

TOWN OF ECKVILLE - AGENDA

Monday June 27, 2022

Town Office Council Chambers Eckville, AB 6:00 pm
(Councillors may attend via electronic means)

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| 1. CALL TO ORDER | 1.1 | |
| 2. DELEGATIONS/PUBLIC HEARING | 2.1 | LUB Amendment bylaw 784-22 -7:00pm |
| 3. AGENDA | 3.1 | Additional Agenda Items |
| | 3.2 | Adoption of Agenda |
| 4. MINUTES | 4.1 | Regular Council Meeting Minutes – June 13, 2022 pg. 1-4 |
| 5. ACTION ITEMS | 5.1 | Canada Day-Discussion |
| | 5.2 | Nurse Practitioner-Discussion |
| 6. BYLAWS, POLICIES | 6.1 | Bylaw 784-22 Land Use Bylaw Amendment pg. 5-6 |
| 7. REPORTS | 7.1 | Management Report – June 27, 2022 pg. 7-8 |
| | 7.2 | Financial Report-AP Report June 22, 2022 pg. 9 |
| 8. COMMITTEE, BOARD REPORTS | 8.1 | |
| 9. CORRESPONDENCE, INFORMATION | 9.1 | Thank-you card – Helen Posti pg. 10-11 |
| | 9.2 | AHS – EMS current State Survey pg. 12-18 |
| | 9.3 | Minister for Rural Economic Development pg. 19 |
| | 9.4 | Ponoka Stampede and Parade pg. 20-21 |
| | 9.5 | Rimbey Rodeo and Parade pg. 22 |
| | 9.6 | Lacombe Mayor’s breakfast pg. 23 |
| 10.SEMINARS, MEETINGS, SPECIAL EVENTS | 10.1 | Parkland Regional Library Lacombe Days BBQ pg. 24 |
| 11.CLOSED SESSION | 11.1 | |
| 12.COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE | 12.1 | |
| 13.ADJOURNMENT | 13.1 | |

TOWN OF ECKVILLE – COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, June 13, 2022

Eckville Town Office, 5023 – 51 Avenue, Eckville, Alberta

- 1. Call to Order**
- 1.1 Mayor Ebden called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
- Present: Mayor Ebden
Deputy Mayor Engen
Councillor Meyers
Councillor Palm-Fraser
Councillor Phillips
Councillor See
Councillor Thoreson
- Absent: None
- Staff: CAO, Jack Ramsden
Deputy CAO, Darcy Webb
- Press: None
- Gallery: None
- 2. Delegations/Public Hearings**
- 2.1 None
- 3. Agenda**
- 3.1 Additional Agenda Items
5.4 Community Standards Bylaw & Noise Bylaw
5.5 Summer Council Meeting Schedule
5.6 Cemetery Maintenance
- 3.2 Adoption of Agenda
- Res. 131.2022** Moved by Councillor See that the agenda be adopted with the additions. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 4. Minutes**
- 4.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes – May 24, 2022
- Res. 132.2022** Moved by Councillor Phillips that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, May 24, 2022 be adopted as presented. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 5. Action Items**
- 5.1 Eckville Municipal Library Financial Reviewer
- Res. 133.2022** Moved by Deputy Mayor Engen that Lynda Bowers of Bookkeeping Solutions by Lynda be appointed as the Financial Reviewer for the Town of Eckville Library's 2021 Statement of Receipts and Disbursements. **Carried Unanimously**

- 5.2 Drive Happiness Agreement
- Res. 134.2022** Moved by Councillor Palm-Fraser that the Town of Eckville enter into an agreement with Drive Happiness Seniors Association for the provision of a low cost transportation service for seniors in the Town of Eckville and further that the Mayor and CAO be authorized to sign said agreement. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 5.3 3-1 Golf for Sylvan Lake
- Res. 135.2022** Moved by Deputy Mayor Engen that the Town donate \$500 directly to Sylvan Lake Advanced Ambulatory Care. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 5.4 Community Standards Bylaw & Noise Bylaw
- Council had a discussion with respect to how the Town deals with noise complaints and disturbances.
- Res. 136.2022** Moved by Deputy Mayor Engen that administration be asked to review the Community Standards Bylaw and Noise Bylaw with respect to dealing with noise complaints and disturbances and bring recommendations back to Council at a future meeting. **Carried.**
- 5.5 Summer Council Meeting Schedule
- Res. 137.2022** Moved by Councillor Meyers that Town Council meetings be held July 11, 2022 and August 8, 2022. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 5.6 Cemetery Maintenance
- The CAO discussed maintenance practices at the Eckville Cemetery.
- 6. Bylaws /Policies**
- 6.1 Bylaw 783-22 Property Tax Rate Bylaw
- Res. 138.2022** Moved by Councillor Palm-Fraser that Bylaw 783-22 be given third and final reading as amended. **Carried.**
- 6.2 Bylaw 784-22 Land Use Bylaw Amendment
- Res. 139.2022** Moved by Deputy Mayor Engen that Bylaw 784-22 be given first reading. **Carried Unanimously.**
- Res. 140.2022** Moved by Councillor Palm-Fraser that a public hearing for Bylaw 784-22 be scheduled for Monday, June 27, 2022 at the Eckville Town Office beginning at 7:00 p.m. **Carried Unanimously.**

6.3 Bylaw 785-22 Tax Penalty Bylaw

Res. 141.2022 Moved by Councillor Meyers that Bylaw 785-22 be given first reading with a 8% penalty levied on unpaid current taxes after August 31st each year and a 10% penalty levied on all taxes unpaid after December 31st each year. **Carried Unanimously.**

Res. 142.2022 Moved by Councillor See that Bylaw 785-22 be given second reading. **Carried Unanimously.**

Res. 143.2022 Moved by Deputy Mayor Engen that Bylaw 785-22 be presented for third reading at this meeting. **Carried Unanimously.**

Res. 144.2022 Moved by Mayor Ebden that Bylaw 785-22 be given third and final reading. **Carried Unanimously.**

7. Reports

7.1 Management Report – June 13, 2022

Res. 145.2022 Moved by Councillor See that the Management Report be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**

7.2 Financial Report – AP reports June 6, 2022

Res. 146.2022 Moved by Councillor Meyers that the Financial report be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**

7.3 Animal Control Services Report – May, 2022

Res. 147.2022 Moved by Councillor Thoreson that the Animal Control Services Report be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**

7.4 Sylvan Lake RCMP Detachment Quarterly Report

Res. 148.2022 Moved by Councillor See that the Sylvan Lake RCMP Detachment Report for Q1, 2022 be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**

8. Committee & Board Reports

8.1 Councillors Palm-Fraser and Phillips reported on Communities In Bloom.

Councillor Meyers discussed the Medicine River Rural Crime Watch.

Councillor See gave an update on the Eckville Rodeo.

Mayor Ebden reported on the 100th Anniversary Committee, the Town float and parade along with an AHS meeting she attended.

Res. 149.2022 Moved by Councillor Meyers that the Committee and Board Reports be accepted. **Carried Unanimously.**

9. Correspondence, Information Items

9.1 Bill 21 – Implementation Fact Sheet

9.2 Lacombe County – Notice of Development

- 9.3 Parkland Regional Library Updates
- 9.4 2022 Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards
- 9.5 Town of Fox Creek – Support for RCMP

Res. 150.2022 Moved by Councillor Thoreson that the Correspondence and Information Items be accepted as information. **Carried Unanimously.**

- 10. Seminars, Meetings, Special Events**
- 10.1 2022 Summer Municipal Leaders' Caucuses
- 10.2 Town of Bentley Parade – August 4, 2022

Res. 151.2022 Moved by Councillor Phillips that the Seminars, Meetings and Special Events be accepted as information. **Carried Unanimously.**

- 11. Closed Session**
- 11.1 None

- 12. Committee of the Whole**
- 12.1 Council reviewed Policy#3302-Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter Maintenance and Policy#1201-Comparative Communities.

- 13. Adjournment**
- 13.1

Res. 152.2022 Mayor Ebden adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m. **Carried Unanimously.**

Mayor

CAO

TOWN OF ECKVILLE

BYLAW No. 784-22

LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT

A Bylaw of the Town of Eckville in the Province of Alberta to amend Bylaw No. 729-15 of the Town of Eckville known as Town of Eckville Land Use Bylaw.

WHEREAS it is deemed necessary and expedient to amend the present Land Use Bylaw No. 729-15 and,

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, being Chapter M-26 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 2000, and amendments thereto,

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Eckville duly assembled enacts and approves as follows amendments to the Land Use Bylaw as follows:

THAT LOT 13A – BLOCK 19 – PLAN 4122TR be rezoned from Light Industrial (11) District to Central Commercial (C1) District and attached hereto as **SCHEDULE "A"**.

THAT this Bylaw shall take effect upon final passing thereof.

READ A FIRST TIME this 13th day of June, 2022

Mayor

CAO

READ A SECOND TIME this _____ day of _____, 2022

READ A THIRD AND FINAL TIME this _____ day of _____, 2022

Mayor

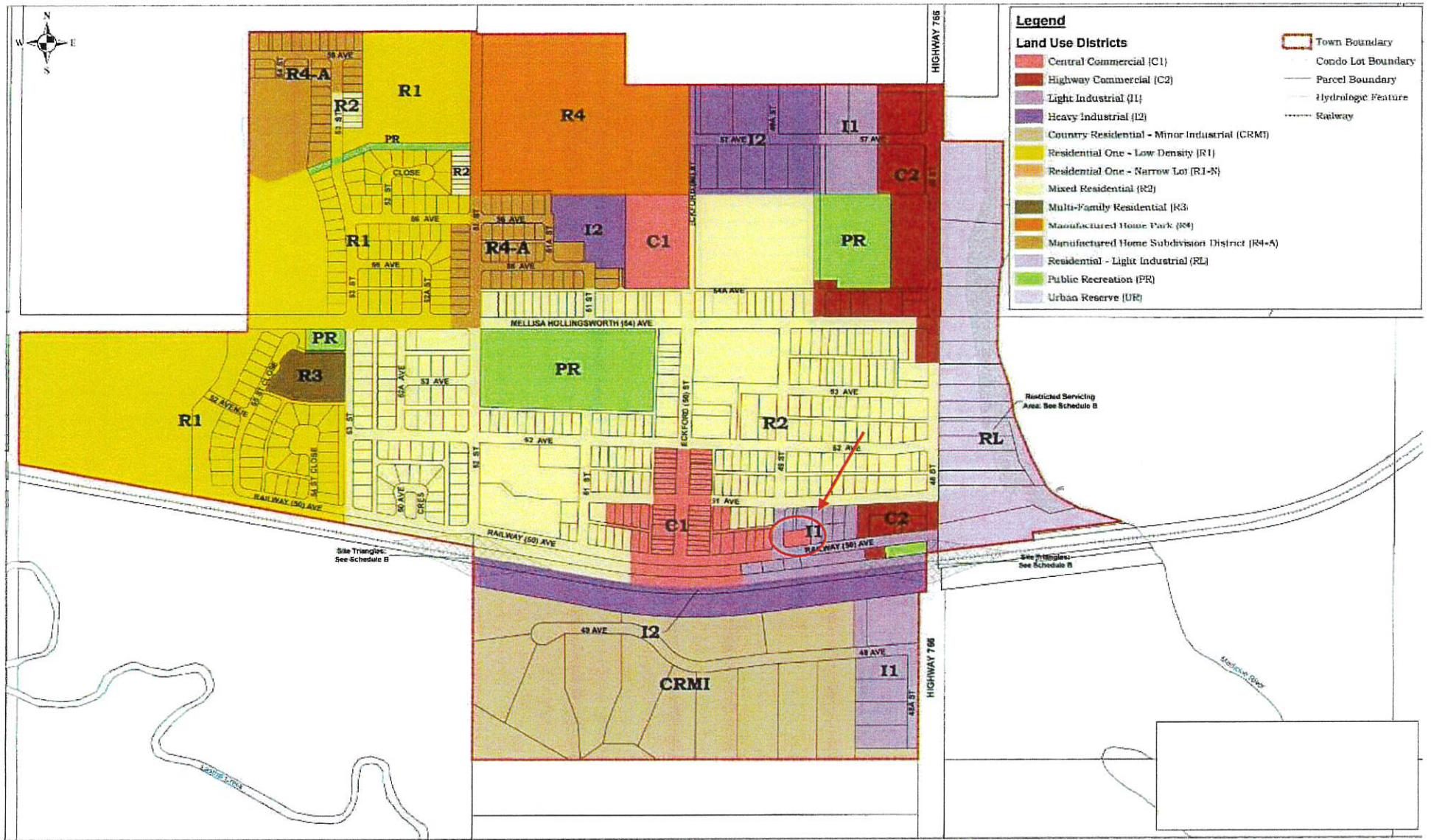
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LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT

SCHEDULE "A"

CENTRAL COMMERCIAL (C1)

C1 Central Commercial



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**MANAGEMENT REPORT
TO ECKVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
June 27, 2022**

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Current Activities:

- **Highway 11 Twinning, Functional Planning Study – Highway to Township Road 390 (east of Benalto):** Hopefully some of you had the opportunity to attend one of the two open houses held on June 23rd and 24th to discuss the proposed options for the routing of the new dividend highway from Benalto to Rocky Mountain House.
- **Water Pump House Upgrade Project:** Still working on the final improvements. We would note that we are installing a debit option for those wanting to use our bulk water system. This will allow customers who are not registered with us to buy water by paying directly via debit payment option,
- **Pothole Patching:** The Public Works Team will continue pothole filling on an ongoing basis as needed.
- **Line Painting:** Our Public Works Team is still trying to secure a supply of white marking paint. For the past couple of years, we have been using latex paint rather than oil based as it is much easier to clean our paint sprayer after each use. We are, however, having some concerns with how long this new product is lasting. As soon as we have more paint, we will get back to marking our crosswalks.
- **Street Sweeping:** We will continue to work on street sweeping as time permits.
- **Eckville Cemetery Maintenance:** Finally, the rain let up a bit on June 20th & 21st and our Local Contractor, Allen Hallgren, managed to complete weed eating and mowing at the Eckville Cemetery. We may use his services again this summer if we get behind again. I am hoping to finish a Memo to Council concerning the future operation of our cemetery. It might be a good idea to try to restart an Eckville Cemetery Society or Friends of the Eckville Cemetery Society to assist with planning, development and fund raising in the future.
- **RV Sewer Dump Station:** Our Contractor was back in Town and adjusted the sewer pipe location to provide for a better separation between the down pipe and the clean out. We will be hiring a contractor to pour the concrete island so that Board Paving can complete the asphalt work. As previously noted, we are a bit behind, and we still hope to have it completed for use before the end of the summer season.
- **Asphalt Repairs:** Border Paving showed up in town, unexpectedly on June 13th to complete the 2022 asphalt repair work. While they were in Town, they also topped up the small holes that were left in about 5 locations when new sewer mains were installed last year. They worked around the rain and finished all but the R V Dump Station project before the left. As noted above, they will be back to complete this work when the concrete island is poured.

Future / Planned Activities:

- **Stantec Report on Wastewater Treatment Options:** We will be sharing this report with various groups, such as the Transportation Ministry and the Sylvan Lake Regional

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Management Report – June 27, 2022

Wastewater Commission. Before doing so, we are hoping to receive some cost estimates from the Sylvan Lake RWWC on what the sign-up fees will be for us to join the commission.

- **Discussion With Alberta Transportation:** We are not sure where we are now as there is a new Minister of Transportation, and we are trying to confirm where we are with the new Minister.
- **Structural Inspection of Old Eckville Water Tower:** We have given Stantec to go ahead to complete a structural inspection and report on the old water tower. We will share this report with you as soon as it is received.
- **Strategic Planning Priorities:** We are still working on having a large poster board with the newly approved Strategic Priorities Chart constructed soon.
- **Multi Year Operating and Capital Plan:** We are are still in the process of updating our multiyear plans and will be meeting with Council in the near future.
- **Eckville Medical Committee:** We will call our first meeting sometime in the next three or four weeks.
- **Nurse Practitioner Project:** We will update Council during the June 27th meeting.

Jack Ramsden, CAO



Darcy Webb, Finance & Admin. Supervisor

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 Batch Comment: cheques

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 Posting Date: 2022-06-22

Chequebook ID: ATB - GEN

Mtg. Date June 27, 2022

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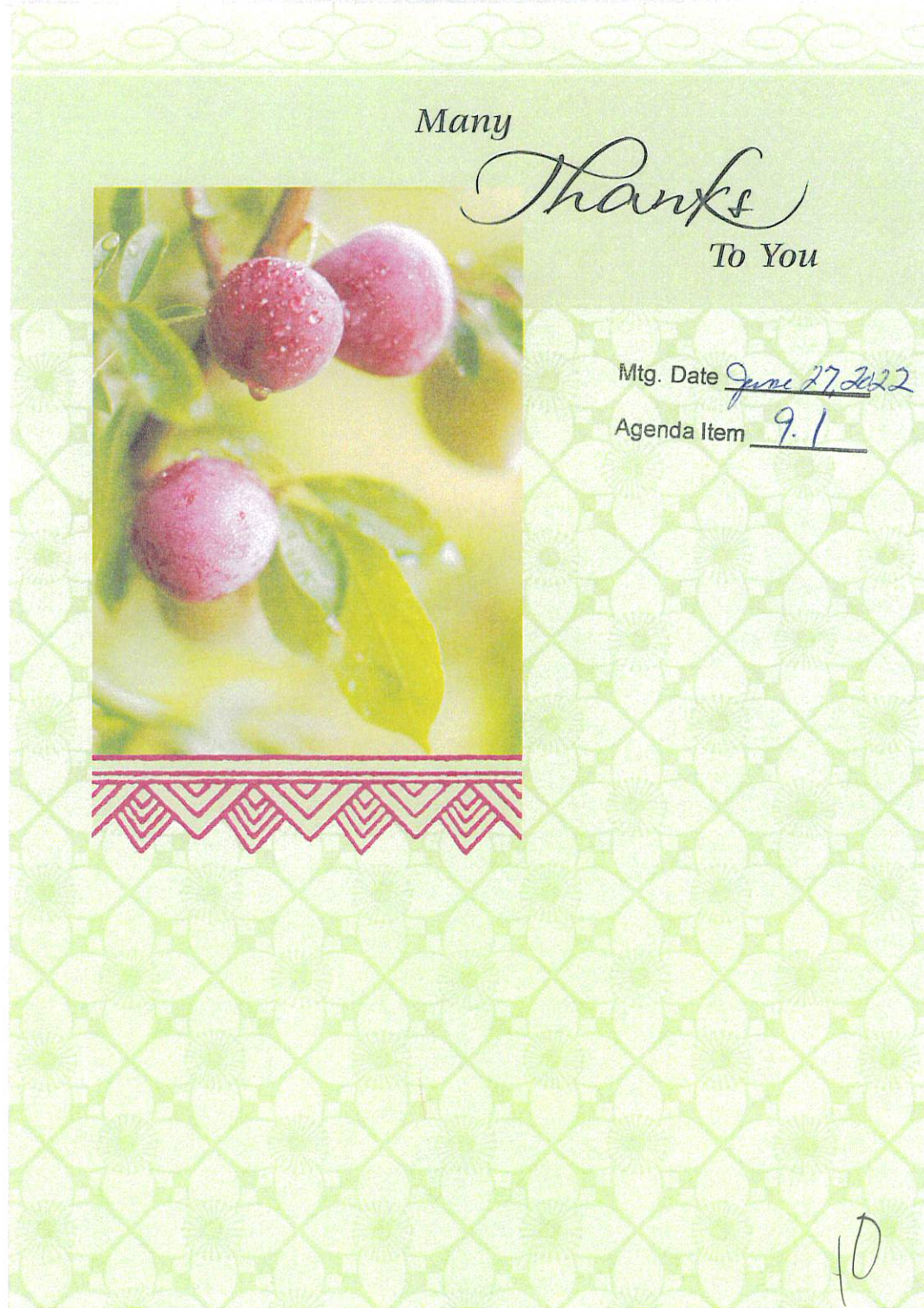


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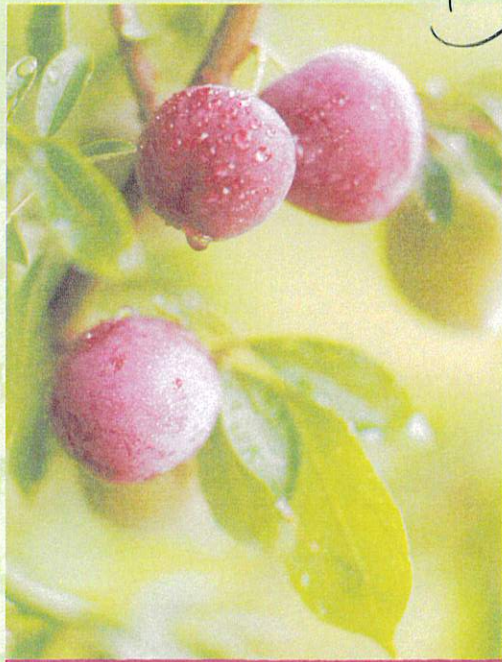


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Many
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To You



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To Mayor (John)
Council & Staff
thank you so much
for everything.

*Just wanted
to let you know
how much
I appreciate
what you did.*

*I had a
good time*

Helen Postle

Jack Ramsden

From: Nicole Merrifield <Nicole.Merrifield@albertahealthservices.ca> on behalf of Community Engagement <Community.Engagement@albertahealthservices.ca>
Sent: June 10, 2022 4:54 PM
To: Community Engagement
Subject: EMS in Alberta – What We Heard and Future Planning
Attachments: Areas of Priority Working Groups Graphic.pdf; 06 06 2022_EMS Survey Findings_FINAL.pdf



Good afternoon,

Alberta Health Services (AHS) has heard from more than 1,000 Albertans in response to our EMS Current State Survey. The survey findings will be used to direct the development of the Provincial EMS Service Plan.

Attached please find a document highlighting 'What We Heard', as well as a detailed outline of six priority areas that have emerged from our EMS current state engagement, to date.

As noted in the attached, the learnings from our survey and engagement will be used to inform the development of the EMS Provincial Service Plan. This Plan, which will be forward-looking and focused on continued improvement, is one element of the AHS EMS 10-Point Plan which has been implemented to address system pressures. Keep up to date on how these initiatives are progressing [here](#).

To kick off the Future Planning Process, we are forming working groups to address the six priorities that emerged from the current state work. Members of these groups will integrate the feedback provided by Albertans, and provide subject matter expertise to guide our next steps.

As we continue to consider ideas to address these six priorities, AHS invites Albertans to [share their ideas for EMS innovation](#) on [Together4Health](#), by **June 24**.

Please feel free to share this link with others who may have interest in helping to shape the future of EMS in Alberta.

Thank you, and we look forward to receiving your input.

Sincerely,

Provincial EMS Service Planning Team

AHS Provincial EMS Service Planning

Future Planning Working Groups

Based on what we heard in the Current State Survey, we have created 6 working groups to focus on Future Planning. Each group will focus on a specific theme:

Building & strengthening relationships with Indigenous partners	Listening to the need of First Nations, Métis Settlements, and other Indigenous communities, and then acting on what is heard.	Interfacility transfers (IFT)	Improving IFT performance and exploring other options when an ambulance is not needed.
Patient care pathways & options	Developing and implementing options other than transport to hospital and educating the public about options	EMS recruitment process & career development	Preparing paramedics for today and for the future, and ensuring paramedics are available where they are needed
EMS pre-hospital operations	Improving response times for time-sensitive calls by ensuring ambulances are available when and where they are needed.	Working conditions	Addressing communication and other cultural elements, as well as the impacts of shift work

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Provincial EMS Service Planning Current State Survey

March 17 to April 8, 2022

What We Heard Summary

Alberta Health Services (AHS) has heard from hundreds of Albertans as part of our EMS Current State Survey. This survey is one step in creating the long-term EMS Service Plan, and is a component of the engagement work being undertaken, provincially, to inform the future of EMS. This work also aligns with the more immediate work already underway, via the AHS EMS 10 point plan. For the latest news on all ongoing EMS work, click [here](#).

Background

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is a critical component in Alberta's healthcare system. EMS provides emergency response to 911 calls for patients across the province, treats patients in their homes, as well as handling transfers for patients needing medical care between hospitals and medical facilities.

AHS has been experiencing extremely high call volumes, resulting in longer response times and impacts on both patients and staff.

As one component of the EMS 10 Point Plan, the Minister of Health asked AHS EMS to work with Alberta Health to create a long-term Service Plan for EMS; this plan is to be completed by September 30, 2022. The EMS Service Plan is to be inclusive of all EMS services (AHS direct delivery and those provided by contracted service partners), and to reflect how EMS integrates into Alberta's health system. It will provide the vision and direction for EMS in Alberta for the next five years and set out a clear roadmap on how to get there.

Current State Survey & Engagement

In order for AHS to understand where we need to go and how best to serve Albertans, we first needed to hear from Albertans to understand our current state and identify priorities. To do this, we began targeted focus group discussions with Indigenous communities and AHS clinical operations; and invited Albertans to share their views by taking the Current State Survey online. From March 17 to April 8, Albertans were asked to share what they thought was working, and what isn't, to help us build on strengths and plan for improvements. 1946 responses were received.

In the Current State Survey, we asked respondents to share their perspectives on a series of questions, including:

- What EMS is doing well and where they could improve
- What the role of EMS in Alberta should be
- What would help EMS better respond and prepare for the future



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Healthy Communities.
Together.

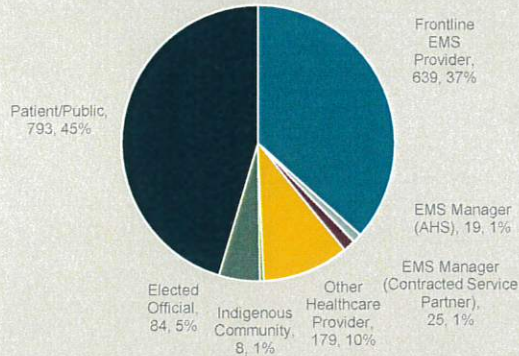
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What We Heard – Provincial EMS Service Planning Current State Survey

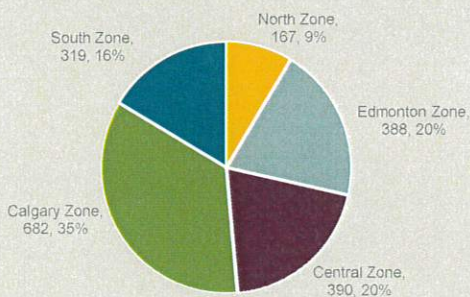
Who We Heard From

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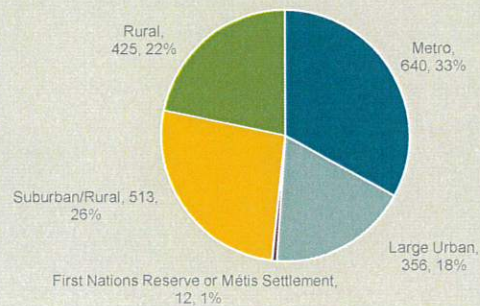
Which perspective do you represent?



Which AHS geographic Zone do you currently reside in?



What type of community do your perspectives represent?



Highlights

- People said that staff provide excellent care, work hard and are highly skilled
- Albertans are concerned that the current EMS workload is unsustainable and that staff are under strain
- Many expressed concern about the appropriate use of ambulances, and noted that there is a need to clarify EMS roles and responsibilities in the healthcare system
- Relationships with Indigenous communities are important and need to be built and fostered over time
- People are concerned about ambulance availability and getting paramedics out of hospitals and back in their home communities
- People acknowledged that not every situation requires an emergency response – how can EMS support patients & families in [knowing their care options?](#)

Themes that emerged

What people feel is going well

When asked to identify what EMS does well, people said that paramedics are skilled professionals who provide quality and compassionate patient care. Respondents indicated that they felt that EMS's primary role should be to respond to 911 calls.

Patient care was brought forward as the most important part of EMS's work and something paramedics do well - helping patients was overwhelmingly what frontline staff indicated to be what they liked best about their job.

"When I did have to call EMS they were at my house within minutes, they were professional, they gave me instant reassurance and I felt safe. They also helped my daughter cope."

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What We Heard – Provincial EMS Service Planning Current State Survey

Where people identified areas of concern and need of improvement

"I live rural – I want my ambulances available for the area."

While respondents agreed that EMS staff are very good at what they do, they are also very concerned that the current workload is unsustainable, acknowledging there has been a 30 percent increase in call volumes.

"Response times need to improve, communities need coverage."

People expressed that they felt that additional ambulances, staffing and funding are necessary to allay the current pressures, and they believe this would in turn increase community ambulance availability and lower response times.

Another large area of concern had to do with patient flow through the health system. The process of transferring a patient from EMS care to hospital care was an area that Albertans felt needed to be greatly improved. The Interfacility Transfer (IFT) process was also cited as a process that could be improved.

"When you go to an emergency room and see all the EMS waiting with patients while someone in the community needs them it is frustrating."

There were also concerns expressed about how ambulances are dispatched, and that more clarity could be provided regarding how calls are triaged and prioritized.

Communication to both EMS staff and communities was highlighted as an area that could be improved.

"Better public education, more non-ambulance options, more responsibilities for paramedics."

Where people felt we should focus for future planning

As we look to plan for the next 5 to 10 years, Albertans told us that they think EMS should focus on:

"Planning for growth matches population group, increasing and enhancing paramedic skills to provide more meaningful treatments and care. Providing ongoing and value-added training to keep paramedics at the top of their skill level and continuously improving with changes in medical research."

- Our people
- Paramedic scope of practice
- Increasing use of virtual health care options
- Exploring other patient care pathways and options other than transport to emergency departments
- Building and strengthening relationships with Indigenous partners
- Connecting with the public and leveraging partnerships
- Preparing for population growth and an aging population

What We Heard – Provincial EMS Service Planning Current State Survey

Areas of Priority

Based on what we heard, we have created 6 working groups to focus on Future Planning. Each group will focus on a specific theme:

Building & Strengthening Relationships with Indigenous Partners

Listening to the needs of First Nations, Métis Settlements, and other Indigenous communities, and then acting on what is heard.

Patient Care Pathways & Options

Developing and implementing options other than transport to hospital and educating the public about options.

EMS Pre-Hospital Operations

Improving response times for time-sensitive calls by ensuring ambulances are available when and where they are needed.

Interfacility Transfers (IFT)

Improving IFT performance and exploring other options when an ambulance is not needed.

EMS Recruitment Process & Career Development

Preparing paramedics for today and for the future, and ensuring paramedics are available where they are needed.

Working Conditions

Addressing communication and other cultural elements, as well as the impacts of shift work.

What happens next

Now that we have assessed our current state and identified priorities, we will begin the Future Planning Process. This kicks off with the formation of working groups, one for each of the Areas of Priority listed above. Members of these groups will provide subject matter expertise in order to identify initiatives for their respective priority area. Suggestions from the [Alberta EMS Provincial Advisory Committee](#) will also be incorporated into the priorities for these working groups.

About the working groups

The working groups will be comprised of subject matter experts who have been selected for their expertise from a number of different disciplines across AHS, Alberta Health and other partner organizations.

The first step that the working groups will undertake will be to brainstorm initiatives to address the priorities, and we invite Albertans to share their ideas for the working groups to consider. Share your thoughts and innovations [here on Together4Health](#).

The working groups will then develop a set of recommendations and initiatives that will be considered in context of the EMS 10 point plan, the recommendations from the Minister's Advisory council, and AHS' larger strategic plans. Then, these concepts will be rolled up into objectives and overarching goals as part of the Provincial EMS Service Plan. Through the plan, concepts will be formalized, staged, and ultimately, implemented.

What We Heard – Provincial EMS Service Planning Current State Survey

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who took the time to share your perspectives. We received a lot of insightful feedback, and we appreciate your honesty, candor and advice.

EMS continues to be here for all Albertans. We are working together with our people, our patients and our partners, to ensure our system is robust and sustainable. We thank everyone for their involvement and support, and hope that you will continue to work with us as we progress through the Service Planning process.

If you have further reflections, please feel free to reach out to us via the [Provincial EMS Service Planning Together4Health Page](#).

Mtg. Date June 27, 2022
Agenda Item 9.3



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER JACK
RAMSDEN
PO BOX 578 5023 - 51ST AVE.
ECKVILLE AB T0M 0X0

Ottawa, June 2022

Dear CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER JACK RAMSDEN and Council,

The economic contributions from rural communities are integral to Canada's success. Rural areas are home to many key industries such as manufacturing, forestry, agriculture, and energy.

Yet, municipalities under 20,000 residents receive less support from the federal government in comparison to their much larger counterparts. Red tape duplications and certain application requirements disproportionately burden small rural communities with very few staff.

This is unfair, unjust, and needs to be addressed urgently. As such, Conservative Shadow Minister for Rural Economic Development and Rural Broadband Strategy, M.P. Shannon Stubbs, Deputy Shadow Ministers M.P. Damien Kurek and M.P. Jacques Gourde, are seeking to convene a townhall with you to address federal funding for rural communities.

Rural Canadians must band together for fairer and more robust funding for communities all over rural Canada.

It is integral to our economy that the federal government works for everyone no matter where they live. The voices of rural Canadians need to be heard. We kindly ask you to express the three most important issues impacting your economic development as a rural community. We will use this feedback to ensure our work for rural Canada is as productive as possible and will determine the agenda for our proposed townhall. This is an opportunity to network, share your priorities, and solutions to the challenges we face.

We value hearing from you and should you wish to attend our forum, please email M.P. Stubbs at shannon.stubbs@parl.gc.ca, M.P. Kurek at damien.kurek@parl.gc.ca, or M.P. Gourde at jacques.gourde@parl.gc.ca.

Thank you for your time.

Shannon Stubbs, M.P.
Shadow Minister for Rural Economic Development
and Rural Broadband Strategy
Lakeland

Damien C. Kurek, M.P.
Deputy Shadow Minister for Rural Economic
Development and Rural Broadband Strategy
Battle River—Crowfoot

Jacques Gourde, M.P.
Deputy Shadow Minister for Rural Economic
Development and Rural Broadband Strategy
Lévis—Lotbinière



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Office of the Mayor

May 17, 2022

Mayor Colleen Ebden
P.O. Box 578
Eckville Alberta T0M 0X0

Dear Mayor Ebden:

Following two years of pandemic restrictions, the Town of Ponoka is extremely happy that the Ponoka Stampede is returning this year! We have truly missed the opportunity to host our neighbouring communities, dignitaries and special guests at the parade, at the Mayor's Lunch and for some rodeo entertainment.

The 86th ANNUAL PONOKA STAMPEDE will be held June 27th through July 3rd, 2022 and the theme for this year's event is "Saluting Canada's 155th Birthday."

The parade will be held on Thursday, June 30th. On behalf of Town Council and myself, we extend a warm welcome for you to join us for the day to participate in the parade, join the gang for the Mayor's Lunch and enjoy an afternoon of rodeo entertainment-----or any combination of the above. Town Council has arranged for a truck and decorated trailer/float for the Mayors and Reeves to participate in the parade, and of course Ponoka Town Council will act as your hosts on the float.

For your information, parade rules stipulate that candy may not be thrown from a vehicle, however, may be passed out by persons walking the parade route. In the event that your community would also like to participate in the parade, we have attached the parade guidelines and registration form. We anticipate a great turnout for this year's three-mile long parade!

The day will start off with a continental breakfast hosted by Ponoka Town Council and served in the Curling Lounge (upstairs) at the Ponoka Culture and Recreation (Arena) Complex located at 4410 – 54th Street, from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. The parade starts at 10 a.m. and following the parade, you will be escorted to the stampede grounds for the Mayor's Lunch.

The Mayor's Lunch starts at noon and will be held at the **Stagecoach Saloon** located east of the main Stampede Grandstand. Parking passes will be available for the Stampede grounds or additional parking is available at the Arena. Complimentary tickets for the afternoon performance of the rodeo are also available. If you do not wish to join us for the parade, please feel free to attend the luncheon and afternoon performance.

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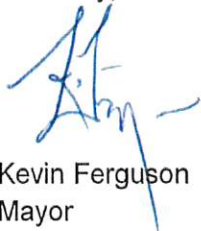
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200, 5604 – 50 Street
Ponoka, AB T4J 1G5
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Fax: 403-783-6745

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Please complete the attached form on or before **June 17th** and return by fax to (403)783-4086 or e-mail val.somerville@ponoka.ca. If you have any questions, please call (403)783-0130.

We look forward to entertaining you at THE WORLD FAMOUS PONOKA STAMPEDE on Thursday, June 30th.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin Ferguson".

Kevin Ferguson
Mayor

Enclosures: Parade Guidelines and Registration
Ponoka Stampede Events
RSVP Form

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May 27, 2022

Mtg. Date June 27, 2022
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Mayor Colleen Ebdon
Town of Eckville
PO Box 578
Eckville, Alberta
T0M 0X0

Colleen

Dear Mayor Ebdon,

It is my pleasure to formally invite you to attend the Annual Rimbey Rodeo Weekend Parade as our honored guest. The parade is on for **Friday, July 8th, 2022, at 11:00am**. In addition to the parade, you would be welcome to stay and participate in the rodeo events and activities planned throughout the day.

There is a breakfast sponsored by Evergreen Coop Rimbey and Servus Credit Union starting at 7:00am, breakfast is by donation with proceeds going to the Rimbey Boys and Girls Club. Parade starting at 11:00am. Complimentary Luncheon after the parade. Local Rodeo starting at 6:00pm.

The parade will officially get underway at 11:00am. Please arrive between 9:30am and 10:15am to get your vehicle assignment and to put up any personal signage on your vehicle. Check-in will be in the playing fields directly west of the Rimbey High School and Elementary School. Immediately following the parade, please join myself and members from our council at the **Peter Loughheed Community Centre – Main Auditorium** for a complimentary lunch.

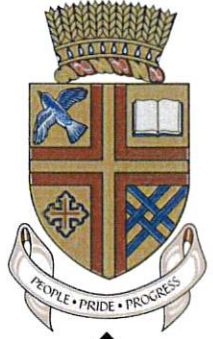
Please RSVP to the Rimbey Recreation Office at 403-843-3151 or programs@rimbey.com to confirm your attendance at your earliest convenience. Please let them know if you will be bringing a vehicle. We look forward to seeing you.

Yours truly,

Mayor Rick Pankiw
Town of Rimbey

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You are invited to the
MAYOR'S
breakfast



July **16** 2022

7:30 am - 8:30 am
Anna Maria's Cafe
Lacombe Memorial Centre
5214 50 Ave., Lacombe

Mayor Grant Creasey invites you and a guest to join him for the Mayor's Annual Lacombe Days Breakfast and Parade.

Please *RSD* prior to July 8th to Denise at:
E: dbellabono@lacombe.ca

* please include any dietary restrictions or food allergies*

Mtg. Date June 27, 2022

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Parkland Regional Library System

Lacombe Days BBQ

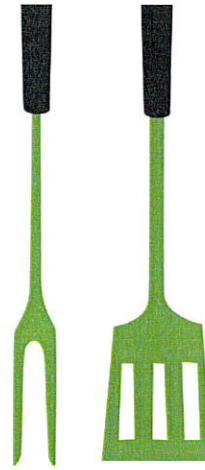
You're invited!

Saturday, July 16, 2022

11:00am - 2:00pm

Parkland Regional Library System

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- Face Painting
- Magic Show at 12pm and 1pm
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