

Town of Stettler

COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 18, 2020

6:30 P.M.

BOARD ROOM



TOWN OF STETTLER MISSION STATEMENT

WE WILL PROVIDE A HIGH
QUALITY OF LIFE FOR OUR
RESIDENTS AND VISITORS
THROUGH LEADERSHIP AND
THE DELIVERY OF EFFECTIVE,
EFFICIENT AND AFFORDABLE
SERVICES THAT ARE SOCIALLY
AND ENVIRONMENTALLY
RESPONSIBLE

**TOWN OF STETTLER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18th, 2020
6:30 P.M.
AGENDA**

1. **Agenda Additions**
2. **Agenda Approval**
3. **Confirmation of Minutes**
 - (a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 4th, 2020 5-9
 - (b) Business Arising from the August 4th, 2020 Council Minutes
4. **Citizens Forum**
5. **Delegations**
6. **Administration**
 - (a) CAO Reports 10-13
 - (b) Bank Reconciliation - July 31, 2020 14
 - (c) 2020 Capital Budget Summary – July 31, 2020 15-17
 - (d) 2020 Budget Summary – July 31, 2020 18-19
 - (e) Meeting Dates
 - Tuesday, September 1 – Council – 6:30pm
 - Tuesday, September 8 – COW – 4:30pm
 - Tuesday, September 15 – Council – 6:30pm
 - **Thursday, September 24 – Friday, September 25 – 2020 Virtual AUMA Convention**
 - Tuesday, October 6 – Council – 6:30pm
 - Tuesday, October 13 – COW – 4:30pm
 - Tuesday, October 20 – Council – 6:30pm
 - Tuesday, November 3 – Council – 6:30pm
 - Tuesday, November 10 – COW – 4:30pm
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- Tuesday, January 19 – Council – 6:30pm
- **Monday, January 25 – 2021 Capital Budget Deliberations**

7. **Council**

(a) Meeting Reports

8. **Minutes**

9. **Public Hearing**

10. **Bylaws**

11. **Correspondence**

(a) County of Stettler – Oil & Gas Assessment Review	20-26
(b) Stettler Board of Trade – Alberta Culture Days 2020	27
(c) Battle River Watershed Alliance – 2019-2020 Annual Report	28-38
(d) Alberta Health Services – Municipal Notification of Future Changes to Emergency Medical Services	39
(e) Stettler Public Library – 2019 Annual Report	40-47
(f) Karizma Concerts – Small Towns & Silver Screens	48-49
(g) Minister of Alberta Justice and Solicitor General – Alberta Crown Prosecution Service	50-51

12. **Items Added**

13. **In-Camera Session**

14. **Adjournment**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF STETTLER COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 4th, 2020 IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE,
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor S. Nolls

Councillors A. Campbell, C. Barros, G. Lawlor,
M. Fischer, S. Pfeiffer & W. Smith

Assistant CAO S. Gerlitz
Director of Planning & Development L. Graham
Manager of Recreation & Culture B. Robbins
Corporate Communications Coordinator L. Angus

Absent:

CAO G. Switenky

Call to Order:

Mayor Nolls called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1/2. **Agenda Additions/Approval:**

Motion 20:08:01

Moved by Councillor Smith to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

3. **Confirmation of Minutes:**

- (a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held July 21st, 2020

Motion 20:08:02

Moved by Councillor Fischer that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on July 21st, 2020 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

- (b) Business Arising from the July 21st, 2020 Minutes

None

4. **Citizen's Forum:**

- (a) No one was present at the Citizen's Forum.

5. **Delegations:**

- (a) None

6. **Administration:**

- (a) Corporate Identity Committee – Target Update

Mayor Nolls welcomed Director of Planning & Development L. Graham, Manager of Recreation & Culture B. Robbins and Corporate Communications Coordinator L. Angus to the meeting.

L. Angus provided background information on the history of the Committee, and the status of their three-phase action plan. L. Angus confirmed that the first target of the plan has been completed, and that the second and third target are in progress.

L. Angus reviewed the three objectives of Target #2:

1. Execute Website Redesign
2. Facilitate App Design
3. Plan Website & App Rollout

L. Angus advised that the website and app development process is underway with Box Clever, and the Committee has been provided with an approximate timeline of fourteen (14) weeks.

L. Graham advised that the Committee has been drafting a redesign for the Stettler Recreation Centre logo in order to align it with the Town of Stettler and Stettler Board of Trade visual brand. L. Graham reviewed the design process and provided examples from nearby municipalities. L. Graham then presented the proposed logo to Council.

B. Robbins provided context as to why the logo was selected, and how it represents the Stettler Recreation Centre.

L. Graham advised of the next steps the Committee would plan to take if the logo is approved, including a Logo Usage Policy, Visual Brand Guidelines, and a brand apparel package for all SRC staff. B. Robbins provided input regarding how the logo would be used for physical branding on and surrounding the building.

L. Graham concluded with a final overview of the Target #3 objectives, and the tentative timeline for the rest of the Corporate Identity Committee Action Plan. Discussion with Council ensued.

Councillor Campbell inquired about the use of the Town slogan, "The Heart of Alberta." The Committee assured Council that the slogan will be incorporated on larger visual branding pieces and will be identified in future logo and branding policy.

Motion 20:08:03

Moved by Councillor Pfeiffer that the Town of Stettler Council accept the Corporate Identity Committee's presentation for information.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

Mayor Nolls thanked the Corporate Identity Committee for their presentation.

B. Robbins and L. Angus left the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

(b) CAO Reports

Motion 20:08:04

Moved by Councillor Lawlor that the Town of Stettler Council accept the CAO Reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

(h) Meeting Dates

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(e) Accounts Payable in the amount of \$720,084.24

Motion 20:08:05

Moved by Councillor Barros that Accounts Payable in the amount of \$720,084.24 for the period ending August 4th, 2020 for having been paid, be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

10. **Bylaws:**

(a) Bylaw 2131-20 – Nuisance Bylaw

Director of Planning & Development L. Graham advised that in a review of the Traffic Bylaw, administration identified overlap in the Nuisance Bylaw (1945-07) regarding overgrown trees and overlap in the Noise Bylaw (2020-11) regarding engine retarder brakes. Therefore, several amendments were deemed necessary for each bylaw.

L. Graham advised that Bylaw 2132-20 is a bylaw to amend Bylaw 1945-07, being a bylaw for the regulation of nuisances.

Motion 20:08:06

Moved by Councillor Smith that the Town of Stettler Council give first reading to Bylaw 2131-20.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

Motion 20:08:07

Moved by Councillor Lawlor that the Town of Stettler Council give second reading to Bylaw 2131-20.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

Motion 20:08:08

Moved by Councillor Barros that the Town of Stettler Council give permission for third and final reading to Bylaw 2131-20.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

Motion 20:08:09

Moved by Councillor Fischer that the Town of Stettler Council give third and final reading to Bylaw 2131-20.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

(b) Bylaw 2133-20 – Noise Bylaw

L. Graham advised that Bylaw 2133-20 is a bylaw to amend Bylaw 2020-11, being a bylaw to prevent and compel the abatement of activities, property, or things creating noise that is a nuisance.

Motion 20:08:10

Moved by Councillor Pfeiffer that the Town of Stettler Council give first reading to Bylaw 2133-20.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

Motion 20:08:11

Moved by Councillor Campbell that the Town of Stettler Council give second reading to Bylaw 2133-20.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

Motion 20:08:12

Moved by Councillor Smith that the Town of Stettler Council give permission for third and final reading to Bylaw 2133-20.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

Motion 20:08:13

Moved by Councillor Lawlor that the Town of Stettler Council give third and final reading to Bylaw 2133-20.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

Mayor Nolls thanked L. Graham for her work on the bylaws.

L. Graham left the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

7. **Council:**

Councillors outlined highlights of meetings they attended.

(a) Mayor Nolls

July 22 – Talk of the Town

July 22 – Stettler Local T.V.

July 23 – Town & County of Stettler Joint ICF Meeting

July 24 – Signed Cheques at the Town Office

July 29 – Talk of the Town

July 31 – Signed Cheques at the Town Office

August 4 – Meeting with MLA Nate Horner

August 4 – Meeting with Nate Horner and Local Physicians

(b) Councillor Barros

July 23 – Town & County of Stettler Joint ICF Meeting

July 29 – Municipal Planning Commission Meeting

(c) Councillor Campbell

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July 29 – Municipal Planning Commission

(d) Councillor Fischer

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(e) Councillor Lawlor

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(f) Councillor Pfeiffer

July 23 – Town & County of Stettler Joint ICF Meeting

(g) Councillor Smith

July 22 – Special Meeting with FCSS and the HYC Boards

Motion 20:08:14

Moved by Councillor Campbell that the Town of Stettler Council approve the Council Reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

8. **Minutes:**

(a) None

9. **Public Hearing:**

(a) None

11. **Correspondence:**

- (a) Government of Alberta – Municipal Stimulus Program
- (b) Government of Alberta Environment & Parks – Getting Alberta Back on Track
- (c) Government of Alberta Energy – Total Announcement

Motion 20:08:15

Moved by Councillor Barros that the Town of Stettler Council accept the Correspondence Items (a-c) for information.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

12. **Items Added:**

(a) None

14. **Adjournment:**

Motion 20:08:16

Moved by Councillor Campbell that this regular meeting of the Town of Stettler Council be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous at 7:41 p.m.

Mayor

Assistant CAO

TO: Town of Stettler Council

DATE: 2020 08 18

FROM: Greg Switenky
CAO

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT – JULY 2020

ADMINISTRATION – CAO – GREG SWITENKY

Report to be presented at a later date.

ADMINISTRATION – ASSISTANT CAO – STEVEN GERLITZ

1. Meetings attended included: Senior Administration COVID 2020 Meetings, Numerous Town Hall Meetings (listening), Dr. Hinshaw Daily COVID Updates (listening), EAI Conference Call (future utility procurement)
2. Projects worked on included:
 - COVID planning, info and research
 - 2020 Cash Flow Statement follow up
 - 2020 Tax Budget follow up
 - 2020 Regional Water Summary – July 31, 2020
 - 2020 Capital Budget Summary – July 31, 2020
 - 2020 Operating Budget Summary – July 31, 2020
 - 2020 Reserves Update – July 31, 2020
 - 2020 Grant Updates – July 31, 2020
 - Municipal Stimulus Program (MSP) – 44ave Phase 2
 - Garbage and Recycling Inquiries
 - Compost Bins Inquiries
 - Council Agenda prep
 - Council Minutes
 - AP Invoices and sign checks
 - Ratepayer issues and concerns
 - CAO Vacation Coverage

TRANSPORTATION – IVAN WILFORD

- Removed stumps from Blvd at Nordstroms Dental and landscaped Blvd
- Dug cremations and graves
- Replaced barrels and culvert for storm line on 44ave between 65st and rec road
- Street sweeping
- Lane grading
- Pumped down buttermilk slough
- Turned compost piles at the transfer station
- Cleaned off the catch basins after every rain
- Dug out and fixed soft spot on rep subdivision road to get road ready for dust control
- Picked up 2 loads of cold mix from Camrose
- Worked in the 57 A St lane to fix the drainage

- Cleaned out the ditch in front of Stettler Rentals
- Line painting
- Clean up in shop
- Homeowner garbage can repairs when needed
- Hauled manure from the Ag Society
- Dug out soft spot in road at black rock
- Asphalt patching

WATER – GRANT MCQUAY

- 1) Rounds, readings, locates and meters.
- 2) Cleaned filters on VFD's at WTS.
- 3) Hydrant repairs/replace.
- 4) Repaired flow meters at Water Dispenser.
- 5) Sewer flushing.
- 6) Curbstop repair/replace.
- 7) Water main valve repairs.
- 8) Lagoon/Lift Station sampling.
- 9) Water leak repairs.
- 10) Weekly cleaning of WTS sanitary tank and CL17 analyzer bottles changed out.
- 11) Dig site maintenance.
- 12) Sewer service repair.
- 13) Weekly water distribution sampling for bacti and chlorine residuals.
- 14) Weekly testing for lift station emergency system.
- 15) Pumped out cells B and C.
- 16) Draw down test at lift stations
- 17) Quarterly maintenance at facilities.
- 18) Weed eating at lagoons

WATER TREATMENT PLANT SUPERVISOR – CHRIS SAUNDERS

1. Both of the settling tanks as well as the settled water channel and EQ tank have been cleaned and inspected.
2. A new chlorine feed line has been installed to feed chlorine into the settled water channel. This is upstream of the microfilter feed pumps. It is for the purpose of oxidizing the manganese upstream of the microfilters so that they can then filter out the manganese particles. Hopefully this will solve the problem of the dissolved manganese oxidizing in the contact chambers and showing up as particles in the treated water tank. We will monitor and test to see if this is working effectively over the next little while.
3. We will be doing some inside and outside cleans on our microfilter membranes to see if we can get all of the particles cleaned out of the membranes.
4. The mag flow meters are all scheduled to be inspected and certified on Aug 18-21 by

Endress & Hauser

5. 2010B Floc Mixer has burned out and a new one is on order.
6. A new sodium hypochlorite pump has been purchased to replace the current pump which is on its last leg.
7. The back flow preventors in our plant potable water system were inspected and both failed their certification. The internals were replaced in 2017 and the tech is not sure they will pass with new internals as the seats may be worn out. New valves are being purchased and will be installed as soon as possible.
8. Kone Cranes was on site to re-certify all of our cranes this month. Minor notes were made and will be dealt with during next year re-certification.
9. The chlorine injection system has been scheduled for the required yearly maintenance with Clearwater Controls. Work is scheduled for first week in October or sooner if possible.
10. Regular routine maintenance was also carried out.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS – MELISSA ROBBINS

Meetings:

- WTP Valve pretender meeting
- AltaGAS progress meeting
- Traffic Bylaw Meeting
- Prep meeting – MDF plant
- MPE Conference Call – WTP tender meeting
- MDF Presentation

Projects:

- Airport Runway Lighting RFP and award
- WTP Valve Tender Review
- Repp Subdivision Drainage
- Lagoon Desludging Award
- Red Willow Creek Tender preparation
- G3 – water transmission line rail crossing concerns
- Wastewater License to operate renewal
- Highway 12 and 67 Street signal design with AT consultant
- Engine Retarder brake analysis – Traffic Bylaw update

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT – LEANN GRAHAM

Report to be presented at a later date.

DIRECTOR OF PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES / PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES FOREMAN – ALLAN KING

1. **Meetings:** Various zoom meetings with provincial originations, morning staff meetings,

and Heartland beatification.

2. **Projects:** Continuing rehab of play fields, pool maintenance, tree trimming, flower watering and deadheading, rink board repairs, stump grinding, grass cutting, weed eating, and puck mark removal on rink boards.
3. We were able to host a scaled back version of the AARFP symposium this year (we had approximately 90 students including instructors) for the week of July 20-25. We had lots of positive comments on the Town's facilities and the origination as a whole. We are planning on opening the pool on August 4th as long as everything goes well. The ice plant is scheduled to start on August 10th for bookings at the end of August.
4. I hope everyone is having a good summer in these strange times and staying healthy. Have a great remainder of the summer.

REGIONAL FIRE CHIEF – MARK DENNIS

Report to be presented at a later date.



Greg Switenky
CAO

**TOWN OF STETTLER
BANK RECONCILIATION
AS OF July 31, 2020**

Net Balance at End of Previous Month	\$	9,852,985.09
ADD: General Receipts (summarized below)		2,995,981.94
Interest Earned (Prime 2.45% less 1.65% = 0.80%)		6,221.63
Investments Matured		-
SUBTOTAL		12,855,188.66
LESS: General Disbursements		1,243,535.82
Payroll		427,050.44
Investments		-
Debenture Payments		-
Returned Cheques		566.21
Bank Charges		1,184.33
SUBTOTAL		1,672,336.80
NET BALANCE AT END OF CURRENT MONTH (General Ledger)	\$	11,182,851.86
Balance at End of Month - Bank		11,234,295.67
ADD: Outstanding Deposits		21,852.97
LESS: Outstanding Cheques		73,296.78
NET BALANCE AT END OF CURRENT MONTH (Bank)	\$	11,182,851.86

THIS STATEMENT SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL THIS 18th OF AUG 2020

MAYOR

ASSISTANT CAO

	A	B	C
2	GENERAL RECEIPTS SUMMARY		
3	Tax	AR	963,309
4	Utility	AR	295,896
5	ATCO	Franchise	52,893
6	AltaGas	Franchise	65,203
7	Hwy 12/21	Water	29,734
8	Library	Salary Reversal	25,778
9	Gov't of AB	FCSS Grant	13,099
10	Traveler Ins	Insurance	12,466
11	Stettler Ambulance	Rent	20,108
12	BOT	Salary Reversal	18,226
13	County of Stet	Receivables	91,834
14	Gov't of AB	MSI Capital	1,300,578
15	SVWS	Salary Reversal	10,057
16	AE Kennedy	Rent	16,572
17	Other		80,229
18		Total	2,995,982

Project	Actual Project Complete Cost / Council Tender Cost / Budget cost	2020 Budget Expense - Approved by Council	Difference Between Actual and Budget Amount	Actual - Project Expenses - July 31, 2020	Utility (Water) Avail for Capital 2020 Interim Operating Budget (Rates) = (-\$63,562)	Utility (other) Avail for Capital 2020 Interim Operating Budget (Rates) = \$365,150	Available for Capital 2020 Interim Operating Budget (taxes)- \$247,659	General Reserve 4-15-00-00-74-700	Total Other Reserves (for capital purposes)	2020 Operating Budget / MSI Operating \$52,856 (\$53,391)	Debtenture / Local Improvement	Grants - MSI - \$943,458 (\$945,165)	Grants - FGT - \$340,465 (\$346,344)	Grants - BMTG (\$60 per cap x 5952 = \$357,120)	Other	\$8121 difference in provincial Grants from feb 27 Provincial Budget	Total
ADM 6-12-03-00-30-630	Computer Replacement Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	Office equip							\$0.00
ADM 6-12-03-00-31-630	Server Replacement (email, data , licensing)	\$35,042.00	\$35,042.00	\$0.00			\$154.00		\$34,888.00	Office equip							\$35,042.00
ADM 6-12-03-00-30-630	Softward Upgrade (e services/extender info)	\$25,670.00	\$25,670.00	\$0.00	\$3,520.00	\$20,670.00			\$5,000.00	Software Update							\$25,670.00
ADM 6-64-01-00-00-630	Communication - Website & Mobile APP	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00		\$50,000.00											\$50,000.00
FIRE 6-23-99-91-00-764	2001 Fire Engine Replace-2026-\$1M	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	JE at end of year	\$0.00	\$100,000.00										\$100,000.00
FIRE 6-23-00-00-30-630	2 way radio system Replacement AFRRCS (Alberta 1st Responder Communication System) in 2021	\$60,150.00	\$60,150.00	\$0.00	JE at end of year	\$0.00	\$60,150.00										\$60,150.00
FIRE 6-23-00-30-00-630	Multipurpose Air Shelter Command - Regional	\$24,500.00	\$24,500.00	\$0.00			\$12,250.00							\$12,250.00	County		\$24,500.00
Op 2-32-09-00-01-244	Sidewalk replacement program (yearly)	\$119,712.00	\$130,000.00	-\$10,288.00	\$1,461.54		\$44,712.00			\$75,000.00							\$119,712.00
6-32-09-60-02-660	Pathway Program (Area 2c - Hwy 12 along Co-op/Stettler GM)	\$91,520.00	\$100,000.00	-\$8,480.00		\$0.00		\$24,520.00	\$67,000.00	Pathway							\$91,520.00
Op 2-32-09-00-03-244	Pathway Rehab (2017 Council Direction)	\$51,800.00	\$50,000.00	\$1,800.00						\$51,800.00							\$51,800.00
Op 2-32-21-00-03-536	Pavement Patching	\$147,950.00	\$150,000.00	-\$2,050.00		\$147,950.00	\$0.00										\$147,950.00
Op 6-32-21-00-13-610	44th Avenue Overlay from Hwy 56-65th Street	\$792,943.50	\$950,000.00	-\$157,056.50	\$13,005.82					\$52,856.00			\$422,967.50	\$317,120.00			\$792,943.50
Op 6-32-21-10-05-610	Mainstreet - 49th Avenue - 1/2 block south	\$380,000.00	\$380,000.00	\$0.00	\$14,977.19							\$380,000.00					\$380,000.00
Op 6-32-21-10-14-610	"Okoppe" Parking Lot Upgrade (50th Avenue / 49th Street)	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$0.00		\$60,000.00											\$60,000.00
Op 6-56-00-10-00-610	Cemetery concrete runner sidewalk	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00			\$30,000.00										\$30,000.00
Water 6-41-11-10-24-610	Watermain on 52ndST between 49-50ave	\$252,819.25	\$230,000.00	\$22,819.25	\$13,916.25							\$252,819.25					\$252,819.25
Water 6-41-11-10-06-610	Watermain on 61ST Grandview	\$273,000.00	\$273,000.00	\$0.00	\$14,353.81							\$273,000.00					\$273,000.00
Water 6-41-11-10-05-610	Install additional fire hydrants 46th street	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00		\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00										\$30,000.00
Water 2-41-16-00-00-554	Abandon Water Wells 15, 16, 17	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$0.00		\$15,000.00	\$75,000.00										\$90,000.00
Sewer 6-42-00-10-03-610	Sewermain on 61ST Grandview	\$273,000.00	\$273,000.00	\$0.00	\$11,723.48							\$273,000.00					\$273,000.00
Sewer 6-42-00-10-05-610	Lift station pump upgrades	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$0.00								\$260,000.00	\$40,000.00				\$300,000.00
Storm 6-42-00-00-15-610	Cattail removal Red Willow Creek	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$19,948.04	\$100,000.00	\$69,000.00		\$81,000.00	WTS Operations							\$250,000.00
Equip 6-31-11-00-50-650	One tonne truck	\$41,692.49	\$50,000.00	-\$8,307.51	\$41,692.49		\$0.00		\$41,692.49	Common Services							\$41,692.49
Equip 6-31-11-30-25-630	Grader (keep old one for winter)	\$274,100.00	\$280,000.00	-\$5,900.00	\$15,400.00	\$274,100.00											\$274,100.00
WTP 6-41-01-20-13-620	WTP - Chlorine Analyzer	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00		\$20,000.00											\$20,000.00
WTP 6-41-01-20-00-620	WTP - Make up air unit replacement	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00		\$20,000.00											\$20,000.00
WTP 6-41-01-20-19-620	WTP - Membranes (build reserves)	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00		\$50,000.00											\$50,000.00
WTP 6-41-01-20-11-620	WTP - Chlorine gas replacement	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00		\$50,000.00											\$50,000.00
WTP 6-41-01-20-26-620	WTP - Fluoride meter	\$12,935.00	\$12,000.00	\$935.00	\$12,935.00	\$12,935.00											\$12,935.00
WTP 2-41-01-00-06-252	WTP - Storage pond additional shading	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00		\$15,000.00											\$15,000.00
WTP 6-41-01-20-09-620	WTP - Potable water pump	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00		\$50,000.00											\$50,000.00
Park 6-77-81-60-00-660	Skateboard Park - Phase 2	\$126,000.00	\$126,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$63,100.45								\$62,899.55	Association		\$126,000.00
Park 6-77-02-30-07-630	Baseball diamond utility vehicle (mule)	\$32,000.00	\$32,000.00	\$0.00			\$0.00		\$32,000.00	Common Services							\$32,000.00
SRC 6-73-11-30-03-630	Scissor lift	\$8,731.77	\$12,000.00	-\$3,268.23	\$8,731.77	\$8,731.77											\$8,731.77
SRC 2-73-13-03-04-252	Door Accessibility	\$24,500.00	\$24,500.00	\$0.00		\$24,500.00											\$24,500.00
SRC Fitnes 6-73-12-30-00-630	Pec Deck Machine	\$6,550.00	\$6,550.00	\$0.00			\$6,550.00										\$6,550.00
SRC - Arer 6-73-11-20-05-620	Tube Heaters	\$62,500.00	\$62,500.00	\$0.00		\$62,500.00											\$62,500.00
SRC - Pool 6-73-13-00-30-630	Controller Replacement	\$28,150.00	\$28,150.00	\$0.00	\$25,630.00		\$28,150.00										\$28,150.00
Culture 2-74-99-91-00-764	Culture Projects (PAC - \$9000 - wireless mic system)	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	JE at end of year		\$15,000.00										\$15,000.00
Total 2020 Capital Budget		\$4,275,266.01	\$4,445,062.00	-\$169,795.99	\$202,295.39	\$232,935.00	\$901,552.22	\$24,520.00	\$261,580.49	\$179,656.00	\$0.00	\$1,178,819.25	\$682,967.50	\$357,120.00	\$75,149.55		\$4,275,266.01
Council Motion - 20:02:03 - Feb 4, 2020		\$4,445,062.00	4.73%				\$549,247.00	\$1,515,453.22				-\$107,692.25	-\$354,690.50	\$0.00			\$4,275,266.01
Total 2020 Capital Budget		\$4,445,062.00						-\$966,206.22									\$4,275,266.01
Difference (Actual vs Council Budget)		-\$169,795.99															\$169,795.99

		2019 Carry Forward																
		Brought forward from 2019 Budget Carry Forward	2019 Approved Amount (with tender amount updates)	Difference Between Actual and Budget Amount	Actual - Project Expenses - July 31, 2020	Utility (Water) Available for Capital Budget	Utility (other) Available for Capital Budget	Available for Capital (taxes)	Transfer From General Reserves	Transfer From Other Reserves		Operating Budget	Debtenture / Local Improve	MSI	FGT	BMTG	Other	Total
	2019 Carry Forward - Projects not Completed																	
6-32-09-60-00-660	Pathway Expansion - (Melissa Dec 30/19 - carry forward balance - \$100,000-46,628.12 = \$53,371.88)	\$53,371.88	\$53,371.88					\$53,371.88										\$53,371.88
6-32-21-10-22-610	51st Avenue - 59-61st Street Cement and Paving - (Melissa Dec 30/19 - carry forward balance - \$0)	\$141.75	\$0.00		\$575.10							\$141.75						\$141.75
6-32-21-10-01-610	Downtown Streetscape Concept Planning - (Melissa Dec 30/19 - carry forward balance - \$20,000-\$8728.79= \$11,271.21)	\$11,271.21	\$11,271.21		\$10,249.74			\$11,271.21										\$11,271.21
6-41-11-10-22-610 - CAP-11501	Watermain replace on 52nd Street between 48-49 Ave - (Melissa Dec 30/19 - carry forward balance - \$221,369.75 - \$205,400.66 = \$15,969.09)	\$15,969.09	\$15,969.09		\$13,775.67									\$15,969.09				\$15,969.09
6-41-11-10-23-610 - CAP-11502	Watermain replace west of 57ASTbetween 46-47 Ave - (Melissa Dec 30/19 - carry forward balance - \$229,465.78 - \$213,354.80 = \$16,110.98)	\$16,110.98	\$16,110.98		\$3,333.55									\$16,110.98				\$16,110.98
6-41-14-20-01-620 - CAP-11503	Water Reservoir Pump Upgrades - (Melissa Dec 30/19 - carry forward balance - \$150,000 - \$210.00 = \$149,790)	\$149,790.00	\$149,790.00		\$210.00									\$149,790.00				\$149,790.00
6-42-00-10-22-610 - CAP-11502	Sewermain replace west of 57ASTbetween 46-47 Ave - (Melissa Dec 30/19 - carry forward balance - \$229,465.78 - \$213,354.81 = \$16,110.97)	\$16,110.97	\$16,110.97		\$3,333.56									\$16,110.97				\$16,110.97
6-42-00-20-00-620	Lift Stations A & B Furnaces - (Melissa Dec 30/19 - carry forward balance - \$30,000 - \$0.00 = \$30,000)	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00		\$15,433.03	\$30,000.00												\$30,000.00
6-31-11-50-00-650	3/4 Tonne Truck - (Melissa Dec 30/19 - carry forward balance - \$36,526.25 - \$0 = \$39,526.25)	\$40,006.25	\$39,526.25		\$40,006.25	\$40,006.25												\$40,006.25
6-31-11-50-02-650 - CAP-11506	Tandem - (Melissa Dec 30/19 - carry forward balance - \$170,000-0=\$170,000)	\$177,310.73	\$170,000.00											\$177,310.73				\$177,310.73
6-31-11-30-06-630 - CAP-11507	Snow Blower - (Melissa Dec 30/19 - carry forward balance - \$180,000 - 0 = \$180,000)	\$159,700.00	\$159,700.00		\$159,700.00									\$159,700.00				\$159,700.00
6-41-01-20-25-620	WTP - MCC Room Air Conditioning - (Melissa Dec 30/19 - carry forward balance - \$10,000 - \$675.96 = \$9324.04)	\$9,324.04	\$9,324.04		\$3,881.58	\$9,324.04												\$9,324.04
6-41-01-20-10-620	WTP - Cathodic Protection Distribution Line - (Melissa Dec 30/19 - carry forward balance - \$100,000 - 0 = \$100,000)	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00			\$100,000.00												\$100,000.00
2-61-02-00-05-239	North ASP - (Melissa Dec 30/19 - carry forward balance - \$25,000 - 0 = \$25,000)	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00							\$25,000.00	planning res							\$25,000.00
6-41-14-10-01-610	Water Reservoir Exterior and Insulation - 2018 Carry Forward - (Melissa - December 20) - (Melissa Dec 30/19 - carry forward balance - \$50,000 - 0 = \$50,000)	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00			\$10,000.00				\$40,000.00	Coat Reservoir Exterior							\$50,000.00
642011011610 & 642011013610	Lagoon Cell B (2018) & Cell C (2019) - Desludging (Melissa Dec 30/19 - carry forward balance for desludging Cells B (2018 - Budget \$334,720 / tender amount - \$230,162.71) and C (2019 - Budget - \$300,000 / tender amount - \$153,442.67) - Total 2019 Carry forward to 2020 - (\$230,162.71+\$153,442.67-\$192,778.92 = \$190,826.46)	\$190,826.46	\$190,826.46		\$2,420.89									\$190,826.46				\$190,826.46
6-42-00-10-20-610	New Sewer Dump - 2018 Carry Forward - (Melissa - December 20) - (Melissa - December 20) - (Melissa Dec 30/19 - carry forward balance - \$115,000 - 0 = \$115,000)	\$115,000.00	\$115,000.00				\$115,000.00											\$115,000.00
6-41-01-10-01-610	WTP - Waste Pond Dredging - 2018 Carry Forward - (Melissa - December 20) - (Melissa - December 20) - (Melissa Dec 30/19 - carry forward balance - \$350,000 - 1171.80 = \$348,828.20)	\$348,828.20	\$348,828.20		\$282,480.60	\$348,828.20												\$348,828.20
6-41-01-20-21-620	WTP - 400mm Distribution Line Valve - 2018 Carry Forward - (Melissa - December 20) - (Melissa - December 20) - (Melissa Dec 30/19 - carry forward balance - \$250,000 - \$20,499.36 = \$229,500.64)	\$229,500.64	\$229,500.64		\$16,680.20			\$229,500.64										\$229,500.64
6-41-11-10-08-610	4203-50A Ave - Motion 18:05:20 - 2018 Carry Forward - \$140,000 to 2019 to complete (Melissa - January 7, 2019) - (Melissa Dec 30/19 - carry forward \$5000 to cover engineering inspections - \$5000)	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00		\$562.95	\$5,000.00												\$5,000.00

6-33-00-10-01-630	Airport - GPS Approach - 2017 Carry Forward - Melissa 20/12/17 - \$40,000 - 2018 Carry Forward - carry forward balance (40,000-7,450 = 32,550) - Melissa January 7, 2019 - (Melissa Dec 30/19 - carry forward balance (joint Airport Grant - runway lighting) \$32,550 - 0 = \$32,550)	\$32,550.00	\$32,550.00				\$16,275.00									\$16,275.00	County	\$32,550.00	
6-41-11-30-03-630	SCADA Water Communication System - 2017 Carry Forward Balance - Melissa - 20/12/17 - \$120,500 - \$31,604.70 = \$88,895.30 - 2018 Carry Forward - carry forward balance to 2019 (88,895.30-54,188.57 = 34,706.73) - Melissa January 7, 2019 - (Melissa Dec 30/19 - carry forward balance (joint Airport Grant - runway lighting) \$34,706.73 - \$2201.72 = \$32,505.01)	\$32,505.01	\$32,505.01				\$32,505.01												\$32,505.01
64111019610 CAP-8973	Motion 17:03:04 - Sewer / Water Main 51 Ave - 57 to 59 Street (Total Budget \$970,000 (450,000+520,000) Contract Price - \$737,042 - \$232,958 under budget - 2017 Carry Forward - Melissa 20/12/17 - \$25,000 Engineering and final work. - 2018 Carry Forward - Warranty Expires in 2019 - carry forward balance (25,000-8587.35=16,412.65) - Melissa January 7, 2019 - (Melissa Dec 30/19 - carry forward \$16,413 to cover engineering inspections - \$16,413)	\$16,413.00	\$16,413.00				\$16,413.00												\$16,413.00
64111012610 / 642001014610 - CAP- 8974	between 55-56 Street - (Total Budget \$500,000 (250,000+250,000) \$78,217 Under Budget - 2017 Carry Forward - Melissa 20/12/17 - \$10,000 Engineering and final work. - 2018 Carry Forward - Warranty Expires in 2019 - carry forward balance - Melissa January 7, 2019 - (Melissa Dec 30/19 - carry forward \$10,000 to cover engineering inspections - \$10,000)	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00				\$10,000.00												\$10,000.00
2-73-11-02-03-239	SRC - Red Arena - Re-vamp player boxes (glass, boards and gates) - carry forward to 2020 (Allan Sept 11)	\$16,500.00	\$16,500.00				\$16,500.00												\$16,500.00
2-77-05-00-02-239	Parks - West Stettler Park - Imp (2019 Strategic Plan) - Allan - January 6, 2020 - carry forward balance - \$25,000 - 2020 Power & Water Feature	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00				\$50,000.00												\$50,000.00
6-56-00-60-01-660	Cemetery Columbarium - Allan - January 6, 2020 - carry forward balance - \$20,000 - \$1800 = \$18,200	\$18,200.00	\$18,200.00				\$18,200.00												\$18,200.00
6-74-14-30-02-630	Community Hall - HVAC - Allan - January 6, 2020 - carry forward balance - \$271,000.00 - \$82,917.94	\$82,917.94	\$82,917.94		\$43,387.86				\$82,917.94	Community Hall / Arts & Culture									\$82,917.94
2-26-02-00-00-263	Bylaw Enforcement - Property	\$1,289.46			\$1,289.46						\$1,289.46								\$1,289.46
2-061-02-00-03-239	Planning - ASP	\$2,364.12			\$4,417.20				\$2,364.12	Planning Reserve									\$2,364.12
6-41-01-20-24-620	WTP - Primary Coagulant (warranty credit)	-\$2,569.00			-\$2,569.00						-\$2,569.00								-\$2,569.00
6-42-01-10-12-610	Lagoon Engineering (legal)	\$0.00			\$21,753.73														\$0.00
2-41-01-00-06-252	WTP - Large Concrete Blocks	\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00						\$2,000.00								\$2,000.00
6-73-11-30-13-630	Concession Equipment (grill replacement)	\$4,674.86			\$4,674.86						\$4,674.86								\$4,674.86
	Council - Board Room Chairs - 2018 Carry Forward - Steve - Working with Clearview to find suitable chair - or stick with old ones - Stay with Old Ones (January 7, 2020)	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00			\$0.00											\$0.00
Total 2019 Carry Forward		\$2,010,107.59	\$1,994,415.67		\$627,597.23	\$543,158.49	\$190,193.01	\$149,343.09	\$229,500.64	\$150,282.06		\$5,537.07	\$0.00	\$725,818.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,275.00	\$0.00	\$2,010,107.59
Total 2020 Capital (Inc 2019 Carry Forward)		\$6,285,373.60	\$6,439,477.67		\$829,892.62	\$776,093.49	\$1,091,745.23	\$530,309.09	\$254,020.64	\$411,862.55		\$185,193.07	\$0.00	\$1,904,637.48	\$682,967.50	\$357,120.00	\$91,424.55	\$0.00	\$0.00
					13.20%			\$2,398,147.81		\$665,883.19		Total Grants Available		\$1,928,174.04	\$894,411.47	\$450,889.22			
								Total Reserves	\$3,064,031.00			Balance - Dec 31, 2020		\$23,536.56	\$211,443.97	\$93,769.22			

Revenue	2020 Budget	Actual - July 31, 2020	Variance	%	Notes
Administration	\$317,333	\$165,017.54	\$152,315.46	52.00%	
	Clearview swimming pool - \$13,313 / White Sands Contract - \$32000 / Inter Department Transfer - \$250,000				
Police	\$520,024	\$73,944.62	\$446,079.38	14.22%	MSI Operating - \$52,856
	Traffic Fines (Budget - \$60,000 / \$18,593 - 31%)				
	Provincial Grant - \$347,000 / Community SRO - \$54,825 (Clearview 50% SRO / County 25% SRO)				
Fire	\$402,577	\$153,629.42	\$248,947.58	38.16%	
Disaster Services	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
Bylaw Enforcement	\$109,950	\$117,630.00	-\$7,680.00	106.98%	Animal / Business License
	Business Licenses (Budget - \$86,250 - Actual \$96,350 (112%) / Animal License - Budget \$21,700 - Actual \$20,480				
Roads, Streets, Walks, Lights	\$64,535	\$63,510.97	\$1,024.03	98.41%	
	Roads Frontage - Pavement (Budget - \$62,075)				
Airport	\$10,880	\$10,256.06	\$623.94	94.27%	
Drainage	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
Water Supply & Distribution	\$3,032,318	\$1,422,457.10	\$1,609,860.90	46.91%	
	Metered sale of water (Budget - \$1,879,608 / Actual - \$881,943 - 47%)				
	Metered out of Town (Budget - \$1,070,000 / Actual - \$461,224 - 43%)				
	Bulk water (Budget - \$15,000 / Actual \$14,162 - 94%)				
Sewer	\$905,963	\$456,013.01	\$449,949.99	50.33%	
	Sewer Service Charges (Budget - \$855,943 / Actual \$435,820 - 51%)				
Garbage Collection & Disposal	\$824,660	\$415,450.14	\$409,209.86	50.38%	SWMA haul rebate - \$23,000
	Residential Garbage Revenue (Budget - \$623,438 / Actual \$307,677 - 49%)				
	Recycling Revenue (Budget - \$168,870 / Actual - \$84,951 - 50%)				
FCSS	\$157,148	\$91,673.00	\$65,475.00	58.34%	
Cemetery	\$23,600	\$10,300.00	\$13,300.00	43.64%	
Planning & Development	\$34,100	\$25,721.63	\$8,378.37	75.43%	
	Building Permits (Budget - \$20,000 / Actual - \$16,517 - 83%)				
Economic Development - BOT	\$149,585	\$69,446.78	\$80,138.22	46.43%	
Subdivison Land	\$200	\$0.00	\$200.00	0.00%	Subdivision Fees
Land, Housing & Rentals	\$273,780	\$184,990.26	\$88,789.74	67.57%	
	Health Unit - \$197,950				
	Ambulance Station - \$20,100				
	SRC - Library - Budget - \$42,000				
Recreation - General	\$3,000	\$2,665.42	\$334.58	88.85%	
Recreation Programs	\$3,500	\$2,452.74	\$1,047.26	70.08%	N0 Ball / Soccer - ice in sept
Facilities	\$848,805	\$155,695.38	\$693,109.62	18.34%	County Partnership - \$431,500
Community Hall	\$20,000	\$2,567.84	\$17,432.16	12.84%	
Senior's Center	\$14,437	\$10,358.49	\$4,078.51	71.75%	
Parks	\$50,650	\$30,563.14	\$20,086.86	60.34%	
	Lions Campground - Budget - \$50,000 / Actual - \$29,363 -59%)				
Operating Contingency	\$100,146	\$0.00	\$100,146.00	0.00%	Over/under levy
Taxes / Penalties	\$8,595,384	\$8,556,816.67	\$38,567.33	99.55%	Incl Business Taxes / Penalties
Other Revenue	\$1,777,800	\$959,323.36	\$818,476.64	53.96%	
	Franchise Fee - GAS (Budget - \$936,000 / Actual - \$554,601 - 59%)				
	Franchise Fee - ELECTRIC (Budget - \$712,000 / Actual - \$332,772 - 47%)				
	Return on Investments (Budget - \$130,000 / Actual - \$71,950 - 55%)				
Total Revenue	\$18,240,375	\$12,980,483.57	\$5,259,891.43	71.16%	

Expense	2020 Budget	Actual - July 31, 2020	Variance	%	Notes
Council & Legislative	\$208,300	\$96,910.26	\$111,389.74	46.52%	
Council Honorarium (Budget - \$152,300 / Actual - \$82,575 - 54%)					
Council per diem - Budget - \$27,000					
Council travel & subsistance - Budget - \$15,000 / Actual - \$2,658 - 18%					
Council membership Conferences (Budget - \$10,000 / Actual - \$6,348 - 63%)					
Administration	\$1,230,121	\$719,510.29	\$510,610.71	58.49%	COVID Expenses (supplies) - \$15,309
Police	\$1,140,831	\$371,784.31	\$769,046.69	32.59%	
RCMP - Contract Billings (Budget - \$956,072)					
Fire	\$889,028	\$282,859.56	\$606,168.44	31.82%	
Disaster Services	\$32,068	\$545.93	\$31,522.07	1.70%	
Bylaw Enforcement	\$185,808	\$91,195.76	\$94,612.24	49.08%	
Common Services	\$150,597	\$55,030.47	\$95,566.53	36.54%	Shop
Roads, Streets, Walks, Lights	\$1,903,345	\$710,631.26	\$1,192,713.74	37.34%	
Airport	\$46,974	\$9,697.21	\$37,276.79	20.64%	
Water Supply & Distribution	\$3,095,880	\$1,281,416.99	\$1,814,463.01	41.39%	
Sewer	\$642,607	\$284,789.33	\$357,817.67	44.32%	
Garbage Collection & Disposal	\$722,866	\$247,770.70	\$475,095.30	34.28%	
FCSS	\$196,435	\$147,326.25	\$49,108.75	75.00%	
Cemetery	\$64,668	\$17,601.21	\$47,066.79	27.22%	
Planning & Development	\$342,725	\$173,866.70	\$168,858.30	50.73%	
Comm Services -Handi Bus	\$25,000	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%	
Economic Development	\$532,150	\$205,732.74	\$326,417.26	38.66%	Ec Dev, BOT. HBC
Subdivison Land	\$55,270	\$25,812.45	\$29,457.55	46.70%	
Land, Housing & Rentals	\$43,900	\$12,498.31	\$31,401.69	28.47%	
Recreation - General	\$140,775	\$83,848.10	\$56,926.90	59.56%	
Recreation Programs	\$80,280	\$66,516.20	\$13,763.80	82.86%	
Facilities	\$2,431,270	\$961,725.92	\$1,469,544.08	39.56%	
Culture	\$345,812	\$273,843.71	\$71,968.29	79.19%	Parkland, Library, Museum
Community Hall	\$104,029	\$45,610.33	\$58,418.67	43.84%	
Senior's Center	\$13,310	\$1,895.22	\$11,414.78	14.24%	
Parks	\$618,745	\$212,311.45	\$406,433.55	34.31%	
Operating Contingency	\$319,247	\$0.00	\$319,247.00	0.00%	WTP Gross Recovery, Tran to Res
WTP gross recovery - (\$230,000) (JE made at end of year prior to Audit)					
Available for Capital from 2020 Operating Budget for 2020 Capital Budget - \$549,247 (Water (\$63,562) + Utility \$365,150 (sewer, waste, recycling) + Total Available for Capital - \$247,659) + Contingency - Utility - \$0 / Salaries - \$0 = \$549,247					
Requisitions	\$2,678,334	\$1,195,052.94	\$1,483,281.06	44.62%	
ASFF (Budget - \$2,159,570 - Actual - \$861,947.41 - 40%)					
ASFF Separate School (Budget - \$167,527 - Actual - \$70,367 - 42%)					
County of Stettler Senior Lodges (Budget - \$350,318 - Actual \$262,739 - 75% Actual)					
Total Expense	\$18,240,375	\$7,600,783.60	\$10,639,591.40	41.67%	
Surplus / Deficit	\$0	\$5,379,699.97	-\$5,379,699.97		



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Dear Premier Kenney,

RE: Oil and Gas Assessment Review

On July 30, Council and Administration from the County of Stettler attended a protest of the proposed changes for oil and gas assessment at the Alberta Legislature. This is the first time we have, as a government, protested our own government. We felt an obligation to do so.

The four assessment scenarios proposed by the Province would result in a very significant tax revenue loss for our County, ranging from \$3 million-\$4 million in the first year. For the County of Stettler to recoup a loss of this magnitude, drastic cuts to services, extreme tax increases, and service fee escalations would all have to be considered. Support traditionally given to local municipalities, recreation facilities, and community groups would all be in jeopardy.

Proposed assessment changes will impact every ratepayer, resident, and business within our County while reducing property taxes for large oil and gas companies (assets over 500 Million), shifting the tax burden from industry to County residents, commercial properties, and local businesses.

While we fully support the oil and gas industry and a review, the proposed solution does not match the problem. Large oil and gas companies are set to benefit from the four scenarios presented with no guarantees money will be reinvested in Alberta. Struggling small to mid-sized oil and gas companies – the ones that live, work and support our communities, may actually see tax increases. The four scenarios being considered would be disastrous for our communities and for our rural way of life. Not only is every rural municipality in the province impacted by these changes, the majority will be left with the same severe impacts, budget struggles and questions of continued viability.

The County of Stettler wrote off \$3 million last year in bad debts, mainly from oil and gas. So far in 2020, the County projects to write off another \$2.7 million. We met with and asked the Minister of Municipal Affairs to assist us over a year ago, when suddenly our ability to collect on bad debts from oil and gas was taken away through the Virginia Hills decision – and we gave Municipal Affairs some possible solutions. We have still received no solution or assistance from

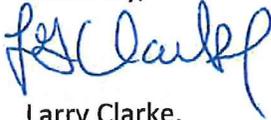
our government, and yet you continue to chip away at our County's revenue further, not actually assisting the companies struggling to survive.

To put things in perspective, these proposals give oil and gas companies with \$500 million in assets huge tax cuts on the backs of a rural municipality with an annual revenue of \$24 million. It is important to note, every rural municipality's budget is designated to public works – mainly roads and bridges to get the oil, grain, livestock, lumber to market. Most of our taxes from linear assessment go back into our roads. The County of Stettler, for example, has 2,777 km of roads to maintain.

The County of Stettler strongly objects to the lack of consultation with affected municipalities, and with the review process undertaken by the Province, which included members of the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) being present on the review committee. Inviting industry to the table to lead a review on taxation is a very slippery slope. Will our government next be inviting utility companies and urban developers to lead review on urban taxation? While all stakeholders deserve and have the right to equal and accessible consultation, CAPP only represents 4% of oil and gas industry in Alberta. It seems disproportionate that a special interest group was provided the opportunity to lead a government review process, and even present one of the four possible scenarios.

We respectfully request the assessment review of oil and gas go back to the drawing board. We request further development and consultation be conducted with severely impacted municipalities, like ourselves, offered an equal opportunity to provide input.

Sincerely,



Larry Clarke,
Reeve

CC: Nate Horner, MLA Drumheller-Stettler
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Honourable Kaycee Madu, Minister of Municipal Affairs
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For Immediate Release
August 5, 2020

Province reviews oil and gas assessment

Proposals favor large oil and gas – have devastating effect on rural municipalities.

On Tuesday, August 4, 2020, representatives from the County of Stettler, Municipal District of Provost, Paintearth County, Special Areas Board, Starland County, and representatives from the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) met with Nate Horner, MLA for Drumheller-Stettler, to lobby against the proposed changes to Oil and Gas Assessment announced by the Province of Alberta. On July 30, Council members and Administration attended a protest of the proposed changes at the Alberta Legislature. Proposed assessment changes would reduce property taxes for large oil and gas companies (assets over 500 Million), shifting the tax burden from industry to County residents, commercial properties, and local businesses.

Four assessment scenarios proposed by the Province would result in a very significant tax revenue loss for our County, ranging from \$3 million-\$4 million in the first year. For the County of Stettler to recoup a loss of this magnitude, drastic cuts to services, extreme tax increases, and service fee escalations would all have to be considered. Support traditionally given to local municipalities, recreation facilities, and community groups would all be in jeopardy.

Proposed assessment changes will impact every ratepayers, residents, and businesses within our County.

See also:

Ryan Jespersen Show: Rural Municipalities impacted by reduction of property taxes.

<https://omny.fm/shows/ryan-jespersen-show/rural-municipalities-impacted-by-reduction-of-prop>

CBC News: 'It's going to hurt': Tax break for oil and gas firms would drain rural budgets, communities warn.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/oil-and-gas-taxes-municipalities-tax-relief-industry-1.5667230>

“The County of Stettler fully supports the oil and gas industry and a review,” said County of Stettler Reeve, Larry Clarke, “But the proposed solution does not match the problem. Large oil and gas companies are set to benefit from the four scenarios presented with no guarantees

money will be reinvested in Alberta. Struggling small to mid-sized oil and gas companies – the ones that live, work and support our communities, may actually see tax increases if any of these proposals are pushed through. The four scenarios being considered would be disastrous for our communities and for our rural way of life.” Every rural municipality in the province will be impacted by these changes, the majority will be left with the same severe impacts, budget struggles and questions of continued viability.

The County of Stettler wrote off \$4.5 million last year in bad debts, mainly from oil and gas. So far in 2020, the County has written off another \$2.7 million. “We asked the Minister of Municipal Affairs to assist us over a year ago, when suddenly our ability to collect on bad debts from oil and gas was taken away – and we gave them possible solutions. We have still received no solution or assistance from our government, and yet they are chipping – or digging – away at County revenue’s further, not actually assisting the companies struggling to survive. To put things in perspective, this proposal gives oil and gas companies with \$500 million in assets a tax cut on the backs of a rural municipality with an operating budget of \$24 million.”

The County of Stettler strongly objects to the lack of consultation with affected municipalities, and with the review process undertaken by the Province, which included members of the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) being present on the review committee. “Inviting industry to the table to lead a review on taxation is a very slippery slope. Will our government next be inviting utility companies and urban developers to lead review on urban taxation? While all stakeholders deserve and have the right to equal and accessible consultation, CAPP only represents 4% of oil and gas industry in Alberta. So it seems disproportionate that a special interest group was provided the opportunity to lead a government review process, and even present one of the four scenarios?”

“We urge all of our residents, ratepayers, partners, businesses and neighboring communities to speak out about the proposed changes. It will effect every one of us. This decision is set to be made in the next few weeks—and then it will be virtually impossible to reverse,” added Reeve Clarke. These tax changes are set to be pushed through via ‘regulation’, which means there would be no debate.

Premier Jason Kenney: 307 Legislature Building, 10800-97 Avenue NW, Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6,

email: premier@gov.ab.ca

and

Nate Horner, MLA Drumheller-Stettler: Box 1929, Bay 400, 300 South Railway Avenue East, Drumheller, AB T0J 0Y0,

email: Drumheller.Stettler@assembly.ab.ca

County of Stettler Council will continue to engage with the Province and work with the RMA (Rural Municipalities of Alberta) to advocate on your behalf. Please follow our website for updates on this issue, and call your area Councillor if you have questions about these changes.

For more information go to www.StettlerCounty.ca



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The County of Stettler has been informed of the Province of Alberta's proposed changes to how oil and gas properties are assessed. Models proposed from their review suggest our County (and many others in Alberta) will see a significant revenue loss. Tax savings are being passed on to large (assets over \$500M) oil and gas companies, with no mechanism being put in place to ensure this money stays in Alberta.

Small to medium oil and gas companies, the ones struggling in our own community, may see raises in their assessment-having to pay more taxes.

Proposals suggest our County would be looking at a \$3-4 million loss of revenue in 2021, not taking into account the additional expected unpaid taxes we have already forecast (\$2.7M), or the abandonments that are currently taking place.

Our Province has given rural Alberta 4 weeks notice of their upcoming decision, right in the middle of busy farming season. We need the support of our entire region and community to urge our government to reconsider a decision that will see rural Alberta bailing out large oil and gas (they would see up to 109% savings), while small-medium sized companies, the ones that live, work and support our communities, may actually see increases causing further hardship in our region. The government's new assessment model will devastate rural Albertan's way of life.

What this revenue loss could mean to the County of Stettler: Drastic Tax Increases and Decreased Funding

To maintain current services - we would have to raise \$4 Million

- Double Residential Taxes
- Increase Farmland Taxes by 1.5 times the current amount
- Decreased funding for Senior's Housing
- Increase in Utility Rates

and/or consider another reduction of services to save dollars

Note: The Province will have to increase Education Taxes to recover the shortfall

What a reduction of services could look like: Loss of Services, Recreation and Community

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road closures • Closing Satellite Fire Departments in Big Valley and Byemoor • Cancelling Recreation Funding to the Town and rural communities: Rinks, ball diamonds, halls • Cutting Library Funding • Cutting Recycling • Cutting Special Recreation Funding and Operational Assistance Grants • Reducing gravel program - gravelling main roads only | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancelling laneway snowplowing • Reducing rural snowplowing (main arteries only) • Cutting Doctor Recruitment funding • Cutting STARS funding • Eliminating Committees like Rural Crime • Eliminate rapid response clean up after weather events • Cancelling weed spraying • Cancelling roadside mowing |
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Ultimately, a loss of jobs

Our Goal: Save our Community and Rural Way of Life

The Province is proposing to download the rescue of Alberta's oil and gas industry, and appears to be setting up big oil and gas, on the backs of rural Albertans. There are other mechanisms for bailing out an industry. We understand the pressure the energy industry is under but too many cuts too quickly will threaten the viability of rural municipalities.

Every company, industry and person in our province has benefited from oil and gas - the burden of responsibility needs to be shared. We would suggest a fairer model which benefits all oil and gas not just large oil and gas, and a tiered approach, over time, with more stakeholders including the cities and towns, absorbing costs.

In 2019 the County was told to issue a 35% tax reduction to shallow gas well operators, (\$830,000). We wrote off \$4M in bad debts. Then the province issued a new invoice for Policing (\$145,321 for 2020 increasing to \$436,000 by 2024). We are at \$2.7M in bad debts to date for 2020.

If you live in rural Alberta, and the Towns and Villages who depend on rural Alberta, please help us be a bigger voice:

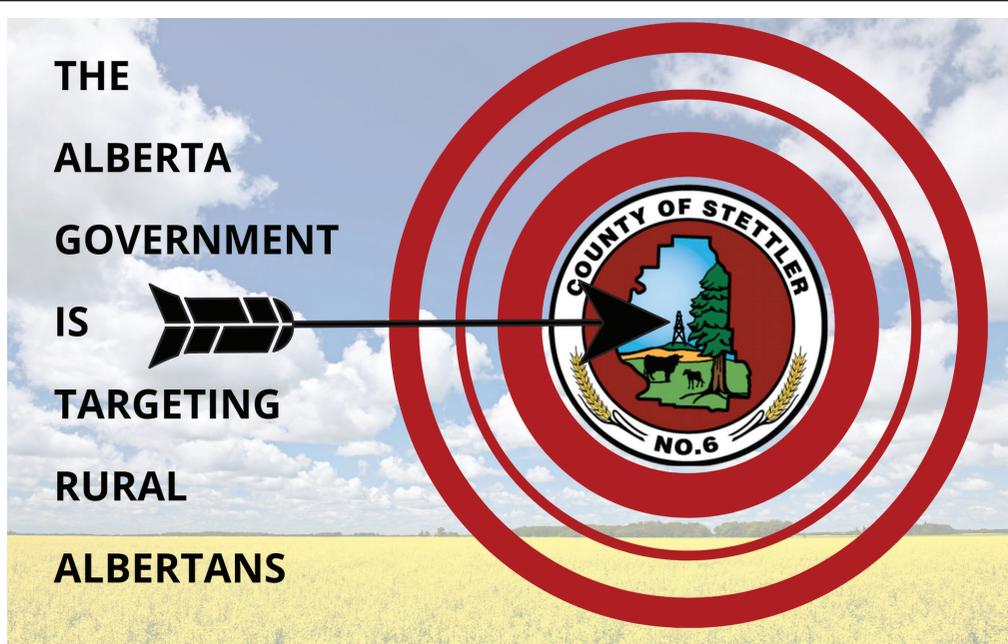
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Need more information? Contact the County of Stettler 403-742-4441, or your area Councillor:

Reeve Larry Clarke: 403-740-5482, Deputy Reeve Les Stulberg: 403-740-5003, Councillors: Ernie Gendre: 587-282-1644, Dave Grover: 403-740-2973, Cheri Neitz: 403-740-3785, James Nibourg: 403-741-9493, and Wayne Nixon: 403-741-6129



August 10, 2020

Office of the Premier
307 Legislature Building
10800 – 97 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6

Dear Premier Kenney,

RE: Oil and Gas Assessment Review

The Town of Stettler fully supports Alberta's oil and gas industry; however, after examining the Provincial review of linear tax assessment, we believe that the proposed solution does not properly address the problem. Large oil and gas companies are set to benefit from the four scenarios presented with no guarantees that money will be reinvested in Alberta. Struggling small to mid-sized oil and gas companies – the ones that live, work and support our communities, may actually see tax increases. The four scenarios being considered would be disastrous for our communities and for our rural way of life.

The Town of Stettler strongly objects to the lack of consultation with affected municipalities, and with the review process undertaken by the Province, which included members of the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) being present on the review committee. We believe that allowing an industry stakeholder to lead a review on taxation dilutes the objectivity of the process and may create a leniency for industry bias in future proceedings. We acknowledge that all stakeholders deserve and have the right to equal and accessible consultation; however, CAPP represents a clear minority of these stakeholders with only 4% of oil and gas industry in Alberta. It seems disproportionate that a special interest group was provided the opportunity to lead a government review process, and even present one of the four possible scenarios.

We, alongside the County of Stettler No. 6, respectfully request the provincial assessment review of oil and gas reinstate with a process free of industry bias. We request further development and consultation be conducted with severely impacted municipalities, such as the County of Stettler, offering the equal opportunity to provide feedback.

Sincerely,



Sean Nolls
Mayor
Town of Stettler

CC: Nate Horner, MLA Drumheller-Stettler
Alberta Rural Caucus
Honorable Kaycee Madu, Minister of Municipal Affairs
Honourable Rajan Sawhney, Minister of Community Services
Honourable Sonya Savage, Minister of Energy
Larry Clarke, Reeve – County of Stettler No. 6

Media notice

For Release: August 13, 2020

Stettler to celebrate rich prairie culture throughout September during Alberta Culture Days

Stettler has been selected as a "Feature Celebration Site" for Alberta Culture Days 2020 by the Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women.

As part of Alberta Culture Days 2020, Stettler Friends of the Library along with community partners, will be celebrating the wealth of talent and creativity that exists within our community with a multitude of activities throughout the month of September. Events range from musical entertainment and art exhibits to live demonstrations of agriculture practices and Metis culture. A schedule of events will be available at www.stettlerboardoftrade.com/CultureDays

To kick-off the celebrations there will be a Cruise in Concert on September 4th featuring Stettler's very own Renegade Station with special guest, Chloe Shingoose. Tickets will be \$50 per vehicle and are available at <https://www.showpass.com/cruise-in-concert/> All events, excluding the concert, will be free to the public.

Stettler is part of the celebrations occurring throughout the province during Alberta Culture Days 2020. Alberta Culture Days is about discovering, experiencing and celebrating our unique blend of peoples and passions, and the importance of culture to a healthy and vibrant province. To learn more, visit www.AlbertaCultureDays.ca

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Dear *Town of Stettler,*

Thank you for being a loyal partner of the Battle River Watershed Alliance. This letter comes with an update from the BRWA, copies of our annual report, and Paddle the Battle cards to share.

Like you, the BRWA has been challenged to find new ways to work and interact because of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, we continue to work with partners on our watershed management plans and implementation guidelines, to research community environmental health, to educate and engage the public, and to support on-the-ground stewardship.

Included with this letter are copies of our 2020 Annual Report. By browsing through, you will see highlights, photos, and updates of our new and ongoing programs. We hope that you will share this report with your Councillors and Staff. If you need additional copies, please contact us. Digital copies are also available on our website at: www.battleriverwatershed.ca/2020-annual-report

This year, we created the Paddle the Battle guide to help local citizens enjoy the Battle River and other local water bodies. The guide provides details for where non-motorized boats can enjoy our watershed, including paddling distances, safety considerations, and local attractions. Please display the included brochures in your reception area for your residents to take. The guides are available at: www.battleriverwatershed.ca/paddle

Our Annual General Meeting has been postponed until fall, when we hope to safely host it in person. Along with guest speakers, updates, and activities, we will also be presenting the draft of our next 5-year strategic plan. Please ensure you are on our mailing list to receive an invitation. Subscribe at: www.battleriverwatershed.ca/newsletter-signup

The Traversing Terrain and Experience Atlas of the Battle River and Sounding Creek Watersheds is available for sale. This excellent resource can help connect residents and visitors to the natural history and cultural heritage of our region. It makes a perfect gift for Councillors, guest speakers, and residents. We are currently offering one Atlas for \$30, two for \$50, or more than five Atlas for \$20 each. Details are available at www.battleriverwatershed.ca/atlas, or contact us for inquiries.

We look forward to working with you in the future. Please feel free to reach out on these or any other watershed topics.

Sincerely,

David Samm

General Manager, Battle River Watershed Alliance

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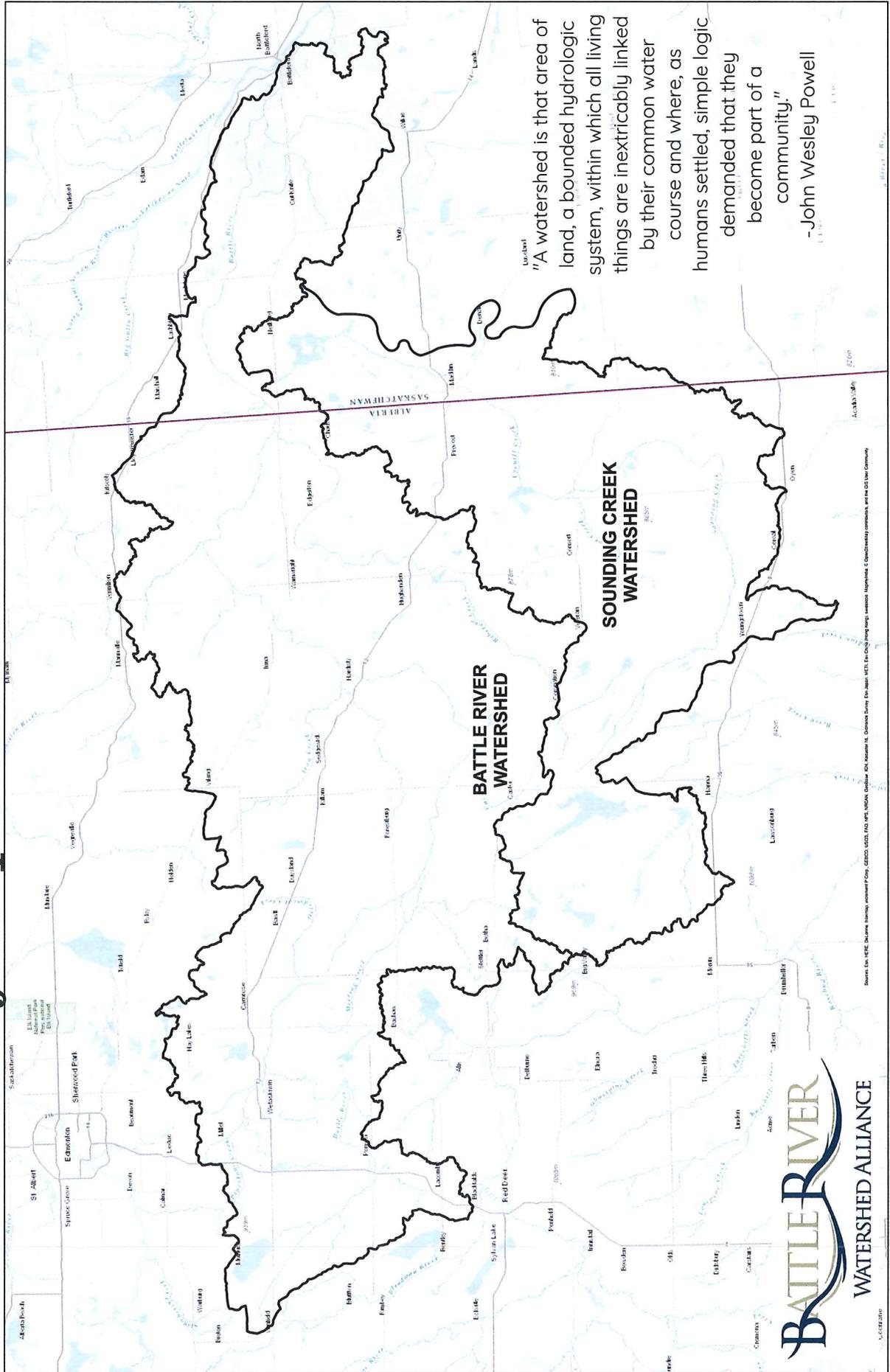


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Find your place in the watershed



"A watershed is that area of land, a bounded hydrologic system, within which all living things are inextricably linked by their common water course and where, as humans settled, simple logic demanded that they become part of a community."

-John Wesley Powell

BATTLE RIVER

WATERSHED ALLIANCE

2019-2020
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REPORT



Students from Veteran hike at Big Knife Provincial Park

ABOUT THE BRWA

We are the people who live, work, and play in the Battle River and Sounding Creek watersheds. We are landowners, community members, business people, researchers, and decision makers. We are the people who will ensure a stable economy, healthy natural areas, and resilient communities in this place that we love.

Our Vision

By using sound knowledge, wisdom, and wise actions, we ensure that the Battle River and Sounding Creek watersheds sustain abundant life, now and for future generations.

Our Mission

The BRWA provides relevant science, social science, policies, and education for a diverse community of people to create solutions to our watershed's challenges.

Board Members

Academia

Greg King, *University of Alberta - Augustana*
Les Parsons, *University of Alberta - Augustana*

Agriculture

Khalil Ahmed, *Battle River Research Group*
John Pearson, *Landowner (see memoriam on next page)*

Business/Industry

Barb Bosh (Board Chair), *ASHCORE Technologies Ltd.*

Environmental NGOs

Lorne Ferguson (Board Treasurer),
Camrose and District Fish and Game Association
Diane Hanson, *Rural Outreach & Agricultural Renaissance Society*

Individual

Al Corbett (Board Vice-Chair)
Midge Lambert
Peter Pullishy



Municipal Government

Corinne Kelts, *Special Areas*
Preston Weran, *Town of Blackfalds*
Ryley Andersen, *M.D. of Wainwright*

Provincial/Federal Government

Melissa Orr-Langner, *Alberta Agriculture and Forestry*

Ex Officio

Jamie Bruha, *Alberta Environment and Parks*



The BRWA was deeply saddened by the sudden passing of board member John Pearson this year. He was a caring and hard-working family man and community member. In memoriam, we named a route in our Paddle the Battle Guide after him. The "Big John Route" runs from Highway 53 near his farm in Donalda to Big Knife Provincial Park. Our condolences to all who knew and loved him.

Our outreach work was impacted by the emergence of the COVID-19 virus as we had to change how we worked with groups across the watershed. Before COVID-19, I thought ZOOM was a noise made by a speeding car, not an internet program to connect people! No matter how we meet in the future, let's continue to work together and help our world recover - and perhaps, in the process, redefine what's important for the good of all.

David Samm,
General Manager



Welcome from our Manager

Welcome to the 2019-2020 BRWA Annual Report and thank you for being part of our work. I suggest as you read this report you will learn about a number of accomplishments we achieved this year. We continue to connect BRWA to our wider community and enable collaboration, inclusion, and innovation, which are essential when working to improve the health of our watershed. I thank the BRWA board and dedicated staff for their work that brings the BRWA vision to life.

Collectively, we celebrate our significant accomplishments, most notably the launch of our largest project to date. Our Riparian Intactness Assessment Project will use satellite imagery to achieve a basin-wide understanding of the health of riparian areas in the Battle River watershed. This exciting initiative truly supports our mission of providing sound science that allows people to take local action.

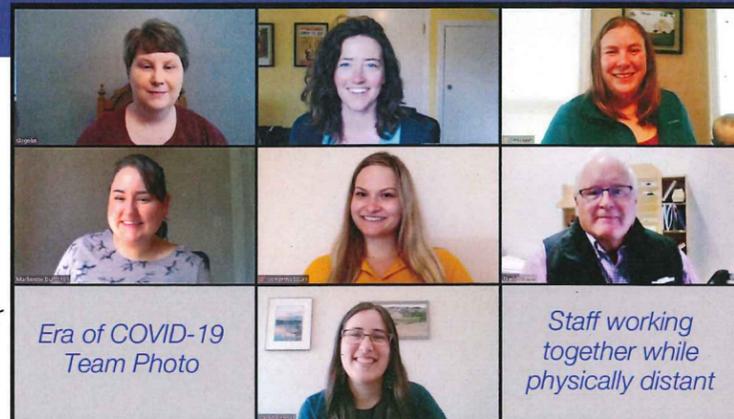


This past year, BRWA received an Emerald Award for its Finding Common Ground tour. This project was one of our innovative ways to connect members with broader issues that impact our watershed.

Staff Team

(Top Left to Bottom Right)

- Office Manager**, Sheila Logelin
- Education and Outreach**, Nathalie S. Olson
- Research and Stewardship**, Susanna Bruneau
- Education Lead**, Mackenzie Durocher
- Education Program Assistant**, Samantha Bauer
- General Manager**, David Samm
- Watershed Management**, Sarah Skinner



About our Watersheds

The Battle River and Sounding Creek are unique prairie-fed watersheds. Home to over 120,000 people and spanning the boreal, prairie, and parkland natural regions of Alberta and Saskatchewan, these watersheds are rich in history, culture, and ecology. Beginning at Battle Lake and meandering across Alberta and Saskatchewan for some 1,100 kilometers, the Battle River eventually joins the North Saskatchewan River at Battleford, Saskatchewan. While Sounding Creek has no outlet beyond

Manitou Lake in Saskatchewan, it is a key water source for the people and wildlife that call the Special Areas home. We face many challenges in our watersheds, such as degraded water quality, limited water supply, and increasing land-use pressures. However, we are a resilient community of people who are able to work together to find solutions to the challenges that face us.

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

The goal of our watershed management planning (WMP) process is to work with partners to develop recommendations for how we want to see land and water managed in our watersheds. This year, we've focused on implementing some of our recommendations related to wetland and riparian health, non-point source pollution, and drought management. We've also been working on building a more complete picture of the health of our watersheds, in order to better understand what actions we can take to ensure the health of people, communities, and ecosystems.

ECHO Network

Since 2017, the BRWA has been a member of the Environment, Community, Health Observatory Network (or ECHO Network, for short). This Network includes partners from universities, public health authorities, and non-profit organizations across Canada and around the world. The Battle River and Sounding Creek watersheds are one of four "regional cases" involved in the ECHO Network. An important focus of our work over the past year has been to create a draft "indicator framework" (seen below) that represents the ways in which ecological, community, and public health all contribute to the health of our watersheds. A central role of the BRWA is to report on the state of our watersheds; this broader suite of indicators will enable us to provide a more holistic picture of the health of the Battle River and Sounding Creek watersheds.

Draft
Indicator
Framework



Over 40 watershed health indicators are measured under these focus areas.



Battle River at Mistahiya

Protecting Nipiy

"Nipiy" is the Cree word for water. The "Protecting Nipiy" project is a joint effort of the BRWA and Samson Cree Nation to protect and restore riparian lands identified as priority areas by the community. Another focus of the project is to provide learning opportunities for community members related to riparian health assessments, native plant identification, source water protection, drinking water and wastewater management, and more. In 2019, the BRWA teamed



up with Samson Cree Nation's Nipiy Committee to begin identifying potential riparian project sites and planning for future educational events.

This project is one example of how the BRWA is working to implement recommendations we've identified through our WMP process. To learn more about these recommendations and how you can take action, visit

www.battleriverwatershed.ca/watershed-management-planning.

Riparian Intactness Assessment Project

Riparian areas are the transition zones between land and water, and play an important role in supporting watershed health. In 2019, the BRWA began a joint project with the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) to assess the intactness of riparian areas in our watersheds (including the eastern reaches of the North Saskatchewan River watershed and the

entirety of the Battle River watershed).

The assessment will use satellite imagery to measure how "intact" riparian areas are by looking at the amount of natural plant cover, woody shrubs and trees, and human disturbance in these areas. A key strength of this method is that it allows us to assess thousands of kilometers of riparian areas across the watershed, including lakes, streams, and the Battle River. This will give us a comprehensive overview of riparian health in our watershed, and help us identify riparian areas that would benefit from further conservation or restoration efforts.



NSWA and BRWA staff holding a map of our watersheds

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The BRWA works to engage people of all ages and stages from across the watershed. We develop new and creative programs, and continue to offer our old favourites. By hosting programs and events, we support watershed community members to experience their watershed, appreciate what it provides, and build a culture of stewardship.

Watershed Festival

Our annual watershed celebration was hosted at Big Knife Provincial Park for the second year in a row. With the park full of campers and many more families attending for the day, we were swamped with good cheer and smiling faces. With help from friends and partners, we were able to offer a variety of activities including: canoe trips with Caroline Boddy; a plant walk with Stephen Olson; plants, traditional medicine, and Cree traditions with Crystal Wilmot; stories with Glenys Smith and Fraser Beebe; and a real Saw-whet Owl to learn about with Emily Grouse of the Beaverhill Bird Observatory. We were also able to offer a BBQ lunch and Saskatoon pie (while supplies lasted!) to over 120 people.



Saskatoon Pie Baking

Camrose and region residents braved the mosquitoes this year to pick our watershed's favourite berry to bake a Saskatoon pie. With a colder summer, the berries were sparse but we still enjoyed sampling nine pies. The 2019 Saskatoon Pie Baking Champion was Chris Yuha of Rosalind, who used her mother-in-law's recipe. By hosting the event at the Downtown Camrose Market, we also got to meet a lot of watershed residents and share information about our work and how they can get involved.



Winter Tales

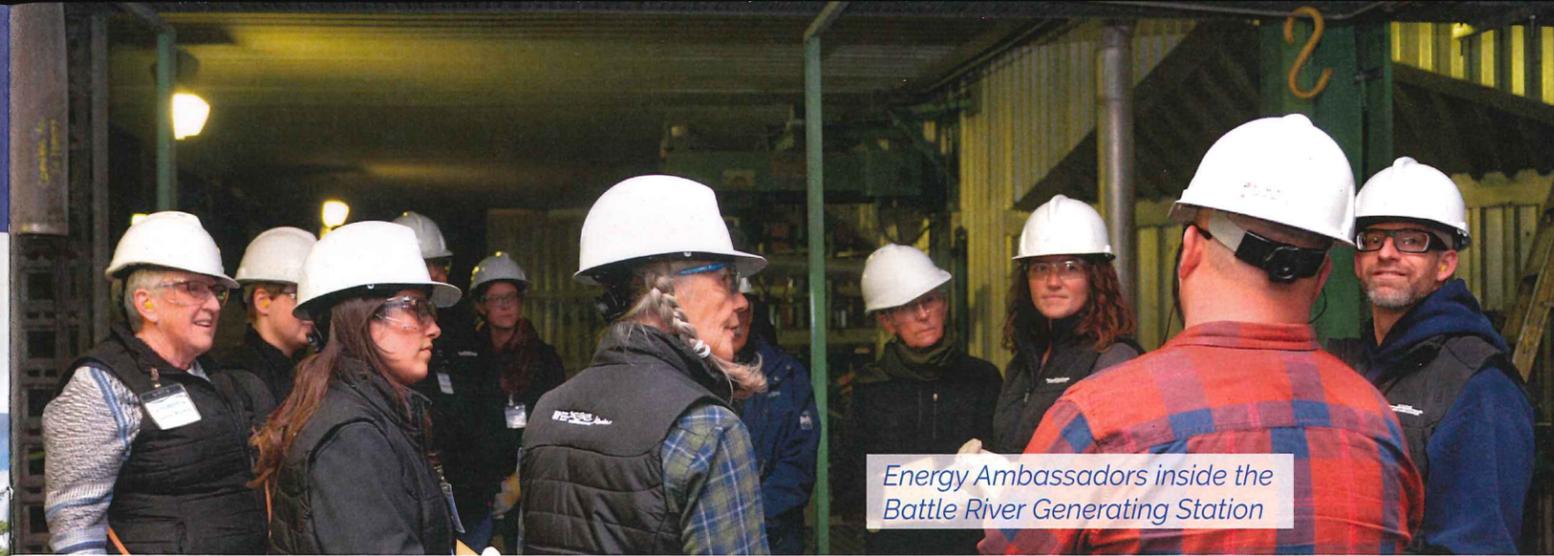
In the spirit of winter gatherings and the seasonal tradition of swapping stories, we hosted our first ever Winter Tales event. It was a family-friendly event full of food, warm drinks, and good company. There were crafts and activities for the kids, and "Big Fish Tales" for the young and young-at-heart!

Thanks to our storytellers: Sarah Skinner, Bob Silverthorne, Glenys Smith, and Bill Harder. We are also grateful to Renate Burns, from the Camrose Arts Society, who led the kids crafts.



Paddle the Battle *"Life is a journey, not a destination" - Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Full of loops and bends, paddling the Battle River may take more time than the final distance suggests. However, our meandering river means you have to travel less distance for the shuttle! To help more people enjoy our watershed's waterbodies, we have developed a guide of where to take non-motorized boats. This guide is for both new and experienced paddlers, and provides put-in and take-out locations, attractions, and more. The guide includes 10 locations on the Battle River and local lakes, with more to come. Follow the journey and add your own experiences with the hashtag #PaddleTheBattle, and get your copy of the guide at: www.battleriverwatershed.ca/paddle.



Energy Ambassadors inside the Battle River Generating Station

Finding Common Ground 2.0 *Energy Ambassador Bus Tour*

In October 2019, we took a new spin on our Finding Common Ground program. Over 30 participants from across the Battle River watershed and beyond signed up for this two-day exploration of our region's energy options and opportunities. Our Ambassadors learned about the pros and cons of different energy production types, and how they are all trying to become more efficient to reduce costs and protect the environment.

We heard from 17 guest speakers and visited 9 energy production/efficiency sites, including:
• Lougheed Performing Arts Centre • Speaker: Alberta Centre for Sustainable Rural Communities • Speaker: Chris Turner • Paintearth Mine • Battle River Generating Station • Halkirk Wind Farm • Speaker: NEWO Global Energy • Lacombe Composite High School • Speaker: David Dodge, Green Energy Futures • Speaker: Alberta Council for Environmental Education • Louis Bull Tribe • Speaker: Empower Me • Nadon Straw Bale Home • Speaker: Alberta Narratives Project.

Even with this jam-packed schedule, there was so much more to see. The Battle River region is blessed with energy, but as the saying goes, "with great power comes great responsibility."

The emissions from this tour have been offset by The Carbon Farmer. We also supported agricultural methods to capture carbon by funding wetland and riparian area restoration at Brenlea Farms.

"The Finding Common Ground 2.0 Tour was an excellent opportunity to see a significant amount of the Battle River watershed in a short amount of time. It highlighted the vast resources within the region and the many opportunities we have to continue to diversify. There were thought-provoking presentations and discussions. Although our future is unclear, I am excited for the innovative solutions that could be found right here in rural Alberta and the Battle River region." -Energy Ambassador

Our Common Ground Presentations

After the tour, our Energy Ambassadors shared their experience with members of their community. As a formal presentation at their workplace or an informal chat with their neighbours, Ambassadors spoke about their experience and listened to the concerns, questions, and interests of their audience.

These presentations helped spread what was learned, as well as practice the difficult and important work of having tough conversations. In the end, we hope that everyone was able to find some common ground.



This program was made possible by the Government of Alberta's Community Environment Action Grant and Energy Efficiency Alberta's Energy Efficiency Education Grant.

MAPPING OUR ACTIONS

The BRWA strives to host activities across the Battle River and Sounding Creek watersheds for a variety of audiences. This map shows this year's events in these areas of our work:

Youth Programs

Through the various programs listed below, 2,420 youth learned about their watershed.

- Caring for our Watersheds Presentations
- Discover your Wetland Field Trips
- Experience your Watershed Summer Camps
- University of Alberta (Augustana Campus) Guest Lectures
- Magpie Nature Camp
- Waste in our Watershed Tours
- Watershed Day at Terrace Ridge
- X-Stream Science Field Trips

Community Events

We engage watershed residents in a variety of activities to learn about Water for Life goals. These community events engaged about 929 stakeholders.

- BRWA Annual General Meeting
- Battle River Watershed Festival; Big Knife Provincial Park
- Finding Common Ground 2 Energy Ambassador Tour and Our Common Ground presentations
- Saskatoon Pie Baking Competition
- Winter Tales event
- OTIS Award presentations

Watershed Management Planning & Implementation

Watershed management is a collaborative process. We are the lead on some of these projects, and on others we are there in a partnership role.

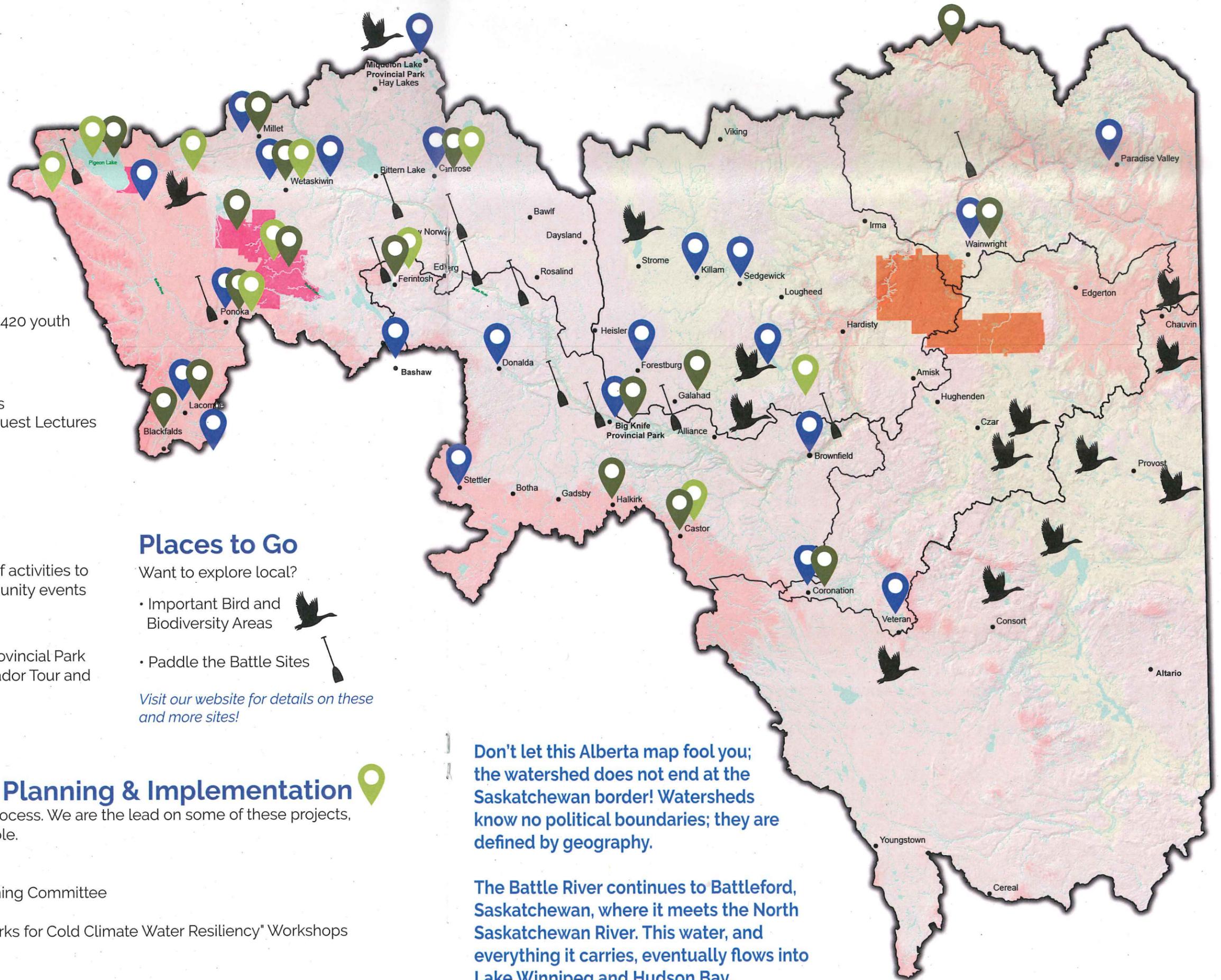
- Buffalo Trail Riparian Restoration Program
- Protecting Nipiy Project
- Pigeon Lake Watershed Management Planning Committee
- Battle Lake Synergy Group
- "Shelterbelts and Eco-Buffers" and "Earthworks for Cold Climate Water Resiliency" Workshops
- Bigstone Creek Riparian Planting Workshop
- Camrose Creek Research Project

Places to Go

Want to explore local?

- Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas
- Paddle the Battle Sites

Visit our website for details on these and more sites!



Don't let this Alberta map fool you; the watershed does not end at the Saskatchewan border! Watersheds know no political boundaries; they are defined by geography.

The Battle River continues to Battleford, Saskatchewan, where it meets the North Saskatchewan River. This water, and everything it carries, eventually flows into Lake Winnipeg and Hudson Bay.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

The BRWA's education programs engage youth to appreciate the beauty of our watersheds, their importance, their challenges, and what actions students and their community can take to become stewards of our watershed. This is possible thanks to our educational partners, including Battle River Community Foundation, Cargill, Enbridge, and Nutrien.

X-Stream Science

What is the health of our local streams, and how has that changed over time? High school students across the watershed are involved in the BRWA's X-Stream Science program to answer these questions. Through a "field experience," students follow scientific protocol to collect benthic macroinvertebrates and use a hand-held YSI probe to monitor water quality. Data is collected and shared to compare results across the watershed and over the years.



Discover your Wetland

Wetlands are an important water resource and biodiversity hotspot in our watershed. This half-day field trip invites students to get up close and personal with their local marsh wetland. They play games and complete hands-on activities to learn about biodiversity, water quality, and wetland functions like water storage and filtering. These lessons connect directly with the grade 5 wetland unit. Once a wetland has been discovered, it is unlikely to be forgotten! Over 380 students participated this year from nine different schools across the watershed.

Explore More - Stettler

Explore More is an all-day, in-school field trip where 160 students in grades 5-6 from Stettler Elementary had the opportunity to meet and learn from guest experts in a variety of fields. Guest presenters included: Alberta Lake Management Society • Inside Education • Beaverhill Bird Observatory • Cows and Fish • Agroforestry and Woodlot Extension Society • Nature Alberta - Nature Kids • Living Lands Landscape Design.

Thanks to Cargill and the County of Stettler for supporting this event. Due to COVID-19 we postponed our Forestburg Explore More event (originally planned for March) until next year.



Caring for our Watersheds

The BRWA is the proud partner of Nutrien in offering this program to students across central and northern Alberta. Since 2007, we have asked students in grades 7-12 to develop a project idea to improve the watershed. As the current and future stewards of our watershed, these students have developed creative ideas to address our watershed's concerns. In 2019, we received 85 proposals which were marked by a panel of judges, and the top ten groups presented at the final competition. All finalists win money for themselves and their school, and we also support project implementation with funding and mentorship.

Waste in our Watershed

In partnership with the City of Camrose, all grade 4 students in the city get a behind-the-scenes tour of the community's liquid and solid waste streams.

Key concepts include: what is a watershed; where does our water come from, where does it go, and how do we treat it before and after its use; how do recyclables get collected and what are their next uses; how do landfills work; and what can we do to reduce our waste.

This past year we had all 380 grade 4 students in Camrose participate from five schools.



Terrace Ridge Watershed Days

This year we had the pleasure of working with Terrace Ridge School in Lacombe on their "Watershed Day," which focused on Indigenous traditions and knowledge. From kindergarten to grade 6, all 300+ students had a blast exploring a local wetland to learn about aquatic invertebrates!



Magpie Nature Camp

Our inaugural summer camp was hosted at the Camrose and District Fish and Game Association's Pleasure Island site in August. Eighteen campers aged 6-12 spent 5 days outside connecting to nature. They learned about edible and medicinal plants, wildlife and tracking, and how to identify and avoid hazards, all while making friends and building personal and group resilience. On our final day, we fished at the trout pond with Fish and Game volunteers and celebrated with a BBQ and "aponas," a Cree term for "meat on a stick." We look forward to working with partners to make this an annual event.

STEWARDSHIP

OTIS Award *for being Outstanding In Stewardship*

The BRWA started the OTIS Award in 2013 to recognize the positive actions of stewards in our watersheds. This year we are proud to present 4 OTIS Awards to the following stewards:

Individual Winner: Pres Winter - Bluebird Trail

Pres has been an active member of the Viking community for over 50 years, where he worked as a pharmacist. His love for the Mountain Bluebird, whose prairie population had been in steady decline since the 1940s, led him to become their caretaker. Since 1977, Pres has built and installed over 1,000 bluebird houses on over 300 miles (482 km) of country roads. Every year, he cleans and repairs the houses and then monitors the number of bluebirds, eggs laid, chicks hatched, and birds banded. This work has helped increase the population of the species, and contributed to our knowledge of this beautiful bird.



Photo Credit: Andy Wilchger

Business Winner: Brenda Bohmer - Improving Practices for Wetlands

Brenda, matriarch of Brenlea Farms near Bawlf, was reflecting on her future on the farm and land she grew up on when she made the choice to begin restoring and reclaiming sensitive wetlands and riparian areas. Through a combination of taking cropland out of production, planting native trees and grasses, and amending soil in the adjacent areas, Brenda has begun the multi-year process of reclaiming some 20 acres of sensitive wetlands and riparian areas on her farm. Now, over 30 different species of plants grow on restored land.



Organization Winner: City of Wetaskiwin - Municipal Sustainability

Over the past several years, the City of Wetaskiwin has undertaken several initiatives to improve the watershed. Low impact development techniques were used on the reconstruction of Main Street when upgrades were needed in 2017. Rain gardens have since been installed in other parts of the city, with others planned for the near future. In 2019, the Plastic Checkout Bag Bylaw came into effect in Wetaskiwin, keeping these bags out of the landfill and out of the watershed. The City of Wetaskiwin is only the second community in Alberta to implement a plastic checkout bag ban.



Photo Credit: Brad Walker of McElhanney

Youth Winner: Grove Grizzlies - Creek Restoration

The Grove Grizzlies are a Junior Forest Wardens Club in Spruce Grove. When a rural landowner was looking for help with a tree planting project along Bigstone Creek, the Grove Grizzlies stepped up to lend a hand. Around 10,000 native trees, willows, and shrubs were planted with help from the landowner, the BRWA, and the Agroforestry and Woodlot Extension Society. This creek restoration will help improve the health of Bigstone Creek, which is a tributary of the Battle River. Even though these Grizzlies live outside of the watershed, we think they deserve "honorary watershed steward" status for their hard work in our region.



Kayakers along the "Big John" Route of the Battle River

Yellow Fish Road

The streets and storm drains of Wainwright got a fresh coat of paint this year! The local Girl Guides and Scouts Clubs spent a sunny Saturday walking the streets to hand out informational brochures and stencil yellow fish next to storm drains.

Yellow Fish Road is a program we offer across the watershed. Its goal is to increase awareness of storm water pollution and prevent hazardous material from entering storm drains.

Thanks to these youth for doing their part to protect our watershed!



Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas (IBAs)

This year, the BRWA joined The Nature Network, a program through Nature Canada that supports environmental organizations to do engagement and stewardship work. With their support, we have become a caretaker for a few local IBAs and learned about Engagement Organizing.

IBAs were designated by BirdLife International in the 1980s, and are coordinated locally by Nature Alberta. IBAs aim to maintain and improve the conservation of bird populations by protecting habitats and integrating with local community sustainability. Recently, the program's focus has shifted to include enhancing and preserving biodiversity of all species. There are 13 IBAs in the Battle River and Sounding Creek watersheds (see our map on pages 8-9).

As caretakers, the BRWA will lead volunteer-based data collection and the protection of biodiversity at these sites. This fall, four students from the University of Alberta's Augustana Campus participated in a community service-learning project to gather data at two IBAs (Wavy Lake near Strome, and Bearhills Lake near Wetaskiwin). This data is being used to determine future stewardship and management recommendations in these areas.

We look forward to more site visits and birding opportunities across the watershed's IBAs. If you would like to help, please visit www.battleriverwatershed.ca/get-involved.



Saskatoons in bloom at Dillberry Provincial Park

PARTNERS AND SPONSORS

The BRWA is a local alliance — a web of people, organizations, governments, and businesses who work together to maintain and improve the health of our watersheds.

We would like to acknowledge the following groups for their support this year:

Youth Education Partners

Battle River Community Foundation: Discover your Wetland, Waste in our Watershed, Paddle the Battle

Camrose and District Fish and Game Association: Magpie Nature Camp

Cargill: Discover your Wetland, Explore More

County of Stettler: Explore More

Enbridge: X-Stream Science

Government of Alberta: The core funding we receive supports all of our education programs.

Nutrien: Caring for our Watersheds

Engagement Partners

Battle River Community Foundation: Paddle the Battle

Energy Efficiency Alberta, Energy Efficiency

Education Grant: Finding Common Ground 2

Government of Alberta, Community Environment

Action Grant: Finding Common Ground 2

Nature Canada: Nature Network

Watershed Management Partners

Canadian Institutes of Health Research: ECHO Network

Government of Canada, Lake Winnipeg Basin Program: Protecting Nipiy Project

Canadian Agricultural Partnership: Buffalo Trail Riparian Restoration Program

Samson Cree Nation: Protecting Nipiy Project

Government of Alberta, Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program: Buffalo Trail Riparian Restoration Program

Collaborative Partnerships

These pages are full of partners who have supported our work this year. We also give back to a number of organizations to support their work and our shared goals. This year we worked with:

- Agroforestry and Woodlot Extension Society: community workshops
- Alberta Water Council: drought resiliency project, source water protection project
- Camrose Green Action Committee: Camrose Climate Change Committee
- Ducks Unlimited Canada: Camrose Creek Research Project
- Hospice Society of Camrose and District: Hike for Hospice
- Pigeon Lake Watershed Association: Watershed Management Planning Committee
- Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils: meetings for Managers and Outreach Staff
- Wavy Lake Co-op: Prairie Dreamers Project

Municipal Partners

BRWA thanks municipal partners who contribute funds to our Alliance through our Invest 50 program. We request \$0.50 per watershed resident from municipal governments. This very important financial resource is used to support our education, outreach, and watershed management projects. We thank the following municipalities for the funding this year:

- Camrose County
- City of Camrose
- County of Paintearth
- County of Vermilion River
- Flagstaff County
- Hamlet of Ferintosh
- Hamlet of Gadsby
- Lacombe County
- Leduc County
- M.D. of Wainwright
- Summer Village of Grandview
- Summer Village of Golden Days
- Summer Village of Ma-Me-O Beach
- Summer Village of Paradise Valley
- Summer Village of Poplar Bay
- Town of Hardisty
- Village of Bawlf
- Village of Bittern Lake
- Village of Forestburg
- Village of Halkirk
- Village of Lougheed



Battle River southwest of Rosalind

2019-2020 Major Contributors



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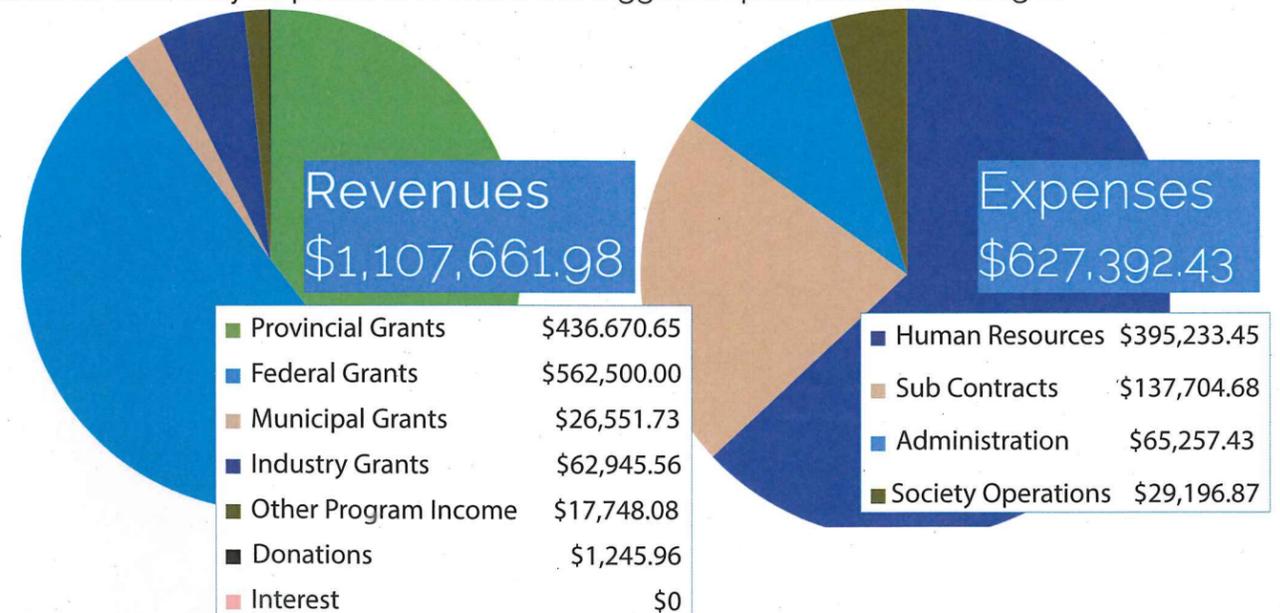
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We would especially like to thank our largest partner and sponsor, the Government of Alberta. We work closely together through the Water for Life partnership towards our shared goals.



2019-2020 Financial Report

The BRWA appreciates the financial contributions of all of our partners. We work hard to use funds as efficiently as possible to make the biggest impact within our budget.



Members who would like a complete audited financial statement for the BRWA should contact Sheila Logelin at 780.672.0276. You can also find it on our website on the "Resources" page.

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Municipal Notification of Future Changes to Emergency Medical Services

Over the past several years Emergency Medical Services (EMS) resources in your community were dispatched by one of our municipal partners through one of the AHS satellite dispatch centres.

Following a recommendation of the Ernst and Young Alberta Health Services (AHS) Review, AHS EMS will be moving forward with plans to consolidate 911 EMS dispatch services.

Four municipally-run satellite sites, Calgary, Lethbridge, Red Deer and the Municipality of Wood Buffalo, will be consolidated into one of the three AHS EMS dispatch sites: the Northern Communications Centre (NCC, in Peace River) and the Southern Communications Centre (SCC, in Calgary) and Central Communications Centre (CCC, in Edmonton). Termination for all four sites requires 180 days' notice. Notice was given today.

Patient safety is at the core of every decision AHS makes. This includes our approach to dispatching of EMS services across Alberta. The Ernst and Young recommendation validates earlier reports, including one by the Health Quality Council of Alberta, supporting dispatch consolidation for improved patient care and health integration. Consolidation of the four satellite dispatch centres will save over \$6 million annually. This is a fiscally responsible transition that will maintain patient safety and ensure consistency and sustainability of dispatch services across all communities.

A province-wide EMS dispatch system is more efficient and allows better co-ordination of all resources, allowing EMS to send the nearest available ambulance to a patient regardless of any geographic boundaries. 911 callers will notice absolutely no change.

We look forward to continued collaboration with our municipal partners and the Government as we phase in this transition.





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July 27, 2020

His Worship Sean Nolls
Mayor, Town of Stettler
PO Box 280
Stettler, AB T0C 2L0



Dear Mayor Nolls,

On behalf of the Board and Staff of the Stettler Public Library, I would like to thank you for maintaining our budget requisition for 2020. We are thankful for your continued support of the library throughout a year that has been much different than what was anticipated. Your support allows us to continue providing exceptional services at a time when area residents are facing a lot of stress and uncertainty. Access to information, entertainment, programming and technical support can provide a much-needed distraction and lifeline for people during tough times.

Although we were closed to public traffic between March 15 and June 14, the staff team continued to provide services to the community. Area residents were able to sign up for library cards and access a wealth of eContent online from home. The library's curbside pickup service was used 1,367 times during the period of our closure and many members continued to connect with us via online programming (both live streaming and video conferencing).

Since reopening on June 15, we have been busy providing service in person, re-establishing outreach services to the lodges (via deliveries of bins of quarantined books and audiobooks) and offering a Summer Reading Club that provides reading challenges and activities for children ages 5+ plus their families, both online and in person (outdoors).

Please find enclosed a copy of the Library's Annual Report for 2019. Your support of the library over the years has been phenomenal. We are pleased to be able to provide information, entertainment, and a place to connect, to residents of Stettler and Stettler County.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jane Skoddopole".

Jane Skoddopole
Chair, Stettler Public Library Board

cc: Greg Switenky, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Stettler

2019 Annual Report Stettler Public Library



Stettler Public
Library

Our Vision

A community hub of technology, library services, and programs.

Our Mission

To provide library material and space, programs, and internet access to enrich the lives of community members and newcomers.

Our Service Responses What we will do

Child, Youth, and Family Literacy - Residents will have programs, technology and the support they need to improve their literacy and technology skills, to fulfill their responsibilities as parents, students, citizens and workers.

Involve Community Members and New Canadians - Youth and adults will have information to participate in community decision making. Newcomers will have information on citizenship, English/French language learning, employment, schooling, health and safety, and access to information that they need to participate successfully in Canadian life.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong learning - Residents will have the resources and support they need to participate fully in the community.

Know your Community: Community Resources and Services - Residents will have a central source for information about the wide variety of programs, services and activities provided by community agencies and organizations.

The power of a connected community...

Stettler Public Library is your place to connect with information, technology, & others!



Thanks so much to the library team, both paid and volunteers, who make the place feel so welcoming and inclusive. The progressive displays, art, furniture arrangement and offering of diverse programming; makes our library a HUGE asset to our community" – Karin, SPL member

Looking back over 2019 and celebrating our achievements demonstrates how much we can do when we connect and work together. The past year has seen a continuation of the services that you have come to love: access to books and other materials; programs for all ages aimed at bringing the community together over shared interests; outreach services to seniors and colony schools; as well as access to technology and assistance using that technology. In 2019 we partnered with a number of local businesses and organizations like the Stettler Learning Centre, Parent Link Centre, Alicia Tate Yoga and more! In 2019 the Stettler Public Library Board reduced barriers to access by eliminating overdue fines. Our members are wonderful about returning library materials, but sometimes life can get in the way. We understand it can happen, we are committed to ensuring a fear of overdue fines does not prevent community members from accessing our collections.

2020 is shaping up to be a different kind of year from what was imagined. In all this uncertainty, one thing we know is that by pulling together to support and encourage one another, connecting over books, technology (and physical spaces of six feet or more) we will emerge stronger than ever. We look forward to sharing information, hope and laughter and strengthening our connections as we weather this unsettled time. Stay well everyone!

Stettler Public Library Board (2019) Staff Team (2019)

Jane Skocdopole (Chair)
Vicki Leuck (Vice Chair)
Barb Gano (Treasurer)
Ben Ayotte
Will Brown
Andrew Brysiuk
Blake Chapman
Councillor Gord Lawlor
Gail Peterson
Councillor Les Stulberg

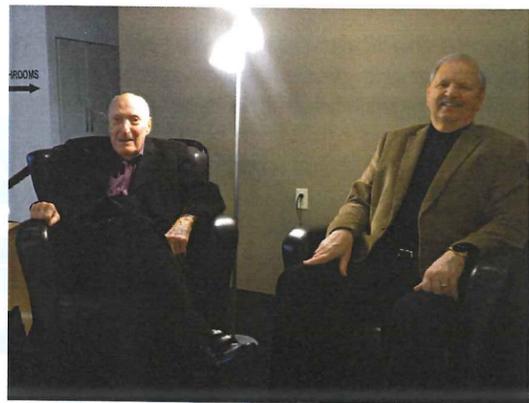
Rhonda O'Neill (Manager)
Crystal Friars (Assistant Manager)
Brandi Roper (Outreach/Circulation Supervisor)
Alix Adair
Eleanor Bertin
Elaine Hoekstra
Shaun Ross
Gillian Spencer
Jordan Dryden
Jordan Frederick
Jaden Norman
Reagan Robbins
Chloe Strohschein
Krista Jewett
Megan Roper



Programming Highlights 2019

The vast majority of our programs are offered at no cost, so that everyone can attend, learn and share their knowledge and interests with other members of the community. The library is the perfect place for people, especially newcomers and people moving through life transitions, to come and meet others in the community who share their interests.

 In 2019 we offered 807 programs for families, children, adults and teens. We had a total of 8,860 people attend Stettler Public Library programs. In 2019 some of our programming hits included:

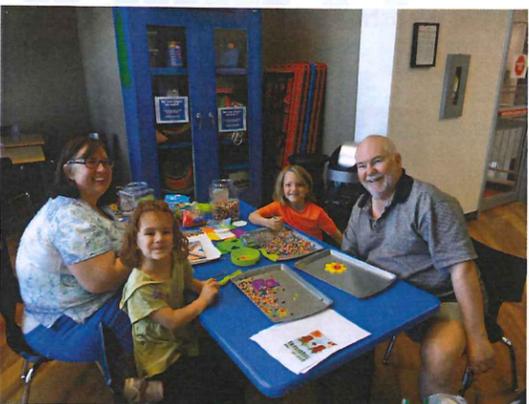


Robert Raymond Cook Night

Retired Judge David MacNaughton (Cook's defence attorney) and Councilor Malcolm Fischer (9 years old at the time) took us through the story of the murders, manhunt, trail and aftermath. Audience members shared their memories too!

Author Fran Kimmel

We had a very special book club meeting in April when author Fran Kimmel (Lacombe) came to discuss her latest novel, *No Good Asking*. Fran's second novel was a finalist for Alberta's Georges Bugnet Award for Fiction in 2019 and is being published internationally.



Pollinators: What's the Buzz

Cynthia Pohl from Living Landscapes in Red Deer taught us about solitary pollinators and helped participants build their own pollinator hotels!

DIY Smudge Stick

Shirley and Kelly Cire taught us about the practice of smudging. Then showed us how to make smudge sticks out of locally gathered sage, lavender and rose petals.



Blanket Exercise

For Culture Days, we hosted a Blanket exercise with Parkland Regional Library's knowledge keepers, Roy and Judy Louis. Parkland team member Shirley Cire (with Kelly Cire) joined us as we learned more about our history as a nation.

Armchair Travel

We traveled to Egypt with Gail and Bryan Peterson and look forward to visiting other countries with the Petersons and other members of the community in 2020.



The Beer Library

Beer Library: Chapter 1 featured the Siding 14 Brewery from Ponoka. We followed that with Beer Library DIY edition where Stettler's own Ryan Bolin demonstrated a boil, then answered all our beer making questions!

Taste of South East Asia

In response to a request for local cooking classes, we brought A Taste of South East Asia with Chef Sophear (Pete) Sok to the home economics lab at the Wm E. Hay Secondary Campus. Both the food and company were fantastic!



International Potluck

Our annual International Potluck in partnership with The Stettler Learning Centre was another hit with Eric Rahn and the Jazz Cats providing musical entertainment. It was the perfect kick off to the holiday season.

Wine Tasting

In November, we prepared for Wine Survivor by hosting a wine tasting with Alana Skocdopole of *Model Milk* in Calgary. We sampled a variety of wines, purchased locally and learned what would pair well with each.



Wine Survivor

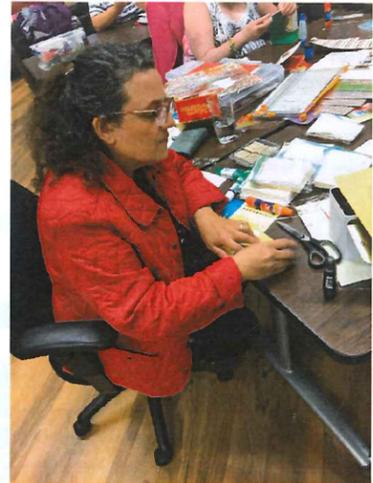
The Stettler Friends of the Library Society's annual fundraiser raised \$3500 for the library. We are grateful to the individuals and local businesses who supported this fundraiser, we could not do it without them!

Election Forums

2019 was a year of elections with both Provincial and Federal elections taking place. The Stettler Public Library was pleased to work with the Stettler Board of Trade to host Candidate's Forums for both elections.

Summer Reading Club

Summer Reading Club offered daily programs at the Stettler Public Library and around the community. SRC Coordinators Reagan, Megan and Krista also traveled out to Rochon Sands weekly. We were thankful for the support of many community members and businesses (see It takes a Village p 6). Summer Reading Club would not have been the success it was without your help!



Art Club

Andrea Hatch from *Cabinet of Curiosities* led two of the library's Art Club activities. Both programs, creating art cards (baseball card sized works of art) and Christmas popup cards were interesting and appreciated.

Art Club with Chance Clark took us on an exploration of character creation and layout design, and taught us about the process for creating comic books and comic book movies.



Family Events at SRC

Our most popular 2019 SRC events included the Kick-off Bowling Party at Heartland Bowl, Carnival Day at the Library, and the Amazing Race and Scavenger Hunt around Town. Mullin's Magic Show similarly did not disappoint!

It Takes a Village!

Recognizing the many organizations, businesses and individuals who support the Stettler Public Library We couldn't do it without you!

Town of Stettler
 County of Stettler No. 6
 Stettler Public Library Board
 Friends of the Stettler Public Library Society
 Stettler Recreation Centre
 Parkland Regional Library
 Public Library Services Branch, Municipal Affairs
 Archives Canada, Young Canada Works
 59th Street Liquor
 Alicia Tate Yoga
 Animal Haven Rescue League
 Artsy Fartsy Emporium
 Avabelli Dance Troupe
 Brenda's Cozy Café
 Buzzed and Baked
 Cabinet of Curiosities
 Chapman and Co. Professional Accountants
 Co-Op Liquor
 Dirt Road Catering
 Fireside Winery
 Heartland Beautification Committee
 Heartland Bowl
 Indulgence Catering
 Jazz Cats
 Jewel Theatre
 Jude's Liquor Store
 Krista's Kreations
 Lawlor Jewelry
 Living Lands Landscape and Design
 Marketa Land & Cattle Co.
 Party Max
 Pfeiffer House of Music
 Pita Express
 Pro-Water Conditioning
 Rairdan Services Inc.
 Real Country 93.3
 Rotary Club of Stettler
 Shopper's Drug Mart
 Siding 14 Brewing Company
 Sirrom Wiring and Electrical Services
 Sean's No Frills
 Sobey's Grocery
 Sobey's Liquor
 Stettler and District Early Child Development Committee
 Stettler and District FCSS
 Stettler Board of Trade
 Stettler Home Hardware
 Stettler Hotel
 Stettler Independent
 Stettler KidSport
 Stettler Learning Centre
 Stettler Parent Link Centre
 Teresa's Catering
 Tim Horton's
 Today's Sweet Cakery
 Vintage Thistle
 Wm E Hay Secondary Campus

Kay Anderson
 Nicole Anderson
 Ryan Bolin
 Boban Charls
 Shirley and Kelly Cire
 Chance Clark
 Judy De Mos
 Norman Dennis
 Jean and Howard Fenske
 Malcolm Fischer
 Grace Fix
 Vivian Gerlach
 Dave and Barbara-Lynn Goodwin
 Dave and Sue Guba
 Courtney Hardman
 Andrea Hatch
 Rochelle Hughes
 Donna Langille
 Gord Lawlor
 Cory Lindstrom
 Mairead Lockhat
 Roy and Judy Louis
 Marjorie Martin
 Judge David MacNaughton
 Phillip Nash
 James Nibourg
 Gail and Brian Peterson
 Eric Rahn
 Wendy Rairdan
 Ross and Eileen Scheerschmidt
 Shawna Sikstrom
 Jane Skocdopole
 Alana Skocdopole
 Rick Smallwood
 Pete Sok
 Alicia Tate
 Jasper Tate
 Gayle Tennant
 Sandra Thompson
 Karin Turner
 Heather Weatherly
 Jayna Weatherly
 Haylee Weatherly
 Joanne Wiechnick
 Tina Wilson
 And more...

Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus:

Extracted and condensed from the Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2019.

Revenue	2019	2018
Book allotment	11,911	11,968
Donations	21,489	15,764
Fundraising	9,270	7,547
Grants	73,538	83,074
Interest income	1,176	385
Library services, programs and book sales	6,047	6,965
Requisitions - County of Stettler	132,301	127,747
Requisitions - Town of Stettler	245,702	237,244
Total	501,434	490,694

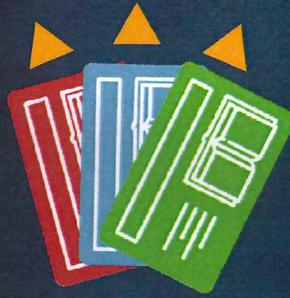
Expenditures	2019	2018
Advertising and promotion	2,104	2,061
Books and Materials	23,926	27,914
Professional Development and Meetings	8,019	7,055
Fundraising Expenses	5,093	4,149
Insurance	2,277	2,016
Bank Fees	565	403
Lease	42,000	42,000
Library and Programming Supplies	10,917	8,504
Office supplies	24,065	23,786
Professional Fees	1,600	2,500
Requisitions paid to Donalda and Big Valley Libraries	5,800	5,800
Salaries and wages	335,269	337,483
Small Equipment	6,320	7,775
Telephone	4,480	4,377
Total	472,435	475,823

Excess of Revenue over Expenditures from Operations	28,999	14,871
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Other Expenditures (Renovations & capital expenditures)	6,387	23,214
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Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenditures	22,612	(8,343)
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The Library had
2,700
open hours in 2019



2,220
People have a card
at our library

68,567
People walked through
our doors last year!



35,105
People visited our
website (Spl.prl.ab.ca)

Our service is delivered
by **12** dedicated staff
members



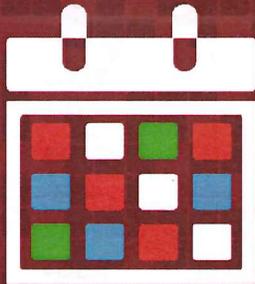
and **31**
amazing volunteers!



We lent out items to libraries
outside of our system

13,103 times

And brought in
38,682 times
upon patron request



in 2019 the library hosted
807 Events

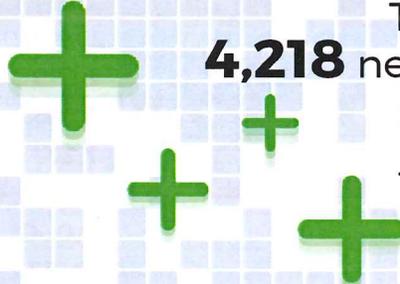


We offered
264
programs for kids

193
For adults
and seniors

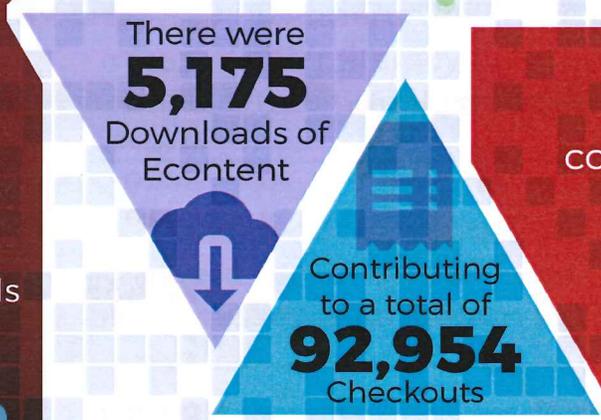


8,860
people attended
in total!



The Library added
4,218 new items last year!

Bringing the
total collection to
34,754



There were
5,175
Downloads of
Econtent

Contributing
to a total of
92,954
Checkouts

The library participated
9 promotional events



Where **2,170** people
heard our message

There were
142,897
connections to our Wi-Fi



The library has **15** public computers
and they were in use for a total of
9,273 hours

Hey Gord

I hope all is well with you and city staff during these challenging times,

Please see attached promo below for a style of show ideal to lift the spirits of the towns citizens, while driving much needed stimulus into your market.

This package has been developed inclusive of outdoor stage, big screen and artists.. This is very similar to those Brett Kissel shows that happened at River Cree Casino in June....

ALL YOU NEED IS A PARKING LOT.

Summer/ Fall 2020 - SMALL TOWNS & SILVER SCREENS – A live concert drive in experience STARRING GEORGE CANYON & AARON PRITCHETT - \$35k plus GST, 20 hotel rooms & hospitality, 30 parking spots and a comittment of a minimum of \$3,500 for marketing... If first show sells out , second show is \$10,000...

We can certainly have a conversation to discuss further details.

Regards,

Randy J Martin
Karizma Concerts



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Her Worship Tara Veer
Mayor
City of Red Deer
4914 - 48 Avenue
Box 5008
Red Deer AB T4N 3T4

Dear Mayor Veer:

Thank you for the letter of May 22, 2020, written on behalf of yourself and other central Alberta mayors and reeves regarding the Alberta Crown Prosecution Service (ACPS). I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

The Red Deer Crown Prosecution Office is currently functioning at full staffing levels with 12 Crown prosecutors. In determining appropriate staffing levels, data is collected on the number of stays and withdrawals, the workload of prosecutors in different offices, and the length of delays. Tracking this performance measurement data allows the ACPS to improve case management processes and identify priority areas to allocate resources and position allocation. However, as Albertans face increased economic uncertainty, the ACPS is mindful that additional resource requests must be balanced against a review of current practices with an eye to improving efficiency while ensuring public safety is not undermined.

To that end, this fall the ACPS and the Public Prosecution Service of Canada (PPSC) will implement pre-charge assessment at the Red Deer RCMP Detachment. An additional Crown prosecutor has been allocated to the Red Deer Crown Office to support this work. A pre-charge assessment system was piloted successfully with three other RCMP detachments in Alberta between October 2019 and March 2020. The system requires that a Crown prosecutor review and approve charges before they are laid by police. Early review of the case by a Crown prosecutor means that deficiencies in the investigation are found early and can be remediated, leading to stronger cases that are less likely to be stayed or withdrawn in court. Pre-charge assessment also prevents charges that do not meet the prosecutorial standard from being laid.

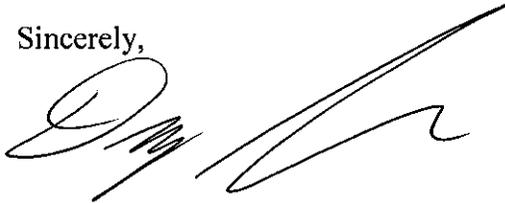
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This ensures that court, prosecutorial, and police resources are not wasted on files that cannot be pursued to trial. This reduces the workload for prosecutors and all other court participants and reduces the need to triage viable files because of a lack of court capacity.

Additionally, this year our government is increasing the number of articling students in Justice and Solicitor General from eight to 16, to help recruit lawyers to work as Crown prosecutors; this will again be increasing in 2021, to 20 articling students. This increase will also ensure rural Albertans are better served by the justice system by prioritizing placing the new students in rural Alberta and smaller judicial districts. The Red Deer Crown Prosecution Office will be receiving an articling student in 2021.

Thank you for writing and sharing your thoughts on crime and the justice system in your communities. The ACPS continues to work tirelessly to ensure that Albertans feel safe, secure, and protected.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doug Schweitzer', written in a cursive style.

Doug Schweitzer, Q.C
Minister of Alberta Justice and Solicitor General

cc: Honourable Adriana LaGrange, MLA, Red Deer-North
Jason Stephan, MLA, Red Deer-South