



**Regular Council Meeting Agenda**  
**Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**In-Person & Electronic Meeting**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

*The Town of Elk Point respectfully acknowledges we are located on Treaty 6 territory, the traditional and ancestral lands of the First Nations and Métis Peoples, and we honour their enduring traditions, wisdom, and cultural strength in our community.*

**2. DELEGATION**

- a. Northern Lights Library System - James MacDonald, Executive Director (7:00 PM)

**3. AGENDA**

**4. PUBLIC HEARING**

- a. Bylaw 899/24 – Road Closure Section of Block 2, Plan 5389CL (6:30 PM)

**5. MINUTES**

- a. Approval of January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes (1-4)

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Res #25-09 – Bylaw 899/24 Road Closure Section of Block 2, Plan 5389CL (5-11)

**7. BYLAWS & POLICIES**

- a. Policy 2-11-20 Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP) Policy (12-15)

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Northern Lights Library System Presentation (16-17)
- b. Rural Renewal Stream Designation – Renewal (20-32)
- c. Regional Joint Council Meeting: Regional Housing Study – Feb 26, 2026 (33-35)
- d. Bilateral & Multilateral Recreation Agreement (36-38)
- e. Insurance Primary Contact – Appointment (39-40)
- f. Utilities Request Letter – Lot 10, Block 11, Plan 2130HW (41-45)

**9. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- a. Manager of Operations Report (46-48)
- b. Animal Control Officer Report (49)
- c. Tourism and Recreation Report (50-51)

**10. FINANCES**

**11. COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS**

- a. M.D. of St. Paul Foundation
- b. STEP
- c. Elk Point/St. Paul Regional Water Services Commission
- d. N.E. Muni-Corr (52-58)
- e. Laverne Wilson Library
- f. Canada Day

**12. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION**

- a. AB Munis Email – 2026 Call for Resolutions (59-60)
- b. Winterland Initational Summary – Jan 16-18 (61-74)

**13. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & CONCERNS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS**

**14. COUNCIL TIMESHEETS**

**15. CLOSED SESSION**

- a. Land – Lot A, Plan 3639TR (Sections 19 & 30 of ATIP)
- b. Personnel (Sections 20 & 21 of ATIP)

**16. ADJOURNMENT**



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF ELK POINT HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 IN THE ELK POINT COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND ELECTRONICALLY BY ZOOM AND YOUTUBE.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Wanda Cochrane called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

*The Town of Elk Point respectfully acknowledges we are located on Treaty 6 territory, the traditional and ancestral lands of the First Nations and Métis Peoples, and we honour their enduring traditions, wisdom, and cultural strength in our community.*

**PRESENT IN PERSON**

Mayor Wanda Cochrane, Deputy Mayor Dwayne Yaremkevich, Councillors Jason Boorse, Shaun Schaffrick and Tim Smereka; Chief Administrative Officer Darrell Lessmeister, Director of Corporate and Community Services, Mir Ali, & Recording Secretary Kendra Loughran & Public.

**PRESENT VIA ZOOM/YOUTUBE**

Press & Public.

**DELEGATION – NORTH SASKATCHEWAN WATERSHED ALLIANCE – SCOTT MILLAR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (6B)**

North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance – Scott Millar, Executive Director attended the meeting at 6:32 PM and departed at 7:00 PM.

**APPROVAL OF DELEGATION PRESENTATION – NORTH SASKATCHEWAN WATERSHED ALLIANCE – SCOTT MILLAR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

MOVED by Councillor Schaffrick that Council approve the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance presentation as presented.

CARRIED

Res #26-19 01-26-2026

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
Res #26-20 01-26-2026

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Yaremkevich that the agenda be approved as amended.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

8e – Frog Lake First Nation Council Meeting – February 9<sup>th</sup>

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF  
REGULAR COUNCIL  
MINUTES – JANUARY 12  
2026

*Res #26-21 01-26-2026*

MOVED by Councillor Boorse that the January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Regular Council minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
– #26-07 – GARBAGE  
COLLECTION

*Res #26-22 01-26-2026*

MOVED by Councillor Smereka that Council defer this item to a future Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

RES #25-677 – NORTH  
SASKATCHEWAN  
WATERSHED  
ALLIANCE – 2026  
MUNICIPAL  
CONTRIBUTION  
REQUEST (2A)

*Res #26-23 01-26-2026*

MOVED by Councillor Schaffrick that Council approve the contribution of \$705.00 to the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance from GL #2-12-220 for 2026.

CARRIED

BYLAW & POLICIES –  
BYLAW 922/26 –  
BORROWING BYLAW  
M.D. FOUNDATION

*Res #26-24 01-26-2026*

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Yaremkevich that Bylaw 922/26 be given 1<sup>st</sup> Reading this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS -  
REGIONAL  
TRADESHOW  
PARTICIPATION

*Res #26-25 01-26-2026*

MOVED by Councillor Smereka that Council approve one (1) Council representative to attend the 2026 Edmonton Boat & Sportsmen Show, Sherwood Park Trade Fair, and Fort McMurray Tradeshow, and contribute to the three prize packages. Further, that if a Council member is unable to attend, that the Travel Lakeland DMO representative attend the trades shows.

CARRIED

86CANCER CHARITY  
HOCKEY GAME –  
INVITATION TO  
CEREMONIAL PUCK  
DROP

*Res #26-26 01-26-2026*

MOVED by Councillor Schaffrick that Council approve the attendance of one Councillor to take part in the 86Cancer Chairty Hockey Game Ceremonial Puck Drop on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 7:00 PM located at the Cold Lake Energy Centre.

CARRIED

CANEXPORT  
COMMUNITY  
INVESTMENTS  
PROGRAM GRANT –  
APPLICATION

*Res #26-27 01-26-2026*

MOVED by Councillor Smereka that Council approve an application by STEP Economic Development Alliance for the CanExport Community Investments (CECI) program.

CARRIED

FROG LAKE FIRST  
NATION 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL  
ICE FISHING DERBY –  
DONATION REQUEST  
*Res #26-28 01-26-2026*

MOVED by Councillor Boorse that Council approve the contribution of Town merchandise to the Frog Lake First Nation 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Ice Fishing Derby.

CARRIED

THE HUMAN  
INFRASTRUCTURE –  
FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>  
*Res #26-29 01-26-2026*

MOVED by Councillor Smereka that Council approve one member of Council to attend the Human Infrastructure session on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, located in Leduc from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM.

CARRIED

FROG LAKE FIRST  
NATION COUNCIL  
MEETING – FEBRUARY  
9<sup>TH</sup>  
*Res #26-30 01-26-2026*

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Yaremkevich that Council approve all of Council to attend the Frog Lake First Nation Council Meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Yaremkevich departed at 7:29 PM and returned at 7:30 PM.

CAO & DEPARTMENT  
REPORTS – CHIEF  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
OFFICER REPORT  
*Res #26-31 01-26-2026*

MOVED by Councillor Schaffrick that Council approve the Chief Administrative Officer Report as presented.

CARRIED

FCSS REPORT  
*Res #26-32 01-26-2026*

MOVED by Councillor Smereka that Council approve the FCSS Report as presented.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE MINUTES  
& REPORTS  
*Res #26-33 01-26-2026*

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Yaremkevich that Council receive the Committee Minutes and Reports as information.

- a. Elk Point Chamber & Commerce (**Schaffrick**)
- b. NE Muni-Corr (**Boorse**)
- c. Evergreen (**Smereka**)
- d. Allied Arts (**Cochrane**)
- e. Community Futures (**Yaremkevich**)
- f. Lakeland DMO (**Schaffrick**)
- g. NAAGO (**Cochrane**)
- h. Regional Joint Council (**All**)

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE &  
INFORMATION

NONE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS  
& CONCERNS FROM  
MAYOR &  
COUNCILLORS

NONE

COUNCIL TIMESHEETS	NONE
GO INTO CLOSED SESSION <i>Res #26-34 01-26-2026</i>	MOVED by Councillor Schaffrick that Council moves into Closed Session at 8:09 PM to discuss: 15- CLOSED SESSION: a. Legal – Audit 2025 (Sections 19, 28, 29 & 31 of ATIP)
	CARRIED
RECESS	8:09 PM – Meeting to be recessed for 2 minute(s).
RECONVENED	8:11 PM - Meeting is resumed.  Recording Secretary Kendra Loughran departed the meeting at 8:10 PM.  Press & Public departed the meeting at 8:09 PM.
IN ATTENDANCE – CLOSED SESSION	Mayor Wanda Cochrane, Deputy Mayor Dwayne Yaremkevich, Councillors Jason Boorse, Tim Smereka and Shaun Schaffrick, Chief Administrative Officer Darrell Lessmeister, Director of Corporate and Community Services, Mir Ali.
COME OUT OF CLOSED SESSION <i>Res #26-35 01-26-2026</i>	MOVED by Deputy Mayor Yaremkevich that Council come out of Closed Session at 8:23 PM.
	CARRIED
RECESS	8:23 PM – Meeting to be recessed for 2 minute(s).
RECONVENED	8:25 PM - Meeting resumed with public/press in attendance.  Recording Secretary Kendra Loughran returned to the meeting at 8:23 PM.
LEGAL – AUDIT 2025 (SECTIONS 19, 28, 29 & 31 OF ATIP) <i>Res #26-36 01-26-2026</i>	MOVED by Councillor Schaffrick that Council receive this item as information.
	CARRIED
ADJOURNMENT	Mayor Wanda Cochrane adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer

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## REQUEST FOR DECISION

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**Council Meeting: February 9, 2026**

**Re: Res #25-09 - Bylaw 889/24 – Road Closure Section of Block 2, Plan 5389CL**

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**Request:**

That Council defer this item to a future Regular Council meeting for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading.

**Background:**

On January 13, 2025, Council approved 1<sup>st</sup> reading for Bylaw 889/24 – Road Closure Section of Block 2, Plan 5389 CL.

Administration has advertised the Public Hearing for February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, in the newspaper, the website and Facebook page for 2 weeks. Administration has also sent letters to the neighbour buildings about the Bylaw and the Public Hearing date. This was done in accordance with the Municipal Government Act section 606 & 606.1 for advertising.

Next steps: Requesting Council to defer this item to a future Regular Council Meeting.

Once deferred, Administration will send the Bylaw to the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors for approval. After approval, then proceed to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading.

**Attached:**

- Bylaw 889/24 – Road Closure Section of Block 2, Plan 5389CL
- Newspaper Advertisement

**Budget/Financial Implications:**

**Legislation/Bylaw/Policy Consideration:** Municipal Government Act

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Town Of Elk Point  
4914 – 50 Ave, Elk Point, AB

06-02-26  
Item No.:  
RFD #27-26

**Strategic Alignment:**

**Pillar #3 – Effective Leadership and Communication**

Goal #4 – Maintain a Robust Bylaw and Policy Framework

Tactic – The Town’s bylaws and policies remain current and are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

**Economic Development: N/A**

**Public Participation Policy:**

- #3 - Inclusive and Accessible
- #2 - Transparent and Accountable
- #4 - Appropriate and Responsive

**Alternatives**

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1. As directed by Council.
2. That this item be received as information.
3. That Council defer this item to a future Regular Council meeting.

**Recommendation**

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3. That Council defer this item to a future Regular Council meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:



Darrell Lessmeister, CAO

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BYLAW 899/24  
TOWN OF ELK POINT #043

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A BYLAW OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWN OF ELK POINT, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO AUTHORIZE THE CLOSURE OF A SECTION OF LANE IN BLOCK 2, PLAN 5389CL

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WHEREAS the lands hereafter described are no longer required for public travel, and

WHEREAS the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, as amended allows a municipality to close a road, and

WHEREAS application has been made to the Council to have the lane closure extended and

WHEREAS the Town of Elk Point deems it expedient to provide for a bylaw for the purpose of closing to public travel certain roads, or portions thereof, situated in the said Town; and

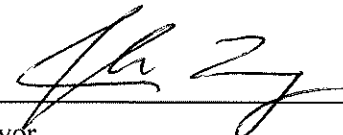
WHEREAS notice of intention of Council to pass bylaw has been given in accordance with Section 606 of the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A 2000; and

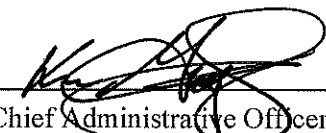
WHEREAS the council was not petitioned for an opportunity to be heard by any person claiming to be prejudicially affected by the bylaw.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Town of Elk Point, duly assembled enacts the following:

1. Plan 5389CL Block 2 All that portion of lane which lies between South of the production easterly of the North boundary of Lot 18 Block 2 Plan 5389CL across the said lane and North of a line joining the South East corner of Lot 18 and North West corner of Lot 10 Block 2 Plan 5389CL be closed;


1<sup>ST</sup> READING READ A **FIRST** time in Council this 13 day of January, A.D. 2025.

  
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Mayor

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Administrative Officer

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. \_\_\_\_\_.

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Hon. Devin Dreesen, Min. of Transportation

 2<sup>ND</sup> READING READ a **SECOND** time in Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. \_\_\_\_\_.

3<sup>RD</sup> READING READ a **THIRD** time and **FINALLY PASSED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. \_\_\_\_\_.

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Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Administrative Officer



BYLAW 899/24  
SCHEDULE A

9.14	38.10	9.14	38.10	15.24	38.10	15.24
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9.14	38.10	9.14	21	15.24	38.10	15.24
9.14	38.10	9.14	22	15.24	38.10	15.24
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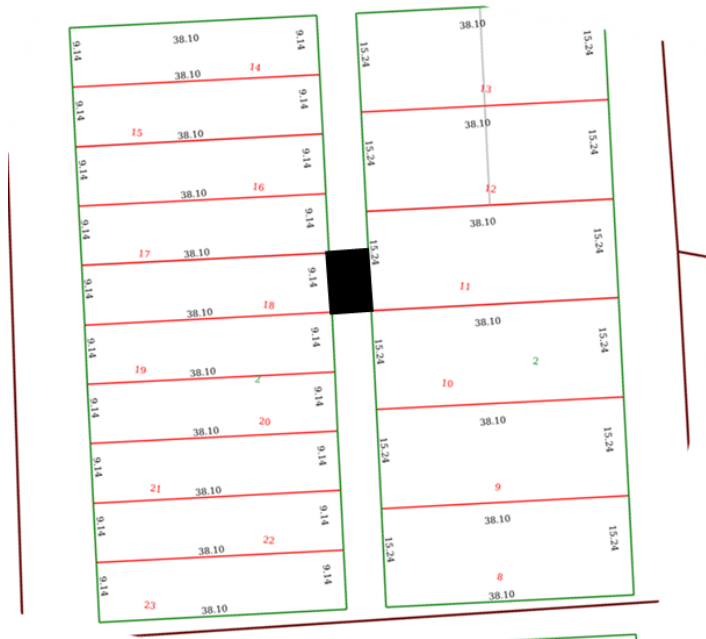


**PUBLIC NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF ELK POINT  
 BYLAW 899/24 – ROAD CLOSURE OF A SECTION OF LANE IN BLOCK 2,  
 PLAN 5389CL BYLAW  
SECTION 606 & 216.2 OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT**

*Please be advised that this is a notice of a public hearing for Road Closure of a section of lane in Block 2, Plan 5389CL Bylaw.*

**TAKE NOTICE** that Pursuant of the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, as amended, the Council of the Town of Elk Point proposes to adopt Bylaw No. 899/24 for the Town to enact:

- Bylaw 899/24 for the Town of Elk Point is hereby providing notice a portion of road shown as a lane between Lots 8-10 and Lots 18-23 of Block 2 Plan 5389CL be closed.



The original proposed Bylaw 899/24 – Road Closure of a Section of Lane in Block 2, Plan 5389CL bylaw may be viewed at:

**Town of Elk Point, 4914 50 Ave, Elk Point, Alberta, between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm (closed from Noon to 1:00 pm) Monday through Friday (holidays excluded).**

DATED at the Town of Elk Point, in the Province of Alberta, this 21<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

Thank you,

Chief Administrative Officer: Darrell Lessmeister

**A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers at the Town of Elk Point Office building located at 4914 50 Ave, Elk Point, Alberta, T0A 1A0**

**Bylaw 917/25 – Procedural Council & Committee**

- If an elector wishes to address Council during a public hearing, they must register to speak by emailing [ea@elkpoint.ca](mailto:ea@elkpoint.ca) or contacting the Town office at (780) 724-3810.
- If an elector wishes to act as a Representative on behalf of other, or would like someone to act as a Representative, they must submit the Agent Declaration Form. This form must be obtained from the Town Office and must be submitted to the Town Office five (5) business days prior to the Regular Council Meeting or Public Hearing.
- Written Submissions must be submitted to the Town Office five (5) business days prior to the Regular Council Meeting or Public Hearing.

## **INFORMATION FOR ELECTORS**

Pursuant to the Municipal Government Act an “elector” means:

A person who is eligible to vote in an election for a councillor under the Local Authorities Election Act. Pursuant to the Local Authorities Election Act a person is eligible to vote in an election if that person:

- a) is at least 18 years old,
- b) is a Canadian citizen, and
- c) resides in Alberta and the person’s place of residence is located in the municipality on election day.

A petition for a vote of the electors on the proposed bylaw must be signed by electors of the municipality equal in number to at least 10% of the population and be in accordance with sections 222 to 225 of the Municipal Government Act. A petition for a vote of the electors must be reviewed by the Chief Administrative Officer with 15 days after the date of the last publication of this notice.



## REQUEST FOR DECISION

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**Council Meeting: February 9, 2026**

**Re: Review of Policy & Procedure:  
2-11-20 – Local Authorities Pension Plan**

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**Request:**

Council needs to review and approve policy 2-11-20 – Local Authorities Pension plan.

**Background:**

Policy 2-11-20 – Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP) Policy has come up for review and needs approval for another 5 years.

Administration has reviewed and provided no changes to the policy.

**Attached:**

- Policy 2-11-20 – Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP) Policy

**Budget/Financial Implications:** N/A

**Legislation/Bylaw/Policy Consideration:** Municipal Government Act

**Strategic Alignment:**

**Pillar #3 – Effective Leadership and Communication**

**Goal #4 – Maintain a Robust Bylaw and Policy Framework**

**Tactic – The Town’s bylaws and policies remain current and are reviewed on an ongoing basis.**

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Town Of Elk Point  
4914 – 50 Ave, Elk Point, AB

01-21-26  
Item No.:  
RFD #20-26

**Economic Development:** N/A

**Public Participation Policy:**

- #5 - Evaluation and Continual Improvement
- #2 - Transparent and Accountable
- #4 - Appropriate and Responsive

**Alternatives**

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1. As directed by Council.
2. That this item be received as information.
3. That Council approve Policy 2-11-20 – Local Authority Pension Plan (LAPP) as presented.
4. That Council approve Policy 2-11-20 – Local Authority Pension Plan (LAPP) as amended.

**Recommendation**

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3. That Council approve Policy 2-11-20 – Local Authority Pension Plan (LAPP) as presented.

Respectfully submitted by:

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# Town of Elk Point

## Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP) Policy



Policy Number:	2-11-20
Approval Date:	February 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
Effective By:	February 9, 2026
Supersedes:	
Revision Date:	
Review Date:	February 9, 2031
Department:	Administration
Reference:	Motion #22-295

### Purpose

The Town of Elk Point (the Town) recognizes that its employees are its most valuable resource and that, as an employer, the Town understands that it has a role in enabling and facilitating retirement contributions within the Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP).

This Policy is intended to establish and define pension plan eligibility and membership in the LAPP, in accordance with the LAPP plan rules, for permanent full-time, permanent part-time, and full-time temporary employees of the Town.

### Scope

The Policy applies as follows to the following employee categories of the Town:

- Full-time Continuous Employees **must** join the LAPP. Such employees will be enrolled after 90 day probationary period.
- Part-time Continuous Employees **may** join the LAPP subject to meeting the LAPP requirements. Such employees electing to opt in will be enrolled after 90 day probationary period.
- Seasonal employees **may** join the LAPP subject to meeting the LAPP requirements. Such employees electing to opt in after 90 days probationary period.
- Term Employees **may** join the LAPP subject to meeting the LAPP requirements. Such employees electing to opt in after 90 days probationary period.
- Summer students **may not** join the LAPP under any circumstances.
- If an employee moves from a former employer that participates in the plan and if the employee is eligible to transfer service into the Plan under a reciprocal transfer agreement, then the Town will not require a probationary period.

### Policy Statements

The Town shall contribute to the LAPP on behalf of all eligible employees as per the contribution rates established by the LAPP.

Eligibility rules and rules or procedures regarding definitions, provisions, coverage, and amounts payable will be governed within the LAPP plan rules.

New employees will be briefed on their pension options at the time of hire.

All eligible Town employees shall contribute to LAPP on a monthly basis. Service hours are calculated according to Full Time Equivalency (FTE). FTE base units shall be determined for Public Works and Administration employees based on the following:

- 1) Public Works: 8 hours per day = 2080 hours annually
- 2) Administration: 7 hours per day = 1820 hours annually

The following types of pay are pensionable and not pensionable under the LAPP plan rules:

- 1) Pensionable Earnings:
  - a) Gross pay for the performance of regular duties. This includes lump sums that permanently increase the gross pay provided if:
    - i) The pay relates to the performance of regular duties;
    - ii) It is not subject to manipulation on an individual basis; and
    - iii) Is paid to all staff within a group or class.
  - b) Regular wages or salary paid while on an approved sick or medical day;
  - c) Vacation pay or regular wages or salary paid on approved vacation;
  - d) General Holiday pay; and
- 2) Non-Pensionable Earnings:
  - a) Overtime pay;
  - b) Allowances;
  - c) Expense claims;
  - d) Bonuses
  - e) Holiday and vacation pay paid in a lump sum; and
  - f) On-call or standby pay

### Expectations

It is expected that the Town's supervisors and managers will communicate this Policy and accompanying procedures or processes to employees ensuring awareness and understanding.

### **Policy Definitions**

***Full-time Continuous employee*** means an employee who works a minimum of thirty (30) hours per week and is hired on a continuous basis and whose employment has no pre-determined end date.

***Part-time Continuous employee*** means an employee who works a minimum of fourteen (14) hours per week and is hired on a continuous basis whose employment has no pre-determined end date.

***Seasonal employee*** means an employee who is hired into a position for which the customary annual employment is typically eight (8) months or less.

***Summer Student*** means an employee enrolled in high school or in a post-secondary institution.

***Term Employee*** means an employee whose employment has a pre-determined end date.

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer



## REQUEST FOR DECISION

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**Council Meeting: February 9, 2026**

**Re: Northern Lights Library System – Presentation**

**Request:**

That Council receive the presentation from Northern Lights Library System as information.

**Background:**

Northern Lights Library System has presented the 2025 value statement for the Laverne Wilson Public Library (Elk Point Municipal Library).

**Attached:**

- 2025 Value Statement – Town of Elk Point

**Budget/Financial Implications:**

**Legislation/Bylaw/Policy Consideration:**

**Strategic Alignment:**

**Pillar #3 – Effective Leadership and Communication**

**Goal #2 – Actively Engage with Residents and External Organizations**

**Tactic – Ensure that accessibility to the Town’s public information is barrier-free.**

**Economic Development:** Ensure that accessibility to the Town’s public information is barrier-free.

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Town Of Elk Point  
4914 – 50 Ave, Elk Point, AB

02-02-26  
Item No.:  
RFD #22-26

**Public Participation Policy:**

- #2 - Transparent and Accountable
- #3 - Inclusive and Accessible
- #4 - Appropriate and Responsive

**Alternatives**

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1. As directed by Council.
2. That this item be received as information.

**Recommendation**

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2. That this item be received as information.

Respectfully submitted by:



Darrell Lessmeister, CAO

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# 2025 VALUE STATEMENT

## Town of Elk Point

Population: 1,452 Library Cards: 224

This value statement highlights the benefits of belonging to Northern Lights Library System. It is a snapshot of the health of your library and the value of your investment.

For questions or concerns please contact:

**James MacDonald, Executive Director**

P: (780)-545-5072

E: [jmacdonald@nlls.ab.ca](mailto:jmacdonald@nlls.ab.ca)



Total Library Savings

# \$312,138

Name Of Library(s):

## Elk Point Municipal Library

### OPERATIONS

Levy Cost <b>\$8,059</b>	Rural Services Grant <b>\$0</b>
Book Allotment <b>\$3,122</b>	Return on Investment <b>\$55.77</b>



### ELECTRONIC AND NON-TRADITIONAL MATERIALS

eBooks in Circulation **1,876**  
Total eBook Circulation Value  
**\$142,736**

### CIRCULATION

Net Borrower **6,325**  
Total Print Circulation Value  
**\$158,125**

### SERVICE DELIVERY

MLS + TSI Tickets **36**  
Total Professional Value  
**\$3,073**

### Acquisition & Cataloguing:

**293** items purchased with NLLS  
**\$1,055** saved via acquisition  
**\$879** cataloguing & processing value

### How We Are Funded

LIBRARY		MUNICIPAL LEVY		PROVINCIAL GRANTS					
<b>\$5.55</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>\$5.55</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>\$4.75</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>\$15.85</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$2.15</b>	
PER CITIZEN		PER CITIZEN		PER CITIZEN		PER CITIZEN		LOCAL LIBRARY BOOK ALLOTMENT	
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## REQUEST FOR DECISION

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**Council Meeting: February 9, 2026**

### **Re: Rural Renewal Stream Designation Renewal**

#### **Request:**

This Request for Decision seeks Council direction to apply for renewal of the RRS designation, with Administration returning to Council with revised local program parameters if renewal is approved by the Province.

#### **Background:**

The Town of Elk Point, together with the Town of St. Paul, County of St. Paul, and the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay, was designated under the Alberta Advantage Immigration Program (AAIP) – Rural Renewal Stream (RRS) on March 10, 2023 for a three-year term ending March 2026.

The Rural Renewal Stream enables designated rural communities to endorse eligible foreign workers for provincial nomination toward permanent residence, supporting workforce attraction in response to demonstrated local labour needs.

At Council's direction, the STEP-administered Rural Renewal Stream program has been on pause since April 2025. The pause was implemented to allow time to assess significant provincial and federal immigration system changes, including processing backlogs, reduced nomination allocations, and forthcoming program reforms.

As the current designation period is nearing expiry, Council direction is required on whether to pursue renewal of the designation. Renewal is not automatic and must be approved by the Province. If renewed, designation would be granted for a further two-year period, subject to provincial terms and conditions.

Since initial designation, the Province has implemented significant changes to the RRS framework, effective January 1, 2026, including endorsement allocation limits, endorsement validity periods, and candidate ranking requirements. These changes materially affect how the program would operate locally and require updated criteria and governance should the designation be renewed.

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Since the program paused, there has been continued interest demonstrated by the business community to participate in the Rural Renewal Stream to attract and retain employees. Most recently, numerous businesses and workers have reached out to administration and/or council seeking access to the Rural Renewal Stream to support individuals currently working locally on temporary work visas.

STEP was notified mid-January 2026 the region has been allocated 30 provincial nominations for 2026 under the Rural Renewal Stream. This allotment reflects the Province's intent to equalize opportunities across participating communities and regions. Letters of Endorsement issued or re-issued in 2026 will count toward this 2026 nomination allotment.

**The Province further advised that if a community removes itself from designation, it is currently unclear whether previously issued Letters of Endorsement would continue to be supported; however, no new Letters of Endorsement could be issued once designation lapses. (\*seeking clarification from AAIP)**

**Attached:**

- County RFD – Rural Renewal Stream Designation Renewal
- Rural Renewal Presentation

**Budget/Financial Implications:**

There are no direct financial implications associated with submitting an application to renew the RRS designation.

Should the designation be renewed and the program continued, any administrative or operational costs related to program delivery would be addressed through existing resources or brought forward separately for Council consideration.

**Legislation/Bylaw/Policy Consideration:**

Participation in the Rural Renewal Stream is governed by provincial program guidelines under the Alberta Advantage Immigration Program. Renewal of designation does not require changes to municipal bylaws.

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Should renewal be approved, Administration would update internal procedures and program criteria to ensure alignment with revised provincial requirements, including endorsement caps and eligibility rules.

**Strategic Alignment:**

**Pillar #1 – A Robust Economy that Benefits the Town and Region**

Goal #3 – Attract and Support Businesses

Tactic – Remain committed to regional economic development

**Economic Development:**

The Rural Renewal Stream is a workforce attraction tool intended to support rural economies experiencing persistent labour shortages.

Renewal of designation preserves the community’s ability to participate in provincially led immigration pathways and respond to employer workforce needs under revised provincial controls. Declining renewal would remove the RRS as a future labour attraction option for the region.

**Public Participation Policy:**

- #1 - Shared Responsibility and Commitment
- #2 - Transparent and Accountable
- #4 - Appropriate and Responsive
- #5 - Evaluation and Continual Improvement
- #3 - Inclusive and Accessible

**Alternatives**

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1. As directed by Council.
2. That this item be received as information.

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3. That Council support the County of St. Paul to apply for renewal of the Rural Renewal Stream designation under the Alberta Advantage Immigration Program, and return to Council with revised local criteria should renewal be approved by the Province.
4. That Council does not pursue renewal of the Rural Renewal Stream designation, allowing the current designation to expire in March 2026.

### **Recommendation**

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Respectfully submitted by:

Darrell Lessmeister, CAO

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# RURAL RENEWAL UPDATE

January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## ALBERTA ADVANTAGE IMMIGRATION PROGRAM (AAIP)

- Rural Renewal (RRS) is one stream of the Alberta's Advance Immigration Program (AAIP) where individuals can be nominated for their permanent residence (PR) by a designated community/organization body. AAIP streams are as follows:
  - Tourism and Hospitality Stream
  - Alberta Express Entry Stream
    - Dedicated Health Care Pathway
  - Rural Entrepreneur Stream
  - Farm Stream
  - Alberta Opportunity Stream
  - Rural Renewal Stream
  - Graduate Entrepreneur Stream
  - Foreign Graduate Entrepreneur Stream

Immigration is a shared jurisdiction (federal/provincial), but the federal government is dominant. Once an individual receives their provincial nomination under one of these programs, they next need to make a federal application.

“There are no special cash bonuses or tax breaks for newcomers. Supports are focused on helping people integrate into the workforce and community, and most benefits are income-tested and available to all residents—not just immigrants.”

## HISTORIC

- County of St. Paul, Town of St. Paul, Town of Elk Point, and the Summer village of Horseshoe Bay received designation in March of 2023. STEP developed and launched the program in just over a month to take the first employer application at the end of April 2023. The designation was received for three (3) years and expires in March 2026. The program was paused in April 2025.
- In the duration of the program, STEP:
  - approved 60 of 61 Employer Applications primarily in food service, retail, not-for-profit, health services and other, and;
  - Provided 192 Letters of Endorsement issued to workers.

## RRS PAUSE

- Rural Renewal paused April 2025 due to:
- Backlog of applications and processing time
- Reduced allocation at federal level trickling down (Alberta's allocation for nominees in 2025 was 4,875, of which only 93 are allocated to the RRS)
- Lack of visibility on program success
- Implementation of Expression of Interest (EOI) across all streams effectively and strategically slowing the application process and creating questions on success stats.

## CHANGES TO RRS AS OF JANUARY 1, 2026

Alberta states there have been “endorsement volumes exceeding available nomination spaces under RRS”, therefore the following changes have been implemented for 2026:

- Endorsement allocation limits for each designated community. The limits have not been shared for 2026 as of yet.
- One-year validity period for the Endorsement of Candidate Letters.
- Implementation of a ranking system which prioritised work experience and education for Endorsements.
- Changed eligibility of foreign nations to now require a work permit to apply.

Neither federal, nor provincial level have any direction on Endorsement numbers in the future.

Nomination numbers are provided to the province by the Federal Government and then allotted per Stream. As those numbers are not yet available, it is unknown how allotment per stream, per community will be rolled out.

## RENEWAL & CONTINUATION

- The region's designation for the RRS is ending March 2026.
- Renewal is not automatic. An application will have to be made, and renewal will be at the discretion of the province to renew for an additional 2 years.
- Designation can be split from regional to community.
- Community/Municipality can create additional criteria in addition to that of the province.
- RFD for:
  - Direction to make a renewal application by each Council
  - If directed to continue the program and remove the pause once renewed, recommendations on criteria and/parameters of the program given provincial changes and community needs.



## Request for Decision

Council Meeting: January 27, 2026

### Rural Renewal Stream Designation Renewal

#### Request

The County of St. Paul, together with the Town of St. Paul, Town of Elk Point, and the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay, was designated under the Alberta Advantage Immigration Program (AAIP) – Rural Renewal Stream (RRS) on March 10, 2023 for a three-year term ending March 2026.

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Since initial designation, the province has implemented significant changes to the RRS framework, including changes effective January 1, 2026. These most recent changes include nomination allocation limits, limits endorsement validity beyond one year, and candidate ranking requirements. These changes materially affect how the program would operate locally and require updated criteria and governance should the designation be renewed.

Since the program paused, there has been continued interest demonstrated by the business community to participate in the Rural Renewal Stream to attract and retain employees. Most recently, numerous businesses and workers have reached out to administration and/or council seeking access to the Rural Renewal Stream to support individuals currently working locally on temporary work visas.

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**Budget/Financial** – There are no direct financial implications associated with submitting an application to renew the RRS designation.

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**Legislation/Bylaw/Policy Consideration** – Participation in the Rural Renewal Stream is governed by provincial program guidelines under the Alberta Advantage Immigration Program. Renewal of designation does not require changes to municipal bylaws.

Should renewal be approved, Administration would update internal procedures and program criteria to ensure alignment with revised provincial requirements, including nomination caps and eligibility rules.

**Economic Development Implications** – The Rural Renewal Stream is a workforce attraction tool intended to support rural economies experiencing persistent labour shortages.

Renewal of designation preserves the community's ability to participate in provincially led immigration pathways and respond to employer workforce needs under revised provincial controls. Declining renewal would remove the RRS as a future labour attraction option for the region.

## **Alternatives**

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That the County of St. Paul direct Administration to apply for renewal of the Rural Renewal Stream designation under the Alberta Advantage Immigration Program and return to Council with revised local criteria should renewal be approved by the Province.

That the County of St. Paul does not pursue renewal of the Rural Renewal Stream designation, allowing the current designation to expire in March 2026.

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## Recommendation

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At Councils' discretion.

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**Submitted by:** Linda Sallstrom, STEP Economic Development Officer



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## REQUEST FOR DECISION

**Council Meeting: February 9, 2026**

**Re: Regional Joint Council Meeting – February 26, 2026  
Regional Housing Study**

**Request:**

That Council approve the attendance of all Council members at the Regional Joint Council Meeting to discuss the Regional Housing Study scheduled for February 26, 2026 in St. Paul.

**Background:**

The Town of St. Paul is organizing a Regional Joint Council meeting on February 26, 2026, in St. Paul, to discuss the Regional Housing Study. In order for Council to attend, a motion must be made approving Council's attendance.

**Attached:** N/A

**Budget/Financial Implications:**

Honorarium

Travel

**Legislation/Bylaw/Policy Consideration:**

Bylaw 917/25 - Procedural Bylaw

Policy 1-4-18 – Council Remuneration Policy

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**Strategic Alignment:**

**Pillar #3 – Effective Leadership and Communication**

Goal #2 – Actively Engage with Residents and External Organizations

Tactic – Ensure that accessibility to the Town’s public information is barrier-free.

**Pillar #1 – A Robust Economy that Benefits the Town and Region**

Goal #3 – Attract and Support Businesses

Tactic – Remain committed to regional economic development

**Economic Development:** Remain committed to regional economic development

**Public Participation Policy:**

- #1 - Shared Responsibility and Commitment
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- #5 - Evaluation and Continual Improvement
- #3 - Inclusive and Accessible

**Alternatives**

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1. As directed by Council.
2. That this item be received as information.
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**Recommendation**

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Respectfully submitted by:

Darrell Lessmeister, CAO

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## REQUEST FOR DECISION

**Council Meeting: February 9, 2026**

### **Re: Bilateral & Multilateral Recreation Agreement process**

#### **Request:**

Council to review the process to renew the Bilateral & Multilateral Recreation Agreement process

#### **Background:**

In 2019, there was the establishment of agreements to share operating costs of the recreation facilities within the region (Town of St Paul, County of St Paul, Town of Elk Point, and Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay).

There is a Multilateral Agreement that involves all four municipalities and the following recreation facilities: St. Paul Aquatic Center; St Paul Visual Arts Center; Elk Point Allied Arts Centre and County Parks.

There are also Bi-Lateral recreation agreements between the County of St. Paul and the Town of St. Paul and a Bi-Lateral recreation agreement between the County of St. Paul and the Town of Elk Point that involves the Elk Point Golf Course, Elk Point Spray Park, Elk Point Ball Diamonds, Iron Horse Trail, AG Ross Arena and Elk Point curling Rink.

These recreational agreements are based on the concept that the recreational facilities are utilized and benefit residents in the region. Also, the operating costs of these facilities should be shared by all the residents.

The Bilateral & Multilateral Recreation Agreements expired at the end of 2024 and the agreements were extended for 2 years to provide the time to review and update the recreational agreements.

At the Regional Intermunicipal Council meeting on January 19, 2026 there was a discussion regarding the process to negotiates new agreements set to begin January 1, 2027. The three (3) option:

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1. Administration led process that brings recommendation back to each respective Council for approval;
2. Steering Committee with Administration and appointed representatives from each Council that brings back recommendation back to each Council for approval;
3. Full Council meetings to negotiate the renewal of the agreements.

The following motion was carried at the Regional Intermunicipal Meeting on January 19, 2026: *“Moved by Darrell Younghans, Councillor, County of St. Paul, that each Council defer back to their respective Council group for further discussion on a process preference for the renewal of the Multi and Bi Lateral Recreation Agreements.”*

The Village of Horseshoe Bay has provided direction for 1. Administrative led process.

The County of St Paul has provided the direction for 2. Steering Committee process.

The Town of St Paul and the Town of Elk Point are reviewing the options at their February 9, 2026 Council Meeting.

**Attached:**

**Budget/Financial Implications:**

- This is part of our annual budget.

**Legislation/Bylaw/Policy Consideration:**

**Strategic Alignment:**

**Pillar #1 – A Robust Economy that Benefits the Town and Region**

**Goal #3 – Attract and Support Businesses**

**Tactic – Remain committed to regional economic development**

**Economic Development:** Remain committed to regional economic development

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**Public Participation Policy:**

- #5 - Evaluation and Continual Improvement
- #2 - Transparent and Accountable
- #4 - Appropriate and Responsive
- #3 - Inclusive and Accessible
- #1 - Shared Responsibility and Commitment

**Alternatives**

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1. As direct by Council.
2. That this item be received as information.
3. That Council approves an Administration led process for the renewal of the Multilateral and Bilateral Recreation Agreements.
4. That Council approves a Steering Committee process for the renewal of the Multilateral and Bilateral Recreation Agreements.
5. That Council approves a Full Council process for the renewal of the Multilateral and Bilateral Recreation Agreements.
6. That Council approves an alternate option.

**Recommendation**

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1. As directed by Council.

Respectfully submitted by:

Darrell Lessmeister, CAO

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## REQUEST FOR DECISION

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**Council Meeting: February 9, 2026**

### **Re: AB Munis Insurance Portal User Appointment**

**Request:**

For Council appoint Mir Ali as primary user and Michele Weston as secondary user of AB Munis Insurance portal.

**Background:**

Lynn Proskiw is current prime user of the AB Munis Insurance portal. Due to her uncertain availability to work, Council needs to appoint a prime user and a secondary user for the portal.

The portal now supports incident tracking across all policy types, beyond property, liability, and auto. This enhancement enables the capture and management of incidents related to additional coverages—such as cyber, environmental, crime, equipment breakdown, and other specialized policies—ensuring critical information is centralized and readily available should an incident later develop into a claim.

**Attached:**

- Member Portal Highlight update on changes in January 2026

**Budget/Financial Implications:** N/A

**Legislation/Bylaw/Policy Consideration:** AB Munis verification requirements

**Strategic Alignment:**

**Pillar #3 – Effective Leadership and Communication**

- Pillar #2 – A Connected and Inclusive Community
- Pillar #3 – Quality Infrastructure and Contributes to a Sustainable Environment

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Tactic – Ensure that accessibility to the Town’s public information is barrier-free.

**Economic Development:** N/A

**Public Participation Policy:**

- #1 - Shared Responsibility and Commitment
- #4 - Appropriate and Responsive
- #2 - Transparent and Accountable

### **Alternatives**

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1. As directed by Council.
2. That this item be received as information.
3. That Council appoint Mir Ali as primary user and Michele Weston as secondary user of AB Munis Insurance portal.

### **Recommendation**

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3. That Council appoint Mir Ali as primary user and Michele Weston as secondary user of AB Munis Insurance portal.

Respectfully submitted by:

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## REQUEST FOR DECISION

**Council Meeting: February 9, 2026**

**Re: Utilities Request Letter – Lot 10, Block 11, Plan 2130HW**

**Request:**

Requesting Council to consider full or partial forgiveness or any other form of relief of the utility bill overage from the Dec/Jan billing period.

**Background:**

The property owner of Lot 10, Block 11, Plan 2130HW has sent a request to Town Council, for the consideration or full, partial or any form of relief of the Dec/Jan utility billing period.

On February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Administration received the letter from the property owner with the request to Council. During December 2025, the tenant was away from the home and during this time the furnace has failed to run and resulted in the water pipes to freeze until bursting. The water flowed for several days before discovery and being addressed. The property owner states that the over usage of water was unintentional and was caused by mechanical failure. The property owner has already incurred substantial costs with emergency repairs, property restoration and insurance deductibles and is unable to recover costs from the tenants. The owner and tenant do not have a history of over usage of water or penalties caused by no payment.

The December 1, 2025 to January 31, 2026, billing period usage read was for 1022 m3. After the basic water charge for 28 m3 the water overage cost is \$3.28 per m3 resulting in \$3260.32. Sewer after the basic sewer charge of 28m3 is \$0.92 per m3, resulting in \$914.48.

$$226.00 + 3260.32 + 914.48 = 4400.80$$

The date that this bill must be paid before March 2, 2026, before a penalty is applied. Once the penalty of 10% is applied, the total amount is \$4840.88. That is a \$440.08 increase to the original charge.

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Council had a previous request in March of 2024 that had the similar event happen to the resident. Council passed resolution #24-167 as follows:

UTILITIES – LATE  
PENALTY (2A)  
Res #24-167 03-25-2024

MOVED by Mayor Tung that Council direct Administration to send a letter to the landowner of Lot 7, Block 18, Plan 415HW advising them their request to waive the penalty of \$339.97 is approved.

DEFEATED

The Town did enter into a payment agreement with the resident to pay off the usage of water. Any further previous requests for forgiveness of penalty or over usage on utility bills have not been approved.

**Options:**

1. If Council forgives the over usage of water, and grants the resident full pardon, there will be a \$4,174.80 that would have to be subsidized through taxes.
2. If Council forgives the over usage of water, and grants the resident partial pardon, there will be a \$2,087.40 that would have to be subsidized through taxes.
3. Council may direct Administration to enter into an agreement with the resident to proceed with a payment plan.

**Attached:**

- Email from Resident – Feb 5, 2026
- Dec 1, 2025 – Jan 31, 2026 Utility Bill
- Bylaw 900/25 – Utilities Bylaw

**Budget/Financial Implications:**

1. Full pardon, there will be a \$4,174.80 that would have to be subsidized through taxes.
2. Partial pardon, there will be a \$2,087.40 that would have to be subsidized through taxes.

**Legislation/Bylaw/Policy Consideration:** Bylaw 900/25 – Utilities Bylaw

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**Strategic Alignment:**

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**Economic Development:** N/A

**Public Participation Policy:**

- #3 - Inclusive and Accessible
- #2 - Transparent and Accountable
- #4 - Appropriate and Responsive

**Alternatives**

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1. As directed by Council.
2. That this item be received as information.
3. That Council direct Administration to send a letter to the landowner of Lot 10, Block 11, Plan 2130HW approving the request of full pardon for the Dec/Jan utility overage on Utility Account 19127 in the amount of \$4,174.80.
4. That Council direct Administration to send a letter to the landowner of Lot 10, Block 11, Plan 2130HW approving the request of partial pardon for the Dec/Jan utility overage on Utility Account 19127 in the amount of \$2,087.40.
5. That Council direct Administration to set up a payment plan with landowner of Lot 10, Block 11, Plan 2130HW for the Dec/Jan utility overage on Utility Account 19127.

**Recommendation**

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1. As directed by Council.

Respectfully submitted by:



Darrell Lessmeister, CAO

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## Kendra Loughran

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**From:** Kevin Casper [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** February 5, 2026 12:11 PM  
**To:** Kendra Loughran  
**Subject:** My appeal

To the Members of Town Council,

I am writing to respectfully request consideration for forgiveness or adjustment of an extraordinary water utility charge in the amount of approximately \$4,500 related to a flooding incident at my rental property located at [property address].

In December of 2025, while the tenants were temporarily away on holiday, the furnace at the property failed unexpectedly during cold weather. This resulted in frozen pipes that subsequently burst, causing continuous water flow for several days before the issue was discovered and addressed. As soon as the situation was identified, emergency repairs were made, and the water was shut off to prevent further damage.

The excessive water usage was entirely unintentional and the direct result of an unforeseen mechanical failure. There was no neglect or misuse of water, and neither myself nor the tenants were aware of the situation until after the damage had already occurred.

Unfortunately, I am unable to recover these costs from the tenants, as they are experiencing significant financial hardship and do not have the means to contribute toward this expense. As the property owner, I have already incurred substantial costs related to emergency repairs, property restoration, and insurance deductibles arising from this incident.

I understand and respect the Town's policies regarding utility charges, and I appreciate the services provided by the municipality. However, given the exceptional and unavoidable nature of this event, I am respectfully asking Council to consider full or partial forgiveness of this water bill, or any other form of relief deemed appropriate.

Thank you very much for your time, consideration, and service to the community. I would be happy to provide any additional documentation or information if required.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Casper

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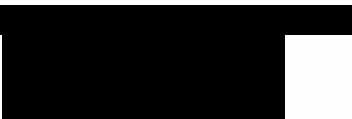
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**UTILITY BILL**

<b>BILLING DATE</b> February 05, 2026
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<b>NAME</b>	1190003
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**Billing Period December 01, 2025 To January 31, 2026**

December 12	CASH RECEIPT APPLIED	Previous Balance	226.00	
		20255765	(226.00)	
		Balance Forward	0.00	0.00

<b>SERVICE ADDRESS</b>
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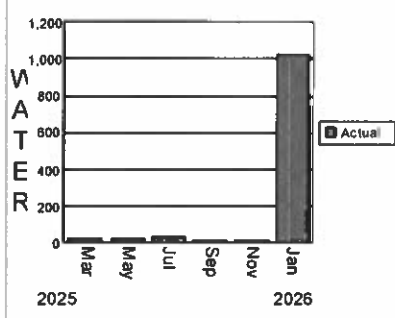


BASIC CHARGES			
BASIC SEWER CHARGE	36.00	36.00	
BASIC WATER CHARGE	126.00	126.00	
GARBAGE	44.00	44.00	
GARBAGE BIN	6.00	6.00	
UTILITY RESERVE	14.00	14.00	
<b>Total Basic Charges</b>		<b>226.00</b>	<b>226.00</b>

<b>LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>
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Lot 10  
Block 11  
Plan 2130HW

METER ID 1544824070		WATER CONSUMPTION CHARGES		
Prev Read	1759.000 December 1	Consumption	1022.000 m <sup>3</sup>	Actual
Curr Read	2781.000 February 2	WATER OVER 28 - \$3.28 PER M3		3,260.32
		SEWER OVER 28-\$0.92 PER M3		914.48
		G.S.T. 129951679RT0001		0.00



PLEASE NOTE: UTILITY ACCOUNTS ARE DUE AND PAYABLE WHEN RENDERED AND SUBJECT TO A PENALTY.

**4,400.80**

**AMOUNT NOW DUE**

RETAIN THIS PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS

**IMPORTANT MESSAGES**

NOTE: ANY CONSUMPTION OVER 28 CUBIC METERS IN THE TWO MONTH PERIOD IS CHARGED AT \$4.20 PER CUBIC METER (\$3.28 WATER AND \$.92 SEWER). BULK WATER IS \$6.00 PER CUBIC METER.

\*\*\*CURRENT CONSUMPTION IS FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY

CHECK OUT THE ATTACHMENT(S) FOR UP COMING EVENTS.

A COPY HAS BEEN SENT TO [Redacted]

PLEASE NOTE PENALTY DATE AND SUBMIT PAYMENT ON OR BEFORE THIS DATE.

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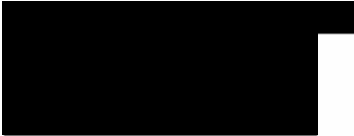
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0.00	4,400.80	4,840.88	March 02, 2026	4,400.80	

<b>Account Number</b> 1190003
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### **Manager of Operations Report Jan 8 to Jan 30, 2026**

The public works staff has been busy with doing windrow removal through the month of January thankfully the weather has given us a break to be able to do this.

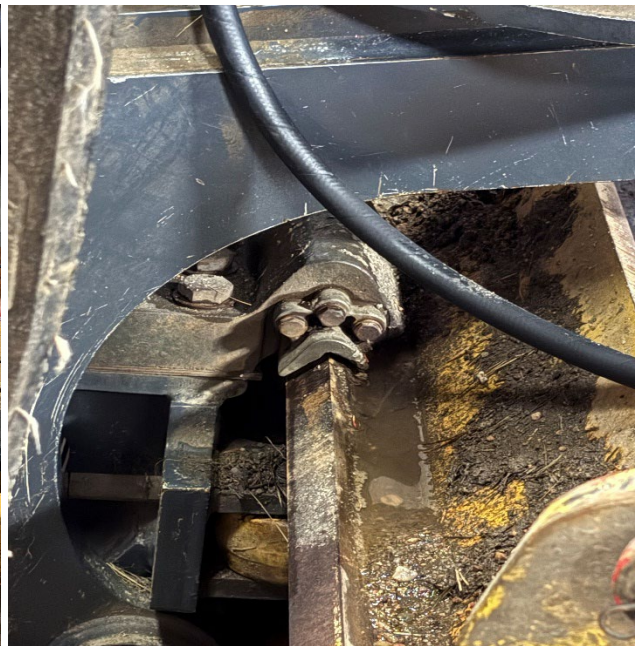
I would like to take this time to thank my staff for the hard work they do and the efficient manner in which they do it.

I really do believe a manager is only as good as the people he works with and I work with some good people.

#### **Equipment**

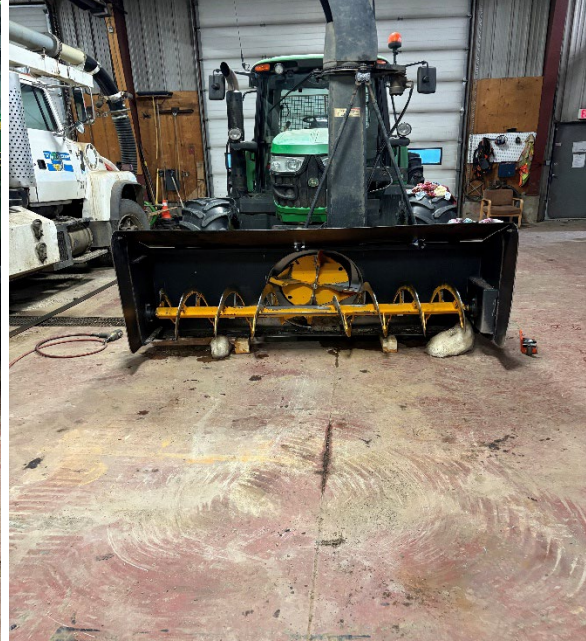
The last couple of months has seen lots of use by the equipment to clear snow.

We are scheduled to do shims and circle adjustment on our grader which is scheduled for next. It will put the grader down for a day but is a need to do.



We did have an incident with our snowblower where it did contact the lip of a manhole causing some damage to the framework of the blower.

Public works was able to repair in house and have it back out working with just a day of it being down.



### Water

The public works did do a couple of water shut off repairs in this time including one where public works had to do a shut down on a water line to a multi unit dwelling because of a leak inside and not able to contact the landlord to get into utilities to shut off water.

Public works shut off the water but was not able to turn back on until repairs were made from past contractor damage.

The distribution reports for the regional and Town of Elk Point have been submitted to Alberta Environment for approval.

### Sewer

The wastewater collection and wastewater treatment reports have been submitted to Alberta Environment for approval.

### Garbage/transfer station

The needed repairs for the garbage truck have been completed.

We have been experiencing some breakage of bins because of the cold weather and overloading with improper materials.

A proposal was submitted for purchase of garbage truck or going with a contractor option which would free up a staff member for us.

### **Streets and Roads**

As was said in my opening remarks snow removal on the streets has been a big part of our work this month.

We are spending a good amount of time doing windrow removal to make room for future snowfalls.

The citizens in the Town of Elk Point has shown great patience with us and have received minimal complaints about the snow removal.



### **Misc**

Public works did assist the fire department with clearing of snow to access the Elk Point fish pond to do training in water rescue.

Christmas lights taken down in this time period. Big thank you again to the Town of St. Paul for letting us use their lift truck.

Jay Duffee  
Manager of Operations

January 30, 2026

## Animal Report January 30, 2026

I received a call of a hurt dog that was picked up on the outskirts of town and asked if the town would be able to pick up the dog and care for it.

I explained to the person that we would be able to place in our pound but unfortunately with no license we would only be able to keep for 2 to 3 days.

Told the person we would pick up in the morning if he still wanted. Did not hear from the person again.

Did see a go fund me page for the dogs vet bills and it looked like they were keeping the dog

Received a call from the town office of a german shepard type dog running in between post office and hometown grocers

We were busy at the time and were not able to get there right away and said we would check when there was time.

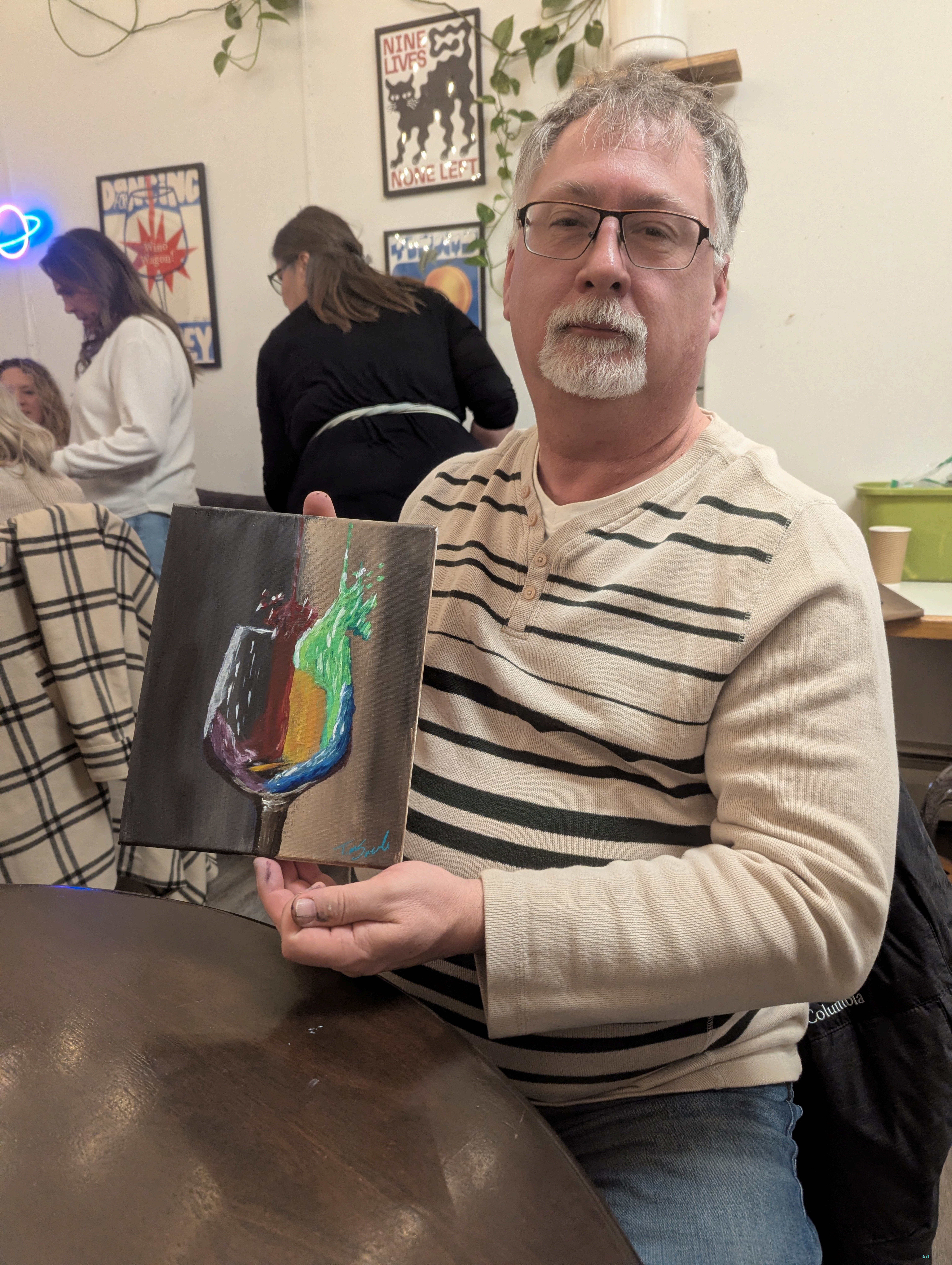
The public works did do a drive around a half hour later but were unable to locate the dog.

Jay Duffee  
Manager of Operations

January 30, 2026

## January Recreation Report:

- Our first ever Paint Night, partnered with the Coffee club was a huge success! We had 3 kids registered for the afternoon "Ice cream cone" painting and we had 12 adults attend the adult Wine paint night, including Elk Points very own Tim Smereka (attached is Tim proudly displaying his painting after his very first attempt at ever picking up a paint brush-- good job Tim!). The coffee club and our artist for the evening are both interested in partnering again in the future.
- Planning for Heritage Day, while exhausting, is going well. A huge thanks to Morgan in the office whose willingness to assist me with all projects for Heritage Day has made a huge difference for me! We will be going into Heritage Day with minimum 10 vendors, which is a comfortable amount. The day will showcase Ukrainian, Scottish, Cree, Jamaican and many more local cultures that are found right here in Elk Point. If available on Family Day Monday, February 16th, please join us from 2-6pm at the Allied Arts!
- Planning for Canada Day is going consistently well! All the usual activities will at front and centre for the day-- including the fan favorite pancake breakfast and parade, vendor market, bounce houses, petting zoo, Firemen's Challenge, Soap Box Car Races, dog agility returns for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year and we are hoping to feature a special appearance by Improv Comedians as the main entertainment. We will welcome back a handful of more food trucks on July 1 and June 30<sup>th</sup> for the fireworks and beer gardens/karaoke night.
- I'm excited to announce that Morgan and I had a first meeting with Councillor Shawn to discuss a Newcomers/Family Dinner & Dance Night. The anticipated month for this is mid to late September but there is still more discussing to be done. We aim to partner with local churches, realtors, caterers, service companies for this event who came market their products for the newcomers of Elk Point. This event is aimed to be family friendly and become a semi regular event as a safe weekend activity for local families.
- The St. Paul Elk Point Regional Marketing Committee is once again putting efforts into attending provincial tradeshows to promote tourism in our region. We will be attending 3 tradeshows in the spring and Council has Approved involvement to the extent of sending a Councillor to attend the trade shows and for Elk Point to participate in a local giveaway of camping passes. In addition, the committee has approved a Budget for the GoEast Map Contest and the town (myself) will work with the Elk Point Chamber to decide what we want to feature/giveaway in the GoEast contest.



NINE LIVES  
NONE LEFT

DRIPPING  
WINE WAGON!

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**TOWN OF ELKPOINT**

**NORTH EAST MUNI-CORR LTD.  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
September 8, 2025**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Vicky Lefebvre, City of Cold Lake  
Maureen Miller, Town of St. Paul  
Dale Hedrick, County of St. Paul  
Linda Fenerty, Smoky Lake County  
Dana Swigart, M.D. of Bonnyville

Evelynne Kobes, Town of Smoky Lake  
Tammy-Lynn Thompson, Village of Vilna  
Elisa Brosseau, Town of Bonnyville  
Nicholas Werstiuk, Village of Glendon  
Jason Boorse, Town of Elk Point

**OTHERS**

Ron Boisvert, Town of St. Paul Alternate  
Bjornstad, Riverland Recreational Trail Society  
Molly Fyten, Town of Smoky Lake CAO  
Marianne Janke, Executive Director Marvin  
Bill Parker, City of Cold Lake Alternate

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

Introductions

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

It was moved by Director Brosseau to approve the agenda as presented.  
Carried

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

It was moved by Director Kobes to accept the June 9, 2025 minutes as presented.  
Carried

**4. BUSINESS FROM MINUTES**

**4.1 Bylaws**

Administration reported all Municipalities except for the Village of Vilna have approved the new bylaws.

It was moved by Director Kobes to launch the new bylaws with the Village of Vilna staying with the old bylaws and schedule a review in 2027.

Carried  
Director Thompson opposed

10:15am Mackenzie Fontana with MNP joined the meeting.

**4.2 Two Billion Tree Project**

It was moved by Director Lefebvre to provide a letter of access to Riverland Recreational Trail Society for the tree planting project for the next 5 years.

Carried

### **4.3 Trestle Repairs Quote**

Administration presented the updates quote for trestle repairs. A CFEP grant application will be submitted and MLA Scott Cyr will provide a support letter. It was suggested we ask MLA Glenn van Dijken for a support letter as well.

It was moved by Director Brosseau to accept the trestle repair quote as presented along with the grant application and support letter request.

Carried

10:25am Delegation: Mackenzie Fontana with MNP to present the 2024 Financial Compilation Report

Mackenzie noted, when we have completed the trestle repairs, to include the value in the financial report as it meets the requirement of extending the life of an asset. The 2024 financial report is consistent with previous years.

It was moved by Director Boorse to approve the 2024 Financial Report as presented.

Carried

10:33am Mackenzie Fontana left the meeting.

## **5. REPORTS**

### **5.1 Riverland Recreational Trail Society**

Marvin Bjornstad reported RRTS is starting fall work and the gates will be locked open at the end of October. The County of St. Paul approved a grant request for some repair work at the Heinsburg staging area; caboose, station and water tower. The County has been doing some double mowing on the that section.

RRTS worked a casino in Camrose. It was very quiet which gave everyone time to chat and discuss the trail.

Someone looked like they were installing a boat launch at the pumping station at Lindbergh so we will check with Strathcona Resources to see if it was them.

It was moved by Director Fenerty to accept the report as presented.

Carried

### **5.2 Executive Director**

A written report was circulated.

MG30 is now applied on two sections of trail; Bellis and Moose Lake thanks to the Smoky Lake County and M.D. of Bonnyville. We'll be able to monitor the two sections and get feedback on how it is working out.

It was moved by Director Brosseau to approve the report as presented.

Carried

### **5.2 Action Items**

Administration presented the Action Items Report  
Accepted as information only.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Case For Support**

Administration presented an outline for acquiring the land to the north of the Windsor Salt Plant. It was moved by Director Swigart for Administration to undertake a research process on the property.

Carried

## **6.2 Access Requests: St. Paul Ag. Society and Clifton**

It was moved by Director Lefebvre to provide access as per our standard agreement.

Carried

Chair moved agenda items 8 forward.

## **8. Financial Report**

### **8.1 Year To Date**

It was moved by Director Kobes to approve the June, July and August Year to Date reports as presented.

Carried

### **8.2 Accounts Payable**

None

### **8.3 GIC Renewal**

Discussion about why we use GIC's when some municipalities use a financial advisor and invest in something with a higher return.

11:32 Linda Fenerty left the meeting

The Board might have to take some risk management insurance.

It was moved by Director Boorse to invest \$500,000.00 into a 60 day GIC at 2.93%.

Carried

11:40 Elisa Brosseau left the meeting

## **6.3 Adjacent Landowners: Fence – Tree Line**

Discussion around the two situations, one in the M.D. of Bonnyville and one in Smoky Lake County where adjacent landowners contacted Muni-Corr about issues with dead trees on the fence line. In both cases the landowner was requesting Muni-Corr to pay for or remove trees from the fence line. The Line Fence Act clearly states fence maintenance is the responsibility of the fence owner. This information was shared with the adjacent landowner in the M.D. of Bonnyville. However, in both cases the fence is not on the property line. In some places, it is as much as 3 meters from the property line and in other places it is encroaching on Muni-Corr property. We may be looking at surveying and encroachment agreements.

It was moved by Director Lefebvre to had Administration look for original paperwork from CN for property boundaries, see if the two municipalities can help out with finding survey posts and send a letter to the two adjacent landowners informing them of the situation.

Carried

## **6.4 Town of Smoky Lake Water Main Loop**

It was moved by Director Kobes to table to a future meeting.

Carried

## **7. Closed Session**

It was moved by Director Lefebvre to move in to a closed session with the Executive Director and Alternates in attendance at 11:58am.

Marvin Bjornstad left the meeting.

Carried

It was moved by Director Kobes to come out of the closed session at 12:07pm.

Carried

It was moved by Director Werstiuk to have Administration to follow though on items discussed in the closed session.

**9. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for at the call of the Chair or Monday November 10, 2025 at 10:00am.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Director Kobes this meeting adjourn at 12:08pm.

Carried



Dwayne Yaremkevich, President



Marianne Janke, Executive Director

**N.E. Muni-Corr Ltd. Report**  
**November 10, 2025**

- **Riverland Recreational Trail Society:**

- Completed the 2025 Alberta Snowmobile & Powersports Show. Record number of attendees
- Submitted a CFEP grant application which included geotechnical work, signage and amenities at the Beaver River Trestle, trestle repairs, sign replacement and restocking and work on the boiler at Abilene Junction. The application was discussed with MLA Scott Cyr who provided a support letter as did MLA Glen van Dijken. We are working on submitting the same grant request to the Trans Canada Trail as matching funds for the projects.
- We are submitting another grant application to the Trans Canada Trail for Organizational Capacity Building. This will be to work on RRTS structure, trail steward program, roles, recruitment, sustainability and succession planning.
- Jerry Bidulock's TCT grant applications for year one tree planting was approved and he will be reaching out to communities and groups to engage them in the project.
- The paperwork has been started to designate the trail into the Village of Waskatenau and from Abilene Junction to Cold Lake part of the Trans Canada Trail.
- Preparing an NRED grant application around website expansion, opportunity analysis, trail animation, sign and amenity standard, Propulso data and app expansion.
- Completed presentation to Municipalities requesting one regarding the annual funding to RRTS. All ten municipalities approved the request.
- Working with the Bonnyville Snowdusters to get some work done on the Husky Trail; looking for funding from the M.D. of Bonnyville or some other grant program.
- Getting a holding tank installed at the LARA site, Brian Chyz assembled five picnic tables for the site. Still have to deliver the outhouse.

- **Alberta's Lakeland Destination Marketing Organization:**

- With NRED and CIP funding in place, the DMO was able to complete the RFP process and awarded the Northeast Lakeland Destination Development Plan project to Akron. We've held the kick off meeting and work is underway. We were able to hire Michelle Wright Consulting as the Project Manager on an 8 month contract. She will work closely with Akron supplying needed documents, contacts, organizing engagement sessions and overall management. We were also able to hire Unstoppable Partnership (Michelle Wright and Charne Roodt) as the Operations Coordinator on a 29 month contract. They will be taking over the day to day operations of the DMO and implementing year 1 and 2 of the Destination Development Plan.
- Completed the Smoky Lake Pumpkin Fair with a table to hand out tourism and trail information.
- Attended Power Up North Conference and handed out tourism and trail information.
- Submitted 2025-2026 funding proposal to Travel Alberta.

- **N.E. Muni-Corr Ltd.**

- Continued contact with past due accounts receivable.
- Followed up with adjacent landowners concerning fence/tree lines.
- Continued work with the Bonnyville/Glendon water line project providing access authorizations and participating in bi-weekly meetings. Project manager?
- Working with R.F. Binnie & Associates and providing GIS mapping of the nine staging area sites. They are in the process of site assessments, geotechnical work where needed and starting to review recreation and trail documents from within the region.
- Worked on a number of access requests.

- Ordered and had SAGE accounting installed so I can start working on entering the books to date.
- Met with Cold Lake First Nations twice.
- Met with Reynolds Mirth Richard & Farmer to discuss legal issues.



Holding tank being delivered to LARA



Picking up planks for the picnic tables at Co-op in Bonnyville.



New ATV Only parking at the Bonnyville Neighbourhood Inn



Secure parking spots for ATV's at the Bonnyville Neighbourhood Inn

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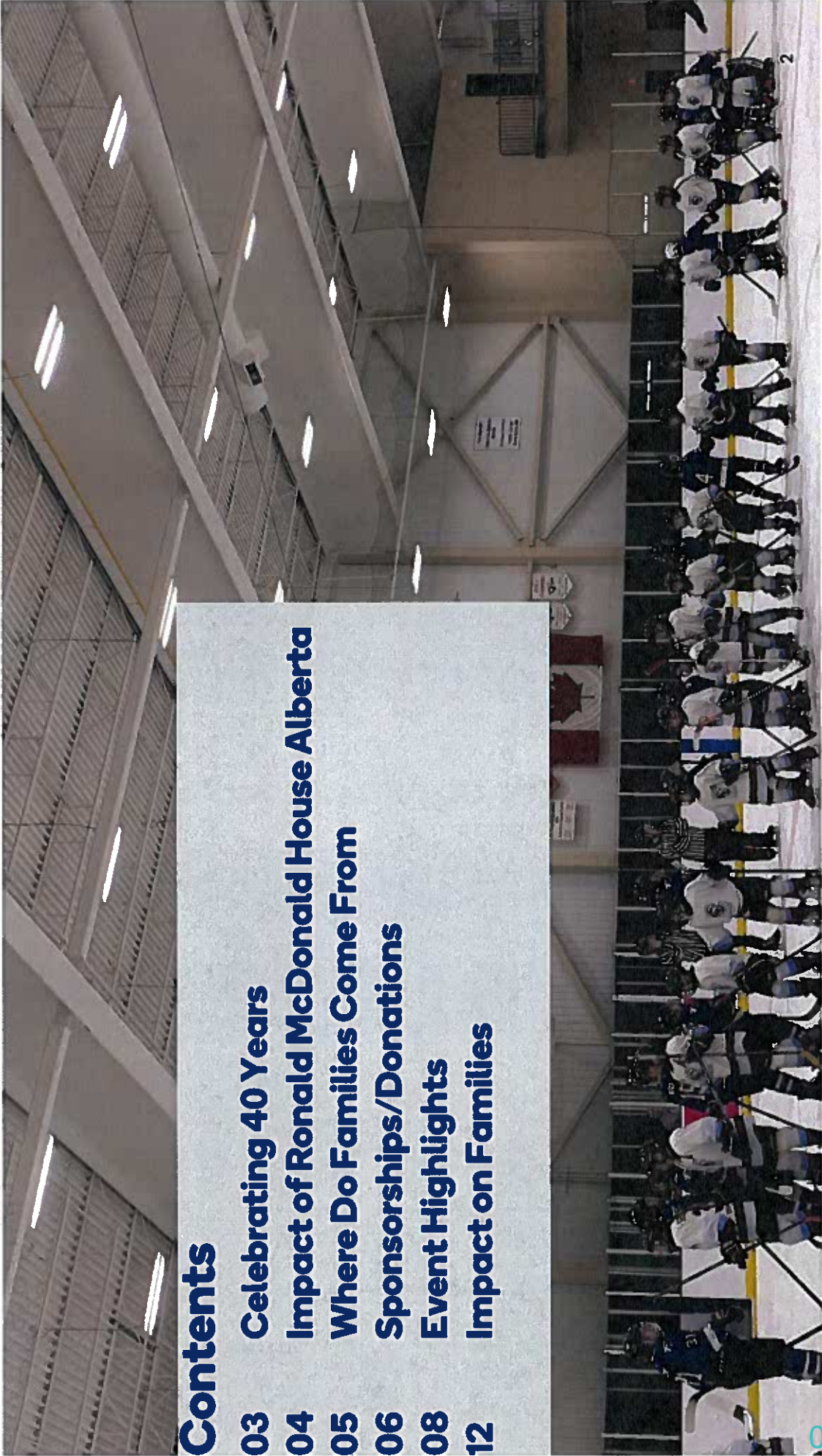
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**Presenting Sponsors**





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## Celebrating 40 Years

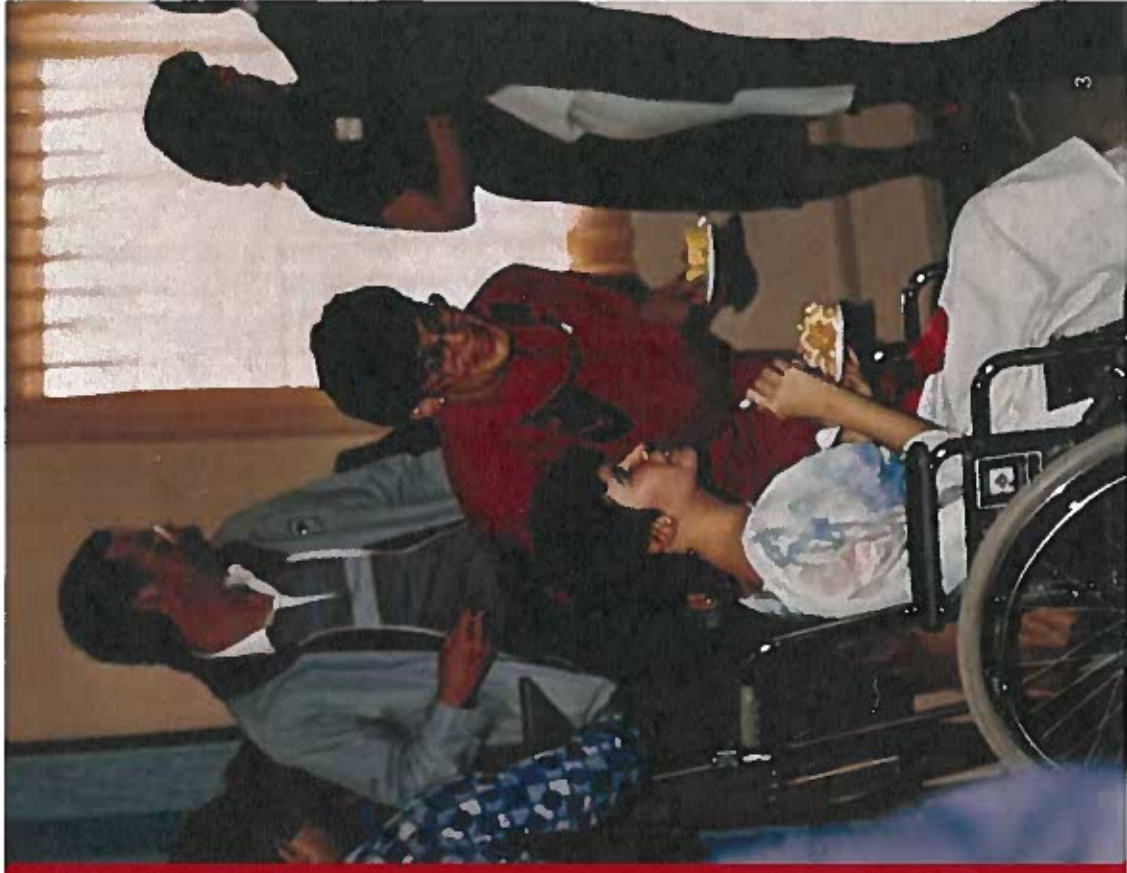
In 2025, we proudly celebrate 40 years of providing a home-away-from-home for families with sick or injured children across Alberta.

Since 1985, Ronald McDonald House® Alberta has offered comfort, support, and a sense of community to families during their most challenging times.

Inspired by the vision of Dr. Audrey Evans, a pioneering pediatric oncologist who co-founded the first Ronald McDonald House in 1974, Ronald McDonald House Alberta opened its first Houses in Calgary and Edmonton in 1985.

Over the years, we have expanded to serve even more families, opening Houses in Red Deer and Medicine Hat to ensure parents can stay close to their children receiving vital medical care.




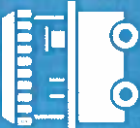
Join us in celebrating 40 years! Learn more about our history and impact at [ronaldmcdonaldhousealberta.org](http://ronaldmcdonaldhousealberta.org).



# Impact of Ronald McDonald House Alberta

Ronald McDonald House Alberta provides a home-away-from-home service to families needing to travel for vital medical treatments. Our services alleviate significant logistical, financial, and support barriers families face when leaving their home and their community. Through accommodation, we allow families to stay connected to their greatest support system, each other.

Transportation and meals are provided to ease financial and time burdens. Each year Ronald McDonald House Alberta saves families over \$9.6 Million.

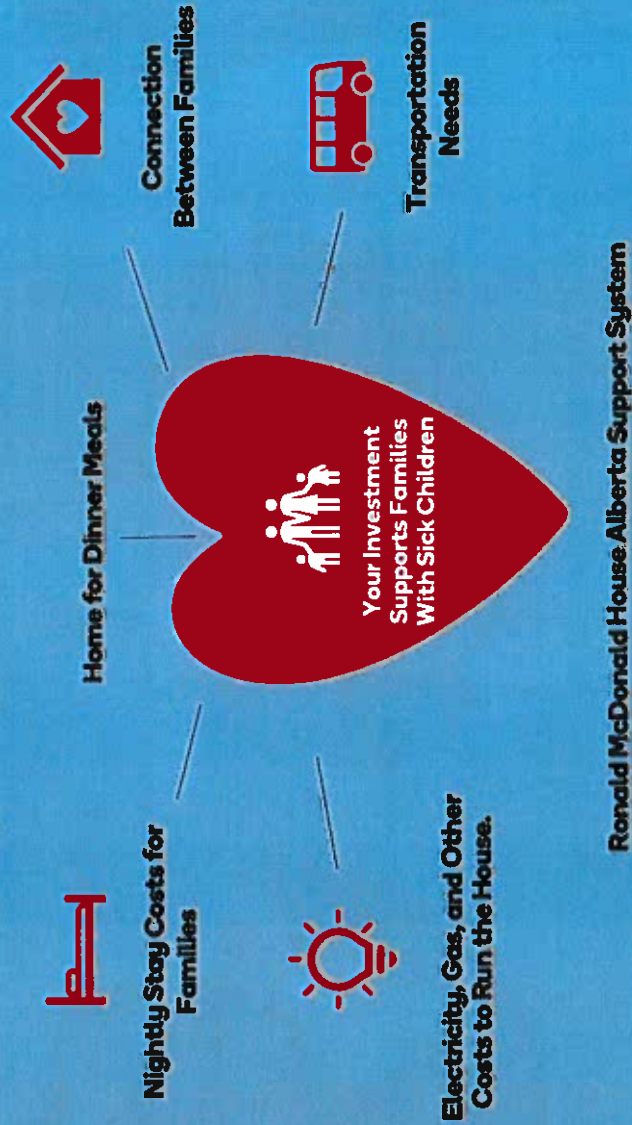
	<b>1,266</b>	<b>Families Served Overnight</b>		<b>23,774</b>	<b>Nights of Comfort Provided</b>		<b>16,363</b>	<b>Shuttle Trips</b>		<b>844</b>	<b>Home For Dinner Meal Groups</b>		<b>50,581</b>	<b>Home For Dinner Meals Provided</b>		<b>1,509</b>	<b>Families Served by Comfort Cart</b>
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# Where Do Families Come From



# Sponsorship/Donations

Your investment in Ronald McDonald House Alberta is directed to a complete support system needed by families with sick children. The unexpected costs that can add up during a medical crisis are extensive. By supporting Ronald McDonald House Alberta, you are connecting your investment to an entire network of accommodation and services that will provide relief to families.



*\*funds like yours support programs and services like accommodation, meals, transportation and more.*

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*"Looking back on the experience, the House was really the one thing that gave us hope, gave us comfort, and gave us the ability to cope. We would like to thank all those who contributed to keeping the doors of RMHC Alberta open. They are not just keeping families together; they are helping create and shape a future. We can't thank you enough."*

*-The Aiyegbusi Family*

# Event Highlights



**38**

Teams



**\$200,000**

Total Fundraised



**70**

Games Played



## Volunteer Highlight: Our All-Star Lineup of Kindness!

This event would not be possible without our outstanding team of volunteers. Between three rinks in three different communities, volunteers brought their A-Game, contributing 400 volunteer hours to ensure that the 2026 Winterland Invitational was a success. We are so grateful for their kindness and dedication.

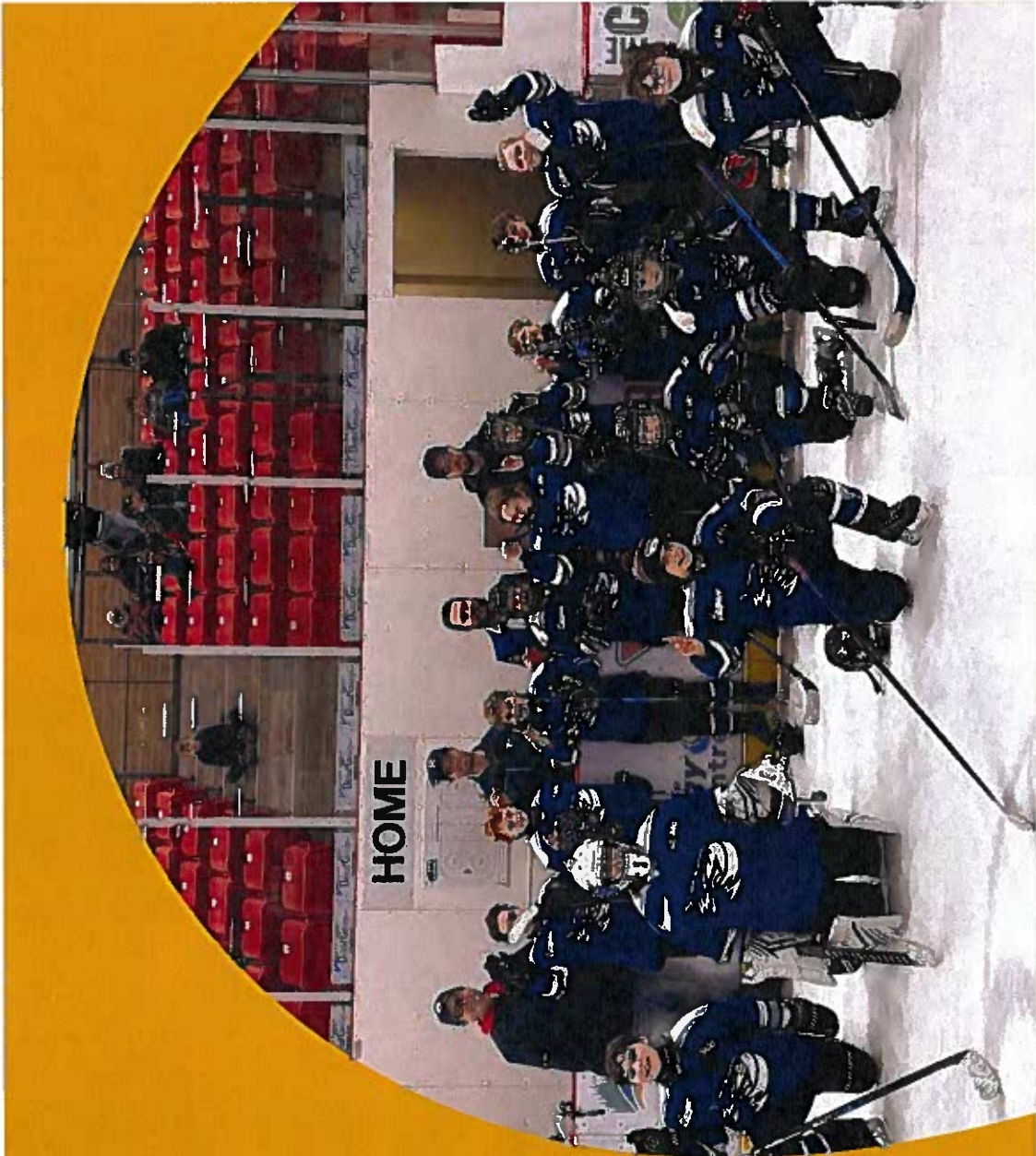
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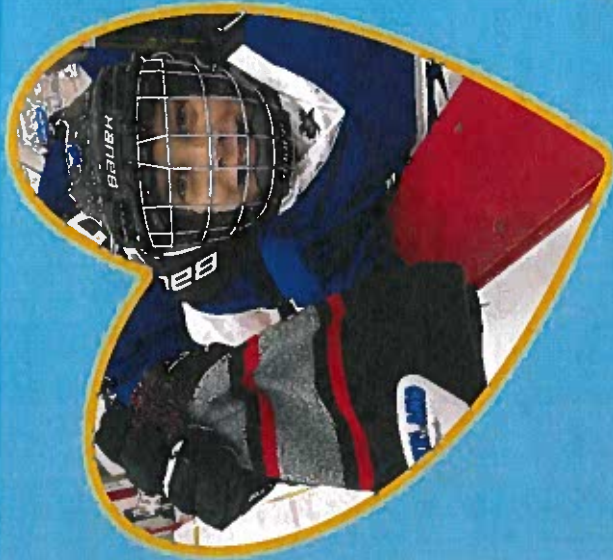
# Medals For The Win!

Every U9 player and the champs from the U11 and U13 pools skated away with shiny medals – because every great play deserves recognition!



## Heart & Hustle!

After every game, one player from each team got a shoutout from their coach. This is called the “Heart and Hustle Award,” and it recognizes those who showed up and gave it their all at our tournament!



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## ***Impact on Families – The Welch Family***

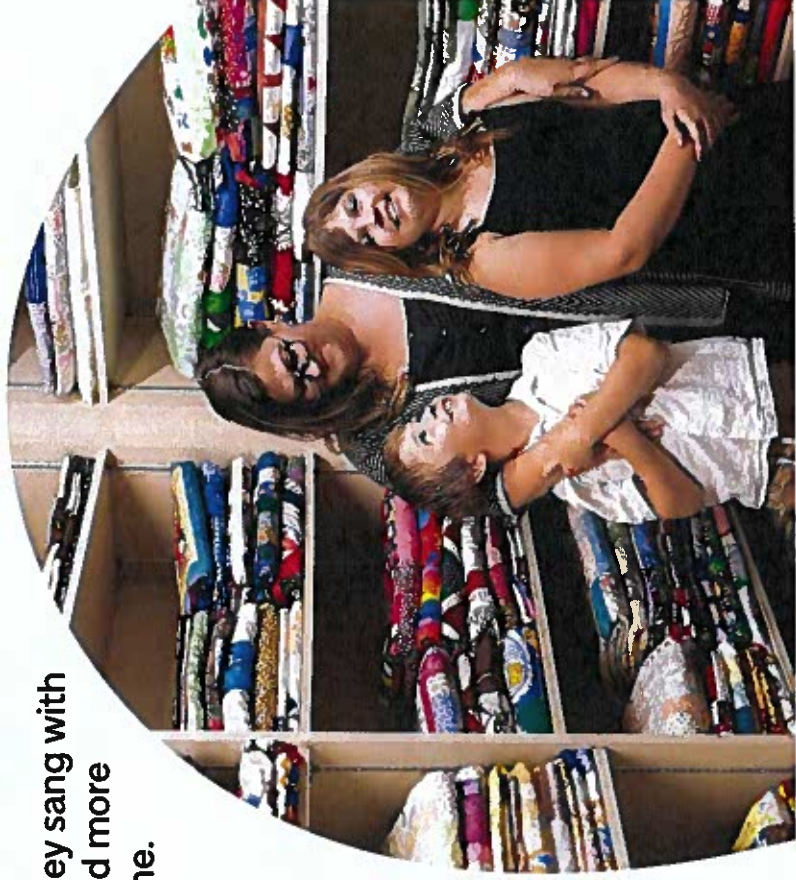
“The Ronald McDonald House in Edmonton gave our children a true feeling of community and the chance to just be kids. Our family has even celebrated four Christmases there, and I can tell you that volunteers and staff do everything they can to make the holidays magical.

Seeing the look of joy and excitement on our children’s faces as they sang with carolers and decorated the tree brought a sense of normalcy – and more importantly, the gift of hope and comfort during a very difficult time.

We aren’t staying at the Ronald McDonald House regularly now, but for our family it will always be a second home. Every time we’re in the city, whether it’s for a medical appointment or we’re just passing through, the kids insist that we drop by to visit our Ronald McDonald House family.

Our journey has been anything but easy, and we have a long way to go. I truly don’t know how we could have made it this far without Ronald McDonald House Alberta. When someone asked me recently to describe our experience there, I realized the only word that fit was: life-saving.”

-Michelle Welch







**Thank you**