



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
CARSTAIRS MUNICIPAL OFFICE  
SEPTEMBER 27, 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 September 27, 2021  
**Motion:** To adopt the agenda of September 27, 2021

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- a) Adoption of minutes of September 13, 2021 (addendum 4.a)  
**Motion:** To adopt the minutes of September 13, 2021



**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

**6. DELEGATIONS**

- a) Christina Kaye & Marla Kimball - Co-managers Carstairs Bruinettes  
(Restrictions Adult Recreation/User Groups)  
b) Steven Browne - Didsbury RCMP Staff Sergeant

**7. BYLAWS AND POLICIES**

- a) Bylaw 2020 - Borrowing Bylaw Site Servicing 825 Mandalay Boulevard and  
Fire Hall Construction Costs



- b) Bylaw 2021 - Borrowing Bylaw Golf Course Infrastructure Upgrades



**8. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Fortis Alberta Inc. Franchise Fees 2022



- b) Parkland Regional Library System - Budget 2022



## 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) LEGISLATIVE & EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
- b) STRATEGIC PLANNING & CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
- c) EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
- d) POLICY & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
- e) MOUNTAIN VIEW REGIONAL WASTE COMMISSION
- f) MOUNTAIN VIEW REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION
  - i) Mountain View Regional Water Commission minutes of the September 8, 2021 meeting  





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

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## 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

- a) Councilor Code of Conduct Letter  

- b) Letter to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau - Bill C-21 Changes to the Criminal Code and Firearms Act  

- c) RCMP Retroactive Pay Letter  

- d) IDOP Declaration 2021  


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## 12. CAO'S REPORT

## 13. COUNCILOR CONCERNS

14. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD
15. MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD
16. CLOSED MEETING
17. ADJOURNMENT

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, 7:00 P.M.  
CARSTAIRS MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

<b>ATTENDEES:</b>	Deputy Mayor Blair, Councillors Green, Allan, Gil, and Ratz, CAO Carl McDonnell, and Recording Secretary Shannon Allison
<b>ABSENT:</b>	L. Colby, S. Wilcox
<b>CALL TO ORDER:</b>	Deputy Mayor Blair called the meeting of September 13, 2021, to order at 7:02 p.m.
<b>ADDED ITEMS:</b>	Nil
<b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA:</b>	
Motion 286/21	Motion by Councilor Allan to accept the Regular Council agenda of September 13, 2021, as presented. <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:</b>	
Motion 287/21	Motion by Councilor Ratz to adopt the Regular Council minutes of August 24, 2021, as presented. <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:</b>	Nil
<b>DELEGATIONS:</b>	Nil
<b>BYLAWS &amp; POLICIES:</b>	Bylaw No. 2019 Scarlett Ranch Re-designation
Motion 288/21	Motion by Councilor Green to give first reading of Bylaw No. 2019 "Scarlett Ranch Re-designation". <b>CARRIED</b>
Motion 289/21	Motion by Councilor Gil to give second reading of Bylaw No. 2019 "Scarlett Ranch Re-designation". <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>NEW BUSINESS:</b>	ATCO Gas – Franchise Agreement
Motion 290/21	Motion by Councilor Allan to direct administration to advise ATCO that the franchise fee percentage shall remain the same for 2022 <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS:</b>	<b>1. Legislative &amp; Emergency Services Committee</b> - Next meeting will follow the Election  <b>2. Strategic Planning &amp; Corporate Affairs Committee</b> - Next meeting will follow the Election  <b>3. External Relations Committee</b> - Next meeting will follow the Election  <b>4. Policy &amp; Governance Committee</b>

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- Next meeting will follow the Election

**5. Mountain View Regional Waste Commission**

- Next meeting September 27, 2021

**6. Mountain View Regional Water Commission**

- No update.

**7. Mountain View Seniors' Housing**

- Council Ratz gave an oral report on the August 26, 2021 meeting.

**8. Municipal Area Partnership**

- Next meeting is at the call of the chair

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

- Spirit of Carstairs BBQ September 8, 2021

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

- Next meeting is in the fall

Motion 291/21

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

**CARRIED****COUNCILOR REPORTS:****Councilor Ratz**

-August 17, 2021 Seniors Housing Meet & Greet - Carstairs Lodge.

-August 26, 2021 Seniors Housing board meeting.

-September 8, 2021 Spirit of Carstairs BBQ.

**Councilor Wilcox**

-Nil

**Councilor Allan**

-August 28, 2021 attended Car show.

**Councilor Green**

-August 25, 2021 Library Finance Committee meeting.

**Councilor Gil**

-Nil

**Councilor Blair**

-Nil

**Mayor Colby**

-Nil

Motion 292/21

Motion by Councilor Ratz to accept all Councilor Reports as information.

**CARRIED****CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Alberta Environment & Parks – Compliance Inspection of the Carstairs Waterworks

Motion 293/21

Motion by Councilor Green to accept all correspondence as information.

**CARRIED****CAO'S REPORT:**

Nil

**COUNCILOR CONCERNS:** 1. Councilor Gil asked administration the status of the fencing

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around BRAR property. C.A.O. advised that it is still being worked on.

Motion 294/21

Motion by Councilor Allan to accept all Councilor Concerns as information.

**CARRIED****PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:**

1. Question with regard to whether a “call button” system could be installed at Manor in Carstairs.  
Councilor Ratz indicated that he would take this back to Mountain View Seniors Housing for discussion.

Motion 295/21

Motion by Councilor Green to accept the Public Question Period as information.

**CARRIED****MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:**

Nil

**CLOSED MEETING SESSION:**

1. Personnel  
2. Legal

Motion 296/21

Motion by Councilor Gil that Council closes the meeting to the Public at 7:25 p.m. to discuss closed meeting items.

**CARRIED**

Motion 297/21

Motion by Councilor Allan to come out of the closed meeting session at 8:07 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Motion 298/21

Motion by Councilor Green to authorize administration to transfer from Reserves to cover expenditures for: traffic study \$55,904.00, transportation oversizing final payment \$200,00.00 and lift station line extension \$81,727.00.

**CARRIED**

Motion 299/21

Motion by Councilor Ratz to authorize administration to apply for a five-year bank loan to cover expenditures for Fire Hall: construction change orders \$204,246.83, access road \$37,120.00, site design \$27,237.50 and deep utilities installation \$304,625.00. Total Loan \$573,229.33.

**CARRIED**

Motion 300/21

Motion by Councilor Allan to authorize administration to apply for a five-year bank loan to cover expenditures for Golf Course upgrades \$367,000.00.

**CARRIED**

Motion 301/21

Motion by Councilor Gil to accept the resignation of Chief Administrative Officer – Carl McDonnell effective September 1, 2022.

**CARRIED**

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**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, September 27, 2021

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion 302/21                      Motion by Councilor Ratz to adjourn the meeting of September 13, 2021, at 8:00 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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**Rick Blair, Deputy Mayor**

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**Carl McDonnell, CAO**

**Bylaw No. 2020**

**BEING** a Bylaw of the Town of Carstairs in the Province of Alberta, the purpose of this Bylaw is to authorize the Council of the Municipality to incur indebtedness by the issuance of loan(s) or debenture(s) in the amount of \$573,229.33 for Site Servicing of 825 Mandalay Boulevard and Fire Hall construction costs.

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Municipality has decided to issue a Bylaw pursuant to Section 253 of the *Municipal Government Act* to authorize the financing, undertaking and completion of the site servicing of 825 Mandalay Boulevard and Fire Hall construction costs;

**WHEREAS** plans and specifications have been prepared and the total cost of the project is estimated to be \$806,484.33 and the Municipality estimates the following contributions will be applied to the projects:

Loan	\$573,229.33
Grants	<u>\$233,255.00</u>
Total Cost	\$806,484.33

**WHEREAS** in order to complete the project it will be necessary for the Municipality to borrow the sum of \$573,229.33 for a period of five (5) years, from Alberta Capital Finance Authority or another authorized financial institution by the issuance of debentures and on the terms and conditions referred to in this Bylaw;

**WHEREAS** the estimated lifetime of the project financed under this Bylaw is equal to, or more than fifty (50) years;

**WHEREAS** the principal amount of the outstanding debt of the Municipality at December 31, 2020 is \$3,498,931 no part of the principal or interest is in arrears;

**WHEREAS** all required approvals for the project have been obtained and the project is in compliance with all *Acts and Regulations* of the Province of Alberta.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Municipality duly assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw shall be named "The Borrowing Bylaw Site Servicing 825 Mandalay Boulevard and Fire Hall Construction Costs".
2. That for the site servicing of 825 Mandalay Boulevard and Fire Hall construction costs the sum of Five hundred and Seventy-three thousand two hundred and twenty-nine dollars and three cents (\$573,229.33) be borrowed from the Alberta Capital Finance Authority or another authorized financial institution by way of debenture on the credit and security of the Municipality at large, of which amount the full sum of \$573,229.33 is to be paid by the Municipality at large.
3. The proper officers of the Municipality are hereby authorized to issue debenture(s) on behalf of the Municipality for the amount and purpose as authorized by this bylaw, namely the purpose to construct a Fire Hall.



4. The Municipality shall repay the indebtedness according to the repayment structure in effect, namely semi-annual or annual equal payments of combined principal and interest installments not to exceed five (5) years, calculated at a rate not exceeding the interest rate fixed by Alberta Capital Finance Authority, or another authorized financial institution, on the date of the borrowing and not to exceed seven (7) percent.
5. The Municipality shall levy and raise in each year municipal taxes sufficient to pay the indebtedness.
6. The indebtedness shall be contracted on the credit and security of the Municipality.
7. The net amount borrowed under the bylaw shall be applied only to the project specified by this bylaw.
8. This Bylaw comes into force and effect from the first day after the date of the third reading thereof.

**READ A FIRST TIME THIS 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER A.D., 2021**

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**READ A THIRD AND FINAL TIME THIS 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER A.D., 2021**

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**Mayor, Lance Colby**

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**CAO, Carl McDonnell**

**Bylaw No. 2021**

**BEING** a Bylaw of the Town of Carstairs in the Province of Alberta, the purpose of this Bylaw is to authorize the Council of the Municipality to incur indebtedness by the issuance of loan(s) or debenture(s) in the amount of \$367,000.00 for Golf Course infrastructure upgrades.

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Municipality has decided to issue a Bylaw pursuant to Section 253 of the *Municipal Government Act* to authorize the financing, undertaking and completion of Golf Course infrastructure upgrades

**WHEREAS** plans and specifications have been prepared and the total cost of the project is estimated to be \$367,000.00 and the Municipality estimates the following contributions will be applied to the projects:

Loan	\$367,000.00
Total Cost	\$367,000.00

**WHEREAS** in order to complete the project it will be necessary for the Municipality to borrow the sum of \$367,000.00 for a period of five (5) years, from Alberta Capital Finance Authority or another authorized financial institution by the issuance of debentures and on the terms and conditions referred to in this Bylaw;

**WHEREAS** the estimated lifetime of the project financed under this Bylaw is equal to, or more than twenty (20) years;

**WHEREAS** the principal amount of the outstanding debt of the Municipality at December 31, 2020 is \$3,498,931 no part of the principal or interest is in arrears;

**WHEREAS** all required approvals for the project have been obtained and the project is in compliance with all *Acts and Regulations* of the Province of Alberta.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Municipality duly assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw shall be named "The Borrowing Bylaw Golf Course Infrastructure Upgrades".
2. That for Golf Course infrastructure upgrades the sum of Three hundred and Sixty-seven thousand dollars (\$367,000.00) be borrowed from the Alberta Capital Finance Authority or another authorized financial institution by way of debenture on the credit and security of the Municipality at large, of which amount the full sum of \$367,000.00 is to be paid by the Municipality at large.
3. The proper officers of the Municipality are hereby authorized to issue debenture(s) on behalf of the Municipality for the amount and purpose as authorized by this bylaw, namely the purpose to upgrade the Golf Course infrastructure.
4. The Municipality shall repay the indebtedness according to the repayment structure in effect, namely semi-annual or annual equal payments of combined principal and interest installments not to exceed five (5) years, calculated at a rate not exceeding

the interest rate fixed by Alberta Capital Finance Authority, or another authorized financial institution, on the date of the borrowing and not to exceed seven (7) percent.

5. The Municipality shall levy and raise in each year municipal taxes sufficient to pay the indebtedness.
6. The indebtedness shall be contracted on the credit and security of the Municipality.
7. The net amount borrowed under the bylaw shall be applied only to the project specified by this bylaw.
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**Mayor, Lance Colby**

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**CAO, Carl McDonnell**

**From:** [Carl McDonnell](#)  
**To:** [Shannon Allison](#)  
**Subject:** FW: FortisAlberta Inc. Franchise Fee Documents/Changes - Carstairs  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 22, 2021 3:41:15 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)  
[1 2021-2022 Franchise Calculator - Carstairs.xlsx](#)  
[Municipal Franchise Fee Riders \(2021\).pdf](#)  
[Franchise Fee Advertisement Template - Please Use.docx](#)  
[Franchise Fee Advisement Notification - Please Return via Email by Nov. 1, 2021.doc](#)  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** Nixon, Kelsey <kelsey.nixon@fortisalberta.com> **On Behalf Of** Stakeholder Relations Team  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 22, 2021 3:37 PM  
**To:** Carl McDonnell <carlm@carstairs.ca>  
**Cc:** Law, Kayla <kayla.law@fortisalberta.com>  
**Subject:** FortisAlberta Inc. Franchise Fee Documents/Changes - Carstairs  
**Importance:** High

Good afternoon:

**RE: Request Confirmation of Electric Distribution Franchise Fee for 2022**

As part of your Electrical Distribution System Franchise Agreement with FortisAlberta you have the annual ability to either **increase, decrease or keep your franchise fee the same, with written notice.**

**IMPORTANT TIMELINES TO ENSURE FRANCHISE FEE CHANGES ARE IMPLEMENTED BY JANUARY 1, 2022**

1. **Review** the attached Franchise Fee Calculator and present the recommendations to Council;
2. If Council is proposing an **increase or decrease to your franchise fee**, a resulting impact to the customer's annual billing is **required to be advertised in the local newspaper having the widest circulation within your municipality for two consecutive weeks.**  
(Please use the sample advertisement that is attached).
2. If **increasing** your franchise fee, it must stay within the current **Franchise Fee Cap of 20%.**
3. **By November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**, please **email** clear copies of the following to Kelsey Nixon @ [kelsey.nixon@fortisalberta.com](mailto:kelsey.nixon@fortisalberta.com)

**INCLUDE:**

- Copies of **both** advertisements;
  - **Publication dates** for both advertisements;
  - Name & location of newspaper.
4. Any late, inaccurate or incomplete responses may be subject to late Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) approvals, which may cause your new franchise fee to be in **effect April 1, 2022.**
  5. If Council decides to keep the current franchise fee you do not have to advertise, but please notify Kelsey Nixon @ [kelsey.nixon@fortisalberta.com](mailto:kelsey.nixon@fortisalberta.com)

## TIPS FOR USING THE FRANCHISE CALCULATOR

Attached you will find the FortisAlberta Franchise Calculator specific to your municipality. The spreadsheet is intended to assist in determining the **estimated** revenue forecast from your Franchise Fee.

- On the first tab: **Financial Impacts**, you can change the Franchise Fee percentage **(yellow cell)**. By changing this **cell**, the spreadsheet will automatically update to reflect your estimated revenue for 2022.

Franchise Fee Calculator Changes:	
Yellow area is to calculate different franchise fee.	
2021 Proposed Franchise Percentage	2.00%

- On the second tab: Residential Bill Impacts, you can **view the impact to an Average Residential Bill Impact on the second tab by changing cell F21 & F39.**

**(You will need this information for your advertisement if you are changing your current fee)**

- On the third tab:** January 2019 to June 2021 you can see how much revenue your municipality has collected over the last two and a half years.

**Please note: All rate increases/decreases are estimated and have not been approved with the AUC.**

*The Distribution Tariff revenues shown are estimates only, and are subject to change dependent on several factors, including but not limited to; fluctuations in the amount of electrical services within the municipality, their electrical consumption increasing or decreasing, and/or changes to Transmission or Distribution rates and riders.*

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or your Stakeholder Relations Manager.

Thank you,

Kelsey

**Kelsey Nixon** | Stakeholder Relations Advisor, Key Accounts

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**We are FortisAlberta.** We deliver the electricity that empowers Albertans to succeed. We keep the power on, not just because it's our job, but because we care about the people we serve. We are reliable, honest and dedicated to our work because our employees, customers and communities matter to us.

**From:** [Carl McDonnell](#)  
**To:** [Shannon Allison](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Parkland Regional Library System 2022 Proposed Budget  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 22, 2021 4:22:16 PM  
**Attachments:** [PRLS Proposed Budget 2022.pdf](#)  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** PRL Operations <operations@prl.ab.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 20, 2021 3:32 PM  
**To:** Municipal Administrators <municipaladministrators@prl.ab.ca>  
**Subject:** Parkland Regional Library System 2022 Proposed Budget  
**Importance:** High

Good afternoon,

Attached to this email is a copy of the 2022 proposed budget for Parkland Regional Library System.

2022 is the third year with a zero percent increase to the municipal per capita requisition. The requisition will remain at the 2019 level of \$8.55 per capita.

Because of the RMA and AUMA trade shows, **we are changing the date of our board meeting to November 4<sup>th</sup>, via Zoom, at 10:00 a.m.** Please respond with your council's decision regarding the 2022 per capita requisition as soon as possible.

Parkland's Director, Ron Sheppard, is available to speak to your council or administration regarding the budget upon request. Please contact Parkland if you have any questions. We can be reached at 403-782-3850 or by email at [operations@prl.ab.ca](mailto:operations@prl.ab.ca)

**Kara Hamilton, APC**  
**Office Administrator**

Parkland Regional Library System | 4565 46 Street Lacombe AB T4L 0K2  
403-782-3850 ext 232 | 1-800-567-9024 ext 232 | [prl.ab.ca](http://prl.ab.ca)

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Minutes

Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission

Regular Meeting via Zoom

Sept 8, 2021

Members Present on Zoom:

Jim Romane – Town of Innisfail – Vice Chairman  
Lance Colby – Town of Carstairs  
John Baswick – Town of Didsbury  
Robb Stuart – Town of Bowden  
Jo Tennant – Town of Crossfield  
Mary Jane Harper – Town of Olds

Staff Present on Zoom:

John Van Doesburg – CAO  
Rick Blair – Operations Director  
Samantha Lafontaine – Finance Manager  
Wes Olstad – Technical Manager  
Van Stonehocker – Maintenance Manager  
Terry Stigings – Operations Manager

**1. Call to Order**

Vice Chairman Jim Romane called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

John Baswick moved to accept the agenda.

**Carried**

**3. Approval of July 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Jo Tennant motioned to accept June's meeting minutes.

**Carried**

Chairman Jim Romane welcomed the Commissions newest employee, Rick Blair (Operations Director) to the Commission.

**4. Reports**

Chair Report – Jim Romane presented the Vice-Chair Report.

Operations Report – Terry Stigings presented the Operations Report.

Technical Report - Wes Olstad presented the Technical Report.

Maintenance Report – Van Stonehocker presented the Maintenance Report.

CAO Report – John Van Doesburg presented the CAO Report.

Mary Jane Harper made a motion to accept the Vice-Chair, Operations, Technical, Maintenance and the CAO Reports for information.

**Carried.**

Finance Report – Samantha Lafontaine presented the Finance Report.

Moved by Jo Tennant to accept the Finance Report for information.

**Carried.**

**5. Business Arising from Minutes**

**a) Covid Update**

John Van Doesburg reviewed the ongoing Covid-19 precautions at the plant. Masking, social distancing and work from home schedules are implemented again due to the current high numbers in AB.

**b) Procedural Bylaw 2021-5**

Mary Jane moved to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Procedural Bylaw 2021-5 as amended.

**Carried**

Chairman Jim Romane left the meeting at 9:51 a.m. Vice Chairman Robb Stuart continued heading the meeting.

**6. New Business**

**a) Correspondence from Alberta Transportation**

John Van Doesburg spoke to the correspondence regarding receiving a portion of the grant overage on the line twinning project.



Jo Tennant moved to have administration draft a thank you letter to the MLA's and Alberta Transportation.

**Carried**

The Commission Board would like to thank the Administration staff for their efforts in advocating for the grant overage.

**8. Next Meeting October 13, 2021, via Zoom**

**9. Adjournment**

Vice Chairman Robb Stuart moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

**Carried.**

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**Chairman**

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**Manager**



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September 10, 2021

Honourable Ric McIver  
Minister of Municipal Affairs  
320 Legislature Building  
10800 – 97 Avenue  
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

**RE: CODE OF CONDUCT**

At our last regular meeting of Council held on September 7, 2021, Council discussed correspondence received from the Town of Claresholm regarding the importance of continuing to keep the Council Code of Conduct Bylaw requirement as a legislated requirement.

The Town of Sundre would like to stand in solidarity with the Town of Claresholm and along with them, 'respectfully request that your ministry make sure that consultation with municipalities in Alberta is completed prior to any major changes being made to remove the requirement of the Councillor Codes of Conduct. We agree that having a requirement for municipalities to have a Code of Conduct Bylaw in place provides a framework for Council member's behaviour and provides each Council direction and guidance for dealing with any contentious issues that may arise. It is imperative that the option of imposing sanctions on Council members continues as necessary to support this process. The Town of Sundre requests that the Council Code of Conduct Bylaw requirement remains mandatory.'

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this issue, please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Terry Leslie,  
Mayor  
Town of Sundre

TL/aj

c.c. Mr. Jason Nixon, MLA Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre  
Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA)  
AUMA Member Municipalities



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September 8, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, MP  
Prime Minister of Canada Langevin Block  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister:

**RE: Bill C-21 – Changes to the Criminal Code and the Firearms Act**

On behalf of the Town of Crossfield, we are writing to express our concerns with respect to Bill C-21 to make changes to the Criminal Code and Firearms Act. With respect to the provision to allow municipalities to create handgun bylaws, which would place conditions of federal firearms licenses relating to handgun use, storage or transportation within municipalities that have passed such bylaws, Council has passed the following motion at the September 7, 2021 Council meeting in opposition to the Federal Bill C-21:


*222-2021 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Harris that the Town of Crossfield send a letter opposing Bill C-21 – changes to the Criminal Code and the Firearms Act.* **CARRIED**

With the Province of Alberta sending Bill 211 to Royal Assent on April 29<sup>th</sup>, our Provincial government is ensuring that Municipalities are not saddled with trying to find the resources to impose or enforce gun control by creating inconsistent bylaws between jurisdictions. As most Municipalities across our province are rural in nature and would be faced with the same problems in attempting to enforce legislation of this nature, we are anticipating that the sentiment will be the same across most jurisdictions and hope that those municipalities in opposition will make their position known to the Federal Government as well.

We are also concerned that Bill C-21 is only targeting citizen that have licenses, not criminals that have already obtained firearms illegally and would never comply with a municipal bylaw. This will create a very confusing system that could result in an otherwise law-abiding citizen, now being sentenced to two years imprisonment or permanent license revocation for unknowingly being in contravention of a bylaw in a community with different bylaws.

We thank you for your attention in this matter and request that the federal government reconsider these changes to the Criminal Code and Firearms Act.

Sincerely,

  
Jo Tennant  
Mayor

cc: All Alberta Municipalities  
MP Blake Richards  
Erin O'Toole, Leader of the Official Opposition

1005 Ross Street | P.O. Box 500 | Crossfield, AB. T0M 0S0 | (403) 946-5565



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September 10, 2021

Premier Jason Kenney  
307 Legislature Building  
10800 – 97 Avenue  
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

**RE: ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE (RCMP) RETROACTIVE PAY**

At our last council meeting on September 7, 2021, Council discussed the correspondence received earlier this summer from the Town of Claresholm requesting 'that the Alberta Government ensures that Alberta municipalities are not charged with assisting in funding the RCMP's retroactive pay when the agreement is complete. It should be up to the provincial and federal governments to deal with any shortfalls, and not to overload municipalities with further monetary strain.'

The Town of Sundre would like to echo this sentiment. The Town of Sundre is a municipality with a total population of under 3,000 citizens, the tax increase implication that would result from being required to pay retroactively to the RCMP would, especially after the economic effects of the pandemic, be too great a burden to place upon our taxpayers.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this issue, please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Terry Leslie,  
Mayor  
Town of Sundre

TL/aj

c.c. Mr. Jason Nixon, MLA for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre  
Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA)  
AUMA Member Municipalities



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## **DECLARATION**

WHEREAS the **Town of Carstairs** recognizes and values the experience, contributions and wisdom of seniors; and

WHEREAS the declaration of International Day of Older Persons would give us the opportunity to build greater awareness, understanding and appreciation of seniors; and

WHEREAS an International Day of Older Persons will stand as an important annual occasion to celebrate the strength and community connections of seniors in our province.

THEREFORE, I **Mayor Lance Colby** DO HEREBY DECLARE OCTOBER 1, 2021 AS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS IN THE **Town of Carstairs** OF ALBERTA

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Signature

**Mayor**

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