



**Council Policies and Priorities Committee
Regular Meeting Agenda
For Monday, March 6, 2023, at 1 p.m.
to be held in the Council Chambers,
Town Office at 4512 – 46 Street Olds, AB**

This Council Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting will be conducted in Council Chambers at the Municipal Office at 4512 – 46 Street in Olds, with the public body present at meeting location and will be live streamed out via the Town of Olds website.

Chair Deputy Mayor – Councillor Daley

1. Call To Order

1A) Added Items

1B) Adoption of the Agenda

2. Adoption of Previous Minutes

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8. CAO Report

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9. Adjournment

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

Media Scrum: any questions arising from the media can be sent to communications@olds.ca and they will be forwarded on to the person addressed.

CLOSED SESSION INFORMATION:

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POLICIES AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Date: March 6, 2023

Author: Marcie McKinnon, Legislative Clerk

Department: Office of the Chief Administrative Officer (OCAO)

SUBJECT: Adoption of Previous Minutes

COUNCIL DIRECTION

Accept the minutes as presented.

BACKGROUND

The minutes from the February 6, 2023, Committee of Council Policies and Priorities meeting are being presented for Council's approval.

ATTACHMENTS

Council Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting Minutes of February 6 2023.

Minutes of the Town of Olds Council Policies and Priorities Committee meeting that was held on Monday, February 6, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, at the Town of Olds Municipal Office, 4512 – 46 Street, Olds, Alberta with the public body present.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

In the Chair, Deputy Mayor Darren Wilson
Mayor Judy Dahl, Councillor Wanda Blatz, Councillor James Cummings, Councillor Dan Daley, Councillor Heather Ryan, and Councillor Harvey Walsh.

ABSENT– ELECTED OFFICIALS:

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Acting Chief Administrative Officer, Director Sheena Linderman, Director of Operations, Scott Grieco and Director of Protective Services, Justin Andrew and Marcie McKinnon, Legislative Clerk.

1. Call To Order

Deputy Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

1A) Added Items

Nil

1B) Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Blatz, “to accept the Council Policies and Priorities Committee agenda, as presented.”

Motion Carried PP23-01

2. Adoption of Previous Minutes

2A) Policies and Priorities Committee Minutes

Moved by Mayor Dahl, “to accept the Policies and Priorities Committee minutes for the Monday, December 5, 2022, meeting, as presented.”

Motion Carried PP23-02

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

None brought forward.

4. Presentations and Delegations

4A) Youth Advisory Committee (YAC)

Davina Merritt, Holden Murray, Colvin Hallett, Aza Korver, Keiara Lewis, and Nicole Zumbuehl members of the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) presented Council with an update on what committee has been working on since inception.

Council thanked the committee for their work in the community and look forward to working with them on future projects.

(Photo Opportunity - YAC and Council Members)

Moved by Councillor Daley, “that Council accept the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) update as presented.”

Motion Carried PP23-03

5. Reports / Statistics

5A) RCMP Quarterly Report

S/Sgt. Wright was in attendance and presented the RCMP quarterly report as contained in the agenda package with attention brought to the correspondence on the annual policing priorities for 2023-2024 and required response.

Moved by Councillor Ryan, "that Council accept the RCMP Quarterly report as presented."
Motion Carried PP23-04

5B) Operations & Capital Projects Update

Director Grieco provided Council with the quarterly report for Operations and Capital projects as contained in the agenda package.

Moved by Councillor Blatz, "that Council accept the Operations & Capital Projects Update as presented."

Council Walsh requested the comparisons chart include the billed rate.

Motion Carried PP23-05

6. Bylaws and Policies Review

6A) Council Policy 114C Proclamations

Moved by Councillor Daley, "that Council accept for information the Council Policy 114C Proclamations as presented and direct the CAO to bring back to a future regular council meeting."
Motion Carried PP23-06

6B) Bylaw 2023-06 - Community Standards Bylaw

Moved by Councillor Cummings, "that Council instruct Administration through the CAO to prepare a Request For Decision for presentation at the next council meeting to create an Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole to review the Community Standards Bylaw."
Motion Carried PP23-07

7. New Business

Nil

8. CAO Report

CAO Williams was away; no report was given in his absence.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Daley, "that this meeting be adjourned at 2:42 p.m."
Motion Carried PP23-08

Darren Wilson,
Deputy Mayor

Brent Williams,
Chief Administrative Officer

These minutes were approved on the day of March 2023.



POLICIES AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Date: March 6, 2023

Author: Heather Dixon

Department: Community Services - FCSS

SUBJECT: Delivery Change of FCSS

COUNCIL DIRECTION

Accept for information and/or provide direction to administration and bring back to a future regular council meeting.

BACKGROUND

Information for council on possibility of utilizing the FCSS budget to service our community through a different style of delivery.

ATTACHMENTS

Power Point Presentation

P&P Meeting

Olds Community Connection Centre

March 6, 2023



What is FCSS?

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- 80/20 Financial Partnership between Government of Alberta & municipalities and Metis Settlements
- Inception was in 1966
- Meant for designing and delivering social **preventative** programs to improve the well being of individuals, families and communities
- Recognized by communities across Alberta





Ministry of Seniors, Community and Social Services 2023-2025 Provincial Priorities for Family and Community Support Services

Homelessness
and housing
insecurity

Mental Health
and Addictions

Employment

Family and sexual
violence across
the lifespan

Aging well in the
community

Strategies

- Promote and encourage active engagement in the community
- Foster a sense of belonging
- Promote social inclusion
- Teach how to develop and maintain healthy relationships
- Enhance access to social supports; and
- Develop and strengthen skills that build resistance

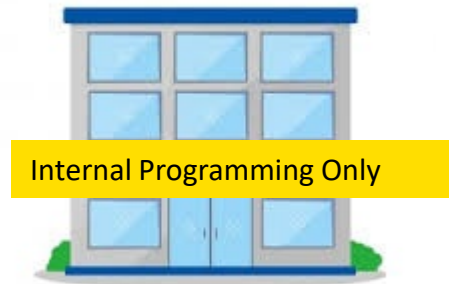
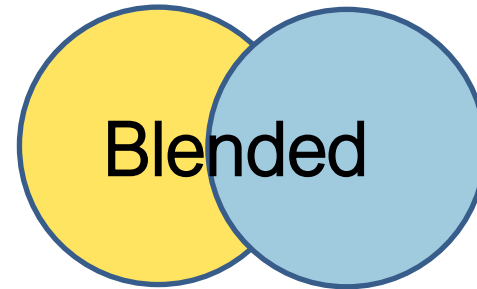
Local Programming and Outcome
Measures Reporting





Models of FCSS Program Delivery

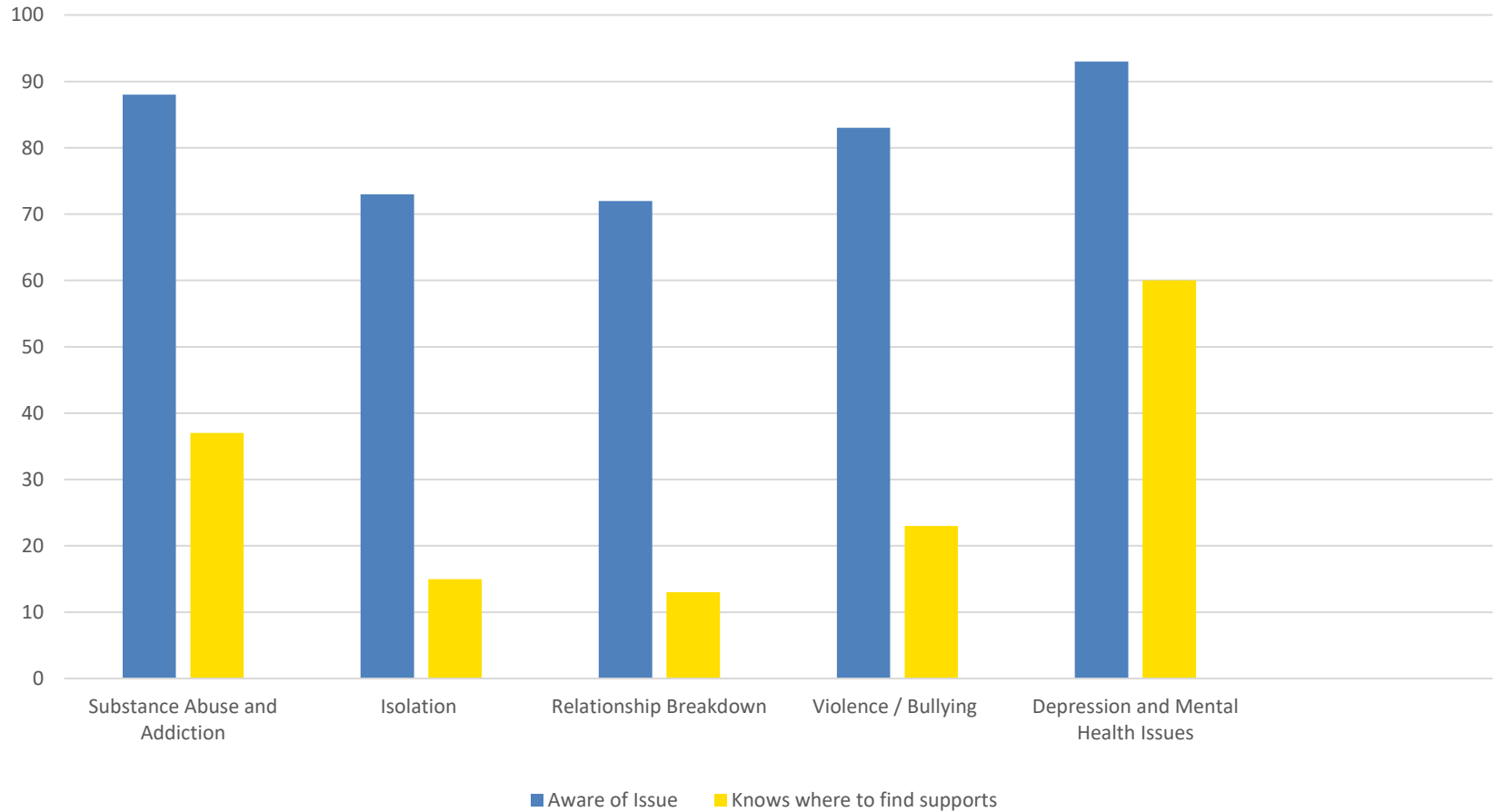
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Mini Community Needs Assessment

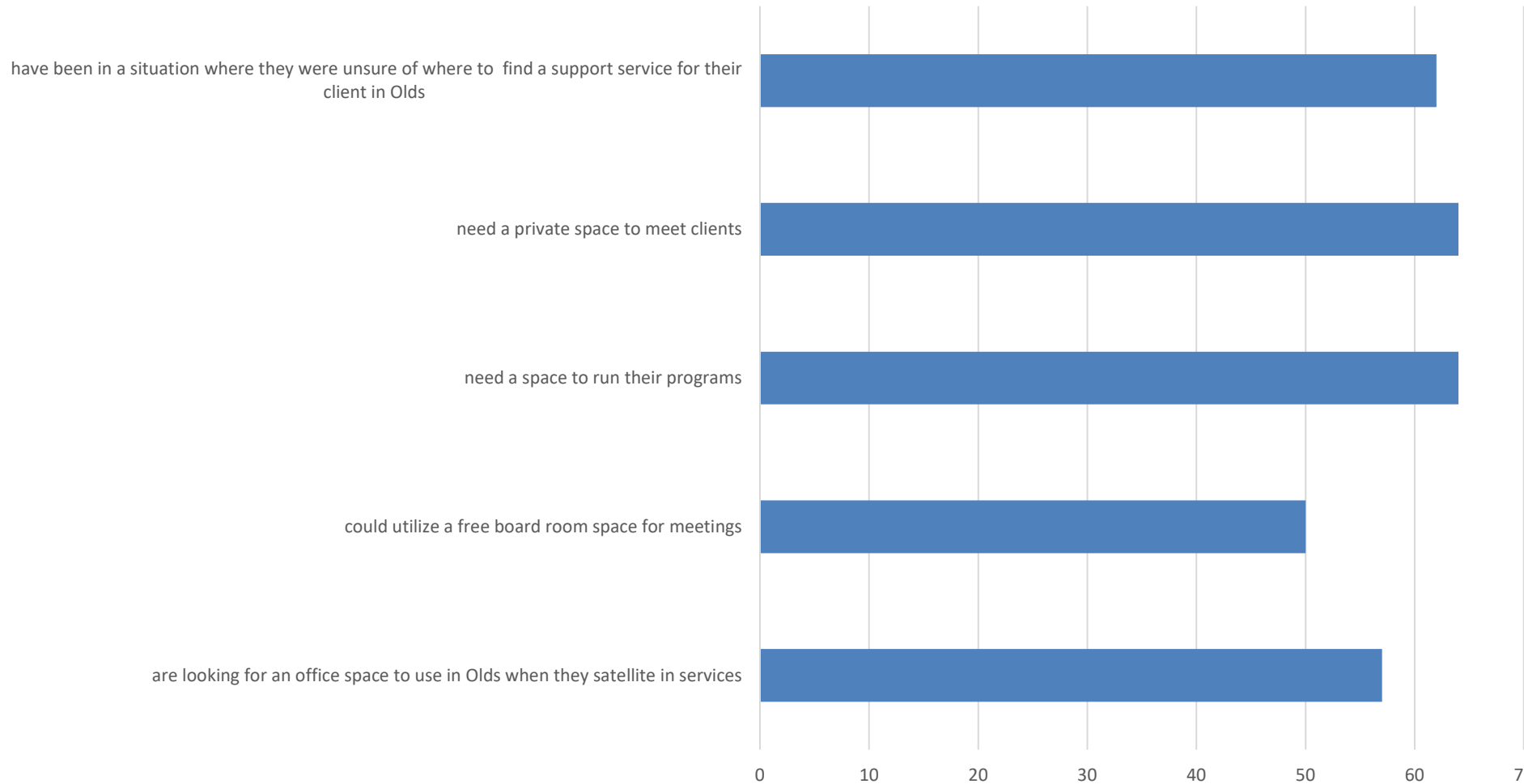
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Local Agency Feedback

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Olds Community Connections Centre

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Financial Impact¹⁴

External Grants

Support In Kind to Organizations

Internal Programs

Set Costs

Lease, Utilities & Repairs







Questions?



POLICIES AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Date: March 6, 2023

Author: Sandra Blyth - Economic Development Officer

Department: Office Of the CAO

SUBJECT: Town of Olds Economic Development

COUNCIL DIRECTION

Accept for information and/or provide direction to administration and bring back to a future regular council meeting.

BACKGROUND

Presentation to Council P & P on Town of Olds Economic Development – Update

ATTACHMENTS

Presentation attached.

Economic Development

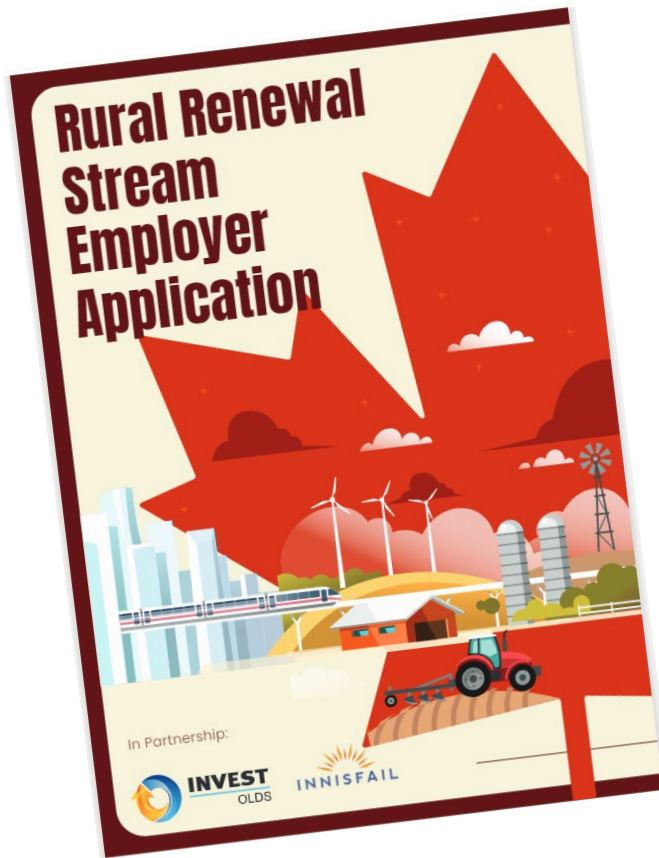
Building the Next Generation Economy

Presented by: Sandra Blyth, Economic Development Officer

Date: March 6, 2023



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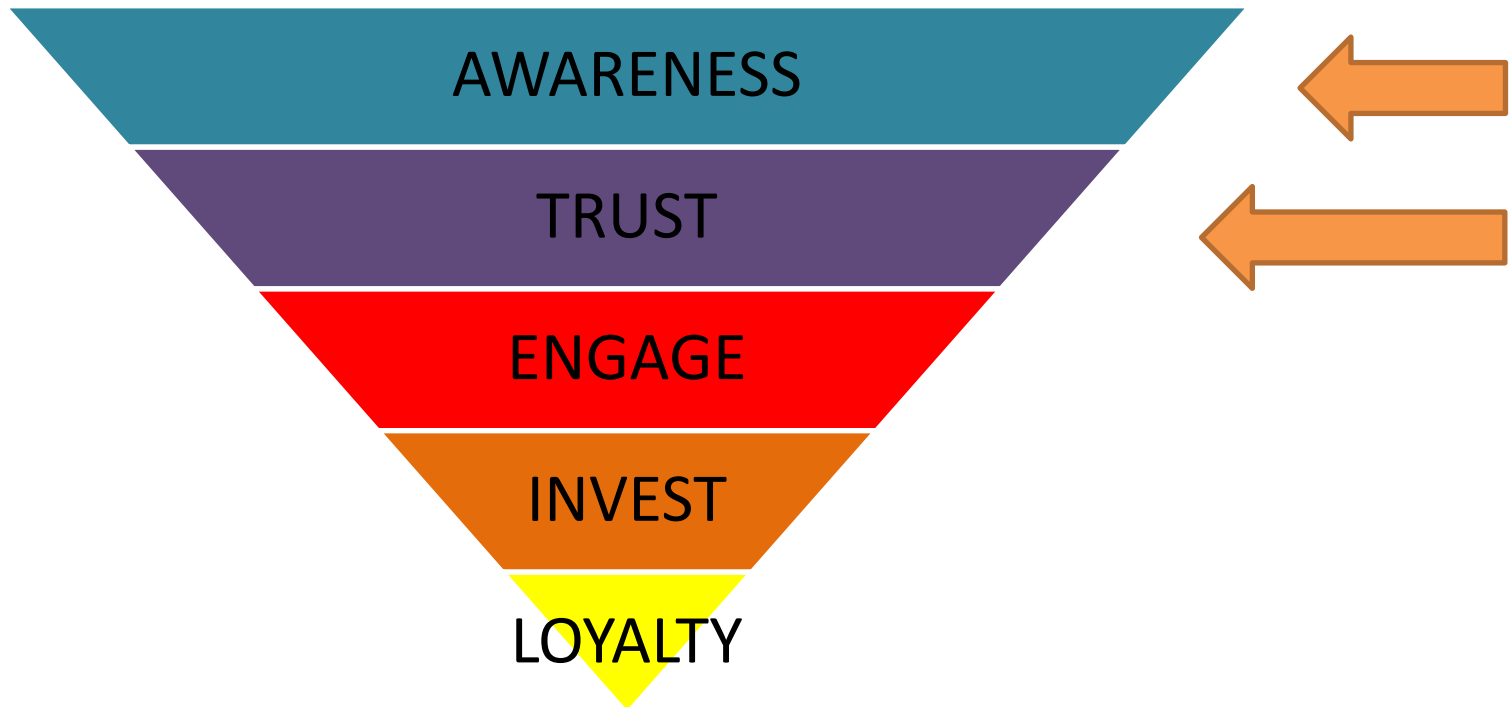


Alberta Advantage Immigration Program

- Partnership with Innisfail
- Process to be defined with Innisfail's Community Partnership for processing application forms.
- Application form designed to meet our criteria
- 10 businesses provided form
- Website will house all resources for the program from how to apply to how to serve the needs of the immigrant worker when they arrive.

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INVEST OLDS SALES FUNNEL



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30 SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS LINKEDIN AND FACEBOOK

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- Alberta Women's Economic Recovery and Capital Growth Initiative
- Thrive Agri-food Academy

EMPLOYMENT

- Free walk-in employment sessions
- Rupertsland Institute for Metis Workers

MARKETING

- Yummy Indian Cuisine
- Quesada
- Pizza 73
- Mystic Rocks



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CAPITAL

- Canadian Agricultural Loans Act Program
- Tourism Business and Municipalities Product Development Fund
- Jobs and Growth Fund
- Career Ready Program
- Cooperative Investment Fund

TRAINING

- Excellence in Manufacturing Certificate Program
- Apprenticeship Grant for Workmen

WORKSHOPS / EVENTS

- Manufacturing Expo
- Chamber Mingler
- Open Farm Days
- Procurement Assistance Canada
- Minimum Validation Series
- Workforce Strategies Summit
- Inventures
- Business Link
- Actively Caring for Safety

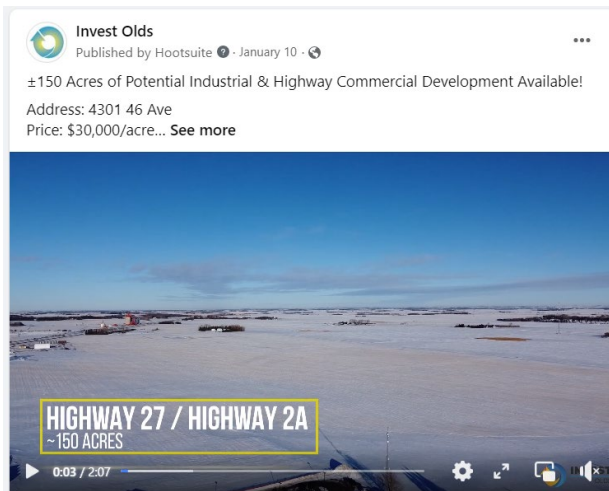
OTHER

- Travel Alberta survey.
- Olds College wins top 10
- Non-Residential Incentive

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AVAILABLE LAND & PROPERTY SALES

VIDEO PROMO #1



CAROUSEL PROMO #2

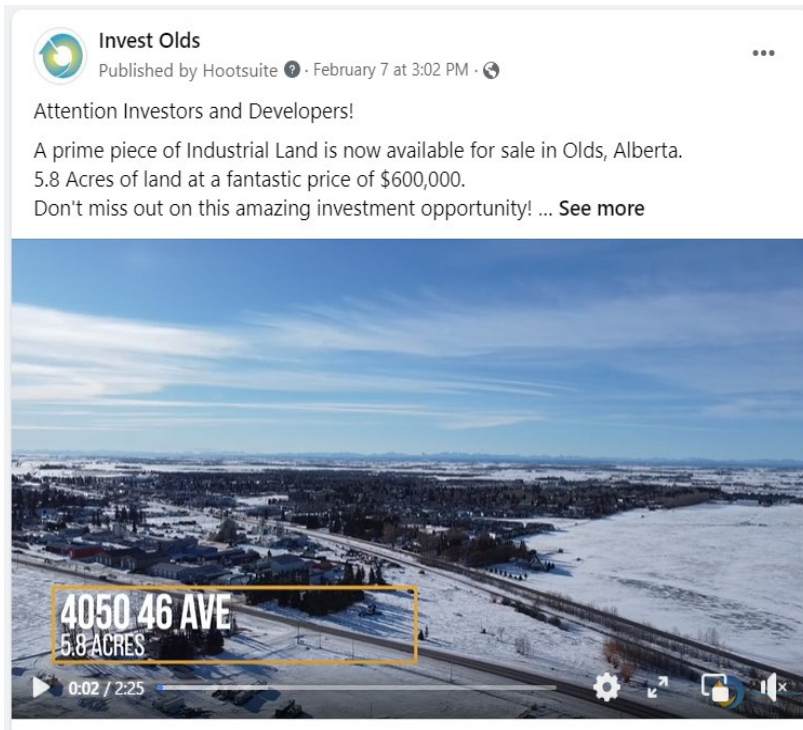


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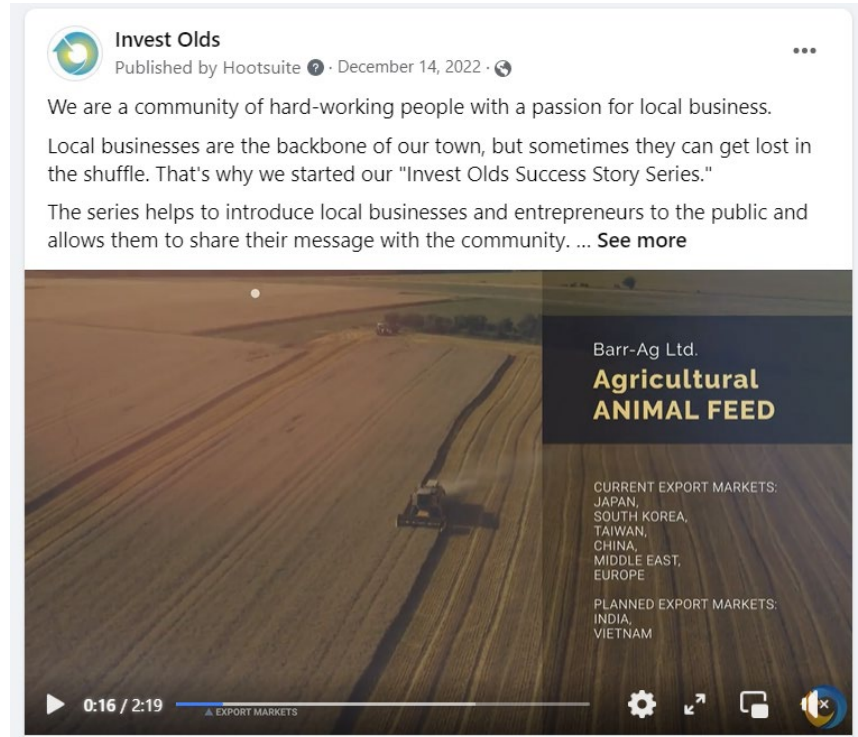


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VIDEO PROMO #1



VIDEOS - INDUSTRY



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TOP BUSINESS:

Exciting news for all the foodies out there! Quesada Burritos & Tacos has just opened its doors in Olds, Alberta, and we couldn't be more thrilled to have this popular Mexican restaurant chain in our town.

With a diverse menu of burritos, tacos, quesadillas, and other delicious Mexican dishes, Quesada is the perfect spot for a quick lunch or a satisfying dinner. The new location is conveniently located at 4702 52 Ave, making it an excellent option for a tasty meal on the go.... [See more](#)



TOP LAND:

Attention Investors and Developers!

A prime piece of Industrial Land is now available for sale in Olds, Alberta. 5.8 Acres of land at a fantastic price of \$600,000.

Don't miss out on this amazing investment opportunity! ... [See more](#)



TOP POSTS

Post Insights



Total Insights

See more details about your post. >

Post Impressions ⓘ

5,838

Post reach ⓘ

5,749

Post Engagement ⓘ

1,883

Post Insights



Total Insights

See more details about your post. >

Post Impressions ⓘ

1,030

Post reach ⓘ

917

Post Engagement ⓘ

101

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TOP BUSINESS:

Invest Olds posted this • 2w



Exciting news for food lovers in Olds: 5018 50 St! A new restaurant specializing in mouth-watering Indian cuisine is opening its doors. Come and taste the flavors of India and enjoy the warm ar ...show more

Discovery ⓘ

2,506
Impressions

Engagements ⓘ

| | |
|-----------|------|
| Reactions | 49 → |
| Comments | 4 → |
| Reposts | 1 → |

TOP LAND:

Invest Olds posted this • 1mo



±150 Acres of Potential Industrial & Highway Commercial Development Available!

...show more

Discovery ⓘ

1,088
Impressions

Engagements ⓘ

| | |
|-----------|------|
| Reactions | 18 → |
| Comments | 1 → |
| Reposts | 5 → |



TOP POSTS

Top demographics of people reached ⓘ

Job titles ▾

President · 39

Project Manager · 37

Owner · 31

Economic Development Officer · 19

Administrative Officer · 18

331
Views

256
Viewers

99.4
Minutes viewed

Top video viewer demographics ⓘ

Job titles ▾

Executive Director · 7%

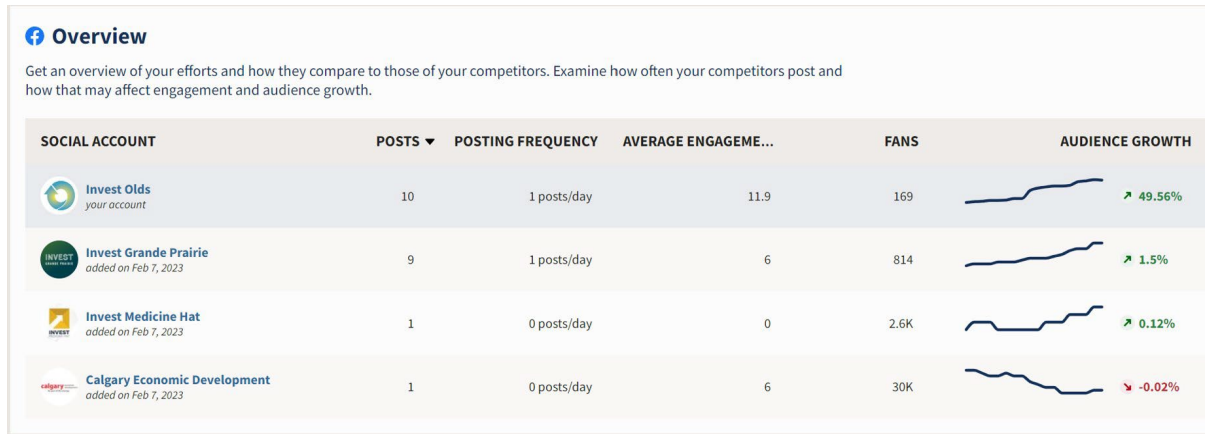
Business Strategist · 6.6%

Salesperson · 5.1%

Operations Specialist · 3.5%

Project Administrator · 3.5%

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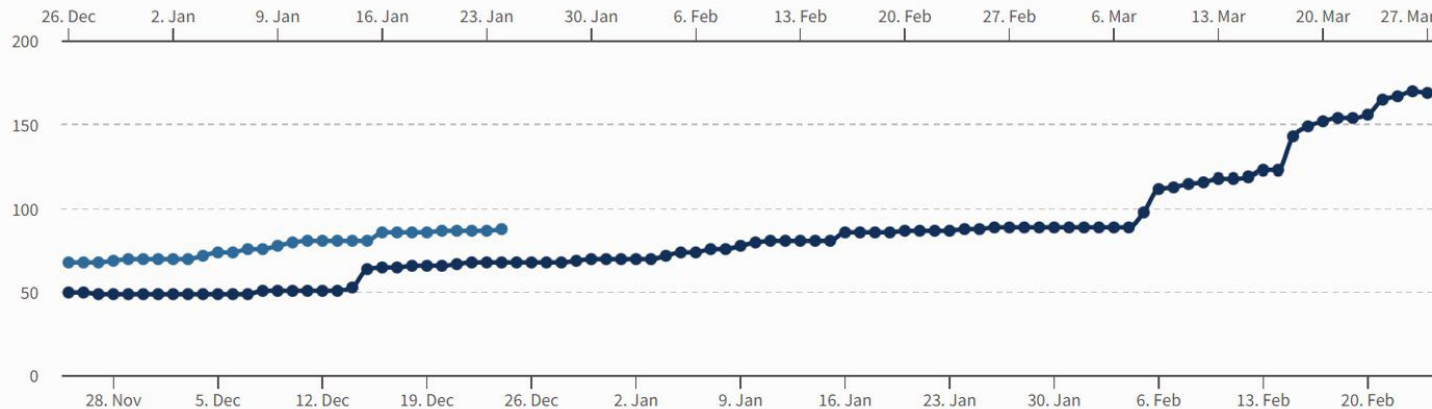


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▲ 92% from 88

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COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES



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PUBLICATIONS



INTERVIEWED

- Town of Olds / Invest Olds
- Springwood Developments (Cornerstone)
- Olds College of Agriculture & Technology



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| Email Campaign Report | |
|------------------------|--|
| Title: | Tourism E-Letter |
| Subject Line: | Stay Ahead of the Game: Get Vital Business Info with Invest Olds |
| Delivery Date/Time: | Wed, Jan 18, 2023 11:35 am |
| Overall Stats | |
| Total Recipients: | 75 |
| Successful Deliveries: | 70 |
| Bounces: | 5 (6.7%) |
| Times Forwarded: | 0 |
| Forwarded Opens: | 0 |
| Recipients Who Opened: | 35 (50.0%) |
| Total Opens: | 102 |
| Last Open Date: | 2/20/23 9:22AM |



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Q1 BUSINESS RETENTION, EXPANSION ENGAGEMENTS

| Q1 SERVICE REQUESTS | | # ENGAGEMENTS | ACTIVE |
|------------------------------------|----|---------------|--------|
| | | 26 | 21 |
| Starting Business / Business Plan | | | |
| Selling Business / Succession Plan | | | |
| Financial / Legal Advisement | | | |
| Workforce Development | 10 | | |
| Access to Capital / Grants | | | |
| Land / Property Requirements | 9 | | |
| Marketing | 13 | | |
| Regulatory | 3 | | |
| Other | | | |

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY & EXECUTION

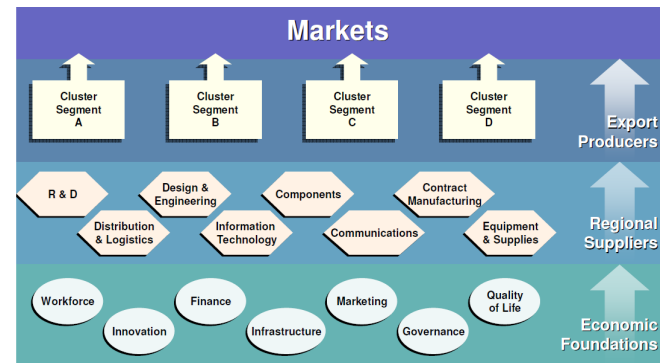
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**Analyze Ecosystem /
Economic Foundation**



2

Analyze Economic Drivers / Clusters



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY & EXECUTION

PROPOSED TIMELINE

MARCH – APRIL:

Resource preparation

APRIL – MAY:

Release RFP

Form BRE Teams

JUNE – JULY:

Commission Consultant

AUGUST- SEPTEMBER:

Finalize Survey Tool

Public Information Session

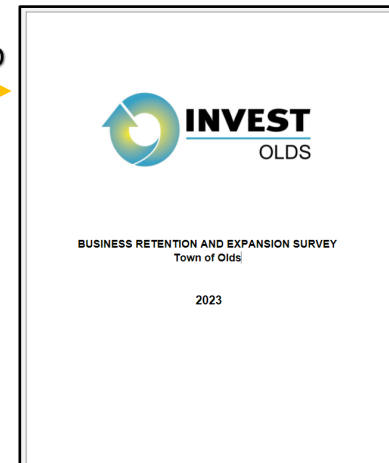
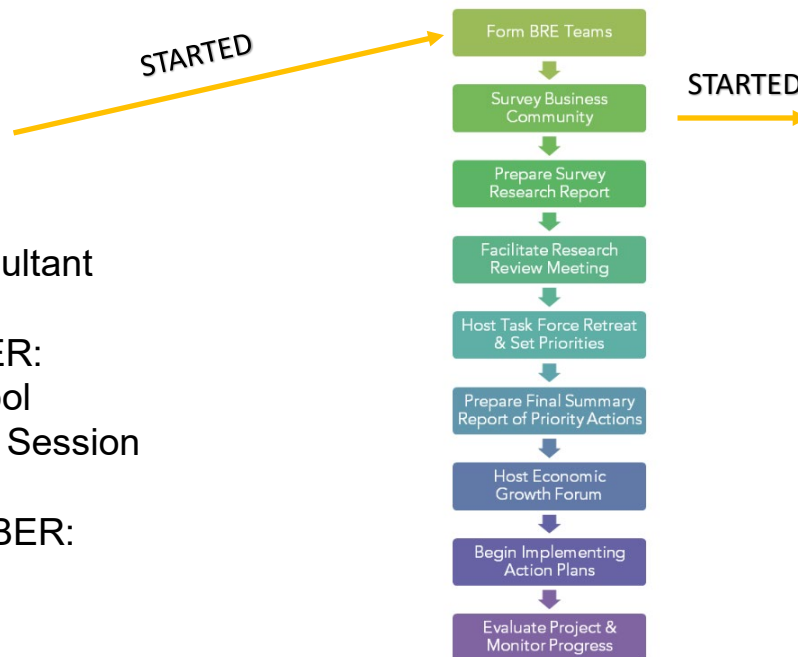
OCTOBER – NOVEMBER:

Conduct Survey

Analyze Ecosystem / Economic Foundation



BRE PROPOSED TIMELINE



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INVESTMENT READINESS

TECHNICAL READINESS TEAM (TRT) CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES & PROJECTS

| | PRIORITY | PROJECT CHARTERS APPROVED | PROJECTS ACTIVE | PROJECTS COMPLETED |
|-------|---|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1. | Ease for Navigating the System | | 1 | |
| 2. | Streamline Processes by Applying Automated Systems | 1 | 2 | |
| 3. | Demystify Processes, Policies and Procedures | | 1 | |
| 4. | Improve internal / external communications / awareness (remove silos and efficiently share information. | | 3 | 2 |
| 5. | Mitigate risk through applied confidentiality protocols and policies | | 1 | |
| 6. | Improve access to investment opportunities / land and property | | | 1 |
| 7. | Improve access to capital and equity investors | | | 1 |
| 8. | Incentivize Development | | 1 | 3 |
| TOTAL | | 1 | 9 | 7 |

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Business Attraction

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INVESTMENT ATTRACTION STRATEGY & EXECUTION

| INDUSTRY | GENERATED LEADS | ACTIVE LEADS | LANDED LEADS | ESTIMATED CAPEX | CLOSED LEADS |
|---|-----------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| CONSTRUCTION | 4 | 2 | 0 | ~\$50MM | 0 |
| AGRICULTURE | 0 | 1 | 0 | \$50MM | 0 |
| RETAIL | 1 | 0 | 0 | TBD | 0 |
| MANUFACTURING | 1 | 3 | 0 | \$1.4B | 0 |
| WASTE MANAGEMENT/ REMEDIATION | 1 | 0 | 0 | \$180MM | 0 |
| AAIP - IMMIGRANT ENTREPRENEURS | 9 | 1 | 1 | \$500K | 8 |
| TOTAL | 16 | 7 | 1 | ~\$1.68B | 8 |

Other

35

Q3-Q4 MEETINGS / EVENTS

| | LOCAL | REGIONAL | PROVINCIAL | NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL |
|-----|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| 1. | Ryon Agro | Didsbury EDO | Springwood Developments | Business View Magazine |
| 2. | Economic Secretariat | Olds College | Gov Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation Export and Investment Branch | Invest Canada |
| 3. | Chamber of Commerce Mix & Mingler | CAEP | ATCO | |
| 4. | SNDL | NAI Advent Realty | Government of AB Regional and Industry Relations | |
| 5. | Liberty Lands | Barr Ag | Fortis | |
| 6. | Awesome Storage | Mountain View County | AB Labour and Immigration | |
| 7. | Seniors Action Group | Innisfail EDO | Local Intel | |
| 8. | Fair Trade Olds | Smith & Griffith | Invest Alberta | |
| 9. | Kolbs Fine Meats | Sundre EDO | McElhanney Construction Engineering Co | |
| 10. | BG Canada | Carstairs EDO | WSP | |
| 11. | Olds Concrete | Regional Water Commission | | |
| 12. | Mystic Mountain Rock Shop | Care For Newcomers | | |
| 13. | | Chandos Construction | | |
| 14. | | | | |
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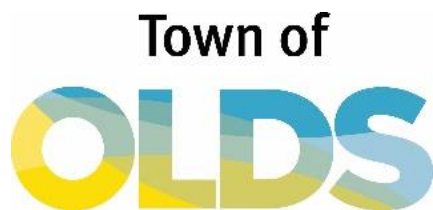
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Thank You





POLICIES AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Date: March 6, 2023
Author: Justin Andrew, Director of Protective Services
Department: Protective Services
SUBJECT: Community Standards Bylaw(s) Review

RECOMMENDATION

That Council recommend the consolidated Community Standards Bylaw be brought to a regular meeting for first reading.

BACKGROUND

Following February's P&P meeting, a recommendation was made to create an ad hoc committee of all of Council to review the CSB bylaw. After discussions internally, administration is asking that Council revisit that recommendation for several reasons:

1. P&P is essentially a policy review committee.
2. The CSB presented here and in February is a consolidation of existing bylaws, already approved by Council, with minimal changes.
3. Time is better spent when we review the service levels CSB imposes.
4. No budget dollars have been allocated to an ad hoc committee of this magnitude (i.e., CSB is a 50-page document and will take many hours to review).

The changes proposed will support municipal enforcement officers in carrying out their duties, while the consolidation is a first step to having a more robust service level discussion in the near future.

CONSOLIDATION PROPOSAL

The attached bylaw draft is a consolidation of 7 existing bylaws. There are 3 changes being proposed in addition to consolidation:

1. Removal of E-Scooters
 - Rationale: These are prohibited highway vehicles under Provincial regulations. The Town of Olds' bylaw is currently not in compliance.

2. Removal of 72-hour parking provision

- Although enforceable, this clause is too restrictive, as many people park on the road outside of their residence. Future amendments could deal with specific vehicle types and/or areas that prohibit long-term parking, as opposed to this blanket approach.

3. Addition of universal penalty schedules

- Many clauses in our current bylaws lack reference to fines, meaning there is no enforcement ability. Without specific consequences, bylaw and courts cannot enforce actions.

PROCESS

From administrations point of view, the ideal path forward is for Council to consider the 3 changes referenced above (approve or decline) and move this consolidated bylaw forward to a regular Council meeting. There are some limitations here, primarily due improper penalty schedules and references.

Then, as discussed previously, Council will be brought specific items to consider for (temporary but indefinite) service level decreases in our Municipal Enforcement regime to deal with some of the capacity issues we currently face.

LEGAL OPINION AND REVIEW

Correspondence between CAO and legal can be provided. It focuses primarily on the idea of enforceability. It is also important to remember that these individual bylaws have all been reviewed by legal, approved by Council, and have undergone public engagement.

Legal advises that bylaws concerning public safety (e.g., vicious dogs, traffic, town-cleared sidewalks) need to be enforced to avoid liability risk. However, bylaws that are not directly related to public safety (e.g., dogs at large, graffiti, parking, resident-cleared sidewalks) do not necessarily require enforcement, but having the ability to enforce is generally preferable to having no reference in the CSB.

SERVICE LEVEL REVIEW

As mentioned, the intention is to bring this forward at 2023 service level review for consideration and comparison to our existing ME capacity. But to provide context, the attached draft bylaw has highlighted several sections that are key service levels currently undertaken by ME.



Town of Olds

**TOWN OF OLDS
COMMUNITY STANDARDS BYLAW
2023-06**

***BEING A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF OLDS TO REGULATE NEIGHBORHOOD NUISANCE,
SAFETY AND LIVABILITY ISSUES (COMMUNITY STANDARDS BYLAW)***

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WHEREAS the *Municipal Government Act RSA 2000 C M-26* authorizes a municipality to pass bylaws respecting the safety, health and welfare of people and protection of people and property;

AND WHEREAS the *Municipal Government Act RSA 2000 C M-26* authorizes a municipality to pass bylaws regarding the remedying of contraventions of bylaws;

AND WHEREAS the *Municipal Government Act RSA 2000 C M-26* authorizes a municipality to pass bylaws respecting nuisances, including unsightly property;

AND WHEREAS the *Municipal Government Act RSA 2000 C M-26* authorizes a municipality to pass bylaws respecting wild and domestic animals and activities in relation to them;

AND WHEREAS the *Traffic Safety Act RSA 2000 C T-6* authorizes a municipality to pass bylaws with respect to Highways under its direction, control and management and the parking of vehicles on public and private property;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable for regulations which influence neighbourhood liveability to be located, as much as possible, in one bylaw; notwithstanding, Council has adopted various specific bylaws establishing community living standards.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Olds in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

BYLAW TITLE: This Bylaw may be cited as the “**Community Standards Bylaw**”.

PART ONE: INTERPRETATION

- 1.1. Nothing in this Bylaw shall be interpreted as conflicting with any Provincial or Federal legislation.
- 1.2. Where any provision of this Bylaw conflicts with any Provincial or Federal legislation, the Provincial or Federal legislation shall take precedence.
- 1.3. Nothing in this Bylaw relieves a Person from complying with any provisions of any Provincial or Federal legislation or regulation, other bylaw or any requirement of any lawful permit, order, or licence.
- 1.4. Any headings, sub-headings, or tables of contents in this Bylaw are included for guidance purposes and convenience only and shall not form part of this Bylaw.
- 1.5. All the schedules attached to this Bylaw form a part of this Bylaw.

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PART TWO: DEFINITIONS

"Animal" means any domesticated animal.

"Animal Material" means any excrement and includes all material accumulated on Property from pet pens or pet yards, stables, veterinary clinics, animal hospitals, kennels, or feed lots.

"Accessory Parking Pad" means an area providing for the parking of Vehicles and Utility Trailers but does not include a Driveway and is located on the same parcel of land.

"At Large" means an Animal that is not on a Leash, except:

- a. when the Animal is fully contained upon and within private Property with the consent of the Owner or Person in control of the Property;
- b. when the Animal is under control of the Owner or of a Competent Person and upon the Property of the Owner or within an Off Leash Area; or
- c. while the Animal is participating in an organized show or competition and under the control of a Competent Person.

"Attack" means any application of force by an animal causing an injury (Minor or Severe).

"Bee" means the insect *Apis Mellifera* L.

"Biological Waste" means the carcass and offal of an animal in whole or in part and includes animal or human excrement or manure.

"Bite" means an injury by teeth, including but not limited to, a bruise, a laceration, a puncture, or a bone break.

"Building" includes anything constructed or placed on, in, over or under land but does not include a highway or road or a bridge forming part of a highway or public road.

"Building Material" means material or debris which may result from the construction, renovation or demolition of any Building and includes, but is not limited to, wood, gypsum board, roofing, vinyl siding, metal, packaging material and containers of Building Material, gravel, concrete and asphalt and any earth, rocks and vegetation displaced during such construction, renovation, or demolition of any Building or other structure.

"Business Day" means the regular business days of the Town of Olds Office, excluding Statutory Holidays.

“Camper” means any portable structure designed to be loaded onto, or affixed to, the bed or chassis of a truck, capable of providing temporary accommodation for travel, vacation, or recreational use, includes but not limited to slide in campers, chassis-mounted campers, camper-van conversions, campers which are mounted on trucks, and trailers to carry them.

“Cat” means any domestic member of the Felidae family.

“Chief Administrative Officer” or “CAO” means the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town appointed by Council in accordance with the provision of the *Municipal Government Act*, or his/her designate.

“Communicable Disease” means diseases and zoonotic diseases that can pass from animal to animal.

“Community Container” or community bin means a large metal bin of a standard design and size for compostable purposes.

“Competent Person” means a Person who is physically and mentally capable of restraining and controlling a Dog or a Cat to an extent that the Dog or a Cat cannot interfere with other Persons or animals or cause Damage To Property.

“Coop” means a fully enclosed outdoor weatherproof structure used for the keeping of Urban Chickens meeting required structural specifications in the Land Use Bylaw.

“Council” means the Council of the Town of Olds.

“Damage To Property” means Damage To Property other than the Owner’s Property and includes Defecating or Urinating on such Property.

“Defecate” means to discharge waste matter from the bowels.

“Development Authority” means the Person, commission or organization authorized to exercise development powers and perform duties on behalf of the Town as referred to in Division 3 of the *Municipal Government Act*.

“Disabled Parking Zone” means a space or portion of a Highway or parking lot set apart and designated exclusively for the parking of a Vehicle bearing a valid disabled placard or licence plate issued or recognized by the Registrar of Motor Vehicle Services, and so marked with a sign or other marking authorized by the Town.

“Driveway” means a vehicle access route used on a parcel between the access point of a public roadway that leads to a garage or accessory parking area.

“Dwelling” means any Building or place including the land upon which the Building is located, which is occupied or used as a place of abode other than a hotel, restaurant, or apartment house.

“Dog” means a domestic member of the Canidae family.

“Façade” means the front of a dwelling, generally parallel to the street and usually includes the front entrance. The front Facade may be a different depth from the front property line on each side of the house, depending on the house design.

“False Alarm” means an alarm signal necessitating response where an emergency situation does not exist.

“Fight” means any confrontation involving violent physical contact between two or more people.

“Front Yard” means a yard extending across the full width of a parcel measured perpendicularly from the front boundary of the parcel to the front wall(s) of the main building situated on the parcel [see Schedule B].

“General Waste” means ceramic, rags, cast-off clothing, food containers, packaging, wood, ashes excepting those generated from incinerators, and other non-decaying materials not exceeding ten pounds in weight or four feet in any dimension.

“Garage” means an accessory building or part of a principal building designed and intended to be used for the storage of motor vehicles.

“Garbage” means any household or commercial rubbish including, but not limited to, boxes, cartons, bottles, cans, containers, packaging, wrapping material, paper, cardboard, food, discarded clothing or fabric and discarded household items.

“Graffiti” means the defacement or disfigurement of any Property or object, through the performance of any of the following acts:

- a. the application of any substance, including paint, ink, stain, or whitewash to any surface;
- b. the affixing of any form of adhesion that does not remove cleanly when pulled away from the applied surface; or
- c. the marking, scratching, etching or other alteration or disfigurement of any surface.

“Heat” means a recurring period of sexual receptivity in many female mammals.

“Heavy Vehicle” means a Motor Vehicle, alone or together with any Trailer or other Vehicle being towed by the Motor Vehicle, exceeding any of the following:

- i. 2 axels (excluding trailer);
- ii. 6.5 metres length (excluding trailer);
- iii. 9 metres in total length; or
- iv. a gross Vehicle weight of 4,540 kg.

“Hen” means a domesticated female chicken.

“Highway” means a highway as defined by the *Traffic Safety Act RSA 2000, C T-6* as amended. Including but not limited to:

- a. thoroughfare, street, road, trail, avenue, parkway, driveway, viaduct, lane, alley, square, bridge, causeway, trestle way or other place or any part of any of them, whether publicly or privately owned, that the public is ordinarily entitled or permitted to use for the passage or parking of vehicles and includes;
- b. a sidewalk, including a boulevard adjacent to the sidewalk;
- c. if a ditch lies adjacent to and parallel with the Roadway, the ditch; and
- d. if a highway right of way is contained between fences or between a fence and one side of the Roadway, all the land between the fences, or all the land between the fence and the edge of the Roadway, as the case may be.

“Ice Rink” or “Ice-Skating Rink” means a frozen body of water and/or hardened chemicals where people can ice skate or play winter sports.

“Impound” means to take possession of and arrange for the lodging of and caring for a Dog, or a Cat, at a facility contracted to the Town for that purpose.

“Including” means that when introducing a list of items, does not limit the meaning of the words to those items or to items of a similar kind.

“Landscaped Area” means an area of land made attractive and desirable using any or all of the following: grass, trees, shrubs, ornamental plantings, fences, walls, and associated earthworks; however, it shall not include areas occupied by garbage containers, storage, parking areas, or driveways.

“Land Use Bylaw” means the Town of Olds Land Use Bylaw and any amendment to the Land Use Bylaw.

“Leash” means a chain or other material capable of humanely restraining a Dog, or a Cat.

“Licence” means a Dog, Cat, or Urban Hen Licence issued by the Town to the Owner of a Dog, a Cat, or Urban Hen.

“Livestock” includes, but is not limited to:

- i. horse, mule, ass, swine, emu, ostrich, llama, alpaca, sheep, or goat;
- ii. domestically reared or kept deer, reindeer, moose, elk, or bison; farm-bred, fur-bearing animals including foxes and mink; animals of the bovine species;
- iii. animals of the avian species including chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, or pheasants; and
- iv. all other animals that are kept for agricultural purposes, but does not include cats, dogs, or other domesticated household pets.

“Load” means any Vehicle with anything put in, on, connected to, or hitched to the Vehicle for conveyance or transportation.

“Loiter” means to stand around or move slowly about without apparent purpose or action in a Public Place.

“Median” means a physical barrier or area that separates lanes of traffic traveling on a Highway.

“Minor Injury” means any physical injury to another domestic animal or a person, caused by a Dog, that results in bleeding, bruising, tearing of skin or any other injury that is not life-threatening, disfiguring or debilitating.

“Mobility Aid” means a device used to facilitate the transport, in a normal seated orientation, of a person with a physical disability.

“Moped” means a vehicle that is:

- (i) propelled by an electric motor or an engine that has a displacement of not more than 50 cubic centimeters; and
- (ii) a limited-speed motorcycle under the *Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations (Canada)* (C.R.C., c. 1038).

“Motorcycle” means a motor vehicle, other than a Moped, that is mounted on 2 or 3 wheels and includes those motor vehicles known in the automotive trade as motorcycles and scooters.

“Motor Vehicle” means:

- a. a Vehicle propelled by any power other than muscular power; or
- b. a moped;

but does not include a bicycle, a power bicycle, an aircraft, an implement of husbandry or a Motor Vehicle that runs only on rails.

“Noise” means sound which in the opinion of the Peace Officer, having regard for all circumstances, including the time of day and the nature of the activity generating the sound, is likely to unreasonably annoy or disturb persons or to injure, endanger or detract from the comfort, repose, health, peace, or safety of persons within the boundary of the Town.

“Nuisance” means in the opinion of the Peace Officer, any act or deed, or omission, or thing, which is, or could reasonably be expected to be annoying, or troublesome, or destructive, or harmful, or inconvenient, or injurious to another Person and/or their Property, but does not include Noise or inconvenience which results from commercial or municipal activities, reasonably conducted, which provides service to the community such as snow clearing or construction activities.

“Off Leash Area” means an area established, by resolution of Council, as being an area where a Dog, that is under the control of a Competent Person, is permitted with such Dog being off a Leash.

“Other Premises” means any Building or place, including the land upon which the Premises is located, which is occupied or used for:

- a. commercial or industrial purposes;
- b. government or institutional purposes; or

- c. an apartment house containing more than four Dwelling units.

“Owner” or “Owners” in respect to a Parcel of land means:

- a. a Person who is registered under the Land Titles Act as the Owner of a Parcel of land;
- b. a Person who is recorded as the Owner of a Property on the tax assessment roll of the Town;
- c. a Person who has purchased or otherwise acquired a Parcel of land, whether he has purchased or otherwise acquired the land directly from the Owner or from another purchaser, and has not yet become the registered Owner thereof;
- d. a Person holding himself out as the Person having the powers and authority of ownership of a Property or Premises or who for the time being exercises the powers and authority of ownership;
- e. a Person controlling a Property or Premises under construction; or
- f. a Person who is the occupant of a Property or Premises pursuant to a rental or lease agreement, licence, or permit.

“Owner” or “Owners” in respect to a Dog, Cat, Hen, or Rooster means:

- a. a Person, partnership, association, or corporation owning, possessing, or having control over a Dog, Cat, Hen, or Rooster;
- b. a Person permitting any Dog or Cat, to remain about his/her house or Premises;
- c. a Person whom a Dog, Cat, or Urban Hen Licence has been issued; or
- d. a Person who collects or assumes responsibility for a Dog, Cat, Hen, or Rooster that has been seized pursuant to the provisions of this Bylaw.

“Parcel” means the aggregate of the one or more areas of land described in a certificate of title or described in a certificate of title by reference to a plan filed or registered in a land titles office.

“Park” means allowing a Vehicle to remain stationary in one place, except:

- a. while engaged in loading or unloading passengers; or
- b. when complying with a direction given by a Peace Officer or traffic control device.

“Peace Officer” means:

- a. a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
- b. a Community Peace Officer appointed by the Solicitor General of Alberta; or
- c. a Bylaw Enforcement Officer employed by the Town.

“Person” means any individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, or society but unless the context otherwise requires, does not include the Town.

“Premises” means any land situated in whole or in part within the Town, including external surfaces of all Buildings and land immediately adjacent to any Building or Buildings and includes any land or Buildings owned or leased by the Town.

“Prohibited Animal” means any animal(s), as outlined in Schedule “C” contained in this bylaw.

“Projectile” means any object projected into space (empty or not) by the exertion of a force.

“Property” means any public or private land or Building located within the Town.

“Power Bicycles” means a vehicle that is a power-assisted bicycle under the *Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations (Canada) (C.R.C., c. 1038)*.

“Public Place” means any place within the Town to which the public may have either express or implied access Including, but not limited to, areas such as streets, sidewalks, pathways, trails, and any fixture or sculpture located in such area.

“Rear Yard” means a yard extending across the full width of a parcel measured perpendicularly from the rear wall(s) of the main building situated on the parcel to the rear property boundary of the parcel [see Schedule B].

“Recreation Vehicle” or “RV” means any vehicle or a trailer that is designed, constructed, and equipped, either temporarily or permanently, as a temporary accommodation for travel, vacation, or recreational use, includes but not limited to: motor home, travel trailer, tent trailer, or fifth wheel trailer, and any bus or truck converted for use as a Recreational Vehicle.

“Residential Building” means a structure used as a residence containing one or more Dwelling units, including a detached and semi-detached Dwelling, multi-family Dwelling, apartment Building, lodging house, manufactured home.

“Residential District” means a district defined as such in the Land Use Bylaw.

“Residential Use” means the use of land or buildings for the purpose of a residential development such as a detached dwelling, duplex, or multiplex as defined in the Land Use Bylaw.

“Roadway” means that part of a Highway intended for use by vehicular traffic.

“Rooster” means a domesticated male chicken.

“Severe Injury” means any physical injury to another domestic animal, or a person caused by a Dog that is life threatening or results in broken bones or lacerations requiring sutures or cosmetic surgery.

“Service Dog” means a qualified Service Dog as defined in the *Service Dogs Act, RSA 2007, c. S-7.5 and the Service Qualifications Regulations AR 59/2017*.

“Side Yard” means extending from the Front Yard to the Rear Yard between the side boundary of the Parcel and the wall of the main Building thereon [see Schedule B].

“Special Event” means any public or private event, gathering, celebration, festival, competition, contest, exposition, or similar type of activity as defined in the Town of Olds Special Events Bylaw and any amendments to the Special Events Bylaw.

“Spit” means to eject phlegm, saliva, chewing tobacco juice or any other substance from the mouth.

“Statutory Holiday” means New Years Day, Alberta Family Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Victoria Day, Canada Day, Heritage Day, Labour Day, Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day.

“Threatening Behaviour” means a behaviour that creates a reasonable apprehension of a threat of physical injury and may include growling, lunging, snarling, or chasing in a menacing fashion.

“Town” means the Town of Olds, a municipal corporation in the Province of Alberta and where the context so requires, means Property owned by or in the care, custody and control of the Town, unless otherwise provided for in this Bylaw.

“Toxic Waste” means ashes generated by an incinerator and any other solid, liquid, or gaseous substance defined by the Province of Alberta as toxic and/or hazardous.

“Truck Route” means a Highway/Roadway within the Town upon which the operation of Heavy Vehicles is permitted, and which has been designated as such.

“Unsightly Premises” means any Property, or part of, which is characterized by visual evidence of a lack of general maintenance and upkeep by the excessive accumulation of:

- a. uncut grass, dust, or excessive weeds;
- b. Garbage, Animal Material, General Waste, Biological Waste, Building Materials, Toxic Waste, Wood Waste, Yard Material, petroleum products, hazardous materials, disassembled equipment or machinery, broken household chattels or goods;
- c. the whole or any part of any Vehicle or Vehicles which are not registered with the Motor Vehicle Registry for the current year, and which are inoperative by reason of disrepair, removed parts or missing equipment;
- d. equipment or machinery which has been rendered inoperative by reason of disassembly, age or mechanical condition, including household appliances; or
- e. any other form of scrap, litter, trash, or waste of any kind.

“Urban Area” means lands located within the Town on which agricultural operations, including but not limited to the keeping of livestock, are neither a permitted or a discretionary use under Bylaws of the Town.

“Urban Hen” means a hen that is at least sixteen (16) weeks of age.

“Urban Hen Licence” means a licence issued pursuant to this bylaw which authorizes the holder to keep urban hens on a specific property within the Town.

“Urinate” means to discharge urine from the body.

“Utility Trailer” means a vehicle so designed that it may be attached to or drawn by a motor vehicle and intended to transport or store property or goods, includes but not limited to hauling: boats, jet skis, all terrain vehicles, off road motor bikes, snowmobiles, and trailers to carry them.

“Vehicle” means a device in, on or by which a Person or thing may be transported or drawn on a Highway and includes a combination of Vehicles but does not include a mobility aid.

“Veterinarian” means a registered Veterinarian as defined in the *Veterinary Profession Act, R.S.A. 2000, c.V-2*;

“Vicious Dog” means a Dog that, whether on public or private Property, has:

- a. bitten, attacked, chased, injured, or caused injury to a Person or other animal;
- b. created the reasonable apprehension of a threat of physical injury to a Person or other Animals;
- c. in the opinion of a Peace Officer, based on-observation or based on facts gathered through an investigation, or which in the opinion of a Judge or Justice of the Provincial Court who has entered a conviction in respect of the Dog for a contravention of this Bylaw, presents a threat of serious harm to a Person or persons or other animals; or
- d. been declared by a Court to be a “Dangerous Dog” or declared pursuant to a Bylaw of another municipal jurisdiction to be a Vicious Dog or otherwise a danger or threat to persons or other animals.

“Violation Tag” means a tag or similar document issued by the Town pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, c.M-26* as amended.

“Violation Ticket” means a ticket issued pursuant to Part II and/or Part III of the *Provincial Offences Procedures Act, R.S.A. 2000*.

“Wood Waste” means dry and burnable wood products.

“Xeriscape” means a creative, natural approach for constructing low maintenance, water efficient, and sustainable landscapes. It includes designing the landscape using native plants and drought-tolerant species which require less water and chemicals.

“Yard Material” means waste material of an organic nature formed as a result of gardening, horticultural pursuits, or agricultural activities and includes grass, tree and hedge cuttings, waste sod and decomposing plants, leaves and weeds.

PART THREE: PUBLIC BEHAVIOURS and NUISANCES

Cause a Disturbance

- 3.1 No Person located in a Public Place shall disturb the peace and enjoyment of other members of the public by:
- screaming, shouting, or using loud, abusive, or grossly insulting language;
 - being intoxicated by alcohol or other substances; or
 - openly exposing or exhibiting an indecent act.

Dangerous Practices

- 3.2 No Person shall throw or propel an object that is reasonably likely to cause injury to another Person or Damage to Property. A Special Event held on public Property that uses a Projectile, or Projectiles, may require a Special Event permit.

Fighting

- 3.3 No Person shall participate in a Fight in any Public Place or within the sight or hearing of the public on any Property.

Graffiti

- 3.4 No Person shall place Graffiti or cause it to be placed on any Property.
- 3.5 No Owner shall cause, allow, or permit Graffiti on their Premises:
- All Graffiti shall be removed, painted over, or otherwise permanently blocked from public view;
 - All Graffiti shall be removed within seventy-two (72) hours by the owner of the property once they become aware of the Graffiti unless weather conditions are below 10 degrees Celsius or lower between the months of November 1 to April 30; and
 - The Property Owner shall ensure that all reasonable steps are taken to minimize the duration and visual impact of graffiti placed on the property. Graffiti will be removed or temporarily covered within seventy-two (72) hours regardless of time of year if the Graffiti is racist, derogatory, or discriminatory in nature.

Interference with Property

- 3.6 No Person shall damage, destroy, deface, tamper or otherwise interfere with any Property.

Loitering

- 3.7 No Person shall Loiter in a Public Place and thereby obstruct the passage of any other Person.
- 3.8 No Person shall stand or put his/her feet on the top or surface of any table, bench, planter, sculpture or other fixture in a Public Place.

Noise

3.9 No Person shall cause or permit Noise.

3.10 No Person shall permit Property that they own or control to be used so that Noise from the Property annoys or disturbs the peace of any other Person.

Noise: Exception

3.11 The regulation of Noise shall not apply to Special Event activities under the Town of Olds Special Events Bylaw.

Noise: Industrial

3.12 Nothing in this bylaw shall prevent the continual operation or carrying on of an industrial activity where the activity is one which is a permitted use or, an approved discretionary use under the Land Use Bylaw.

Noise: Construction

3.13 Unless permission from the Development Officer of the Town for such operation is first obtained:

- a. no Person shall carry on the construction of any type of structure which involves hammering, sawing or the use of any mechanical tools or equipment capable of creating a sound which may be heard outside the boundary of the site on which the activity is being carried on in any district other than one designated in the Land Use Bylaw as an industrial district after the hour of ten (10) o'clock in the evening and before the hour of seven (7) o'clock in the morning of any day.

Noise: Construction: Exception

3.14 Nothing in this Bylaw shall apply to work carried on by the Town, or by a contractor carrying out the instructions of the Town.

3.15 Nothing in this Bylaw shall prevent contractors carrying out snow removal from commercial or industrial sites which are not adjacent to Residential Districts.

3.16 In the case of snow removal from commercial or industrial sites located adjacent to Residential Districts and/or areas of Residential Use and where in the reasonable opinion of the Peace Officer it is necessary to ensure the peace and quiet of residents, the Peace Officer may require Noise abatement practices including one or both of the following:

- a. a requirement that snow not be removed between 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.;
- b. a requirement that snow be removed from a site in a sequence which is least disruptive to the peace and quiet of residents.

Noise: Ice Rinks

3.17 All private ice rinks must comply with the Community Standard Bylaw hours:

Monday to Saturday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday and holidays 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Nuisance

3.18 No Person shall cause a Nuisance.

Spitting

3.19 No Person shall Spit in any Public Place.

3.20 No Person located in or on any Public Place shall Spit into or onto any other Property; except for individuals participating in an organized sporting event on public Property wherein participants are governed by rules of conduct.

Urination & Defecation

3.21 No Person shall Defecate or Urinate in or on a Public Place or within the sight of the public on any Property.

3.22 No Person located in or on any Public Place shall Defecate or Urinate into or onto any other Property.

PART FOUR: CARE OF PROPERTIES

Grass, Trees, and Weeds

4.1 An Owner is required to control all Yard Material on their Property and on any boulevard which abuts or adjoins the Property, including up to the centre of lanes or alleys at the rear or side of the Property.

4.2 An Owner is required to maintain or remove all trees on their Property that, due to deterioration of condition or for any other reason, are a public safety hazard.

4.3 All parts of a Parcel not covered by Buildings, driveways, parking areas, pedestrian circulation facilities, storage and display areas and not part of a minimum required landscaped area shall be seeded to grass, sodded, cultivated as a garden, Xeriscape or left with its natural grass.

4.4 No Owner or occupant of private Property located at an intersection of Roadways, excluding an intersection with an alley, shall allow any vegetation within the triangular portion of the Property closest to the intersection, measured from the corner of the intersection to a distance of six (6) metres each direction along the edge of the curb or, in the absence of a sidewalk, the edge of the Roadway, to grow to height greater than one (1) metre or, in the case of trees or shrubs overhanging the said portion of the Property, to a height less than one (1) metres.

- 4.5 Any vegetation overhanging a sidewalk, boulevard, Roadway, or alley must be more than three (3) metres above public sidewalk, boulevard, Roadway, or alley.

Security / Intruder Alarms

- 4.6 No Person shall cause nor allow the issuing of a False Alarm due to or resulting from faulty, damaged, or malfunctioning alarm equipment.
- 4.7 Prior fines or warning letters shall be deemed to have not occurred if a one (1) year period has elapsed between the time of a previous warning letter or fine and a new alleged violation.

Snow on Sidewalk

- 4.8 An Owner shall ensure the removal from any improved public sidewalk located adjacent to the Property, including private driveway crossings, all snow and ice deposited, whether from natural or unnatural means, within forty-eight (48) hours of deposit.
- 4.9 An Owner shall ensure that no snow is removed from their Property and placed on any public sidewalk, alley, Roadway, or street in the Town, except for properties at the following locations:
- a. 50 Avenue from 46 Street (Hwy27) to 53 Street;
 - b. 51 Street from 50 Avenue to 51 Avenue;
 - c. 50 Street from 50th Avenue to 51 Avenue;
 - d. Commercial properties on the north side of the 5100 block of 50 Street, being 5102, 5110, 5113 and 5118 50 Street;
 - e. 49 Street from 50th Avenue to 51 Avenue;
 - f. South side of the 5000 block of 48 Street between 50 Avenue to the first alley access to the west of 50 Avenue;
 - g. East side of 49 Avenue from 46 Street (Hwy 27) to 52 Street; and
 - h. The following addresses on 50th Street, being 5001, 4919 and 4834.
- 4.10 Snow and ice will be considered removed when the sidewalk is cleaned for the entire width of the sidewalk to the sidewalk surface as completely and as reasonably possible.
- 4.11 Where an Owner is absent, the Owner must make arrangements to ensure the sidewalks are maintained in accordance with this Bylaw.

Unightly Premises

- 4.12 No Owner shall cause, allow or permit their Premises to become or to continue to be an Unightly Premise.
- 4.13 Exterior storage of materials in an unsightly condition on a Parcel in any district, that is deemed to require screening by the Development Authority, has three (3) months to install screening to the satisfaction of the Development Authority.

- 4.14 An Owner shall ensure that Building Material on their Premises is removed or contained and secured in such a manner that prevents such material from being blown off or scattered from the Property.
- 4.15 The provisions of this Bylaw shall not be interpreted to prevent bona fide and permitted commercial, industrial, agricultural, construction, demolition, renovation, landscaping, clean-up, storage or other related activities from being carried out on, or in relation to a Premises.
- 4.16 The Owner of a Premises that carries on or, permits the carrying on of any activities referred to in section 4.17 shall ensure that all reasonable steps are taken to minimize the duration and visual impact of any resulting untidiness or unsightliness of the Premises.

Waste Management

- 4.17 As per Town of Olds Waste Management Bylaw, the Owner or occupant of a Dwelling or Other Premises shall be responsible to:
- a. Prevent the accumulation of waste at a Dwelling or Other Premises to the point where an unsanitary, unsafe or unsightly condition develops;
 - b. Store all waste in such a manner as to prevent any material from being scattered, blown, spilled or otherwise dispersed, to prevent any odours from escaping or any Nuisance being caused;
 - c. Bag all General Waste and place it in the container or receptacle assigned;
 - d. Not overfill the container beyond its normal, lid closed capacity;
 - e. Keep that portion of the lane and street adjacent to the Dwelling or Other Premises from the Property line to the centerline of the lane or street, in a clean and tidy condition and free from waste;
 - f. Dispose in a proper manner, at an approved site, any waste for which the Town or its agent does or does not accept responsibility for collection and disposal.
 - g. Where directed, comply with any requirements to separate any materials for separate collection and disposal;
 - h. Place front street roll-out bins against the curb on the street and remove within twelve (12) hours of collection day; or
 - i. Place bins for alley pick up off of the driving portion of the alley as to allow room for the collection truck and other traffic.
- 4.18 No Owner, occupant or employee of a Dwelling or Other Premises shall:
- a. dispose of any waste at a location not designated by the Town for disposal;
 - b. place any waste at a Dwelling or Other Premises at which they are not the Owner, occupant or employee;
 - c. place any waste into a container or receptacle that is not designated for that use; or
 - d. overfill a container beyond its normal, lid closed capacity.
- 4.19 No Person shall burn or be responsible for the burning of any waste.

4.20 Notwithstanding section 4.21 the Town may permit controlled burning in accordance with the Town of Olds Fire Bylaw.

4.21 No Person shall illegally dispose of toxic or Biological Waste within the corporate limits of the Town.

4.22 No Person shall place grass clippings from outside of Town boundaries in any Community Container or receptacle.

4.23 No Person shall have exterior storage of piles of wood or metal, or other salvage materials that are in an unsightly condition on a Parcel in any district, unless it is suitably housed or screened to the satisfaction of the Development Authority.

Ice Rinks

4.24 No Person shall construct a private ice rink on town owned property.

4.25 Rinks must be at least 1.0 m from all property lines.

4.26 No person shall allow excessive noise from the rink as determined in this section 3.17 of this bylaw.

4.27 No person shall install lights that are directed at any adjoining properties and/or light does not adversely affect adjacent sites.

House Numbering

4.28 All houses must display house number visible to the street in compliance with the Land Use Bylaw. Can not be obscured by vegetation.

PART FIVE: PARKING AND TRAFFIC

5.1 As per the Town of Olds Land Use Bylaw, no Person shall allow a Motor Vehicle that is unregistered or derelict to remain or to be parked on a Parcel in a Residential District, unless it is suitably housed or screened to the satisfaction of the Development Authority.

5.2 As per the Land Use Bylaw, a holiday trailer, motor home or camper parked in any land use district, excluding a designated campground or Recreational Facility district, may be used for living and sleeping accommodation for a maximum period of thirty (30) days per annum.

5.3 No Person shall Park on a Roadway in a Residential District any Vehicle of more than 4,540 kg. G.V.W. (as listed on the official Government registration certificate, regardless of the vehicle's actual weight at a specific time) including but not limited to a truck, bus, trailer, or delivery van, except:

- a) when such Vehicle is actively engaged in bona fide delivery, transport, or other similar activities; or
- b) when such Heavy Vehicle does not exceed 6.75 meters in length and does not have a Load and /or Trailer.

- 5.4 Heavy Vehicles parking within residential areas by permit only. Unless authorized by special permit, no person shall allow any vehicles over 4,540 kg G.V.W. (as listed on the official Government registration certificate, regardless of the vehicle's actual weight at a specific time) to be parked or stored on an approved Parking Pad on a Parcel in a Residential District and/or area of Residential Use.
- a. A Heavy Vehicle Parking permit may be issued by the Town for the purpose of allowing Vehicles between 4,540 kg. and 11,500 kg. G.V.W. (as listed on the official Government registration certificate, regardless of the vehicle's actual weight at a specific time) to be parked or stored on an approved Parking Pad on a Parcel in a Residential District and/or area of Residential Use.
 - b. No Heavy Vehicle exceeding the following is permitted:
 - i. 2 axels;
 - ii. 9 metres length;
 - iii. 11,500 GVW.
 - c. No person shall Park more than One (1) Heavy Vehicle per Parcel;
 - d. A person may drive a Heavy Vehicle to and from the place where it is stored or parked, and in doing so, shall drive it on the Roadway forming the most direct accessible connection between the location where the Heavy Vehicle is permitted to be parked and the nearest Truck Route.
- 5.5 No Person shall allow any Vehicle of more than 11,500 kg. and/or a length of more than 9 metres and/or an overall height of 2.75 meters and/or an overall width of 2.25 meters, other than a Recreational Vehicle or Camper, to be parked or stored on a Parcel in a Residential District and/or area of Residential Use. A Vehicle is more than 11,500 kg. G.V.W. when a gross allowable maximum vehicle weight more than 11,500 kg. as listed on the official Government registration certificate, regardless of the vehicle's actual weight at a specific time.
- 5.6 No Person shall Park any trailer, whether designed for occupancy or for the carrying of goods and equipment, upon any Roadway or public parking lot unless said trailer is fully attached to a Vehicle by which it may safely and lawfully be drawn along a Roadway.
- 5.7 The operator or Owner of a Motor Vehicle that has a Camper shall not remove or leave the Camper on or extending over any sidewalk, boulevard, alley, or any portion of a Roadway.
- 5.8 Front Yard parking in a Residential District; Vehicles, Recreation Vehicles, and Utility Trailers must park on a Driveway or Accessory Parking Pad as approved by the Development Authority.
- a. An Accessory Parking Pad in the Front Yard shall require a Landscaped Area of a minimum 1.5 m from the Roadway to buffer access to sidewalk or Roadway, and no Vehicle shall park in the buffer area.

- b. No person shall park a RV on an Accessory Parking Pad in a Front Yard where the location of the RV blocks the view of the entrance of the dwelling from the street.
- c. No person shall park a RV on an Accessory Parking Pad in the Front Yard between the Façade and the front street property line, excluding an area in front of a Garage.

Exception: the regulation of Front Yard RV parking 5.9 (b) and (c) shall not apply to parcels defined in the Land Use Bylaw as UR, R5, and R5A.

5.9 Recreation Vehicles and Utility Trailers may be parked on a residential parcel:

- a. on an approved Driveway;
- b. in the Rear Yard of the residential property;
- c. in a Garage; or
- d. on a Side Yard on an approved Accessory Parking Area.

5.10 No Person shall Park a Recreation Vehicle, whether designed for occupancy or for the carrying of goods and equipment, on a Highway, Roadway, alley, or public parking lot owned by or in the care, custody, and control of the Town, unless otherwise provided for in this Bylaw, for a period exceeding forty-eight (48) hours.

5.11 No Person shall Park a Vehicle on private Property with any part of the Vehicle extending over a sidewalk or Roadway.

5.12 The Chief Administrative Officer is hereby authorized to establish, sign or otherwise designate such parking stalls or zones within the Town as he/she deems necessary for the exclusive parking of Vehicles bearing a valid disabled placard or licence plate issued or recognized by the Registrar of Motor Vehicle Services.

5.13 No Person shall Park or stop a Vehicle which does not display a disabled placard or licence plate that is issued or recognized by the Registrar of Motor Vehicle Services in a parking space clearly signed or otherwise designated as a Disabled Parking Zone.

5.14 No Person shall allow the engine or motor of any stationary Vehicle to remain running for a period of time longer than twenty (20) minutes:

- a. in a residential area, or
- b. in any other area where prohibited by traffic control device.

5.15 No Person shall place any object on or above a sidewalk or boulevard in a manner that, in the opinion of a Peace Officer, may create a hazard.

5.16 No Person shall damage a sidewalk.

5.17 No Person shall wash, service or repair a Vehicle on any Roadway, sidewalk, boulevard, or Median within the Town.

- 5.18 All Persons shall take due care and attention when washing, servicing, or repairing Vehicles on a property so that no Person shall permit to be discharged into any sewer, any liquid or liquids which would prejudicially affect the wastewater.
- 5.19 No Owner or occupant of Property shall Park a Vehicle or build, place, erect or continue the existence of a fence, wall, dirt pile, snow pile or other object adjacent to and within six (6) metres of the nearest corner of a street intersection where visibility is obstructed for safe traffic flow.
- 5.20 No Person shall place or deposit, or allow the placement or deposit, of any object, refuse, building or other materials, dumpsters, snow, earth, sand, gravel, sod, or any other matter on a Roadway, sidewalk, boulevard or Median, excepting Vehicles and materials for which specific permission has been granted by the Town.
- 5.21 Every person riding a bicycle or e-bike on any improved or unimproved trail shall alert anyone about to be overtaken by sounding a bell or horn a reasonable amount of time before overtaking.

PART SIX: RESPONSIBLE OWNERSHIP OF DOGS, CATS, AND CHICKENS

Licencing Information

- 6.1 No person shall own or keep any Prohibited Animal(s) in the Town of Olds.
- 6.2 No person shall own or keep any Animal(s) in the Town of Olds unless the Animal is licenced in the manner as provided for in this bylaw:
 - a. any Animal except urban hens shall wear a licence purchased for that Animal when the Animal is off the property of the Owner;
 - b. no Person shall keep more than three (3) Dogs of an age more than three (3) months;
 - c. no Person shall keep more than six (6) Cats of an age more than three (3) months unless that Person has obtained a valid business licence for the Town.
- 6.3 The Owner of an Animal shall:
 - a. be eighteen (18) years of age or older;
 - b. obtain a Town licence for their Animal on the first day on which the Town office is open for business after the animal becomes six (3) months of age; and
 - c. forthwith notify a Peace Officer of any change with respect to any information provided in an application for a licence under this Bylaw;
 - d. Shall provide the necessary documentation, including, but not limited to Veterinarian records, when requested by a Peace Officer.
- 6.4 When applying for a licence under this Bylaw, the Owner shall provide the following:
 - a. a description of the Animal including breed, name, gender, and age;
 - b. the name, address, and telephone number of the Owner;
 - c. if the Owner is a body corporate, the name, address, and telephone number of the natural person responsible for the Animal;

- d. information establishing that the Animal is spayed or neutered;
 - e. any other information which the Town of Olds may require; and
 - f. purchase the annual licence fee for each Animal, as set out in Town of Olds Rate Bylaw.
- 6.5 No person shall give false information when applying for a licence pursuant to this Bylaw.
- 6.6 Animal licences shall be purchased annually from the Town for each Animal owned at the annal fee as set out in the Town of Olds Rate Bylaw:
 - a. on or before February 28 of the current Licence year;
 - b. within thirty (30) days following the Animal having attained three (3) months of age;
 - c. within thirty (30) days after acquiring possession of the Animal, whichever date is latter; and
 - d. shall always be worn by the animal when the animal is off the owner's property.
- 6.7 No animal licence shall be required for an animal that is accompanying a person who is visiting the Town, if they do not stay in the Town more than thirty (30) days:
 - a. The owner must be able to produce proof that they are visiting the Town not more than thirty (30) days;
 - b. This section includes animals brought into the Town for the purposes of a competition, parade, fair, exhibition, or other similar event, provided those animals are always under the care and supervision of a competent person.
 - c. All other provisions of this Bylaw shall still apply;
 - d. The regulations of this bylaw shall not apply to Special Event activities under the Town of Olds Special Events Bylaw.
- 6.8 A police service member shall not be required to obtain a licence for their service animals.

Replacement of a Lost Licence

- 6.9 Upon losing an Animal licence, an Owner of an Animal may obtain a licence replacement for a fee as set out in the Town of Olds Rate Bylaw.

Non-Transferable

- 6.10 A licence issued pursuant to this Bylaw is not transferable.

Rebate

- 6.11 No Owner shall be entitled to a licence rebate under this Bylaw.

Uncertified Cheques

- 6.12 Where a licence required pursuant to this bylaw has been paid for by the tender of an uncertified cheque, the licence:
 - a. is issued subject to the cheque being accepted and cashed by the bank without any mention of this condition being made on the licence; and

- b. is automatically revoked if the cheque is not accepted and cashed by the bank on which it is issued.

Service Dogs

- 6.13 Where an individual with a disability is the Owner of a Service Dog trained and used to assist such individual, if that individual provides to the satisfaction of the town, identification that identifies the individual and the individual's (registered or qualified) Service Dog, then there shall be no fee payable by the Owner for a licence for the registered Service Dog as set out in the Town of Olds Rate Bylaw.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF OWNERS

Running at Large

- 6.14 The owner of an Animal shall ensure that such Animal is not Running at Large unless provided for in this bylaw.

Animals in Off-Leash Area

- 6.15 An Owner of a dog is not required to have the dog on a Leash in a Park or portion of a Park which has been designated as an Off-Leash Area by Council.
- 6.16 The Owner of a dog in an Off-Leash Area shall ensure that such dog is always under control of the Owner:
- a. No Owner or person will allow or permit more than three (3) dogs in their custody in an Off-Leash Area;
 - b. The Owner of a dog must be physically capable of controlling and restraining all dogs in their custody in an Off-Leash Area; and
 - c. The Owner of a dog that is off Leash while in an Off-Leash Area shall carry an appropriate Leash for all dogs in their custody, on their person.
- 6.17 When determining whether a dog that is off Leash is under the control of the Owner the Peace Officer will take into consideration any or all the following factors:
- a. whether the dog was at such a distance from its Owner to be incapable of responding to voice, sound, or sight commands;
 - b. whether the dog was responding to voice, sound, or sight commands from the Owner;
 - c. whether the dog bit, attacked, or did any act that injured or threatened a person or another Animal; and
 - d. whether the dog caused damage to property.
- 6.18 No Owner of an Animal in Heat, Animal suffering from a communicable disease or a Vicious Animal shall permit the Animal to be in an Off-Leash Area at any time:
- a. A Peace Officer may, upon a dog being in Heat or upon the Owner being in contravention of any provision of this Bylaw, order the Owner of an off-Leash dog, in an Off-Leash Area, to:
 - i. restrain the dog by means of a Leash; or
 - ii. remove the dog from an Off-Leash Area;
 - iii. or both.

- 6.19 An Owner who fails to comply with an order made by a Peace Officer pursuant to this section to restrain or remove a dog is guilty of an offence.
- 6.20 Nothing in this Section relieves a person from complying with any other provisions of this Bylaw.

Animals in Prohibited Areas

- 6.21 The Owner of an Animal shall ensure that such Animal does not enter or remain in or on:
- a Playground, tennis court, Cemetery; or
 - any other area which has been designated by the town as an area where Animals are prohibited and where sign prohibiting the animal have been posted.
- 6.22 The Owner of an Animal shall further ensure that such Animal is not running at large on a Playground, tennis court, Cemetery, School Grounds or Sports Field.
- 6.23 If an Animal defecates on any Playground, tennis court, Cemetery, School Grounds or Sports Field, the Owner, or any other person in control of the Animal shall remove such feces immediately.

Unattended Animals

- 6.24 The Owner of an Animal shall ensure that such Animal shall not be left unattended while tethered or tied on premises where the public has access, whether the access is expressed or implied.
- 6.25 The Owner of an Animal shall ensure that such Animal not be left unsupervised while tethered or tied on private property.
- 6.26 The Owner of an Animal left unattended in a motor vehicle shall ensure:
- the Animal is restrained in a manner that prevents contact between the Animal and any member of the public or other Animal; and
 - the Animal has suitable ventilation.
- 6.27 The Owner of an Animal shall not leave an Animal unattended in a motor vehicle if the weather conditions are not suitable for containment and as a result thereof puts the Animal's well-being and safety at risk.
- 6.28 The Owner of a Motor Vehicle involved in a contravention of section 6.25 or 6.26 of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence unless that Vehicle Owner satisfies the Court that the Vehicle was being driven or was parked by another person that did not have the Vehicle Owners express or implied consent to operate that motor vehicle.

Securing Animals in Vehicles

- 6.29 No person shall allow an Animal to be riding outside of the passenger cab of a motor vehicle on a Highway, regardless of whether the motor vehicle is moving or parked.
- A person may allow an Animal to be outside the passenger cab of a motor vehicle, if the Animal is:
 - in a fully enclosed trailer;
 - in a fully enclosed cargo area of the bed of a motor vehicle;

- iii. contained in a ventilated kennel or similar device securely fastened to the cargo bed of the motor vehicle; or
- iv. securely tethered in such a manner that the Animal is not standing on bare metal, cannot jump or be thrown from the motor vehicle, is not in danger of strangulation, and cannot reach beyond the outside edges of the motor vehicle.

- 6.30 The owner of a motor vehicle may be charged with an offense referred to in the above section and found guilty of the offence unless the owner of the motor vehicle satisfies the Court that:
- a. the motor vehicle was not being driven or was not being parked by the owner; and
 - b. that the person driving or parking the motor vehicle at the time of the offense did so without the owner's express or implied consent.

Communicable Diseases

- 6.31 An Owner of an Animal which is suffering from a communicable disease shall:
- a. not permit the Animal to be in any public place;
 - b. not keep the Animal in contact with or in proximity to any other Animal;
 - c. keep the Animal locked or tied up; and
 - d. immediately report the matter to the Veterinarian Inspector of the Health of Animals Branch of the local office of the Federal Department of Agriculture, and the Peace Officer or designate.

NUISANCES

Removing Excrement

- 6.32 If an Animal defecates on any public or private property other than the property of its Owner, the Owner shall remove such feces immediately.
- 6.33 If an Animal is on any public or private property other than the property of its Owner, the Owner shall have in his possession a suitable means of facilitating the removal of the Animal's feces.
- 6.34 The Owner of an Animal shall ensure that feces left by it on the property of the Owner does not accumulate to such an extent that it seriously interferes with other property owners' reasonable enjoyment of their property, due to excessive odor and/or unsightliness.

Noise

- 6.35 The Owner of an Animal shall ensure that such Animal shall not excessively bark, howl, or otherwise make or cause excessive noise which disturbs any person and unreasonably interferes with that person's peaceful enjoyment of his property.
- 6.36 Whether or not any such barking, howling, or other such noise is excessive and unreasonably interferes with a person's peaceful enjoyment of his property is a question of fact to be determined by a Court hearing a prosecution pursuant to this Bylaw.

- 6.37 A Peace Officer may request a Person complaining about an Animal excessively barking, howling, or engaging in any other activity that causes noise to keep a log of all occurrences for a period specified by a Peace Officer. Any Person complaining about an Animal excessively barking, howling, or engaging in any other activity that causes noise, when requested shall submit a statement in writing to a Peace Officer and agree to give testimony in any court proceeding that may arise.

Scattering Garbage

- 6.38 The Owner of an Animal shall ensure that the Animal shall not upset any waste receptacle or scatter the contents thereof either in or about a street, lane, or other Public property.
- 6.39 The Owner of an Animal shall immediately return any such upset waste receptacle to an upright position and clean up any contents that may have been scattered in or about a street, lane, or other public property or in or about any premises not belonging to or in the possession of the Owner of the Animal.

Threatening Behaviours

- 6.40 The Owner of any Animal shall ensure that such Animal does not:
- a. bark at, or chase other animals, Wildlife, Livestock, or other domesticated household pets, in a threatening manner;
 - b. bark at, or chase bicycles, motor vehicles, or other vehicles;
 - c. growl, lunge, snarl, chase or otherwise threaten a person or persons, whether on the property of the Owner or not, unless the person chased or threatened is a trespasser of the property owner;
 - d. bite, attack, or cause damage to property, animals, Wildlife, Livestock, or other domesticated household pets, whether on the property of the Owner or not;
 - e. cause Severe Injury to an Animal, Wildlife, Livestock, or other domesticated household pets;
 - f. cause death to an Animal, Wildlife, Livestock, or other domesticated household pets;
 - g. attack a person or persons whether on the property of the Owner or not; unless the person attacked is a trespasser on the property owner;
 - h. bite a person or persons whether on the property of the Owner or not; unless the person attacked is a trespasser on the property owner;
 - i. bite or attack a person or persons whether on the property of the Owner or not, causing Severe Injury or not; unless the person attacked is a trespasser on the property owner; or
 - j. commit any act other than biting or attacking that injures a person or persons whether on the property of the Owner or not.
- 6.41 No Owner shall use or direct an Animal to attack, chase, harass or threaten a person, Animal, Wildlife, Livestock, or other domesticated household pets.

Other Animals, Horses, and Livestock

- 6.42 Unless so permitted by the Town, no person shall allow any Animals, Horses, and Livestock owned or controlled by them to be in a Park or on a Pathway or Highway.
- a. This section shall not apply to horses owned and ridden by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

- b. This section shall not apply to horses or livestock ridden or used in a Town-Sponsored event, approved community event or a parade.

6.43 The Owner of any Animals, Horses, and Livestock shall remove defecation from a Highway or Pathway immediately.

6.44 No Person shall keep any Animals, Horses, and Livestock in any area of the Town except where the keeping of any Animals, Horses, and Livestock is allowed under the Town of Olds Land Use Bylaw as amended from time to time.

Pigeons

6.45 No person shall keep pigeons in any area of The Town of Olds for any purpose.

Prohibited Animals

6.46 Apiculture (beekeeping) or keep an apiary (bees) in any area of the Town of Olds are not permitted and shall follow the *Bee Act of Alberta 2000 Chapter B-2* and amendments as amended.

6.47 No person shall keep an animal deemed dangerous or objectionable in the opinion of the Medical Officer of Health.

6.48 No person shall keep a prohibited animal(s), as outlined in Schedule “C”, unless authorized by the Town in writing and the Town shall specify the number of Animals permitted including any other conditions with such authorization and must obtain a valid prohibited animal licence, as outlined in Town of Olds Rate Bylaw:

- a. The Owner of a prohibited animal is guilty of an offence if they fail to comply with the written conditions specified by the Town pursuant to this bylaw.
- b. Prohibited animals are permitted within the Town of Olds if they are involved in a competition, parade, fair, exhibition, zoo, or other similar event, provided that prior written permission is obtained from the Town, and the animals are always kept secure and under control of a competent person.

6.49 The Town, may give written notice to the Owner of a prohibited animal, specifying that the Animal(s) be removed from the Town by a specified date.

- a. The Owner of a prohibited Animal is guilty of an offence if they fail to remove the prohibited Animal by the date specified by a Peace Officer.

Cat Traps

6.50 A resident of the Town of Olds may make an application to Enforcement Services to use a live cat trap, provided by the Town, to catch any Cats located on their Property:

- a. Cat traps will only be provided to residents from April 1 to September 30;
- b. Upon catching a Cat, the resident will contact the Town of Olds Enforcement Services;
- c. Cat traps shall be provided free of charge to any resident or business within the Town of Olds with the proper identification; and
- d. If any other non domesticated animal is caught in the trap, it is the responsibility of the resident to have it removed.

Keeping of Chickens

- 6.51 No person in an urban area shall keep:
- a Rooster;
 - a hen, other than an Urban Hen for which a valid Chicken Licence has been issued; or
 - more than six (6) Urban Hens per Property.
- 6.52 A person may keep up to six (6) Urban Hens upon:
- Issuance of Development Permit for a Coop;
 - Approval of an Urban Hen Licence application; and
 - Paid an annual Urban Hen Licence fee as set out in the Town of Olds Rate Bylaw.
- 6.53 An Urban Hen Licence may be issued or renewed if the Town is satisfied that:
- the applicant is the owner of the property on which the Urban Hens will be kept; or that the owner of the property has provided written consent to the applicant;
 - the land use designation of the property on which the Urban Hens will be kept allows the placement of a Coop for the keeping of Urban Hens;
 - the applicant resides on the property on which the Urban Hens will be kept;
 - all required information has been provided;
 - the applicant has taken a course on the safe handling of hens and eggs, prior to issuance of a licence;
 - the applicant has registered with Alberta's Premises Identification Program (PID);
 - the applicant has complied with all other Provincial and Federal Regulations for the keeping of chickens; and
 - the applicable licence fee has been paid.
- 6.54 The maximum number of Urban Hen Licences that may be issued shall be one Urban Hen Licence per two hundred fifty (250) persons based on the population of the Town of Olds as determined in the most recent municipal census.
- 6.55 An Urban Hen Licence is valid for the period of January 1 to December 31 of the year in which it is issued and must be renewed annually prior to February 28 of each subsequent year:
- Urban Hen Licence fees shall not be reduced or prorated no matter the month of purchase; and
 - Urban Hen Licence fees shall not be refunded or rebated.
- 6.56 An Urban Hen Licence is not transferable from one person to another.
- 6.57 An Urban Hen Licence is not transferable from one property to another except:
- when a licence holder has moved to a new property within the Town, then:
 - the licence holder may apply to transfer the licence; and

- ii. an inspection of the new property must be carried out to determine the licence holder is still able to meet all requirements for an Urban Hen Licence at such a property.
- 6.58 A person to whom an urban hen licence has been issued shall produce the licence upon the demand of a Peace Officer.
- 6.59 An Urban Hen Licence may be revoked or may not be renewed by the Town if:
- a. the applicant or licence holder does not meet or no longer meets the requirements for an Urban Hen Licence as set out in this Bylaw;
 - b. the applicant or licence holder furnishes false information or misrepresents any Bylaw, fact or circumstance required pursuant to this Bylaw;
 - c. the applicant or licence holder has, in the opinion of the Peace Officer, based on reasonable grounds, contravened any part of this Bylaw whether or not the contravention has been prosecuted;
 - d. the applicant or licence holder fails to pay a fine imposed by a court for a contravention of this Bylaw or any other applicable Bylaw related to the keeping of animals/livestock;
 - e. the applicant or licence holder fails to pay any fee required by this Bylaw;
 - f. the applicant fails to comply with any applicable Provincial and Federal Regulations for the keeping of chickens; or
 - g. in the opinion of the Town based on reasonable grounds, it is in the public interest to do so.
- 6.60 In the case of a refusal or revocation of an Urban Hen Licence, the applicant will be given the reasons, in writing, within ten (10) days of the refusal. The revocation or refusal may be appealed pursuant to the provisions of this Bylaw.

Responsibilities of Owners Keeping of Urban Hens

- 6.61 A person who keeps Urban Hens must:
- a. must ensure that Coop size meets the Land Use Bylaw;
 - b. ensure that each Coop is located as a structure within the Land Use Bylaw;
 - c. keep each Urban Hen in a Coop or pen at all times, and shall not be free range in the yard;
 - d. provide each Urban Hen with food, water, shelter, light, ventilation, care, and opportunities for essential behaviours such as scratching, dustbathing, and roosting, all sufficient to maintain the urban hen in good health;
 - e. maintain the Coop in good repair and sanitary condition, and free from vermin and noxious or offensive smells and substances;
 - f. construct and maintain the Coop to prevent any rodent from harbouring underneath, within, or within its walls, and to prevent entrance by any other animal;
 - g. keep a food container and water container in the Coop;
 - h. keep the Coop and pen secured at all times;
 - i. remove leftover feed, trash, and manure in a timely manner;

- j. store feed within a fully enclosed container;
- k. store manure within a fully enclosed container, and store no more than 85 litres (3 cubic feet) of manure at any time;
- l. remove all other manure not used for composting or fertilizing and dispose of such in accordance with Town Bylaws;
- m. follow biosecurity procedures outlined by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to reduce potential for disease outbreak; and
- n. keep Urban Hens for personal use only.

6.62 No person who keeps Urban Hens shall:

- a. sell manure, meat, or other products except eggs derived from an Urban Hen;
- b. slaughter any Urban Hen on the property;
- c. dispose of an Urban Hen except by delivering it to a farm, abattoir, veterinarian, or other operation that is lawfully permitted to dispose of such; and
- d. keep an Urban Hen in a cage, kennel, or any other form of shelter other than a Coop as designated by the Land Use Bylaw.

VICIOUS ANIMALS

Hearing and Order

6.63 An Animal may be declared to be a Vicious Animal by the Peace Officer or designate:

- a. The Owner of an Animal alleged to be a Vicious Animal shall be provided a Notice of the animal being deemed vicious. The Notice shall set out the reasons and the process of appeal to the Animal Owner;
- b. The Peace Officer or designate may order the Owner of an Animal alleged to be a Vicious Animal to surrender the Animal to a Peace Officer and the Animal shall be taken and held in an Animal Shelter at the Owner's cost pending the outcome of the Hearing and any appeals; or
- c. The Peace Officer or designate may allow the Owner to keep possession of an Animal alleged to be a Vicious Animal, pending the outcome of the Hearing and any related appeals, with contain and control conditions, which in the opinion of the Peace Officer or designate, ensures the safety of the public.

6.64 Upon hearing the evidence, the CAO may make an order declaring the Animal to be a Vicious Animal or order the Animal destroyed, or both, if in the opinion of the CAO the Animal is likely to cause serious damage or injury to persons, property or other animals, Wildlife, Livestock, or other domesticated household pets, considering the following factors:

- a. whether the Animal, when unprovoked, has shown a tendency to pursue, chase or approach in a menacing fashion any person or persons or other Animal, Wildlife, Livestock or other domesticated household pets upon the street, sidewalk or on any public or private property;
- b. whether the Animal has attempted to Bite, or has bitten any person or Animal, Wildlife, Livestock, or other domesticated household pets;
- c. whether the Animal has injured, attacked, or caused Severe Injury to any person or Animal, Wildlife, Livestock, or other domesticated household pets;

- d. the Aggression Scale Classification made by a Peace Officer pursuant to Section 6.78;
 - e. the circumstances surrounding any previous biting, attacking, or injuring incidents; and
 - f. whether the Animal has caused death to another Animal, Wildlife, Livestock, or other domesticated household pet.
- 6.65 A Vicious Animal order pursuant to this Bylaw continues to apply if the Animal is sold, given, or transferred to a new Owner and the new Owner must be made aware of the order.
- 6.66 The Owner of a Vicious or dangerous Animal must immediately notify the Peace Officer or designate upon relocating in the Town. The Peace Officer or designate may take cognizance of an order issued in another jurisdiction and direct that the order applies within the Town.
- 6.67 The Owner of an Animal alleged to be a Vicious Animal shall comply with a surrender order made by the Peace Officer or designate, any contain, and control conditions prescribed by the CAO, Peace Officer or designate or Justice pursuant to this bylaw.

Vicious Dog Regulations

- 6.68 The Owner of a Vicious Animal shall within five (5) days after the Animal has been declared vicious by a CAO or Justice:
 - a. have a licenced veterinarian tattoo or implant an electronic identification microchip in or on the Vicious Animal identifying the Animal with a unique identifier to the Animal;
 - b. provide the information contained on the tattoo or in the microchip to a Peace Officer; and
 - c. have the Vicious Animal spayed or neutered if such a procedure has not yet been carried out on the Animal.
- 6.69 The Owner of a Vicious Animal shall:
 - a. forthwith notify a Peace Officer should the Vicious Animal be sold, gifted, or transferred to another person or die; and
 - b. remain liable for the actions of the Vicious Animal until formal notification of sale, gift, or transfer is given to a Peace Officer.
- 6.70 With regards to the behavior of a Vicious Animal, the Owner of a Vicious Animal shall:
 - a. ensure that such Vicious Animal does not engage in any threatening behaviors prohibited by this Bylaw;
 - b. ensure that such Vicious Animal does not damage or destroy public or private property;
 - c. ensure that such Vicious Animal is not Running at Large; and
 - d. forthwith notify a Peace Officer of the Vicious Animal Running at Large in the event of escape.
- 6.71 The Owner of a Vicious Animal shall ensure that when such Vicious Animal is confined indoors on the property of the Owner and such Vicious Animal is:

- a. under the control of a person eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- 6.72 The Owner of a Vicious Animal shall ensure that when such Vicious Animal is confined outdoors on the property of the Owner such Vicious Animal is:
- a. in a locked pen or other structure, constructed to prevent the escape of the Vicious Animal, and capable of preventing the entry of any person not in control of the Vicious Animal. The locked pen or structure shall:
 - i. have secure sides and a secure top, and if it has no bottom secured to the sides, the sides must be embedded in the ground to a minimum depth of thirty (30) centimeters;
 - ii. provide the Vicious Animal with shelter from the elements;
 - iii. be of the minimum dimensions of one and one-half (1.5) meters by three (3) meters and be a minimum one and one-half (1.5) meters in height; and
 - iv. not be within one (1) meter of the property line or within five (5) meters of a neighbouring dwelling unit.
 - b. Or securely muzzled, and under the control of a person eighteen (18) years of age or older by means of a Leash not exceeding one (1) meter in length in a manner that prevents it from being in contravention of this Bylaw.
- 6.73 The Owner of a Vicious Animal shall always ensure that, when off the property of the Owner, such Vicious Animal is securely:
- a. muzzled;
 - b. harnessed or leashed on a lead which length shall not exceed one (1) meter in a manner that prevents it from being in contravention of this Bylaw, as well as preventing damage to public and private property; and
 - c. under the control of a person eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- 6.74 The Owner of a Vicious Animal shall, within five (5) days of the date of the order declaring the Animal to be vicious, display a sign on his premise warning of the presence of the Vicious Animal in the form illustrated in Schedule “F”:
- a. The sign shall be placed at each entrance to the premises where the Vicious Animal is kept and, on the pen, or other structure in which the Vicious Animal is confined;
 - b. The sign shall be posted to be clearly visible and capable of being seen by any person accessing the premises; and
 - c. Sign purchase is the responsibility of the Vicious Animal owner.

Animal Control Operations

Notice to Contain and Control

- 6.75 The Peace Officer or designate may allow an Owner to keep possession of an Animal alleged to have been engaged in any threatening behavior as set out in this Bylaw by serving notice with contain and control conditions which, in the opinion of the Peace Officer or designate, ensures the safety of the public.
- 6.76 The contain and control conditions shall be reviewed annually by the Peace Officer or designate, considering any further contraventions of this Bylaw, and may be continued, revised, or revoked.

- 6.77 The Owner of an Animal shall comply with contain and control conditions set out in a notice issued by the Peace Officer or designate pursuant to this section.

Aggression Scale Classification

- 6.78 A Peace Officer investigating a complaint involving the threatening behavior of an Animal shall classify the behavior by means of reference to the Dr. Ian Dunbar's Aggression Scale, as set out in Schedule "D" of this Bylaw.

Seizure

- 6.79 A Peace Officer may seize, retain, and take to an Animal Shelter any Animal, Nuisance Animal or Vicious Animal:
- a. which is found Running at Large;
 - b. which is alleged to have engaged in any threatening behaviors as set out in this Bylaw;
 - c. pending the outcome of an application to declare the Animal to be a Vicious Animal or to destroy the Animal;
 - d. which is required to be impounded pursuant to the provisions of any Statue of Canada, or of the Province of Alberta, or any Regulation made thereunder; or
 - e. which has been left unsupervised while tethered or tied on private property not owned by the Animal's Owner; and
 - f. Animal's owner shall be responsible for all fees associated to the animal being impounded.
- 6.80 A Peace Officer may enter onto any property surrounding any building, whether or not such property is enclosed by a fence or other such enclosure, and seize any Animal which has been observed Running at Large and is alleged to have been exhibiting threatening behavior as set out in this Bylaw and to take such reasonable measures necessary to subdue any such Animal, including the use of tranquilizer equipment and other capture devices.

Notification

- 6.81 A person who takes control of any stray Animal, Nuisance Animal or Vicious Animal, shall forthwith notify a Peace Officer, provide any required information, and surrender the Animal to a Peace Officer upon the request of the Peace Officer.

Obstruction and Interference

- 6.82 No person, whether that person is the Owner of an Animal, Nuisance Animal or Vicious Animal which is being or has been pursued or seized shall:
- a. interfere with or attempt to obstruct a Peace Officer who is attempting to seize or who has seized an Animal which is subject to seizure;
 - b. open any vehicle in which seized animals have been placed; or
 - c. remove, or attempt to remove, from the possession of a Peace Officer, any Animal which has been seized.
- 6.83 No person shall:
- a. untie, loosen, or otherwise free an Animal which has been tied or otherwise restrained;

- b. negligently or willfully open a gate, door or other opening in a fence or enclosure in which an Animal has been confined and thereby allow the Animal to run at large in the Town of Olds;
- c. entice an Animal to Run at Large;
- d. tease an Animal caught or confined in an enclosed space;
- e. throw or poke any object into an enclosed space when an Animal is caught or confined therein;
- f. provide false information to a Peace Officer.

6.84 The above sections shall not apply to a Peace Officer who is attempting to seize or who has seized an Animal which is subject pursuant to this Bylaw.

Notification to Owner

- 6.85 If a Peace Officer knows or can ascertain the name of the Owner of any seized Animal, he shall serve the Owner with a copy of the Notice in Schedule “E” of this Bylaw, either personally or by leaving it with any adult person at, or by mailing it to or by leaving it at, the last known address of the Owner:
- a. An Owner of an Animal to whom a Notice is mailed is deemed to have received a Notice within seven (7) days from the date it is mailed. A Notice personally delivered to the Owner or any adult person at the last known address of the Owner shall be deemed to be served on the day of service.

Reclaiming

- 6.86 The Owner of any seized Animal, Nuisance Animal or Vicious Animal may reclaim the Animal, Nuisance Animal or Vicious Animal by:
- a. paying to the Town the costs of impoundment, any care, subsistence, or veterinary charges incurred as set out in Town of Olds Rate Bylaw;
 - b. obtaining the licence for such Animal, Nuisance Animal, and Vicious Animal where a licence is required pursuant to this bylaw; and
 - c. complying with any all provisions which may be imposed in accordance with this Bylaw.
- 6.87 Where an Animal, Nuisance Animal or Vicious Animal is claimed, the Owner shall provide proof of ownership.

Inspections

- 6.88 Subject to the entry notice provisions of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000 c.M-26, a Peace Officer of the Town, bearing proper identification, may enter a premises to conduct an inspection in order to determine whether or not this Bylaw or an order issued pursuant to this Bylaw is being complied with and, where it is determined that this Bylaw or an order has been contravened, may, seize and remove from the premises an Animal:
- a. No person shall interfere with or attempt to obstruct a Peace Officer who is attempting to conduct an inspection or seizure of an Animal.

Authority of the Peace Officer (or designate)

- 6.89 The Peace Officer or designate, may:
- a. receive animals into protective care arising from an emergency due to fire, flood, or other reasons;
 - b. retain the animals temporarily;

- c. charge the Owner fees, costs of impoundment, any care, subsistence, or veterinary charges incurred as set out in Town of Olds Rate Bylaw;
 - d. at the end of the protective care period, if no other arrangements are made between the Owner and the Peace Officer or the Owner cannot be ascertained, the Peace Officer will treat such Animals as seized Animals;
 - e. offer the sale, euthanize, or otherwise dispose of all unclaimed Animals which have been seized or deemed to be seized.
- 6.90 The Peace Officer or designate, shall not sell, euthanize, or otherwise dispose of a seized Animal until an Animal is retained for:
- a. Ten (10) days after the Owner has received notice or is deemed to have received notice that the Animal has been seized; or
 - b. Seventy-two (72) hours, if the name and address of the Owner is not known: and
 - c. The Peace Officer may retain a seized Animal for a longer period if in his opinion the circumstances warrant the expense or there are reasonable grounds to believe that the seized Animal is a continued danger to a person, Animal, Wildlife, Livestock, or other domesticated household pets, or property.

Euthanizing Due to Injury

- 6.94 Any veterinarian, being properly and fully qualified as required by the Province of Alberta, may destroy any Animal delivered to the veterinarian after injury to the Animal, providing the injury is determined by the veterinarian to be such serious nature, based upon their professional opinion, that the Animal must be destroyed immediately and such costs of the destruction may be billed to the Town, and the Town is at liberty to take all steps considered necessary to recover such costs from the Owner of the Animal.

Require Spay/Neuter

- 6.95 The Peace Officer, may, before selling an unclaimed seized Animal, require that the Animal be spayed or neutered.

Fee for Euthanizing

- 6.96 When the Peace Officer or designate, decides to euthanize a seized Animal pursuant to this Bylaw, the Owner shall pay to the Town of Olds, Veterinary fees as set out in Town of Olds Rate Bylaw.

Full Right and Title

- 6.97 The purchaser of a seized Animal pursuant to the provisions of this Bylaw shall obtain full right and title to the Animal and the right and title of the Former Owner of the Animal shall cease thereupon.

PART SEVEN: OFFENCES AND ENFORCEMENT

Offences

- 7.1 A Person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence.
- (i) A Person who is guilty of an offence is liable to a fine in an amount not less than that established in this Bylaw, and not exceeding \$10,000, and its imprisonment for not more than six (6) months for non-payment of a fine; and

- (ii) Without restricting the generality of subsection (i) the fine amount established are as set out in Schedule 'A'.

Enforcement

- 7.2 A Person to whom a permit or Licence has been issued pursuant to this Bylaw and any Person carrying out an activity otherwise regulated, restricted, or prohibited by this Bylaw pursuant to such permit or Licence, shall comply with any terms or conditions forming part of the permit or Licence.
- 7.3 A Person shall not make any false or misleading statement or provide any false or misleading information to obtain a permit or Licence pursuant to this Bylaw.
- 7.4 The onus of proving a permit or Licence has been issued in relation to any activity otherwise regulated, restricted, or prohibited by this Bylaw is on the Person alleging the existence of such a permit or Licence on a balance of probabilities.
- 7.5 A Peace Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to issue a Notice, Violation Tag, or Ticket to any Person who the Peace Officer has reasonable and probable grounds to believe has contravened any provision of this Bylaw. The Peace Officer may commence proceedings against such Person by:
- a. issuing the Person, a Violation Ticket pursuant to the provisions of Part 2 of the Provincial Offences Procedure Act;
 - b. swearing out an Information and complaint against the Person; or
 - c. in lieu of prosecution, issuing the Person a Bylaw Violation Tag.
- 7.6 Where a Peace Officer issues a Person a Notice, Violation Tag, or Ticket in accordance with this Bylaw, the Officer may either:
- a. allow the Person to pay the specified penalty indicating such specified penalty on the Violation Tag or Ticket; or
 - b. require a Court appearance of the Person where the Peace Officer believes that such appearance is in the public interest, pursuant to the provisions of Part 2 of the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*.
- 7.7 Where a Bylaw Violation Tag issued to a Person is not paid within fourteen (14) days of the date of issue, the Peace Officer may proceed by way of prosecution in accordance with section 7.6 of this Bylaw.
- 7.8 No provision of this Bylaw nor any action taken pursuant to any provision of this Bylaw shall restrict, limit, prevent or preclude the Town from pursuing any other remedy in relation to a Premises, Property or Person provided by the Municipal Government Act, or any other law of the Province of Alberta.

Appeal

- 7.9 The Owner of an Animal who has received a notice that their Dog is declared a Vicious Dog pursuant to section 6.63 or their Licence has been refused or revoked pursuant to this Bylaw within fourteen (14) days after the date the decision was communicated to the Person or Owner respectively, may by written notice request the Chief Administrative Officer review the decision. After reviewing the decision, the Chief Administrative Officer may confirm, contrast, add to, or cancel the decision.

Powers of the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

- 7.10 Without restricting any other power, duty or function granted by this Bylaw, the CAO may:
- carry out any inspections to determine compliance with this Bylaw;
 - take any steps or carry out any actions required to enforce this Bylaw;
 - take any steps or carry out any actions required to remedy a contravention of this Bylaw;
 - establish investigation and enforcement procedures with respect to residential, commercial, industrial, or other types of Property and such procedures may differ depending on the type of Property in question;
 - establish areas where activities restricted by this Bylaw are permitted;
 - establish forms for the purposes of this Bylaw;
 - issue permits with such terms and conditions as are deemed appropriate;
 - establish the criteria to be met for a permit pursuant to this Bylaw; and
 - delegate any powers, duties, or functions under this Bylaw to an employee of the Town.

PART EIGHT: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Severability

- 8.1 If any provision of these bylaws shall be held invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability shall attach only to that provision and shall not in any manner affect or render invalid or unenforceable any other provision, and these bylaws shall be interpreted and enforced as if the invalid or unenforceable provision were not contained herein.

Repeal

- 8.2 That the Community Standards Bylaw 2015-08 and all amendments hereto; Bylaw 2017-18, Bylaw 2019-01, Bylaw 2019-30, 2021-04, Bylaw 2021-09, and Bylaw 2021-17 are hereby repealed.

Effective Date

- 8.3 This Bylaw shall come into effect at such time as it has received third reading and has been signed in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act RSA 2000 C M-26*, as amended from time to time.

Read for a first time on the ____ day of February 2023.

Read for a second time on the ____ day of February 2023.

Received Unanimous Consent for presentation of third reading the ____ day of February 2023.

Read for a third and final time on the ____ day of February 2023.

Judy Dahl,
Mayor

Brent Williams,
Chief Administrative Officer

Signed by the Chief Elected Official and Chief Administrative Officer this ____ day of February 2023.

SCHEDULE 'A'
FINES AND PENALTIES

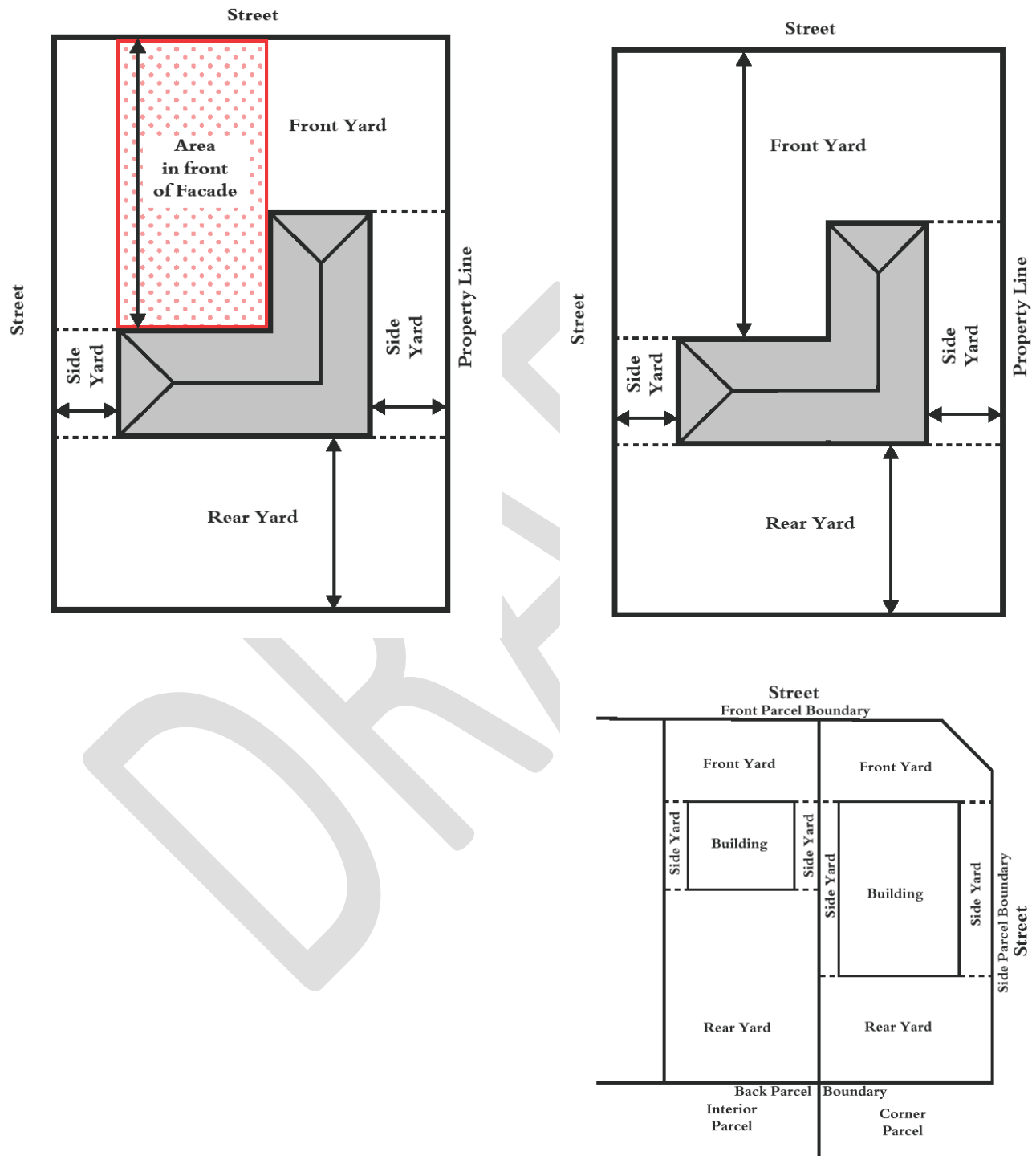
Unless otherwise noted all offences of the Community Standards Bylaw have the following specified penalties.

| Penalty in lieu of Prosecution (PLP) | 1 st Offence | 2 nd Offence | 3 rd Offence |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| \$125 | \$250 | \$500 | \$750 |

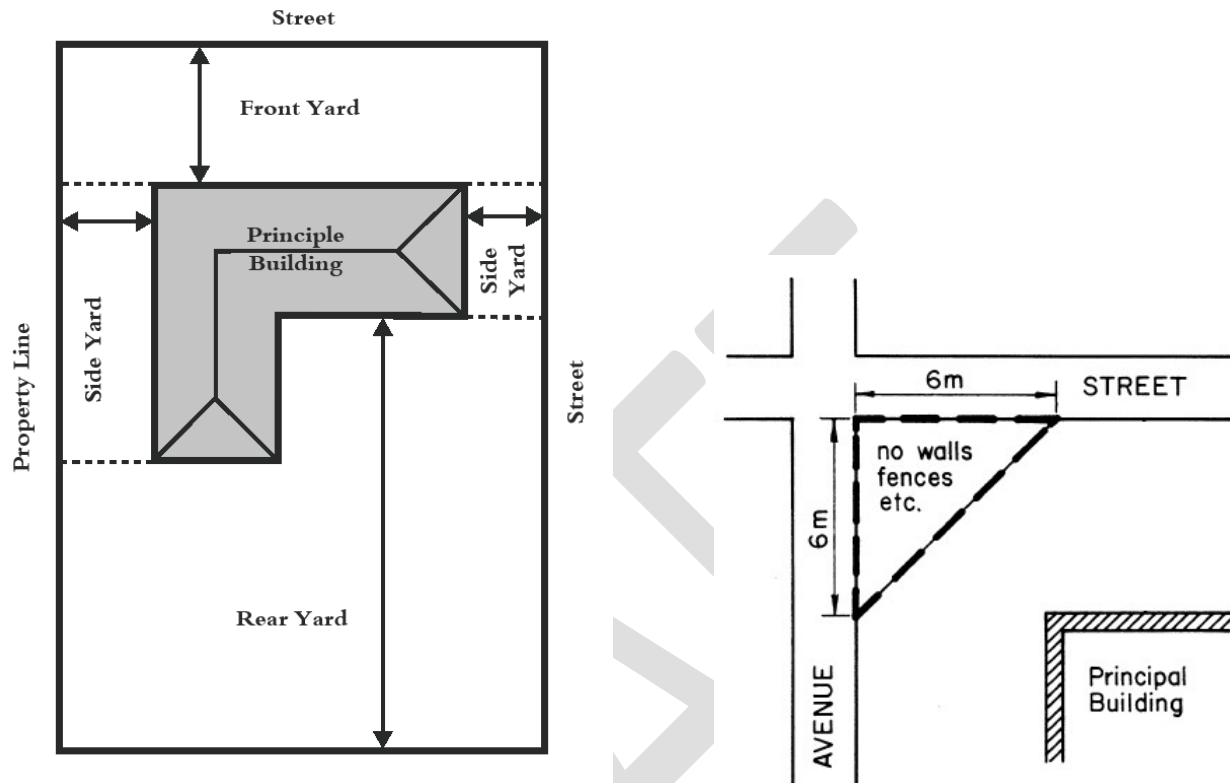
SPECIFIC PENALTIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

| Item | Section | PLP | 1 st Offence | 2 nd Offence | 3 rd Offence |
|------|-------------|-------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | 3.1 | \$250 | \$500 | \$1000 | \$1500 |
| 2 | 3.2 | \$250 | \$500 | \$1000 | \$1500 |
| 3 | 3.4 | \$250 | \$500 | \$1000 | \$1500 |
| 4 | 3.5 | \$75 | \$100 | \$200 | \$300 |
| 5 | 3.21 - 3.22 | \$250 | \$500 | \$1000 | \$1500 |
| 6 | 4.8 - 4.11 | \$250 | \$500 | \$1000 | \$1500 |
| 7 | 4.12 - 4.16 | \$250 | \$500 | \$1000 | \$1500 |
| 8 | 6.1 - 6.2 | \$250 | \$500 | \$1000 | \$1500 |
| 9 | 6.14 | \$250 | \$500 | \$1000 | \$1500 |
| 10 | 6.16 - 6.19 | \$250 | \$500 | \$1000 | \$1500 |
| 11 | 6.21 - 6.28 | \$250 | \$500 | \$1000 | \$1500 |
| 12 | 6.29 - 6.31 | \$500 | \$1000 | \$2000 | \$3000 |
| 13 | 6.40 - 6.41 | \$500 | \$1000 | \$1500 | \$2000 |
| 14 | 6.46 - 6.49 | \$500 | \$1000 | \$1500 | \$2000 |
| 15 | 6.51 - 6.62 | \$250 | \$500 | \$1000 | \$1500 |
| 16 | 6.63 - 6.77 | \$500 | \$1000 | \$2000 | \$3000 |

SCHEDULE 'B'
YARD DEFINITIONS



SCHEDULE 'B'
YARD DEFINITIONS CONTINUED



SCHEDULE “C”
PROHIBITED ANIMALS

1. All protected or endangered animals whose possession or sale is prohibited because they are designated as protected or endangered pursuant to international, federal, or provincial law, unless the animal has been obtained in accordance with international, federal, or provincial law.
2. All dogs, other than domesticated dogs (*Canis Familiaris*) including but not limited to wolf, coyote, fox, hyena, dingo, jackal, raccoon dog, bush dog, and any hybrid offspring of a wild dog and a domesticated dog.
3. All cats, other than domesticated cats (*Felis Catus*) including but not limited to lion, tiger, leopard, ocelot, jaguar, puma, panther, mountain lion, cheetah, wild cat, cougar, bobcat, lynx, serval, and any hybrid offspring of a wild cat and a domesticated cat.
4. All bears.
5. All fur bearing animals of the family *Mustelidae* including but not limited to weasel, marten, mink, badger, ermine, skunk, otter, pole cat, wolverine, but not including the domestic ferret (*Putorius Furo*).
6. All *Procyonidae* including: raccoon, kinkajou, cacomistle, cat-bear, panda, and coatiundi.
7. All carnivorous mammals of the family *Viverridae* including but not limited to: civet, mongoose, and genet.
8. All bats.
9. All non-human primates.
10. All squirrels.
11. All rats, including the Norway rat.
12. Reptiles (*Reptilia*):
 - a. All *Helodermatidae* (Gila monster and Mexican bearded lizard);
 - b. All front-fanged venomous snakes, even if de-venomized, including, but not limited to:
 - i) All *Viperidae* (viper, pit viper);
 - ii) All *Elapidae* (cobra, mamba, krait, coral snake);
 - iii) All *Atractaspididae* (African burrowing asp);
 - iv) All *Hydrophiidae* (sea snake); and

SCHEDULE “C” Prohibited Animals Continued

- v) All Laticaudidae (sea krait).
 - vi) All venomous, mid-, or rear-fanged, Duvernoy-glanded members of the family Colubridae, even if de-venomized;
 - c. Any member or hybrid offspring of the family Boidae, including but not limited to the common or green anaconda and yellow anaconda, save and except members of the family Boidae reaching an adult length of no greater than two (2) meters;
 - d. Any member of the family Pythonidae, including but not limited to the African rock python, the Indian or Burmese python, the Amethystine or scrub python, save and except members of the family Pythonidae reaching an adult length of no greater than two (2) meters;
 - e. Any member of the family Varanidae, including but not limited to the white throated monitor, the water monitor, the Komodo monitor or dragon, the Bornean earless monitor, the Nile monitor, the crocodile monitor, save and except members of the family Varanidae reaching an adult length of no greater than one (1) meter;
 - f. Any member of the family Iguanidae, including the green or common iguana;
 - g. Any member of the family Teiidae, including but not limited to the golden, common, or black and white tegu;
 - h. members of the family Chelydridae, including snapping turtle and alligator snapping turtle;
 - i. All members of the order Crocodylia, including, but not limited to alligator, caiman, and crocodile;
 - j. All other snakes that reach an adult length larger than three meters; and
 - k. All other lizards that reach an adult length larger than two meters.
13. Birds (Aves)
- a. All predatory or large birds (Accipitrids, Cathartids), including but not limited to eagle, hawk, falcon, owl, vulture, and condor;
 - b. Anseriformes including but not limited to ducks, geese, and swans;
 - c. Galliformes including but not limited to pheasants, grouse, guinea fowl and turkeys; and
 - d. Struthioniformes including but not limited to flightless ratites such as ostriches, rheas, cassowaries, emus, and kiwis;
 - e. Subsections (a) to (d) inclusive in subsection do not apply if the birds are kept as livestock on land zoned as agricultural.

SCHEDULE “C” Prohibited Animals Continued

15. All large rodents (Rodentia), including, but not limited to gopher, muskrat, paca, groundhog, marmot, beaver, prairie dog, viscacha, and porcupine.
16. All even-toed ungulates (Artiodactyla) other than domestic sheep, including but not limited to antelope, giraffe, and hippopotamus.
17. All odd-toed ungulates (Perissodactyla), including but not limited to zebra, rhinoceros, and tapir.
18. All marsupials, including but not limited to, Tasmanian devil, bandicoot, kangaroo, wallaby, opossum, wombat, koala bear, cuscus, numbat and pigmy, sugar, and greater glider.
19. Sea mammals (Cetacea, Pinnipedia and Sirenia), including but not limited to, dolphin, whale, seal, sea lion and walrus.
20. All elephants (Proboscides).
21. All hyrax (Hyracoidea).
22. All pangolin (Pholidota).
23. All sloth and armadillo (Edentala).
24. All insectivorous mammals (Insectivora), including aardvark (Tubulidentata), anteater, shrew, otter shrew and mole.
25. Gliding lemur (Dermoptera).
26. All other venomous or poisonous animals.

SCHEDULE “D”
DR. IAN DUNBAR’S AGGRESSION SCALE

**ASSESSMENT OF THE SEVERITY OF BITING PROBLEMS BASED ON AN OBJECTIVE
EVALUATION OF WOUND PATHOLOGY**

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| Level 1 | Dog growls, lunges, snarls – no teeth touch skin. Mostly intimidation and/or threatening behaviour. |
| Level 2 | Teeth touch skin but no puncture. May have red mark and/or minor bruise from dog’s head or snout, may have minor scratches from paws and/or nails. Minor surface abrasions or lacerations. |
| Level 3 | Punctures one (1) to three (3) holes, single Bite. No tearing or slashes. Victim not shaken side to side. Bruising |
| Level 3.5 | Multiple Level 3 Bites. |
| Level 4 | Two (2) to four (4) holes from a single Bite, typically contact and/or punctures from more than canines, considerable bruising. Black bruising, tears and/or slashing wounds. Dog clamped down and held and/or shook head from side to side. |
| Level 5 | Multiple Bites at Level 4 or above. A concerted, repeated Attack causing Severe Injury. |
| Level 6 | Any Bite resulting in death of an Animal. |

This scale was developed by Dr. Ian Dunbar PhD. B VetMed, MRCVS, of Berkeley California. From his studies Dr. Dunbar has been able to separate and classify bites into a generalized six-level assessment protocol. This Scale is used as a standard throughout the world in canine aggression investigations and behavior assessment.

SCHEDULE “E”
ANIMAL SEIZURE AND IMPOUNDMENT FORM

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| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; align-items: center;"><div style="text-align: center; margin-right: 10px;">Town of OLDS</div><div style="text-align: center;">Municipal Enforcement Notice of Seizure/Impoundment of Animal or Urban Her</div></div> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| File Number: _____ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Take notice that _____, 20____ under the Town of Olds Community Standards Bylaw and amendments et al, the following animal(s) was/were taken into custody: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | | | | | | 4 | | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | | 5 | | | | | |
| 3 | | | | | | 6 | | | | | |
| By: Peace Officer _____ Reg# _____ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Town of Olds 4512 46 Street Olds, AB T4H 1R5 Phone: (403) 507-4859 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reason for animal(s) to be taken into custody: _____ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| The animal(s) was/were delivered to: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veterinary Clinic: _____ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| If the animal(s) is/are not claimed or the payment of expenses is not made by, _____ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| the animal(s) may placed for adoption, given away, or in accordance with with the bylaw, destroyed. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Signature of Peace Officer _____ | | | | | | | | | | | |

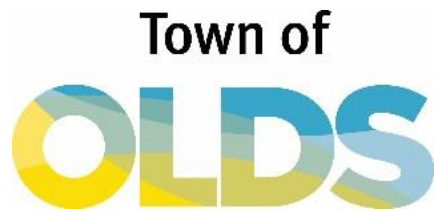
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SCHEDULE “F”

VICIOUS ANIMAL SIGN

Required for a Vicious Animal pursuant to the Bylaw.





POLICIES AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Date: 6 March 2023

Author: Brent Williams, CAO

Department: Office of the CAO

Subject: Organizational Review Action Plan

RECOMMENDATION

- To recommend the action plan be brought forward to a future Council Meeting as presented;
OR
- To recommend the action plan be brought forward to a future Council Meeting as amended.

BACKGROUND

As per Council direction, the attached Organizational Review Action Plan is based on previous Council discussions and current priorities/capacity.

From the 78 recommendations:

- 66 are recommended to be Accepted.
- 5 are recommended to be Partially Accepted
- 7 are recommended to be Declined.

ATTACHMENTS

- Proposed Action Plan

| Organizational Review Recommendations | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Number | Title | Recommended Action | Comments | Implementation Timeline |
| 1 | That the Town of Olds implements Option A as the preferred organizational structure | Partial Acceptance | <i>Full implementation is not yet feasible nor affordable</i> | 2023 - 2025 |
| 2 | That the Strategic Plan be developed to a higher level, including the specific goals of Council. | Accept | | 2023 |
| 3 | That monthly CAO conversations cease, and Council provides direction to the CAO through resolutions passed at a public Council meeting. | Decline | <i>These meetings are legislatively compliant as strategic focused session with no decisions made.</i> | N/A |
| 4 | That the performance assessment process for the CAO is amended to remove the involvement of the Manager of Human Resources. | Accept | | 2023 |
| 5 | That Policy No. 315C and Procedure No. 315 P be updated to follow the CAMA Performance Management Toolkit. | Accept | | 2023 |
| 6 | That Councilors refrain from meeting with staff members to hear their personal complaints. | Accept | | Ongoing |
| 7 | Only elected members of the Council sit at the Council table. | Accept | | 2023 - 2024 |
| 8 | That Policy 101C Policy and Procedure Development be amended to state that all Council Policies be reviewed, updated and approved within each council term. | Partial Acceptance | <i>Policy Updated February 27th, 2023</i> | Complete |
| 9 | That all policies for outward service delivery have a defined level of service (similar to the Playground Inspection and Maintenance). | Accept | | 2023 - 2024 |
| 10 | That Policy 105C Communication and Response be reviewed to ensure it aligns with the 2022- 2032 Strategic Plan. | Accept | | 2023 |
| 11 | That Policy 126C Elected Official Professional Development be amended to include a greater focus on ongoing technical municipal government courses. | Accept | | 2023 |
| 12 | That Policies 106C Remuneration & Benefits, 125C Elected Official Budget Plan and 126C Elected Official Professional Development be reviewed to ensure continuity and potential amalgamation, and the Elected Officials Budget be posted to the website. | Accept | | 2023 |
| 13 | That Council appoints members to the Economic Development Secretariat. | Accept | | 2023 |
| 14 | That the HR Department develops an "Organization Succession Plan." | Accept | | 2023 - 2024 |
| 15 | That all departments ensure they have current and accessible Standard Operating Procedures within each of their working units. | Accept | | 2023 - 2025 |
| 16 | That HR should take time to reach a consensus and understanding when dealing with contentious issues with individuals, such as intimidation, bullying and harassment. | Accept | | Ongoing |
| 17 | That HR has a sound and well-founded understanding and the resources needed to deal with specific issues, such as various staffing problems that occasionally require disciplinary actions. | Accept | | Ongoing |
| 18 | HR Department to review its hiring and onboarding protocols and improve as needed | Accept | | 2023 - 2024 |
| 19 | HR Department to take the lead on providing each department with the training required in the hiring and onboarding process. | Accept | | 2023 - 2024 |
| 20 | HR Department to ensure all staff leaving the Town's employment is provided with the opportunity for a voluntary "Exit Review". | Accept | | Ongoing |
| 21 | HR to ensure that hiring departments are well informed on what they need in hiring new staff. | Accept | | Ongoing |
| 22 | That all annual performance reviews include a review of the job description to ensure it still aligns with all positions within the organization. | Accept | | 2023 - 2024 |
| 23 | HR to ensure that organization is adhering to the annual employee evaluation process, ensuring that all appraisals are adequately completed and on the employee's anniversary date. | Accept | | 2023-2024 |
| 24 | That the Town completes a market analysis of their current benefits package to compete for suited and qualified candidates effectively. | Accept | | 2023 |
| 25 | Develop a "staff recognition" program rewarding good work or innovative ideas brought forward | Accept | | 2023 - 2024 |
| 26 | That responsibility for internal and external communications and engagement be managed by one employee. | Accept | | Complete |
| 27 | That a Key Performance Indicator be developed for tracking of public inquiries. | Accept | | 2023 |
| 28 | That leadership addresses role clarity so all staff clearly understand their individual roles and responsibilities within the organization and also the roles and responsibilities of others. | Accept | | Ongoing |
| 29 | To include effective communication methods within its overall culture improvement efforts that will establish a process where all employees are informed with accurate, consistent and timely messaging. | Accept | | 2023 - 2024 |
| 30 | Managers of Operations and Community Services hold regular meetings with Community Services employees to address operational tasks and to share information on departmental priorities. | Accept | | Ongoing |

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| 31 | That opportunities for staff training and professional development across the organization be increased. | Accept | | 2024 |
| 32 | That adequate funding be provided for staff training and professional development across the organization. | Accept | | Ongoing |
| 33 | That Performance Appraisals be done annually for all staff with goals and Key Performance Indicators as part of the process. | Accept | | 2023 - 2024 |
| 34 | That the updated draft Records and Information Management Bylaw be presented to Council for approval, followed by the new Records and Information Management Policy. | Accept | | 2023 |
| 35 | Ensure that Town publications, business cards, emails and correspondence meet the specific requirements of the Brand Standards. | Accept | | Ongoing |
| 36 | That a plan be developed that focuses on improving the Town's organization "culture." | Accept | | 2023 - 2024 |
| 37 | Planning and Engineering Department to be formed under the oversight of a newly created position of Manager of the department. | Accept | | Complete |
| 38 | Introduce a Buildings and Grounds Department under the Infrastructure Services Division that includes two sections: Open Spaces and Facilities. | Decline | <i>Potential for future implementation but not suited for immediate consideration.</i> | N/A |
| 39 | Restructure the Operations Department led by a Manager to provide oversight of three individual Sections, a new Fleet Services, Public Works and Utilities | Decline | <i>Fleet services is not yet a viable function in the Town. Future implementation will be investigated.</i> | N/A |
| 40 | That the Town adopt a Fleet Management Program with oversight provided by the Operations Manager. | Accept | | 2023 |
| 41 | That the Operations Department ensures that each staff member is aware of "who" within the organization is responsible for "what" and that the reporting lines are clear. | Accept | | 2023 - 2024 |
| 42 | That leadership encourages cross-training approaches to be embraced within the Town's culture. | Accept | | Ongoing |
| 43 | That the Operations Department continues with its current program on correcting the Town's water loss within its water distribution and metering systems | Accept | | Ongoing |
| 44 | That the Operations Department continues with its current I&I corrective measures plan. | Accept | | Ongoing |
| 45 | That the Operations Department prepare a program that will coincide with the engineering recommendations provided within the "Town of Olds Master Drainage Plan." | Accept | | 2024 |
| 46 | That the Town seeks an agreement with the Province's traffic controller contractor to maintain the Town's sole traffic controller. | Decline | <i>The province utilizes the same contractor as the Town. No need to pursue.</i> | N/A |
| 47 | Town Capital Projects are to be managed by the Planning and Engineering Department, thereby providing oversight of all Town Capital projects. | Accept | | 2023 - 2024 |
| 48 | That the Operations Department continues to have regularly scheduled meetings keeping staff well informed with clear and consistent messaging. | Accept | | Ongoing |
| 49 | That Managers are provided with a Delegation of Authority, and the authority is clearly understood by the Managers so that they can feel confident in carrying out their roles and responsibilities. | Accept | | Ongoing |
| 50 | Operations Department to annually prequalify area contractors by requesting quotes to provide service fees or equipment rental rates. | Accept | | 2023 - 2025 |
| 51 | That the Operations Department ensures that each section has the proper Standard Operating Procedures and is accessible at all times. | Accept | | 2023 - 2024 |
| 52 | Operations initiate the request for approval to proceed with the pavement assessment analysis and to submit its application for funding under the FCM's Municipal Asset Management Program. | Partial Acceptance | <i>The MAMP program will be pursued, but there are higher priorities than pavement assessment presently.</i> | 2024 - 2025 |
| 53 | Operations to establish a Plan that will include a review of the Town's Statutory and Engineering Infrastructure plans to ensure that they are current with the Municipal Development Plan. | Accept | | 2023 - 2026 |
| 54 | That the Town commences a review of Off-Site Levy Bylaw #2018-49 and revises as needed. | Accept | | 2023 |
| 55 | That the Town secures the professional services needed to provide the professional support to assist with managing the Off-Site Levy program. | Accept | | Complete |
| 56 | That the department initiates a program that includes an annual review of the Town's Minimum Design Guidelines. | Accept | | 2024 - 2025 |
| 57 | The vacant Planner position is to be filled as soon as possible. | Accept | | Complete |

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| 58 | That Policy 502C Winter Road Maintenance and Administration Procedure 502P with Appendices A, B & C be amended to set more precise service level standards. | Accept | | 2023 - 2024 |
| 59 | That key performance measurements are developed in areas conducive to measuring performance work outputs. | Accept | | 2023 - 2025 |
| 60 | That the department adopts a Work Order System as a Key Performance Indicator (KPI) that will provide relevant information of the Operations Department activities. | Accept | | 2023 - 2024 |
| 61 | The department develops, as a Key Performance Indicator, a Snow Management Program that includes data acquisition inserted every week into the Town's GIS system. | Partial Acceptance | <i>Current GIS system not suitable for such integration. Snow management will be a primary KPI.</i> | 2023 - 2024 |
| 62 | The department develops, as an annual Street Sweeping Program and as a Key Performance Indicator, to include the daily sweeping information inserted every week into the Town's GIS system. | Partial Acceptance | <i>Current GIS system not suitable for such integration. Street sweeping will be a primary KPI.</i> | 2023 - 2024 |
| 63 | That key performance measurements be developed for reporting on the number of roadway collisions and that this information be shared with the Operations Department and Protective Services. | Accept | | 2023 |
| 64 | That the Town of Olds considers adding capacity to the Fire Chief role by either hiring a stand-alone Fire Chief or adding a second full-time Deputy Fire Chief. | Accept | | Complete |
| 65 | That the Town of Olds considers increasing the full-time, stand-alone Fire Officer/Firefighter group. | Accept | | Ongoing |
| 66 | That the Town of Olds considers options to reduce the number of times the Paid on Call staff are called out. | Accept | | 2023 - 2024 |
| 67 | That the Town of Olds considers adopting the Olds Fire Master Plan Council Recommendation #5. | Decline | <i>This proposed service level is not currently feasible based on available resources.</i> | N/A |
| 68 | That the Town of Olds consider the continued implementation of the Olds Fire Master Plan | Accept | | Ongoing |
| 69 | That the Town of Olds considers assigning the role of DEM to a full-time Town of Olds employee. | Accept | | 2023 |
| 70 | That Policy 402C Operation of Fire Department and Policy 401C Municipal Enforcement Policy be rescinded. | Accept | | 2023 |
| 71 | The Family and Community Support Services Advisory Board meeting minutes should be named correctly, signed by the Board Chair and a Town supervisory staff member, and the Manager of Community Services job description be amended to reflect the correct Board name. | Decline | <i>FCSS board has been eliminated.</i> | N/A |
| 72 | That the Nu2U thrift store be closed or turned over to a non-profit organization. | Accept | | Complete |
| 73 | That Procedure 801P and the Town website be updated to match Policy 801C Nu2U Grant Guidelines. (This recommendation would be redundant if the preceding recommendation is implemented) | Decline | <i>Recommendation 71 has been actioned and completed.</i> | N/A |
| 74 | That Policy 901C Recreational Facilities and Sports Fields be amended to include sportsplex ice availability dates. | Accept | | 2023 - 2024 |
| 75 | That an Aquatic Centre service level policy be developed. | Accept | | 2023 - 2024 |
| 76 | That the Heritage, Arts and Culture budget be determined according to specific service levels and not by ATCO Gas Franchise Fee revenues. | Accept | | 2024 |
| 77 | That the Town of Olds considers implementing a general phase-in of incrementally increased mill rates that will provide the Town with more funding to provide services. | Accept | | Ongoing |
| 78 | That the Town of Olds considers increasing the non-residential property tax mill rate at a faster rate over the next five years, the current non-residential property tax rate is significantly lower than other peer municipalities. | Accept | | Ongoing |



POLICIES AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Date: 6 March 2023

Author: Chylla Nault, Executive Support- CAO & Council

Department: Office of the CAO

SUBJECT: Municipal Policing Priorities

RECOMMENDATION

That Council recommend the Mayor forward the 2023/2024 Municipal Policing Priorities to the RCMP as discussed.

BACKGROUND

At the February 6 Policies and Priorities Meeting, S/SGT, Warren Wright spoke to the Annual Performance Plan and the Municipal Policing Priorities. He is requesting Council confirm its policing priorities for the 2023/2024 performance plan. S/SGT Wright made a recommendation to add a 4th priority- Traffic Enforcement Prevention Education

The previous priorities provided by Council were:

1. Crime Reduction
2. Community Engagement and Visibility
3. Mental Health and Domestic Violence

ATTACHMENTS

Olds Letter for Annual Policing Priorities



NCO i/c RCMP
Olds RCMP Detachment
5110 - 65 Avenue
Olds, Alberta
T4H 1L8

Your File

Mayor Judy DAHL
Town of Olds
4512 - 46 Street
Olds, Alberta
T4H 1R5

Our File

January 31, 2023

Dear Mayor DAHL,

**Annual Performance Plan - 2023 / 2024
Town of Olds - Municipal Policing Priorities**

In preparation of the 2023 / 2024 Annual Performance Plan for the Olds Detachment, I am requesting that the Town of Olds please provide me with their policing priorities for the coming year.

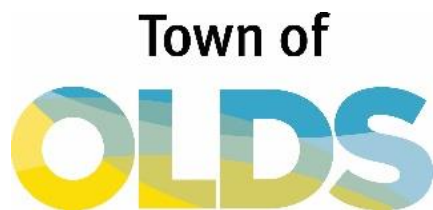
Last year (2022 / 2023), the Town identified their policing priorities as:

1. Crime Reduction
2. Community Engagement and Visibility
3. Mental Health and Domestic Violence

If possible, can you please reply to my request for your policing priorities by March 13, 2023, as my intent is to have the entire 2023/2024 Annual Performance Plan completed by April 1, 2023. If you have any questions or require further clarification on my request, please contact me at (403) 556-3324 or warren.wright@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

Thank you,

S/Sgt. Warren WRIGHT
Detachment Commander
Olds RCMP Detachment
(403) 556-3324



POLICIES AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Date: 6 March 2023

Author: Chylla Nault, Executive Support- CAO & Council

Department: Office of the CAO

Subject: RCMP Support

RECOMMENDATION

- That Council forward a letter to the Minister of Justice, Solicitor General in support of the RCMP; OR
- That Council receive this report for information.

BACKGROUND

As previously directed, administration seeks Council consensus on the Town of Olds support for the RCMP versus a Provincial Police Service.

Previous Council direction has not taken a stance on the matter. A March 2021 letter from Council to the Minister requests transparency in the financial and political rationale for any move to a provincial police service.

In 2022, the Town applied for a \$30,000 grant to study the feasibility of a stand-alone and/or regional police force. There has been no decision communicated by the Province to date.

ATTACHMENTS

- March 2021 Letter to Minister Madu.



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

March 11, 2021

Honourable Minister Kaycee Madu
Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, Deputy House Leader
Office of the Minister, Justice and Solicitor General
424 Legislature Building
10800 - 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

RE: Provincial Policing Agency

Dear Minister Madu,

On behalf of the Town of Olds Council, I would like to share that our local RCMP detachment has been a positive support and safe haven for our community and the Province. We have developed a strong working relationship with them and our regional detachments that are in proximity to the Town of Olds.

Several of our council members attended an AUMA President's Summit regarding policing issues in the province of Alberta, including the issue of replacing the RCMP with a Provincial Police Agency.

During the Summit, some municipalities expressed that they could not support a Provincial Policing Agency at this time. Although we heard your department state that any decision to move the RCMP to a Provincial Policing Agency would be cost neutral, we have not seen any promised information to support this analysis. We can appreciate that your department is still gathering data on this matter, but our concern is that this information is not readily available and a detailed analysis of what a Provincial Agency would look like, has yet to be released.

While we understand and support your commitment to obtain a fair agreement from the federal government, we ask that there be transparency and open discussion prior to replacing agencies that we believe have worked well for our community and province.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Muzychka", followed by a period.

His Worship,
Michael Muzychka
Mayor - Town of Olds
Email: mmuzychka@olds.ca
cc. Michael Merritt, CAO, Town of Olds
Mayor's Read Board



POLICIES AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Date: March 6, 2023

Author: Chylla Nault, Executive Support- CAO & Council

Department: Office of the Chief Administrative Officer (OCAO)

SUBJECT: Chief Administrative Officer's Verbal Update

COUNCIL DIRECTION

Accept the report as presented.

BACKGROUND

CAO Williams will provide a verbal update to council on recent administrative items.

ATTACHMENTS

n/a



POLICIES AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Date: March 6, 2023
Author: Chylla Nault, Executive Support- CAO & Council
Department: Office of the Chief Administrative Officer (OCAO)
SUBJECT: Alberta 2023 Budget

COUNCIL DIRECTION

Accept for information as presented.

BACKGROUND

Budget 2023 is an improvement for municipalities over recent years; however, further downloading by the province and reduced capital remain significant concerns.

A welcome surprise in Budget 2023 is the increase to Municipal operating programs such as MSI Operating, Family and Community Support Services and the Police Support Grant. The MSI Operating fund is being doubled which will mean an additional \$76,460 to the Town of Olds operating budget.

Provincial education property tax revenue has been frozen at the 2022 level. However, there is planned increases in years 2024 and 2025.

MSI Capital remains the same as 2022. Budget 2023 is the last year for the MSI program which will be replaced with the LGFF (Local Government Fiscal Framework) in the 2024/25 budget. While Budget 2023 disappointingly does not propose an increase to the starting amount of LGFF it does commit to removing the 50 percent limitation on the growth of the funding. Other Capital competitive grant programs such as Water for Life, Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership and the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program have all seen slight increases, more research will need to be done to see the impact if any to Olds. The Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) which is a federal program delivered by the Government of Alberta has also increased. The Town of Olds will see an additional \$24,933 from this program.

Lastly, provincial policing funding to municipalities appears to have risen 11%, which is good news following multiple years of cost increases via and downloading. Further increases were seen to Alberta Justice, aimed largely at the court system. These both are positive outcomes.

ATTACHMENTS

March 2023- ABmunis Preliminary Analysis on Alberta's 2023 Budget

Preliminary Analysis of Alberta's 2023 Budget



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March 1, 2023

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Introduction

Budget 2023 is a pre-election budget. It focuses on items that are front and center in Albertans' minds at this moment, such as increased investments in healthcare, education, and policing.

There is also other good news for municipalities. The province has heeded Alberta Municipalities' (ABmunis) advocacy for a freeze to the education property tax requisition. It has also committed to remove the 50 per cent limitation on the growth of the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) Capital funding that will begin in 2024. Plus, the doubling of the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) Operating fund will be welcome news, particularly for small communities, while the expansion of low-income transit passes will benefit several mid-sized cities. Libraries, Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) programs, and Regional Economic Development Alliances (REDAs) will also see increases in funding.

Still, structural challenges to the province's long-term fiscal outlook remain. While any government welcomes a surplus, this budget reinforces the fact that the financial health of the province is tied to the ups and downs of the energy sector. In addition, overall municipal infrastructure funding remains below historical averages, meaning that the infrastructure deficit will continue to deepen.

What you will find in this document

This document includes ABmunis' preliminary analysis of Alberta's 2023-24 budget as it relates to municipal priorities, municipal financial plans, and the financial future of Alberta's communities. In addition, it summarizes the province's fiscal outlook and includes highlights of individual ministry business plans that most impact our communities.

Priorities for Alberta's Municipal Governments

Stable and long-term predictable revenue

MSI to LGFF

Over the past several years, the transition from the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) to the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) has been ABmunis' top advocacy priority. Our efforts have been informed by innumerable hours of number crunching, member resolutions and feedback at events, along with guidance from our Board and committees. Thanks to this advocacy, Budget 2023 signals some important wins. However, gaps remain.

The most significant win is the removal of the 50 per cent cap on the growth of the LGFF funding pot. As a result, infrastructure transfers will better match the increases in population and economic growth that drive the need for community infrastructure. It also means that when provincial revenues fall some years, the LGFF Capital funding pot will decline at the same rate, but to enhance predictability for municipalities, it will apply to municipalities three years later. We have accepted this as part of being partners with the province in the Alberta's overall financial health.

Municipalities will also benefit from a doubling in MSI Operating from \$30 million to \$60 million this year and this will continue under the new LGFF Operating program. The increase is in recognition of "rising costs and other external factors, which include recent government decisions". This increase will particularly benefit small communities with limited fiscal capacity to adjust to inflation and other fiscal pressures. Recent research as part of ABmunis' Future of Municipal Government project has highlighted the need to consider the viability of small communities and provide financial support that addresses their unique needs.

The increase in MSI Operating also acknowledges the strain downloading has placed on the finances of municipalities of all sizes. For example, mid-sized municipalities were particularly hit by unexpected billing for RCMP/police biology case work and a reduction in the municipal portion of traffic fine revenue from 73.3 per cent to 60 per cent in 2020, which together account for an estimated annual loss of \$45 million per year. Given the impact of downloading, ABmunis will remain vigilant in our advocacy for the province to reverse and avoid shifting costs onto municipal property taxpayers.

It is also notable that the province has committed to providing a on-time top up in funding to ensure no municipality will receive a year over year decrease as a result of the shift to a new allocation formula under LGFF. We appreciate the recognition that any change to allocations will result in increases and decreases to different municipalities. At the same time, this top up would not be as important if the starting base amount of LGFF funding was increased as ABmunis has advocated for.

In meetings with Ministers and other provincial officials, ABmunis has set out a strong case for increased infrastructure funding based on:

- Downward trends of infrastructure funding on a per capita basis and as a percentage of provincial expenditures,
- The replacement costs of aging infrastructure,
- The need for infrastructure investments to keep pace with population, economic growth, and inflation, and
- Meeting previous funding commitments.

As we head into the provincial election, advocacy on infrastructure funding will continue to be a top priority.

Property Taxes Frozen

Budget 2022 forecast that the Government of Alberta planned to increase the provincial education property taxes in 2023-24 by 1.5 per cent. ABmunis advocated for a freeze and is therefore pleased that Budget 2023 holds the

education property tax requisition at the 2022-23 level of \$2.5 billion for 2023-24. ABmunis applauds the province's restraint and hopes it will be maintained in subsequent budgets.

Partners in economic growth and recovery

Regional Economic Development Alliances

In 2019, the Government of Alberta applied a 50 per cent reduction to regional economic development alliances (REDAs). In 2021-22 and 2022-23 the province continued that operational funding at \$50,000 for each of the nine REDAs. ABmunis advocated for funding to be restored and enhanced and is pleased to see funding set at \$125,000 per REDA in 2023-24. We are also pleased to see an increase in funding for the Northern and Regional Economic Development (NRED) program.

Investments in Immigration and Newcomer Integration

\$50.3 million funding over three fiscal years is devoted to settlement and integration initiatives, responses to emerging issues and newcomer needs, and support for recognition of newcomer qualifications from outside of Canada. The Alberta Advantage Immigration Program will receive an additional \$21 million over three years to attract newcomers to support economic growth and the province's labour market needs. There is \$8.3 million in funding to assist Ukrainian evacuees to settle and integrate into Alberta. Overall, funding for newcomer supports and multiculturalism increases to an estimated \$32.5 million in 2023-24 from a forecast of \$22.8 million in 2022-23.

ABmunis welcomes these investments as research conducted by The School of Public Policy for ABmunis' Future of Municipal Government initiative highlighted that immigration is central to maintaining Alberta's population given increasingly low fertility rates. The research also pointed to the importance of intermunicipal collaboration and provincial-municipal partnerships to create welcoming and inclusive communities for newcomers and Albertans of all backgrounds. ABmunis hopes to reinvigorate our own Welcoming and Inclusive Communities initiative over the coming year to support municipalities in their efforts strengthen the social fabric of their communities.

Avoid downloading

Policing

Budget 2023 provides considerable increases to the budgets for Justice (10%) and Public Safety and Emergency Services (13%) with an aim of improving access to justice and the courts as well as additional law enforcement resources. Specific steps to address crime in small communities include support for the Rural Alberta Provincial Integrated Defense (RAPID) Response program and an additional \$12 million in funding for the Victims of Crime Assistance Program. There is \$8.7 million in additional funding for policing grants with the new Policing Support Grant (PSG) replacing the Municipal Policing Assistance Grant (MPAG) and the Police Officer Grant (POG). ABmunis is encouraged by the focus of improving public safety as opposed to the narrow focus of creating a new provincial police force.

Affordable Housing

Released in 2021, Alberta's affordable housing strategy maps out the changes needed to provide affordable housing for an additional 25,000 households over the next 10 years, an increase of more than 40 per cent. To meet this target the province aims to support the creation of 2,300 new affordable housing units and new low-income rental subsidies per year each of the next three years.

Budget 2023-24 allocated \$342.5 million for affordable housing, including rent supplements. Of the \$342.5 million, \$34.3 million is allocated to help grow the supply of affordable housing in priority areas through the Affordable Housing Partnership Program.

Libraries

In 2023-24, \$33.4 million is budgeted for public library operating grants, an increase of \$2.9 million. Public library funding has been frozen at \$30.5 million annually since 2016. Many municipalities have been pressing the province for funding increases over the last few years. While this increase will be appreciated by municipalities, additional funding will be required to meet the needs of municipalities given the current regulatory hiring requirements (i.e. librarians) and the central and multifaceted role that libraries play in many communities. In addition, municipalities are looking forward to the province following up on consultations it conducted over the last several years on the *Libraries Act* and *Libraries Regulation*, as updates are required to ensure the legislative environment supports a thriving library system throughout the province.

Family and Community Support Services

Budget 2023 allocates \$105 million through Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) to communities and Metis Settlements to develop and deliver preventative social services programming, an increase of \$5 million from the 2022-23 forecast amount and \$15 million from the 2022 budget amount. Increased support for FCSS is an ABmunis priority and something we advocated for in our pre-budget submission to the province.

Mental Health and Addictions

The budget for mental health and addictions will rise to \$275 million, nearly \$75 million above the 2022-23 forecast. Spending on treatment and support for recovery-oriented systems will increase from \$84 million to \$132 million, comprising the bulk of the increase.

ABmunis supports the increase in accessible recovery spaces but notes that investment in harm reduction programs essentially remains flat at \$30.4 million, an increase of only \$410,000 despite the province's commitment to providing a comprehensive continuum of care including prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery supports.

Emergency Medical Services

The province plans to spend an additional \$196 million over three years for operating Emergency Medical Services (EMS) with the goal of improving ambulance response times. \$148 million of this funding increase will occur in 2023-24. Alberta Health Services intends to hire more staff and implement the recommendations made by the Alberta EMS Provincial Advisory Committee. Hiring more staff will present challenges given the shortage of paramedics in Alberta, so the province will need a sound strategy to recruit and train new paramedics, and to retain current paramedics.

Budget 2023 indicates that \$15 million over three years will be allotted for new EMS vehicles and to replace or upgrade related equipment.

Additional funding for EMS operations is an important component of improving the delivery of these services in Alberta. Current funding primarily focuses on ground ambulance services; air ambulance (i.e. helicopter and fixed wing plane) services are also a necessary component of first response services for Albertans living in rural and remote communities. The province needs to consider a broad spectrum of EMS supports and the impacts to communities when one type of support is defunded in favour of funding another.

Health Care Practitioner Attraction and Retention

Budget 2023 allocates \$158 million in 2023-24 to workforce planning with the aim of increasing the number of health care professionals in Alberta, by means which include:

- Expanding physician training, and
- Recruiting more internationally educated physicians and nurses.

Further, funding in Budget 2023 will be allocated for additional seats for physician training at Alberta's medical schools (through Advanced Education), and attraction of internationally educated nurses by addressing barriers they face, such as navigating complex regulatory requirements, assessment and licensing processes, and access to clinical placements.

Under the new agreement with the Alberta Medical Association, signed last fall, more than \$250 million over four years, beginning in 2022-23, is to be targeted for recruitment and retention programs and specific funding for programs to support physicians, particularly family doctors in regional communities. Additionally, \$15 million annually will specifically be dedicated to the recruitment and retention of physicians who practice full-time in underserved areas, a \$12 million increase for the existing Rural Remote Northern Program.

It is encouraging that the province is acknowledging the urgent need to recruit and retain health care professionals, such as doctors and nurses, especially in rural and remote areas; however, Budget 2023 fails to identify funding for Nurse Practitioners, who are a valuable and immediately available pool of highly educated primary care providers that could enhance and modernize the health care system in Alberta, while at the same time providing primary health care for thousands of Albertans.

Grants in Place of Taxes

Budget 2023 includes an increase of \$6 million to the Grants in Place of Property Taxes (GIPOT) funding to reflect “rising property values and construction of new government infrastructure.” Despite the 20 percent increase from last year, GIPOT is still well below past funding levels of \$60 million before the province cut the program budget in 2019-20. This gap is exacerbated by the impact of inflation and the growth of provincial government infrastructure in the villages, towns and cities that act as regional service hubs. The gap in GIPOT funding also points to the need for the province to recognize the essential role that day-to-day municipal services play in supporting provincial buildings and services.

PLANNING FOR YOUR COMMUNITY'S FINANCIAL FUTURE

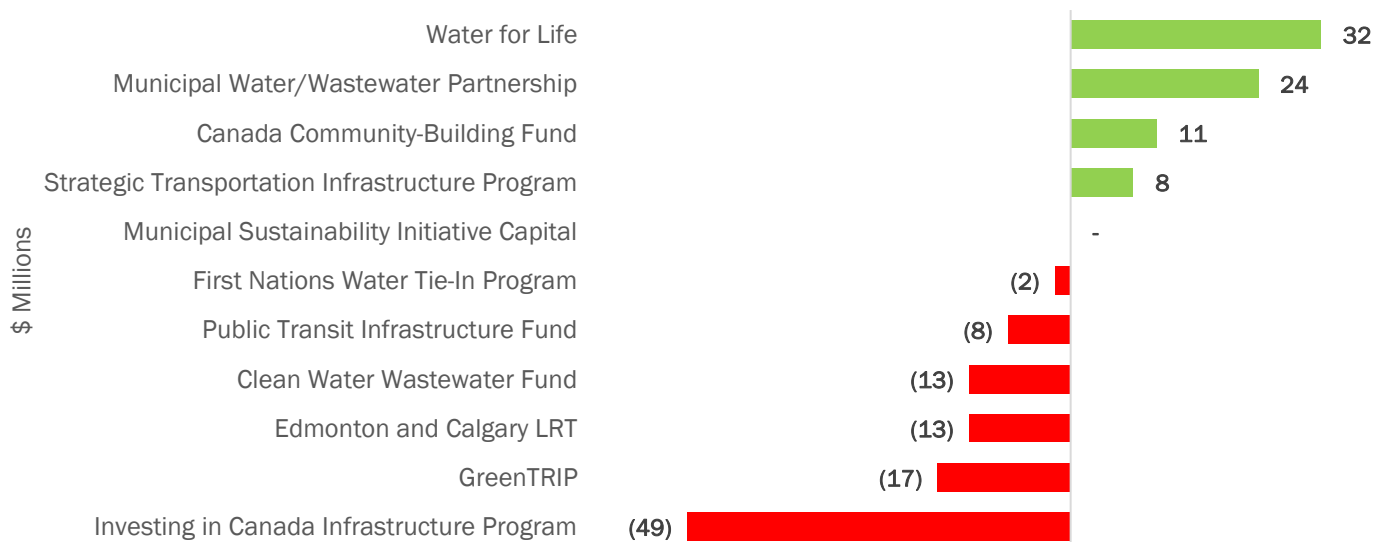
**HOW BUDGET 2023
SUPPORTS
MUNICIPAL
GOVERNMENTS**

How Budget 2023 Supports Municipalities

Core Capital Funding for Municipal Governments

| \$ millions | 2022-23 Budget | 2023-24 Budget | 2024-25 Forecast | 2025-26 Forecast | 2023 vs. 2022 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Provincial Capital Funding | | | | | |
| Municipal Sustainability Initiative – Capital | 485 | 485 | - | - | - |
| Local Government Fiscal Framework | - | - | 722 | 813 | - |
| Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership | 62 | 86 | 63 | 62 | 24 |
| Water for Life | 37 | 69 | 50 | 50 | 32 |
| Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program | 35 | 43 | 25 | 25 | 8 |
| Green Transit Incentives Program (GreenTRIP) | 18 | 1 | - | - | (17) |
| First Nations Water Tie-In Program | 30 | 28 | - | - | (2) |
| | 667 | 712 | 860 | 950 | 45 |
| Year-over-year change (%) | | 6.7% | 20.8% | 10.5% | |
| Federal Capital Funding Delivered by the Government of Alberta | | | | | |
| Canada Community-Building Fund (Gas Tax Fund) | 255 | 266 | 266 | 266 | 11 |
| Clean Water Wastewater Fund | 13 | - | - | - | (13) |
| Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program | 152 | 103 | 23 | 12 | (49) |
| Public Transit Infrastructure Fund | 8 | - | - | - | (8) |
| Edmonton and Calgary LRT (incl. provincial funds) | 707 | 694 | 1,176 | 1,136 | (13) |
| | 1,135 | 1,064 | 1,465 | 1,414 | (71) |
| Year-over-year change (%) | | -6.3% | 37.7% | -3.5% | |
| Total Provincial & Federal Capital Funding | 1,802 | 1,776 | 2,325 | 2,364 | (26) |
| | | -1.4% | 30.9% | 1.7% | |

Year-over-year change in municipal capital funding: Budget 2023 vs. Budget 2022



Budget 2023 increases provincial capital funding for municipalities by 6.7 per cent over the 2022-23 fiscal year. This is primarily driven by re-profiling of unspent budget from 2022-23 plus new funding investments in the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership, Water for Life, and the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program.

In terms of federal capital funding, most municipalities will see an increase in their Canada Community-Building Fund allocation this year unless they receive the minimum amount. All other federal funding programs are fully committed or are now closed meaning no new dollars available for municipalities.

Provincial Capital Funding

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| Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership (AMWWP) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AMWWP was forecasted to be \$17 million but is budgeted at \$86 million. The \$69 million increase over last year's forecast appears to be a combination of \$42 million in new funding plus \$27 million from the 2022 budget that is unspent and is being re-profiled for projects in the 2023-24 year. This benefits municipalities under 45,000 population. |
| Water for Life | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water for Life was forecasted to be \$43 million but is budgeted at \$69 million. The \$26 million increase over last year's forecast appears to be a combination of \$11 million in new funding plus \$15 million from the 2022 budget that is unspent and is being re-profiled for projects in the 2023-24 year. This benefits municipalities under 45,000 population. |
| Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> STIP funding was forecasted to be \$25 million but is budgeted at \$43 million. The \$18 million increase over last year's forecast appears to be a combination of \$8 million in new funding plus \$10 million from the 2022 budget that is unspent and is being re-profiled for projects in the 2023-24 year. This increase will primarily benefit municipal districts through the maintenance and replacement of bridges and resource roads. |
| GreenTRIP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2023 budget represents the remaining amount to be spent from this program, which closed to applications in 2016. |
| First Nations Water Tie-In Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zero amount of the 2022 budget was spent in 2022-23 so ABmunis assumes that the 2023 budget represents a re-profiling of the 2022 planned projects. |

Federal Capital Funding Delivered by the Government of Alberta

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|--|---|
| Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The \$11 million increase in the 2023 Budget is due to the federal government's two per cent indexation of CCBF each year, which is delivered in \$100 million increments and allocated across all provinces and territories. |
| Clean Water Wastewater Fund (CWWF) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CWWF was fully spent in 2022-23 and is now closed. |
| Investing in Canada Infrastructure Fund (ICIP) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alberta's ICIP funding is fully allocated so the change in budget is driven by the timing of expenditures for the approved projects. |
| Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTIF was fully spent in 2022-23 and is now closed. |
| Edmonton and Calgary Light Rail Transit (LRT) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The change in budget is based on project status and timing of expenditures related to this multi-year funding agreement between Canada and Alberta. Figures represent the provincial and federal contribution amounts. |

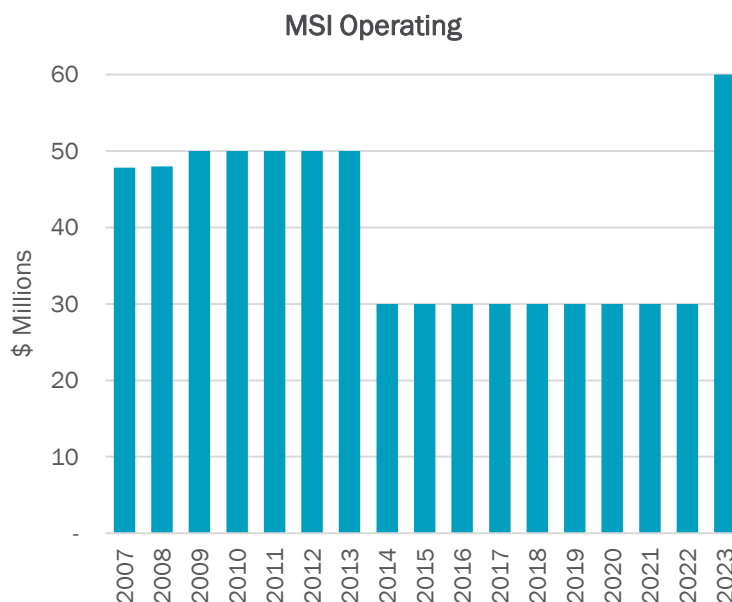
Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI): The Final Year

Doubling of MSI Operating

In response to municipal concerns about inflationary pressures and historical downloading onto municipalities, Budget 2023 announces that MSI Operating is doubled to \$60 million.

With the exception of Calgary and Edmonton, all other municipalities will benefit from this announcement. MSI Operating has been fixed at \$30 million annually since the 2014-15 fiscal year so the doubling of the program will be welcome news, particularly for small municipalities with limited fiscal capacity.

Municipalities can expect their 2023 allocation to be exactly twice the amount of their 2022 MSI Operating allocation.

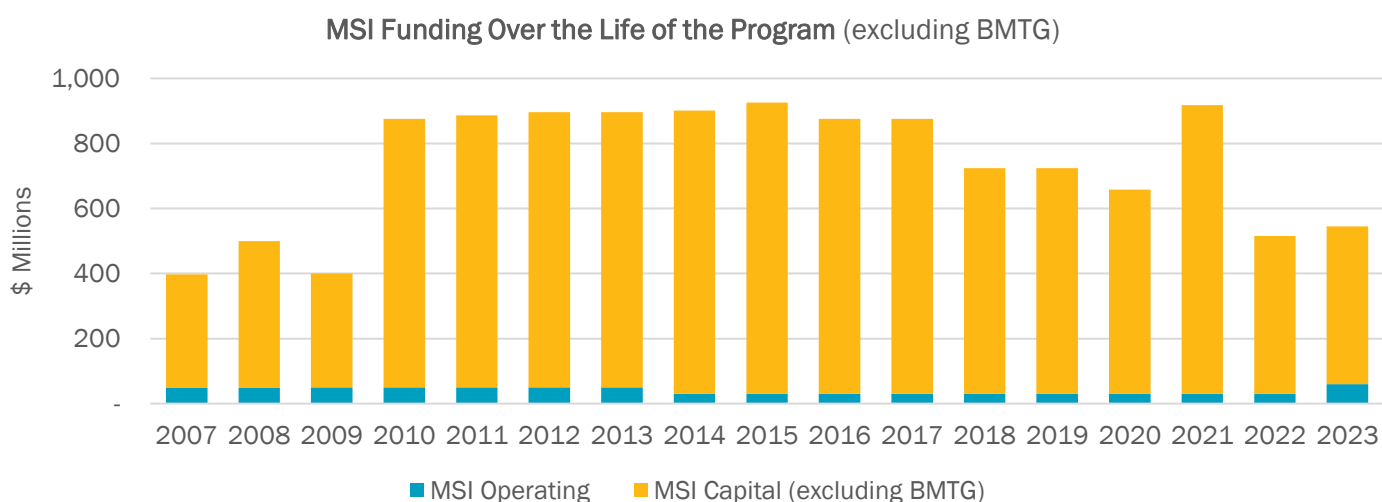


Plan for MSI Capital is Unchanged

Budget 2023 continues the three-year plan for the phase out of the MSI Capital program before it is replaced by LGFF Capital. The three-year plan involved front-loading of MSI Capital in 2021-22 resulting in reduced levels of \$485 million in 2022-23 and 2023-24. Municipalities will receive the same MSI Capital allocation as last year.

The End of the MSI Program

After 17 years, 2023 represents the final year of the MSI program. MSI was created in 2007 under the leadership of former Premier Ed Stelmach and has been continued by each government since. Between 2007 and 2023, MSI delivered a total of \$11.84 billion in capital funding that has allowed municipal governments and Métis settlements to build and maintain key community infrastructure such as roads, water lines, fire services, recreation facilities, and other local needs.¹ MSI also delivered a total of \$676 million in operating funding to support municipalities with day-to-day operations, which has been particularly impactful for small municipalities with limited property tax bases.



¹ Figure excludes the Basic Municipal Transportation Grant, which was rolled into the MSI program in 2014, because it was not part of the original MSI funding commitment of \$11.3 billion.

While MSI set a new standard for offering municipalities flexibility in spending priorities, municipalities also experienced challenges with the MSI program.

- The lower than promised levels of capital funding led to the program being extended from 10 years to 15 years before the original \$11.3 billion commitment was met in 2021.
- MSI Capital has trended downwards since 2015 despite Alberta’s continued rise in cost inflation, population and infrastructure needs.
- Municipal leaders have been challenged to prepare accurate long-term financial plans due to the lack of assurance that future funding capital funding forecasts would be delivered by the province.

For these reasons, ABmunis looks forward to the introduction of the Local Government Fiscal Framework as it will offer municipalities greater predictability and an assurance that funding levels will follow Alberta’s economic growth instead of political priorities of the day.

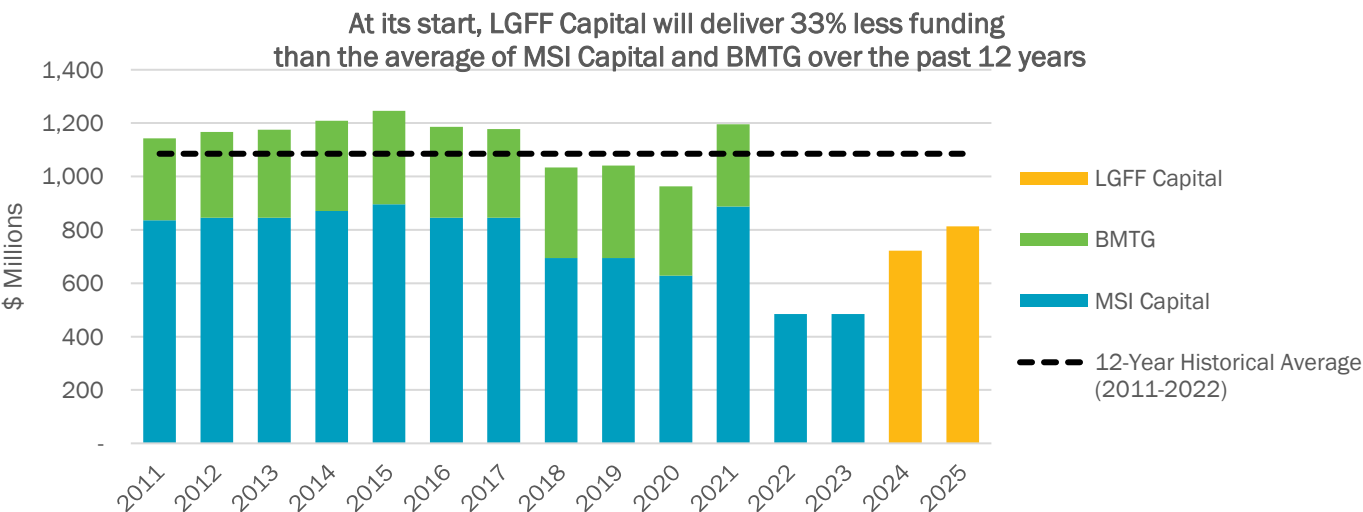
Local Government Fiscal Framework

Budget 2023 reaffirms the province’s commitment to replace MSI and BMTG with the new LGFF Capital program in 2024-25. Recognizing that infrastructure funding is one of the most important issues to municipalities, ABmunis has been pushing for the province to make critical improvements to LGFF before the program starts.

| Municipalities have called for... | Budget 2023 delivers... |
|---|-------------------------|
| 1 The starting 2024 amount of LGFF Capital to be increased to reflect local infrastructure needs. | ✗ |
| 2 The removal of the 50 per cent cap on the growth of the LGFF funding pot. | ✓ |

New Infrastructure Funding Program Does Not Meet Funding Expectations

ABmunis is disappointed that Budget 2023 does not propose an increase in the starting amount of LGFF Capital. MSI Capital and BMTG have collectively averaged around \$1.1 billion per year over the last 12 years, while the replacement program, LGFF Capital, will start in 2024 at only \$722 million. This represents a 33 per cent reduction in investments in community infrastructure, meaning that without change to the funding level, Albertans will need to accept higher municipal property taxes or lower quality infrastructure over the years ahead.



| \$ millions | 2020-21 Budget | 2021-22 Budget | 2022-23 Budget | 2023-24 Budget | 2024-25 Forecast | 2025-26 Forecast |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Capital Component | | | | | | |
| MSI Capital (including BMTG) | 963 | 1,196 | 485 | 485 | - | - |
| LGFF Capital | - | - | - | - | 722 | 813 |
| Operating Component | | | | | | |
| MSI Operating | 30 | 30 | 30 | 60 | - | - |
| LGFF Operating | - | - | - | - | 60 | 60 |
| Total | 993 | 1,226 | 515 | 515 | 782 | 873 |
| Year-over-year change | | 133 | (611) | - | 267 | 91 |

The 2023 Fiscal Plan forecasts that MSI Capital will end in 2023 and LGFF Capital will start in 2024 at \$722 million and then increase to \$813 million in 2025. The increase is based on LGFF's design where the funding pot will increase or decrease annually based on changes in the Government of Alberta's actual revenues from three years prior. Therefore, the increase in the 2025 LGFF Capital will be calculated based on the change in the Government of Alberta's revenue from 2021-22 to the 2022-23 fiscal year. The 2025 amount for LGFF Capital will be confirmed once the province closes its books for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

Province Acts on Call for LGFF Capital to Match Changes in Provincial Revenue

When the *Local Government Fiscal Framework Act* was passed in 2019, ABmunis and our members expressed concern that the 50 per cent limitation on the revenue index factor calculation would mean that the funding would not keep pace with inflation and Alberta's economy. ABmunis is pleased to see the province's commitment to amend the legislation so that the LGFF funding pot will increase or decrease at the same rate as provincial revenues on an annual basis. While this will mean more fluctuation in year-to-year funding amounts for municipalities, this approach ensures that funding for community infrastructure is not left behind from the growth in Alberta's economy and provincial government revenue over the long term. This has been a problem of the MSI program, which is why ABmunis advocated for this approach under LGFF.

LGFF Capital Allocation Formula

The Government of Alberta continues to review options for the design of the LGFF Capital allocation formula for the non-charter municipalities. Recommendations on the allocation formula put forth by ABmunis and the Rural Municipalities of Alberta would potentially lead to a decrease in funding for some municipalities compared to past funding levels. Budget 2023 makes a commitment that the province will provide one-time top-up funding to ensure that no municipality will receive a year-over-year decrease in funding as part of the shift from MSI to LGFF Capital.

LGFF Operating

Budget 2023 reaffirms that MSI Operating will be replaced with an LGFF Operating program starting in 2024. The province has increased MSI Operating funding to \$60 million and ABmunis is pleased that this funding level is forecasted to continue under the LGFF Operating program in 2024 and 2025. Once the allocation formula for LGFF Capital is finalized, ABmunis expects to engage with Municipal Affairs about the design for the LGFF Operating allocation formula.

Core Operating Funding for Municipal Governments

| \$ millions | 2021-22 Budget | 2022-23 Budget | 2023-24 Budget | % Change | Note |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|------|
| Alberta Community Partnership | 25.4 | 15.4 | 15.4 | - | |
| Emergency Management Preparedness Program | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | - | |
| Family and Community Support Services | 100.0 | 100.0 | 115.0 | 15% | 1 |
| Fire Services Training Program | - | - | 0.5 | Reinstated | 2 |
| Grants in Place of Taxes | 30.0 | 30.0 | 36.0 | 20% | 3 |
| Low Income Transit Pass Grants | 9.0 | 9.0 | 16.0 | 78% | 4 |
| Policing Support Grant (formerly MPAG & POG) | 89.2 | 89.2 | 98.8 | 11% | 5 |
| Municipal Sustainability Initiative – Operating | 30.0 | 30.0 | 60.0 | 100% | 6 |
| | 283.8 | 273.8 | 341.9 | | |

Notes on Core Operating Funding for Municipalities

1. The \$15 million increase in Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) represents \$10 million for Food Banks and \$5 million in additional support for FCSS programs. ABmunis supports this increase after the program's funding has been fixed since 2015 despite inflationary pressures.
2. In 2020-21, the Government of Alberta discontinued the \$500,000 Fire Services Training Program. Fortunately, after advocacy by ABmunis and other municipal stakeholders, the province [reinstated the program](#) in late 2022.
3. The Grants in Place of Property Taxes (GIPOT) funding is increased by 20 per cent to reflect "rising property values and construction of new government infrastructure." Despite the increase, GIPOT is still well below past funding levels of \$60 million before the province cut the program budget in 2019-20. ABmunis continues to advocate that the province should cover the full cost of municipal services to provincial buildings just like any other property owner.
4. Calgary and Edmonton will continue to receive \$4.5 million each under the Low-Income Transit Pass program. The \$7 million increase in the program budget represents a temporary increase to begin pilot projects with ten municipalities in other regions of the province.
5. The Municipal Policing Assistance Grant and Police Officer Grant have been amalgamated under a new name of Policing Support Grant and the budget has increased by 11 per cent. This budget increase will be welcomed by municipalities over 5,000 population as policing grants have been unchanged for many years.
6. The 100 per cent increase in MSI Operating is designed to support municipal governments to address inflationary pressures and compensate for past decisions that have impacted municipalities.

Provincial Education Property Tax

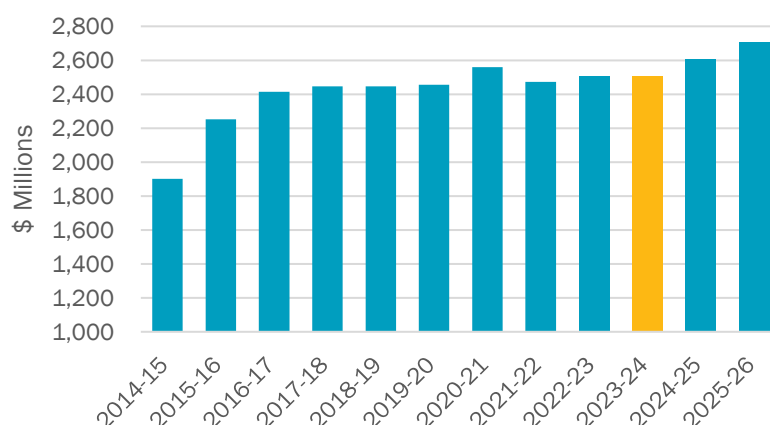
Over the last decade, the Government of Alberta has frequently changed its approach to how it determines the amount of provincial education property taxes to be collected from Alberta's property owners.

- ↓ **2015-16** – Set at 32 per cent of Alberta Education's budgeted operating expense
- ↓ **2016-17** – Set at 32 per cent of Alberta Education's budgeted operating expense
- ↓ **2017-18** – Maintained the 2016-17 mill rates resulting in a 1.3% increase in the tax revenue amount
- ↓ **2018-19** – Frozen at the 2016-17 tax revenue amount
- ↓ **2019-20** – Maintained the 2018-19 mill rates resulting in a 0.5% increase in the tax revenue amount
- ↓ **2020-21** – Planned to link to changes in population plus inflation but abandoned due to the pandemic
- ↓ **2021-22** – Frozen at the 2020-21 tax revenue amount
- ↓ **2022-23** – Linked to percentage change in Alberta Education's budgeted operating expense
- ↓ **2023-24** – Frozen at the 2022-23 tax revenue amount
- ↓ **2024-25** – Forecast to return using population plus inflation to determine the total tax revenue amount

Prior to the release of Budget 2023, ABmunis met with provincial ministers and advocated for the 2023 provincial education tax to be frozen at the 2022 amount. This request was based on understanding the affordability challenges that Albertans currently face as well as the fact that municipal councils consistently bear the blame for any increase in provincial education property taxes.

ABmunis is pleased to see that the Government of Alberta agreed with our recommendation and froze the 2023 provincial education property tax amount at the 2022-23 level.

Provincial Education Property Tax
(budgeted figures)



| \$ millions | 2021-22 Actual | 2022-23 Budget | 2023-24 Budget | 2024-25 Forecast | 2025-26 Forecast |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Provincial education property tax | 2,478 | 2,504 | 2,504 | 2,604 | 2,703 |
| Year-over-year change (%) | | 1.0% | 0.0% | 4.0% | 3.8% |
| K-12 education operating expense | 7,846 | 8,390 | 8,836 | 9,036 | 9,162 |
| Year-over-year change (%) | | 6.9% | 5.3% | 2.3% | 1.4% |

Despite this year's freeze in education property taxes, Budget 2023 announces that the Government of Alberta plans to return to linking future education tax increases to changes in Alberta's population plus inflation. The budget forecast suggests that property owners could collectively face a 4.0 per cent increase in education property taxes in 2024 and an additional 3.8 per cent increase in 2025.

Notable Funding to Community Entities

| \$ millions | 2021-22 Budget | 2022-23 Budget | 2023-24 Budget | % Change | Note |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|------|
| Agricultural Service Boards | 8.5 | 8.9 | 11.9 | 34% | |
| Agricultural Societies and Exhibition Grants | 11.5 | 11.5 | 11.5 | - | |
| Agricultural Societies Infrastructure Revitalization | - | - | 3.0 | New | 1 |
| Community Facility Enhancement Program | 18.5 | 38.5 | 50.0 | 30% | 2 |
| Community Initiatives Program | 37.1 | 20.7 | 20.0 | -3% | |
| Ground Search and Rescue Training Grant | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | - | |
| Library Services – Operating | 37.0 | 37.0 | 39.7 | 7% | |
| Legal Aid | 94.3 | 94.3 | 134.6 | 43% | 3 |
| Northern and Regional Economic Development | - | 2.0 | 3.0 | 50% | 4 |
| Regional Economic Development Alliances | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 120% | 5 |
| | 207.6 | 213.6 | 275.0 | | |

Notes on Funding for Community Entities

1. The Agricultural Societies Infrastructure Revitalization program represents new funding for major repairs, renovations, and energy upgrades at trade and exhibition centres, fairgrounds, and multi/agri-plexes.
2. The budget increase for the Community Facility Enhancement Program is part of a three-year plan to deliver \$50 million annually to support non-profits to build and maintain community facilities.
3. The increase in Legal Aid funding represents a \$24 million increase over estimated expense in 2022-23 and is intended to “maintain high quality legal counsel and provide all Albertans with access to the services they need”.
4. The Northern and Regional Economic Development program will deliver \$9 million over the next three years to support municipalities, Indigenous communities, and non-profit organizations across Alberta. As part of our enquiries, ABmunis learned that the former Community and Regional Economic Support (CARES) program has been replaced by NRED after CARES was zero-funded and subject to review in the 2019-20 year.
5. On December 14, 2022, [the Government of Alberta announced](#) that funding for the nine Regional Economic Development Alliances (REDA) was being increased to \$125,000 for each REDA. This decision re-establishes funding to levels seen before the province reduced REDA funding to \$50,000 per organization in 2019.

GOOD TO KNOW

AN OVERVIEW OF ALBERTA'S 2023 FISCAL PLAN

An Overview of the 2023 Fiscal Plan

The Government of Alberta is projecting a \$2.4 billion surplus in 2023-24, following an estimated \$10.4 billion surplus in 2022-23. Total revenue for 2023-24 is forecasted to be \$70.6 billion, a 7 percent decrease from the prior year. The Government of Alberta is expecting to achieve year-over-year increases in personal tax income (2%), other tax revenue (15%), investment income (205%), premiums/fees/licenses (5%), other own-source revenues (4%), and federal transfers (7%). These increases will help to offset reductions in corporate income tax (-8%) and resource revenue (-33%). The declines in corporate tax income and resource revenue can be attributed to cooling commodity prices – last year's financial figures were the result of the geopolitical tensions which drove unexpectedly high oil and natural gas prices. It is also worth noting that only three years ago, resource revenue was \$3.1 billion compared to this year's budget of \$18.3 billion, which highlights how important resource revenue continues to be within the provincial budget.

Total expenditures are forecasted to be \$68.3 billion, a 4 per cent increase from the prior year. The Government of Alberta is projecting to spend more on health (9%), education (4%), and social services (19%). Debt-servicing costs will rise by 5 per cent due to higher interest rates. The increase in health spending can be partly attributed to \$559 million in additional transfers from the Government of Canada, via the Canada Health Transfer (CHT). Increases to education expenditures can be attributed to programs focusing on K-12, including increased staffing and classroom supports. And increases in social service expenditures can be attributed to additional funds being allocated for mental health supports, disability services, social housing, and seniors.

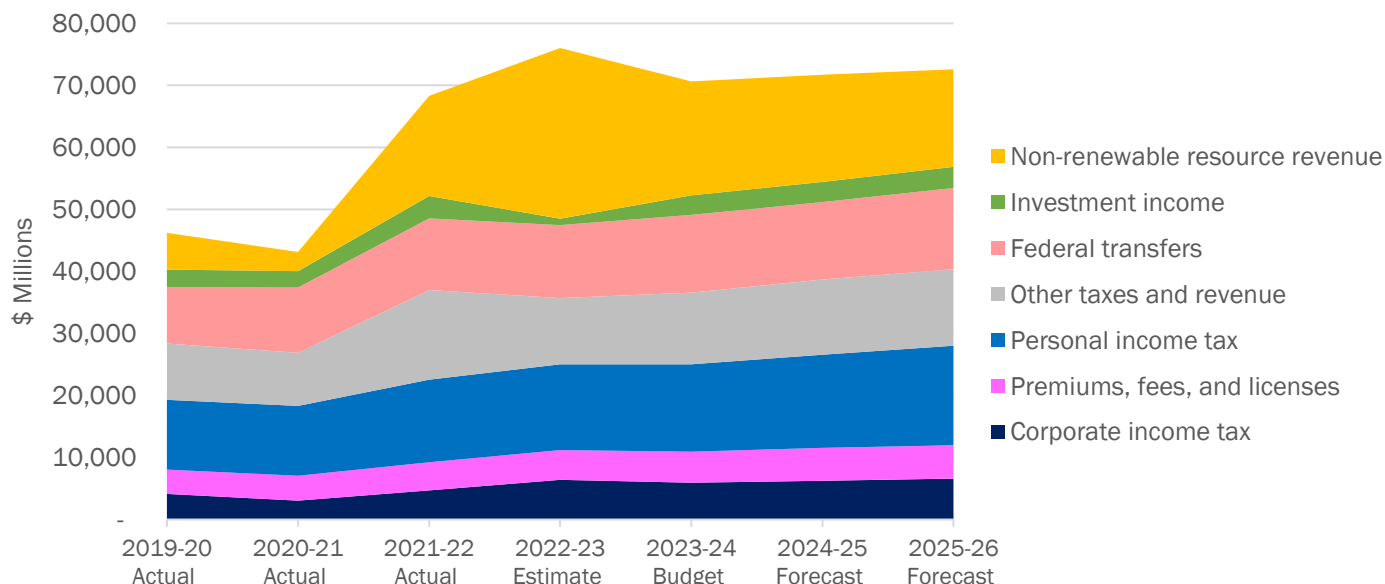
Beyond 2023-24, the Government of Alberta projects nominal increases (~2%) in total revenue and total expenditures along with declining surpluses year after year.

Statement of Operations

| \$ millions | 2021-22 Actual | 2022-23 Estimate | 2023-24 Budget | 2024-25 Forecast | 2025-26 Forecast |
|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Revenue | | | | | |
| Personal income tax | 13,335 | 13,806 | 14,069 | 15,034 | 16,071 |
| Corporate income tax | 4,718 | 6,413 | 5,911 | 6,254 | 6,590 |
| Other tax revenue | 5,453 | 4,361 | 5,012 | 5,767 | 5,948 |
| Resource revenue | 16,170 | 27,544 | 18,361 | 17,284 | 15,742 |
| Investment income | 3,579 | 1,035 | 3,154 | 3,273 | 3,407 |
| Premiums, fees, and licenses | 4,520 | 4,796 | 5,040 | 5,289 | 5,360 |
| Other own-source revenues | 8,952 | 6,305 | 6,554 | 6,348 | 6,377 |
| Federal transfers | 11,595 | 11,765 | 12,552 | 12,475 | 13,113 |
| Total revenue | 68,322 | 76,025 | 70,653 | 71,724 | 72,608 |
| Expenditures | | | | | |
| Health | 25,131 | 24,421 | 26,681 | 27,733 | 28,199 |
| Basic/Advanced education | 14,296 | 15,360 | 16,033 | 16,335 | 16,601 |
| Social services | 5,989 | 6,961 | 8,259 | 8,059 | 8,443 |
| Other program expenses | 16,686 | 16,289 | 14,783 | 15,091 | 15,240 |
| Total program expense | 62,102 | 63,031 | 65,756 | 67,218 | 68,483 |
| Debt servicing costs | 2,641 | 2,715 | 2,848 | 2,805 | 3,103 |
| Pension provisions | (365) | (111) | (322) | (336) | (347) |
| Total expense | 64,378 | 65,635 | 68,282 | 69,687 | 71,239 |
| Surplus / (Deficit) | 3,944 | 10,390 | 2,371 | 2,037 | 1,369 |

Source: Alberta's 2023-26 Fiscal Plan, Schedule 25: Historical Fiscal Summary, 2008-09 to 2025-26, page 164.

Despite a 33% reduction in resource revenue compared to the 2022-23 estimate, resource revenue continues to be Alberta's largest revenue source representing 26% of Alberta's total 2023 budgeted revenues

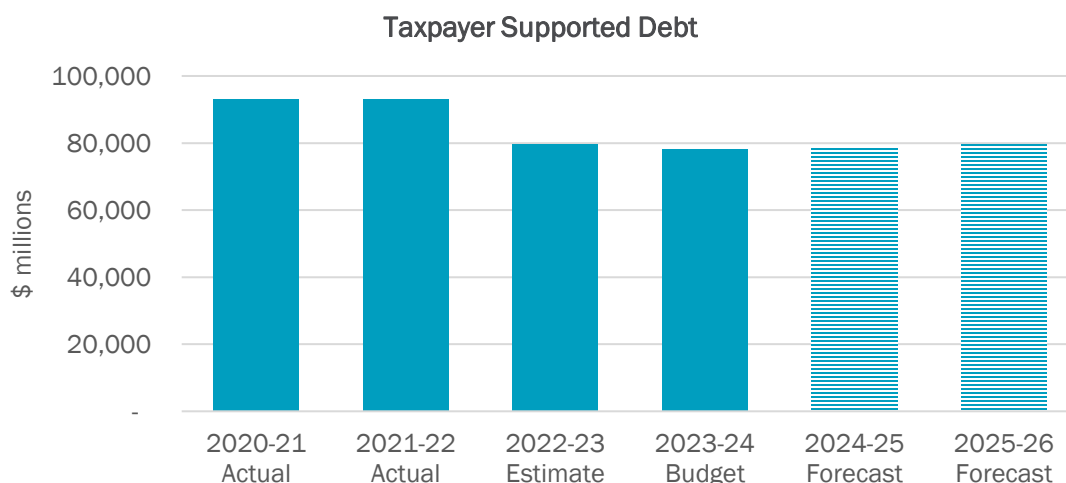


Taxpayer Supported Debt

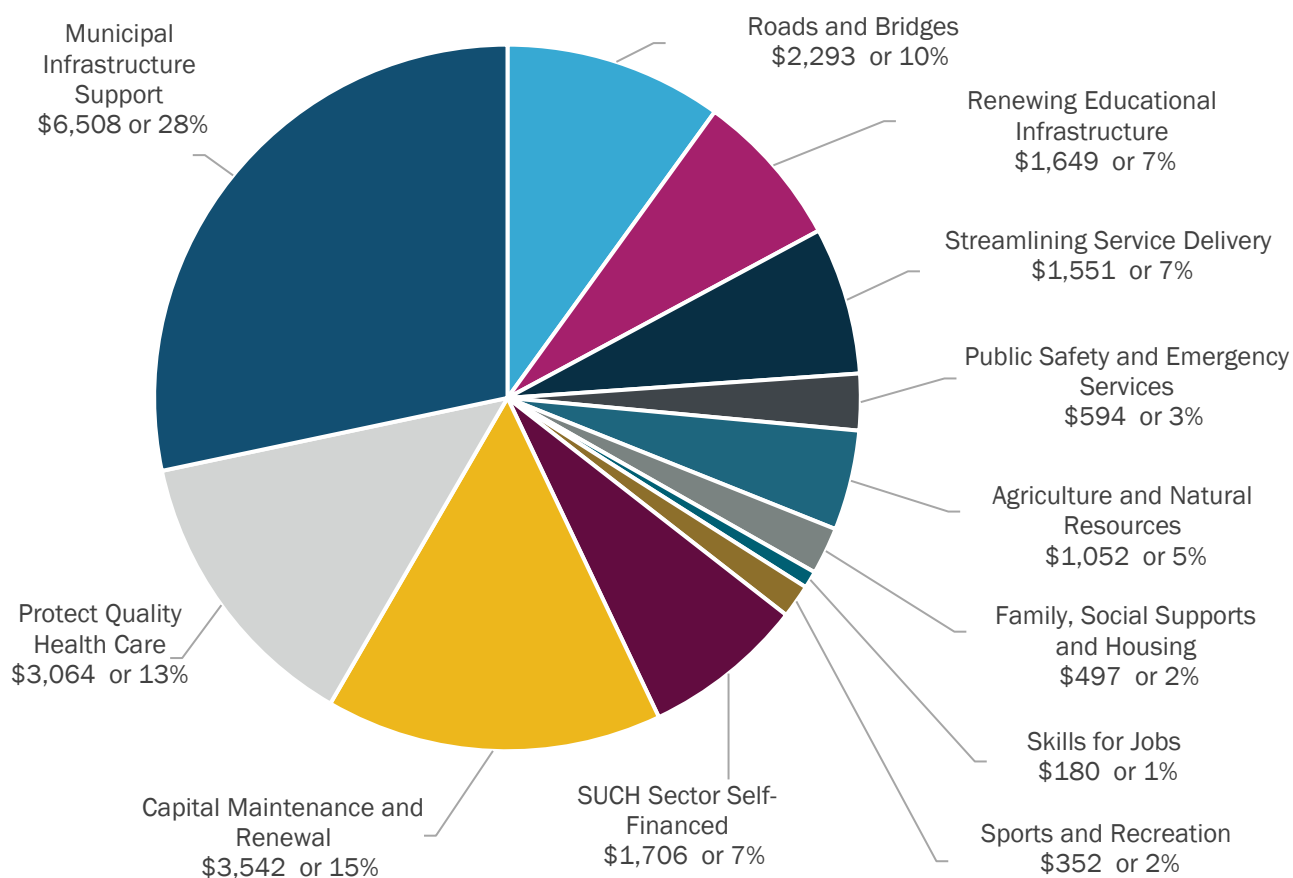
Total taxpayer supported debt is estimated to be \$79.7 billion at the end of 2022-23, and \$78.3 billion at the end of 2023-24.

Reducing and eventually eliminating the province's debt requires the budget to be in a surplus position. Since debt is also used to finance capital spending, the government will need to continue to produce surpluses while prudently managing capital budgets. In 2022-23, \$13.4 billion of maturing debt was repaid using surplus cash, and \$1.4 billion is expected to be repaid in 2023-24.

Over the next three years, the government is projecting to borrow \$27.8 billion in long-term debt, to refinance maturing debt, in order to manage debt servicing costs and its liquidity.



Budget 2023 – Capital Plan by Category



Key Energy and Economic Assumptions

| \$ millions | 2022-23 Estimate | 2023-24 Forecast | 2024-25 Forecast | 2025-26 Forecast |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Crude Oil Prices | | | | |
| WTI (US\$/bbl) | 90.50 | 79.00 | 76.00 | 73.50 |
| Light-Heavy Differential (US\$/bbl) | 20.00 | 19.50 | 16.80 | 16.40 |
| WCS @ Hardisty (Cdn\$/bbl) | 92.60 | 78.00 | 75.90 | 72.10 |
| Natural Gas Price | | | | |
| Alberta Reference Price (Cdn\$/GJ) | 5.10 | 4.10 | 3.60 | 3.80 |
| Production | | | | |
| Conventional Crude Oil (000s barrels/day) | 497 | 497 | 497 | 490 |
| Raw Bitumen (000s barrels/day) | 3,281 | 3,345 | 3,436 | 3,529 |
| Interest Rates | | | | |
| 10-year Canada Bonds (%) | 3.10 | 3.60 | 3.40 | 3.40 |
| Exchange Rate (US\$/Cdn\$) | | | | |
| | 75.7 | 76.2 | 78.2 | 79.5 |

Source: Alberta's 2023-26 Fiscal Plan, Energy and Economic Assumptions, page 11.

Ministry Highlights

Advanced Education

The ministry's budget will increase by \$188 million to \$6.3 billion in 2023-24. Notable initiatives include investing \$2 billion in operational funding for post-secondary institutions through the Operating and Program Support Grant and investing \$71.9 million in training in health care professions (particularly in regional communities). ABmunis knows that many of our members struggle to attract and retain healthcare professionals, and it will be monitoring this initiative to see how it impacts communities.

Based on our [active resolution](#) regarding the need for more veterinarians, ABmunis is pleased to see \$21 million allocated in 2023-24, with an additional \$27 million in 2024-25, for veterinary medicine expansion at the University of Calgary.

Affordability and Utilities

ABmunis has an [active resolution](#) regarding the disparity in distribution and transmission rates in Alberta. Budget 2023 has \$47.6 million budgeted for the Electricity Rebate Program, which provides targeted relief to homes, farms and small businesses. The ministry is also mandated to operate a safe, reliable, and affordable utilities system. As our members have pointed out, the disparity in transmission and distribution rates throughout the province leads to economic disadvantages between regions. ABmunis will continue to advocate to the province for regulatory reform to address this inequity.

Agriculture and Irrigation

The ministry budgets \$890 million for 2023-24, increasing to \$909 million in 2024-25 and \$920 million in 2025-26. New spending highlights focus on:

- using water more effectively, including \$25.8 million for water management infrastructure for continued supply of safe and secure water for municipalities and irrigated agriculture,
- \$33.5 million for modernizing irrigation infrastructure and increased water storage capacity, and
- \$13.5 million for the Irrigation Rehabilitation Program to improve water-use efficiency to allow more acres to be irrigated within existing water licences.

ABmunis advocates for sustainable water infrastructure funding and conservation efforts to maximize the use of our scarce water resources.

Children's Services

The province continues to focus on reducing childcare fees through implementation of the five-year Canada-Alberta Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement signed in November 2021. The ministry's budget increases by over \$250 million for the 2022-23 forecasted spend, almost exclusively to support Child Care Affordability and Access through the Agreement.

Culture

The ministry's budget increases in 2023-24 to \$307 million before decreasing to \$257 million in 2024-2025 and \$221 million in 2025-26. The ministry is focused on promoting our creative and cultural industries through \$4 million in additional funding available to eligible Alberta-made film productions. \$50.7 million is allocated to stewardship and operations of Alberta's heritage resources, such as the Royal Alberta Museum and the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Paleontology.

Notable efforts to expand participation in physical activity include \$8.5 million in operating grants for provincial sport, recreation, and physical activity organizations. To increase affordable access to sport, physical activity and recreation for kids and families, Culture budgets \$8 million in the Everybody Gets to Play program. Culture also

budgets \$1 million for expanded support for rural sexual assault survivors and survivors of gender-based violence and increasing women's participation in Alberta's economy, including continued assistance for women pursuing careers in fields where they are underrepresented.

Education

Budget 2023 provides \$372 million for the design and construction of new and modernized schools. Funding has specifically been allotted for the planning and design of 14 potential future schools. These planning and design funds will be used for schools that will be located in communities across the province, including Stettler, Okotoks, High Prairie, Coalhurst, Edmonton and Calgary. Planning projects can include modernizations as well as new and replacement schools. These future projects will address larger than anticipated enrolment growth, particularly in metropolitan areas, preserve and modernize existing facilities and consolidate underutilized space, thereby reducing maintenance costs.

Capital funding included in the Budget will be used for the design of a new school in Glenridding Heights in Edmonton and construction of a replacement school in Valleyview. Other communities that will be supported by this funding include Taber, Airdrie, Lethbridge, Red Earth Creek, Breton, and Calgary.

Energy

Alberta Energy's key objectives include supporting the competitiveness of the energy sector by sustainably growing and protecting its energy resource sector, while enabling and accelerating opportunities in emerging resources. It also focuses on enhancing Alberta's investment climate through measures that improve the province's standing with investors. Funds collected from industry under the Orphan Fund Levy, which funds the Orphan Well Association, have an allocation of \$135 million in 2023-24.

Environment and Protected Areas

The ministry's budget significantly increases by \$106 million to \$553 million in 2023-24 before decreasing in subsequent years to \$499 million in 2024-25 and \$357 million in 2025-26. ABmunis advocates for better coordination at the provincial level for proactive air, water, land-use and biodiversity management, and there is a focus on completing high-level regional plans to better manage growth in these areas. \$15.5 million is allocated for land-use planning and stewardship tools. \$11 million for strategic partnerships in the shared stewardship of air, water, land, and biodiversity. \$22.4 million is allocated to conservation programs, including \$10 million from the Land Stewardship Fund. Finally, \$35.9 million is allocated for caribou recovery planning.

Climate adaptation is supported with \$65.4 million to effectively anticipate, respond to and mitigate the impact of environmental conditions and events, including floods, droughts and invasive species. Flood mitigation supports were also budgeted for Drumheller, Fort Macleod, High River and Calgary.

In keeping with the Budget's aim to increase recreational opportunities, \$49 million is allocated to the provincial fish stocking program in 2023-24 to improve angling opportunities.

ABmunis appreciates the ongoing partnership of the Government of Alberta through the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre (MCCAC).

Executive Council

Executive Council's budget will increase by 14% in 2023-24 to \$35 million. Notable objectives include leading the planning of official visits by foreign dignitaries to develop new markets in Alberta and collaborating with jurisdictions to reduce red tape and barriers to internal trade. This includes reviewing Alberta's exceptions under its trade agreements to reduce red tape and working with other governments to reconcile existing regulatory measures that act as a barrier to trade.

Forestry, Parks and Tourism

The ministry's budget modestly increases in 2023-2024 to \$435 million (+2%) with slight decreases to \$415 million in 2024-25 and \$408 million in 2025-26. Some new spending highlights include \$4 million for wildfire innovation plus \$71.9 million of stable funding for Travel Alberta and \$2.7million to support softwood lumber litigation and negotiation.

Health

Budget 2023 is intended to support the province's Healthcare Action Plan (HAP) and provides \$24.5 billion in funding for health operating expenses in 2023-24, an increase of 4.1 per cent or \$965 million from 2022-23. Operating expense funding will further increase by 3.7 per cent in 2024-25 and 2.4 per cent in 2025-26. Two of the primary objectives of the HAP are to strengthen the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system and reduce surgical and emergency department wait times.

The new agreement between the province and the Alberta Medical Association (AMA), signed last fall, is supported by funding included in Budget 2023. \$6.2 billion is budgeted in 2023-24, increasing to over \$6.4 billion by 2025-26, for physician compensation and development programs which includes grants to post-secondary institutions for academic medicine programs. As per the AMA agreement, \$40 million over two years in lump sum payments will be made to Primary Care Networks.

Budget 2023 also includes nearly \$4.3 billion in combined operating support for Community Care, Continuing Care and Home Care programs, an increase of 15.3 per cent or \$570 million from 2022-23. The province plans to spend a total of \$1 billion over three years to begin transforming the continuing care system in response to the Facility-Based Continuing Care Review. The province's plan is to shift care to the community, enhance workforce capacity, increase choice and innovation, and improve the quality of care within the continuing care sector.

Alberta Health Services' (AHS) operating budget will increase to over \$16.7 billion in 2023-24, a 3.8 per cent or \$608 million increase from 2022-23.

AHS is expected to add nearly 3,600 new full-time equivalent positions in 2023-24. These staffing resources are intended to strengthen the EMS system, support key priorities such as the Alberta Surgical Initiative, the Continuing Care Capacity Plan and the CT and MRI Action Plan, as well as help address the health care deficit as health system activity returns to pre-pandemic levels.

See the detailed table below outlining the allocation of Alberta Health's 2023-24 \$24.5 billion operating budget.

Additionally, Alberta Health plans to expand and modernize hospitals and other facilities to enable the delivery of quality health care, grow system capacity and support front-line health care workers. Budget 2023 provides \$4.2 billion over three years for health-care-related infrastructure (with \$1.27 billion of that total amount allocated in 2023-24), including:

- \$105 million over three years for the Rural Health Facilities Revitalization Program, with \$75 million in additional funding to support new capital projects in regional Alberta; and
- \$310 million over three years in capital funding for continuing care facilities, providing culturally appropriate care for Indigenous peoples, and adding new spaces in priority communities having greatest need.

Ministry of Health – Operating Expenses

| \$ millions | 2021-22 Actual | 2022-23 Estimate | 2023-24 Budget | 2024-25 Forecast | 2025-26 Forecast |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Ministry Support Services | 65 | 65 | 67 | 67 | 67 |
| Physician Compensation and Development | 5,351 | 5,857 | 6,052 | 6,283 | 6,273 |
| Acute Care | 3,881 | 3,984 | 4,318 | 4,497 | 4,614 |
| Diagnostic, Therapeutic & Patient Services | 2,457 | 2,474 | 2,717 | 2,793 | 2,892 |
| Drugs and Supplemental Health Benefits | 2,033 | 1,923 | 2,027 | 2,116 | 2,222 |
| Community Care | 1,719 | 1,701 | 2,002 | 2,119 | 2,180 |
| Continuing Care | 1,238 | 1,273 | 1,393 | 1,425 | 1,476 |
| Home Care | 750 | 744 | 893 | 974 | 1,061 |
| Population and Public Health | 567 | 589 | 733 | 756 | 784 |
| Emergency Medical Services | 588 | 585 | 723 | 770 | 781 |
| Support Services | 1,992 | 2,116 | 2,228 | 2,252 | 2,305 |
| Information Technology | 672 | 690 | 733 | 724 | 707 |
| Administration | 486 | 463 | 530 | 549 | 561 |
| Research and Education | 106 | 107 | 108 | 109 | 108 |
| Cancer Research and Prevention Investment | 11 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| COVID-19 / Recovery Plan | 10 | 983 | - | - | - |
| Total Operating Expense | 21,927 | 23,568 | 24,533 | 25,443 | 26,041 |

Indigenous Relations

The total 2023-24 budget for Indigenous Relations is \$230 million, although numerous other ministries have additional funding allotted to programs and initiatives for Indigenous peoples and communities.

Indigenous Relations works to advocate and create capacity building opportunities for the key services needed in Indigenous communities. The ministry's work in this area involves leading the facilitation of cross-government collaboration with municipalities, water commissions, and industry in order to respond to, and engage in, federal Indigenous legislation and initiatives. These initiatives address access to safe and clean drinking water; child and family services; the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program; and disaster response and recovery.

Infrastructure

Alberta Infrastructure will be making a number of key investments in municipalities. These include \$51.6 million for the construction of the Red Deer Justice Centre, \$11.3 million for Canmore Nordic Centre infrastructure upgrades and \$375.5 million for capital maintenance on existing infrastructure with a focus on shovel-ready projects that will deliver immediate impacts to the economy. Alberta Infrastructure continues to partner with the federal government on the delivery of the Investing in Canadian Infrastructure Program (ICIP). While most ICIP funds are allocated, the delivery of some of the projects continue to be delayed.

Jobs, Economy and Northern Development

The newly constituted ministry sees a decrease in its budget, largely due to the winding down of COVID-19 support and retraining programs.

The Budget contains \$125,000 in funding for each of the nine Regional Economic Development Associations (REDAs) to support long-term economic prosperity in their respective regions. ABmunis has been advocating for the province to restore funding and this increased and enhanced support is welcome.

The Northern and Regional Economic Development (NRED) program was introduced in 2022-2023 as a replacement for the Community and Regional Economic Support (CARES) program. The NRED will receive a \$1 million increase to \$3 million to support ABmunis, Indigenous communities and non-profit organizations across the province with projects that promote regional economic growth and diversification.

The Budget also sets aside \$100 million over three years in increased funding for the Film and Television Tax Credit, which will bring total funding for program to \$125 million, with a forecasted return of \$4.20 for every dollar invested.

Justice

Funding for the Ministry of Justice increases from a forecasted \$588 million in 2022-23 to an estimated \$649 million in 2023-24, with the bulk of the increase going to support the Legal Services Division and strategy development, as well as integrated initiatives to enhance online services and improve access to justice.

Alberta Justice is working with the Ministry of Public Safety and Emergency Services to “review the delivery of policing services in the province, including further examination of an Alberta Police Service, to identify opportunities to increase frontline personnel in communities and better address the root causes of crime”.

Mental Health and Addiction

The budget for mental health and addictions, incorporated as a standalone ministry in October 2022, will rise to \$275 million, nearly \$75 million above the 2022-23 forecast. Spending on treatment and support for recovery-oriented systems will increase from \$84 million to \$132 million, comprising the bulk of the increase. \$14 million is being invested annually to expand access to mental health supports for children and youth in schools.

The investment in harm reduction programs essentially remains flat at \$30.4 million, as it was increased by only \$410,000. This spending is in addition to \$99.4 million in capital expenditure from 2021-2024 to establish Recovery Communities in Gunn, Red Deer, Lethbridge and Blood Tribe First Nation.

Municipal Affairs

Municipal Affairs total budget for 2023-24 is \$1.01 billion. This total represents a \$46 million increase over the ministry's 2022-23 budget.

Alberta's education property tax will remain at approximately \$2.5 billion in 2023-24, the same amount as for 2022-23. Given the growth in 2023 equalized assessment, this results in reduced provincial uniform tax rates returning to rates from 2021-22. Each municipality's share of the provincial education tax requisition is determined by applying the provincial uniform tax rates to the municipality's 2023 equalized assessment. The 2023 uniform tax rates are \$2.56 per \$1,000 of equalized assessment for residential and farmland property and \$3.76 per \$1,000 of equalized assessment for non-residential property.

Budget 2023 increases the funding for the Grants in Place of Taxes program (GIPOT) which provides financial support to municipalities for provincial properties that are exempt from municipal taxes. The funding allocation for this program in 2023-24 is \$36 million, up from about \$30 million in 2022-23. The Ministry plans to further increase this amount to \$40 million in 2025-26.

In 2023-24, \$600,000 will be allotted to supporting municipal Assessment Review Boards with composite hearings (i.e. they include both municipal and provincial board members). This funding will be used to provide the provincial members for board hearings. Budget 2023 also includes an increase of \$800,000 in funding to the Land and Property Rights Tribunal, which will be used to expand capacity and potentially reduce the current delays within the hearing process.

Given the significance to municipalities of the strategies and initiatives delivered by Municipal Affairs, a few highlights from the ministry's 2023-26 Business Plan are included in this report.

- Municipal Affairs plans to evaluate the feasibility of changes to the education property tax or other aspects of the overall framework of provincial financial supports to better assist municipalities with funding local priorities.
- The ministry is developing a program to measure the compliance by municipalities with the legislated five-to-one tax ratio between non-residential and residential property tax rates. Their perspective is that a competitive tax ratio is critical to ensuring economic growth for municipalities and stimulus for non-residential properties used by industry.
- Municipal Affairs supports enhancing municipal service delivery through regional cooperation and Growth Management Boards, and, as such, will review the structure and effectiveness of the Calgary and Edmonton Metropolitan Region Boards and the legislative provisions with respect to Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICF's). It is notable that there does not appear to be any extra funding in Budget 2023 to support regional collaboration.
- The ministry reported that 95 per cent of municipalities met or exceeded the minimum performance targets for financial and governance risk indicators in 2021-22 (which reflects the 2020 reporting year). This measure shows that most municipalities in Alberta were not facing potential long-term viability challenges at that time.

Public Safety and Emergency Services

Public Safety and Emergency Services is a new ministry formed by Premier Smith in 2022. This ministry is comprised of Correctional Services, Public Security, Financial Services, Strategy Support and Integrated Initiatives — and of note for municipalities, the Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA). The AEMA was previously part of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

Public Safety and Emergency Services is responsible for provincial policing contracts with the RCMP. The ministry is engaged in ongoing work to tackle rural crime through initiatives such as the Rural Alberta Provincial Integrated Defense (RAPID) Response. Key investments include \$12 million for the Victims of Crime Assistance Program, and \$1.29 million for the Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre's disaster response and coordination activities. The Policing Support Grant (PSG) will be replacing the Municipal Policing Assistance Grant (MPAG) and the Police Officer Grant (POG). Municipalities that are eligible include communities with a population greater than 5,000 that provide their own police service, and that were eligible for the MPAG and POG. Municipalities do not need to apply for this funding but do need to report on how the grant funds were spent. This grant increases the previous grant totals by \$8.7 million.

Seniors, Community and Social Services

In Budget 2023, \$105 million is allocated through Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) to communities and Métis Settlements to develop and deliver preventative social services programming, an increase of \$5 million from the 2022-23 forecast amount.

There is significant operation expenditure on housing, with \$342.5 million allocated for affordable housing, including rent supplements. Of the \$342.5 million, \$34.3 million is allocated to help grow the supply of affordable housing in priority areas through the Affordable Housing Partnership Program.

\$83.5 million is allocated to homeless shelters and \$101.6 million to provide safe housing and supports to those experiencing homelessness. Enhanced funding to deal with homelessness is something ABmunis has long advocated for.

The Budget also contains \$5 million in grants and \$5 million in donation matching allocated to food banks and civil society organizations supporting food security. There is \$16 million dedicated to the low-income transit program to help low-income Albertans afford transportation in 12 communities.

| Capital Investment in Affordable Housing (\$ millions) | 2022-23 Estimate | 2023-24 Budget | 2024-25 Forecast | 2025-26 Forecast |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Affordable and Specialized Housing | 6 | 10 | 17 | 19 |
| Affordable Housing Partnership Program | 7 | 34 | 40 | 127 |
| Affordable Housing Strategy | 9 | 10 | 15 | 43 |
| Family and Community Housing Development & Renewal | 3 | 1 | - | - |
| Indigenous Housing Capital Program | 14 | 18 | 15 | 20 |
| Seniors Housing Development & Renewal | 31 | 28 | 2 | - |
| Total | 70 | 101 | 89 | 209 |

Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction

Red Tape Reduction will support Municipal Affairs on the building codes review to ensure safety and affordability concerns are addressed. While Service Alberta was previously responsible for the province's work on broadband, this function has shifted to the new Ministry of Technology and Innovation.

Skilled Trades and Professions

The ministry will have a budget of \$175 million in 2023-24, which represents a \$12 million increase over 2022/23. This is the result of increased investments in notable initiatives such as \$41.6 million for the apprenticeship learning grant to respond to demand for training and allocating \$99.2 million to the Foundational Learning Assistance Program that will help pay for education and living costs for students in foundational learning or skills development programs.

Technology and Innovation

The Ministry of Technology and Innovation is responsible for the implementation of the Alberta Broadband Strategy and the investments into broadband internet. Announced in 2021, Alberta has committed to invest \$390 million by the end of fiscal year 2026-27. With matching federal funds, the amount invested will total \$780 million for broadband projects in Alberta. The ministry has forecasted that \$229 million of this funding will be allocated in 2023-24. ABmunis is hopeful that this commitment means more broadband projects will be approved in 2023.

Trade, Immigration and Multiculturalism

\$45 million over three years is provided in Budget 2023 to the Investment and Growth Fund to elevate Alberta's competitiveness. This is in addition to \$17.3 million allocated to Invest Alberta in 2023-24 and \$1 million to support the Alberta Export Expansion Program.

\$50.3 million funding over three years is devoted to settlement and integration initiatives, responses to emerging issues and newcomer needs, and support for recognition of newcomer qualifications from outside of Canada. The Alberta Advantage Immigration Program will receive an additional \$21 million over three years to attract newcomers to support the province's labour market needs and economic growth by issuing nomination certificates towards permanent residence. \$8.3 million in funding is allotted to assist Ukrainian evacuees to settle and integrate into Alberta.

Transportation and Economic Corridors

Transportation and Economic Corridors will be allocating \$44.5 million from the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program and GreenTRIP for bridge improvements, roads, airports and public transit projects. Notable projects include \$184.4 million for the Springbank Offstream Reservoir (SR1) project to protect communities along the Bow River from flooding, and \$30 million has also been allocated for an expansion to the Red Deer Airport.

Treasury Board and Finance

For the period of 2023-2026 Treasury Board and Finance plans to focus on:

- Introducing a responsible approach to balance debt reduction, savings, and attraction of investment.

- Bringing per capita spending in line with British Columbia, Ontario, and Quebec.
- Providing recommendations for the potential creation of an Alberta Revenue Agency to collect all Alberta taxes.
- Advocate for reform of fiscal transfers with the Government of Canada.
- Providing recommendations on the potential creation of an Alberta Pension Plan.

Despite advocacy by ABmunis, Budget 2023 does not offer any change to the province's policy on pricing of municipal loans at a premium based on what the Government of Alberta can borrow for capital in the bond market.



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