

**Town of Bowden - Regular Council Meeting**  
**AGENDA**

A Regular Council Meeting of the Town of Bowden to be held in Council Chambers,  
at 2101 – 20 Avenue, Bowden, on November 28, 2022,  
commencing immediately after adjournment of the MPC Meeting.

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| <b>1. CALL TO ORDER</b>   |  |
| <b>2. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA &amp; ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA</b>  |  |
| <b>3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES</b><br>November 14, 2022, Regular Council Meeting.   | <b>Pages</b><br><br><b>2 - 4</b>                     |
| <b>4. PUBLIC HEARING</b><br>None scheduled.   |  |
| <b>5. DELEGATIONS</b><br>None scheduled.  |  |
| <b>6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</b><br>6.a Bowden Hotel<br>6.b Parkland Regional Library Board   | <br><br><b>5</b>                                     |
| <b>7. BYLAWS &amp; POLICIES</b><br>7.a Land Use Bylaw   | <br><br><b>6 - 7</b>                                 |
| <b>8. NEW BUSINESS</b><br>None  |  |
| <b>9. FINANCIAL</b><br>9.a Interim Operating Budget   | <br><br><b>8</b>                                     |
| <b>10. CORRESPONDENCE</b><br>10.a Bowden Minor Hockey<br>10.b Mayor Kevin Ferguson, Town of Ponoka  | <br><br><b>9</b><br><b>10 - 16</b><br><b>18 - 19</b> |
| <b>11. REPORTS</b><br>11.a CAO's Report<br>11.b Council Committee Reports<br>11.c Society & Other Reports   | <br><br><b>20</b><br><b>21</b><br><br><b>22 - 45</b> |
| <b>12. CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL ("in camera")</b><br><b>12a Human Resources</b><br>Section 197(4) of the MGA applies: Exception to disclose under Division 2 of Part 1 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, RSA2000, Chapter F-25 (as amended over time) on the basis of: Section 17 "is harmful to personal privacy". |  |
| <b>13. MEETING ADJOURNMENT</b>  |  |



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**Town of Bowden – Regular Council Meeting  
held on Monday November 14, 2022  
at Town of Bowden Council Chambers.**

## **MINUTES**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Robb Stuart called the meeting to order at 7:15pm.

#### **PRESENT**

Mayor	Robb Stuart	(Chair)
Councillor	Deb Coombes	
Councillor	Sandy Gamble	
Councillor	Paul Webb	
Councillor	Marie Flowers	
Councillor	Randy Brown	
Councillor	Wayne Milaney	

#### **STAFF**

CAO	Rudy Friesen
Recorder	Arno Glover

### **2. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA & ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

#### **Motion 2.a**

Moved by Councillor Randy Brown that Council adopts the agenda.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

#### **Motion 3.a.**

Moved by Councillor Marie Flowers that Council adopts the October 24, 2022, Council Organizational Meeting Minutes as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

#### **Motion 4.a.**

Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council adopts the October 24, 2022, Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **5. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There were no public hearings.

### **6. DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations

### **7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

#### **Agenda item 7.a Bowden Hotel**

CAO Rudy Friesen informed Council that meeting that had been arranged with the Minister of Infrastructure would be rescheduled.

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**Agenda item 7.b Special Events & Cultural Committee**

Councillor Sandy Gamble updated Council with ongoing arrangements for the "Sleigh Ride in the Park" Christmas event.

**Agenda item 7.c Capital Budget 2022 – Arena Roof**

CAO Rudy Friesen provided Council with an overview of the engineering report received from ISL Engineering with regard to the Arena Roof investigation and repairs.

**Motion 7.a.** Moved by Councillor Wayne Milaney that Council receives, all matters of business arising, as information.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8. BYLAWS & POLICIES****Agenda item 8.a Council Committee Bylaw 09 / 2022**

Council Committee Bylaw 09 / 2022 was presented to Council for review and discussion.

**Motion 8.a** Moved by Councillor Paul Webb that Council give first reading to Council Committee Bylaw 09 / 2022.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Motion 8.b** Moved by Councillor Marie Flowers that Council give second reading to Council Committee Bylaw 09 / 2022.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Motion 8.c** Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council unanimously give consideration to a third reading of Council Committee Bylaw 09 / 2022.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Motion 8.d** Moved by Councillor Paul Webb that Council give third and final reading of Council Committee Bylaw 09 / 2022 and is adopted accordingly.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

There were no items of new business.

**10. FINANCIAL**

Submitted as Agenda item 13.a

**11. CORRESPONDENCE****Agenda item 11.a Mayor Judy Dahl – Town of Olds**

**Motion 11.a** Moved by Councillor Marie Flowers that the Town notifies Parkland Regional Library System that the statistics used for the calculation of the annual requisition is based on the most recent population figure for the Town of Bowden as published by Alberta Municipal Affairs.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**12. REPORTS****Agenda item 12.a CAO's Report**

CAO Rudy Friesen submitted his report to Council.

**Agenda item 12.b Council Committee Reports**

No Reports submitted

**Agenda item 12.c Society & Other Reports**

Expanding Horizons Report (Meeting October 13, 2022)

Bowden Friendship Club (Meeting October 20, 2022)

Bowden Grandview School (Meeting October 18, 2022)

South Red Deer Regional Wastewater Commission (Meeting October 21, 2022)

**Motion 12.a.** Moved by Councillor Randy Brown that Council receives, as information, all the reports as submitted.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Mayor Robb Stuart called for a brief recess at 7:57pm.**

**Mayor Robb Stuart called the meeting back to order at 8:00pm.**

**13. CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL ("in camera")****Agenda Item 13.a (Financial Report)**

*Section 197(4) of the MGA applies: Exception to disclose under Division 2 of Part 1 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, RSA2000, Chapter F-25 (as amended over time) on the basis of: Section 27 "is deemed to be privilege information".*

**Motion 13.a.** Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble at 8:00pm that Council moves to an "in-camera" session.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Motion 13.b.** Moved by Councillor Deb Coombes at 8:51pm that Council return to an "open meeting" of Council.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no motion made regarding agenda item 13.a.

**14. MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion 14.a** Moved by Councillor Marie Flowers at 8:53pm to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Meeting Adjourned**

**Minutes signed by:**

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**Mayor  
 Robb Stuart**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**CAO  
 Rudy Friesen**



<b>Regular Council Meeting:</b> November 28, 2022.	<b>Agenda Item:</b> 6.a / 6.b
<b>Prepared by:</b> Arno Glover	<b>Approved By:</b> CAO
<b>Report Type:</b> Information only	<b>Attachment(s):</b> None

Matters arising from past minutes are provided below – updates are highlighted in red.

**Content:**

**6.a Bowden Hotel.**

No update on this matter.

**6.b Parkland Regional Library Board.**

Reference motion 11.a RCM November 14, 2022

Administration has notified the chair of Parkland Regional Library informing her of the motion made by Council during the RCM of 14 November 2022 namely that the statistics used for the calculation of the annual requisition is based on the most recent population figure for the Town of Bowden as published by Alberta Municipal Affairs.

<b>Regular Council Meeting:</b> November 28, 2022.	<b>Agenda Item:</b> 7.a
<b>Prepared by:</b> Arno Glover	<b>Approved By:</b> CAO
<b>Report Type:</b> Information	<b>Attachment(s):</b> 1. Proposal

**Land Use Bylaw Proposal**

Administration has provided Council with a proposal made by the Bylaw Officer with respect to Soft Sided Shelters.

This is submitted for information only.

**Suggested Motion:**

Motion by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ that Council accepts the submitted proposal as information.

# TOWN OF BOWDEN

## Bowden, Alberta

### PROPOSAL

#### *AMENDMENT TO THE LAND USE BYLAW IN REGARDS TO SOFT SIDED SHELTERS*

Dear members of council,

Over the past 3 and a half years I have spoken to Julie at Red Deer County and Greg when (when he was here) regarding the soft sided shelters. I sent Julie a list of residents with shelters that had been up for years in town and some that had just gone up in the past couple of years. I came to Greg and asked for guidance with this issue and I am still here trying to do what is best of the town and for our residents.

After speaking to residents in town either having one up already or wanting one up. Their response is all pretty much the same. The price of lumber is through the roof and they need to protect there belongs for the rising theft and weather damage.

The resident would still have to get a permit. There would be guidelines that will need to be followed to have one up on the property and to have a yearly or 3 year inspection done. Once they are shown to be worn or unsightly than the permit would be no longer be valid and would have to be taken down or face a bylaw penalty.

Warm regards,

Tammy Cocke



Bylaw Officer

Town of Bowden



<b>Regular Council Meeting:</b> November 28, 2022.	<b>Agenda Item:</b> 9.a
<b>Prepared by:</b> Arno Glover	<b>Approved By:</b> CAO
<b>Report Type:</b> RFD	<b>Attachment(s):</b> None

**9a Interim Operating Budget for 2023****Legislative Responsibility:**

Section 242 of The Municipal Government Act states:

- (1) Each council must adopt an operating budget for each calendar year.*
- (2) A council may adopt an interim operating budget for part of a calendar year.*
- (3) An interim operating budget for a part of a calendar year ceases to have any effect when the operating budget for that calendar year is adopted.*

In order to satisfy the requirements of the MGA, Administration requests that Council pass a motion adopting an Interim 2023 Operating Budget that is based on the 2022 Operating Budget until such time that the 2023 Operating Budget is passed by Council.

An Interim Budget will allow the municipality to satisfy the MGA and therefore legally continue to receive revenues and pay expenditures.

**Recommended Motion:**

Motion by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ that Council adopts a 2023 Interim Operating Budget based on the 2022 Operating Budget until such time as the full 2023 Operating Budget is passed by Council.

<b>Regular Council Meeting:</b> November 28, 2022.	<b>Agenda Item:</b> 10.a / 10.b
<b>Prepared by:</b> Arno Glover	<b>Approved By:</b> CAO
<b>Report Type:</b> Information	<b>Attachment(s):</b> Per content listing below

**Content: (attached)****10.a**

- i. Bowden Minor Hockey Letter of Request (dated November 24, 2022).
- ii. Bowden Minor Hockey Budget 2022 / 2023.
- iii. Bowden Minor Hockey Annual Return 2019 / 2020,
- iv. Town of Bowden Financial Assistance Grant Application Form

**10.b**

- i. Letter received from Mayor Kevin Ferguson, Town of Ponoka

**10.a Bowden Minor Hockey****Background:**

Bowden Minor Hockey has submitted an application for a donation to assist in the funding of their annual tournament. The amount requested is \$300 - \$500.

**Past Support:**

The last donation made by the Town to Bowden Minor Hockey was \$100 in 2017.

**Suggested Motion:**

Motion by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ that the Town gives a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Bowden Minor Hockey to assist in the funding of their annual tournament.

**10.b Mayor Kevin Ferguson, Town of Ponoka.**

Copy of correspondence submitted to the Honourable Jason Copping.

**Suggested Motion:**

Motion by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ that Council accept the letter as information.



## BOWDEN MINOR HOCKEY

Box 59, Bowden, AB, T0M 0K0

Bowden Tyke (U7) & Novice (U9) Hockey Team

November 24, 2022

Town of Bowden,

The excitement of another season with Bowden Minor Hockey is upon us once again! One of the main goals for Bowden Minor Hockey is to try to keep the cost of participation affordable for all families. The main fundraiser for each team is their annual tournament. To this end, the Bowden Tyke (U7) & Novice (U9) Team is asking for your support.

This year we are hosting 12 teams (over 120 families) from Alberta in two weekend tournaments. This season's tournament is being held January 14th – 15th, 2023 (U9), January 21-22, 2023 (U7). Bowden is well known in the hockey community for hosting great events for kids, parents, coaches, and fans. We are thankful for our enthusiastic supporters of Bowden Minor Hockey.

Some of the items we like to give to each participant include a medal for each participant, heart & hustle awards for outstanding effort and sportsmanlike player awards every game. Player goodie bags, a player's, coaches and manager's draw as well. We also have a raffle and silent auction table and provide each child with healthy snacks and water after a game. As costs continue to rise, we look for individual and corporate sponsorship. The kids love the event and it is a great advertising opportunity for the donor.

All contributions are greatly appreciated and recognized by listing the sponsor's name in the programs, posters in the arena, and announcements throughout the weekend. Receipts can be issued for tax purposes through Bowden Minor Hockey.

We realize that you receive many requests for donations and that your budget is limited. Bowden Minor Hockey teams thank you in advance for your consideration in donating to our local hockey tournaments.

Sincerely,  
 Shayla Linde  
 Bowden Minor Hockey President  
 Bowdenmhpresident@gmail.com  
 (403) 357-7841



**Bowden Minor Hockey Budget - 2022/2023**

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Projected</b>
Hockey Alberta Fees	\$1,600.00
Ice Time U9 Practice	\$3,960.00
Ice Time U7 Practice	\$3,960.00
Ice Time U9 Games	\$2,970.00
Ice Time U7 Games	\$675.00
Refs	\$440.00
Socks	\$627.90
Coaching	\$200.00
Insurance	\$1,000.00
Photos	\$380.00
Powerskating	\$300.00
	<b>\$16,112.90</b>
<b>Income</b>	
U9 Fees	\$2,800.00
U7 Fees	\$2,600.00
Tournament Income	\$5,000.00
	<b>\$5,400.00</b>
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>-\$10,712.90</b>

**Bowden Minor Hockey Association  
Society Annual Return  
March 1 2019- February 29 2020**

**Income**

Fees and Concession Pay Out-	8910.50
Concession Sales-	24 043.50
Tournament Entries-	14 700.00
Tournament Profits-	9182.09
Sale of Dividers-	1200.00
Provincials Raffle-	15 413.95
Interest-	38.00
<b><u>Total Profit-</u></b>	<b><u>73 488.04</u></b>

**Expenses**

Concession Hire-	3403.50
Concession Stock-	8920.21
Reffs-	3416.08
Ice Rental-	32 719.50
Year End Banquet/Gifts-	4254.82
Power Skating-	1050.00
CAHL/Hockey AB Fees-	2961.60
Concession Maintenance-	748.44
Tournament Entries-	3400.00
Equipment-	1693.97
Coach Clinics-	362.01
Tournament Expenses-	1408.65
Team Photos-	600.00
Insurance-	3599.00
Bank Fees-	43.70
<b><u>Total Expenses-</u></b>	<b><u>68 581.48</u></b>

**Profit** **4906.56**



**TOWN OF BOWDEN  
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT  
APPLICATION FORM  
(CONFIDENTIAL)**

**Year 2023**

**Application Checklist:**

**Please complete the form in its entirety – where not applicable annotate as: (n/a)**

**Return this form to the Town Administration Office or scan and email to [cfo@bowden.ca](mailto:cfo@bowden.ca)**

**Your application must include all the following items:**

- ☐ Current Year Budget
- ☐ Most recent audited financial statements
- ☐ List of Board Directors or Organizing Committee members
- ☐ Specific Project / Event Budget summary (if applicable)

**This form should be submitted prior to the end of November to allow for inclusion within the Town's budgeting process. The application will be forwarded to Town Council for review and approval (in part or full). Town Council reserves the right to request further information or clarity on any matter or request proof (retrospectively) on how grant funds were spent.**

**General:**

Legal Name of Organization	Bowden Minor Hockey
Full Civic Address	2213 19 Ave Bowden T0M0K0
Registered Charity Number	(if applicable)
Registration Not for Profit (date & registration number)	(if applicable)
Type of Organization	Non Profit Society
Fiscal Year	(from / to) February - February

**Primary Contact: (for this application)**

Contact Name	Shayla Linde
Contact Cell Number	403 357 7841
Email	Bowdenmbhpresident@gmail.com



**Board of Directors / Committee Members:***(please attach a separate sheet if necessary)*

Position	Name	Address
President	Shayla Linde	12116 Westview Drive Bowden
Vice President	Wendy Nakamura	Box 821 Bowden AB T0M0K0
Secretary	Brian Guretz	31442 RR 25 Red Deer County T0M0K0
Treasurer	Jen Wood	Box 129 Bowden AB T0M0K0
Registrar	Sarah Willett	Box 487 Bowden AB T0M0K0
Director	Jenn Barry	Box 762 Bowden AB T0M0K0
Director	Bridget Blansen	31351 RR 30 Red Deer County T0M0K0
Concession	Jolene Cole	2 2002 2nd Ave Bowden AB T0M0K0

**Membership:***(please provide details of membership numbers and membership fees)*

U7 & U9 Hockey Teams	Fees Range From
\$260.00 - 280.00	

**Reason for Being:***(please provide details of your organization's mission statement & goals)*

Bowden minor Hockey's goal is to provide affordable hockey to all children wishing to play within our community

**Community Projects:***(provide details of the services and programs delivered by your organization within the community during the past 2 years)*

2021-2022 1 U7 Hockey Team
2022-2023 1 U7 & 1 U9 Hockey Team

**Funding:**

(please indicate the amount of financial assistance required)

\$300-500

**Utilization: (how will the funds be used?)**

(financial assistance grants will not be given to repay debts or loans)

Capital Equipment Purchase <input type="checkbox"/>	Operational Costs <input type="checkbox"/>	One Time Event <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other <input type="checkbox"/> (provide a brief summary only)		
Funds would go to help purchase ground beef for taco in a bag, any extra for cheese, lettuce, etc		

**Description:**

(describe in detail how the funds will be used)

Funds given will help with the cost of making taco in a bag for both teams tournaments over 120 families attending over 2 weekend in January

**Funding: (previous grants)**

(please indicate if your organization received a grant from the Town in the past 2 years)

Year	Amount \$	Year	Amount \$
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(how was the grant used)

With Covid minor hockey has been slim I do not believe we have received a grant from the town possibly for provincials in 2020 which Covid cancelled with a board revamp paper work is still being shuffled
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**Funding: (other sources)**

(please indicate if your organization received funding last year from other sources)

Source	Amount \$	Source	Amount \$
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(how was the grant(s) used)

N/A

**Fund Raising:***(please provide details of your fundraising activities this year)*

Activity	Tournament 07	Amount \$	2500 <sup>00</sup>
Activity	Tournament 09	Amount \$	2500 <sup>00</sup>
Activity		Amount \$	
Activity		Amount \$	

*(please provide details of your fundraising activities planned for next year)*

Activity	Tournament 07	2500 <sup>00</sup>
Activity	Tournament 09	2500 <sup>00</sup>

**Other information:***(please provide any other relevant information in support of your application – attach separate sheets if necessary)*

Please see attached letter

**Authorization:**

Name:	Shayla Lind	Phone (cell):	4033577841
Position:	President BMH	Email:	Bowdenmhpresident@gmail.com
Declaration:	I certify that the information provided within this application is factual and correct.		Signature: Shayla

The information within this application is collected under Section 33 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act for the purpose of determining eligibility for a Financial Assistance Grant and is governed, authorized and protected by that Act.



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## Office of the Mayor

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November 23, 2022

Honourable Jason Copping  
Minister of Health  
432 Legislature Building  
10800 – 97 Avenue  
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6  
[health.minister@gov.ab.ca](mailto:health.minister@gov.ab.ca)

Dear Minister Copping:

I am writing to you on behalf of our Ponoka Volunteer Fire Department. Actually, I think I could be writing on behalf of most volunteer fire departments in rural Alberta. However, right now I am very concerned for the volunteer fire fighters of my community who bravely step forward and protect us all.

My main concern is with the current state that we find our ambulance service in. This is something that isn't new. It has been brewing for a number of years now and I believe we are about to hit critical mass, which means we are not too far away from doing far more damage to all of our emergency services, simply because we cannot collectively get a handle on how to manage this situation.

On November 21, 2022, we had an incident in the Town of Ponoka, where a pedestrian was hit on one of our roads by a motor vehicle. The first responders on the scene were our volunteer fire fighters. They had an ambulance dispatched from Bashaw which is about 30 minutes away. Ten minutes after the dispatch it was rerouted to Red Deer. By this time the next dispatched ambulance was to come from Leduc, 42 minutes away. In the meantime, the patient was seizing and his heartbeat had dropped to 28 beats per minute. At that time rather than continue to wait for an ambulance and lose the patient, our firefighters made the decision to pack him into the box of one of their pickups, and with a police escort got him to our local hospital. This is a summation of the report I read, and the complete absurdity of this situation I find astounding.

Two months prior, on September 21, 2022, we had a shooting in our downtown. Once again, our volunteer fire fighters were first on the scene because an ambulance had to be dispatched out of Red Deer, about 45 minutes away. In the meantime, our volunteer fire department bandaged and stabilized the victim, and some of the members learned how to deal with a person who had their ear shot off.

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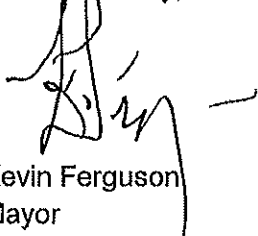
Honourable Jason Copping  
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In the last year our volunteer fire department has been the first to arrive on the scene of a medical event 18 times. They do this for the love of their community, and are not being paid-----I would say for them money is not the issue. What is the issue is that after they have been faced with the trauma of a catastrophic medical event, they then have to go back to their real jobs the following day. So I put it to you, that while we are trying to somehow figure our way around this ambulance crisis, we are doing it on the backs of our rural volunteer fire fighters. I represent a rural municipality, and I am telling you what I see is that my friends, neighbours, and fellow citizens are being put at risk on a daily basis because we can't figure this ambulance thing out.

We are running out of time and something needs to be done not only for our cities, but for our rural communities too.

Yours sincerely,



Kevin Ferguson  
Mayor

c: Premier Danielle Smith  
Rachel Notley, Leader of the Opposition  
Ron Orr, MLA – Lacombe/Ponoka  
Mayors – Alberta Municipalities  
Reeve Paul McLauchlin, Ponoka County  
Donna Noble, Protective Services Coordinator – Ponoka County

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<b>Prepared by:</b> Arno Glover	<b>Approved By:</b> CAO
<b>Report Type:</b> Information	<b>Attachment(s):</b> As per content

**Content:****11****a. CAO's Report****b. Council Committee Reports**

None submitted

**c. Society & Other Reports**

Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission Report (Meeting November 16, 2022)  
*(report submitted by Mayor Robb Stuart)*

Rural Municipalities of Alberta Convention (Convention November 8 / 10, 2022)  
*(report submitted by Mayor Robb Stuart)*

Bowden Ag Society (Meeting November 15, 2022)  
*(report submitted by Councillor Paul Webb)*

Bowden Grandview School Council (Meeting November 15, 2022)  
*(report submitted by Councillor Deb Coombes)*

Bowden Library Board (Budget 2023)  
*(document submitted by Library Manager on behalf of Councillor Deb Coombes)*

Red Deer River Watershed Alliance letter & report (Nov 21, 2022)  
*(report submitted by CAO: Rudy Friesen)*

Any other reports (not submitted as written reports) for discussion

**Alternative Motions:**

Motion by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ that Council accepts the submitted reports as information.

or

Motion by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ that Council directs Administration to \_\_\_\_\_.



<b>Regular Council Meeting:</b> November 28, 2022.	<b>Agenda Item:</b> 12.a
<b>Prepared by:</b> Rudy Friesen	<b>Approved by:</b> n/a
<b>Report Type:</b> Information	<b>Attachment(s):</b>

### **1 Staff**

We are pleased to welcome Annette Boomer to our team the week. Annette is Level II Arena Operator with several years experience in arena operations and parks maintenance. Annette's first day was November 21<sup>st</sup>. She will be in arena operations for the winter months, and parks and recreation during the summer months

### **2 Legislative Event**

I have received an invitation from the Speak of the Legislature to attend the Speech from the Throne. The event takes place at the Alberta Legislature Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 pm

### **3 Budget**

Administration has put much effort into a first draft of the Town Operating Budget. A preliminary draft is now complete, and we are currently undertaking departmental input regarding any budget considerations for 2023. We should have a working budget document for Council's review early in the new year.

### **4 Asset Management**

I am attending an Asset Management training course November 30<sup>th</sup> at Red Deer County, hosted by Alberta Municipalities. This is one of three such workshops over the course of the next several months that provide training in effective utilization of asset management tools to benefit municipalities.

### **5 Arena Roof**

Following the initial repairs, some minor repairs have still been indicated on the Bowden arena roof. The roofing company was scheduled to return November 25<sup>th</sup> to finalize their work.

# MOUNTAIN VIEW REGIONAL WATER SERVICES COMMISSION

November 16, 2022

Meeting held at Innisfail Legion.

## Organizational

- All members in attendance. Declaration of representatives.
  - Meeting called to order by John Van Doesburg.
  - Nominations for Chairman. Lance Colby acclaimed.
  - Nominations for Vice-Chair. Robb Stuart acclaimed.
- Meetings set for second Wednesday of every month except August.

## Regular

- Chairman's, Operations Director's, CAO's, Technical Manager's, and Financial Reports presented, discussed and approved.
- All municipal water meters have been verified.
- Water agreements have been sent to members for information.
- Proposed 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets were presented for discussion. Final budgets will be presented at the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting for approval.
- After budget discussion, there was a dialogue on water rates for members and customers. First reading was passed for the water rates. Member's rate will increase to \$1.97 a cubic meter. Rates will be distributed to the member municipalities for feedback. Second and third readings to the rate bylaw will be at the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Motion to approve Pivotal LLP as auditor for the water commission.

Actual October 1, 2022 to October 31, 2022	Year to Date	% YTD to YTD Budget	YTD Budget	Budget Jan 1, 2022 to Dec. 31, 2022
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## REVENUE

### Sales Revenue

Water Sales - Town of Innisfail  
Water Sales - Bowden Institution  
Water Sales - Town of Bowden  
Water Sales - Town of Olds  
Water Sales - Town of Didsbury  
Water Sales - Town of Carstairs  
Water Sales - Town of Crossfield

\$ 144,760.08	\$ 1,396,990.21	0.98	\$ 1,425,235.88	\$ 1,717,151.66
17,569.70	160,591.58	1.05	\$ 152,877.60	184,189.88
14,746.08	173,529.00	0.86	\$ 201,171.21	242,374.95
204,035.86	1,885,709.87	1.14	\$ 1,657,598.86	1,997,107.06
90,258.36	833,936.43	1.04	\$ 801,699.39	965,902.88
58,234.74	606,978.22	0.95	\$ 639,239.10	770,167.59
66,109.98	724,305.16	1.02	\$ 707,681.03	852,627.75

## Rural Municipalities of Alberta Convention November 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### November 8<sup>th</sup>

- Opening Ceremonies
- Keynote Speaker General Rick Hillier
- Rebecca Schulz (Minister of Municipal Affairs)
  - Spoke on her pleasure to be able to work with elected municipal officials and will respect local concerns. Will work to fix issues with: rural health care, LGFF, grant funding, etc. Announced reinstating grant for fire services training (\$500,000).

### Rural Development Network

Sustainable housing development ([ruraldevelopment.ca](http://ruraldevelopment.ca))

### Nurse Practitioner Association of Alberta

Made a presentation and asked for assistance in getting the Alberta government to establish a funding model for nurse practitioners to work in rural health care facilities.

### Alberta Energy Regulators

Made a presentation on the challenges and issues with Alberta Energy Companies and associated costs.

### Alberta Roadbuilders Association

Made a presentation on the challenges and issues with their industry

### November 9<sup>th</sup>

### RMA Annual General Meeting

RMA President (Paul McLauchlin-Reeve Ponoka County)  
Spoke on the need to collect unpaid oil and gas taxes, no provincial police, and other rural concerns

### Ministerial Forum

Ministers of: Agriculture, Forestry, Health, Public Safety, Seniors and Technology.

### RCMP Update (Deputy Commissioner Curtis Zablocki)

Similar to what we heard at Alberta Municipalities Convention.

### Rachel Notley

Will fix health care and ambulance issues. Will work cooperatively with municipalities and get better funding. No provincial police.

## Resolution Session

1) Volunteer Firefighters as First Responders	91% in favor
2) Laboratory and x-ray training for rural areas	86% in favor
3) Uniform method for aggregate levy bylaws	87% in favor
4) Well drilling equipment tax regulations	62% in favor
5) Fertilizer emission reduction targets	91% in favor
6) Emergency response on crown lands	defeated
7) ICFF reform	74% in favor
8) Rural mental health advocacy	74% in favor
9) Renewable Energy Reclamation Requirements	96% in favor
10) Sustainability of small rural schools	78% in favor
11) Disparity in electrical rates	91% in favor
12) Restore Grants-in lieu for housing	85% in favor
13) Enhance wetland replacement	80% in favor
14) 3 <sup>rd</sup> party inspections for gravel pits	90% in favor
15) Completion of land-use framework plans	defeated
16) Exemption of natural gas and propane	84% in favor
17) Funding for nurse practitioners	93% in favor
18) Set 60 km speed for passing school buses	66% in favor
19) Share revenue for public lands passes	78% in favor
20) Lost road closure files	84% in favor
21) Agricultural land for renewable energy	69% in favor
22) Commercial vehicle enforcement	defeated
23) Micro-generation projects	81% in favor
24) Improved crop insurance for market gardens	76% in favor

Nov 10<sup>th</sup>

## Ministerial Forum

Ministers of: Advanced education, Utilities, Energy, Finance,  
Transportation, Skilled Trades, Northern Development

RMA Elections



**Bowden Ag Society****November 15, 2022****Meeting Minutes**

Meeting held at old library in Bowden.

Members present; Ian, Paul, Randene, Kyle, Jocelyn, Garnet, Kenton, Brad, Abe, Len, Keith

1. Ian called meeting to order at 7pm
2. Brad moved to approve agenda as presented. Kenton 2<sup>nd</sup>
3. Garnet moved to approve October minutes. Randene 2<sup>nd</sup>
4. Financials reviewed with \$68,302 in General account and \$5173 in Casino account.
5. Discussion around queen contest.
  - Kenton would like to build chaps and would donate as well as return for his arena sign for a year.
  - Garnet moved to accept Kenton's offer and that Kenton and Randene work on design. Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - On behalf of the Town of Bowden Paul would like to have first chance at chap sponsorship. \$500 per year for logo on chaps.
6. Bowden Daze set for July 14 – 16 in 2023. Ian will check with Ward Macza as to interest from Macza Pro Rodeo to do Bowden Daze again.
7. Winter event tabled to next meeting
8. AGM to be held at Friendship Center at 6:30pm December 13. Eat at 6:30 and meeting to follow. Food yet to be determined. Discussion around bylaw work to be completed at AGM. Len to draft.
9. Abe moved we pay our \$300 AAAS membership. Kenton 2<sup>nd</sup>
10. Convention is Dec 2-4 at River Cree in Edmonton. Len will go Keith and Ian are going to check into it as well and let us know in December. If anyone else is interested please let us know at the AGM.
11. Roundtable from Keith, he is to appear in court on December 20 for the Northcott rodeo. No more roundtable items.
12. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

November 15, 2022 @ noon

<b>BGS School Council</b> email address is: <a href="mailto:bgsCouncil@gmail.com">bgsCouncil@gmail.com</a>  <b><u>Google Meet Link</u></b>	
<b>Present:</b> Jen Barry, Deb Coombes, Carla Sparks, Alahna Hunter, Karen Hronek, Jade Prefontaine, Jeff Thompson, Dawn Weststrate, Lindsay Taylor, Lisa Daniel, Jen Wood, Linda Wagers	
<b>Agenda Additions:</b>	
<b>Old Business:</b>	
<b>New Business:</b>	Please remember that if you have individual questions or concerns please bring these directly to Jeff and Dawn at the school. This is a general forum for information sharing and idea creation.
<b>BGS Admin:</b>	<b><u>BGS Upcoming Events</u></b> November 17 PT Interviews (rescheduled date) Grad Photos November 23 Grades 11-12 Calgary Campus tour November 24 Spaghetti Supper November 25 BGS Collaborative Day (students off) December 7 Grade 7 Farmer's Market December 7 & 8 Little Shoppers December 9 Non-Instructional Day December 14 CRM #3 December 15 Christmas Concert

**Admin report**

Staff illness is quite high so we are doing internal coverage due to a high demand of substitute teachers in the district.

1. Lisa Daniel - Family School Wellness
2. Celebrations-Several of our BGS staff were honoured for their years of service in CESD:
  - Linda Sietzema-10 years
  - Kathy Dallas- 15 years
  - Tara Rankin- 20 years
  - Donna Lynn Anderson- 25 years
  - Dawn Weststrate- 25 years
  - Jacquie Hamilton- 30 years
  - Amy Severtson Teacher Inductee
  - Judy Berggren Admin Support Retiree
3. Remembrance Day Ceremony-Despite the wintery weather the BGS Remembrance Day ceremony went very well with many community members and dignitaries in attendance. Thank you to Mrs. Lentz and Ms. Northrup for planning and organizing the assembly and to all that helped by presenting, setting up and taking down chairs and the stage.
4. Parent Teacher Interviews-we managed to get one night done and then had to reschedule PTI's due to poor winter weather. All teachers will have their interviews completed by November 17.

	<p>5. Campus South Tour - November 23 grade 11 and 12 Spring - RDP and Olds College</p> <p>6. December 20th School Council meeting-it is tentative in our calendar. Are we keeping this meeting or waiting until January? We will not have the December meeting. We will have our next meeting on January 24, 2023.</p>
<b>Parent Questions</b>	Could we live stream the Christmas concert? Maybe the jr/sr high school council take this project on.
<b>Town of Bowden:</b>	December 16- A Christmas Event will be held sponsored by the town-hayrides, hot chocolate, skating and hot dogs from 5-7 pm at the Arena. The RCMP and Fire Department may make a trip through town during this event.
<b>FOG:</b>	<p>Little Shoppers-we have typically run out of bags so we may just pack all gifts into one bag and then students can re-wrap or put in other bags at home.</p> <p>Purdy's and Dielemann fundraisers are due November 18.</p> <p>Carla has ordered more bread for the toast program. Have spent \$2000 on the program so far this year. We have some grants to support this program. Lifeskills kids are helping to make food for the breakfast program. Carla has been approached by two different schools asking about our breakfast program. Great job!</p> <p>Hot lunch program FOG has been doing one hot lunch once per week-chicken noodle soup, lasagna, mac and cheese. It has been really successful! Parents who are interested in making</p>



	<p>a donation so that other students could enjoy this would be accepted. Just talk to Paige about this. Could be done anonymously and you could sponsor a child(ren).</p> <p>Poinsettia fundraiser-maybe the school council would be interested to take this on. Info was sent to Jeff, Dawn and Hilary.</p> <p>Family Dance-would FOG take this on? Yes!! Has been for grades 1-6 in the past. Maybe in the spring? FCSS would help with a dance and would provide hotdogs. We could have a small canteen.</p> <p>Question about Lifetouch and the yearbook-cost and yearbook income. Is this a big cost with no recovery or income generated? We are selling yearbooks (50-60 per year and they have to be pre-ordered) so no cost for this. Lifetouch -parents order directly so we don't know what is being ordered. Is there a way to help make the year book better? Parents are always welcome to send pictures in to contribute to the yearbook. Admin will ask Jen Anderson about how to get more pictures. Could the kids send pictures in?</p>
<b>Parents Matters group</b>	<p>Carla could not log on at the last Parents Matter. Jen Wood was there. Next meeting is January 31, 2023</p> <p>Jenn Barry would be interested in joining this committee. Parent questions can go to Carla and please copy Linda Wagers in</p>
<b>CESD Trustee Report</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Congratulations to those honored at the Celebrations evening held at the Olds College earlier this month!</li> <li>2. Next Parents Matter meeting will be Jan 31, 2023</li> <li>3. Facemasks....Are they coming back? News and letters are starting to circulate again. There has been no further discussion at the Board level.</li> <li>4. Transportation - trying to aim for as much efficiency as possible. Trying to keep ride times under 60 minutes, but just not possible for some residences.</li> <li>5. ASBA is coming up next week. Linda and other board members will be going. MLA's have been invited to join the conference for breakfast.</li> <li>6. Mustard Seed was the recipient of Friends of Education. They were nominated by Chinook's Edge School Division.</li> </ol>
<b>FCSS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Went on the Sr.High Foods/Outdoor Ed hike to Powderface Creek. Thank you so</li> </ol>

<b>Report</b>	<p>much for the opportunity, I had a wonderful time hiking with the youth and the EA's/Parents &amp; Staff. It was a beauty day, and the scenery was lovely too. What a neat opportunity for us all!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. "Movie Masters" with YES on Friday, October 21, held at the Olde Library/FCSS Building. We had 7 youth attend the date, and we watched 2 Halloween movies, "Monster House" &amp; "Hotel Transylvania". We did some Halloween colouring &amp; ate popcorn too.</li> <li>3. YES/ DIY Days – We painted Sugar Skulls on Canvas together on Wednesday, October 26 at the school.</li> <li>4. Garden Clean up with the Life Skills Class on October 27 – students came to the Community Garden &amp; Olde Library to help put the last of the garden to bed for the winter. Students emptied the annual planters, and did the last of the clean up around the community garden. We added leaves from the park to compost in the gardens too. We finished up with a walk to the Reddi Mart where we were rewarded with FREE slurpees for all who had helped. Thanks to Patti at the Reddi Mart!</li> <li>5. October 28, I went to the school and met with staff re: Life Skills class and opportunities for the future within our community. I gave an outline of many of our volunteer organizations, contacts and ways that the youth might get involved beyond school. Thank you for the opportunity to share.</li> <li>6. Snow Buddy's – I have been advertising for local folks and youth to put their names in to be "Snow Buddy's". FCSS will pair local Buddy's with seniors and other residents that are looking for help with snow removal, and a chance to make a few \$\$\$. The contacts are made through the parent/guardian of the youth and the resident. It is up to them to discuss size of job, compensation and frequency. SO far I have 7 youth that have been able to help/ put contacts forward.</li> <li>7. Golden Circle "Brokered Workers" I have attached 2 ads from the Golden Circle (Red Deer) that serve our community. They are looking for help with Snow removal &amp; Yard Work, as well as house keeping and other needs such as driving etc. They will hire youth 14+ in our area to match to residents for \$20/hour for Snow removal</li> </ol>
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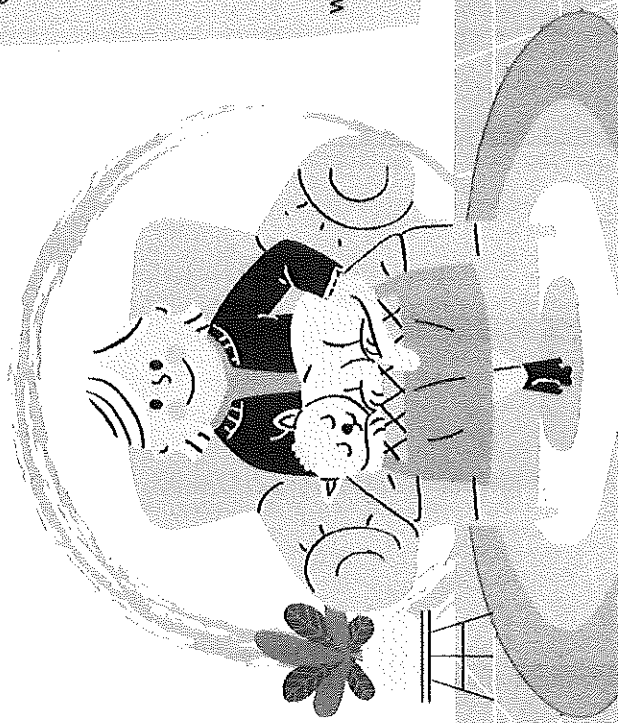
	<p>(house keeping is 18+) Youth do not require a criminal record check, just a letter of reference. It might be a nice opportunity for some of our local youth that are in Jr./Sr. High school to make some extra \$\$</p> <p>8. I've been asked to partner with the Grade 2 class to host a Christmas dance and party for them.</p> <p>9. Upcoming – Kindness &amp; Empathy Project. I need to send out some information to the school and partners to make this happen including Student Council, Grade 6 leadership, YES, Family School Wellness, Life Skills and Administration. The plan is to host a pizza party, and hand out RAK (Random acts of kindness) cards/coupons that the youth of the school can use to "pay it forward" in our community, with seniors, neighbors or friends. The cards would be left or given when the student does a RAK such as shoveling a walk, helping bring groceries in, and lending a helping hand, etc. (Students will be given a list of scenarios) The card would say something like "you've been hit with a random act of kindness!" and an encouragement to pay it forward. I hope to coordinate this to happen before Xmas break, and will likely cost around \$500- \$700 with pizza &amp; party supplies.</p>
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# Housekeepers Needed

The Golden Circle is looking  
for housekeepers to assist in  
light housekeeping duties for  
our seniors.

Interested?

Connect with us at the  
Golden Circle for your  
application!



## What is Needed

You will need to complete  
a Brokered Worker  
Application Package.

Please include a copy of  
your resume and three (3)  
references.

Reimbursement is  
\$20.00/hr with a two (2)  
hour minimum charge for  
each visit. Clients pay you  
directly!



Phone: 403-343-6074  
Email: [info@goldencircle.ca](mailto:info@goldencircle.ca)  
Website: <https://www.goldencircle.ca/>  
Social Media @GoldenCircleRD

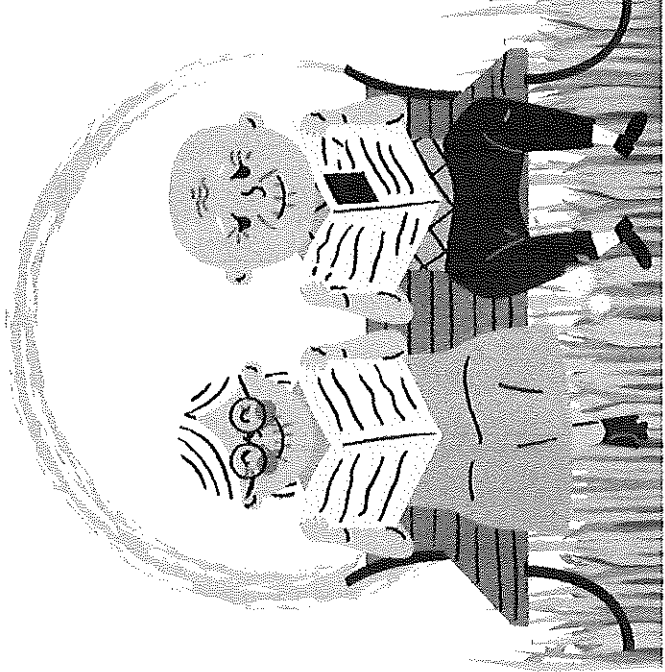


# Yard Care Workers Needed

The Golden Circle is looking for  
yard care workers to mow lawns,  
do general yard cleanup and  
snow shoveling for our seniors.

Interested?

Connect with us at the  
Golden Circle for your  
application!



## What is Needed

You will need to  
complete a Brokered  
Worker Application  
Package.

Please include a copy of  
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Reimbursement is  
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2022/23 Meeting Dates:	September 20, October 18, November 15, no December meeting January 24, February 28, March 21 (tentative), April 18, May 16, June 20 (meetings will be at noon online through Google Meet)
	Meeting adjourned at 12:55

# Bowden Library Budget 2023

## Income

07 · Local Appropriation (Town)	8,288.51
08 · Prov. Library Operating Grant	16,650.00
12 · Cash Tsfr. Reg. Lib. System	14,357.85
17 · Donations & Fundraising	550.00
17.5     unused grant fund from prior	1,000.00
18a · Fees (Memberships)	600.00
18b · Fines	75.00
21 · Other Service Rev (Print/Copy)	60.00
23 · Interest	10.00

<b>Total Income</b>	<b>41,591.36</b>
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## Expense

### STAFF

28a · Wages	36,171.95
28b · CPP, EI Employer Portion	2,300.00
28c · WCB	200.00
29 · Honoraria (Volunteers)	100.00

43 · Leg Fees, Bk Chgs, Refs, Deps - Other	60.00
44 · Library Supplies	200.00
45 · Association Memberships	60.00

47 · Programs	1,000.00
48 · Printer ink & supplies	100.00
53 · Insurance	1,148.21
54 · Janitorial & Maintenance	100.00
66 · Furniture & Equipment	150.00

<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>41,590.16</b>
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November 21, 2022

Address: PO Box 338 Bowden, Alberta T0M 0K0

**Re: Municipal Support for the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance**

Dear Town Council,

Hello, I am Francine Forrest, and I am the new Executive Director for the Red Deer Watershed Alliance. As a municipality operating in the Red Deer River watershed, the Town of Bowden is a vital partner in land and watershed management in the basin. I am reaching out to provide an update on the RDRWA's activities and inform you of ways you can help us achieve our shared watershed planning goals through our 2023- 2024 funding process.

### **Who We Are**

The RDRWA was established in 2005 and is one of 11 Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils (WPACs) which partner in the delivery of Alberta's *Water for Life Strategy*. Our vision is that the watershed will be healthy, dynamic, and sustainable through the efforts of the entire community. We are a multi-sector, not-for-profit organization that facilitates regional watershed management. Our renewed WPAC mandate and roles agreement with Environment and Protected Areas (2022) specifies RDRWA will lead an ongoing collaborative process to:

- report on the state of the watershed,
- further develop and implement the Integrated Watershed Management Plan (IWMP),
- inform, educate and engage on water literacy and watershed stewardship, and
- serve as a convenor and collaborator on watershed issues.

### **Benefits to Your Municipality**

We are sending this letter, and the attached 'Our Common Water' Case for Support, to invite the Town of Bowden to join other municipalities from across the watershed with a financial contribution in support of the RDRWA. Water is the foundation for the health and prosperity of local communities and the RDRWA recognizes the role of municipalities as major land and water use decision-makers and community leaders. The RDRWA can directly help to support your municipality through programming at the watershed-scale that influences the health of local watersheds and the water security for communities and industries. Over the past 17 years, the RDRWA has developed many resources and initiatives to maintain and protect watershed health. The RDRWA's works on regional watershed assessment, programming and planning initiatives which provides information to assist with local decision making with community benefits including:



source protection, flood and drought resiliency, increased water literacy and recreational enjoyment.

Municipalities contribute approximately 20% of the RDRWA's annual funding, based on a recommended funding model of **50 cents per capita**. Consistent municipal funding strengthens the RDRWA's ability to provide support to partner municipalities, advance integrated watershed management, engage different sectors, align monitoring initiatives and lead water literacy and environmental education efforts.

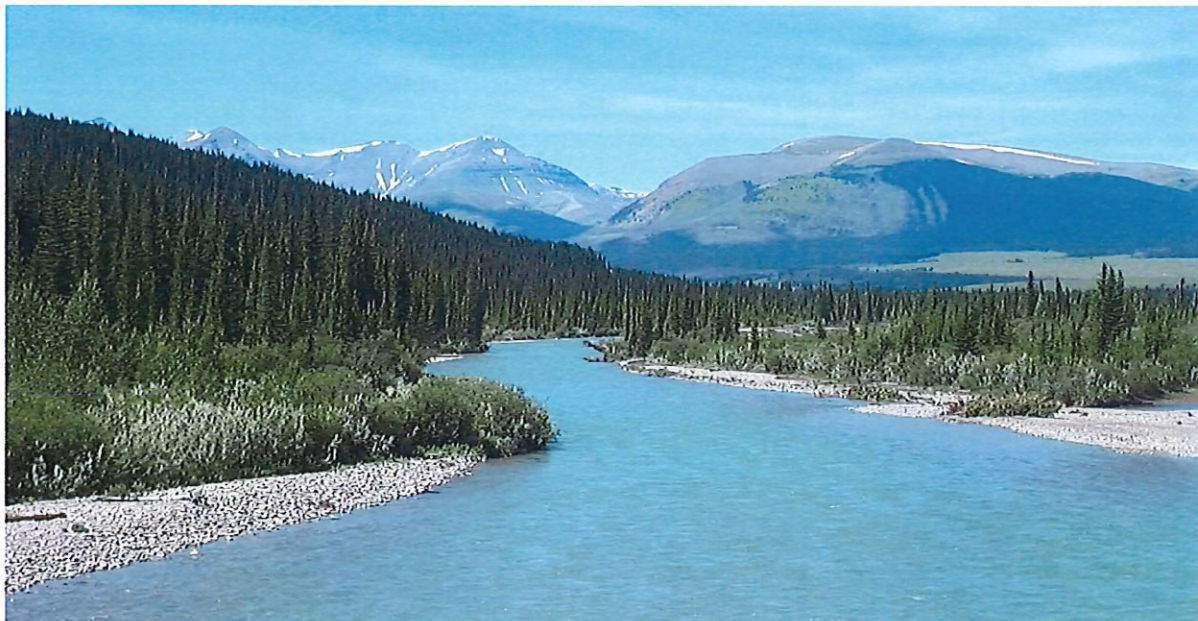
### Update on Activities

Highlights from our [2021-2022 Annual Report](#) and upcoming activities include:

- **Watershed Assessment and Planning Resources:** We produce technical reports and tools addressing watershed topics to assist municipalities with land and water resource management. Recent projects include an interactive map portal of [hydrologically significant areas](#), and projects to map [riparian condition](#) along over 6,000 km of shoreline in six sub-watersheds with plans to increase mapping to ten subwatersheds by 2024. This information can be used to inform decisions and help control runoff by prioritizing areas for development and restoration
  - **Managing water and runoff:** The RDRWA in partnership with the Nature Conservancy of Canada developed an [online map portal](#) that also maps “[hydrologically significant areas](#)” across the watershed. This information can be used to inform decisions and help control runoff by prioritizing areas for development and restoration.
  - **Protecting source waters:** The RDRWA partnered with Fiera Biological Consulting to map riparian condition along 1,782 km of shoreline in the Medicine-Blindman River subwatersheds, and 5,285 km in the Buffalo, Kneehills, Threehills, and Little Red Deer River sub-watersheds throughout 2022. The [technical reports](#) provide information to support targeted restoration and conservation programs.
  - **Measuring what matters:** The RDRWA will be initiating a new riparian mapping project in the Rosebud, Raven and Michichi sub-watersheds throughout 2023-2025. The RDRWA will work with key partners to develop materials and workshops in support of this project.
- **Upcoming Watershed Assessment and Planning:** With support, the RDRWA plans to evaluate the [IWMP](#), provide an update on the current state of the watershed ([last report completed in 2009](#)) and work towards further developing the IWMP.
- **Education and Outreach:** The RDRWA runs events to bring various sectors together to learn about watershed issues, and also offers education programs to Grade 5 and Grade 8 students. Our work reaches thousands of central Albertans every year.



- **Source Waters Film:** The RDRWA developed a short [documentary film](#) to raise awareness about the watershed and the importance of water in central Alberta, plus five other educational videos. These films showcase the beauty of the area and helps raise water literacy.
- **New Leadership:** I have education and experience in applied watershed science at the local and regional scale and I am excited to work with you and other partners to understand and advance watershed management in the basin.



### Stronger Together

Thank-you for considering this invitation to become a funding partner of the RDRWA. For follow up invoicing, please contact Kelly Dodds at [info@rdrwa.ca](mailto:info@rdrwa.ca) or by phone at 403-340-7379. Your support matters and we hope you will join the community of municipalities and collaborate on watershed management initiatives to help address current and future shared water challenges.

Sincerely,

Francine Forrest M.Sc.  
Executive Director, RDRWA

#### Stay Connected

Did you know that the RDRWA offers many ways to connect?

- Sign up for our [monthly e-newsletter](#)
- Submit water-related events to our [community calendar](#)
- Participate in our regular forums and events
- Request a presentation to Council and/or staff
- Engage with our outreach and technical committees



# OUR COMMON WATER

**PARTNERS IN WATERSHED  
MANAGEMENT**

**MUNICIPAL CASE FOR  
SUPPORT 2023-2024**





# Who We Are

The Red Deer River Watershed Alliance (RDRWA) was established in 2005 as the official Watershed Planning and Advisory Council (WPAC) for the Red Deer River Watershed, as designated under the Government of Alberta's Water for Life Strategy. The Alliance leads on watershed planning, promoting beneficial management practices, fostering stewardship activities, reporting on the state of the watershed and educating users on the importance of water resources.

As the official provincial Watershed Planning and Advisory Council (WPAC) for the Red Deer River watershed, the RDRWA has a responsibility to ensure that we engage with many groups of people with diverse perspectives, values, interests, and concerns; which includes sectors such as agriculture, industry and municipalities, as well as the general public.

As a multi-sector organization, the RDRWA acts as a collaborative forum for stakeholders from across sectors to work together in support of a healthy, dynamic, and sustainable watershed. We all have a role to play in watershed management, and the RDRWA's primary role is one of connection - helping our community members and key stakeholders find meaningful opportunities to make a difference.

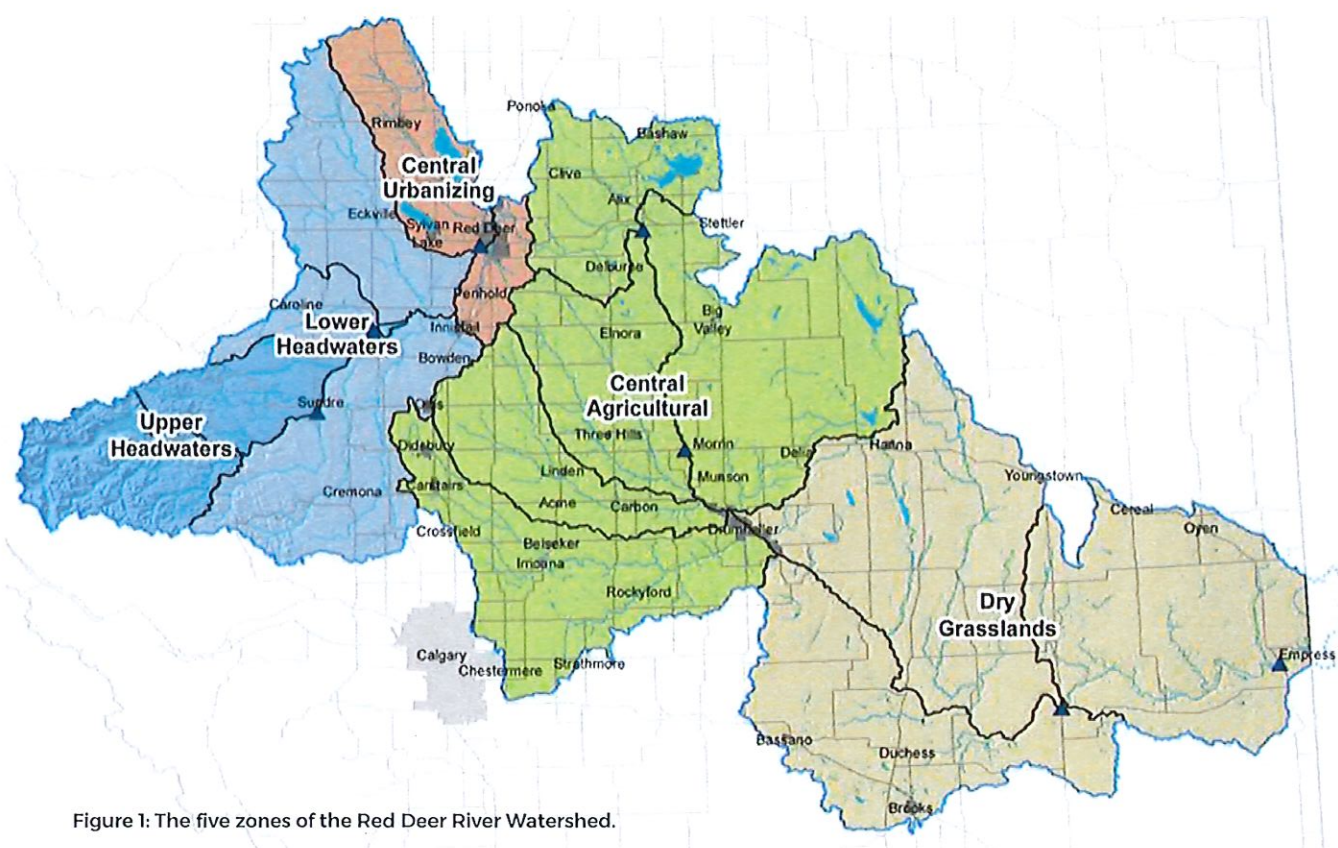


Figure 1: The five zones of the Red Deer River Watershed.



# Help The RDRWA Support Municipal Leadership



## WATER IS THE FOUNDATION FOR THE HEALTH AND PROSPERITY OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES

The health of the Red Deer River watershed is vital to:



Sourcewater  
Protection



Fisheries and Lake  
Management



Municipal Services



Flood and Drought  
Resilience



Wetlands and  
Riparian Areas



Recreation



# Municipal Support For Watershed Management

Municipalities are leaders and important land-use decision-makers in the Red Deer River watershed. The Red Deer River watershed is home to two cities (Red Deer and Brooks), 22 towns, 20 counties and specialized municipalities, 80 villages and hamlets, and 10 summer villages.

Many of these local governments support watershed initiatives by donating \$0.50 for every resident within their part of the watershed to the RDRWA, proving there is power in numbers.

This funding enables the RDRWA to continue our work on watershed planning, developing resources and tools, delivering environmental education programming, engaging with community members, hosting regular forums and events, and helping to meet your needs as a municipality.



*The Red Deer River Watershed Alliance works collaboratively with a wide range of sectors, communities and perspectives.*

## PARTNERS IN WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

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# Advancing Watershed Management: RDRWA and Your Municipality

The RDRWA's work benefits your municipality through both direct programming and through broader programming that influences the health of local watersheds and the water security of communities and industries.

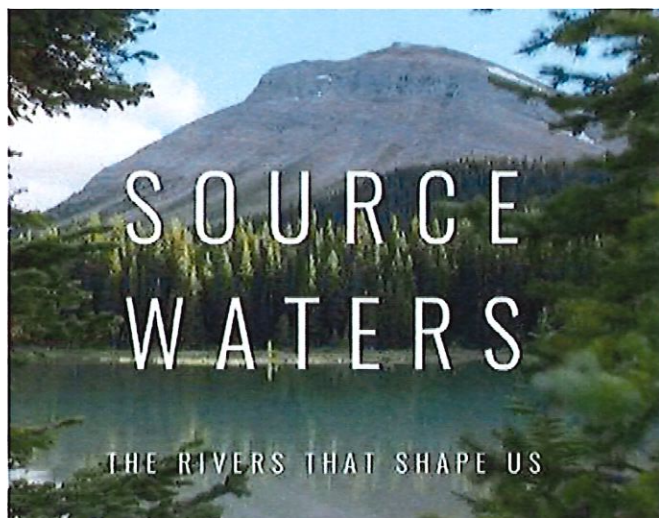
The RDRWA plans to update its State of the Watershed Report and further the development of the Integrated Watershed Management Plan. We welcome the involvement and engagement of municipal partners throughout this process.

We also encourage municipalities to consult our educational and technical resources via [www.rdrwa.ca](http://www.rdrwa.ca) or to contact the RDRWA for direct support.

WE WORK WITH A WIDE RANGE OF PARTNERS TO  
EXPLORE INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO WATER  
MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES.



In 2022, we focused on improving programming for our municipalities, recognizing the role of municipalities as major land-use decision-makers and community leaders.



## Watershed Video Resources

The RDRWA created a short film, Source Waters: The Rivers That Shape Us to raise awareness about the Red Deer River watershed and the importance of water in central Alberta. The film follows the journey of the river from tip to toe, and features a range of experts and municipal leaders.

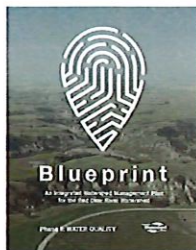
RDRWA has also created five additional videos on the following topics: municipal planning, gravel-bed rivers, riparian areas, climate change and native trout.



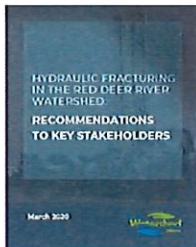
# Working For You

We strive to be a “go-to” resource for municipalities to learn about the watershed and specific actions that can be taken to support watershed health.

To assist municipalities with land and water resource management, we facilitate communication on watershed planning and produce technical reports and tools addressing watershed topics (e.g., source protection, riparian health, water security, hydraulic fracturing). All of these resources are available to you at no charge and can help inform planning decisions.



**Blueprint: An Integrated Watershed Management Plan for the Red Deer River Watershed on Water Quality (2016).** The plan addresses two key areas: surface water quality and groundwater quality, recognizing that the two are fundamentally interconnected.



**Hydraulic Fracturing Management Recommendations and Fact Sheet (2020).** The Red Deer River Watershed Alliance developed a fact sheet on hydraulic fracturing trends in the basin and nine high-level management recommendations in response to stakeholder and community concerns related to hydraulic fracturing activity and potential implications for the Red Deer River watershed.



## **Mapping Hydrologically Significant Areas (2021).**

The Red Deer River Watershed Alliance partnered with the Nature Conservancy of Canada to map “hydrologically significant areas” across the watershed and to develop an online map portal. This practical tool can be used to inform planning and management decisions.



## **Mapping Riparian Condition Reports (2020- 2022).**

The Red Deer River Watershed Alliance partnered with Fiera Biological Consulting on two projects to assess riparian intactness (condition) along 1782 kilometres of shoreline in the Medicine-Blindman Rivers watershed and 5,285 km in the Buffalo, Kneehills, Threehills and Little Red Deer River subwatersheds using a GIS-based approach in 2020-2022. These studies provide important information to municipalities and other partners on prioritization of conservation and restoration efforts and contribute to longterm water quality and flood resilience benefits.



# Your Support Matters

Stronger Together. The RDRWA works collaboratively with all levels of government to build partnerships and advance watershed management. Through support, you will be joining a community of other respected leaders, municipalities and sectors in shared watershed management.

Please consider supporting shared watershed management through a \$0.50 contribution per capita to the RDRWA annually. This funding is leveraged through support from a range of funders, including fellow municipalities, the provincial government, industry, and other granting streams.

The RDRWA would be pleased to work with your municipality to identify strategic ways forward on key and emerging land and water issues.



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