gather feedback on these ideas as well as local Court perspectives that will be used to refine the CJC proposed model and inform federal government decision making. Your participation in this engagement would be highly valued and is an integral part of understanding how CJs could be implemented in Metis and First Nation communities and will inform a report back to the federal government, who has funded this engagement initiative.

In the attachment, you will find a list of dates, times and locations for these engagement sessions along with a hyperlink to register for a session near you. There are 4 sessions geared specifically for representatives from indigenous organizations and communities. They are marked with an asterisk(*). Representatives of Indigenous organizations and communities are welcome to attend another session in the list if the location or dates marked with the asterisk do not work with your schedule.

I encourage you or a representative from your community or organization to attend an engagement session to discuss the proposed model for an Alberta CJC, and to discuss what this model could mean for your community. If you have questions about the engagement sessions or suggestions of stakeholders who should also be invited to the sessions, please contact the department by emailing JSG.Engagement@gov.ab.ca.

Sincerely,

JSG Engagement Team

Classification: Protected A

Registration Instructions

Justice and Solicitor General: Community Justice Centres

Event overview

The Government of Alberta is engaging with stakeholders and Indigenous community members and organizations on Community Justice Centres (CJCs).

The department of Justice and Solicitor General will be facilitating in-person engagement sessions with municipalities between September and November 2022, and virtual engagement sessions with Edmonton and Calgary in early 2023.

The in-person sessions are open to representatives from represent law enforcement, organizations representing municipalities, non-governmental organizations, social service agencies, legal groups, and community groups representing cultural and ethnic diversity.

The engagement sessions will explore the concepts of CJCs, gather feedback on these ideas as well as local Court perspectives that will be used to refine the CJC proposed model and inform federal government decision making.

Space is limited and the content is the same for all sessions. For this reason, we ask individuals only sign-up for one session in this series and limit registration to up to two people per organization. There are four sessions geared specifically for representatives from Indigenous organizations and communities. They are marked with an asterisk(*). Representatives of Indigenous organizations and communities are welcome to attend another session in the list if the location or dates marked with the asterisk do not work with your schedule.

Participants are encouraged to sign-up for a session near their community. Specific event locations will be added as soon they are available and registrants will receive an email when the event address is updated.

Instructions

To register for a session, follow the Eventbrite link to the session that works best for your location and schedule.

Registration Links

Dates (2022)	Time	Location	Registration Link
September 19	1:00pm to 4:00pm	Cold Lake	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/jsg-community-justice-centre-engagement-tickets-405429359127
September 20	1:00pm to 4:00pm	St. Paul*	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/jsg-community-justice-centre-engagement-tickets-405432949867
September 21	9:00am to 12:00pm	Lloydminster	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/jsg-community-justice-centre-engagement-tickets-405433541637
September 27	1:00pm to 4:00pm	Peace River	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/jsg-community-justice-centre-engagement-tickets-405435868597

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September 28	9:00am to 12:00pm	Peace River*	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/isg-community-justice-centre-engagement-tickets-405436219647
September 29	9:00am to 12:00pm	Grande Prairie	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/isg-community-justice-centre-engagement-tickets-405436751237
October 17	8:30am to 11:30am	Drumheller	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/isg-community-justice-centre-engagement-tickets-412462665937
October 17	1:45pm to 4:30pm	Airdrie	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/isg-community-justice-centre-engagement-tickets-410829621457
October 18	1:00pm to 4:00pm	Lethbridge	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/isg-community-justice-centre-engagement-tickets-410837525097
October 19	9:00am to 12:00pm	Medicine Hat	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/isg-community-justice-centre-engagement-tickets-410839440827
October 24	1:00pm to 4:00pm	Fort McMurray	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/isg-community-justice-centre-engagement-tickets-412386127007
October 25	9:00am to 12:00pm	Fort McMurray*	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/isg-community-justice-centre-engagement-tickets-412392385727
October 26	9:00am to 12:00pm	Lac La Biche	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/isg-community-justice-centre-engagement-tickets-412407831927
November 7	1:00pm to 4:00pm	Drayton Valley	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/isg-community-justice-centre-engagement-tickets-412415254127
November 8	1:00pm to 4:00pm	Wetaskiwin	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/isg-community-justice-centre-engagement-tickets-412419747567
November 9	1:00pm to 4:00pm	Red Deer*	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/isg-community-justice-centre-engagement-tickets-412427661237

* Session geared towards representatives from Indigenous organizations and communities

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From: Grant Johnson <president@onowaychamber.ca>
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To: shelly@onoway.ca
Subject: Kids Strong and Free and the Launching of our National Recycling Program Initiative

Hello All Members,

Please see attached letter from one of our members regarding recycling.

Thanks,

Grant Johnson

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September 12,2022

Open Letter to National Corporate Stakeholders

Dear Corporate Leader and Colleague:

Re: Kids Strong and Free and the Launching of our National Recycling Program Initiative

Our goal at the Kids Strong and Free foundation is to increase our national recycling rate to 90% by 2030. We cannot do it alone and that is why we are launching a national campaign to provide the facts, educational programs, Podcasts, documentaries, newsletters, tools and support to stakeholders across the country.

Our first major outreach will be at the ***Jasper Recycling Conference*** , October 2022. In conjunction with this launch, we will be disseminating information to leaders from approximately 5,300 municipalities to be shared with their respective local families, teachers, community groups, business and consumers. With each new partnership comes an opportunity to share information to help us collectively reach a goal our nation so desperately needs.

For the past 70 years Canadians have lived under the false sense of security that the 3-R's Reduce-Re-Use and Recycle would help us deal responsibly with our waste. Unfortunately, since the economic boom of the 50's and the rise of the "single use society," we have become complacent. Most people would be shocked, or worse content, to learn that Canada is the largest per capita waste producer in the world. Our landfills receive 1.4 billion metric tons of waste annually and our recycle rate is approximately 16%. This is not a sustainable process and it is exactly why Kids Strong and Free, along with numerous supporting partners, are taking positive steps to reverse the cycle.

We are encouraged by the enthusiasm of so many companies who have not only taken on the " Zero Waste" initiative, but who have found creative ways turn waste in opportunity. Take our new road pavers that are now shredding plastics (80,000 bottles per metric ton of asphalt) to improve tomorrow. Pepsi, who recently committed to 100% recycled plastic beverage bottles, Telus who committed to 100% renewable energy by 2025 and zero waste by 2030, and several toy manufacturers like Hasbro, Fisher Price, Mattel replacing classic toys with sugarcane-based plastics. The textile industries are turning into a 360 economy making fabrics from paper and plastic that is then taken back after it's retired use only to be used again. Numerous efforts are being made and we thank all companies for doing their part.

Our appeal today on behalf our children, grandchildren and all children is that you review ways within your organizations to make these positive changes necessary. We will continue to highlight the success stories along the way as we head toward our goal. Please join us and

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keep us apprised of your success so we can share it with the nation - "Our Planet To Protect".

Sincerely,

Bob Winterford
Kids Strong and Free

Town of Onoway

Information for Discussion

Meeting:	Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	September 29, 2022
Presented By:	Tim Duhamel, Interim CAO
Title:	Support for Ukrainian Refugees

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL

In February of this year, Russia invaded Ukraine. This conflict has created Europe's largest refugee crisis since World War II with approximately 7.5 million Ukrainians already fleeing the country and over one third of the population being displaced. In the first half of 2022, over 55,000 Ukrainians have arrived in Canada and traditionally over a quarter of all Ukrainian-Canadians have settled in Alberta.

DISCUSSION

Traditionally, the Town of Onoway, like most municipalities, has not provided specific support to any refugee groups as there are federal and provincial programs are the primary support mechanisms. Additionally, there are often regional initiatives for newcomers and the disadvantaged. Examples include the financial assistance of up to \$3000 for immigrant refugees and the \$2.2m pledged by the province for healthcare and education. As previously mentioned, local or private initiatives (such as food banks, childcare, transportation, job search, etc.) that could provide assistance to all individuals and families, not just those specifically fleeing from conflict in the Ukraine. Websites such as the City of St Albert and Strathcona County are great examples of municipalities that provide a large amount of information and links to these programs.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

Good Governance

COSTS / SOURCE OF FUNDING

Not Applicable

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That council accept the above information.