



AGENDA
Bentley Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday April 12, 2022
6:45 pm

1. Call to Order

2. Indigenous Acknowledgement

“We acknowledge that we are meeting on Treaty 6 Territory and Home of Metis Nation Region 3, on land that is part of a historic agreement involving mutuality and respect. We recognize all the many First Nations, Metis, Inuit, and non-First Nations whose footsteps have marked these lands.”

3. Amendments & Acceptance of Agenda

4. Adoption of Previous Minutes:

- a) Regular Meeting of Council March 22, 2022**

5. Financial:

- a) Prepaid Cheque Listing – Cheques No. 20220196 to 20220249**
- b) Cheque Listing for Mayor and Council**

6. New Business

- a) Oxford Building Condition Assessment and Recommendation**
- b) Disposal of Street Sweeper, and Dodge Dakota and Contracting Sweeping Services**
- c) Purchase of a Used Tool Cat to support Public Works Operations**

7. Correspondence

- a) Lacombe County March 24, 2022, Council Highlights**
- b) Parkland Regional Library System Update**
- c) FCM Communique – 2022 Federal Budget**

8. Other Business

- a) Hiring Update Parks Supervisor / Safety Officer**

b) Contract Award Stantec – Transportation Impact Assessment – Area Structure Plan

9. Council Reports

- a) Mayor Rathjen**
- b) Deputy Mayor Grimsdale**
- c) Councillor Hansen**
- d) Councillor Eastman**
- e) Councillor Valiquette**

10. Adjournment



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley

March 22, 2022

Date and Place Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley held Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 6:45 p.m., in the Bentley Municipal Office

In Attendance Mayor Greg Rathjen
Deputy Mayor Brenda Valiquette
Councillor Pamela Hansen
Councillor Lenore Eastman
Councillor Dale Grimsdale
CAO, Marc Fortais

Call to Order Mayor Greg Rathjen called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Indigenous Acknowledgement "We acknowledge that we are meeting on Treaty 6 Territory and Home of Metis Nation Region 3, on land that is part of a historic agreement involving mutuality and respect. We recognize all the many First Nations, Metis, Inuit, and non-First Nations whose footsteps have marked these lands"

Read by Mayor Rathjen

Agenda

Motion 67/2022 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT" the agenda of the March 22, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council be amended to include the following items under Other Business:

b) Update on Oxford Building

Carried

Motion 68/2022 Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale "THAT the amended agenda, of the March 22, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council be accepted."

Carried

Previous Minutes

Motion 69/2022 Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, "THAT the minutes of the March 8, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council be confirmed."

Carried

Financial

Prepaid Cheque Listing Cheques No. 20220137 to 20220195

Motion 70/2022 Moved by Councillor Eastman, "THAT the Prepaid Cheque Listing – Cheques No 20220137 to 20220195, "excluding cheque number 20220151, be received for information." (It should be noted that cheque number 20220151 was excluded due to Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, declaring a potential conflict of interest)

Motion 71/2022 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT Cheque No 20220151 be received for information." (It should be noted that Deputy Mayor Grimsdale did not vote on this motion)

Carried

New Business

a) 2021 Financial Statements and Auditors Report

- Mr. Grant Stange (RSM) the Town of Bentley's independent auditor, presented the auditors report and financial statements for the Year Ended 2021.

Motion 72/2022 Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, "THAT Mayor and Council authorize administration to make an additional transfer of \$84,380 from unrestricted surpluses to Public Works Reserve effective January 1, 2022, to support the future construction of a new Public Works Shop building; AND

THAT Mayor and Council, accept and approve the 2021 Consolidated Financial Statements and Independent Auditors Report for the year ended December 31, 2021, as prepared by RSM Ltd."

Carried

b) Volunteer Week Mayoral Proclamation April 24 to 30, 2022

Motion 73/2022 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT Mayor and Council declare April 24 to 30, 2022 as National Volunteer Week."

Carried

c) Letter of Support Bentley Rodeo Committee – Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP Grant)

Motion 74/2022 Moved by Councillor Eastman, “THAT Mayor and Council provide a letter of support to the Bentley Rodeo Committee for their grant application to the Community Enhancement Program.”

Carried

d) Request for Cancellation of Council Meeting April 26, 2022, by CAO

Motion 75/2022 Moved by Councillor Valiquette, “THAT the Regular Council Meeting scheduled to be held on April 26, 2022, be cancelled to allow the CAO time to move family from British Columbia to Alberta.”

Carried

Correspondence

- a). Lacombe County March 10, 2022, Council Highlights**
- b) Lacombe County Bylaw 1365-22, 1366-22 Public Hearing Ad**

Motion 76/2022 Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, “THAT correspondence items a) to b) be received for information.”

Carried

Other Business / Council Question Period

a) Insurance Claim Update – Flag Impacting Vehicle on 50th Ave

- CAO Marc Fortais updated Mayor and Council to let them know that the Town’s insurance was covering the incident and working with the resident’s insurer to ensure damages were covered.

a) Update on Oxford (Elk’s Hall)

- CAO Marc Fortais advised the consultant hired to prepare the building assessment report was in the final stages of refining their report and estimates for the report. It was anticipated to be brought to the next council meeting.

Adjournment

Mayor Rathjen adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm

Mayor Greg Rathjen

CAO Marc Fortais



TOWN OF BENTLEY

Cheque Listing For Council

2022-Apr-7
11:40:34AM

Cheque			Invoice #	Invoice Description	Invoice Amount	Cheque Amount
Cheque #	Date	Vendor Name				
20220196	2022-03-18	SERVUS CREDIT UNION	02012022	PAYMENT SERVUS MASTERCARD BILL FOR FE	500.96	500.96
20220197	2022-03-18	ASSOCIATED ENGINEERING ALBERTA LTD	394328	PAYMENT OXFORD SCHOOL CONDITION ASSE	6,316.80	6,316.80
20220198	2022-03-30	CARSON, BARBARA J				
20220199	2022-03-30	JENSEN, DARREN J				
20220200	2022-03-30	MEREDITH, SANDRA L				
20220201	2022-03-30	GIBSON, COLE C				
20220202	2022-03-30	DENNEHY, NATHAN				
20220203	2022-03-30	GREAVES, LORYANNE				
20220204	2022-03-30	FORTAIS, MARC C				
20220205	2022-03-30	KIKSTRA, ROBERT B				
20220206	2022-04-01	BENTLEY & DISTRICT AG SOCIETY	02222022	PAYMENT DONATION FROM HORSESHOE CLU	250.00	250.00
20220207	2022-04-01	CANOE PROCUREMENT GROUP OF CANADA, DIV. OF	AB106014	PAYMENT OFFICE SUPPLIES & FCSS TABLOID	838.77	838.77
20220208	2022-04-01	CLEARTECH INDUSTRIES INC.	INV1017846	PAYMENT CHEMICALS AND CONTAINER DEPO	914.68	914.68
20220209	2022-04-01	GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA, AB QUEEN'S PRINTER	E210044	PAYMENT 5 MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT BC	183.75	183.75
20220210	2022-04-01	HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	66006315	PAYMENT FREIGHT FOR CLEARTECH	491.69	491.69
20220211	2022-04-01	HOLDEN, KARI	16032022 31032022	PAYMENT BENTLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT JANIT OFFICE, BASEMENT & DROP IN JAN	225.00 345.00	570.00
20220212	2022-04-01	INNOV8, DIGITAL SOLUTIONS INC.	IN331873 IN332462	PAYMENT FCSS PHOTOCOPIER OFFICE PHOTOCOPIER & NN FCSS I	26.76 823.32	850.08
20220213	2022-04-01	ISSLER, KATHRYN	230562	PAYMENT JANITORIAL FOR BENTLEY FIRE HAI	360.00	360.00
20220214	2022-04-01	KIKSTRA, ROB	17032022	PAYMENT REIMBURSEMENT FOR PPE CLOTHI	206.81	206.81
20220215	2022-04-01	KTI LIMITED	EST7122	PAYMENT HANDHELD FOR METER READING -	3,116.42	3,116.42
20220216	2022-04-01	MAGNUM HYDROVAC	1062	PAYMENT SPRING CLEAN - SNAKE JET CULVE	1,512.00	1,512.00
20220217	2022-04-01	MCLAREN, CAROLYN	135	PAYMENT BENTLEY STAY & PLAY MARCH HOL	300.00	300.00
20220218	2022-04-01	MUNISIGHT LTD.	INV224409	PAYMENT MUNIWARE SOFTWARE SUPPORT F	828.48	828.48
20220219	2022-04-01	MY TECH ONSITE	INV 1990 INV 1992	PAYMENT 30 HOURS PREPAID SUPPORT TIME WIRELESS ADAPTOR CARD FOR SA	2,677.50 51.83	2,729.33
20220220	2022-04-01	NAPA AUTO PARTS	578-709789	PAYMENT STREET SWEEPER EQUIPMENT PAF	62.92	62.92
20220221	2022-04-01	PARKLAND AIRSHED MANAGEMENT ZONE	2022-039	PAYMENT 2022 PAMZ AQM PROGRAM FEE AS	376.97	376.97
20220222	2022-04-01	PARKLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY		PAYMENT		2,495.75



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20220222	2022-04-01	PARKLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY	220022	2ND QUARTER REQUISITION PAYME	2,495.75	2,495.75
20220223	2022-04-01	PITNEY BOWES LEASING	3201953438	PAYMENT POSTAGE METER LEASE	242.24	242.24
20220224	2022-04-01	RECEIVER GENERAL	31032022 31032022.	PAYMENT REDUCED EI FOR MARCH 2022 REGULAR EMPLOYMENT INSURANC	17,242.78 339.00	17,581.78
20220225	2022-04-01	RIMBEY EXPRESS	2015	PAYMENT WATER SAMPLES & RETURN FOR M	133.15	133.15
20220226	2022-04-01	RSM ALBERTA LLP	6604666	PAYMENT AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS &	7,875.00	7,875.00
20220227	2022-04-01	SHAW CABLE	03122022 03212022 23032022	PAYMENT OFFICE INTERNET FCSS INTERNET P.W. SHOP INTERNET	131.25 124.95 73.50	329.70
20220228	2022-04-01	STANTEC CONSULTING LTD.	1680704	PAYMENT NEW BEGINNINGS FEASIBILITY STU	3,756.66	3,756.66
20220229	2022-04-14	RATHJEN, ARTHUR M				
20220230	2022-04-14	VALIQUETTE, BRENDA C				
20220231	2022-04-14	HANSEN, PAMELA				
20220232	2022-04-14	GRIMSDALE, DALE A				
20220233	2022-04-14	EASTMAN, LENORE M				
20220234	2022-04-06	DYRON PROVOST	#74	PAYMENT FOGGERS REFUND FOR \$309.31	309.31	309.31
20220235	2022-04-06	LYNDEN FISCHER	75	PAYMENT RED DEER RELICS REFUND FOR \$21	265.13	265.13
20220236	2022-04-07	BENTLEY I.D.A. PHARMACY	03022022	PAYMENT OFFICE SUPPLIES	28.84	28.84
20220237	2022-04-07	CHAPMAN RIEBEEK LLP	2204011	PAYMENT GENERAL MATTERS PROFESSIONA	3,687.34	3,687.34
20220238	2022-04-07	GREGG DISTRIBUTORS LP	059-441592 059-442629	PAYMENT P.W. OFFICE SUPPLIES AND OIL PRI PUBLIC WORKS PPE	256.34 641.46	897.80
20220239	2022-04-07	LACOMBE REGIONAL WASTE SERVICES COMMISSIO	36898	PAYMENT 2022 FIRST QUARTER REQUISITION	17,517.50	17,517.50
20220240	2022-04-07	MY TECH ONSITE	INV 2007	PAYMENT WIFI NETWORK CARD FOR DARREN	215.04	215.04
20220241	2022-04-07	PACIFIC TIER SOLUTIONS INC.	7610	PAYMENT QUARTERLY BOOKKING FEE FROM	500.44	500.44
20220242	2022-04-07	PITNEYWORKS	04032022	PAYMENT OFFICE POSTAGE	1,080.00	1,080.00
20220243	2022-04-07	RATHJEN, GREG	31032022	PAYMENT MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	226.56	226.56
20220244	2022-04-07	TAXERVICE	03082022	PAYMENT TAXERVICE FOR JUDY TCHIR	126.00	126.00
20220245	2022-04-07	TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	04042022. 4042023. Apr042022	PAYMENT ARENA WIFI FOR APRIL 2022 TELUS BILL FOR APRIL 2022 INTERAC LINE FOR APRIL 2022	68.25 757.09 37.55	862.89
20220246	2022-04-07	WASTE CONNECTIONS OF CANADA INC.	7425-0000241128	PAYMENT COMMERCIAL WASTE PICK UP FOR	907.53	907.53



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20220247	2022-04-07	WASTE MANAGEMENT	1138238-0613-9	PAYMENT RECYCLING FOR MARCH 2022	7,200.38	7,200.38
20220248	2022-04-07	WILD ROSE ASSESSMENT SERVICES	8569	PAYMENT PROGRESS PAYMENT FOR APRIL 20	1,330.88	1,330.88
20220249	2022-04-07	PURE N' SIMPLE	31032022	PAYMENT LUNCH FOR EMERGENCY TRAINING	300.00	300.00

Total 107,342.01

*** End of Report ***



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Cheque Register

Pay Period M202203 Batch # 14732

Cheque #	Cheque Date	CEO	CAO	Employee	Amount
20220229	2022-04-14			17 RATHJEN,ARTHUR	1,085.56 ✓
20220230	2022-04-14			84 VALIQUETTE,BRENDA	546.08 ✓
20220231	2022-04-14			85 HANSEN,PAMELA	716.40 ✓
20220232	2022-04-14			86 GRIMSDALE,DALE	693.84 ✓
20220233	2022-04-14			87 EASTMAN,LENORE	639.97 ✓
				Totals	3,681.85

*** End of Report ***



Agenda Date: April 12, 2022

Agenda Item: New Business:
Oxford Building Condition Assessment

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Oxford Building be closed to the public due to safety concerns identified through the Oxford Building Condition Assessment; AND

THAT Mayor and Council authorize administration to demolish the Oxford building and undertake any required hazardous material abatement, due to the current deteriorated state of the building and the excessive cost to rectify that current state to a safe public standard; AND

THAT administration be directed to develop a plan for the Municipal Park (Elks Park) that incorporates historical aspects of the Oxford Building and involves a public engagement regarding possible amenities for the park; AND

THAT a fundraising campaign be started to fund the possible park improvements as recommended through the public engagement process.

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND

The Oxford School Building located at 4918 50th Ave Bentley Alberta was built in 1920 and is historically significant for the residents of the Town. The school was in operation for approximately 38 years and after this period the building was converted into a police station and fire station.

The basement of the school was modified to accommodate ambulance and fire truck storage by the addition of doors along the south wall of the building. Since that time, the openings in the basement wall have since been infilled. The building has also been used since 1958 by the Elks, Legion and is currently being utilized by Royal Purple Lodge No. 264.

In 1999 Town Council designated the Oxford School a Municipal Historical building through Bylaw 46/99 (Attachment 1) and applied to AB Historic Resources for registered Provincial Historical designation. In December 2002 the Alberta Government responded to the request for Provincial Historical Designation and advised that "Oxford School is primarily of local significance and does not have the province wide significance required to merit designation as either a Registered or Provincial Historical Resource." (Attachment 2).

A previous building assessment was conducted in 2009 by Stantec. The assessment was partially funded via a Community Facility Enhancement Program Grant That assessment focused on a visual review of the building components, including the basement and the roof structure as well as the

building envelope. The conditions of plumbing, heating, ventilation, electrical and life safety was not reviewed at that time.

In January 2022 the Town of Bentley, through a competitive process, contracted Associated Engineering with sub-consultants Grace Architecture and Timcon Construction to undertake a detailed building condition assessment. The project team undertook a visual inspection to identify significant or observed problems as well as any code related deficiencies that needed to be addressed to ensure public safety and preserve the longevity of the building.

Major concerns regarding the structural integrity of the Oxford School building have been identified and include the deterioration of the roof, load-bearing brick walls and foundations. There are also Building Code requirements for public occupancy that are not currently being met, such as barrier free access, sufficient washroom facilities, and a fire rated mechanical service space.

The building assessment provides opinions or probable cost for two options:

- 1.) Rehabilitate the building to a safe public standard that meets current building code requirements and public safety requirements.
- 2.) Demolish the Building

Based on the analysis undertaken and presented in the report, administration feels it is not fiscally responsible to spend more than what it would cost to construct a new building to preserve the Oxford Building. We understand the historical significance of this building, however, the building has not been maintained to a standard over the years that would make it feasible to easily rectify the deficiencies.

It is our recommendation that Mayor and Council provide administration with the authorization to demolish the Oxford Building in a safe manner and undertake any necessary hazardous material abatement. It is also recommended that as much of the brick, steeple, and signage can be preserved and be incorporated into a future amenity for the park (i.e., Gazebo), and that such amenities be determined through an open and transparent public engagement with residents.

Carma Holmes (Divisional Manager, Buildings and Engineering - Associated Engineering) has prepared the attached power point (Attachment #4) to summarize and share the findings of the Oxford School Condition Assessment.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

- The building has deteriorated beyond a simple repair. To make the building safe, the rehabilitation option includes replacing the roof structure, repairing the brick walls and basement walls, replacing the basement slab, improving building insulation, replacing aged equipment and finishes and addressing code deficiencies to make the building suitable for public occupancy.
- The building has been used minimally in the last several years and the user groups to be impacted by the possible demolition will be Royal Purple and Minor Softball (uses for storage). Town Administration will work with both user groups to find an alternate location.
- Looking at community assets and community spaces, there is space available for rent at the Blindman Valley Agricultural Centre (BVAC), the Bentley Community Hall, The Town Office

downstairs space, Seniors Drop-in, and the Bentley Arena. Upon review of the utilization of these spaces it was determined that these spaces are not close to being fully booked. Attachment 3 provides a breakdown of the annual rentals pre-covid. Therefore, is there a legitimate need for additional community space?

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Annual Cost to Maintain and Run Oxford Building

- 2021 Total Expenditure	\$ 6,696.00
- 2020 Total Expenditure	\$ 7,668.29
- 2019 Total Expenditure	\$ 7,445.51
- 2018 Total Expenditure	\$ 5,005.89
- 2017 Total Expenditure	<u>\$ 7,979.32</u>

Average Cost over last 5 years	\$ 6,959.00
Less: Annual Rent	<u>\$ 900.00</u>
Net Maintenance Cost Oxford per year	\$ 6,059.00

Class D Estimate (Construction Cost to rectify deficiencies)

- Construction	\$ 858,675.00
- Design	\$ 86,000.00
- Escalation	\$ 95,000.00
- Construction Contingency	\$ 100,000.00
- Professional Fees	<u>\$ 114,000.00</u>
Total Estimated Cost (Renovate)	\$1,253,675.00

Cost of Construction New Build

- Construction 190 m2 public space)	\$ 625,100.00
- Design	\$ 62,500.00
- Escalation	\$ 69,000.00
- Construction Contingency	\$ 38,000.00
- Professional Service Fees	<u>\$ 80,000.00</u>
Total Estimated Cost (New Build)	\$ 874,600.00

Cost to Demolish and Remediate

- Demolition	\$ 65,000.00
- Contingency for hazardous materials	<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>
Total estimated Demolition	\$ 85,000.00

ALTERNATIVES

1. Do nothing, but you cannot allow the public in the building due to the significant public safety concerns identified. There is huge risk that the building will fail and potentially also damage the Town Hall. ***(You must not allow the public into the building)***
2. Renovate the building at a significant cost to the taxpayer. If this option is chosen, you must understand the community need and desires for what would go in the building and what would the intent and purpose be for the building as currently community facilities are underutilized.

3. Demolish and build a new building – as in point 2, you need to understand if there is community need for such a space, given that other facilities are not fully booked.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Bylaw 46/99 – Municipal Historic Resource Oxford School
2. Provincial Historical Resource Designation Denial Letter
3. Community Space Rental History
4. Power Point – Associated Engineering Condition Assessment Oxford School

Marc Fortais, CAO

BY-LAW NO. 46/99

A by-law of the Village of Bentley in the Province of Alberta to designate the OXFORD SCHOOL as a Municipal Historical Resource.

WHEREAS Section 22 of the Historical Resources Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 1980, as amended, permits Council to designate any historic resource within the Village of Bentley whose preservation Council considers to be in the public interest, together with any land in or on which it is located as a Municipal Historic Resource;

AND WHEREAS the preservation of the OXFORD SCHOOL in the Village of Bentley appears to be in the public interest;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Village of Bentley in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

“Oxford School building, located on Block 9, Plan 132U, all that portion shown as school property, excepting thereout that portion for road as shown on Road Plan 5082 ET in the Village of Bentley, is hereby designated as a Municipal Historic Resource.”

This by-law shall come into force upon the final passing thereof.

READ a first time this 22nd day of June 1999.

READ a second time this 22nd day of June 1999.

By unanimous consent of all Councillors present, read a third and final time this 22nd day of June 1999 and declared finally passed.



MAYOR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Cultural Facilities and
Historical Resources Division

Office of the
Assistant Deputy Minister

Old St. Stephen's College
8820 - 112 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
Canada T6G 2P8

Telephone 780/431-2300
Fax 780/427-5598

December 11, 2002

REGISTERED MAIL
Our File: Des. 2016

Ms. Lynda Haarstad
Administrative Assistant
Village of Bentley
Box 179
Bentley, AB
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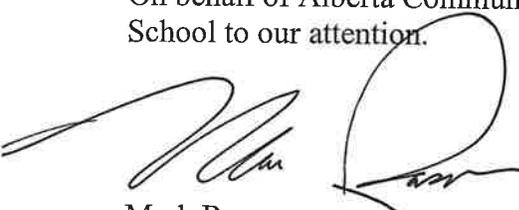
Dear Ms. Haarstad:

I have now had an opportunity to examine the data compiled on the Oxford School, Bentley, Alberta, and to consider your request to have the site evaluated for possible designation as an historical resource.

The Oxford School has been evaluated on the basis of its historical and architectural interest, its positioning in Alberta Community Development's Master Plan for the Protection and Development of Prehistoric and Historic Resources in Alberta and relevant planning issues such as community support and usage.

On the basis of this evaluation, I have determined that the Oxford School is primarily of local significance and does not have the province-wide significance required to merit designation as either a Registered or Provincial Historic Resource. Owing to this, **I am not prepared to recommend that it be designated as an historic resource.**

On behalf of Alberta Community Development I would like to thank you for bringing the Oxford School to our attention.



Mark Rasmussen
Assistant Deputy Minister
Cultural Facilities and
Historical Resources Division

cc: W. J. Byrne
L. Hurt

TOWN OF BENTLEY

OXFORD BUILDING CONDITION ASSESSMENT

April 12 Regular Meeting of Council - Attachment #3

LISTING OF RENTALS OTHER COMMUNITY BUILDINGS - Pre Covid

Blindman Valley Agricultural Society

approximately 40 paid rentals per year

do not keep track of non-paid or sponsored rentals (includes Cara meetings, 4H meetings)

do not charge for funerals is by donation

Bentley Community Hall

2019	20 rentals
2018	47 rentals
2017	48 rentals
2016	22 rentals
2015	34 rentals

Bentley Town Hall Community Room

Every Tuesday TOPS (52 rentals pais annual rent)

FCSS Lacombe 1 to 2 times per month (Partnerhips Program - Town Sponsored)

Every Friday - Community programming (52 rentals - Town sponsored program no fee for room rental)

The odd one off rental for \$20.00

Bentley School

Books birthday parites (elementary gym)

Yoddlers used to be weekly (52 rentals)

Minor Ball, Minor Soccer AGM's (annually)

Bentley Seniors Drop-In (includes yoga, footcare, quilters, birthdays, meet and greet, and private rentals)

2021 Rentals approximately 15 - 20 rentals

2019 Rentals 21 rentals

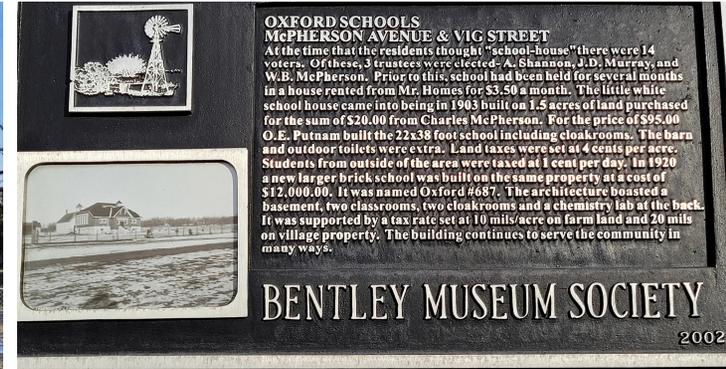
2014 Rentals 24 rentals



Associated Engineering



Platinum member



Oxford School Condition Assessment Presentation to Council

Carma Holmes, MBA, P. Eng., LEED AP

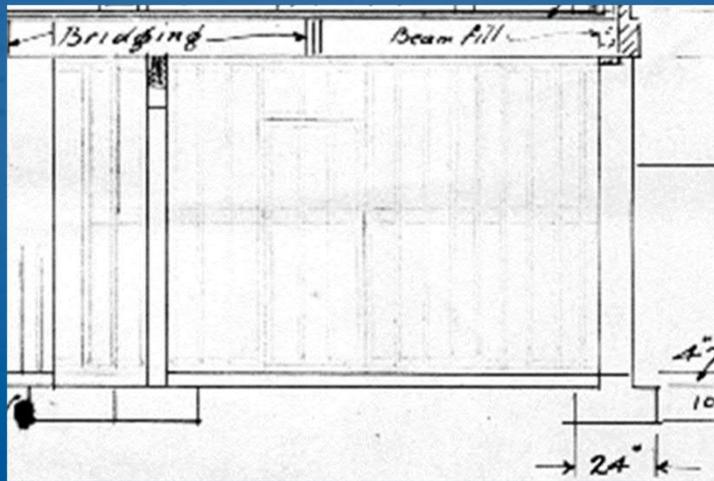
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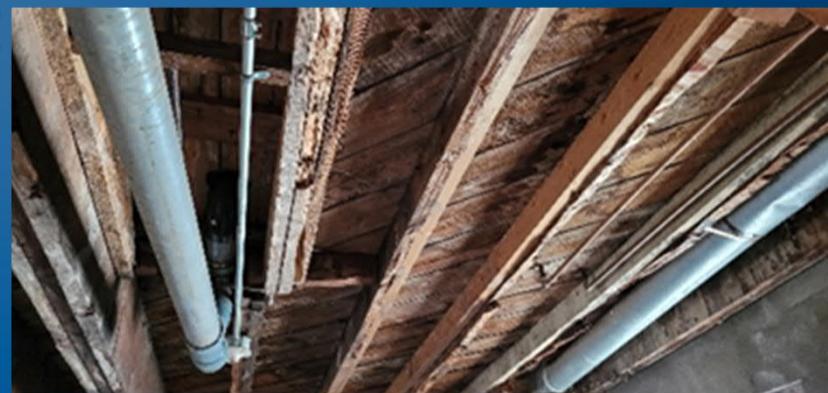
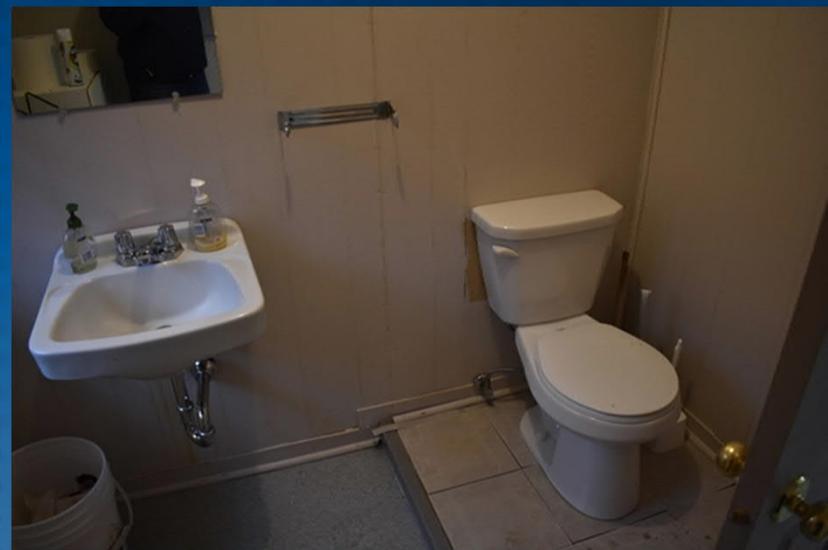
1. Overview of Assessment Findings
2. Options
3. Discussion



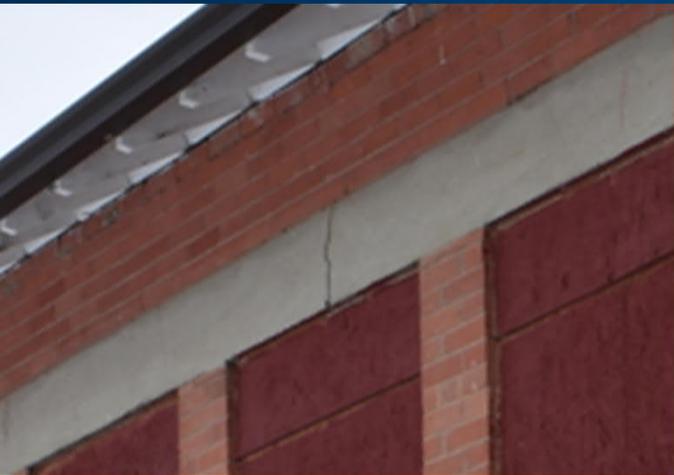
1. Overview of Assessment Findings



Basement



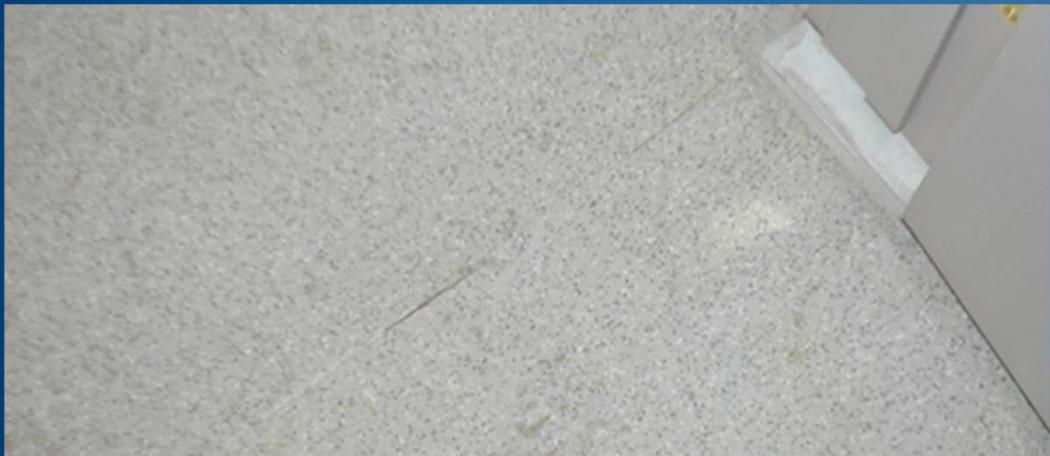
Main Floor Framing



Roof Framing and Load Bearing Brick Walls



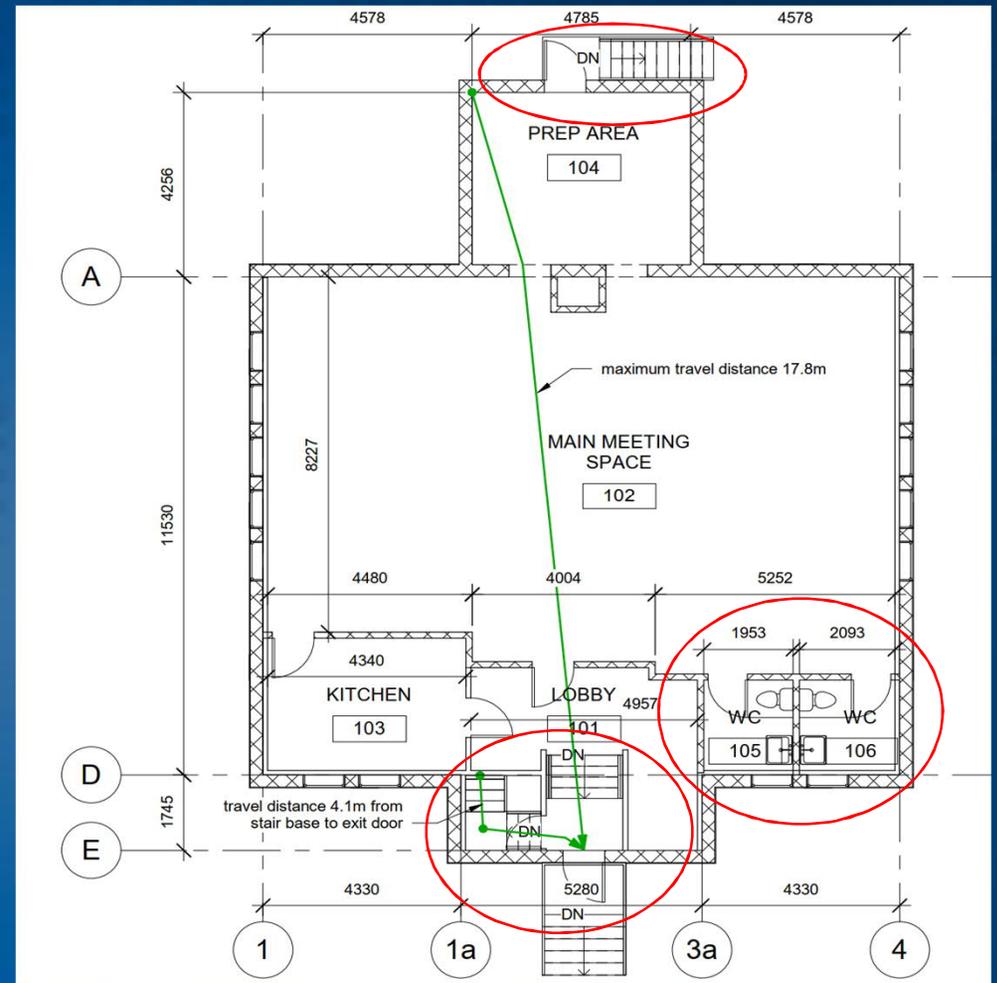
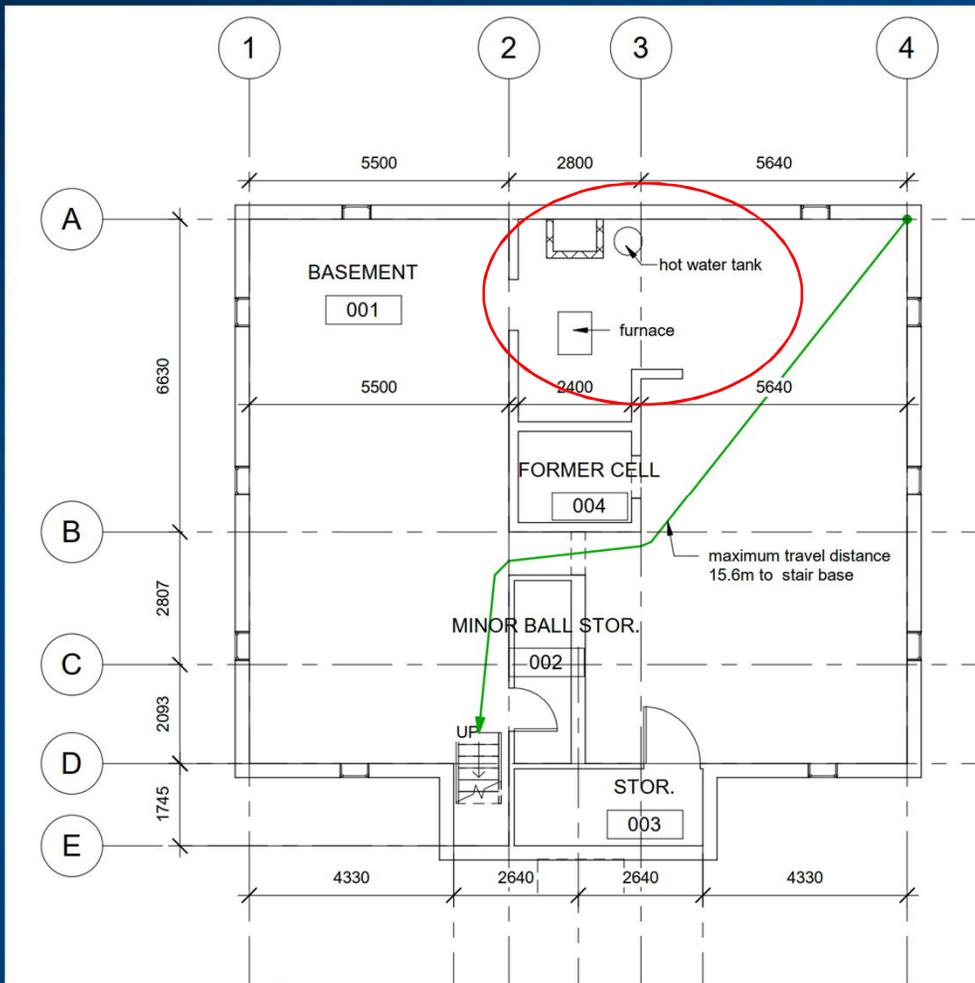
Building Envelope



Building Finishes



Mechanical & Electrical



Building Code Concerns

Building Code Concerns

- Gas fired furnace in basement is not in enclosed service room with 1 hour fire separation
- Railing and width of exterior exit stair at back door
- Washrooms not sufficient for 65 persons, no barrier-free washroom in building
- Stair to basement: headroom, handrail height, no landing
- No barrier-free access to main entrance, no barrier-free access from main entrance level to main floor level
- One more barrier-free parking stall required



2. Options

Option 1 - Rehabilitation

- Constructing new load bearing stud framed walls in the basement and main floor
- Replacing the roof structure
- Repairing the brick walls and basement walls
- Replacing the basement slab
- Improving building insulation
- Replacing aged equipment and finishes
- Addressing code violations



Option 2 - Demolition

- Hazardous material assessment
- Landfill disposal fees
- Salvaging brick
- Utility terminations
- Backfilling



Opinions of Probable Costs

Description	Estimate
Option 1 – Rehabilitation	\$1,250,000*
Option 2 – Demolition	\$85,000

- Including contingencies, professional service fees
- Excluding GST

*New building construction budget comparison: \$875,000



3. Discussion



Questions?

Contact: Carma Holmes at holmesc@ae.ca



Agenda Date: April 12, 2022

Agenda Item: **New Business:**
Disposal of Street Sweeper, Dodge Dakota, and Contracting Sweeping Services

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

THAT Mayor and Council authorize administration to dispose of the 1980 M-8 Twin Engine Street Sweeper Model 2TE4 for fair market value; AND

THAT Mayor and Council authorize administration to dispose of the 1996 Dodge Dakota ½ Ton for fair market value; AND

THAT the proceeds from the sale of both vehicles be placed in the Public Works Reserve to be utilized for the purchase of equipment for Public Works; AND

THAT administration proceed to contract out street sweeping services for the Town of Bentley.

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND

The Town of Bentley Public Works Department provides annual street sweeping within the community typically in the month of April. This service is a much-needed service, after spring melt to ensure that the roads are cleaned and are safe for a variety of motorists.

The current sweeper we utilize is a 1980 Model 2TE4, M-8 Twin Engine Sweeper. The Sweeper was purchased in 2000 at auction for \$10,300 and has served well over the course of its useful life.

Public Works has been exploring the option of replacement of the Sweeper or contracting out the services. It is recommended that we move to contracting out the service based on the economic analysis of costs. Administration feels a better level of service can be provided at an equivalent cost.

Currently we sweep once per year in April, if we move to contracted services we can sweep in April and July before Rodeo Weekend for roughly the same cost.

The Town of Bentley also owns a 1996 Dodge ½ Ton that has served its useful life. The half-ton was purchased in 2003 at a cost of \$13,000. Administration is also recommending the sale of the 1996 Dodge ½ Ton.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

- Purchasing an asset to be utilized for 1 week out of the year is not fiscally responsible. It takes time for staff to prepare the asset each year for use (de-winterize) and put away each year (winterize).
- The age of both of the assets results in additional maintenance costs and in past years, downtime due to part failure has occurred.
- The current sweeper moves at 1 to 2 miles per hour to be effective, the contracted sweeper will move up to 9 miles per hour, while still effectively sweeping the Town. Time to complete sweeping will be much less than the time it takes currently, thereby reducing the impact of costs associated with contracting the services.
- The rate provided by the contractor is an all-in rate, and includes brush replacement, fuel, transportation to and from Bentley, dumping and disposal as Labor and maintenance cost.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Annual Cost of Running Existing Sweeper:	\$4,700.00
Cost to Contract Service (per sweep)	\$2,200.00 *
<i>*Based on 2 days (16 hrs. @ \$130.00 per hour)</i>	
Estimated Sales Value 1980 Sweeper	\$6,000.00
Estimated Sales Value 1996 Dakota	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
Total Anticipated Contribution to Reserve	\$9,000.00

ALTERNATIVES

1. Do nothing and continue to utilize the existing sweeper at a cost of \$4,700 per year.
2. Purchase a used sweeper for anywhere from \$25,000 to \$50,000.
3. Do not sell the Sweeper and do not sell the Dakota

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Street Sweeping Annual Cost Summary

Marc Fortais, CAO



Attachment #1

Street Sweeping Annual Cost Summary

Description	Quantity	Rate	Cost
Operational Time: One maintenance worker	64	\$ 29.68	\$ 1,899.52
Maintenance Time: One maintenance worker	24	\$ 24.87	\$ 596.88
Disposal Time: Two maintenance workers	8	\$ 54.55	\$ 436.40
Fuel Cost: \$45 gas/day & \$30 diesel/day	8	\$ 75.00	\$ 600.00
Front Engine Oil Usage: 5w30 synthetic blend	22	\$ 4.99	\$ 109.78
Rear Engine Oil Usage: 15w40	3	\$ 3.59	\$ 10.77
Skid Steer & 5 Ton Fuel Cost	1	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Miscellaneous Parts: hydraulic fitting	1	\$ 2.45	\$ 2.45
Replacement Brooms: 1 set of rear and side brooms	1	\$ 639.26	\$ 639.26
Front Engine Oil Filter: PH1218	1	\$ 5.10	\$ 5.10
Rear Engine Oil Filter: LFP8416	1	\$ 38.63	\$ 38.63
Front Engine Air Filter: LAF9001(Primary) LAF1725(Secondary)	1	\$ 119.88	\$ 119.88
Rear Engine Air Filter: LAF281	1	\$ 48.74	\$ 48.74
Front Engine Fuel Filter: FP588F	1	\$ 8.97	\$ 8.97
Rear Engine Fuel Filter: FP588F	1	\$ 8.97	\$ 8.97
Transmission Filter: LFP1652	1	\$ 12.86	\$ 12.86
Hydraulic Filter: HP1	1	\$ 13.58	\$ 13.58
Total			\$ 4,701.79

Note: Operational time and disposal time will vary depending on the amount of road debris and sand from the previous winter. All filters are changed before each sweeping season in attempt to extend the life of our sweeper. Due to age and condition the maintenance time for this piece of equipment is significantly higher than our other equipment.



Agenda Date: April 12, 2022

Agenda Item: **New Business:**
Authorization for Capital Purchase of Used Tool Cat

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Mayor and Council authorize the CAO Marc Fortais to find an acquire a good used tool cat for a purchase price of no more than \$65,000; AND

THAT the purchase of a tool cat is to be funded from any operational surpluses at year end or in the event there are no operational surpluses at year end, the purchase is to be funded by the Public Works Reserve; AND

THAT when a Tool Cat is acquired, the CAO will report back to Mayor and Council regarding a successful purchase and acquisition.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND

Administration annually reviews the equipment asset listing to determine the most effective course of action related to asset replacement. Through conversations between the CAO and Public Works foreman, it was determined that the 1980 Street Sweeper and the 1996 Dodge Dakota ½ Ton should be listed for sale as they have outlived their useful life. The sale of these vehicles has been recommended through an additional council report presented at this regular meeting of Council on April 12, 2022. The proceeds from the sale, if authorized, can be utilized to offset the cost of acquiring a used piece of equipment (Bobcat Tool cat).

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Bobcat Tool cats are an extremely versatile machine. They can operate 45+ attachments, have all-wheel drive steering capabilities offering unparalleled maneuverability and can haul up to 2000lb of payload and tow up to 4,000 lbs. It should be noted that the Town of Bentley already owns a Bobcat Track Skid Steer and any of the attachments that we have purchased for that Skid Steer would fit on the Tool Cat. Administration continues to review operations and is looking for ways to maximize performance and provide Public Works with the proper tools and equipment to be efficient and effective.

As the CAO for the town, I believe that purchasing a piece of equipment such as a tool-cat is more efficient than purchasing a truck to replace the dodge ½ ton. It provides a machine that is capable of sweeping, snow blowing, snow removal and ice removal, and landscaping. With the addition of a new full time Parks Supervisor / Safety Officer this type of equipment will be invaluable to support and maintain an excellent service level and provide a tool that can be utilized for anything that they may encounter.

Administration is seeking authorization to purchase, as when deals have come up, they are sold within days. Pre-authorization will enable the flexibility to capitalize on a deal.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

○ Used Tool Cat Purchase Maximum	\$65,000.00
○ Disposal of Street Sweeper	\$ 6,000.00
○ Disposal of Dodge Dakota	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>

Net Maximum Cost **\$56,000.00***

**** \$56,000 to be funded from Public Works Equipment Reserve (Current Balance Of \$205,332.00)***

ALTERNATIVES

- 1,) Do not authorize the purchase of a Tool Cat
- 2,) Consider leasing a new Tool Cat

ATTACHMENTS

None

Marc Fortais, CAO



WHERE PEOPLE ARE THE KEY

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 24, 2022

TOWN OF ECKVILLE – NURSE PRACTITIONER PROGRAM

Following a presentation to Council on February 28, 2022, from the Wolf Creek Primary Care Network, a request was made by the Town of Eckville to participate in the Nurse Practitioner Program. The Town of Eckville asked Lacombe County to provide an annual funding contribution of \$33,500 over a three-year term to offset costs required to support a Nurse Practitioner for the Town of Eckville and the surrounding area.

A motion that Lacombe County participate in the Nurse Practitioner Program proposed by the Town of Eckville by contributing \$10,000 in annual funding towards this program for a three-year period did not receive the approval of Council.

RC(1) CITY OF LACOMBE

Council approved resolutions to contribute up to \$175,388 to the City of Lacombe's annual capital projects at the Lacombe Memorial Centre, Kinsmen Aquatic Centre, and Gary Moe Sports Arena. Lacombe County will fund this contribution from the Recreation Capital Assistance Reserve.

In addition, Council approved a contribution of up to \$20,000 toward the City of Lacombe's Columbarium expansion at the Lacombe Fairview Cemetery, which will be funded through the Cemetery Capital Reserve.

LACOMBE COUNTY VISION, GOALS & RESULTS

On March 8 and 9, 2022, Lacombe County Council participated in a Strategic Planning Workshop to develop a new strategic plan for the four-year period of 2022-2025.

With the completion of the workshop, the consultant has now compiled the Draft Vision, Goals and Results developed from the thoughts, ideas and input of Council from the workshop.

Council approved the Vision, Goals and Results as revised, and directed the County Manager to move forward with developing the Lacombe County Strategic Plan 2022 to 2025.

POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lacombe County Council voted in favour of becoming a member of the Blackfalds RCMP Detachment/Red Deer County Police Advisory Committee. Reeve Barb Shepherd was appointed as the Lacombe County representative to the Committee, and Councillor Dwayne West was appointed as the alternate.

PARKING FEES FOR SUNBREAKER COVE/SANDY POINT

Council defeated a motion to include a provision in the fee schedule for parking and launching at the Sunbreaker Cove boat launch and Sandy Point Beach and boat launch; that County citizens be exempt from paid parking by providing ratepayers free seasonal parking passes; and that one terminal be available at Sunbreaker Cove boat launch and Sandy Point Beach and boat launch for people who cannot pay for parking with a cell phone.

By resolution of Council, an annual parking pass for the Sunbreaker Cove boat launch and Sandy Point Beach and boat launch will be implemented as follows:

Beach Parking Fees \$ 120
Boat Launch & Parking Fees \$ 160
Boat Launch Fees - \$ 80

A motion that an exemption be offered for County ratepayers to allow for a free parking/launching pass for up to two license plates per ratepayer did not receive Council approval.

A motion to amend the above noted resolution to one license plate per ratepayer did not receive Council approval.



WHERE PEOPLE ARE THE KEY

BYLAW NO. 1364/22 – SYLVAN LAKE COMMUNAL SEWAGE

This spring, Blissful Beach and the Slopes subdivision connected to the Sylvan Lake Communal Sewage System. Council read Bylaw No. 1364/22, which is required for these communities to deliver wastewater to the Commission's system. Bylaw No. 1364/22 revises the wastewater rates for Blissful Beach residents and establishes the wastewater rate for residents of The Slopes.

Council approved first, second and third reading of Bylaw No.1364/22 - Sylvan Lake Communal Sewage Services.

RED DEER RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE (RDRWA)

A presentation by the RDRWA on the Watershed Management in the Red Deer River Basin was received for information.

LIGHTCATCH APP PRESENTATION

A presentation regarding the Lightcatch App was received for information and the County Manager was directed to prepare a report for presentation at a future Council meeting with regard to the Lightcatch App and the proposal from Lightcatch for support (use) by Lacombe County.

Next Regular Council Meeting is
Thursday, April 14, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.

Next Committee of the Whole Meeting is
April 5, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

Lacombe County Administration Building

****For more details from Lacombe County Council meetings, please refer to the meeting minutes. All meeting minutes are posted on the website (www.lacombecounty.com) after approval.**

Marc Fortais

From: Pamela Hansen
Sent: April 7, 2022 7:21 PM
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Pamela Hansen
Town of Bentley
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Parkland Update

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Get the latest Parkland updates, library news, training, events, and more!

We Have a New Update Format!

We heard you! After reviewing the results of the communications survey that came out in December, we have created this fancy new update email! These will still come out twice monthly. If you have any questions or suggestions for future content please email hhalberg@prl.ab.ca.

Library Display Contest

Libraries across the Parkland Region have created amazing, eye-catching displays! [Place your vote once per day](#) and encourage your patrons to do the same! The contest runs April 1-31.

Pictured: Display at Olds Library



Brochure Template

We have created a [informational brochure template in Canva](#) for libraries to use. If you need another template version or would like your brochure created for you, reach out to hhalberg@prl.ab.ca. You can change the colors, font, and content to suit your library.

If you download as a PDF print it is very easy to print from [Vistaprint Pro Shop](#).



New Professional Development Titles

We have the following new professional development books available!

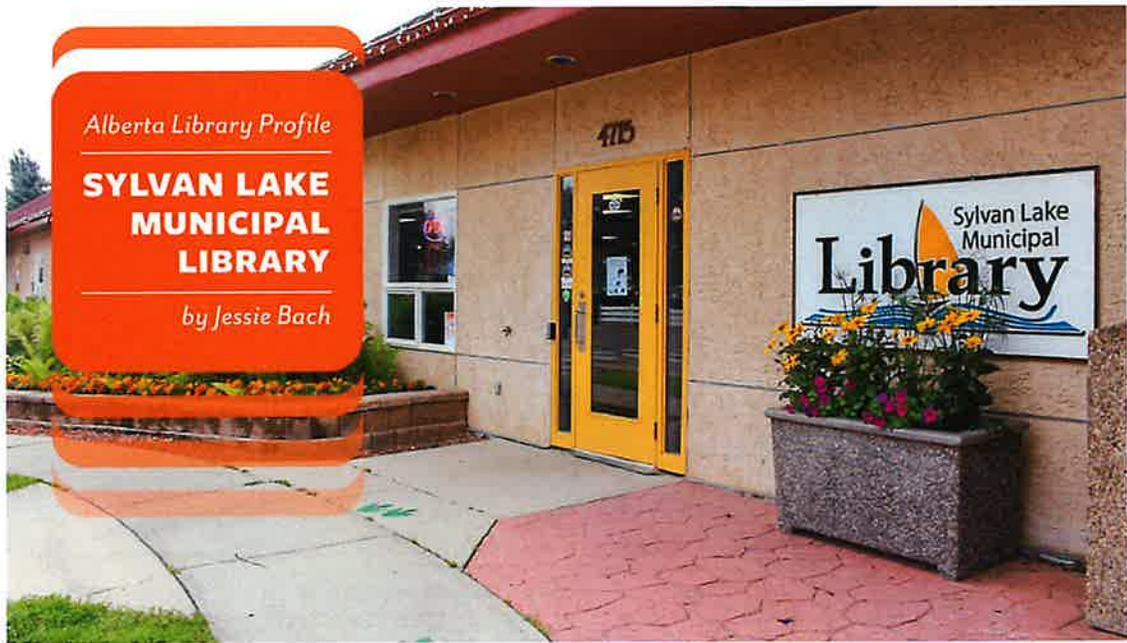
- [Strategic Planning for Public Libraries](#) by Joyce Fuller
- [Patron Engagement and Marketing Products and Services for Public Libraries](#) by Marshall Breeding
- [The Disaster Planning Handbook for Libraries](#) by Mary Grace Flaherty
- [Fundamentals of Planning and Assessment for Libraries](#) by Rachel A. Fleming-May and Regina Mays

LIBRARY NEWS

Find out about important deadlines and see what's happening at other Parkland Libraries!

Alberta Library Profile: Sylvan Lake Municipal Library

Read Alberta has highlighted the Sylvan Lake Municipal Library in their Telling Alberta's Story initiative. [Click here to read more.](#)



Young Readers Choice Awards Voting Open!

March 15 - April 15

Young Reader's Choice Award (YRCA) 2022 Voting is officially open! The voting will run from March 15 to April 15, with winners announced on or before April 30, 2022. Please [submit votes using the specific link](#) for your State or Province.

Voting can be done by kids or teens directly using the link or if you are a teacher or librarian, you can submit multiple votes for each title from your student/teen groups.

YRCA 2023 Nominees have arrived! [You can find the new nominees here.](#)

LAA Awards

Application Deadline is April 29, 2022

LAA Awards is an award that highlights excellence in library work across the province.

- **The Punch Jackson Award of Excellence** recognizes excellence in service, program, or public relations/advocacy achievement in library service in Alberta. Award may be for individual or institutional excellence. This award, formerly known as the Award of Excellence, was renamed the Punch Jackson Award of Excellence in 2010, to recognize the outstanding contribution that Mr. Jackson made to the Alberta library community.
- **The LAA President's Award** recognizes the efforts of an individual or small group of individuals who has made a major impact on a province-wide basis in the library

field in Alberta. New this year, the LAA is taking nominations for this award, with the final selection to be made by the LAA President.

[Use this link](#) to find award details and to begin the nomination process. The deadline for application is April 29, 2022.

LAA Board Nominations

Nomination Deadline is April 25, 2022

Help improve libraries in Alberta and become familiar with the issues they face by becoming a Board member of the [Library Association of Alberta](#)!

This year, there are four positions available:

- First Vice President/President Elect
- Second Vice President
- Two Directors

If you need more information, visit the [LAA website](#) or contact one of the [current Board members](#). To nominate yourself or another candidate, [file out this Google Form](#). The deadline for receipt of nominations is April 25, 2022, with the online election happening April 29 - May 13, 2022. Successful candidates will be announced at the Annual General Meeting on June 1, 2022.

TRAINING & EVENTS

Dates and registration information for upcoming library training and events.

Upcoming Webinars

- **Marketing and Community Engagement** - April 13 1:30pm - 2:30pm

If you would like more information about these training about these training opportunities, please contact libraryservices@prl.ab.ca. To watch recordings of past training sessions, visit [Niche Academy](#).

**Employment Standards in Alberta:
Administration and Enforcement
April 13**

**Grant Writing 101
April 14**

This information session on Wednesday, April 13 at 10:30am explains Employment Standards rules for Administration and Enforcement. [Use this link to register.](#)

This 2-hour webinar on Thursday, April 14 at 1:30pm covers core proposal and grant writing skills, how to avoid common pitfalls, understanding what funders look for, and tips on how to maintain good relationships with your funders. [Use this link to register.](#)

Recognize Indigenous Sustainable Education 2022 Webinar Series

The 2022 RISE Webinar Series is a follow-up to the popular series from [2021](#) and [2020](#). While the pandemic makes it challenging to gather and learn together in person, RISE has gone virtual and has made [all six webinars available online.](#)

A Psychological Toolkit for Heading Back to Work for Employers and Employees

[Developed by Canadian Mental Health Association](#) in partnership with Mental Health Works and BounceBack Ontario, this handbook aims to serve employees and employers navigating the mental health implications of returning to physical workplaces. [Use this link to access the toolkit here.](#)

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April 8, 2022



COMMUNIQUÉ



Budget 2022 recognizes municipalities as an essential partner

Dear colleagues,

[Yesterday's federal budget](#) recognizes municipalities as an essential partner in solving our greatest national challenges, including housing affordability as a top priority. To build better lives for Canadians on the other side of this pandemic, we will need to continue building on our federal-municipal partnership.

Read FCM's statement on Budget 2022 [here](#).

Budget highlights include:

Affordable housing

This budget makes bold investments to tackle the housing crisis for a truly inclusive recovery and continues efforts to end chronic homelessness.

- The **\$4 billion Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF)** has transformative potential to help get new housing built faster through direct and flexible investment in municipalities, and the commitment to ensuring this fund takes into account smaller and rural communities that are growing quickly is an important recognition of unique rural housing needs.
- We also welcome the investment to **scale up the Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) with a further \$1.5 billion commitment**, in response to consistent advocacy from municipal leaders, as well as the two-year extension of additional funding through **Reaching Home**.
- Committing to improve National Housing Strategy (NHS) programs - **Rental Construction Financing Initiative and National Housing Co-Investment Fund** - is a welcome move. It means more affordable rental supply for more Canadians, in direct response to calls from local leaders. This is a critical component to expanding housing supply options for all Canadians.

Climate action

New investments in this budget in electric vehicle charging infrastructure, incentives for medium and heavy-duty zero-emission fleet vehicles, building retrofits and nature-based solutions provide municipalities with tools to take local action on climate change.

- FCM welcomed the federal government's recent recognition in the [2030 Emissions Reduction Plan](#) that municipalities are critical to achieving Canada's 2030 emission goals. We look forward to working together on the implementation of the climate plan to ensure that municipalities have the direct funding tools they need.
- Canada's energy sector is a backbone of many local communities and our country's economy. FCM welcomes new investments in this budget that will help the sector reduce emissions and prepare for a net-zero future, including a **new tax credit for carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS)**. Building on the work of our Western Economic Solutions Taskforce (WEST), FCM will continue to call for direct support for municipalities in energy producing regions as part of a "place-based" transition to net zero.

Climate resilience

FCM welcomes significant new investment in **nature-based solutions**, like tree planting or wetland restoration, **and wildfire prevention**, which municipalities can use to reduce climate risks and improve community health and well-being.

Infrastructure

- FCM welcomes additional investments of \$450 million in the National Trade Corridor Fund to support the movement of goods across our transportation networks.
- Previously announced federal support of \$750 million to **tackle 2022 transit operating shortfalls** is a welcome measure to help protect the world-class transit services Canadians depend on, and better ensure that cities can continue to be a key economic engine throughout recovery.
- The connection between **infrastructure and housing is clear** – FCM is committed to working with all orders of government to maximize investments and increase Canada’s housing supply.
- We also note the proposed **changes to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP)**, including extending the construction deadline from October 2027 to October 2033, as well as the new requirement that provinces and territories identify remaining ICIP funding priorities by March 31, 2023. FCM will work with Infrastructure Canada and our provincial and territorial association counterparts to ensure that municipalities are adequately consulted as these changes are implemented.

Rural communities

FCM welcomes new investments in **natural climate solutions, wildfire prevention, rural physicians**, support for the agriculture sector to reduce GHG emissions and the commitment to ensuring that the **Housing Accelerator Fund** takes into account smaller and rural communities, especially those quickly growing.

Gender Equity

- FCM welcomes the commitment of \$539.3 million towards developing a **National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence**. FCM will continue to work with all orders of government to ensure municipalities are consulted on how this funding is implemented.
- The establishment of a national pilot project for a \$25 million **Menstrual Equity Fund** is a positive step towards addressing period poverty in Canada.

Tackling the Opioid crisis

Scaling up access to safe local supply programs alongside other harm reduction and treatment strategies save lives. That’s why FCM welcomes the \$100 million commitment to extend Health Canada’s Substance Use and Addictions Program which will provide more funding to local governments and community-based organizations to provide supportive services for those facing substance use challenges.

There’s more work to do. FCM will continue to press our recommendations that were not included in the budget and focus on implementation to ensure the investments announced yesterday deliver real solutions in communities of all sizes and every region.

- **On climate**, FCM had recommended increased near-term and long-term investment in climate-resilient infrastructure as well as additional support to help communities better assess climate risks and integrate climate data into infrastructure planning. The budget falls short of this urgent need. Communities of all sizes are on the front lines of new climate extremes, and we need to be making investments now to keep communities safe for the future.

- We will continue to work with the federal government as it develops a National Adaptation Strategy, which can serve as a blueprint for **significantly scaling up federal infrastructure funding through the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund**, starting in Budget 2023.
- Canada's recovery is an opportunity for governments to work together to build a post-COVID legacy of **high-quality local infrastructure and cleaner water** for Canadians nationwide. This will need to remain a clear focus going forward.
- FCM also put forward important recommendations to meet the needs of rural Canada through additional investments in **high-speed internet, clean water and transportation infrastructure, and inter-community bus service**. FCM will continue to call on the federal government to invest in these priorities that support a strong recovery in communities of all sizes.
- There remains a significant and urgent need to **co-develop an adequately funded Indigenous housing strategy, in partnership with Indigenous housing providers**. This is critical for Indigenous households in urban, rural and Northern communities.
- We also continue robust advocacy calling on the federal government to **absorb all retroactive costs associated with the new RCMP labour regime**.

Together, we will continue to press forward to bring concrete local solutions to national challenges and build the strong recovery Canadians deserve.

Sincerely,

Mayor Joanne Vanderheyden
FCM President



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Greg Rathjen

REPORT FOR March 2022

- **March 8** Regular Council Meeting
- **March 8 - 10 Alberta Municipalities Spring Caucus Meeting in Edmonton.**

Four Sessions with Government Ministers

Minister of Municipal Affairs' Remarks

Ministers' Dialogue Session I

Ministers' Dialogue Session II

9:30 TO 11:30 OPEN DIALOGUE AND QUESTIONS WITH FOUR GROUPS OF MLA'S DEPARTMENT MINISTERS

We discuss policing and emergency medical services.

VARIOUS CONCERNS FROM MUNICIPALITIES

FOUR Education Sessions

Education/Engagement **Session I** – Alberta Provincial Police Service Alberta Municipalities will provide background information and engage members in a discussion on adopting an official policy position on the proposed independent Alberta Provincial Police Service. Members will provide direction for an RFD on this topic, to be voted on in the following session

AS PRESENTED FROM THE STUDY.. IT WAS VOTED DOWN !

Education/Engagement **Session II** – Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Darren Sandbeck, Chief Paramedic with Alberta Health Services EMS, will provide an update on Alberta's 10-point plan to address ambulance service pressures and improve Alberta's EMS system.

Education/Engagement **Session III** – Municipal Financial Health and LGFF This session will provide an update on the work of Alberta Municipalities' Municipal Financial Health Working Group as it relates to designing an allocation formula for the LGFF, as well as a framework to measure and compare the financial health of Alberta's municipalities

Education/Engagement **Session IV** – Future of Municipal Government The first phase of Alberta Municipalities Future of Municipal Government Project involves research being led by the School of Public Policy on key topics impacting municipalities - from governance trends, demographic, and fiscal shifts to appropriate responses to extreme weather events among others. The research will serve as the foundation for municipalities to identify future governance challenges, develop creative solutions, and build thriving communities. This session will include an update on the

overall project and how you can be involved. It will also provide the opportunity to offer input on research being conducted by the University of Alberta's Professor Sandeep Agrawal on governance principles, viability indicators, and lessons learned from governance practices in Alberta, across Canada and beyond

Premier's Speech

Alberta Premier Jason Kenney is telling municipal leaders that while the province is once again flush with oil cash, now is not the time to put spending into overdrive.

Kenney says oil revenues that are soaring can just as quickly fall, and the government needs to be prudent in its funding decisions

The United Conservative government is forecasting a slim budget surplus for the upcoming fiscal year, but that number could grow by billions of dollars if oil prices stay at dizzying heights.

Opposition Speech

Honourable Rachel Notley was in medical isolation so Joe Ceci, the NDP Opposition's municipal affairs critic, told delegates Kenney and his government have broken trust by picking fights with municipal leaders.

He said mutual respect and collaboration would return under an NDP government.

March 16 MAYOR LEADERS MEETING IN RED DEER [ABOUT 25]

Contact with our MP BLAINE CALKINS It is a great opportunity for practical discussions, info and insight about each community Looking at Positive Plans and future direction for our area. Best practises and concerns

- **March 22** Regular Town Council meeting
- **March 28 to 31** *I was away at a Clergy Conference with five hundred plus registered and so I missed the Tabletop Exercise*



Dale Grimsdale

REPORT FOR March 2022

- March 4th- Public works meeting, First meeting with Darren Jensen and Marc Fortin. Had an overview of the department. The water analysis from 2021 and went over equipment and shop details.
- March 8th- council meeting
- March 22- council meeting
- March 31- Emergency Management Tabletop Exercise - Julien Verger and Tom DeForge. Worked through an Emergency Winter storm scenario for Bentley and the procedures of dealing with it.



Pam Hansen

REPORT FOR March 2022

- March 4 : public works meeting
- March 8 : regular punchily meeting
- March 9 : Bentley Library meeting , lots of great programs !
- March 22 : regular council meeting
- March 23 : Lacombe regional fire advisory meeting March 31 : Emergency services table top exercise



Lenore Eastman

REPORT FOR March 2022

- March 8th - Regular Council Meeting
- March 22nd - Regular Council Meeting
- March 28th - Lacombe Foundation Meeting
- March 31st - Town of Bentley Tabletop Exercise



Brenda Valiquette

REPORT FOR March 2022

- March 8, 2022, Regular Council Meeting
- March 22, 2022, Regular Council Meeting
- March 31, 2022, Emergency Management Table Top exercise