

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TOFIELD to be held Monday, September 9, 2024, 5:00 p.m., 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 August 12, 2024.

5. Delegation

5:00 p.m. Dave Berrecloth, President – Tofield Agricultural Society will be present to provide a proposal for the Outdoor Riding Arena.

6. Financial

- (a) Financial Statement for the month ending August 31, 2024.
- (b) Budget Report for the month ending August 31, 2024.
- (c) Open Payables for the month of August and September 2024 in the total amount of \$523,320.57

7. Correspondence

- Unapproved Minutes of the regular meeting of Highway 14 Regional Water Services Commission meeting held July 18, 2024;
- Email from Tyler Gandam, President of AB Munis, Donations for the Jasper Fire Community Fund;
- Email from Tyler Gandam, President of AB Munis, Preparation of voting for Resolutions at Annual Convention;
- Letter from Veterans Memorial Highway Association, invitation to future meeting;
- Email from National Police Federation, Overview of Key Findings;
- Beaver Emergency Medical Services, 2024 Annual Report.

8. New Business

- (a) Letter from ATCO Energy Systems regarding New Provincial Legislation and impacts to the Town of Tofields Franchise Agreement.
- (b) Letter from Beaver Foundation regarding Sidewalk Connector Proposal for 2025 Budget.

9. Closed Session

Section 16 – Harmful to Harmful to the Business Interests of a third party -
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

10. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TOFIELD held Monday, August 12, 2024 Town of Tofield Administration Building Council Chambers

PRESENT

1. Mayor Dueck; Councillors, Tiedemann, Martineau, Conquest and Chehade; Cindy Neufeld, Chief Administrative Officer and Assistant Chief Administrative Officer Jeff Edwards.

Also Present: Kari Janzen, Tofield Mercury

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"

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

01-08-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Move Delegation to 5. And Financial to 6.
Add 8. New Business (a) Riding Arena Dirt

MINUTES

4. (a) **MOVED** by Chehade that the Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council of the Town of Tofield held July 8, 2024, be approved as amended.

02-08-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

5. 5:00 p.m. Acting Sergeant Petriuk, Tofield RCMP was not available.

FINANCIAL

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

03-08-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (b) **MOVED** by Martineau that the Budget Report for the month ending July 31, 2024 be approved as presented.

04-08-24

- (c) **MOVED** by Chehade that the Open Payables for the months of July and August 2024 in the total amount of \$755,602.28 be approved.

05-08-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Minutes of the Town of Tofield Regular Council Meeting
August 12, 2024**

CORRESPONDENCE

7. The following Correspondence was presented:

- Minutes of Highway 14 Regional Water Services Commission meeting held June 27, 2024;
- Letter from Claystone Waste Ltd. regarding Claystone Waste Board of Directors Compensation;
- Email from Steven Covey, CN Chief of Police, Proclamation for Rail Safety Week – September 23 – 29, 2024;
- Letter from the Office of the Prime Minister, regarding federal carbon pollution pricing;
- Province of Alberta – Traffic Safety Act, Pilot Project (Golf Carts) Regulation;
- Letter from the Town of Mundare – Invitation for participation in Agri-Days 2024;
- Letter from James Built Saddlery – Termination of Lease.

MOVED by Conquest to declare September 23 – 29, 2024 as Rail Safety Week in the Town of Tofield.

06-08-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Martineau that the Correspondence be received and filed.

07-08-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL REPORTS

8. Council Reports were presented.

CLOSED SESSION

9. **MOVED** by Tiedemann to go into Closed Session at 5:32 p.m. discuss matters under the Alberta FOIP Act as follows:

Division 2, Section 16 – Harmful to Business Interests and Section 19 – Confidential Evaluations – *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

08-08-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Martineau to revert to the regular meeting at 5:58 p.m.

09-08-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

No public present.

MOVED by Dueck that the Town of Tofield denies the request to enroll in the Rural Renewal Program.

10-08-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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ADJOURNMENT

10. **MOVED** by Chehade that the meeting adjourn at 6:01 p.m.

11-08-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

UNAPPROVED

TOWN OF TOFIELD
MONTHLY STATEMENT
MONTH ENDING August 31, 2024

	General Account	Investments	Investment-Nesbitt Burns	TOTAL
Net Balance at End of Previous Month	1,635,983.81	252,224.88	1,735,834.33	3,624,043.02
ADD:				
Receipts for the Month	2,354,737.77			2,354,737.77
Debentures				0.00
Interest on Account	8,798.87			8,798.87
Cancel Cheques				0.00
Reverse Annual Fees M/C				0.00
Service Charge Reversal				0.00
Sub Total	3,999,520.45	252,224.88	1,735,834.33	5,987,579.66
LESS:				
Disbursements for the Month	518,146.32			518,146.32
Utility Deposits				0.00
Debenture Payments				0.00
Service Charges	216.72			216.72
NSF Cheque	345.32			345.32
Cancel Receipt	0.00			0.00
Overdraft Interest				0.00
NET BALANCE AT END OF MONTH	3,480,812.09	252,224.88	1,735,834.33	5,468,871.30
Balance at End of Month from Statement	3,220,727.51	252,224.88	1,735,834.33	5,208,786.72
ADD:				
O/S Telebank	2,555.42			2,555.42
O/S Direct Deposit				0.00
Outstanding Deposits	336,245.99			336,245.99
O/S Interac (Option Pay)	0.00			0.00
Bank Error	0.10			0.10
Sub Total	3,559,529.02	252,224.88	1,735,834.33	5,547,588.23
LESS:				
O/S e-Transfer	0.00			
Outstanding Cheques	2,320.54			2,320.54
O/S Telebank	76,396.39			76,396.39
Bank Error	0.00			0.00
NET BALANCE AT END OF MONTH	3,480,812.09	252,224.88	1,735,834.33	5,468,871.30
	0.00			

THIS STATEMENT SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL THIS 12TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2024.

 CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL

 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



COUNCIL BUDGET

MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31, 2024

	THIS PERIOD	YEAR-TO DATE	BUDGET	VARIANCE	% USED
OPERATING REVENUES					
1-01-000-00 Taxes & Grants in Lieu	3,848.69	(3,664,739.92)	(3,675,307.00)	(10,567.08)	99.71
1-02-000-00 General Municipal Revenues	(21,736.01)	(204,633.41)	(412,000.00)	(207,366.59)	49.67
1-12-000-00 Administration	(40,915.00)	(63,987.07)	(231,500.00)	(167,512.93)	27.64
1-24-000-00 Emergency Management	-	(2,235.01)	(2,400.00)	(164.99)	93.13
1-26-000-00 Bylaw Enforcement	(150.00)	(2,790.00)	(43,000.00)	(40,210.00)	6.49
1-32-000-00 Roads, Streets, Walks, Lighting	-	(26,980.28)	(30,239.00)	(3,258.72)	89.22
1-33-000-00 Airport	(3,176.20)	(16,730.49)	(20,108.00)	(3,377.51)	83.20
1-41-000-00 Water Supply & Distribution	(107,686.80)	(847,088.75)	(1,205,750.00)	(358,661.25)	70.25
1-42-000-00 Sanitary Sewage & Treatment	(49,571.75)	(155,040.89)	(215,400.00)	(60,359.11)	71.98
1-43-000-00 Garbage Collection & Disposal	(10,534.03)	(84,018.38)	(126,400.00)	(42,381.62)	66.47
1-51-000-00 Family Community Support Services	(625.00)	(338,723.42)	(554,979.00)	(216,255.58)	61.03
1-56-000-00 Cemetery	(9,315.00)	(27,096.19)	(40,000.00)	(12,903.81)	67.74
1-70-000-00 Community Develop. Administration	-	(11,000.00)	(11,000.00)	-	100.00
1-71-000-00 Tourism/Economic Development	(50,600.00)	(92,087.30)	(99,700.00)	(7,612.70)	92.36
1-72-000-00 Community Hall	135.71	(11,290.00)	(35,000.00)	(23,710.00)	32.26
1-73-000-00 Transportation Tofield Bus	(551.00)	(12,067.46)	(17,000.00)	(4,932.54)	70.99
1-74-000-00 Recreation Programs	(8,996.00)	(17,816.00)	(16,282.00)	1,534.00	109.42
1-76-000-00 Parks	(2,013.29)	(11,923.91)	(82,250.00)	(70,326.09)	14.50
1-75-000-00 Library	(23,300.00)	(23,300.00)	(119,412.00)	(96,112.00)	19.51
1-97-000-00 Operating Reserve	-	-	(63,000.00)	(63,000.00)	.00
TOTAL: OPERATING REVENUES	(325,185.68)	(5,613,548.48)	(7,000,727.00)	(1,387,178.52)	80.19

OPERATING EXPENDITURES

2-11-000-00 Council & Other Legislative	4,120.54	54,250.60	97,200.00	42,949.40	55.81
2-12-000-00 General Administration	97,252.33	796,252.93	1,220,643.00	424,390.07	65.23
2-23-000-00 Fire Fighting & Preventative Servic	-	46,747.52	328,657.00	281,909.48	14.22
2-24-000-00 Emergency Management	-	2,234.30	2,400.00	165.70	93.10
2-26-000-00 Bylaw Enforcement	5,336.55	161,498.08	196,281.00	34,782.92	82.28
2-32-000-00 Roads, Streets, Walks & Lighting	56,660.16	698,856.58	1,163,070.00	464,213.42	60.09
2-33-000-00 Airport	208.39	23,126.39	18,900.00	(4,226.39)	122.36
2-41-000-00 Water Supply & Distribution	120,915.76	725,999.11	1,183,842.00	457,842.89	61.33
2-42-000-00 Sanitary Sewage & Treatment	10,353.37	94,667.22	170,000.00	75,332.78	55.69
2-43-000-00 Garbage Collection & Disposal	18,008.00	81,015.50	108,048.00	27,032.50	74.98
2-51-000-00 Family Community Support Services	31,942.27	269,989.50	554,978.00	284,988.50	48.65
2-56-000-00 Cemetery	3,009.03	23,588.63	32,150.00	8,561.37	73.37
2-66-000-00 Subdivision Land & Development	-	-	63,000.00	63,000.00	.00
2-70-000-00 Community Development Administratio	8,400.76	67,213.64	100,410.00	33,196.36	66.94
2-71-000-00 Tourism/Economic Development	5,364.87	55,996.47	141,900.00	85,903.53	39.46
2-72-000-00 Community Hall	4,636.52	34,021.65	57,240.00	23,218.35	59.44
2-73-000-00 Transportation Tofield Bus	2,264.46	24,925.70	26,000.00	1,074.30	95.87
2-74-000-00 Recreation Program	14,478.06	37,026.62	43,200.00	6,173.38	85.71
2-76-000-00 Parks	51,236.25	300,952.30	450,700.00	149,747.70	66.77
2-75-000-00 Library	553.37	101,612.27	199,052.00	97,439.73	51.05
2-99-750-00 School Requisition	-	330,019.13	707,560.00	377,540.87	46.64
2-99-752-00 Beaver Foundation Requisition	33,760.07	101,280.21	135,040.00	33,759.79	75.00
2-99-754-00 Beaver Emergency Commission	-	95,969.90	-	(95,969.90)	.00
2-99-756-00 Designated Industrial Property	-	-	454.00	454.00	.00
TOTAL: OPERATING EXPENDITURES	468,500.76	4,127,244.25	7,000,725.00	2,873,480.75	58.96

FINANCES ACQUIRED

5-12-000-00 Administration	-	(431.12)	-	431.12	.00
5-32-000-00 Roads, Streets, Walks, Lighting	(1,500.00)	(200,883.86)	(429,200.00)	(228,316.14)	46.80
5-42-000-00 Sanitary Sewage & Treatment	-	-	(92,000.00)	(92,000.00)	.00
5-56-000-00 Cemetery	-	-	(25,000.00)	(25,000.00)	.00
5-72-000-00 Community Hall	-	-	(50,000.00)	(50,000.00)	.00
5-76-000-00 Parks	-	(48,913.02)	(147,000.00)	(98,086.98)	33.27
TOTAL: FINANCES ACQUIRED	(1,500.00)	(250,228.00)	(743,200.00)	(492,972.00)	33.67

FINANCES APPLIED

6-32-000-00 Roads, Streets, Walks, Lighting	4,178.63	217,289.85	429,200.00	211,910.15	50.63
6-42-000-00 Sanitary Sewage & Treatment	-	91,265.00	92,000.00	735.00	99.20
6-56-000-00 Cemetery	-	17,250.61	25,000.00	7,749.39	69.00
6-66-000-00 Subdivision Land & Development	-	63,000.00	-	(63,000.00)	.00
6-72-000-00 Community Hall	-	52,665.00	50,000.00	(2,665.00)	105.33
6-76-000-00 Parks	-	130,503.69	147,000.00	16,496.31	88.78
TOTAL: FINANCES APPLIED	4,178.63	571,974.15	743,200.00	171,225.85	76.96

Function	Date	Account Number (Including Delimiters)	Reference Number	Transaction Description	Transaction Description Additional	Transaction Amount
11	24/09/03	2-11-211-00	AP DRCT DB	BMO BANK OF MONTREAL	BILLINGS	3,595.00
					FUNCTION TOTAL	3,595.00
12	24/09/03	2-12-211-00	AP DRCT DB	BMO BANK OF MONTREAL	BILLINGS	1,280.00
	24/08/16	2-12-215-00	C900012117	LOOMIS EXPRESS	FREIGHT/ RMRF	35.53
	24/08/16	2-12-215-00	C900012118	PITNEYWORKS	ACCT 6100908000118935	1,000.00
	24/08/16	2-12-215-00	AP DRCT DB	TELUS MOBILITY	BUSINESS CONNECT - ADMIN	363.62
	24/08/16	2-12-220-00	C900012126	TOFIELD MERCURY PUBLISHING LTD	AD/ COUNCIL CORNER	212.50
	24/08/16	2-12-220-00	C900012126	TOFIELD MERCURY PUBLISHING LTD	AD/ RCMP SALUTE	200.00
	24/08/16	2-12-220-00	AP DRCT DB	WELLS FARGO EQUIPMENT FINANCE	COPIER LEASE	924.51
	24/08/26	2-12-220-00	AP DRCT DB	WELLS FARGO EQUIPMENT FINANCE	COPIER LEASE	943.50
	24/08/16	2-12-221-00	C900012122	SHINEATEK CORP.	MICROSOFT 365 ANNUAL REG	7,117.20
	24/08/16	2-12-230-00	C900012121	SELECT ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS	GENERAL ENGINEERING	1,945.50
	24/08/16	2-12-230-00	C900012105	ACI ARCHITECTURE INC.	ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES	3,612.00
	24/08/30	2-12-230-00	C900012176	BEAVER COUNTY	CARB & SDAB TRAINING	484.00
	24/08/16	2-12-230-01	C900012120	SDI HEALTH, SAFETY & LOSS	HEALTH & SAFETY MAINTENANCE	1,792.40
	24/09/03	2-12-230-01	AP DRCT DB	BMO BANK OF MONTREAL	BILLINGS	114.85
	24/08/16	2-12-230-06	C900012121	SELECT ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS	STORMWATER MASTER PLAN	22,241.75
	24/08/30	2-12-240-00	C900012179	DEMERS, ELISA	JANITORIAL - ADMIN	350.00
	24/08/30	2-12-240-00	C900012188	PIDERNAL, MARY GRACE	JANITORIAL - ADMIN	350.00
	24/08/16	2-12-510-00	C900012114	HARE FOODS LTD.	ACCOUNT 7506989	7.35
	24/08/16	2-12-510-00	C900012111	CANOE PROCUREMENT GROUP OF CAN	BILLINGS	148.09
	24/09/03	2-12-510-00	AP DRCT DB	BMO BANK OF MONTREAL	BILLINGS	47.16
	24/08/28	2-12-540-50	AP DRCT DB	ALBERTA MUNICIPAL SERVICES COR	POWER - ADMIN BLDG	1,625.43
	24/08/28	2-12-540-51	AP DRCT DB	ALBERTA MUNICIPAL SERVICES COR	GAS - ADMIN BLDG	96.96
	24/08/21	4-12-230-00	AP DRCT DB	RECEIVER GENERAL	REMITTANCE	2,100.00
	24/08/30	4-12-234-00	C900012186	LOCAL AUTHORITIES PENSION PLAN	EMP #215 - REMITTANCE	19,594.30
	24/08/30	4-12-239-00	C900012191	TOWN OF TOFIELD SOCIAL FUND	REMITTANCE	180.00
					FUNCTION TOTAL	66,766.65
26	24/08/23	2-26-260-00	C900012140	TOWN OF VEGREVILLE	BYLAW ENFORCEMENT	4,486.55
					FUNCTION TOTAL	4,486.55
32	24/08/16	2-32-215-00	AP DRCT DB	TELUS MOBILITY	BUSINESS CONNECT - OPERATIONS	35.95
	24/08/16	2-32-274-00	C900012106	AMSC INSURANCE SERVICES LTD.	AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE	221.00
	24/08/16	2-32-520-45	C900012111	CANOE PROCUREMENT GROUP OF CAN	BILLINGS	3,673.95
	24/08/30	2-32-520-46	C900012185	JOE JOHNSON EQUIPMENT INC.	POLY WAFERS	700.98
	24/08/16	2-32-521-00	C900012111	CANOE PROCUREMENT GROUP OF CAN	PUBLIC WORKS FUEL	2,713.13
	24/08/16	2-32-521-00	C000016811	WEX CANADA LTD.	FUEL	175.91
	24/08/16	2-32-530-00	C900012114	HARE FOODS LTD.	ACCOUNT 7506989	34.36
	24/08/16	2-32-530-00	C900012114	HARE FOODS LTD.	ACCOUNT 7506989	75.33
	24/08/16	2-32-530-00	C900012114	HARE FOODS LTD.	ACCOUNT 7506989	30.89
	24/08/16	2-32-530-00	C900012114	HARE FOODS LTD.	ACCOUNT 7506989	69.07

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32	24/08/16	2-32-530-00	C900012111	CANOE PROCUREMENT GROUP OF CAN	BILLINGS	134.82
	24/08/16	2-32-530-00	C000016808	MYNT DOOR SERVICE	REPAIR REMOTE OPENER	182.95
	24/08/16	2-32-530-00	AP DRCT DB	WELLS FARGO EQUIPMENT FINANCE	COPIER LEASE	695.49
	24/08/26	2-32-530-00	AP DRCT DB	WELLS FARGO EQUIPMENT FINANCE	COPIER LEASE	391.50
	24/09/03	2-32-530-00	AP DRCT DB	BMO BANK OF MONTREAL	BILLINGS	124.95
	24/09/03	2-32-530-00	AP DRCT DB	BMO BANK OF MONTREAL	BILLINGS	122.35
	24/08/23	2-32-530-02	C900012131	DRIVEN TRANSPORT INC	WASHED ROCK	500.00
	24/08/16	2-32-530-03	C900012111	CANOE PROCUREMENT GROUP OF CAN	BILLINGS	173.98
	24/08/28	2-32-540-50	AP DRCT DB	ALBERTA MUNICIPAL SERVICES COR	POWER - PUBLIC WORKS	10,320.62
	24/08/28	2-32-540-51	AP DRCT DB	ALBERTA MUNICIPAL SERVICES COR	GAS - PUBLIC WORKS	174.21
	24/09/03	6-32-610-01	AP DRCT DB	BMO BANK OF MONTREAL	BILLINGS	43.86
	24/08/30	6-32-650-00	C900012184	INDUSTRIAL MACHINE INC.	UNDER CARRIAGE & WIRING	4,046.64
	24/09/03	6-32-650-00	AP DRCT DB	BMO BANK OF MONTREAL	BILLINGS	2,189.61
					FUNCTION TOTAL	26,831.55
33	24/08/30	2-33-250-00	C900012179	DEMERS, ELISA	JANITORIAL - AIRPORT	50.00
	24/08/30	2-33-250-00	C900012188	PIDERNAL, MARY GRACE	JANITORIAL - AIRPORT	50.00
	24/08/28	2-33-540-50	AP DRCT DB	ALBERTA MUNICIPAL SERVICES COR	POWER - AIRPORT	22.17
	24/08/28	2-33-540-51	AP DRCT DB	ALBERTA MUNICIPAL SERVICES COR	GAS - AIRPORT	86.22
					FUNCTION TOTAL	208.39
41	24/08/23	2-41-215-00	C900012134	MCSNET	CUST# 0054024	109.90
	24/08/16	2-41-250-00	C900012104	ACCU-FLO METER SERVICE LTD.	WATER METERS (12)	7,821.00
	24/08/30	2-41-250-00	C900012187	LOOMIS EXPRESS	FREIGHT/ ACCU-FLO	56.87
	24/08/28	2-41-540-50	AP DRCT DB	ALBERTA MUNICIPAL SERVICES COR	POWER - WATER STORAGE	1,484.17
	24/08/28	2-41-540-51	AP DRCT DB	ALBERTA MUNICIPAL SERVICES COR	WATER STORAGE	528.84
					FUNCTION TOTAL	10,000.78
42	24/08/16	2-42-215-00	C900012108	BELL MOBILITY	CELL PHONES	8.85
	24/08/23	2-42-215-00	C900012134	MCSNET	CUST# 0054024	74.85
	24/08/16	2-42-250-00	C900012125	TOFIELD ELECTRIC INC.	MAIN BREAKER REPAIR	1,429.00
	24/08/16	2-42-250-00	C900012111	CANOE PROCUREMENT GROUP OF CAN	BILLINGS	720.96
	24/08/28	2-42-540-50	AP DRCT DB	ALBERTA MUNICIPAL SERVICES COR	POWER - SEWER	532.79
					FUNCTION TOTAL	2,766.45
43	24/08/30	2-43-550-00	C900012178	CLAYSTONE WASTE LTD.	GARBAGE COLLECTION	9,004.00
					FUNCTION TOTAL	9,004.00
51	24/08/16	2-51-215-00	AP DRCT DB	TELUS MOBILITY	BUSINESS CONNECT - FCSS	143.80

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51	24/08/16	2-51-215-00	AP DRCT DB	WELLS FARGO EQUIPMENT FINANCE	COPIER LEASE	135.00
	24/09/03	2-51-215-00	AP DRCT DB	BMO BANK OF MONTREAL	BILLINGS	99.00
	24/08/16	2-51-220-00	C900012126	TOFIELD MERCURY PUBLISHING LTD	AD/ TOOLS FOR SCHOOL	269.00
	24/08/23	2-51-220-00	C900012129	BEAVER COUNTY	CHRONICLE AD/ APRIL 24, 2024	76.78
	24/08/30	2-51-245-00	C900012179	DEMERS, ELISA	JANITORIAL - FCSS	50.00
	24/08/30	2-51-245-00	C900012188	PIDERNAL, MARY GRACE	JANITORIAL - FCSS	50.00
	24/08/23	2-51-400-00	C900012132	HARE FOODS LTD.	ACCOUNT 7506990	26.78
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	24/08/23	2-51-400-01	C000016813	KLASSEN, DEANNA	GLOW STICKS	30.00
	24/08/23	2-51-400-04	C900012133	IRVINE, CHARLENE	GENERAL COUNSELLOR	4,262.50
	24/09/03	2-51-400-05	AP DRCT DB	BMO BANK OF MONTREAL	BILLINGS	1,027.74
	24/08/16	2-51-400-06	C900012107	BEAVER COUNTY	PROMO ITEM/ LAWN CHAIR	39.05
	24/08/16	2-51-400-07	C900012126	TOFIELD MERCURY PUBLISHING LTD	AD/ BEAVER COUNTY ARISE	240.00
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	24/08/16	2-51-400-07	C900012126	TOFIELD MERCURY PUBLISHING LTD	AD/ RCMP SALUTE	42.00
	24/08/16	2-51-400-07	C900012128	YOUR DOLLAR STORE (YDSWM)	PROMENADE/ PITCHER	24.00
	24/08/16	2-51-400-07	C900012127	WARAWA, LYNNETTE	EXPENSE/ ALBERTA DAYS	134.24
	24/08/16	2-51-400-11	C900012126	TOFIELD MERCURY PUBLISHING LTD	AD/ AGE WELL AT HOME	403.50
	24/08/16	2-51-400-11	C000016805	GUARDIAN DRUGS	ARISE/ PROMENADE EXPENSE	11.79
	24/08/16	2-51-400-11	C900012111	CANOE PROCUREMENT GROUP OF CAN	BILLINGS	37.78
	24/08/16	2-51-400-11	C900012116	KELLER, TOM	MILEAGE/ SC/ SPARROW	18.82
	24/08/16	2-51-400-11	C900012115	KELLER, DARLA	MILEAGE/ SC/ JACOBSEN	54.48
	24/08/16	2-51-400-11	C900012115	KELLER, DARLA	MILEAGE/ SC/ LAWNS IN TOWN	9.41
	24/08/16	2-51-400-11	C900012110	BISSON, TIFFANY	MILEAGE/ SC/ COOPER	31.70
	24/08/23	2-51-400-11	C900012132	HARE FOODS LTD.	ACCOUNT 7506990	7.29
	24/08/23	2-51-400-11	C900012132	HARE FOODS LTD.	ACCOUNT 7506990	21.03
	24/08/23	2-51-400-11	C900012132	HARE FOODS LTD.	ACCOUNT 7506990	9.79
	24/08/23	2-51-400-11	C900012132	HARE FOODS LTD.	ACCOUNT 7506990	39.59
	24/08/23	2-51-400-14	C900012132	HARE FOODS LTD.	ACCOUNT 7506990	61.61
	24/08/16	2-51-510-00	C900012111	CANOE PROCUREMENT GROUP OF CAN	BILLINGS	59.11
					FUNCTION TOTAL	7,638.48
56	24/08/23	2-56-250-00	C900012135	NELSON GRANITE LIMITED	PLAQUE/ ANDERSON	569.00
	24/08/23	2-56-250-00	C900012135	NELSON GRANITE LIMITED	PLAQUE/ SASYNIUK	569.00
					FUNCTION TOTAL	1,138.00
71	24/08/30	2-71-240-00	C900012179	DEMERS, ELISA	JANITORIAL - NATURE CENTRE	150.00
	24/08/30	2-71-240-00	C900012179	DEMERS, ELISA	JANITORIAL	150.00
	24/08/30	2-71-240-00	C900012188	PIDERNAL, MARY GRACE	JANITORIAL - NATURE CENTRE	150.00
	24/08/30	2-71-240-00	C900012188	PIDERNAL, MARY GRACE	JANITORIAL	150.00
	24/08/28	2-71-540-50	AP DRCT DB	ALBERTA MUNICIPAL SERVICES COR	POWER - NATURE CENTRE	462.00
	24/08/28	2-71-540-51	AP DRCT DB	ALBERTA MUNICIPAL SERVICES COR	GAS - NATURE CENTRE	186.31

Function	Date	Account Number (Including Delimiters)	Reference Number	Transaction Description	Transaction Description Additional	Transaction Amount
FUNCTION TOTAL						1,248.31
72	24/08/16	2-72-240-00	C900012112	DUKART, DENISE M.	HALL CARETAKER	750.00
	24/08/30	2-72-240-00	C900012181	DUKART, DENISE M.	HALL CARETAKER	750.00
	24/08/16	2-72-255-00	C000016801	ABC FIRE SAFETY	FIRE EXTINGUISHER	325.00
	24/08/23	2-72-255-00	C900012137	PLATINUM SUPPLY 2022 LTD.	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	1,158.57
	24/08/28	2-72-540-50	AP DRCT DB	ALBERTA MUNICIPAL SERVICES COR	POWER - COMMUNITY HALL	885.75
	24/08/28	2-72-540-51	AP DRCT DB	ALBERTA MUNICIPAL SERVICES COR	GAS - COMMUNITY HALL	140.01
FUNCTION TOTAL						4,009.33
73	24/08/16	2-73-251-00	C900012123	THOR INSURANCE & REGISTRIES LT	DRIVERS ABSTRACT	45.71
	24/08/16	2-73-251-00	C900012124	TOFIELD CAR, RV & TRUCK WASH I	CAR WASH	52.00
	24/08/16	2-73-251-00	C900012108	BELL MOBILITY	CELL PHONES	13.29
	24/08/16	2-73-251-00	C900012111	CANOE PROCUREMENT GROUP OF CAN	FUEL - HANDIVAN	543.46
	24/08/16	2-73-251-00	C900012113	FORSTNER, DORIS	SHUTTLE DRIVER	550.00
	24/08/16	2-73-251-00	C900012109	BENIUK, HEATHER	SHUTTLE DRIVER	240.00
	24/08/30	2-73-251-00	C900012182	FORSTNER, DORIS	SHUTTLE DRIVER	470.00
	24/08/30	2-73-251-00	C900012177	BENIUK, HEATHER	SHUTTLE DRIVER	150.00
FUNCTION TOTAL						2,064.46
74	24/08/16	1-74-400-03	C000016802	ARMSTRONG, DEREK J. & LINDSEY	REFUND/ BUS TO SWIM/ GAVIN	80.00
	24/08/16	1-74-400-03	C000016803	CHAKRA, BADIH ABOU & DALIA ABO	REFUND/ BUS TO SWIM/ LEEN	80.00
	24/08/16	1-74-400-03	C000016804	DEE, PAM	REFUND/ BUS TO SWIM/ MASON	70.00
	24/08/16	1-74-400-03	C000016806	HESLIN, MEGAN	REFUND/ BUS TO SWIM/ ILANA G	80.00
	24/08/16	1-74-400-03	C000016807	MCLEOD, BETHANY	REFUND/ BUS TO SWIM/ BRODIE	80.00
	24/08/16	1-74-400-03	C000016810	WEISBECK, MARY JANE	REFUND/ BUS TO SWIM/ JULIANNA	85.00
	24/08/23	1-74-400-03	C000016815	TIEDEMANN, ROBERTA	REFUND/ JURASSIC FOREST	45.00
	24/08/30	1-74-400-03	C000016816	DEE, PAM	REFUND/ ZOO TRIP/ MASON	40.00
	24/08/30	1-74-400-03	C000016817	JENSEN, KRISTY	REFUND/ ZOO TRIP/ SAWYER	40.00
	24/08/30	1-74-400-10	C900012190	TOTAL RY-TOF TOURNAMENT	REGISTRATION/ THE WEASELS	500.00
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	24/08/30	1-74-400-10	C900012190	TOTAL RY-TOF TOURNAMENT	REGISTRATION/ RBL	350.00
	24/08/30	1-74-400-10	C900012190	TOTAL RY-TOF TOURNAMENT	RYLEY CAMP/ RBL	375.00
	24/08/16	2-74-400-03	C900012126	TOFIELD MERCURY PUBLISHING LTD	AD/ BUS TO SWIM	66.00
	24/08/16	2-74-400-03	C900012126	TOFIELD MERCURY PUBLISHING LTD	AD/ BUS TO SWIM	66.00
	24/08/16	2-74-400-03	C000016809	TIEDEMANN, ROBERTA	FACEPAINTING	250.00
	24/08/23	2-74-400-03	C900012138	RAY, SUZIE	FIELD TRIP LEADER	450.00
	24/08/23	2-74-400-03	C000016814	SHERWOOD PARK ARCHERY CLUB	FIELD TRIP/JULY 12	200.00
	24/08/30	2-74-400-03	C000016818	MARTIN'S BUSSING LTD.	FIELD TRIPS/ AUGUST	760.00
	24/08/30	2-74-400-03	C900012189	RAY, SUZIE	07/26, 08/08, 08/21 HALF HOUR	30.00
	24/09/03	2-74-400-03	AP DRCT DB	BMO BANK OF MONTREAL	BILLINGS	1,156.24
	24/09/03	2-74-400-03	AP DRCT DB	BMO BANK OF MONTREAL	BILLINGS	78.18

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					FUNCTION TOTAL	5,381.42
75	24/08/30	2-75-240-00	C900012179	DEMERS, ELISA	JANITORIAL - LIBRARY	200.00
	24/08/30	2-75-240-00	C900012188	PIDERNAL, MARY GRACE	JANITORIAL - LIBRARY	200.00
					FUNCTION TOTAL	400.00
76	24/08/30	2-76-215-01	C900012192	XPLORE INC.	ACCT 1672172/ WIFI	160.00
	24/09/03	2-76-250-00	AP DRCT DB	BMO BANK OF MONTREAL	BILLINGS	9.49
	24/09/03	2-76-250-00	AP DRCT DB	BMO BANK OF MONTREAL	BILLINGS	62.58
	24/08/16	2-76-250-01	C900012111	CANOE PROCUREMENT GROUP OF CAN	FUEL - SPORTSFIELDS	716.84
	24/09/03	2-76-250-01	AP DRCT DB	BMO BANK OF MONTREAL	BILLINGS	610.45
	24/08/23	2-76-250-02	C900012139	TOFIELD ELECTRIC INC.	REPAIR LIGHT/UPGRADE TO LED	802.58
	24/08/28	2-76-250-02	AP DRCT DB	ALBERTA MUNICIPAL SERVICES COR	POWER - CAMPGROUND	549.47
	24/08/23	2-76-250-03	C900012136	PARK N PLAY DESIGN COMPANY LTD	REPLACEMENT SEAT	694.11
	24/08/16	2-76-250-04	C900012123	THOR INSURANCE & REGISTRIES LT	DRIVERS ABSTRACT	24.00
	24/08/30	2-76-250-04	C900012180	DODD, LORI	WATERING	1,800.00
	24/09/03	2-76-250-04	AP DRCT DB	BMO BANK OF MONTREAL	BILLINGS	92.06
	24/08/16	2-76-520-00	C900012114	HARE FOODS LTD.	ACCOUNT 7506989	7.29
	24/08/16	2-76-521-00	C900012111	CANOE PROCUREMENT GROUP OF CAN	FUEL - PARKS	716.84
					FUNCTION TOTAL	6,245.71
99	24/08/23	2-99-752-00	C900012130	BEAVER FOUNDATION	REQUISITION	33,760.07
					FUNCTION TOTAL	33,760.07
					FINAL TOTALS TOTAL	185,545.15

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August 2024 Advances	Stub 12083 – 12103	\$19,950.00
August 2024 Payroll	Stub 12141 – 12170	\$91,138.54
August 2024 Council	Stub 12171 – 12175	\$ 3,692.89

Total	\$114,781.43
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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF HIGHWAY 14
REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION held THURSDAY, JULY
18, 2024 Highway 14 Regional Water Commission
Administration Building Boardroom**

PRESENT

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

Also Present: Brent Clark, Interim CAO
Lawrence Allen, Operations Director
Tracey Carter-Janus, Recording Secretary

Absent: Director Buttner
Director Beckett (Alternate)
Crystal Yeske, Office Manager

CALL TO ORDER

2. Chair Ducherer called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA**

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

Additions:

- 6.3 Bank Accounts (Signature Cards)
- 6.4 EFT Approvals
- 10.2 Legal
- 10.3 Directors

128-07-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

4. **MOVED** by Martineau to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held, June 27, 2024, as amended.

129-07-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIALS

- 5.1 Monthly Bank Reconciliation Statement- June 30, 2024

MOVED by Smook to approve the Monthly Bank Reconciliation Statement for June 30, 2024, for information as presented.

130-07-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED

- 6.1 RFD-Draft Agreement for the Removal and Repair of 49 Street-Village of Ryley

No RFD was presented. Set to meet with Glen Hamilton-Brown, CAO, Village of Ryley, on July 29, 2024.

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6.2 Village of Ryley Franchise Agreement – sent to our lawyers
MLT Aikins LLP, waiting to receive the draft copy for review.

6.3 Bank Accounts, signature cards

6.4 Electronic Funds Transfer- Approvals

MOVED by Martineau that the process for electronic funds
Transfers is to have one person to prepare and for two to
approve.

131-07-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Emergency Response Plan – Lawrence Allen, Director of
Operations presented the Safe Water Drinking Plan, and the
Water Emergency Response Plan.

MOVED by Ducherer to direct administration to review and
update the contacts in the Safe Water Drinking Plan and the
Emergency Response Plan.

132-07-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Smook administration to provide a copy of the
the Safe Water Drinking Plan and the Water Emergency
Response Plan, to the board members for information.

133-07-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

8.1 CAO Report

8.2 Operations Report

8.3 Commissioner Report

MOVED by Ducherer to approve the CAO, Operations and
Commissioner reports, for July, for information.

134-07-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

9. Correspondence

**Minutes of the Highway 14 Regional Water Services
Commission Regular Meeting July 18, 2024**

CLOSED SESSION

Lawrence Allen, Operations Director and Tracey Carter-Janus, Recording Secretary left the regular meeting at 7:14 p.m.

10. **MOVED** by Martineau to meet in Closed Session at 7:14 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.

135-07-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Ducherer to revert to the regular session at 8:13 p.m.

136-07-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Lawrence Allen, Operations Director and Tracey Carter-Janus, Recording Secretary returned to the regular session at 8:14 p.m.

MOVED by Smook to authorize the Interim CAO, Brent Clark, to work with legal counsel regarding matters discussed in closed session up to \$3,500.00.

137-07-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Ducherer to bring back the Mold Report regarding the old administration building located at 5029-51 Avenue in Ryley, to the next Regular Meeting.

138-07-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Martineau to add to our next agenda the topic of the Strategic Planning.

139-07-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Smook to cancel the Regular Scheduled meeting for August.

140-07-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Next Regular meeting scheduled for September 19, 2024, at
6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT 11. **MOVED** by Ducherer that the meeting adjourn at
8:23 p.m.

141-07-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

DRAFT

Cindy Neufeld

From: Tyler Gandam <president@abmunis.ca>
Sent: August 13, 2024 3:18 PM
To: Cindy Neufeld
Subject: We are matching donations for the Jasper Fire Community Fund

Hello CAOs,

Please note: Mayors and Councillors included for information purposes only

The Municipality of Jasper is navigating a difficult time due to the wildfire that damaged their community. Unfortunately, wildfires and other natural disasters are happening more often in Alberta's communities. As a member-driven organization, we recognize that it is important for us to continue to evolve how we support our members when they go through significant, community-wide disasters.

We want to support the Jasper community in a meaningful way that doesn't add to their challenges. The [Jasper Community Team Society](#) (JCTS) is a non-profit, volunteer-run organization working closely with the Municipality of Jasper. They are accepting donations for their Jasper Fire Caring Community Fund. 100% of donations support the Jasper community. The fund currently supports residents who have been denied emergency relief funds and those without rental/tenant insurance.

Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis) is working directly with Jasper administration, and we are taking a number of steps to support the municipality and their staff. Of note, between now and **September 20, 2024**, **ABmunis will match any member-municipality's donations and donations from municipal employees up to an aggregated total of \$15,000.** So please feel free to forward this email to your municipal staff.

To donate:

1. Click on this [this link](#) and click on the donate button
2. Enter in your information.
3. On item #4, **under additional information, select the 'Jasper Fire Caring Community Fund' and "Alberta Municipalities"** (like the screenshot below) so we and JCTS can track which donations come from our members, enabling us to match them dollar-for-dollar.

Cindy Neufeld

From: Tyler Gandam <president@abmunis.ca>
Sent: August 19, 2024 10:24 AM
To: Cindy Neufeld
Subject: Prepare to Vote on Resolutions at ABmunis' Convention

Dear Mayors, Councillors and CAOs:

On July 31, we [announced the release of the 27 resolutions](#) that members will vote on at our Convention in Red Deer on September 25-27, 2024. The resolutions process is a vital component of our annual convention because it is your municipality's opportunity to give us direction on what issues we invest our time and resources to advocate on your behalf.

Each resolution is brought forward by a member municipality who deems the issue to be important and seeks approval from the membership for ABmunis to take action. Each elected official of a Regular Member municipality who is registered for Convention has the right to vote on each resolution.

Suggested Action

If you are sending one or more delegates to this year's Convention, we highly encourage your council to:

1. Review the [2024 Resolutions Book](#) together.
2. Discuss if your council supports or disagrees with the proposed call to action in each resolution.
 - Each elected delegate may vote at their discretion so discussing within your council is beneficial to ensure your representative(s) at Convention are fully aware of your council's perspective on each resolution.
3. If a representative of your municipality plans to speak for or against a resolution at Convention, please consider the following tips:
 - You have a maximum of two minutes to speak. The timer starts as soon as you introduce yourself at the microphone.
 - Sometimes members run out of time because they use part of their two minutes to extend thanks or make general remarks unrelated to the resolution. We suggest you avoid these remarks or practice your address including everything you want to say within two minutes.

For a detailed description of the rules of our resolution process, please view our [Resolutions Policy AP002](#).

We look forward to hosting you at the Convention and facilitating a healthy debate of the resolutions that have been put forward by your peers. If you have any questions about this year's resolutions or the resolution process, please email resolutions@abmunis.ca.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gandam | President

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Cindy Neufeld

From: VMHA <veteransmemorialhwy@gmail.com>
Sent: August 8, 2024 6:48 PM
To: Cindy Neufeld
Subject: Request to Add Invitation to Upcoming Veterans Memorial Highway Association Meeting to Council Agenda
Attachments: Invitation to Town of Tofield.pdf

Dear Cindy Neufeld

I hope this email finds you well.

I am writing to request that the attached letter be added to the next council agenda for your consideration. The letter invites your municipality to attend our upcoming Veterans Memorial Highway Association meeting on Friday, October 25th, 2024, at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 28 in Lac La Biche. During the meeting, we will discuss important issues such as the provincial attention needed for the highway to ensure safe transportation of imports and exports from Alberta to the US and Mexico. We will also be presenting our new tourism and economic development website.

We believe that this meeting will provide valuable insights and opportunities for collaboration, and we would be pleased if your council could send two representatives to join us.

Additionally, we will be attending the Alberta Municipalities trade show in September and would love for you to stop by our booth to pick up brochures and promotional materials.

Please find the invitation letter attached.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to your response.

Best regards,

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Margaret Plumtree
Executive Director

[www.https://www.veteransmemorialhighway36.com](https://www.veteransmemorialhighway36.com)





VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION

August 8, 2024

Town of Tofield
5407 50 Street
Tofield, Alberta T0B 4J0

Dear Mayor and Councillors

I hope this letter finds you well.

On behalf of the Veterans Memorial Highway Association, I am pleased to extend an invitation to your municipality to attend our upcoming meeting, lunch provided. This important event will be held on Friday, October 25th, 2024, at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 28 in Lac La Biche.

During the meeting, we will discuss critical areas along the highway that require provincial attention to ensure the undisrupted and safe transportation of imports and exports from Alberta to the US and Mexico. We are honored to have extended an invitation to the premier to join us for this crucial discussion.

Additionally, we will be presenting our new tourism and economic development website, which we believe will be of significant interest and benefit to your municipality.

We invite you to send two representatives from your council to attend our meeting. Your participation and insights would be highly valued as we work together to improve our region's infrastructure and economic prospects. We ask that you RSVP by October 11th so we can confirm with the Legion number for lunch.

I would also like to mention that the Veterans Memorial Highway Association will be attending the Alberta Municipalities trade show this September. We encourage you to visit our booth, where you can pick up brochures and tourism promotional material. It's a great opportunity to learn more about our initiatives and how they could benefit your community.

Thank you for considering our invitation. We look forward to the opportunity to collaborate with you and your team.

Best regards,

M. Plumtree

Margaret Plumtree, Executive Director



Erin Suchy

From: Breanna Cera Emard <BCeraEmard@npf-fpn.com>
Sent: August 27, 2024 11:17 AM
To: Mayor Tofield
Cc: Admin Clerk
Subject: New Polling Results on Policing in Alberta - National Police Federation
Attachments: NPF Alberta W6 June 2024.pdf

Earlier this year, the Alberta Government introduced Bill 11, establishing a new independent agency police service in Alberta. This decision was made without consulting Albertans, municipalities, or existing law enforcement agencies and follows the unsuccessful Alberta Provincial Police Service initiative.

Today, the National Police Federation (NPF) is releasing the results of our first survey since the announcement of the independent Alberta police service. Conducted by the independent research firm Pollara Strategic Insights in June 2024, this survey is consistent with previous waves of polling, showing a strong support for Alberta RCMP Members. The new research also indicates a lack of awareness and support for the new independent police service.

Key findings from the survey:

- 84% of respondents believe there are more pressing priorities in Alberta than changing the local policing structure.
- 87% of respondents agree that before any changes to municipal policing, there needs to be detailed accounting of costs and impacts on service levels.
- 86% of respondents want to retain the RCMP, with some local improvements.
- 77% of respondents, in RCMP-served communities, are satisfied with their current policing service.

You can view the full press release on the survey results [here](#).

You can also view the full polling slide deck attached.

Should you be interested in further discussion or have any questions please connect with Breanna Cera Emard at Bceraemard@npf-fpn.com.

Sincerely,

Breanna Cera Emard

Government Relations Coordinator/ Coordonnatrice des relations gouvernementales

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Overview of Key Findings:

National Police Federation Alberta

Wave 6

June 2024

pollara
strategic insights

Methodology

- **Sampling:** Online survey of randomly selected sample of 1200 adult (18+) Alberta Residents
- **Field Window:** June 14 – June 24, 2024

• This is the **6th wave** of this study. Each wave includes a core set of tracking questions as well as new questions.

- Wave 5 of study (N=1,202) conducted Sept 15 – Oct 4, 2023
- Wave 4 of study (N=1,206) conducted July 6 – 19, 2022
- Wave 3 of study (N=1,221) conducted Oct 21 – Nov 4, 2021
- Wave 2 of study (N=1,228) conducted April 30 – May 7, 2021
- Wave 1 of study (N=1,300) conducted Oct 21 – 28, 2020

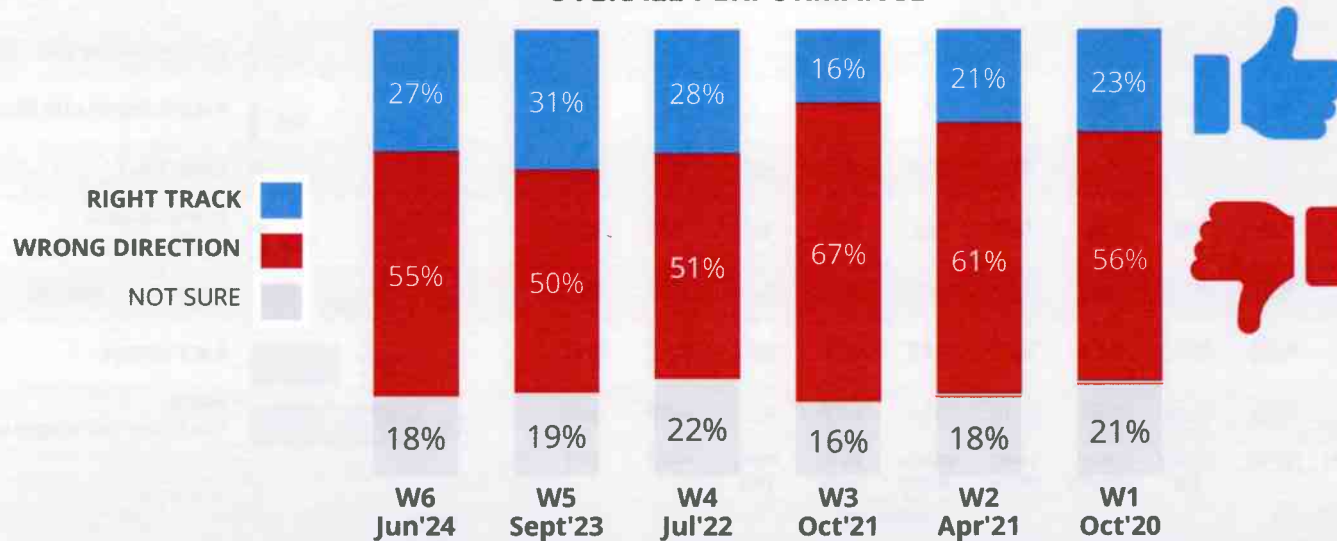
- **Reliability:** Non-probability samples cannot be assigned a margin of error. *As a relative guideline, we have provided margins of error for a probability sample of this size. Data has been weighted by region, age and gender to be representative of the population of Alberta
- Discrepancies in totals are due to rounding.

Region	Number of Interviews	Margin of error*
Calgary	225	±6.5%
Edmonton	220	±6.6%
Calgary Suburbs	101	±9.8%
Edmonton Suburbs	110	±9.3%
Rural Central	171	±7.5%
Rural North	154	±7.9%
Rural South	219	±6.6%
ALBERTA	1200	±2.8%

Increased majority say provincial government is going in wrong direction

- Right track returns to pre-election level while wrong direction increases 5% since wave 5 (September 2023)
- Right track lower in Edmonton (18%) relative to Calgary (28%)

ALBERTA PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT: OVERALL PERFORMANCE



1. In Alberta today, do you think the provincial government is on the right track or do you think it is heading off in the wrong direction?
(Total W6 Jun 2024 N=1200, W5 Sept 2023 N=1202, W4 Jul 2022 N=1206, W3 Oct 2021 N=1221, W2 Apr 2021 N=1228, W1 Oct 2020 N=1300)

Affordability leads list of concerns across all regions; Policing and public safety very low on the list

- Affordability is top provincial priority issue for majority of Calgary city (55%) and suburban residents (57%), and those under age 55 (55%)
- Health care is a close second (35%) as a priority issue for 55+ voters
- At 1%, policing and public safety does not rise to the top of the priority list for 99% of Albertans

	REGION										AGE		
	Cal	Edm	Cal Subs	Edm Subs	Rural North	Rural Cent	Rural South	All Rural	Male	Female			
Affordability and cost-of-living	55%	44%	57%	41%	41%	46%	46%	44%	43%	53%	53%	55%	39%
Health care	19%	28%	16%	30%	34%	23%	23%	28%	23%	26%	14%	20%	35%
Alberta's economy	13%	14%	17%	12%	12%	16%	20%	15%	19%	10%	14%	15%	14%
Climate change & environment	4%	4%	2%	5%	2%	5%	5%	4%	4%	4%	5%	2%	5%
Education	2%	5%	4%	1%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	5%	3%	1%
Policing and public safety	2%	3%	-	-	-	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	-	2%	2%
Indigenous reconciliation	-	-	-	2%	-	-	-	-	1%	1%	-	1%	-

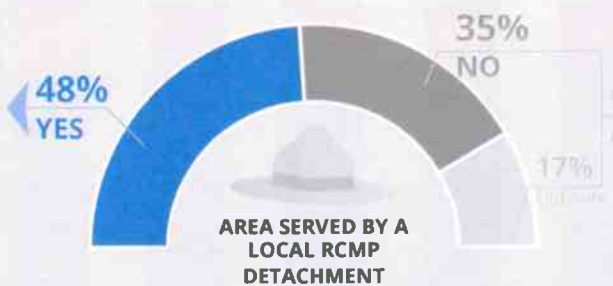
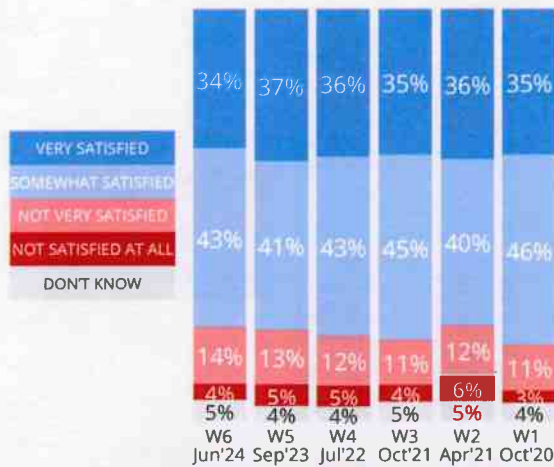
48% 24% 14%

2. When it comes to the following issues facing Alberta today, which is your top priority that you would like the Premier Danielle Smith and the Alberta government address? (Base: Total sample: N=1200)

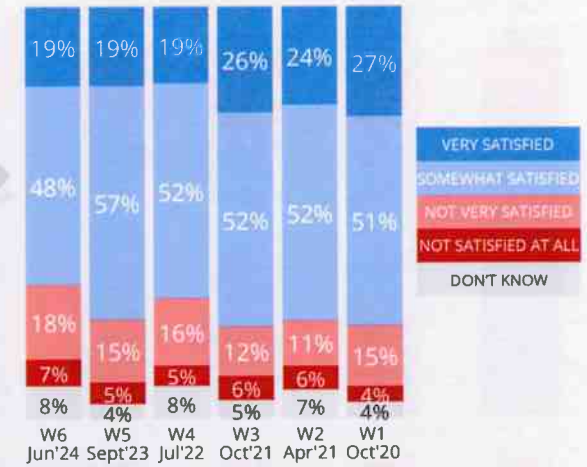
About 4-in-5 of Albertans in RCMP-served areas say they are satisfied with the RCMP's policing

- Satisfaction with the RCMP (77%) is consistent with wave 5 (78%)
- Satisfaction in non-RCMP served communities (67%) lowest across six waves.
- Level of those "very satisfied" much higher in RCMP-served communities (34%) compared to non-RCMP served (19%)

SATISFIED WITH RCMP'S POLICING



SATISFIED WITH POLICING IN COMMUNITY

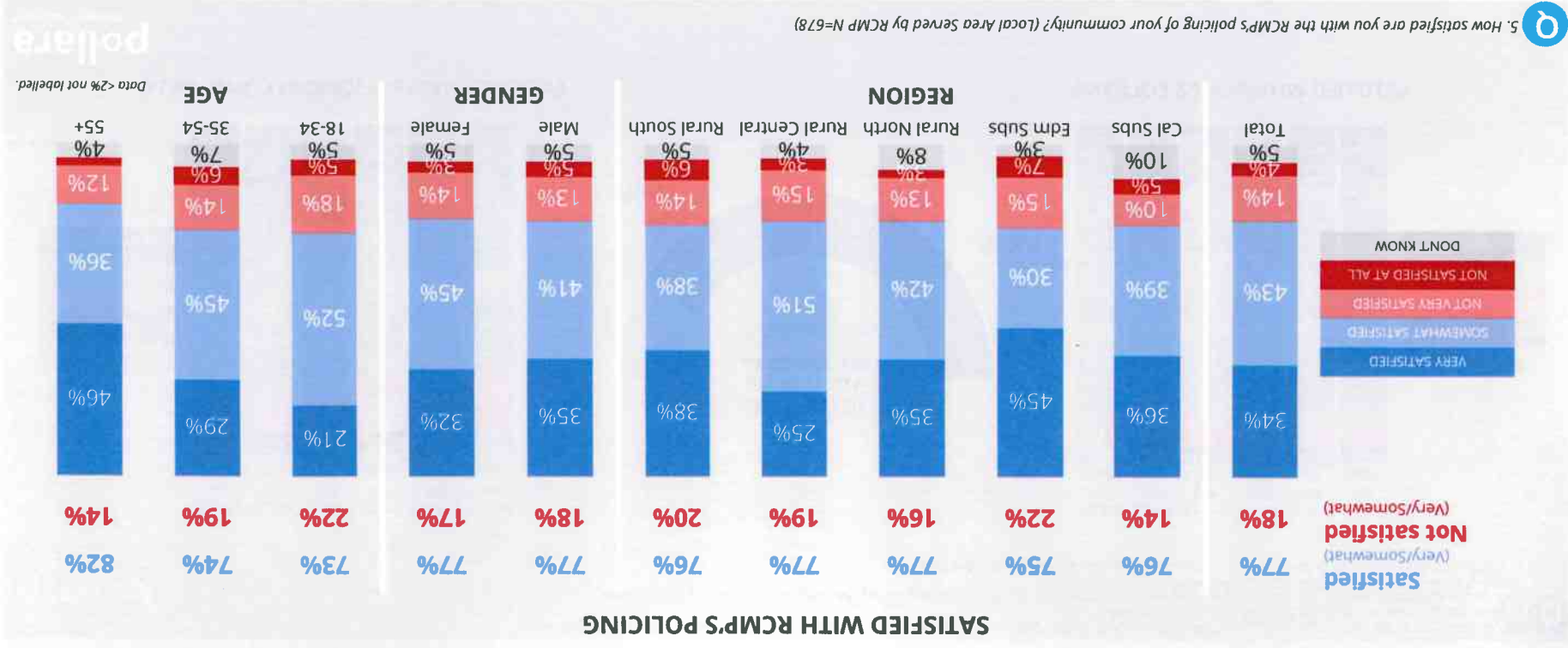


4. Is your municipality or local area served by a local RCMP detachment? (Total N=1200)
 5. How satisfied are you with the RCMP's policing of your community? (Yes, at Q4 W6 Jun'24 N=678, W5 Sept 2023 N=699, W4 Jul 2022 N=696, W3 Oct 2021 N=727, W2 Apr 2021 N=733, W1 Oct 2020 N=809)
 6. How satisfied are you with the policing in your community? (No or Not Sure at Q4 W6 Jun'24 N=522, W5 Sept 2023 N=503, W4 Jul 2022 N=510, W3 Oct 2021 N=494, W2 Apr 2021 N=495, W1 Oct 2020 N=491)



Satisfaction with the RCMP is high across all regions, genders, and age groups

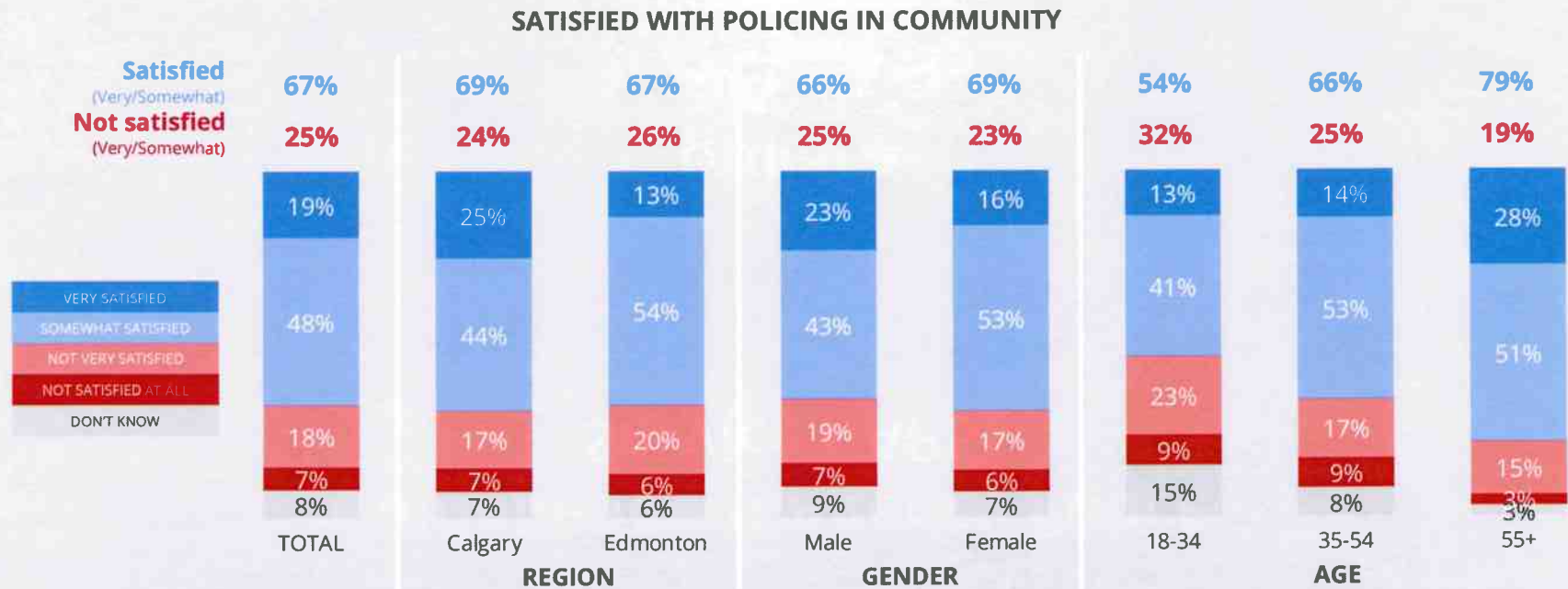
• Net-satisfaction is highest in the Calgary suburbs (+62%) and Rural North (+61%), and among 55+ age group (+68%)



5. How satisfied are you with the RCMP's policing of your community? (Local Area Served by RCMP N=678)

Satisfaction levels in non-RCMP served communities

- Higher level of those not satisfied among young people (32%)

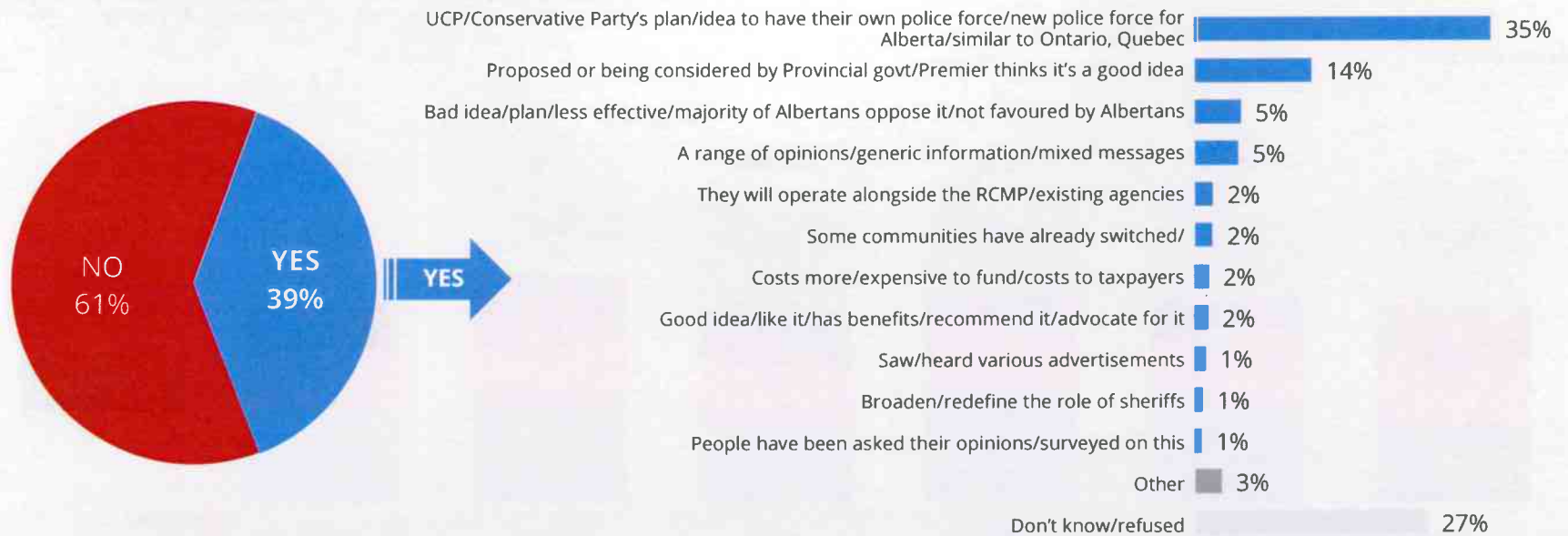


6. How satisfied are you with the policing in your community? (Local Area NOT Served by RCMP N=522)

Independent Agency Police Service (IAPS)

About 2-in-5 aware of proposal by Alberta government to create new Independent Agency Police Service (IAPS)

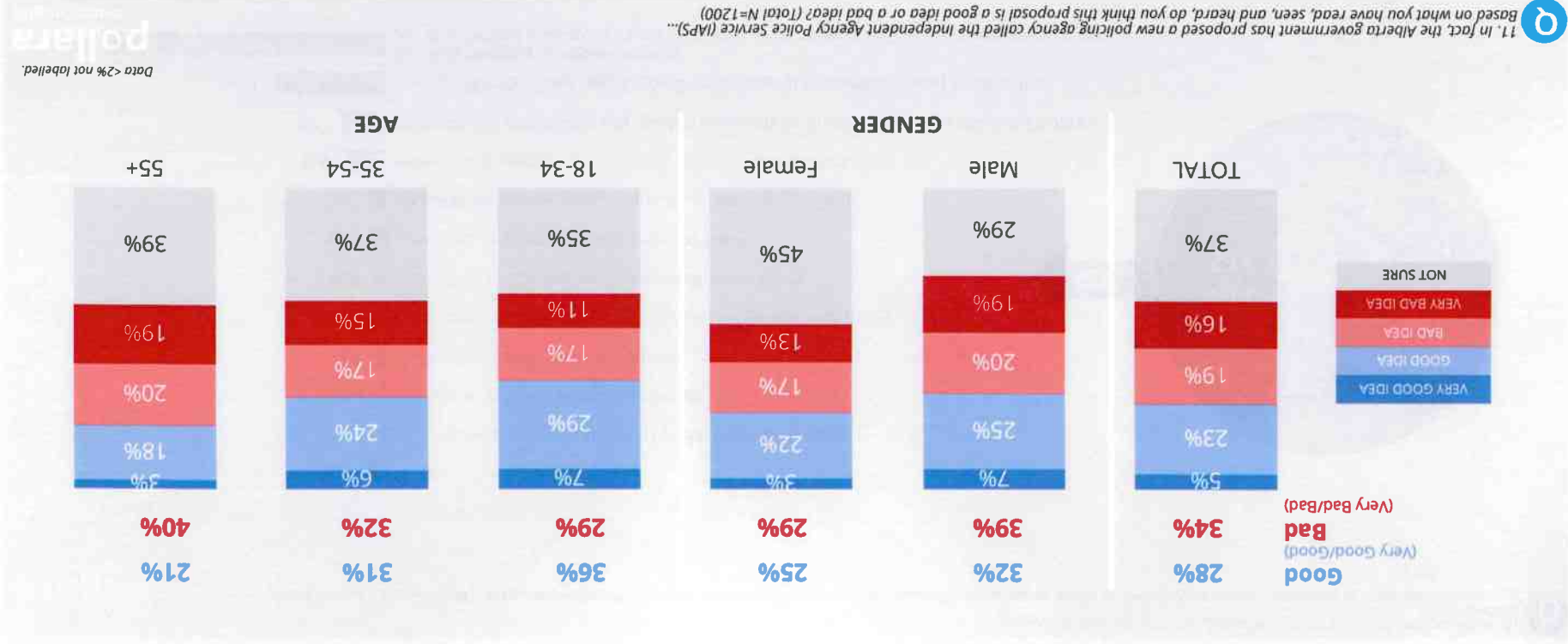
- Plurality of respondents connect proposal to Alberta having its own police force similar to other provinces



9. Have you read, seen, or heard anything recently about a proposal by the Alberta government to create a new policing agency called the **Independent Agency Police Service (IAPS)**? (Total N=1200)
 10. And what have you read, seen or heard? (Total Answered Yes at Q9 N=491)

More Albertans say IAPS is a bad idea than a good one with over one-third not sure

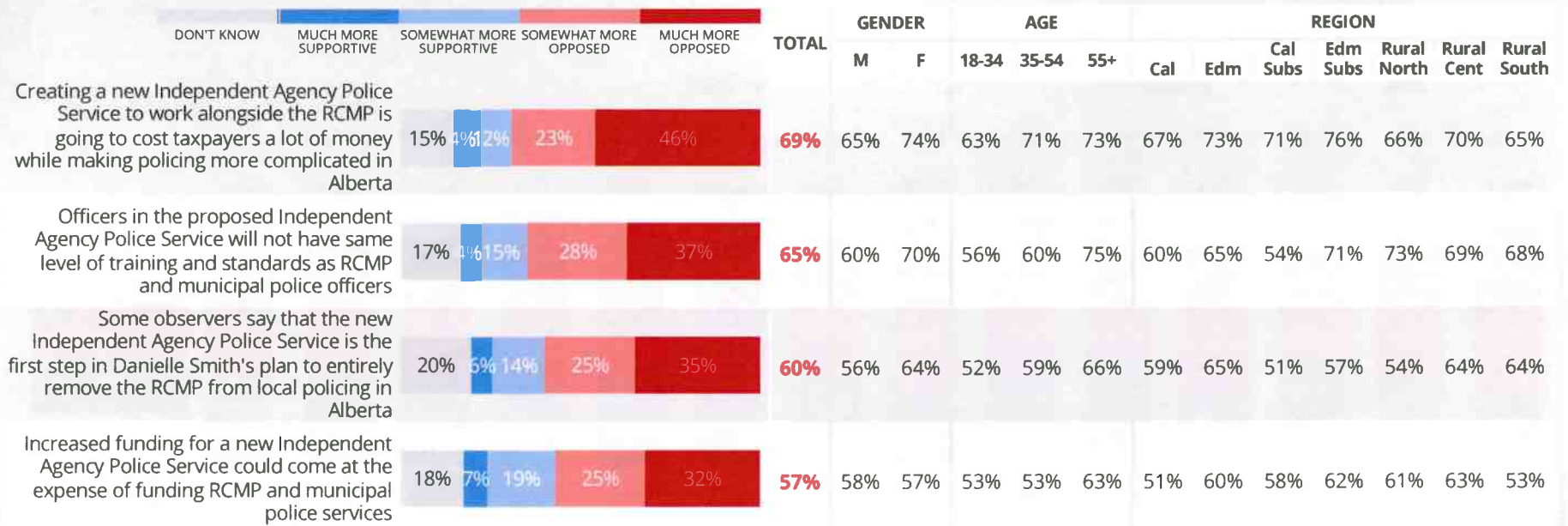
- Both men (-7%) and women (-4%) are net-negative with women more likely to be "not sure" (45%)
- 18-34 age group more likely to say it's a good idea (+7%) while 55+ age group sees it as bad idea (-19%)



Taxpayer cost and training standards drive opposition to IAPS; shoring up rural policing drives support

- Taxpayer costs was top message of those tested in terms of driving opposition to IAPS, across genders and age groups
- 60% more opposed, including 35% much more opposed, to IAPS being “first step in Danielle Smith’s plan to entirely remove the RCMP from local policing in Alberta”

More Opposed
(Much/Somewhat)

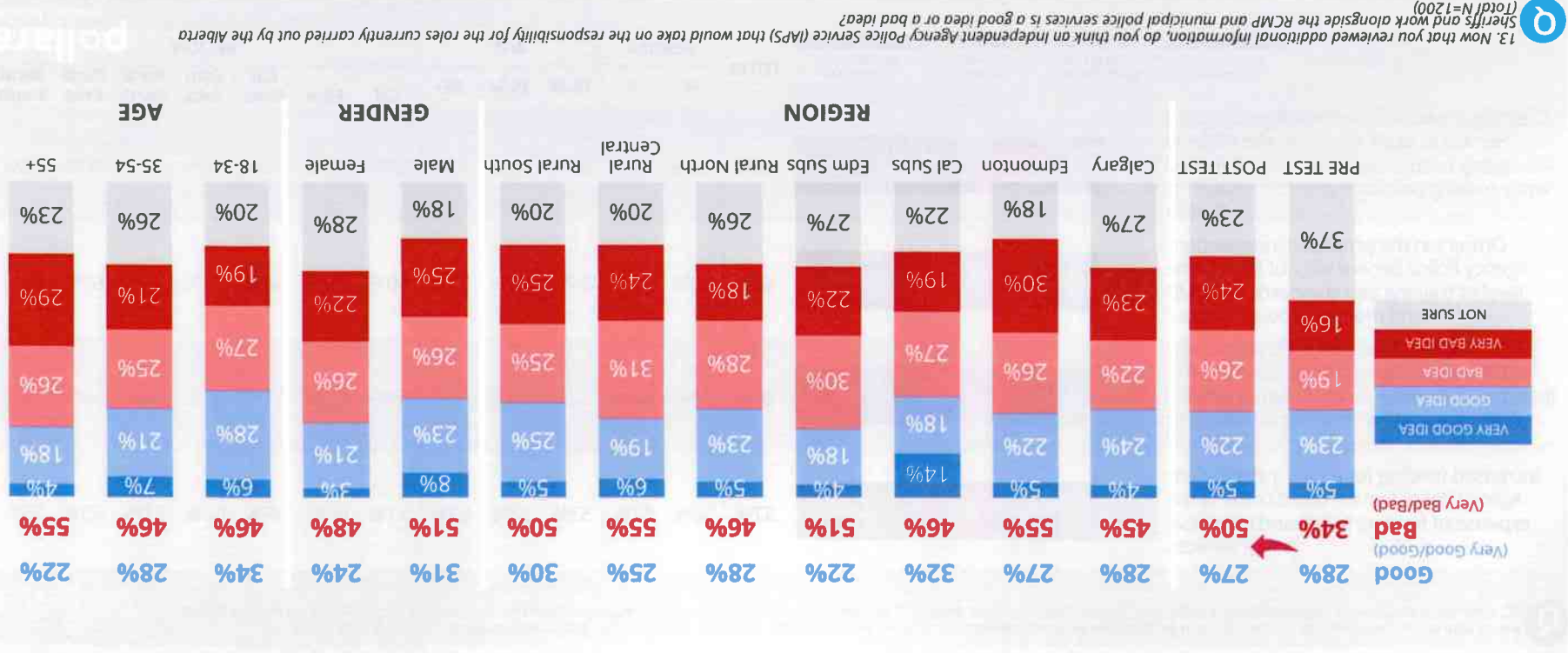


12. Here are some general statements about policing in Alberta. Please indicate whether they make you more supportive or more opposed to a new Independent Agency Police Service (IAPS) that would take on the responsibility for the roles currently carried out by the Alberta Sheriffs and work alongside the RCMP and municipal police services. (Split Sample: N=719-1200)



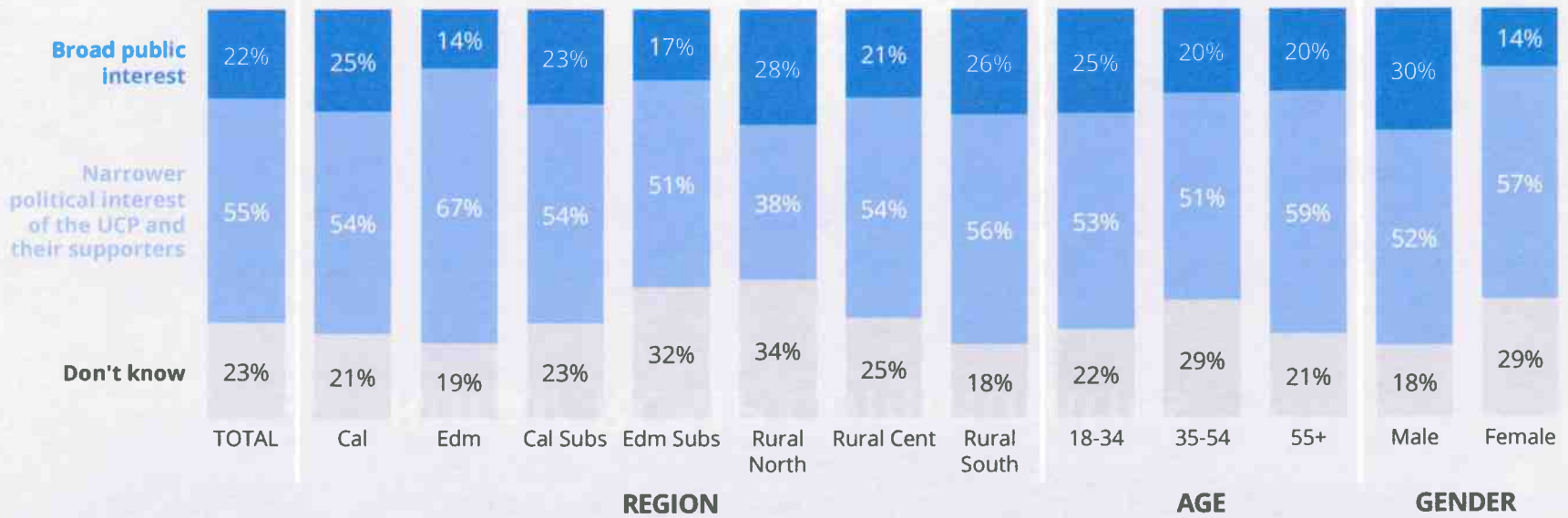
Post-Test: Majority says IAPS is a "bad idea" after reviewing statements

- Swing of 'not sure' respondents in pre-test to "bad idea" in the post-test. Those saying IAPS proposal is a 'good idea' consistent.
- In post-test, IAPS proposal seen as a "bad idea" across all genders and age groups.



On policing, over half say Smith/UCP motivated by narrow political interests instead of broad public interest

- Men (30%) twice more likely than women (14%) to say UCP government motivated by broad public interest on policing issues
- Majority in all regions say narrow political interest motivating government on policing issues, except Rural North



18. When it comes to policing issues, do you think Premier Danielle Smith and the UCP government are motivated to make changes that are in the... (Total N=1200)

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Rural/ RCMP Communities

Majority satisfied on each aspect of policing in RCMP-served communities

- RCMP response to natural disasters... rises to top aspect in terms of overall satisfaction (73%)
- Setting an example for young people marginally declines (-4%) and stands as second highest aspect
- RCMP officers trained effectively to deal with civil disobedience has highest level of those “very satisfied” (29%) – tied with natural disasters aspect
- My local detachment responds promptly to 911 calls increases from 60% to 65%

Satisfied
(Very/Somewhat)

	DON'T KNOW	NOT SATISFIED AT ALL	NOT VERY SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	W6 Jun'24	W5 Sep'23	W4 Jul'22	W3 Oct'21	W2 Apr'21	W1 Oct'20	REGION				
												Cal Subs	Edm Subs	Rural North	Rural Central	Rural South
RCMP response to natural disasters, such as wildfires and floods	16%	5%	6%	44%	29%	73%	66%	-	-	-	-	77%	69%	72%	63%	67%
RCMP officers set a positive example for young people	8%	6%	15%	42%	28%	70%	74%	74%	75%	72%	76%	73%	77%	62%	76%	77%
RCMP officers are accountable to my community	9%	10%	12%	44%	25%	69%	70%	70%	75%	70%	71%	72%	73%	69%	66%	72%
RCMP officers are trained effectively to deal with civil disobedience	12%	6%	13%	40%	29%	69%	71%	69%	73%	68%	69%	72%	71%	62%	68%	70%
RCMP officers have personal connections with my community	15%	7%	11%	39%	28%	67%	70%	72%	71%	69%	71%	70%	70%	66%	65%	59%
My local detachment responds promptly to 911 calls	21%	4%	10%	40%	25%	65%	60%	63%	64%	64%	64%	65%	66%	58%	59%	64%

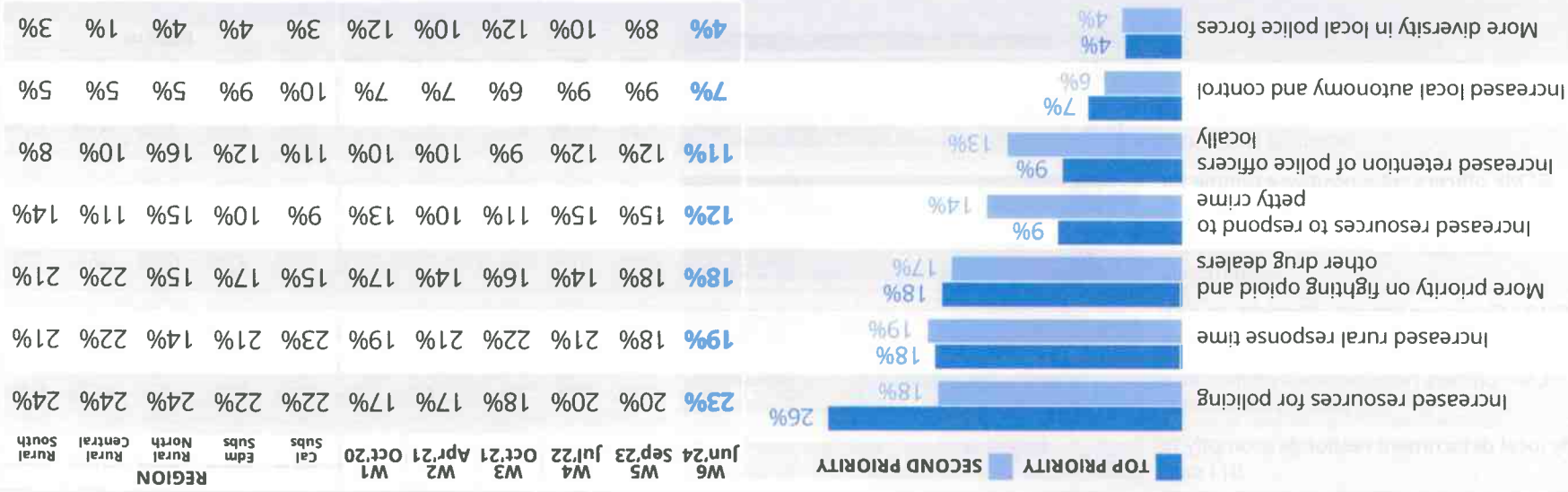


19. Thinking about policing in your community, for each of the following, what is your level of satisfaction?
 (Rural / RCMP Communities W6 Jun 2024 N=492 to 494, W5 Sept 2023 N= varies from 507 to 511, W4 Jul 2022 N= varies from 453 to 476, W3 Oct 2021 N= varies from 473 to 493, W2 Apr 2021 N= varies from 476 to 502, W1 Oct 2020 N= varies from 526 to 558)

Increased resources for policing has highest level of "top priority"

- Increased resources for policing is top priority across all regions, except Calgary Suburbs
- More priority on fighting opioid and other drug dealers is higher priority in Rural Central and Rural South relative to other regions
- More diversity in local police forces continues to decline as a priority relative to other priorities

Overall Priority

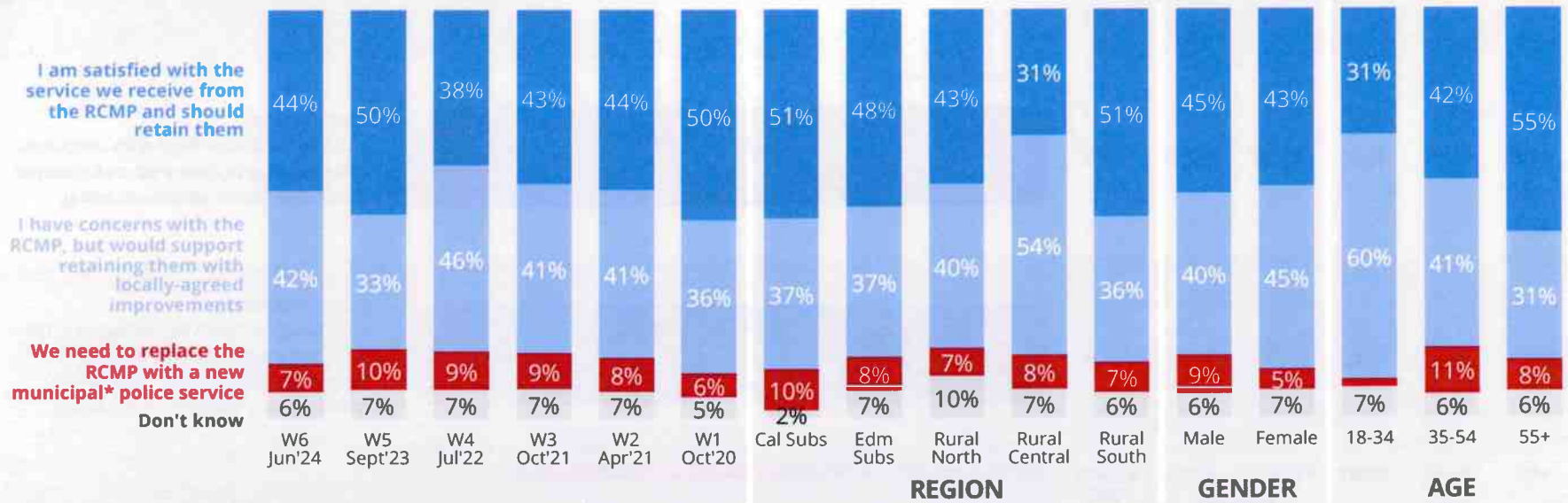


20. Which of the following improvements to RCMP service in Alberta would be your highest priority? And the second highest priority? (Rural / RCMP Communities W6 Jun 2024 N=678, W5 Sept 2023 N=699, W4 Jul 2022 N=695, W3 Oct 2021 N=727, W2 Apr 2021 N=733, W1 Oct 2020 N=809)

Rural / RCMP communities:

Over 8-in-10 say that Alberta retain the RCMP, either conditionally or unconditionally

- Those choosing “satisfied with...RCMP and should retain them” or “have concerns... but would support retaining them with improvements” is a combined 86%, a marginal increase compared to wave 5 (83%).
- Only 1-in-14 (7%) choose “we need to replace the RCMP with a new municipal police service”, compared to 10% in wave 5. This level is comparable to previous waves (1-4) where respondents could choose replacing the RCMP with a “provincial police service”



*Waves 1 to 4: “replace...with a new provincial police service”; Waves 5-6: “replace...with a new municipal police service”

Data <2% not labelled.



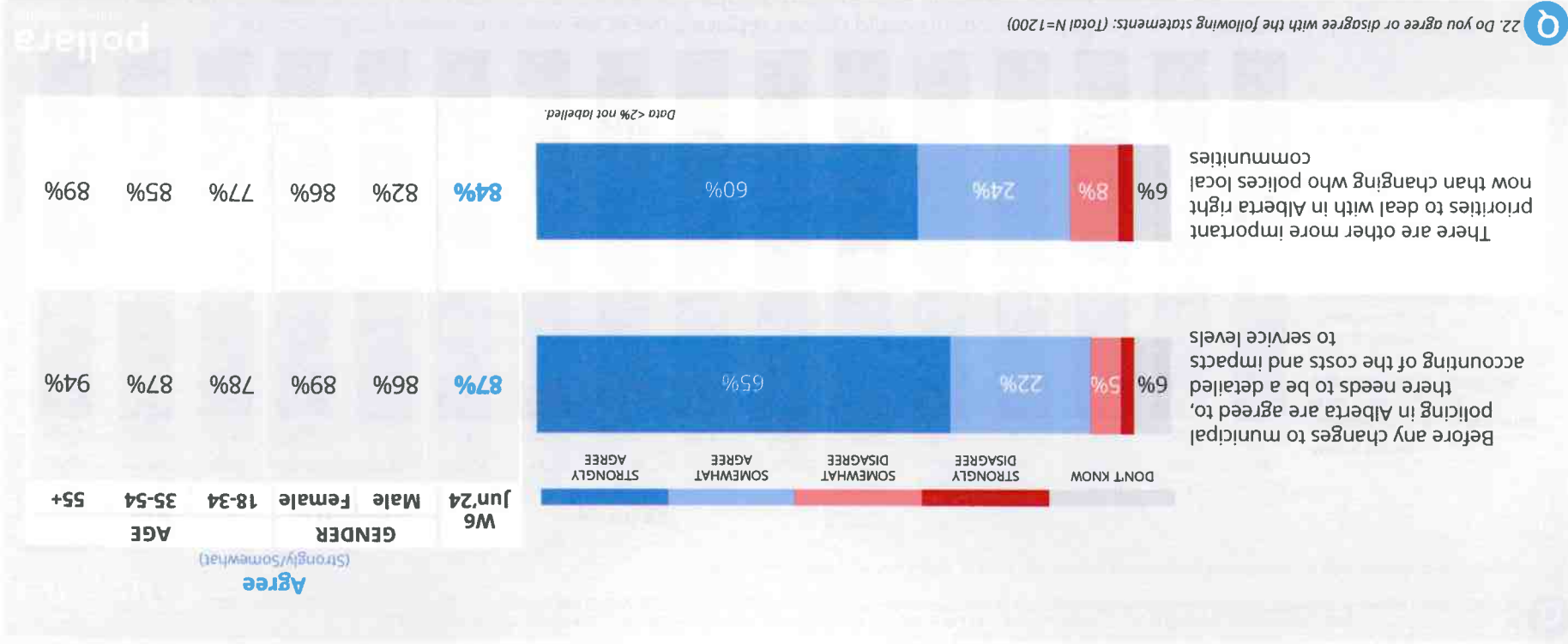
21. Which of the following statements best reflects your viewpoint? (Rural / RCMP Communities w6 Jun 2024 N=678, W5 Sept 2023 N=699, W4 Jul 2022 N=695, W3 Oct 2021 N=727, W2 Apr 2021 N=733, W1 Oct 2020 N=809) Statement #2 wording in W1: “I have concerns with the RCMP, but would support retaining them if there were significant improvements”



Province-wide:

Strong agreement that that detailed accounting of costs and impacts needed / more important priorities than who polices

• Clear majority strongly agree with both statements



Demographic Profile

GENDER



AGE



CHILDREN UNDER 18 YRS OLD



ATTENDANCE AT RELIGIOUS SERVICES

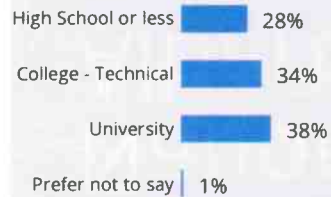


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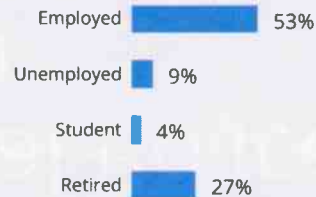


Calgary	30%
Edmonton	23%
Calgary Suburbs	7%
Edmonton Suburbs	10%
Rural North	13%
Rural Central	9%
Rural South	8%

EDUCATION



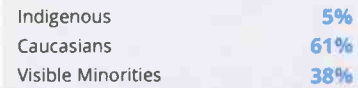
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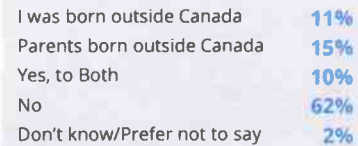
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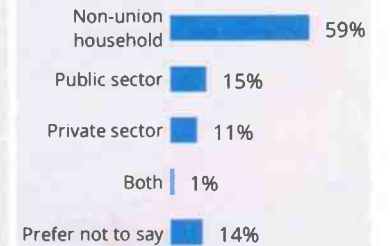
ETHNICITY



BIRTHPLACE OUTSIDE CANADA



UNION MEMBERSHIP



Q (Total N=1200)

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Beaver Emergency Medical Services 2024 Annual Report



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Our Vision: *To excel as the leading provider of emergency medical services throughout Alberta. We will promote a workplace where staff are supported, and we will commit to safe and innovative clinical improvements.*

**Beaver Emergency Medical Services
is built upon the CORE VALUES of:**

***Integrity, Professionalism, Accountability, Teamwork
and Respect***

Our Mission is to provide compassionate, professional, and effective emergency medical services in our communities. We will uphold the public trust with integrity, through the delivery of respectful and accountable treatment of those placed in our care.

Board Chair: Norm Martineau - Town of Tofield

Board Vice-Chair: Barry Bruce, Beaver County

Board Member: Cindy Lefsrud, Town of Viking

Board Member: Cathy Brown, Member at Large

Board Member: Lyndie Knockleby, Village of Ryley

Board Member: Milt MacGregor, Village of Holden

Wes Baerg, Executive Director, Board Secretary Treasurer

Crystal Stevenson: General Manager, Board Recording Secretary

Amber Carson: Office Administrator

WE BELIEVE:

- Everybody matters
- In the highest level of care through exceptionally skilled professionals and state of the art equipment
- In exceeding standards of care
- In strong working relationships, internally between board and staff, and externally with other health care professionals

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Service Summary

Beaver Emergency Medical Services is the provider of paramedic services to Beaver County and the encompassing communities of Tofield, Ryley, Holden, Viking, and the hamlets of Bruce and Kinsella. We provide ambulance services to approximately 10,300 residents in addition to those who we interact with from other hospitals and communities.

Operating out of 2 stations within Beaver County, Beaver EMS provides pre-hospital advanced medical care, trauma care and the transport of patients from emergency incidents to health care facilities.



Lucas 2 Chest Compression Device

As a rural ambulance provider, several years ago we noted the potential benefit of mechanical assistance with CPR since manual CPR outcomes are not optimal and back-up ambulance crews are often not available for assistance. A mechanical chest compression LUCAS 2 machine would have significant advantages to patient care and outcomes in a cardiac arrest event. CPR done by this machine is much more consistent in terms of

depth, regularity (no periods of no-CPR), and the machine does not get tired or fatigued. According to a study conducted by ScienceDirect, during CPR *“cortical cerebral blood flow in the group treated with LUCAS compressions reached a level of approximately **65% of baseline blood flow** that was stable throughout the whole CPR period. Comparatively, conventional manual CPR achieved **only 20-30% of baseline blood flow** to the brain (with optimal manual chest compressions).”* With the assistance of funding grants, we were able to purchase the LUCAS 2 chest compression system for each ambulance. This has been a “game-changer” in terms of efficiency during resuscitation efforts, anecdotally the patient outcomes have been much better, and our paramedics are highly supportive of their use.

Now the original LUCAS CPR machines are reaching “end of life”, and we are looking to replace them. Each LUCAS 3 machine costs approximately \$19,500, so we are actively exploring various funding and granting options. Claystone Waste Ltd, a leading waste management company in central Alberta has generously provided grant funding of \$9,000 towards the purchase of a LUCAS 3. We are very grateful for their contribution to improved patient outcomes and emergency medical care in our area.

This type of equipment would never have been available or considered even a few years ago. We are proud of these advancements and look forward to other new initiatives and progressions in our profession, knowing that if we can make a difference in people’s lives, we are doing what we have set out in our mission; ***“to provide compassionate, professional, and effective emergency medical services in our communities. We will commit to safe and innovative clinical improvements and maintain a workplace where staff are encouraged and supported.”***

This AHS Stroke truck met up with our Advanced Life Support ambulance on the side of a highway to do a CT scan of a stroke patient.



This past year our paramedics responded to 1694 ambulance calls



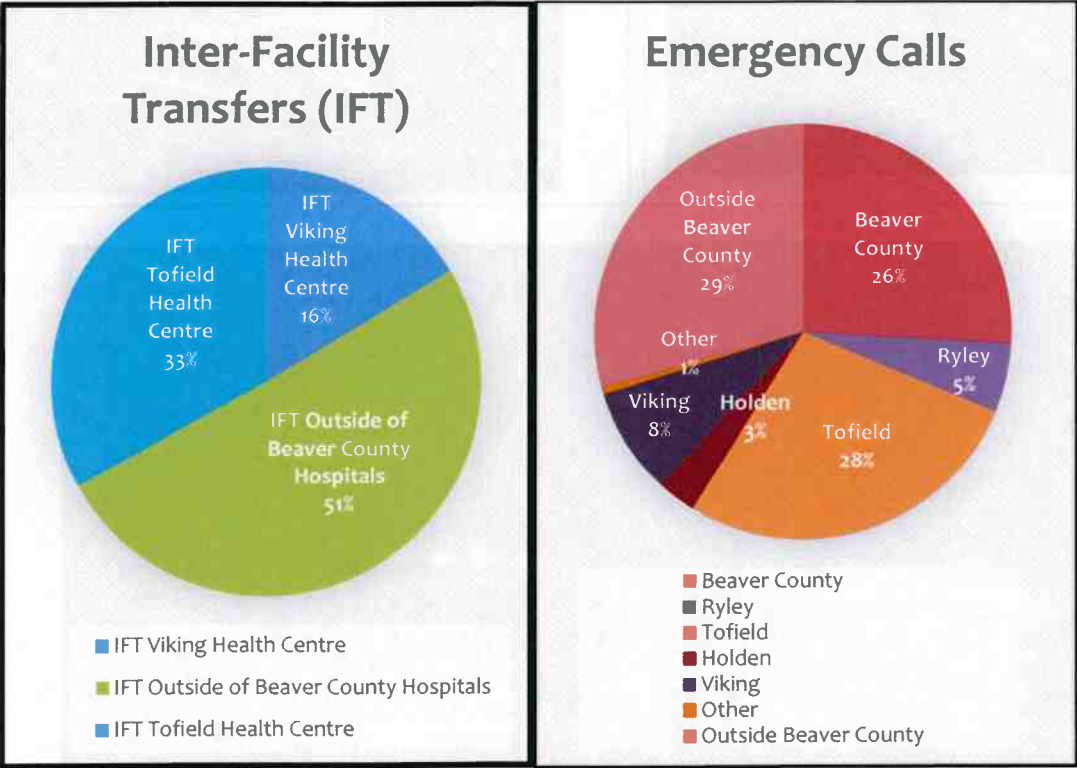
AHS Fixed Wing Air Ambulance transporting a patient to Edmonton



Activity Synopsis

Beaver EMS has two Advanced Life Support ambulances stationed in Tofield, and one Advanced Life Support ambulance stationed in Viking, plus a back-up unit at each station.

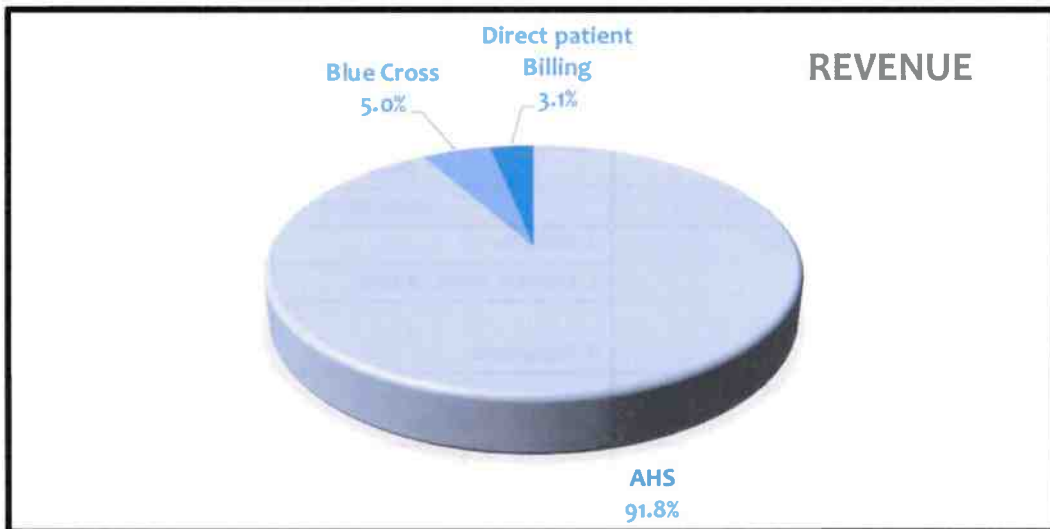
The total number of ambulance calls for Tofield and Viking in 2023 was 1694. The Viking ambulance responded to 486 events, and the two Tofield ambulances responded to a total of 903 events. Of those 1694 calls, 787 were inter-facility transfers from one hospital to another. In 2023 our Tofield and Viking ambulances responded to 399 inter-facility transfers from hospitals located outside of Beaver County.



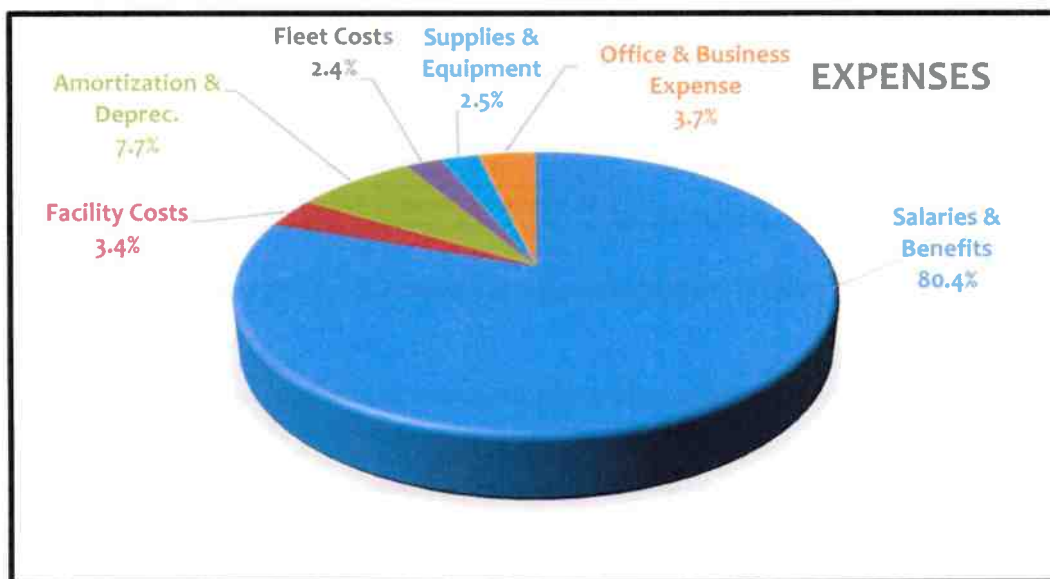
Financial Summary

Beaver Ambulance Society operates as a not-for profit charitable society and receives funding from three main sources. Accountability and reporting occurs monthly to our Board of Directors and quarterly through our provincial contract reporting to Alberta Health Services. Our full financials are available upon request to administration.

Our Funding Sources



Our Service Costs



Community Statistics Summary

Tofield Community Profile and Data Summary Comparison

Note: "**Tofield Area**" encompasses the western half of Beaver County, and includes Tofield, Ryley, and Holden.

Information Indicator	Tofield Area 2019	Tofield Area 2022/23
Population Increase (or decrease) (Alberta increased by 46% from 2001-2021)	Increased by 13.3% (from 1998-2018)	Increased by 7.7% (from 2001-2021)
Current Population	7,887	7,755 (average age 43.6 yrs)
Life Expectancy	79.8 yrs.	80.3 yrs.
Largest Age group	35-64 (40.2% of population)	35-64 (40.7% of population)
Hosp. emergency visits on a regular weekday	59	down 31% since 2018
Most frequent cause of death	diseases of circulatory system	
Most common reason for emergency room visit	acute upper respiratory infection	
Three main reasons for in-patient admission	1. Diabetes	1. Diabetes
	2. Ischemic Heart Disease	2. Ischemic Heart Disease
	3. Pneumonia	3. COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease)
Percentage of family physician visits outside the patient's local geographic area	60.2%	51.0%
Walk-in hospital visits outside local geo. area	75.2%	49.4%
# of Family Physicians/1000 pop. (AB average = 1.2)	0.4	0.4
Three most common causes of death (10 years)	Circulatory system (32.9%)	Circulatory System (32.5%)
	Neoplasm (cancer)	Neoplasm (cancer)
	Respiratory System	Injuries (external)
Most prevalent chronic disease	Hypertension (24.3%)	Hypertension (24.5%)
Immunizations by age 2	DTaP: 79.3%	DTaP: 76.1%
	MMR: 90%	MMR: 87.1%
Influenza vaccine for those over 65 yrs.	44.4%	52%
Population growth/change throughout Alberta	Rural Areas: decreased by 2.7%	
	Urban Municipalities: Increased by 6.3%	
	Beaver County: Decreased by 0.6% (2016-2021)	
	All Alberta: Increased by 49.1% from 1998-2018	

- Residents 65 and older accounted for **19.5%** of Tofield's overall population, 5.4% points higher than the corresponding provincial proportion.
- The volume of emergency visits for patients residing in Tofield area decreased by 31.5% between 2018-2021

Viking Community Profile and Data Summary Comparison

Note: "**Viking Area**" encompasses the eastern half of Beaver County not including Holden, but includes Bruce, Viking, and Kinsella

Information Indicator	Viking Area 2019	Viking Area 2022/23
Population Increase (or decrease) (Alberta increased by 46% from 2001-2021)	Decreased by 9.9% (from 1998-2018)	Decreased by 9.7% (from 2001-2021)
Current Population (Population peaked in 2009 at 2,706)	2,397	2,355 (average age 49.4yrs)
Life Expectancy	80.2 yrs.	80.1 yrs.
Largest Age group	35-64 (38.6% of population)	35-64 (37.4% of population)
Hosp. emergency visits on a regular weekday	25	Down 21% since 2019
Most frequent cause of mortality	diseases of circulatory system	
Most common reason for emergency room visit	acute upper respiratory infection	
Three main reasons for in-patient admission	1. Diabetes	1. Hypertension
	2. Mental/behavioral disorder due to substance abuse	2. Ischemic Heart Disease
	3. Heart Disease	3. COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease)
Percentage of family physician visits outside the patient's local geographic area (AB percentage is 53.2%)	27.6%	22.3%
Walk-in hospital visits outside local geo. area	48.1%	41.7%
# of Family Physicians/1000 pop. (AB average = 1.2)	2.5	2.5
Three most common causes of death (10 years)	Circulatory System	Circulatory System
	Neoplasm (cancer)	Neoplasm (cancer)
	Respiratory System	External causes (injury)
Most prevalent chronic disease	Hypertension (23.3 5)	Hypertension
Immunizations by age 2	DTaP: 76%	73.4%
	MMR: 95%	85.8%
Influenza vaccine for those over 65 yrs.	52.7%	59.3%
Population growth/change throughout Alberta	Rural Areas: decreased by 2.7%	
	Urban Municipalities: Increased by 6.3%	
	Beaver County: Decreased by 0.6% (2016-2021)	
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- Residents 65 and older accounted for **26.1%** of Viking's overall population, 12.0 percentage points higher than the corresponding provincial proportion.
- The volume of emergency visits for patients residing in Viking area decreased by 21.9% between 2018 to 2021

Accomplishments

Quality Improvement Initiative – Analysis of Cleaning and Disinfection

One of the quality improvement projects that we have embarked on recently is to examine and improve processes for cleaning and disinfection. We had been using health care industry-approved products and cleaning processes to clean and disinfect our ambulances and medical equipment. However, we had not established a way of scientifically determining whether the bacterial disinfection was effective, and if there were any improvements that could be made to our processes. It is possible that routine cleaning products and practices were not adequate to reduce the spread of pathogens and bacteria, and we want to be a leader in best practices. We worked with Dr. Dustin Smith to evaluate and improve our disinfection measures - enhancing safety for the paramedic and the patient.

Dr. Dustin Smith PhD. at the University of Lethbridge is the founder and CEO of dsBioscience. He and his team of researchers had developed a system of analyzing surfaces and areas to determine the bacterial load, down to the molecular level. They provided us with a self-sampling kit in which we took samples of surfaces on multiple locations and equipment in the ambulances. We then cleaned the ambulance with the approved products and processes, followed by additional sampling of the same locations. The samples were then sent to the lab at the University of Lethbridge and were analyzed, and we received an extensive comparative summary of the findings.



The overview showed that our cleaning practices were in the top 10% as compared to other EMS departments. In most locations we saw a very significant decrease in bacteria after cleaning the surfaces. We were particularly interested in the presence or absence of some high-risk bacteria such as MRSA (methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus), E. coli (Enterobacter cloacae), or Strep (streptococcus pneumonia or pseudo-pneumonia). The MRSA bacteria is a

leading hospital-acquired infection and is linked to approximately 500,000 infections and 50,000 deaths per year in the USA. One 10cm x 10cm surface had approximately 2.4 million varied bacterial cells on it prior to cleaning, and after cleaning this had been reduced by 96%, indicating very effective cleaning and disinfection.

Within the report that we received, there were recommended improvements to our cleaning practices. They recommended *“supplemental incorporation of ultraviolet (UV) disinfection systems. By cross referencing bacteria which were found on your evaluation with UV treatment, additional bacterial disinfection will supplement physical wiping of antibacterial products.”* We have since then obtained UV lamps for use inside the ambulance and we are testing the effectiveness and best process for utilizing them.

Accomplishments

Quality Improvement Initiative – “Return to Service” Initiative by AHS

Over the past few years, especially during and following the COVID-19 pandemic, there had been a drastic increase in offload delays in giving patient care over to the hospital staff, especially in larger urban hospitals. EMS crews would bring their patient to the emergency department of a hospital and would experience more than 6 hours waiting time at the hospital, waiting for a bed and waiting for a physician to accept their patient for assessment or admission. This greatly impacted the rural crews, since waiting in an Edmonton (or Calgary) hospital meant that their local response area was without an ambulance or had fewer ambulances available to respond to local calls. It also meant that rural ambulances were in the cities doing their ambulance calls while the city ambulances were waiting at the hospitals. The impact on paramedics of offload delays are significant, including decrease in morale, inability to take meal breaks or work-breaks, decrease in community coverage, and increased response times to other emergencies.

Alberta Health Services was not unaware of this problem but finding solutions was a much larger issue. Ultimately, in March of 2023 they set a benchmark of 45 minutes for EMS crews to arrive, give over patient care, complete necessary reports, and leave the hospital. From November of 2022 to May of 2024, the **average** time paramedics spent in hospital before returning to service reduced from 6 hours to 1.4 hours in the Central Zone (which is where Beaver EMS is located).

Return to service progress

- Average time spent by paramedics in hospital before returning to service / zone by month
- All times in hours
- Benchmark times from November 2022

Zone	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	May 2024
North	1.8 hours	1.1 hours	1.0 hours	0.9 hours	0.9 hours	1.0 hours	0.9 hours	0.8 hours
Edmonton	3.1 hours	2.1 hours	2.1 hours	1.7 hours	1.6 hours	1.5 hours	1.5 hours	1.5 hours
Central	6.0 hours	2.1 hours	2.2 hours	2.1 hours	1.4 hours	1.5 hours	1.8 hours	1.4 hours
Calgary	4.7 hours	1.8 hours	1.7 hours	1.6 hours	1.3 hours	1.4 hours	1.4 hour	1.6 hours
South	1.9 hours	1.9 hours	1.7 hours	1.4 hours	1.5 hours	1.3 hours	1.4 hours	1.3 hours
PROVINCIAL	3.6 hours	1.9 hours	1.9 hours	1.6 hours	1.5 hours	1.4 hours	1.4 hours	1.5 hours

This initiative has brought about significant change, and it is clear that improvement has been made. We have noted much less waiting time for our BEMS crews, decreased overtime, and shift over-run and fatigue has decreased over the past 18-24 months. We applaud AHS for taking this issue seriously and making tangible changes to hospital intake processes, and changes to dispatch and deployment.

Accreditation

Accreditation Completion – December 2023

We have again successfully completed the Qmentum Survey from Accreditation Canada this past



December of 2023. We have previously successfully completed the process in 2015, 2019, and now again in 2023. This process involved reviewing nine key areas of quality and safety, and the areas of improvement that are addressed by identified action plans. Ultimately system-wide improvements in teamwork, safety, and quality improvement are managed and measured. These nine areas include Leadership, Patient Safety, Integrated Quality Improvement, Safe and Healthy Workplace, Information Management, Physical Environment and Equipment, Medication Management, Infection Prevention and Control, and Safe and

Appropriate Service Delivery. This time we are **Accredited with Commendation**, and a mark of **97% compliance** with the 399 standards of excellence.

Accreditation Canada continues to provide annual quality improvement initiatives which we participate in as much as possible, and when we are reassessed again in December of 2027, all new standards will be measured as well as evaluation of progress in the nine main areas. It is important to maintain the standards and systems which ensure safety as a priority, and quality improvement is a part of our culture.

Alberta's EMS Operations (as of June 2024)

4900 Paramedics who respond to:

1350 911 calls/day

724,288 events per year

453 ground ambulances, **224** EMS stations

5 Dedicated Rotary Wing Air Ambulances

11 Fixed Wing Air Ambulances

3 Dispatch Centres (*4 Dispatch Centres effective June 2024)

174,000 Interfacility Transfers (IFTs) per year

Stories from our patients and their families.....

I EXPERIENCED A BADLY FRACTURED LEG A FEW MONTHS AGO, AND I WANTED TO SAY THAT YOUR EMS WHO TOOK ME TO THE EDMONTON HOSPITAL WERE AMAZING PEOPLE. THEY TOOK REALLY AWESOME CARE OF ME AND HELPED ALLEVIATE THE PAIN. YOU GUYS AND GIRLS ARE THE BEST!

A big thank-you to the staff, 911 operators, and paramedics who attended my residence on the morning of September 16 and took me to the Grey Nuns Hospital in Edmonton. I have no memory of making this call because of how sick I was; respiratory failure and cardiac failure, but I thank you. I spent 8 days on ECMO (heart/lung bypass), open heart surgery, dialysis, 3 chest tubes, a tracheotomy, and 6 weeks in intensive care plus more. I'm sure you've heard of it before but thank you for saving my life.

I am writing to express my sincere appreciation for the exceptional performance by two of your staff paramedics during a recent trip. Their ability and skills exceeded my expectations of ambulance staff and I want to recognize their efforts. The professionalism started with their introductions and explanations of the process of transport, continued with the partnership with all hospital staff, displaying a mutual respect and understanding with them. Their care for me was focused and impressive, especially when I could barely walk, and they stayed at my side at all times. This is not my first experience with BEMS, and I would like to congratulate your organization for the outstanding performance every time I called an ambulance, which reflects well on the entire organization.

Community Initiatives

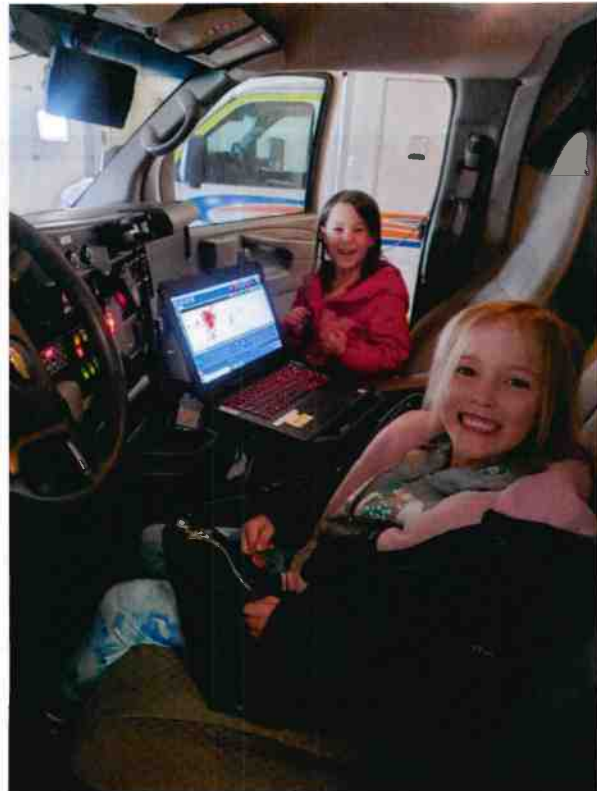
Paramedic Services Week

The last week of May in each year is Paramedic Services Week, which is set aside to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers and promote the fact that emergency medical services is a vital public service. Paramedic Services Week honours the paramedic profession and recognizes the men and women of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providing this key public service. It is also an opportunity for the public to better understand the important role EMS has within both the health care system and our communities.



In recognition of these professionals and to elevate the public awareness of what EMS does, Beaver EMS puts on a breakfast and Open House at Tofield and in Viking for the public to attend. There are presentations by the Beaver EMS paramedics, and several displays on the professional responsibilities and roles of paramedics. The paramedics demonstrate equipment, give tours of the ambulances, answer questions, and provide literature that would explain relevant information. Many people have attended over the years, and the donated money or funds raised from the breakfast are donated back to charitable organizations. This year we were able to donate over \$2500 to the Tofield and Viking area food banks.

Whether directly, or indirectly, every Albertan has felt the importance of the service paramedics provide. Paramedics are trained health care professionals who stabilize and treat patients before and during transport to hospital. In some areas, paramedics are working side-by-side with nurses and physicians, their health care colleagues in hospitals and long-term care facilities.



Promoting and Recruiting EMS in the Community



“Take Our Kids to Work Day” is the most recognized career exploration event in Canada, in which Grade 9 students experience a day in the life of various professions, careers, and industries. In November of 2023, several of the Grade 9 students came to our station to see demonstrations and participate in hands-on learning, alongside their parents (who are paramedics). We acquired the airways, lungs, and heart of a cow from the local meat processing facility and the students were able to see what ventilating the lungs looks like, and then dissected the heart and lungs to visualize the inside anatomical structures. They also participated in lifting and moving each other with the equipment used in an ambulance.



Challenges and Opportunities

For the future, we see several issues and opportunities that will require the focus and attention of Alberta Health in the future. A significant role for EMS as an industry is not just to address the problems of today but solve the problems coming over the horizon. We continue to advocate for Beaver EMS within all ambulance services in Alberta, but also desire to discuss and consider improvements for the future.

- Changing Hours of Work (HOW) requirement for paramedics: moving away from core-flex (96 hour) tours of four – 24-hour shifts in a row. This is a grueling schedule in which paramedics have no ability to turn off the dispatch radio for 4 straight days and nights. Historically this was a schedule that had been used for decades but with the changing times and expectations of staff, and significant increases in call volume, a vital change is needed. A reasonable work/life balance cannot be maintained with a 96-hour work schedule, and attraction and retention of staff becomes a significant issue.
- To enhance and expand non-ambulance transport for non-emergent transport of patients to scheduled appointments and reassessments. Many patients do not necessarily require the care and attention of a paramedic for these appointments; but do require a reliable and scheduled mode of transport to their appointments.
- Determine optimum level of ambulance resources in a geographic area and balance out the resources (ambulances) remaining in a community vs. providing borderless response to other communities. Sending our ambulances to adjacent communities when we are depleted within our own communities puts significant strain on our own hospitals and physicians and puts our own residents at risk.
- We would like to see the enhancement of an initiative started in Edmonton called Virtual Home Hospital. A team of physicians, nurses, pharmacists etc. provide virtual care using technology with video calls and remote patient monitoring and if needed, in-person visits. There are regular check-ins, medication management, treatment education to the patient, and other initiatives as needed. This is a wonderful non-EMS option for patients, and early feedback shows high patient satisfaction, and it lowers the patient's risk of complications such as hospital-acquired infections and illness. Coincidentally, it also frees up the ambulances to respond to true emergencies when needed.



Final Thoughts

It has been said that the quality of your impact correlates to the quality of your relationships. Our own goals and ambitions matter but taking time and energy to invest in others and collectively share and help others, you and others win bigger and more together. High performing people have the ability to cultivate strong relationships with others and through others generate collective and individual success. If we want to succeed, we need to invest in our relationships, both in the workplace and personally. Some people may think that being successful means having the biggest house or the newest car or the largest bank account, however, real success is totally different.

In *Born to Win! Find Your Success Code*, motivational speaker and author Zig Ziglar shared his winning philosophy—that you have to plan and prepare to win, to succeed—and the strategies to go with it.

In this excerpt, I quote a list of eight characteristics that he says comprise personal success:

What Success Is:

1. *Success is knowing that you did a great job when you close the door to your office at the end of each workday and head for home.*
2. *Success is having a home and people around you to love who love you in return.*
3. *Success is having the financial security to meet your obligations each month and the knowledge that you have provided that security for your family in the event of your demise.*
4. *Success is having the kind of faith that lets you know where to turn when there seems to be no place to turn.*
5. *Success is having an interest or hobby that gives you joy and peace.*
6. *Success is knowing who you are, and Whose you are.*
7. *Success is taking good care of you and waking up healthy each day.*
8. *Success is slipping under the covers at the end of the day and realizing with gratitude that, "It just doesn't get much better than this!"*

I have had the privilege of being a part of this wonderful organization and experienced workplace success and personal success, especially as Zig Ziglar defines it. It has been so great to work alongside many dedicated people for so many years. This December of 2024 I plan to retire and hand over the



leadership of Beaver Ambulance, and I have full confidence in the succession plan that is in place. With the high-performing committed people in our workplace, I know that there will be a continuation of excellence and striving for the highest of standards.

I offer my thanks to our Board members (past and present) and all our staff members, paramedics and administration, for your commitment and dedication in ensuring that the Beaver EMS continues to be the finest ambulance service. I have had the privilege of working with Beaver EMS for 33 years as a paramedic and as a leader, and I will always be grateful for being a part of this organization.

Wes Baerg, Advanced Care Paramedic, Executive Director

21 August, 2024

Town of Tofield
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Tofield, AB, T0B 4J0

Attention: Ms. Cindy Neufeld, Chief Administrative Officer

**Re: Impacts of New Provincial Legislation on Your Gas Distribution Franchise Agreement
Time-Sensitive and Action Required**

As you may be aware, the Government of Alberta's *Utilities Affordability Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*,¹ (the "Act") became law when it received Royal Assent on May 16, 2024. The Act makes several changes to various statutes governing franchise agreements. One of these changes affects the gas distribution franchise agreement you have with ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. ("ATCO"):

- Section 49(5) of the *Gas Utilities Act* now states that a franchise granted by a municipality to an owner of a gas utility that has not been approved by the AUC after the coming into force of this subsection will terminate 270 days after the coming into force of that subsection.

This means that your gas distribution franchise agreement for Tofield, which is current and valid, must be reviewed and re-approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission ("AUC") before March 17, 2025, or it will terminate by operation of law on that date. If it is terminated, all benefits provided under the agreement will end, including the payment of franchise fees to your municipality.

In response to this new legislation, the AUC has established a special process² to efficiently approve all existing current and valid gas distribution franchise agreements that are compliant with the new legislation before the March 2025 deadline. To qualify for this special process, no changes may be made to the previously approved franchise terms, including the expiry date and the existing franchise fee. As

¹ *Utilities Affordability Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, SA 2024, c 8; www.alberta.ca/making-utility-bills-more-affordable

² <https://media.auc.ab.ca/prd-wp-uploads/News/2024/Bulletin%202024-12.pdf>

part of this special process, ATCO is required to submit information pertaining to your franchise agreement to the AUC at the end of this year, for its review and approval.

We require your collaboration with respect to certain aspects of the re-approval process, including (1) advertising your franchise agreement to your community using a template we will provide you, (2) recording any feedback from residents, (3) responding to feedback from residents and keeping records of your responses, and (4) providing ATCO with all of that information to submit to the AUC. We understand that this may be inconvenient and an imposition on your resources, but it cannot be avoided due to the changes made by the Act. The attached process document explains what must be done and by when.

Please note that if you think you may want to change your franchise fee rate for the full 2025 calendar year, it is necessary to complete the above-described re-approval process first, by early October, before commencing the franchise fee rate change process. Otherwise, franchise fee rate changes will be processed for an effective date of April 1, 2025, or later.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me at your earliest convenience at Blair.Bishop@atco.com.

Regards,



Blair Bishop

Senior Manager, District Operations Northeast

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.

Franchise Agreement Re-Approval Process
(Utilities Affordability Statutes Amendment Act, 2024)

Step	Action/Event	Responsibility
1	<p><u>Contact ATCO</u> At Your Earliest Convenience</p> <p>Contact ATCO for a copy of the AUC Notice template, tailored to your community, that you must publish in your local print newspaper with the widest circulation in your community.</p>	Municipality
2	<p><u>ATCO Prepares & Sends You the Template</u> Within 7 Days of your Request</p> <p>Upon receiving your request, ATCO will tailor the AUC Notice template with information specific to your community.</p>	ATCO
3	<p><u>Publish the Notice</u> As Soon As Possible (15 November 2024 at the latest)</p> <p>Publish the Notice in your local <u>print</u> newspaper with the widest circulation in your community.</p>	Municipality
4	<p><u>Take a Picture of the Ad in the Newspaper</u></p> <p>On the day the Notice appears in your local print newspaper, take a photo of the page that the Notice appears on and send the photo to ATCO. A digital scan of the page will also suffice.</p> <p><u>This photo or scan must clearly show the Notice, the name of newspaper, and the date of publication.</u> Text must be legible.</p> <p>This photo (or scan) may be requested by AUC as part of the re-approval process, to prove that the Notice was published and that the public was notified as per AUC requirements.</p> <p>(Continued on next page...)</p>	Municipality

Step	Action/Event	Responsibility
5	<p><u>Wait 2 Weeks, Record Public Feedback and Your Responses to the Public</u></p> <p>The public has fourteen days to express any objections, concerns, or support regarding the franchise agreement and the financial impact on them. The public may send their feedback to your municipality, to ATCO, or to the AUC.</p> <p>If you receive any written feedback, please reply to the community member and keep a copy of all communication. If you receive verbal/telephone comments, please make note of the person’s name, the date, and a brief summary of the conversation, including your response.</p> <p>Send copies of all feedback and your replies to ATCO.</p> <p>These communications will be included in the application to the AUC.</p> <p>If no comments are received, then a short email to ATCO saying so is sufficient.</p>	Municipality
6	<p><u>Application Made to the AUC</u> As Soon As Possible (13 December 2024 at the latest)</p> <p>ATCO will submit the information you provide as well as other details about your franchise agreement, as required by the AUC, to the AUC for their review and approval.</p>	ATCO
7	<p><u>Application Reviewed and Decision Issued</u></p> <p>The AUC will review the information submitted. Provided everything is in order, the AUC will then issue a Decision to confirm that your franchise agreement is current, valid and compliant with the new legislation.</p> <p>If you would like a copy of the AUC Decision, please let your ATCO contact know and we will ensure one is sent to you.</p>	AUC

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Why do we have to do this?

Answer: The Government of Alberta recently changed some laws. As a result, the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) must re-approve all existing gas franchise agreements to ensure they are compliant with the changes.

Question: What happens if we don't do this?

Answer: Your gas distribution franchise agreement will terminate on March 17, 2025, and all benefits provided under the agreement will end, including the payment of franchise fees to your municipality.

Question: Why must we advertise a Notice as part of this re-approval process?

Answer: The AUC requires it.

Question: Can we make changes to our gas distribution franchise agreement as part of this re-approval process?

Answer: No. Changes to the franchise agreement can only be made by renewing the franchise agreement. However, renewing a valid and current franchise agreement is not recommended at this time because of the high number of approvals the AUC will be processing in the coming months due to the change in legislation.

Question: Can we change our franchise fee percentage as part of this re-approval process?

Answer: No.

Question: What if we want to change our franchise fee for 1 January, 1 February or 1 March 2025?

Answer: First, the re-approval process must be completed by early October 2024. Then, we can help you through the franchise fee rate change process. Contact us as soon as possible for further details and to start the process.



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Attention: Cindy Neufeld, CAO

Re: Side Walk Connector Cost Share Proposal – 2025 Budget

Dear Cindy,

I am writing this letter to explore sidewalk possibilities around the 3 Beaver Foundation properties in the Town of Tofield which currently do not have proper sidewalk access to downtown. Beaver Foundation would like to propose an addition of two sidewalks which would facilitate access to downtown for our seniors and explore if the Town of Tofield would be interested in a cost share of this project.

The first proposed walk way is to install a 115-foot side walk from the west side of Beaverhill heritage Apartments to the entrance of Sunshine Villa parking lot. Currently to walk between the manor and lodges, the residents must walk down a gravel alley and proceed down a paved road to the parking lots. This is very unlevel for seniors and difficult to maintain during the winter months as traffic packs the snow and creates a very slippery situation.

The second suggested walk way would connect the east sidewalk of the Beaver Heritage Apartments to the front entrance of the Tofield Lodge. This would complete a walking access to the existing sidewalks south of Tofield Lodge.

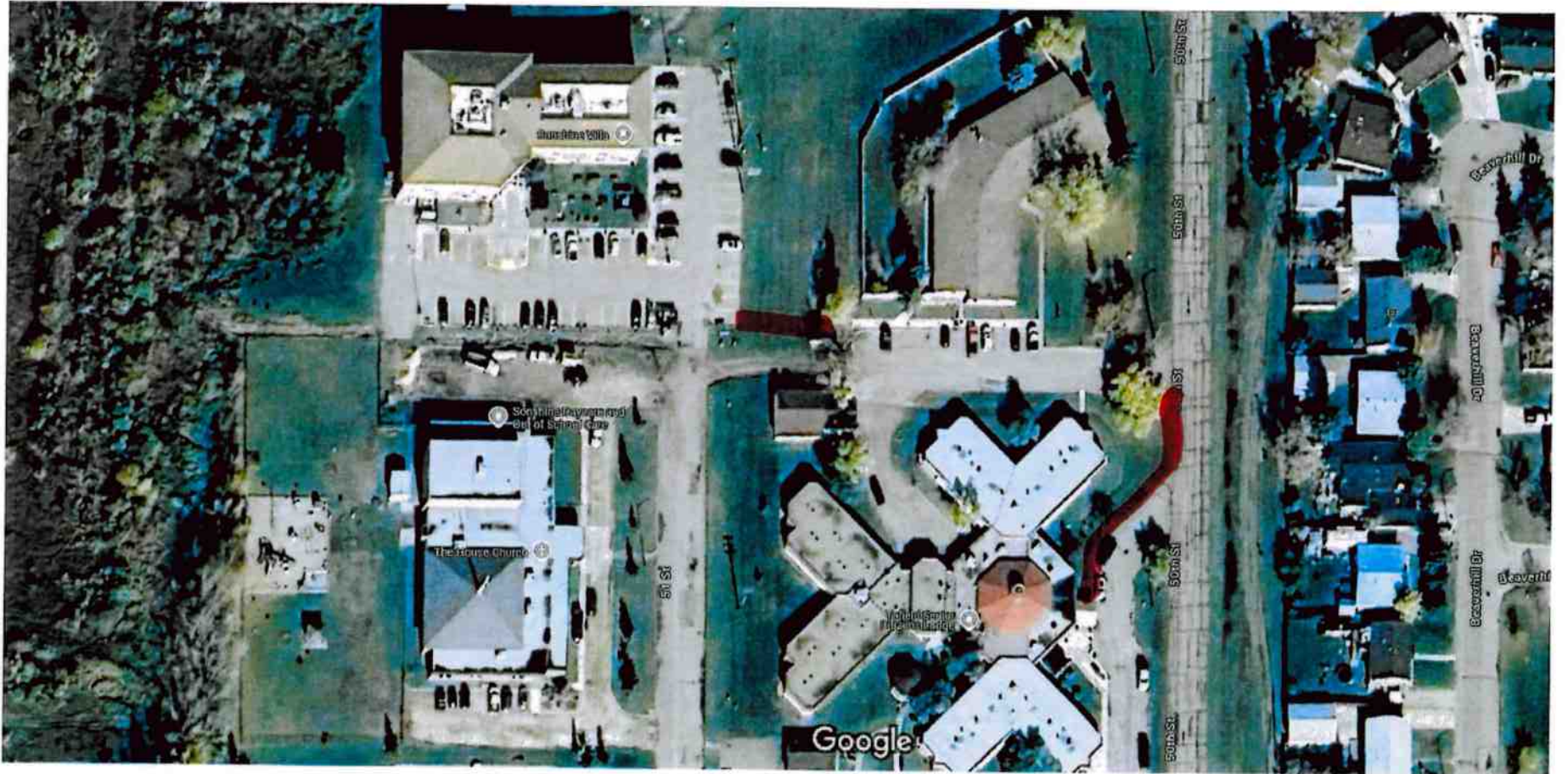
I have included a rough drawing of the proposed walkways for your consideration. Beaver Foundation would maintain the walks with our maintenance tractor which has a snow blower and sweeper.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Owen Ligard, CAO
Beaver Foundation

Google Maps side walk



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 proposed walks.