

TOWN OF ECKVILLE-COUNCIL AGENDA

Monday December 12, 2022

Town Office Council Chambers Eckville, AB 6:00 pm

(Councillors may attend via electronic means)

1. CALL TO ORDER 1.1
2. DELEGATIONS/PUBLIC HEARING 2.1 Sylvan Lake RCMP – 6:00 pm
3. AGENDA 3.1 Additional Agenda Items
3.2 Adoption of Agenda
4. MINUTES 4.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes – November 28, 2022 pg. 1-3
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TOWN OF ECKVILLE – COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday November 28, 2022
Eckville Town Office, 5023 – 51 Avenue, Eckville, Alberta

1. Call to Order

1.1 Mayor Ebden called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Ebden
Deputy Mayor Engen
Councillor Palm-Fraser
Councillor Meyers
Councillor See
Councillor Thoreson

Absent: Councillor Phillips

Staff: CAO, Jack Ramsden
Deputy CAO, Darcy Webb
Recording Secretary Heather Allen

Press: None

Gallery: None

2. Delegations/Public Hearings

2.1 None

3. Agenda

3.1 Additional Agenda Items
Add: 5.3 2023 Interim Operating and Capital Budget
Delete: 12.1 Multi-Year Capital Plan

3.2 Adoption of Agenda

Res. 273.2022

Moved by Councillor See that the agenda be adopted with the addition and deletion. **Carried Unanimously.**

4. Minutes

4.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2022

Res. 274.2022

Moved by Deputy Mayor Engen that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday November 14, 2022 be adopted as amended. **Carried Unanimously.**

5. Action Items

5.1 RFD – Sylvan Lake RCMP for Delegation

Res. 275.2022

Moved by Councillor See that S/Sgt Peten and Sgt. Lesyk of the Sylvan

Lake RCMP be invited as a delegation to meet with Town Council on December 12, 2022 at 6:00pm to discuss policing. **Carried Unanimously.**

5.2 RFD- Renewal of Membership in Red Deer Watershed Alliance.

Res. 276.2022

Moved by Deputy Mayor Engen that the Town of Eckville renew its membership in the Red Deer Watershed Alliance for the 2023-2023 fiscal year at a cost of \$0.50 per capita. **Carried Unanimously.**

5.3 2023 Interim Operating and Capital Budget.

Res.277.2022

Moved by Councillor See that the Town of Eckville adopt the 2023 Interim Operating and Capital Budget as presented. **Carried Unanimously.**

6. Bylaws/Policies

6.1 None

7. Reports

7.1 Management Report – November 28, 2022

7.2 Financial Report – AP Report November 17, 2022

Res. 278.2022

Moved by Councillor Meyers that the reports be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**

8. Committee & Board Reports

8.1 Councillor See reported on CAEP.

8.2 Deputy Mayor Engen reported on the Library & an AB Munis. Webinar detailing the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) Grant Allocation proposal.

8.3 Councillor Thoreson reported on Parkland Regional Library.

8.4 Councillor Palm-Fraser reported on Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission.

8.5 Council Meyers reported on LREMP and the Medicine River Crime Watch.

8.6 Mayor Ebdon reported on the Community Centre and the Queens Jubilee Medal presentation.

Res. 279.2022

Moved by Councillor Meyers that the Committee and Board Reports be accepted. **Carried Unanimously**

9. Correspondence, Information Items

9.1 Lacombe County Highlights of Council Meeting Nov 14, 2022

9.2 Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre Expansion letter

9.3 Parkland Regional Library Membership Agreement

9.4 Approval of PRLS System Budget

9.5 DATALENS Census Update 2022

Res. 280.2022

Moved by Councillor Thoreson that the Correspondence and Information Items be accepted as information. **Carried Unanimously.**

10. Seminars, Meetings, Special Events

10.1 None

Mayor Ebden called for a five minute recess. Time 7:05 p.m.
The meeting reconvened at 7:10 p.m.

11. Closed Session

11.1 Section 19: Confidential Evaluations.

Res. 281.2022

Moved by Deputy Mayor Engen that the meeting move into closed session, with only Mayor and Councillors remaining.. Time 7:10pm
Carried Unanimously

CAO Jack Ramsden, Deputy CAO Darcy Webb and Recording Secretary Heather Allen left the meeting.

Res. 282.2022

12.1 Moved by Councillor Meyers that the meeting revert back to open session. Time 7:30pm. Carried Unanimously.

12. Committee of the Whole

None

13. Adjournment

Res.283.2022

Mayor Ebden adjournment the meeting. Time 7:31pm.
Carried Unanimously

Mayor

CAO

UNAPPROVED

TOWN OF ECKVILLE
Request to Council for Decision

Meeting:	Town Council
Meeting Date:	December 12, 2022
Originated By:	Jack Ramsden, CAO/Darcy Webb
Title:	2023 Interim Operating Budget Amendment

BACKGROUND:

Council approved the 2023 Interim Operating and Capital budget at it's regular meeting held November 28, 2022.

DISCUSSION/ALTERNATIVES:

Administration had the opportunity to meet with Terry Engen, the outgoing chairman of the Eckville Arena Operating Association along with Stephone Monfette, the incoming chairman of the Eckville Arena Operating Association on December 6, 2022.

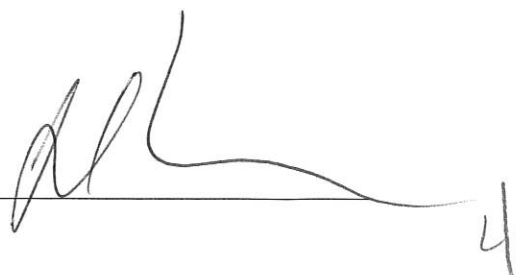
The meeting was very productive. A number of items were discussed which included operational challenges and future initiatives. We also reviewed the current processes in place with respect to funding of the Association and expenditures incurred by with Town on the Association's behalf.

It was concluded that it would be more beneficial for both parties to amend the process going forward.

IMPACT ON BUDGET: There should be no net effect on the Town's bottom line. Rather than some Association related expenditures like payroll paid by the Town and then reimbursed at a later date the Association would take these on directly. The Town would then offer a grant to the Association in a fashion similar to that of other facilities.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the following motion be presented for consideration:

"That the 2023 Interim Operating budget be amended to include an operating grant of \$80,000 payable to the Eckville Arena Operating Association, less the micro-generation credit."

Prepared By: _____ Approved By:  4

Mtg. Date Dec 12, 2022

Agenda Item 5.2

TOWN OF ECKVILLE Request to Council for Decision

Meeting:	Town Council
Meeting Date:	December 12, 2022
Originated By:	Jack Ramsden, CAO
Title:	Proposed 2023 Eckville Fire Department Honorarium Rate and Payment Schedule

BACKGROUND: On June 8, 2020, Town Council approved the first Eckville Fire Department Honorarium Rate and Payment Schedule which was retroactive to January 1, 2020. On October 12, 2021 Town Council followed suit with Lacombe County and approved the 2022 Eckville Fire Department Honorarium Rate and Payment Schedule which included a 2.75% increase.

DISCUSSION/ALTERNATIVES: Also attached is correspondence from Drayton Bussiere, County Fire Chief informing us that Lacombe County Council approved a 4% increase in their rates and payments for 2023.

While we do not have to follow suit, I would recommend that we stay with the same rates to stay on par with the County and show support for our volunteer fire fighters.

Please find attached a proposal for a 4% increase in our "Eckville Fire Department Honorarium Rate and Payment Schedule" for 2023.

I would strongly recommend approval of this proposed 2023 schedule.

IMPACT ON BUDGET: At the most this would require a 4% increase in this unit item of our 2023 operating budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the following motion be presented for consideration:

"That Eckville Town Council approve the proposed "2023 Eckville Fire Department Honorarium Rate and Payment Schedule for Fire Calls within the Town of Eckville".

Prepared By: _____ Approved By:  _____

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Jack Ramsden

From: Drayton Bussiere <dbussiere@lacombecounty.com>
Sent: November 29, 2022 1:57 PM
To: Marc Fortais TOB; Carla Kenney; Jack Ramsden
Subject: Cost of Living Adjustment - Fire

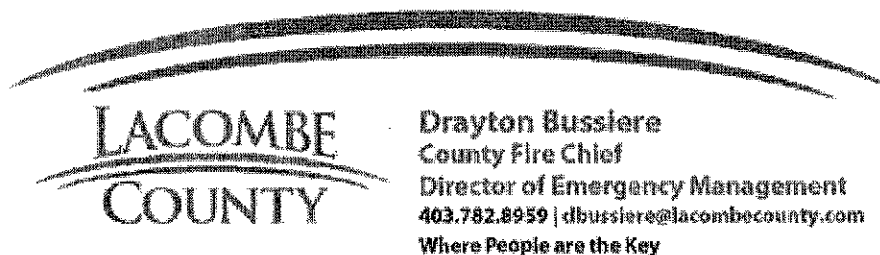
Good afternoon,

At Lacombe County Council's regular meeting on November 24th Lacombe County Council approved a 4% cost of living adjustment for staff, this includes the fire department members. The following chart is the wages for 2022 and their adjusted amounts in to 2023.

	2022	2023
COLA	1.00	1.04
Position		
District Chief	33.39	34.73
Deputy Chief	31.34	32.59
Captain	29.32	30.50
Lieutenant	27.08	28.17
Engineeer	24.92	25.91
1st Class Firefighter	22.73	23.64
2nd Class Firefighter	20.58	21.40
3rd Class Firefighter	18.40	19.14
4th Class Firefighter	16.24	16.89

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,



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ECKVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT
HONORARIUM RATE AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE
FOR FIRE CALLS WITHIN THE TOWN OF ECKVILLE
PROPOSED FOR JANUARY 1, 2022

ANNUAL HONORARIUM PAYMENTS:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed for 2022</u>
• District Fire Chief	- \$2,570.00 per annum	\$2,675.00 per annum
• District Deputy Fire Chief	- \$1,028.00 per annum	\$1,070.00 per annum
• District Captain	- \$ 770.00 per annum	\$ 800.00 per annum
• District Lieutenant	- \$ 514.00 per annum	\$ 535.00 per annum

HOURLY HONORARIUM RATES:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed for 2022</u>
• Fire Chief	- \$33.39 per hour	\$34.73
• Deputy Fire Chief	- \$31.34 per hour	\$32.59
• Captain	- \$29.32 per hour	\$30.50
• Lieutenant	- \$27.08 per hour	\$28.17
• Engineer	- \$24.92 per hour	\$25.91
• 1 st Class Firefighter	- \$22.73 per hour	\$23.64
• 2 nd Class Firefighter	- \$20.58 per hour	\$21.40
• 3 rd Class Firefighter	- \$18.40 per hour	\$19.14
• 4 th Class Firefighter	- \$16.24 per hour	\$16.89

- Annual honorarium payments to be paid to Firefighters on a quarterly basis.
- Hourly honorarium rates to be paid to Firefighters on a quarterly basis.
- Hourly honorarium time shall be rounded to the next half hour. Example 1 hour and 20 minutes would be rounded to 1.5 hours.
- Individual T4s will be issued to each Firefighter at the end of each calendar year.

Approved by Council on _____, 2022

CAO _____

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TOWN OF ECKVILLE
Request to Council for Decision

Meeting:	Town Council
Meeting Date:	December 12, 2022
Originated By:	Jack Ramsden, CAO
Title:	Proposed Purchase of Ice Breaker Attachment

BACKGROUND: As noted in our December 12, 2022 Management Report, we conducted a search for an ice breaker attachment for either our Volvo Loader or our Case SV 300 Skid Steer. We discovered the RAIKO Ice Breaker sold by Team Eagle Campbellford Ontario; the Snow Lion sold by INSTA-MIX from Montreal Quebec; and the BLUE GRYB International in Victoriaville Quebec.

DISCUSSION/ALTERNATIVES: Unfortunately, we did not received any response from BLUE GRYB, so they are not being considered. We have attached information on the RAIKO and Snow Lion for your information.

The Snow Lion was quite expensive, starting at \$40,000 plus tax and shipping, and while it was quite impressive, we feel that it is just a bit too expensive.

The RAIKO can be ordered to fit the Volvo Loader (\$42,400 plus tax and shipping) or the Case Skid Steer (\$27,500 plus tax and shipping).

In discussion with our Public Works Foreman Troy Evers, he would prefer that we look at an ice breaker for the Case Skid Steer as it is very agile and can move around fairly easily. This would also free up the Volvo loader to clean up with either the blade or the bucket.

We are therefore recommending the purchase of a new RAIKO T – 7 Ice Breaker at a purchase price of \$27,500 plus GST. We would estimate the shipping to cost approximately \$3,500 to \$5,000.

IMPACT ON BUDGET: This purchase would be funded through the MSI grant program.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the following motion be presented for consideration:

“That the Town of Eckville purchase a RAIKO T – 7 Ice Breaker from Team Eagle Ltd. of Campbellford, Ontario for a cost not to exceed \$33,000 plus GST.”

Prepared By: _____ Approved By: _____



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Team Eagle Ltd.

10 Trent Drive, P.O. Box 670, Campbellford, Ontario, Canada, K0L 1L0



Dec/6/2022

Attention Jack Ramsden
CAO
jackramsdn@eckville.com
Town of Eckville
403.746.2171

Quote #: SM12062022-1

Dear Mr. Ramsden,

Thank you for your interest in Team Eagle's RAIKO Icebreakers. Per your request you will see pricing and information listed below on the 3 models of interest:

NEW RAIKO T-14 Icebreaker Includes Volvo Loader Coupler	\$45,630.00 CAD
NEW RAIKO T-12 Icebreaker Includes Volvo Loader Coupler	\$42,400.00 CAD
NEW RAIKO T-7 Icebreaker Includes Skid Steer Coupler	\$27,550.00 CAD

Freight Budget \$3500-5000

Please note that applicable taxes are not included and this pricing is valid for 60 days, at which point Team Eagle would be pleased to renew this quote upon your request.

Thank you again for allowing Team Eagle to provide you with this quotation. Should you have any further questions please feel free to contact me at 705-653-2956, or by email at samm@team-eagle.ca.

Sincerely,

Sam McKeown

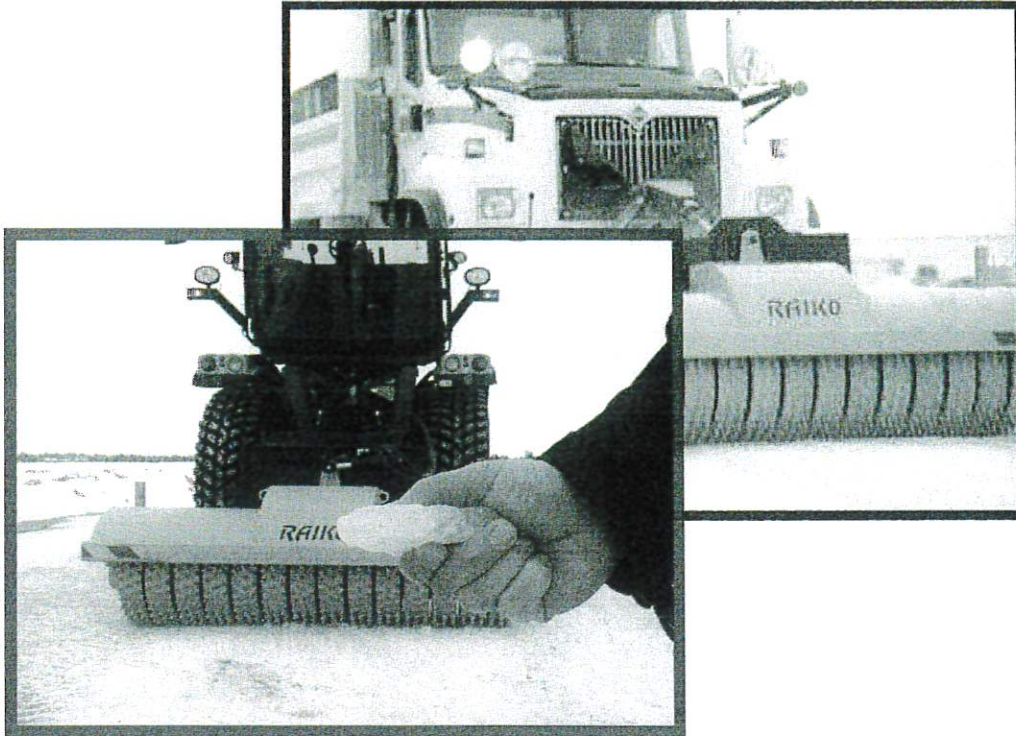
Sam McKeown,
Equipment Manager
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Technical Specifications	Pushable Model						Wheel Loader Model	
	I7	T8	T12	T14	T15	P14	P15	
Total width	1520 mm 59.8"	1700 mm 66.9"	2420 mm 95.3"	2780 mm 109.4"	2960 mm 116.5"	2780 mm 109.4"	2960 mm 116.5"	
Total length	905 mm 35.6"	905 mm 35.6"	905 mm 35.6"	905 mm 35.6"	905 mm 35.6"	1994 mm 78.5"	1994 mm 78.5"	
Total height	1169 mm 46.0"	1169 mm 46.0"	1169 mm 46.0"	1169 mm 46.0"	1169 mm 46.0"	1403 mm 55.2"	1403 mm 55.2"	
Weight	990 kg 2180 lb	1040 kg 2293 lb	1370 kg 3020 lb	1580 kg 3483 lb	1750 kg 3858 lb	2150 kg 4740 lb	2330 kg 5137 lb	
Working width	1210 mm 47.6"	1390 mm 54.7"	2110 mm 83.1"	2470 mm 97.2"	2648 mm 104"	2470 mm 97.2"	2650 mm 104.3"	
Oil demand	20 l/min 5.3 gpm	20 l/min 5.3 gpm	20 l/min 5.3 gpm	20 l/min 5.3 gpm	20 l/min 5.3 gpm	20 l/min 5.3 gpm	20 l/min 5.3 gpm	
Working pressure	180 bar 2611 psi	180 bar 2611 psi	180 bar 2611 psi	180 bar 2611 psi	180 bar 2611 psi	180 bar 2611 psi	180 bar 2611 psi	
Recommended weight of working machine		>2500 kg >5512 lb	>5000 kg >11023 lb	>5000 kg >11023 lb	>5000 kg >11023 lb	>5000 kg >11023 lb	>5000 kg >11023 lb	

For more information visit:
team-eagle.com



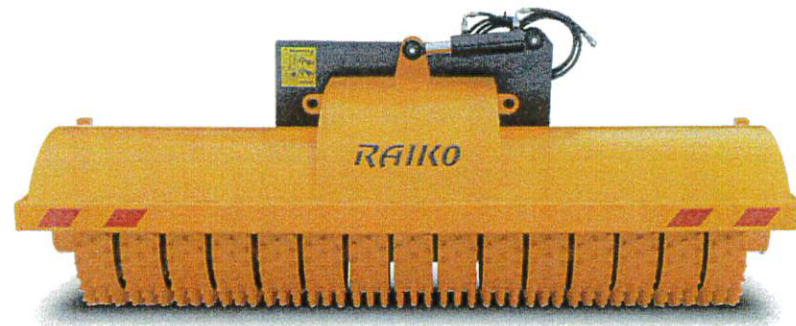
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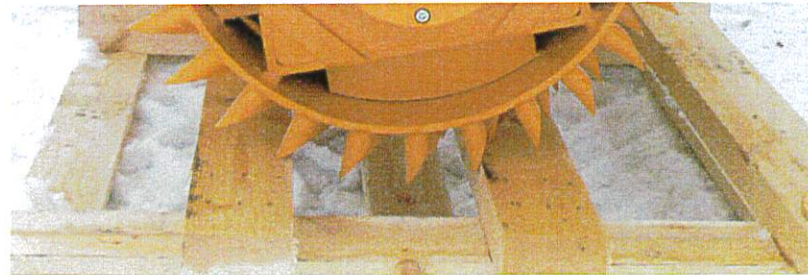


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Jack Ramsden

From: John Marchese <john.marchese@insta-mix.com>
Sent: December 8, 2022 9:01 AM
To: Jack Ramsden
Cc: Bobby Mormina
Subject: RE: Snow Loin

Hi Jack,

Here is info as requested.

1. Do you have a DW 12N in stock? Yes we have one in stock, ready to be shipped
2. Would the DW 12N attach to our Case SV 300 skid steer? Yes, standard skid steer attachment
3. Approximate shipping cost to Town of Eckville, AB, T0M 0X0? Between \$1,500 and \$2,000
4. Do you have any brochures or pictures of these two options? More specifically the DW 12N Same brochure as DW20N and see pictures on link

<https://www.insta-mix.com/product/snow-lion-sno-dw20n-ims-1003/10080.html>

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

John Marchese, Pr sident



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From: Bobby Mormina <bobby@insta-mix.com>
Sent: December 7, 2022 2:17 PM
To: John Marchese <john.marchese@insta-mix.com>
Subject: Fwd: Snow Loin

FYI ...

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jack Ramsden <jackramsden@eckville.com>
Date: December 6, 2022 at 6:17:22 PM EST
To: Bobby Mormina <bobby@insta-mix.com>
Cc: Troy Evers <Troy@eckville.com>, Darcy Webb <darcywebb@eckville.com>
Subject: RE: Snow Loin

Thanks Bobby

I have a couple of questions:

1. Do you have a DW 12N in stock?
2. Would the DW 12N attach to our Case SV 300 skid steer?
3. Approximate shipping cost to Town of Eckville, AB, TOM 0X0?
4. Do you have any brochures or pictures of these two options? More specifically the DW 12N?

Thanks

Jack

Jack Ramsden
CAO
Town of Eckville
Phone -403-746-2171
Fax – 403-746-2900
Cell – 587-877-0790
email: jackramsden@eckville.com

From: Bobby Mormina <bobby@insta-mix.com>
Sent: November 29, 2022 2:36 PM
To: Jack Ramsden <jackramsden@eckville.com>
Subject: FW: Snow Loin

Hello Jack,

Hope all's well, as discussed with John earlier I'm forwarding to you the following quotation.

Option 1: DW 12N (Non-Replaceable) 48" inches

List price 40,000.00 \$ + Applicable Tax

Option 2 : DW 20N (Non-Replaceable) 78" inches

List price 55,000.00 \$ + Applicable Tax

Innovative ice crushing wheels, when combined with independent suspension of each wheel, gives the unit

Maximum braking performance.

Both options come with skid steer attachments.

FOB Insta-Mix Montreal Branch.

For the basic drum version with no suspension (Large scale WR series) 8' foot wide

List price 40,000.00

Should you require more information concerning the following quotation please contact John at 514 643-4649 off.

514 865-4475 cell.

Thanks, and best regards.



Bobby Mormina
Insta-Mix
10685, Boul. Henri-Bourassa Est
Montréal, QC H1C 1G7
514-863-4649
www.insta-mix.com

DW 12N SNOWLION



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SHIPPING \$1,500 TO \$2,000.





Mtg. Date Dec 12, 2022

Agenda Item 5.5

From: Garth Yeomans <47ygarth@gmail.com>

Date: December 1, 2022 at 9:32:49 PM MST

To: Colleen Ebden <colleen@eckville.com>

Subject: Library board, Eckville

Hi Colleen, season's greetings. Just a note to the town office that I am retiring from the Eckville Library Board effective Dec15 th this year. I shall continue to support the Library in other ways in the future and thank the town for its support of the Board and myself in the past and hopefully the new members coming on stream. All the best to you and yours in the new year. Regards Garth Yeomans

Sent from my iPad

**MANAGEMENT REPORT
TO ECKVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
December 12, 2022**

Current Activities:

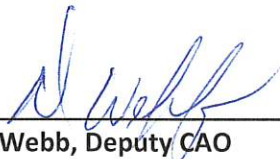
- **Water Pump House Upgrade Project:** Nothing further to report at this time.
- **Snow & Ice Removal:** As noted in a previous email to Council, our Public Works Foreman hired a contract grader (Teck) to come in with their heavy John Deere grader on December 7th and 8th to cut ice from our Priority One streets. They also did a few other icy spots while they were at it. We were very pleased with the results.
- **Possible Purchase of Ice Breaker:** The first research on an icebreaker attachment was done in February of this year. With the passing of winter and all of the spring and summer activities, the thought of an ice breaker dropped to the back of our minds. Now we are back in the throws of winter and have had some rougher than normal ice lumping conditions on many of our major roadways. This was caused in part by a wet road surface and a heavy cover of snow that was packed and frozen in place. We have attached a request for decision to consider the purchase of an ice breaker to install on the front of our Case SV 300 skid steer to the December 12th council agenda.
- **Possible Purchase of an Electric Truck:** After reading information on a possible grant of up to \$15,000 on an electric vehicle we did a bit of research on a vehicle that could replace our Kubota RTV which is currently used most of the spring, summer and fall to water our various hanging and stationary flower pots. We also use it to collect garbage on our trails and occasionally to do some minor snow blading. The vehicle that we came up with is a fully electric truck called the Might – E Truck, which is manufactured by CanEV in Parksville on Vancouver Island. We have attached several pictures of the truck and a two price quotations to this report as information.
At this time we are still not prepared to make a recommendation, but we did feel that it might have some merit in establishing Eckville as a environment leader.
- **RV Sewer Dump Station:** Nothing further to report for now.
- **Monument Christmas Lighting:** As previously noted, the new Christmas lights have been installed!
- **Christmas Lighting Update:** Our Public Works Team have adjusted the lights on the three trees at the Monument and moved the lights higher up for a better effect. Unfortunately, the top of the west tree was damaged and is not as tall as the other two. The star on the Tree at the Community Centre has been checked and is now working. Lights have also been installed on the Town Office.

Management Report – December 12, 2022

Future / Planned Activities:

- **Wastewater Treatment Upgrade Options:** We have held an initial meeting with the Team at MNP on December 7th and work has now started. Over the next few days we will be forwarding information to MNP so that they can start analyzing the two options. We will keep you informed on the progress of this important study.
- **Wastewater Testing:** If previously noted, we started taking our weekly effluent samples to Central Labs in Burnt Lake. Our first samples were dropped off on December 2nd and we will continue to use them as long as things work our.
- **Highway 11 Twinning, Functional Planning Study – Highway to Township Road 390 (east of Benalto):** Nothing to report currently. Assuming we will have a virtual meeting soon.

Jack Ramsden, CAO



Darcy Webb, Deputy CAO





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Estimate: C23R1-E220065

1.Dec.2022 Valid for 30 days

Jack Ramsden
Town of Eckville
403-746-2171

2023 PRICE LIST in CAD

CR1 * Typical options for pickup

Cab & Chassis - 12 HP Drive System (White)	*	\$41,712	MET1039	X
Custom Paint Color		\$1,180	MET6017	
Power Steering	*	\$886	MET6035	x
Rear Bumper	*	\$261	MET6005	x
Rear Bumper with 2" Receiver		\$295	MET6003	
Checker Plate Rear Fenders (pair)	*	\$397	MET6010	x
Semi-Suspension Seat Driver Side	*	\$217	MET6037	x
Semi-Suspension Seat Passenger Side		\$217	MET6037	
Backup Alarm		\$121	MET6038	
Strobe Light		\$297	MET6039	
Roof Vent		\$342	MET6110	
AM / FM / Bluetooth Stereo System		\$274	MET6040	
Pickup Box	*	\$3,146	MET2059	x
Flat Deck		\$2,178	MET2043	
Stake Pocket with Tie Down Rail for Flat Deck or Pickup	*	\$395	MET6024	
Stake Sides for Flat Deck or Pickup		\$558	MET6008	x
Headache Rack (Flat Deck & Pickup Box) Back of Cab Protection	*	\$425	MET6020	x
Tool Holders (Each)		\$55	MET6028	
Ladder Rack with Mesh Cargo Platform		\$601	MET6018	
Under Deck Tool Box (Passenger Side)		\$516	MET6029	
Hydraulic Lift 1500 lb Capacity (includes Under Deck Tool Box)		\$3,732	MET6032	
Service Body		\$6,488	MET2066	
Van Body - 1 Set Barn Doors		\$6,784	MET2067	
Additional Set Van Doors - Barn Door		\$473	MET6030	
High Lift Garbage Tipper		\$8,465	MET2057	
Overload Springs - Recommended for Vans and Service Bodies		\$476	MET6087	
34 HP AC Drive System upgrade		\$2,164	MET5023	
Single Point Battery Watering System (Flooded Battery)		\$689	MET6034	x
Battery Heating System		\$699	MET6046	x
260 Amp Hour Battery Upgrade Flooded		\$1,868	MET6033	
Lithium Battery Upgrade		\$10,739	MET6043	
Heavy Duty Light Truck Tires Upgrade (4 Tires) with Lift Kit		\$1,266	MET5018	
Spare Tire - Standard Tire		\$217	MET6045	
Turf Tires		\$1,208	MET6044	
Aluminum Wheels - (4 Wheels)		\$760	MET6041	
Total in Canadian Dollars		\$48,990.00		

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Estimate: C23R1-E220066

1.Dec.2022 Valid for 30 days

Jack Ramsden
Town of Eckville
403-746-2171

2023 PRICE LIST in CAD

CR1 * Typical options for pickup

Cab & Chassis - 12 HP Drive System (White)	*	\$41,712	MET1039	X
Custom Paint Color		\$1,180	MET6017	
Power Steering	*	\$886	MET6035	x
Rear Bumper	*	\$261	MET6005	x
Rear Bumper with 2" Receiver		\$295	MET6003	
Checker Plate Rear Fenders (pair)	*	\$397	MET6010	x
Semi-Suspension Seat Driver Side	*	\$217	MET6037	x
Semi-Suspension Seat Passenger Side		\$217	MET6037	
Backup Alarm		\$121	MET6038	
Strobe Light		\$297	MET6039	
Roof Vent		\$342	MET6110	
AM / FM / Bluetooth Stereo System		\$274	MET6040	
Pickup Box	*	\$3,146	MET2059	x
Flat Deck		\$2,178	MET2043	
Stake Pocket with Tie Down Rail for Flat Deck or Pickup	*	\$395	MET6024	
Stake Sides for Flat Deck or Pickup		\$558	MET6008	x
Headache Rack (Flat Deck & Pickup Box) Back of Cab Protection	*	\$425	MET6020	x
Tool Holders (Each)		\$55	MET6028	
Ladder Rack with Mesh Cargo Platform		\$601	MET6018	
Under Deck Tool Box (Passenger Side)		\$516	MET6029	
Hydraulic Lift 1500 lb Capacity (includes Under Deck Tool Box)		\$3,732	MET6032	
Service Body		\$6,488	MET2066	
Van Body - 1 Set Barn Doors		\$6,784	MET2067	
Additional Set Van Doors - Barn Door		\$473	MET6030	
High Lift Garbage Tipper		\$8,465	MET2057	
Overload Springs - Recommended for Vans and Service Bodies		\$476	MET6087	
34 HP AC Drive System upgrade		\$2,164	MET5023	
Single Point Battery Watering System (Flooded Battery)		\$689	MET6034	
Battery Heating System		\$699	MET6046	x
260 Amp Hour Battery Upgrade Flooded		\$1,868	MET6033	
Lithium Battery Upgrade		\$10,739	MET6043	x
Heavy Duty Light Truck Tires Upgrade (4 Tires) with Lift Kit		\$1,266	MET5018	
Spare Tire - Standard Tire		\$217	MET6045	
Turf Tires		\$1,208	MET6044	
Aluminum Wheels - (4 Wheels)		\$760	MET6041	
Total in Canadian Dollars		\$59,040.00		

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Batch ID: CHEQUES
 Batch Comment: AP DEC 1, 2022

Audit Trail Code: PMCHQ00000793

Posting Date: 2022-12-01
 Mtg. Date Dec 12, 2022

Chequebook ID: ATB - GEN

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* Voided Cheques

Cheque Number	Date	Payment Number	Vendor ID	Cheque Name	Amount
026667	2022-12-01	0000000000022446	ALL06	ALL PRO Valve & Maintenance	\$129.15
026668	2022-12-01	0000000000022447	BEA003	Bearcom	\$52.20
026669	2022-12-01	0000000000022448	CEN0015	Central Alberta Window Cleanin	\$1,286.23
026670	2022-12-01	0000000000022449	CLE002	Cleartech Industries Inc.	\$956.63
026671	2022-12-01	0000000000022450	FLO01	Flowpoint Environmental System	\$103.95
026672	2022-12-01	0000000000022451	FOL002	Folvik's Mechanical Services L	\$343.17
026673	2022-12-01	0000000000022452	GOV02	Government of Alberta	\$25.00
026674	2022-12-01	0000000000022453	GTI001	GTI Petroleum Ltd	\$855.72
026675	2022-12-01	0000000000022454	HAC001	Hach Sales & Service Canada Lt	\$969.32
026676	2022-12-01	0000000000022455	LAC001	Lacombe County	\$1,495.22
026677	2022-12-01	0000000000022456	REC	Receiver General	\$16,455.97
026678	2022-12-01	0000000000022457	RUS01	Rural Utilities & Safety Assc.	\$125.00
026679	2022-12-01	0000000000022458	SAN07	Sandy Siewert	\$377.85
026680	2022-12-01	0000000000022459	TEL002	TELUS MOBILITY	\$134.62
026681	2022-12-01	0000000000022460	TEL006	TELUS Communication Company	\$1,127.06

Total Cheques: 15

Cheques Total: \$24,437.09

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**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 24, 2022**

TOWN OF BLACKFALDS/LACOMBE COUNTY IDP/ICF TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Town of Blackfalds/Lacombe County IDP/ICF Committee Terms of Reference were approved as presented.

2022/2023 FCSS FUNDING EXPENDITURES

Council approved:

1. Funding for the following community programs for 2023 and ongoing annual funding, pending 1) the yearly review of each program to ensure that the program is operational and continues to be a valuable resource to the community and 2) there is sufficient funding available.

• Alix Family and Community Support Society	\$ 1,500
• Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society	\$ 2,600
• Bentley Community Services	\$10,248
• Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lacombe and District	\$ 5,000
• Blackfalds Abbey Centre Camp Curious	\$ 3,600
• BGC Wolf Creek Lacombe	\$ 394
• Blackfalds FCSS – Seniors Programs	\$ 3,000
• Eckville and Community Youth Society	\$ 2,500
• Eckville Recreation Board – Summer Camp	\$ 2,000
• Friends of Mirror Library Society	\$ 5,100
• Lacombe and District FCSS	\$24,128
• Lacombe FCSS (Clive, Mirror, Tees Playgroup)	\$ 2,000
• Youth Unlimited Central Alberta	\$ 6,000

Total \$68,070

2. Funding on a one-time basis, to the following community organizations:

• Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society	\$1,200
• BBBS	\$3,000
• Blackfalds Abbey Centre Camp Curious	\$ 400
• BGC Wolf Creek Lacombe	\$3,206
• Eckville & Area Children's Playgroup	\$1,000
• Lacombe and District FCSS	\$3,494
• Youth Unlimited Central Alberta	\$1,500

Total \$13,800

PORTRAIT OF REIGNING MONARCH

There are no requirements in the MGA (or regulations under the Act) for municipal Councils to display a portrait of His Majesty the King in Council Chambers; therefore, each individual Council decides to display a portrait. By resolution of Council, Lacombe County will continue to display a portrait of the reigning monarch, Prince Charles III.

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WHERE PEOPLE ARE THE KEY

ASB MEETING OCTOBER 18, 2022 – RECOMMENDATIONS

Council approved the following recommendations from the October 18, 2022 Lacombe County Agriculture Service Board:

- That the 2022 Seasonal Agriculture Operations Update be received for information
- That the County Manager be directed to prepare a draft policy addressing the haying of roadside ditches for Council’s consideration at a future Council meeting.
- That the input provided by the Agricultural Service Board regarding 2023 agricultural extension activities be received for information.
- That the Environmental Farm Plan report be received for information.
- That the 2022 Agricultural Service Board Resolution Report Card be received for information.
- That the following information items presented be received for information:
 1. Central Region ASB Resolution - Gravel Pit Reclamation Timeline and Process
 2. Red Deer County letter to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, and Rural Economic Development
 3. 2022 Central ASB Conference Agenda
- That the Leafy Spurge Control presentation be received for information; and further, that the County Manager be directed to provide future recommendations for the control of Leafy Spurge.
- That the presentation on the Regional ASB Program be received for information.

RC(10) APPLICATIONS

Council approved funding for Policy RC(10) - Operating Support of Historical, Cultural, Tourism & Visitor Information Facilities & Services 2023 Applications. Council approved the 2023 Policy RC(10) funding applications as follows:

Mirror & District Museum Association	\$ 16,500.00
Alix Wagon Wheel Museum	\$ 4,472.00
Bentley Museum Society	\$ 10,000.00
Blackfalds & Area Historical Society	\$ 10,000.00
Eckville & District Historical Society	\$ 2,200.00
Lacombe & District Historical Society	\$ 40,070.19
Lacombe Regional Tourism & Marketing	<u>\$ 55,282.24</u>
Total	\$138,524.43

Next Regular Council Meeting is
Thursday, December 8, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.

Next Committee of the Whole Meeting is
November 29, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

Lacombe County Administration Building

****For more details from Lacombe County Council meetings, please refer to the meeting minutes. All meeting minutes are posted on the website (www.lacombecounty.com) after approval.**

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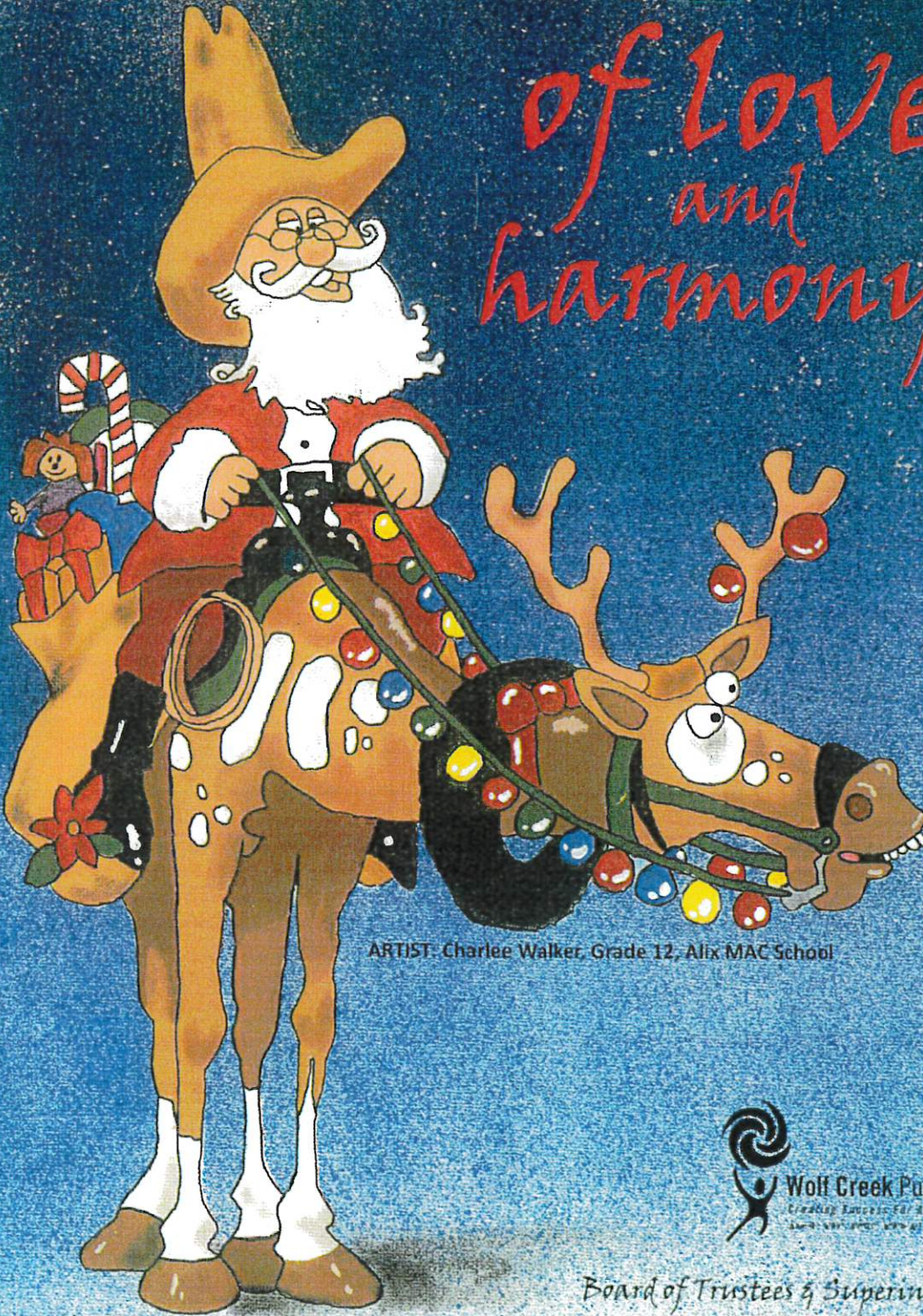
May this Christmas end the
present year on a cheerful
note and make way for a fresh
and bright New Year.

Here's wishing you a Merry
Christmas and Happy New
Year.

Town of Ponoka
Mayor & Council

Merry Christmas from all of us!

Here's to a season
of Love
and
harmony!



ARTIST: Charlee Walker, Grade 12, Alix MAC School



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

On behalf of FortisAlberta, we would like to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season and the very best in 2023.



FortisAlberta has donated to The Children's Wish Foundation of Alberta in lieu of distributing holiday cards.

**FORTIS
ALBERTA**

MEMORANDUM

DATE:	December 5, 2022
TO:	Municipal Partners and MLA's
FROM:	Tammy Hofer, Chief Operating Officer, Alberta Precision Laboratories Dr. Carolyn O'Hara, Interim Chief Medical Laboratory Officer, Alberta Precision Laboratories
RE:	Community Lab Services Transition

Today, community lab services in larger urban centres in the North, Edmonton, Central and Calgary Zones of the province have transitioned from Alberta Precision Laboratories to DynaLIFE Medical Labs.

In addition, DynaLIFE labs are now testing specimens from hospitals throughout the province.

This is the first of three phases of the provincial transition that will improve lab services for Albertans and create savings that will be reinvested into other healthcare services.

About two-thirds of provincial lab work, or 50 million tests per year, is generated from the community and will be delivered by DynaLIFE under contract to AHS. The contract includes operating community labs and mobile collection facilities in urban centres and large rural communities who have more than 25,000 patient visits per year.

APL in-hospital laboratories will continue to serve patients who have a requisition generated at a hospital or urgent care site, either through inpatient, emergency or ambulatory clinics. Hospital labs in rural areas that do not have a stand-alone community lab will also continue to serve rural community clients.

DynaLIFE has built and is continuing to develop additional capacity in Calgary and Edmonton, which will enable increased volume of tests to be processed every day. New community labs are also opening in several communities across the province

Albertans will see an improvement to the online appointment booking system with the launch of the new Q.Me centralized online appointment system that is mobile friendly and provides additional options for Albertans accessing lab services. This includes options for pre-booked or same day appointments using "Save My Place", a queue management feature that informs patients when their appointment time is becoming available. Albertans can book appointments online at qme.dynalife.ca, can call the DynaLIFE appointment booking line at 1-877-702-4486, or walk into a DynaLIFE lab.

South Zone community laboratory services in Brooks, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat will transition in Phase 2, beginning Feb. 28, 2023.

We appreciate your understanding through the lab transition process. If you are hearing anything in your community, or have any questions now or in the future, please feel free to reach out to us any time communications@albertaprecisionlabs.ca



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MEDIA RELEASE

November 29, 2022

Lacombe County Council adopts 2023 interim budgets

(Lacombe, Alberta, November 29, 2022) – Lacombe County Council has adopted the County's 2023 interim operating and capital budgets. Each year, Lacombe County Council and Administration meet to establish what follows the priorities set out in the County's Strategic Plan and multi-year operating and capital plans. For 2023, Council's focus was on continuing to deliver high levels of services to our ratepayers while minimizing tax rate increases.

"We recognize that the challenges of inflation are impacting all our residents and businesses," said Michael Minchin, Director of Corporate Services. "Council voted to approve interim capital and operating budgets for 2023 that recognizes these issues while ensuring the expenses of maintaining and running Lacombe County are addressed."

Interim operating and capital budgets are approved each year in two stages:

- **Stage 1:** The Interim Budgets are approved, which authorizes the County to spend on approved projects and conduct operations on January 1, 2023. Tax rates are NOT approved at this stage.
- **Stage 2:** The final budgets and tax rates are approved. This occurs in the spring, after the Province sets the property tax levy for education purposes and when property assessment values have been confirmed.

Each year, Council works through the complex task of managing resources to balance present needs and future growth.

"The challenges facing our municipality are similar to those facing our residents, rising costs and uncertain interest rate increases. Council feels this budget will balance the reality of our current economic environment, without negatively impacting our ratepayers," said Reeve Barb Shepherd. "Maintaining service levels and considering the County's future growth is factored into the 2023 interim budgets, as we know that our ratepayers expect consistent service levels through our capital and operating programs."

2023 Interim Operating Budget

The \$51,184,050 interim operating budget is balanced and maintains existing service levels. Highlights of the operating budget include:



- Providing 2022 levels of service indexed for 2023 using an inflation factor of three percent (3%), excluding the labour component.
- A proposed transfer of \$48,690 from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve.
- Included user fees for paid parking at recreation areas and beaches.

2023 Interim Capital Budget

The 2023 interim capital budget is \$20,680,210 which is a decrease of \$3.51 million (14.50%) compared to 2022). Of the \$20.68 million in capital spending in 2023, \$8.73 million (42.22%) is sourced through funds set aside in prior years through the capital replacement plans, compared to \$10.47 million in 2022.

Highlights of the capital budget include:

- A decrease in road projects of \$1.64 million.
- A slight decrease of \$50,480 for bridge projects, including replacements and engineering.
- Equipment and vehicle replacements decrease by \$2.82 million.
- Recreation projects of \$1.09 million.

For more information, contact:

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ALBERTA
PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

*Office of the Minister
MLA, Calgary-West*

AR 53295

Dear Community Leader:

Over the last number of weeks, many of our Alberta municipalities have been in contact with government, requesting further information and clarification on a number of items related to the provincial changes to victim services announced July 19, 2022, and scheduled for implementation by April 1, 2024.

I have heard from the many of you about your concerns with the redesign initiative. I am writing to provide clarification on a number of points.

I would like to reassure you the move to a regional governance model for police-based victim services units has always been intended to improve the consistency, stability, and continuity of services received by victims of crime across all regions of the province - municipal, rural and remote. It was also designed to ensure that all victims would continue to be supported locally, by dedicated workers and volunteers from within and around their own communities. While board governance is moving toward integration, all front-line services remain local. I appreciate this opportunity to provide further information about the ongoing redesign work that has occurred to date as it relates to your community and others like it.

Is victim services being removed from your community?

In short, no. The new governance model will empower more than 130 paid, front-line victim caseworkers (full and part-time equivalents), each of them living and working in the communities they serve now. Our new model never contemplated centralizing front-line victim caseworkers in a regional office. They will continue to be co-located with RCMP members in their local detachments, work alongside their volunteer advocates, and be supported not only by their regional boards but also by a new, full-time centralized professional support staff (CPSS); one CPSS for each region. These CPSS teams will consist of, at minimum: an executive director; human resources professional; regional operations manager; regional court support coordinator; cultural safety specialist; admin/office manager; qualified financial management professional; and a retained legal resource.

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For smaller, rural and remote communities in Alberta, the new regional governance model for police-based victim services means all areas of the province will have uniform, flexible and sustainable victim services. The new layer of full-time, professional support staff for front-line victim caseworks will stabilize and improve programs above and beyond what is offered under the current governance structure. Front-line caseworkers will have more time to focus on working alongside volunteer advocates and with their local RCMP officers to support victims in the immediate aftermath of a crime, to provide court support within an integrated and coordinated court support program, and for engaging with local and community partners.

How will our communities be represented at the regional level?

As stated, front-line staff will work in the same detachment areas in which they live, as will their cadre of volunteer advocates. The new regional governance boards themselves will be virtual in nature, and will consist of members from communities all across the region. While every detachment area will not necessarily be represented at the board level, no more than one board member per detachment area will be selected.

Did the MLA-led review ever seek to engage municipalities, and did it engage local victim services units (VSUs)?

The MLA-led review of victims services took place over 2020/21 and included participants from the Rural Municipalities of Alberta and the Alberta Municipalities. Other individuals and organizations engaged during this period included MLAs from across the political spectrum, volunteers and staff at police-based VSUs, victim-serving community organizations, a variety of police service representatives, the RCMP, legal experts and Indigenous organizations. Alberta held about 40 engagement sessions, with around 150 stakeholders and organizations attending. The Victim Service Redesign is based on feedback received during these engagements and reflects the final report and recommendations of the MLA-led review. The Victims Services Redesign team continues to meet with affected and/or interested groups and municipalities to gather any outstanding questions, concerns and suggestions. These meetings have already been instrumental in informing improvements to the model.

Will there be a reduction in scope of services provided by the new victim services model, and will this new model serve Albertans who have been traumatized by non-criminal and tragic events?

As Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services, I recognize that services other than those provided solely to victims of crime, such as for victims of non-criminal trauma, are incredibly important to Albertans. As such, Albertans will not experience a reduction in services currently available, now nor when the new zonal model is implemented. If legislative amendments to the Victims of Crime and Public Safety Act are required to assure this, then our government will pursue those.

Are program managers and other staff guaranteed jobs or do they have to re-apply for positions within the new zonal model?

The hiring of the victim caseworker positions will be the responsibility of each new executive director and respective support staff group. GOAVS will collaborate with the support staff groups, preferring a process that honours the skills and experience of the current cadre of police-based victim services workers. We will be recommending that current VSU employees be invited into a stream-lined on-boarding process prior to any positions being advertised publicly.

These changes to victim services in Alberta are an exciting step forward to ensure victims in our province have the help they need when they need it most. Over the next year, we will continue to work closely with municipalities and Indigenous communities to design and implement the new service delivery model. To ensure that you continue to have the most accurate and up to date information about the new victim services redesign, I encourage you to maintain direct contact with the Director of Victim Services Trent Forsberg at Trent.Forsberg@gov.ab.ca. He would be happy meet with you should you have any future questions, concerns, or suggestions. We look forward to continuing to engage Alberta municipalities on this important initiative.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to ensuring the needs of victims in your community continue to be met.

Sincerely,



Honourable Mike Ellis, ECA
Minister

cc: Trent Forsberg, Director, Victims Services, Strategy, Support and Integrated Initiatives



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Bill 1: The Alberta Sovereignty within a United Canada Act

5 December 2022



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On November 29, 2022, the Premier introduced Bill 1, the *Alberta Sovereignty within a United Canada Act*. The Act is more commonly referred to as the *Sovereignty Act*.

The Bill passed first reading on division and is in the early stages of becoming law. The Bill includes provisions that will impact municipalities, post-secondary institutions, school boards, provincial agencies, health authorities, police services, and other entities to the extent they receive grant funding or other public funds from the Province contingent on the provision of a public service.

Section 2 of Bill 1 states that nothing in the *Sovereignty Act* is to be construed as authorizing an order that is contrary to Canada's Constitution, authorizing or compelling a person other than a provincial entity to act contrary to federal law, or abrogating or derogating from rights given to Indigenous people under section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.

Overview

The *Sovereignty Act* gives the Lieutenant Governor in Council ("Cabinet") authority to:

1. suspend or modify the application or operation of all or part of an enactment, or specify or set out provisions that apply in addition to, or instead of, any provision of an enactment (subject to the approval of the Cabinet);
2. direct a Minister to exercise a power, duty or function of the Minister including making a regulation under an enactment for which the Minister is responsible; and
3. issue directives to a provincial entity and its members, officers and agents in respect of a federal initiative.

These powers can only be exercised if the Legislative Assembly approves a resolution that:

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- sets out the nature of the harm, if applicable; and
- identifies a measure or measures that the Cabinet should consider taking in respect of the federal initiative.

Any order made by Cabinet has the potential to last for up to four years, but may also expire on the date the Legislative Assembly rescinds the resolution that underlies the order or directive.

The Crown, the Legislative Assembly, and its members are all protected from liability in relation to anything done under the *Sovereignty Act*.

The only means to challenge a decision or act made under the *Sovereignty Act* is through a judicial review, which must be filed with the Court of King's Bench and served on the Province within 30 days of the dates of the decision or act complained of. This does not apply to decisions or acts of the Legislative Assembly itself. According to Bill 1, the standard upon which the Court of King's Bench would be required to review the decision or act is "patent unreasonableness". This is a standard that typically requires the Court to be highly deferential to the decision or act under review and gives the Court limited ability to overturn the decision or act at issue.

Practical Impact

While there are still two readings, much debate, and possible amendments to be done in relation to Bill 1, in its current form there are a number of impacts that will be felt by public bodies that receive and exercise their authority through statute.

"Provincial entities" is defined in the *Sovereignty Act* to include:

- post-secondary institutions
- any entity that carries out a power, duty, or function under an enactment (including municipal commissions and boards)
- entities that receive grant funding or other public funds from the Government of Alberta that are contingent on the provision

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If the Legislative Assembly is of the view that a federal law, program, policy, agreement, or action is unconstitutional or harmful to Albertans, it would have the ability under the *Sovereignty Act* to issue a resolution that then gives Cabinet the authority to issue a directive to any provincial entity regarding the applicable federal law, program, policy, agreement or action. It is not clear what the extent of that directive would be, although the *Sovereignty Act* does state it should not be interpreted as a directive that would require a person “other than a provincial entity” to act contrary to or violate a federal law. The implication of this is that a directive issued by Cabinet could, in fact, require a provincial entity to act contrary to or contravene a law of Canada.

More controversially, however, is that the current version of Bill 1 says that once the Legislative Assembly passes a resolution (requiring only one vote), Cabinet can order that existing laws will not apply, or can add new sections to existing legislation. This unusual provision puts the law-making power in the hands of Cabinet, rather than in the hands of the members of the Legislative Assembly.

The current version of Bill 1 would also give Cabinet the power to direct provincial entities not to implement or adopt that federal “initiative” provided the Legislative Assembly views the federal initiative to be unconstitutional or harmful to Albertans.

“Harm” is not defined in the *Sovereignty Act*, which makes it challenging to determine what the Legislative Assembly would view to be harmful to Albertans at any given time. For that reason, it is not possible to predict what types of situations would cause provincial entities to receive a directive or order not to follow a certain enactment. Given that determination is entirely in the hands of the Legislative Assembly, it will be up to the Legislature’s members to determine what is and is not harmful to

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decision or action of Cabinet. If a provincial entity seeks judicial review, it must be cognizant of the 30-day timeline in the *Sovereignty Act* for filing and serving that application, as this is less time than what is typically provided. Like many Albertans, we will continue to watch the development of this *Act* with interest and will be available to provide updates and guidance to provincial entities as needed.

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ALBERTA
INFRASTRUCTURE
Office of the Minister

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AR 53494

December 1, 2022

His Worship Ken Johnston
Mayor
City of Red Deer
Box 5008
Red Deer AB T4N 3T4

Dear Mayor Johnston:

Thank you for your November 16, 2022 letter following up on our November 2, 2022 meeting regarding the Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre project.

I recognize that the administration of the City of Red Deer and citizens within the city and surrounding areas are important stakeholder groups for the project. As such, I appreciate that communication between my ministry and your administration is important to the project's success and the regional community's awareness of the project's status.

In response to your endorsement of a communications event to inform the public, Infrastructure will begin planning activities for a public-facing event to be held late winter or early spring 2023.

I would like to clarify our discussion relating to the phasing of the project, in which I indicated that the new inpatient tower would be completed before renovations would start in the existing hospital. While this is true, this does not mean that each floor of the new tower would become operational as it is built. This is not technically feasible; however, please be assured that we are working diligently to complete the project as soon as possible.

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His Worship Ken Johnston
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I appreciate our meeting regarding this important project and thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,



Nathan Neudorf
Minister

cc: Honourable Adriana LaGrange ECA
MLA, Red Deer North

Jason Stephan
MLA, Red Deer South

Purpose:

To provide the City of Red Deer with key messages on the ongoing construction of the Red Deer Hospital expansion

Key Messages:

- We recognize that the Red Deer Hospital is one of the busiest Hospitals in Alberta outside of Edmonton and Calgary.
- This project will add additional beds and an ambulatory care building to an area of the Province expected to see significant population growth over the next decade.
- Building a modern acute care hospital is a large and complex undertaking that normally takes approximately 10 years to complete
- **Government is working to plan, design and build this expansion – one that meets the needs of the community and region – as quickly and as safely as possible.**
 - Upon approval of the budget in 2022, the project moved into the Functional Programming phase with design to follow.
 - A design consultant is expected to be procured to start work in early 2023.
- Extensive planning and design is needed to build an expansion that meets the healthcare needs of today and tomorrow.
- Alberta Infrastructure is continuing to work with Alberta Health and Alberta Health Services on the redevelopment of the Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre.
- The expected completion date for the Red Deer Regional Hospital Redevelopment Project is 2030/2031.

If asked about why a new hospital was not built:

- The Existing building is still well within its life expectancy
- There were many considerations in deciding the best way to deliver this project for the community; renovating and expanding the existing site and buildings was deemed the best option and of best value

If asked why construction has not started yet:

- Building a modern acute care hospital is a large and complex undertaking that normally takes approximately ten years to complete.
- From the early days of this enhanced project, completion was expected in 2030/31, which we are still on schedule to meet

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EMERGING TRENDS IN MUNICIPAL LAW

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You are invited to join us in person – or virtually – this February for our annual **Emerging Trends in Municipal Law** seminar. The 2023 edition of this annual event will feature timely and critical topics that are curated exclusively for our elected and administrative municipal clients.

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For 2023, we are continuing to offer this session on two different days in Calgary and Edmonton. Additionally, Edmonton’s in-person session will be live-streamed for those who prefer to attend virtually. Whichever date or option you select, the presented topics will be the same.

Further details regarding the topics will be announced in the near future.

Event Details

<p>Calgary</p> <p><u>Date:</u> Thursday, February 9, 2023</p> <p><u>Time:</u> 8:30 am – 3:30 pm</p> <p><u>Location:</u> Best Western Premier Calgary Plaza Hotel & Conference Centre</p> <p><u>Address:</u> 1316 - 33 St. NE, Calgary</p>	<p>Edmonton</p> <p><u>Date:</u> Thursday, February 16, 2022</p> <p><u>Time:</u> 8:30 am – 3:30 pm</p> <p><u>Location:</u> Edmonton Expo Centre</p> <p><u>Address:</u> 7515 - 118 Ave. NW, Edmonton</p>
<p><u>REGISTER</u></p> <p>Feb. 9, 2023</p>	<p><u>REGISTER</u></p> <p>Feb. 16, 2023</p>

In-Person Admission: \$185 + GST

Virtual Admission: \$100 + GST

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Calgary

Location: Best Western Premier Calgary Plaza Hotel & Conference Centre

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Edmonton

Hotel: Sandman Signature Edmonton Downtown

Address: 10235 – 101 St. NW, Edmonton

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If you have any questions, please contact me at jrosso@brownleelaw.com.

This event is by invitation only.

We hope you can join us!

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