



## **AGENDA**

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**PUBLIC HEARING** to be held Monday, April 22, 2024, 5:00 p.m., Town of Tofield Administration Building, Council Chambers.

- 1.** Present
  
- 2.** Public Hearing for Bylaw 1347
  
- 3.** Close Public Hearing

## **AGENDA**

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**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TOFIELD** to be held Monday, April 22, 2024, immediately following the Public Hearing, Town of Tofield Administration Building, Council Chambers.

**1. Present**

**2. Call to Order**

“As we gather here today, we acknowledge we are on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. **We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.**”

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

**4. Minutes**

- (a) Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council of the Town of Tofield held April 8, 2024.

**5. Delegation**

- (a) 5:00 p.m. Glenda Farnden and Shannon Paquette, STARS will be present to provide a presentation to Council.

**6. Correspondence**

- Invitation from Centex to attend the May 1, 2024 Grand Opening;
- Unapproved Minutes of Highway 14 Regional Water Commission meeting held March 28, 2024.

**7. Unfinished Business**

- (a) Bylaw 1347 of the Town of Tofield in the Province of Alberta, for the purpose of amending Bylaw 1316, being the Land Use Bylaw.

**8. New Business**

- (a) Email from the Ministry of Senior, Community and Social Services regarding a declaration recognizing Senior Week 2024.
  
- (b) Request for Decision – Beaver Regional Partnership – Beaver Foundation

**9. Councillor Reports**

**10. Adjournment**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TOFIELD held Monday, April 8, 2024 Town of Tofield Administration Building Council Chambers**

**PRESENT**

1. Mayor Dueck; Councillors, Tiedemann, Martineau, Conquest and Chehade; Cindy Neufeld, Chief Administrative Officer (VIA Teams) and Assistant Chief Administrative Officer Edwards.

Also Present: Kari Janzen, Tofield Mercury, Rita Munro, Becher Munro Chartered Accountants and Anne Ruzicka, Claystone Waste Ltd (VIA Teams)

**CALL TO ORDER**

2. Mayor Dueck called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

"As we gather here today, we acknowledge we are on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Metis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Metis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another"

The Tofield Mercury acknowledged that they are recording the meeting.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

3. **MOVED** by Martineau that the Agenda be approved as amended.

01-04-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Move: 5. Delegation

6. Financials

Add: 9. (c) Quote Hall Roof Replacement

(d) Wild Oats and Notes request for funding

**MINUTES**

4. (a) **MOVED** by Conquest that the Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council of the Town of Tofield held March 25, 2024, be approved as presented.

02-04-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATION**

5. 5:00 p.m. Rita Munro, Becher Munro, Chartered Professional Accountants was present to provide the 2024 Financial Statements.

**MOVED** by Chehade that the 2024 Financial Statements be approved as presented.

03-04-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Munro left the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

**Minutes of the Town of Tofield Regular Council Meeting  
April 8, 2024**

**FINANCIAL**

6. (a) **MOVED** by Tiedemann that the Financial Statement for the month March 31, 2024 be approved.

04-04-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (b) **MOVED** by Chehade that the Interim Operating Budget for the month ending March 31, 2024 be approved.

05-04-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (c) **MOVED** by Martineau that the Open Payables for the months of March and April 2024 in the total amount of \$499,493.05 be approved for payment.

06-04-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CORRESPONDENCE**

7. The following Correspondence was presented:

- Town of Vegreville, Community Peace Officer, Quarterly Report

**MOVED** by Chedade that the Correspondence be received and filed.

07-04-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS**

8. (a) Policy 3.15 – Operational Financial Management – Funding/Donations

**MOVED** by Conquest to approve Policy 3.15 as amended.

08-04-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**NEW BUSINESS**

9. (a) Policy 2.23 – Operational Administration – Hybrid/Remote Work.

**MOVED** by Tiedemann that Policy 2.23 be approved as presented.

09-04-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (b) Council Report – FORTIS – Street Light Upgrade was presented.

**MOVED** by Martineau to set the Open House for May 7 or 9 or 15, 2024 for the Street Light Upgrade.

10-04-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Minutes of the Town of Tofield Regular Council Meeting  
April 8, 2024**

**NEW BUSINESS**

9. (c) Quote for replacement of the Community Hall Roof.

**MOVED** by Conquest to include the replacement of the Community Hall Roof in the 2024 budget and proceed with the work immediately.

11-04-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (d) Wild Oats and Notes request for donation.

**MOVED** by Conquest to approve the donation of \$1000 to Wild Oats and Notes.

12-04-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT**

10. **MOVED** by Chehade that the meeting adjourn at 6:28 p.m.

13-04-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

UNAPPROVED

# CRITICAL CARE, ANYWHERE

 **STARS**<sup>®</sup>

Your best hope, in a worst-case scenario.



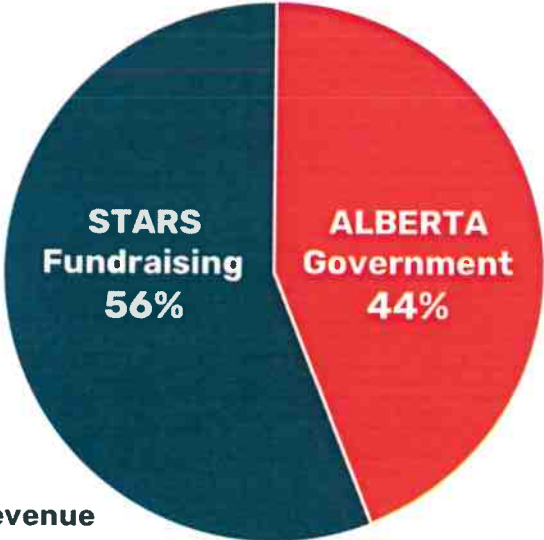
# STARS ALBERTA REVENUE FISCAL 2023

2023 NET STARS Lottery proceeds: \$9.8 million  
35% of total fundraising

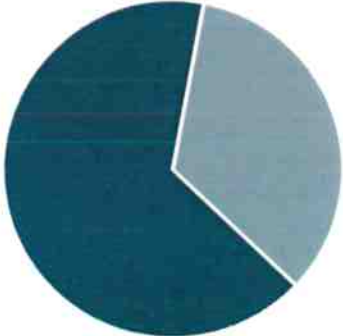
**2024 NET STARS Lottery proceeds: \$10 million**

**AB Government contribution**  
\$15.0 million

**Starting  
May 1, 2024**  
New Service Agreement



**NET fundraising revenue**  
\$27.8 million



Fundraising revenue:  
\$18.0 million  
65% of total fundraising  
**\* Includes \$2M+ Annual Municipal Support**

**FUELED BY GENEROSITY.** Achieving success together.



# ESSENTIAL SERVICE FOR ALL

- **New! 8 rural municipalities**
- **New! 9 urban municipalities**
- **Requests Pending**
- Over 90% Alberta's Municipalities in partnership
- Range: \$2 up to \$90 per capita
- Fixed rates alleviate census fluctuation
- **Partnership ensures robust health & safety network**



**(9) MUNICIPAL LEADERS**

- Standing Motion
- Fixed rates; Up to \$210K annual
- Included in Protective Services

**REGIONAL LEADER  
Town of Tofield**

Contributing min. \$2 per capita (+)

★ **Complete Regional Partnerships**  
Beaver County - 1<sup>st</sup> in Central Alberta

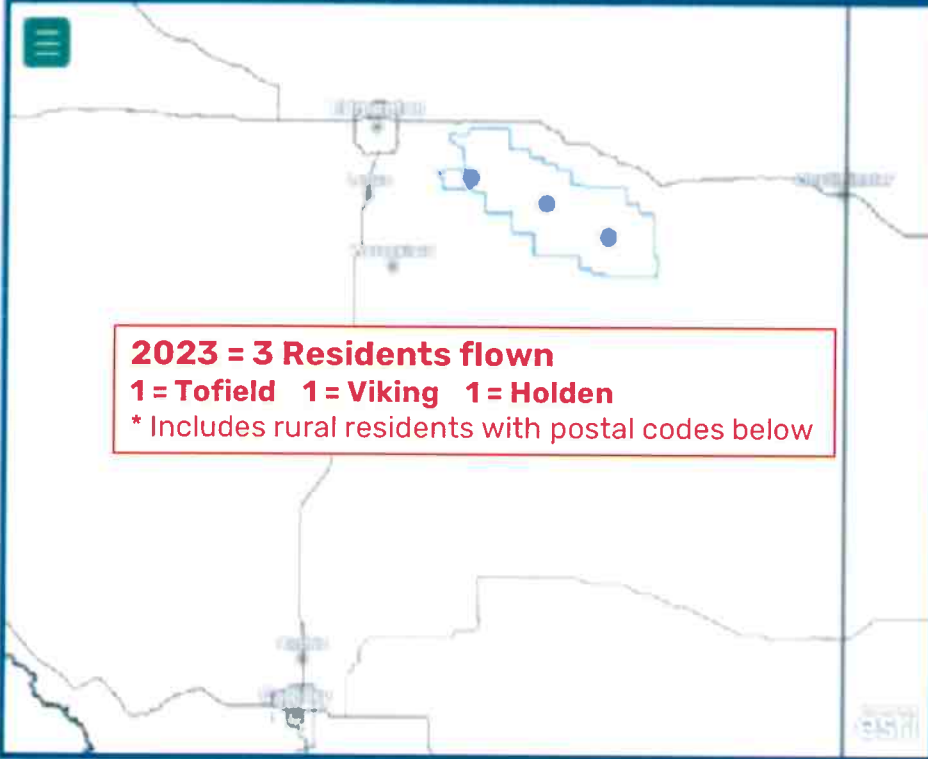
\*GREEN = municipal supporters \*WHITE = non-supporter

<b>WITHIN BEAVER COUNTY @ March 31, 2024</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Near Cooking Lake (within Beaver County)			1				1
Near North Cooking Lake (within Beaver County)					1		1
Near Holden	1		2	1			4
Near Kinsella			1				1
New New Sarepta (within Beaver County)					1		1
Near Ryley	3			2	2		7
<b>Tofield Hospital</b> (critical inter-facility transfers)	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Tofield</b> (scene calls) *Tofield averages 8 missions per year	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Viking Hospital</b> (critical inter-facility transfers)	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>20</b>
<b>Viking</b> (scene calls) *Averages 4-5 missions per year				<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>4</b>
<b>TOTAL</b> *Beaver County averages 15 missions per year	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>80</b>



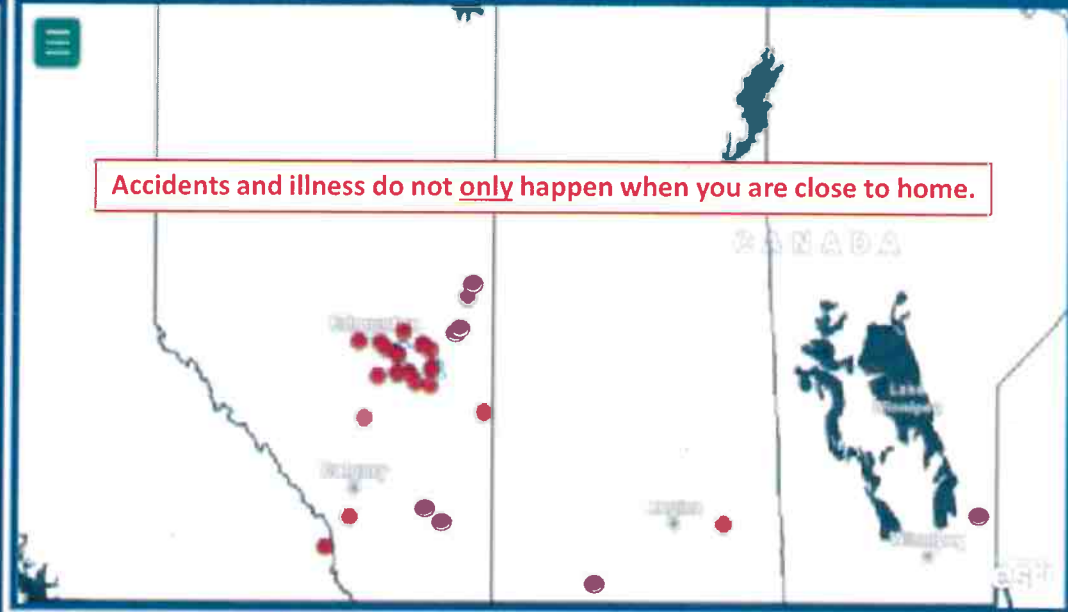
# Within Beaver County Boundaries - Patients Flown by STARS (2010-Present)

Beaver County Residents Flown by STARS

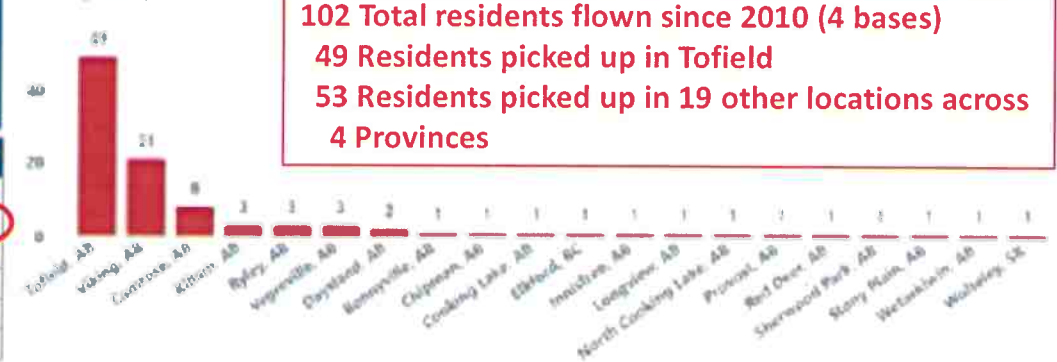


**2023 = 3 Residents flown**  
**1 = Tofield 1 = Viking 1 = Holden**  
 \* Includes rural residents with postal codes below

Locations where Beaver County Residents Travelled and Needed STARS



Count by Pickup Location



**102 Total residents flown since 2010 (4 bases)**  
**49 Residents picked up in Tofield**  
**53 Residents picked up in 19 other locations across 4 Provinces**

Resident Community	5 Yrs Ago	4 Yrs Ago	3 Yrs Ago	2 Yrs Ago	Last Year	5 Year Total	Total Since 2010
Holden	1	0	0	1	1	3	16
Tofield	0	2	8	1	1	12	47
Viking	1	0	2	1	1	5	25
Riverview	1	1	0	0	0	2	5
Ryley	3	1	2	0	0	6	9
Total	6	4	12	3	3	28	102

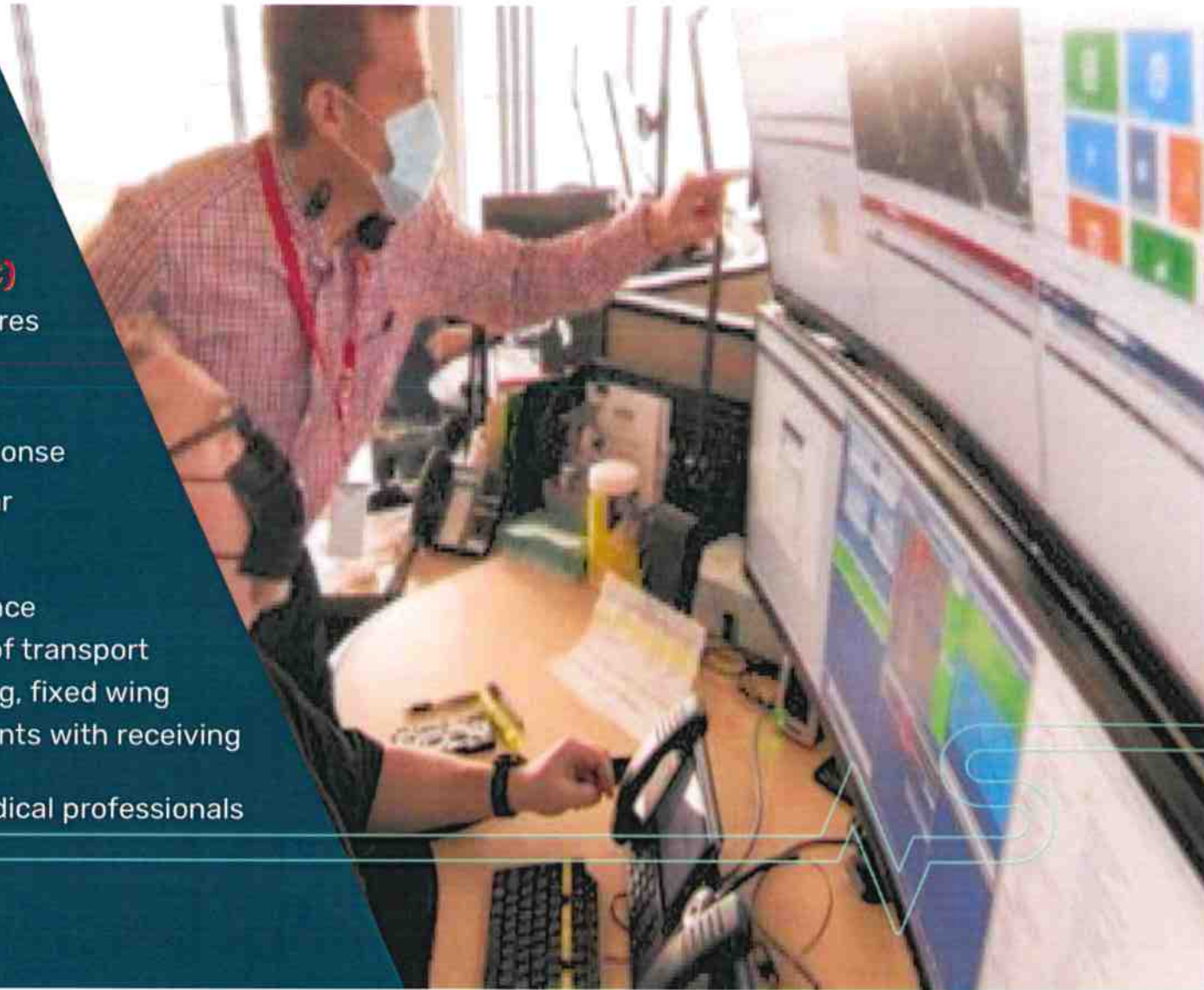
# More Than Rapid Transport

## **EMERGENCY LINK CENTRE (ELC)**

- Integrated with all dispatch centres and resources
- Precise mapping coordinates
- Dispatches HALO and HERO response
- 36,000 emergency requests/year

## **STARS Transport Physicians**

- Medical and procedural guidance
- Every critical call / All modes of transport
- Ground ambulance, rotary wing, fixed wing
- Schedule logistical arrangements with receiving Doctors and Hospitals
- Virtual care supports rural medical professionals



# Innovative Leader

## Night Vision Goggles (NVG)

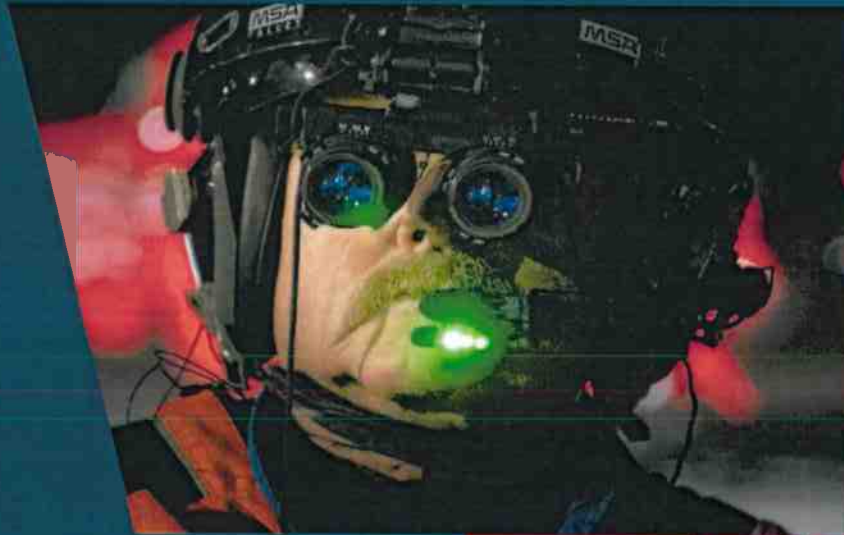
- 20+ YEARS!
- 50% of calls occur at night

## Universal Blood Onboard

- 10+ YEARS!
- 1<sup>st</sup> HEMS in North America
- Increased to 4 Units
- The difference between life and death.

## A Canadian First! Massive Hemorrhage Protocol

- Reverse anticoagulation
- Promote blood clotting in severe trauma patients



## World-renowned Critical Care Experts

- Up to 200 hours per year
- Mandatory simulation-lab
- Clinical Educators at each base
- Replicate complex/distinct cases

## In-Field Training

- Ready for the unthinkable
- Inclement weather
- Patient vulnerability
- High-consequence situations

## Chain of Survival Partners

- Landing Zone Training (available online)
- STARS.ca (critical care anywhere tab)



# International Air Medical Transport Conference (AMTC)

- Rigorous competition
- Triage multiple patients
- Inconceivable critical situations
- Graded: decision-making
- Timing and patient outcomes

**STARS TOP 3 - 21 Years!**



***THANK YOU!***  
***TOWN OF TOFIELD***


***Current Pledge of Support***

**\$5,000.00 Per Year  
Standing Motion**

A life is saved every day. Partnership makes it possible.







**INSIDE THIS ISSUE:**

New leadership at STARS

Road crew worker saved by STARS

Unprecedented response to  
Manitoba highway tragedy

Carla Minogue  
STARS Very Important Patient

 **STARS**

# HORIZONS

We provide critical care, **anywhere.**

## New leadership at STARS focused on ensuring stability and critical care, anywhere



In September, STARS saw a leadership transition which introduced the third-ever president and CEO. While a leadership change can often be a major shift for organizations, Katherine Emberly's initial priority is to ensure the crucial work continues of protecting the health and safety of communities across the Prairies.

In her first few months on the job, Katherine has been busy meeting with community members, government officials, business leaders and STARS allies to listen to their ideas and deepen our partnerships. At the same time, she's been diving into understanding more about STARS' medical care and clinical operations, shadowing our highly trained staff. These conversations and activities enable STARS leadership and allies to make sound decisions for the future of critical care.

"STARS is a people and community focused organization. Our first priority is to build relationships," said Katherine. "We want to get out and continue to build our reputation in the community, say 'thank you' to the people that support us and ensure that we've got their support and partnership moving forward."

Right now, Katherine is working with the leadership team on critical projects for the stability and long-term success of STARS. As part of that goal, she is aiming to ensure we continue to be an organization of choice for our many donors and partners. Having stable and reliable funding allows our team to focus on the important work of providing critical care, anywhere.

"No matter where you sit in the organization and no matter what your job, there's an overarching acknowledgement that it takes all of

us," said Katherine. "I am so honoured to come into this organization that has such a clear and impactful purpose."

Katherine's additional long-term goals for STARS include continuing to lead industry transformation, forging stronger connections with corporate partners and supporting the growth in innovation and technology.

Beyond her work leading STARS' critical care mission, Katherine serves on the boards of Alberta Blue Cross, Calgary Economic Development and Axis Connects. Through her passion for equity, inclusion, and diversity, Katherine continually finds ways to give all contributors a voice and ensure that doors are open for everyone who works alongside STARS. As a mother of two teen girls, Katherine is excited to use her leadership position to be an example to women and girls across Canada.

# Groundbreaking blood protocol launches in Manitoba

**“This program has saved the lives of countless individuals.”**

– Nichole Bandura  
LABORATORY SUPERVISOR FOR HEMATOLOGY/  
TRANSFUSION MEDICINE, MANITOBA SHARED HEALTH



**The field of critical care changes rapidly, so STARS must stay on the leading edge of new advances in technology and medicine that can lead to better outcomes for our patients. One of the most effective tools that STARS provides onboard is blood for critical patients. This summer, an innovative protocol that ensures patients have access to life-saving blood products while being cared for by STARS, was introduced in Manitoba.**

The Massive Hemorrhage Protocol (MHP) was initiated in Manitoba on June 30, 2023. It provides access to two new products that can help stop bleeding – one to reverse anticoagulation and the other to help blood clots form.

The protocol was first introduced in Saskatchewan in 2022 and is being used regularly to care for patients in that province.

“I think it’s the first of its kind in Manitoba,” noted Jennifer Fosty, a STARS flight nurse who helped lead the implementation of the protocol in partnership with Manitoba Shared Health.

STARS crews have brought blood along on missions since 2013. Initially, STARS stocked two units of type O negative blood. O negative is known as the ‘universal blood type,’ as it’s safe to be given to anyone – particularly helpful in a traumatic situation when a patient urgently needs blood and their blood type is unknown. Based on need, STARS increased onboard blood supply to four units in 2019.

The blood is carried in temperature-controlled coolers, and if it’s not used within 72 hours it’s placed back in the blood supply to avoid any wastage. STARS then receives fresh blood for the crew to use on the next patient who needs it.

STARS works closely with Manitoba Shared Health’s Blood Bank at Winnipeg’s Health Sciences Centre to ensure the MHP products are always on hand. The Blood Bank supplies STARS with MHP packages several times per week.

“If any products are used on a patient during transport, the Blood Bank is notified and quickly replenishes stock in order to have another MHP package in our hands, so that we’re ready for the next patient who may need it,” added Fosty.

It is another example of how STARS is a trusted partner in the delivery of critical care.

“STARS and the Blood Bank operate cohesively to ensure trauma patients are treated in a timely manner,” explained Nichole Bandura, laboratory supervisor for Hematology/Transfusion Medicine with Manitoba Shared Health. “STARS effectively communicates with the Blood Bank so both parties are prepared for the needs of incoming trauma patients. The rapid response of both STARS and the Blood Bank ensures the best care is provided to the patient.”

The partnership between STARS and the Blood Bank, driven by a spirit of innovation and a passion for finding

new ways to save lives, has made a real difference for patients.

“It is so important for critical patients to have access to blood products during pre-hospital transport,” said STARS’ Fosty. “The Massive Hemorrhage Protocol will definitely improve patient outcomes.”

“Having an organized plan of action and effective communications skills makes STARS and the Blood Bank a successful team,” added Manitoba Shared Health’s Bandura. “This program has saved the lives of countless individuals, ensuring the healthcare needs are met for Manitobans in some of the most traumatic situations.”

## Stan Grad 1944 – 2023



One of STARS’ supporters and advocates, Stan Grad, passed away at the age of 78. Stan was a passionate ally and philanthropist who wholeheartedly supported STARS’ lifesaving mission. His fervent passion and dedication are key reasons for STARS becoming what it is today.

**"I just want to say thank you to the sponsors and the donors and the partners for supporting STARS and supporting people like me."**

**— Carla Minogue, STARS VERY IMPORTANT PATIENT**

## **Road crew worker saved by STARS**

City road crews are essential to navigable communities, but working right next to oncoming traffic comes with serious risks, as Carla Minogue knows all too well.

In May 2004, she was working as the designated traffic flagger for a road crew repairing a section of the Trans-Canada Highway in a rural community.

"I was holding the sign that said slow or stopping people if they needed to be stopped," said Carla. "It was the end of the day, and I was picking up cones and putting them into the truck ahead of me and a car came out of the lane that was still open on the highway and hit me from behind. It then rear-ended the truck that was parked in front of me. I was somewhere in the mess of vehicles, and nobody really knew what to expect when they came to see me."





THE CARE



THE HISTORY



THE RECOVERY



THE FUTURE

As her crew members rushed to remove her from the wreckage, a call was placed to 911 who alerted STARS Emergency Link Centre that an air medical crew was needed.

"I remember being on the highway, on the pavement and hearing that STARS was coming and we were just waiting for the helicopter to arrive," said Carla.

"Highway landings are a common procedure for STARS crews, but you have to be careful because no landing is the same. There are a multitude of hazards whether its weather, visibility, wires, trees, or the condition of the landing area," said Greg Curtis, the STARS pilot who flew the helicopter on Carla's mission. "Doing it successfully is only possible through following our strong standard operating procedures and with flight crew being in constant communication with first responders on the ground. I'm glad we were able to be there for Carla."

Carla's injuries were life-threatening, with extensive injuries throughout her body.

"I broke two areas of my back, T five and six, which was a pretty serious break, and I had to have surgery. I have rods beside my spine now, holding it upright. I had a cracked pelvis and a broken foot and some damage to my knee, broken ribs, crazy bruises everywhere and probably a concussion of some sort from the impact. The impact was really strong, so strong that it blew my tied-up steel-toed boots right off my feet. They were found in the ditch later."

When severe spinal injuries occur, the smoother transit that a STARS'

helicopter provides is critical for the recovery of the patient, as a bumpy transit on the road can worsen the injury. In Carla's situation, the highway was shut down by local first responders so that STARS could land directly at the site of the incident, load Carla into the helicopter, and take her to a trauma centre.

By the time the helicopter arrived, paramedics on the ground had stabilized Carla's spine for transit, and the STARS crew was able to provide a smooth transit and essential critical care enroute to a major hospital. This collaborative approach prevented further injury and ensured that with the assistance of her medical team, once she recovered, she could walk on her own again.

Specific to spinal injury, the STARS Critical Care Medical Control Protocols have been developed to guide air medical crews on how to manage and transport potential spinal-injured patients. This includes how to immobilize and protect a potentially unstable spinal cord injury from any further damage during transport. The protocol has been developed and guided by nationally-accepted evidence.

"STARS uses evidence, accepted international guidelines, and a committee of physicians and researchers to develop evidence-based, best practice protocols for the treatment of spinal injuries," said Justin Mazzolini, STARS' Critical Care Medical Control Protocols lead. "Often patients with spinal injuries have associated traumatic injuries, so in addition to caring for the spinal injury, multiple treatments and protocols

may be employed by air medical crews to stabilize blood pressure, ensure adequate oxygenation and ventilation and rapidly transport patients to tertiary care."

Despite her successful recovery, Carla continues to deal with the lingering impact of her injuries. However, she is grateful for the impact that STARS has had on her life.

"I remember thinking, oh no, this must be really bad," said Carla. "But at the same time, having some reassurance knowing that I was going to be in the best hands, in the best care. I was very close to being paralyzed," said Carla. "I'm very grateful to STARS for taking such good care of me to keep me walking."

"I got to meet Carla 19 years after her accident," said Greg Curtis. "Getting to connect with her was one of the most meaningful visits of my entire career. It really was a treat to meet her."

Since her accident, Carla and her family have become even more involved with STARS, including volunteering their time to raise funds for STARS' critical care mission and spreading awareness of STARS' essential work.

"I just want to say thank you to the sponsors and the donors and the partners for supporting STARS and supporting people like me," said Carla. "Because without you, lots of us may not be here or maybe looking and feeling a lot differently than we are today, so thank you."

## MUNICIPAL HAIL INSURANCE

Municipal Hail Insurance understands the value and importance of planning for unforeseeable events in the future. Because of Municipal Hail Insurance's support for STARS, we can reach the next patient with an unforeseeable critical care emergency within Western Canada for generations to come. Since 2016, Municipal Hail Insurance has helped STARS to use any transportation and tools necessary to reach patients and deliver the care that can save lives.

# Working together to save lives

STARS joins partners in unprecedented response to Manitoba highway tragedy



THE CARE



THE PEOPLE



THE RESPONSE



THE TECHNOLOGY



FIXED WING PREPARES TO DEPART FOR BRANDON



LOADING PATIENT INTO STAR-9 HELICOPTER

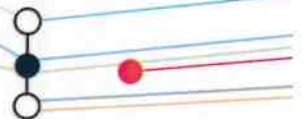
**SASKATOON**

**SK**

**MB**

**REGINA**

Brandon Staging Area



**CARBERRY**  
Accident Scene

The morning of June 15 began like most others at the STARS Winnipeg base. The day crew started their shift at 7 a.m. and went through their daily checks to ensure they and their aircraft were ready for the next mission. Like many other days at the base, several off-duty crew members were also on hand taking part in the ongoing training that STARS regularly undertakes to keep their skills as sharp as possible.

Shortly before noon, however, a series of events would unfold that ensured that what started out as an average day would turn out to be one of the largest coordinated responses in STARS' history.

At approximately 11:35 a.m., a semi-truck collided with a passenger bus on a busy stretch of the Trans-Canada Highway near Carberry, Manitoba, roughly 170 kilometres west of Winnipeg. Given the amount of traffic that regularly travels through the area, local RCMP and first responders were notified almost immediately and were the first to arrive on scene.

Minutes after the collision occurred, a 911 operator alerted Manitoba's centralized dispatch centre – the Medical Transportation Coordination Centre (MTCC) – of the event. The MTCC immediately called STARS, alerting them of a potentially major event. This resulted in an automatic launch of STAR-7, the on-duty aircraft and flight crew in Winnipeg. They were in the air less than 12 minutes after the collision took place.

At the same time, numerous ground ambulances from the southwest region were also enroute to the scene.

Dr. Doug Martin, STARS medical director for Manitoba and a transport physician, was working that morning and was quickly pressed into action to help deploy and direct the aircraft and medical crew that would be required to transport a large number of patients.

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PATIENT TRANSPORT FROM STAGING AREA AT BRANDON AIRPORT

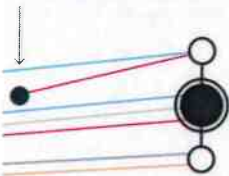


LOADING PATIENT INTO FIXED WING FOR TRANSPORT TO WINNIPEG



PATIENT HANDOFF FROM GROUND AMBULANCE TO STARS CREW

Portage la Prairie  
One patient moved from Portage la Prairie



## WINNIPEG

Critical patients transport to Health Sciences Centre

- STAR-7 (Winnipeg)
- STAR-9 (Regina)
- STAR-207 (FW/Winnipeg)
- STAR-208 (FW/Winnipeg)
- Lifeguard (FW/Saskatoon)
- Lifeguard (FW/Saskatoon)

Dr. Martin was one of four transport physicians on duty with STARS that morning. There was also a lead on-call transport physician and a second on-call transport physician overseeing STARS medical crew on the fixed-wing aircraft.

A fourth doctor, a senior resident in emergency medicine completing his very last month of training, was also with STARS that morning on an elective rotation.

"We very quickly determined that I was going to stay back and help coordinate the transport," explained Dr. Martin. The lead on-call transport physician and the senior resident doctor at the STARS base would deploy to the scene by air, while the second on-duty transport physician would handle any medical transport calls coming from elsewhere in the province.

Dr. Martin then jumped in his car and drove to the nearby Virtual Emergency Care and Transport Resource Service (VECTRS) operations centre. VECTRS is Manitoba Shared Health's centralized and coordinated source for clinical guidance and patient transport support. At VECTRS, Dr. Martin joined Dr. Rob Grierson, Shared Health's chief medical officer for Emergency Response Services, to help coordinate the inter-facility transport response to the accident.

Initial triage reports indicated that 10 patients were in either serious or critical condition. From Carberry, the nearest regional hospitals were in Brandon or Portage la Prairie. Most patients, however, were in a condition that required them to be taken to Manitoba's major trauma centre – Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg. It became clear very quickly that more aircraft and more medical crews were needed to transport those patients.

With STAR-7 already dispatched from Winnipeg, Dr. Martin contacted the STARS Emergency Link Centre to connect with the STARS team in Regina, the next closest base. STAR-9 was then dispatched out of Regina and lifted off toward Manitoba shortly thereafter.

Meanwhile, back at the STARS Winnipeg base, efforts were underway to deploy additional medical crew via fixed wing aircraft. Grant Therrien, STARS provincial director, Manitoba operations, was leading these efforts.

"The STAR-7 crew had just been dispatched and our on-duty fixed wing medical crew were at the ready," explained Therrien. "We also had a clinical simulation happening at the base that day, so we had a number of additional air medical crew available. Dr. Martin phoned me and explained the situation and asked if we could not only send the on-duty crew, but if we could put together an additional team to travel on a second fixed wing aircraft."

**"It was truly all hands-on deck, whoever could help, was assigned to help."**

– **Grant Therrien**, STARS Provincial Director, Manitoba operations

Therrien's response to the request was simple and clear.

**"Absolutely, we will."**

With the on-duty fixed wing crew on their way in the first aircraft, Therrien then summoned all the off-duty medical crew members who were at the base and told them to get their flight suits on and start packing up additional supplies. Their clinical simulation day was about to become a major, real-life mission.

Therrien, who also serves as a STARS flight paramedic, assembled an additional five medical crew members – including himself – to travel on the second fixed wing aircraft. When they arrived at the hangar to load the second aircraft they learned that, because of the space taken up by the onboard stretcher, there were only enough seats for four medical attendants. Without hesitation, one of the STARS flight paramedics volunteered to be strapped to the stretcher for the flight to ensure that they could all be there to help in whatever way they could.

At the scene of the incident, STAR-7 had arrived from Winnipeg and the crew immediately began providing critical care to one of the patients. Dr. O'Leary, the physician who was also onboard STAR-7, began checking in with all other ground ambulance crews and first responders to assist with their patients.

"It was truly all hands-on deck," said Therrien. In addition to the STARS crew, there were first responders on the scene from local EMS services across southwestern Manitoba, area fire departments, and the RCMP. "Whoever could help was assigned to help."

"I want to acknowledge all of the first responders, including volunteer responders, ground EMS, and RCMP that were the first to arrive on scene," added Therrien. "They arrived at a chaotic, devastating scene, and they did incredible work both prior to our arrival and in working together to care for as many people as possible."

Before long, STAR-7 departed with the first patient from the scene to Health Sciences Centre. With the two fixed wing aircraft enroute from Winnipeg and STAR-9 on the way from Regina, ground ambulances began transporting patients to the nearest major hospital. Most patients were transported to the Brandon Regional Health Centre, with two other patients taken by ambulance to the hospital in Portage la Prairie.

In addition, two patients were transported by ground directly to the Brandon Airport, which would become the staging area for patient transport. There they were met by the two fixed wing aircraft which had arrived in Brandon and were waiting to transport them immediately back to Winnipeg.

The Brandon Regional Health Centre, western Manitoba's major health centre, had received five critically injured patients in the span of 30 minutes. To assist with this influx of critical patients, several STARS crew members who were not yet transporting patients travelled to the hospital in Brandon.





**Grant Therrien**  
STARS Provincial Director, Manitoba Operations

Grant is also an active STARS flight paramedic and was stationed at the Brandon Airport as on-site transport coordinator.



**Dr. Doug Martin**  
STARS Medical Director, Manitoba

One of the transport physicians on duty, Dr. Martin was stationed at the VECTRS centre, working with Shared Health to coordinate the critical care transports.

They worked alongside the Brandon medical teams in stabilizing these critical patients in preparation for onward transport to Winnipeg. They also provided a clear line of communication to both Therrien, who was coordinating the staging area at the Brandon Airport, and to the team at the VECTRS centre in Winnipeg who could then relay information to the trauma teams who were receiving patients at Health Sciences Centre.

Coordinating the transport of the remaining patients from Brandon was the next task for Drs. Martin and Grierson and their team back at the VECTRS centre. It is common for neighbouring jurisdictions to provide additional support in a major incident such as this. In addition to STAR-9 from Regina already responding, more help was required. With all the critical care transport assets in Manitoba in use, a decision was made to request additional help from Saskatchewan from which two Lifeguard fixed wing air ambulance aircraft and crews were dispatched – including an additional STARS transport physician from Saskatoon – to the Brandon Airport.

As the aircraft from Saskatchewan began to arrive in Brandon, they were subsequently loaded with patients who had been stabilized at the Brandon hospital and departed again to transport them to Winnipeg.

Dr. Martin shared that the final transport tied to the accident came later that afternoon when STARS was dispatched for an inter-facility transfer from the hospital in Portage la Prairie. “A patient who had been initially transported by ground from the scene to Portage la Prairie had now worsened and required critical transport to Health Sciences Centre.”

And so, the crew of STAR-7, who were the first aircraft dispatched to the accident scene more than five hours earlier, launched once more to transport the last patient to the trauma centre in Winnipeg. As they returned to base early that evening, the magnitude of the day’s events was clear.

The tragic incident at Carberry was one of the largest scene responses in the history of Manitoba. As we honour and remember the lives that were lost, we recognize the efforts of so many who did everything they could to save as many lives as possible.

When all was said and done, a total of six aircraft and 20 STARS crew members travelled either to the scene or to Brandon to care for and transport critically injured patients that day. STARS was one of the many organizations who were involved in the enormous, multi-agency response to this tragedy.

STARS salutes the invaluable efforts of Manitoba Shared Health, the RCMP,

Carberry North Cypress-Langford Fire & Rescue, Prairie Mountain EMS, Brandon Emergency Services, the Brandon Regional Health Centre, Manitoba VECTRS, the Manitoba Medical Transportation Coordination Centre, Vanguard Air, Saskatchewan Air Ambulance, and Winnipeg EMS.

We also recognize the 20 STARS crew members who were involved in our response, including seven flight paramedics, five flight nurses, four transport physicians and the four pilots who flew STAR-7 and STAR-9. These crew members have been thoroughly supported in the aftermath of this tragedy, given the difficulty of the scene and the value that STARS places on the mental health and wellbeing of our team.

“This was certainly one of the most difficult days we have experienced, not only as a medical and first responder community, but for the province as a whole,” stated Dr. Martin.

“It was one of the most challenging missions any of us will ever face, but it’s what we train for,” adds Therrien. “I’m proud that we were able to work together to save so many lives that day.”

# Following her passion for medicine, ER doctor joins STARS



THE CARE



THE PEOPLE



THE RESPONSE



THE TECHNOLOGY

**"I wanted to be able to assist people in an emergency, to help them with that crisis in their life. I thought of it as very fulfilling."**

— Dr. Darla Palmer, STARS TRANSPORT PHYSICIAN



## “Becoming a mom shifts so many things and changes the dynamics of your job.”

– Dr. Darla Palmer, STARS TRANSPORT PHYSICIAN

**There’s something about a calling, a passion for a profession you just can’t ignore. Dr. Darla Palmer couldn’t deny the ambition to serve. It lived inside of her from the time she was a young girl, living in the community of Souris in rural Manitoba.**

“When I was 13 years old, I lost my house in a fire,” recounted Dr. Palmer. “That certainly drew my attention to the importance of having fire services in rural communities.”

The loss of the only home she knew and the compassionate care she received from first responders that day left an indelible mark. She wanted to help people in the same way she was supported.

“I wanted to be able to assist people in an emergency, to help them with that crisis in their life. I thought of it as very fulfilling.”

As soon as she was able to immerse herself in emergency services, Dr. Palmer seized the opportunity.

“When I was 17, I joined the fire department as a junior member. When I turned 18, I was able to start going on calls,” Dr. Palmer said.

She also grew up with a role model, her stepfather, who served as an emergency medical technician (EMT).

“I watched him being on call and hearing the pager go off around the clock. It certainly inspired me,”

Dr. Palmer recalled. “I always remember being aware that what he was doing was so vital and important. I wanted to be a part of that.”

Dr. Palmer joined the Canadian Armed Forces and served for years before she was nudged towards her true calling.

“I started in artillery and after working there for several years, I was encouraged by some of the military leadership who saw my potential to apply for a medic position. I became involved in the civilian side and was licensed as an EMT,” she said.

It was a gratifying part of her life journey, but she wanted to do even more. She continued working as an EMT while pursuing medical school.

“Eventually I decided to apply for medicine. There was something about it I was just drawn to.”

Dr. Palmer currently works in the emergency department at the Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg and has recently completed her residency in emergency medicine.

“I’ll begin working with STARS after I graduate in November,” Dr. Palmer said. “I will be assisting with the logistics of transporting critically ill and injured patients in the province, in addition to providing consultant advice to other medical professionals.”

She will be on-call to oversee missions and, at times, travel on board the flights.

“There will be situations where I will fly with the air medical crew to provide direct hands-on patient care.”

She is looking forward to the challenge, which she attests is a full circle moment.

“STARS is a way of bridging critical care and timely care to patients that live in rural areas,” she affirmed. “I think all people are deserving of timely health care, regardless of their place of residence.”

Dr. Palmer is also embracing the responsibility of being a parent. She is a new mother and is balancing her career with her 13-month-old son at home. Motherhood has brought a renewed purpose to her work, merging her personal and professional life.

It reinforced the parallels of selflessness, devoting her life to her patients and her new family.

“My career has taken on a whole different meaning. Certain calls and patient cases just hit differently,” she said. “Becoming a mom shifts so many things and changes the dynamics of your job.”

She admires what STARS represents and is humbled to be a part of the crew that saves lives.

“Just the thought of being able to provide comprehensive, timely, critical care to patients, regardless of their location, just drives me to provide the best patient care possible.”

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April 4, 2024

Mayor Deb Dueck  
Tofield, AB

Dear Honorable Mayor,

We would like to extend this invitation for the Grand Opening of our new Centex location in Tofield to you and the members of the council.

We have scheduled this to take place on May 1, 2024 at 5102 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Tofield, AB, from 10 am to 2 pm.

Tofield Centex is a family business owned and operated by Eric & Emily and their two children Donna and Kai. Our top priorities are quality & friendly customer services and keeping our store clean and shine brightly. We had a soft opening on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and since then we have completed renovation for inside and outside of the store.

Centex Petroleum is 100% Canadian owned and operated and established 35 years ago. In 1986 they started their first location in Calgary Alberta and have grown to over 150 stores. The store base growth is accelerating even faster this year. There are more than 50 stores here in Alberta and more stores are coming up soon.

We would deeply appreciate it if you can grace our Grand Opening with your presence.

It would be our great honor if you can cut the ribbon, which we plan to take place at 10am, and do the draws for the big screen TV and Centex Gift Cards prizes at 2pm. Thank you and we hope to hear from you soon at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Eric Shin, Emily Choi, Donna Shin and Kai Shin  
Owner family of Tofield Centex  
5102 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Tofield, AB, T0B 4J0  
[7028726@gmail.com](mailto:7028726@gmail.com)  
587-991-8901

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF HIGHWAY 14  
REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION held THURSDAY,  
MARCH 28, 2024 Highway 14 Regional Water  
Commission Administration Building Boardroom**

**PRESENT**

1. Chair Ducherer; Vice Chair Martineau, Director Smook, MacGregor, and Buttner.

Also Present: Crystal Yeske, Interim CAO  
Brent Clark, Consultant

**CALL TO ORDER**

2. Chair Ducherer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF  
AGENDA**

3. **MOVED** by MacGregor that the agenda be approved as amended.

56-03-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Additions:

- 7.7 Magneson, Weston
- 8.4 Operations Director
- 8.5 Water Rates
- 11.4 Audit

**DELEGATE**

4. Delegate: Brent Clark, Consultant-moved to the In Closed Session 11.5

**MINUTES**

5. **MOVED** by Smook to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 22, 2024, as presented.

57-03-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOVED** by MacGregor to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held March 6, 2024, as presented.

58-03-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**MOVED** by Martineau to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held March 12, 2024, as presented.

59-03-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**FINANCIALS**

6. Monthly Bank Reconciliation Statement- February 28, 2024

**MOVED** by Buttner to approve the Monthly Bank Reconciliation Statement for February 28, 2024, for information as presented.

60-03-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS**

- 7.1 **MOVED** by MacGregor to approve the Monthly Bank Reconciliation Statement for December 31, 2023 and January 31, 2024, for information as presented.

61-03-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 7.2 **MOVED** by Martineau to approve the Quarterly Budget Report December 31, 2023, for information as presented.

62-03-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 7.3 **MOVED** by Smook to approve the Operations Report for January 2024, for information as presented.

63-03-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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- 7.4 **MOVED** by Smook to approve raising the employee's Health and Wellness funding per individual employee to \$800.00 per year, and that the fund can be carried over for an additional one year's accumulation to pay for larger expenses, to be implement retroactive to January 1, 2024. Administration to bring the updated policy back to the next Regular meeting.

64-03-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 7.5 Transmission Fixed Charge

Brent Clark, supplied a handout called "Large Consumption Customers, Transmission Fixed Line Fixed Charge Calculation A and B". The board preferred to retain the total annual TLFC at the current approved amount despite the loss of Strathcona County.

Break at 7:15 p.m.

Reconvene the Regular Meeting at 7:25 p.m.

- 7.6 **MOVED** by MacGregor to approve a Cost-of-Living Increase to staff at the rate of 2.5 percent, retroactive to January 1, 2024.

Opposed: Kevin Smook

65-03-24

CARRIED

- 7.7 Weston Magneson, water meter usage.



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**NEW BUSINESS**

- 8.1 **MOVED** by Martineau to have policy HUM 1.07 Work Place Violence and Harassment, amended, with the required revisions and brought back for approval to the next Regular Meeting.

66-03-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 8.2 **MOVED** by Smook to rescind motion 23-92 directing the sale of the Commission property 5029-51 avenue, old office and Shop.

67-03-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOVED** by Martineau that administration bring an Asset Management Plan to the board within 3 months.

68-03-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 8.3 Policy HUM 1.08 Whistle Blower -Tabled to the next meeting

- 8.4 Operations Director- Moved to the In Closed Session

- 8.5 Water Rates

Buttner reported the Viking Truck fill Water rates are currently at \$12.00 cubic meter. Viking looking at raw water storage facility.

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**REPORTS**

9.

Break at 9:50 p.m.  
Reconvene the Regular Meeting at 10:02 p.m.

**MOVED** by Ducherer to approve the Reports as presented.

69-03-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CORROSPONDENCE**

10. Village of Ryley Letter, Ryley Distribution System, tabled to the next meeting.

**In CLOSED SESSION**

11. **MOVED** by Smook that the Commission meet in Closed Session at 9:30 p.m. to discuss matters under the Alberta FOIP Act as follows:

Section 17(1) – Disclosure harmful to personal privacy – Freedom of information and Protection of Privacy Act- Personnel Matters.

70-03-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOVED** by Smook to revert to the regular session at 10:50 p.m.

71-03-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOVED** by Ducherer to appoint Brent Clark as Interim CAO.

72-03-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**MOVED** by Smook authorizing the Chairman to sign the employment agreement with Brent Clark as our Interim CAO, effective March 29, 2024.

73-03-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT** 12. **MOVED** by Ducherer that the meeting adjourn at 10:55 p.m.

74-03-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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CHAIR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



**TOWN OF TOFIELD  
COUNCIL  
REQUEST FOR DECISION**

**Meeting Type: Council**  
**Department: Planning**  
**Presented by: Laraine Stuart**

**Meeting Date: April 22, 2024**  
**Confidential: No**

**Topic: Bylaw #1347 Proposed Text Amendment to Bylaw #1316**

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**BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:**

On March 25, 2024, the proposed text amendment to Land Use Bylaw #1316 was introduced to Council and received 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

**1. That Bylaw 1316 be amended as follows:**

**a) PART SEVEN – LAND USE DISTRICTS**

**SECTION 7.5 C-GC GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT**

**Insert the following under 7.5.2 Discretionary Uses:**

**Equipment, Sales and Service Major, Lot 33 – 35, Block 7, Plan 9200S  
only**

The Public Hearing for Bylaw #1347 was scheduled to be held on April 22, 2024

**DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES:**

Upon closure of the Public Hearing for Bylaw #1347 Council will then be requested to give 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading to Bylaw #1347.

Upon 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Bylaw #1347 Administration will make the approved change to the Land Use Bylaw.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL INVOLVEMENT:**

N/A

**EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS/PARTICIPATION:**

N/A

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES**

N/A

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

1. That Council give 2<sup>nd</sup> reading to Bylaw #1347.

If 2<sup>nd</sup> reading is approved and Council gives unanimous consent to consider 3<sup>rd</sup> reading, then:

2. That Council give 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading to Bylaw #1347.

**Enclosures:**

Bylaw #1347

**TOWN OF TOFIELD  
BYLAW 1347**

**A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF TOFIELD IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING BYLAW NO. 1316, AS AMENDED, BEING THE LAND USE BYLAW.**

**WHEREAS** it is deemed advisable to amend the Land Use Bylaw;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council of the Town of Tofield, duly assembled, pursuant to the authority conferred upon in by the *Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, C. M-26*, and amendments thereto, enacts as follows:

1. That Bylaw 1316 be amended as follows:

**a) PART SEVEN – LAND USE DISTRICTS**

**SECTION 7.5 C-GC GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT**

Insert the following under 7.5.2 Discretionary Uses:

Equipment, Sales and Service Major, Lot 33 – 35, Block 7, Plan 9200S only

2. This bylaw comes into effect after third reading and upon being signed.

**READ** a first time this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

**PUBLIC HEARING HELD** this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2024.

**READ** a second time this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

**READ** a third time and finally passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

## Cindy Neufeld

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**From:** Seniors Information <Seniorsinformation@gov.ab.ca>  
**Sent:** April 16, 2024 2:17 PM  
**To:** Seniors Information  
**Subject:** Recognizing Seniors' Week 2024 - Community Declaration  
**Attachments:** Seniors' Week 2024 Community Declaration.pdf

For 38 years, the Government of Alberta has dedicated the first week of June to honour and recognize seniors for their invaluable contributions to our province. This year, Seniors' Week is from June 3 to 9, and will be kicked off with a provincial launch event on June 3 in the Town of Banff.

All municipalities, First Nations communities, and Metis Settlements are encouraged to officially declare Seniors' Week to demonstrate your community's support and to generate greater awareness of the importance of seniors in Alberta.

To officially declare Seniors' Week in Alberta, the declaration must be made by a senior official (i.e., Mayor/Reeve, Chief) of an Alberta community. This is done at the community level, such as at a town council meeting. If your community does not have a declaration template, attached is a Community Declaration. Once your community has made the declaration, kindly notify us at [seniorinformation@gov.ab.ca](mailto:seniorinformation@gov.ab.ca) by May 31, 2024, so that we can recognize your community on [our website](#).

The Government of Alberta encourages communities, organizations and all Albertans to take the opportunity to recognize and celebrate seniors throughout Seniors' Week. To learn more, please visit [www.alberta.ca/seniors-week.aspx](http://www.alberta.ca/seniors-week.aspx) or email us at [seniorsinformation@gov.ab.ca](mailto:seniorsinformation@gov.ab.ca) if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Ministry of Seniors, Community and Social Services  
Government of Alberta



# DECLARATION

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In honour of the past, present and future contributions of the seniors of this community and throughout Alberta, I hereby declare June 3 – 9, 2024 to be Seniors' Week in

Community

Official Title

Official Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Nixon', written over a horizontal line.

The Honourable Jason Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services





**TOWN OF TOFIELD  
COUNCIL  
REQUEST FOR DECISION**

**Meeting Type:** *Regular Meeting*  
**Department:** *Administration*  
**Presented by:** Administration

**Meeting Date:** April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024  
**Confidential?:** NO

**Topic: Beaver Regional Partnership – Beaver Foundation**

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**DISCUSSION:**

During the April 11<sup>th</sup> Beaver Regional Partnership (BRP) meeting, an RFD Document was presented by Mayor, Debora Dueck. The RFD document outlined a recent resolution put forward by Beaver Foundation to garner both physical and monetary support for full-time home care support. ASCHA Resolution No. 2-2024 – 24/7 Home Care Supports in Lodges/Supportive Living Accommodations.

A motion was made by the BRP recommending each municipality provide a motion of support for Beaver Foundation and their arrangement of a meeting with the Minister of Seniors, Communities, and Social Services.

A second motion was made to have a resolution submitted by the Town of Tofield of the Beaver Regional Partnership to the AB Munis, and RMA for the upcoming 2024 Conventions.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL INVOLVEMENT:**

All 5 Municipalities, composing Beaver Regional Partnership, and Beaver Foundation.

**EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS/PARTICIPATION:**

Should Council provide a motion of direction, Administration will communicate with all entities involved.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

NIL

## **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Council by motion supports Beaver Foundation and the arranging of a meeting with Minister of Seniors, Communities and Social Services, for the propose of full-time home care support in their facilities.
2. Council by motion supports a resolution being submitted by the Town of Tofield seeking a Regional Partner, as a seconder (of the Beaver Regional Partnership) to AB Munis and RMA for the upcoming 2024 Convention.
3. Council provides an alternate approach and direction to Administration.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Council by way of two separate motions, provide the following:

1. *Council for the Town of Tofield supports Beaver Foundation and the arranging of a meeting with Minister of Seniors, Communities and Social Services, for the propose of full-time home care support in their facilities.*
2. *Council for the Town of Tofield supports a resolution being submitted by the Town of Tofield seeking a Regional Partner, as a seconder (of the Beaver Regional Partnership) to AB Munis and RMA for the upcoming 2024 Convention.*

**Enclosures: YES**

**BEAVER REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

Tofield, Ryley, Holden, Viking and Beaver County

April 11, 2024

Holden Community Hall

9:00 a.m.

Present:

<b>Town of Tofield</b>	Norm Martineau, Councillor Jeff Edwards, Assistant CAO
<b>Town of Viking</b>	James Buttner, Mayor Doug Lefsrud, CAO
<b>Village of Ryley</b>	Lyndie Knockleby, Mayor Glen Hamilton-Brown, CAO
<b>Village of Holden</b>	Tyler Beckett, Mayor Rosemary Offrey, CAO
<b>Beaver County</b>	Kevin Smook, Reeve Lionel Williams, Councillor Kay Spiess, CAO
<b>Regrets</b>	Deb Dueck, Mayor - Tofield Cindy Neufeld, CAO - Tofield Margaret Jones, Assistant CAO – Beaver County Barry Bruce, Councillor – Beaver County

**Invited Guests**

**2. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Tyler Beckett at 9:00 a.m.

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

**MOVED** by Lionel Williams to adopt the agenda as amended.

**CARRIED**

**4. Previous Meeting Minutes**

**MOVED** by Jamie Buttner to approve the January 11, 2024, Beaver Regional Partnership Meeting Minutes as presented/amended.

**CARRIED**

**5. Business Arising from the Minutes**

- a. History of ICF Recreation Shared Services – discussion

**MOVED** by Jamie Buttner THAT Beaver Regional Partnership accept the ICF Recreation Shared Services update from CAO Spiess, as information, with the understanding that this discussion will continue at the next BRP meeting.

**CARRIED**

**PS: The Regional CAO Group will add the ICF Recreation Shared Service Discussion on the next CAO meeting agenda.**

b. Victim Services Advocacy - Update

**MOVED** by Lyndie Knockleby THAT the Beaver Regional Partnership accept the Victim Services Advocacy Update from CAO Offrey as information.

**CARRIED**

**MOVED** by Kevin Smook to include the Victim Services Advocacy item on the next BRP meeting agenda.

**CARRIED**

#### **6. New Business**

a. ASCHA Resolution No. 2-2024 – 24/7 Home Care Supports in Lodges/Supportive Living Accommodations – Discussion

**MOVED** by Norm Martineau THAT the Beaver Regional Partnership recommend to each municipality that it provide a motion of support for the Beaver Foundation to arrange a meeting with the Minister of Seniors, Communities and Social Services.

**CARRIED**

**MOVED** by Lyndie Knockleby THAT the Beaver Regional Partnership provides a motion to have a Resolution submitted by the five municipalities of the Beaver Regional Partnership to the AB Munis, and RMA for the upcoming 2024 Conventions.

**CARRIED**

**PS: The Town of Tofield will take the lead on preparing the resolution and will require a seconder from one of the other urban municipalities.**

b. Town of Viking – Sand and Salt Supply Discussion

**MOVED** by Norm Martineau THAT the Beaver Regional Partnership accept the Sand and Salt Supply discussion for information.

**CARRIED**

c. Snow Geese Festival

Reeve Smook wanted to remind the attendees about the upcoming Snow Geese Festival on April 27 and 28 starting at the Tofield Arena. With a banquet held on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup>. \$50/ticket.

List of upcoming events in the area.

Apr. 12-14 – Great Canadian Trade Show – Sherwood Park  
Apr. 13 - Fire Dept. Spring Annual Ball Event – Tofield  
Aug. 8 – Tofield’s Western Days - Tofield  
June 8-9 - Viking Stampede - Viking  
July 5-7 – Chuck Wagon Race (Viking)  
Jun 8 – Holden’s Farmer’s Day – Holden Complex  
Jun. 8-9 – Softball Tournament - Holden  
Apr. 27 – Volunteer Appreciation – Holden Hall  
Apr. 27 – 28 – Snow Goose Festival - Tofield  
Jun. 14-15 – Sports Day event - Ryley  
July 26 – Bruce Stampede – County  
Apr. 26 – 1:30 pm - Viking Ribbon Cutting at the Water Distribution Building  
May 6-11 – Mobile Mammography Screening - Viking  
May 14 – Viking School Community Cleanup - Viking  
May 24-26 – Community Garage Sale Weekend – Viking  
May 25-26 – Kickoff to Summer Market - Viking  
June 8-9 – Cloverlodge Stampede - Viking  
July 7 – Historical Society Car Show & Pancake Breakfast - Viking  
July 14-19 – Viking Hockey Camp - Viking  
August 5-8 – Brettzky Hockey Camp - Viking  
August 8-11 – Brettzky Hockey Tournament - Viking

**MOVED** by Kevin Smook THAT the Partnership accept the list of events as information.

**CARRIED**

**7. Closed Session – No Closed Session necessary.**

Section 21 – Intergovernmental Relations – Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act - MGA s.197, FOIP s.16 Disclosure Harmful to Business Interests of a Third Party, FOIP s.17 Disclosure Harmful to Personal Privacy, and FOIP s.21 Disclosure Harmful to Intergovernmental Relations

**8. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on July 11, 2024, at 9:00 AM at Holden Community Hall.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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## Council Activities Apr/24.

### Norm Martineau

DATE	ITEM	NOTES
Feb 22/24	Hwy 14	
Feb 23/24	BEMS	Sign cheques & meet w Wes
Feb 26/24	Reg council	
Feb 28/24	BEMS	
Mar 6/24	Hwy 14	Special mtg
Mar 7/24	ABMunis webinar	Webinar on Drought Preparations
Mar 8/24	BEMS	Sign cheques & meet w Wes
Mar 11/24	Reg council	
Mar 12/24	BEMS	Special mtg
Mar 12/24	Hwy 14	Special mtg
Mar 25/24	Reg council	
Mar 27/24	BEMS	
Mar 28/24	Hwy 14	Reg meeting
Apr 8/24	Reg council	
Apr 9/24	Strat plan	
Apr 11/24	BRP	Holden
Apr 11/24	IMC	
Apr 11/24	YEHAC	ZOOM
Apr 16/24	Hwy 14	Tour and mtg with Strathcona
Apr 18/24	Hwy 14	Reg meeting

## **Round Table Report – Mayor Dueck, March 25, 2024 – April 22, 2024**

My activities and commitments since the March 25, 2024.

Weekly discussions with administration on any items that may arise.

- March 25 - Regular Council Meeting
- March 26 - Beaver Foundation Regular Meeting
- March 27 - Beaver County – Equity Park Open House – Ryley
- April 8 - BESC – Disaster Relief session
  - Regular Council Meeting
- April 9 - Strategic Planning workshop (ToT)
- April 10 - BESC Regular Meeting
- April 16 - Volunteer Appreciation event.

Although thankful for any moisture we have received in the last month, I really wish it would come in the form of rain.

I felt that we had a very productive strategic planning session with council, staff and Beaver County participants. It was nice to reflect on the accomplishments, as well I was pleasantly surprised at how the common theme came to the forefront for the group and I look forward to seeing the updated plan.

Wishing each of you a wonderful spring and hope the weather improves so that everyone can get outside.

Respectfully submitted Deb Dueck



## **Round Table Report April 22, 2024**

**By Brenda Chehade**

- **March 25** – Council Meeting
- **March 26** – CARC Meeting.
- **March 27** – Delivered a Welcome Basket.
- **April 8** – Council Meeting.
- **April 9** – STRAT Plan session.
- **April 16** – FCSS Volunteer appreciation BBQ.
- **April 17** – Tofield Health Foundation Meeting.