



VILLAGE OF WARNER

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AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR AND CLOSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF WARNER, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE WARNER MUNICIPAL OFFICE, WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 15, 2025 AT 5:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. AGENDA
 - A) Items added or deleted
 - B) Adoption of the Agenda
3. MINUTES
 - A) Approval of Minutes
4. DELEGATIONS
 - A) Public Hearing: Advertising Bylaw 646-25
Village of Warner is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Public Hearing
Time: Oct 15, 2025 05:30 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73668477834?pwd=WjDglnlCKqPOLzQJWUYyJv5soh5Wfx.1>
Meeting ID: 736 6847 7834
Passcode: nSzW1T
 - B) Lions Club of Warner
 - C) Warner Community Agriculture Project
5. ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
 - A) Fire Department Level of Service
 - B) Devil's Coulee Museum Summer Staff Accommodation
 - C) Roll 6700 Sewer Work
6. FINANCIAL REPORT
 - A) Financial Report (quarterly)
7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
 - A) Municipal Enforcement Report
 - B) Chief Administrative Officer Report
 - C) Solar Report (quarterly)
8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS
9. CORRESPONDENCE
 - A) Correspondence
10. BYLAW/AGREEMENT/POLICY REVIEW
 - A) Tax Instalment Bylaw 637-25
 - B) Advertising Bylaw 646-25

- C) Winter Road Maintenance Policy 501
- D) Civic Centre Policy 701
- E) Lions Club of Warner Campground Agreement

11. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Alberta Municipalities Resolution Book
- B) AMWWP Grant Application
- C) ACP Grant Application

12. CLOSED SESSION

13. NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DATE

Wednesday – November 19, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. (to be confirmed after organizational meeting)

14. ADJOURNMENT



Request for Decision Adoption of Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes for the September 17, 2025 regular council meeting be accepted as presented.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act, Section 208(1)(a)
Bylaw 643-25 Procedural Bylaw Revised

BACKGROUND

As per the MGA and the Village's Procedural Bylaw, minutes are to be recorded and given to council for adoption at a subsequent council meeting.

RISKS/CONSEQUENCES

1. By not approving the previous meetings minutes, Council would then not approve the decisions they made, as recorded and no motion would be actioned by administration.
2. The minutes of the Council meetings can be adopted as amended; Council would need to be specific in an amendment to the recording of the previous meetings minutes.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

ATTACHMENTS

1. Prior to Adoption: September 17, 2025 regular council meeting minutes

Prior to Adoption

Minutes of the Village of Warner Regular and Closed Council meeting held on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Warner Municipal Office, at 210 – 3rd Avenue, Warner, Alberta.

Present – Elected Officials

Mayor Tyler Lindsay, Councillor Don Toovey, Deputy Mayor Marty Kirby, Councillor Chris Koehn (via zoom), and Councillor Derek Baron

Absent – Elected Officials

Present – Administration

Kelly Lloyd, Chief Administrative Officer
Kim Owen, Finance Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lindsay called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. AGENDA

A) Items added or deleted

Move 4A) Warner & District Minor Hockey Association to 11A)
Move 11A) Fire Chief Appointment to 4A)

Addition: 11E) 6th Street Road Closure Request

B) Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Baron, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kirby, "that the September 17, 2025, regular council meeting agenda be accepted as amended."

Motion Carried 2025-168

3. MINUTES

A) Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Toovey, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that the minutes for the August 20, 2025, regular council meeting be accepted as presented."

Motion Carried 2025-169

4. DELEGATIONS

A) Fire Chief Appointment

Moved by Councillor Baron, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that Council appoint Robert Lien as Fire Chief for the Warner Volunteer Fire Department."

Motion Carried 2025-170

Moved by Councillor Baron, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that Council appoint Kim Owen as Deputy Fire Chief for the Warner Volunteer Fire Department."

Motion Carried 2025-171

Moved by Councillor Baron, seconded by Councillor Toovey, "that Council thank Deven Owen for his years of service as Fire Chief to the Warner Volunteer Fire Department."

Motion Carried 2025-172

5. ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

None.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A) Municipal Enforcement Report

Moved by Councillor Toovey, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that the Municipal Enforcement report for the period ending August 31, 2025, be accepted as information."

Motion Carried 2025-173

B) Chief Administrative Officer Report

CAO Lloyd provided a verbal report in addition to the CAO report as contained in the agenda package.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kirby, seconded by Councillor Toovey, "that the Chief Administrative Officer report for the period ending August 31, 2025, be accepted as information."

Motion Carried 2025-174

C) Solar Report (quarterly)

None.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Koehn did not have a report.

Councillor Toovey attended a Community Bus meeting.

Mayor Lindsay spoke to Ridge Water Services, and attended a Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Services Commission meeting.

Deputy Mayor Kirby reported on meetings with Family & Community Support Services, Mayors and Reeves, Oldman River Regional Services Commission, and MP Motz.

Councillor Baron spoke to the Milk River Health Professionals Attraction and Retention Committee.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kirby, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that the committee reports for the period ending September 17, 2025, be accepted as information."

Motion Carried 2025-175

9. CORRESPONDENCE

A) Correspondence

Moved by Councillor Baron, seconded by Councillor Toovey, "that the correspondence for the period ending September 17, 2025, be accepted as information."

Motion Carried 2025-176

10. BYLAW/AGREEMENT/POLICY REVIEW

A) Advertising Bylaw 646-25

Moved by Councillor Baron, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that a public hearing be set for the Advertising Bylaw 646-25 for October 15, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers."

Motion Carried 2025-177

B) Rates Bylaw 647-25

Moved by Councillor Toovey, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that Council give first reading to the Rates Bylaw 647-25."

Motion Carried 2025-178

C) Civic Centre Policy 701

Moved by Councillor Baron, seconded by Councillor Toovey, "that Council table the Civic Centre Policy 701 to a future Council meeting."

Motion Carried 2025-179

D) Council Professional Development Policy 106

Moved by Councillor Toovey, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that Council approve Council Policy 106: Council Professional Development as presented."

Motion Carried 2025-180

E) Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework

Moved by Councillor Baron, seconded by Councillor Toovey, "that Council approve the Tax Share Agreement between the County of Warner No.5 and the Village of Warner, as amended (Section 3: Town to Village)."

Motion Carried 2025-181

Moved by Councillor Baron, seconded by Councillor Toovey, "that Council approve the Intermunicipal Collaborative Framework (ICF) Agreement between the Village of Warner and the County of Warner No. 5 as presented."

Motion Carried 2025-182

Moved by Councillor Toovey, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that Council request additional recreational funding, above the annual contribution, from the County of Warner No. 5."

Motion Carried 2025-183

11. NEW BUSINESS

A) Warner & District Minor Hockey Association

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kirby, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that Council accept the ice request by Warner & District Minor Hockey as information."

Motion Carried 2025-184

B) Fire Department Level of Service

Moved by Councillor Toovey, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that Council directs Administration to gather current information from the Warner Fire Department regarding level of service and bring back to Council at a future meeting."

Motion Carried 2025-185

C) National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Moved by Councillor Toovey, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kirby, "that Council accept the September 30, 2025, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation report as information."

Motion Carried 2025-186

D) Devil's Coulee Museum Summer Staff Accommodation

Moved by Councillor Baron, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that Council direct administration to meet with the Lions Club regarding long term stays at the campground."

Motion Carried 2025-187

E) 6th Street Road Closure Request

Moved by Mayor Lindsay, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that Council directs administration to research and bring back options to Council for the roadway between 5th and 6th Avenue on 6th Street."

Motion Carried 2025-188

12. CLOSED SESSION

A) Section 20: Disclosure Harmful to Personal Privacy

Moved by Councillor Baron, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that Council move into a closed session in accordance with Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act at 7:14 p.m., to discuss matters exempt from disclosure under the Access to Information Act (ATIA) Section 20: Disclosure harmful to personal privacy, with Council, Finance Clerk, and the CAO remaining in attendance."

Motion Carried 2025-189

Moved by Councillor Toovey, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that Council reconvene to the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m."

Motion Carried 2025-190

Rise and Report

Moved by Mayor Lindsay, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kirby, "that Council waive half of the penalties and interest under roll number 2100 and waive the other half of the penalties and interest if the account is paid in full by December 31, 2025."

Motion Carried 2025-191

13. NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DATE

Wednesday – October 15, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Toovey, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that the regular council meeting for September 17, 2025, adjourn at 7:32 p.m."

Motion Carried 2025-192

Tyler Lindsay
Mayor

Kelly Lloyd
Chief Administrative Officer

These minutes were approved on the XX day of XXXX 2025.



Request for Decision Public Hearing for Advertising Bylaw 646-25

RECOMMENDATION

That the public hearing for 646-25 being the Advertising Bylaw be held.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act
Division 9 Passing a Bylaw

General duties of councillors

153 Councillors have the following duties:

(b) to participate generally in developing and evaluating the policies and programs of the municipality.

Part 6: Municipal Organization and Administration

Council's principal role in municipal organization

201(1) A council is responsible for

(a) developing and evaluating the policies and programs of the Municipality.

BACKGROUND

Advertising bylaws allow municipalities to adopt different and often more practical methods of providing notice to the public, including by electronic means.

Before passing an advertising bylaw under section 606.1, Council must:

- Be satisfied that the method(s) of advertising the bylaw would provide for is likely to bring the matter advertised by that method to the attention of substantially all residents in the area to which the matter relates.
- Advertise notice of the bylaw in accordance with section 606, which must be by publishing in a local newspaper or mail unless the municipality already has an advertising bylaw.
- Conduct a public hearing before second reading.
- Make the bylaw available for public inspection.

RISKS/CONSEQUENCES

1. Council may provide further direction on the report. Council shall be specific in the direction it provides.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Advertising Bylaw 646-25

**VILLAGE OF WARNER
BYLAW NO. 646-25**

A BYLAW OF THE VILLAGE OF WARNER IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO ESTABLISH ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND ADVERTISEMENT.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 606 of the *Municipal Government Act*, a Council must give notice of certain bylaws, resolutions, meetings, public hearings, or other things by advertising in a newspaper or other publication circulating in the area, mailing or delivering a notice to every residence in the affected area or by another method provided for in a bylaw under section 606.1; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 606.1 of the *Municipal Government Act*, a Council may by bylaw, provide for one or more methods, which may include electronic means, for advertising proposed bylaws, resolutions, meetings, public hearings and other things referred to in section 606; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Warner is satisfied that the advertising method set out in this bylaw is likely to bring matters advertised by that method to the attention of substantially all residents in the area to which the bylaw, resolution or other thing relates or in which the meeting or hearing is to be held;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Village of Warner, in the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. Title

1.1. This bylaw may be cited as the "Advertising Bylaw."

2. Purpose

2.1. The purpose of this bylaw is to provide alternative methods for advertising proposed bylaws, resolutions, meetings, public hearings, and other things required to be advertised by the Village, and to modify certain advertising requirements.

3. Definitions

In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

Act means the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000 c. M-26, and all amendments and revisions thereto;

Notice means any advertisement, notice, notification, or other form of communication required by s. 606 of the Act.

Thing means any proposed bylaw, resolution, meeting, public hearing or other things referred to in s 606 of the Act.

Village means the corporate of the Village of Warner.

4. Advertising Methods

4.1. General

- 4.1.1. Except where otherwise specified in this bylaw, where the Act requires notice of a Thing, the Village may electronically advertise the notice:
 - 4.1.1.1. by prominently post on the Village website at www.warner.ca; or
 - 4.1.1.2. by posting the Notice prominently on any of the Village's official social media sites;
 - 4.1.1.3. notwithstanding 4.1.1.1. and 4.1.1.2. anything required to be advertised under Part 17 of the Municipal Government Act or relating to development permits identified in the Land Use Bylaw must also be advertised in print media.
- 4.1.2. Notices advertised pursuant to 4.1.1. must remain accessible from the initial date of posting, through to the date of the thing advertised.
- 4.1.3. In addition to advertising pursuant to 4.1.1, the Village may also use the following methods to enhance and support advertisements posted on the Village's website:
 - 4.1.3.1. Newspapers or other print publications that circulate in the Village;
 - 4.1.3.2. Village of Warner Social Media sites;
 - 4.1.3.3. signage;
 - 4.1.3.4. newsletters, fliers, and other print media;
 - 4.1.3.5. mail;
 - 4.1.3.6. email and other electronic communications;
 - 4.1.3.7. any emergent technologies sufficient for these purposes.
- 4.1.4. Unless otherwise stated in this bylaw, any other bylaw of the Village of Warner, or any other applicable legislation, the methods used to advertise legislated notifications are at the discretion of the Village Chief Administrative Officer.

4.2. Tax Auctions

- 4.2.1. Tax Auctions shall be advertised by at least one of the following methods:
 - 4.2.1.1. in one issue of the Alberta Gazette, not less than 40 days and not more than 90 days before the date on which the tax auction is to be held, and in one issue of a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality, no less than 10 days and not more than 20 days before

the date on which the tax auction is to be held; or

- 4.2.1.2. on the Village's website not less than 10 days before the date on which the tax auction is to be held.

This Bylaw will come into force on the date of third and final reading.

Read a first time this 20th day of August 2025

Read a second time this XX day of XXXX 2025

Unanimous consent be given to present for third reading this XX day of XXXX 2025

Read for a third and final time this XX day of XXXX 2025

Tyler Lindsay
Mayor

Kelly Lloyd
Chief Administrative Officer

SIGNED by the Chief Elected Official and the Chief Administrative Officer this XX day of XXXX 2025.



Request for Decision Delegation: Lions Club of Warner

RECOMMENDATION

That the proposed irrigation construction by the Lions Club of Warner be approved as presented/amended.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Campground Management Agreement

BACKGROUND

The CAO attended the September Lions Club of Warner meeting to discuss a couple of items. During the meeting it was noted that the Club wishes to install some irrigation lines as proposed on the attached map.

As the Campground Agreement stipulates under item 6, "any changes or improvements are made with the approval of the Village of Warner." Thus, a delegate is in attendance to garner that approval from Council.

RISKS/CONSEQUENCES

1. Council may provide further direction on any item contained in the report. Council shall be specific in the direction it provides.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

ATTACHMENTS

1. Map



Request for Decision Warner Community Agriculture Project Delegation

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the Warner Community Agriculture Project (WCAP) Sponsorship Award as presented.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act
Warner Community Agriculture Project Bylaw 633-24

BACKGROUND

The Warner Community Agriculture Project Committee has determined the first recipient of the inaugural WCAP sponsorship.

Further work to be undertaken by the committee will encompass a community component that requires a review of the current Council Policy 104, being Community Grants, in order to ensure consistency without overlap. This work will come to a future Council meeting.

RISKS/CONSEQUENCES

1. Council may provide further direction on any item contained in the report. Council shall be specific in the direction it provides.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

ATTACHMENTS

None



Request for Decision Fire Department Level of Service

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the Level of Service for the Warner Volunteer Fire Department as follows: Basic Level of Service – First Aid Training and ICS 100.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act

Bylaw 389-84 Establishment and Operation of a Fire Department

BACKGROUND

During the 2018 Municipal Inspection, it was noted "village council acted in an improper manner by failing to set an appropriate level of service for the fire department."

As of 2020, the village has assumed the operational budget responsibilities and all financial records for the Warner fire department.

A motion from the September regular Council meeting, "that Council directs Administration to gather current information from the Warner Fire Department regarding level of service and bring back to Council at a future meeting."

The CAO attended a fire department meeting on October 7 for such discussion and is on the agenda for Council discussion and ratification.

RISKS/CONSEQUENCES

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

ATTACHMENTS

None



Request for Decision **Devil's Coulee Museum** Summer Staff Accommodation

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the report on Devil's Coulee Museum Summer Staff Accommodation as information.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act

BACKGROUND

As a delegation at the August Council meeting, Devil's Coulee Museum requested assistance in finding summer staff accommodation.

Council resolved "that Council direct administration to explore the land use bylaw to determine the allowance for RV parking at the civic centre."

At the September 17th Regular Council meeting, the following resolution was made: "that Council direct administration to meet with the Lions Club regarding long term stays at the campground."

The CAO attended the September 22 Lions Club of Warner meeting. Here is the synopsis of the conversation:

As the Village owns the campground and have given the Lions Club the autonomy to manage it, the village does not wish to compete with itself. The Lions Club was asked to consider a longer term stay by museum staff at a lower rate.

Members of the Club had questions and would like for a Devil's Coulee representative to attend a Lions Club meeting to have them answered prior to making a decision. This information has been relayed to the Executive Director of the Devil's Coulee Museum.

RISKS/CONSEQUENCES

1. Council may provide further direction on any item contained in the report. Council shall be specific in the direction it provides.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

ATTACHMENTS

None



Request for Decision Sewer Work

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve/not approve an amount of \$_____ towards a sewer service line repair work for roll 6700.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act
Utility Bylaw 620-23

BACKGROUND

At the August Council meeting, Council requested that the property owner under roll 6700 obtain further quotes for a sewer service line repair from the main line to the building.

The property owner has received an additional quote and it is for a trenching process. Years ago, members of public works in the village had made a connection repair that is now failing. The property owner is requesting financial assistance for the proposed work to include fixing that failed connection.

RISKS/CONSEQUENCES

1. Council may provide further direction on any item contained in the report. Council shall be specific in the direction it provides.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

ATTACHMENTS

None

**VILLAGE OF WARNER
BYLAW 620-23**

**A BYLAW OF THE VILLAGE OF WARNER, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO REGULATE
AND CONTROL THE VILLAGE'S WATER, WASTEWATER, AND SOLID WASTE**

WHEREAS: The Village of Warner, being a Municipal Corporation in the Province of Alberta, owns and operates Water, Wastewater, and Solid Waste systems as public utilities; and

WHEREAS: The Municipal Government Act R.S.A. 2000 Chapter M-26 and amendments thereto, provides that a Council may pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting public utilities within the Village of Warner;

NOW THEREFORE: Council of the Village of Warner, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

1. TITLE

1.1. This bylaw may be referred to as the Utility Bylaw.

2. DEFINITIONS

Curb Stop shall mean the device on a water service line used to interrupt or discontinue the supply of water.

Meter shall mean a mechanical and/or electronic device used to measure the amount of water consumed on the premises upon which such meters are situated.

Service Line means an individual connection of a water and/or wastewater line extending from the street main line to the property line of the land and/or building being serviced.

Street Main means that portion of water and/or wastewater line that is system laid down in Village owned land for the purpose of servicing more than one property.

Waterworks shall mean all public water treatment systems, street mains and service lines within the Village of Warner.

3. WATERWORKS

3.1. REGULATIONS

3.1.1. No person, except employees of the Village, shall make any connection or communication whatsoever with any of the public water pipes or mains, unless otherwise approved by Public Works. Upon authorization, an individual assumes full liability for any damage caused while making such connection and will also provide adequate safety provisions during the connection.

3.1.2. New connections of a water service line from the main line to the property line and costs associated with the new connection, shall be the responsibility of the property owner. All water service lines laid down on private property shall be constructed of CSA approved material of equal or better quality to the service lines in the street between the street main and the property line.



- 3.1.3. The Village shall be responsible for the costs of repair to a water service line from the main line to the curb stop. The owner shall assume the full responsibility and costs of repairs to the service line from the property line into the building.
- 3.1.4. After any construction, reconstruction, alteration or change, or the completion of any work requiring a permit, water shall not be turned on to any building or premises until after the whole of the work has been done to the satisfaction of the Village. Water shall be turned on or off only by an authorized employee of the Village.
- 3.1.5. To maintain an adequate supply of water and adequate water pressure within the Village, or in the emergency situations, the Council or CAO may authorize restriction on the use of water.
- 3.1.6. Except as hereinafter provided, no person other than authorized employees of the Village shall open or close or operate or interfere with any valve, hydrant, or fire plug, or draw water therefrom.
- 3.1.7. The Fire Chief of the Village Fire Department, their assistants, officers, and members of the department, are authorized to use the hydrants or fire plugs for the purpose of extinguishing fires, or fire practices, or testing of hose pipe for fire protection. However, all such cases shall be under the direction and supervision of the said Chief or their duly authorized assistants, and in no event shall any inexperienced or incompetent person be permitted to manipulate or control in any way any hydrant or plug.
- 3.1.8. No person shall in any manner obstruct the free access to any hydrant or valve or curb stop. No vehicle, building, or any other matter which would cause such obstruction shall be placed nearer to a hydrant than the property line of the street in which the hydrant is located, nor within five (5) meters of the hydrant in a direction parallel with the said property line.
- 3.1.9. No person shall interfere with, damage or make inaccessible any curb stop due to the construction of sidewalks, pathways, driveways, etc. If it is required to make any repairs or changes to inaccessibility to or damage to curb stops, the owners of the property being serviced by said curb stop shall, in addition to the penalties of this Bylaw, be required to assume all costs involved in said repair.
- 3.1.10. The curb stop shall remain property of the Village. Any and all maintenance of the curb stop shall be the sole responsibility of the Village.
- 3.1.11. The Village shall assume full responsibility and costs for any water service line which may be frozen between the property line and the street main. Any water line frozen between the property line and the meter shall be the responsibility of the property owner. Any costs incurred by the Village, in thawing frozen lines on behalf of a person, shall be recoverable, subject to penalties, and taxes.
- 3.1.12. The Village may, with due notice, shut off the water supplied to the land or premises of any consumer who may be guilty of a breach of non-compliance with any of the provisions of the Bylaw or an Alberta Health or Alberta Environment regulation, and may refuse to turn on the water until satisfied and

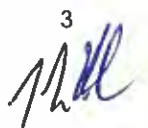


assured that the consumer intends to comply with the Bylaw or provincial regulations.

- 3.1.13. When possible, reasonable notice will be provided to all customers, however the Village reserves the right to turn off water service without notice to any or all consumers in an emergency situation. It is hereby declared that no person shall have any claim for compensation or damages as a result of the Village turning off the water service in an emergency situation without notice or from the failure of water supply system from any cause whatsoever.
- 3.1.14. Any person or persons about to vacate a premises that has been supplied with water and/ or who are desirous of discontinuing the use thereof must give notice to the Village, either in writing or by telephone, to shut off the water to said premises. Otherwise, they will be held liable for the accruing rates therefore and for all damage suffered or sustained by the Village and caused by failure to give such notice. There will be a charge associated with water turn on and shut off.

3.2. WATER METER

- 3.2.1. The property owner of a new building must acquire a water meter from the Village. The Village covers the cost of the meter. It is the owner's responsibility to hire and pay a qualified plumber for the installation of the meter.
- 3.2.2. The meter shall remain the property of, and shall be maintained by, the Village. The Village will replace any meter that stops working due to normal wear and tear at no cost to the owner.
- 3.2.3. If the meter needs to be replaced (if not deemed faulty), the property owner is responsible for the cost of the new meter.
- 3.2.4. If an existing building requires a replacement water meter for any other reason than a faulty meter, the property owner will be responsible for the cost of the meter.
- 3.2.5. If Public Works is requested to read a water meter for any reason other than change in the utility account, an administration fee as per the Village of Warner's Rate Bylaw will be levied.
- 3.2.6. If Public Works is asked to remove and inspect a water meter which is found not faulty, an administration fee as per the Village of Warner's Rate Bylaw will be levied.
- 3.2.7. Any person permitting any meter to be damaged by frost shall be liable for all costs incurred in the replacement of said meter. Replacement costs shall include the costs for any Village employees required to complete the replacement, the costs for Village equipment, contracted services and goods purchased. The said charges shall be subject to the same penalties and are collectible by the same procedures as taxes levied by the Village.
- 3.2.8. Any person permitting any radio transmitter to be damaged shall be liable for all costs incurred in the replacement of said radio transmitter. Replacement costs shall include the costs for any Village employees required to complete



the replacement, the costs for Village equipment, contracted services and goods purchased. The said charges shall be subject to the same penalties and are collectible by the same procedures as taxes levied by the Village.

- 3.2.9. No person shall interfere with, cut or remove the wire seal on a meter, valve, radio transmitter or outside readout.
- 3.2.10. The user shall be responsible for damage to the remote reading device, which may result from other than normal wear and tear.
- 3.2.11. No person shall disconnect a meter or do anything which may prevent or impede the flow of water through a meter or the recording of the flow of water through the meter, or which may affect the proper operation of the water meter. Repairs to said meters will be at the expense of the customer.
- 3.2.12. No well or other source of water except the Village waterworks will be permitted within the Village of Warner corporate boundaries.
- 3.2.13. All owners, tenants or occupiers, upon due notification to the occupant, shall give clear and unhindered access to an authorized Village employee to:
 - 3.2.13.1. Install, service or seal a water meter and shall be liable for any damage which may occur to said meter.
 - 3.2.13.2. Install, service or maintain a radio transmitter.
 - 3.2.13.3. Shut off and seal a water line for nonpayment.
 - 3.2.13.4. Read a meter.

3.3. WATER DISCONNECT AND RECONNECT

- 3.3.1. The owner of a new property may request water shut-off at a fee as per the Village of Warner's Rate Bylaw. A fee as per the Village of Warner's Rate Bylaw will be levied to turn the water back on.
- 3.3.2. If an owner of an existing property requests Public Works to physically shut-off the water at the curb stop valve, the owner will be levied fees as per the Village of Warner's Rate Bylaw for both the disconnect and the re-connect.
- 3.3.3. Notwithstanding 3.3.1. and 3.3.2., if water is disconnected at a vacant dwelling, the property owner will continue to be invoiced for garbage, sewer, administration, and waterline loan fees.

4. WASTEWATER

4.1. REGULATIONS

- 4.1.1. No person other than those authorized by the Village shall make any connection to or shall cut or otherwise tamper in any way with the Village wastewater system.
- 4.1.2. New connections of a wastewater service line from the main line to the property line and costs associated with the new connection, shall be the responsibility of the property owner. All wastewater service lines laid down shall be constructed of CSA approved material.

- 4.1.3. The owner and/or person occupying any premises connected to a street main by a Wastewater Service Line, shall be required, at their own cost, to keep the said Wastewater Service Line in operating condition at all times and shall be fully responsible for the operation of the said Wastewater Service Line. All work is to be completed to Village specifications.
- 4.1.4. No person shall discharge, throw, deposit or leave in or upon any Village wastewater service or any trap, basin, grating, manhole or other appurtenance or any Village wastewater main any material, thing or liquid which would prejudicially affect the wastewater collection system.
- 4.1.5. Grease traps of sufficient size and approved design shall be placed on the wastewater pipes from hotels, restaurants, laundries and such other places as the Village may direct. Such traps shall be installed prior to any connection to the Village wastewater system.
- 4.1.6. When a sewer back up occurs, the property owner shall first contact a private plumbing firm to assess whether the backup is predominantly caused a restriction or blockage within the sewer connection or with the Village portion of the sewer connection, being the wastewater main line.
- 4.1.7. The owner shall notify the Village if the plumber identifies that the blockage is in the Village's main line. The Village will investigate to confirm the location of the blockage.
- 4.1.8. Any blockages of the service piping to the sewer main due to foreign material introduced to the service, by the owner/occupant, is the responsibility of the property owner.
- 4.1.9. If the repair of a blockage, which is determined to be the responsibility of the owner, causes any portion of sidewalks, boulevards, curbs, gutters, streets or other Village property to be dug up, disturbed or otherwise changed, it shall be the responsibility of the property owner for the cost of repairing damages.
- 4.1.10. Costs incurred in determining where and what caused any blockage on the service line, including but not limited to such costs as camera scoping, flushing or de-rooting shall, in the event the owner is found to be responsible, be recoverable from the owner as costs in the same manner as other costs.
- 4.1.11. The Village shall have the right, with due notice, to enter houses or other places which have been connected with Village wastewater collection systems. In the case of emergency, no notice is required. Facilities will be provided them in order to ascertain whether or not any improper material or liquid is being discharged into the wastewater collection system and they shall have the power to stop or prevent any material or action from continuing to damage the system.

5. WASTE MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS

5.1. The Municipality shall provide waste management services as follows:

5.1.1. Waste pickup shall be conducted on Thursdays.

- 5.1.2. Waste shall be picked up:
 - 5.1.2.1. at the curb in residential areas with a three-foot parameter of space left between black bins;
 - 5.1.2.2. at the curb or other such location deemed appropriate in commercial areas with a three-foot parameter of space left between black bins.
- 5.1.3. All waste shall be placed in the black bin provided for each premises, while enabling lid closure.
- 5.1.4. The following wastes are deemed appropriate for pickup and disposal by the Municipality:
 - 5.1.4.1. household / commercial waste;
 - 5.1.4.2. paper;
 - 5.1.4.3. cardboard;
 - 5.1.4.4. bagged or boxed cold ashes from fireplaces, wood stoves and garbage barrels.
- 5.1.5. The following wastes will not be picked up for disposal by the Municipality:
 - 5.1.5.1. dead animals;
 - 5.1.5.2. noxious or hazardous wastes, used oils, used commercial food oils;
 - 5.1.5.3. construction and demolition debris, concrete and pavement;
 - 5.1.5.4. refrigerators, air conditioners, freezers, stoves, ovens, washers or dryers;
 - 5.1.5.5. furniture;
 - 5.1.5.6. metal;
 - 5.1.5.7. tree branches, limbs and trunks;
 - 5.1.5.8. tires;
 - 5.1.5.9. grain dust and seed screenings;
 - 5.1.5.10. burning barrels
- 5.1.6. The Municipality is not responsible for cleaning out any bins, or containers. If a bin or container is in need of cleaning a notice will be given.
- 5.1.7. Additional bins are available with a fee as per the Village of Warner's Rates Bylaw.

6. UTILITY FEES, PAYMENT, COLLECTION

- 6.1. A Utility Account will be set up immediately, in the owner's name, following the installation of a meter in a new building.
- 6.2. Utility accounts will not be established by the Village for a person(s) who has an overdue or outstanding utility account with the Village.
- 6.3. The property owner is responsible to advise the Village of any sale of property and to provide the contact information of the person or company to whom the property has been sold.
- 6.4. An administration fee as per the Village of Warner's Rate Bylaw will be levied to both the seller and the new owner of the property for costs associated with finalizing one account and creating a new account.
- 6.5. Failure to receive a utility invoice is not considered sufficient reason for non-payment of the account.

- 6.6. That monthly rates for water, sewer, garbage pick-up, administration fee (street lighting) and waterline loan repayment be adopted as per the Village of Warner's Rate Bylaw.
- 6.7. In the case of non-use of services, each customer shall continue to pay the flat or base rates as specified in the Village of Warners Rates Bylaw.
- 6.8. Payments of utility accounts may be made at the Village Office, local banks, online banking, electric funds transfer using utility roll number, or through a pre-authorized payment plan.
- 6.9. If payment is not received within 90 days after the date of mailing, the water service will be turned off and will not be turned on until the account, including arrears, a reconnection fee as specified in the Village of Warner's Rates Bylaw, are paid in full.
- 6.10. No reduction in rate or charges shall be made for any interruption in water or sewer services during a billing period.

7. PENALTIES

- 7.1. An interest charge of two percent (2%) per month will be imposed on outstanding accounts payable to the Village of Warner which remain unpaid after thirty (30) days from the date of the billing of the account.
- 7.2. Where it has become necessary to discontinue service for non-payment of an account, reconnection will not be made until all arrears and penalties have been paid in full and the reconnection charge as specified in the Village of Warner "Rates Bylaw" has been paid in advance. The account will only be opened in the name of the Owner, even if the account that was disconnected was in the name of an Occupant.
- 7.3. Pursuant to Section 553(1)(b) of the Municipal Government Act, overdue utility accounts, including those of tenants, may be added to the property owner's taxes (of the same municipal address).
- 7.4. If a house is being sold, any outstanding utility account balance will be added to the property owner's taxes.
- 7.5. Pursuant to Section 553(2) of the Municipal Government Act, upon being added to the property owner's tax levy, the outstanding amount is subject to the requirements of the tax bylaw.
- 7.6. Any person who violates a provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offense and liable upon summary conviction to a fine of not more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) and not less than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) exclusive of costs, and in each and every case in default of payment said person shall be liable to imprisonment in the nearest common jail for a period not exceeding six (6) months, unless the fine and costs be sooner paid.

8. EFFECTIVE DATE

- 8.1. This bylaw shall come into effect upon third and final reading.
- 8.2. Bylaw 615-23 is hereby repealed as of January 1, 2024.

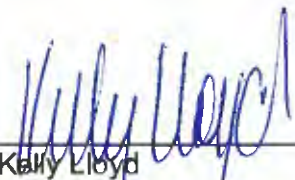


Read for a first time this 20th day of September, 2023

Read for a second time, with amendments, this 17th day of April, 2024

Read for a third and final time, with amendments, this 17th day of April, 2024



Tyler Lindsay
Mayor

Kelly Lloyd
Chief Administrative Officer

Signed by the Chief Elected Official and the Chief Administrative Officer this 17th day of April, 2024.



Request for Decision Financial Report

RECOMMENDATION

That the Financial Report for the period ending September 30, 2025 be accepted as information.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

BACKGROUND

The year-to-date operating budget is presented to council.

RISKS/CONSEQUENCES

1. Council may provide further direction on any item contained in the report. Council shall be specific in the direction it provides.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2025 Operating Budget Year to Date

2025 Operating Budget - Village of Warner - Approved April 30

		2022	2023	2024	YTD	2025	2025/2024	
		ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	September 30 2025	BUDGET	Diff	Explanation
Tax Requirement Summary								
0	General Government Services	(491,047.52)	(488,066.23)	(658,324)	(743,043.33)	(678,981)	(20,657)	
11	Council	41,790.68	30,523.93	14,844	22,199.53	63,000	48,156	
12	Finance / Administration	247,223.99	235,295.23	246,638	193,593.04	203,015	(43,623)	
23	Fire Services	446.50	32,464.30	67,897	27,364.50	76,870	8,973	
26	Municipal Enforcement	28,059.62	35,602.68	26,046	27,905.32	29,667	3,622	
32	Roads	232,065.77	201,901.81	224,198	95,979.46	194,490	(29,708)	
33	Airport	9,318.81	21,587.83	4,052	(45.74)	9,167	5,115	
41	Water	18,497.14	6,654.82	7,502	(28,518.71)	7,835	333	
42	Wastewater	24,648.78	33,195.65	(32,344)	(6,575.70)	5,500	37,844	
43	Solid Waste	(6,371.89)	(1,204.54)	(514)	3,528.92	(3,449)	(2,935)	
61	Planning & Development	7,954.32	6,727.03	(19,900)	(28,276.51)	(1,000)	18,900	
72	Recreation Administration	(44,056.85)	43,121.57	(1,845)	34,610.80	11,660	13,505	
74	Civic Centre	81,905.63	114,517.27	134,928	56,856.05	82,226	(52,702)	
	Operating (Surplus) Deficit	150,434.98	272,321.35	13,179	(344,422.37)	(0)	(13,179)	
0	General Government Services	(577,012.16)	(565,338.00)	(760,301)	(795,628.86)	(791,218)	(30,917)	
11	Council	-	-	(14,746)	(1,000.00)	(10,000)	4,746	
12	Finance	(60,419.90)	(51,586.31)	(67,516)	(27,838.44)	(99,906)	(32,390)	
23	Fire Services	(78,409.68)	(34,969.51)	(14,833)	(30,778.03)	(10,000)	4,833	
26	Municipal Enforcement	(5,269.38)	146.00	(5,656)	(892.43)	(3,150)	2,506	
32	Roads	(7,098.05)	(3,246.50)	(2,842)	(2,211.38)	(2,000)	842	
33	Airport	(8,383.12)	(3,600.00)	(3,100)	(2,600.00)	(2,000)	1,100	
41	Water	(237,975.55)	(211,302.44)	(227,194)	(163,106.85)	(214,250)	12,944	
42	Wastewater	(27,385.00)	(27,490.00)	(27,980)	(20,947.50)	(28,000)	(20)	
43	Solid Waste	(53,909.00)	(47,506.50)	(53,563)	(42,687.95)	(61,406)	(7,843)	
61	Planning & Development	(190.48)	(980.96)	(35,114)	(38,258.43)	(19,000)	16,114	
72	Recreation Administration	(51,367.00)	-	(53,472)	-	(17,100)	36,372	
74	Civic Centre	(47,119.08)	(60,609.88)	(51,466)	(44,784.98)	(85,500)	(34,034)	
	Total Revenues	(1,154,538.40)	(1,006,484.10)	(1,317,782)	(1,170,734.85)	(1,343,530)	(25,748)	
0	General Government Services	85,964.64	77,271.77	101,978	52,585.53	112,237	10,260	
11	Council	41,790.68	30,523.93	29,590	23,199.53	73,000	43,410	
12	Finance	307,643.89	286,881.54	314,154	221,431.48	302,921	(11,233)	
23	Fire Services	78,856.18	67,433.81	82,729	58,142.53	86,870	4,140	
26	Municipal Enforcement	33,329.00	35,456.68	31,702	28,797.75	32,817	1,116	
32	Roads	239,163.82	205,148.31	227,040	98,190.84	196,490	(30,550)	
33	Airport	17,701.93	25,187.83	7,152	2,554.26	11,167	4,015	
41	Water	256,472.69	217,957.26	234,697	134,588.14	222,085	(12,612)	
42	Wastewater	52,033.78	60,685.65	(4,364)	14,371.80	33,500	37,864	
43	Solid Waste	47,537.11	46,301.96	53,049	46,216.87	57,957	4,908	
61	Planning & Development	8,144.80	7,707.99	15,214	9,981.92	18,000	2,786	
72	Recreation Administration	7,310.15	43,121.57	51,627	34,610.80	28,760	(22,867)	
74	Civic Centre	129,024.71	175,127.15	186,393	101,641.03	167,726	(18,667)	
	Total Expenditures	1,304,973.38	1,278,805.45	1,330,962	826,312.48	1,343,530	12,568	

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		2022	2023	2024	YTD	2025	2025/2024	Budget
		ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	September 30 2025	BUDGET	Diff	Explanation
GENERAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE								
1-00-00-00-00-110	REAL PROPERTY TAX	(410,644.64)	(454,096.44)	(510,097.18)	(538,216.86)	(539,516)	(29,419)	
1-00-00-00-00-111	TAX SHARE AGREEMENT - COUNTY	(10,975.47)	-	-	(16,891.85)	(13,200)	(13,200)	
1-00-00-00-00-115	ALBERTA SCHOOL FOUNDATION FUND	(74,777.54)	(74,277.00)	(81,923.06)	(100,703.79)	(100,757)	(18,834)	
1-00-00-00-00-116	REQUISITION - SENIORS	(8,404.31)	(8,567.56)	(8,481.62)	(8,475.31)	(8,480)	2	
1-00-00-00-00-121	LINEAR PROPERTY TAX	(32.97)	(33.97)	(41.10)	(36.90)	(41)	0	
1-00-00-00-00-250	LAND RENTAL REVENUE	(19,960.23)	(13,700.00)	(8,315.00)	(2,700.00)	(13,000)	(4,685)	
1-00-00-00-00-251	LEASE AGREEMENT - BELL	-	-	(1,788.90)	(1,788.90)	(1,790)	(1)	
1-00-00-00-00-510	PENALTIES ON TAXES	-	(14,663.03)	(15,220.27)	(22,381.25)	(10,000)	5,220	
1-00-00-00-00-745	GRANTS - LGFF OPERATING	(52,217.00)	-	(104,434.00)	(104,434.00)	(104,434)	-	
1-00-00-00-00-755	PROVINCIAL GRANT	-	-	(30,000.00)	-	-	30,000	
	TOTAL REVENUE	(577,012.16)	(565,338.00)	(760,301.13)	(795,628.86)	(791,218)	(30,917)	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES								
2-00-00-00-00-270	ALBERTA SCHOOL FOUNDATION FUND	74,776.91	56,082.68	82,004.93	41,002.47	100,757	18,752	
2-00-00-00-00-271	SENIORS HOUSING	8,404.36	18,588.67	17,107.68	8,480.24	8,480	(8,627)	
2-12-00-00-00-275	TAX DISCOUNTS	2,783.37	2,600.42	2,864.93	3,102.82	3,000	135	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	85,964.64	77,271.77	101,977.54	52,585.53	112,237	10,260	
	NET	(491,047.52)	(488,066.23)	(658,323.59)	(743,043.33)	(678,981)	(20,657)	

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		2022	2023	2024	YTD	2025	2025/2024	Budget
		ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	September 30 2025	BUDGET	Diff	Explanation
COUNCIL REVENUE								
1-11-00-00-00-777	DONATIONS	-	-	(14,746.38)	(1,000.00)	(10,000.00)	4,746	includes WCAP
	TOTAL REVENUE	-	-	(14,746.38)	(1,000.00)	(10,000.00)	4,746	
COUNCIL EXPENSES								
2-11-00-00-00-110	WAGES	17,525.00	20,983.33	19,547.82	15,933.45	24,500	4,952	
2-11-00-00-00-152	TRAVEL AND SUBSISTANCE	-	3,075.52	2,082.97	1,009.33	5,000	2,917	
2-11-00-00-00-153	CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS	1,972.09	-	601.68	393.75	8,000	7,398	AB Munis / Regional Orientation
2-11-00-00-00-211	MEMBERSHIPS	1,577.27	1,990.08	1,850.90	3,025.29	3,000	1,149	
2-11-00-00-00-230	LEGAL/AUDIT	4,308.00	-	1,512.00	-	5,000	3,488	
2-11-00-00-00-510	GENERAL SUPPLIES	1,758.32	-	58.57	-	6,000	5,941	
2-11-00-00-00-770	DONATIONS	14,650.00	4,475.00	3,936.43	2,402.38	17,500	13,564	
2-11-00-00-00-771	WCAP COSTS	-	-	-	435.33	-	-	
2-11-00-00-00-	ELECTION HONORARIUM	-	-	-	-	3,000	3,000	
2-11-00-00-00-	ELECTION SUPPLIES	-	-	-	-	1,000	1,000	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	41,790.68	30,523.93	29,590.37	23,199.53	73,000	43,410	
	NET	41,790.68	30,523.93	14,843.99	22,199.53	63,000	48,156	

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		2022	2023	2024	YTD	2025	2025/2024	Budget
		ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	September 30 2025	BUDGET	Diff	Explanation
FINANCE / ADMINISTRATION REVENUE								
1-11-00-00-00-410	SALE OF SUPPLIES	(120.50)	-	-	-	-	-	
1-12-00-00-00-250	GRANT SUPPORT SHARE	-	(1,250.00)	-	-	-	-	
1-12-00-00-00-410	TAX CERTIFICATES	(750.00)	(1,050.00)	(1,655.00)	(1,240.00)	(800)	855	
1-12-00-00-00-550	INTEREST	(14,199.81)	(29,475.64)	(26,733.73)	(3,421.66)	(10,000)	16,734	
1-12-00-00-00-551	NSF FEES	(220.00)	-	-	(90.00)	-	-	
1-12-00-00-00-560	RENT	(3,850.00)	(2,450.00)	(7,850.00)	(5,300.00)	(6,600)	1,250	
1-12-00-00-00-570	UTILITY ADMIN FEE	(21,613.59)	-	-	-	-	-	
1-12-00-00-00-575	OTHER	(2,000.00)	-	(2,726.62)	(336.07)	-	2,727	
1-12-00-00-00-591	FRANCHISE FEES	(17,326.00)	(17,360.67)	(27,206.17)	(17,450.71)	(28,000)	(794)	
1-12-00-00-00-777	DONATIONS	(340.00)	-	(1,344.00)	-	-	1,344	
	TRANSFER FROM RESERVES	-	-	-	-	(54,506)	(54,506)	
	TOTAL REVENUE	(60,419.90)	(51,586.31)	(67,515.52)	(27,838.44)	(99,906)	(32,390)	
FINANCE / ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES								
2-12-00-00-00-110	SALARY - GEN GOVT	133,382.94	120,820.80	146,685.63	123,015.22	160,000	13,314	
2-12-00-00-00-131	EMPLOYER RRSP CONTRIBUTION	10,000.00	2,000.00	4,273.68	2,500.00	5,700	1,426	
2-12-00-00-00-153	TRAVEL & SUBSISTENCE	47.11	-	3,902.35	280.96	3,000	(902)	
2-12-00-00-00-154	TRAINING	-	234.00	-	701.20	1,800	1,800	
2-12-00-00-00-215	FREIGHT & POSTAGE	12,422.79	6,342.93	2,944.59	4,682.60	3,000	55	
2-12-00-00-00-216	TELEPHONE/FAX	11,056.67	7,066.40	5,471.58	3,689.39	6,000	528	
2-12-00-00-00-220	MEMBERSHIPS	2,176.32	511.06	2,688.90	539.63	600	(2,089)	
2-12-00-00-00-230	PROFESSIONAL FEES	14,779.56	12,681.31	13,360.00	-	17,500	4,140	
2-12-00-00-00-233	ASSESSOR	-	10,400.00	10,640.00	8,154.00	10,875	235	
2-12-00-00-00-239	IT NETWORK SYSTEMS/WEBSITE	-	5,384.83	21,548.40	18,734.32	20,000	(1,548)	
2-12-00-00-00-250	CONTRACTED SERVICES	38,554.88	40,286.36	27,603.21	16,659.13	14,850	(12,753)	
2-12-00-00-00-252	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE - BUILDING	-	2,705.43	2,705.28	7,392.67	17,700	14,995	
2-12-00-00-00-253	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE - EQUIPMENT	-	-	-	2,407.25	-	-	
2-12-00-00-00-272	LIBRARY/CARLS REQUISITION	4,580.72	4,394.48	4,386.72	2,912.32	4,925	538	
2-12-00-00-00-273	FCSS REQUISITION	2,924.32	4,932.00	2,912.00	2,970.24	2,971	59	
2-12-00-00-00-274	INSURANCE	36,343.66	10,979.67	12,633.00	13,950.00	13,950	1,317	
2-12-00-00-00-276	HERITAGE HANDI-BUS	-	-	2,020.00	2,020.00	2,020	-	
2-12-00-00-00-350	LEASES	-	5,038.20	2,893.80	2,926.38	3,000	106	
2-12-00-00-00-510	GENERAL SUPPLIES AND GOODS	5,700.46	11,766.87	2,345.30	539.80	1,500	(845)	
2-12-00-00-00-515	BANK SERVICE CHARGES	908.43	922.12	2,018.52	1,229.61	800	(1,219)	
2-12-00-00-00-516	PENALTIES INCURRED	203.02	38.76	35.00	5.82	-	(35)	
2-12-00-00-00-523	OFFICE EQUIPMENT & FURNISHINGS	3,881.00	-	3,014.53	-	3,500	485	
2-12-00-00-00-540	NATURAL GAS	5,016.29	3,722.24	5,246.82	2,920.28	6,110	863	
2-12-00-00-00-541	ELECTRICITY	1,092.51	2,550.64	3,029.68	3,200.66	3,120	90	
2-12-00-00-00-700	AMORTIZATION	-	24,450.51	25,103.11	-	-	(25,103)	
2-12-00-00-00-701	ACCRETION	-	3,965.92	4,124.56	-	-	(4,125)	
2-12-00-00-00-780	BAD DEBT AR/TAXES	24,573.21	5,687.01	2,567.14	-	-	(2,567)	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	307,643.89	286,881.54	314,153.80	221,431.48	302,921	(11,233)	
	NET	247,223.99	235,295.23	246,638.28	193,593.04	203,015	(43,623)	

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	MUNICIPAL ENFORCEMENT REVENUE							
1-26-00-00-00-250	BYLAW FINES	(2,600.00)	-	(2,850.00)	-	(750)	2,100	
1-26-00-00-00-525	ANIMAL TAGS, LICENSES, FINES	(1,145.00)	146.00	(1,946.00)	(721.00)	(1,900)	46	
1-26-00-00-00-530	TRAFFIC FINES	(1,524.38)	-	(860.00)	(171.43)	(500)	360	
	TOTAL REVENUE	(5,269.38)	146.00	(5,656.00)	(892.43)	(3,150)	2,506	
	MUNICIPAL ENFORCEMENT EXPENSES							
2-26-00-00-00-250	CONTRACTED SERVICES	20,600.00	17,864.68	13,158.00	10,980.75	15,000	1,842	
2-26-00-00-00-275	PROVINCIAL POLICING	12,194.00	17,592.00	18,543.50	17,817.00	17,817	(727)	
2-26-00-00-00-510	SUPPLIES	535.00	-	-	-	-	-	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	33,329.00	35,456.68	31,701.50	28,797.75	32,817	1,116	
	NET	28,059.62	35,602.68	26,045.50	27,905.32	29,667	3,622	

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ROADS REVENUE								
1-32-00-00-00-511	SERVICES PROVIDED TO RESIDENTS	(7,098.05)	(3,246.50)	(2,841.75)	(2,139.76)	(2,000)	842	includes cemetery opening and closing
1-32-00-00-00-555	EV CHARGER	-	-	-	(71.62)	-	-	
	TOTAL REVENUE	(7,098.05)	(3,246.50)	(2,841.75)	(2,211.38)	(2,000)	842	
ROAD EXPENSES								
2-32-00-00-00-110	SALARY - PUBLIC WORKS	66,669.74	38,866.34	47,120.29	47,465.61	86,000	38,880	
2-32-00-00-00-215	FREIGHT	-	-	95.24	-	100	5	
2-32-00-00-00-216	TELEPHONE	-	1,260.00	1,407.22	887.56	1,500	93	
2-32-00-00-00-250	CONTRACTED SERVICES	9,568.00	5,374.00	14,733.28	8,478.70	30,000	15,267	sweeping/grading/crushing/sidewalk repairs
2-32-00-00-00-251	ROAD AND SIDEWALK REPAIRS	-	1,196.48	20,913.36	-	-	(20,913)	
2-32-00-00-00-260	RENTALS & LEASES EQUIPMENT	-	-	-	-	500	500	
2-32-00-00-00-274	INSURANCE	-	3,668.14	5,957.00	6,723.00	6,520	563	
2-32-00-00-00-275	WCB	3,966.84	-	1,421.30	3,233.90	1,220	(201)	
2-32-00-00-00-510	GOODS and SUPPLIES	2,342.19	3,498.25	1,209.27	1,258.09	5,000	3,791	line painting supplies / road signs and posts
2-32-00-00-00-511	MAINTENANCE MATERIALS	48,181.86	36,594.44	535.24	1,260.00	10,000	9,465	MG 30/crushed gravel/washed gravel/topsoil/
2-32-00-00-00-520	EQUIPMENT PARTS and TOOLS	(666.67)	-	-	-	500	500	
2-32-00-00-00-521	FUEL/OIL	8,141.74	3,987.41	8,039.68	3,747.52	6,500	(1,540)	
2-32-00-00-00-522	REPAIRS & MAINT. EQUIPMENT	166.26	7,787.04	4,320.24	42.30	5,000	680	
2-32-00-00-00-523	REPAIRS & MAINT. VEHICLES	3,868.64	-	45.00	58.14	1,000	955	
2-32-00-00-00-530	REPAIRS & MAINT. BUILDING	-	-	599.59	567.00	5,000	4,400	Building Painting
2-32-00-00-00-540	NATURAL GAS	2,393.66	2,062.21	2,235.40	1,337.58	2,580	345	
2-32-00-00-00-541	ELECTRICITY	3,219.36	3,967.95	2,469.51	775.25	2,900	430	
2-32-00-00-00-542	STREET LIGHTS	19,241.73	19,510.21	31,284.53	22,255.88	32,000	715	
2-32-00-00-00-700	AMORTIZATION	71,855.31	75,053.28	82,247.50	-	-	(82,248)	
2-32-00-00-00-701	ACCRETION	-	2,122.45	2,207.34	-	-	(2,207)	
2-32-00-00-00-830	LOAN INTEREST	215.16	200.11	199.05	100.31	170	(29)	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	239,163.82	205,148.31	227,040.04	98,190.84	196,490	(30,550)	
	NET	232,065.77	201,901.81	224,198.29	95,979.46	194,490	(29,708)	

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WATER REVENUE								
1-41-00-00-00-250	WATER SERVICE HOOK UP	(2,757.07)	-	-	-	-	-	
1-41-00-00-00-410	WATER SALES	(137,762.40)	(159,245.57)	(162,731.43)	(122,207.76)	(160,000)	2,731	
1-41-00-00-00-411	WORK FOR RESIDENTS	-	-	-	(200.00)	-	-	
1-41-00-00-00-412	WATER LINE REPYAMENT	(42,081.00)	(40,373.00)	(42,191.50)	(32,994.00)	(42,000)	192	
1-41-00-00-00-415	WATER SALES - BULK	(53,571.56)	(9,299.12)	(19,566.10)	(6,703.00)	(10,000)	9,566	
1-41-00-00-00-430	UTILITY CROSSING	-	-	(233.33)	-	(250)	(17)	
1-41-00-00-00-510	PENALTIES ON UTILITIES	(1,803.52)	(2,384.75)	(2,471.89)	(1,002.09)	(2,000)	472	
	TOTAL REVENUE	(237,975.55)	(211,302.44)	(227,194.25)	(163,106.85)	(214,250)	12,944	
WATER EXPENSES								
2-41-00-00-00-110	SALARY - WATER	5,942.62	2,291.60	247.50	684.48	-	(248)	
2-41-00-00-00-211	COURSES, MEALS, TRAVEL	-	-	-	-	2,000	2,000	
2-41-00-00-00-239	IT SUPPORT	-	-	65.00	1,297.50	-	(65)	
2-41-00-00-00-220	MEMBERSHIPS	-	-	-	-	-	-	
2-41-00-00-00-230	CONTRACTED SERVICES	126,014.35	104,271.81	135,123.84	75,247.74	140,000	4,876	.98 m3
2-41-00-00-00-240	RESIDENT REPAIRS	-	-	225.00	26,783.61	10,000	9,775	
2-41-00-00-00-250	CONTRACTED PURCHASE & WO	1,252.94	-	-	-	20,000	20,000	
2-41-00-00-00-260	UTILITY CROSSING	220.43	1,880.25	2,193.00	-	2,500	307	
2-41-00-00-00-274	INSURANCE	-	5,546.93	4,055.00	7,235.00	7,235	3,180	
2-41-00-00-00-415	BULK WATER SALES REFUNDS	7,407.72	-	330.60	-	-	(331)	
2-41-00-00-00-510	GENERAL SUPPLIES & GOODS	3,594.28	(1,337.84)	711.92	115.95	2,000	1,288	
2-41-00-00-00-520	EQUIPMENT PARTS & SUPPLIES	5,706.56	4,258.50	3,344.74	71.19	5,000	1,655	
2-41-00-00-00-521	FUEL/OIL	380.50	-	-	-	500	500	
2-41-00-00-00-522	REPAIRS & MAINT. EQUIPMENT	1,758.80	-	2,067.36	13,882.70	5,000	2,933	
2-41-00-00-00-531	CHEMICALS	12,044.50	9,487.20	933.20	469.80	10,000	9,067	
2-41-00-00-00-540	NATURAL GAS	5,193.41	4,119.21	4,091.01	2,555.59	4,650	559	
2-41-00-00-00-541	ELECTRICITY	3,045.41	4,629.56	9,455.26	6,244.58	9,200	(255)	
2-41-00-00-00-700	AMORTIZATION	65,607.58	65,700.96	48,729.18	-	-	(48,729)	
2-41-00-00-00-830	DEBT SERVICING - WATERLINE L	18,303.59	17,109.08	23,124.09	-	4,000	(19,124)	
		256,472.69	217,957.26	234,696.70	134,588.14	222,085	(12,612)	
	NET	18,497.14	6,654.82	7,502.45	(28,518.71)	7,835	333	

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WASTEWATER REVENUE								
1-42-00-00-00-250	CONTRACT WORK FOR RESIDENTS	-	-	(550.00)	-	(500)	50	
1-42-00-00-00-410	WASTEWATER FEES	(27,385.00)	(27,490.00)	(27,430.00)	(20,947.50)	(27,500)	(70)	
	TOTAL REVENUE	(27,385.00)	(27,490.00)	(27,980.00)	(20,947.50)	(28,000)	(20)	
WASTEWATER EXPENSES								
2-42-00-00-00-240	RESIDENT REPAIRS	-	6,609.00	2,500.00	-	10,000	7,500	
2-42-00-00-00-250	CONTRACTED SERVICES	-	2,575.01	9,268.01	4,750.00	10,000	732	
2-42-00-00-00-260	RENTALS & LEASES EQUIPMENT	-	-	869.61	139.80	1,000	130	
2-42-00-00-00-510	GENERAL SUPPLIES & GOODS	532.14	-	-	-	500	500	
2-42-00-00-00-531	CHEMICALS	-	-	9,132.00	9,482.00	12,000	2,868	
2-42-00-00-00-700	AMORTIZATION	51,501.64	51,501.64	(26,134.11)	-	-	26,134	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	52,033.78	60,685.65	(4,364.49)	14,371.80	33,500	37,864	
	NET	24,648.78	33,195.65	(32,344.49)	(6,575.70)	5,500	37,844	

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SOLID WASTE REVENUE								
1-43-00-00-00-410	GARBAGE FEES	(47,409.00)	(47,506.50)	(47,062.70)	(36,169.50)	(47,500)	(437)	
1-43-00-00-00-411	RECYCLING REVENUE	-	-	-	(6,323.45)	(7,406)	(7,406)	CM July-Dec
1-43-00-00-00-511	EXTRA BIN PURCHASES	-	-	-	(195.00)	-	-	
1-43-00-00-00-840	COUNTY COST SHARE	(6,500.00)	-	(6,500.00)	-	(6,500)	-	
	TOTAL REVENUE	(53,909.00)	(47,506.50)	(53,562.70)	(42,687.95)	(61,406)	(7,843)	
SOLID WASTE EXPENSES								
2-43-00-00-00-110	SALARY - SOLID WASTE	13,403.39	14,610.01	15,184.50	12,170.93	16,000	816	
2-43-00-00-00-205	BOARDS & AGENCIES	11,722.91	11,313.09	11,652.52	12,002.06	12,002	350	increase of 3% from 31.24 to 32.18
2-43-00-00-00-231	CONTRACTED RECYCLING	2,335.45	1,055.44	6,428.22	3,300.60	7,000	572	
2-43-00-00-00-250	CONTRACT LABOUR	161.95	-	-	880.00	-	-	
2-43-00-00-00-251	CONTRACTED SOLID WASTE PICKUP	18,600.00	18,600.00	17,885.00	12,812.00	20,000	2,115	
2-43-00-00-00-274	INSURANCE	-	-	-	3,850.00	-	-	
2-43-00-00-00-510	GENERAL SUPPLIES & GOODS	97.49	-	-	-	500	500	
2-43-00-00-00-522	REPAIRS & MAINT. EQUIPMENT	402.00	-	-	34.00	500	500	
2-43-00-00-00-541	ELECTRICITY	813.92	723.42	1,898.79	1,167.28	1,955	56	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	47,537.11	46,301.96	53,049.03	46,216.87	57,957	4,908	
	NET	(6,371.89)	(1,204.54)	(513.67)	3,528.92	(3,449)	(2,935)	

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PLANNING REVENUE								
1-61-00-00-00-410	ZONING & DEVELOPMENT PERMITS	(190.48)	(930.96)	(3,151.90)	(819.06)	(1,000)	2,152	
1-66-00-00-00-464	LAND SALES	-	(50.00)	(31,962.30)	(37,439.37)	(18,000)	13,962	
	TOTAL REVENUE	(190.48)	(980.96)	(35,114.20)	(38,258.43)	(19,000)	16,114	
PLANNING EXPENSES								
2-61-00-00-00-230	PLANNING SERVICES	8,144.80	7,707.99	7,866.29	7,401.67	12,000	4,134	ortho
2-61-00-00-00-251	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	-	-	4,853.50	-	1,000	(3,854)	wayfinding
2-61-00-00-00-252	LAND SALE COSTS	-	-	2,494.40	2,580.25	5,000	2,506	RPR/Legal/Realtor
	TOTAL EXPENSES	8,144.80	7,707.99	15,214.19	9,981.92	18,000	2,786	
	NET	7,954.32	6,727.03	(19,900.01)	(28,276.51)	(1,000)	18,900	

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	CIVIC CENTRE REVENUE							
1-74-00-00-00-100	KITCHEN LEASE	(800.00)	(2,750.00)	(650.00)	(1,325.00)	(1,500)	(850)	
1-74-00-00-00-400	RINK FEES	(31,131.58)	(37,270.59)	(36,221.87)	(18,629.59)	(36,000)	222	
1-74-00-00-00-410	KEY FOBS - CIVIC CENTRE	(1,240.00)	(260.00)	(1,566.00)	(50.00)	(1,000)	566	
1-74-00-00-00-541	ELECTRICITY	-	-	-	(15,835.39)	-	-	
1-74-00-00-00-570	RINK RENTALS	(770.00)	(4,799.29)	(1,586.00)	(961.00)	-	1,586	
1-74-00-00-00-575	DONATIONS	(1,800.00)	-	-	-	-	-	
1-74-00-00-00-850	COUNTY RECREATION GRANT	-	-	-	-	(35,000)	(35,000)	
1-74-00-00-01-560	GYM MEMBERSHIP FEES	(11,377.50)	(15,530.00)	(11,442.00)	(7,984.00)	(12,000)	(558)	
	TOTAL REVENUE	(47,119.08)	(60,609.88)	(51,465.87)	(44,784.98)	(85,500)	(34,034)	
	CIVIC CENTRE EXPENSES							
2-74-00-00-00-109	LIBRARY (JANITORIAL)	1,672.00	2,753.66	3,694.50	2,291.00	4,000	306	
2-74-00-00-00-110	WAGES - CIVIC CENTRE	19,340.32	40,683.87	39,454.13	23,919.74	45,000	5,546	
2-74-00-00-00-211	TRAVEL & TRAINING	1,295.30	-	641.80	-	-	(642)	
2-74-00-00-00-216	TELEPHONE AND INTERNET	-	-	823.28	697.68	900	77	
2-74-00-00-00-220	MEMBERSHIPS	1,555.00	179.97	840.37	49.05	750	(90)	
2-74-00-00-00-230	CONTRACTED PERSONNEL	13,060.22	-	-	-	-	-	
2-74-00-00-00-239	IT SUPPORT/EQUIPMENT	-	-	-	-	500	500	
2-74-00-00-00-250	REPAIRS & MAINT	8,067.58	7,078.18	897.87	262.00	-	(898)	
2-74-00-00-00-274	INSURANCE	-	34,622.23	33,526.00	37,941.00	37,941	4,415	
2-74-00-00-00-350	CONTRACTED SERVICES	15,389.99	5,407.89	1,537.50	725.00	5,000	3,463	
2-74-00-00-00-360	LEASES	-	-	202.40	(202.40)	-	(202)	
2-74-00-00-00-510	GENERAL SUPPLIES & GOODS	5,944.95	6,433.30	7,297.51	1,894.38	5,000	(2,298)	
2-74-00-00-00-511	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	-	164.14	2,479.51	1,243.77	1,000	(1,480)	
2-74-00-00-00-520	REPAIRS & MAINT EQUIPMENT	4,948.24	9,482.31	32,798.51	6,754.89	15,000	(17,799)	
2-74-00-00-00-521	FUEL / OIL / PROPANE	-	1,469.71	873.46	612.98	1,000	127	
2-74-00-00-00-522	REPAIRS & MAINT. BUILDING	3,350.85	3,939.33	1,208.94	4,347.21	5,000	3,791	
2-74-00-00-00-540	NATURAL GAS	11,321.51	10,394.10	11,160.37	5,850.51	13,000	1,840	
2-74-00-00-00-541	ELECTRICITY	11,416.46	11,643.43	9,259.95	13,305.47	13,360	4,100	
2-74-00-00-00-700	AMORTIZATION	27,483.88	33,499.87	32,203.13	-	-	(32,203)	
2-74-00-00-00-701	ACCRETION	-	3,487.95	3,627.47	-	-	(3,627)	
2-74-00-00-01-831	SOLAR PANEL DEBENTURE	4,178.41	3,887.21	3,866.69	1,948.75	3,275	(592)	
	transfer to capital	-	-	-	-	17,000	17,000	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	129,024.71	175,127.15	186,393.39	101,641.03	167,726	(18,667)	
	NET	81,905.63	114,517.27	134,927.52	56,856.05	82,226	(52,702)	



Request for Decision Municipal Enforcement Report

RECOMMENDATION

That the Municipal Enforcement report for the period ending September 30, 2025, be accepted as information.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Peace Officer Act

Various municipal bylaws

BACKGROUND

The Village of Warner joined the Ridge Regional Public Safety Services Commission in 2019. The Commission serves the municipalities of Coutts, Magrath, Milk River, Raymond, Stirling, Warner and County of Warner.

The Village Council receives a monthly report, to provide information on the number and types of incidents that violate municipal bylaws.

RISKS/CONSEQUENCES

1. Council may provide further direction on any item contained in the report. Council shall be specific in the direction it provides.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

ATTACHMENTS

1. Municipal Enforcement Report

Cases by Offence



RRCPO

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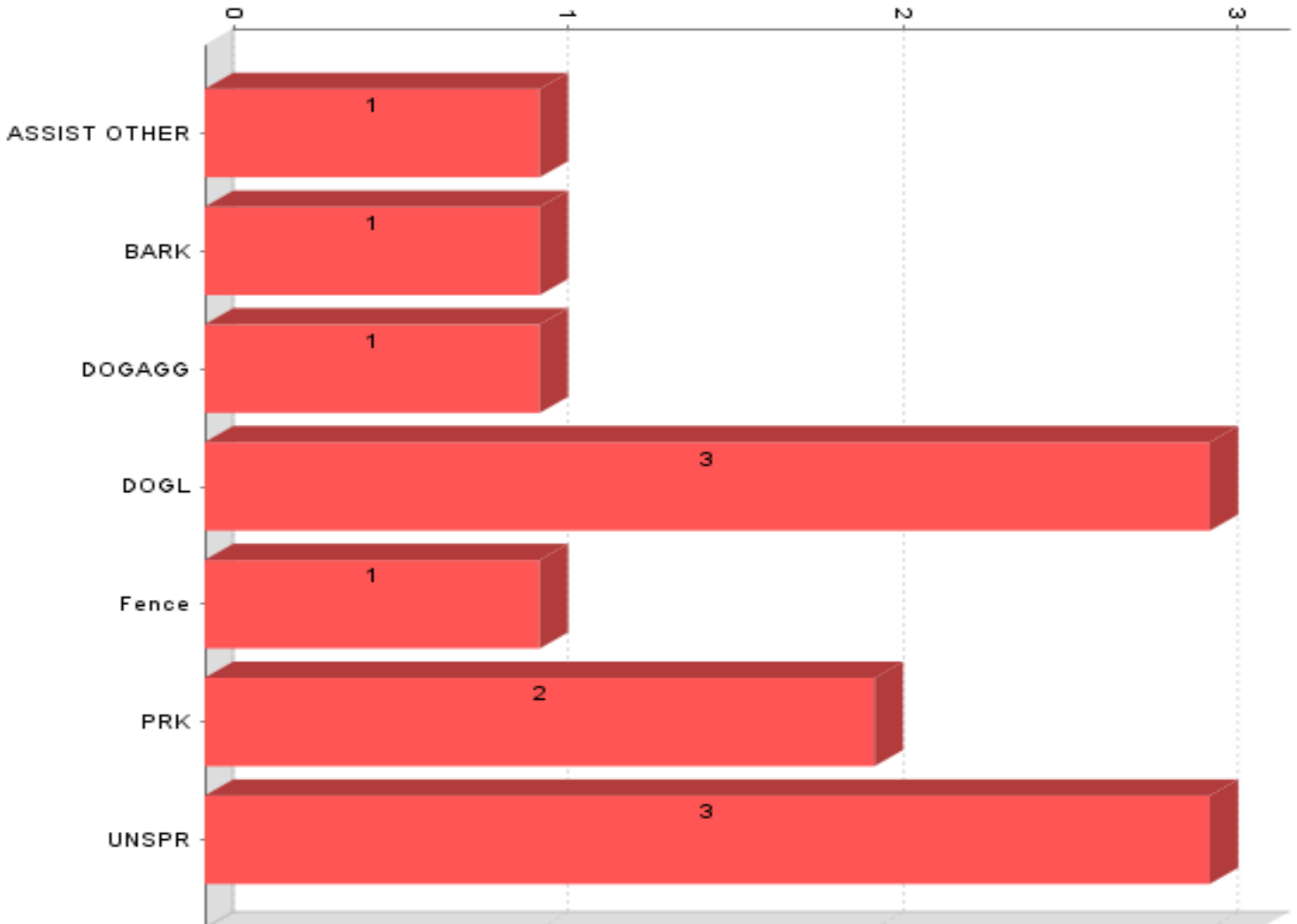
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Offence ID	Offence Description	Reporting District	Total
ASSIST OTHER	ASSIST	RRPSS	1
BARK	DOG BARKING	RRPSS	1
DOGAGG	DOG (AGGRESSIVE)	COUNTY OF WARNER	1
DOGL	DOG AT LARGE	RRPSS	3
FENCE	LINE FENCE ACT	RRPSS	1
PRK	PARKING COMPLAINT	RRPSS	2
UNSPR	UNSIGHTLY PREMISES	RRPSS	3
Total			12

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Request for Decision Chief Administrative Officer Report

RECOMMENDATION

That the Chief Administrative Officer report for the period ending September 30, 2025, be accepted as information.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

BACKGROUND

On a monthly basis, the Chief Administrative Officer provides Council with an update on administrative items.

RISKS/CONSEQUENCES

1. Council may provide further direction on any item contained in the report. Council shall be specific in the direction it provides.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

ATTACHMENTS

1. CAO Report



Chief Administrative Officer Report September 2025

Administration

- Council meeting preparation
- Council meeting attendance
- Council minutes and highlights for newsletter. Copies of newsletter at grocery store.
- MCP meeting preparation
- MCP meeting attendance
- MPC minutes
- Meetings/communication (walk in, email and phone)
- Bi-Weekly staff meetings
- Bylaw work
- Policy work
- Development inquiries/meetings
- Follow up correspondence regarding development permits
- Updates from CPO's (when applicable)
- Development Permit processing – 7 permits to date (2 sheds/2 solar roof systems/1 detached garage and front yard fence variance/1 change of use from retail to light fabrication/1 dwelling)
- Records Management – Destruction
- Occupational Health & Safety Orders – Orders Completed
- Work on fixing discrepancies between GIS/Muniware addressing and google
- Fire siren was removed and placed in PW yard
- Attend Warner & District Minor Hockey meeting
- Attend Lions Club meeting
- Follow up with Devil's Coulee Museum
- Attend Library open house
- Nomination Day – confirmation of incumbents and councillors-elect
- Communication to incumbents and councillors-elect
- Attend Alberta Municipalities Villages South zoom meeting
- Website company research
- Communication to legal regarding curling rink laneway
- Attend AHS bimonthly meeting
- Attend fire department meeting – level of service discussion
- Attend LGAA Zone 1 meeting
- Attend CoWrep functional training

Motion Carried 2023-261	Moved by Mayor Lindsay, seconded by Councillor Baron, "that the school zones be changed to playground zones and to include a playground zone at the Lions Campground."	WIP
<u>Motion Carried 2024-179</u>	Moved by Mayor Lindsay, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that Council reallocate \$10,000 in the budget for grant writing services and approve the purchase of the air-cooled chiller from Trane Technologies for the Civic Centre in the amount of \$680,187.00. to be in place by fall 2025."	On hold
<u>Motion Carried 2024-259</u>	Moved by Mayor Lindsay, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that Council direct administration to explore the cost of relocating the old fire hall siren."	Complete
<u>Motion Carried 2025-19</u>	Moved by Mayor Lindsay, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that administration research residential sub-class tax rates and prepare scenarios."	WIP
<u>Motion Carried 2025-60</u>	Moved by Mayor Lindsay, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that Council direct administration to research and formulate a draft lease agreement for the airport."	WIP
<u>Motion Carried 2025-72</u>	Moved by Mayor Lindsay, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that Council authorize administration to enter into an agreement with Horizon School Division to provide joint election services for the October 20, 2025, municipal and school trustee election."	Complete
<u>Motion Carried 2025-82</u>	Moved by Councillor Baron, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that Council direct administration to begin the ICF conversation with County of Warner administration, schedule meetings with appointed elected officials and to further begin gathering data as it relates to the list of mandatory services for the ICF as per the Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act."	Complete
<u>Motion Carried 2025-144</u>	Moved by Councillor Koehn, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kirby, "that the 2026-2028 Financial Plan be tabled to a future Council meeting."	WIP
<u>Motion Carried 2025-148</u>	Moved by Mayor Lindsay, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that the Mayor enter into contract with the Chief Administrative Officer for the Village of Warner."	WIP
<u>Motion Carried 2025-160</u>	Moved by Councillor Baron, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that Council directs administration to send a letter to K Division regarding the lack of RCMP attendance at vehicle accidents on the highway in the Warner area."	WIP

<u>Motion Carried 2025-165</u>	Moved by Councillor Baron, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that Council direct administration to obtain more quotes from the property owner for Lots 1-4 N ½ 5, Block 6, Plan 4068N before deciding on the request."	WIP
<u>Motion Carried 2025-166</u>	Moved by Mayor Lindsay, seconded by Councillor Toovey, "that Council direct administration to explore the land use bylaw to determine the allowance for RV parking at the civic centre."	Complete
<u>Motion Carried 2025-177</u>	Moved by Councillor Baron, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that a public hearing be set for the Advertising Bylaw 646-25 for October 15, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers."	Complete
<u>Motion Carried 2025-183</u>	Moved by Councillor Toovey, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that Council request additional recreational funding, above the annual contribution, from the County of Warner No. 5."	WIP
<u>Motion Carried 2025-185</u>	Moved by Councillor Toovey, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that Council directs Administration to gather current information from the Warner Fire Department regarding level of service and bring back to Council at a future meeting."	WIP
<u>Motion Carried 2025-187</u>	Moved by Councillor Baron, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that Council direct administration to meet with the Lions Club regarding long term stays at the campground."	Complete
<u>Motion Carried 2025-188</u>	Moved by Mayor Lindsay, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that Council directs administration to research and bring back options to Council for the roadway between 5 th and 6 th Avenue on 6 th Street."	WIP
<u>Motion Carried 2025-191</u>	Moved by Mayor Lindsay, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kirby, "that Council waive half of the penalties and interest under roll number 2100 and waive the other half of the penalties and interest if the account is paid in full by December 31, 2025."	1/2 Complete

2025 Operational Projects

Council	
Election	Complete - acclamation
Regional Orientation	October
WCAP 1st year Disbursement	Fall
2 to AB Munis	November
Technology (ipads)	Complete
EO Honorarium Increase	Complete
Administration	
Chamber Flooring	Complete
Village Admin building sign	
Paint Admin building	
Paint PW building	Primer Complete
IT	WIP
Owl	Complete
Fire	
Training	Ongoing
New pumper equipment/turn out gear	Complete
Roads	
Playground zone signs/posts	WIP
Crosswalk painting	
Water	
Training	
Planning and Development	
Orthophoto	Complete
Wayfinding	
Parks and Recreation	
Christmas Lights (\$1,200 per siloutte)	
Civic Centre	
Camera for online monitoring of systems	
EV Charger light	
Line for Live Barn	

2025 Capital Projects

Administration	
HVAC Replacements	WIP
Roads	
Civic Centre Laneway - engineering	WIP
Sidewalks - wheelchair ramp at office	Complete
Road Rehabilitation	Complete
Wastewater	
Camera along 4th Avenue	
Manholes	Complete - none in 2025
Civic Centre	
Ice plant	
Brine pump	Complete
LED Lights - Library	Grant not successful



Request for Decision Solar Report

RECOMMENDATION

That the September 30, 2025 solar report be accepted as information.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

BACKGROUND

At the October 2024 regular council meeting, the following resolution was passed:

Moved by Councillor Toovey, seconded by Councillor Koehn, "that administration prepare a quarterly solar report for inclusion into Council's agenda."

Motion Carried 2024-200

RISKS/CONSEQUENCES

1. Council may provide further direction on any item contained in the report. Council shall be specific in the direction it provides.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

ATTACHMENTS

1. Solar Analysis

Village of Warner Solar Savings

Year End: December 31, 2025

Microgen Credits				
Month	Rink	Fire Hall	Maintenance Shop	Total
January	\$ 69.72	\$ 48.30	-	\$ 118.02
February	\$ 111.22	\$ 27.90	-	\$ 139.12
March	\$ 169.32	\$ 89.40	-	\$ 258.72
April	\$ 1,333.80	\$ 186.60	-	\$ 1,520.40
May	\$ 4,566.00	\$ 371.70	102.68	\$ 5,040.38
June	\$ 5,244.00	\$ 483.30	79.50	\$ 5,806.80
July	\$ 5,730.00	\$ 246.90	227.70	\$ 6,204.60
August	\$ 5,076.00	\$ 494.10	190.80	\$ 5,760.90
September	\$ 4,248.00	\$ 389.70	172.80	\$ 4,810.50
October				\$ -
November				\$ -
December				\$ -
	\$ 26,548.06	\$ 2,337.90	\$ 773.48	\$ 29,659.44

Loan

Principal	\$ 10,526.49	\$ 1,191.28	\$ 541.95	\$ 12,259.72
Interest	\$ 3,274.95	\$ 370.64	\$ 168.57	\$ 3,814.16
Total	\$ 13,801.44	\$ 1,561.92	\$ 710.52	\$ 16,073.88

Profit (loss) on loan

\$ 12,746.62	\$ 775.98	\$ 62.96	\$ 13,585.56
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Power Bills

Total Expense	\$ 21,385.96	\$ 4,043.21	\$ 1,673.99	\$ 27,103.16
Loan Payments	\$ 10,351.08	\$ 1,171.44	\$ 532.89	\$ 12,055.41
Total Credit	-\$ 26,548.06	-\$ 2,337.90	-\$ 773.48	-\$ 29,659.44
Total	\$ 5,188.98	\$ 2,876.75	\$ 1,433.40	\$ 9,499.13



Request for Decision Council Committee Reports

RECOMMENDATION

That the committee reports for the period ending October 15, 2025, be accepted as information.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act
Procedural Bylaw

BACKGROUND

Elected Officials, appointed at the annual organizational meeting, attend regular meetings of various boards, commissions and committees. Each elected official is required to keep Council informed by providing regular activity of the board, commission or committee they are appointed to.

RISKS/CONSEQUENCES

Should committee reports not be relayed, members of Council will not be informed on the various boards, commissions and committees.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

ATTACHMENTS

1. Family & Community Support Services

Barons-Eureka-Warner Family & Community Support Services (FCSS)
Minutes of Board Meeting – Wednesday, September 3, 2025
Coaldale Hub (2107-13th Street)
In-person and Online

Attendance (in-person)

Degenstein, Dave – Town of Milk River, Board Chair
Chapman, Bill – Town of Coaldale, Vice-Chair
Doell, Daniel – Village of Barons
Deleeuw, Shelley – Town of Vauxhall
Foster, Missy – Village of Barnwell
Harris, Merrill – M.D. of Taber
Heggie, Jack – County of Warner
Hickey, Lorne – Lethbridge County
Jensen, Melissa – Town of Nobleford
Kirby, Martin – Village of Warner
Nilsson, Larry – Village of Stirling

Attendance (online)

Caldwell, Heather – Town of Coalhurst
Feist, Teresa - Town of Picture Butte
Payne, Megan – Village of Coutts

Absent – Board Members

Bekkering, Garth – Town of Taber
Jensen, Kelly – Town of Raymond

Staff (in-person):

Morrison, Zakk – Executive Director
Florence-Greene, Evelyn – Finance and Human Resources Coordinator
DeBow, Petra – Manager

Call to Order

D. Degenstein called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

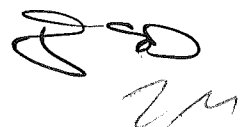
L. Nilsson moved the Board to approve the agenda as presented.
Carried

2. Delegation

a) Community Needs Assessment Update Delegation

Carly Heck on behalf of the Prentice Institute presented to the Board an update on the Community Needs Assessment.

The Board discussed the update.



B. Chapman moved the Board to accept the Community Needs Assessment Update for information.

Carried

Carly Heck left the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

3. Minutes

a) June 4, 2025

J. Heggie moved the minutes of June 4, 2025, FCSS Board meeting be approved as presented.

Carried

M. Foster entered the Board meeting at 4:02 p.m.

4. Correspondence

a) Correspondence Received

The following correspondence was presented for information:

- Announcing the New Look for FCSSAA Annual Conference - June 4, 2025.
- Introducing IMPACT's 2025 FCSSAA Conference Inspiring Keynote Speakers – June 10, 2025.
- Call for Resolutions for the FCSSAA 2025 AGM – June 13, 2025.
- FCSSAA News – June 2025.
- Call for Nominations – FCSSAA Board President 2025-2027 Term - July 8, 2025.
- FCSSAA News – July 2025.
- FCSSAA Materials – Please Share with your Region – August 1, 2025.
- FCSSAA Advocacy Campaign 2025 – August 7, 2025.
- Branded FCSS Clothing – August 12, 2025.

Z. Morrison highlighted the FCSSAA Impact Conference is being held November 26 to November 28, 2025.

Z. Morrison stated the Board can decide at the November Board meeting which Board Members will attend the FCSSAA AGM and annual conference.

B. Chapman asked Z. Morrison if there were any resolutions being considered from the south region.

D. Degenstein discussed an example of a former resolution, increasing the president's term to 2 years that passed in 2024.

Z. Morrison will attend the South Region Director's meeting on Wednesday September 10th and will ask if any resolution could be co-sponsored by BEW FCSS. The FCSSAA AGM resolution submission deadline is September 29, 2025, at noon.

Handwritten signature and initials, possibly "RSD" and "ZM", in the bottom right corner.

D. Doell moved the Board to receive the correspondence as presented for information.

Carried

5. Reports

a) Executive Director

Z. Morrison reviewed the Executive Director's report.

The following was highlighted:

Reports

- Executive Director Workplan 2024-2026.
- Executive Director 2025 Annual Summary
- FCSS Annual Report approved.

M. Harris moved the Board to approve the Executive Director's Report as presented.

Carried

b) Financial Report

Z. Morrison reviewed the Financial Report.

The Board discussed the Financial Report.

L. Hickey moved the Board to approve the July 2025 Financial Report including:

- Financial statement for July 2025.
- Monthly accounts for May 2025:
- Monthly accounts for June 2025:
- Monthly accounts for July 2025:
- ATB Mastercard Statement May 13, 2025, to June 11, 2025; and
- ATB Mastercard Statement June 12, 2025, to July 11, 2025; and
- ATB Mastercard Statement July 12, 2025, to August 13, 2025.

Carried

6. New Business

c) Policy Updates and Recommendations

Z. Morrison discussed the notable changes in the Human Resources Policy.

T. Feist moved the Board to approve the Human Resources Policy as presented.

Carried

Z. Morrison discussed the modifications to the Administrative and Finance Policies.

Handwritten signature and initials, possibly "JSD" and "JL", in the bottom right corner of the page.

H. Caldwell moved the Board to receive the updated Administration and Finance policy for information.

Municipal Requisition's 2026

The Board discussed setting the 2026 Municipal Requisition rate and agreed to maintain the current schedule by setting the rate in December to align with the approval of the BEW FCSS Interim Budget.

7. Closed Session

a) Executive Director Annual Evaluation

M. Harris moved the Board move in-camera, based on the Governance Policies - Board Meeting in Absence of the Public, at 5:18 p.m.

Carried

Z. Morrison, P. DeBow, and Evelyn Florence-Greene left the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

M. Kirby moved the Board back to regular session at 5:28 p.m.

Carried

D. Doell moved the Board approve the Executive Directors performance evaluation for 2025.

Carried

M. Kirby moved the Board to approve a 3% salary increase, not to be placed on the grid, but above the current level 7 of the Executive Director's grid, retroactive from April 1, 2025.

Carried

8. Round Table

The Board shared municipal updates.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next regular Board meeting will be October 1, 2025, at the Coaldale HUB (2107 – 13th St.) in person and online (via Teams) starting at 4:00pm.

10. Adjournment

M. Harris moved the meeting to adjourn at 5:52 p.m.

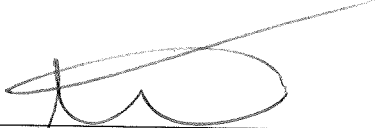
Carried



Chairperson

01 OCT 25.

Date



Executive Director
OCT 6/2025

Date



Request for Decision Correspondence

RECOMMENDATION

That the correspondence for the period ending October 15, 2025 be accepted as information.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

BACKGROUND

Correspondence is a collection of general information received at the Village Office and is provided to Council as information.

RISKS/CONSEQUENCES

1. Council may provide further direction on any item contained in correspondence. Council shall be specific in the direction it provides.
2. Council may direct Administration on any item contained in correspondence.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

ATTACHMENTS

1. Oldman River Regional Services Commission: 2026 Draft Budget
2. Canadian Union of Postal Workers
3. Warner School 2026 Grad Class Fundraiser
4. Municipal Affairs Mandate Letter
5. Family & Community Support Services Annual Report
6. Lift Her Up Campaign
7. Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence 2025

From: ORRSC Administration <admin@orrsc.com>
Sent: September 23, 2025 1:33 PM
To: Warner - Village (cao@warner.ca)
Cc: Bonnie Brunner; Lenze Kuiper; ORRSC Accounting
Subject: 2026 ORRSC Draft Budget & Estimated Membership Fees
Attachments: 2026 Draft Budget Presentation - September 2025 Board Meeting.pdf; 30C-181 2026 Draft Operating Budget & Membership Fees.pdf; Warner - 2026 Fee Estimate.pdf

Good Afternoon,

On behalf of Lenze Kuiper, Chief Administrative Officer, please see attached for correspondence regarding the Draft 2026 Operating Budget and estimated membership fee increases as presented to the Board of Directors on September 4, 2025 at In addition, we have also included a 2026 Estimate of Fees for your specific Municipality and a copy of the Draft 2026 Operating Budget Presentation that was given at the Board of Directors Meeting by the Executive Committee.

As stated in the correspondence, we wish to extend the invitation to discuss the budget presentation, the membership fee increases, and any other concerns Administration or Council may have. If you would like us to present to your Council or Administration, please contact Stephanie Sayer at accounting@orrsc.com or by telephone at 403-329-1344 at your convenience.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our office at 403-329-1344 or by email at admin@orrsc.com.

Thank you,

Raeanne Keer
Executive Assistant
Pronouns: she/her

Phone: 403-329-1344
Email: admin@orrsc.com
Oldman River Regional Services Commission
3105 – 16 Ave N | Lethbridge, AB | T1H 5E8

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September 23, 2025

File:30C-181
Sent Via Email

Chief Administrative Officers & Councils
All Member Municipalities of ORRSC

Dear Chief Administrative Officer and Council,

RE: 2026 Draft Operating Budget & Membership Fees

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Oldman River Regional Services Commission, we wish to inform you that at the Regular Board of Directors meeting held on Thursday, September 4, 2025 the Executive Committee presented the draft 2026 Operating Budget and membership fee adjustments.

The 2026 Draft Operating Budget has been prepared using the 2025 Total Equalized Assessments. Once the 2026 Total Equalized Assessments are released by the Province of Alberta, the budget will be updated accordingly.

As shared with the membership at December 4, 2024, Board of Directors meeting, the Commission can no longer rely on the financial uncertainty of fee-for-service and subdivision revenues to sustain our operations. The Executive Committee and Administration are committed to establishing a more stable financial framework to ensure that the Commission can continue to provide high-quality services and program to our member municipalities.

For 2026, planning membership fees are proposed to increase by 14%, raising the fee ceiling to \$118,000 (based on 2025 equalized assessments), and increasing the fee floor to \$5,700. In addition, GIS fees are proposed to increase by an average of 12%, with the introduction of a \$2,000 fee floor, which was not previously in place. As with previous years, once the 2026 total equalized assessment numbers are released, the Executive Committee will review these figures and make adjustments if necessary.

This forms part of the 3-year financial stabilization plan introduced in 2025. While the plan is aggressive, the Executive Committee believes it is essential to ensure the long-term financial sustainability of the Commission, enabling us to continue serving our members as we have for more than 70 years.

We understand that an increase in fees is challenging and that all industries, including municipal governments, are feeling the financial pressures of the current economic climate. The 3-year financial stabilization plan to cover fixed expenses from fixed sources of revenue attempts to strike a balance between the financial viability of the Commission with the impact of increasing fees on our members. Maintaining this balance as we go forward through transparent financial planning and gradual fee adjustments is critical for the commission and our municipalities.

Enclosed with this letter, you will find a detailed outline of your municipality's estimated 2026 membership fees as well as a copy of the 2026 Draft Operating Budget presentation. The proposed 2026 Budget will be formally presented at the Board of Directors' Organizational Meeting on December 4, 2025.

We wish to extend the invitation to discuss the budget presentation, the membership fee increases, and any other concerns Administration or Council may have. If you would like to have us present to your Council or Administration, please contact Stephanie Sayer, Accounting Clerk, at 403-329-1344 or by email at accounting@orrsc.com at your convenience who will work with you to coordinate a visit.

Should you have any other questions please do not hesitate to reach out to our office at 403-329-1344 or by email at admin@orrsc.com.

We thank you for your continued support and partnership, and we remain committed to providing exceptional value to all member municipalities.

Thank you,



Lenze Kuiper
Chief Administrative Officer

LK/rk
Enclosed:

2026 Membership Fees
2026 Draft Budget Presentation

2026 Estimate of Fees – Village of Warner

2026 Planning Membership Annual Fee	\$5,700
2026 GIS Membership Annual Fee	\$2,698
2026 Chinook Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Annual Fee	\$550
2026 Regional Assessment Review Board Annual Fee	\$500

From: Marty Le Gallez <mlegallez@cupw-sttp.org>
Sent: September 24, 2025 1:15 PM
To: cao@warner.ca
Subject: Letter from CUPW | Canada Post Mandate Review
Attachments: 2025-09-09__Resolution Municipalities_EN.pdf

BY EMAIL AND MAIL

September 24, 2025

Mayor Tyler Lindsay
Village of Warner
PO Box 88
Warner AB T0K 2L0
cao@warner.ca

Dear Mayor Lindsay,

Re: Upcoming Mandate Review of Canada Post Could Affect Jobs and Services in Your Community

I am writing you to let you know that the Federal Government is planning a mandate review of Canada Post from October 2025 to March 2026. At this time, we do not have details regarding the format, process or terms of reference. We are very concerned that there is no guarantee of public or stakeholder consultation (please see enclosure).

I had written you earlier this year about the Industrial Inquiry Commission (IIC) launched to review negotiations between Canada Post and our union. Unfortunately, it examined issues that were beyond collective bargaining and made some recommendations for drastic service cuts. Notably, these were in the form of post office closures and to resume conversion to community mailboxes – something the first Liberal Government after Harper was elected to stop.

CUPW's recommendations for expanded services, including things like postal banking, seniors check ins, community hubs, the reinstatement of an improved Food Mail Program, were rejected as a means to immediately address the financial challenges faced by Canada Post. This, despite the fact that many individuals, municipalities and organizations have supported our efforts over the years.

Canada Post also used the IIC to set up its demands for regulatory changes that could form the basis of the mandate review. We believe that regulatory changes should only be examined after Canada Post returns to stabilized operations, the full impact of the January 2025 stamp price increase is realized, and when parcel volumes reflect sectoral demand.

Canadians deserve to have their say on a public service they own. Our Federal Government must respect their voice, their needs, their communities, including those in rural, remote and Northern locations, workers and their rights, and safeguard public services and jobs – not try to quietly erode them.

I am asking your municipality to:

- 1) Pass a resolution asking for a delay on this mandate review,
- 2) Ask the Government to commit to a fully transparent, public process involving input and hearings from all stakeholders in all regions, and;
- 3) Make a written and/or oral submission to the upcoming mandate review – if you have the

capacity and depending upon how the review is structured.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me via Vanessa Murenzi at vmurenzi@cupw-sttp.org

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jan Simpson
National President
Canadian Union of Postal Workers

Encl.

PS - We are pleased to see some municipal-level pushback around the unilateral change in delivery practice for the red flags on rural mailboxes. This has raised concerns, in particular for elderly residents and those with mobility issues, who now have to go to their mailbox to check for mail.

c.c.:
National Executive Board
Regional Executive Committees
CUPW Locals
CUPW Specialists
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Appendix A
Canada Post Corporation Review

Notionally, public consultations may be undertaken to consider the Canadian Postal Service Charter (2009) and to get a pulse on Canadians' needs and use of the postal service. Should engagement be necessary, the goal would be obtain [sic] views from Canadians and stakeholders to redefine the government's service-oriented vision for Canada Post, in a context where the postal industry landscape has changed, the needs of Canadians have evolved, and the volume of mail and letters has declined significantly to the point where Canada Post's sustainability has been undermined.

Source: Secretariat, Treasury Board of Canada. 2025. "Consulting with Canadians." Canada.ca. <https://www.canada.ca/en/government/system/consultations/consultingcanadians.html>. Accessed September 5, 2025. Search term "Canada Post Corporation Review"

Federal Government Plan: Canada Post Corporation Review

WHEREAS the Federal Government has announced a planned Canada Post Corporation Review from October 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 as follows:

Notionally, public consultations may be undertaken to consider the Canadian Postal Service Charter (2009) and to get a pulse on Canadians' needs and use of the postal service. Should engagement be necessary, the goal would be obtain [sic] views from Canadians and stakeholders to redefine the government's service-oriented vision for Canada Post, in a context where the postal industry landscape has changed, the needs of Canadians have evolved, and the volume of mail and letters has declined significantly to the point where Canada Post's sustainability has been undermined.¹

WHEREAS the current plan does not ensure that there will be any public consultation or engagement with all stakeholders, and the process and terms of reference for the mandate review have yet to be announced.

WHEREAS the recent Industrial Inquiry Commission report recommended service cuts in the form of post office closures and the reintroduction of the community mailbox conversion plans of the last Federal Conservative government.

WHEREAS it will be crucial for the mandate review to hear the views from municipalities on key issues, including maintaining Canada Post as a public service, the importance of maintaining the moratorium on post office closures, improving the Canadian Postal Service Charter, home mail delivery, parcel delivery, keeping daily delivery, improving postal banking, greening Canada Post, EV charging stations, food delivery, improving delivery to rural, remote and Indigenous communities, and developing services to assist people with disabilities and help older Canadians to remain in their homes for as long as possible – and at the same time, helping to ensure that good jobs stay in their communities and that Canada Post can remain financially self-sustaining.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that (name of municipality) formally writes the Minister of Government Transformation, Public Works and Procurement, Joël Lightbound, to demand that no mandate review takes place until Canada Post returns to stabilized operations, until the full impact of the stamp price increase is realized, and until parcel volumes reflect sectoral demand.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that (name of municipality) will include in its letter to Minister Lightbound that any review of Canada Post and the Canadian Postal Service Charter must be done through a full and thorough transparent public review of Canada Post, including public hearings, with all key stakeholders, in every region of Canada.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that (name of municipality) will make a written submission and/or participate in hearings to provide input in the upcoming mandate review of Canada Post.

¹ Secretariat, Treasury Board of Canada. 2025. "Consulting with Canadians." Canada.ca. <https://www.canada.ca/en/government/system/consultations/consultingcanadians.html>. Accessed September 5, 2025. Search term "Canada Post Corporation Review"

MAILING INFORMATION

1) Please send your resolution to the Minister responsible for Canada Post, and your Member of Parliament:

- Joël Lightbound, Federal Minister of Government Transformation, Public Works and Procurement, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6
- Your Member of Parliament

Note: Mail may be sent postage-free to any member of Parliament. You can get your MP's name, phone number and address by going to the Parliament of Canada website at <https://www.ourcommons.ca/Members/en>

2) Please send copies of your resolution to:

- Jan Simpson, President, Canadian Union of Postal Workers, 377 Bank Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K2P 1Y3
- Rebecca Bligh, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, 24 Clarence St, Ottawa, Ontario, K1N 5P3

rec'd Sept 24 2025



Warner School
Box 150
Warner, Alberta
T0K 2L0
403-642-3931

23 September 2025

Village of Warner
Warner, AB
T0K 2L0

We are writing on behalf of the Warner School 2026 graduating class. This year, our graduating class consists of seven students, and we are excited to be planning our graduation celebration.

To help fund our ceremony, we are organizing a fundraising supper on October 23, 2025, where we will be serving beef on a bun and salads. This event will also feature a silent auction, and all proceeds will go directly toward our graduation expenses.

We are reaching out to kindly ask if you would consider supporting our class through a donation—either for the silent auction or toward the supper itself. Your contribution, no matter the size, would be greatly appreciated.

In the past, your support for Warner School—through events such as past graduation fundraisers, basketball tournaments, the year-end fun day, and many others—has made a meaningful difference in our school community. We are incredibly grateful for your continued generosity and involvement.

Thank you for your consideration and for helping make our graduation a memorable event.

Sincerely,
The Warner School 2026 Graduating Class

Kaden Belisle
Elissa Bueckert
Jaylen Cronkhite
Aunnya Herget
Colin Nagy
Mackenzie Patton
Kolton Routley



Premier of Alberta

Office of the Premier, 307 Legislature Building, Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6 Canada

September 22, 2025

The Honourable Dan Williams
Minister of Municipal Affairs

Dear Minister:

Thank you for your continued service to the people of Alberta and for your leadership within our government.

Albertans have entrusted us with a clear mandate: to deliver results, strengthen our communities, and build a future rooted in prosperity, opportunity, and responsible governance. Our government was elected to get the job done – and that is exactly what we will do.

Your ministry has had great success and accomplished several important milestones that reflect your commitment to serving Albertans. Some of these include:

- Strengthening local governance and updating local election rules with amendments to the *Municipal Government Act*, *Local Authorities Election Act* and the Local Political Parties and Slates Regulation.
- Enhancing construction safety and quality standards for newly built homes with changes to *New Home Buyer Protection Act* and the *Safety Codes Act*.

These achievements have laid a strong foundation for the work ahead and demonstrate your team's ability to turn vision into action.

Under your leadership as Minister of Municipal Affairs, I expect you to work closely with your Cabinet and Caucus colleagues and the public service through the Committee, Cabinet, and legislative processes to deliver on the following commitments to support Albertans, including:

- Maintain and build relationships of trust, partnership, and open dialogue with municipal leaders across the province and bring feedback and solutions from these discussions with municipal leaders to Caucus and Cabinet for timely consideration and action.
- Continue working with municipalities and local businesses to benchmark, measure and reduce the time it takes to approve permits to create a more attractive business investment environment.
- Work collaboratively with municipalities to eliminate conflicts between provincial policy and municipal bylaws and policy.
- Review and engage on how the government can support urban development that meets young Albertans' goals of home ownership in safe, affordable, attractive, livable family-friendly communities that reflect Alberta's distinct values and heritage.



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- Review and make recommendations to strengthen Alberta's municipalities to ensure all Albertans are served by strong viable communities with the appropriate capacity to efficiently and effectively deliver necessary services.
- In consultation with municipalities and the business community, explore and make recommendations for ways to limit excessive municipal property tax increases for businesses and residents.
- Develop and implement a strategy to protect Albertans from specialized municipal taxes directed at homes that are not a primary residence.
- Complete development of an 'Automatic Yes' permitting program which will set shortened approval timeframes for all permitting overseen by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs coupled with an automatic approval for applications that are not rejected prior to the lapse of the maximum allowable assessment period.
- Streamline approval processes and reduce impediments for all permitting overseen by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to enable the timely development of affordable housing.
- Complete work on a universal code of conduct for elected municipal officials and senior municipal staff that strengthens decorum and protects the freedom of speech of elected members, while ensuring an elected member cannot be impeded from fulfilling their duties as an elected representative by their elected colleagues.
- Review and provide recommendations regarding how to strengthen the role of elected municipal officials as the key policy and decision makers and supervisors of unelected municipal officials in municipal governments.
- Conduct a review of compensation and benefits for municipal officials to ensure taxpayer dollars are being respected and compensation levels are commensurate with time commitment and responsibility, including through the establishment of a municipal salary disclosure.

In addition, I expect you to provide support on further initiatives overseen by your colleagues:

- In coordination with the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, who is lead, and the Associate Minister of Water, accelerate the development of an integrated water program that facilitates increased water treatment and distribution for residential, industrial, and agricultural water use across Alberta.

I direct you to work closely with the public service, including your Deputy Minister and other senior officials in your ministry, to support the priorities outlined in this letter with the highest standard of professionalism, integrity, and creativity.

I also expect you to regularly and proactively reach out to all ministry-related stakeholders in order to take feedback and identify potential solutions on issues of importance to them, including finding ways our government can reduce burdensome and unnecessary red tape and barriers that are hurting their members' ability to grow the economy and improve quality of life for the Albertans



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they serve.

Together with you and our Caucus and Cabinet colleagues, I look forward to continuing the important work we have started and to get the job done.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danielle Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hon. Danielle Smith
Premier of Alberta



REPORT TO MUNICIPALITIES

COMMUNITY SERVICES 2025



Introduction

The Community Services team provides preventative services and programming that enhance the wellbeing of individuals, families and communities, incorporating FCSS values of Integrity, Innovation and Inclusiveness. We focus on the following groups within our region:

SENIORS: To improve health and wellness of seniors and support them to age well in place.

YOUTH: To provide resources, expand individual coping strategies, and create safe spaces for youth to develop their skills for success in life.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES: To enrich and extend the amount and variety of FCSS services with the assistance of volunteers.

COMMUNITY: To empower residents to support and improve the wellbeing of their communities.

Throughout 2024 and 2025, the Community Services department prioritized the following goals and sub-goals to align with the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan.

GOAL 1: Timely and Relevant Direct Service Delivery

- 1.1 Addressing Social Isolation
- 1.2 Collaborative Youth Programming
- 1.3 Life Skills and Personal Development

GOAL 2: Enhance Community Spirit

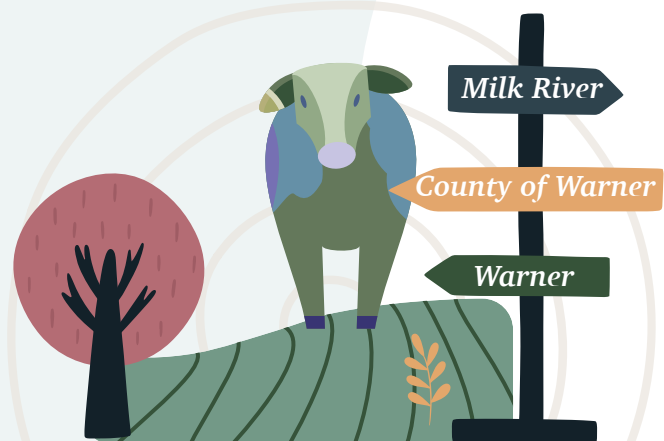
- 2.1 Community Awareness and Engagement
- 2.2 Volunteering

GOAL 3: Entry Point for supports

- 3.1 Information and Referral

GOAL 4: Capture Impact

- 4.1 Information Study and Research
- 4.2 Client surveys and testimonials



► HOW WE SERVE

83% IN-PERSON

2,945 DIRECT SERVICE HOURS

Registered Activities and One on One support

835 CLIENTS

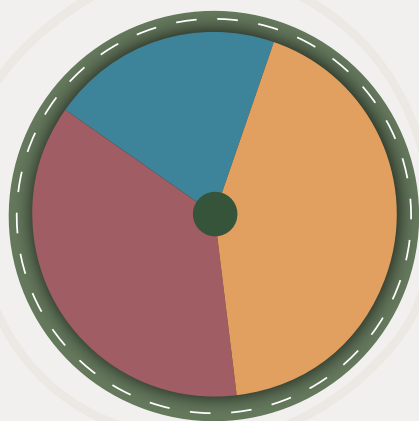
KEY:

Client: A resident who is registered with BEW FCSS

Service Hours: Number of service hours received by clients.

Service Visits: Number of times clients received services

► WHO WE SERVE



AGES:

Seniors (55+) 46%

Children (0-17) 35%

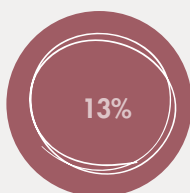
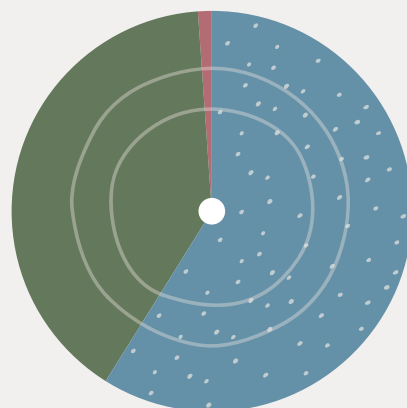
Adult (18-54) 19%

GENDER:

Females 59%

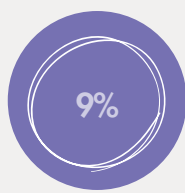
Males 40%

Non-binary or Transgender 1%



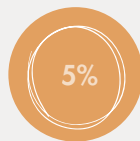
LGM

Other



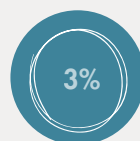
13%

9%



Indigenous

Newcomer



5%

3%

**Data used in this report was collected between September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025*

Goal 1

Timely and Relevant Direct Service Delivery

Deliver accessible and evidence-informed services to meet community needs throughout the lifecycle of residents.

Goal 1.1

► ADDRESSING SOCIAL ISOLATION AMONG SENIORS

Did you know?

Increasing social activity leads to better physical, mental and emotional health and lowers use of health care services

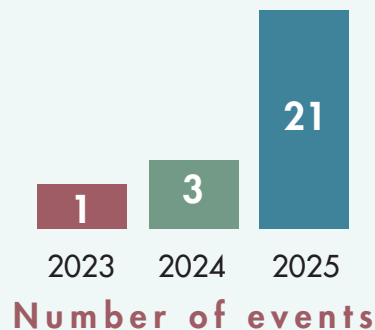
(Community Foundations of Canada, 2015).



Barnwell Seniors Event

Seniors Week Celebrations

MD of Taber: Taber | Vauxhall | Hays | Barnwell
Enchant | Grassy Lake | Lethbridge County: Coaldale
Picture Butte | Coalhurst | Barons | Nobleford
County of Warner: Raymond | Milk River
Warner | Stirling | Coutts



Barnwell

Stirling

Raymond

393 SERVICE VISITS - 34 SERVICE HOURS

SENIORS' PROGRAMS

Speaker Series, Memory Café, Coffee Chats,
Intergenerational Programs and Social Drop-Ins

These programs are designed to increase opportunity for socialization and education, and empower seniors to age well in place, maintain social connections, and learn how and where to access necessary community, health and support services.

74 EVENTS

88 SERVICE HOURS

737 SERVICE VISITS

“ I am so glad that I came.
I haven't left the house in a while,
and I wasn't sure I should come...
I felt welcomed and it gave me a
chance to reconnect with
my community. ”

– Senior Client



Coutts Seniors Event



Hays Seniors Event

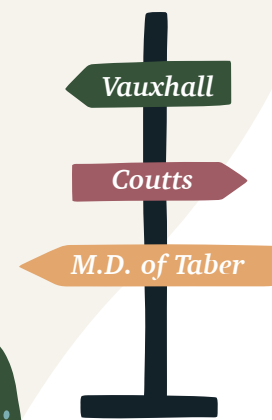


Coaldale Seniors Event

Seniors Expo

The Seniors Expo provides an opportunity for rural seniors to learn about the availability of local services, supports and resources and empowers them to age well in place, maintain social connections, and access necessary community, healthcare, and support services.

105 CLIENTS



Goal 1.2

► COLLABORATIVE YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Summer Day Camps

Children ages 6-12 had opportunities to enjoy full-day programming in their rural communities which included: crafts, games, animal presentations, robotics, chemistry experiments and creative lessons on pro-social skills and coping strategies.

291 CLIENTS

7 COMMUNITIES

10 WEEKS

167 DIRECT SERVICE HOURS



**Big Brothers
Big Sisters**
OF LETHBRIDGE AND DISTRICT



Coalhurst Day Camp

Goal 1.3

► LIFE SKILLS AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

General Interest Courses (GICs)

These programs offer free or low-cost opportunities for children, families and individuals to gain general life skills that enhance their overall wellbeing. They are non-academic, community-focused classes that aim to foster social connection and community involvement.

57 EVENTS

652 SERVICE VISITS

151 SERVICE HOURS

Goal 2

Enhance Community Spirit

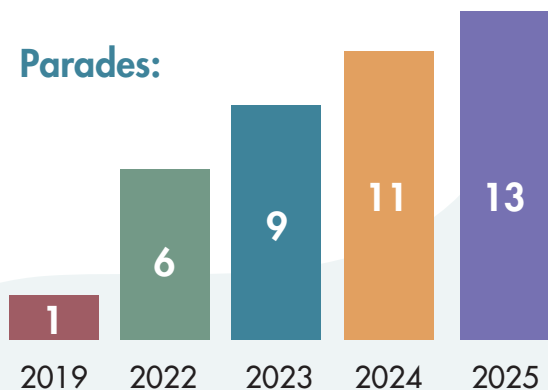
Recognize the uniqueness of each municipality with an inclusive approach.

Goal 2.1

► COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND ENGAGEMENT

BEW FCSS attended events throughout the summer of 2025 to support local initiatives, participate in celebrations, connect with individuals and families within communities, and raise awareness of programming and services available through the organization.

Parades:



Stirling Parade

Summer Fun & Party in the Park:

27 EVENTS

OVER 350
PARTICIPANTS

Miner's Days



Heritage Days

Tim Horton's Smile Cookie Week

This year, FCSS worked to build on the success of the last Smile Cookie campaign by encouraging some friendly competition between two rivaling towns – Taber and Coaldale. With the help of Do Crew and community volunteers, municipal and FCSS staff, we surpassed expectations.

Taber: \$11,602

Coaldale: \$13,124

OVER \$24,700 RAISED
(2024 - \$ 7,400 raised)



Smile Cookie Week



Neighbourhood Good Trailer

Neighbourhood Good Trailer

The trailer continues to bring people and communities together and FCSS has added new games and two large picnic tables to seat even more people for block parties and neighbourhood gatherings. The trailer was used this reporting period for municipal events to facilitate activities for children and families, at parades, and was used by residents living in and around the Milk River area.

Back to School and Clothing Fests:

Free clothing, toys, household items and back to school supplies were made available to families in multiple locations within FCSS' service area.

9 EVENTS

OVER 1,666 PARTICIPANTS



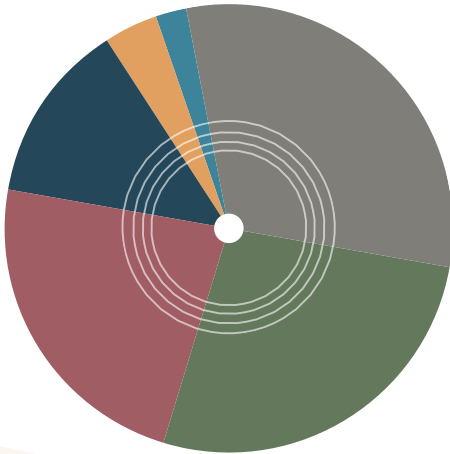
Clothing Fest

Goal 2.2

► VOLUNTEERING

4,246 VOLUNTEER HOURS

ACTION - Engage community members and partners to increase volunteer activity at FCSS.



VOLUNTEER HOURS

42% Practicum Students

31% Meals on Wheels

11% Do Crew

9% Other

7% Tax Program

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Snow Angels program encourages neighbours and community members to lend a helping hand to those in need.

Logan volunteers his time and efforts to help out 2 disabled and elderly neighbours in his community by shovelling their sidewalks regularly. His mom shared that he does not do it for any recognition, but in fact, enjoys helping out seniors.

Due to the success of this program, BEW FCSS will be expanding to additional communities for the 2025-2026 winter season.



Snow Angels

DO Crew and DO Crew Jr.

Children and youth grades 5-12 learn about leadership, cultivate new skills, and explore ways to give back to their communities through creative initiatives. Do Crew members (grades 10-12) can gain school credit and recognition for their dedicated time and efforts championing civic-minded projects.

This year, Coalhurst Do Crew members made up over **100 “exam stress kits”** for their fellow classmates graduating from high school. The youth raised money within their community to help cover costs.

In January, Vauxhall Do Crew created an event, “Coco and Cookies” where they visited the senior’s lodge and played games and visited with residents, bringing them snacks and hot coco.



Stress Kits



Coco and Cookies



Public Library Anniversary

Coaldale DO Crew Jr

Do Crew Jr. volunteered at the Coaldale Public Library’s 80th Anniversary Celebration adding to the festivities with fresh popcorn at the FCSS table.

Nobleford

Barons



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK – CHEERS TO VOLUNTEERS

The purpose of the FCSS 'Cheers to Volunteers' Award is to recognize the extraordinary contributions of an individual, group, and youth who volunteer their time and skills to provide services and programs in our communities.

INDIVIDUAL WINNER: Daniel

“Volunteering is important because it is a great way to give back to your community. The impact to the community is so far reaching. It brings community together and it strengthens the bonds and friendships we have. I volunteer because it is the right thing to do. You help out where you can, because one day you may be the one who needs help. It has been an honor to be recognized by FCSS and by my community. I don't help out for the accolades, but it feels so great to know that people appreciate the help.”



GROUP WINNER: Taber Lost Paws



“Our volunteers are absolutely the backbone and foundation of the Taber Lost Paws Society. Without the support of our volunteers we would not be able to operate and provide the quality of care to the dogs in our shelter that we do. As a non-profit organization we simply do not have the funds to support the staff it would take to run our program and we are forever grateful to the wonderful, selfless, and dedicated volunteers we have.” - Alana McPhee, President of Taber Lost Paws

YOUTH WINNER: Gavin – Why I Volunteer!

“This all started during Covid, to be honest I was so bored when school closed so my mom decided to see what we could do to help make others feel a bit better during that time, so we started with doing small thing for the residents at the Coaldale long term health care. My grandma lived there, and it was nice to cheer up the residents. Then we started with small events around town, I really enjoy that I'm able to always be doing something fun & new while helping out. I even joined the committee that is planning the new skate park & it's cool I got to help design the park. It's a great feeling to just know I got to help with all these cool things. It's always an adventure, and it's always fun.”



Goal 3

Entry Point for Supports

Connect residents to supports at the earliest opportunity through a person-centred approach.

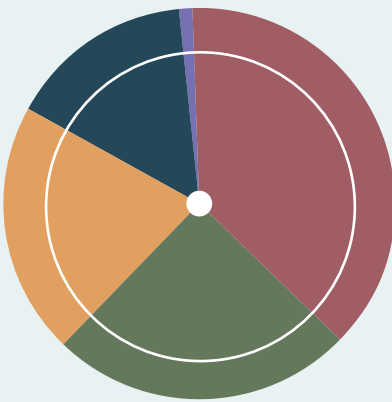
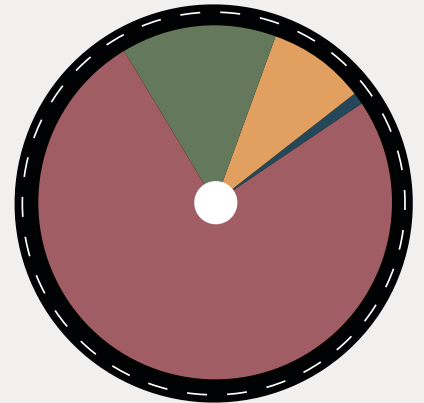
Goal 3.1

► INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

512 ENTRY POINT SUPPORTS

TYPES OF SUPPORT PROVIDED

- 76%** Paperwork and Documentation
- 14%** Referrals and Resources
- 9%** Advocacy and System Navigation
- 1%** Other (assessment, translation support, transportation request)



SYSTEM NAVIGATION

- 35%** Provincial Benefits
- 23%** Income Tax
- 19%** Federal Benefits
- 14%** Other
- 9%** Housing Support

KEY:

Provincial Benefits: Alberta Special Needs Assistance Program, Seniors Benefit, AISH, Income Support

Income Tax Information: Support with queries and amendments needed after tax documentation has been submitted/filed.

Federal Benefits: Canada Pension Plan, Old Age Security, Canada Disability Benefit, etc.

Housing Support: Support to access affordable housing, transportation and home care services.

Other: Digital/Online Support, Fee Assistance applications

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM

The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) is offered through a partnership between FCSS and the Canada Revenue Agency. The CVITP arranges for volunteers to complete income tax returns for eligible individuals with a modest income and simple tax situations.

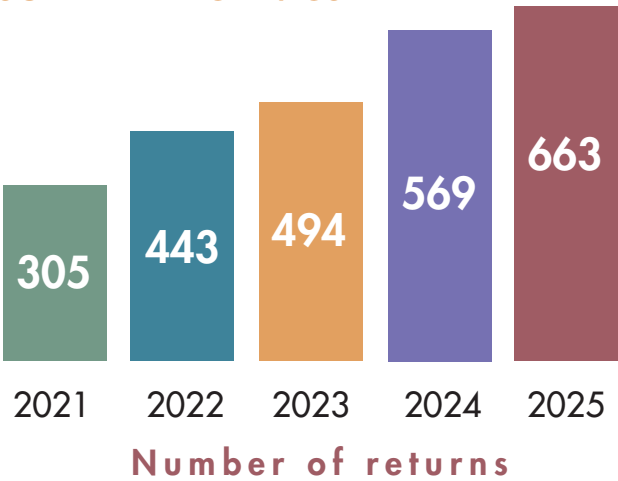
17 TAX CLINICS

6 SUPER TAX CLINICS

\$9,690,774

BENEFITS RECEIVED BY
ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS

(Guaranteed Income Supplement, AISH,
Income Support, Alberta Seniors Benefit, WCB, GST,
Climate Action Incentive, Canada Child Benefit)

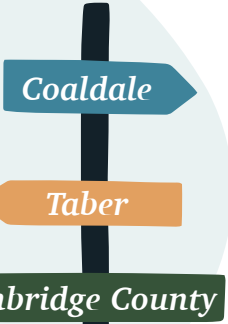
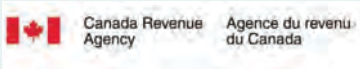


FCSS hosted 6 super tax clinics with representatives from **Service Canada** and **Canada Revenue Agency** available to provide in-person support to residents. Individuals were able to file tax returns, update personal information, apply for federal programs and more.



Tax Clinic

Partners



Goal 4

Capture Impact

Measure the positive impact of programs and services.

Goal 4.1

► INFORMATION STUDY AND RESEARCH IMPACT STORIES

Community

“ While undergoing cancer treatment, a family in our community has been unable to leave their home due to the child’s low immunity. Staff have stayed connected through regular check-ins, provided simple activity ideas to keep the children engaged, and delivered vegetables from our community garden, and the food share program from Lethbridge Interfaith Foodbank. These supports eased stress, reduced isolation, and helped prevent further strain on health. ”

Seniors

“ An individual called us to get information/services/support for her grandparents who were moving from Ontario to Alberta. We assisted in applying for benefits for seniors in Alberta, connected to local social/recreational opportunities (local seniors centre/swimming pool/library/local quilting club), and completed taxes through FCSS Volunteer Income Tax Program. The clients attended the FCSS Memory Café (grandfather has diagnosis of dementia – we connected them to AHS Home Care Services for care and respite). We provided a referral to the Alberta Aids to Daily Living – for in home devices (grab bars for bathroom, etc.) and a referral to the local Meals on Wheels program. We connected them to local resources to support wills/estate planning/advanced care planning decisions and referred to a community clinic to find a family doctor. All of these supports and resources allow them to remain in their own home, aging well in their community. ”

Youth

The “DO Crew” is a BEW FCSS program that provides opportunity for youth to develop leadership skills through hands-on experience. The youth are empowered by FCSS staff to volunteer and give back to their communities through various projects.

Two FCSS staff in Vauxhall connected with the local Fire Chief, who invited the DO Crew to volunteer with the Fire Department after a call. The youth cleaned up the fire trucks after a grass fire and then were given a tour of the station. They learned how to use the firehose and spoke with firefighters. One DO Crew youth in particular was very intrigued and ended up signing up to be a junior volunteer firefighter. He is still on the department today and is loving every minute of it.

Do Crew



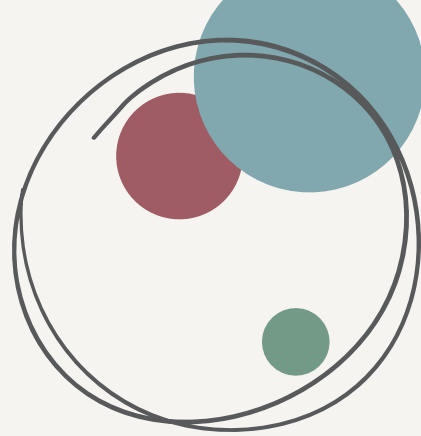
Volunteer Services

“ I had the opportunity to volunteer as a practicum counselling student at the end of my post secondary education. FCSS provided the ability to work alongside a diverse client population, provided individual and peer supervision for training, and offered a collaborative and warm work environment. After graduation, I was pleased to return to the organization and join the counselling team as a staff member to continue learning and serving our rural communities. ”

Coalhurst

Picture Butte

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HUB



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From: ACWS #LiftHerUp <liftherup@acws.ca>
Sent: October 7, 2025 8:30 AM
Cc: Chantelle Chornohus
Subject: Lift her Up Campaign
Attachments: ACWS Lift Her Up.pdf

Good Day!

In light of the Canada Post strike, I wanted to reach out directly in case our recent mailings didn't make it your way. Last week, we shared preliminary information about the Lift Her Up campaign — and I want to ensure you have the opportunity to learn more and get involved.

Lift Her Up is more than a campaign. It's a movement to create political spaces across Alberta that are safe, respectful, and inclusive for everyone. What began as a pledge to campaign without hate has grown into a province-wide call for change — one that challenges harassment, sexism, and abuse in politics and empowers leaders to model dignity, respect, and equity.

At the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters (ACWS), we know that culture change begins with awareness, dialogue, and commitment. That's why we've developed the Lift Her Up training curriculum — a learning experience designed specifically for elected officials, municipal teams, and community leaders.

Through this training, participants will:

- * Explore the real-world impacts of gender-based harassment and violence in political life.
- * Gain tools to foster safer, more inclusive workplaces and council chambers.
- * Build shared accountability and take practical steps toward lasting change.

Starting in early 2026, ACWS facilitators will offer both in-person and virtual sessions. These sessions aren't just about information — they're about reflection, collaboration, and action. We want to support municipalities in leading by example and shaping communities where everyone can participate in civic life free from fear or harassment.

We invite you to review the attached materials, share them with your council and colleagues, and consider booking a session for your municipality. Together, we can ensure that Alberta continues to lead the way in creating spaces where all voices are valued and respected.

Thank you for your time, leadership, and commitment to this important work.

Sincerely,

Catherine (Cat) Champagne

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To help, donate. Charitable Registration: #118780634RR0001

ACWS is not a frontline agency; we support the shelters that provide these essential services to the public. If you or someone you know is in immediate danger, call 911. If you require support from a local domestic violence shelter, they are open and ready to help you. Go to acws.ca/shelters for our shelter directory or call 1-866-331-3933.

September 2025

Dear Colleagues,

As we prepare for Alberta's upcoming municipal elections, I am proud to share with you the next chapter of the Lift Her Up campaign. Since 2017, Lift Her Up has stood as a call to action against the harassment, discrimination, and harmful rhetoric that too often silence women and gender-diverse leaders in political life. What began as a pledge to campaign without hate has grown into a province-wide movement to build respectful, inclusive, and safe spaces in our municipal governments.

Enclosed in this package, you will find a high-level overview of the campaign, a roadmap of what's ahead, and answers to common questions. I invite you to take a few minutes to review these materials, not only to understand the campaign but to prepare your council and administration for what's next after the election.

This year, we are especially excited to introduce a new, **two-hour training curriculum** developed by the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters (ACWS). This curriculum is unique: it equips municipal councils and administrators with practical strategies to recognize, interrupt, and prevent harassment, while fostering governance rooted in dignity and respect. It is more than an educational resource — it is a tool for cultural change, designed specifically for the realities of political life in Alberta.

Right now, we ask you to **read through the enclosed materials** so that you and your elected officials are ready for the next phase. Following the election, your municipality will receive a second package containing the Lift Her Up pledge, a custom-designed pin, and details on how to access the curriculum. This is where commitment becomes action, and where leaders can publicly stand for inclusion, equity, and safer communities.

On behalf of ACWS, thank you for your participation and for the leadership you provide in your communities. Together, we can build a political culture that inspires hope, honours diversity, and reflects the dignity every Albertan deserves.

With respect and gratitude,

Cat Champagne

Executive Director

Alberta Council of Women's Shelters

Lift Her Up: Turning Respect into Action

Where it Began

In 2017, the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters (ACWS) launched Lift Her Up in direct response to a rise in misogynistic rhetoric in politics. Most famously the chant "Lock Her Up." Concerned by the impact on women seeking public office, ACWS created a non-partisan pledge and movement to champion respect, inclusion and issue-focused debate.

That year, 324 candidates across 26 communities signed the pledge to campaign without hate, sexism or personal attacks.

Why it Matters

Women and gender-diverse leaders continue to face disproportionate levels of harassment, discrimination and exclusion in political life. These systemic barriers discourage capable leaders from stepping forward, and weaken the health of our democracy.

Lift Her Up calls on leaders to reject harmful rhetoric and instead foster respectful, inclusive spaces where everyone can participate.

What's New in 2025

This year, Lift Her Up goes beyond a pledge.

ACWS is introducing a new municipal training curriculum designed specifically for councils and administrations. This two-hour session provides practical tools to:

- Recognize, interrupt, and prevent harassment.
- Build cultures of equity, respect, and accountability.
- Strengthen inclusive governance practices across Alberta municipalities.

By pairing this curriculum with the pledge and pin, Lift Her Up ensures leaders aren't just making commitments, they're gaining the skills to follow through.

The Invitation

Lift Her Up invites municipal leaders to:

1. Complete the training curriculum – practical learning that equips councils and staff to prevent harassment and build safe workplaces.
2. Sign the pledge – a commitment to lead and serve with dignity, respect and inclusion.
3. Wear the pin – a visible marker of your stand for safer, more inclusive communities.

Lift Her Up is about more than words. With training, education and visible leadership, it's a movement to create political spaces where dignity, respect and equality guide every decision.

What to Expect

September

Overview Kit

November

Pledge and Curriculum Kit

Spring 2026

Training Delivered

October 20

Municipal Election

November &
December

Take the Pledge

Buy and Book Your Training



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the *Lift Her Up* pledge?

The pledge is a public commitment to uphold dignity, respect, and inclusion in municipal leadership. By signing the pledge, leaders affirm their role in rejecting harassment and discrimination and fostering safer political spaces.

What does the pin represent?

The *Lift Her Up* pin is a visible marker of leadership. When worn, it signals a stand for equity and respectful governance. Every office will receive pins so that all council members and staff can take the pledge and wear the symbol proudly, not just elected officials.

Why is training part of the campaign?

Commitments matter most when backed by action. ACWS has created a **two-hour, in-person training** led by experienced facilitators. The curriculum is designed specifically for councils and administrations and will:

- Provide practical tools to recognize and interrupt harassment.
- Strengthen cultures of accountability and respect.
- Build inclusive governance practices.

Trainings will begin rolling out across Alberta in **early 2026**.

What should we do now?

1. Review this package with your team.
2. Share the information with your council and staff.
3. Prepare to support your elected officials in signing the pledge, wearing the pin, and participating in the training after the election.

Who pays for the training?

Municipalities will be responsible for covering training costs. ACWS will provide clear information on pricing, scheduling, and logistics in the Pledge and Curriculum Kit.

How will we schedule a training?

Each municipality will receive a link and QR code in the next kit with instructions for booking directly with ACWS.

Is the training mandatory?

No. But participation demonstrates visible commitment to respectful leadership and will help councils align with best practices in equity and inclusion.

Who should attend the training?

The training is designed for entire councils and their senior staff. It works best when taken together, creating a shared foundation of respect and accountability.

Lift Her Up is more than a pledge. It's training, action, and visible leadership. A movement to ensure Alberta's political spaces reflect dignity, safety, and equality for all.

Top 3 Things You Need to Know

1. The Pledge & Pin

- Every council member and staff in your office will have the chance to sign the pledge.
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Request for Decision Tax Instalment Payment Plan Bylaw 637-25

RECOMMENDATION

That second reading be given to the Tax Instalment Payment Plan (TIPP) Bylaw 637-25, as amended.

That the third and final reading be given to the Tax Instalment Payment Plan (TIPP) Bylaw 637-25, as amended.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act

Section 340(1)

A council may by bylaw permit taxes to be paid by instalments, at the option of the taxpayer.

BACKGROUND

Tax recovery for properties in the Village of Warner has been an ongoing concern in the past. In an effort to offset some of that concern, administration is proposing Bylaw 637-25, being the Tax Instalment Payment Plan bylaw, to assist property owners by providing the ability to pay their taxes through monthly instalments.

First reading was given by Council at the February regular Council meeting and additional information was requested. It is now revised and placed on this agenda for discussion and potential approval.

RISKS/CONSEQUENCES

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

ATTACHMENTS

1. Tax Instalment Payment Plan Bylaw 637-25

**VILLAGE OF WARNER
BYLAW NUMBER 637-25**

A BYLAW OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF WARNER, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROPERTY TAX INSTALMENT PAYMENT PLAN.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 203(1) of the Municipal Government Act, a Council may by bylaw delegate any of its powers, duties or functions under this or any other enactment or a bylaw to a council committee, the chief administrative officer or a designate, unless this or any other enactment or bylaw provides otherwise; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 340 of the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, Chapter M-26, as amendments thereto, Council may by bylaw permit taxes to be paid by instalments, at the option of the Taxpayer; and

WHEREAS, Council of the Village of Warner deem it desirable to implement a property tax instalment payment Plan as an alternate payment option for Taxpayers.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Village of Warner hereby enacts as follows:

1. TITLE

1.1. This Bylaw shall be cited as the Tax Instalment Payment Plan (TIPP) Bylaw.

2. DEFINITIONS

Current Taxes means all property taxes imposed or levied in the current calendar year.

Plan means the Property Tax Instalment Payment Plan.

Property Tax(es) means any amount levied in payment of property taxes, including local improvement charges, and any education requisitions or other requisitions or fees and charges that form part of the municipal property taxes payable.

Tax Arrears means any taxes that remain unpaid after December 31st of the year in which they were imposed.

Taxpayer(s) is a property owner in the Village of Warner whose property is subject to taxation under the authority of the Municipal Government Act.

Village means the municipal corporation of the Village of Warner.

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1. All Taxpayers of the Village of Warner who do not have Tax Arrears owed to the Village may apply to enter into a Tax Instalment Payment Plan (TIPP) to provide for the payment of Current Property Taxes in equal monthly instalments from January to December in any year.

3.2. Any Taxpayer who wishes to pay their Current Taxes in instalments, ~~must~~ can enter into a

Tax Instalment Payment Plan (TIPP) agreement (Schedule A) with the Village of Warner.

- 3.3. Eligibility for the Plan is contingent upon any Tax Arrears being paid in full, including any penalties, fees, local improvement charges, or any indebtedness on the account of a Taxpayer to the Village of Warner are fully paid on or before December 31st of the preceding year.
- 3.4. Monthly instalments shall commence on January 1st of each year or the 1st day of the month following receipt by the Village of a completed and approved TIPP Agreement. If commencing the TIPP after January 1st, the Taxpayer shall pay all monthly instalments, including any penalties applied prior to commencement, due up to the day of commencement.
- 3.5. The Plan provides Taxpayers with the option of paying the monthly instalment by cheque, **cash** or by e-transfer of funds (allowing 3-5 business days for the transfer) and commences in January of each year.
- 3.6. Instalment payment dates may be ~~either the fifteenth or the last banking day of each month~~, at the option of the person taxed.
- 3.7. For the first 6 (six) months of the year, payments shall be calculated as 1/12 (one-twelfth) of the prior year's tax levy. For the remainder of the year, payments shall be 1/6 (one sixth) of the remaining balance after the current tax levy has been calculated and added to the tax account.
- 3.8. There is an exemption from the penalty provisions provided in this Bylaw provided that the Taxpayer is not in breach of the agreement. Such penalty will be applied on the balance of taxes unpaid on the date of the breach.
- 3.9. A participating Taxpayer is responsible to advise the Village, in writing, no less than fifteen (15) days in advance of the next payment date, of any changes required that month (i.e., applicant information, account information, sale of the property, cancellation of the Plan). If the Plan is cancelled, all outstanding amounts become immediately due and payable and subject to penalty provisions provided in this Bylaw.
- 3.10. A payment is in default when a cheque or e-transfer of funds is dishonoured and not replaced within ten (10) working days. Notice shall be provided to the Taxpayer when a cheque or e-transfer of funds has been dishonoured, and any returned cheque fees set out in the Village of Warner Rates Bylaw will apply, and will be added to the Property Tax roll account.
- 3.11. An agreement is considered to be in default after two consecutive payments have been dishonoured and not replaced within ten (10) working days. The Village has the right to cancel participation in the Plan without further notice, and any unpaid Property Taxes are due and payable, and shall be subject to penalty in accordance with Village bylaws.
- 3.12. In the event a participating Taxpayer withdraws from the TIPP, no monies paid into the Plan will be returned or refunded, but will remain on account as a prepayment of taxes.
- 3.13. In the event of a sale of the property, tax prepayments are to remain on the property's account and responsibility for adjustment shall be between the vendor and the purchaser.

3.14. Participating in the TIPP shall continue from year to year until such time as the agreement is terminated by either party.

4. DEFAULT PENALTIES

4.1. Default of payment of any instalment by the day named for the payment of the instalment, a penalty of ~~4.5~~ **2.0**% (one and one half per cent) may be imposed on the first day of default and on the first day of each calendar month thereafter up to two consecutive default instalments.

5. SEVERABILITY

5.1. If any provision of this Bylaw is found to be illegal or beyond the power of Council to enact, otherwise invalid, such section shall be deemed to be severable from all other sections of this Bylaw.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE

6.1. This bylaw shall come into force and effect on the date of its final passing.

Read a first time this 19th day of February 2025.

Read a second time this XX day of XXXX 2025.

Read a third time and passed this XX day of XXXX 2025.

Tyler Lindsay
Mayor

Kelly Lloyd
Chief Administrative Officer

SIGNED by the Chief Elected Official and the Chief Administrative Officer this XX day of XXXX 2025.

SCHEDULE A: TAX INSTALMENT PAYMENT PLAN

This Agreement made in duplicate this XX day of XXXX, 2025.

Between

The Village of Warner
Box 88 Warner AB T0K 2L0

and

Pursuant to the Tax Instalment Payment Plan Bylaw 637-25 of the Village of Warner.

WHEREAS the Taxpayer has an interest in a certain parcel of land, namely:

(legal land description of property) situated in the municipality; and

WHEREAS the Taxpayer is desirous of making instalment payment of taxes and paying in the manner prescribed by the bylaw; and

WHEREAS it is shown that the amount of last year's taxes was as follows:

Tax Levy	\$
Local Improvement Charges	\$
Total Taxes	\$

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to the bylaw it is hereby agreed and declared as follows:

1. The Taxpayer will pay the sum of \$, being one-twelfth of the previous year's taxes for the first six months of the current year.

The Taxpayer agrees to pay an adjusted sum based on the current year's taxes commencing in July. Such amount will be an amount necessary to reduce the current year's taxes to nil by the end of the current tax year.

Ü The Taxpayer agrees to make the monthly instalment payments on the day of _____!each month.

Ò The Taxpayer is aware that 4.5!% will be applied to any instalment which is missed. The!Taxpayer is also aware that two consecutive missed payment will result in the agreement!being revoked.

SIGNED this XX day of XXXX 2025.

Taxpayer

Chief Administrative Officer



Request for Decision Advertising Bylaw 646-25

RECOMMENDATION

That second reading be given to Bylaw 646-25, being the Advertising Bylaw.

That third and final reading be given to Bylaw 646-25, being the Advertising Bylaw

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act
Division 9 Passing a Bylaw
Section 153 General duties of councillors
Section 606 Advertisement Bylaw

BACKGROUND

Municipalities must advertise notice of certain proposed bylaws, resolutions, public hearings, and other things in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA). Section 606 of the MGA establishes three methods of advertising which are allowed. Notice of the bylaw, resolution, meeting, public hearing or other thing must be:

- Published *at least* once a week for two consecutive weeks in *at least* one newspaper or other publication circulating in the area to which the proposed matter relates.
- Mailed or delivered to every residence in the area to which the proposed matter relates.
- Given by a method provided for in an advertisement bylaw pursuant to section 606.1.

The first two methods – publishing notice in a local newspaper or mailing to every residence – offer little flexibility, take time and can be expensive and inconvenient.

Advertising bylaws allow municipalities to adopt different and often more practical methods of providing notice to the public, including by electronic means.

Before passing an advertising bylaw under section 606.1, Council must:

- Be satisfied that the method(s) of advertising the bylaw would provide for is likely to bring the matter advertised by that method to the attention of substantially all residents in the area to which the matter relates.
- Advertise notice of the bylaw in accordance with section 606, which must be by publishing in a local newspaper or mail unless the municipality already has an advertising bylaw.
- Conduct a public hearing before second reading.
- Make the bylaw available for public inspection.

RISKS/CONSEQUENCES



Request for Decision Advertising Bylaw 646-25

1. Council may provide further direction on the report. Council shall be specific in the direction it provides.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Advertising Bylaw 646-25

**VILLAGE OF WARNER
BYLAW NO. 646-25**

A BYLAW OF THE VILLAGE OF WARNER IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO ESTABLISH ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND ADVERTISEMENT.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 606 of the *Municipal Government Act*, a Council must give notice of certain bylaws, resolutions, meetings, public hearings, or other things by advertising in a newspaper or other publication circulating in the area, mailing or delivering a notice to every residence in the affected area or by another method provided for in a bylaw under section 606.1; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 606.1 of the *Municipal Government Act*, a Council may by bylaw, provide for one or more methods, which may include electronic means, for advertising proposed bylaws, resolutions, meetings, public hearings and other things referred to in section 606; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Warner is satisfied that the advertising method set out in this bylaw is likely to bring matters advertised by that method to the attention of substantially all residents in the area to which the bylaw, resolution or other thing relates or in which the meeting or hearing is to be held;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Village of Warner, in the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. Title

1.1. This bylaw may be cited as the "Advertising Bylaw."

2. Purpose

2.1. The purpose of this bylaw is to provide alternative methods for advertising proposed bylaws, resolutions, meetings, public hearings, and other things required to be advertised by the Village, and to modify certain advertising requirements.

3. Definitions

In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

Act means the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000 c. M-26, and all amendments and revisions thereto;

Notice means any advertisement, notice, notification, or other form of communication required by s. 606 of the Act.

Thing means any proposed bylaw, resolution, meeting, public hearing or other things referred to in s 606 of the Act.

Village means the corporate of the Village of Warner.

4. Advertising Methods

4.1. General

- 4.1.1. Except where otherwise specified in this bylaw, where the Act requires notice of a Thing, the Village may electronically advertise the notice:
 - 4.1.1.1. by prominently post on the Village website at www.warner.ca; or
 - 4.1.1.2. by posting the Notice prominently on any of the Village's official social media sites;
 - 4.1.1.3. notwithstanding 4.1.1.1. and 4.1.1.2. anything required to be advertised under Part 17 of the Municipal Government Act or relating to development permits identified in the Land Use Bylaw must also be advertised in print media.
- 4.1.2. Notices advertised pursuant to 4.1.1. must remain accessible from the initial date of posting, through to the date of the thing advertised.
- 4.1.3. In addition to advertising pursuant to 4.1.1, the Village may also use the following methods to enhance and support advertisements posted on the Village's website:
 - 4.1.3.1. Newspapers or other print publications that circulate in the Village;
 - 4.1.3.2. Village of Warner Social Media sites;
 - 4.1.3.3. signage;
 - 4.1.3.4. newsletters, fliers, and other print media;
 - 4.1.3.5. mail;
 - 4.1.3.6. email and other electronic communications;
 - 4.1.3.7. any emergent technologies sufficient for these purposes.
- 4.1.4. Unless otherwise stated in this bylaw, any other bylaw of the Village of Warner, or any other applicable legislation, the methods used to advertise legislated notifications are at the discretion of the Village Chief Administrative Officer.

4.2. Tax Auctions

- 4.2.1. Tax Auctions shall be advertised by at least one of the following methods:
 - 4.2.1.1. in one issue of the Alberta Gazette, not less than 40 days and not more than 90 days before the date on which the tax auction is to be held, and in one issue of a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality, no less than 10 days and not more than 20 days before

the date on which the tax auction is to be held; or

- 4.2.1.2. on the Village's website not less than 10 days before the date on which the tax auction is to be held.

This Bylaw will come into force on the date of third and final reading.

Read a first time this 20th day of August 2025

Read a second time this XX day of XXXX 2025

Unanimous consent be given to present for third reading this XX day of XXXX 2025

Read for a third and final time this XX day of XXXX 2025

Tyler Lindsay
Mayor

Kelly Lloyd
Chief Administrative Officer

SIGNED by the Chief Elected Official and the Chief Administrative Officer this XX day of XXXX 2025.



Request for Decision Policy 501: Winter Road Maintenance

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve Council Policy 501: Winter Road Maintenance with snow removal priorities as follows:

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LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act

Division 3: Duties, Titles and Oaths of Councillors

General duties of councillors

153 Councillors have the following duties:

(b) to participate generally in developing and evaluating the policies and programs of the municipality.

Part 6: Municipal Organization and Administration

Council's principal role in municipal organization

201(1) A council is responsible for

(a) developing and evaluating the policies and programs of the Municipality.

BACKGROUND

The creation of Policy 501: Winter Road Maintenance creates the standards as it pertains to how the Villages road and sidewalk infrastructure will be maintained.

Since the creation of this policy, two road surfaces have been rehabilitated with a mixture of gravel and oil to which a plow could be utilized to remove snow. These roadways should now be identified as part of a priority route as per Council's decision.

RISKS/CONSEQUENCES

1. Council may provide further direction on the policy. Council shall be specific in the direction it provides.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Council Policy 501: Winter Road Maintenance



Council Policy 501 WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE

References:

Municipal Government Act
Bylaw 539-12: Sidewalk Snow Removal
Records Management Bylaw

Effective Date:

Council Resolution No:

POLICY STATEMENT

To enhance safe traffic and pedestrian movement and provide satisfactory walking and driving surfaces where ever reasonably possible.

PURPOSE

To establish guidelines for the removal of snow from roads and sidewalks owned by the Village of Warner insofar as the Village's resources will allow, as well as setting out priorities for winter road maintenance in the Village of Warner.

SCOPE

This policy applies to streets and sidewalks located within the Village of Warner boundary.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or designate(s) is responsible for administering this policy within the standards established.

STANDARDS

1. The Village of Warner Public Works will begin road clearing work with 48 hours after a major snow fall event, where accumulations have occurred which exceed ten centimetres (10 cm), or four inches (4") of overall accumulation.
2. Snow clearing will not occur where a winter snow event causes such reduced visibility that by doing so would endanger the operator or the public at large. Snow clearing will commence when conditions ease to allow for the safe operation to do so.
3. In light snowfall events, less than ten centimetres (10 cm) or four inches (4"), Public Works will ensure the possibility of the roads and may opt for use of sand at intersections, instead of plowing to increase the longevity of oiled road infrastructure.
4. It is expected that there will be extreme weather situations where the immediate demand for snow and ice control services will exceed the available resources.
5. During a blizzard or severe weather conditions, public works and the CAO may use discretion to prioritize any areas they deem essential. Snow removal crews may adjust snow and ice control materials depending on the temperature and weather conditions.



Council Policy 501
WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE

6. As a general rule, laneways (back alleys) are not plowed, unless extensive snow drifting occurs.

7. Sidewalks

- 7.1. All sidewalks adjacent to Village owned property will be cleared of snow in the following order:

7.1.1. Administration Office and Library: 3rd Avenue from 2nd Street to 3rd Street.

7.1.2. 4th Avenue from County Road to 3rd Street on the north and south side of the road; as well as the block between 4th Avenue on 2nd Street to 3rd Avenue.

7.1.2.1. The first pass will be completed by Village staff. Subsequent sidewalk clearing is the responsibility of the business owner.

8. Village crews may use a combination of plowing, snow blowing, sweeping, and sanding and/or salting to clear ice and snow from sidewalks, and walkways within park areas.

8.1. Sidewalk snow will be pushed to the road for snow removal.

9. Walkways adjacent to town properties shall be cleared, sanded, and salted within forty-eighty (48) hours after the completion of a snowfall that exceeds 5cm.

10. Snow clearing of private driveways and sidewalks adjacent to privately held parcels are the sole responsibility of the property owner. Snow pushed to the windrow must be completed prior to snow removal. Should damage to Village infrastructure while doing such clearing will be solely responsible for the cost of the damaged infrastructure.

11. Occupiers of any property situated along municipal streets shall be responsible for removal of said snow, ice, dirt, debris or other material from all sidewalks and walkways, including access ramps adjacent to their properties within twenty-four (24) hours in commercial areas and forty-eight (48) hours in residential areas after said snow, ice or dirt is deposited thereon.

12. The aforementioned twenty-four (24) and forty-eight (48) hours shall mean all days except Sunday.

13. Roadway

13.1. Paved Roads

13.1.1. All snow will be windrowed to the middle of the road, followed by clearing the Intersections and snow removal once completed.

13.1.2. Priority Route

13.1.2.1. Paved roads will be plowed first in the following order

- 4th Avenue from County Road to 6th Street
- 3rd Avenue from County Road to 5th Street
- 5th Avenue from East to West
- 2nd Street North to South between 4th Avenue and ~~3rd~~ 2nd Avenue
- 3rd Street North to South at the beginning of pavement on 3rd at the alley between 5th and 6th Avenue all the way to 2nd Avenue
- 4th Street North to South from 7th Avenue to 2nd Avenue

13.1.3 Service roads are maintained by Volker Steven.

13.2 Gravel Roads

13.2.1 Village crews may use a combination of plowing, snow blowing, sweeping, and sanding and/or salting to clear ice and snow from the roadway.

13.2.2 One path will be made on the gravel roads **with backhoe**.

13.2.3 Intersections will be cleared.

13.2.4 Snow removal will alternate between the north or south sides of the Village until gravel roads are complete.

13.3 Parking Lots

13.3.1 The Athletic Civic Centre and Village office parking lots will be cleared once the roads are completed.



Request for Decision Policy 701: Civic Athletic Centre

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve Council Policy 701: Civic Athletic Centre as presented.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act

Division 3: Duties, Titles and Oaths of Councillors

General duties of councillors

153 Councillors have the following duties:

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Part 6: Municipal Organization and Administration

Council's principal role in municipal organization

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(a) developing and evaluating the policies and programs of the Municipality.

BACKGROUND

In September 2023, Council approved the newly created Civic Centre Policy to provide standards for the use and care of the facility.

Over the past year, some standards have been identified, necessitating an update to the policy.

RISKS/CONSEQUENCES

1. Council may provide further direction on the policy. Council shall be specific in the direction it provides.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Council Policy 701: Civic Athletic Centre



Council Policy 701C
ATHLETIC CIVIC CENTRE

References:
Occupational Health and Safety
Municipal Government Act
Records Management Bylaw
Rates Bylaw

Effective Date:

Council Resolution No:

POLICY STATEMENT

The Village of Warner provides residents and visitors with accessible, inclusive, affordable, and safe access to Village operated Athletic Civic Centre.

PURPOSE

To ensure that safe access to its Athletic Civic Centre is fair and equitable for all of its existing and potential users.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all User Groups, Patrons, and Staff wishing to access the Village owned Athletic Civic Centre.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), or designate, is responsible to administer this policy within the terms and conditions established.

Under the jurisdiction of the CAO, staff are responsible for the safety and efficient operation for Village facilities. The CAO and facility staff shall enforce all policies and standards as designated by the Village Council.

The CAO has a right to ban offenders from use of a facility. Individuals who have their use suspended have a right to appeal to Council.

DEFINITIONS

"Patron(s)" shall mean any individual who utilizes the Athletic Civic Centre.

"Primary User(s)" shall mean a User Group that exclusively utilizes space and has been extended individualized negotiated privileges at the Athletic Civic Centre via a Primary User Group Agreement.

"Staff" shall mean those employees working at the Athletic Civic Centre.

"User(s) or User Group(s)" shall mean those formally recognized local groups that regularly book the Athletic Civic Centre.

STANDARDS

1. General

1.1. Establish and maintain ongoing preventative maintenance programs for facilities.

- 1.2. Ensure all construction, maintenance, custodial, and operational duties will be carried out in a safe and efficient manner to the benefit of the User Groups, Patrons, and Staff.
- 1.3. Maintain appropriate standards of behaviour at the Village Athletic Civic Centre.
- 1.4. Establish a set of fees for charges that are fair and equitable for users.
- 1.5. Provide guidelines for the use and scheduling of activities.
- 1.6. Strive for the highest utilization of facility use for establishing levels of service and space allocation of site-specific activity.
- 1.7. All Patrons utilizing the Warner Athletic Centre and the ice surface will be required to sign a release form and waiver of claims.

2. Renters

- 2.1. All ice rentals shall be made through the Athletic Civic Centre Operator.
- 2.2. All other rentals shall be made through the Village Office.
- 2.3. All keys must be signed out and a deposit as per the Rates Bylaw is to be left for security until the keys are returned.
- 2.4. Venue insurance will be required when renting the Athletic Civic Centre.
- 2.5. All groups using the Athletic Civic Centre are responsible for setting up and taking down of chairs and decorations and otherwise cleaning facility as per the facility agreement. Groups failing to do this will be charged the cost of labour of the Village crews. Groups using the arena dressing rooms are asked to leave this in a sanitary and clean state. If any group abuses the facility the privileges of use will be withdrawn.
- 2.6. Users may be required to sign a release of liability, waiver of claims, assumption of risks and indemnity agreement.
- 2.7. User Groups renting on a regular basis will be billed for time used at the end of each month.
- 2.8. All ice bookings that will not be utilized must be cancelled 30 days prior to the date of ice not being used. Ice that is not released back to the Village will be billed to the User.
- 2.9. Fees and charges follow the Village of Warner's Rate Bylaw.

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- 2.10. Organizations or User Groups who do not pay their bill within 30 days will have their regular ice time cancelled immediately.
- 2.11. Each organization or User Group must specify one contact person who will be responsible for bookings, cancellations, receiving and ensuring payment of invoices. Only the specified person(s) will be allowed to change the confirmed times booked for the organization.
3. Athletic Centre (Gym)
- 3.1. 16 years of age of under must be under the direct supervision of an adult.
- 3.2. Dressing room #5 is available for Athletic Centre users for showering purposes. The door MUST be locked while in use.
4. Ice Install and Removal
- 4.1. The normal ice season begins mid October through to the middle of March, annually.
- 4.2. School bookings will not be accepted from mid September to mid October as ice is being made (weather dependent). This schedule can be subject to change.
5. Ice Allocation Prioritization
To accommodate Prime-time ice allocation in as fair a manner as possible the following priority ranking is established in the following order:
- 5.1. Village programs and/or services that are endorsed by the Village of Warner Council and/or are directly funded by the Village.
- 5.2. Programs and/or services provided by Primary User Groups.
- Primary User Groups will have priority when scheduling ice time in the Civic Athletic Centre.
 - An ice time booking allocation for youth Primary User Groups during Prime-time will be:
 - Monday through Thursday 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
 - Friday and Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
 - Sunday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
 - Public/Family Skating/Stick & Shoot shall be allocated with a minimum of 5 hours per week with minimum of 3 hours per weekend.
 - Local adult organizations have priority after A, B and C (above) are accommodated for. Therefore, they have priority to book ice after 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and after 7:30 p.m. Sunday.
- 5.3. Programs and/or services provided by schools within the Horizon School Division.

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- 5.4. Programs and/or services provided by a group, organization or individual associated with a recognized national, provincial or regional governing body.
 - 5.5. Participant use by local groups or individuals for not-for-profit recreational activity.
 - 5.6. Programs and/or services offered by private groups, organizations or individuals whose primary purpose is to make a profit (i.e., commercial users).

6. Patrons

- 6.1. Patrons shall not obstruct the free use and enjoyment of the facility by any other person.
- 6.2. Absolutely no muddy shoes in the Athletic Civic Centre.
- 6.3. Smoking is strictly prohibited in all areas of the facility.
- 6.4. Alcoholic beverages shall not be allowed in any facilities, unless written consent from the Village is provided. The use of alcohol must comply with Alberta Liquor Laws.

Any person or group found with alcohol in their possession will be ejected and may have privilege for use of the facility suspended. Intoxicated individuals shall not be granted admission to the facility.

- 6.4. Profane or abusive language and conduct considered undesirable will not be tolerated in Village facilities. No person shall interfere with, obstruct, impede, hinder, or prevent the discharge of the duties of any attendant, aid, or other person engaged in superintending, controlling, aiding, instructing or over-seeing any Village of Warner sports program or recreational activity.
- 6.5. During the summer season, and for the purposes of sport boundaries, tape of any kind is not allowed to be placed on the cement surface of the floor. **Please contact the Village for this service.**
- 6.6. Soap and/or cleaners are not allowed at any time on the cement surface of the floor.
- 6.7. Individuals or groups damaging the premises will be charged with the cost for repairing the damage.
- 6.8. Loitering, running and horseplay is not allowed anywhere in the facility. All children 12 and under must be under the care and control of a parent or at all times.
- 6.9. With the exception of coaches, aids, timers and Village staff, no one is allowed on the ice without skates.

- 6.10 Unless accompanied by an adult, children are not allowed in the timebox.
- 6.11 All persons 18 years old and under must wear a CCA approved sports helmet while on the ice. **For all persons over 18 years of age, the Village highly encourages wearing a helmet.**
- 6.12 Absolutely no cameras or filming equipment permitted in dressing rooms.
- 6.13 Glass containers, hot drinks, coloured drinks, and chewing tobacco are strictly prohibited on the ice surface.
- 6.14 Absolutely no one permitted on ice while ice surface cleaning is in operation and until overhead door is closed.
- 6.15 Only Village employees are allowed past the entrance to the Zamboni room.
- 6.16 Group or club officials negotiating facility use are responsible for the conduct of their members during their allotted time while using the facility.
- 6.17 The Village of Warner, and the Warner Athletic Civic Centre staff are not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items.



Request for Decision Campground Management Agreement

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the revised Campground Management Agreement for execution.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

BACKGROUND

The Lions Club of Warner has managed the Village owned campground for many years. The Village and the Lions Club have been working together in good faith and the service the Lions Club has provided has been excellent.

The purpose of the agreement between the Village and the Lions Club is twofold: one to formalize roles and responsibilities between both parties and to provide for a governing document that did not exist prior.

There have been some learnings over the past year that require a slight revision to the agreement to include a definition of what an improvement means. Clarity regarding a point under section 6 which states: "any changes or improvements are made with the approval of the Village of Warner" is needed.

This came to light through discussions when the CAO attended the Lions Club September 22, 2025 meeting regarding the sewer dump fee sign that had been erected at the sewer dump station. At the meeting it was mentioned that the Club would like to install additional irrigation lines in the campground. As such, a delegation is on the meeting agenda for approval.

As this is the first year of a new agreement and process for the Village and the Lions Club, and both parties wish to continue having a good working relationship, this small change in the agreement would assist in providing further clarity as to roles and responsibilities.

RISKS/CONSEQUENCES

1. Council may provide further direction on any item contained in the report. Council shall be specific in the direction it provides.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

ATTACHMENTS

1. DRAFT Revised Campground Management Agreement

THIS AGREEMENT made in duplicate this day of , 2024.

BETWEEN:

Lions Club of Warner Alberta
(hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor")

AND

The Village of Warner
(hereinafter referred to as the "Village")

WHEREAS the Municipality is the owner of the parcels legally described Block B, Plan 4068N (hereinafter referred to as the "Lands") as outlined in Schedule "A" as attached to this agreement;

AND WHEREAS the Contractor has experience and expertise in the management and operation of the Business;

AND WHEREAS the Village wishes to engage the services of an independent contractor to provide operational and management services;

AND WHEREAS the Village and the Contractor have reached agreement with respect to the terms and conditions under which the Contractor will manage and operate the Business;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises, mutual terms, covenants and conditions herein, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS

"Agreement" means this Agreement together with any amendments hereto or extensions hereof, provided that such amendments or extensions are in writing and signed by each of the parties;

"Business" means the management and operation of the campground located on the Lands;

"Improvement(s)" generally means any buildings, fixtures or structures placed on/under land or water over land.

"Lands" means all of those lands described in Schedule "A".

2. APPOINTMENT

The Village hereby appoints the Contractor, and the Contractor hereby accepts such appointment to perform all those activities reasonably necessary and incidental to the operation and management of the Business including but not limited to the Duties and Responsibilities set forth in Schedule "B" hereto (the "Services").

3. TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall become effective on October 1, 2025, and shall remain in effect up to and including September 30, 2034 (the "Term") unless earlier terminated as set forth herein. The Contractor shall have first right of refusal at the end of ten years.

Upon mutual consent of the Village and the Contractor, this agreement may be extended for one (1) additional term equal to a maximum of three (3) years.

4. FEES AND LICENCES

The Contractor shall be responsible for all fees, licenses, permits, filings, and all other costs incidental to the performance of the Contractor's obligations under this Agreement.

The Contractor shall carry insurance to cover death or dismemberment.

5. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW

The Contractor shall at all times carry out its obligations pursuant to this Agreement in compliance with all statutes, regulations and bylaws passed by any authority having jurisdiction.

6. OBLIGATIONS OF THE VILLAGE

During the Term of this Agreement, the Village shall be responsible for all costs incurred for the following:

- supply of water from May 1 to September 30. Should the Contractor request early turn on and late turn off of the water supply and there is a break in the water line as a result of freezing, the Contractor shall be financially responsible for the repairs.
- Supply resources, gravel, topsoil, grading and snow removal as necessary.
- Weed control throughout the property.
- Mowing around playground, sport court and walking path (Schedule B Map unhighlighted areas)

Any changes or improvements are made with the approval of the Village of Warner.

7. RIGHT OF THE CONTRACTOR TO ACCEPT CONCURRENT RETAINERS

The Contractor may accept concurrent retainers from other parties during the Term provided that they do not interfere, in the opinion of the Village acting reasonably, with the proper delivery of the Services.

8. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PARTIES

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to create the relationship of employer and employee between the Village and the Contractor nor, except as otherwise expressly stated in writing by the Village, shall the Contractor be constituted as the agent, partner, servant, joint venture, or legal representative of the Village for any purposes whatsoever.

9. NO AUTHORITY

Except as otherwise expressly stated in writing by the Village, the Contractor has no authority beyond that which is set forth herein to assume or create any obligation whatsoever, expressed, or implied, on behalf of or in the name of the Village, nor to bind the Village in any manner whatsoever.

10. SURVIVAL

The parties acknowledge and agree that the provisions of this Agreement which, by their context, are meant to survive the termination, or expiry of the Term shall survive the termination or expiry of the Term and shall not be merged therein or therewith.

11. DEFAULT AND TERMINATION

11.1 Termination of Agreement

This Agreement may be terminated as follows:

11.1.1 either party may terminate this Agreement by giving a written notice of termination to the other party in which case the Agreement will terminate at the end of the 30th day following receipt of the notice of termination by such other party;

11.1.2 this agreement will terminate immediately upon the occurrence of any one of the following events:

11.1.2.1 Bankruptcy or dissolution;

11.1.2.2 Occurrence of any theft or fraudulent act by the Contractor.

11.2 Effect of Termination

Upon termination of this Agreement, the contractor shall cease to have any further authority derived from this Agreement in respect of the Business. Within five (5) days following the termination of this Agreement, the contractor shall return all keys for the Business premises and equipment, all financial records and other documentation relating to the Business and any accounts maintained in relation to the Business as specified in Section 12.

In the unlikely event of the dissolving of the Lions Club of Warner Alberta, any infrastructure built or managed by the Lions returns to the care of the owners, the Village of Warner, excluding the Lions shed(s). The upkeep and maintenance of the RV park and camp kitchen will become the Villages responsibility, including

electrical bills, and cleaning and maintenance of the public washrooms. All social media and advertisements will be removed.

12. NOTICE

Whether or not so stipulated herein, all notices, communication, requests, and statements (the "Notice") required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing. Notice shall be served by one of the following means:

- 12.1 personally, by delivering it to the party on whom it is to be served at the address set out herein, provided such delivery shall be during normal business hours. Personally delivered Notice shall be deemed received when actually delivered as aforesaid; or
- 12.2 by electronic transmission or by any other like method by which a written or recorded message may be sent, directed to the party on whom it is to be served at that address set out herein. Notice so served shall be deemed received on the earlier of:
 - 12.2.1 upon transmission with answer back confirmation if received within the normal working hours of the business day; or
 - 12.2.2 at the commencement of the next ensuing business day following transmission with answer back confirmation thereof; or
- 12.3 by mailing via first class registered post, postage prepaid, to the party on whom it is served. Notice so served shall be deemed to be received seventy-two (72) hours after the date it is postmarked. In the event of postal interruption, no notice sent by means of the postal system during or within seven (7) days prior to the commencement of such postal interruption or seven (7) days after the cessation of such postal interruption shall be deemed to have been received unless actually received.

Except as herein otherwise provided, Notice required to be given pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed to have been received by the addressee on the date received when served by hand or courier, or three (3) days after the same has been mailed in a prepaid envelope by double registered mail to:

To the Village: Chief Administrative Officer
210 – 3rd Avenue
Box 88
Warner, AB T0K 2L0

To the Contractor: The Lions Club of Warner Alberta
110 – 4th Avenue
Box 314
Warner, AB T0K 2L0

or to such other address as each party may from time to time direct in writing.

13. HEADINGS

The headings in this Agreement have been inserted for reference and as a matter of convenience only and in no way define, limit, or enlarge the scope or meaning of this Agreement or any provision hereof.

14. ASSIGNMENT

This Agreement, or any rights arising out of this Agreement may be assigned by the Contractor without the prior written consent of the Village, provided that the assignee is properly authorized to carry out such activities pursuant to this Agreement that without limitation, the Contractor shall be fully liable to the Village for all activities carried out by its assignees pursuant to this Agreement.

15. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties hereto relating to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements, understandings, negotiations, and discussions, whether oral or written, of the parties and there are no general or specific warranties, representations, or other agreements by or among the parties in connection with the entering into of this Agreement or the subject matter hereof except as specifically set forth herein.

16. AMENDMENTS MUST BE IN WRITING

This Agreement may be modified, amended, or assigned only by a written instrument duly executed by the Parties.

17. WAIVER

No consent or waiver, express or implied, by either party to or of any breach or default by the other party in the performance by the other party of its obligations hereunder shall be deemed or construed to be a consent or waiver to or of any other breach or default in the performance of obligations hereunder by such party hereunder. Failure on the part of either party to complain of any act or failure to act or the other party or to declare the other party in default, irrespective of how long such failure continues, shall not constitute a waiver by such party of its rights hereunder.

18. UNENFORCEABILITY

If any term, covenant or condition of this Agreement or the application thereof to any party or circumstance shall be invalid or unenforceable to any extent the remainder of this Agreement or application of such term, covenant or condition to a party or circumstance other than those to which it is held invalid or unenforceable shall not be affected thereby and each remaining term, covenant

or condition of this Agreement shall be valid and shall be enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

19. ENUREMENT

This Agreement shall ensure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns.

20. GOVERNING LAW AND SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Alberta and the parties hereto hereby submit to the jurisdiction of the Courts in the Province of Alberta.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their seals and hands of their proper officers in that behalf effective the day and year first above written notwithstanding the actual date or dates of execution.

For the Contractor:

For the Village:

Print Name

Kelly Lloyd
Chief Administrative Officer

Signature

Signature

Witness

Witness

Date

Date

SCHEDULE A

Lions Campground

Plan 4068N

Block B

Excepting Thereout All Mines and Minerals



SCHEDULE B – Contractor Duties and Responsibilities

Maintenance Standards

To provide a well-maintained recreation area that is aesthetically pleasing to visitors, with an emphasis on public safety and health standards.

The Lions Club of Warner will:

- pay the electricity bills for the campground and camp kitchen.
- maintain the water supply to the camp sites, and do minor repairs as required.
- mow the campground sites, the areas around the washrooms, camp kitchen and caretakers shed, and about 20 feet south of the camp kitchen. (map attached)
- maintain the bulletin board.
- manage garbage and recycling for campsites and bathrooms.
- plant trees as per best practice for distance between trees, pruning what can be reached from the ground.
- trees to be planted only on Village property.
- irrigate trees as required.
- maintain signage in the park.
- supply a contracted caretaker to clean, mow and complete small repairs.





Request for Decision Alberta Municipalities Resolution Book

RECOMMENDATION

That the Alberta Municipalities Resolution Book report be accepted as information.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

BACKGROUND

Alberta Municipalities hosts an annual convention to which in 2025, it will be held in Calgary from November 12-14.

The Alberta Municipalities Resolution book is on the agenda for discussion on the resolutions to assist in the voting at convention.

RISKS/CONSEQUENCES

1. Council may provide further direction on any item contained in the report. Council shall be specific in the direction it provides.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

ATTACHMENTS

1. Alberta Municipalities Resolution Book

2025 Resolutions Book



 **Alberta
Municipalities**
Strength
In Members

Version 1: September 12, 2025

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About Resolutions

Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis) conducts an annual resolutions process that enables Regular Member¹ municipalities to bring forward common issues and solutions and seek member approval to direct ABmunis' Board of Directors to advocate on those issues to the Government of Alberta, or other organizations and governments.

This process includes a resolutions session at ABmunis' annual Convention where Regular Members vote on resolutions that have been submitted by municipalities. When a resolution is adopted our membership, ABmunis takes action to develop and implement an advocacy strategy for each resolution.

ABmunis' resolution process is guided by our [Resolutions Policy](#).

How to use this Resolutions Book

Each elected official of a Regular Member municipality who registers for ABmunis' Convention has the right to vote on each resolution at ABmunis' Convention. If one or more members of your council will attend this year's [Convention & Trade Show](#) in Calgary on November 12-14, 2025, then we encourage you to:

1. Read this book to understand how the resolutions session will run at Convention.
2. Review each resolution before you attend Convention and seek clarity if needed.
3. Make time to discuss with your council colleagues whether you support or oppose the call to action in each resolution so that your elected delegates at Convention have that context when voting in the resolutions session.

Note: During the Convention resolutions session, each elected official votes individually. Therefore, your council member(s) can choose to vote in accordance with the majority position of your council or their own personal view, if different. This is one reason we encourage councils to discuss each resolution in advance to increase transparency and understanding of viewpoints on resolution issues.

What process led to these resolutions being presented at ABmunis' Convention?

All Regular Member municipalities had the option to submit a resolution to ABmunis before the June 30, 2025 deadline. The municipality was responsible for writing the resolution and having it approved by their council and approved by a second municipality of a different population size.

Each resolution was then reviewed by ABmunis' Municipal Governance Committee and Board of Directors to ensure each resolution meets the criteria outlined in our [Resolutions Policy](#). For example, a resolution must:

- Address a concern affecting municipalities on a regional or provincial level,
- Not involve a conflict between individual municipalities, citizens, or promote individual businesses,
- Not direct one or more municipalities to take a specific course of action, and
- Not create a perception that ABmunis is partisan or create potential risks for ABmunis.

If a resolution met the criteria of our Resolution Policy, it was published in this Resolutions Book for all Regular Members to consider and vote on at ABmunis' 2025 Convention.

¹ A [Regular Member](#) is any city, town, village, summer village, specialized municipality, or other designated municipality in Alberta that has an active membership with ABmunis. References to 'member' generally refers to Regular Members.

Can we still submit a resolution?

Yes, but only for emergent issues that:

1. Arose just prior to, or after the June 30, 2025 resolution deadline such that members could not submit the resolution in time; and
2. Have a critical aspect of concern to municipalities that must be addressed before the 2026 Convention.

Emergent resolutions must be submitted before 12:00 p.m. on November 11, 2025, but earlier the better to help ensure a smooth process for ABmunis and all members. [Instead of submitting an emergent resolution](#), ABmunis' members may also consider bringing forward issues at ABmunis' Spring 2026 Municipal Leaders' Caucus or request action by contacting ABmunis' Board of Directors. Any questions about emergent resolutions may be emailed to resolutions@abmunis.ca.

How do I participate in the Resolutions Session?

The 2025 Resolutions Session will take place on Thursday, November 13 as part of ABmunis [2025 Convention & Trade Show](#). The session will follow the process set out in sections 36 to 63 of ABmunis' [Resolutions Policy](#).

Who can speak to a resolution?

Elected representatives of a Regular Member municipality can speak to resolutions. A representative of an Associate Member (e.g. municipal districts and counties) may speak to a resolution if there is a motion from the floor, or at the discretion of the Resolutions Session Chair.

How to speak to a resolution

After each resolution is introduced by the mover, the Chair will call for a speaker who wishes to speak in opposition, seek clarification, or propose an amendment.

Attendees wishing to speak to a resolution will be invited to go to microphones clearly marked for those wishing to speak in favour or in opposition. Speakers will have ninety (90) seconds to speak.² A representative may not speak more than once on each resolution, except for the mover of the resolution.

How to propose an amendment to a resolution

ABmunis will only consider amendments to the active clause of the resolution (*It is therefore resolved that...*). If you are concerned that information in the whereas clauses or background section of a resolution is incorrect, please email resolutions@abmunis.ca with relevant sources that ABmunis can use to verify the correct information.

ABmunis will accept this information at any time but preferably before Convention or immediately after.

To support an efficient resolution process, members are only encouraged to propose an amendment to a resolution when it materially changes the intent or direction given to ABmunis. Please avoid proposing amendments that deal with minor issues like grammar, tone, or sentence structure. ABmunis will understand the primary intent of each resolution and will adjust our advocacy as needed.

Notifying the Mover and ABmunis

ABmunis encourages members to discuss the proposed amendment with the moving municipality³ prior to Convention, or as early as possible and notify ABmunis (resolutions@abmunis.ca) at the same time. This is a courtesy to the mover and enables ABmunis to be prepared to present the proposed amendment visually on the screen to help all attendees during the voting process and avoid delays in the Convention schedule.

² The 90 second time limit is new in 2025 following amendments to ABmunis' Resolutions Policy in December 2024.

³ The contact information for the moving municipality is listed at the end of each resolution in this Resolutions Book.

Seconders for an Amendment

Unless it is deemed a “friendly amendment”, the mover of the amendment must have a seconder from another municipality.⁴

Submitting an Amendment

Members are strongly encouraged to submit the proposed amendment in writing at least one day prior to the Resolutions Session. It must be presented with your name, title, municipality, and the resolution title, along with the exact wording of the proposed amendment.

If prior to the Resolutions Session

Email resolutions@abmunis.ca.
This helps avoid delays during the Resolutions Session.

If during the Resolutions Session

Hand deliver your proposed amendment in writing to both the ABmunis staff sitting in the audio booth at the back of the room and to the Resolutions Session Chair on stage.

How to vote

All elected officials of a Regular Member municipality who are registered for Convention can vote on all resolutions. By November 7, elected officials from Regular Member municipalities who are registered for Convention will receive an email with voting credentials from Data on the Spot. This email should be saved for use during Convention.

The email from Data on the Spot will look similar to this:

You are registered to vote during the ABmunis Convention, taking place November 12-14. Below, you will find your login instructions for the vote.

There is a test vote that is open now. Please check your credentials and cast a vote on the test question as soon as possible so that we can be sure you received your credentials.

If you need any assistance, please contact: credentials@dataonthespot.com.

To vote, please visit: <https://www.dataonthespot.app/>.

Then enter:

Registered email - *****

Password - *****

Please note that these are only the voting credentials. Further information will be sent out by Alberta Municipalities prior to Convention.

Regards,
Alberta Municipalities

When you receive this email from Data on the Spot, we ask that you **complete the test vote as soon as possible** to ensure that your credentials are activated. The same login information will be used during the elections of ABmunis' Board of Directors.

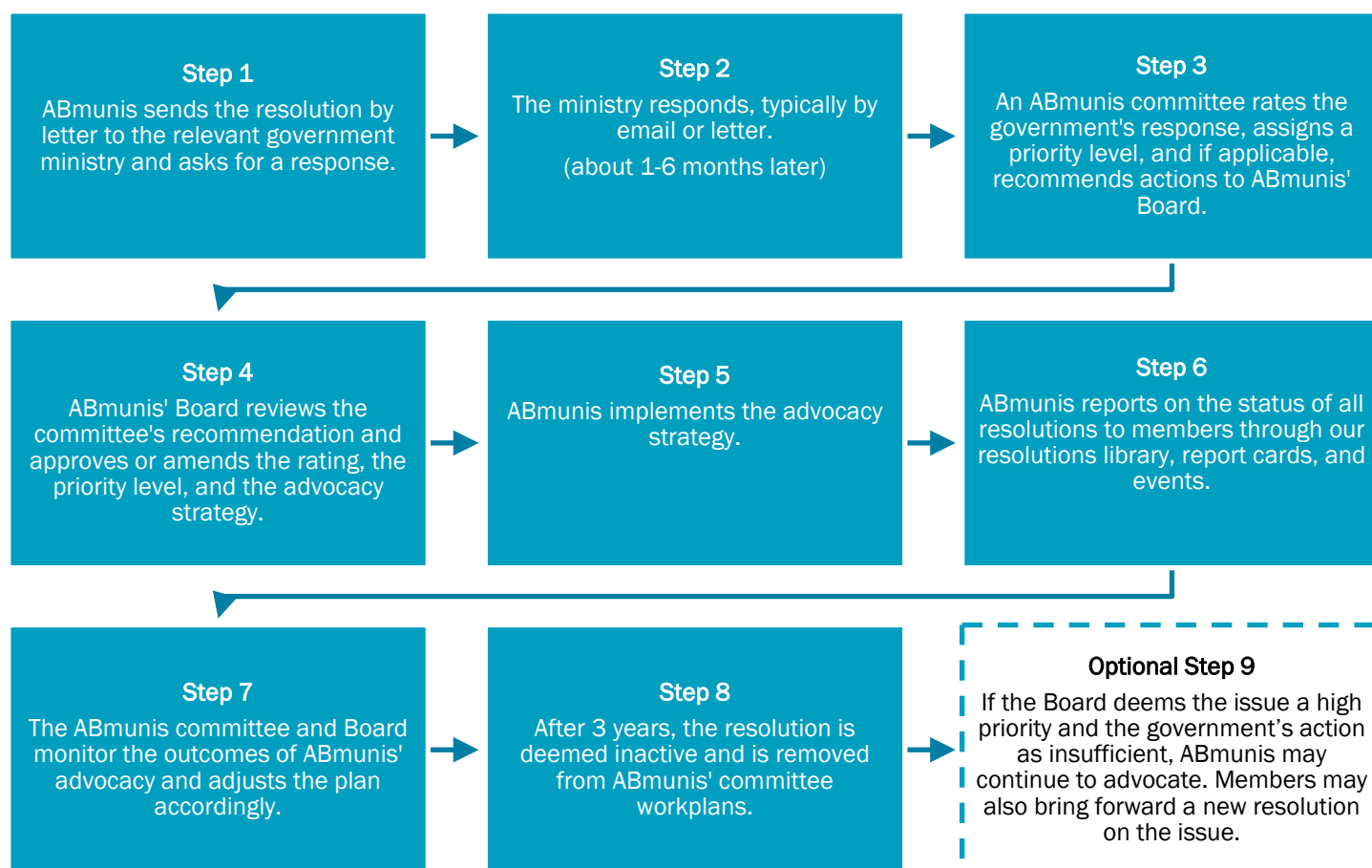
If you have not received an email from Data on the Spot on the Spot by November 10, 2025, please check your email's junk folder first and then email credentials@dataonthespot.com with your name and municipality.

⁴ Per section 4 of ABmunis' Resolutions Policy, a “friendly amendment” is defined as an amendment that is so simple or uniformly acceptable that it can be adopted by unanimous consent during debate. This eliminates the necessity for a formal amendment process including seconding, debating, and voting.

Bring an electronic device to vote

Bring a laptop, smartphone, or other device that is internet enabled to the Resolutions Session. You will be asked to log in to the Data on the Spot website to vote. When instructed by the Resolutions Session Chair, you will follow the steps on your device to vote. After you have cast your vote, you will receive confirmation that your vote has been counted. Once the vote result is posted, we will move on to the next resolution.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact resolutions@abmunis.ca.

What happens after members adopt a resolution?

Are some resolutions given more priority?

Yes. ABmunis assigns a low, medium, or high priority to each resolution based on the criteria in our [Advocacy Prioritization Policy](#). The priority level assigned to a resolution will determine the level of effort ABmunis takes to advocate on the issue.

ABmunis' Actions

Send a letter(s)
 Monitor outcomes
 Collaborate with other organizations
 Conduct research
 Meet with a minister(s) or senior official
 Strike an ad hoc working group
 Meet with the Premier
 Engage media
 Conduct a social media campaign
 Support members to take specific actions
 Other initiatives

Low Priority	Medium Priority*	High Priority*
✓	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓
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		✓

*may involve a combination of the listed actions

Status of previous resolutions

Since 2009, ABmunis has posted all member resolutions in our online [Resolutions Library](#), which shows:

- the resolution,
- the response and any actions by the government,
- ABmunis' rating on whether the intent of the resolution has been met,
- ABmunis' rating on the priority of the issue, and
- ABmunis' actions to advocate for the issue.

The status of resolutions can also be viewed through ABmunis' annual [resolution report cards](#).

Tips from past councils

- When voting on a resolution, consider the following questions:
 - o Is this issue important enough that ABmunis should invest its time and resources on the issue?
 - o Is ABmunis the best organization to add value to this issue?
 - o If the issue doesn't apply to my community, can I still support it because municipalities in Alberta will generally benefit if ABmunis is successful in its advocacy?
 - o Would advocacy on this issue have unintended consequences for municipalities?
- Sit with other members of your council during the Resolutions Session so you can discuss new information that may arise during the debate process.
- If you plan to speak to a resolution, take time to practice your remarks to be under 90 seconds so your microphone isn't cut off during your address. The timer starts as soon as you step to the microphone.
- Each resolution has been brought forward by a council of your peers. If you don't agree with the resolution, keep an open mind to why they brought it forward and focus your energy on questioning the policy, without criticizing the council bringing it forward, or the people it impacts.

2025 RESOLUTIONS

Category B: Issues related to ABmunis' Strategic Initiatives

B1: Removal of the Provincial Property Tax from the Municipal Tax Bill

Moved by: Town of Rocky Mountain House
Seconded by: Town of Mayerthorpe

WHEREAS the *Municipal Government Act* and the *Education Act* mandate municipalities to collect education property taxes on behalf of the Government of Alberta;

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta is currently responsible for establishing the education property tax requisition, yet municipalities are tasked with its collection and remittance;

WHEREAS fluctuations in the education tax requisition can lead to misunderstandings among taxpayers regarding municipal tax increases, adversely affecting the perception of municipal accountability and transparency;

WHEREAS the role of municipalities as collection agents for the provincial government places the financial risk and burden of tax collection on local administrations, jeopardizing other fiscal priorities and service obligations;

WHEREAS municipalities bear the financial responsibility to remit education property taxes to the provincial government prior to the full collection, exposing municipalities to potential fiscal deficits;

WHEREAS K-12 education is fundamentally a provincial responsibility, and it is imperative to ensure that education funding mechanisms are clearly aligned with the appropriate level of government for greater effectiveness and efficiency;

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta is increasing the amount of education taxes collected, from \$2.7 billion in 2024-25 to \$3.6 billion in 2027-28, representing a shift of the provincial tax burden onto Alberta property owners; and

WHEREAS municipalities across Alberta have been vigilant in observing the fiscal policies impacting their constituencies, particularly regarding education property taxes and there is a growing concern among municipalities over the increases experienced by residential and non-residential ratepayers.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to assume direct responsibility for the collection of provincial education property taxes, thereby relieving municipalities of this obligation and ensuring a more transparent approach to education funding.

BACKGROUND:

Local governments have long carried the responsibility of collecting provincial property taxes, resulting in a blurring of the distinction between municipal taxation responsibilities and provincial education funding obligations.

The current practice of integrating the provincial education property tax within municipal property tax notices leads to misconceptions by the public regarding the accountability and usage of property taxes. By separating the collection of municipal government and provincial government property taxes, both transparency and accountability would be significantly enhanced, fostering clearer delineation between municipal and provincial responsibilities.

Every year the province calculates the amount every municipality must collect from property owners to help fund the K-12 education system based on the municipal assessment data.

The Government of Alberta increased the education property taxes from \$2.56 to \$2.72 per \$1,000 of equalized assessment for residential/farmland properties and from \$3.76 to \$4.00 per \$1,000 of equalized assessment for non-residential properties in 2025-26.

The provincial education property tax requisition increased from \$2.7 billion in 2024-25 to \$3.1 billion in 2025-26, a 14.3% increase with further significant increases projected in 2026-27 and 2027-28. The increases are a result of the Government of Alberta's new plan to have provincial property taxes cover 33% of Alberta Education's operating costs compared to the 2024-25 level of 28.9%⁵ Municipalities expect that this shift will be compounded with further increases to overall education spending.

Municipalities stress the need for a balanced approach that sustains educational advancements without disproportionately burdening local ratepayers.

Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis) has engaged in extensive advocacy for a more transparent tax regime. ABmunis has received many resolutions over the years to advocate for the province to assume direct responsibility for the collection of provincial education property taxes.

- In 2020, ABmunis' members passed a resolution that called on the Government of Alberta to take on the responsibility of collecting the Education Property Tax on a provincial level.⁶
- In 2014, ABmunis' members passed a resolution that called for the elimination of the provincial education property tax.⁷
- In 2011, ABmunis' members passed a resolution that called for a review on the practice of collecting education taxes.⁸

With the adoption of these resolutions, municipalities have shown their concerns numerous times. Since these previous motions, some openness to the conversation has been signalled by the Premier. The Premier's 2023 commitment, outlined in the mandate letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, to review the education property tax with a view of enabling municipalities to retain more funding for local priorities, represents an opportunity for the province to engage with municipalities on the various aspects of education property taxation.

At ABmunis 2024 Convention, Alberta Premier Danielle Smith asked for feedback from municipalities about the province possibly taking over tax collection from cities and towns and stated that it could be one way for the province to lighten the financial load for municipalities.

This motion is partially being made in acknowledgement of that openness to the discussion.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES COMMENTS:

As noted in the background, ABmunis has a long history of advocating for a separation of responsibility in the notice and collection of provincial property taxes. Over the past decade, the Government of Alberta has given mixed reasons for declining to explore solutions. However, Premier Smith expressed interest in property taxes and Alberta's approach to property tax collection during her address at ABmunis' 2024 Convention. In general, this resolution aligns with ABmunis' ongoing advocacy to improve municipal government finances and transparency in educating the public about what services and taxes are a municipal responsibility.

If this resolution is passed, it will be forwarded to the Government of Alberta for response. Further advocacy would be recommended to the ABmunis' Board by the relevant policy committee(s) within the context of related priorities and positions.

⁵ [ABmunis' Preliminary Report on Alberta's 2025 Budget](#)

⁶ ABmunis 2020 resolution: Education Property Tax Collection - <https://www.abmunis.ca/advocacy-resources/resolutions-library/education-property-tax-collection>

⁷ ABmunis 2014 resolution: Provincial Responsibility for Education Property Tax Collection - <https://www.abmunis.ca/resolution/provincial-responsibility-education-property-tax-collection>

⁸ ABmunis 2011 resolution: Removal of Educational Tax Requirement - <https://www.abmunis.ca/resolution/removal-educational-tax-requirement>

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B2: Municipal Accommodation Tax Implementation in Alberta

Moved by: City of Airdrie
Seconded by: Town of Fox Creek

WHEREAS municipalities across Alberta face significant challenges in developing and maintaining infrastructure to support visitor activity while also marketing their communities and strengthening their tourism sectors with limited revenue tools;

WHEREAS numerous provinces across Canada including Ontario, British Columbia, Quebec, and Manitoba have successfully implemented legislative frameworks enabling municipalities to establish Municipal Accommodation Taxes (MAT);

WHEREAS a Municipal Accommodation Tax represents a user-pay system that generates revenue from visitors rather than residents, aligning with principles of fiscal responsibility and ensuring those who utilize municipal infrastructure and services contribute to their costs;

WHEREAS accommodation taxes have proven successful in funding both tourism infrastructure improvements and destination marketing initiatives, supporting local economies and enhancing visitor experiences in jurisdictions where they have been implemented;

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta has established a goal of growing the province's visitor economy to \$25 billion by 2035, requiring enhanced municipal capacity for tourism infrastructure development and destination marketing; and

WHEREAS the current legislative framework in Alberta does not specifically authorize municipalities to implement accommodation taxes, creating uncertainty and potential legal challenges for communities wishing to establish such revenue tools.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to amend the Municipal Government Act to establish a provincial framework that enables municipalities to implement Municipal Accommodation Taxes through local bylaws, with municipalities having the authority to determine tax rates, collection methods, and revenue allocation based on local infrastructure and tourism development needs while adhering to provincial standards for transparency and accountability.

BACKGROUND:

The absence of a Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) framework affects municipalities of all sizes across Alberta, from growing urban centers like Airdrie to smaller resource communities like Fox Creek that host workers and have tourism potential. Communities throughout the province with accommodation providers could potentially benefit from implementing a MAT, creating opportunities for both infrastructure development and tourism enhancement across Alberta's diverse municipal landscape.

Visitor activity places significant demands on municipal infrastructure and services province-wide, including roads, parking, public spaces, event venues, and visitor amenities, while municipalities also struggle to fund effective tourism marketing and destination development initiatives. Without dedicated visitor-based revenue tools, both infrastructure costs and tourism development needs are typically borne by residential and business property taxpayers across Alberta. A Municipal Accommodation Tax would create a direct connection between visitor activity and both the infrastructure costs it generates, and the tourism development investments needed to attract more visitors.

The revenue potential varies by municipality size and visitor volume, creating meaningful impact at every scale. Major urban centers could potentially generate millions annually, while medium-sized municipalities like Airdrie with

growing accommodation sectors could see \$800,000 to \$1 million yearly based on a conservative 2% tax rate. Smaller communities like Fox Creek, even those with just seasonal visitor activity, could benefit from tens of thousands in dedicated revenue. This creates a sustainable funding source for both infrastructure maintenance and tourism development without increasing the burden on residential taxpayers throughout Alberta.

These funds would support diverse community needs across the province—from destination marketing programs and tourism product development in emerging destinations, to visitor amenities and infrastructure improvements in established locations, to both tourism promotion and infrastructure maintenance in resource communities. The flexibility of the proposed framework allows each municipality to balance infrastructure and tourism investments based on their unique needs and opportunities, while ensuring that visitors contribute fairly to both the municipal infrastructure they utilize and the tourism experiences they enjoy.

This resolution directly aligns with the Government of Alberta's goal of growing the province's visitor economy to \$25 billion by 2035¹. Achieving this ambitious target requires municipalities to have adequate tools and resources for tourism infrastructure development and destination marketing. A Municipal Accommodation Tax framework would provide the sustainable funding mechanism necessary for municipalities to contribute meaningfully to this provincial economic growth objective.

The resolution also supports Alberta Municipalities' strategic priority of "Empowering Municipalities" by advocating for expansion of local revenue authorities and tools. It advances the strategic priority of "Strengthen Municipal Viability" by creating a sustainable funding mechanism for tourism development, economic diversification, and infrastructure enhancement that directly supports provincial economic goals.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES COMMENTS:

This resolution aligns with ABmunis 2021 resolution, [Advocacy on Financial Measures](#) and 2020 resolution, [Fiscal Framework](#) that focus on the need for expansion of revenue tools to reduce reliance on property taxes. While those resolutions have expired, they helped shape our ongoing work on municipal finances. ABmunis' current research project highlights the cumulative pressure on municipal property taxes and a municipal accommodation tax would provide an additional option for how a municipality can structure its revenue to fund local services.

If this resolution is approved, it will be forwarded to the Government of Alberta for response. Further advocacy will be determined by ABmunis' Board based on input from ABmunis' relevant policy committee within the context of ABmunis' priorities and positions.

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¹ [Higher Ground: A Tourism Sector Strategy](#); Government of Alberta, February 2024

B3: Extended Lifespan of Fire Apparatus in Municipalities

Moved by: Town of Sexsmith
Seconded by: City of Brooks

WHEREAS municipalities face significant financial constraints, and the decision to replace fire apparatus at the end of a 20-year cycle can place an unsustainable burden on communities;

WHEREAS fire apparatus in some municipalities are not used as frequently or as intensively as in larger urban centers, leading to a slower rate of wear and tear and a longer effective lifespan for such equipment;

WHEREAS fire apparatus are designed and built to last well beyond 20 years with proper maintenance, and many municipalities maintain their equipment in good condition, extending its useful life without compromising safety or functionality; and

WHEREAS the current 20-year pump recertification mandate and personal insurance implications for residents may force some municipalities to divert valuable resources from other essential services to replace apparatus that are still operational, thus harming the community's overall well-being and development.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta, the Alberta Fire Chiefs Association, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and other relevant bodies to review and amend policies requiring the mandatory pump recertification of fire apparatus every 20 years in accordance with the National Fire Code of Canada and the effect on insurance premiums for residents based on the Fire Underwriters Survey Technical Bulletin Insurance Grading Recognition of Used or Rebuilt Fire Apparatus, with consideration for the unique needs and financial circumstances of municipalities and their residents; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Alberta Municipalities recommend that fire apparatus replacement be based on usage, condition, and maintenance records rather than a fixed time frame, allowing municipalities to retain and maintain their equipment for longer periods without compromising safety or compliance with standards.

BACKGROUND:

Recertifications typically range from \$10,000 to \$15,000, representing a significant financial burden for many municipalities – particularly smaller or rural communities that use their apparatus infrequently and maintain them in excellent condition.

For these communities, the 20-year threshold may not reflect actual equipment usage, wear, or condition, yet still triggers costly compliance requirements. Allowing municipalities to extend the service life of their apparatus based on objective factors such as condition, maintenance and usage – rather than an arbitrary age limit – would support more sustainable budgeting while continuing to ensure safe and reliable fire response.

In addition, as outlined in the Fire Underwriters Survey Technical Bulletin Insurance Grading Recognition of Used or Rebuilt Fire Apparatus, apparatus over 20 years old in small and rural communities and over 15 years old in major and medium sized cities will lose their “frontline status” which will increase the insurance premiums for property owners on their next renewal.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES COMMENTS:

This resolution aligns with Alberta Municipalities’ advocacy for a legislative and regulatory environment that promotes financial sustainability of municipal governments.

If this resolution is approved, it will be forwarded to the Government of Alberta for response. Further advocacy will be determined by ABmunis' Board based on input from ABmunis' relevant policy committee within the context of ABmunis' priorities and positions.

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B4: Funding for Sport and Recreation Facilities

Moved by: Town of Nanton
Seconded by: Town of Innisfail

WHEREAS municipalities own and manage existing community recreation infrastructure that requires regular maintenance, repair and renewal to extend an asset's useful life, funded by limited capital reserves and general taxation;

WHEREAS community user groups and societies often look to the capacity of municipalities to lead rather than facilitate the pursuit of funding and implementation of new recreation infrastructure projects;

WHEREAS the Province of Alberta's [Active Communities Initiative](#) program makes municipalities ineligible for application while eligible to be an external project management resource and financial contributor;

WHEREAS federal funding programs for recreation infrastructure is irregular and frequently more focused on environmental and social factors around the infrastructure rather than the simple public good of investing in the useful life of community recreation infrastructure assets; and

WHEREAS the limited senior government funding made available under the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) Capital program and the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) should not force small and medium sized municipalities to choose between critical infrastructure needs and priority community recreation infrastructure within the municipal asset portfolio.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta to either (i) amend the Active Communities Initiative to make municipalities eligible and increase the budget for application or (ii) create a new annual or bi-annual funding program for municipalities, that enables them to effectively leverage their available capital reserves and local partnerships for new and existing recreation infrastructure for the benefit of their communities.

BACKGROUND:

In April 2024, the Province of Ontario created the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF) providing funding to municipalities, Indigenous communities, non-profit organizations and (for new builds only) for-profit organizations through two program streams for projects over three years that:

- i. repair or upgrade existing sport and recreation facilities (Stream 1)
- ii. build new and transformative sport and recreation facilities (Stream 2)

The absence of a program like this in Alberta is notable and impacting the ability of municipalities to effectively leverage cost-share opportunities to simply maintain and improve basic recreation infrastructure like swimming pools, arenas, curling rinks and baseball grounds. If a community does not presently have motivated, organized non-profit organization(s) or external donors, the community is at a disadvantage to access provincial funding and build new recreation projects.

Examples of challenges:

- In today's money, a new outdoor swimming pool to replace an aging 1960s facility would typically cost over \$5 million while a new pool liner that can extend the life of a well-maintained older pool for another 15 years is still a \$200,000 to 300,000 investment. Both types of projects are equally vital.
- A modest spray park, slowly becoming a citizen expectation rather than a luxury, can run to over \$500,000 for purchase and installation.
- A recreation reserve policy for a small town that sequesters \$50,000 per annum would take ten years to reach \$500,000 available for all recreation infrastructure. A basket of goods and services that cost

\$500,000 in 2015, costs \$647,360 in 2025.¹ Few communities can adequately tie their reserve policies to the Consumer Price Index for asset renewal or replacement.

Funds from the LGFF Capital program are required for critical infrastructure projects around roads, water, sewer and more. Leveraging those scarce funds for recreation renewal or investment represents a challenging choice for councils.

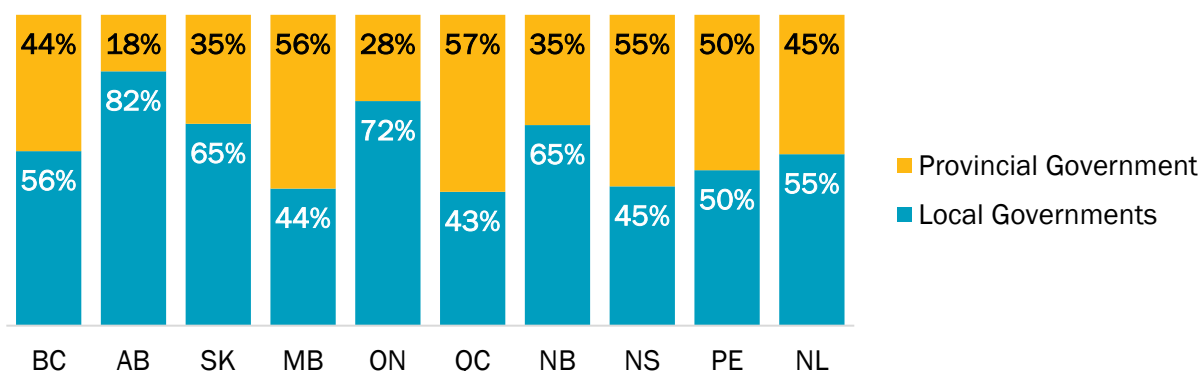
The recent research report titled, “The Price of Inactivity: Measuring the Powerful Impact of Sport, Physical Activity, and Recreation in Canada” offers an examination of the comprehensive impact of the same, underscoring the need for all communities, not just those in a high growth vector, to be investing responsibly in their recreation infrastructure.²

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES COMMENTS:

This resolution aligns with ABmunis 2023 resolution on [adequate provincial funding for community infrastructure](#) and our current research on municipal finances, municipal property taxes, and the future of Alberta’s communities.

For example, Statistics Canada reports that in 2023, municipal governments in Alberta accounted for 82 per cent of government spending on recreation and culture compared to the Government of Alberta’s 18 per cent. In other provinces, the provincial governments averaged about 45 per cent.

Government Spending on Recreation, Culture and Religion
(2023, Current Dollars)



Source: Statistics Canada. Table 10-10-0024-01 Canadian classification of functions of government, by general government component

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¹ Calculation as of June 25, 2025 using Bank of Canada’s Inflation Calculator, Statistics Canada, Consumer Price Indexes for Canada, Monthly (V41690973 series) <https://www.bankofcanada.ca/rates/related/inflation-calculator/>

² [MI-Press-Release-EN.pdf](#)

B5: Improving Infrastructure at Alberta's Community Airports

Moved by: Town of Spirit River
 Seconded by: City of Lloydminster

WHEREAS Alberta's 93 community airports are vital to public health, safety, and economic development, including medevacs, firefighting support, and worker, supply, and equipment transports;

WHEREAS most community airports are owned by the municipalities they serve at a time when Alberta faces a multi-billion-dollar infrastructure deficit and with municipal governments already struggling to fund the basics, such as roads, bridges, and wastewater systems, community airports are all too often an afterthought;

WHEREAS aging infrastructure is already significantly undermining operations at many community airports, including impeding aerial firefighting capabilities and year-round medevac access;

WHEREAS member municipalities appreciate the necessary and timely work the Government of Alberta has undertaken to increase air service to regional and community airports to boost economic development, infrastructure is a separate issue; and

WHEREAS the province's Community Airport Program – which is one of the streams within the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) – is the main external source of support for community airports but the current level of funding is inadequate and too restrictive to meet the needs of Alberta's community airports.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to raise the annual Community Airport Program funding under the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program to \$15 million, make more projects eligible for funding, extend funding to all community airport operators, and increase provincial cost-sharing based on need.

BACKGROUND:

From Cardston in the south to Lloydminster in the east, to Mackenzie County in the north, to Grande Prairie in the west, 93 smaller urban and rural communities across the province are served by community airports. They have varying levels of infrastructure, supporting services, and operations and maintenance that determine the level of service they offer. While some are independently or jointly owned, most are owned by the municipality.

Despite their differences, Alberta's community airports have one thing in common – aging infrastructure. According to a [2024 study conducted by HM Aero Aviation Consulting](#), 24 per cent of the province's community airport operators report primary runways that are in very poor, poor or fair condition. Thirty-eight report the same for their taxiway(s). When it comes to terminal buildings, 57 per cent are in either very poor, poor, or fair condition. Only 37 per cent report having perimeter fencing that is in good or excellent condition.

Inadequate infrastructure at the province's community airports is a real and growing threat to public health and safety. When an emergency strikes and every minute counts, safely and quickly connecting Albertans with the health care they need is crucial. Fixed-wing and rotary-wing air ambulance services are essential for delivering health and emergency medical care for those living in smaller urban centres and rural areas. As of between 2018 and 2023, 74 community airports supported fixed-wing air ambulance access.

The use of air ambulances has risen steadily in recent years. Between 2018 and 2023, fixed-wing transfers grew by 29 per cent, with nearly 6,700 fixed-wing patient transfers to and from Alberta's community airports taking place in 2023. Unfortunately, providing year-round ambulance access is an ongoing struggle for many community airports because of infrastructure deficiencies. In November 2022, for instance, Alberta Health Services (AHS) had to pause operations at three community airports (Ponoka, Spirit River, and Two Hills) because of concerns regarding runway lengths and widths and winter maintenance service levels.

Without a change in course, the ability of the province's community airport to support firefighting efforts will also suffer. The 2023 wildfire season saw the largest area burned in recorded history (2.3 million hectares), while last year's fire in Jasper was the second most costly in Canadian history. Fixed-wing aircraft are critical tools in wildfire suppression due to their unique capabilities. They can quickly reach wildfire sites, delivering resources to contain fires before they grow to an uncontrollable level, while the latter excels at targeted water or retardant drops and accessing remote areas.

The resources required by Alberta Wildfire to mount effective responses are significant. To improve readiness, the Government of Alberta recently undertook an air tanker fleet renewal process that involves purchasing new aircraft, re-engining existing ones, and potentially purchasing new air tankers to improve the fleet's ability to address different wildfire seasons.

The fixed-wing airtanker program is operated from 13 bases throughout Alberta, nine of which are located at community airports (Edson, High Level, Lac La Biche, Manning, Pincher Creek, Slave Lake, Rainbow Lake, Rock Mountain House, and Woodlands). Airtanker bases, which are located at community airports, are developed by Alberta Wildfire and include refueling facilities, retardant loading infrastructure, and supporting facilities. The airport operator is responsible for maintaining the airfield infrastructure required to support airtanker arrivals and departures. Investing in community airport infrastructure will ensure these aircraft can reach communities across the province when they're needed most.

Alberta's community airports are also critical for economic diversification, beginning with worker, supply, and equipment transports. Beyond that, they also support a broad range of economic drivers, including heliskiing, hunting, fishing, other outdoor adventures, and events such as air shows and the Special Olympics.

The province's Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) is the main external source of support for community airports (STIP does not cover heliports, which are usually funded and maintained by the provincial government). Created in 1999, STIP provides funding to municipalities under four funding streams: the Local Road Bridge Program, the Resource Road Program, Local Municipal Initiative, and the Community Airport Program (CAP). Unfortunately, CAP's funding under STIP has not kept up with the growing need. Between 2017 and 2024, the provincial government spent just over \$2.7 million on average on community airports through CAP. This is simply inadequate given the extent of the need. According to HM Aero Aviation Consulting, the province's community airports will need more than \$220 million in capital rehabilitation and replacement projects over the next decade. As Alberta Municipalities' members know well, Alberta is facing a historic multi-billion-dollar infrastructure deficit. Municipal governments manage over \$100 billion in assets and maintain 60 per cent of the province's public infrastructure. Many can't fund the basics, let alone airport infrastructure. In the absence of new funding, the infrastructure at Alberta's community airports will continue to deteriorate, which will further increase the financial burden faced by municipalities.

Beyond the actual funding amount, STIP is too restrictive in terms of eligible projects and eligible applicants. To ensure the viability of community airports, it needs to be expanded to include more projects (e.g., terminal buildings, de-icing equipment, wildlife fencing, aviation weather observation systems) and non-municipal community airport operators, including private organizations, charitable societies, and non-government operating authorities and agencies.

The Town of Edson tabled a resolution at the 2019 Alberta Municipalities' AGM calling for the organization to "advocate for the Government of Alberta to consider review and institution of an aviation fuel fee in order to attribute a portion of the cost of community airports directly to the user."

While the resolution was adopted, the provincial government responded by saying that, in the interests of maintaining a competitive tax environment, no aviation fuel tax increases would be considered. This resolution isn't asking the government to increase taxes on users, but rather to increase STIP funding to ensure community airports can continue to support public health, safety, and economic development.

This resolution supports several strategic initiatives in Alberta Municipalities' 2025 Business Plan, namely emergency/disaster management, asset management, the viability of small communities, economic development, and access to health care.

Further to that, it also strongly supports a broad swath of the Government of Alberta's strategic objectives. In terms of health care, it will help improve access to specialized care not offered in rural areas. It also supports Advanced Education's work to train more pilots (the province is facing a serious and growing pilot shortage). When it comes to Transportation and Jobs, Economy, Trade, and Immigration, the resolution supports Premier Smith's directive to the respective ministers to facilitate the growth and development of key regional airports that allow Albertans to connect themselves and goods to major international airports.

This resolution also aligns with the roles and responsibilities of the Strategic Aviation Advisory Council (SAAC), which was created by the provincial government in 2020. The SAAC's mission supports emergency and fire transport by advising on improvements to aviation services and infrastructure that enhance the province's ability to provide rapid medical, rescue, and firefighting responses through air operations. Additionally, the council focuses on optimizing airport services and infrastructure to better serve remote communities, ensuring reliable air access for essential services, supplies, and emergency support. Together, these efforts help strengthen Alberta's overall resilience and emergency preparedness, particularly in hard-to-reach areas.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES COMMENTS:

This resolution aligns with a request for decision passed by ABmunis' members in 2023, which called for the provincial government to:

- Ensure funding is made available to airports that currently find themselves in the position of needing upgrades to comply with both new Alberta Health Services and provincial standards; and
- Commit to providing funding to other airports who may find themselves in a similar situation in the very near future.

In 2019, ABmunis members passed a resolution calling for an [aviation fuel fee](#) to attribute a portion of the cost of community airports to the airport user. The Government of Alberta's response was that Alberta charges a 1.5 cent per litre aviation fuel tax and that there was no plan to change it in order to maintain a competitive tax environment.

If this resolution is passed, it will be forwarded to the Government of Alberta for response. Further advocacy would be recommended to the ABmunis' Board by the relevant policy committee(s) within the context of related priorities and positions.

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B6: Access to Seniors Housing Programs

Moved by: Village of Stirling
Seconded by: Town of Coalhurst

WHEREAS there is a shortage of seniors housing in small municipalities in rural areas as evidenced by the waitlists that housing authorities in these areas consistently have;

WHEREAS small municipalities in rural areas need independent living housing and lodges to ensure seniors can age in place without being displaced from their community and losing easy access to the support of friends and family;

WHEREAS lack of appropriate housing for seniors in small rural communities transfers costs and service demand to larger municipalities, who have their own capacity challenges;

WHEREAS the Affordable Housing Partnership Program's current funding structure creates barriers for small, rural municipalities and rural housing authorities to create or add to housing accommodations for seniors; and

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta's previous funding arrangement enabled municipalities to contribute land and did not require capital contributions.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to engage Alberta Municipalities, member municipalities, and related organizations in reviewing the Affordable Housing Partnership Program to ensure it supports all sizes of communities throughout Alberta so that seniors can age in place close to support networks.

BACKGROUND:

Provincial changes to the [Affordable Housing Partnership Program](#) (AHPP) have limited the ability for Alberta seniors to remain in the communities where they live. There is a trend of seniors being forced to be displaced to other parts of the province in order to meet their housing needs as they age.

The Alberta Housing Partnership Program refers to the program whereby the Government of Alberta will provide one third cost share on projects related to affordable housing and in the context of this motion seniors housing.

With the current split of one third shared costing between the Municipality; the Housing Authority; and the Government of Alberta, the only way a rural housing authority will be able to raise the funds needed to address additional seniors housing development would be to substantially increase the requisition amount paid through property taxes. This would then put an increased financial burden on rate payers across multiple jurisdictions to build a facility in one community.

The purpose of this resolution is to ask the government to engage with Alberta Municipalities, its members, and potentially other related associations such as Rural Municipalities of Alberta and the Alberta Seniors & Community Housing Association, in assessing current programs to support seniors' housing and develop solutions that ensure housing is built in small rural communities so that seniors can age in place. Potential solutions include adjusting AHPP parameters to consider municipal fiscal capacity along with local housing need.

Many municipalities and housing authorities do not have the financial wherewithal to provide the magnitude of capital investment to add housing availability for seniors. The Village of Stirling, with a population of only about 1,300 people, would be expected to contribute approximately \$1.5 million as its one-third funding contribution to a seniors housing project, to be operated by Ridge Country Housing. These dollars do not include the land investment which was already a prerequisite for project consideration.

Ridge Country Housing currently has a wait list of approximately 50 seniors for their lodge facilities, and this does not include waitlists for their independent living units.

The Village of Stirling currently has no seniors housing units available for their senior population. The 2021 Census shows the Village of Stirling having a senior population of 155 people at age 65 years and older; with 60 of those people being aged 75 years to 89 years old.

This problem is not unique to the Village of Stirling, as the Village of Duchess reported the following data from their FCSS Newell Region Quality of Life Study:

- The Village of Duchess has 4 affordable housing units, none of which have accessibility features for wheelchairs or walkers.
- Currently the 10.4% of the Village of Duchess population is comprised of seniors.
- Seniors' space makes up only 0.0075% of all housing in the Village of Duchess.

Municipalities such as Stirling and Coalhurst have received advice to save their annual Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) Capital allocation to put towards housing. However, LGFF Capital funds face competing municipal priorities, as these funds are used to support a wide variety of projects, from assisting community groups to essential water and road infrastructure. It could take a small community years to save sufficient LGFF Capital allocations to meet the one third cost sharing requirement. For example, the Village of Stirling's 2025 LGFF allocation is \$428,130, meaning it would take over 3 years to save sufficient funding to cover its contribution. This assumes there that the Village does not need to allocate LGFF Capital funding to any other capital needs in this time.

The lack of available seniors' housing is preventing seniors from being able to age in place in their own communities and forcing them to seek housing in larger municipalities. This means seniors are moving far away from their social networks and support, putting pressure on services provided in larger centres. As a result, larger communities are covering the cost of developing seniors' housing that serves seniors who would be better supported in their own communities. Having more access to seniors' housing throughout Alberta benefits all Alberta communities.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES COMMENTS:

This resolution aligns with ABmunis' advocacy on increasing access to affordable housing and enabling seniors to age in place.

If this resolution is passed, it will be forwarded to the Government of Alberta for response. Further advocacy will be determined by ABmunis' Board based on input from ABmunis' relevant policy committee within the context of ABmunis' priorities and positions.

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B7: Enhancing Housing Opportunities and Affordability Across Alberta

Moved by: Town of Coalhurst
 Seconded by: Town of Mayerthorpe

WHEREAS the escalating costs associated with residential construction are significantly impacting the feasibility and affordability of housing development throughout Alberta;

WHEREAS a growing demand exists across Alberta for a diverse range of housing options, encompassing affordable housing, market housing, and seniors' housing, which is not being adequately met;

WHEREAS existing policies, regulations, and funding models can inadvertently create barriers and inefficiencies in the development of much-needed housing, particularly in smaller municipalities;

WHEREAS ensuring the safety and quality of new homes through consistent and readily available safety code inspections is crucial for building confidence and protecting homebuyers; and

WHEREAS the current *New Home Buyer Protection Act* and its associated warranty program may have shortcomings and potential avenues for circumvention, requiring thorough review and strengthening of the Act.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta to undertake fundamental policy changes aimed at improving access to a diverse range of housing options and enhancing housing affordability across the province through, but not limited to:

1. **Streamlining Regulations and Reducing Red Tape:** Conducting a comprehensive review of provincial policies, regulations, and application processes related to housing development to identify and eliminate unnecessary barriers and inefficiencies, thereby accelerating project timelines and reducing costs.
2. **Enhancing the *New Home Buyer Protection Act*:** Actively reviewing and updating the *New Home Buyer Protection Act* and its regulations, including the new home buyers' warranty program, to address identified shortcomings, prevent circumvention, and ensure robust protection for homebuyers across all municipalities. This review should include consideration of the financial stability and accountability of warranty providers.
3. **Improving the Safety Codes System:** Examining the availability and accessibility of qualified safety codes officers across the province and exploring potential legislative, process (i.e. remote inspections) or regulatory amendments to ensure timely and consistent inspections, regardless of a municipality's size or location.
4. **Re-evaluating Funding Models for Affordable and Seniors' Housing:** Conducting a thorough and ongoing review of existing funding formulas for affordable housing and seniors' housing to ensure equitable access for all municipalities, regardless of size, and to better align funding with the diverse housing needs of communities across Alberta. This review should consider the unique challenges and opportunities faced by smaller communities.

BACKGROUND:

Housing has always been an issue across the province. With all the current changes in the political landscape creating housing opportunities has become a challenge for municipalities. The goal of this resolution is to provide an open-ended resolution that will allow Alberta Municipalities to be proactive in their approach to meeting housing needs within the province.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES COMMENTS:

While ABmunis does not currently have a position on each of the issues raised in this resolution, increasing the housing supply is one of ABmunis' 2025 strategic priorities. If this resolution is approved, it will be forwarded to the Government of Alberta for response. Further advocacy will be determined by ABmunis' Board based on input from ABmunis' relevant policy committee within the context of ABmunis' priorities and positions.

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2025 RESOLUTIONS

Category C: Other issues of potential interest to municipalities

C1: Electricity Distribution Costs

Moved by: City of Grande Prairie
 Seconded by: Town of Drumheller

WHEREAS the cost of distribution of electricity to customers is causing significant disparity in costs for businesses and residents resulting in economic bias across Alberta communities;

WHEREAS regulated electricity prices, which are becoming extraordinarily high in some service areas, are approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) for residential, farm and commercial customers in rural and urban areas;

WHEREAS in 2024, annual distribution charges paid by the average residential customer with 600kWh of consumption ranged from \$387.48 (EPCOR service area) to \$1,211.00 (ATCO service area)¹;

WHEREAS the unavoidable cost of transmission and distribution make micro-generation economically challenging in much of the Province; and

WHEREAS 60 per cent of energy demand in the ATCO service area is driven by industrial customers, benefiting the entire province through direct and indirect employment and income taxes.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to review distribution regulations and eliminate the disparity in electricity pricing for distribution charges through an equalization model and more equitable cost sharing across Alberta to build an economically consistent approach that address affordability and catalyzes province-wide economic development.

BACKGROUND:

Because electricity delivery is a fully regulated service, the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) reviews the costs in detail and approves the rates to ensure all the charges are fair and reasonable. However, there is a disparity in these charges depending on where you live in Alberta. Energy delivery charges include two core components: transmission and distribution.

Transmission charges cover the cost of moving electric energy from generating facilities through transmission lines to distribution utility substation transformers. The transmission charge on an electricity bill is based on how much electricity the customer has used and on average is between 14 per cent and 20 per cent of a customer's total bill.

Distribution costs vary with service provider and consumption. Distribution charges cover the cost of moving electric energy from substation transformers through local lines that carry electricity to the customers' meters. If the service area is large and sparsely populated, one kilometer of distribution line may only serve a few customers whereas in an urban centre, one kilometer of line serves a larger number of customers. Distribution charges are on average 24 per cent of a residential customer's total bill.² However, in some parts of Alberta, energy delivery charges compose nearly 70 per cent of a customer's total bill for the sum of the two components: transmission and distribution charges.

In large geographical portions of Alberta, both businesses and residential endure economic penalties based on geographical and population density disadvantages. This disadvantage can be as high as a 4 to 1 ratio as seen in chart comparisons below. In comparison, British Columbia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan have succeeded in building

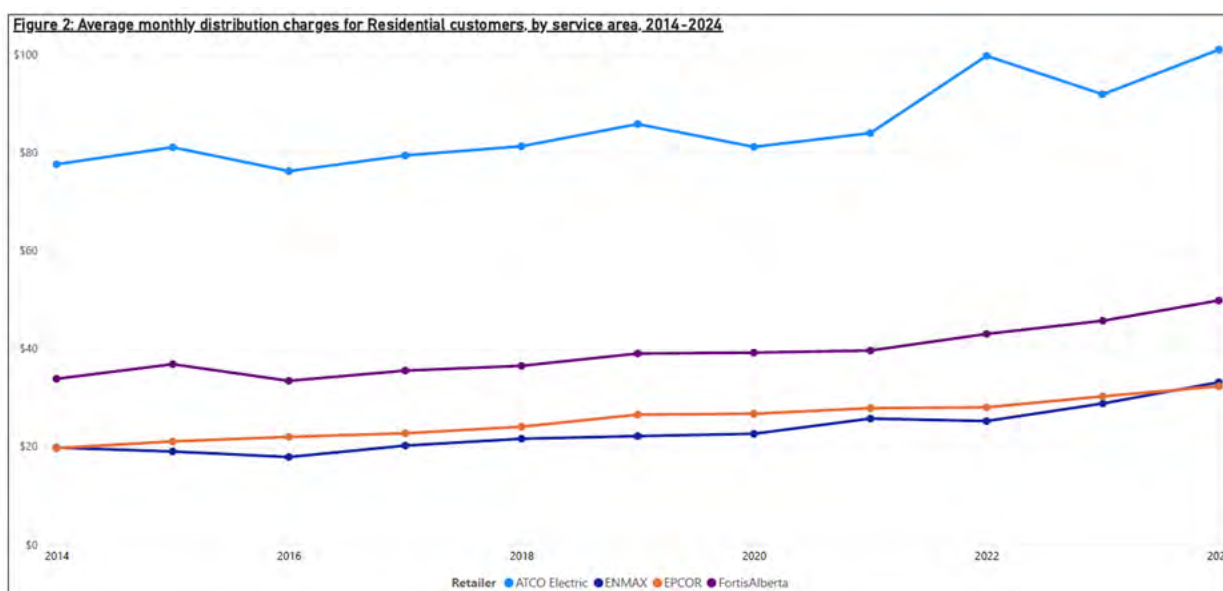
¹ Utilities Consumer Advocate: Electricity Transmission and Distribution Charges
<https://ucahelps.alberta.ca/electricity-transmission-and-distribution-charges.aspx>

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and operating transmission and distribution systems where landed costs of electricity are much more evenly distributed amongst the entire system.

In Saskatchewan, all cities, towns and villages pay one rate that includes transmission and distribution costs regardless of geographic location and all rural areas pay a marginally higher rate. In British Columbia and Manitoba, all electricity costs including transmission and distribution are equalized across the entire Province, resulting in building and operating transmission and distribution systems where landed costs of electricity are much more evenly distributed amongst the entire system.

As the electrical grid for Alberta ultimately operates as a single entity, it is reasonable to distribute those costs equally across the Province. The current system unfairly penalizes communities that are on the border between providers. Competitiveness to attract businesses to Alberta or outside of major urban centers within Alberta is stunted by disparities in the Alberta model, which contribute to the rapid urbanization of the population of Alberta. Continual increases of transmission and distribution rates, especially in areas that are already realizing significant cost disparity, results in an increase in energy poverty for many Alberta families and seniors.



Source: Compiled by the Office of the Utilities Consumer Advocate based on data provided by the Alberta Utilities Commission and Alberta Electric System Operator. [Utilities Consumer Advocate: Residential Electricity Delivery Charges](#)

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES COMMENTS:

This resolution will direct Alberta Municipalities to continue its advocacy on electricity distribution costs following our work on the [2022 resolution](#) that expires this year. At Alberta Municipalities' Spring 2025 Municipal Leaders' Caucus, the Premier and the Minister of Affordability and Utilities commented on the current challenges and their work to seek improvements in the system. Following submissions by ABmunis and municipalities to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), municipalities now have automatic standing at AUC regulatory proceedings and are eligible for cost recovery of costs they incur to participate in regulatory hearings.

If this resolution is approved, it will be forwarded to the Government of Alberta for response. Further advocacy will be determined by ABmunis' Board based on input from ABmunis' relevant policy committee within the context of ABmunis' priorities and positions.

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C2: Adoption of Alternative Bacterial Water Testing Methods

Moved by: Village of Hines Creek
Seconded by: Town of Cardston

WHEREAS ensuring the safety and quality of drinking water is a top priority for all Alberta municipalities;

WHEREAS the current bacterial water sampling methods often require extended turnaround times, particularly impacting rural and remote municipalities that rely on centralized labs; and

WHEREAS adopting alternative testing methods could enhance public health responsiveness, operational efficiency, and cost-effectiveness for municipalities.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta for the review, approval, and implementation of certified alternative bacterial water testing methods that meet or exceed current safety standards; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities work with provincial health authorities and municipalities to pilot or support the deployment of such technologies, particularly in communities with limited access to centralized testing facilities.

BACKGROUND:

Timely and reliable water quality testing is essential for public health. Rural municipalities often face delays due to sample transport and lab processing time, which can hinder rapid response to contamination risks. Technological advances now allow for portable, on-site bacterial testing with results in a fraction of the time. These methods are being explored across North America, including by regulatory bodies like Health Canada.

Municipal leaders and public works professionals have voiced growing interest in alternatives that meet regulatory standards while improving efficiency and safety.

Supporting the exploration and adoption of these methods would position Alberta as a leader in water safety innovation and public health responsiveness.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES COMMENTS:

While ABmunis does have a position specifically focused on alternative bacterial water testing and treatment methods, we have a strong track record of supporting related water quality and management initiatives.

If this resolution is adopted, it will be forwarded to the Government of Alberta for a formal response. Any further advocacy would be considered by the ABmunis Board, based on recommendations from the Environment and Sustainability Committee and in alignment with our broader environmental priorities and positions.

RESOLUTION CONTACT:

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C3: Increasing Funding for Alberta's Libraries

Moved by: Town of Stettler
Seconded by: City of Calgary

WHEREAS libraries are community hubs that offer free resources, programming, education, and community gathering space, impacting all Albertans;

WHEREAS libraries' ability to meet both basic and expanding range of needs for Alberta's growing population is increasingly constrained by outdated funding levels;

WHEREAS the annual per capita Public Library Operating Grant of \$5.60 per person has increased by only \$0.05 or under a one per cent increase since 2016, while inflation, according to Statistics Canada's Consumer Price Index in Alberta, has increased by 25 per cent¹;

WHEREAS if indexed to inflation alone, per capita funding in 2024 would have been \$6.94 per person;

WHEREAS the per capita funding grant for Alberta's libraries is currently based on 2019 population data. Alberta's population has grown by 15 per cent or over 635,000 people between 2019 to 2025; and

WHEREAS a funding increase would directly strengthen Albertan libraries' ability to address the growing demand for job-seeking and language-learning services; assist newcomers to Alberta; improve digital access province-wide especially for remote and rural Albertans; create opportunities for Reconciliation and Indigenous learnings; and expand literacy and learning supports for children.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to update the per capita rate component of the Public Library Operating Grant formula to \$6.94 per person, an increase of \$1.34 per person to reflect inflationary increases and commit to indexing the population-based grant using the rate of inflation and the most recent population statistics of the Alberta Municipal Affairs Population Estimate List.

BACKGROUND:

Libraries are community pillars offering services to respond to a wide range of community needs through physical and virtual spaces that prioritize accessibility and democratic rights to access information. Library services directly respond to community needs, ranging from literacy at all ages and stages, adult foundational life skills, career planning, mental health, digital equity, newcomer supports, small business development, civic engagement, and more. Due to the highly accessible nature of public libraries, they act as a critical third space (a space other than home, school or work) for Albertans and are often a successful connection point to other urgent services and supports. This means that investing in libraries is one of the best investments we can make to meet our population's complex pressing needs.

Alberta has 324 library service points and nearly 100 per cent of the population has access to a public library² either through their local library or digital access for those living in more rural locations. A provincial investment in public libraries can impact all Albertans.

The Government of Alberta has highlighted the importance of supporting economic recovery, reducing barriers to public services, supporting new Albertans, and building foundations for a strong future. In addition, as identified in Outcome 2 in the [Municipal Affairs: Ministry Business Plan 2024-2027](#), a key objective of the government is to "Provide operating grants and capacity supports to Alberta's public library boards and regional library systems, to ensure Albertans are served by accessible, well-managed, and responsive library services"

¹ Statistics Canada. [Table 18-10-0005-01 - Consumer Price Index, annual average, not seasonally adjusted](#)

² [Public library statistics | Alberta.ca](#)

Alberta Municipalities has looked at the population aspects of this resolution in the past, including the 2020 resolution, [Current Population Funding for Municipal Public Libraries in Alberta](#), in which the intent was not met. At the fall 2024 ABmunis Convention during the open Question & Answer session with ministers, the City of Calgary put the question of per capita funding to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for consideration in budget 2025, and no changes were made to the funding for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

Rural Municipalities of Alberta have also addressed the inflation issue in the past including the [2016](#) and [2014](#) resolutions: Provincial Funding for Municipal Public Libraries and Regional Library Systems and the [2008](#) resolution: Immediate Increase in Provincial Library Funding Request. Since this time, many municipalities in Alberta have seen a population increase from the “Alberta is Calling” campaign, which, together with inflationary pressures, is impacting public libraries' capacity to deliver the same level of service. The Public Libraries Service Branch instituted a base operating grant to provide base funding that is less variable for slight population fluctuations that can occur in smaller municipalities.

This resolution aligns with Alberta Municipalities 2025 strategic initiative “Municipal Financial Research Strategies: Conduct new research on municipal finances and inform provincial leaders and Albertans about the potential future of Alberta’s communities (e.g., state of infrastructure, level of municipal services, and level of municipal property taxes) if provincial funding for community infrastructure is not significantly increased”.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES COMMENTS:

As stated in the background this resolution aligns with previous ABmunis resolutions. In 2020, the former Minister of Municipal Affairs stated that the budget for libraries was held flat for reasons of fiscal constraint and that the allocations were not adjusted for population changes because library grants would increase for larger communities and decline for more rural communities because of the government’s intent to keep the total funding unchanged.³

If this resolution is approved, it will be forwarded to the Government of Alberta for response. Further advocacy will be determined by ABmunis’ Board based on input from ABmunis’ relevant policy committee within the context of ABmunis’ priorities and positions.

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³ [November 2020 letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs to ABmunis](#)

C4: Rural Participation on the Integration Council for Refocusing Alberta's Health Care System

Moved by: Town of Sundre
Seconded by: Town of Mayerthorpe

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta announced the “Refocusing Alberta’s Health Care System Initiative” to improve health outcomes and empower health care workers to deliver quality care across the province on November 8, 2023;

WHEREAS Ministerial Order 300/2024 established the Integration Council and its terms of reference;

WHEREAS the terms of reference states that the Integration Council will be chaired by the Minister of Health, with support from the Minister of Mental Health and Addiction, the Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services, and will have members from each new sector-specific provincial health agency;

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta released the Rural Health Action Plan 2024-2027, in October 2024, which states that “The discrepancies between the health care available to Albertans in and around large urban centres and those who live in rural or remote communities, has been a growing concern for many years. These communities face unique health care challenges that call for creative solutions that create more equitable access to health care that they want and deserve.”;

WHEREAS the Integration Council is missing the voice of health practitioners who have direct experience serving rural and remote areas. For example, a rural generalist is a general practitioner (GP), who provides a broad scope of medical care in a rural or remote setting. This includes comprehensive primary care, emergency medicine, and often specialized services like obstetrics, anesthesia, or mental health, tailored to the unique needs of the community. They are essential for ensuring access to healthcare in areas where resources and specialized services may be limited; and

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate on behalf of rural and remote communities that the Government of Alberta immediately appoint a separate and dedicated general practitioner (GP) Generalist as a voting member to the Health System Integration Council and within the new health board leadership structure to ensure that those who serve Albertans who live in rural and remote communities have an appropriate and continuous voice for their health care.

BACKGROUND:

The Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) adopted a similar resolution at their Spring 2025 Convention, resolution 5-25S, submitted by Mountain View County. The Town of Sundre recommends that ABmunis seek to collaborate with RMA in advocating for the inclusion of a rural based GP on the Integration Council. Rural and remote communities face health care challenges that are distinct from those faced by large urban communities, including limited access to specialists, lengthy travel times for care, and fewer resources to address mental health, continuing care, and addiction services. Additionally, key decision-making bodies lack adequate rural and remote community Generalists which perpetuates systemic inefficiencies and disparities in care for rural and remote communities while failing to acknowledge the distinct needs of these communities.

The province’s shift to a new integrated healthcare system – organized into four divisions: Primary Care, Acute Care, Continuing Care and Mental Health and Addictions – offers an opportunity to address these issues. However, the current structure of the Integration Council does not include a designated Generalist who can provide critical insight into the realities of rural and remote community’s health care.

We encourage and request that Alberta Municipalities advocate on behalf of rural and remote communities for the Government of Alberta to consider their unique needs before making decisions.

The Integration Council's purpose, as defined by M.O. 300/2024 is:

- Identify means of integration of a single functioning health care system at the highest level of governance;
- Identify means of integration of the four new organizations;
- Identify efficiencies and means to remove barriers to the health system integration and to the patient journey;
- Monitor key outcomes of the Refocus initiative and support public reporting on performance of the health system related to the Refocus initiative so Albertans know if their health system is delivering better health outcomes for Albertans; and
- Identify deliberate change management strategies throughout the health system to support the Refocus initiative.

The current structure of the Integration Council is listed below (*subject to change or as amended from time to time*):

VOTING MEMBERS

Minister, Health
 Minister, Mental Health
 Minister, Seniors, Community and Social Services
 Deputy Minister, Health
 Deputy Minister, Mental Health
 Deputy Minister, Seniors, Community and Social Services
 Chair, Alberta Health Services Board
 CEO, Recovery Alberta
 CEO, Primary Care Alberta
 Managing Director, Procurement and Optimization (Health)

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Minister, Technology and Innovation
 Deputy Minister, Technology and Innovation
 Chair, Health Quality Council of Alberta Board
 CEO, Health Quality Council of Alberta
 CEO, Canadian Center Recovery Excellence

It is recognized that a member duly appointed to the Integration Council, the Honourable Jason Nixon, Minister of Assisted Living and Social Services (*May 16, 2025*), is also the Member of the Legislature for the Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre electoral district, consisting of rural and remote communities. However, ministerial appointments change and it is important that the council always have a voice of those who provide services in rural areas. The end goal is not just to benefit rural Albertans but also alleviate demand on healthcare services in larger urban areas.

A rural and remote community Generalist on the Integration Council and the new Health Care Leadership Board would provide an invaluable perspective on the challenges faced by patients located in these communities, from communication in referrals to navigating broader social determinants of health. It is crucial that rural and remote communities, which often rely heavily on team-based care models, have a voice in shaping health care policies and systems that affect them. Appointing a dedicated Generalist to the Integration Council and new Health Care Leadership Board will help ensure that Alberta's health care system delivers equitable and effective care for all Albertans, regardless of geography.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES COMMENTS:

ABmunis has not previously advocated on this specific issue; however, we have called for the province to meaningfully engage municipalities of all sizes in planning for healthcare needs.

If this resolution is passed, it will be forwarded to the Government of Alberta for response. Further advocacy will be determined by ABmunis' Board based on input from ABmunis' relevant policy committee within the context of ABmunis' priorities and positions.

RESOLUTION CONTACT:

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C5: Midwifery as an Option of Care for All Albertans

Moved by: Village of Hussar
 Seconded by: Town of Strathmore, City of Grande Prairie

WHEREAS Alberta has yet to provide client-centered access to midwifery care for all Albertans, regardless of culture or region;

WHEREAS it is imperative that Albertans be informed of their options for midwifery¹, its safety and exceptional standards of care;

WHEREAS the tools used for predicting demand in Alberta are ineffective for quantifying overall demand;

WHEREAS we must prioritize more courses of care and increase hospital delivery access for midwives;

WHEREAS the current [Alberta Midwifery Strategy](#) does not prioritize provision for rural courses of care for all Albertans to have their preference of provider or provide incentives to retain midwives in Alberta²;

WHEREAS Alberta needs to prioritize funding more courses of midwifery care to benefit from tax savings and midwifery care will help Alberta achieve world renowned total prenatal care; and

WHEREAS we need to allow midwives to adjust and choose how they deliver care to reduce burn out of midwives (e.g., switch to daytime shifts, post-partum follow-ups, etc. when needed due to health or age).

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to develop a comprehensive midwifery strategy that focuses on retention, increased access province wide, and funding that follows the patient for a more well-rounded course of care by giving midwives more autonomy over the structure of midwifery care.

BACKGROUND:

There is a lack of health care professionals, including midwives, which effects all Alberta communities. This issue is more prevalent outside of the major urban centres leading to staff burn out, dissatisfaction, premature retirement, and relocation to better staffed communities³.

Midwives provide holistic, person-centered care, emphasizing natural physiology and minimal intervention. Midwifery care can help reduce the burden on hospital systems, particularly for normal, low-risk pregnancies. In Alberta, midwives work collaboratively with other health providers and follow the Canadian Midwifery Model of Care, which emphasizes continuity of care, informed choice, and collaborative care. Providing full client-centered access to midwifery would:

1. Reduce costs in course of care.
2. Reduce unnecessary interventions leading to a cascade of unnecessary interventions, with the potential to reduce poor outcomes for both patients.
3. Reduce the number of patients necessitating hospital beds, leading to less pressure on labour and delivery wards; more individualized care; reduce travel distance for patients to appointments or delivery.
4. Reduce the demand for ambulance transports from rural areas.

¹ Alberta Health Services' description of [midwife services](#)

² [Health Sciences Association | Recruitment and Retention Initiatives Extended](#)

³ [Rural Health Services Review Final Report \(alberta.ca\)](#), p. 1, Rural Health Services Review Committee, March 2015. Government of Alberta.

5. Create more business opportunities in both urban and rural municipalities for midwifery clinics, birthing centres, and mobile midwifery clinics.
6. Allow obstetricians and gynecologists to focus more on emergent or urgent care cases.

Local efforts to attract and retain service providers may address immediate community concerns but fall short in tackling the broader challenge of addressing the overall scarcity of frontline professionals. Alberta currently funds education of midwives who then leave the province due to financial incentives and career or independent business opportunities. Alberta needs to consider creating a world-renowned midwifery care system that is client-centered and available to all Albertans by expanding Alberta's midwifery programs.

Alberta's current [Midwifery Strategy](#) acknowledges that access to midwifery services are limited in rural and remote communities but does not define initiatives for how that will be overcome.

On June 18, 2025, the World Health Organization called for [global expansion of midwifery models of care](#).

In Alberta, all midwives must have delivery privileges through a hospital with a delivery unit. This can present a barrier for a midwife to open a clinic if approval is not granted by the hospital, thereby, limiting expansion of the service in the region.

Providing midwifery as an option of care for all Albertans is important because it will improve healthcare by reducing the workload of obstetrical care physicians and nurses, which will also help reduce costs on the healthcare system. Ensuring Midwives can be accessed by all Albertans will help improve the viability and sustainability of our rural communities. The benefit to the Province would be higher cost savings, as more patients choose to access midwifery as their primary course of care.

Albertans must be informed and aware of midwifery as a safe option with hospital delivery possible and the demand exceeding midwifery courses of care. Alberta must increase data capture to show the demand of all Albertans seeking midwifery care by including those within one of the qualifying factors (region, urban, within service distance of midwives, within the first weeks of pregnancy). Currently those applying are only patients who know that they can qualify. Anyone outside of the parameters or that is unaware of midwifery as an option, are not being captured.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES COMMENTS:

Alberta Municipalities does not currently have a position on this specific issue. If this resolution is approved, it will be forwarded to the Government of Alberta for response. Further advocacy will be determined by ABmunis' Board based on input from ABmunis' relevant policy committee within the context of ABmunis' priorities and positions.

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C6: Canada Consumer Carbon Tax Program (Rebates or Exemptions for Municipalities)

Moved by: City of Red Deer
Seconded by: Town of Olds

WHEREAS municipalities have been and continue to be leaders in environmental initiatives to reduce their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions;

WHEREAS municipalities are involved in initiatives such as developing environmental master plans, climate action strategies, GHG inventories, community energy and emissions plans, sustainable building strategies, urban forest management plans, sustainable urban design, waste management improvements, multimodal transportation plans, grant funding for community environmental initiatives, rebates for energy and water conservation fixtures, clean energy financing programs, natural asset management, wildfire mitigation actions, renewable energy projects, and much more;

WHEREAS municipalities incur consumer carbon tax costs providing community infrastructure and services such as heating public buildings, providing public transit, and maintaining community parks and public works;

WHEREAS Alberta's municipalities have paid tens of millions of dollars in carbon consumption taxes since their introduction, limiting the ability of municipalities to provide other vital programs and infrastructure to their communities; and

WHEREAS there have been Canada Carbon Tax Rebates and some exemptions for individuals since the inception of the program and in October 2024 the Government of Canada expanded Canada Carbon Tax Rebates to include small businesses; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has suspended its consumer carbon tax structure.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta to work with the Government of Canada to ensure municipal governments are exempt from any future replacement of a consumption-based carbon tax or at minimum, expand the eligibility of Canada Carbon Tax rebates to include municipal governments.

BACKGROUND:

Federal Carbon Pricing was introduced in 2019 and legislated for provinces who had not installed their own consumer carbon tax program. The Federal Fuel Charge began being charged on gasoline, natural gas, and other fuels consumed by Albertans beginning January 1, 2020.

In 2019, the carbon price was \$20 per tonne, which had gradually increased to \$80 per tonne as of April 1, 2024. As of April 1, 2025, the Government of Canada has reduced the carbon price to \$0 for consumers and is exploring the future of the taxation program.

Since its inception, the Government of Canada has provided a rebate for individuals designed to offset a portion of increased expenses due to the new charge. In October 2024, the Government of Canada extended the rebate to small businesses who met certain criteria and made the rebate retroactive to 2020 for eligible businesses.

Direct costs of carbon pricing on municipalities varies by municipality, but the direct costs are in the tens of millions of dollars per year. In 2023 these numbers were collected by the Canadian Energy Centre¹:

- Lloydminster: \$422,248
- Calgary: \$12,303,000 (estimate)
- Medicine Hat: \$876,237
- Lethbridge: \$1,398,000 (estimate)
- Grande Prairie: \$757,562
- Crowsnest Pass: \$71,100
- Red Deer: \$1,495,945
- Bonnyville: \$19,484
- Hinton: \$66,829

Municipalities provide vital services to their communities each day. Including but not limited to, road maintenance and construction, water and wastewater utilities, waste management, recreation facilities, parks and playgrounds and emergency services. Transferring local taxpayer dollars to other levels of government reduces municipalities' ability to provide these critical services.

Every municipality has a different impact; however, for example, the City of Red Deer's cost of the Federal Fuel Charge (approximately \$1.5 million) directly resulted in an estimated 1% property tax increase during the most recent budget.

Municipalities in Alberta are already leaders in environmental stewardship, often at a significant expense to their budgets. Municipalities are reporting regularly to the public on their progress towards reaching GHG emission targets at the community and corporate levels. This demonstrates municipal leadership and commitment to accountable stewardship and sustainable management of our natural resources and the environment.

In October 2024, The City of Bellville, ON, passed the following Council resolution:

THAT Mayor and Council of the City of Belleville requests that the Government of Canada create an efficient administrative program for municipalities to receive full reimbursement on direct carbon tax costs that are incurred providing essential and public safety programs and services, such as fuel purchases for its fleet and equipment as well as natural gas costs for heating facilities²

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES COMMENTS:

ABmunis does not currently have a position on this specific issue but there is alignment to ABmunis current research on the cumulative financial impacts on municipal governments as a result of decisions by the provincial and federal governments. If this resolution is approved, it will be forwarded to the Government of Alberta to communicate with the Government of Canada on behalf of municipalities. Further advocacy will be determined by ABmunis' Board based on input from ABmunis' relevant policy committee within the context of ABmunis' priorities and positions.

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¹ Canadian Energy Centre Staff November 22, 2024, "REPORT: Alberta municipalities hit with \$37 million carbon tax tab in 2023" <https://www.canadianenergycentre.ca/report-alberta-municipalities-hit-with-37-million-carbon-tax-tab-in-2023/>

² The City of Belleville - Meeting Information October 28, 2024. "Regular Council Meeting Minutes" <https://citybellevilleon.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingInformation.aspx?Org=Cal&Id=988>

C7: Increased Eligibility and Funding for the Alberta Affordability Grant for Licensed Child Care Programs

Moved by: Town of Hinton

Seconded by: Town of Nanton, Town of Sylvan Lake

WHEREAS access to stable, high-quality, affordable child care is essential to families, municipalities, and the provincial and national economies;

WHEREAS Alberta is working to support a community-based system of quality, regulated early learning and child care, aiming for all families to have access to high-quality, affordable, flexible and inclusive early learning and child care no matter where they live;

WHEREAS municipalities across Alberta continue to face a child care shortage¹;

WHEREAS Alberta has a unique system in which not-for-profit, public and private/for profit operators play an important role in the delivery of high-quality regulated child care programs and services that Albertans value; and

WHEREAS eligibility for the Alberta Affordability Grant has recently changed to limit which new for-profit spaces will receive the remaining funding allocation.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for increased eligibility and funding for the Alberta Affordability Grant for licensed child care, to ensure better access to high-quality, affordable child care in Alberta.

BACKGROUND:

Access to stable, high-quality, affordable child care is essential to families, municipalities, and the provincial and national economy. Child care is primarily a provincial responsibility, however in recent years, the federal government has provided high-level policy and funding aimed at reducing parent fees, expanding services and strengthening quality. Through the Canada-Alberta Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement (CACWELCC), signed in 2021, spaces are increasing, however availability and affordability of child care continues to be an issue.

As part of the CACWELCC, the Government of Canada provides funding to Alberta, and the Province provides Affordability Grants to eligible licensed child care programs which reduce parents' fees to a standardized monthly flat rate. As of June 2025, the cost is \$326.25 per child attending daycare full-time (100 hours or more per month) or \$230 per month for part-time care.² Before the Affordability Grant, full-time centre-based child care spaces were typically upwards of \$1,000 per month.³

Alberta has a mix of not-for-profit and for-profit daycares and under the CACWELCC, there is a maximum number of for-profit child care spaces eligible for the affordability funding. Alberta's government estimates the for-profit spaces cap may be reached by summer 2025 and has decided to limit which new spaces receive the remaining funding allocation. As of May 15, 2025, eligibility for the Affordability Grant changed to existing programs, applicants in the final stage of their licensing process, and new programs in communities with long waitlists (specifically, only Grande Prairie, Red Deer, Lethbridge, Fort McMurray or Canmore/Banff). The change does not affect the not-for-profit program stream, nor the process and criteria for licensing. It also does not affect existing programs with an Affordability Grant or Space Creation Grant.

¹ [Community Child Care Coverage in Alberta](#)

² <https://www.alberta.ca/about-child-care-in-alberta#fees>

³ <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/t1/tbl1/en/tv.action?pid=4210005014>

It should be noted that both not-for-profit and for-profit daycare operators that receive the Alberta Affordability Grant are bound by the Cost Control Framework (part of the CACWELCC, implemented in 2023), which states that operators may generate a profit, but the surplus earnings, or other resources, are to be directed towards improving child care services rather than for the personal benefit of owners, members, investors, or to enhance asset growth.

Entrepreneurs across the province⁴ who have invested significant resources into developing for-profit daycare programs, some in the late stages of development and licensing, have recently been notified that they are no longer eligible for the grant, causing stress and financial hardship. This will also negatively affect parents, as any new for-profit child care spaces that do not meet the new Alberta Affordability Grant criteria will not be eligible for the funding, meaning that parents who have children enrolled in those spaces will not see their child care fees reduced.

Access to affordable child care continues to be a challenge in municipalities across Alberta. The Community Child Care Coverage in Alberta⁵ report, released in June 2024, stated that only 32% of communities have adequate child care coverage.

The Province aims to increase the number of licensed child care spaces by 68,700 net new spaces for a total of 171,700 affordable child care spaces for Alberta families by March 2027. Between November 2021 and April 2025, 41,800 new child care spaces opened in Alberta⁶ to make a total of 144,800 spaces. The distribution of these spaces is reported as follows:

- 12,600 facility-based non-profit spaces (46% of the 28,000 non-profit cap)
 - o Additional 2,600 non-profit spaces approved but not yet open
- 8,100 family day home spaces (56% of the 14,500 day home cap)
- 21,100 for-profit spaces (80% of the 26,200 non-profit cap*)
 - o * Does not include for-profit spaces that have been previously approved for a Space Creation Grant but are not yet open. This is approximately an additional 3,000 allocated spaces.

In order to reach Alberta's affordable child care spaces target and improve access to affordable child care, it is essential for the Province to increase eligibility and funding for the Alberta Affordability Grant for licensed child care.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES COMMENTS:

ABmunis successfully advocated for a National Early Learning and Care Program based on a resolution members passed in 2021. ABmunis also successfully advocated for capital grant focused on supporting non-profit and municipally operated child care facilities in response to a Request for Decision passed at our 2024 Spring MLC.

If this resolution is approved, it will be forwarded to the Government of Alberta for response. Further advocacy will be determined by ABmunis' Board based on input from ABmunis' relevant policy committee within the context of ABmunis' priorities and positions.

RESOLUTION CONTENT:

Prior to the vote at ABmunis' Convention, any questions about this resolution may be directed to:

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⁴ <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/alberta-daycare-childcare-federal-agreement-final-for-profit-spaces-1.7540331>

⁵ <https://www.alberta.ca/system/files/jet-community-child-care-coverage-in-alberta-report.pdf>

⁶ <https://www.alberta.ca/federal-provincial-child-care-agreement>

C8: Reducing Barriers to Post-Secondary Education for All Alberta Students

Moved by: Village of Duchess
Seconded by: City of Brooks

WHEREAS participation in post-secondary education is critical to the long-term viability and prosperity of Alberta's communities, enabling individuals to contribute meaningfully to economic development, community leadership, and innovation;

WHEREAS Albertans outside of the metropolitan regions face unique and significant barriers to accessing post-secondary education, including but not limited to financial constraints, geographic isolation, cultural and social challenges, limited access to advanced academic preparation, and inadequate technological infrastructure;

WHEREAS students from rural, remote and urban communities are an equity-deserving group requiring targeted strategies and tailored support to overcome systemic inequities in education access, including resources for financial aid, academic counselling, mentorship, and reliable high-speed internet;

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta has identified education and workforce development as critical priorities for sustaining economic growth and diversifying Alberta economies; and

WHEREAS existing post-secondary pathways insufficiently address the unique needs of rural and remote Alberta students, contributing to underrepresentation in advanced education and perpetuating inequities that hinder their full participation in Alberta's prosperity.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to provide dedicated funding for the development, implementation, and ongoing evaluation of a comprehensive Pathway to Post-Secondary Education Strategy that will:

1. Identify barriers impacting equitable rural, remote and urban student access to all post-secondary opportunities, including barriers related to housing and overall affordability of post-secondary education;
2. Offer targeted scholarships, bursaries, and financial aid to alleviate the economic burdens faced by rural, remote and underrepresented students, additionally provide financial support for intern students to complete practicum placements away from their usual place of residence;
3. Enhance outreach and support efforts to communities outside of metropolitan regions to increase awareness of available post-secondary opportunities;
4. Provide targeted support for academic preparation, to ensure prospective rural, remote and small urban students meet university prerequisites;
5. Improve technological and broadband infrastructure to improve accessibility to online learning;
6. Establish local and community-based mentorship and guidance programs for students;
7. Promote collaboration between municipalities, school boards, and community organizations to support the transition to post-secondary education for rural, remote and small urban students.

BACKGROUND:

This resolution is being brought forward as a partner resolution to a Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) resolution, passed at the RMA Spring 2025 Convention. This resolution aligns with Alberta Municipalities' Strategic Initiatives on Viability of Small Communities (the need for a diverse workforce to support smaller communities' growth and service delivery) and Economic Development.

The two resolutions represent one of the initiatives coming from the University of Calgary's Inclusive Governance Committee¹ that Alberta Municipalities and RMA participate on. Both organizations are taking an active role in shaping governance changes that will improve access to post-secondary education for all Albertans through the work of this committee.

This resolution also directly aligns with the provincial government priority on workforce development. This resolution is relevant to all municipalities in Alberta. Top talent from within Alberta is not necessarily reaching post secondary, and the loss of potential skilled workers is an issue that faces all of Alberta, not just those in rural and remote areas, who face shortages.

Albertans outside the major centres face systemic barriers that hinder equitable access to post-secondary education. Financial constraints, such as the high cost of tuition, relocation expenses, and limited part-time employment opportunities, disproportionately affect rural families. Geographic isolation necessitates relocation, further increasing costs and contributing to emotional and cultural challenges. The University of Alberta's current estimates for a first-year student is \$10,500 for tuition and books with an additional \$17,285 for accommodation and food in residence². Students that live in the metro area can eliminate this \$17,285 cost by opting to remain living at home, this gives them a significant cost of living and potential debt advantage over students from families that do not reside in Edmonton.

Additionally, schools outside of larger metropolitan regions often lack resources for academic preparation, including advanced courses, standardized test preparation, and guidance counselling. Limited access to reliable high-speed internet further restricts rural students from fully engaging with online learning and digital application platforms. Many schools are forced by budget constraints to offer key courses such as biology, chemistry and physics at the 20 and 30 level in a rotation making it challenging for students to complete all science options. Without the option to complete these virtually, students may not be able to complete all the necessary courses to apply to STEM based programs in post-secondary.

These barriers contribute to the underrepresentation of students from rural, remote and smaller urban centres in Alberta's post-secondary institutions, limiting their ability to contribute to economic and social growth. Addressing these inequities requires a dedicated pathway strategy that recognizes students from outside of the main metropolitan centres as an equity-deserving community and provides the resources and supports necessary for their success.

Developing this strategy will empower all Albertans to pursue advanced education, fostering stronger, more resilient communities across the province and ensuring meaningful participation in Alberta's long-term prosperity.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES COMMENTS:

ABmunis does not currently have a position on this specific issue. If this resolution is approved, it will be forwarded to the Government of Alberta for response. Further advocacy will be determined by ABmunis' Board based on input from ABmunis' relevant policy committee within the context of ABmunis' priorities and positions.

¹ The purpose statement of the University of Calgary's Inclusive Governance project is "To bring our differences together without erasing them – to create spaces for constructive, productive, and creative dialogue and collaboration on shared goals. We aim to foster strong relationships with different people, communities, knowledges, and the future – which requires that we listen to understand even if we do not agree and view our differences as societal assets to solve our shared problems. The Inclusive Governance project facilitates dialogues to surface and elevate ideas into decision-making spaces and steward the people and ideas through the complex institutional decision-making apparatus to drive new research, education, policies, innovations, market solutions, and shared understanding."

² <https://www.ualberta.ca/en/admissions/tuition-and-scholarships/tuition-and-fees.html>

RESOLUTION CONTACT:

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Request for Decision Alberta Municipal Water / Wastewater Partnership Grant Application

RECOMMENDATION

That the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership grant application discussion be accepted as information.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

BACKGROUND

The Village of Warner has been part of the regional water line discussions, providing support to the Town of Milk River in their endeavour to obtain a safe and sustainable water supply. This project was born out of the infrastructure failures in the St. Mary River's canal system in Montana and subsequent water supply concerns for the communities of Milk River, Coutts and Sweetgrass, MT.

As part of the regional initiative, the Village of Warner's would complete local upgrades to meet future treated water storage requirements. This includes reservoir expansion and upgrades such as piping, valves, and instrumentation.

An AMWWP submission was not made in 2024 for the Village's portion.

RISKS/CONSEQUENCES

1. Council may provide further direction on any item contained in the report. Council shall be specific in the direction it provides.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Approximately \$500,000 in 2026 plus detailed design engineering

ATTACHMENTS

None



Request for Decision Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Grant Application

RECOMMENDATION

That the Alberta Community Partnership grant application discussion be accepted as information.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

BACKGROUND

In 2024, the Village submitted a grant application under the ACP to obtain funding to collect and analyze infrastructure data, including condition, energy efficiency, improvement cost models and prepare preliminary designs (related to the regional water upgrades) as well as update the current infrastructure master plan.

November 28, 2025 is the deadline for applications.

RISKS/CONSEQUENCES

1. Council may provide further direction on any item contained in the report. Council shall be specific in the direction it provides.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2024 ACP Application

2024/25 – Alberta Community Partnership Intermunicipal Collaboration Grant Application

Managing Partner: Village of Warner

Participating Municipalities: County of Warner

Project Title: Regional Asset Management Initiative

Project Timeline: Project Start Date (DD-MMM-YY) – Defaults to “01-Apr-24”

Project Completion Date (DD-MMM-YY) – Enter “31-Dec-27”

PROJECT OVERVIEW

1. This project produces (*check all that apply*):

-  ☐ A regional service agreement, plan, framework, strategy, or model
-  ☐ A study (e.g., shared service feasibility study, etc.)
- ☐ An amended Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework and/or a new or amended Intermunicipal Development Plan
- ☐ Other (please specify) (*maximum 100 characters*):



2. a. Provide a description of the project.

- What is the purpose of the project?
- Describe how the project is a new or enhanced service.
- What activities will the partnership undertake to complete the project?
- What are the project's outputs and expected concrete results?

(Max 4,000 Characters)

The partnership between the Village of Warner and the County of Warner is a collaboration with a history of shared municipal service delivery in areas such as regional land use, emergency management, transportation, water management, and waste management. The partnership recognizes the importance of well-maintained municipal infrastructure for the enhanced delivery of these regional services and want to ensure we are positioned to address future operational and infrastructure requirements through the development of a regional asset management initiative.

The partnership does not have a comprehensive representation of infrastructure condition assessment data which is critical to provide a big picture approach for the planning and collaborative delivery of services like water, wastewater, stormwater, waste management, land use, transportation, and facility

management. This aligns with and supports the intermunicipal collaboration framework (ICF) objective that speaks to the importance of regional cooperation for the delivery of vital core municipal services. Information gathered as part of this project may also be used to inform ICF updates.

The regional asset management initiative project is focused on obtaining and analyzing data related to municipal infrastructure systems extending to the shared boundaries, identification of deficiencies and plans to address deficiencies, identification of upgrades for potential land use development services, and updating the 10-year capital plans. The primary focus of the regional asset management initiative is an infrastructure condition and energy assessment of the water system, sanitary sewer, stormwater management system, waste management, transportation system, and municipal facilities, and preliminary designs for the regional water supply. This information will establish a framework to guide informed decisions on required local and joint infrastructure improvements and upgrades that includes evaluation of risk, severity, and probability of failure.

The partnership will undertake the following activities:

1. Data collection and review of related infrastructure reports, data, plans, drawings, digital base maps, air photos.
2. Review of water distribution system facilities, pipe capacity, hydrants, historical flow data and fire flow capacity, develop projected growth rate models, and preliminary designs.
3. Review of sanitary sewer, pipe capacity, and level of compliance with provincial standards and guidelines.
4. Review of stormwater management system, drainage basins and catchment areas, historical flooding, and identify capacity issues.
5. Complete a visual inspection and condition assessment of roads, sidewalks, curbs and gutter, and swales.
6. Review of waste management system and identify capacity issues.
7. Review of municipally owned facilities, visual inspections, and develop maintenance and upgrade cost models.
8. Stakeholder consultation throughout the project.
9. Incorporate recommended upgrades into capital plans.

Expected project outputs are:

1. Water distribution system data collection and analysis summary report, WaterCAD and growth models, recommended upgrades, improvements cost models, and preliminary designs.
2. Sanitary sewer data collection and analysis summary report, computer model, and recommended upgrades and improvements cost models.
3. Stormwater system data collection and analysis summary report, computer model, and recommended upgrades and improvements cost models.
4. Waste management system data collection and analysis summary report and recommended upgrades and improvements cost models.

5. Transportation system data collection and analysis summary report, rating system, and recommended upgrades and improvements cost models.
6. Municipally owned facilities data collection and analysis summary report and recommended upgrades and improvements cost models.
7. Updated 10-year capital plans.
8. Stakeholder consultation summary report.

2.b. Describe how benefits will be shared among the participating municipalities.

- How does the project address municipal and regional needs?
- Does the project benefit stakeholders beyond the partnership?

(Max 4,000 Characters)

The primary reason for this project is to ensure sustainability and the health and safety of the region's residents through a comprehensive approach to infrastructure management beyond the municipal boundaries. A plan of this nature would also ensure alignment of infrastructure management with council priorities and strategic direction for the region. The regional asset management initiative will inform a municipal service delivery framework with several regional benefits in the following areas.

- Understanding the condition and identification of required improvements to water, wastewater, and stormwater systems is key to ensuring a sustainable and safe water supply. This is especially critical as it relates to water services and adequate supply to meet basic human needs, bulk water station, fire service response, agriculture and food production, and security of property and land. Other regional asset management initiative benefits include:
 - water service delivery that is safer and more cost effective;
 - wastewater management that lessens the risk of contamination impact to humans, the environment, and wildlife; and
 - stormwater management that mitigates the detrimental effects to land and property.
- Water is an important resource that the partnership works to understand, manage, and protect, especially as we continue to experience a lower snowpack and reservoir levels compared to the average and which has contributed to water scarcity. The regional IMP will support water management and preliminary design of water infrastructure that aligns with the regional water initiative.
- Warner is located at the junction of Highways 4 and 36, just 40 km north of the Montana border. The village and county are a regional hub for the agricultural and commercial industries, as well as economic development. The village and county recognize that development of industry and agriculture plays an integral part in the development and growth of the region and the collaborative approach to regional land use planning and the supporting utility corridors and servicing plans foster that relationship and strengthen the region's economy.
 - The regional asset management initiative addresses coordination of land use to guide development to ensure it occurs in an orderly, economic, efficient, and harmonious manner that is sustainable.
- The village and county recognize energy affordability and the impact of growth on infrastructure assets and related energy needs. The regional asset management initiative informs asset management to maximize the benefit and service life of joint and local infrastructure to ensure

assets are delivering intended services efficiently and sustainably, with environmental integrity and fiscal affordability.

This regional asset management initiative is a regional collaboration and planning tool that will benefit both partners with jointly recognizing infrastructure and land use concerns, promote efficient planning, and identify cost saving strategies. Municipal cost savings, because of infrastructure and service sharing, will also provide residents with a higher quality of life.

The regional asset management initiative requires joint awareness and will:

- foster ongoing relationship building,
- potentially identify future opportunities for the delivery of new and enhanced regional services, and
- promote collaboration and cooperation in planning matters of mutual interest.

Reliable infrastructure is also a critical component for attracting investments and supporting economic growth.

PROJECT PRIORITY

3. Why are the project and the grant needed?

3.a. Describe how and why this project is a priority for the region. (Max 4,000 Characters)

The absence of comprehensive municipal infrastructure asset details was identified as a significant gap in the regional ICF planning process. The risk of not managing the assets correctly can be costly and have long-term effects on the communities and the region. The regional asset management initiative and condition analysis of the municipal infrastructure will guide and inform conversations and planning for regional service delivery and other potential opportunities for sharing services. The condition of the assets required to deliver these services is a critical consideration in the regional water, sanitary sewer, waste management, emergency, transportation, land use, and growth management planning processes. The asset condition provides budgetary impact awareness, especially if municipal infrastructure enhancements are required in support of regional initiatives like shared emergency service delivery and land use development, or shared water service which is particularly important given the severe drought conditions and water security issues in southern Alberta. Understanding the condition and identification of required improvements, especially as it relates to water system infrastructure, is critical to ensuring sustainable services within our region including a sustainable and safe water supply within the region.

The regional asset management initiative will provide critical data in support of existing regional plans and initiatives including the Regional Water Initiative, County of Warner Regional Emergency Partnership, Regional Transportation Services, ICFs, Intermunicipal Development Plans, and the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan (SSRP). These plans guide the regional vision for water management, emergency service delivery, land use, and economic development and sets policy direction for municipalities to achieve strong emergency response, environmental, economic, and social outcomes.

This project supports provincial and ministry objectives that include:

Municipal Affairs – Outcome 1: this project provides the framework for encouragement of economic growth through future construction projects that will employ Albertans, joint administration that could potentially reduce red-tape, and land use planning.

Municipal Affairs – Outcome 2: this project will provide critical data and a framework for the intermunicipal collaboration and enhanced delivery of regional land use, emergency management, transportation, and water management.

Transportation and Economic Corridors – Outcome 1: this project supports the planning for a sustainable transportation network that includes Highways 4 and 36, and critical linkage to the United States.

Environment and Protected Areas – Outcome 1: this project includes water management data that will inform environmental resource stewardship and policy direction that may inform the SSRP and other regional water initiatives.

Agriculture and Irrigation – Outcome 1: this project includes water management data and preliminary designs that will address regional water resource priorities and water supply needs.

3.b. What is preventing the partnership from undertaking the project in-house or from obtaining the resources or expertise needed for the project? How will the grant be used to resolve these barriers?

(Max 4,000 Characters)

There are several factors affecting the partnerships' ability to undertake this project on their own that includes:

- Requirement for specialized knowledge and expertise that is not available within the municipalities related to professional engineering analysis. The grant will be used to obtain technical experts capable of completing the required work.
- Use of municipal funding for this project would place additional financial strain on municipal resources that are struggling to balance lower revenues and delivery of vital municipal services.
- The municipal employees already have strained time commitments and high workload expectations with the ongoing delivery of day-to-day municipal operations and do not have the capacity to engage in the learning curve and time expectations this project requires.

This project is of critical importance and the consequence of not going forward would mean that the partnership does not have a planning tool that would provide guidance to decision-makers and a framework for working cooperatively. The regional asset management initiative is vital to identifying infrastructure condition and requirements for the enhanced and efficient delivery of water management services, emergency management, regional land use, transportation, and realizing potential cost saving opportunities.

PARTNERSHIP AND PROJECT READINESS

4. a. Provide a brief description of each partner's roles and responsibilities with respect to the project.

- How will each participating member be involved in project planning, administration, and decision making?
- What arrangements and processes are in place or will be established to ensure the interests of each member will be met in project outcomes?

(Max 4,000 Characters)

The Village of Warner is the managing partner on this grant application for the sole purpose of grant submission and future grant administration and reporting if grant is approved.

The partners have had preliminary meetings to discuss project specifics and how each will be involved in the regional asset management initiative process. The grant project itself will be a fully collaborative process as it relates to project planning, administration, and decision making. This grant project will be guided by the regional asset management initiative working team that has representatives from each municipality. Administration and technical advisors from both municipalities will also be involved throughout the process.

Both municipalities will be actively engaged in project progress and will have input and influence on project outcomes. Both municipalities will have an opportunity to review regional asset management initiative data and recommendations to determine the relevant issues, and alignment with local goals and objectives.

Mechanisms that will support an inclusive process for the development of comprehensive infrastructure condition inventory includes frequent discussions to ensure agreement on data collection methods, input from senior administration, acknowledgement of shared values (e.g., reliable infrastructure for water management and emergency service delivery, agriculture and agri-business, environmental stewardship, economic diversification, and growth) and an agreed upon voting model.

4.b. How will conflict be resolved to ensure a successful outcome which meets the interests of all project participants?

- Provide details of any dispute resolution mechanisms in place or that will be established between the partners.

(Max 4,000 Characters)

The partnership will follow the resolution process that is part of the ICF structure.

It is imperative that the regional asset management initiative be of use for both municipalities so check points to confirm clarification of process will be embedded in the project planning process.

The intent of the dispute resolution process is to maximize opportunities for discussion to resolve areas of disagreement early in the process. If conflict occurs all efforts will be made to resolve the issue administratively. If required, the issue will be elevated in the following sequence: regional asset

management initiative working team, senior managers, joint meetings of both councils, provincial mediation.

4.c. Provide a concise overview of the project workplan and timeline.
(Max 4,000 Characters)

The partnership is proposing to hire a consultant to complete the following project workplan:

1. Consultant conducts a preliminary assessment and data collection and analysis in conjunction with municipal partner's input.
2. Consultant conducts a technical water, sanitary sewer, stormwater, transportation, waste management, and municipally owned facility infrastructure condition and site assessment review and analysis.
3. Consultant conducts an energy efficiency analysis.
4. Consultant develops recommended water, sanitary sewer, stormwater, transportation, waste management, and municipally owned facility upgrade and improvement cost models.
5. Consultant updates the 10-year capital plans.

The following timelines are high level estimates and may overlap and be modified as the project proceeds:

1. Stakeholder consultation (ongoing)
2. Water, sanitary sewer, stormwater, transportation, waste management, and municipally owned facility infrastructure data collection and analysis (April to December 2025)
3. Water, sanitary sewer, stormwater, transportation, waste management, and municipally owned facility infrastructure condition and site assessment, and energy efficiency analysis (January 2026 to March 2027)
4. Water, sanitary sewer, stormwater, transportation, waste management, and municipally owned facility infrastructure upgrade and improvement cost models, preliminary design, and updates to 10-year capital plans (April 2027 to December 2027)

4.d. Identify potential risks that could impact the schedule of activities listed under this ACP project and provide risk mitigation strategies.
(Max 4,000 Characters)

Risks associated with this project include:

1. Weather impact and timely collection of data – this will be mitigated through the inclusion of an ample amount of time in the project timeline.
2. Availability or completeness of municipal input and asset data – this will be mitigated through clear communications between the consultant and municipal representatives to ensure project

data needs are managed effectively and solutions to address data gaps are addressed in a timely manner.

3. Municipal support and cooperation – this will be mitigated through targeted communications with partnership, impacted stakeholders, and community groups to determine and coordinate needs, develop strategies on addressing these needs, and identify potential impacts to the regional asset management initiative.
4. Asset condition may create an increased funding pressure for asset repair or maintenance – this will be mitigated through the detailed asset condition data that will provide councils critical information when deliberating over annual budgetary considerations

INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION - BUDGET

5.a. What are the expenditure estimates provided under the Project Budget section based on?

- Include details on the anticipated project resources, service providers, or contractors.

(Max 4,000 Characters)

The partnership has collaborated with MPE a division of Englobe (MPE) to identify high level project requirements. MPE has the technical and local expertise and have provided a preliminary quote in support of this project. Costs are estimates based on similar regional projects.

5b. Provide a comprehensive, **itemized breakdown** of all your estimated project costs and expenditures in the table below. Insufficient or incomplete project cost information will impact the evaluation of your grant application.

- Use the [+] button to add line items to specifically identify the types of consultant activities and vendor costs (advertising, printing, venue rental).
- Only list the project cost information associated with the scope of work under this grant request.
- Capital expenditures are not eligible under the IC component.

Item Description	Estimated Item Cost
Water, Sanitary Sewer, Stormwater, Transportation, Waste Management, and Municipally Owned Facility infrastructure data collection and analysis	\$55,000
Water, Sanitary Sewer, Stormwater, Transportation, Waste management, and Municipally Owned Facility infrastructure condition and site assessment, and energy efficiency analysis	\$60,000
Water, Sanitary Sewer, Stormwater, Transportation, Management, and Municipally Owned Facility infrastructure upgrade and improvement cost models, engineering analysis & preliminary design	\$70,000
Updates to 10-year capital plans	\$15,000
Total Project Costs	\$200,000

**The grant maximum under the Intermunicipal Collaboration component is \$200,000.*

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING PROJECT INFORMATION

6. Provide any other additional project details not included in the responses that will further inform ministry staff in understanding the benefits of your project. (Max 4,000 Characters)

A big part of the regional asset management initiative project is to properly assess infrastructure needs and form the basis for strategic long-term infrastructure planning. In addition, the condition of municipal service delivery infrastructure is a key element of municipal and regional sustainability and is a critical consideration for growth and attracting investment to the region.

The funding is critical, especially now with additional challenges we are facing with responding to uncertain fiscal pressures like ever increasing operational costs and drought conditions which are impacting water supply. The focus on regional cooperation that is supported through this grant will strengthen the partnership and put us in a stronger position to face these circumstances together.

This project supports the provincial economy and would create an estimated 4-6 jobs during the course of the project, and secure approximately 1-2 full time direct or indirect regional municipal operations and related jobs. This partnership is being proactive to ensure sound and reliable infrastructure is in place which is vital to ensuring we are positioned to grow and respond to Alberta's economic renewal.

The partnership is making a significant commitment to this high priority project and support for this project would be a clear indication that the Government of Alberta is truly committed to supporting economic growth and sustainability in rural areas.