COUNCIL MEETING April 15, 2024





Town of Legal Regular Council Meeting April 15th, 2024 7:00 PM Council Chambers

AGENDA

1.0	Call to Order with acknowledgement of meeting on Treaty 6 Territory		
2.0	Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda		
3.0	Adoption of Agenda Public Hearing		
4.0			
5.0	Adoption of Previous Minutes		
	 5.1 Errors or Omissions 5.2 Adoption of Minutes – March 18th, 2024, Regular Council Meeting 		
6.0 <u>Delegations, Petitions or Presentations</u>			
	6.1 Ernest Chauvet, Centralta Tourism Society (7:00 P.M.)		
7.0	<u>Unfinished Business</u>		
8.0	Reports		
	8.1 Chief Administrative Officer		
	8.2 Manager of Corporate Services		
	8.3 Operations Supervisor		
	8.4 Councillor Reports		
	- Mayor Jones		
	- Deputy Mayor Tremblay		
	Councillor BeatonCouncillor Hills		
	- Councillor Malott		
	- Councilor maion		

9.0 <u>Correspondence</u>

- 9.1 Letter from Greater St Albert Catholic Schools, Re: Annual Meeting
- 9.2 Acknowledgement Request from Alberta Disability Workers Association
- 9.3 Letter from Alberta Municipalities, Re: Call for Independent Local Elections

- 9.4 Sturgeon County Bylaw Statistics, January 2024
- 9.5 Sturgeon County Bylaw Statistics, February 2024
- 9.6 Sturgeon County Bylaw Statistics, March 2024
- 9.7 Gibbons Charity Golf Tournament Sponsorship Request
- 9.8 News Release, Re: Alberta Taking Back Control of Federal Agreements

10.0 New Business

10.1 Appointment to the Town of Legal Library Board

11.0 <u>Closed Session</u>

- 11.1 "Third Party Interests" relating to the Arena Sponsorship as per the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (Part 1, Division 2, Section 16)
- 11.2 "Third Party Interests" relating to the Legal Arena & Curling Rink Retrofit Project as per the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (Part 1, Division 2, Section 16)
- 11.3 "Personnel" as per the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (Part 1, Division 2, Section 17)

12.0 Adjournment

Regular Council Meeting of the Town of Legal in the Province of Alberta held in Council Chambers, April 2nd, 2024, commencing at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Jones, Deputy Mayor Tremblay, Councillor Beaton,

Councillor Malott, Councillor Hills

ABSENT:

STAFF: Robert Proulx – Chief Administrative Officer

Gizele St Jean – Manager of Corporate Services

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and acknowledged the traditional territories of the Indigenous peoples of the Treaty 6 region and the Métis Settlements and Métis Nation of Alberta, Regions 2, 3 and 4. We respect the histories, languages, and cultures of First Nations, Metis, Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our community.

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

12060 Resolution #12060

RESOLVED that the Agenda for the April 2nd, 2024, regular meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

CARRIED 5-0

Moved by: Councillor Malott

Moved by: Councillor Beaton

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

12061 Resolution #12061

RESOLVED that the Minutes for the March 18th, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

CARRIED 5-0

DELEGATION

<u>Chad Moore (Manager of Protective Services) and Matthew Roblin (Peace Officer Supervisor), Sturgeon County Bylaw Enforcement</u>

Mayor Jones introduced Council and staff to Chad Moore who has been hired as the new Manager of Protective Services. Peace Officer (PO) Supervisor Matt Roblin shared that the County will be hiring a Safe Community Facilitator as a pilot project for the next few years. The position will be working with Sturgeon County Enforcement and FCSS on different areas such as community engagement. Peace Officer Bill Willocks will be retiring on April 19, 2024; therefore, Sturgeon County will be looking at replacing that position.

PO Supervisor Matt Roblin provided Council with a quarterly report. Some concerns/comments that were brought forward by Council included: unsightly properties and how they should be addressed – prefer to see addressed without a written complaint required – suggested a knock on the door maybe a more effective approach; educational blitz for our residents on bylaws for each season – Peace Officer Supervisor Matt Roblin will meet with Town administration to discuss the priorities for enforcement; Emergency Preparedness Week – will the County be involved with the municipality - Manager of Protective Services Chad Moore is working on materials on Fire Smart for advertising to the public on how to reduce risks such as around your property – discussion with Paula is suggested as well for local events with the fire departments. Province is advising this season may be quite dry which is not ideal.

Mayor Jones thanked Sturgeon County Bylaw Enforcement for attending the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Report was submitted and will form part of the Council agenda package.

MANAGER OF CORPORATE SERVICES

Community Services report was submitted and will form part of the Council package.

Deputy Mayor Tremblay inquired about the food bank concerns with regards to the lack of volunteers.

OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR

Report was submitted and will form part of the Council agenda package.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Mayor Jones

Attended the Edmonton Home & Garden Show on March 21st and 22nd, 2024. Attended a meeting on March 25th, 2024 with Sturgeon County to discuss the Legal Arena & Curling Rink Retrofit Project as it relates to the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework agreement process.

Deputy Mayor Tremblay

Attended the Edmonton Home & Garden Show on March 23rd and 24th, 2024. Attended a meeting on March 25th, 2024 with Sturgeon County to discuss the Legal Arena & Curling Rink Retrofit Project as it relates to the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework agreement process.

Attended the Homeland Housing Meeting on March 28th, 2024.

Councillor Beaton

Attended the Edmonton Home & Garden Show on March 23rd and 24th, 2024.

Councillor Hills

Attended the Roseridge Waste Management Services Commission meeting on March 21st, 2024.

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12062 Resolution #12062

Moved by: Councillor Beaton

RESOLVED that the reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED 5-0

<u>Municipal Affairs – Financial Statements & Financial Information Return</u> Extension

12063 Resolution #12063

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Tremblay

RESOLVED that Council direct administration to proceed with a request to Municipal Affairs for a sixty (60) day extension to the submission of the Town of Legal Financial Statements and Financial Information Return for the year ending December 31, 2023, The extension request is due to unusual and unforeseen personal circumstances with the Manager of Corporate Services.

CARRIED 5-0

CORRESPONDENCE

Invitation to Yellow Ribbon Gala

Received as information.

Sturgeon County Mayor's Golf Tournament Save the Date

Received as information.

Letter from Municipal Affairs, Re: Assessment Model Review

Received as information.

Municipal Affairs ICF Review

Received as information.

Invitation to 'Fallen Heroes' Their Journey Home

Received as information.

Letter to Regional Municipalities, Re: Alberta RCMP Support

Received as information.

12064 Resolution #12064

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Tremblay

RESOLVED that the correspondence be accepted as presented.

CARRIED 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

<u>Centralta Community Hall Usage Request from Friends of Legal Library</u> Society, Date Change

12065 Resolution #12065

Moved by: Councillor Hills

RESOLVED that Council rescind Resolution #12034, approving the Friends of Legal Library Society's request to have access to the Centralta Community Centre for the Murder Mystery event scheduled for Saturday, April 20th, 2024 from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M.

CARRIED 5-0

12066 Resolution #12066

Moved by: Councillor Malott

RESOLVED that the Town of Legal approve the Friends of Legal Library Society's request to have access to the Centralta Community Centre for the Murder Mystery event scheduled for the new date of Saturday, April 27th, 2024 from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M.

CARRIED 5-0

Alberta-Northwest Territories Command of The Royal Canadian Legion "Military Service Recognition Book" Support Request

12067 Resolution #12067 Moved by: Councillor Malott

RESOLVED that Council rescind Resolution #12055, approving the support request of the Alberta-NWT Command of the Royal Canadian Legion with a 1/10 full colour page advertisement in the 2024 Military Service Recognition Book in the amount of three hundred seventy-five dollars (\$375.00).

CARRIED 5-0

Moved by: Councillor Beaton

12068 Resolution #12068

RESOLVED that the Town of Legal approve the support request of the Alberta-NWT Command of the Royal Canadian Legion with a 1/10 full colour page advertisement in the 2024 Military Service Recognition Book in the correct amount of four hundred fifteen dollars (\$415.00).

CARRIED 5-0

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Tremblay

Legal Minor Ball Association Request, Re: Shale Project

12069 Resolution #12069

RESOLVED that the Town of Legal approves a contribution of funds up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) towards the Legal Minor Ball Association's request for the KC Park Diamond and RV Park Diamond's shale expansion project.

CARRIED 5-0

Moved by: Councillor Hills

Lemonade Day Northern Alberta Support Request

12070 Resolution #12070

RESOLVED that the Town of Legal proclaim June 15, 2024, as Lemonade Day in Legal Alberta, and to issue Lemonade Day Business Licenses for youth from the Town for a fee of one dollar (\$1.00), and

WHEREAS Lemonade Day is a free, community-wide educational event providing children with the opportunity to learn and apply entrepreneurial thinking and create a foundation for success in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, Lemonade Day exists to infuse today's youth with the spirit of enterprise, teaching the basic business and entrepreneurial skills necessary to become successful, contributing members of the communities; and

WHEREAS, Lemonade Day has a core philosophy of SPEND, SAVE, and SHARE that is implemented by teaching children how to start, own, and operate a business, learn goal setting, develop a business plan, establish a budget, seek investors, provide customer service, and give back to the community; and

WHEREAS, Lemonade Day offers opportunities for families, businesses, schools, youth organizations, neighborhoods, institutes of higher learning, and government agencies to unite for a common purpose - to train the next generation of entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS: Lemonade Day is a day of learning and celebrating northern Alberta's future. On June 18th every citizen has a job - either buying or helping children sell lemonade; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Trina Jones, Mayor of the Town of Legal, on behalf of this Commission, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2024, to be LEMONADE DAY in the Town of Legal and encourage every citizen to purchase a cup of lemonade from one of the youths participating in the program to demonstrate how our community cares for the future of our youth.

CARRIED 5-0

Moved by: Councillor Beaton

Town of Legal Library Board, Notice of Board Resignation

12071 Resolution #12071

RESOLVED that the Town of Legal accepted the resignation of Belinda Halbach from the Town of Legal Library Board.

CARRIED 5-0

Moved by: Councillor Beaton

CLOSED SESSION

Chief Administrative Officer and Manager of Corporate Services remained in Council Chambers during the Closed Session.

12072 Resolution #12072

RESOLVED that Council move into a "Closed Session" to discuss "Third Party Interests" relating to the Arena Sponsorship as per the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (Part 1, Division 2, Section 16), "Intergovernmental Relations" relating to the ICF Process as per the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (Part 1, Division 2, Section 21), and "Third Party Interests" relating to the Legal Arena & Curling Rink Retrofit Project as per the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (Part 1, Division 2, Section 16) at 8:48 P.M.

CARRIED 5-0

Moved by: Councillor Malott

12073 Resolution #12073

RESOLVED that Council return to regular session at 9:18 P.M.

CARRIED 5-0

<u>Arena and Curling Rink Retrofit Project – Sponsorship -Naming Rights for Facility</u>

12074 Resolution #12074

RESOLVED that Council approve administration to prepare a contract for sponsorship of naming rights on the facility for the Arena & Curling Rink Retrofit Project.

CARRIED 5-0

Moved by: Councillor Hills

ADJOURNMENT

12075 Resolution #12075

Moved by: Councillor Hills

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at 9:19 P.M.

CARRIED 5-0

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

To Town Council.

Re Centralta Tourism Update.

Request meeting with Town Council on April 15th at 7pm.

Topics to review together:

1. Moving of Murals on Arena and options from Town perspective

Location options:

- a. Arena,
- b. Moving bottom portion of Unity monument to Bread Oven Park and painting mural-s on it? Would require help from town to prepare base.
- 3. Application by STC for CIP to assist with costs of repainting murals:
 - a. Letter of support from the Town
 - b. Contribution of \$ 5000 to assist matching portion.
- 4. Other elements of CIP
 - a. Repairing Morin mural
 - b. Post office mural.
 - c. Coop mural.
 - d. Redoing some of the written explanations.
- 5. STC partnering with ACFA Centralta;
 - a. Presentation of our new executive Director- Marie-Josée
 Trudel
 - b. ACFA can better provide continuous service for booking and providing tours.
 - c. They are interested in expanding the touristic, visibility portion of their mandate.



















Chief Administrative Officer Council Report for April 15, 2024

Legal Arena & Cutling Rink Retrofit Project Update:

- Meeting was held today with Delnor and Associated Engineering to go through Tender Package # 2 close on March 28, 2024. It's expected that Dellner Construction will have preliminary tender results summarized today.
- A development permit for the arena has been issued. will be issued. As a variance was issued for parking requirements, the Development approval was posted on site. Appeal period ended April 18th with no objections.

Community Building Retrofit Program- the feasibility study is progressing well and should be complete by April 19th. Associated and I met with the grant advisor for GMF on Thursday April 11th. All indication are that the Arena & Curling rink retrofit project will meet the criteria. Its expected that once the application is complete a preliminary review will be completed by GMF prior to submission.

Fire Hall Tower (tower/antenna) – After reaching out to some of the internet and communication providers that provide services to the Town it doesn't appear that there is interest in the Tower usage. As the Town does not see a need, notice will be provided to the county to remove and reduce risk to the Town.

Enabling Accessibility Funding (update) -

April 9, 2024: From: Office of the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Official Languages

"I'm answering this on behalf of my colleague Justin who is currently out of the office. Justin is the Minister's advisor for Alberta. I've checked in with Minister Khera's office, who oversees the EAF. I've been informed that applications are still being processed and evaluated by officials. Someone from the department will be in touch when a decision has been made."

Financial Information Return and Financial Statement Extension Request- A letter was submitted to on April 11, 2024, seeking a 60 day extension to complete and submit the 2023 Financial Information Return and Financial Statement.

Reginal Waterline Master Plan – the Town of Morinville is moving forward with the Regional Waterline Master Plan. anticipated scope of work and deliverables. **SCOPE**

- Compile all relevant historical information since the waterline was constructed including:
 - Service connections, 3rd party pipeline crossings, cathodic protection info (information to be gathered by sources and provided to consultant)
- Review current waterline & pumping design capacity and other related infrastructure capacity of the system.
- Risk and Threat assessment of the system
- Review water demand projections from the three municipalities and prepare a growth-related upgrade plan (i.e. pump upgrades, etc.)

• Review the age of the system and recommend an asset management or condition assessment program

Deliverables:

- An updated map showing the location of service connections and other encroachments on the water pipeline, valve locations, and other notable items.
- Preparation of a long-term (25-yr) capital improvement plan, breaking the projects into description, cost estimates, and triggers.
- Recommendations for any ongoing pipeline assessment program
- Recommendations for any risk mitigation measures

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External Meeting Report



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TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNCIL MEMBER					
NAME:	MEETING DATE:				
Trína Jones	Apríl 4, 2024				
BOARD/COMMITTEE NAME:					
Alberta Police Advisory Board					
EMERGING ISSUES:					
Meeting with PSES Minister, New Deputy Commission	ner, Police Funding Model				
SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:					
The Board renewed our request to meet with Minister	•				
operating, we have reported to three Ministers of Just	•				
Shandro and one Minister of Public Safety and Emerge	•				
with the Board, virtually, in 2021. The Rural Municipali	·				
that if the Minister does not come to our June Board n					
Alberta Municipalities representatives (Mayor Thorn, I	•				
reviewing this with the rest of the ABmunis Board to d	·				
Alberta Association of Police Governance has not state	,				
have built with the RCMP and we want to see that con					
We met the new Deputy Commissioner and "K" Division	•				
Curtis Zablocki will be missed in this role, he has retire					
Safety and Emergency Services and the Board is optim	-				
Ministry. DCO Hill brings a wealth of knowledge and ex					
started creating relationships and implementing great	er accountability and transparency within the Alberta				
RCMP The DEM review has not started and municipalities upper	dor the Dravincial Delice Corvices Agreement				
The PFM review has not started and municipalities und	_				
(PPSA), municipalities under 5000 population and Cour					
amount as 2024. We do not have a timeline for consul of the PFM.	tation, review and implementation of the next version				
As the meeting was as "K" Division HQ in Edmonton, the	as Poard get a tour of the Poal Time Operations				
Centre (RTOC) and watched a live exercise for the RTO	=				
Team Awareness Kit (ATAK) systems: A suspicious vehi					
"drone" was deployed, officers were deployed with tw	•				
"criminal" with no casualty or civilian danger. I won't g					
well together and gives the RCMP and other collabora	•				
to fight crime and ensure safety.	ting agencies across the province some amazing tools				
ENCLOSURES:					
None					
Signature:	Date Submitted:				

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NAME:	MEETING DATE:	
Trina Jones	Apríl 11, 2024	
ROADD/COMMITTEE NAME:		

BOARD/COMMITTEE NAME

Fete Au Village Committee

EMERGING ISSUES:

Bylaws, Social Media

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:

A new draft of the bylaws was presented for discussion. The Committee felt that since the existing ones were created in 2018, it was time for a revamp to clear up some discrepancies and create more transparency and clarity of roles. The new draft will be presented at the May meeting for approval. The Committee will be transitioning to a Microsoft Teams platform for ease of access and communication throughout the Committee and receiving training from an outside consultant.

Cari Letourneau gave a presentation on how she could offer year-round social media services to the Committee which includes informational posts, collaboration with the Town for exposure and "Day of" live services, posting and photography/videography. The Committee voted to retain her services for a year. I re-presented the letter from the Town dated March 6, 2024. The Committee agreed that they can work with the Town on a CFEP grant proposal and will be setting up a sub-committee to discuss their contribution to the Legacy Project and gather the Committee's input on design. They will likely not have a firm answer for the Town until after the 2024 Fete Au Village event.

ENCLOSURES:

None

Upcoming		
April 19	Away - Personal	
April 23	Beverage Container Management Board	Edmonton
April 24	Beverage Container Management Board	Edmonton
	MUNIX AGM	Online
	Alberta Municipalities Board	Edmonton
April 25	Alberta Municipal Services Corporation Board	Edmonton
	Alberta Municipalities Board	Edmonton
April 26	Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Committee	Sturgeon County
May 2-5	Alberta Association of Police Governance Conference	Lethbridge
May 9	Away - Personal	
	Fete Au Village Committee	Legal
May 15	Alberta Municipal Services Corporation	Edmonton
May 17	Alberta Municipalities Infrastructure Committee	Edmonton
May 22 – 24	Alberta Municipalities Board Strategic Planning	Smoky Lake
May 28	BCMB Depot Siting Committee	Online

Signature:	Date Submitted:
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External Meeting Report



TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNCIL MEMBER			
NAME:	MEETING DATE:		
Councilor Fred Malott	5 April 2024		
BOARD/COMMITTEE NAME:			
Redwater Mayor's Breakfast			
EMERGING ISSUES:			

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:

Dallas Arcand 3-Time World Champion Hoop Dancer, Writer, Flutist opened with great presentation. Jaynart Directional Drilling- Presented their 3rd generation business and operations within alberta based out of Redwater.

Conifer Energy Inc- HQ'd in Calgary a recovery, carbon capture and upstream producer operating in the Swan Hills and Redwater area. Main business areas are continued reactivation of existing wells and drilling of additional wells. They are planning an Emergency Response Plan Exercise this fall the will involve Town of Redwater.

Town of Redwater- Hosting a Meet and Greet with Developers, Builders and Realators @ Rainbow Lounge 2 May, 2024. May be of interest for Ec Dev ideas. (see attached) Register by 26 Apr, 2024



MEET & GREET SOCIAL

Developers-Builders-Realtors
Town Council & administration

JOIN US AT THE RAINBOW WOK & GRILL

complimentary hors d'oeuvers & non-alcholic beverages

CASH, DEBIT, CREDIT BAR



MAY 2, 2024 4-8PM



REGISTER BY APRIL 12, 2024

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Board of Trustees

Chair: Lydia Yeomans | Vice-Chair: Greg Schell

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Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools

Trustees: Joe Becigneul | Cathy Proulx | Noreen Radford | Serena Shaw | René Tremblay

April 9, 2024

Mayor Trina Jones & Town Council Town of Legal 5021 50 Street Legal, AB TOG 1L0 c/o cyoung@legal.ca

Dear Mayor Jones & Town Council,

On behalf of my Board of Trustees, I am writing to you to inquire about the continuation of annual meetings between Town Council and Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' Board of Trustees to discuss matters of mutual interest. As you may recall, these meetings were started back in 2019 on a rotational basis. Our last meeting was January 31, 2022 and was held virtually. Please let us know if you would like to continue with these meetings which can be brief in nature held over coffee.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Sincerely,

L. Jumans

Lydia Yeomans, Board Chair Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools

Cc: Board of Trustees, Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools



T: 780.459.7711

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April 08, 2024

To whom it may concern,

Re: Alberta Disability Services Professional Appreciation Week:

I am writing this letter in my capacity as Board President of the Alberta Disability Worker Association (ADWA) to bring awareness to a matter of significance.

The <u>Alberta Disability Workers Association (ADWA)</u> is the established professional voice and advocate for the 15,000+ professionals employed in Community Disability Services (CDS) across the Province of Alberta. ADWA was formed in 2010, and one of our important roles is to heighten Albertans' awareness of our essential and valuable workforce by publicly recognizing the positive impact the profession has on the lives of people with disabilities, their families, and the overall community. ADWA is a professional association, not a union; our members are Community Disability Service professionals who voluntarily register for membership.

The Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services, Jason Nixon, has declared the week of May 20-26, 2024, as the Alberta Disability Services Professional Appreciation Week. This declaration, which has been enacted in perpetuity (3rd Monday in May), is a testament to the unwavering dedication and invaluable contributions made by disability service professionals in our communities.

I respectfully request that where possible Alberta's communities join ADWA in acknowledging this significant occasion. By doing so, we can collectively raise awareness about the essential role that CDS professionals play in enhancing the lives of individuals with disabilities who live, work, and play in communities, across Alberta. One example is that various CDS organizations are hoping that their municipalities will "light up" on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, to showcase the breadth of this profession across Alberta.

Your support in this initiative would not only serve to honor the dedicated professionals working in disability services but also encourage a more inclusive and understanding societal ethos.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

All the best,

Alexander Stoye Board President

Alberta Disability Worker Association (ADWA)

Subject: Add your voice to call for independent local elections

Hello Mayors, Councillors and CAOs,

Attached are key messages you can use in conversations with MLAs, media, and the public about the importance of keeping political parties out of local elections. The messages build on a letter we sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Premier last week providing ways that trust and transparency in local elections can be increased without putting parties on the ballot.

During dialogue with the Minister and Premier at our recent Spring Municipal Leaders Caucus, they confirmed their intention to bring in legislation that would pave the way for political parties to formally participate in local elections along with an openness to receive alternative recommendations on how to improve the Local Authorities Election Act. Our recommendations focus on contribution limits, disclosure requirements, rules for third-party advertisers and ways to increase candidates understanding of the role of councils. More details on our recommendations can be found on our Keep Local Elections Local Webpage.

We hope you will amplify our message by:

- Contacting your local MLA and addressing your concerns.
- Creating awareness about the topic with your residents by discussing it with your local news media and/or via social media posts.
- Passing a motion in council to draw attention to your official position on the proposed legislation.

ABmunis is also planning a media event the week of April 8-12.

Let's use our strength in members to raise awareness of the importance of local elections providing the opportunity for grassroots Albertans to have their say in how municipalities are run.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gandam | President

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We respectfully acknowledge that we live, work, and play on the traditional and ancestral territories of many Indigenous, First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples. We acknowledge that what we call Alberta is the traditional and ancestral territory of many peoples,

presently subject to Treaties 4, 6, 7, 8 and 10 and Six Regions of the Métis Nation of Alberta.

POLITICAL PARTIES



Key Messages to Media, Public, and Provincial Officials

Updated April 2, 2024

Why non-partisan politics works at the municipal level

- Given the size of Alberta and Canada, political parties are necessary at the provincial and federal levels.
- Multiple surveys have shown that the majority of Albertans do not think political parties add value at the local level.
- Most issues faced by local elected officials (i.e., mayors, reeves, and councillors) are practical challenges that are *clearly not partisan*.
 - o Snow clearing, safe drinking water, road repair, local transportation, fees for hockey arena use are examples of issues that are *clearly not partisan*.
- The current non-partisan system features an environment in which councillors are encouraged to listen to one
 another, consider alternative views, weigh the pros and cons, seek additional information, and debate issues
 before voting on them.
 - o It encourages collaboration, compromise, and a willingness to find consensus on even the most difficult issues.
- A party-based system is likely to encourage councillors to stick to the positions of the political parties they represent, instead of listening to residents and considering the welfare of the municipality as a whole.
 - It will contribute to a more adversarial and combative environment on council in which councillors will vote along party lines.
- Divisions on municipal councils seem likely to inflame existing divisions among groups within communities and even between neighboring municipalities.
 - Politics does not need to be divisive.
 - o The current non-partisan system encourages collaboration in our communities.
 - o Albertans want to vote for candidates, not labels.

Recommendations to improve transparency & governance

• Alberta Municipalities' members share concerns about transparency and governance that were expressed by Municipal Affairs Minister Ric McIver and Premier Danielle Smith at our Spring Municipal Leaders' Caucus (MLC) in mid-March, but we do not believe the injection of political parties into local elections will improve things.







- In response to Premier Smith's March 15 request at Spring MLC for suggestions on how transparency and governance could be improved in municipal elections, ABmunis recommends the following actions be considered:
 - o <u>Limit donation amounts</u>. Make changes to the *Local Authorities Election Act* (LAEA) **to limit individual donation amounts** to \$2,500 per candidate.
 - In recent reviews of Alberta's election rules, Albertans clearly signaled they want to see less money involved in local elections, not more.
 - A reduction in contribution limits would go a long way towards creating a more level playing field and ensuring large donors do not drown out the voices of grassroots Albertans.
 - o <u>Financial disclosure</u>. Require candidates to file **pre-election disclosure statements** and strengthen disclosure requirements for **third-party advertisers**.
 - Voters should know who, be they individuals or like-minded groups, is donating money to candidates or indirectly supporting them through advertising.
 - Limits on campaign contributions to candidates should also be applied to third parties.
 - o <u>Update nomination form</u>. We recommend **changes to the nomination form** that require candidates to confirm they understand the role of councillors as set out in the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA).
 - <u>Education & resources for prospective candidates</u>. Legislation alone cannot fix divisiveness and disfunction on municipal councils, so we are committed to working with the ministry and other associations to **provide education and resources** that support productive councils.
 - We want to avoid situations like the one that occurred recently in Chestermere, Alberta, where a slate of councillors disregarded their legislative duties to the detriment of their community.

Good Governance

- While political parties are an important part of the parliamentary system at the provincial and federal level, they are not a good fit with local government legislation and processes in Alberta regardless of size of municipality.
- The cities of Edmonton and Calgary follow the same governance rules as other municipalities.
- Caucus meetings and whipped votes go against rules set out by the province in the MGA.
- The MGA states in Part 5, Division 3 that councillors have the statutory duty to: "consider the welfare and interests of the municipality as a whole"
- Section 197(1) of the MGA specifies that council and council committees must meet in public.
- Furthermore, to deliver services efficiently and effectively to businesses and residents, councils must work collaboratively with the province and neighboring municipalities.
- Council members also have roles on quasi-judicial tribunals and service delivery boards
- For these reasons ABmunis believes partisanship would undermine the ability of councils to effectively fulfill their roles.







Survey Results

- Results from the Government of Alberta's November 2023 survey on proposed changes to the LAEA that were obtained through a reporter's FOIP request show that 70 per cent of Albertans are opposed to the introduction of political parties at the local level.
- A public opinion survey on the possible introduction of political parties at the municipal level was conducted by pollster Janet Brown for Alberta Municipalities in early September 2023, just six months ago.
 - o ABmunis' survey found that **68 per cent** of Albertans were opposed to the idea.
 - More than 80 per cent (81%) thought that municipal officials who are part of a political party would vote along party lines and not necessarily in the best interest of the community.
 - o **Sixty-nine per cent** (69%) of respondents think that political parties would make municipal governments more divisive and less effective.

Trust and Integrity

- We recognize there is currently nothing preventing candidates from running on slates or for political parties, other than an historic lack of success.
- However, changes to legislation could be made that might make it easier for political parties or slates of candidates to raise funds. We know from previous reviews of the election rules that Albertans want to see less money involved in local elections, not more.
- Parties could also lead to money being raised in one part of the province being used to influence the election in another region. This would again take the focus away from keeping local elections local.
- The <u>mandate letter</u> from Premier Smith to Minister of Municipal Affairs McIver instructed him to collaborate with Minister of Justice Amery to review the LAEA and make recommendations for any necessary amendments to "strengthen public trust in and the integrity of our municipal election laws".
- We believe the best way to strengthen trust and integrity is to listen to Albertans when they say they do not want political parties at the local level.

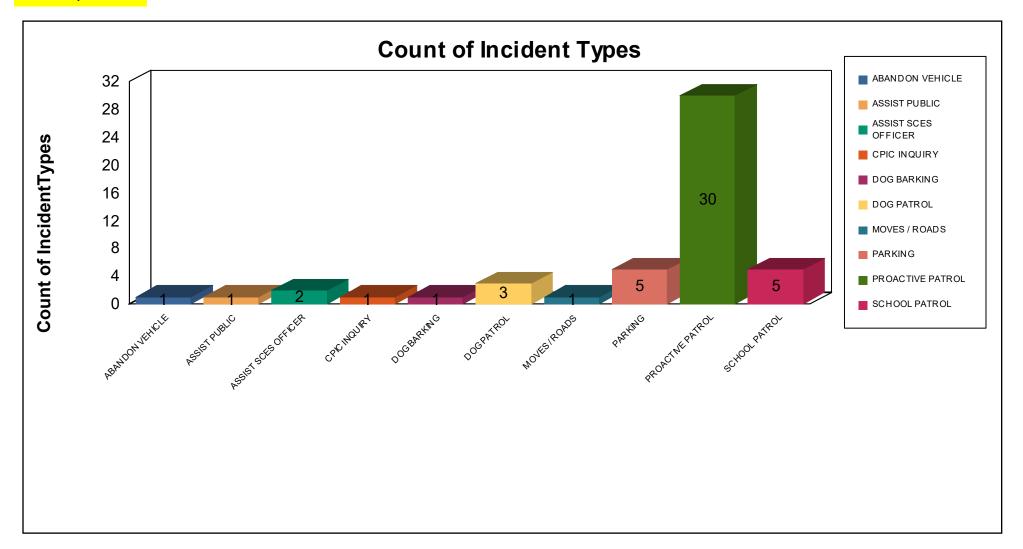


Sturgeon County 9.4

Statistics from Occurred Date: 1/1/2024 12:00:00AM to 1/31/2024 11:59:00PM

Incident Report

STURGEON COUNTY ENFORCEMENT



ABANDON VEHICLE: 1 2%

Incident Report

STURGEON COUNTY ENFORCEMENT

ASSIST PUBLIC: 1 2%

ASSIST SCES OFFICER: 2 3%

CPIC INQUIRY: 1 2%

DOG BARKING: 1 2%

DOG PATROL: 3 5%

MOVES / ROADS: 1 2%

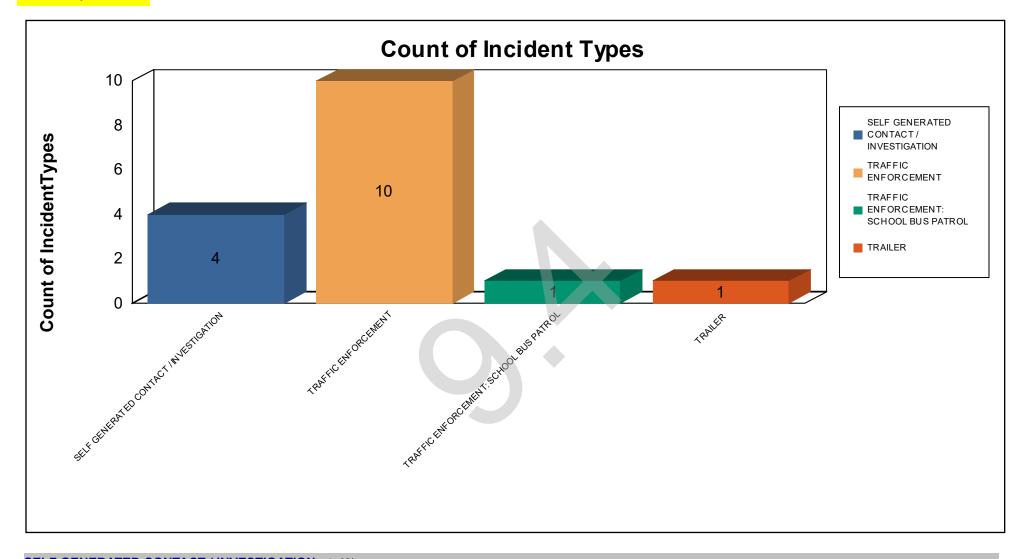
PARKING: 5 8%

PROACTIVE PATROL: 30 45%

SCHOOL PATROL: 5 8%

Incident Report

STURGEON COUNTY ENFORCEMENT



SELF GENERATED CONTACT / INVESTIGATION: 4 6%

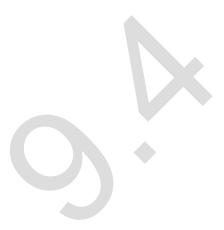
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT: 10 15%

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT: SCHOOL BUS PATROL: 1 2%

TRAILER: 1 2%

STURGEON COUNTY ENFORCEMENT

Grand Total: 100.00% Total # of Incident Types Reported: 66

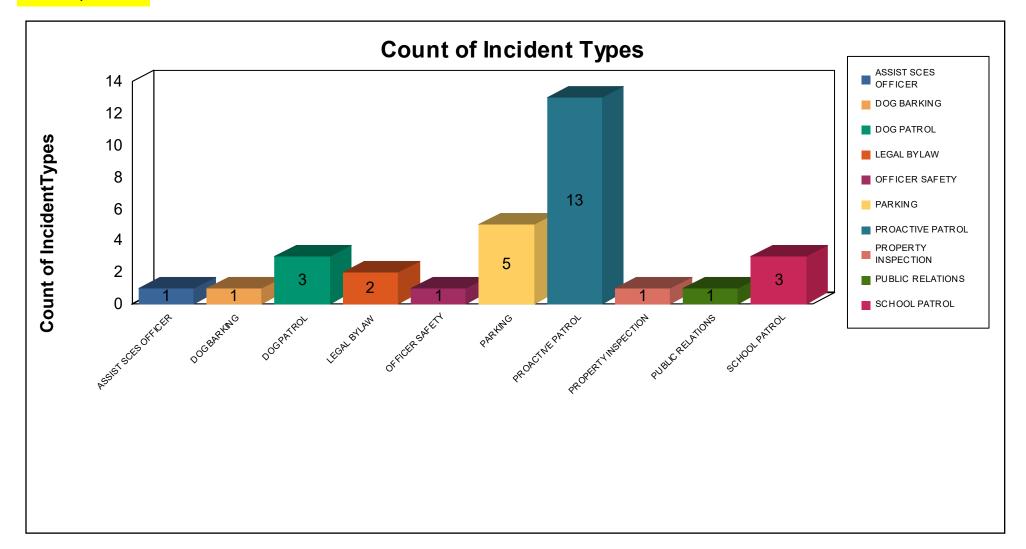


Sturgeon County 9.5

Statistics from Occurred Date: 2/1/2024 12:00:00AM to 2/29/2024 11:59:00PM

Incident Report

STURGEON COUNTY ENFORCEMENT



ASSIST SCES OFFICER: 1 2%

STURGEON COUNTY ENFORCEMENT

DOG BARKING: 1 2%

DOG PATROL: 3 7%

LEGAL BYLAW: 2 4%

OFFICER SAFETY: 1 2%

PARKING: 5 11%

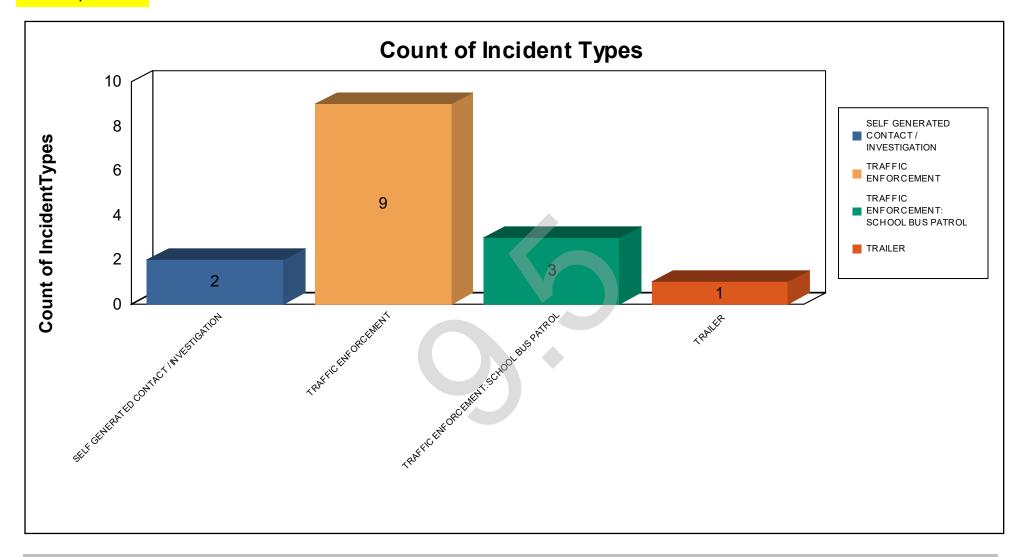
PROACTIVE PATROL: 13 28%

PROPERTY INSPECTION: 1 2%

PUBLIC RELATIONS: 1 2%

SCHOOL PATROL: 3 7%

STURGEON COUNTY ENFORCEMENT



SELF GENERATED CONTACT / INVESTIGATION: 2 4%

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT: 9 20%

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT: SCHOOL BUS PATROL: 3 7%

TRAILER: 1 2%

STURGEON COUNTY ENFORCEMENT

Grand Total: 100.00% Total # of Incident Types Reported: 46

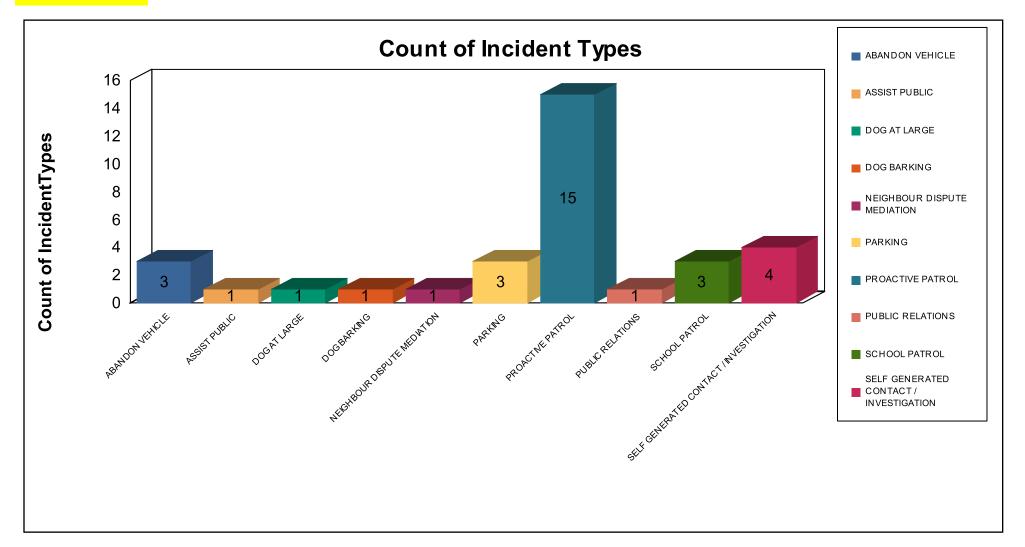


Sturgeon County 9.6

Statistics from Occurred Date: 3/1/2024 12:00:00AM to 3/31/2024 11:59:00PM

Incident Report

STURGEON COUNTY ENFORCEMENT



ABANDON VEHICLE: 3 7%

STURGEON COUNTY ENFORCEMENT

ASSIST PUBLIC: 1 2%

DOG AT LARGE: 1 2%

DOG BARKING: 1 2%

NEIGHBOUR DISPUTE MEDIATION: 1 2%

PARKING: 3 7%

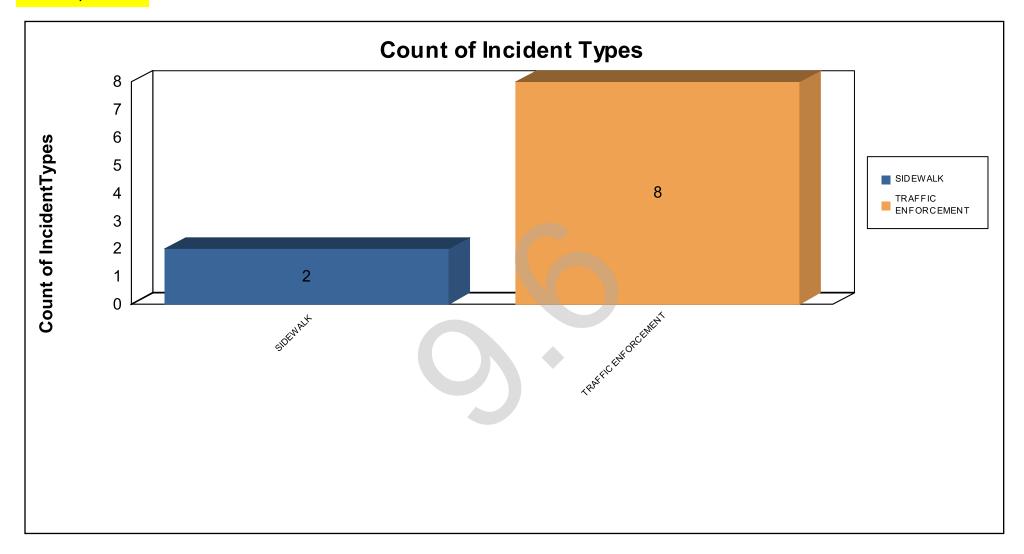
PROACTIVE PATROL: 15 35%

PUBLIC RELATIONS: 1 2%

SCHOOL PATROL: 3 7%

SELF GENERATED CONTACT / INVESTIGATION: 4 9%

STURGEON COUNTY ENFORCEMENT



SIDEWALK: 2 5%

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT: 8 19%

STURGEON COUNTY ENFORCEMENT

Grand Total: 100.00% Total # of Incident Types Reported: 43



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From: Katie Fahlman < kfahlman@gibbons.ca> Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 1:52 PM

Subject: Gibbons Golf Tournament Silent Auction Items and Sponsorship Information

Good Afternoon,

We are currently looking for sponsorship and silent auction item donations for our 3rd Annual Gibbons Charity Golf Tournament. Below is the information for how to pay to sponsor. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sponsorship Payment Options:

- 1) Request to be Invoiced
- 2) Pay in-person with debit, credit, or cheque at the Main Town Office 4807 50 Ave
- 3) Call (780) 923-3331 and pay with a Credit Card over the phone
- 4) Send a cheque to BOX 68, 4807 50 Ave Gibbons, AB TOA 1NO, please note for golf tournament

Thanks,

Katte Fahlman, RSW
Community Builder Coordinator
Gibbons Family Resource Centre
Town of Gibbons

Email: <u>kfahlman@gibbons.ca</u> Phone:780-923-2374



All golf registrations include 18 holes, cart, breakfast, and dinner

GIBBONS 3RD ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Bronze - \$2500

- Tournament signage
- Name and logo in all media and print advertising
- 1 golf registration

In support of:









Silver - \$3000

- All the above plus:
- Tee Sign
- 2 golf registrations total

Gold Sponsor - \$5000

- All the above plus:
- Prominent logo display in all advertising
- Literature in participants welcome bags
- Special dinner recognition
- 4 golf registrations total

Platinum Sponsor - \$10,000

- All of the above plus:
- Premium logo display in all advertising
- Logo recognition on hats distributed to all players, staff, and volunteers
- Banner display at registration and dinner
- · 4 golf registrations total

"TEE" Party Hole Sponsor - \$500

Includes hole sponsorship with table and chairs set up with the ability to network and interact with golfers. Hole signage, 2 dinner tickets also included.



Please Contact: Katie @ (780) 923-2374 or by email kfahlman@gibbons.ca to discuss sponsorship options





Alberta taking back control of federal agreements April 10, 2024 Media inquiries

Alberta has introduced legislation requiring provincial entities to obtain approval before entering, amending, extending or renewing agreements with the federal government.

The introduction of the *Provincial Priorities Act, 2024* will support Alberta's government in pushing back against the federal government's ongoing overreach into areas of provincial jurisdiction. Alberta's government will ensure federal funding is aligned with provincial priorities, rather than with priorities contrary to the province's interests. Under the legislation, agreements between the federal government and provincial entities, including municipalities, that have not received provincial approval would be invalid.

As an example, the federal government's unrelenting and ideological push toward electric buses in Canadian cities including Calgary does not acknowledge mounting evidence of significant problems with their effectiveness during harsh Alberta winters. Alberta's government believes the funds that Ottawa allocated for unreliable and impractical electric buses would have been better spent on Alberta priorities including strengthening the province's economic corridors with improved roads and commuter rail, or advancing the province's hydrogen strategy as an alternate clean-energy source for transportation.

If passed, the legislation would also support Alberta's government in getting its fair share of funding when it comes to roads, infrastructure, housing and other priorities. Nowhere is this more apparent than in housing. In summer 2023, Alberta received only 2.5 per cent of the total \$1.5 billion in federal housing funds, despite having 12 per cent of the country's population and, by far, the fastest population growth.

The legislation would also work to prevent taxpayer dollars being wasted on duplicative programs like pharmacare and dental care when what the province really needs is envelope funding to expand existing provincial programs in these areas.

"It is not unreasonable for Alberta to demand fairness from Ottawa. They have shown time and again that they will put ideology before practicality, which hurts Alberta families and our economy. We are not going to apologize for continuing to stand up for Albertans so we get the best deal possible. Since Ottawa refuses to acknowledge the negative impacts of its overreach, even after losing battles at the Federal and Supreme Courts, we are putting in additional measures to protect our provincial jurisdiction to ensure our province receives our fair share of federal tax dollars and that those dollars are spent on the priorities of Albertans." Danielle Smith, Premier

Currently, the *Government Organization Act* requires intergovernmental agreements to be approved by the Minister of Intergovernmental Relations for Alberta government departments

and some public agencies, such as Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis; Alberta Securities Commission; and Travel Alberta.

However, this requirement does not extend to all Alberta public agencies or broader public sector organizations including municipalities, public post-secondary institutions, school boards and health entities, which has created gaps that could result in federal agreements contradicting provincial priorities and investments. By introducing the *Provincial Priorities Act*, Alberta's government is working to close those gaps.

Under the proposed legislation, provincial entities include Alberta public agencies and Crown-controlled organizations, as well as public post-secondary institutions, school boards, regional health authorities, Covenant Health, municipal authorities and housing management bodies. "For years, the federal government has been imposing its agenda on Alberta taxpayers through direct funding agreements with cities and other provincial organizations. Not only does Alberta not receive its per capita share of federal taxpayer dollars, the money we do receive is often directed towards initiatives that don't align with Albertan's priorities. Albertans from all corners of the province expect our federal share of taxes for roads, infrastructure, housing and other priorities – not federal government political pet projects and programs in select communities." *Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs*

Currently, Quebec is the only other province or territory with similar legislation that requires provincial approval of intergovernmental agreements between a broad scope of public sector organizations and the federal government. During a federal-provincial-territorial meeting in November 2023, Premiers from across the country demanded that the federal government work with them, not around them when it came to agreements with municipalities. Additionally, the Premiers committed to exploring the need for provincial authorization on federal agreements.

Related information

- Defending Alberta's provincial priorities
- Bill 18: Provincial Priorities Act

Multimedia

- Watch the news conference
- Listen to the news conference

Media inquiries
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Press Secretary, Office of the Premier
Heather Jenkins
780-245-0421
Press Secretary, Municipal Affairs

TOWN OF LEGAL

Report to Council

\boxtimes	Request for Decision
	Request for Direction
	For Council Information

Meeting: Regular Council

Meeting Date: April 15, 2024

Presented By: Robert Proulx, Chief Administrative Officer

Title: Appointment to the Town of Legal Library Board

Agenda Item No: Request 10.1

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

As of April 10, 2024, the following individuals have been appointed as volunteer members of the Town of Legal Library Board (Board):

NAME	TERM LENGTH	TERM DATES	
Jenny Baril	3 years	Sep. 18, 2023 to Sep. 18, 2026	
Nicolas Brown	3 years	Nov. 1, 2021 to Nov. 1, 2024	
Melanie Thibault	3 years	Feb. 22, 2022 to Feb. 22, 2025	
Lois Herrick	3 years	Apr. 4, 2022 to Apr. 4, 2025	
Genevieve Warren	3 years	Apr. 19, 2022 to Apr. 19, 2025	
Amanda Sapach	3 years	Feb. 6, 2023 to Feb. 6, 2026	
Council representative: Pat Hills			

In accordance with the Town of Legal Library Board Bylaw #13-2021, the Board shall consist of a minimum of five and a maximum of eight members appointed by resolution of the Council, with one being a member of Town Council.

On February 6, 2023 the Town of Legal received a letter of interest from Valarie Prefontaine to sit as a member of the Board. At the time, the Board was at its maximum number of members. At the February 21, 2023 Council meeting, administration was directed to inform Valarie of the Board's capacity, and that the letter of interest would be kept on file in the event of a vacancy on the Board.

At the April 2, 2024 Council meeting, Council accepted the resignation of Belinda Halbach

from the Town of Legal Library Board.

As a result of the current vacancy on the Board, administration contacted Valarie to advise them of the vacancy on the Board and to see if they were still interested in sitting as a member.

Library Board Bylaw #13-2021, the original letter of interest and the recent reply from Valarie Prefontaine are attached for your reference.

Administration is recommending Council accept Valarie Prefontaine's letter of interest to sit as a member of the Town of Legal Library Board for a term of 3 years, commencing April 15, 2024 and ending April 15, 2027.

DISCUSSION / OPTIONS / BENEFITS / DISADVANTAGES:

The appointment of library board members falls in alignment with the Strategic Plan:

Strong Partnerships and Advocacy

Strategic Priority: Increase collaboration with local organizations to help support and promote economic growth and to ensure residents have a diverse range of available programming.

INITIATIVE:

Engage with community partners to leverage funds and provide recreational opportunities for residents

OUTCOME:

Success will be measured by increased recreational, social or cultural activities and programs, and observing increased volunteer participation and community spirit

COSTS / SOURCE OF FUNDING (if applicable):

None at this time.

RECOMMENDED ACTION (by originator):

It is recommended that Council appoint Valarie Prefontaine for a three-year (3) term starting April 15, 2024 to April 15, 2027 as a volunteer member of the Town of Legal Library Board.

Initials show support – Reviewed by: CAO: Original Signed - ZP

From: Valarie Prefontaine

Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 8:36 AM

Subject: Library board

Good morning,

I trust you are well. I would like to be part of the Legal library board.

I love to read this passion began at the age of 8 reading mystery novels. My favorites were R.L. Stine's Goosebumps, Agatha Christie "And Then There Were None and "Locked in Time" by Dean R. Lomax.

I want to be more active in my community. I am articulate, responsible, reliable, have excellent problem solving abilities, apply a team focused approach and bilingual (French and English). As a board member I will actively engage in events, meetings and brainstorming sessions. My goal is to make reading fun by creating programs and events such as reading incentives or book clubs or read alongs for young children.

I am available anytime for an interview so please do not hesitate to call.

Thank you Valarie Prefontaine On Mar 28, 2024, at 9:04 PM, Valarie Prefontaine wrote:

Good day Robert;

I would absolutely love that position. I really appreciate you reaching out to me. Please reach me at ; feel free to text me if you don't get a response. Reading is my passion, I sincerely appreciate this opportunity and thank you

Valarie

From: Robert Proulx

Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2024 3:03 PM

To: Valarie Prefontaine **Subject:** RE: Library board

Good afternoon Valerie

Hope this email finds you well.

The Town of Legal has recently received notice of a resignation on the Legal Library Board. As per email dated February 6, 2023, you have previously expressed interest in joining the board.

Before we proceed with advertising to fill the vacancy, we wanted to reach out to see if you are still interested.

Thanks

Robert Proulx

Chief Administrative Officer



Ph# (780) 961-3773 Fx# (780) 961-4133 rproulx@legal.ca www.legal.ca

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TOWN OF LEGAL BY LAW #13-2021 TOWN OF LEGAL LIBRARY BOARD BYLAW

A BYLAW IN THE TOWN OF LEGAL IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TOWN OF LEGAL LIBRARY BOARD.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3 of the *Alberta Libraries Act, c.L-11*, as amended, Council may pass a bylaw-providing for of a municipal library board;

AND WHEREAS, the Town of Legal understands that the Town of Legal Library Board will operate under the provisions of the *Libraries Act*;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the Town of Legal, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled enacts as follows:

1.0 TITLE

1.1 This Bylaw shall be cited as the "Town of Legal Library Board Bylaw".

2.0 DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 "ACT" means the Libraries Act, R.S.A., c.L-11 and its' Regulations and Amendments;
- 2.2 "BOARD" means the Town of Legal Library Board;
- 2.3 "CAO" means the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town of Legal;
- 2.4 "COUNCIL" means the municipal Council of the Town of Legal;

3.0 THE TOWN OF LEGAL LIBRARY BOARD

3.1 The Town of Legal Library Board is hereby established as the municipal library board for the Town of Legal pursuant to Subsection 3(1) of the *Act*. The Board so established is a continuation of the Board deemed to be continued by Subsection 3(5) of the *Act*.

4.0 DUTIES

4.1 In accordance with the *Act*, the Board, subject to any enactment that limits its authority, has full management and control of the Town of Legal Library and shall, in accordance with the regulations, organize, promote and maintain comprehensive and efficient library services in the Town of Legal and may cooperate with other boards and libraries in the provision of those services.

5.0 STRUCTURE

- 5.1 Members of the Town of Legal Library Board will be appointed in accordance with Council policies and procedures.
- 5.2 The Board shall consist of a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of eight (8) members appointed by resolution of the Council, with one (1) being a member of Town Council.
- 5.3 Vacancies on the Board caused by retirement or resignation of a Member of the Board may be filled by resolution of Council for the balance of that Member's term only and the Board may continue to operate and conduct business until vacancies are filled provided that quorum requirements are met.

6.0 PROCEDURES

6.1 The Board may, by resolution, establish and amend from time to time such procedures required by law, including for meetings, the election of Board Officers, committee structure, the creation and retention of minutes of meetings, the establishment and amendments of Board Bylaws and Policies, and rules of order.

7.0 AUDITOR

- 7.1 The Board's financial accounts and processes may be audited by an independent external auditor as appointed by Council.
- 7.2 The results and recommendations of the financial audit will be presented to the Board for review. The audited financial statements will be submitted to Council and to all other



authorities as required by law.

8.0 **GENERAL**

8.1 This bylaw shall come into full force and take effect upon its third and final reading.

8.2 Bylaw #01-2019 is now hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 5 DAY OF July , 20 2/.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 5 DAY OF July 20 2!

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 5 DAY OF July 20 2!

Chief Administrative Officer