



**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
A G E N D A  
Wednesday, January 18, 2023, 6:00 pm  
Council Chambers & Zoom Access**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PUBLIC HEARING
3. ADDITIONS & AGENDA APPROVAL
4. MINUTES
  - 4.1 Minutes of the January 4, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council
5. DELEGATIONS
  - 5.1 Bashaw RCMP Detachment Commander – Corporal Mark Cusack
6. BYLAWS
  - 6.1 Bylaw #816 – 2022 – Procedure Bylaw
7. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - 7.1 Town of Bashaw Monthly Statement – December 31, 2022
  - 7.2 Bashaw Fire Department 2022 Summary of Fire Responses – Including Medical First Response Calls
  - 7.3 Choose Camrose Region Economic Development Program – Request for Letter of Support
  - 7.4 Recreation Grants Discussion
8. COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS
  - 8.1 Committee Reports
    - a. Mayor McDonald
    - b. Deputy Mayor Orom
    - c. Councillor Northey
    - d. Councillor Gust
    - e. Councillor McIntosh
  - 8.2 Staff Reports
    - a. Foreman Report
    - b. CAO Report
9. CORRESPONDENCE
  - 9.1 Fortis Alberta Pilot Rate 62 – Standalone level 3 EV Chargers
  - 9.2 National Police Federation – News Release – Necessary Investments to Bolster RCMP in Alberta
10. CLOSED MEETING OF COUNCIL
  - 10.1 Legal – Sewer Billing – FOIP Section 27
  - 10.2 Legal – Regional Fire Service Agreement – FOIP Section 25
11. NEXT MEETING: February 8, and 22, 2023 – 6:00 pm Council Chambers
12. ADJOURNMENT



**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, January 4, 2023 @ 7:00 pm.**

**Blended Meeting: Council Chambers & Zoom Electronic Conference**

**In Person:** CAO Fuller (7:00 pm), Mayor McDonald (7:00 pm), Deputy Mayor Orom (7:00 pm), Councillor McIntosh (7:00 pm), Councillor Gust (7:00 pm), and Councillor Northey (7:00 pm)

**Zoom Connection:**

**Public Zoom:** Clownfish McGee, Michael Boyer and Grant Woods.

**Recording Secretary:** CAO Fuller

**Absent:** None.

**Press:** None.

**Public:** None

1. CALL TO ORDER by Mayor McDonald at 7:00 pm.

2. PUBLIC HEARING – None.

3. ADDITIONS & AGENDA APPROVAL

**MOVED** by Councillor Northey to approve the January 4, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council Agenda as presented.

**MOTION #001-2023**

**CARRIED.**

4. MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the December 21, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Orom to approve the minutes of December 21, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council.

**MOTION #002-2023**

**CARRIED.**

5. DELEGATIONS - none

6. BYLAWS - none

7. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 Family & Community Support Services Funding

**MOVED** by Councillor McIntosh to provide Family and Community Support Services funding in the sum of \$ 7,000.00 to the Bashaw Youth Foundation, Boys & Girls Club of Bashaw.

**MOTION #003-2023**

**CARRIED.**

**MOVED** by Councillor McIntosh to provide Family and Community Support Services funding in the sum of \$ 51,837.12 to the Bashaw & District Support Services.

**MOTION #004-2023**

**CARRIED.**

## 8. COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS

### 8.1 Committee Reports

- a. Mayor McDonald – no meetings to report. Scheduled to attend the Special meeting called by the 12/21 Regional Water Commission on January 6, 2023.
- b. Deputy Mayor Orom – no meetings to report. Scheduled to attend the Special meeting called by the 12/21 Regional Water Commission on January 6, 2023.
- c. Councillor Northey – no meetings to report.
- d. Councillor Gust – no meetings to report.
- e. Councillor McIntosh – making plans to meet with the Fire Chief either on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.
  - Councillor McIntosh presented concerns with RCMP detachment changes. We have not received information or any contact in this regard. There is a new detachment commander in Stettler; John England; and Sergeant Bruce Holiday is off duty.

**MOVED** by Councillor McIntosh to direct administration to request a meeting with Darcy Fleury the Chief Superintendent of the RCMP.

**MOTION #005-2023**

CARRIED.

8.2 Staff Reports – Will be presented on January 18, 2023.

- a. Foreman Report
- b. CAO Report

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

### 9.1 Fortis Alberta 2023 Distribution Rates

**MOVED** by Councillor McIntosh to accept the January 4, 2023, Correspondence as information.

**MOTION #006-2023**

CARRIED.

## 10. CLOSED MEETING OF COUNCIL

11. NEXT MEETING: January 18, 2023 – 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting of Council

**MOVED** by Councillor Northey to change the February Regular Meetings of Bashaw Town Council to February 8 and 15, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

**MOTION #007-2023**

CARRIED.

12. ADJOURNMENT – Councillor Gust at 7:21 pm.

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CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



**BYLAW # 816 - 2022  
THE PROCEDURE BYLAW  
FOR THE TOWN OF BASHAW**

**A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF BASHAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE ORDERLY PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING OF COUNCIL, COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES ESTABLISHED BY COUNCIL.**

**WHEREAS** Section 145 of the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000 Chapter M-26 and amendments thereto authorizes Council to pass bylaws to regulate the procedure and conduct of Council, Council Committees, and other bodies established by Council;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Town of Bashaw wishes to establish and follow a process of governance that reflects transparent government;

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

**1. Title** This bylaw shall be known as the “Procedural Bylaw” of the Town of Bashaw.

**2. Definitions**

**Act** means the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26, and regulations thereunder and any amendments of successor legislation thereto.

**Closed Session** means a meeting of Council or Committee which is held in private without the presence of the public pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act.

**Committee of the Whole** means a meeting where all Members of Council sit as a committee and consider, or debate matters for recommendation to Council in an environment that is procedurally more relaxed than the formal Council meeting.

**Consent Agenda** are agenda items that do not require discussion, debate or a decision by Council and are being presented for information only.

**Member** is a duly elected member of Council who continues to hold office.

**Organizational Meeting** means a Meeting of Council held in accordance with Section 192 of the Municipal Government Act.

**Point of Order** is a statement from a Member to call attention to any departure from the Meeting Procedure Bylaw.

**Point of Procedure** is a question directed to the Chair to assist a Member to:

- a. Make an appropriate motion;
- b. Raise a Point of Order;
- c. Understand the procedure; or
- d. Understand the effect of a motion.

Public Hearing means a Meeting or portion of a Meeting held for the purposes of hearing matters as prescribed by the Municipal Government Act or other legislation or hearing other matters which Council directs be considered at a Public Hearing.

Quorum means the majority of all Members, fifty (50) percent plus one (1).

### **3. Roles and Responsibilities**

#### 3.1 The Mayor shall:

- a) Call Council Meetings to order;
- b) Chair Council Meetings;
- c) Maintain order and preserve decorum in Council Meetings and if necessary, call a member to order;
- d) Rule on Points of Order and Points of Procedure;
- e) Ensure that each Councillor who wishes to speak on a debatable motion is granted the opportunity to do so;
- f) Decide, with the permission of Council, who may address Council; and
- g) Have all of the same rights and is subject to the same restrictions, as to participation in debate, as all other Councillors.

#### 3.2 The Deputy Mayor shall;

- a.) Chair Council Meetings when the Mayor is absent or unable to act as Mayor and shall have all the powers and responsibilities of the Mayor under this Bylaw.

### **4. Meetings**

#### 4.1 Organizational Meeting

4.1.1 An Organizational Meeting shall be held not later than two weeks after the third Monday in October each year.

4.1.2 The business of the meeting shall be limited to:

- a. The administering of an oath of office to the Mayor and all councillors
- b. A review of the Code of Conduct Bylaw
- c. The appointment of a Deputy Mayor by Council
- d. The determination by resolution the dates, times and location of regular Council meetings for the forthcoming year
- e. The appointment of Council representatives to boards and committees for a one year term as per Schedule "A".
- f. Any other business as identified in the MGA

4.1.3 The CAO shall chair the meeting until such a time that the Mayor takes an oath to office. At this time, the Mayor shall take over as chair.

#### 4.2 Regular Meetings of Council

4.2.1 Regular Council meeting shall adjourn no later than 10:00 pm unless Council adopts a Motion to proceed past that time. All unfinished Business which appears of the Agenda Shall be tabled until the next regular Meeting of Council.

4.2.2 If it appears that any Unfinished Business is urgent the Mayor shall call a Special Meeting to deal with such matters.

#### 4.3 Special Meetings

4.3.1 A Special Meeting shall be scheduled when required to do so by the Mayor or a Majority of Council.

4.3.2 Where a Special meeting is required by a majority of Council, the Mayor shall call such meeting within 14 days of the date on which the request was made.

4.3.3 No less than 24-hours' notice of a Special Meeting shall be provided to each Councillor and to the public. The notice shall state the time, date, place and nature of the business to be transacted.

4.3.4 A Special Meeting may be held with less than 24 hours' notice to all Councillors and without notice to the public if at least two-thirds of the whole of Council agrees to this in writing before the beginning of

the meeting.

- 4.3.5 The Agenda for a Special Meeting shall be restricted to the business stated in the notice unless all Councillors are present and a motion is passed to deal with the matter.

#### 4.4 Committee of the Whole

- 4.4.1 There shall be a Committee of the Whole comprised of all members of Council.
- 4.4.2 Subject to the Act, Committee of the Whole may consider any matter that Council may consider.
- 4.4.3 The Committee of the Whole shall not hold statutory public hearings or decide on issues outlined in section 203(2) of the Act.
- 4.4.4 The Committee of the Whole may make the following motions:
- a. To receive reports as information.
  - b. To refer matters to Administration or a Committee for review.
  - c. Make recommendations to Council.

#### 4.5 Commencement of Meetings

- 4.5.1 As soon as there is a Quorum after the time for commencement of a meeting:
- a. The Chair shall call the meeting to order; or if the Mayor or Deputy Mayor are not present within fifteen (15) minutes after the time set for the meeting and a Quorum is present, the CAO or designate shall call the meeting to order and the Councillors present shall select a Councillor to Chair the meeting;
  - b. Upon their arrival, the Mayor or Deputy Mayor shall assume the Chair.

### 5. Agenda

#### 5.1 Agenda Preparation

- 5.1.1 The Agenda for each Council Meeting or Committee of the Whole Meeting is established by the CAO.

#### 5.2 Agenda Distribution

- 5.2.1 The CAO or designate shall distribute the Council Meeting Agenda to Members of Council at least two (2) business days prior to the Council Meeting.
- 5.2.2 The CAO or designate shall post the Council Agenda on the Town's public website at least 24 hours prior to the Council meeting.

#### 5.3 Late Submissions

- 5.3.1 Administrative reports and submissions received too late to be included with the regular Agenda shall be included on the next regular Council Agenda.
- 5.3.2 In exceptional circumstances, at the discretion of the CAO or designate, submissions received too late to be included with the regular Agenda, may be added to the regular Council Agenda as an emergent business item.
- 5.3.3 Emergent Business is an Agenda item that is not on the Agenda and because of time constraints must be brought before Council. The Emergent Business item shall be considered as an addendum to the Agenda.

#### 5.4 Notice of Motion

- 5.4.1 Members of Council may provide verbal notice at a regular meeting of Council of their intention to introduce a motion and/or proposal at the following regular meeting.
- 5.4.2 A written copy of the notice shall be provided to the CAO or designate and be recorded in the minutes.
- 5.4.3 A notice of motion shall automatically appear on the agenda of the next scheduled regular meeting.
- 5.4.4 A notice of motion cannot be made at a Special Meeting or a Committee of the Whole Meeting.
- 5.4.5 A notice of motion is not debatable until a member of Council moves the motion.
- 5.4.6 A notice of motion must give sufficient detail so that the subject of the motion and any proposed action can be determined.

## **5.5 Consent Agenda**

- 5.5.1 Items of correspondence, financial reports, committee and board minutes, staff reports, and other information brought to Council on a regular basis that does not require action may be included within the Consent Agenda.
- 5.5.2 Following approval of the Agenda, the Chairperson shall ask Members for any agenda items to be removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed individually. Members may request that an item be removed for any reason, and following such request, the agenda items shall be removed without debate or motion.
- 5.5.3 It is not necessary for Council to receive the Consent Agenda as information by resolution.

## **5.6 Order of Business on the Agenda**

- 5.6.1 The Order of Business on any regular Agenda shall be:
  - a. Call to Order
  - b. Adoption of Agenda
  - c. Public Hearings
  - d. Delegations
  - e. Approval of Minutes
  - f. Consent Agenda
  - g. New & Unfinished Business
  - h. Committee Reports – Action to be considered
  - i. Correspondence Items – Action to be considered
  - j. Closed Session
  - k. Notices of Motion
  - l. Adjournment

## **5.7 Proceedings**

- 5.7.1 Discussion Directed Through Chair
  - 5.7.1.1 All Discussion at a Meeting shall be directed through the Chair.

## **6. Minutes**

- 6.1 The CAO or designate shall prepare a written record of all Council Meetings that includes:
  - a. The names of the Members present at and absent from the meeting.
  - b. All decisions and other proceedings.
  - c. The names of members of the public who speak to an item.
  - d. Any abstentions made under the Municipal Government Act by any Member and the reason for the abstention.
  - e. Any abstentions made as a result of pecuniary interest and the reason for the abstention.
  - f. The signatures of the Mayor (or Council member in Mayor's absence) and the CAO.

## **7. Public Hearing Procedures**

- 7.1 The Chair shall call the Public Hearing to order.
- 7.2 The Chair shall outline Public Hearing procedures.
- 7.3 Administration shall introduce the proposed bylaw or question.
- 7.4 The CAO or designate shall confirm the Public Hearing has been advertised in accordance with applicable legislation.
- 7.5 If in attendance, the Chair shall allow the applicant to present the application. The applicant shall state their name and present their application within a time period of 10 minutes. An extension may be granted by a motion of Council.
- 7.6 The Chair shall allow questions of clarification from Members to the applicant.
- 7.7 The Chair shall then open the floor to presentations from the public.
- 7.8 The Chair shall allow questions of clarification from Members to the individuals speaking to the proposed bylaw or resolution.
- 7.9 After hearing from those persons on the Speaker's list in support or in opposition, the Chair shall ask if

- anyone else present wishes to speak in support or in opposition to the proposed bylaw or resolution.
- 7.10 The Chair shall allow for a rebuttal from the applicant to the points raised by those who spoke in opposition to the application.
- 7.11 Following any rebuttal from the applicant the Chair shall ask for a Motion to close the Public Hearing.
- 7.12 Statutory Public Hearings must be closed before the Council votes on the bylaw.
- 7.13 After the Public Hearing is closed, Council may debate the proposed bylaw or resolution any may do one of the following:
  - a. Amend the bylaw or resolution;
  - b. Pass the bylaw or resolution; or
  - c. Defeat the bylaw or resolution.
- 7.14 Members who are absent for the whole Public Hearing must abstain from voting on the matter.
- 7.15 Members who are absent for a part of the Public Hearing may abstain from voting on the matter.
- 7.16 If the number of Members present at a Meeting is less than Quorum after those Member referred to above leave, the debate and vote is adjourned to the time of the next regular Meeting.
- 7.17 The Meeting Minutes shall record the names of all persons who:
  - a. Spoke for or against; and
  - b. Provided written submissions in response to the Notice of Public Hearing for or against the proposed bylaw.

**8. Delegations**

- 8.1 Individuals who wish to present an issue in front of Council must submit a written request to the CAO at least seven (7) business days prior to the Council Meeting.
- 8.2 Reappearing before Council regarding the same matter shall only be permitted once six (6) months has passed from the original presentation.
- 8.3 No delegation shall address Council for longer than 15 minutes, exclusive of the time required to answer questions from council, unless granted a time extension by the Chair.

**9. Severability**

If any term of this Bylaw is found to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable by a court or tribunal having the jurisdiction to do so, that term is to be considered to have been severed from the rest of this bylaw, and the rest of the bylaw remains in force unaffected by that finding or by the severance of that term.

**10. Enactment**

This Bylaw shall take effect at the date of final passing thereof and rescind Bylaw 809-2021.

RECEIVED FIRST READING THIS  
18th DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2023  
IN THE TOWN OF BASHAW, IN THE  
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

\* \_\_\_\_\_  
\*MAYOR or Designated Chair  
\* \_\_\_\_\_  
\*CAO

RECEIVED SECOND READING THIS  
\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, AD 2023  
IN THE TOWN OF BASHAW, IN THE  
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

\* \_\_\_\_\_  
\*MAYOR or Designated Chair  
\* \_\_\_\_\_  
\*CAO

UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO PROCEED  
TO THIRD READING THIS \_\_ DAY  
OF \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. 2023, IN THE  
TOWN OF BASHAW,  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

\* \_\_\_\_\_  
\*MAYOR or Designated Chair  
\* \_\_\_\_\_  
\*CAO

THIRD AND FINAL  
READING THIS \_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_,  
A.D. 2023, IN THE TOWN OF BASHAW, \*  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

\* \_\_\_\_\_  
\*MAYOR or Designated Chair  
\* \_\_\_\_\_  
\*CAO

## SCHEDULE "A"

### COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

- 1) Council Members shall determine which Committees, Boards, etc. shall stand.
- 2) In accordance with the Municipal Government Act, Section 154(2), the Chief Elected Official is a Member of all Council Committees and all bodies to which Council has the right to appoint Members; therefore, the Chief Elected Official is not required to be formally appointed.
- 3) Council Members shall put their name forward for appointment to the Committees for a one year term at each annual Organizational Meeting.
- 4) If more Council Members put their names forward than is required for an appointment then the Council Members will decide who steps down; failing that, the Chief Elected Official will make the final decision.
- 5) If no Council Members put their name forward for any given Committee, the Chief Elected Official shall appoint a Council Member to fill that position.
- 6) Council Members shall not represent their Committee(s) in Council Chambers.
- 7) Council Members are responsible for providing a verbal summary of their Committee activities at the next Regular Meeting of Council.
- 8) Ad-Hoc Committees exist for one specific purpose and to deal with that matter expediently and then return with recommendations to Council for their consideration and decision making. This Committee will not have spending or decision-making authority nor direct staff or include staff in recommendations to Council. This Committee will cease upon completion of the one assigned task.
- 9) For the purposes of developing a Bylaw, the Council Members shall approve the subject matter of a proposed Bylaw and, either by the Committee of the Whole or an Ad-Hoc Committee of Council Members assigned to the task, develop and prepare a rough draft of the proposed Bylaw for the Administrator to include in the Agenda Package for Council consideration and decision.
- 10) Council Members and Members at Large shall be remunerated as set out in the Per Diem Policy.

### COMMITTEES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AUTHORITIES

- 1) Bashaw Ag Society – One Council Member
- 2) Disaster Services – All Members of Council and Chief Administrative Officer
- 3) Fire Department – One Council Member
- 4) Regional Emergency Management Services – One Council Member
- 5) Bashaw Municipal Library – One Council Member
- 6) Parkland Regional Library – Member at Large
- 7) Camrose Area Lodge Authority – One Council Member
- 8) Bashaw and District Support Services – One Council Member
- 9) Bashaw Youth Foundation – One Council Member
- 10) Bashaw Airport Commission – One Council Member
- 11) Bashaw Area Recreation Board – One Council Member
- 12) Bashaw Bus Society– One Council Member
- 13) Highway 12/21 Regional Water – Two Council Members and All Other Council Members as Alternates
- 14) Bashaw Community Centre Board – One Council Member
- 15) Historic Society – One Council Member

**OTHER APPOINTMENTS (A Motion of Council specifically appointing the delegate is required)**

- 1) Local and Composite Assessment Review Board(s) – Citizen at Large
- 2) Subdivision Authority, in accordance with current MGA
- 3) Director of Emergency Management – Town Staff Member
- 4) Deputy Director of Emergency Management – Delegate
- 5) Bashaw Municipal Library Board member – as per Library Act

**TOWN OF BASHAW  
MONTHLY STATEMENT  
December 31, 2022**

DESCRIPTION	GENERAL ACCOUNT	TERM DEPOSIT	TOTAL
<b>BALANCE AT END OF PREV MONTH</b>	\$ 1,229,907.46	\$ 465,014.79	\$ 1,694,922.25
RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH	\$ 31,795.64		\$ 31,795.64
ALBERTA DIRECT DEPOSIT	\$ 15,264.32		\$ 15,264.32
TAX RECOVERY			\$ -
<b>CCUBC /ROYAL/JATB /DEBIT- PAYMENTS</b>	\$ 34,617.81		\$ 34,617.81
SERVUS CREDIT UNION - INTEREST	\$ 4,456.45		\$ 4,456.45
TERM INTEREST #47	\$ 1,286.87		\$ 1,286.87
TERM INTEREST #48	\$ 303.10	\$ -	\$ 303.10
TERM DEPOSIT		\$ -	\$ -
TRANSFER FROM GENERAL TO TERM		\$ -	
TRANSFER FROM TERM TO GENERAL	\$ -		\$ -
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	\$ 1,317,631.65	\$ 465,014.79	\$ 1,782,646.44
DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH	\$ 184,334.51		\$ 184,334.51
TRANSFER TO/FROM TERM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>BANK ERROR INTEREST</b>			\$ -
			\$ -
<b>DEBIT MACHINE &amp; TRANSACTIONS</b>	\$ 39.22		\$ 39.22
<b>BANK CONFIRMATION FEE</b>	\$ -		
<b>SCHOOL PAYMENT</b>	\$ 68,230.05		
	\$ -		\$ -
TRANSFER TO RECREATION BRD	\$ -		
<b>BALANCE AT END OF MONTH</b>	\$ 1,065,027.87	\$ 465,014.79	\$ 1,530,042.66
<b>BANK BALANCE AT MONTH END</b>	\$ 1,081,668.41	\$ 465,014.79	\$ 1,546,683.20
OUTSTANDING DAILY DEPOSITS	\$ 2,268.75		\$ 2,268.75
OUTSTANDING ONLINE/INTERAC	\$ 1,261.12		\$ -
OUTSTANDING DIR DEPOSITS	\$ -		
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	\$ 1,085,198.28	\$ 465,014.79	\$ 1,550,213.07
LESS OUTSTANDING CHEQUES	\$ 20,170.41		\$ 20,170.41
OUTSTANDING AUTO WITHDRAWALS			\$ -
BANK ERROR			
	\$ -		
	\$ -		
			\$ -
<b>BALANCE AT END OF MONTH</b>	\$ 1,065,027.87	\$ 465,014.79	\$ 1,530,042.66

THIS STATEMENT SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL

January 18, 2023

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MAYOR

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TOWN MANAGER

System: 2023-01-04 9:29:24 AM  
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Town of Bashaw  
RECONCILIATION POSTING JOURNAL  
Bank Reconciliation

Page: 1  
User ID: Finance

Audit Trail Code: CMADJ00000296  
Chequebook ID: CREDIT UNION  
Description: Credit Union General Account

Bank Statement Ending Balance: \$1,081,668.41  
Bank Statement Ending Date: 2022-12-01  
Cutoff Date: 2022-12-31

Statement Ending Balance	\$1,081,668.41
Outstanding Cheques (-)	\$20,170.41
Deposits in Transit (+)	\$3,529.87
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Adjusted Bank Balance	\$1,065,027.87
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Chequebook Balance as of Cutoff	\$1,065,027.87
Adjustments	\$0.00
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Adjusted Book Balance	\$1,065,027.87
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Difference	\$0.00
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# Town of Bashaw FIRE DEPARTMENT

Town Office: 780-372-3911 · Email: [firechief@townofbashaw.com](mailto:firechief@townofbashaw.com)  
Box 510 · Bashaw · Alberta · T0B 0H0



January 1, 2023

Theresa Fuller

CAO Town of Bashaw

Please find the following summary of responses for the Town of Bashaw Volunteer Fire Department for 2022.

<u>Date &amp; Time:</u>	<u>Type:</u>	<u>Additional Comments:</u>
Jan 20/22 19:49	EMS	County area, EMS 2 minutes out
Feb 2/22 13:47	Fire	County area, barn on fire, visible flames
Feb 26/22 22:12	MVA	County area, vehicle vs. moose
Mar 1/22 7:43	Fire Alarm	County area, gas alarm, no formal address
Mar 1/22 10:02	EMS	Town area, EMS 33 minutes out
Mar 4/22 18:45	MVA	County area, one person trapped
Mar 22/22 23:18	EMS	Town area, EMS 30 minutes out
Mar 29/22 14:56	EMS	Town area, EMS 31 minutes out
Apr 7/22 15:40	Fire	County area, grass fire
Apr 10/22 22:52	Fire	County area, grass fire
Apr 26/22 11:57	EMS	Town area, EMS 33 minutes out
May 4/22 16:09	Fire	County area, grass fire (updates at 16:45)
May 6/22 14:16	Fire	County area, grass & tractor
May 11/22 14:27	Fire	County area, grass fire (updated at 14:27)

May 27/22 17:03	Fire	County area, structure fire (barn or shop)
Jun 9/22 17:47	EMS	Town area, land Stars (updated 17:47 fire can stand down, updated again 17:59 fire stand down)
Jun 12/22 10:09	EMS	County area, EMS 32 minutes out
Jun 15/22 7:22	EMS	Town area, EMS 33 minutes out
Jun 18/22 19:43	EMS	County area, EMS 30 minutes out
Jun 19/22 19:21	EMS	Town area, EMS 1.7? or 17? minutes out (updated 19:30, fire can stand down)
Jun 20/22 23:18	EMS	County area, EMS 11 minutes out (updated 23:34, fire can stand down)
Jun 22/22 14:05	EMS	Town area, EMS 32 minutes out
June 23/22 4:31	EMS	County area, EMS 7.7 minutes out
Jun 30/22 16:56	Fire Alarm	Town area, unable to contact owner
Jun 30/22 20:04	EMS	Town area, EMS 5 minutes out
Jul 1/22 0:21	Fire	County area, RV on fire in campground (updated 0:28, Stettler Fire area, stand down)
Jul 1/22 18:22	EMS	Town area, EMS 33 minutes out
Jul 7/22 21:32	EMS	County area, EMS 18.5 minutes out
Jul 22/22 21:49	Fire Alarm	Town area, Community Hall
Jul 28/22 8:23	EMS	Town area, EMS 34 minutes out
Jul 30/22 16:10	MVA	County area, motorbike vs deer
Aug 4/22 8:13	Fire	County area, barn fire (updated address 8:19 updated gas and power response times 8:21, updated power ETA 8:46)
Aug 4/22 16:46	EMS	Town area, EMS 30 minutes out
Aug 4/22 20:01	Fire Alarm	Town area, unable to contact owner (updated 20:03, false alarm, fire can stand down)
Aug 5/22 12:12	EMS	County area, EMS 25 minutes out (updated 12:49 fire can stand down)
Aug 6/22 20:45	EMS	Town area, EMS 20 minutes out

Aug 7/22 10:16	Fire	Town area, vehicle on fire
Aug 7/22 17:50	Fire Alarm	Town area (updated 17:51, able to reach keyholder, false alarm, fire can stand down)
Aug 13/22 3:10	EMS	County area, EMS 8 minutes out (updated 3:26, fire can stand down)
Aug 15/22 9:42	EMS	Possible hazardous materials (updates 10:08 fire can stand down)
Sep 5/22 15:06	MVA	County area, single vehicle
Sep 6/22 16:00	Fire	County area, field on fire
Sep 13/22 22:23	Fire	County area, vehicle on fire
Sep 21/22 16:47	Fire	County Lacombe area, mutual aid request for house fire in Mirror)
Sep 21/22 17:39	MVA	Town area, vehicle vs store
Sep 21/22 21:40	MVA	Country area, vehicle vs moose
Sep 23/22 16:43	Fire	County area, grass fire
Sep 24/22 11:07	EMS	County area, EMS 26 minutes out
Sep 27/22 15:01	Fire	County area, vehicle fire
Sep 29/22 3:18	Fire	County area, grass/tree fire
Sep 30/22 1:23	MVA	County area, vehicle roll over (updated 1:28, Red Deer County area, fire can stand down)
Sep 30/22 4:15	Fire Alarm	Town area, no response from homeowner (updated 4:18, false alarm, fire can stand down)
Oct 2/22 17:51	Fire Alarm	Town area, no response from homeowner (updated 17:58, false alarm, fire can stand down)
Oct 3/22 19:59	MVA	County area, vehicle rollover
Oct 15/22 6:57	Fire	County area, gas plant grass fire
Oct 25/22 7:37	MVA	County area, (updated 7:38 RCMP standing down fire)
Oct 31/22 9:07	Hazmat	Town area, RCMP request fire at fuel theft location (updated 9:11 RCMP advises fire can stand down)

Nov 7/22 19:52	EMS	Town area, EMS is 40 minutes out
Nov 26/22 0:51	EMS	County area, EMS is 15 minutes out (updated 1:03 EMS advises fire can stand down)
Dec 2/22 11:44	EMS	Town area, EMS is 40 minutes out
Dec 2/22 12:20	Fire Alarm	Town area, unable to reach homeowner
Dec 8/22 5:08	EMS	County area, EMS 12 minutes out
Dec 10/22 17:26	EMS	Town area, EMS 30 minutes out
Dec 11/22 12:03	Fire	County area, tractor on fire
Dec 24/22 11:06	EMS	County area, EMS 7 minutes out
Dec 26/22 18:01	EMS	Town area, EMS 30 minutes out
Dec 28/22 22:42	Fire Alarm	Town area, unable to reach homeowner
Dec 30/22 9:33	EMS	County area, EMS 15 minutes out (updated 10:15 EMS advises fire can stand down).

Totals:

EMS – 31  
 Fire – 18  
 MVA – 9  
 Fire Alarm – 9  
 Other – 1 (Hazardous Materials)  
 = 68 emergency responses

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Jones  
 Assistant Fire Chief

## 7.3 --RE: 'Choose Camrose Region' program

Camrose County is launching a Choose Camrose Region program and is inviting Town of Bashaw, and the villages of Bawlf, Bittern Lake, Edberg, Hay Lakes and Rosalind to be part of it.

We ask you to contribute some dollars to this program or in-kind donations (evaluated in \$). The in-kind donation includes:

- To do businesses, tourism assets inventory and share with Camrose County (for advertising purposes).
- Advertise Choose Camrose Region program to local businesses.

Also, Camrose County is planning to apply for the Northern and Regional Economic Development Program (NRED) to get funding for this initiative. Please provide a letter of support that indicates your contribution. A sample letter of support is attached.

Please send a signed letter of support by January 18<sup>th</sup> to [linap@county.camrose.ab.ca](mailto:linap@county.camrose.ab.ca)

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### **More information on the program:**

*The City of Camrose, Camrose County, the Camrose & District Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Camrose and Community Futures East Central Alberta* have come together to launch a regional Support Local program, "Choose Camrose Region". We want to ensure that all of our urban municipalities are able to participate in the program as well.

The mission of this program is to educate everyone on why supporting local is essential and connect residents and visitors with the Camrose local experiences.

### **Support Local Program:**

- Will cover the region (City of Camrose, Camrose County, Town of Bashaw, and five villages)
- Will promote local businesses, community, sports events, and farmers' markets
- Will advertise all support local initiatives in the area
- Will educate why support local is important
- Will deliver a brand toolkit, including logos, posters, flyers, and templates that will be shared/used by all organizations/businesses and create a unified look.
- Will have these regular marketing channels:
  - YouTube channel
  - Facebook/Instagram
  - Website
- Once per year, this program will organize a substantial local business celebration and proclaim December as Local Businesses Month. The December campaign 'Choose Camrose Region' will encourage everyone to choose local during the holiday season!

### **December Campaign details:**

- The campaign will run annually from December 1<sup>st</sup> until December 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- People will be encouraged to shop locally at any business in the area and send a photo of their receipt (including name and phone number) to the campaign organizers.

- Businesses will be asked to donate a \$50-100 gift card to the campaign's main prize fund. Various item donations also will be acceptable.
- At the end of the campaign, one customer (or three customers) will win all the gift cards (our goal is 15,000 - \$20,000 in gift cards). Additional draws will be made for donated items.
- Businesses that donate a gift card or an item will be advertised as campaign sponsors and receive free advertising in the media.

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Town of Bashaw

Request for Decision



Meeting:	Regular Council
Meeting Date:	January 18, 2023
Originated by:	Theresa Fuller, Chief Administrative Officer
Agenda Item:	7.4 Recreation Grants Discussion

**Background/Proposal:**

1. Community Building Recommissioning Grant  
<https://greenmunicipalfund.ca/funding/community-building-recommissioning-grant>
2. Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program  
<https://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/alt-format/pdf/gicb-bcvi/GICB-Applicant-Guide-BCVI-Guide-du-demandeur-EN.pdf>

At the December 21, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council; Council requested administration check into the following recreational items:

1. Curling Rink – large commercial door, and the storage shed repair/shingle.
2. Happy Gang Center – Furnace, lights retrofit, and remove/replace the skylight.

**Discussion/Options/Benefits/Disadvantages:**

**Community Building Recommissioning Grant:**

This grant has a lower maximum amount of \$55,000.00. Municipal Community buildings qualify under the Community Building Recommissioning grant.

There are two types of projects eligible for this funding. However, because the Happy Gang Centre is an older building it is anticipated that it was never “commissioned” – would not have examples of energy related baselines.

This funding does not appear to be capital/repair based; it focuses on energy efficiency and climate change impacts. Therefore, the Curling Rink project would not qualify unless we changed parameters to energy efficiency. (we have completed an energy audit on the curling rink; it was included with the Arena. LED lighting has been installed, and we have data relating to heating)

The Happy Gang Center could qualify; however, as per the grant guidelines it would be considered a Retro commissioning Project. Retrocommissioning is like recommissioning, but it applies to an existing building that was not originally commissioned. Additional investigation is usually needed because of this lack of prior commissioning data.

Recommissioning and retrocommissioning projects usually include four phases; Planning, investigation, implementation and hand-off. Over the course of these phases, building owners define the scope of work, find, and prioritize opportunities for improvement, implement these

improvements and develop a strategy to maintain the building performance over time.

We could start this application; however, it would be easy to spend \$55,000.00 on the initial planning, investigation and possibly run out of funds for implementation. (depending on the detail required for the investigation)

This grant funding source may not be a suitable match for what we are considering.

**Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program:**

- Municipalities Qualify
- Community Buildings qualify
- Retrofits, repairs and upgrades to existing community buildings qualify – underserved populations
- Eligible retrofits include green retrofit measures, increased overall accessibility and/or safety of the building
- Adding insulation, upgrading lighting systems, updating low-flow faucets, HVAC upgrades, energy management system, building automation, sensors, metering equipment, handicap access in washrooms.
- The building is older, and the existence of asbestos materials may also be a factor. Polybutylene piping is known to be on site, plumbing upgrades may be required. (Plumbing is not anticipated to be covered through the grant, only low flow items.)
- Automated doorways, fire pull stations
- Small/Medium retrofit projects with eligible costs between \$100,000 and \$2,999,999 are evaluated on a continuous basis, with projects needing to meet or exceed a minimum merit score threshold in order to be granted funding.
- The applicant must commit to securing the necessary capital to proceed if approved for federal funding.
- The funding, if approved, covers up to 80% at the retrofit level. Contingent upon achieving 25% energy efficiency compared to baseline energy consumption.

The Happy Gang Centre could qualify for this program. However, the scope of the application would be greater than initially discussed. Within the application there are additional requirements that would become more apparent as the application is created. (energy related audits, studies, and information)

Past applications of similar nature, we accessed contractors to provide energy audit information.

Deadline for applications: February 28, 2023, 15:00 (ET)

**Costs/Source of Funding (if applicable)**

Capital contribution for the 20%, possibly additional cost for preparation; if we chose to proceed with the Happy Gang Centre.

The Curling Ring project does not appear to qualify; unless we change scope.

**Applicable Legislation:**

Operating and Capital Budgets – MGA 242-246, 248.1

**Recommended Action:**

Both Grant programs are not a direct fit for what we intend to do. However, both locations could benefit from building retro fits and energy efficiency. Both programs require energy related information to proceed.

Administration is willing to proceed as council determines.

**Community Engagement Consideration:**

Administration is willing to proceed upon council request.

**Discussion Result:**

MOVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ to direct administration to start the application for the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program to determine if the application would qualify for the 25% energy efficiency for the Happy Gang Centre.

Or motion of Council determination.

Additional research Requested:

**Town of Bashaw  
Public Works Project Duties List**

Project or Duty Description:	Priority	Regular Duty	Additional Duty	Start Date:	Estimated Project timeline	Issues, details, causes of delays?	Date Completed
<b>Water Related</b>							
Water Meter Replacement	X			ASAP		On hold as the water meters are backordered until February.	
Water leak site cleanups	X			01-May-23		On hold until weather is better and approval within budget.	
Water Treatment Plant						completed a repair on the Vertical Frequency drive, as it was kicking it out of auto drive.	
<b>Recreation/Arena</b>							
Repairs to the Curling Club Shed			X	ASAP		Repairs to be planned for 2023, the Curling rink also requires a new commercial door.	
Repairs to Arena Concession						Plan to replace corner boards and evaluate once arena season is over in 2023. Brine leaks are ongoing and being repaired.	
Curling Rink - Furnaces						New motor installed in furnace.	
<b>Streets</b>						Repairs completed and functional.	
Snow Removal Tandem Truck	X					Ongoing as needed. Moving piles as needed. Required a new radiator.	
Christmas Lights Removal						Anticipated to complete within the month.	
<b>Airport</b>							
Snow Removal		X			As needed	Ongoing as needed	
Building Maintenance						Ongoing	
<b>Sewer</b>							
Lift Station 2						Clean obstruction off one of the switches, lift station one required extensive cleaning.	Nov-22
Lagoon maintenance		X			As needed	Started maintenance program for fall.	
<b>Shop</b>							
Equipment maintenance		X				Ongoing	
Inventory	X			Jun-22		not complete.	
Flush Truck						Foreman and Rosalind Mayor looking for suitable trucks. None found yet.	
New Truck location							



CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT  
Submitted for January 2023, Regular Meeting of Council

1. Continue to work on Council requests for bylaw changes, new policies, and reports. Reports completed on Recreation grants and Interim Budget 2023.
2. Water Meter Replacement Project  
Public works has installed most of the meters that we had in stock. We have additional meters ordered; however, they are back ordered until February.  
In October 2021, we projected 209 meters to be changed, currently, based on the most current listing we are slated to change 216 meters. As of the end of December 157 meters have been changed.  
Water meter purchase prices are scheduled to increase by 10% this year. In the upcoming budget discussions greater details will be presented to determine how many meters can be purchased with remaining project dollars; vs. the remaining meters to be changed.  
There are currently 59 meters remaining to be changed.
3. CAO Out of the Office – December 23 – 27, 2022, December 29 to January 2, 2023.  
Meetings – Jan 10, 2023 – Economic Development Meeting – Anjah Howard (Zoom)  
Jan 11, 2023 – Voyent Alert Training  
Jan 12, 2022 – Human Resources meeting  
Jan 17, 2023 – CAO Alix – water reconciliation
4. Canada Summer Jobs application submitted.
5. Interim Audit – started. Auditor scheduled for Bashaw on February 7, and 8, 2023.
6. Administration Update – L. Paget has dropped to two days per week, and we are preparing to have N. Larkin return to work. D. Tucker continues to be full time, D. Sinclair continues to assist one day per week or as year-end activities warrant. We are operating at a lower staff component; this may impact timelines for activities.
7. Staff Training – many activities occur only once per year; therefore, we continue training staff in various municipal functions.
8. Water Pricing and Budget – Currently working on. The water reconciliation is still reflecting a variance in what we purchase vs. what is recorded on meter reads as consumption.

9. Communication

Information that has been circulated – by Facebook and email. Town website has a “Submit your business information” button.

Camrose County – has a page on their website where local events can be submitted for circulation on their calendar.

Town Assessor – stopped by the office January 12, 2023 – Facebook notice posted to ensure resident awareness.

## **Administration Report – Interim Budget Notes – Provided January 18, 2023**

### **Council and Legislative Expenses**

- Increase due inclusion of AUMA conference registration, travel, and hotel expenses.

### **Administrative Department**

- Atco Franchise fee reduction in revenue of \$8,978.00
- financial software upgrade of \$3,000.00
- Office furnace and window replacement (two windows in Council chamber) – anticipate covering this through MSI Operating Grant. (this grant is embedded in the operating budget, income and expenses)

### **Fire Department**

- Increased fire calls, the Fire Fighter honorarium increased from \$29,000 to \$37,000

### **Community Services Department**

- Annual policing cost is expected to increase

### **Public Works Department**

- Water revenue – will change, once water pricing is evaluated.
- Increased costs for roads/streets – purchase crack filling product
- Increased fuel costs on most equipment
- Sidewalk replacement of \$10,000.00
- Increased Water purchase expense – water purchase price increased
- Lagoon – pump rebuild, and Lift station two drain installation \$6,900.00
- Lagoon Maintenance treatment and sludge survey \$8,700.00
- Increases in parks repairs and maintenance, and supplies. (restroom supplies, etc.)
- Includes \$18,000 for Beautification

### **Recreation**

- Includes ongoing ice plant repairs, and possible furnace replacement.
- Increased natural gas costs.
- Reduced revenue due to reduced user bookings



# FORTISALBERTA PILOT RATE 62 STANDALONE LEVEL 3 EV CHARGERS

## BACKGROUND

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Canada has committed that by 2035, all new cars and light-duty trucks sold in the country will be zero-emission vehicles. As a rural electricity distribution owner, FortisAlberta is at the front line of supporting the development of charging infrastructure to further the adoption of electric vehicles in Alberta.

FortisAlberta is happy to announce the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) has approved an Electric Vehicle (EV) Fast Charging Service pilot rate, Rate 62, on December 16, 2022. This pilot rate is proposed as an interim measure to support standalone public EV Level 3 charger technologies while utilization is low.

FortisAlberta is working diligently to ensure all internal systems and training requirements are in place to offer this rate to customers. Currently, the anticipated timeline is the second quarter of 2023. Additional information will be provided when it becomes available.

Additionally, 2023 will see FortisAlberta take another important step forward in understanding the charging habits of EV owning customers across rural Alberta, including how residential EV charging impacts FortisAlberta's distribution system. A pilot project was approved by the AUC to explore and manage the demands on Alberta's electricity distribution grid.

For more information, visit: [www.fortisalberta.com/evpilotproject](http://www.fortisalberta.com/evpilotproject)

## OVERVIEW

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- The term *pilot* means the rate will be reviewed during the next Phase II application and may or may not be renewed as is or with modifications at that time. Essentially, it is not intended to remain indefinitely.
- Rate 62 is an interim measure to improve the economics of EV Level 3 charger technology for customers. Specifically, addressing high peak metered demand and ratchet demand costs for EV charging station customers when chargers are only being utilized a few times per month.
- The rate's transmission and distribution charges are calculated as outlined on FortisAlberta's Rates, Options, and Riders Schedule effective January 1, 2023. A copy will be made available in the new year and can be found here: [Rates, Options and Riders \(fortisalberta.com\)](http://www.fortisalberta.com/rates-options-and-riders).
- The rate includes investment. As an example:
  - A site with a standalone Level 3 180kW EV charger would receive a base investment of \$6,235.
  - Further to the base investment, \$944 per kW for the first 150kW (\$148,800) is provided.
  - For each kW over 150kW customers receive \$124 of additional investment, so in this example an added \$3,720 (30kW). **The total maximum investment would be \$158,755.**
- The rate calculation is tied to load factors. If load factor is below 4 per cent, it is more economical for customers to be enrolled in the Rate 62 pilot rate. If load factor is above 4per



## FORTISALBERTA PILOT RATE 62 STANDALONE LEVEL 3 EV CHARGERS

cent, it is more economical for customers to switch to Rate 61. The threshold of 4 per cent corresponds to approximately 60 minutes of charging per day, or 3 car charges per day.

- **Customers must apply to switch**, it will not happen automatically. With the load factor mechanism, customers should only be enrolled to Rate 62 on a temporary basis.
- Transmission revenues associated with this rate are designed to be recovered through an energy charge (i.e., \$/kWh).
- On the distribution side, System Usage costs and Local Facilities costs will be recovered through an energy charge, while the Service Charge remains the same as Rate 61 (General Service).
- FortisAlberta is expected to report analysis and review of this rate in its next phase II DTA, including the uptake and load factors of customers.

*REFERENCES: APPLICATION ID 27671 (2023 COST OF SERVICE COMPLIANCE FILING AND 2023 RATE APPLICATION), PARAGRAPH 106-109 & AUC DECISION 27671-D01-2022 PARAGRAPH 6.2.1.*

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## CAO

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**From:** Reception  
**Sent:** January 13, 2023 9:39 AM  
**To:** CAO  
**Subject:** FW: The NPF's Recommendations for a Safer Alberta - Budget 2023

**From:** Maryanne King <mking@npf-fpn.com>  
**Sent:** January 13, 2023 9:18 AM  
**To:** rob.bashaw.council@gmail.com  
**Cc:** Reception <admin@townofbashaw.com>  
**Subject:** The NPF's Recommendations for a Safer Alberta - Budget 2023

Good morning Mayor McDonald,

We hope you are well, and that the Town of Bashaw is looking ahead to a prosperous 2023.

We continue to push back against the government's unnecessary, expensive, proposed provincial police service transition that is both unpopular and unfounded.

I'm connecting to share the National Police Federation's 2023 provincial pre-budget submission that was sent to the Government of Alberta earlier this month with you. Instead of spending the proposed \$371 million for one-time transition costs, we have made specific investment recommendations of the same amount to the Government of Alberta. Our recommendations direct this funding into concrete steps that the government can take toward improving public safety across the province today and into the immediate future.

Some highlights of our submission's recommendations include:

- \$164M to increase Regular Member strength by 633 additional positions, plus 250 administrative support staff;
- \$38M invested in proactive initiatives to reduce rural crime across the province, with an additional \$100M invested into areas across the public safety continuum to support rural and remote community access to services; and,
- \$4M in grant funding to municipalities in support of the implementation of Police Advisory Committees.

A release on our recommendations is [available for your reference](#), and a copy of our submission can be [accessed on our website for your consideration](#).

As we move toward a pivotal time for Alberta, we are asking the Government to listen to Albertans and invest in the critical services and programs they care about most.

If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to connect.

Kind regards,

**Maryanne King**  
Policy Advisor | Conseiller Politique  
**National Police Federation | Fédération de la Police Nationale**

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d'aujourd'hui – Célébrons 150 ans***

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# NPF Recommends Timely, Necessary Investments to Bolster RCMP in Alberta



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NEWS PROVIDED BY  
**National Police Federation →**  
Jan 12, 2023, 10:30 ET

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EDMONTON, AB, Jan. 12, 2023 /CNW/ - Earlier this week, the National Police Federation submitted its pre-Budget asks for 2023-2024 to the Government of Alberta, calling for strategic investments into policing to support Alberta's most impacted citizens and communities following a number of years of underfunding.

For too long, our Members have been called on to fill gaps left by diminishing social services. RCMP detachments have remained underfunded across the province, and our Members are consistently told to do more with less when they are already overworked, stressed, and not fully resourced.

"Modern policing requires pragmatic approaches to supporting and delivering effective public safety for communities and their residents – in particular, rural and remote areas that are served by the RCMP," said Brian Sauv , President of the National Police Federation. "Against the backdrop of a growing population and evolving criminal environment, we believe it's time to invest in both policing and public safety for the benefit of our communities and all its residents."

Instead of redirecting taxes to an unpopular and costly proposed provincial police transition, the NPF recommends investing \$371 million over three years – money that the Government of Alberta indicated would need to be spent on one-time transition costs – as follows:

- **\$164M to increase Regular Member strength by 633 additional positions, plus 250 administrative support staff**
  - Chronic underfunding of the RCMP and hiring of police officers has not kept pace with population growth or expanding police mandates in the province. In fact, police hiring grew by about 5.7% between 2017 and 2021, while Alberta's population grew by about 7.3% over the same period.
- **\$45M to support modernized and sustainable equipment resources**
  - Timely investments are required to address aging equipment, including body worn cameras, hard body armour, vehicle purchase, radios, aerial surveillance, and telecommunications.
- **\$20M to address effective and holistic responses to wellbeing and mental health related calls**
  - To bridge vulnerable Albertans' access to the full spectrum of social supports, \$15M should be invested in expanding Police and Crisis Teams, and an additional \$5M to expand the HealthIM pilot app in RCMP detachments across the province.
- **\$38M invested in proactive initiatives to reduce rural crime across the province**
  - Important funding towards the Gun and Gang Violence Action Fund, the Alberta Community Restorative Justice Program, the Call Back Unit, to Project Lock-Up, and ALERT, for example, would both stop and deter crime and address their root causes.
- **\$4M in grant funding to support the implementation of Police Advisory Committees**
  - This one-time grant would assist in offsetting costs of establishing the now-mandated community-based advisory committees.
- **\$100M invested with a focus on equitable access in rural and remote communities**
  - Addressing the root causes of crime also means investing into other areas of the public safety continuum such as housing, social services, and hospitals and treatment centres.

"It's no secret that affordability and prudence are top-of-mind for all Albertans and their families, and our cost-saving recommendations are respectful of that reality," said Kevin Halwa, Director, Prairie Region. "Policing is also no stranger to financial pressures, especially as

communities' needs continue to evolve, and we believe these necessary investments will go farther to address immediate public safety concerns in our province than an unnecessary police transition would," he added.

**A copy of our Pre-Budget Submission is available here:** <https://npf-fpn.com/npf-alberta-pre-budget-2023-submission/>

### **About the National Police Federation:**

The National Police Federation (NPF) was certified to represent ~20,000 RCMP Members serving across Canada and internationally in the summer of 2019. The NPF is the largest police labour relations organization in Canada; the second largest in North America and is the first independent national association to represent RCMP Members.

The NPF is focused on improving public safety in Canada by increasing resources, equipment, training, and other supports for our Members who have been under-funded for far too long. Better resourcing and supports for the RCMP will enhance community safety and livability in the communities we serve, large and small, across Canada.

For more information: <https://npf-fpn.com/> and [KeepAlbertaRCMP.ca](https://www.KeepAlbertaRCMP.ca)

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