



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Department: Legislative Services

Submitted by: Bonnie Stearns

SUBJECT: Adoption of the September 12th, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopts the September 12th, 2022 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

CAO COMMENTS:

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: Report/Document: Attached Available Nil

KEY ISSUE(S)/CONCEPTS DEFINED:

RELEVANT POLICY:

Municipal Government Act Revised Statutes of Alberta, 2000, Chapter M-26, Division 9, Part 6, Section 208 Performance of major administrative duties. 'The chief administrative officer must ensure that the minutes of each council meeting are given to council for adoption at a subsequent council meeting.'

STRATEGIC RELEVANCE:

Following MGA requirements

DESIRED OUTCOME(S):

That the September 12th, 2022 minutes accurately reflect Council's decision and direction at its Regular Meeting.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

The minutes presented are the unapproved record of the September 12th, 2022 regular Council Meeting and are presented for adoption, or adoption as amended, by Council. Minutes were emailed out to Council on September 19th, with no changes identified at the time of this report.

PREFERRED STRATEGY:

That Council adopts the September 12th, 2022 Regular Council Meeting minutes.

IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION:

Permanent management and storage of Minutes.

GENERAL:

Historical; permanent record for future review.

ORGANIZATIONAL:

Legislative department ensuring the documents are properly handled.

FOLLOW UP ACTION:

The Minutes will be printed, signed by the Mayor and CAO, and placed in a secure location for long term storage.

CAO reviews minutes with management team to determine action items and identify follow up tasks.

Review at regular Manager's Meetings to ensure tasks are being completed.

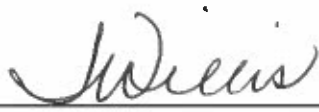
COMMUNICATION:

The approved minutes will be posted onto the town's website for public viewing.

OTHER COMMENTS:

Minutes for the past several years are available for public viewing on the website.

Presented at the September 12th, 2022 Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Penhold

for 

CAO

Town of Penhold



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 12th, 2022
Town Council Chambers

Deputy Mayor:

Mike Yargeau

Councillors:

Teresa
Cunningham
Shawn Hamm

Tyrone Muller
Mike Walsh

Absent:

Ken Denson
Shaun Kranenborg

Guest:

Jean Orchison, Resident
Janice Draper, Resident
Jo Michaluk, Resident
Ann & Leonard Bilyk, Residents
Lori Wolfe, Resident
Kelly & Kelly Anne Jobs, Residents

Staff

Trish Willis, Corporate
Services Manager
Bonnie Stearns, Leg Asst

Mayor Yargeau called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

1. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor

1.2. Adoption of the Agenda

2022-289

Councillor Hamm moved to accept the September 12th, 2022 Regular Council meeting agenda as provided.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1. Adoption of the July 11th, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as provided.

2022-290

Councillor Cunningham moved to accept the Regular Council meeting minutes for August 8th, 2022 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

2022-291

Councillor Walsh moved that Council accept the listed Business Arising out of the Minutes as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. PUBLIC HEARING

5. PRESENTATIONS & DELEGATIONS

6. REPORTS

6.1. Financial

6.1. a. Monthly Accounts for Online Payments and Payments from August 3 – September 7, 2022

2022-292

Councillor Muller moved that Council receives the Monthly Accounts for Online Payments and Payments from August 3 – September 7, 2022 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.1. b. Monthly Investment Statement for the month ending July 31, 2022

2022-293

Councillor Hamm moved that Council receives the Monthly Investment Statement for the month ending July 31, 2022 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.1. c. Monthly Bank Reconciliation Statement for the month ending July 31, 2022

2022-294

Councillor Walsh moved that Council receives the Monthly Bank Reconciliation Statement for the month ending July 31, 2022 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.1. d. Central Alberta Economic Partnership Membership Fees

2022-295

Councillor Muller moved that Council directs Administration to renew its CAEP membership for Apr. 1, 2022 – Mar. 31, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 CAO Report – Rick Binnendyk

- Distributed in Council Package

2022-296

Councillor Hamm moved to accept the CAO's monthly report as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Community Services – Jennifer Blaylock

- Distributed in Council Package

2022-297

Councillor Cunningham moved to accept the Community Services' monthly report as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 Fire & Protective Services – Sean Pendergast

- Distributed in Council Package

2022-298

Councillor Walsh moved to accept the Fire & Protective Services Manager's monthly report as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.5 Multiplex – Michael Szewczuk

- Distributed in Council Package

2022-299

Councillor Muller moved to accept the Multiplex Manager's monthly report as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.6 Public Works – Nancy McAteer

- Distributed in Council Package

2022-300

Councillor Hamm moved to accept the Public Work's monthly report as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Purchase of Park Furniture for the Community HUB

2022-301

Councillor Walsh moved that Council approves Administration to proceed with the award of the RFP to ParkWorks for supply of park furnishings for the Community HUB Project for the amount of \$124,203.61 (plus GST).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 SCO-Fire, A Division of Global Forensics Inc. General Service Agreement

2022-302

Councillor Muller moved that Council approves Administration to enter into a general service agreement with SCO-Fire, an accredited agency with Safety Codes Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 ATCO Gas and Pipeline Ltd. Franchise Agreement

2022-303

Councillor Walsh moved that Council approves the ATCO Gas and Pipeline Ltd. Franchise Agreement franchise fees stay the same for 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-304

Councillor Cunningham moved that Council accept the rate schedules be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 Hlinka Cup Report

2022-305

Councillor Cunningham moved that Council accepts the Hlinka Cup Report as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

8.1 Capital Flag Pole Request

2022-306

Councillor Cunningham moved that Council allow Multiplex Manager to explore the most economical option to purchase flag poles.

DEFEATED

2022-307

Councillor Walsh moved that Council advise Administration to no longer proceed with the purchase or installation of any flag poles.

CARRIED

9. REPORTS from COUNCIL BOARDS and COMMITTEES (Formal Reports)

9.1 Penhold & District Public Library

- 2022 Summer Reading Program information

2022-308

Councillor Cunningham moved that Council accepts the Penhold & District Public Library's 2022 Summer Reading Program letter and statistics as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) - Volunteer Application

2022-309

Councillor Muller moved that Council appoint Mr. Cody Wallis to the MPC for the remainder of the 2022 term as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. BYLAW(s)

10.1 Bylaw 811/2022 Amendment to the Permit Fee Schedule Bylaw

2022-310

Councillor Cunningham moved that Council moves to give first reading of Bylaw 811/2022 being the Amendment to the Permit Fee Schedule Bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-311

Councillor Walsh moved that Council moves to give second reading Bylaw 811/2022 being the Amendment to the Permit Fee Schedule Bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-312

Councillor Muller moved that Council moves to proceed with third reading of Bylaw 811/2022 being the Amendment to the Permit Fee Schedule Bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-313

Councillor Hamm moved that Council moves to give third and final reading of Bylaw 811/2022 being the Amendment to the Permit Fee Schedule Bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. CORRESPONDENCE and INFORMATION

11.1 General Correspondence

2022-314

Councillor Hamm moved that Council receives the correspondence for information as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. COUNCIL ROUND TABLE – Information no action

Mayor and Councillors reported on meetings they have attended on behalf of the Town of Penhold.

2022-315

Councillor Muller moved that Council proclaim November Senior Falls Prevention Month.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-316

Councillor Cunningham moved that Council nominate Myra Binnendyk for the QEII Platinum Jubilee Award.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-317

Councillor Walsh moved that Council nominate Ed MacPherson for the QEII Platinum Jubilee Award.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-318

Councillor Walsh moved that Council accepts the reports as information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. QUESTIONS from the GALLERY

- Discussion with residents

2022-319

Councillor Walsh moved that Council direct Administration to perform a truck route evaluation including signage of both sides of Fleming Avenue;
AND FURTHER that we explore options of parking large trucks at Hwy 42.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-320

Councillor Walsh moved that Council break for recess at 7:50 pm.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-321

Councillor Walsh moved to proceed with Closed Session at 7:57 pm.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. CLOSED SESSION

Division 2 Exceptions to Disclosure:
Section 18
Disclosure harmful to individual or public safety

2022-322

Councillor Cunningham moved to come out of Closed Session at 8:01 pm.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. ADJOURNMENT

2022-323

Councillor Muller moved to adjourn Council Meeting at 8:02 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR

CAO



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Department: Corporate Services

Submitted by: Trish Willis

SUBJECT: Red Deer & District FCSS – Priority Setting Process

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accepts the Red Deer & District FCSS – Priority Setting Process for information.

CAO COMMENTS:

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: Report/Document: Attached Available Nil

KEY ISSUE(S)/CONCEPTS DEFINED:

RELEVANT POLICY:

Municipal Government Act, Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26 - Section 207 – Chief Administrative Officer’s Responsibilities. Advises and informs the council on the operation and affairs of the municipality. This report is an extension of the CAO’s update report.

STRATEGIC RELEVANCE:

DESIRED OUTCOME(S):

Through the RD & District FCSS Priority Setting Process each municipality has an opportunity to be heard.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

That Council refer the matter back to Administration for further review.

PREFERRED STRATEGY:

Priority setting in consultation and collaboration with the six municipal partners.

IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION:

Penhold will participate in the identified Three-Year Investment Cycle. .

GENERAL:

Attached is the Priority Setting Process as well as the Trends in Review 2022 for the Red Deer & District area.

ORGANIZATIONAL:

FINANCIAL:

FOLLOW UP ACTION:

As directed by Council.

Date: **June 7, 2022**

To: **Red Deer and District FCSS Board Members**

cc: **Bobby-Jo Stannard, Community Development Superintendent**

From: **Deena Giri, Research and Evaluation Specialist**
Jason Klinck, FCSS Program Specialist

Subject: **Priority Setting Process**

Background

The first process identified in the Three-Year Investment Cycle within the Red Deer & District FCSS Funding Model Guide is the planning and execution of Priority Setting in consultation and collaboration with the six municipal partners.

Discussion

Administration proposes a consensus building process to identify priorities for the 2024 - 2026 FCSS Funding Cycle by compiling local trends and needs and using the well-established Delphi technique to build consensus amongst stakeholders. In the context of setting FCSS funding priorities within this funding cycle, stakeholders are first surveyed to identify priorities of importance to them. These initially identified priorities are compiled and fed back to the stakeholder to rank in a second survey, with the purpose of achieving consensus on what the most important priorities are across stakeholders.

The Delphi technique has many advantages over other methods of priority identification and consensus building, for instance it: (1) can include a large number of stakeholders across many regions, (2) allows individual stakeholders to have their voice heard in an anonymous way (avoiding the concerns with focus groups, where strong characters or the majority view can dominate individual stakeholders' responses) and (3) offers stakeholders the opportunity to review and revise their opinions in the second survey in light of others' responses (something that they may be reluctant to do in a public forum)^{1 2}. This technique, when presented with local data and context, will allow our diverse stakeholders to reach consensus on local priorities.



¹ Hasson F, Keeney S, McKenna H. Research guidelines for the Delphi survey technique. J Adv Nurs. 2000; 32(4):1008-15. PMID: 11095242

² Owens C, Ley A, Aitken P. Do different stakeholder groups share mental health research priorities? A four-arm Delphi study. Health Expectations. 2008 Dec;11(4):418-31.

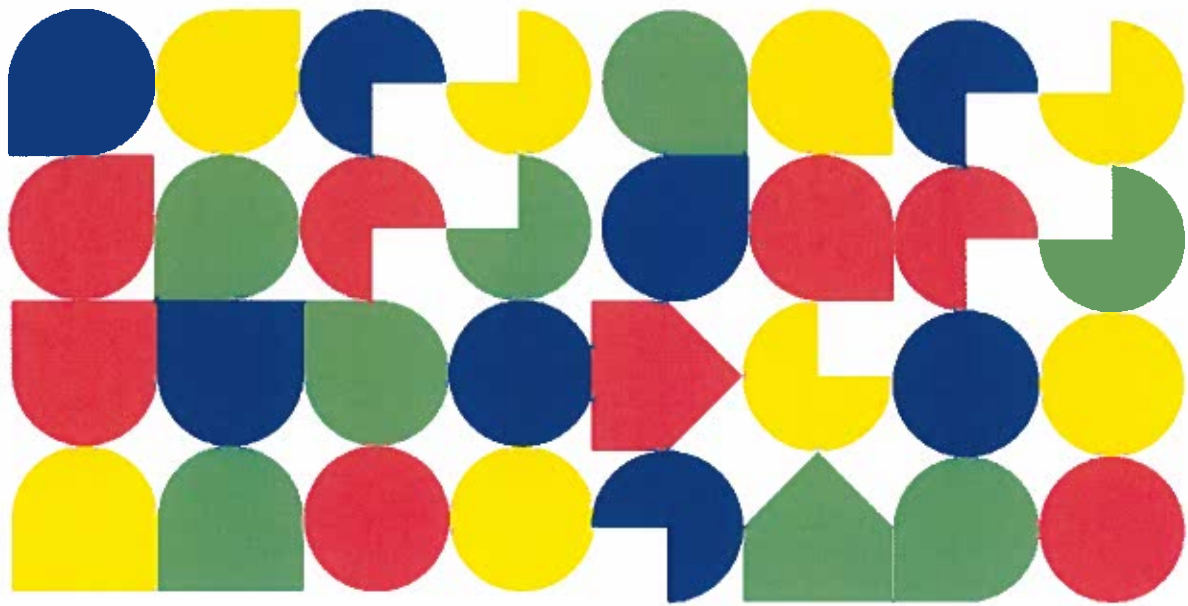
The sequence to guide the FCSS funding model priority setting process is as follows:

1. Research & Evaluation Program Specialist will review academic and non-academic data sources and reports to compile relevant data into a “Local Trends in Review” summary report. on the
 - Examples of data that will searched for include well-being indices, Statistics Canada sources, service use, protective (and risk) factor reports, etc.
 - The review will look at general trends and needs of well-being in Alberta, with a focus on Central Alberta.
2. The “Local Trends in Review” document will be presented to Community Facilitators (CFs) and Community Workers (CWs) by the R&E Specialist to get their input and feedback on the compiled research and give it a local context using their ‘boots-on-the-ground’ knowledge.
 - The CFs and CWs will map stakeholders for inclusion in priority setting for the funding cycle. They will be consulted on how the opinions of different stakeholders should be weighted.
3. The revised “Local Trends in Review” document will then be turned into a short “Local Trends in Review” summary video presented by the R&E Specialist.
4. The “Local Trends in Review” video will be sent out to identified stakeholders along with an open-ended survey. This Survey #1 will ask stakeholders to identify what they think the priorities in the new FCSS Funding Cycle should be.
 - Time to complete Survey #1 is ~10 minutes following the “Local Trends in Review” video; for a total time of ~20 minutes of stakeholder participation in this first round of the Delphi technique.
5. The results of Survey #1 will then be analyzed and tabulated by the R&E Specialist then presented to the partner municipal Councils and reviewed by select CFs and CWs as well as the Community Development Superintendent. This generates a list of overall priorities.
6. The list of overall priorities identified and organized from Survey #1 are then sent back to stakeholders in Survey #2 to be ranked.
 - For priorities to be ranked, stakeholders in Survey #2 will allocate 100 “units” (or another determined number of “votes”) across one or more of the identified priorities. Time to complete Survey #2 is 10 minutes; for a total of ~30 minutes of stakeholder participation in the entire Delphi technique.

SAFE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

7. The ranked priorities will be presented to the partner Municipal Councils for their feedback and discussion with the Council FCSS Board representatives by Administration.
8. The ranked priorities will be presented to the FCSS Board to determine which top-ranked priorities will be the priorities in the new FCSS Funding Cycle.

Tasks by Month & Week	June				July				August				September	
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2
Board Approval														
Literature scan														
Current trend document														
Consultation with CWs and CFs														
Develop a video/infographic														
Survey tool development														
Survey I														
Survey I Data analysis														
Survey II														
Data analysis														
Reporting														



TRENDS IN REVIEW 2022

A review of social trends
to the Red Deer and
District area

Executive Summary

The Red Deer & District FCSS partnership is undertaking a priority setting process to identify funding priorities for the 2024-2026 funding cycle. This report is a compilation of current trends in health and social wellbeing within the Red Deer & District FCSS partnership boundaries meant to help inform priority selection. Various databases, literature, research papers, and websites were reviewed for data from the catchment area and Alberta in general. The literature review and the participatory compilation of the data led to the following seven themes, each of which must be considered in both the rural and urban context of our region.

Mental Health. The pre-existing mental health struggles and additional stresses brought by the Covid-19 pandemic have further degraded the mental health and wellbeing of residents. Data shows an increase in the anti-anxiety and anti-depressant dispensation rate and a rise in cases of suicide since the 2019.

Substance Use: An Acute Mental Health Challenge. There has been a general increase in emergency room visits caused by substance-related disorders in the central zone since 2016. As a reflection of the services provided primarily for those experiencing addiction and acute mental health crises, the Social Diversion Teams are currently responding to over five calls a day in Red Deer and there is an increasing volume of encampment garbage in the city since 2019.

Relationships and Family Cohesion. Family and domestic violence data depict a slight fall in the number of cases in the central zone indicating gaps in reporting the issue. Data shows six months to a year of wait time to access group therapy which is enough time to worsen the mental health condition of domestic violence and family abuse victim.

Economy. Between 2019 and 2020, the average income in Red Deer decreased by 7.9%, while income in other provinces in Canada increased¹. Food bank usage at the Red Deer food bank remains lower than 2018 levels but is expected to rise with the increasing cost of groceries. The housing prioritization list is continuing to grow far faster than the current housing supply.

Physical Health. Physical health continues to be impacted by Covid-19 as there has been a large decline in sports participation. In the Red Deer & District FCSS catchment there are ongoing increases in rates of diabetes and the use of diabetes-related drugs. Hypertension, however, has remained relatively stable in the population.

Community Involvement. In terms of community involvement, there was a substantial decrease in the number of volunteer hours from 2019 onwards and a gradual decrease in the number of volunteers per year. Albertans report a significant loss in quality of life due to loss of access to community programming and events.

Diversity and Inclusion. The Red Deer RCMP Annual Policing Plan Survey 2022 found that half of the respondents identifying as a visible minority reported experiencing discrimination or harassment based on their visible minority status over the last 12 months. Additionally, 39% of respondents identifying as Indigenous reported experiencing discrimination or harassment based on their Indigenous identity over the previous 12 months.

Red Deer & District

The Red Deer & District catchment is located in central Alberta, between Calgary and Edmonton. Red Deer & District catchment consists of six municipalities: the City of Red Deer, Red Deer County, the Town of Penhold, the Village of Elnora, the Town of Bowden, and the Village of Delburne. These lands have been historically inhabited by many First Nations, including the Blackfoot, Plains Cree, and Stoney[®]. The city and area serve key industries, including oil and gas extraction, agriculture, health and social care, education, and hospitality.

Introduction and Objective

The 2022 Trends in Review report is a compilation of current social trends of wellbeing in Alberta with a specific focus on our FCSS catchment. This report includes data and information available since 2016 to the most recent available year, which varies based on data source. The 2022 Trends in Review report aims to provide background information to stakeholders in the FCSS 2024-2026 funding priority setting process.

Process and Approach

The creation of this report started with a literature review and compilation of relevant data on the general well-being trends in Alberta, with a focus on central Alberta. The Interactive Health Data Applicationⁱⁱⁱ, Statistics Canada^{iv}, Red Deer & District community reports, and locally based research papers were reviewed for gathering data. The FCSS Research and Evaluation (R&E) team looked for data that was relevant to community well being, timely in its availability, and publicly accessible.

To organize the data collected, FCSS community facilitators, workers, and project leads were engaged for meaning making using an approach called card sorting. Graphs and charts were created using the available data and cut into several separate pieces and provided as a set to teams of FCSS workers and facilitators. Then, teams were asked to use the data to build the story of the area over the last 3 years.

The data elements were launching points to discuss local trends related to the well-being staff saw in their communities. Participants were also asked to identify any additional data needed to paint a picture of their community or any irrelevant data that could be removed. At the end of the activity, each team identified significant themes and created their collaged story in several charts. A secondary level analysis of all the charts was done by the R&E team to identify major themes, connecting points, and differences between each team's charts and facilitate the final report design.



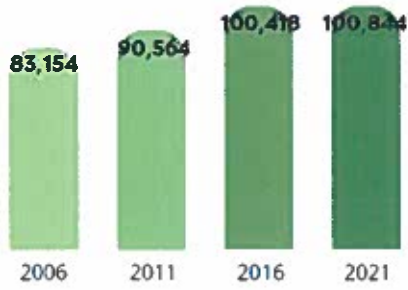
This participatory approach worked to ensure that the experiences of front-line workers throughout our FCSS communities were reflected in the understanding and presentation of the available data. FCSS community workers and facilitators have first-hand experience of working with our communities and have an on-the-ground experience of community assets and needs.

Regional Population

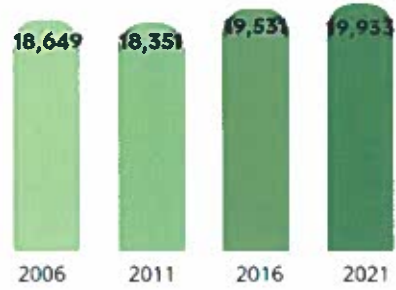
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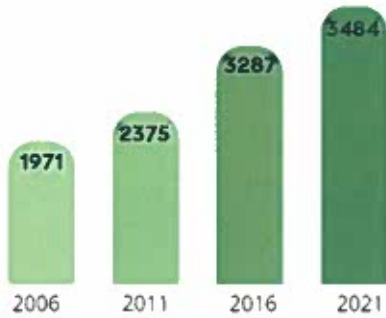
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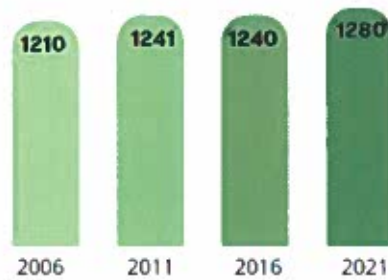
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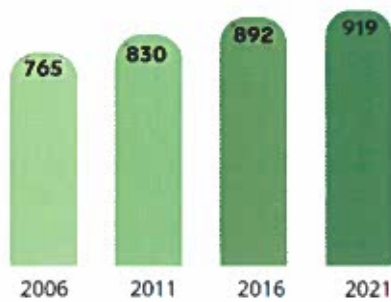
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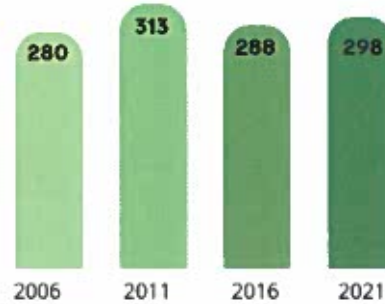
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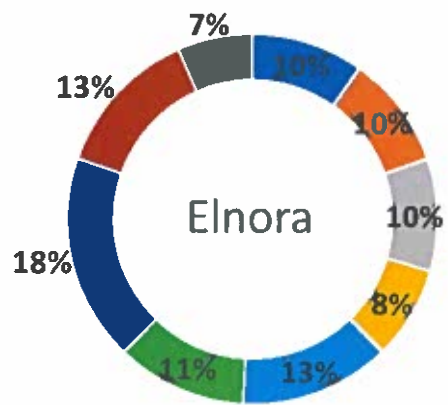
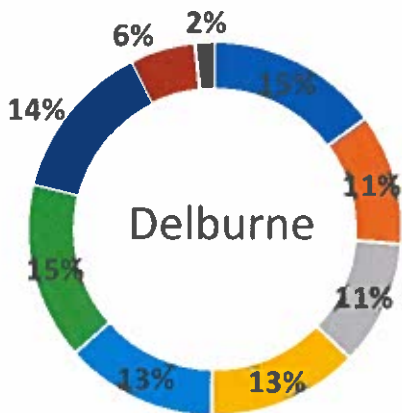
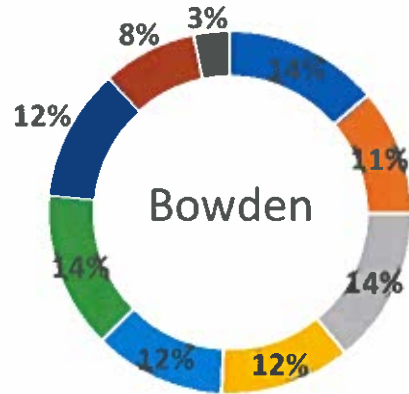
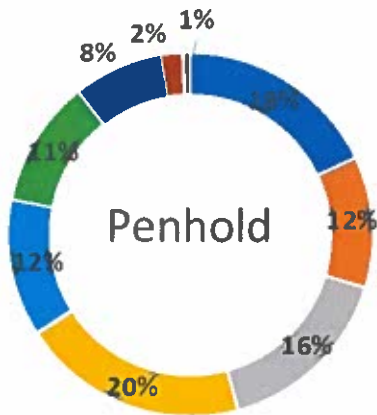
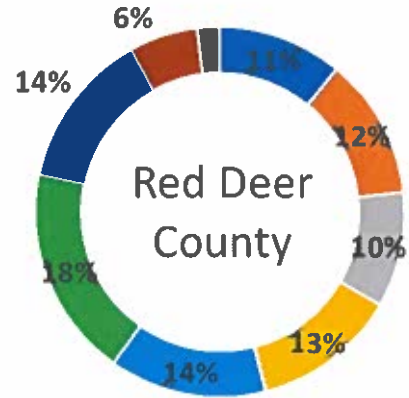
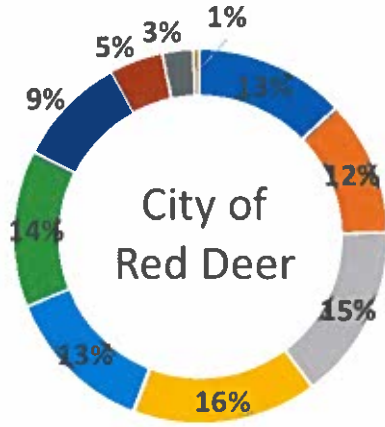
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Regional Age Demographics

2006-2021

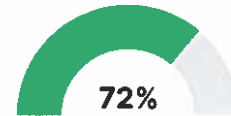
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 ■ 10 to 19 years
 ■ 20 to 29 years
 ■ 30 to 39 years
 ■ 40 to 49 years
 ■ 50 to 59 years
 ■ 60 to 69 years
 ■ 70 to 79 years
 ■ 80 to 89 years

Mental Health

The Covid-19 pandemic has significantly impacted mental health and social wellbeing globally^{xvii}, particularly those who have experienced direct impacts of the pandemic such as social isolation, the ability to work, relationship dynamics, the ability to seek support from closed ones, and community involvement^{xviii, xix, xx}. The mental health impact of Covid-19 pandemic might be different for rural and urban communities because of the differential availability and accessibility of the support services. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the global prevalence of anxiety and depression increased by 25% in the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic^{xxi}.

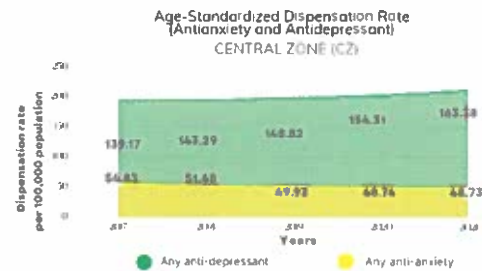


72%
Albertans who report stress, anxiety, or depression due to the pandemic

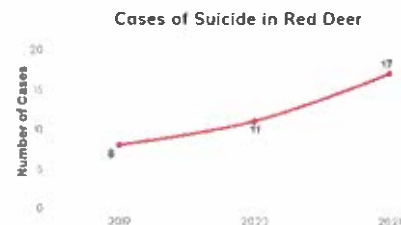
Statistics Canada states that youth are at higher risk of experiencing poor mental health during the pandemic compared to other age groups^{xxii}. Pandemic-related school closures, decreased interaction in school, family stress, and social distancing measures played a role in enhancing the social isolation and other mental health challenges for children and youth^{xxiii}.

Data in Alberta and the central zone specifically reflect these changes to mental health. In Alberta, 72% population experienced stress, anxiety, or depression due to the pandemic and among them only 19% found help from online resources^{xxiv}. Among those who reported experiencing stress, anxiety, or depression due to pandemic, 50% faced challenges maintaining relationships and 46% faced loneliness^{xxv}. These struggles may be reflected in the anti-anxiety and anti-depressant dispensation rate seen in the central zone up to 2021^{xxvi}. In the Red Deer public school district, there has been an upward trend in the percentage of students accessing family school wellness programming.

Counselling			
Academic Years	Students Accessing Wellness Programming in Red Deer Public	Student Population for Red Deer Catholic	% of Students Accessing Programming
2017-2018	752	6690	11.3%
2018-2019	523	6792	7.7%
2019-2020	565	6773	8.3%
2020-2021	529	6527	8.1%
2021-2022	880	6584	13.4%



As an acute outcome of mental health challenges, there has been a rise in cases of suicide since the 2019 onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. In 2020, incidents of suicide in Red Deer went up from 11 in the year 2020 to 17 in the year 2021.

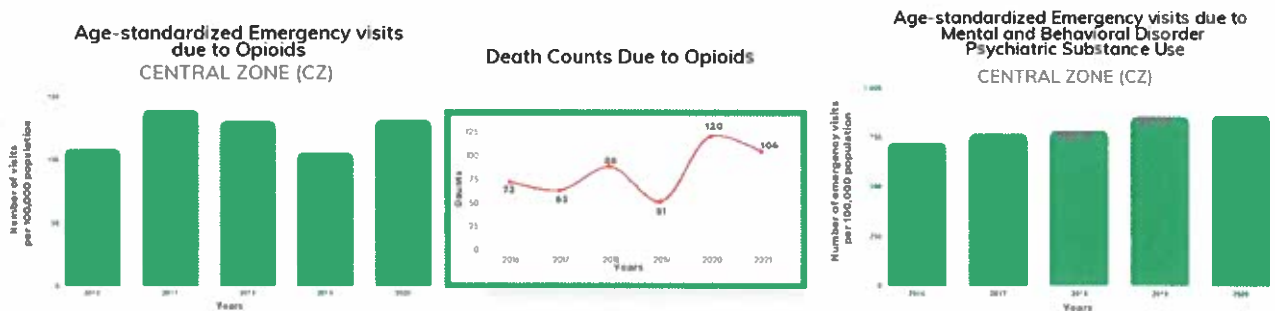


Substance Use: An Acute Mental Health Challenge

While the world has adapting to considerable changes through the Covid-19 pandemic, Canada’s opioid crisis has similarly had deep impacts on our communities. Changes in social habits, availability of supports, and shifting public priorities have collided with the ongoing public and individual challenges posed by addiction.

Red Deer acts as a resource provider for members of the city and neighbouring communities, both within and outside of the FCSS catchment. While public resources like detoxification services and shelter beds are stretched thin in Red Deer, these supports are simple not available in smaller rural communities. In this way Red Deer carries the burden of the opioid crisis regionally and the health trends noted here should be understood as a reflection of the acute mental health crisis in our entire FCSS catchment.

Emergency visits due to opioids in the central zone have stayed relatively consistent in the last 5 years, while opioid overdose deaths continue to trend upwards^{xxvii}. There has also been a general increase in the number of emergency room visits caused by substance related mental or behavioral disorders since 2016^{xxviii}.



As a reflection of the services provided primarily for those experiencing addiction and acute mental health crisis, we looked at the Social Diversion Team and the clean up volumes of rough sleeper camps. The Social Diversion Team is a health and social work outreach that responds to non-emergency crisis in place of an RCMP response. The Social Diversion Team delivers an integrated community response to non-emergency crisis situations, providing the public with a resource to call. They are currently responding to over 5 calls a day in Red Deer. Additionally, we have seen the volume on

encampment garbage in the city (a reflection of the number of people sleeping rough) increase consistently since 2019.



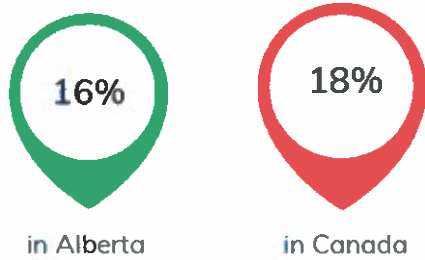
"The Social Diversion team responded to an average of just over 5 calls per day"



Family Cohesion and Relationship

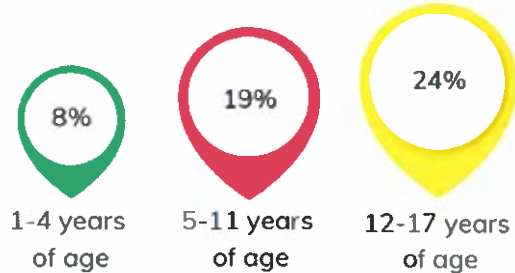
The Covid-19 pandemic and associated safety measures resulted in a seismic shift in social practices and personal relationships. For some, the distance from friends and family were a painful loss. More than half of the Albertans reported not staying as socially connected to their family and friends as they were before pandemic which impacted their mental health and wellbeing in a negative way^{xxi, xxxxxxxx, xxxii}. The increased time at home and economic strain of the pandemic was also a source of strain on marriages and other home relationships.

Percentage of children who have experienced parental separation or divorce



(Source: 2019 Canadian Health Survey on Children and Youth)

Percentage of children who have experienced parental separation or divorce in Canada



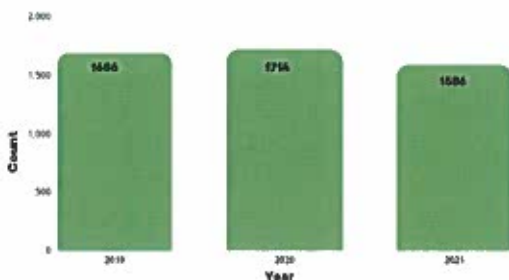
(Source: 2019 Canadian Health Survey on Children and Youth)

For others, spending more time at home had a more acute impact. Those in situations of abuse or who found primary relational supports outside the home found themselves apart from much needed support. Preventive measures taken for Covid-19 pandemic such as lock down, social distancing, promoting indoor stay, restricted travel, and closures of key community resources led to the heightened risk of family violence and domestic abuse^{xxxiii, xxxiv}. The pandemic made it more challenging for people trying to flee family violence and domestic abuse^{xxxv}.

Statistics Canada did a web panel survey^{xxxvi} during the early months of the pandemic where 8% of Canadians reported being very or extremely concerned about the possibility of violence at home. This proportion was higher for women (10%) as compared to men (6%)^{xxxvii}.

As Statistics Canada shares, the decline in police-reported family violence could be due to various reasons such as *"restrictions imposed in the context of the pandemic may have meant victims had less opportunity to report as they were living with their abuser"*, reduced interaction with people outside leading to lower ability to share the issue or who would otherwise encourage the victim to report the violence^{xxxviii}.

Family and Domestic Violence Reports to RCMP



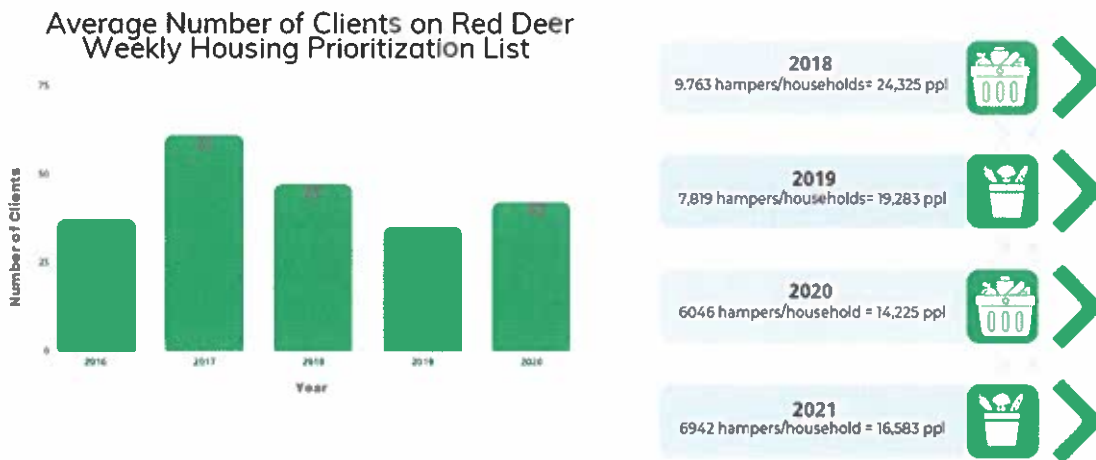
Wait time to access domestic violence group therapy at Apex Services in Red Deer: 6-12 months

Economy

As in the rest of Canada, the Red Deer and District FCSS catchment experienced the economic downturn that was a hallmark of Covid-19 restrictions and changes and continues to feel the financial repercussions at individual and societal level. Albertan employment rate decreased from 2019 to 2020 as the pandemic set in, and quickly recovered to near pre-pandemic levels in 2021. Between 2019 and 2020, average income in Red Deer decreased by 7.9%, while income in other provinces in Canada increase^{xxxix}. Average income in Alberta overall was down during this period^{xl}, with Red Deer standing out for the larger drop in average income. And while Alberta continues to enjoy higher than national average incomes, the impact of reducing incomes with our currently high inflation rate introduces uncertainty into the lives of all residents.

“
Canadian household owe \$1.86 for every \$1 earned of disposable income.
 ”

In terms of resident needs and situations of acute deprivation, we looked at usage rates of the Red Deer foodbank and the regional housing prioritization list, a list of clients waiting for access to reduced rate and/or supportive housing. Food bank usage at the Red Deer foodbank remains lower than 2018 levels but is expected to rise with the increasing cost of groceries^{xli}. The Red Deer housing prioritization list continues to grow far faster than current housing supply, meaning that there are few housings or accommodations available to those experiencing barriers to housing^{xlii}.



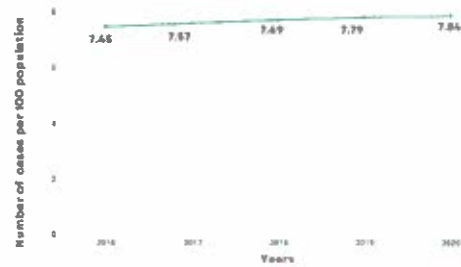
Physical Health

The physical aspect of health is significant to well-being, especially in the pandemic era. Being able to access health care service and service providers on time is as important as other health care factors. Changes in health habits, ways of accessing services, availability of health care supports, and changing health priorities have collided with the ongoing physical and social restrictions posed by Covid-19 pandemic. These intersections might result in variations in the physical health status in rural and urban Alberta.

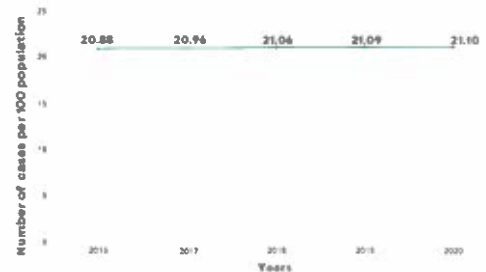
Along with broader societal changes towards increased sedentary behavior, Albertans reported decreased participation in organized sport though the pandemic^{xliii}. The change in sport practice will have longer term health effects not yet seen in data. Even so, in the Red Deer and District FCSS catchment specifically there are small but consistent increases in rates diabetes and use of diabetes related drugs. Hypertension, however, has remained relatively stable in the population.

Additionally, in recent years the central health zone has seen higher rates of preterm and low weight birth compared to the rest of the province.

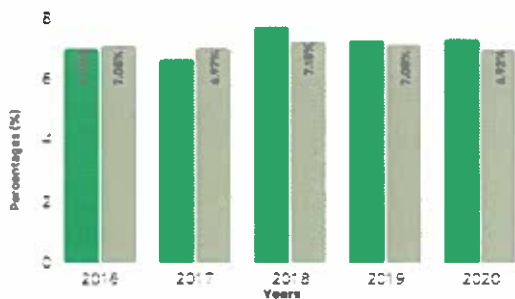
Age-adjusted Diabetes Prevalence



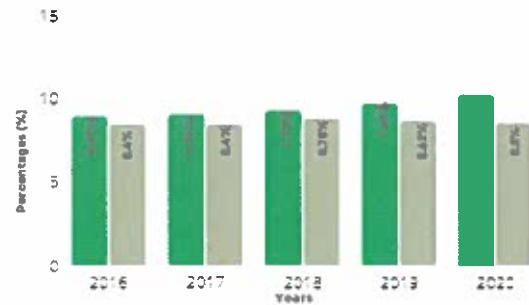
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Percent Births with Low Weight



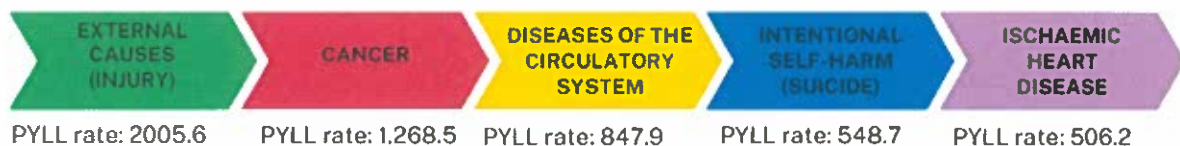
Percent Births with Low Weight



Central Zone (CZ) ■ Alberta (AB) ■

Of all causes of death, we considered the potential years of life lost (PYLL). That means that an individual died prematurely from the cause of death. The leading cause of potential years of life lost was external injury, including motor vehicle collision, falls, and other accidents. This was followed by cancer, circulatory disease, and suicide.

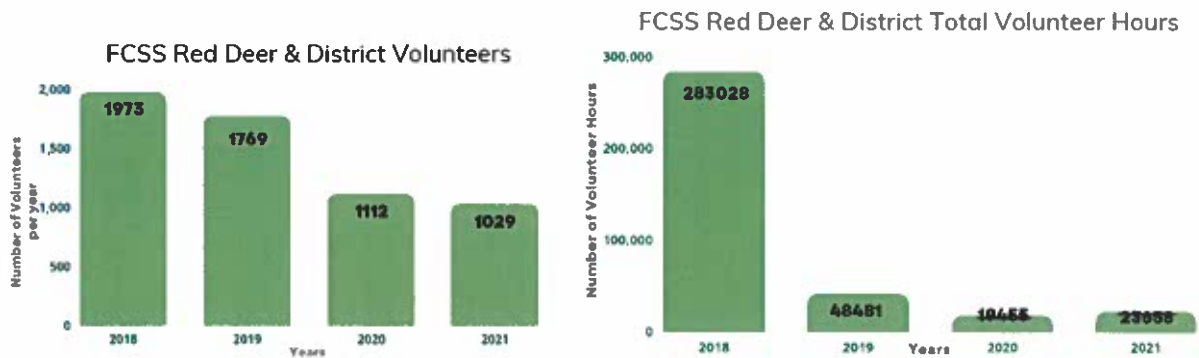
Age Standardized Potential Years of Life Lost per 100000



Community Involvement

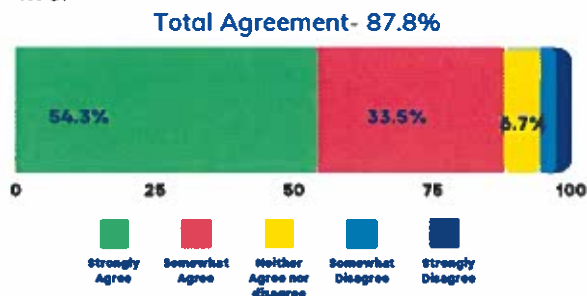
The last few years have seen large changes to how individuals connect with their own communities. The loss of volunteer opportunities has had major impacts on residents across the country, as well as the impact to service provision by agencies where individuals volunteered. Albertans report large decreases in quality of life in relationship to their inability to volunteer through the pandemic, with 25% fewer Albertans reporting volunteers service in 2020, from 85% in 2020 to 60% in 2021^{xiv}.

Red Deer has shared in this experience, to both the volunteer and the places they volunteered. Every year, a high number of volunteers support the planning and implementation of FCSS funded programs by dedicating a significant number of hours to the provision of services. As shown in the charts, there was a substantial decrease in the number of volunteer hours 2019 onwards and gradual decrease of number of volunteers per year^{xiv}. This was due to the onset and rise of the pandemic and restrictions on in-person gatherings and events, virtual mode of program delivery, and fear of infection resulting in less volunteering participation.



Similarly, restrictions and changes in habit have impacted public participation in events and clubs. Albertans report decreased ability to participate in leisure and cultural activities as a result of the pandemic, while still reporting that such opportunities make their communities a better place to live^{xivi}.

Participating in or attending organized sport activities or events in your community contributes to your quality of life.



Did Covid-related inability to participate in culture and leisure activities effect your quality of life?

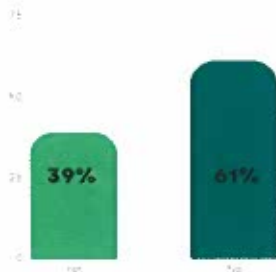


Diversity and Inclusion

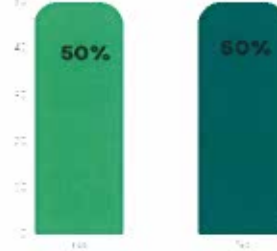
Diversity refers to the existence of variable characteristics in a group of people. Furthermore, inclusion is a state of being valued, respected, and supported considering those differences. It is about creating a favorable and supportive environment for everyone to achieve their full potential. In simple terms, "diversity is the mix; inclusion is getting the mix to work well together."^{xviii} The dynamic composition of our communities provides an opportunity to understand life here through numerous perspectives. It gives us a change to understand what it is like to live here for those who do not identify with majority characteristics.

The social distancing practiced in the last few years led to more online engagement with social media, which in turn has a polarizing impact on attitudes and beliefs. In the 2022 Red Deer RCMP Policing Plan Survey, there was a strong emphasis on the impacts of social media on polarizing the public. At the same time, half (50%) of the respondents identifying as a visible minority reported experiencing discrimination or harassment based on their visible minority status over the last 12 months^{xviii}. Additionally, 39% of respondents identifying as Indigenous reported experiencing discrimination or harassment based on their Indigenous identity over the last 12 months^{xlix}.

Experienced discrimination or harassment in the last 12 months based on your Indigenous identity (n=28)

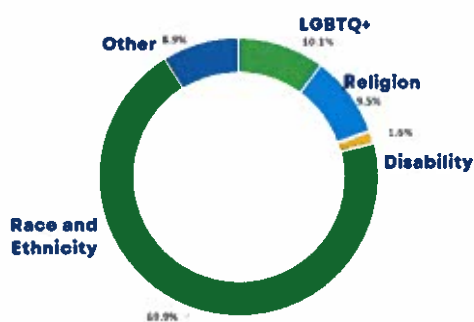


Experienced discrimination or harassment in the last 12 months based on your visible minority identity (n=32)



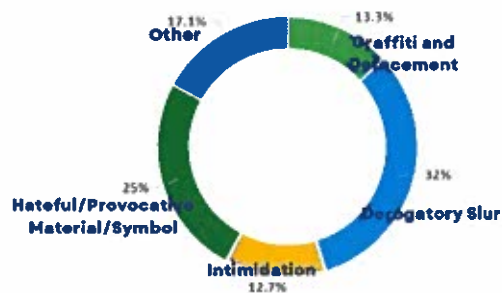
Overall, 70% of all reported hate incidents in Alberta are due to race or ethnicity, followed by sexual identity and religionⁱ. Data from hate incidents in Alberta on the type of incident depicts that derogatory slur (32%) was the most reported incident followed by hateful/provocative material/symbol (25%), graffiti and defacement (13.3%), and intimidation (12.7%)ⁱⁱ.

Motive of Incident



(Reported Hate Incidents in Alberta from February, 2017 to April 30, 2021)

Type of Incident



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REQUEST FOR DECISION

Department: Fire & Protective Services

Submitted by: Sean Pendergast

SUBJECT: Council Update Report

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accept the Fire & Protective Services monthly report as information.

CAO COMMENTS:

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: Report/Document: Attached ___ Available ___ Nil _ ___

KEY ISSUE(S)/CONCEPTS DEFINED:

RELEVANT POLICY:

Municipal Government Act, Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26 - Section 207 – Chief Administrative Officer’s Responsibilities. This report is an extension of the CAO’s update report.

STRATEGIC RELEVANCE:

Operational

DESIRED OUTCOME(S):

The attached report is presented to keep the Council informed and up to date on tasks being worked on within Protective Services.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Verbal clarity on something that was identified
2. Investigate an area in more depth for possible decision-making focus

PREFERRED STRATEGY:

IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION:

Information & possible direction

GENERAL:

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Operations:

- We have 31 qualified members: 1 Chief, 1 Deputy Chief, 1 Assistant Deputy Chief, 2 Captains, 4 Lieutenants, 18 Firefighters, 3 probationary firefighters, and 5 non-qualified recruits.
- Our cadet program has begun with the start of the school year. We had 25 applications for the program. Our capacity is 10; we have chosen the 10 cadets and started the onboarding and orientation process.

Training:

- Our level II professional qualifications will start in October and conclude in December.

Fire Prevention:

- All three schools were inspected in September.
- Nutrien Ag Solutions is scheduled for an inspection in October.

Maintenance:

- Quint 1 had its ladder maintenance completed including structural NDT testing. All tests passed with minor repairs completed for CVIP.
- Rescue is due for CVIP before the end of October.

Notes:

- RDES has replaced their LUCAS 2 devices on their ambulances with LUCAS 3 devices. They kept a few 2's for backup and donated four to their regional partners. Sylvan Lake, Blackfalds, RD County, and Penhold received a LUCAS 2. These are life saving CPR devices that outperform even the best practitioners. This device was on the capital budget for 2023 and will be removed from that budget saving the town ~\$20,000.

The focus for September 2022:

- Onboarding and orientations

Internal Events:**External Events:****CPOs****Administration:**

- We have hired a new CPO. Administration has secured a spot in the next CPOIP class with dates and location undetermined at this time. Expectations are the class will start near the end of October
- The new speed sign has come in; Administration will train some PW employees on the usage an installation of the new sign.

From previous meeting:

- The truck route was evaluated for effectiveness and access. Information was relayed to the businesses of the availability of Highway 42 junction as a staging area, when it has capacity. The truck route is being used by businesses as a staging location when their parcel is full (during peak operations). The truck route is also being utilized by residents who drive large trucks for parking during weekdays (no parking of large trucks allowed Friday – Monday). Further, businesses along the route who have high volume have been requested to post signs on their property indicating entrance and exit routes for trucks to alleviate congestion and street blockage.

Enforcement:

Animal Control:

FOLLOW UP ACTION:

COMMUNICATION:

OTHER COMMENTS:

Presented at the September 26th, Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Penhold

for _____ *Willis*
CAO



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Department: Community Services

Submitted by: Jennifer Blaylock

SUBJECT: Community Services Report

RECOMMENDATION: That Council accepts the Community Services Department report as information.

CAO COMMENTS:

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS Report/Document: Attached ___ Available ___ Nil ___

KEY ISSUE(S)/CONCEPTS DEFINED: n/a

RELEVANT POLICY:

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STRATEGIC RELEVANCE: n/a

DESIRED OUTCOME(S): n/a

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Council receives the report as information
2. Council defers back to administration for more information

PREFERRED STRATEGY:

This report is being submitted to keep Council informed of Community Services’ programs, events and services.

IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION: n/a

GENERAL: September report

FCSS Coordinator & FCSS Community Worker

- Playgroup started back up on Sept. 14 and there was a great turnout – 20 kids, including a few new families attending!
- Daddy & Me Play Day: 9 people, including 4 families came to play for some robot themed fun on September 17th
- Fall Lego Club has started back up. There are 15 children registered with a waitlist.
- For Family Week we will be launching a month long family fun bingo contest where families can get a bingo by doing different family togetherness activities with a chance to win a fun prize.

Mental Health Project timeline:

- Souper Neighbours program - ongoing
- 2022: Training for community – Mental Health First Aid - completed
- 2022/23: Training for community – Brain Sciences & Resilience and Trauma Informed Care Principles & other training
- 2022/23: Implement initiatives to provide supports for the areas of need identified from the facilitated community conversations.
- 2022/23: Community Conversation
- 2023: Community Mental Health assessment
- 2022/23: Other initiatives

Penhold Youth Club:

- PYC attendance in August:
Grades 4-6: 10
Grades 7-12: 5
- We had our first ever 'Parent Appreciation Night' and we had a total of 19 people attend. It was a really fun night and staff are planning to do it again next year.
- We had our last 'Summer Kids Camp' in August with 23 participants. Staff has sent out a survey to the 19 families that enrolled in the camps this year to collect feedback about the camp. Out of the 19 families we received 10 surveys back. The results were as follows:

Question #1: Overall, were you satisfied or dissatisfied with your experience with the camp?

90%- Very satisfied

10%- satisfied

Question #2: We are getting ready for 2023 planning for programs. At this time we do not know if we are going to be offering camps but if we were, one feedback we received was the lack of day trips in the camp. In order to do day trips the price of the camp would need to go up. Would you like to see the camps stay the same as this year or would you want to include day trips? Options were "Same as this year with no day trips (\$125 per week)", "local day trip once a week such as swimming, movie theater, jungle farm, etc. (\$150 per week)" or "Bigger day trip such as West Edmonton Mall, Calaway Park, The Big Box, etc. (\$175-200)".

100% - local day trip once a week such as swimming, Movie Theater, jungle farm, etc. (\$150 per week)

Question #3: Overall, did your child enjoy the camp?

80%- "Yes, they loved it"

20%- "They had fun most days"

Questions #4: How well did the camp meet your expectations?

20%- "Much better than expected"

60%- "Better than expected"

20%- "About what I expected"

The PYC staff had a blast running the camps and it was a great way to advertise our PYC program to parents as we received 5 new PYC members after the camp. The staff would be open to doing the camps again next year.

- PYC's Open House had a great turnout with 40 people stopping by to check out the program and space
- Staff are working on in-school presentations to advertise the program more
- Smile Cookie Fundraiser is from September 19th-25th with all the proceeds going to the PYC program
- PYC is partnering with the Library on "Comic Fest" from October 11th-15th

Communication & Events:

- Fall Festival was held Sept 9-10, 2022 and was a great success. The Craft Beer, Wine & Spirits Night had approximately 365 people attend on Friday night and the Ma & Pa's Bakery Café Show & Shine was the best one we have had yet with over 50 vehicles attending. The Craft Beer, Wine & Spirits Festival was the primary revenue source for Fall Festival and generated just over \$9,000.
- The new event, Mayor Mike's Mini Marathon for a Cause had 43 participants and raised \$1,075 for the Penhold Elementary PAC for their playground fund. Plans are for this activity to become an annual part of Fall Festival and to be run by staff from the Fitness Centre going forward.
- On Saturday Community TIES Pancake Breakfast at Memorial Hall was well attended and went well. We have not yet received info on the number of people who attended.
- The 2022 parade had over 30 entries and was enjoyed by those who attended. There were lots of people along the parade route and all feedback has been positive. Thank you to Council for judging this year's parade entries.
- The parade winners this year were:
Best Commercial / Business entry: ATB Penhold
Best Community Group / Personal entry: Penhold Minor Soccer
Judges Choice: Ma & Pa's Bakery Cafe
- The afternoon of activities at the Multiplex was well attended and enjoyed. While having the amusement rides is fun for kids and youth, there were many comments made in person and on social media about how much people enjoyed Fall Festival even without the rides. If we had the rides, we would not have been able to have many of the other activities we had this year. The multiple activities do come with a higher price tag than the rides and there is not a way to charge admission to such a spread out event without incurring more expense but, with the generous support of our community for some activities, Fall Festival stayed within the \$40,000 allocated towards the event. The

revenue came in lower than budgeted without the rides but there was \$9,000 in revenue generated by the Craft Beer, Wine & Spirits Festival.

- Fall Festival wrapped up with the fireworks display at 9:00 p.m. with the fireworks display by Starstorm Fireworks. This year's display was returned to the 2020 budget after an increase from Council in 2021 and the comments were still very positive about the quality of the display.
- Events like Fall Festival require a lot of assistance from staff, council and community volunteers but it is an event people look forward to and come to Penhold specifically to attend because it is such a nice time. There were many positive comments on social media and some people have also emailed in to say they enjoyed the event and how it showcased Penhold. There was a young couple at the Craft Beer, Wine & Spirits Festival who talked to staff and let them know they were "scoping out" local towns and came to see what Penhold is all about. They were very impressed with what Penhold does to build Community and bring residents together.
- The community groups involved in Fall Festival 2022 were happy with how things went and all groups fundraising at Fall Festival also helped with the operation of Fall Festival this year. The wrap-up meeting is scheduled for Thursday Sept. 29 so total funds raised by the various groups aren't available yet. Feedback from Penhold Elementary, Penhold & District Optimist Club, Community TIES and the Penhold & District Museum Society is they are happy with the event and want to continue being involved next year.

Upcoming events:

- The Halloween event will be changed this year to only include the Pumpkin Head Scarecrow Contest in order to allow planning time and adequate budget for Community Christmas on November 25. The scarecrows will be up October 28-30 and online registration will be open October 7.

Communications:

- Communications has been very busy and website traffic increased significantly during Fall Festival. Having all the info in one place online and as an event on Facebook with all the info was appreciated because it made it easy for people attending Fall Festival to know what was happening.

Work Plan & Upcoming Special Dates:

September 14, 21, 28: Playgroup

September 19: Lego Club – runs every second Monday

September 19-25: Smile Cookie Week (in support of PYC)

September 22: Cultural Day (in partnership w' the Library)

October 3, 17, 24: Lego Club

October 5, 19, 16: Playgroup

October 11-15: Comic Con with PYC (in partnership w' the Library)

October 15: Family Play Day

October 25: Walk with the Mayors event (hosting on behalf of the Central Alberta Falls Prevention Coalition)

November 5: Charity Check Stop (for Compassion Fund)

November 22: Community Legal Clinic presentation

TBD: Baby Babble

TBD: Home Alone & Babysitter's courses


ORGANIZATIONAL: n/a

FOLLOW UP ACTION: n/a

COMMUNICATION: n/a

OTHER COMMENTS: n/a

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REQUEST FOR DECISION

Department: Legislative Services

Submitted by: Rick Binnendyk

SUBJECT: Varme Energy – Changing the Future of Waste in Alberta

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council directs Administration to provide a letter of support to Varme Energy expressing Penhold's desire to learn more about reducing waste ending up in landfills through innovative solutions and practices.

CAO COMMENTS:

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: Report/Document: Attached Available Nil

KEY ISSUE(S)/CONCEPTS DEFINED:

RELEVANT POLICY:

Municipal Government Act, Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26 - Section 207 – Chief Administrative Officer's Responsibilities. Advises and informs the council on the operation and affairs of the municipality. This report is an extension of the CAO's update report.

STRATEGIC RELEVANCE:

DESIRED OUTCOME(S):

That Penhold becomes part of the solution to eliminate future landfills while producing clean energy.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

That Council refer the matter back to Administration for additional information.

PREFERRED STRATEGY:

IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION:

Penhold will be joining other sustainability-forward municipalities in helping to change the future of waste in Alberta.

GENERAL:

On Sept. 8th, 2022 the Central Alberta Mayors & Reeves Group held its quarterly meeting with guest speaker, Sean Collins, CEO, Varme Energy, sharing a presentation on Varme Energy and its ability to shape the future of waste in Canada.

Varme also presented to Innisfail Town Council and is seeking interested municipalities who have a desire in reducing their waste ending up in landfills through innovative solutions and practices.

At Council's Sept. 12 meeting, Mayor Yargeau requested this initiative be added to the Sept. 26 Agenda in order for Council to discuss the possibility of Penhold supporting this initiative. If Council wishes to support this initiative, there is no upfront costs at this time.

Attached is Sean Collins biography as well as the Varme Briefing Notes for review.

ORGANIZATIONAL:

FINANCIAL:

There is no financial implication at this time.

FOLLOW UP ACTION:

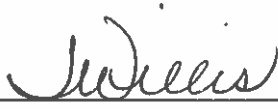
As directed by Council.

COMMUNICATION:

Administration will advise Mr. Collins of Council's decision.

OTHER COMMENTS:

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Guest Speaker at the September 8, 2022, Central Alberta Mayors & Reeves Group meeting

Presentation: Sean Collins, Varme Energy

Changing the Future of Waste in Alberta

The environment needs proven solutions, collective action, and a sense of urgency to convert our current problems managing waste into solutions for Albertans. Varme Energy, a subsidiary of Green Transition Holdings (GTH), will present a solution for landfill waste that converts the waste to energy. The parent company is headquartered in Norway and Varme is located in Edmonton.

Varme has presented to Innisfail Town Council and is seeking interested municipalities who have a desire in reducing their waste ending up in landfills through innovative solutions and practices.

Below is a link to Invest Alberta August Newsletter re: Energy from Waste highlighting Green Transition Holding and Varme Energy:

<https://investalberta.ca/waste-not-watt-more-how-gth-are-using-landfill-waste-as-a-sustainable-energy-solution/>

Sean Collins biography:

Sean Collins is a serial entrepreneur with a deep passion and focus on clean energy transition, and with over 13 years of experience building and supporting programs for startups related to climate project development.

He is a driver for change, not only founding several companies but using his passion and knowledge for these projects to rally others and raise significant funds to support them—from founding **Terrapin Geothermics**, one of Canada’s leading geothermal development companies and recipient of \$25.45 million in funding from NRCan’s Emerging Renewable’s Power Program, to co-founding **Student Energy**, a global energy education charity with over 50,000 members and official university chapters in over 30 countries.

Sean is also the founder of Remora Ventures, a climate focused venture studio supporting the creation of new project development companies that accelerate the transition to a decarbonized energy future, including Varme Energy.

Sean has created and taught business strategy courses at U of A and SFU’s business schools, and in addition is a Top 40 Under 40 recipient in Edmonton. He produced an award-winning radio show, spoke at the United Nations in New York on two occasions, and was a proud member of Canada’s contingent at COP 21 in Paris.

Sean also served as official agent and fundraising co-chair on the Amarjeet Sohi for Mayor of Edmonton campaign, raising the most of any 2021 mayoral campaign, setting a record for most donors in any political campaign in Edmonton history and contributing to Amarjeet’s successful election



Briefing Note

Waste is a problem.

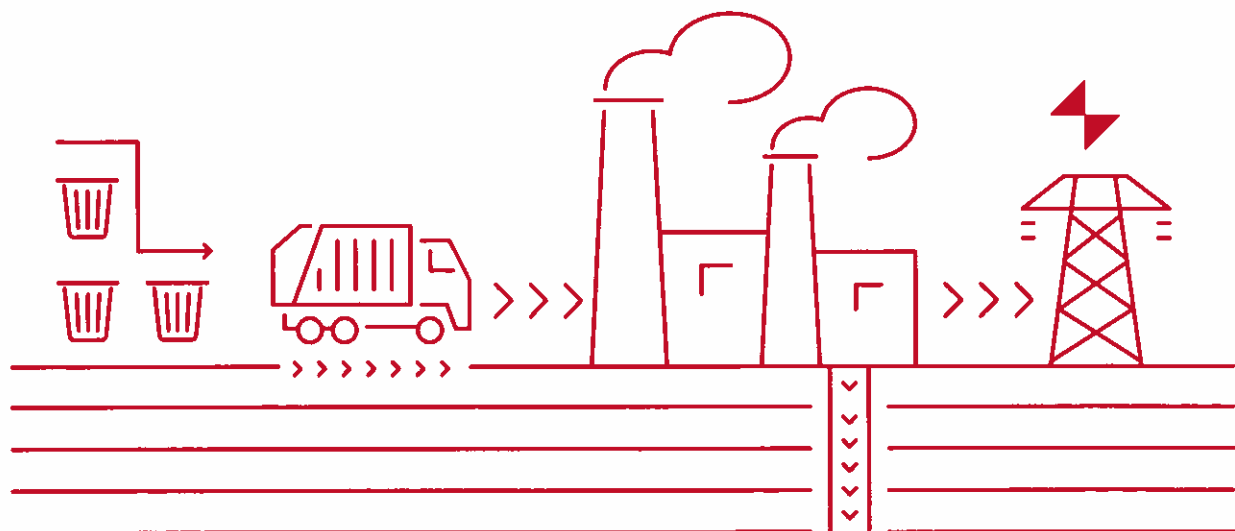
Waste is increasing globally. Global waste volumes are estimated to grow by 70% by 2050. Most of it will wind up in landfills where it will stay forever.

Landfills account for 16% of global methane emissions—and methane is an extremely potent greenhouse gas (GHG). It's 86x more potent as a GHG over a 20 year period than CO₂.

It's no wonder waste is a significant contributor to climate change. And its contribution is only growing.

This problem is exacerbated by how we treat much of our waste. Many municipalities have recycling programs, but they have severe capacity limitations and a lot of waste should not be recycled including dirty, contaminated, mixed, or degraded materials, and substances of high concern. Typical incineration leaves a significant environmental footprint and landfills are not a solution.

Our waste won't wait. We need proven solutions, collective action and a sense of urgency to convert our problems into future opportunities. For our environment. For our future.



A world free from landfills.

Varme is changing the future of waste in Canada.

Across Europe and around the world, sustainability-forward municipalities have built landfill waste-to-energy projects with increasing capacity for the last 20 years.

We can use this same technology to turn our trash into treasure by gasifying our waste into usable heat, and diverting up to 95% of the carbon emissions from our current process of dumping our garbage into landfills.

Just one of our waste-to-energy plants would **eliminate over 8.2 billion pounds of garbage** from entering landfills over 25 years. A single facility will generate 60 MWh of steam over 90% of the year. This produces enough heat for roughly 47.3 million, 20-minute hot showers annually. That's 47 showers per person per year for a city of 1 million people like Edmonton.

All Varme facilities are coupled with post-combustion carbon capture and permanent sequestration facilities. Since our plants run nearly around the clock,

we can provide our heavy industrial sector with stable, reliable steam, while also being a consistent supplier of over 200,000 tonnes of CO₂ for storage.

The energy in our waste often comes from plastics and carbon-based biomass. By gasifying and storing this waste underground, we complete the carbon circle and return it to its original place in the earth.

The outcome of all of this: we eliminate future landfills. And produce clean energy.

With Varme's proven technology, waste is eliminated. What's left is heat to warm and power businesses in an environmentally friendly way.

Waste to energy with integrated carbon capture gives us a zero emissions waste management and energy production solution. It's critical to any future waste management infrastructure.

Our waste won't wait. And now it doesn't have to.

The economic impact of waste to energy.

Each waste-to-energy facility requires \$150-\$200 million in capital expenditure. Our plan is to build 3-5 of these facilities in Alberta alone.

That's a big investment in Alberta jobs and infrastructure—up to \$600 million.

In Edmonton, about one million tonnes of waste is sent to landfills each year. About 15% of that might be diverted from landfill if all waste is sorted properly—but that doesn't happen. With waste-to-energy facilities, we can build a near-perfect circular economy by creating value from waste.

Anything that can't be recycled or composted goes to one of these waste-to-energy facilities. As these additional economic streams are monetized, we can leverage innovative separation technology to pull out certain materials like metals and sell them off.

When Albertans know their waste is being properly managed and diverted from landfills, they're more likely to participate in the collection of recycling and organic matter that can then be turned into compost or other goods--diverting even more waste from landfills.

This is a sole-source landfill elimination solution. As citizens, we're currently paying for the right to create permanent landfills. At no extra cost to citizens, Varme can eliminate landfills.

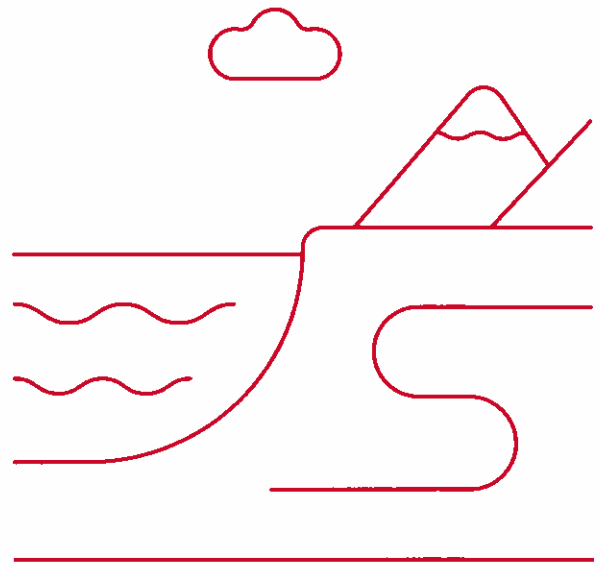
Alberta's waste-to-energy advantage.

There is no better place for waste to energy than Alberta. From a deregulated electricity market, to the best (and cheapest) carbon capture and storage cap rock in the world, to a clear need to protect our land from a future of dumping our garbage in landfills, Edmonton, Alberta and Canada are ready for action.

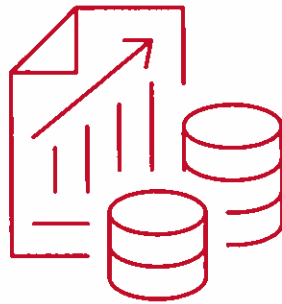
Alberta has the best carbon capture and storage (CCS) infrastructure in the world. With the world's best geology and cap rock right in our backyard, carbon capture is more efficient. In Europe, for example, they need to ship the carbon to port and then to an offshore rig. As a result, our CCS costs are \$20 per tonne instead of \$200 per tonne.

Our geology—combined with the expertise in Alberta from long standing carbon capture practices in the energy industry—makes Alberta the perfect place for CCS.

And with federal government tax credits covering half of the costs of CCS, the economic opportunity is significant.



Revenue Model



We are coming in with full equity investment from GTH and proven waste-to-energy technology.

How do waste-to-energy facilities cover costs and generate revenue?

There are three main revenue sources for these facilities: waste on the front end of the process, and energy and carbon on the back end of the process.

Landfills currently cover the cost of operations by requiring customers to pay fees to dump their waste. With this new model, customers will now pay this fee to Varme.

Varme Energy

Varme (pronounced Varma) is Norwegian for heat and warmth. We pride ourselves on converting landfill waste into usable, reliable, baseload energy.

Varme is a progressive, modern energy company that will shape the future of waste. We're the first of our kind in Canada.

Varme is backed, and majority owned, by Green Transition Holding (GTH), a Norwegian company whose team and subsidiaries have a multi-decade track record as pioneers in the waste-to-energy and energy transition industries in Europe.

Varme is led by CEO Sean Collins, a pioneer in Alberta's renewable energy and energy transition industries. Sean is proud to have secured the first geothermal resource rights in Alberta and is deeply passionate about Alberta taking the leadership position of the global sustainable energy transition.

Andreas Karlsen is Varme's board chair and Green Transition Holding's Global Director of Energy from Waste. Andreas leads GTH's global portfolio of waste-to-

energy project development and has a 10+ year career in oil & gas, maritime & energy transition industries.

Sean and Andreas have known each other for over 10 years since a first meeting in Trondheim in 2012.

Green Transition Holding is led globally by Paal Skoe, CEO of GTH. Paal brings deep financial acumen to the team and was formerly the CFO of Norway's largest waste company, Norsk Gjennvinning. Paal serves as a board member for Varme Energy, and global strategic lead as GTH CEO.

Varme's development manager, Rory Wheat, is a "Swiss Army Knife" leading outreach on steam and power offtakers and leads a broad range of project development and business development activities for Varme.

With over 30 years of collective experience in waste-to-energy projects, Varme's team has the expertise to shape the future of waste in Canada.



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REQUEST FOR DECISION

Department: Economic Development

Submitted by: Rick Binnendyk

SUBJECT: Art Mural at the Multiplex

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approves Administration to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Mr. Gordon Massie for the purpose of creating a sports related mural art project at the Multiplex.

CAO COMMENTS:

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: Report/Document: Attached X Available ___ Nil ___

KEY ISSUE(S)/CONCEPTS DEFINED:

RELEVANT POLICY:

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STRATEGIC RELEVANCE:

DESIRED OUTCOME(S):

That Council supports Administration’s continued marketing strategies.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

That Council refer the matter back to Administration for further review.

PREFERRED STRATEGY:

IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION:

If Council approves the recommendation the artist would begin the project mid-next week and complete it by the end of October.

GENERAL:

2022 has seen a huge focus on Economic Development including different marketing strategies. Graffiti Artist Gordon Massie reached out earlier this month indicating he had excess paint left over from a mural project he completed in Red Deer and wanted to know if this fall would be a good time to create a mural for the town.

A sports related mural has been sketched by Mr. Massie and is anticipated to be 15’ tall by approx. 100’ long. This mural would be installed on the north wall of the Multiplex making it visible from Hwy 42. An anti-graffiti sealant would be used making it easy for any unwanted “artwork” to be removed without damaging the mural.

Mr. Massie expects supplies to cost roughly \$2,000 and the project to take between 48 – 60 hours to complete. He is committed to completing the project, including supplies and his time, up to but not exceeding \$4,000.

The mural is an identified item within Administration's marketing strategy and we are pleased that this project could be completed this year, if Council supports it.

ORGANIZATIONAL:

FINANCIAL:

If Council supports the project, it will be covered under budget line Promotion: Marketing/Promotional Materials.

FOLLOW UP ACTION:

As directed by Council.

COMMUNICATION:

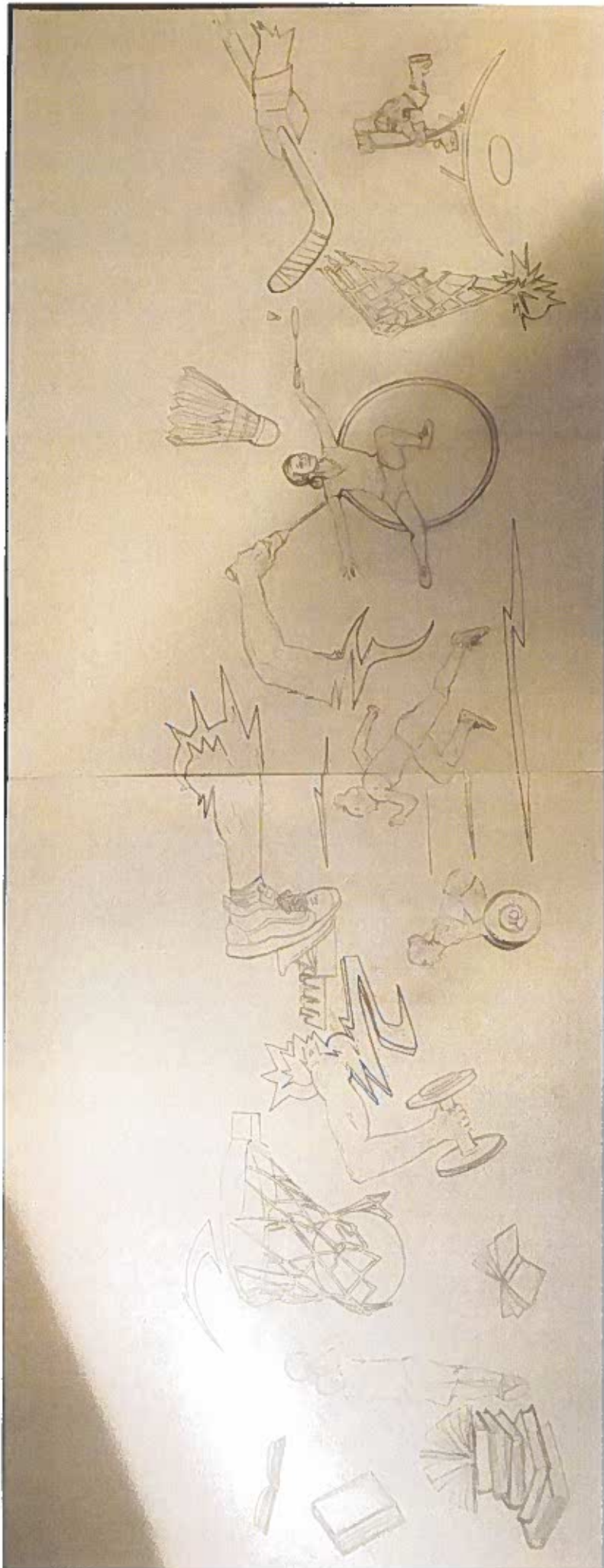
Administration will contact Mr. Massie with Council's decision.

OTHER COMMENTS:

Mr. Massie would begin the project, weather permitting, Thursday, Sept. 29.

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REQUEST FOR DECISION

Department: Legislative Services

Submitted by: Bonnie Stearns

SUBJECT: Council Correspondence

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives the correspondence for information as presented.

CAO COMMENTS:

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: Report/Document: Attached X Available Nil

KEY ISSUE(S)/CONCEPTS DEFINED:

This listing identifies correspondence either attached or emailed to Council for review.

ATTACHED:

- Sept. 2, 2022 letter from Emergency Management Logistics Canada

EMAIL:

- Sept. 13 Alberta Municipalities re: Alberta Municipalities' Friday News - September 09, 2022
- Sept. 13 Alberta Addiction and Mental Health re: Alberta Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions - Information Series
- Sept. 13 Alberta Municipalities re: The Weekly – ABmunis calls for public safety task force
- Sept. 14 email from Rick re: Residents' Request to Council form
- Sept. 14 Alberta Municipalities re: The Weekly – ABmunis Board nominations close Sept. 15
- Sept. 14 Towns West Fall Update
- Sept. 15 Article in the Red Deer Advocate re: Josephine Michaluk
- Sept. 16 Towns West Update to the Update
- Sept. 16 Email from ED Consultant - Touching Base update from Melcor
- Sept. 16 AM President re: Updated 2022 Resolutions Book with emergent resolution on the Victim Services Redesign
- Sept. 16 Alberta Municipalities re: Reminder: The Weekly – ABmunis Board nominations close Sept. 15
- Sept. 22 Director Towns West re: Board Elections

RELEVANT POLICY:

Municipal Government Act, Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26 – Section 201 (a) states in part that Councillors have the role of “..... Developing and evaluating the policies and programs of the municipality”.

STRATEGIC RELEVANCE:

Keeping Council informed on current related events.

DESIRED OUTCOME(S):

That Council is apprised of information that either impacts the Town of Penhold directly or provides information of interest.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Council may wish to have something further investigated; this item will be moved for further administrative review.
2. Council may wish to act on something and move the item for action.
3. Council may wish to move the items as information.

PREFERRED STRATEGY:

Determined upon response.

IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION:

No further action on correspondence.

GENERAL:

The information shared with Council can have a direct impact on Penhold or provide information beneficial to Penhold.

ORGANIZATIONAL:

Legislative department receives and forwards relevant information to Council.

FINANCIAL:

No cost unless directive taken

FOLLOW UP ACTION:


As determined by Council.

COMMUNICATION:

May be directed to specific departments if potential impact.

OTHER COMMENTS:

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August 19, 2022

Mayor Mike Yargeau
Town of Penhold
PO Box 10
Penhold AB T0M 1R0

RECEIVED
SEP 12 2022

Dear Mayor Yargeau,

I am writing to acknowledge the Town of Penhold as an early adopter of the EMLCanada.ca Platform.

Emergency Management Logistics Canada is designed to help local communities build capacity and resilience through connection. In local disaster and emergency situations, your municipality is on the front lines of response and recovery efforts. Having timely access to information about critical products and services is an important part of being prepared.

The EMLCanada.ca Platform is an important economic development tool.

When your municipality reaches out to invite local businesses to build a profile on the EMLCanada.ca Platform, you are reinforcing your commitment to buy local. Your local businesses have the products and services you need when you need them, and the local knowledge and commitment to help.

In the days, weeks, and months following disasters, municipalities can help stimulate the local economy by supporting local suppliers. Even when disaster situations stretch your local capacity, mutual aid partners can access your preferred and local vendor lists when they are on the EMLCanada.ca shared database.

The EMLCanada.ca Platform is a dynamic database.

Emergency management organizations and businesses with profiles on the EMLCanada.ca Platform have 24/7/365 access to their information, which makes it possible to update and change contact information and processes in real time.

With innovative new logistics tools available to your emergency management team, they can issue requests for support and receive offers from within the system. New businesses can be added to the Platform at any time, making it ideal for planning, response, and recovery.


We appreciate your municipality's advance planning.

In the emergency management world, it is often stated, "the time to exchange business cards is before the event, not during!" We appreciate that the Town of

Penhold is taking steps now to build its network of local businesses interested and able to support during times of need.

As an elected official, you have an important role to help communicate the importance of being prepared. We are working closely with your emergency management team to help get the word out and appreciate your ongoing support.

Thank you for your service and leadership. We are proud to be part of the emergency management plan for the Town of Penhold.



Scott Cameron
Co-Founder



Pauline Mousseau
Co-Founder

cc. Alberta Emergency Management Agency
Rick Binnendyk, Chief Administrative Officer