



# Village of Marwayne

## Agenda

Regular Village Council Meeting  
 Monday, May 17, 2021 @ 7:00 PM  
 Horton Agencies Board Room/Zoom Video Conferencing

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1	CALL TO ORDER	
2	ADDITIONS	
3	ADOPTION OF AGENDA	
3.1	May 17th, 2021 Regular Village Council Meeting	
	<b>Be it resolved that the May 17th, 2021 Regular Village Council Meeting Agenda be approved as presented.</b>	
4	ADOPTION OF MINUTES	
4.1	May 3rd, 2021 Regular Village Council Meeting Agenda	3 - 5
	<b>Be it resolved that the May 3rd, 2021 Regular Village Council Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.</b>	
5	DELEGATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS	
6	KEY STRATEGY: ADDRESSING SERVICE NEEDS	
6.1	Public Works Foreman Report	6 - 7
	<b>Be it resolved that the Public Works Foreman Report be received as information.</b>	
7	KEY STRATEGY: SAFE & CARING COMMUNITY	
8	KEY STRATEGY: PLANNING FOR GROWTH & CHANGE	
9	KEY STRATEGY: PURSUING OPERATIONAL & ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE	
10	ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS	
10.1	Councillor Reports	
	<b>Be it resolved that the Councillor Reports be received as information.</b>	
10.2	Chief Administrative Officer Report	8 - 9
	<b>Be it resolved that the Chief Administrative Officer Report be received as information.</b>	
11	FINANCIAL	
11.1	Monthly Financial Report	10 - 11

**Be it resolved that the April 2021 Monthly Financial Report be received as information.**

- 11.2 Cheque Distribution Report 12

**Be it resolved that the Accounts Payable Invoices being over \$5,000.00 but within budget be approved and authorized to be paid as presented. Be it further resolved that the Accounts Payable Invoices being less than \$5,000.00 but within budget be received as information.**

- 11.3 Bank Reconciliation Report 13

**Be it resolved that the April 2021 Bank Reconciliation Report be received as information.**

- 11.4 Monthly Utility Bill Report 14

**Be it resolved that the April 2021 Monthly Utility Bill Report be received as information.**

12 CORRESPONDENCE

- 12.1 Letter from Alberta Environment and Parks 15

**Be it resolved that the Letter from Alberta Environment and Parks be received as information.**

- 12.2 Municipal Letters regarding Provincial Policing 16 - 21

**Be it resolved that the Municipal Letters regarding Provincial Policing be received as information.**

13 CONFIDENTIAL

- 13.1 FOIP Section 17 (1) - Advice from Officials - Chief Administrative Officer Report

14 SETTING OF THE NEXT MEETING

- 14.1 June 2021 Meeting Dates

**Be it resolved that the next Regular Village Council Meetings be held on June 7th and 21st, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Horton Agencies Boardroom and via Zoom Video Conferencing.**

15 ADJOURNMENT



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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Marwayne**  
In the Province of Alberta, held on Monday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021  
Commencing at 7:00 PM at the Horton Agencies Boardroom and via Zoom  
Video Conferencing

**PRESENT**

Mayor Cheryle Eikeland  
Deputy Mayor Chris Neureuter  
Councillors Rod McDonald and Ashley Rainey  
Chief Administrative Officer Shannon Harrower

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor C. Eikeland called the May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 Village of Marwayne Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Agenda**

**2021-05-01**

**Moved By Councillor A. Rainey**

Be it resolved that the May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 Regular Village of Marwayne Council Meeting Agenda be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

**2021-05-02**

**Moved By Deputy Mayor C. Neureuter**

Be it resolved that the April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular Village of Marwayne Council Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. KEY STRATEGY: ADDRESSING SERVICE NEEDS**

**Regional Water Operator Report**

**2021-05-03**

**Moved By Councillor A. Rainey**

Be it resolved that the Regional Water Operator be received as information.

**CARRIED**

**5. KEY STRATEGY: PLANNING FOR GROWTH & CHANGE**

**Residential Investment Opportunities**

**2021-05-04**

**Moved By Councillor R. McDonald**

Be it resolved that the Residential Investment Opportunities Package be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**



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**6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**Councillor Reports**

**2021-05-05**

**Moved By Councillor A. Rainey**

Be it resolved that the following Councillor Reports be received as information: Buffalo Trail Public Schools Meeting Update and Alberta Central East Meeting Update.

**CARRIED**

**Chief Administrative Officer Report**

**2021-05-06**

**Moved By Councillor A. Rainey**

Be it resolved that the Chief Administrative Officer's Report be received as information.

**CARRIED**

**7. FINANCIAL**

**Cheque Distribution Report**

**2021-05-07**

**Moved By Councillor R. McDonald**

Be it resolved that the Accounts Payable Invoices being over \$5,000 but within budget be approved and authorized to be paid as presented. Be it further resolved that the Accounts Payable Invoices being less than \$5000 but within budget be received as information.

**CARRIED**

**2021 Operational and Capital Budgets**

**2021-05-08**

**Moved By Deputy Mayor C. Neureuter**

Be it resolved that the 2021 Operational and Capital Budgets be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Intermunicipal Development Plan Extension Letter**

**2021-05-09**

**Moved By Councillor A. Rainey**

Be it resolved that the Letter from the Vermilion River Regional Waste Management Services Commission and the Letter from the Justice and Solicitor General be received as information.

**CARRIED**



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**9. NEXT MEETINGS**

**May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Horton Agencies Boardroom and via Zoom Video Conferencing**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Being that the May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 Council Meeting agenda matters for the Village of Marwayne have concluded, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

**Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021.**

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Cheryle Eikeland, Mayor

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Shannon Harrower, CAO

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**APRIL 2020 PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN REPORT**

Task	Completed (Yes/No) & Date	Notes
<b>Check &amp; Grade Back Alleys</b> (including Arena parking lot before it gets busy)	good	
<b>Sidewalk Inspections</b> (Note any repairs needed, weeds, edging)		
<b>Sanding</b> (As Needed) (Remove, Wash Sand/Salt from Sander to prevent rust & complete maintenance for next year – oil chain)	done	
<b>Get Ball Diamonds ready for the season</b>	done	
<b>Trees/Weeds/Cultivate &amp; Set Up Watering Tank</b> (Make sure its ready)	all good	
<b>Lagoon Inspection &amp; Rotation</b>		
<b>Visual Street Sign Inspections &amp; HWY 897 Signs</b> (Noted in Writing in your Book)	all Time	
<b>Playground Inspection, Rotofilling and Add Sand</b>	20 April	
<b>Check Water &amp; Hydrant Valves/Flush Hydrants/Tabulated</b> (Give Estimate of Water Use to Shannon)	17 May sewer flushing	
<b>Dead Ends Flushed &amp; Tabulated/Sewer Flushed &amp; Manhole Inspections</b>	done	
<b>Check Gravel Inventory for Spring Order</b> (Do we have enough for back alleys, filling holes, water line breaks?)	good	
<b>Street Sweeping</b>		
<b>"Dipping" Water Wells</b> (Pumping & Non Pumping)	ok	

<b>Re-Install Water Meter at Agricore when asked and seal after freezing has finished</b>	<i>1-at Cargill</i>	
<b>Get Community Building Water Readings</b>		
<b>Check Fire Extinguishers</b> (1 Office, 3 Shop, Vehicles, 2 Water Treatment Plant, 1 Fire Hall, 1 Lift Station, 2 Well House & 1 Clinic)	<i>done</i>	
<b>Check First Aid Kit for Sticker</b> (Office, Shop, Vehicles and Water Treatment Plant)	<i>done</i>	

Submitted by: *Wil*

Date: *12 May*



## **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT**

MEETING DATE: MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

### **SAFE & CARING COMMUNITY**

- **Banners on Centre Street**
  - Banners from Reid Signs have been ordered to replace the damaged banners on Centre street. They are scheduled to arrive soon and will be put up by the end of May when we have access to the zoom boom.
  
- **Brackets for Hanging Baskets**
  - Administration inquired about the cost of a variety of types of hanging basket brackets. We are waiting on a quote and will bring more information back to Council in the coming weeks.

### **PURSUING OPERATIONAL & ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE**

- **Generator Installation Underway**
  - By Systems is actively working on our water treatment plant upgrades with completion expected to be within the next couple of weeks.
  - Our plant will be one step closer to full automation when they are finished.
  
- **Taxes**
  - Combined assessment and tax notices were mailed on Thursday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Included in each envelope was a 3 page stuffer outlining the 2021 budget and mill rates, how to understand the tax notice and an overview of the important dates listed on the tax notice.

### **PLANNING FOR GROWTH & CHANGE**

- **Asset Management**
  - Administration met with Infrastructure Solutions on Friday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to discuss our 2021 project.
  - We will be moving forward in adding our buildings, culverts and water/sewer lines into our software program to better gauge life expectancy, replacement date, condition, etc.
  - Assessments will be conducted this summer in order to be fully incorporated into our future plans by our deadline of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.
  
- **Walking Trail Project and Road Patching**
  - ASL Paving Ltd. has been working on the base preparation for the second phase of the walking trails and the road patches. Completion is estimated to be mid June.



- Signs have been installed along the walking trail pathways and administration is actively working on finding grant funding opportunities for solar panel lights.
- **Fire Hall Addition**
  - The fire hall addition project has been approved and is currently underway. Our contractor is in the process of moving the vehicles from the area and we are coordinating the removal of the communications tower directly adjacent to the current building.
  - As the project keeps moving ahead, the Village was approached by the volunteers to make amendments to the plans. These amendments are projected to range in the neighborhood of \$45,000, with an itemized quote to follow from our contractor – Tar Row Construction.
  - The volunteer fire department has requested the following changes to the fire hall addition project:
    - Remove the three windows and 1 door on the new addition.
    - Old front bay door removed and placed at the back of the new addition. This change from the drawings would be a 12 x 12 opening instead of a 10 x 10 opening.
    - Floor drain to span the width of the new cement floor and ideally tie in from the old bays.
    - Bollards added to the existing front bay door
    - Lights over each door
    - Once old bay door is removed, have the new one look like the other 2 new bay doors (eg. 3 small windows)
    - New Apron poured across the entire front of the building
    - New compound lights so the area can be sufficiently lit while working outside in the evenings.
    - Building extended to match the roof life and footprint of the current building
    - Water fill lines in the new bays for the tanker and pumper
    - Red line drawings done

**VILLAGE OF MARWAYNE**

**Monthly Council Revenue Expense Repo  
Expense Report**

For Period Ending 30-Apr-2021



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	BUDGET	CURRENT	YTD VARIANCE
<b>GENERAL OPERATING FUND</b>			
<b>Operating Revenue</b>			
General Government	(129,740.00)	(25,224.67)	(104,515.33)
Protective Services	(1,150.00)	(635.00)	(515.00)
Transportation Services	(650.00)	(390.74)	(259.26)
Utility - Water Services	(309,400.00)	(96,043.87)	(213,356.13)
Utility - Wasterwater Services	(60,000.00)	(20,712.08)	(39,287.92)
Environmental Health Services	(70,000.00)	(24,639.07)	(45,360.93)
Community Services	(28,400.00)	(17,131.33)	(11,268.67)
Recreation and Cultural Services	(1,000.00)	0.00	(1,000.00)
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>(600,340.00)</b>	<b>(184,776.76)</b>	<b>(415,563.24)</b>
<b>Capital Revenue</b>			
Government Transfer For Capital	(74,000.00)	(47,904.70)	(26,095.30)
<b>Total Capital Revenue</b>	<b>(74,000.00)</b>	<b>(47,904.70)</b>	<b>(26,095.30)</b>
<b>Operating Expense</b>			
Legislative Services	25,850.00	5,608.30	20,241.70
Administrative Services	228,011.00	55,326.71	172,684.29
Protective Services	43,883.00	10,369.33	33,513.67
Transportation Services	230,677.00	55,231.18	175,445.82
Utility - Water Services	368,957.00	100,535.23	268,421.77
Utility - Wasterwater Services	75,914.00	23,191.89	52,722.11
Environmental Health Services	100,811.00	19,811.21	80,999.79
Community Services	61,363.00	27,499.33	33,863.67
Recreation and Cultural Services	51,469.00	14,859.17	36,609.83
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>1,186,935.00</b>	<b>312,432.35</b>	<b>874,502.65</b>
<b>Capital Expense</b>			
Utility	0.00	1,663.25	(1,663.25)
Capital Purchase	20,000.00	29,750.00	(9,750.00)
Additional Cash Requirements	69,498.00	25,675.45	43,822.55
<b>Total Capital Expense</b>	<b>89,498.00</b>	<b>57,088.70</b>	<b>32,409.30</b>
<b>Taxation</b>			
Municipal Taxation	(570,033.00)	0.00	(570,033.00)
School Taxation In	(111,366.00)	0.00	(111,366.00)
School Taxation Out	111,386.00	31,496.71	79,889.29
Local Improvements In	(23,203.00)	0.00	(23,203.00)
Local Improvements Out	6,000.00	4,605.59	1,394.41
<b>Total Taxation</b>	<b>(587,216.00)</b>	<b>36,102.30</b>	<b>(623,318.30)</b>
<b>Total GENERAL OPERATING FUND</b>	<b>14,877.00</b>	<b>172,941.89</b>	<b>(158,064.89)</b>
<b>Total Surplus (-)/Deficit</b>	<b>14,877.00</b>	<b>172,941.89</b>	<b>(158,064.89)</b>

VILLAGE OF MARWAYNE

**Monthly Council Revenue Expense Repo  
Expense Report**

For Period Ending 30-Apr-2021



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Report Options Accounts : All

Cost Center 1 : All

Cost Center 2 : All

Cost Center 3 : All

Rollup Accounts Selected  
Summarize Cost Centers Selected

Fund Level Selected

Group Level Selected  
Sub Group Level Selected

Group Total Selected  
Sub Group Total Selected

Print Surplus(-)/Deficit Selected

**VILLAGE OF MARWAYNE**  
**Cheque Register-Summary-Bank**



AP5090 Page : 1  
 Date : May 13, 2021 Time : 1:06 pm

Supplier : 10 To XYLCA  
 Cheque Dt. : 13-May-2021 To 13-May-2021  
 Bank : 01 - ATB To 99 - Penny Clearing

Seq : Cheque No. Status : All  
 Medium : M=Manual C=Computer E=EFT-PA

Cheque #	Cheque Date	Supplier	Supplier Name	Status	Batch	Medium	Amount
3685	13-May-2021	10012	Parkland Industries- Race Trac Gas	Issued	58	C	1,017.37
3686	13-May-2021	10025	Vermilion River Regional Waste	Issued	58	C	5,707.00
3687	13-May-2021	10080	Marwayne Jubilee School	Issued	58	C	40.00
3688	13-May-2021	10113	TELUS	Issued	58	C	273.48
3689	13-May-2021	ACE	ACE	Issued	58	C	10,141.55
3690	13-May-2021	AISL	AMSC Insurance Services Ltd	Issued	58	C	250.39
3691	13-May-2021	ASC3	Alberta Municipal Services Corporation	Issued	58	C	5,224.79
3692	13-May-2021	BECL	Bi-Systems Electric & Controls Ltd.	Issued	58	C	345.24
3693	13-May-2021	GRACA	Grant, Carry	Issued	58	C	350.00
3694	13-May-2021	KENNS	Kennedy, Shannon	Issued	58	C	80.00
3695	13-May-2021	MCFCO	McFadyen Construction	Issued	58	C	800.63
3696	13-May-2021	MERBO	The Meridian Source	Issued	58	C	677.26
3697	13-May-2021	MFRD	Marwayne Fire and Rescue Dept.	Issued	58	C	3,817.83
3698	13-May-2021	RICCA	Digital Connection Inc.	Issued	58	C	654.36
3699	13-May-2021	SHAHAR	Harrower, Shannon	Issued	58	C	123.72
3700	13-May-2021	SRSL2	Saunders Repair Service Ltd.	Issued	58	C	28.67
3701	13-May-2021	TM	TELUS	Issued	58	C	85.11
3702	13-May-2021	WAGL	Wainwright Assessment Group Ltd	Issued	58	C	695.10

<b>Total Computer Paid :</b> 30,312.50	<b>Total EFT PAP :</b> 0.00	<b>Total Paid :</b> 30,312.50
<b>Total Manually Paid :</b> 0.00	<b>Total EFT File :</b> 0.00	

18 Total No. Of Cheque(s) ...

**VILLAGE OF MARWAYNE**  
**Bank Reconciliation Statement**



MARWAYNE

BR5020

Date : May 07, 2021

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Time : 11:49 am

Period : 4  
 Year : 2021  
 For Bank : ATB

Statement Date : 30-Apr-2021  
 Sort By : Year and Period

Reference #	Cheque Date	Src	Period	Year	Amount	Description
3587	19-Feb-2021	AP	2	2021	-1850.00	Buffalo Trail Public School
3645	26-Mar-2021	AP	3	2021	-112.88	CentralSquare Canada Software Inc.
3674	23-Apr-2021	AP	4	2021	-203.87	Ken's Auto & Diesel Repair
3675	23-Apr-2021	AP	4	2021	-119.20	Kat Traks Ltd.
3676	23-Apr-2021	AP	4	2021	-73.40	MCSNet-Lemalu Holdings Ltd.
3677	23-Apr-2021	AP	4	2021	-10302.00	Provincial Policing Agreement - RCM
3679	23-Apr-2021	AP	4	2021	-544.15	Robinson Sandy
3680	23-Apr-2021	AP	4	2021	-47669.77	Tar-Row Construction
3681	23-Apr-2021	AP	4	2021	-457.80	TAXERVICE
3683	28-Apr-2021	AP	4	2021	-9068.35	Receiver General For Canada
3684	28-Apr-2021	AP	4	2021	-2142.94	AMSC Insurance Services Ltd
10001	03-May-2021	CR	4	2021	9837.60	CR; DEPT:[VILLAGE OFFICE] D#[100].
UB9	07-Apr-2021	UB	4	2021	-24.32	Utility billing Posting for transactions upto 07 Apr,21All accounts

<b>Bank Balance Statement</b>	<b>328627.95</b>	<b>as of 30-Apr-2021</b>
<b>Add outstanding deposits</b>	<b>9837.60</b>	<b>(Includes all debits)</b>
<b>Cancelled deposits</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Less outstanding withdrawals/charges</b>	<b>-72568.68</b>	<b>(Includes all credits)</b>
<b>Cancelled withdrawals/charges</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Calculated Bank Balance</b>	<b>265896.87</b>	
<b>GL Bank Account Balance</b>	<b>265896.87</b>	<b>as of Period : 4      Year : 2021</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>0.00</b>	

VILLAGE OF MARWAYNE

**Billing Register Report Detailed**



UB4110

Date : May 04, 2021

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Time : 1:25 pm

**Report Options**

Customer Selection : All

Calculation Type : All

Batch Number

From : [2021050401]

To : [2021050401]

Include Billing Transaction From Transaction Maintenance : No

Srv. End Date On/Before : 04-May-2021 Final Bills Only : No

Cat	Srv	Service Description	Count	Total Discount	Total Units	Total Amt	Total Cons.	Avg. Cons.
01	ONOFF	Water On/Off	3		3.00	105.00		
01	WBULK	Bulk Water	5		5.00	300.80	16.00	3.20
01	WCOM	Commercial Water	23		23.00	2,213.60	284.00	12.35
01	WIND	Industrial Water	1		1.00	65.00		
01	WINS	Institutional Water	3		3.00	788.45	143.00	47.67
01	WLF	Water Line Fee	269		269.00			
01	WMUN	Municipal Properties	2		2.00		32.00	16.00
01	WPUB	Public Building Water	8		8.00	394.70	18.00	2.25
01	WRES	Residential Water	236		236.00	18,928.55	2,297.00	9.73
02	SCOM	Commercial Sewer	23		23.00	460.00		
02	SINS	Institutional Sewer	3		3.00	225.00		
02	SPUB	Public Building Sewer	8		8.00	160.00		
02	SRES	Residential Sewer	236		236.00	4,698.00		
03	GIN	Institutional Garbage	3		3.00	33.00		
03	GRES	Residential Garbage	236		236.00	6,224.85		
<b>Book 000 Totals :</b>			1059		1,059.00	34,596.95	2,790.00	
<b>Totals</b>			<b>1059</b>		<b>1,059.00</b>	<b>34,596.95</b>	<b>2,790.00</b>	



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May 5, 2021

File No.: 965-02-06  
Application No. 011-965

Shannon Harrower  
CAO, Village of Marwayne  
P. O. BOX 113  
Marwayne, AB T0B 2X0

Dear Mrs. Harrower:

**RE: Registration Cancellation  
Marwayne Waterworks System,  
Environmental Protection and Enhanced Act Registration no. 965-02-00**

The Village of Marwayne currently holds the registration no. 965-02-00, as amended, for its old high quality groundwater plant under the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* (EPEA), and is required to follow the requirements in the *Code of Practice for Waterworks Systems Using High Quality Groundwater*.

The Village's water distribution system has been connected to a regional line since 2018, and is currently under water distribution system registration no. 422590-00-00; the old groundwater plant has ceased operation since the connection. As per the Village's reclamation work information, the Village has completed decommissioning and reclamation of the old groundwater plant.

The Department is satisfied with the Village's decommission and reclamation work. It is concluded that registration no. 965-02-00 under EPEA is no longer required for the noted groundwater plant. The Director is hereby providing notice that registration no. 965-02-00 is immediately cancelled.

Should you have questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact Guangyu Yan, Municipal Approvals Engineer, at 780-960-8626 or by email at [Guangyu.Yan@gov.ab.ca](mailto:Guangyu.Yan@gov.ab.ca).

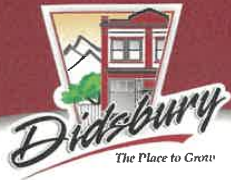
Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Todd Aasen".

Todd Aasen, P. Eng.  
Approvals Manager

cc: Cathie Browning; Guangyu Yan, Environment and Parks  
Regulatory Approvals Centre, Environment and Parks

Classification: Protected A



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April 6 2021

Honourable Kaycee Madu  
Minister of Justice and Solicitor General  
424 Legislature Building  
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Dear Minister Madu,

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

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

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

On your "Reforming Police - What are we doing now" slide presentation, I offer the following observations:  
Improve Public Trust in Policing: We believe there is trust in our municipality and that it is not lost and/or diminishing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

On behalf of Council,

Yours truly,

Rhonda Hunter  
Mayor

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**RE: County of St. Paul Support for the RCMP**

Dear Minister Madu,

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Steve Upham  
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CC: The Honorable Jason Kenny, Premier  
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**RE: Letter in support of RCMP**

**Attention: Honorable Kaycee Madu**

Dear Honorable Madu,

Please accept this letter as the Village of Hill Spring support for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and our opposition to the Provincial Government's proposal recently of an Alberta Police Force. The Village has received letters from many other municipalities that are also deeply concerned about this proposal; we share their concerns.

Municipalities throughout Alberta continue to be faced with the need to provide services and support for our residents while funding cuts are significant. This directly impacts the residents financially, many who are on a fixed income and already fiscally stretched.

The province suggests that switching from the RCMP to a provincial Police Force (APPS) will not cost the municipalities more financially and this council does not believe this is realistic. The costs of migrating to an APPS as yet are unknown and there is not enough evidence to support the idea that an APPS would provide an outcome of better results. While there certainly may be areas that need improving, council feels that is where the focus should be.

The Village and the local RCMP have worked hard to build a trusted and working relationship. We are happy with their level of service and their participation and transparency within our community.

Council echoes other municipalities and encourages the Government of Alberta to abandon the transition study and redouble efforts to work with the RCMP to achieve desired and better outcomes.

Sincerely,

  
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**RE: Alberta Provincial Police Service**

Dear Minister Madu,

Please be advised that Raymond Town Council is opposed to the creation of a provincial police service to replace the RCMP. After reviewing the Fair Deal Panel's *Report to Government* (as well as the many letters currently circulating from municipal elected officials opposing a provincial police force) Raymond Town Council is voicing its opposition to the proposed provincial police force. There are a couple particularly concerning items identified in the Fair Deal Panel's report, namely:

- the Fair Deal Panel's recommendation to proceed with developing a proposal for a provincial police force, despite only 35% of Albertans believing the police force would contribute to the desired outcome of helping Alberta improve its position in the federation.
- Provincial and municipal governments possibly absorbing \$112 million policing costs currently covered by the federal government (which would be in addition to the increasing policing costs incurred by municipalities under the Police Funding Model).

In these times of increasing public participation and consultation, struggling economies and tighter budgetary realities, we feel the above concerns should have been enough to convince the provincial government not to proceed with researching this issue.

Furthermore, and perhaps most importantly, we have an excellent relationship with our local RCMP force and feel no need to replace them with a provincial force. The RCMP in Raymond have always been responsive to our Council's requests and have consistently delivered professional, quality public safety services in our community.

Sincerely,

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Mayor

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