



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
CARSTAIRS MUNICIPAL OFFICE  
MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021, 7:00 P.M.**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ADDED ITEMS**

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- a) Adoption of agenda of May 10, 2021  
**Motion:** To adopt the agenda of May 10, 2021

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- a) Adoption of minutes of April 26, 2021 (addendum 4.a)  
**Motion:** To adopt the minutes of April 26, 2021



**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

**6. DELEGATIONS**

- a) R.C.M.P. Staff Sargent Chad Fournier and Constable Steve Smart  
Re: Annual Stats Review and Priorities

**7. BYLAWS AND POLICIES**

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) LEGISLATIVE & EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE  
b) STRATEGIC PLANNING & CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
i) Strategic Planning & Corporate Affairs Committee minutes of April 26, 2021 (addendum 9.b)



- c) EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
d) POLICY & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE  
e) MOUNTAIN VIEW REGIONAL WASTE COMMISSION  
f) MOUNTAIN VIEW REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION

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- g) MOUNTAIN VIEW SENIORS HOUSING
- h) MUNICIPAL AREA PARTNERSHIP
- i) CARSTAIRS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP
- j) CENTRAL ALBERTA ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

#### **10. COUNCILOR REPORTS**

- a) COUNCILOR BLAIR
- b) COUNCILOR WILCOX
- c) COUNCILOR GREEN
- d) COUNCILOR ALLAN
- e) COUNCILOR RATZ
- f) COUNCILOR GIL
- g) MAYOR COLBY

#### **11. CORRESPONDENCE**

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| 12      | a) County of Paintearth No. 18 - Re: Letter of Support for the RCMP (addendum 11.a)<br>                             |
| 13 - 14 | b) Parkland Regional Library System - Annual Report 2020 (addendum 11.b)<br>                                       |
| 15 - 16 | c) Card of Thanks - Olds & District Kiwanis Music Scholarship (addendum 11.c)<br>                                  |
| 17 - 18 | d) Town of Edson - Letter to Minister of Justice Re: Support for RCMP (addendum 11.d)<br>                          |
| 19 - 20 | e) County of St. Paul - Re: Letter of Support for the RCMP (addendum 11.e)<br>                                     |
| 21 - 22 | f) Town of Didsbury - Letter of Support Re: Alberta Provincial Police Service Transition Study (addendum 11.f)<br> |

#### **12. CAO'S REPORT**

#### **13. COUNCILOR CONCERNS**

#### **14. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

#### **15. MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD**

#### **16. CLOSED MEETING**

- a) Section 197 of the MGA states that Council and Council Committees must conduct their meetings in public unless the matter to be discussed is within one of the exceptions to disclosure in Division 1, Part 1 of the Freedom of Information and Privacy (FOIP) (s. 16 to 29).

Item 1. Land

## **17. ADJOURNMENT**

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2021, 7:00 P.M.  
CARSTAIRS MUNICIPAL OFFICE

**ATTENDEES:** Mayor Colby, Councilors Blair (via zoom), Green, Allan, Wilcox, Ratz and Gil, CAO Carl McDonnell, Director of Legislative & Corporate Services Shannon Allison

**ABSENT:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Colby called the meeting of April 26, 2021 to order at 7:02 p.m.

**ADDED ITEMS:** No added items

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Motion 146/21 Motion by Councilor Blair to accept the Regular Council agenda of April 26, 2021, as presented **CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Motion 147/21 Motion by Councilor Wilcox to adopt the Public Hearing minutes of April 12, 2021, as presented **CARRIED**

Motion 148/21 Motion by Councilor Allan to adopt the Regular Council minutes of April 12, 2021, as presented **CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Nil

**DELEGATIONS:**

**1. Darrell Garton & Tyler Charlton – Havenfield Park Structure (Tyler Charlton absent)**  
- Darrell Garton gave handouts to all Council that included pictures of a play structure as well as a letter to the Town and any businesses asking for consideration in financially supporting the Havenfield Community Playground Fund. Two possible sites for the structure were shown on map. 1. The corner of Bethune Way & MacKenzie Way. 2. In the SE corner behind the arena. The Structure will cost approximately \$70 000.00. They are asking the Town for 25% of that cost. All labor for installation will be volunteers.

Motion 149/21 Motion by Councilor Gil to accept Darrell Garton & Tyler Charlton’s Havenfield Park Structure report as information **CARRIED**

**BYLAWS & POLICIES:**

**1. Bylaw No. 2007 Amendment – Land Use Bylaw 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**  
- The purpose of this Bylaw is to include “Sales and service outlets for automobiles, trucks, recreation vehicles or manufactured homes and auto wrecking yards” under the Direct Control District

Motion 150/21 Motion by Councilor Green to give first reading of Bylaw No. 2007 Land Use Bylaw Amended **CARRIED**

**2. Bylaw No. 2015 – Homestead Re-designation of UR 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Motion 151/21 Motion by Councilor Wilcox to give first reading of Bylaw No. 2015 Homestead Re-designation of UR **CARRIED**

**3. Bylaw No. 2016 – Borrowing Bylaw for New Fire Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Motion 152/21 Motion by Councilor Gil to give first reading of Bylaw No. 2016 Borrowing Bylaw for New Fire Hall **CARRIED**

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	<b>4. Bylaw No. 2017 – Municipal Historic Resource Designation</b> - The purpose of this Bylaw is to designate the Knox Presbyterian Church at Carstairs Heritage Center as a Municipal Historic Resource	
Motion 153/21	Motion by Councilor Wilcox to give first reading of Bylaw No. 2017 Municipal Historic Resource Designation	<b>CARRIED</b>
Motion 154/21	Motion by Councilor Allan to give second reading of Bylaw No. 2017 Municipal Historic Resource Designation	<b>CARRIED</b>
Motion 155/21	Motion by Councilor Ratz to move to third reading of Bylaw No. 2017 Municipal Historic Resource Designation	<b>UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED</b>
Motion 156/21	Motion by Councilor Green to give third and final reading of Bylaw No. 2017 Municipal Historic Resource Designation	<b>CARRIED</b>
	<b>5. Policy 32-002-21 – Road Inspection Policy Amended</b>	
Motion 157/21	Motion by Councilor Blair to approve Amendment to Policy 32-002-21 Road Inspection Policy	
<b>NEW BUSINESS:</b>	<b>1. Homestead Subdivision Applications</b>	
Motion 158/21	Motion by Councilor Ratz to accept the Homestead Subdivision Applications for information	<b>CARRIED</b>
	<b>2. Request for Decision – Reserve Transfer to Solid Waste</b> - To reallocate funds from Recreation Reserve to Solid Waste Reserve to purchase a compost truck	
Motion 159/21	Motion by Councilor Gil to approve the Request for Decision – Reserve Transfer to Solid Waste	<b>CARRIED</b>
	<b>3. FCSS Updated Subsidized Counselling Agreement &amp; Guidelines</b>	
Motion 160/21	Motion by Councilor Green to approve the Updated Subsidized Counselling Agreement & Guidelines	<b>CARRIED</b>
<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS:</b>	<b>1. Legislative &amp; Emergency Services Committee</b> - Councilor Ratz gave an oral report on the April 20, 2021 meeting. Minutes are attached. - Next meeting is on Tuesday, May 18, 2021.	
	<b>2. Policy &amp; Governance Committee</b> - Councilor Gil gave an oral report on the April 13, 2021 meeting. Minutes are attached. - Next meeting is on Tuesday, May 11, 2021.	
	<b>3. External Relations Committee</b> - Councilor Allan gave an oral report on the April 15, 2021 meeting. Minutes are attached. - Next meeting is on Thursday, May 20, 2021.	
	<b>4. Strategic Planning &amp; Corporate Affairs Committee</b> - Meeting to be held April 27, 2021 - Next meeting is on Tuesday, May 25, 2021.	
	<b>5. Mountain View Regional Waste Commission</b> - Councilor Green reported the AGM has been postponed until Friday April 30, 2021. The audit has been received.	
	<b>6. Mountain View Regional Water Commission</b> - Councilor Blair gave oral review of AGM held on April 14, 2021. The audit has been accepted. Covid protocols were reviewed, as were their Bylaws.	

- Councilor Blair had a conference with Minister McIvor regarding a grant. They will meet again in 3 weeks.

**7. Mountain View Seniors’ Housing**

- Councilor Ratz gave oral review of April 22, 2021 Strategic Planning Zoom meeting. Councilor Ratz discussed a Town Hall Meeting with Dr. Hinshaw to talk about relaxing Care Home visitor restrictions.

**8. Municipal Area Partnership**

- No report

**9. Carstairs Community Development & Economic Partnership (CCD&EP)**

- Councilor Ratz gave an oral report on April 20, 2021 zoom meeting. They have tabled all old business for the next meeting to be able to better look at long and short term goals. Discussed business development and tourism.
- Video May 19, 2021

**10. Central Alberta Economic Partnership (CAEP)**

- Councilor Ratz had no report at this time.
- Next meeting will probably be virtual in June.

Motion 161/21

Motion by Councilor Wilcox to accept all Committee Reports as information.

**CARRIED**

**COUNCILOR REPORTS:**

**Councilor Ratz**

- Attended Legislative & Emergency Services Committee April 20, 2021
- Attended CCDEP April 20, 2021
- Attended Mountain View Seniors’ Housing April 22, 2021
- Attended Recreation Council Input Session April 26, 2021

**Councilor Wilcox**

- Attended External Relations Committee Meeting April 15, 2021
- Attended Legislative & Emergency Services Committee April 20, 2021
- Attended Carstairs Library Board Meeting on April 20, 2021. The Library is closed for inside service, but continues to have curbside service. They have advertised for a summer student and hope to hold interviews in the next week or two. They were very thankful to Circle K for their donation of masks and sanitizer.
- Attended Recreation Council Input Session April 26, 2021

**Councilor Allan**

- Attended Policy & Governance Committee April 13, 2021
- Attended External Relations Committee April 15, 2021
- Attended Recreation Council Input Session April 26, 2021

**Councilor Green**

- Attended Policy & Governance Committee April 13, 2021
- Attended Legislative & Emergency Services Committee April 20, 2021
- Attended Carstairs Library Board Meeting on April 20, 2021
- Attended Recreation Council Input Session April 26, 2021

**Councilor Gil**

- Attended Policy & Governance Committee April 13, 2021
- Attended External Relations Committee April 15, 2021
- Attended Recreation Council Input Session April 26, 2021

**Councilor Blair**

- Had a conference with Minister McIvor for Mountain View Regional Water Commission on April 13, 2021
- Attended Mountain View Regional Water Commission AGM on April 14, 2021
- Attended External Relations Committee on April 15, 2021
- Attended Recreation Council Input Session April 26, 2021

**Mayor Colby**

- Attended Recreation Council Input Session April 26, 2021

Motion 162/21                      Motion by Councilor Green to accept all Councilor Reports as information.  
**CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE:            1. Eastern Slopes Coal Exploration**

Motion 163/21                      Motion by Councilor Green to accept Eastern Slopes Coal Exploration as information.  
**CARRIED**

**2. Chinook’s Edge School Board Letter to the Mayor**

Motion 164/21                      Motion by Councilor Gil to accept Chinook’s Edge School Board Letter to the Mayor as information  
**CARRIED**

**3. APWA Alberta Chapter – National Public Works Week**

Motion 165/21                      Motion by Councilor Allan to accept APWA Alberta Chapter National Public Works Week as information  
**CARRIED**

**4. Thank You Card for Kiwanis Music Scholarship**

Motion 166/21                      Motion by Councilor Ratz to accept Thank You Card for Kiwanis Music Scholarship as information  
**CARRIED**

**CAO’S REPORT:**                      **1. CAO McDonnell gave an oral report on the Frisbee Golf Area.**  
The proposed area was shown on Google Maps as the South end of Havenfield where it has not been developed. The layout and parking for the area have not yet been finalized. CAO McDonnell acknowledged there have been complaints of the long grass and garbage being dumped there in the past and felt that having Frisbee Golf in this location would be a good opportunity to get the area cleaned up, while having a recreation site at the same time. This would be a short term location for Frisbee Golf as it will eventually be developed, however, it will give the town time to find a long term area.  
1. Question by Councilor Wilcox: Will there be set hours of operation for this site, or will it be anytime of the day or night?  
2. CAO McDonnell: We can further discuss having posted hours.  
3. Question by Mayor Colby: Is there a lot of clean up to be done in the area?  
4. CAO McDonnell: Yes, quite a bit has accumulated over time.  
5. Councilor Green informed everyone that there is a 1 hour information event being put on by Calgary Frisbee Golf Club on Thursday April 29<sup>th</sup> between 12 – 1 p.m. If anyone is interested in the link for viewing, Councilor Green will forward it.

Motion 167/21                      Motion by Councilor Wilcox to accept CAO report as information  
**CARRIED**

**COUNCILOR CONCERNS:** 1. NIL

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:**                      1. Resident J. Bell lives in Havenfield and is concerned with all the cars speeding through his area.  
2. Resident D. Garton lives in Havenfield and is also very concerned with speeders on his street. There are many children on his street and would like speed bumps put in, or the speed limit changed.  
3. CAO McDonnell responded that we can look into getting the digital speed sign on their street for a while to hopefully deter the speeders.  
4. Resident P. Montgomery asked if residents see contractors dumping garbage in the field south of Scarlett Ranch should they let the Town office know.  
5. CAO McDonnell: Yes, they should contact the Town office and speak with a Bylaw Officer.

MEDIA QUESTION  
PERIOD:

Nil

CLOSED MEETING  
SESSION:

Nil

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- Items 1. Financials
- Item 2. Personnel
- Item 3. Land Purchase

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, May 10, 2021

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion 168/21

Motion by Councilor Allan to adjourn the meeting of April 26, 2021 at 8:15 p.m.

CARRIED

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Lance Colby, Mayor

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Carl McDonnell, CAO



**MINUTES OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING & CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2021, 8:25 P.M.  
CARSTAIRS MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Councilors Blair (via zoom), Ratz, and Gil, CAO Carl McDonnell, and Executive Assistant Sherry Humphrey

**ABSENT:** Nil

**CALL TO ORDER:** Councilor Ratz called the meeting of April 26, 2021, to order at 8:25 p.m.

**ADDED ITEMS:** Note: This meeting was changed from April 27 at 5:30 to April 26 after Regular Council Meeting at 8:25 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Motion by Councilor Blair to adopt the agenda of April 26, 2021, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** Motion by Councilor Gil to adopt the minutes of January 25, 2021 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Nil

**DELEGATIONS:** Nil

**NEW BUSINESS:** Nil

**REPORTS:**

**1. Committee Plans and Reports**

**a) 2021 Work Plan**

- Committee member reviewed the Work Plan

**b) 2021 Internal Annual Report**

- Committee members reviewed the Annual Report

**c) 2021 Committee Worksheet**

- Committee members reviewed the Committee Worksheet

Motion by Councilor Blair to accept Committee Reports as information

**CARRIED**

**2. Financial Reports**

- CAO McDonnell gave an oral review of the following reports:

**a) Summary Report**

- Out of the 7.9 million budget, 1.4 Million has been spent year to date. There has not been much on Capital yet.

- b) Financial Report
  - Reviewed revenue, debts and reserves
- c) Revenue and Expense Report
  - Our revenue for golf memberships is up this year. Revenue for the Arena is down because it has been closed.
  - The Town received a \$408,000 MOST Grant from the Provincial Government that has covered our loss of revenue due to Covid.
- d) Capital Projects Report
  - The new Fire Hall water/sewer and curb/gutter will cost \$575,000.
  - The new Fire (ladder) Truck has been sent to Red Deer for upgrades.
- e) Loans and Debentures
  - Nothing reported

Motion by Councilor Blair to accept the Financial Reports as information.

**CARRIED**

### **3. Development Reports**

- a) Building Permit Listing
  - As of March 31, 2021 there were a total of 26 building permits with 5 new home starts and \$1,850,700.00 in new assessment.
  - CAO McDonnell stated that there are several new home starts coming in April's report.
- b) Compliance Listing
  - As of March 31, 2021 there have been 21 compliances for the year to date.
  - Homes are selling quickly right now.

Motion by Councilor Gil to accept the Planning and Development Reports as information.

**CARRIED**

### **4. Planning Reports:**

- a) Subdivision
  - CAO McDonnell gave an update on the following subdivisions:
    - Mandalay Estates
    - Eastgate
    - Scarlett Ranch
    - Carstairs Links
    - Homestead
    - Marigold
    - Havenfield
- b) **Municipal Development Plan (MDP)**
  - No report at this time.
- c) Planning Procedures
  - Nothing to report at this time.

**5. Carstairs Community Golf Course**

- a) The Golf Course opened and things are going well.
- b) The indoor restaurant is closed, however, the patio has new heaters and is doing well.
- c) The Half Way House has a new menu with good reviews.
- d) Golfers have given positive reviews on all of the upgrades the Town has done over the winter.
- e) We have sold 356 memberships this season, but continue to leave open 1 tee time per hour for non-members.

Motion by Councilor Blair to accept Carstairs Community Golf Course report as information.

**CARRIED****6. Plans and Studies**

- a) Asset Plan
  - 100% of Roads, curb and gutters asset information is now complete.
  - 80% of Water asset information is now complete.
  - Sanitary and Storm asset information is still to be completed.
  - Once all asset information is complete, we will be able to decide what to prioritize. From Citywide we can create 3 and 10 year budgeting based on age/condition to be able to see what long term costs will be.

Motion by Councilor Ratz to accept Plans and Studies report as information

**CARRIED**

- b) Recreation and Culture Master Plan
  - Nothing to report at this time.

**7. Audits**

- a) Endeavor Chartered Professional Accountants
  - No report at this time.

**8. Budget**

- No report at this time.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Nil

**GENERAL DISCUSSION:** Nil

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, May 25, 2021

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Councilor Gil to adjourn the meeting of April 26, 2021, at 9:07 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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**Councilor Ratz, Chair Person**

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**Carl McDonnell, CAO**



April 21, 2021

Honourable Kaycee Madu  
Minister of Justice and Solicitor General  
424 Legislature Building  
10800-97 Avenue  
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6

Dear Minister, Madu:

**Re: County of Paintearth's Support for the RCMP**

Our Council wishes to advise they are also not in support of the Government of Alberta's initiative to replace the RCMP with an Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS) as affirmed in Mayor Turner's letter from the Town of Morinville.

Council agrees that by revising the *Police Act*, the outcomes as identified through the review can be achieved such as improving the public's trust in policing, ensuring an effective complaint process, and having a more harmonious relationship between the police and all communities within Alberta.

Council too has concerns with the province establishing an APPS despite 65% of respondents indicating non-support. The costs of transitioning to an APPS are unknown and the increased operating costs will undoubtedly be borne by the municipalities. The municipalities are currently bearing a substantial amount of policing costs and are not willing to accept unknown additional increases that will be inevitable from a transition to an APPS. This simply cannot be done within a short time frame to offer the expertise and services currently provided to Albertans by the RCMP.

Our County has developed a collaborative relationship with our local RCMP detachment over many years and is satisfied with the level of service and degree of responsiveness received and their involvement with the communities located in the County. Council echoes and encourages the Government of Alberta to abandon the transition study and redouble efforts to work with the RCMP to achieve better outcomes.

Yours truly,

COUNTY OF PAINTEARTH NO. 18

Stan Schulmeister  
Reeve

cc: The Honourable Jason Kenney, Premier  
MLA Nate Horner, Drumheller- Stettler  
MP Damien Kurek, Battle River-Crowfoot  
Mr. Curtis Zablocki, Commanding Officer for Alberta, RCMP  
AUMA Members  
RMA Members

## Annual Report 2020

# Parkland Regional Library System

*Expanding opportunities for discovery, growth, and imagination for all Central Albertans*

**The Parkland Library Board thanks our member municipalities and the Government of Alberta** for continued funding. With your help we supported our 49 public libraries throughout the pandemic.

2020 was a challenging year for everyone; face masks and hand sanitizer became daily routines and libraries were mandated closed to the public along with many other services. Libraries responded and continue to adapt service to meet evolving community needs. Perimeter Wi-Fi access, curbside pickup, virtual programming, take-away craft kits, and increased digital content are some ways our libraries met the changing needs brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.

## We Responded, We Innovated, We Adapted

Parkland stayed open to support our member libraries. We:



- Maintained all core services
- Increased eLibrary investment
- Increased communication
- Distributed masks for the GOA through libraries
- Installed 100+ computers
- Transitioned 37 libraries to SuperNet 2.0
- Increased digital collections by 20%
- Shared virtual resources for staff and patrons

## 2020 Impacts & Outcomes

- 25% increase in database use
- 47% increase in digital circulation
- 400% increase in remote support sessions
- Continued van deliveries to circulate library material
- 18 virtual meetings with libraries
- 59 updates delivered to stakeholders
- Website traffic increased by 7%

We delivered **59 email newsletters** to member municipalities and libraries between March and December.

*"The **Parkland Updates** were a lifeline!"*

-PRLS library manager

We created a **COVID-19 Info** page on our website with current resources to support our members and the broader Alberta community. See it [here](#)

We reached out on **social media**, sharing online resources and supports for children, families, seniors, and workers. Followers increased by 25% and we averaged a **47% increase** in engagement.

*Strong Libraries, Strong Communities*

# Parkland Annual Report 2020



1st place winner

To keep people engaged with their libraries following physical closures, Parkland's Advocacy Committee held a **library card design contest** in July. We received over **100 submissions** from all ages across the whole region. The Advocacy Committee chose three winning designs through online, anonymized voting. These new cards were distributed to member libraries at the end of September.



3rd place winner



We cooperated with Yellowhead Regional Library, Peace Library System, and The

Alberta Library, to host our first **joint virtual conference, *Stronger Together***, on October 1 & 2. A tremendous success, we encouraged and educated **1,155 international registrants**.



You can stay up-to-date by visiting our website, [www.prl.ab.ca](http://www.prl.ab.ca), or follow us on **Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram**

Parkland headquarters completed construction and moved into a **new building**, on time, within budget, and without service disruption, during a pandemic! Still located in the City of Lacombe, this is the first time Parkland has moved to a new site in in our 60-year history.

## Contact Us:

### Parkland Regional Library System

4565 46<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lacombe, AB T4L 0K2  
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**Board Chair** Debra Smith  
**Vice Chair** Janine Stannard

### Executive Committee

Debra Smith (Chair)  
Janine Stannard (Vice Chair)  
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Bruce Gartside  
Philip Massier  
Ray Olfert  
Jas Payne  
Leonard Phillips  
Heather Ryan  
Cindy Trautman

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Norma Penney (Vice Chair)  
Jeanny Fisher  
Barb Gilliat  
Cora Knutson  
Stephen Levy  
Bill Rock  
Debra Smith (ex officio)  
Janine Stannard  
Shannon Wilcox

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**Manager of Library Services**  
Colleen Schalm (ext. 221)  
**Manager of Finance & Operations**  
Donna Williams (ext. 141)  
**Manager of Technology Infrastructure**  
Tim Spark (ext. 212)  
**IT Helpdesk** – (ext. 600)



2nd place winner

Complete Board and Municipality list [here](#).

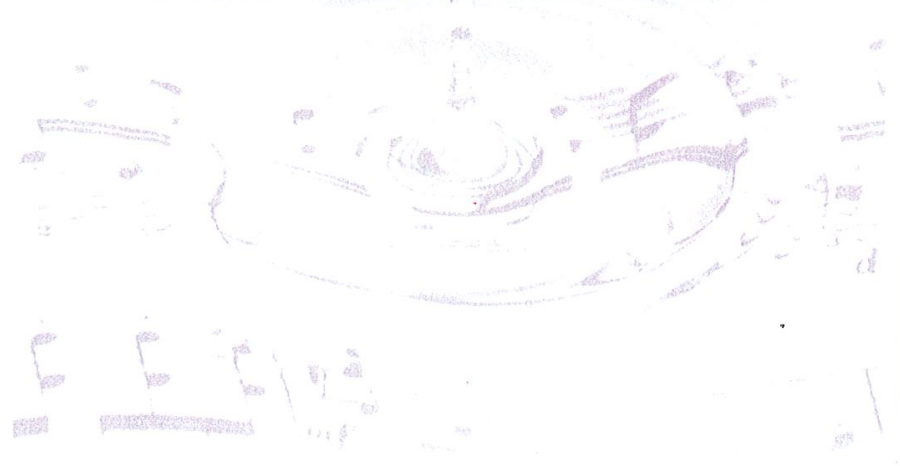


*Parkland Regional Library System is a municipal co-operative that supports 49 public libraries across central Alberta, serving over 220,000 residents in 64 municipalities*

\*Statistics based on 2020 Annual Report to PLSB Municipal Affairs

*Strong Libraries, Strong Communities*

**Thank you**



My name is Skyler.  
Thanks for every  
thing. Have a  
nice day







**TOWN OF EDSON**  
Office of the Mayor

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May 5, 2021

**VIA EMAIL: [ministryofjustice@gov.ab.ca](mailto:ministryofjustice@gov.ab.ca)**

Office of the Minister  
Justice and Solicitor General  
424 Legislature Building  
10800 - 97 Avenue  
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

**Attention: Honourable Kaycee Madu**

Dear Honourable Madu:

**Re: Letter in support of the RCMP**

Please accept this letter as Edson Town Council's support for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and in opposition of the Provincial Government's recent proposal of an Alberta Police Force.

While the Province suggests that the switch from the RCMP to an Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS) will not cost municipalities more financially, we do not believe this is realistic. Who will bare the cost of this service? Currently, Edson RCMP operate out of a Federally owned building. Should there be a switch to an APPS, who would assume the cost of a new detachment? Not to mention all of the other infrastructure that would be required to build an APPS. It does not seem feasible that these costs would not end up being borne by the municipality and their residents and that these would not exceed the current costs of providing RCMP services, given the significant investments that would be required and the loss of Federal Funding.

Currently, the RCMP is our largest budgetary item, and this cost only keeps growing as the Provincial Government takes away sources of revenue and downloading additional costs to us. The Province has recently decreased the percentage of revenue from fines that municipalities receive. This money was used by the Town to directly offset the cost of policing. Further, just this year we received a bill from the Provincial Government for the provincial portion of Biology Casework Analysis Agreements expenses. A cost that was not the responsibility of a municipality in the past and was given to us with little to no notice. These cuts and downloads increase costs

to our Town by ~\$350,000-\$400,000; equating to a 3.5%-4% tax increase for our residents. Given this, what protections would be in place to ensure municipalities are not continuously charged more under an APPS model? It seems more realistic that it would only be a matter of time before more costs were downloaded to municipalities for operation of the APPS.

We have worked hard as a municipality to build a strong working relationship with our local RCMP Detachment. They are our partners and an integral part of our community. We are happy with the level of service our RCMP provide and their participation within our community.

We strongly encourage the Provincial Government to use the funds dedicated to researching an APPS, towards building stronger relationships with the RCMP and the Federal government to achieve desired outcomes. The Province repeatedly encourages municipalities to work with each other and come up with new and collaborative ways to provide programs and services to our residents in a cost-effective manner. We implore your Government to do the same and work with your Federal counterparts to achieve the Province's goals related to the RCMP and Policing and to emulate the principles in which they ask of municipal governments within the Province.

Yours truly,

**TOWN OF EDSON**

Per:



Mayor Kevin Zahara  
/krp

cc: The Honourable Jason Kenney, Premier  
The Honourable Ric Mclver, Minister of Municipal Affairs  
Mr. Martin Long, MLA West Yellowhead  
Mr. Gerald Soroka, MP Yellowhead  
Mr. Curtis Zablocki, Commanding Officer for Alberta, RCMP  
AUMA Members  
RMA Members

## **COUNTY OF ST. PAUL**

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*Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences*



May 6, 2021

Honorable Kaycee Madu  
Minister of Justice and Solicitor General  
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### **RE: County of St. Paul Support for the RCMP**

Dear Minister Madu,

The County of St. Paul Council wishes to join the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass, the Town of Morinville, the County of Paintearth No. 18 and the City of Magrath, in expressing our disappointment with the Government of Alberta's unwillingness to accept the results of its own review process and that it seems to be continuing on the path of replacing the RCMP with an Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS).

Our local RCMP detachment's current level of service and degree of responsiveness, in addition to their community involvement meets our County resident's needs quite suitably. Furthermore, the collaborative nature that our local RCMP encompasses with our County Council by regularly meeting to review performance plans and projects, gives them a positive recognizable presence within our County.

The bureaucratic provisional expenditure that would be required to complete such a change to a Provincial Police is concerning, as the transition costs are inadequately explained, the County worries that operating costs will inevitably rise, resulting in increased costs borne by Municipalities. These additional costs will require additional taxation onto our County residents for us to be able to repay the Province for the Police funding model.

There has been no conclusive proof that an APPS would result in better outcomes, particularly with the expected increase in costs. With our current challenging economic

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times, our Council would like to see your government take time to listen to municipal stakeholders as well as the respondents of the Fair Deal Panel's consultations, cancel the transition study, and increase the efforts to work with the RCMP in achieving better outcomes through the Police Act review.

Sincerely,



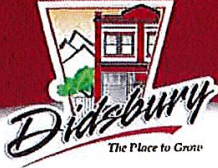
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Dear Minister Madu,

**Re: Alberta Provincial Police Service Transition Study**

On behalf of Town of Didsbury Council, I am writing to advise you of our Council's ongoing support for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) as our province's police force of choice. As well, please know that our Council opposes the creation of an Alberta provincial service to replace the RCMP.

In listening to and reviewing the presentations from the recent AUMA/RMA Policing Summit in February of 2021, the opening presentation by you, our Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, spoke of "citizens demanding democratic, community-based policing, a renewed commitment to improving policing in the province, and the need for police to work with community partners and citizens to ensure effective community policing." Minister Madu, I am pleased to say that our community has democratic, community-based policing, our detachment meets with us regularly as part of their commitment to optimal two-way communication that invites, welcomes, and listens to our input, and our detachment also works with our municipality and our citizens as community partners. Your comment on your "Why Now" PowerPoint slide at the Summit references the "impact of George Floyd's death and public outcry," an American policing situation, "calls to defund the police," which to many means to add funds to social supports in policing situations, and "concerns of systemic racism," an issue our entire country continues to work to address and resolve. We believe there is no support shown that an Alberta police service would solve any of these issues any more effectively than the RCMP.

On your "Reforming Police - What are we doing now" slide presentation, I offer the following observations:

Improve Public Trust in Policing: We believe there is trust in our municipality and that it is not lost and/or diminishing.

Modern Governance Framework: The RCMP presentation by Deputy Commissioner was excellent; the RCMP present an impressive modern governance framework that constantly evolves with changing times, again displayed in our community.

Effective Police Complaints Process for Alberta: We all constantly work on better complaint processes, including the provincial government and our local municipal government here in Didsbury. The RCMP presentation displayed information about (and Didsbury experiences and is part of these) annual performance plans, community/detachment commander relationships, community reporting templates, and community policing advisory committees. We believe that working with the RCMP as the Alberta police force of choice is more likely to succeed than setting up yet another entity who will have to build from scratch, is costing millions to explore, and will cost hundreds of millions more to implement.

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Improve relationship with Indigenous Peoples: This is an important and prioritized initiative across our country, not just in our province, and, again, the RCMP are most likely to succeed with the current initiatives they have underway in their system that display their commitment to improving relationships throughout the communities they serve.

Direct consultation with municipalities regarding the creation of an APPS has been limited. PwC's Phases, Activities, and Timelines indicate there have been envisioning workshops and interviews from October 12 through December 18, 2020. Of note our community was not invited to participate (and we have had an RCMP detachment in our town for 25+ years) and, in speaking with colleagues in our region (who have also had RCMP detachments in their towns for many years), I have heard no one indicate they participated in these workshops and interviews. If municipalities who are served by RCMP detachments are excluded from this conversation, valuable information and feedback is left unheard from affected municipalities.

The Policing Transition Study being undertaken by our province is in response to the Fair Deal Panel's (FDP) recommendation #14: Create an APS to replace RCMP. The FDP reported that 68.5% of respondents were from Calgary and Edmonton regions. Calgary and Edmonton have their own police services, which should be considered when studying the transition from the RCMP. Another FDP finding was that only 35% of respondents supported the idea of creating an APS.

Finally, in the Alberta Police Federation survey from October of 2020, it was found that "replacing the RCMP is viewed as a least helpful measure tested to improve Alberta's place in Canada." Only 8% say replacing the RCMP helps a lot, only 6% support replacing the RCMP, 81% of Albertans served by RCMP are satisfied with the service they receive, and 70% of Albertans oppose replacing the RCMP with an expensive new provincial police service.

There is so much convincing support for the RCMP in Alberta, and, with the strong and effective RCMP that serve us so well in Alberta, our Council supports the programs, initiatives, and progress of the RCMP in meeting our community's policing demands. I again reiterate our Council's support for the RCMP remaining as Alberta's police force of choice.

On behalf of Council,

Yours truly,

Rhonda Hunter  
Mayor

Cc: Nathan Cooper, MLA Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills  
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