

**AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ONOWAY
HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE
ONOWAY CIVIC CENTRE AND VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM
COMMENCING IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MEETING IS BEING AUDIO/VIDEO RECORDED**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Recommendation:

*that the October 27, 2022 Regular Council Meeting agenda be approved
as presented*

or

*that the October 27, 2022, Regular Council Meeting agenda be
approved with the following amendment(s) (as noted at meeting time)*

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – September 29, 2022

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Recommendation:

*that the September 29, 2022 Regular Council Meeting minutes be approved
as presented*

or

*that the September 29, 2022 Regular 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 7
- a) Citizenship awards Ceremony – Onoway Jr Sr High School
The Town has provided financial awards in amount of \$150.00 for 5 Citizenship Award recipients to the School for a number of years. This years' ceremony was October 14, 2022 and the school invited a member of Council to attend the ceremony to present the Citizenship Awards at 7:00 pm.

Recommendation:

that Council ratify the attendance of Mayor Kwasny at the Onoway Jr Sr High School Awards Ceremony on October 14, 2022 and present the Citizenship Awards

or

some other direction as given by Council at meeting time

- Pg 8-10
- b) Alberta Crime Prevention Grant - Request for Municipal Letter of Support
– A Request for Decision is attached

Recommendation:

that the Town of Onoway provide a letter of support for Lac Ste. Anne County in their application for a Community Crime Prevention Officer through the Alberta Crime Prevention Grant

or

that the Town of Onoway accept the request from Lac Ste. Anne County for information as the deadline for a letter of support has passed (September 30, 2022)

- Pg 11-12
- c) Joint Use Infrastructure – Capital and Maintenance Cost-Share Request – Please refer to the attached September 23, 2022 letter from Greg Edwards, General Manager, Infrastructure and Planning, Lac Ste. Anne County (LSAC) requesting a discussion on Capital improvements to Range Road 21 (existing pavement south to pavement near Hwy 37) as well as joint use OH&S; CPO & Animal Control; Weed and Pest control, assessment; FCSS and public works (sanding, plowing, pot holing etc.)

Recommendation:

that Council advise LSAC that the Town of Onoway is open to further discussions regarding joint use service considerations

or

Some other direction as given by Council at meeting time

- d) Septic Receiving Station (SRS) – further information will be provided to Council at meeting time

Recommendation:

direction as given by Council at meeting time

- e) FCSS Funding Requests – A Request for Decision is attached.

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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

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

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- a) CN – CN in Your Community 2022 Report

- Pg 19-24 b) AHS -Health Engagement Tour Update – September 28, 2022
- Pg 25-44 c) AHS – Together 4 Health Headlines – September 27, 2022, October 10, 2022
- Pg 45-50 d) AHS – Recruitment Update North Zone – September, 2022
- Pg 51-61 e) Census News Update – September 23, 2022 and October 19, 2022
- Pg 62 f) Town of Onoway Business License 2022 – The Stampede Barn 4917 – 50 Street
- Pg 63 g) Town of Onoway Business License 2022 – Water Pure and Simple – 4911 – 49 Street
- Pg 64 h) Alberta Beach Organizational Meeting – October 20, 2022 letter

Recommendation:

that Council accept the above noted items for information

10. CLOSED SESSION – x 2

Pursuant to Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act and Section 17(1) of the FOIP Act – Personal Privacy (Personnel)

Pursuant to Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act and Section 16(1)(c) - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party (Labour)

11. ADJOURNMENT

12. UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| - Oct 28, 2022 – Strategic Planning Workshop | 9:00 a.m |
| - Nov 10, 2022 – Regular Council Meeting | 9:30 a.m. |
| - Nov 24, 2022 – Regular Council Meeting | 9:30 a.m. |
| - Dec 8, 2022 – Regular Council Meeting | 9:30 a.m. |
| - Dec. 22, 2022 – Regular Council Meeting | 9:30 a.m. |

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 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 Chris Yuen, Bloom CME Associate Wayne Rothe, Bloom CME Associate Debbie Giroux, Recording Secretary</p> <p>7 members of the public joined the meeting via Zoom 3 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 346/22	<p>MOVED by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that Council adopt the agenda of the Regular Council meeting of Thursday, September 29, 2022 with the following additions:</p> <p>7) Scheduling of Organizational Meeting (Councillor Coninx requested)</p> <p>10. Closed Session - pursuant to Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act and Section 17(4)(d) (FOIP) – Personal Privacy (Interim CAO requested)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
3.	MINUTES Motion #347/22	<p>MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson that the minutes of the August 25, 2022 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Motion #348/22</p> <p>MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson that the minutes of the September 15, 2022 Special Council Meeting be adopted once the spelling of Councillor Bridgitte Coninx's first name has been corrected in two motions (340/22 and 342/22).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
4.	APPOINTMENTS/PUBLIC HEARINGS	n/a
5.	FINANCIAL REPORTS	n/a

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6.	POLICIES AND BYLAWS	n/a
7.	ACTION ITEMS	
	Motion #349/22	MOVED by Councillor Robert Winterford that Council be authorized to attend the October 24, 2022 Regional Municipalities Meeting that Lac Ste. Anne County has scheduled at the Alberta Beach Seniors Centre, starting at 9:30 a.m. CARRIED
	Motion #350/22	MOVED by Councillor Robin Murray that Council appoint Mayor Lenard Kwasny and Councillor Robert Winterford as members of the Onoway economic development and tourism committee and request Dale Johnson to be the Chair. CARRIED
	Motion #351/22	MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson that Council defer their decision to pay outstanding and current invoices owing to the East End Bus Society (EEB) to a future meeting in order to allow Administration to gather information on previous Council decisions regarding payment of EEB invoices. CARRIED
	Motion #352/22	MOVED by Councillor Robin Murray that the Town of Onoway renew its 2023 membership in the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) with a contribution of \$514.50, which is \$.0.50 per capita. CARRIED
	Motion #353/22	MOVED by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that Council authorize the agreement with Lac Ste. Anne County for Home Support and Preventative Counselling Subsidy Programs to be executed. CARRIED
	Motion #354/22	MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson that Council authorize FCSS funding in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the Onoway Facility Enhancement Association (OFEA) and that Administration provide Council with information regarding other contributions towards these six outstanding FCSS requests, prior to Council making any other FCSS funding decisions. CARRIED
	Motion #355/22	MOVED by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that Council authorize reimbursement for attendance of Councillors Winterford and Coninx at the Alberta Beach and District Amateur Softball



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		<p>Association (ABADASA) Golf Tournament that was held on September 9, 2022.</p> <p>As per Section 185 of the Municipal Government Act, Mayor Lenard Kwasny requested a recorded vote:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> FOR THE MOTION Councillor Bridgitte Coninx Councillor Robert Winterford </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> AGAINST THE MOTION Mayor Lenard Kwasny Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson Councillor Robin Murray </td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: right;">DEFEATED</p> <p>Motion #356/22 MOVED by Councillor Robert Winterford that Council review their Council Remuneration Policy during 2023 budget deliberations.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Motion #357/22 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson that Council authorize Mayor Kwasny and interim CAO Tim Duhamel to sign the engagement letter authorizing Metrix Group LLP to be the 2022 named auditor for the Town of Onoway.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Motion #358/22 MOVED by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that Council appoint Councillor Robin Murray as a member of the Centennial Committee and Councillor Bridgitte Coninx as alternate to the Centennial Committee.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Motion #359/22 MOVED by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that Council schedule their Annual Organizational Meeting for Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 9:30 a.m., prior to their Regular Council meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Council recessed from 10:40 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.</p>	FOR THE MOTION Councillor Bridgitte Coninx Councillor Robert Winterford	AGAINST THE MOTION Mayor Lenard Kwasny Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson Councillor Robin Murray
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8.	COUNCIL, COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS Motion #360/22 Motion #361/22	<p>MOVED by Councillor Robert Winterford that Council adopt the Waste Management National Program and Administration bring forward information to Council.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>MOVED by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that Chief Administrative Officer Jennifer Thompson will be the Town's CAO signing authority as of October 5, 2022 and interim CAO Tim Duhamel be removed from the Town's signing authority effective October 5, 2022.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>		

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	Motion #362/22	MOVED by Councillor Robin Murray that the Council, Interim Chief Administrative Officer and Public Works written and verbal reports be accepted for information. CARRIED
9.	INFORMATION ITEMS Motion #363/22	MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson that Council accept the following items for information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 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 c) Alberta Justice – RCMP Reforms/Commissioner Brenda Lucki– Justice Minister and Solicitor General – August 25, 2022 email to Mayor and Council d) Alberta Health Services - August 29, 2022 Together 4 Health Newsletter e) Alberta Health – August 22, 2022 Engagement Tour Update f) Alberta Health Services – Tamarack Health Advisory Council volunteer recruitment g) Onoway Fish and Game Association – 40th Anniversary h) EQUUS – September 14, 2022 letter from Liz James, thanking Town for Donation to their 15th Anniversary Golf Tournament Silent Auction i) Community Futures Yellowhead East September 14, 2022 information email j) Alberta Justice and Solicitor Engagement – September 6, 2022 email regarding community justice centres k) Onoway Chamber of Commerce – September 21, 2022 email from Grant Johnson regarding Kids Strong and Free – Launch of the National Recycling Program

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		l) Support for Ukrainian Refugees – September 29, 2022 Report from Tim Duhamel CARRIED
10.	CLOSED SESSION Motion #364/22	MOVED by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that, pursuant to Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act, Council move into a closed session at 11:43 a.m. to discuss the following items: Section 16(1)(c) – Land - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party Section 17(4)(d) (FOIP) – Personnel - Personal Privacy CARRIED A recess was held from 11:43 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. to allow recording secretary Debbie Giroux to leave the meeting. CLOSED SESSION: The following individuals were present for the Closed Session: Mayor Lenard Kwasny Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson Councillor Bridgitte Coninx Councillor Robin Murray Councillor Robert Winterford Tim Duhamel, Interim Chief Administrative Officer Wayne Rothe, Bloom CME Associate Chris Yuen, Bloom CME Associate A recess was held from 12:05 p.m. until 12:10 p.m. at which time Debbie Giroux returned to the meeting.
	Motion #365/22	MOVED by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that Council move out of Closed Session at 12:10 p.m. CARRIED
	Motion #366/22	MOVED by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that Council move forward as discussed, pursuant to Section 16(1)(c) on the land item. The second scheduled land discussion did not take place. CARRIED
	Motion #367/22	MOVED by Councillor Robin Murray that Council accept the discussion regarding Personnel for information. CARRIED

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11.	ADJOURNMENT	As all matters on the agenda have been addressed, Mayor Lenard Kwasny declared the regular council meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.		
12.	UPCOMING EVENTS	October 13, 2022	Regular Council Meeting	9:30 a.m.
		October 27, 2022	Regular Council Meeting	9:30 a.m.
		November 10, 2022	Regular Council Meeting	9:30 a.m.

 Mayor Lenard Kwasny

 Debbie Giroux
 Recording Secretary

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debbie@onoway.ca

From: Lisa Dundas <lisa.dundas@ngps.ca>
Sent: October 4, 2022 11:42 AM
To: debbie@onoway.ca
Cc: Amy Villneff
Subject: Citizenship Awards Onoway High School

Debbie,

I have included our school's principal, Amy Villneff in this email.

Traditionally the Town of Onoway has sponsored our school's Outstanding Citizenship awards each year. We are recognizing students for their work and effort for the 2021-2022 school year. The students receive money from the Town or Onoway, and a certificate from the school. Their name is on a plaque that is displayed in the school. A representative from the town of Onoway is welcome to attend our ceremony to present the awards.

Our annual Volunteer Appreciation and Awards Night is being held Friday October 14 at 7 pm in our school gymnasium..

This year's recipients for Outstanding Citizenship are:

Grade 10: Lucas Fegyverneki
Grade 11: Matthew White
Grade 12: Cheyenne Fraser

There had been discussion in the past, of the Town also sponsoring the Junior High Award winners. Unfortunately, I am not sure if this came about. In case the Town of Onoway is prepared to also award the Junior High Outstanding Citizenship Award recipients- the students are:

Grade 8: Amelia Horne
Grade 9: Rebecca White

Please contact myself or Dr. Villneff if you have any questions.

Please let us know if someone will be attending our ceremony to present the awards, and if not - we can make arrangements to pick up the monetary awards.

Thank you so much for the Town's ongoing support of our students and their achievements.

Regards,
Lisa Dundas

Town of Onoway

Request for Decision

Meeting:	Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	October 27, 2022
Presented By:	Jennifer Thompson
Title:	Chief Administrative Officer

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL

On September 28, 2022 the Town of Onoway received a request for a letter of support from Lac Ste. Anne County (attached) in regard to an application through the Alberta Crime Prevention Grant for a position that may be titled Community Crime Prevention Officer.

The application deadline was September 30, 2022

What the grants are for

Grants from \$25,000 to \$150,000 per year (2022-23 and 2023-24) are available for Alberta-based programs or projects that:

explore or use innovative, promising or proven crime prevention practices
enhance or create prevention activities for people at risk of becoming involved in criminal activity
prevent crime or add public safety measures for vulnerable people or communities targeted by crime
strengthen or adds capacity to an existing program or initiative.

Examples of programs, projects or initiatives include:

direct delivery of programs for crime prevention or community safety and well-being services or supports
direct delivery of youth gang prevention and exit programs, services or supports
activities to build the skills, knowledge and resources or capacity of an organization or community so they can deliver crime prevention or community safety and well-being programs like: development and delivery of information, training and resources or tools
public education and awareness one-time initiatives addressing new issues and trends in crime prevention
implementation of a public or community safety plan including training and equipment.¹

DISCUSSION / OPTIONS / BENEFITS / DISADVANTAGES

The Town of Onoway would benefit from a position being created in Lac Ste. Anne as there will be crime prevention initiatives and the position would act a liaison between agency stakeholders.

While the deadline has passed, staff are recommending that Council consider a resolution in support of the application that would be used as future reference to the

¹ Information is available <https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-crime-prevention-grant.aspx>

Town of Onoway's commitment to public safety through initiatives that would be available through Lac Ste. Anne County.

Should Lac Ste. Anne County be successful in their application and the Town of Onoway wish to access the initiatives and liaison duties, there could be costs associated with using the services. Details have not been provided to date as this is an application for funding of the position of Community Crime Prevention Officer.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

Public Safety and crime prevention.

COSTS / SOURCE OF FUNDING

There is no cost to provide a letter of support or record Council's support of this initiative.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

THAT the Town of Onoway provide a letter of support for Lac Ste. Anne County in their application for a Community Crime Prevention Officer through the Alberta Crime Prevention Grant.

OR

THAT the Town of Onoway accept the request from Lac Ste. Anne County for information as the deadline for a letter of support has passed (September 30, 2022).

debbie@onoway.ca

From: cao@onoway.ca
Sent: September 28, 2022 3:52 PM
To: debbie@onoway.ca
Cc: chris.yuen@bloomcme.com
Subject: FW: Request for Letter of Support - Alberta Crime Prevention Grant

Importance: High

For the next Council agenda.

Tim

From: Trista Court <tcourt@lsac.ca>
Sent: September 28, 2022 3:30 PM
To: County of Barrhead <doyarzun@countybarrhead.ab.ca>; Gordon Frank, CAO - Woodlands County <gordon.frank@woodlands.ab.ca>; Tim.Duhamel@bloomcme.com; CAO - Town of Onoway (cao@onoway.ca) <cao@onoway.ca>
Subject: Request for Letter of Support - Alberta Crime Prevention Grant
Importance: High

Good afternoon!

Lac Ste. Anne County is looking to make application to the Alberta Crime Prevention Grant for the creation of a position titled (something like) Community Crime Prevention Officer (CCPO). Although we're working on the details and developing the scope, we see the primary responsibility as community engagement – delivering programs and services concentrated on awareness, crime prevention and public safety.

Primarily, the CCPO will develop and deliver crime prevention initiatives and act as a liaison between agency stakeholders and the community which may include:

- Home and personal safety
- Business and commercial safety
- Business fraud prevention
- Bullying and cyber safety
- Social disorder and community issues

As we provide enforcement services to your municipality, and see this position falling within that department, we hope that you can lend your support.

<https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-crime-prevention-grant.aspx>

Although I hope this general overview provides you with the information you need to consider providing a letter of support; let me know if you require additional information.

As indicated, the timeline is short – deadline for submission is Sep.30!

Thanks in advance for your consideration.

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September 23, 2022

Town of Onoway
4812 – 51 Street, Box 540
Onoway, AB T0E 1V0

Attn: Tim Duhamel, Interim CAO

Re: Joint Use Infrastructure - Capital and Maintenance Cost-Share Request

Lac Ste Anne County is currently in the process of updating and planning our ongoing maintenance and capital improvement plans. As such we wish to engage in conversations with your municipality on the possibilities of cost sharing these works and projects as we have infrastructure that is shared/utilized and enjoyed by both municipalities. We have successfully completed joint projects with a few municipalities in the past in this manner and wish to continue to be better together.

The projects we wish to start a conversation on with your municipality are:

Capital Improvements

Range Road 21 (Existing Pavement South to pavement near Hwy37)

Lac Ste. Anne County recognizes that this road is important for both municipalities and its' residents. By collaboratively upgrading this road all residents will enjoy a safer, more pleasing commute to their destinations.

The County is also reaching out to see if any of our other services can be of use to your Municipality. Some examples are as follows.

Other suggestions – Joint Use Service Considerations

- OH&S
- CPO & Animal Control
- Weed & Pest Control
- Assessment
- FCSS
- Public Works – Plowing/Sanding/Pot holing/etc.

Please advise if Onoway is open to further discussion around this proposal. This will allow us to work towards setting and negotiating budgets and cost sharing percentages either for the 2023 season or sometime in the next 5 years. If your Municipality is interested in furthering discussions on any of the above topics under "Other Suggestions", please indicate with a check mark and return to my attention.

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In turn, if Onoway has any capital improvements or other cost sharing services, they would also like to entertain cost sharing with the County, we would be interested in hearing and discussing them.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Edwards".

Greg Edwards, P.Eng.
General Manager Infrastructure and Planning

Cc: Council – LSAC
Mike Primeau - LSAC

Town of Onoway

Request for Decision

Meeting:	Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	October 27, 2022
Presented By:	Gino Damo, Director of Corporate and Community Services
Approved By:	Jennifer Thompson, Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	2022 Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) Applications

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL

As stated on the Province of Alberta website the Family & Community Support Services or FCSS program is an 80/20 funding partnership between the Government of Alberta and participating municipalities or Metis settlements. Provincially, the FCSS Program receives its mandate from the FCSS Act and Regulation. The Act describes what the province and municipality/Metis Settlement can do to provide preventive social services.

The Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) program promotes and enhances the well-being of Albertans, families and communities. The Town of Onoway administers Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) funding for the following areas:

- Alberta Beach
- Summer Village of Birch Cove
- Summer Village of Castle Island
- Summer Village of Nakamun Park
- 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
- Summer Village of Yellowstone
- Town of Onoway

The Town of Onoway receives FCSS external grant applications throughout the year. Also, FCSS grant applications from Lac Ste. Anne County are forwarded to the town.

DISCUSSION / OPTIONS / BENEFITS / DISADVANTAGES

Council has requested Administration to provide further information regarding funding allocations to partnered municipal FCSS funding recipients. The attached spreadsheet contains this information.

Also, the attached contains recently submitted applications from several organization's requesting FCSS funding for a variety of projects

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

Safe Community

COSTS / SOURCE OF FUNDING
2022 operating budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That Council approve the remaining FCSS Funding of \$5,885.05 towards the following FCSS grant applicants:

2022 FCSS Applications

Organization Name	Project/Program Name	Expected Project/Program Completion Date	Town of Onoway		Lac St Anne County		Tri-Village		Lake Nakamun		Total Funding Approved	Notes	
			Council Meeting Date Presented	Application Funding Amount Requested	Council Funding Amount Approved	Lac St Anne County Funding Amount Requested	Lac St Anne County Approved Funding Amount	Tri-Village Funding Amount Requested	Tri-Village Approved Funding Amount	Lake Nakamun Funding Amount Requested			Lake Nakamun Approved Funding Amount
Onoway Golden Club	Seniors Christmas Dinner	December 6, 2022	September 29, 2022	\$ -		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	Request amount is blank as any amount approved by Council is sufficient as per primary contact.
Onoway Facility Enhancement Association (OFEA)	Halloween Party, Christmas Party and Christmas Seniors Tea	December 30, 2022	September 29, 2022	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	
Onoway Public Library	Community Christmas Fair	November 26, 2022	September 29, 2022	\$ 900.00		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	Lac St. Anne County provides \$250 around christmas. Onoway public library provides receipts and are reimbursed.
Onoway Public Library	Story Time and Take Away Kits	December 30, 2022	September 29, 2022	\$ 2,000.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Lac St. Anne County provides \$2,500 as a direct allocation around end of June/July.
Onoway and District Agricultural Society	Free Family Community Skates and Volunteer Drive	December 15, 2022	September 29, 2022	\$ 5,900.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Onoway Moms and Tots c/o Tracy Alden	Annual program	December 31, 2022	September 29, 2022	\$ -		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,600.00	Lac St. Anne County provides \$2000 for rent expenses. Lac St. Anne County is sent rent invoice from Heritage Centre on a monthly basis. Approximately \$1,300 has been spent up until September. Requested \$2,600 from Tri-Village however has not been paid out as of October 21, 2022. Request amount is blank as any amount approved by Council is sufficient as per my discussion with primary contact.
Alberta Beach & District Lions Club	Light Up Gazebo Park	December 1, 2022	October 27, 2022	\$ 500.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	
Alberta Beach & District Lions Club	Lion's Christmas Hampers	December 18, 2022	October 27, 2022	\$ 2,500.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	A.B. Lion's Club Food hampers has been approved for \$2,500.
Alberta Beach Seniors Club	Christmas Centre Piece	December 3, 2022	October 27, 2022	\$ 600.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	A.B. Seniors Club has been approved and received the following from Tri-Village \$500 for Museum Outdoor family event (April 2022) \$450 for Volunteer Appreciation (April 2022)
Alberta Beach & District Agricultural Society	Beach Wave Park Programming Trunk & Treat	October 31, 2022	October 27, 2022	\$ 750.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750.00	Alberta Beach & District Agricultural Society receives direct allocation funding from LSAC as follows \$500 for general purposes & \$500 Poly Days

Total Allocated	\$ 29,285.05
Less: Total Paid up to Oct 18/22	\$ 13,400.00
Less: Total Unpaid allocation (Centennial)	\$ 10,000.00
Total Allocation Remaining	\$ 5,885.05
Total Requested after all grants approved	\$ 13,150.00
Total Allocation FCSS Funding Shortfall	\$ (7,264.95)



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August 2, 2022

Ms. Wendy Wildman
Chief Administrative Officer
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Dear Ms. Wildman:

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and healthy.

I am pleased to enclose a copy of the *CN in Your Community 2022* report. This annual report is one of the most important publications issued by CN and is sent to our stakeholders, community leaders and elected officials across North America.

In this report you will find information describing our ongoing investments in the safety and strength of communities all along our tri-coastal network. It describes our various national, regional and local initiatives and partnerships, and how we have, and can collaborate with you.

As a proud neighbour, CN is committed to closely engaging with the communities where we operate. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or the CN Public Affairs manager for your region. Our contact information is on page 5 of the report.

We look forward to collaborating and building stronger communities with you throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Sean Finn

Encl.: CN in Your Community 2022: Proud to Be Your Neighbour





CN in Your Community

2022



Proud to be your neighbour



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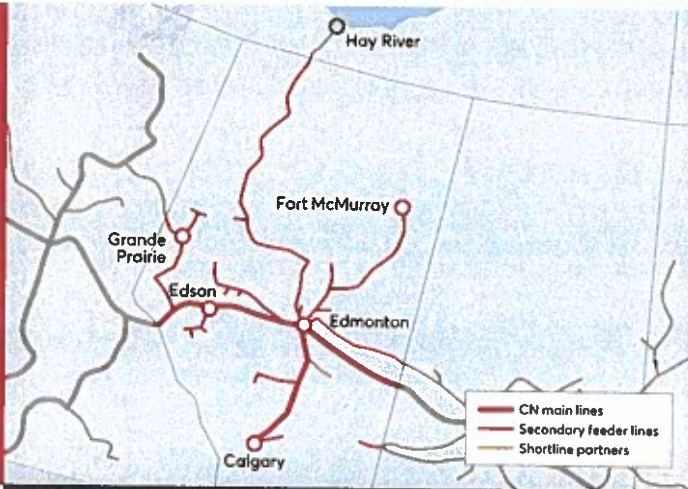


Petroleum



Grain

Alberta



Vice-President, Public, Government and Regulatory Affairs **Cyrus Reporter** met with Mayor **Amrjeet Sohi** of Edmonton at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities annual conference in Regina, SK to discuss rail safety and other initiatives.

ALBERTA IN NUMBERS

As at December 31, 2021

3,000

railroaders employed

\$326M

capital investments

2,519

route miles operated

\$53M

taxes paid

\$645M

local spending

\$1.6M

community partnerships

Community Partnerships

In 2021, CN contributed to many Alberta-based organizations, including:

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA CN has signed a five-year agreement with the Governors of the University of Alberta to fund an Industrial Research Chair with the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, fostering advancements that will result in economic, social and/or environmental benefits for Canadians.

UMOJA COMMUNITY MOSAIC Umoja started in 2010 as a drop-in soccer club for Calgary's immigrant and low-income children. Today, Umoja provides over 1,200 food hampers each month, as well as specialty flours, to over 750 families. Umoja also offers tutoring and equipment to help children pivot to online education.

TOURISM JASPER CN provided funding for Jim Vena Stage at CN Place in Commemoration Park, named for CN's retired EVP and COO who grew up in Jasper. The stage is an important public facility in Jasper and a focal point for outdoor festivals, ceremonies and public events.

ALBERTA COUNCIL OF WOMEN'S SHELTERS ACWS develops leading-edge support tools for women's shelters and calls on the public to take action against domestic violence. CN sponsored their "Breakfast with the Guys" fundraising event.

ARTS ON THE AVE EDMONTON SOCIETY Arts on the Ave believes in cultivating artistic fellowship through arts celebrations, signature art festivals, and traditions. The Society's goals are to create opportunities for all individuals to experience the joy of artistic expression and to nurture creative environments. CN supported Wasaka - A Celebration of Our Indigenous Heritage.

Alberta generates substantial volumes of agricultural and energy products. CN also handles growing amounts of intermodal container traffic through our Edmonton and Calgary terminals. In Edmonton, where almost 2,000 CN railroaders live and work, we have automotive distribution and CargoFlo® bulk handling facilities as well as metals and forest products distribution centres. In Calgary, you'll find our logistics park, automotive and forest products distribution centres, and a CN CargoFlo® bulk handling facility. Edmonton and Calgary are also home to major rail classification yards. CN maintains large railcar and locomotive repair shops at Edmonton's Walker Yard. In Fort McMurray, there's a second metals distribution centre and a third CargoFlo® facility. We also have another CargoFlo® facility and a forest products distribution centre in Edson.

Network Investments

Since 2017, CN has invested about \$1.4 billion in Alberta to enable sustainable growth, improve capacity and advance the Company's commitment to safety. In 2022, we plan to invest \$365 million. Expansion projects include double-tracking sections of the Edson Subdivision as well as extending two sidings and replacing the Beverly Bridge on the Wainwright Subdivision. The maintenance program will focus on the replacement of 45 miles of rail and 70,000 ties, plus maintenance of 56 public crossings, as well as bridges, culverts, signal systems and other track infrastructure.

"Grande Prairie's economy is growing stronger day-by-day and CN's extensive North American network is a vital piece of the transportation network that distributes goods produced in northwestern Alberta, reaching markets around the world through the ports of Vancouver and Prince Rupert. The City of Grande Prairie looks forward to continued collaboration and positive relations with CN."

MAYOR JACKIE CLAYTON, CITY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE



debbie@onoway.ca

From: cao@onoway.ca
Sent: September 28, 2022 3:52 PM
To: debbie@onoway.ca; chris.yuen@bloomcme.com
Subject: FW: Health Engagement Tour Updates - September 2022
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For the next council agenda.

From: penny@onoway.ca <penny@onoway.ca>
Sent: September 28, 2022 3:18 PM
To: cao@onoway.ca
Cc: debbie@onoway.ca
Subject: FW: Health Engagement Tour Updates - September 2022

From: Health Minister <Health.Minister@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: September 28, 2022 3:15 PM
Subject: Health Engagement Tour Updates - September 2022

You are receiving this newsletter because you were invited to participate in a session with me, Health Minister Jason Copping, and Alberta Health Services, to discuss successes and challenges in our health care system. I had committed to reporting back to participants on what was heard during the sessions. To be removed from this mailing list, please send an email to: community.engagement@ahs.ca with the subject line 'unsubscribe'.



Health Engagement Tour Update

Your Update from the Ministry of Health and Alberta Health Services

▼ MESSAGE FROM MINISTER COPPING

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I'm most encouraged by the ideas and solutions being brought to the table by each participant that might improve our system.



JASON COPPING
Minister of Health

I'm bringing senior staff from my department and AHS to communities around the province to hear what Albertans need from their healthcare providers and

how we can make it happen. We're already working on some specific suggestions.

Over the past few weeks, I met with healthcare workers and community leaders from Bassano, Claresholm and Cardston, as well as in Stettler, Rimbey and Olds. I'm also meeting with many other municipal leaders from across Alberta during the Alberta Municipalities conference. Their insight will significantly add to the feedback we are gathering on this province-wide tour. While many of these areas have very similar issues, the solutions to fix them can often vary.

One thing I am hearing is that people, especially rural Albertans, want more local-decision making; they understand the value of an integrated system that manages on the scale of the whole



Garth Rowswell, MLA for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, far left, and Health Minister Jason Copping, centre, prepare for a site visit at the Stettler Hospital and Care Centre.

province, in areas like procurement and basic standards for quality and access. But exactly how to manage services in Lethbridge or Whitecourt or Cardston has to be decided by people in Lethbridge and Whitecourt and Cardston, and it's not going to be the same as in Edmonton or Calgary. So we need to get the balance right between local and provincial decisions.

A related question is about the funding and management of primary care, including the Primary Care Networks. We need to increase access to family physicians and primary care everywhere, especially in smaller communities; the PCNs are a great platform to do that. We need to reinvest in the PCNs and in primary care generally. We need to get

the balance right between provincial goals and standards and room for local initiatives to meet local needs.

To inform the necessary changes, I announced the forming of Expert Panels for Modernizing Alberta's Primary Care System (MAPS). These experts

will provide valuable insight from across Alberta, Canada, and the world on how we might be able to provide better preventative health care and ease the extraordinary burden that is on our acute and emergency health care systems. The goals of the panels are to help ensure access to quality,

timely, and appropriate care options that provide seamless integration to other health, social, and community services.

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We need to increase access to family physicians and primary care everywhere.

▼ **PRIORITY: PUBLIC HEALTH & PANDEMIC RESPONSE AND RECOVERY**

Taber now offers water-immersion birthing option

Expectant patients accessing midwifery services in Taber now have the option of midwife-supported water immersion births at the Taber Health Centre.

With the addition of water immersion facilities and additional staff training, the Taber Health Centre became the first site in the South Zone of Alberta Health Services to offer the midwife-supported service this past August. Water immersion means at least part of labour or delivery, or both, happens in a pool of warm water.

▼ **MESSAGE FROM MINISTER COPPING**

Primary care crucial

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By making Albertans meaningful partners in achieving their health and wellness goals, we can leverage innovations in healthcare to provide world-class care while providing

culturally safe and appropriate care, especially for the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people of Alberta.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the rural



Click here to read What We Heard documents

health tour so far. While the feedback you gave isn't quite ready to be shared like the links in this edition, we will make sure there are links to them in the next edition of the newsletter. Our engagement tour isn't over yet, and the window to provide your feedback is far from closed. You can reach out at any time by sending me an email with the subject line HEALTH ENGAGEMENT TOUR to health.minister@gov.ab.ca.



AHS Board Chair Gregory Turnbull, left, discusses healthcare in Bassano with community partners.

▼ **MESSAGE FROM AHS BOARD CHAIR AND INTERIM PRESIDENT AND CEO**

Let's talk about healthcare

We are back on the road!

The Health Engagement Tour — which visited nine communities in three Alberta Health Services (AHS) zones this past June and July — started its second leg this month and will continue until mid-October.



GREG TURNBULL
AHS Board Chair



MAURO CHIES
Interim AHS CEO

communities.

We are also hearing that Albertans acknowledge the benefits of a centralized, provincewide model of healthcare delivery but also the need for more local decision-making authority on

matters of local concern.

We are visiting Albertans where they live and work, and asking them about the direction of AHS and how we can improve care, especially in their communities. At the time of writing, we've visited six communities this month. The sessions run until Oct. 12.

We want to ensure the priorities outlined in the AHS 2022-2025 Health Plan align with what matters to Albertans.

We are hearing about the unique healthcare challenges in our rural

The feedback we're receiving during the tour suggests we're on the right track, and we're pleased to be able to talk about progress we're making in the areas of surgical wait-lists, EMS response times, workforce recruitment and retention, and our ongoing pandemic response and recovery.

If you are unable to meet with us in person, we encourage you to share your thoughts in an email. Please send to community.engagement@ahs.ca

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**▼ PRIORITY: WORKFORCE
RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION**

AHS, AUPE-GSS reach new four-year agreement

Alberta Health Services (AHS) and the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees (AUPE) – General Support Services (GSS) have ratified a new collective agreement.

The four-year agreement expires on March 31, 2024, and sets out the terms and conditions for over 32,000 healthcare workers. The new collective agreement includes increases totaling 4.25 per cent over the length of agreement and a one per cent COVID-19 recognition payment for the calendar year of 2021. In addition, AHS and AUPE-GSS have agreed to partner on work to address recruitment and retention to remote and rural communities.

**▼ PRIORITY: PUBLIC HEALTH &
PANDEMIC RESPONSE AND RECOVERY**

Leading-edge cardiac procedure hits milestone

A team of Edmonton cardiac experts is celebrating a milestone a dozen years in the making: 1,000 patients in the city have undergone a leading-edge cardiac procedure known as TAVI.

Transcatheter aortic valve implantation, or TAVI, is used to treat patients with severe aortic stenosis, which blocks the aortic valve of the heart causing shortness of breath, chest pain, dizziness, fatigue, and can be fatal if left untreated.

Doctors insert a manufactured valve through a catheter inserted into a blood vessel and into the heart, replacing a patient’s failing aortic valve.

In Edmonton, the TAVI procedure was first performed in 2010. It is a treatment option for patients for whom traditional open-heart surgery is deemed too risky.

**▼ PRIORITY: WORKFORCE
RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION**

Three new physicians recruited to North Zone

Residents in two northern Alberta communities now have improved access to primary care with the recruitment of three new family doctors.

In Wabasca, Dr. Mohammad Khan began practising at the Bigstone Wabasca Medical Clinic this past May, and Dr. Glory Chukwuma began practising at Wabasca-Desmarais Health Care Centre and the Golden Opportunity Medical Clinic this past June.

In Whitecourt, Dr. Osayande (Tesh) Oteghokpen is providing care at Life Medical Clinic.

All are accepting new patients.

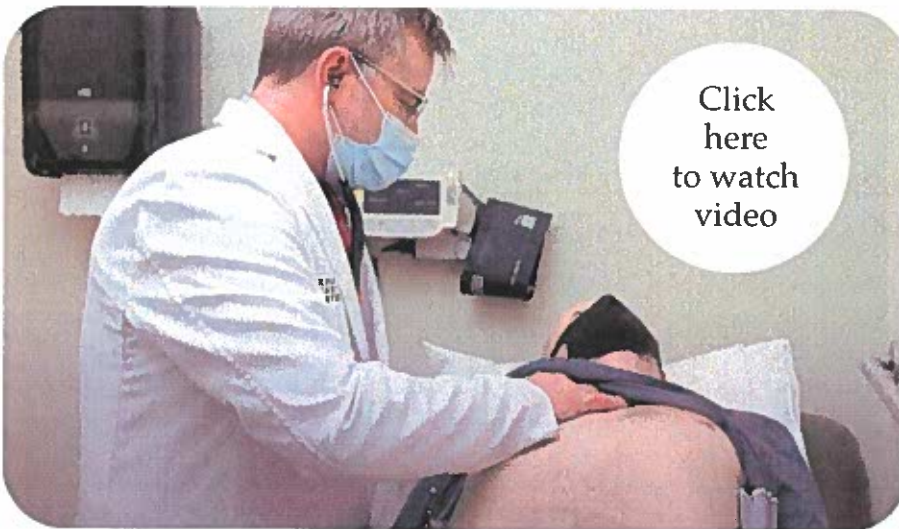
**▼ PRIORITY: WORKFORCE
RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION**

Change to help Cold Lake physician availability

Health Minister Jason Copping has changed the designation of the Cold Lake Healthcare Centre in an effort to reduce disruptions to patient care caused by physician unavailability.

The facility’s designation is being changed from rotation duty (because it exceeds 25,000 annual visits) to callback.

This change will enable Cold Lake physicians to receive a callback fee for emergency work, which is expected to improve physician recruitment and retention in the community. Eleven other AHS sites with 25,000+ visits are also designated callback facilities.



Dr. Benjamin Tyrrell, an Edmonton-based cardiologist and program director for the TAVI program, examines Rick Kilbourn, the 1,000th patient to undergo the procedure in Edmonton.

“The TAVI procedure doesn’t require a sternotomy, it doesn’t require an ICU stay or lengthy hospitalization, the risk of stroke is lower. Overall, it’s amazing technology,” says interventional cardiologist Dr. Benjamin Tyrrell.

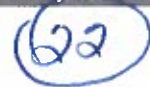
“TAVI patients can resume normal activities within days, with no need for rehabilitation therapy. It eliminates a huge strain on the patient and their families, and on the healthcare system.”

This past spring, Rick Kilbourn became the 1,000th patient to undergo

the TAVI procedure in Edmonton. He had open heart surgery to replace a valve in 2004. When that valve started to fail, his doctor recommended a TAVI procedure.

Kilbourn was released from the hospital the same day he had his TAVI procedure. He says his recovery has been significantly easier than recovering from open heart operation.

“It was unbelievable,” Kilbourn says. “I can’t believe what doctors can do these days.”



▼ PRIORITY: ALBERTA SURGICAL INITIATIVE

Annual cancer surgery numbers are up

12.5 per cent increase over pre-pandemic levels

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 time frame.

In the 2021-22 fiscal year, Alberta Health Services (AHS) completed about 22,500 cancer surgeries, and 70 per cent of those were completed within clinically recommended wait times.

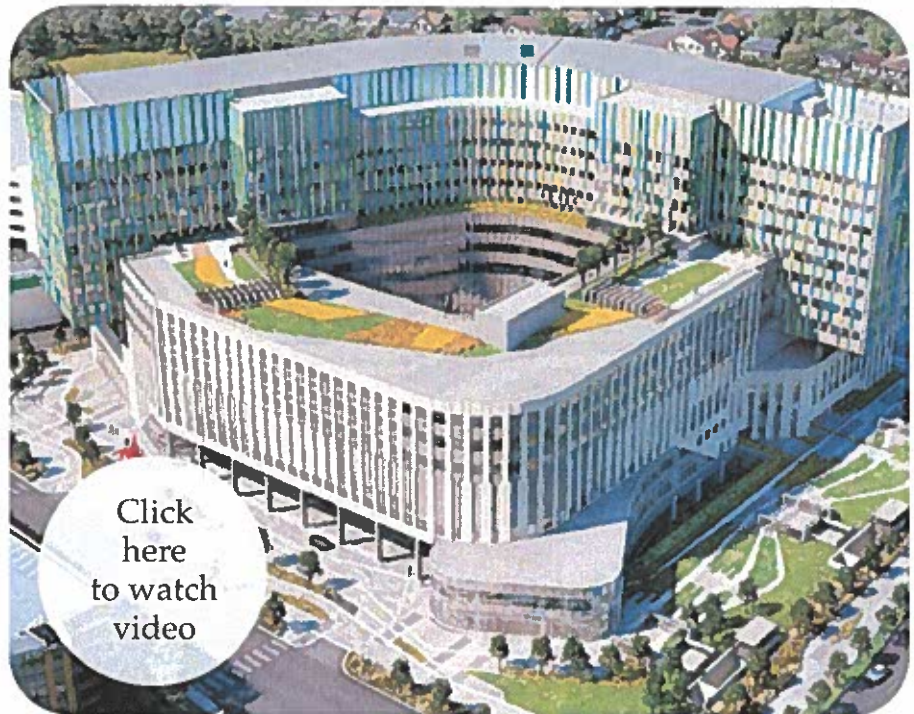
The number of surgeries represents a 12.5 per cent increase over pre-pandemic levels, when AHS completed 20,000 cancer surgeries (approximately 60 per cent within clinically recommended wait times) in 2018-19.

“Cancer treatment and care remains one of our highest priorities, and these procedures were prioritized throughout the pandemic to make sure that those who have the most urgent need go first,” says Dr. Lloyd Mack, Medical Lead for Cancer Surgery Alberta.

▼ PRIORITY: PUBLIC HEALTH & PANDEMIC RESPONSE AND RECOVERY

Airdrie urgent care resumes 24/7 coverage following recruitments

The urgent care centre at the Airdrie Community Health Centre resumed 24/7 hours of operation in August following the recruitment of four new physicians.



VIDEO: Cancer centre to ‘re-envision how we work together’

The Calgary Cancer Centre is more than a new facility; it represents a new, integrated approach to cancer care, according to the medical professionals who will work there. Construction on the \$1.4-billion centre is expected to be complete this year, with the first patients welcomed next year.

▼ PRIORITY: EMS 10-POINT PLAN

Staff, hours added in Okotoks, Chestermere

Alberta Health Services Emergency Medical Services (AHS EMS) has added additional paramedic staff and increased ambulance hours to better serve patients in Okotoks and Chestermere.

Ambulance coverage in both communities will now be available, locally, 24 hours daily. Previously, ambulances from surrounding areas have served the community outside of coverage hours.

As of Aug. 15, eight new paramedics have started working in Okotoks and Chestermere. This additional

suburban coverage is being bolstered by nine additional ambulances that are now serving patients in Calgary and Edmonton, helping to relieve some pressure on EMS, and reducing demand on EMS support from neighbouring communities.

“We’ve been steadfast in our goal of adding capacity to the system,” says Darren Sandbeck, Chief Paramedic and Senior Provincial Director, AHS EMS.

These ambulances have been funded through \$16 million included in the current Government of Alberta budget.

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▼ **PRIORITY:**
ALBERTA SURGICAL INITIATIVE

More surgical options coming for Albertans

As part of the Alberta government's commitment to expanding healthcare system capacity and provide Albertans with better value for their healthcare dollars, Alberta Health Services (AHS) has invited chartered surgical facilities in central and southern Alberta to submit proposals to support additional surgeries. The contracts would increase capacity for hip, knee and other general surgeries to include 1,350 more surgeries in AHS Central Zone and another 1,250 more in the South Zone.

Chartered surgical facilities are public healthcare. The province pays for the procedures and they follow the same safety and professional standards as any hospital. Chartered surgical facilities have been offering publicly funded surgeries since the 1990s in Alberta. Now, more provinces are making use of chartered facilities in their communities to deal with ballooning surgery wait times after the pandemic. Twenty per cent of surgeries in Alberta were performed in chartered facilities in 2021-22 — that's about 55,500 surgeries.

This boost means many Albertans will be able to receive publicly funded surgeries closer to their home communities, which could include locations such as Red Deer in the Central Zone, and Lethbridge and Medicine Hat in the South Zone. Moving more of the orthopedic and other general surgeries into chartered surgical facilities will free up operating room space in hospitals to provide more complex surgeries.

Main operating room surgical suite hours have been increased at hospitals. Budget 2022 provides \$133 million over three years to expand and build new operating rooms in hospitals across the province, including in Calgary, Edmonton, Edson, Grande Prairie, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat and Rocky Mountain House.



All Albertans should have access to a family doctor or a primary care physician where they live. This is the goal of MAPS: Modernizing Alberta's Primary Health Care System.

▼ **PRIORITY: PUBLIC HEALTH & PANDEMIC RESPONSE AND RECOVERY**

Stabilizing, strengthening primary healthcare

Alberta should be a place where access to a family physician or primary health care provider should be available to anyone who needs it, no matter where they live in the province. To achieve this, we need to look at modernizing primary healthcare and easing pressures on our hospitals as we emerge from the pandemic. This is why we are introducing Modernizing Alberta's Primary Health Care System (MAPS).

Making meaningful change starts with bringing Alberta's primary healthcare leaders and national and global experts together to identify immediate and long-term improvements to strengthen the primary healthcare system.

Three advisory panels have been tasked with the initial piece of work that will identify primary healthcare improvements in the short-term as well as over the next five to 10 years.

A Strategic Advisory Panel made up of local primary healthcare leaders, patients

and experts will recommend an overall strategy to improve primary healthcare. An International Expert Panel made up of national and international experts will inform the work of the Strategic Advisory Panel. An Indigenous Panel of Indigenous health experts will ensure Indigenous voices and wisdom are integrated into the initiative.

MAPS will have a particular focus on addressing challenges Indigenous and rural Albertans face when trying to find a family doctor or other primary healthcare provider.

Working closely with the Alberta Medical Association, Primary Care Networks (PCNs) and other primary healthcare leaders across the province, the panels will address major issues, identify key areas for improvement, and recommend both new opportunities and ways to ramp up existing strengths in the system. A final report with a recommended strategies will be finalized in spring 2023.

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Together Health Headlines

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Welcome to **Together4Health Headlines**, a newsletter designed to keep you informed of decisions being made to protect and support Albertans, key public health information, and opportunities for you to connect with AHS.

AHS is committed to ensuring our partners and stakeholders, like you, receive the information you need to help protect yourself, your families, colleagues and staff. If you know of someone else who would benefit from receiving this information directly from AHS, please invite them to subscribe by [clicking here](#), and [respond to this short survey](#) to let us know if you're receiving the information you need in a format that is working for you.

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Today's Update:

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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: Rural Engagement and Initiatives

This work is designed to strengthen partnerships with rural communities, to enhance and better support the rural healthcare workforce, and to better meet the unique needs of Albertans living in non-urban communities.

Minister, AHS leaders tour continues

AHS leadership continues to join Health Minister Jason Copping at a series of engagement events this month and into October. In each community, events are being hosted for internal and community stakeholders who discuss three key questions:

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

Events were held this month in Bassano, Cardston, Claresholm, Stettler, Rimbey and Olds. Additional sessions are being held in Calgary, Airdrie, Red Deer, Edmonton, Canmore and Camrose.

A key takeaway from all the events to date has been appreciation for the staff at AHS facilities. Internal stakeholders praise their colleagues for their dedication, and community stakeholders consistently speak of the excellent care they receive when in an AHS facility, or accessing an AHS program or service.

All participants continue to raise shortages of physicians and front-line caregivers as a key challenge impacting service delivery. Overall, about 700 Albertans have participated in engagement sessions to date.

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 98% of our pre-pandemic surgical volumes. The surgical wait list for adults sits at approximately 73,550, compared with about 68,000 in February 2020, before the pandemic. Approximately 111,000 surgeries have been completed in the 2022/23 fiscal year.

Surgical wait-list management project

AHS continues to conduct a surgical wait-list validation project across the province. Through September, patients listed for surgery will receive a phone call, voicemail or automated call from the AHS surgery wait-list management team.

As part of the process to confirm wait-list status, patients will be asked for their provincial personal health number and birthdate to confirm their identity. Patients who hang up or do not call the number back will not see their position on the wait-list affected.

AHS will never ask for financial information or for any personal information other than the patient's provincial personal health number or birthdate during these automated calls. To help patients determine that the call is not a scam, a [webpage](#) has been created outlining the scripts being used for each zone. If patients have further questions about their surgery, they are encouraged to contact their surgeon's office.

Priority: Quality and Patient Outcomes

Simulation helps staff hone live-saving skills

Whether in a technologically advanced lab, or through the use of mannequins for a safe learning experience, AHS uses simulation to support staff and deliver superior care for Albertans. When people think of simulation, they often think of fast-paced, high-stress environments. While simulation is valuable in these scenarios, it's equally helpful in many areas beyond emergency procedures. This reality is reflected across the province by the many teams who support simulation-based education for AHS staff. Learn more about simulation on [AHS.ca](https://www.ahs.ca).

Celebrate PFCC Week Oct. 3 to 7

Patient- and Family-Centred Care (PFCC) is person-focused, collaborative, and each of us has a role to play. PFCC Week kicks off Oct. 3 and we invite you to celebrate partnerships with patients, clients, residents and their families as we continue to advance our Patient First Strategy. Learn about the [PFCC events](#) happening across the province and [get inspired](#) through stories of PFCC in action.

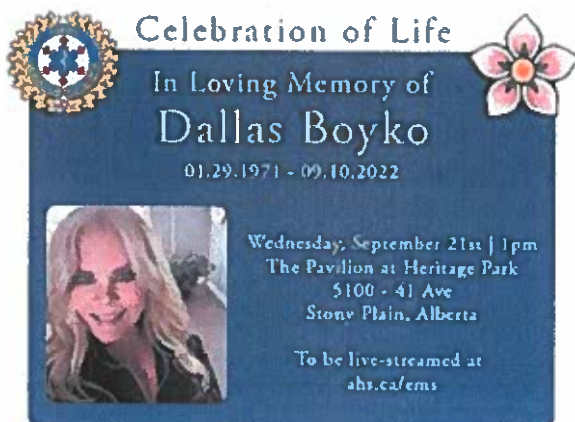
Fallen EMS Colleague Mourned

This past Wednesday, EMS colleagues said goodbye to one of their own: advanced care paramedic Dallas Boyko. Dallas was given full EMS honours in a procession that brought together more than 1,000 colleagues and members of the first responder community from EMS, police and fire, from across the province and the country, including representatives from B.C., Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick. This was followed by a memorial service with her family, colleagues and many members of the community whose lives were touched by Dallas.

Throughout her distinguished 25-year career, Dallas treated thousands of patients with tremendous courage, compassion and skill. She mentored and precepted hundreds of students and new staff, and made dozens of close friendships throughout her time with Associated Ambulance, Parkland Ambulance and AHS.

As a sign of her tremendous dedication and service, Dallas was awarded the 12-year provincial service medal, in addition to countless commendations from patients, families, peers and supervisors. EMS is incredibly grateful for Dallas's many years of service and we share our deepest condolences with her family, friends, colleagues and all who knew her, on this unimaginable loss. The family has established a fund for Dallas's 14-year-old son, Arden. Donations may be made by sending an e-transfer to inmemoryofdallasboyko@gmail.com.

We would also like to thank advanced care paramedic Mitch Fagnan, who was on duty with Dallas and with her in the collision. Despite his injuries, Mitch selflessly and immediately provided medical assistance to Dallas after the collision. We are enormously grateful for the bravery shown by Mitch and commend him on his actions.



Obstetrical services pausing at Westlock Healthcare Centre

AHS is [temporarily pausing obstetrical services](#) at the Westlock Healthcare Centre until October 31, 2022. The decision is centered on patient safety and is due to a lack of trained registered nurse availability. Local physicians will continue to provide care to current and future obstetrical patients until the late stages of pregnancy, before transitioning their care to another physician who will support their delivery.

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...and their program partners are being encouraged to begin identifying physicians and nurses, who have the support they need, including having a plan in place for where they will safely deliver their babies.

Follow-up testing recommended for former clients of private midwifery services provider

AHS is seeking to notify all individuals who were clients of the Calgary Midwives Collective (CMC) between 2013 and March 2022 of a potential risk of exposure to hepatitis B due to improperly sterilized medical equipment.

While the risk to clients is considered very low, AHS is advising all individuals who received prenatal, delivery and/or post-natal care services through the CMC to call their physician to arrange for simple, confidential testing. Potentially affected individuals may also call Health Link at 811 on a 24/7 basis to arrange testing, or with any questions or concerns.

The CMC operated at 306, 1010 1 Ave. N.E., in Calgary. As this midwifery practice is no longer operational, there is no ongoing risk to the public.

Interim CEO Video Message: Spotlight on Environmental Public Health

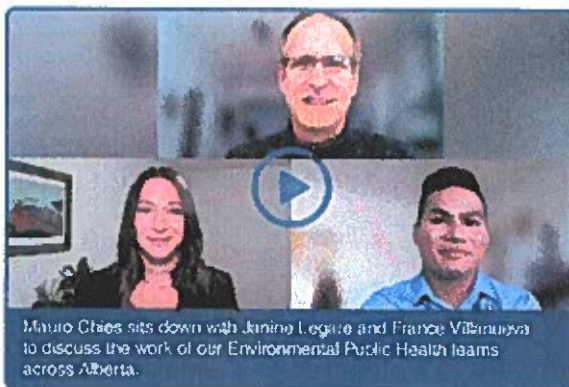
We're so impressed by all our teams have accomplished over the past few years, taking on new work and facing new challenges. Today, we'd like to highlight the work of our Environmental Public Health (EPH) team – or maybe as they are better known, our public health inspectors.

Our 270 inspectors across Alberta have faced tremendous challenges during COVID-19, helping communities and businesses pivot with the changing dynamics of the pandemic. But through it all, keeping Albertans safe in their communities was, and always is, their top priority.

They are critical in safeguarding Albertans from environmental hazards such as foodborne-illnesses, unsafe drinking water and unsafe housing - issues that can cause illness, disease and/or injury. They also ensure compliance with regulations on recreational water, smoke-free facilities, indoor air quality and more, and provide education on various environmental public health topics.

Joining the [AHS Vlog to tell us more about their role and how they help support Albertans](#) are:

- Janine Legare, public health inspector with Healthy Physical Environments
- France Villanueva, a rural public health inspector in Hinton, Alberta



Super Hero Grime Fighters washed windows at Alberta Children's Hospital

Patients, staff and visitors at Alberta Children's Hospital were treated to a visit from Superman, Batman, Thor, and the Flash, who graciously swooped in to clean the hospital's windows. The superheroes were greeted by smiles and many high fives from patients and families alike. See [Calgary's emergency responders surprise kids at Alberta Children's Hospital](#) on CTV.

AHS volunteer supports patients and staff

As a volunteer for just over a year, Dr. Muhamad Adam, an international medical resident from Sudan, has contributed over 140 volunteer hours at Calgary's Peter Lougheed Centre, providing support to ER triage staff, and assisting patients and families in the ER. Fluent in 3 languages, Dr. Adam is key in helping

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- [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 Sundre, Sucker Creek, Gift Lake, McLennan and Valleyview

A mobile mammography trailer will be stationed at:

- Sundre Aquaplex, 105 2 Ave. N.W. on Sept. 27-29, Oct. 1, 3, 4 and 5
- Sucker Creek First Nation Recreation Centre on Oct. 12
- Gift Lake Melis Settlement Community Hall on Oct. 13
- McLennan's Sacred Heart Community Health Centre (350 3 Ave NW) on Oct. 14, 15 and Oct. 17
- Valleyview Health Centre (43 East Highway Street) on Oct. 18-21

Residents can book an appointment or learn more about the program by calling 1- 800-667-0604.

Precautions Can Help You, Others Stay Healthy

As we enter respiratory virus season, here are a few simple reminders to help ensure you, your families and all Albertans stay as healthy as possible in the coming months.

With public masking no longer mandatory in the broader community, we want to remind individuals that the highest risk of catching any respiratory virus is within crowded, indoor settings, especially those with poor ventilation. While it is not always feasible in the colder months to hold events outdoors, we encourage hosting events outdoors whenever possible.

When attending or hosting indoor activities and events, encourage ventilation within the space whenever possible by opening doors and windows to reduce virus spread. As always, maintaining physical distance as much as possible is important both at events, as well as in public spaces such as grocery stores and gyms. Meticulous hand hygiene continues to be important in limiting the spread of viruses and it's critical that anyone feeling unwell, even with minor symptoms, stay home until they feel better.

AHS encourages all individuals to keep vaccinations up to date as we enter the fall months. COVID-19 vaccines and booster doses, including the bivalent vaccine, are available and can be booked online, through pharmacies, or by calling Health Link at 811.

Alberta's influenza program will roll out next month. More to come on launch dates within the coming weeks. We encourage everyone to roll up their sleeves, stay healthy, and keep others safe as we prepare for the colder months ahead.

Join a Healthy Living Workshop

Residents in Central Zone are encouraged to join healthy living workshops. Call the Alberta Healthy Living Program at 1-877-314-6997 to register for any of the following:

Diabetes the Basics: Those working to manage pre-diabetes and Type 2 diabetes are invited to attend group information sessions starting Oct. 6. The four-part group sessions are offered to residents at risk of developing diabetes, as well as those who have been diagnosed with pre-diabetes or Type 2 diabetes.

Strong and Healthy Seniors: Central Zone seniors are invited to learn practical ways to remain healthy and socially connected through a series of online workshops. The workshops will be offered on Oct. 7 and

how habits are formed, and how triggers such as emotions, situations and events can be managed to help develop better eating habits that will last a lifetime.

Improve Heart Health: Heart Wise sessions are open to residents interested in developing healthier lifestyles and those diagnosed with high blood pressure and high cholesterol, or people diagnosed with risk factors for heart disease such as diabetes. Sessions start Oct. 6.

Sleep Better: Sleep Well sessions provide tips to sleep better, help residents discover reasons why they may have trouble falling asleep and discuss the important link between quality sleep and good health. Sessions will be held via Zoom on Oct. 3 and Dec. 2.

Join the Conversation

Prepare for *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation*

On Sept. 30 we wear orange to recognize the history and truthful impacts of residential schools in Alberta. AHS will be commemorating the day with reflective sessions on [Thursday, September 29](#). We encourage all Albertans to honour September 30 as a day of personal reflection or to take part in events in your community.

In the days leading up to the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, we encourage you to put reconciliation into action. Join us on [Together4Health](#) throughout this month and take part in our online activities on Zoom on **Thursday, September 29**. We encourage you to share insights from your personal reconciliation journey - tell us what [allyship](#) means to you, and let us know how [your community](#) will be commemorating this day.



Sexual health webinars for Alberta teachers

Alberta Health Services is offering free online sexual health webinars for Alberta teachers in October. These free, online sessions are designed to increase teachers' comfort, knowledge and skills in teaching the Alberta human sexuality curriculum. [Grade 4, 5 and 6 SexEd teachers can register now.](#)

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Yellowhead East HAC

Join the healthcare conversation, meet your Council and hear updates from AHS Central Zone leadership.

- Thursday, September 29 from 5 - 8 pm
- Vegreville Regional Museum (14413 Hwy AB-16A, Vegreville)
- Advance registration required as meeting space is limited. [Click to register](#)

David Thompson HAC

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

COVID-19 in Alberta

Read the COVID-19 Update

AHS Continuous Masking Directive Updated

The [AHS continuous masking directive has been updated](#). Unless providing direct patient care, AHS staff attending an AHS-related activity or event on a non-AHS site are encouraged to use their own discretion with regards to continuous masking while following the rules of the individual venue or location.

COVID-19 immunization to move to Onoway health centre

AHS is moving its COVID-19 immunization centre, currently located at the Heritage Centre (4708 Lac Ste Anne Tr.), to Onoway Community Health Services (4919 Lac Ste Anne Tr.), starting Sept. 21. With the change in location, AHS encourages clients to be mindful of the instructions when booking online.

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.](#)

Kickstand and Kickstand Connect

Kickstand is an Alberta-wide collaborative effort working to simplify the way young people, aged 12 to 25 years, and their caregivers/families access a full spectrum of health care services all "under one roof." The Mental Health Foundation (MHF) wants to spread the word and get this resource in the hands of Alberta's young people.

Through this initiative young people are placed at the centre of their care with supports of mental health services, primary care, substance use services, peer support, and social services such as employment counselling, financial literacy, and life skills training are all delivered under one roof. Professionals and services are readily available to young people and/or their families and caregivers.

Kickstand isn't about starting from scratch or doing the work that others are already great at. There are high-quality, effective programs and services all over Alberta. Kickstand collaborates to help young people in need with equitable access to holistic, evidence-based, trauma-informed care, in the right place, at the right time, by the right provider.

The Mental Health Foundation is committed to ensuring the success of Kickstand. As a founding partner, the Foundation has assumed the role of Kickstand's primary fundraiser to ensure consistent funding and sustainability. The MHF is building the awareness, understanding, and support essential to raise funds and secure funding from numerous corporate and community partners. Learn more about [Kickstand Connect](#).



Young Canmore brothers raise \$400 in support of the Canmore & Area Health Care Foundation

Colton and Brooks are young brothers who live in Dead Man's Flats. In efforts to give back to charities in their community and beyond, they designed stylish, unique hats under their brand, Brooks & Co. They began selling toques in the winter and soon branched into caps, as well.

They have raised hundreds for the Breast Cancer Society of Canada, Breakfast Club of Canada, and KidSport. Luckily for the Foundation and the Bow Valley at large, Brooks and Colton decided that their summer charity of choice would be the [Canmore & Area Health Care Foundation](#). From the beginning of July to the end of August 2022, \$5 from every hat sold was directed to the Foundation.

The foundation is delighted to announce that during this period, the boys raised \$425 for healthcare in Canmore. Donations like these contribute directly to elevating the level of care their local hospital can provide. From equipment purchases and facility upgrades to hospital programs and more, the Foundation simply can't do what they do without the support of the community.

Brooks and Colton are a symbol of what future generations are capable of, both today and moving forward. The foundation is incredibly grateful for what these boys are doing for charities like the Canmore & Area Health Care Foundation.



Volunteer musicians needed

Chinook Regional Hospital (CRH) is seeking volunteer musicians who are available during the day and evening to provide entertainment for patients in various areas of the hospital. People who can play piano, guitar, or accordion and who are able to play commonly known songs are ideal for these positions, as well as those who can bring their own instruments. For more information, please contact the Volunteer Resources Department, 403-388-6583, or e-mail volunteer.lethbridge@ahs.ca.

Dr. Richard Lewanczuk Receives Platinum Jubilee Medal

Congratulations to Dr. Richard Lewanczuk, Senior Medical Director, Health System Integration, who was recently awarded her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's [Platinum Jubilee Medal](#).

The medals recognize citizens who have dedicated themselves to improving their communities and our province. Dr. Lewanczuk received this honour for his work incorporating the medical needs of seniors with their social needs, as well as his collaborative work with senior-serving agencies in achieving this.

Congratulations to Dr. Lewanczuk!





Wrapping Up

This has been an emotional week for the AHS Family, as we mourn the passing of our EMS colleague Dallas Boyko. As we come to grips with this heartbreaking loss, let us take stock and remember what we mean to one another; the acts of kindness, loyalty and collaboration that build strong bonds between us.

With enduring gratitude and appreciation,

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Together Health Headlines

● HEALTH NEWS YOU CAN USE ●

Welcome to **Together4Health Headlines**, a newsletter designed to keep you informed of decisions being made to protect and support Albertans, key public health information, and opportunities for you to connect with AHS.

AHS is committed to ensuring our partners and stakeholders, like you, receive the information you need to help protect yourself, your families, colleagues and staff. If you know of someone else who would benefit from receiving this information directly from AHS, please invite them to subscribe by [clicking here](#), and [respond to this short survey](#) to let us know if you're receiving the information you need in a format that is working for you.

You can unsubscribe from this e-newsletter by clicking the "Unsubscribe" button at the bottom.

Together4Health Headlines will now arrive in your inbox every two weeks. Watch for our next update October 24th.

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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: Public Health & Pandemic Response and Recovery

AHS Completes Addition of 50 New ICU Beds

Work is now complete to add 50 additional, fully staffed intensive care unit (ICU) beds in hospitals across the province. Alberta now has 223 adult general ICU beds, a 29 per cent increase from before the pandemic. AHS has opened the additional beds in every region, using a phased approach, with the support of a \$300-million investment over three years from the Government of Alberta.

Of the 50 new ICU beds:

- Eighteen are in the Edmonton Zone: University of Alberta Hospital, Royal Alexandra Hospital and Sturgeon Community Hospital.
- Thirteen are in the Calgary Zone: Foothills Medical Centre, Peter Lougheed Centre, Rockyview General Hospital and South Health Campus.
- Eight are in the Central Zone's Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre.
- Six are in the South Zone's Chinook Regional Hospital.
- Five are in the North Zone: Grande Prairie Regional Hospital and Northern Lights Regional Hospital.

More information is available on the [government website](#).

New Initiative to Modernize Primary Care

Last week the Government of Alberta announced a new initiative focused on prioritizing primary healthcare in the province. The initiative, Modernizing Alberta's Primary Health Care System (MAPS), aims to stabilize and strengthen Alberta's primary healthcare system, and will identify innovations that can be implemented to meet Albertans' health needs in the years ahead. For more information, please review the [government announcement](#).

Priority: Alberta Surgical Initiative (ASI)

Surgical Wait-list Status Update

AHS continues to work to recover to pre-pandemic surgical status. Over the past four weeks, the average weekly volume for surgical activity is 98 per cent of our pre-pandemic surgical volumes. The surgical wait list for adults sits at approximately 72,800, compared with about 68,000 in February 2020, before the pandemic. Approximately 122,500 surgeries have been completed in the 2022/23 fiscal year.

Surgical Wait-list Validation Project Expands

AHS is expanding a wait-list validation project into Central Zone to manage the surgical wait-list across the province. With this launch, all zones are now conducting this surgical wait-list confirmation work.

Patients listed for surgery will receive a phone call, automated call or voicemail. As part of the process to confirm wait list status, patients will be asked for their provincial personal health number and birthdate to confirm their identity. Patients who hang up or do not call the surgical wait-list team back will not see their position on the wait-list affected.

Patients are reminded AHS will never ask for financial information or for any personal information other than your provincial personal health number or birthdate during these automated calls. To help patients determine that the call is not a scam, a [webpage](#) has been created outlining the scripts being used for each zone.

- FAST will accept all urology and non-urgent orthopedics and spine referrals (excluding oncological and pediatrics orthopedic) through one central fax number: **1-833-627-7023**.
- Calgary's Urology Central Intake (UCI) program will now become part of FAST.
- Calgary Zone providers, please update your fax numbers on Oct. 11.
- More information is available in this [Calgary Zone one-pager](#).

FAST has already launched in the following zones:

- [North Zone – Orthopedics and urology](#).
- [Central Zone – Orthopedics, urology and cataracts](#)
- [South Zone – Urology \(orthopedics launch Oct. 19\)](#)
- The existing Edmonton Zone FAST program continues to be the central intake for referrals to general surgery, plastics, ENT/otolaryngology, colposcopy, shoulder, upper limb, hand/wrist and elbow. Edmonton Zone FAST will expand to include all orthopedic referrals on Oct. 31.

More information: ahs.ca/specialtyaccess

Priority: Workforce Recruitment and Retention

Input Sought From Nurses to Shape Nursing Workforce Strategy

AHS is developing a Nursing Workforce Strategy to identify actions to address challenges and opportunities with the nursing workforce. The strategy will align with efforts across other key areas of our workforce, including physicians, allied health and nurse practitioners. Driven by the voices of our people, stakeholders and partners, the strategy will help pave our way to building a healthy and sustainable workforce for the years to come.

All nurses, nurse educators, nurse managers and leaders have been asked to share their valued experiences through a survey and/or engagement session. Visit [Together4Health](#) to learn more about this work.

Alberta Medical Association, Alberta Health Ratify New Agreement

Last week the Government of Alberta announced a new agreement with the Alberta Medical Association (AMA) has been ratified by physicians throughout the province. The agreement will mean an investment of about \$750 million in new funding over four years to stabilize the healthcare system. This includes more than \$250 million in targeted funding to address pressures, including recruitment and retention programs, so more Albertans can access family doctors, and more support for practice viability.

For more information, please review the [announcement](#).

Priority: Digital Health Evolution and Innovation

Connect Care Update

Connect Care teams are busy with final preparations for Launch 5 on Nov. 6. Last week, the 30-day Launch Readiness Assessment took place. This half-day session provides important status updates to operational leaders (zone, provincial programs, and site leadership, as well as implementation teams, managers, directors, and physician leads), from Connect Care project teams as they prepare to launch.

See the full [Connect Care Implementation Timeline](#).

In-hospital Labs to Shift to Hospital Patients Only on Dec. 5

Several in-hospital labs will shift their focus to the needs of emergency, inpatient and ambulatory patients, and will direct community patients to labs in the community beginning December 5. This change is being implemented only in areas where community lab collection sites are already operating. In most cases, the nearest community site is within two kilometres of an acute care centre. These include labs at:

- East Edmonton Health Centre
- Fort Saskatchewan Community Hospital
- Grey Nuns Community Hospital
- Leduc Community Hospital
- Misericordia Community Hospital
- Northeast Community Health Centre

This is one step towards the larger transition of community lab services from Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) to DynaLIFE Medical Laboratories. By transitioning community lab services to DynaLIFE, APL will be better able to maintain lab quality and provide a more efficient, effective and sustainable laboratory system that supports Alberta's ever-growing demand for lab testing.

All Albertans can continue to access lab services at their local community laboratory sites. Click [here](#) for a list of current community labs.

New Ambulances Serving Patients in Calgary and Edmonton

AHS has 10 additional net-new ambulances in service for Alberta patients, with five each in Calgary and Edmonton. These new ambulances are helping to relieve pressure on EMS and improve access to emergency patient care.

These 10 new ambulances are in addition to nine net-new ambulances that went into service in June 2022, for a total of 19. They have been funded through \$16 million included in the current Government of Alberta Budget, and are one component of the [AHS EMS 10 Point Plan](#) to address sustained high call volume and ensure Albertans get emergency care where and when they need it.

EMS has experienced a sustained increase in 911 call volumes of up to 30 percent above pre-pandemic levels, and call volumes have increased nearly 60 percent since 2010. All call types have increased and staff illness and fatigue continue to contribute to challenges in the healthcare system.

To staff these new ambulances, AHS has also hired new paramedics to provide patient care. These 40 new Primary Care Paramedics – 20 each in Calgary and Edmonton – augment an additional 40 paramedic positions that AHS EMS hired in the spring of 2022. To learn more about the ambulance procurement and building process, watch our [video](#).

New Screening Program Will Use CT Scans to Detect Early-stage Lung Cancer

AHS has launched the Alberta Lung Cancer Screening Program (ALCSP), a new two-year pilot project that will offer lung cancer screening using low-dose computed tomography (CT) scans to approximately 3,000 eligible Albertans.

Lung cancer screening is for individuals who are at a high risk for lung cancer. Albertans may be eligible for screening if they are between the ages of 50 and 74, smoke cigarettes, or quit after smoking for many years, and are a patient within one of three Primary Care Networks (PCN) – the Mosaic PCN (Calgary), the Edmonton O-day'min PCN, and the Grande Prairie PCN. These locations were chosen for this initial pilot based on high smoking rates and population demographics. Eligible patients can be referred to the program by a primary care provider from one of these three participating PCNs.

One in 13 Albertans will develop lung cancer in their lifetime, and more than 1,500 will die each year as a result. However, for high-risk Albertans with no symptoms, getting screened regularly can lower the risk of dying from lung cancer by almost 25 per cent. Although smoking is not the only risk factor – radon gas, asbestos, and outdoor air pollution are also risks – cigarette smoking is the cause of 8 out of 10 cases of lung cancer.

This pilot project is funded through AHS and the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer (CPAC). CPAC has made an initial investment of \$5.0 million to accelerate planning and implementation in jurisdictions across Canada. Visit screeningforlife.ca/lung for more information on lung cancer screening in Alberta.

Edmonton Cardiac Program Reaches Milestone

A team of local cardiac experts is celebrating a milestone a dozen years in the making: 1,000 patients have undergone a leading-edge cardiac procedure known as TAVI here in the city. Transcatheter aortic valve implantation, or TAVI, is used to treat patients with severe aortic stenosis, which blocks the aortic valve of the heart causing shortness of breath, chest pain, dizziness, fatigue, and can be fatal if left untreated. Doctors insert a manufactured valve through a catheter inserted into a blood vessel and into the heart, replacing a patient's failing aortic valve.

In Edmonton, the TAVI procedure was first performed in 2010 by a team comprised of cardiac experts

open heart surgery.

Patients across Alberta have benefited from TAVI. Since 2011, teams at the Foothills Medical Centre in Calgary have also performed the TAVI procedure. For more info about TAVI, visit [MyHealth.Alberta.ca - Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation \(TAVI\) \(alberta.ca\)](https://myhealth.alberta.ca/Transcatheter-Aortic-Valve-Implantation-(TAVI)-(alberta.ca)).

Daily Fit for Work Screening Update

AHS has updated our [Fit for Work](#) screening to align with Ottawa's removal of COVID-19 entry requirements. Note the travel question has been removed from the Fit for Work screening tools. Staff, physicians, volunteers, students, vendors and contractors must still comply with the screening requirements established in their workplace.

As we live with COVID-19 and head into the respiratory illness season, workers must continue to follow safety measures including proper hand hygiene, PPE, social distancing where possible, immunization and staying at home when sick to keep everyone safe.

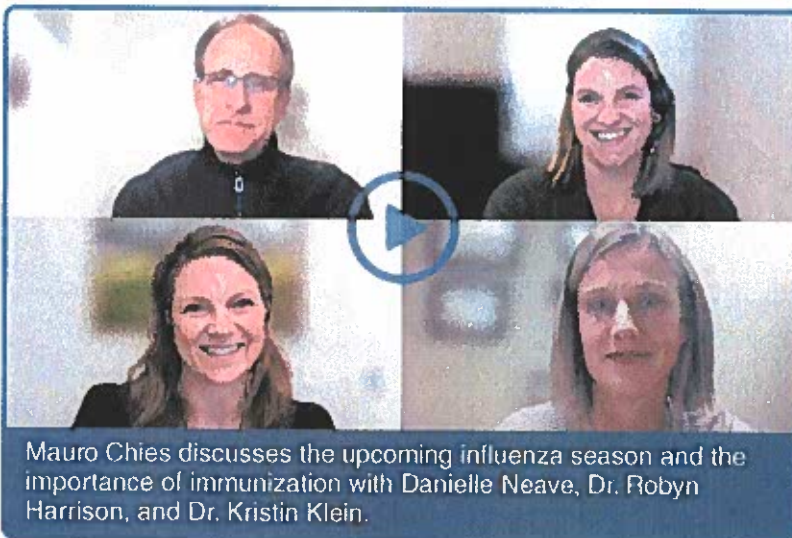
Interim CEO Video Message: Preparing for Influenza Season

Flu season is upon us again, and this year will be the first time both influenza and COVID-19 are circulating in our communities with no public health restrictions. It's important we all continue to take the required precautions to reduce the spread of influenza. By keeping the number of influenza cases and outbreaks low, we can help protect our patients, as well as the more vulnerable populations such as seniors and young children.

Immunization is the most effective way to prevent infection, and to limit the spread of the virus to those around you. We encourage you all to take action and get the flu shot this year.

Joining the [AHS Vlog to tell us more about this year's campaign](#) are:

- Danielle Neave, Director of Workplace Health and Safety Business Partnerships for the North Zone.
- Dr. Robyn Harrison, Provincial Communicable Disease Consultant, Workplace Health & Safety.
- Dr. Kristin Klein, Medical Officer of Health for Provincial Population and Public Health.



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- Grande Cache Community Health Complex (10200 Shand Avenue) on Oct. 27-29, Oct. 31, and Nov. 1
- Swan Hills Community Health Services (29 Freeman Drive) on Nov. 2 and 3

Residents can book an appointment or learn more about the program by calling 1- 800-667-0604.

Online Adult Weight-Management Sessions

Central Zone residents wanting to learn principles of effective weight management and invited to attend workshops starting Oct. 11. Workshops include Adult Weight Management Level 1, 2, 3 and Introduction to Bariatric Surgery. In Level 1, participants will learn to manage calories and nutrition. Level 2 provides strategies to manage thoughts and feelings that affect behaviour change, and in Level 3, participants will learn to maintain positive habit changes. The last workshop offers general information about bariatric surgeries, including possible complications and the steps clients can take to be successful.

Call the Alberta Healthy Living Program at 1-877-314-6997 to register.

Chronic Pain Workshops Offered in Brooks

A new in-person session of Alberta Health Services' Better Choices, Better Health chronic pain self-management workshops starts Oct. 19, 2022. The free six-week program provides opportunities to those with chronic pain to learn how take control of their health and improve their quality of life. Participants will learn techniques to control pain, tips for healthy eating and becoming more active, strategies for talking with their health care team, ways to deal with difficult emotions, options for making everyday tasks easier, and more.

Call the Alberta Healthy Living Program at 1-877-314-6997 to register.

Mental Wellness Moment on Self-Care

World Mental Health Day was on Oct. 10, and Dr. Nicholas Mitchell, Provincial Medical Director for Addiction and Mental Health — talks in his latest Mental Wellness Moment about the importance of self-care. When many of us hear about self-care, we think about relaxation and taking time for ourselves. While relaxation can be self-care, Dr. Mitchell explains the importance of building healthy habits over the long term to support our mental wellness



Volunteers, Auxiliary Members Needed

Volunteers are needed across Central Zone for a variety of roles, such as patient visitation, mealtime assistance, patient and family advisors, religious community visitors, way finding, recreation assistance, pet visitation, driving and entertaining. Training and mentorship are provided.

Several local hospital auxiliaries are also looking for volunteers to support their efforts. Auxiliaries are a vital part of the healthcare team, helping provide funding for equipment through operating hospital gift shops, casinos and event ticket sales. Members also provide support to recreation therapy departments and beautify hospital grounds.

Please visit [AHS.ca](https://www.ahs.ca) to view current volunteer opportunities. Volunteering with AHS is a great way to give back to your community, learn about careers in healthcare, forge lifelong friendships, and make a meaningful impact on the lives of patients and their families.

Creating a Meaningful Life with the Early Onset Dementia Alberta Foundation

Early Onset Dementia Alberta Foundation is pleased to host a Webinar on *Creating a Meaningful Life – Recreation with The Different Stages of Dementia* Thursday October 20th, from 7 -8 pm. This free session will be presented by Ashley McConnell and Prab Kaur department of Recreation Therapy. There is no fee. Contact rep@eodaf.com to register.

Reflecting on National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

AHS marked National Day for Truth and Reconciliation with activities across the province. Also known as Orange Shirt Day, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is a time to recognize and reflect on the history and impacts of residential schools in Alberta. The day is also an opportunity to honour the strength of Indigenous people, families, and communities, and the wisdom of Indigenous worldviews that have persevered. When we create an environment that is safer and more inclusive for everyone, we improve patient experience, outcomes, and quality of care for all Albertans.

Among the ways AHS honoured National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a new Truth and Reconciliation crosswalk was painted outside the Royal Alexandra Hospital to mark National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

AHS also recognized the work of our Indigenous Wellness Core, which supports indigenous patients across the province. Nadine McRee has been part of the AHS team working to create the Indigenous Support Line, which launched in the North Zone earlier this year as a way to help Indigenous Peoples better navigate the health system. "Now it's all about getting the word out and working on expanding it to the rest of the province," says McRee, an Indigenous Wellness Core Director.

Albertans were invited to join AHS staff, volunteers and leaders on [Together4Health](#) throughout September to share insights from their personal reconciliation journey. You can still join the conversation - tell us what [allyship](#) means to you, and let us know how [your community](#) commemorated this day.

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Lakeland Communities HAC

- Learn about Seniors and Continuing Care programs and services. Also, hear a physician recruitment update, and an update from AHS North Zone leadership on local health services.
- Wednesday, October 12 from 5 – 8 pm
- Smoky Lake Provincial Building, 108 Wheatland Avenue, Smoky Lake

Seniors & Continuing Care PAC

- Join the healthcare conversation. Learn how AHS is improving the quality, access and sustainability of seniors and continuing health care services across Alberta.

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

COVID-19 in Alberta

Read the COVID-19 Update

Bivalent Vaccine Now Available Province Wide for Eligible Albertans

The Moderna Bivalent BA.1 vaccine is now available province wide as an additional booster dose option for Albertans 18 years of age and older.

Albertans are encouraged to receive their Bivalent BA.1 vaccine booster dose at a pharmacy. If their local pharmacy is not listed in the booking system, Albertans can contact the pharmacy directly or visit [Alberta Blue Cross](#) to find a pharmacy near them offering this vaccine option. Appointments may also be available at AHS clinics and can be booked [online](#) or by calling 811.

We encourage all staff to get their influenza immunization and — if they are eligible — a COVID-19 bivalent booster dose at the same time. Health Canada approved Pfizer's new bivalent COVID-19 vaccine October 7, which will be eventually offered at WHS clinics along with the Moderna bivalent product that will be available as soon as the WHS immunization clinics commence next week.

It is recommended to wait at least five months after last dose, and at least five months after a COVID-19 infection before receiving the Bivalent BA.1 vaccine booster dose. This vaccine triggers a stronger immune response and provides additional protection against both Omicron and the original SARS-CoV-2 virus strain.

Exercise Caution in Common Areas

Many individuals are returning to AHS sites either on a part-time or full-time basis, or to attend in-person meetings. When using common spaces such as break rooms, meeting rooms, or washrooms, these simple practices can help ensure the health and safety of yourself, and others around you.

- Continuously mask.
- Practise hand hygiene.
- Be respectful of physical distancing requirements and the personal comfort of others.
- Make virtual meeting options available.
- Avoid attending in-person if you don't feel well.
- Regularly wipe down high-contact areas, such as doorknobs, drawer pulls, coffee pots and appliance handles.

While in common spaces, AHS staff can host and attend in-person meetings provided the above guidelines remain in place. Food may be consumed, provided all attendees continue to follow the guidelines in the [Decorations, Costumes, Food, Celebrations and Donations Information Sheet](#). When consuming food and drink in a common meeting space, attendees may have their mask down provided there is adequate space to physically distance.

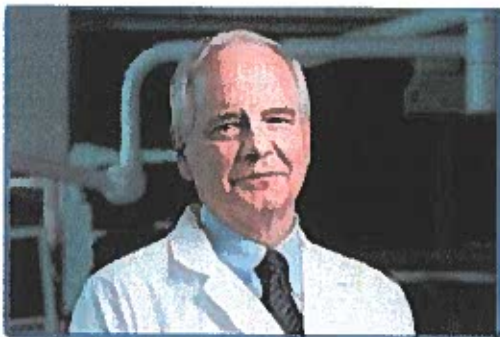
During an outbreak situation, facilities or units may add additional measures in common meeting spaces to ensure everyone's health and safety. Thank you for continuing to follow these guidelines as we enter the fall respiratory season and work to keep each other, and all Albertans, safe.

Be Well - Be Kind

Neurosurgeon Awarded Lifetime Achievement in Health

Dr. Keith Aronyk, the first specialty-trained pediatric neurosurgeon in northern Alberta, is the recipient of

treatments for conditions including brain injuries and tumours, stroke, epilepsy, Parkinson's disease and multiple sclerosis. Congratulations to Dr. Aronyk for his vision and commitment to the health of Albertans.



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.](#)

Harvest Celebration 2022 Raises \$650,000 in Support of the Lois Hole Hospital for Women

[Harvest Celebration](#) returned as an in-person event September 17th at the Enjoy Centre. The Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation extend a huge thank you to its donors, sponsors, partners, presenters, staff and artists who contributed to making Harvest Celebration such a huge success.

The 12th annual gala succeeded in raising \$650,000 for the Lois Hole Hospital for Women, and the event's 525+ guests even heard a special announcement.

The Honourable A. Anne McLellan, former Deputy Prime Minister of Canada, joined on stage by Tracee Pratt, Executive Director of the Lois Hole Hospital, shared the Lois Hole Hospital Women's Research Centre will henceforth be known as the "[Dale Sheard Centre for Solutions in Women's Health](#)," in recognition of the profound contributions of foundation Patron and former Chair of the Board, Dale Sheard. Please join in congratulating Dale on her much-deserved honour.



Mercedes-Benz Country Hills Hosts Event in Support of Calgary Health Foundation

On September 17th, Mercedes-Benz Country Hills hosted an exciting event featuring a fashion show and networking experience all in support of raising funds for the Newborns Need campaign. In total, over \$65,000 was raised for the [Calgary Health Foundation](#).

This is the second event that Mercedes-Benz has hosted where all proceeds directly went to supporting the expansion of the NICU at Foothills Medical Centre.



20,000 Smile Cookies Delivered to Grande Prairie Area Schools

20,000 students, teachers, and administration in the City and County of Grande Prairie received an extra smile delivered by hand, as the Sargent Family Foundation, Ken Sargent GMC, and Sean Sargent Toyota delivered [Tim Hortons Smile Cookies](#). Cookies also get delivered to municipal staff and the Grande Prairie Regional Hospital.

Sean Sargent, who delivers the cookies in his A-Team van, says it's one of the most looked forward to times of year on his calendar. This is the 10th year he has made the donation to kick off the Smile Cookie campaign.

Sargent says in addition to the feel-good factor the week of deliveries brings, where the money goes is equally as important. The \$20,000 from the sale goes to the Grande Prairie Hospital Foundation, which he hopes will make a difference in the lives of those who need the care most.



Wrapping Up

As we reflect on the Thanksgiving weekend we want to simply say how grateful we are for our staff, volunteers, physicians, foundations, Advisory Council members, and community partners. For your ongoing support of Alberta Health Services, we thank you.

With enduring gratitude and appreciation,

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The North Star

AHS North Zone Recruitment Update

What is The North Star?

Ensuring Albertans have access to healthcare in their community is of utmost importance to AHS.

Unfortunately, communities across the province, and particularly in Alberta Health Services' North Zone, have seen recent service disruptions due to staffing.

AHS makes every effort to secure staff and physician coverage before taking steps to reduce the number of beds or care spaces in any of our facilities.

Temporary reductions are only done as a last resort.

Reminder:

AHS & NADC Joint Bursary Partner Program

This unique bursary opportunity offered in partnership with Alberta Health Services (AHS) and the [Northern Alberta Development Council](#) (NADC) allows you the chance to not only fund your education, but also experience the fantastic lifestyle that Northern Alberta has to offer.

North Zone is a complex area, with 209 unique communities, 32 rural hospitals, and two regional hospitals.

Our goal is always to keep our sites operating as normal to ensure that patients receive safe quality care where and when they need it.

AHS has a dedicated team in place focused on implementing solutions to support recruitment efforts across the province.

We have created this Recruitment Update – *The North Star* – to share our efforts, our successes, our plans, and to collaborate with our communities in recruiting and retaining healthcare professionals.

This bursary partnership program will match between \$1,000 and \$3,000 per student – to a potential total of \$6,000 per year. Successful applicants must be able to sign separate Return of Service Agreements from both AHS and the NADC.

How to apply

Please complete the [application form](#), attach a copy of your resume, and email it to youth.careers@ahs.ca before 11:59 p.m. Sept. 30, 2022.

 [More info HERE](#)

Resource: Websites

Rural healthcare positions, posted on the [AHS Careers Site](#)

AHS & NADC Joint Bursary Partner [Program](#)

[Student Work Experience](#)

Rural Health Professions Action Plan ([RhPAP](#))

Upcoming events

Sept. 30: AHS/NADC Joint Bursary deadline

Oct. 4-6: RhPAP Rural Community Conference

TBD: Wabasca Community Engagement event (Topic: Recruitment & Retention)



The North Star

Employee Profile

Barrhead Audiologist

When Shaheed Murji was a child, a hearing assessment changed his life and brought him the interventions that allow him to hear today. However, knowing that a newborn screening could have made his path easier, Murji decided to pursue a career that would allow him to bring that help to others.

As an audiologist at the Barrhead Healthcare Centre, Murji provides newborn hearing screenings and hearing assessments for children and adults in Barrhead and Slave Lake. Having this vital service in the North makes it more accessible to families in the area and helps in catching hearing issues early.



Murji spoke with an AHS videographer earlier this year about his passion for his work, how his life experiences help him connect with patients, and how **moving from the city to a small town has brought him a sense of community and a more peaceful life.**

To find out more about newborn hearing screenings: Alberta Health Services' [Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program](#).

➤ **Shaheed's Video:** [LINK](#)



Career Profile

Diagnostic Sonographer

Diagnostic sonographers use high frequency sound waves to produce quality diagnostic images for a variety of

ultrasound procedures. Ultrasound technology safely and non-intrusively examines many parts of the body including organs in the abdomen, breast, uterus and ovaries, prostate gland, heart and blood vessels.

Diagnostic sonographers use their independent judgement and expertise to adapt and record the procedure as required. They write a preliminary interpretation of the procedure findings to the reporting physician, who in turn speaks with the patient.

➤ **More about becoming a [diagnostic sonographer](#)**

AHS' Northern Incentives

The Northern Incentives Program is comprised of non-pensionable allowances tailored uniquely to employees whose work sites fall within specific geographic areas in Northern Alberta.

More info [HERE](#).

The North Star

AHS North Zone Recruitment Update

In AHS' North Zone



11,000+
Employees



503 Physicians



22 Rural Students
(Fall 2022)



353,000+
Emergency Dept
visits/year



Community Profile

High Prairie

The High Prairie Health Complex opened to the community in the spring of 2017, boasting a brand-new, state-of-the-art facility with 30 acute care beds, and 67 continuing care beds. The complex provides a full range of healthcare services, including 24-hour emergency services, acute care, long-term care, and home care, as well as diagnostic, laboratory, and rehabilitative services.

Approximately a three hours' drive northwest of Edmonton, High Prairie is located within Alberta's Big Lakes County.

True to the county's name, this community is close to several lakes for recreation and leisure, including the Hilliard's Bay Provincial Park area on the northwestern shore of Lesser Slave Lake. Fishing is a popular pastime, with the annual "Golden Walleye Classic" fishing tournament taking place in Lesser Slave Lake.

Families with school age children have Public and Catholic school options for Kindergarten through grade twelve.

Northern Lakes College has campuses in nearby [Slave Lake](#) and Grouard, and offers a variety of post-secondary programs including Licensed Practical Nurse, Health Care Aide, and training for various trades.

From drama to dance, cooking classes to cribbage, there are social and cultural clubs for all age groups and interests. There are a range of sports facilities for recreation; including an ice arena, curling rink, ball diamonds, tennis courts, and rec centre with an indoor pool. Horseback riders, including the local 4-H club can use the arena at the Agriplex and equine centre — that is, when it's not being used for the annual amateur and pro rodeo event.

If you desire to live and work in a family-friendly community with a relaxed lifestyle and easy access to lakeside recreation and outdoor experiences, High Prairie could be just what you're looking for.

 [More info about High Prairie **HERE**](#)

EARN AS YOU LEARN

Get trained to be a certified Health Care Aide



Alberta Health Services (AHS) offers a training program for people to become certified Health Care Aides in rural and remote areas. Students in the program will have the opportunity to 'earn' as they work towards completing their Health Care Aide certification from a post-secondary college. Throughout the program, students will receive support, training and mentorship from a professional team of nurses.

The program's length is approximately 12 months and costs of tuition are covered by AHS. To be accepted into the program, people will need to commit to working in the position for 24 months at the time of hire.

Where is the training provided?

Training is provided virtually and in-person at AHS sites. Students in the program may need to complete assignments outside of their work hours.

Who can apply?

People who are proficient in English and living in rural and remote areas can apply. Applicants do not need a certification or prior healthcare experience to apply.

How do I apply?

The first step is applying to a full or part-time Health Care Aide position with AHS. Upon being hired, people will be asked for their interest in the program, which accepts students monthly. Discover open positions in your area, visit ahs.ca/Careers.

Why apply?

The program is a unique opportunity for people who are interested in starting a career in healthcare, which can be extremely rewarding. As a Health Care Aide in the program you will:

- Make a difference in the lives of patients and families and also communities
- Get paid while earning a certification
- Be supported by a team of people and healthcare professionals
- Have opportunities to grow your career
- Get great benefits.

What do Health Care Aides do?

HCAs are valuable members of healthcare teams, which include nurses, physicians and other professionals.

They spend much of their time working directly with patients, helping them with daily activities that are important to their health and well-being.

HCAs work in many different settings and with people of all ages.

Learn more: Search *Health Care Aide* on [AHS.ca](https://ahs.ca)

HCA Experience



"Every day I get to have an impact on peoples' lives while I earn my certification as a Health Care Aide."

Patient Experience



"I feel supported by my healthcare team. They are professional, educated and compassionate."



For more information, contact HCA.info@ahs.ca



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Recruitment Campaigns

ICU and Emergency

HIRING CRITICAL CARE NURSES

You can change lives in the most crucial moments.





Intensive Care Units (ICU) and Emergency Rooms (ER) across Alberta are looking for talented, compassionate, and skilled nurses to join their teams. At Alberta Health Services, you can make an impact every day, while receiving among the highest rates of pay in Canada. Find opportunities in cities and towns throughout the province. Click the links below to view current openings:



BECOME A HEALTH CARE AIDE AT AHS

What are Health Care Aides?
Health Care Aides are a familiar face and trusted members of the community, supporting patients with feeding, hygiene, and mobility to maintain their comfort, safety and dignity.

Earn as you learn!
You can "earn as you learn" by enrolling with the AB Health Care Aide Directory and completing an online Health Care Aide program and certification within your first 18 months of employment. AHS funding may be available to support you with tuition.

This is a unique opportunity to grow your career and make the most of every day. Northern Lakes College, NorQuest, and other schools have on-line Health Care Aide programs. Visit their websites for support with the admission process.

*Criminal record check and/or Vulnerable Sector Search is required.



To apply:

Visit careers.ahs.ca or scan the QR code and search for position AL0001034



For any questions, email hr@ahs.ca

Uncertified Health Care Aide (HCA)

Launched in September 2022.

The program aims to grow the HCA workforce while alleviating pressure to orientate, assess and train uncertified HCAs, particularly those in rural and remote areas.

Recruitment events AHS attended -- September

- Career Events University of Lethbridge: AHS BScN Info Session
- County of Grande Prairie Job Fair
- Medicine Hat College 4th year BScN Information Session
- Halifax Universities Career Fair
- MacEwan University: AHS RPN Info Session
- Red Deer Polytechnic: AHS BScN Info Session
- Keyano College: AHS BScN Info Session
- CPHR Conference
- Stettler Fall Employment Fair
- Whitefish Lake Career Event



The North Star

AHS North Zone Recruitment Update

Rural Engagement & Initiatives

This work is designed to strengthen partnerships with rural communities, to enhance and better support the rural healthcare workforce, and to better meet the unique needs of Albertans living in non-urban communities.

AHS leadership continues to join Health Minister Jason Copping at a series of engagement events this month and into October. In each community, events are being hosted for internal and community stakeholders who discuss three key questions:

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

Events were held in July across North Zone in Cold Lake, Slave Lake, Peace River, Grande Prairie, Whitecourt and Fort McMurray. Events were held this month in Bassano, Cardston, Claresholm, Stettler, Rimbey and Olds. Additional sessions are being held in Calgary, Airdrie, Red Deer, Edmonton, Canmore and Camrose.



A key takeaway from all the events to date has been appreciation for the staff at AHS facilities. Internal stakeholders praise their colleagues for their dedication, and community stakeholders consistently speak of the excellent care they receive when in an AHS facility or accessing an AHS program or service.

All participants continue to raise shortages of physicians and front-line caregivers as a key challenge impacting service delivery.

Overall, about 700 Albertans have participated in engagement sessions to date.

How can community members help?

Physicians and staff choose a community, and stay, because it feels like home.

Once arrived, new physicians, staff, and their families need support and connection to settle into their new environment.

Many communities help new hires and their families find housing. [RhPAP](#) also runs a housing program that can accommodate families in the short term.

Communities can invite the new recruits and their families to community events and/or host get-togethers or experiences for the newcomers to help connect them with other people.

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TO BUY OR TO RENT: THE HOUSING MARKET CONTINUES TO BE RESHAPED BY SEVERAL FACTORS AS CANADIANS SEARCH FOR AN AFFORDABLE PLACE TO CALL HOME

In 2021, 10.0 million households in Canada owned their home, which is more than at any point in the country's history. However, while the number continues to grow, Canadians overall were less

likely to own their home in 2021 (66.5%) than they were a decade earlier, when a record high (69.0%) were homeowners.

This follows a period of growth where the homeownership rate grew from 63.6% in 1996 to 68.4% by 2006.....[Read more](#)

INDIGENOUS POPULATION CONTINUES TO GROW AND IS MUCH YOUNGER THAN THE NON-INDIGENOUS POPULATION, ALTHOUGH THE PACE OF GROWTH HAS SLOWED

The 2021 Census counted 1,048,405 First Nations people living in Canada, marking the first time that the First Nations population surpassed the 1 million mark in a census.

While more than half (55.5%) of all First Nations people lived in Western Canada, Ontario had the largest number of First Nations people provincially (251,030), making up nearly one-quarter (23.9%) of the First Nations population in Canada. Meanwhile, one in nine First Nations people (11.1%) lived in Quebec, and 7.6% lived in Atlantic Canada. The remaining 1.9% of First Nations people lived in the territories.....[Read more](#)

WHILE ENGLISH AND FRENCH ARE STILL THE MAIN LANGUAGES SPOKEN IN CANADA, THE COUNTRY'S LINGUISTIC DIVERSITY CONTINUES TO GROW

Despite the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on arrivals to the country, immigration has continued to enrich Canada's linguistic diversity.

English and French remain by far the most commonly spoken languages in Canada. More than 9 in 10 Canadians speak one of the two official languages at home at least on a regular basis.

The 2021 Census also found that 4.6 million Canadians speak predominantly a language other than English or French at home (in other words, they speak this language most often at home, without speaking other languages equally often; see the box "Languages known and spoken: Understanding the concepts"). These individuals represent 12.7% of the Canadian population, a proportion that has been increasing for 30 years. By comparison, the proportion was 7.7% in 1991, when immigration levels were rising....[Read more](#)

Click [here](#) for more [analytical products](#), 2021 Census

HOUSING INDICATORS, 2021 CENSUS

This interactive chart is comprised of two visualizations which show statistics of housing outcomes for selected population groups in private households. The chart displays one of four housing indicators: affordability, core housing need, suitability and adequacy. The data table describes the population group's tenure status of household. Housing outcomes can be produced by making selections from the age, gender, characteristic, household type and geography dropdown menus....[Housing indicators, 2021 Census](#)

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Next Census release on October 26, 2022

- Immigration, place of birth, and citizenship
- Ethnocultural and religious diversity
- Mobility and migration

For more information about other releases, please click the following link: [2021 Census Release Dates](#)



UPCOMING WEBINARS

Statistics Canada is delighted to invite you to our **free** upcoming webinars.

- **2021 Census Webinar Series: Indigenous Peoples and Housing**
- **Accessing modern and historical census data**

2021 Census Webinar Series: Indigenous Peoples and Housing

On September 21, Statistics Canada released the fifth set of results from the 2021 Census of Population. This release explores the First Nations people, Métis and Inuit in Canada and Canada's housing portrait.

The census webinar will provide you with key information including:

- Concepts and definitions
- High-level national, provincial, and territorial findings
- Instructions on how to access data products and resources online

Following the presentation, Statistics Canada officials will be available to answer questions.

This is an **introductory** webinar; it may be too basic for advanced data users.

Language, Dates, Times, and Registration Links

- English: September 28, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Eastern Time

Self-Register: [English Webinar on September 28, 2022](#)

Accessing modern and historical census data

Are you interested in learning how to access modern and historic census data? Join a virtual presentation with the Statistics Canada Library as we learn about the tools, webpages, and resources that will help you with your census research.

In particular, you'll learn:

- How to access summary census information from 1665-2021
- How to find historic census returns
- Tips and tricks to find modern data

Language, Date & Time

- English, October 06, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST) / from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST)

[Register here](#). Space is limited.



EDUCATION TOOLKITS

In the coming weeks, Statistics Canada is releasing **new secondary and postsecondary census education toolkits** for the 2022–2023 academic year. These user-friendly toolkits are designed for use in secondary-school classrooms focused on civics or geography, and by CEGEP, college and university students looking to use census data in their research. Stay tuned!

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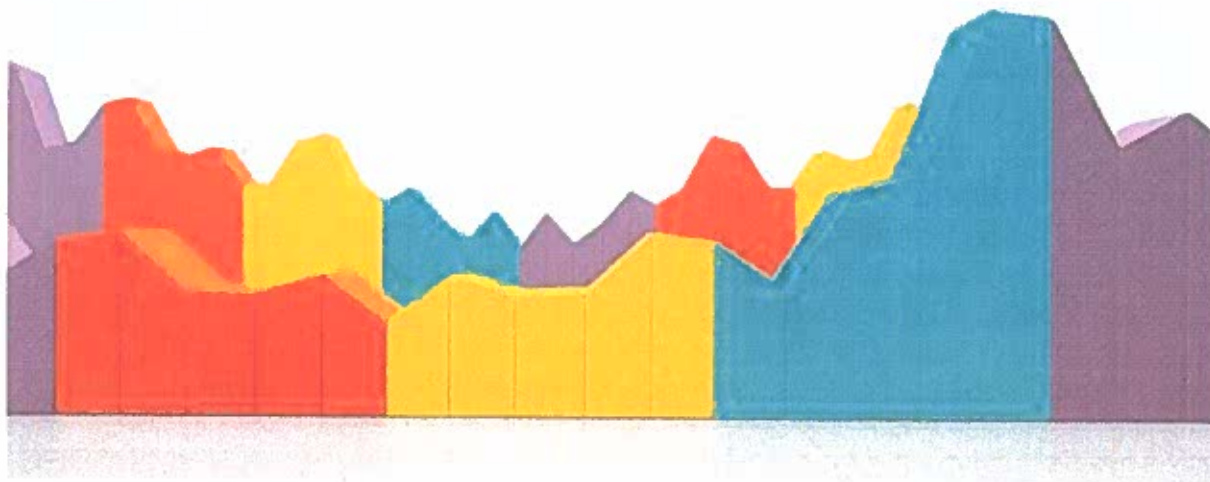
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HOUSING CONDITIONS AMONG FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE, MÉTIS AND INUIT IN CANADA FROM THE 2021 CENSUS

Approximately one in six Indigenous people (16.4%, or 295,745 people) lived in a dwelling that was in need of major repairs in 2021, down 2.7 percentage points from 2016.

Dwellings in need of major repairs include those that require major repairs such as defective plumbing or electrical wiring and those that require structural repairs to walls, floors or ceilings. Although Indigenous people were almost three times more likely to live in a dwelling in need of major repairs (16.4%) than the non-Indigenous population (5.7%) in 2021, the gap narrowed by 2.3 percentage points from 2016... [Read more](#)

Click [here](#) for more [analytical products](#), 2021 Census

DATA VISUALIZATION, 2021 CENSUS

The 2021 Census of Population collects data for the total population of Canada. As the amount of data gathered increases, data visualizations have been introduced to help people, business owners, academics, and management at all levels, understand key information derived from the data. Data visualization can be used to quickly communicate a message, to simplify the presentation of large amounts of data, to see data patterns and relationships, and to monitor changes in variables over time.

- [First Nations people, Métis and Inuit in Canada](#)
- [How the Census counts Indigenous People in Urban Areas](#)

Click [here](#) for more [data visualization](#)

VIDEOS

New videos available from the Data Literacy Training Initiative

- [Data ethics part 2: Ethical reviews](#)
- [Statistics 101: Statistical bias](#)

For the first time, the 2021 Census of Population included a question on Enrollment under an Inuit land claims agreement and one on membership in a Métis organization or Settlement. These questions will help to fill data gaps on Indigenous peoples.

- [Video - 2021 Census: New Indigenous content](#)

Click [here](#) for more [videos](#)

FOCUS ON GEOGRAPHY SERIES

Focusing on a selected geographic area, this product presents data highlights for each of the major releases of the 2021 Census. These data highlights are presented through text, tables and figures. A map image of the geographic area is also included in the product... [Read more](#)

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We will be presenting a 2021 Census of Population Webinar Series, which is based on our most recent census, held on May 11, 2021. The webinars will be presented after the [major data releases](#) scheduled between February 9 and November 30, 2022 and will share information on census concepts, data products, and resources available from the 2021 Census.

Please note: Advanced registration is required.

See below for more information:

2021 Census Webinar Series: Immigration, Ethnocultural & Religious Diversity, and Migration

Description:

On October 26, Statistics Canada will be releasing the sixth set of results from the 2021 Census of Population.

This release will focus on:

- Citizenship and immigration in Canada;
- Ethnocultural and religious composition of the population; and
- Mobility and migration

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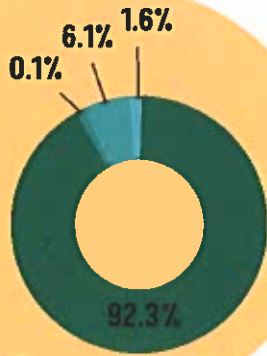
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2021 CENSUS LINGUISTIC PORTRAIT OF ALBERTA

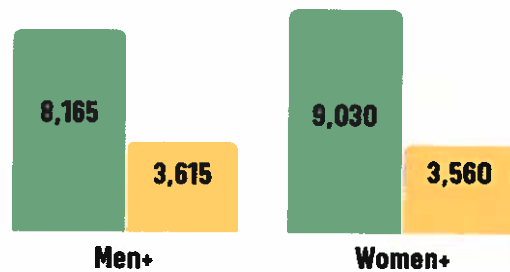
Indigenous mother tongue and Indigenous language spoken at home by gender

Knowledge of official languages

- English only
- French only
- English and French
- Neither English nor French



- Mother tongue
- Language spoken most often at home

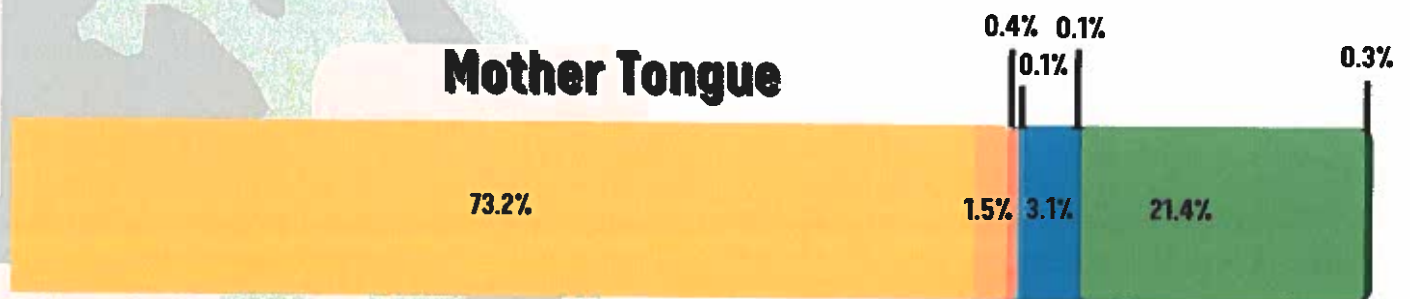


Top 2 non-official languages spoken most often at home in Alberta



■ Number of persons

Mother Tongue



- English
- French
- English and French
- English, French and non-official language
- English and non-official language
- French and non-official language
- Non-official language
- Multiple non-official languages

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021 Census of Population
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ALBERTA

2021 Census Profile
Indigenous peoples & Housing

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Total population in 2021: **284,470** Change: **+10.0%** Average age: **31.3 years**

	First Nations people	Métis	Inuk
Population count	145,640	127,470	2,945
5-year change	+6.6%	+11.5%	+17.8%
Average age	29.6	33.2	29.1

Note: % change rates for this period from 2016 to 2021 were not adjusted for incompletely enumerated reserves and settlements.

Indigenous Identity Population

	2016	2021
Indigenous Identity	258,640	284,470
Age - Under 15	29.1%	27.6%
Age - 65+	5.2%	6.7%

KNOWLEDGE OF AN INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE

11.3% of Indigenous peoples in AB reported knowledge of Indigenous languages

Note: Estimates may differ with population figures due to more attention than most by the incomplete enumeration of certain reserves and settlements.

HOUSING

HOUSING SUITABILITY

4.7% of housing in Alberta is considered not suitable

1 bedroom shortfall	2 bedroom shortfall	3 bedroom shortfall
59,345	12,170	4,740

DWELLING REPAIRS NEEDED

Regular maintenance

70.3%

Minor repairs
24.3%

Major repairs
5.5%



HOUSING TENURE

2016
2021

Owner	72.4%
Renter	27.0%
Dwelling provided by local government, First Nation or Indian band	0.6%
	0.6%

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Licence No.
Expiry Date: December 31, 2022
Type of Business: MARKET STYLE RETAIL STORE
Development Permit #

BUSINESS LICENCE

This is to certify that THE STAMPEDE BARN
Operating at 4917 50 STREET

This Certifies that the license holder may carry on business as described above within the Corporate limits of the TOWN OF ONOWAY unless this license be sooner suspended or forfeited. This license is issued to the License Holder and is accepted and held by the Municipal Corporation subject to any or all By-laws, rules and regulations that are now, or hereafter may be in force, respecting the same or the trade, business or calling, hereby licensed to be carried on.

TOWN OF ONOWAY
4812 - 51 STREET
ONOWAY, AB T0E 1V0
Phone: (780) 967-5338

Dated at: ONOWAY, AB
this 14 day of October 2022

Town Representative

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Licence No.
Expiry Date: December 31, 2022
Type of Business: 221310 - WATER SUPPLY
Development Permit #

BUSINESS LICENCE

This is to certify that **WATER PURE & SIMPLE**
Operating at **4911 49 STREET**

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TOWN OF ONOWAY
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Dated at: ONOWAY, AB
this 11 day of October 2022

Town Representative

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Alberta Beach

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October 20, 2022

Re: Alberta Beach Organizational Meeting

Council of Alberta Beach held their Organizational Meeting on October 18th, 2022. The results of their Organizational Meeting are as follows;

Mayor.....	Angela Duncan	angeladuncan@albertabeach.com
Deputy Mayor.....	Tara Elwood	taraelwood@albertabeach.com
Councillor.....	Debbie Durocher	debbiedurocher@albertabeach.com
Councillor.....	Kelly Muir	kellymuir@albertabeach.com
Councillor.....	Daryl Weber	darylweber@albertabeach.com

Committee Appointments:

- Alberta Beach Ag Society Agliplex Operations – Councillor Muir and Deputy Mayor Elwood as alternate
- Alberta Beach Ag Society Beachwave Park Operations – Councillor Durocher
- Alberta Beach Campground Advisory Committee – Deputy Mayor Elwood and Councillor Muir
- Alberta Beach Inter-municipal Development Plan Steering Committee – Mayor Duncan and Deputy Mayor Elwood
- Alberta Beach Library Board – Deputy Mayor Elwood
- Alberta Beach Museum & Archives – Councillor Durocher
- Alberta Beach Public Works Advisory Committee – Deputy Mayor Elwood and Councillor Muir
- Beachwave Park Stakeholders Committee – Councillor Durocher
- Community Futures Yellowhead East – Councillor Weber and Deputy Mayor Elwood as alternate
- Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC) – Deputy Mayor Elwood
- Emergency Advisory Committee – All Council members
- FCSS Trivillage Committee – Mayor Duncan
- Highway 43 East Waste Commission – Councillor Weber and Deputy Mayor Elwood as alternate
- Inter-municipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) Committee – Mayor Duncan and Deputy Mayor Elwood and Councillor Weber as alternate
- Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus – Councillor Weber
- Lac Ste. Anne Foundation – Councillor Weber and Deputy Mayor Elwood as alternate
- Lake Isle and Lac Ste. Anne Water Quality Management Society – Councillor Durocher
- Land Use Bylaw Review Committee – Mayor Duncan and Councillor Durocher
- Municipal Planning Commission – All Council members
- Onoway Regional Fire Services Steering Committee – Deputy Mayor Elwood
- Partners In Progress Committee – Mayor Duncan
- Regional Trail Master Plan Steering Committee – Deputy Mayor Elwood and Councillor Muir
- Ste. Anne Recreational Lake Use Committee (SARLUC) – Councillor Muir and Councillor Weber
- Ste. Anne Regional Municipalities (SARM) Committee – Mayor Duncan and Deputy Mayor Elwood and Councillor Weber as alternate
- Sturgeon River Watershed Alliance – Mayor Duncan
- Trivillage Regional Sewage Service Commission – Mayor Duncan and Councillor Muir
- 1WAG (Watershed Action Group) – Councillor Durocher
- West Inter Lake District (WILD) Water Commission – Mayor Duncan and Councillor Durocher as alternate
- Yellowhead Regional Library Board – Deputy Mayor Elwood and Mayor Duncan as alternate

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