

TOWN OF RIMBEY

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA

**AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL TO BE HELD  
ON MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2012 AT 6:30 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF  
THE TOWN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

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## **Summary of Agenda Items for June 25, 2012:**

### **New and Unfinished Business**

- 7.1 **Delinquent Accounts** – recommendation that Council consent to write off invoice numbers 9783, 9838, 9911, 10032, 9984, 10150, 10285, 10286 and 10289, which the collection agency considers uncollectable.
- 7.2 **2012 Sidewalk Concrete Replacements** – recommendation that Council award the contract to Raiders Site Services in the amount of \$110,071.50 (including GST, as well any lowered tender price if provisional Schedule B is not approved for the 2012 Concrete Replacements.
- 7.3 **Additional 2012 Concrete Replacements** – recommendation that Council approve 50 Avenue and 51 Street and 48 Avenue and 50 Street as an additional amendment to the capital budget for the 2012 concrete replacement.

### **Reports:**

#### **8.1 Department Reports**

- 8.1.1 Finance
  - 8.1.1.1 Council Expenses
  - 8.1.1.2 Accounts Payable Cheque Run June 25, 2012

#### **8.2 Council Reports**

- 8.2.1 Mayor
- 8.2.2 Councillor Rondeel

#### **8.3 Board/Committee Reports**

- 8.3.1 Municipal Library Board Minutes – May 14/12
- 8.3.2 Rimoka Board Minutes – May 11/12

Council pass a resolution to accept Finance, Council and Board/Committee Reports as presented.

### **Correspondence:**

- 9.1 AUMA National Infrastructure Plan Submission Summary
- 9.2 MSI Operating Grant Letter

Council pass a resolution to accept 9.1 and 9.2 as information as presented.

TOWN OF RIMBEY

TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2012, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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1. Call to Order Mayor Ibbotson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, with the following in attendance:
- Mayor Sheldon Ibbotson  
Councillor Gayle Rondeel  
Councillor Paul Payson  
Councillor Jack Webb  
CAO - Tony Goode  
Assistant CAO – Ryan Maier  
Director of Finance – Danita Deal  
Recording Secretary - Melissa Beebe
- Public:  
Rimbey Review – Trena Meilke joined the meeting at 6:35 pm  
John Le Vann & Dianne Jones  
Melanie Crehen & Al Elliot, Serenity Pet Shelter  
1 member of the public
2. Public Hearing None
3. Adoption of Agenda Addition to the agenda to include Playground Equipment Proposals as 7.7 under new and unfinished business and remove 5.3 Central Alberta Raceways under delegation.
- Motion 113/12
- Moved by Councillor Rondeel to approve the agenda as amended.
- CARRIED  
(4-0)
4. Minutes 4.1 May 28, 2012, Council Meeting Minutes
- Motion 114/12
- Moved by Councillor Webb to accept the May 28, 2012, Council Meeting minutes as presented.
- CARRIED  
(4-0)
5. Delegation 5.1 Serenity Pet Shelter Delegation  
Melanie Crehen and Al Elliot presented to Council, summarizing the services that Serenity Pet Shelter Society offers. The society officers a foster home system for rescued animals at this time, until such time as enough funds are raised to build a shelter. The society participates in the trap, neuter, return program for feral cats and have foster homes in the area for both dogs and cats. Serenity Pet Shelter Society has been working quietly in the Rimbey Area and would very much appreciate funding assistance for our TNR program from the Town. Mayor thanked Melanie Crehen and Al Elliot for presenting and advised that our budget process is later in the year and will keep it mind, but no promises. Melanie Crehen thanked Council and they withdrew from the meeting.
- 5.2 Tax Penalty Cancellation Request  
Mr. Le Vann and Ms. Diane Jones, owners of Lindy's Trailer park presented to Council that one of the mobile homes was abandoned and with the owner's approval, we sold the mobile home for \$1,000 to cover the back rent that was owed. Unfortunately, did not realize the past owners had not paid their tax or utility bills and the new purchaser of the mobile home received notice of \$3,000 back money owing the town. The owners of the park are looking for some provision that could be made by the town to let them know of outstanding utilities or taxes that may be owed on homes that are located in the park before they get out of hand. Mr. Le Vann is requesting Council consider forgiving the penalties portion of the outstanding amount. Council presented that they would have Administration inquire into options available for the mobile home park owners on

these issues. Mayor thanked Mr. Le Vann and Ms. Jones and they withdrew from the meeting at 6:50 pm.

6. Bylaws

None

7. New and Unfinished Business

7.1 Tax Penalty Cancellation Request

Administration presented a letter from an owner who purchased a mobile home, unaware that there were outstanding taxes and utilities owing on the home when they took possession and is requesting Council consider canceling the outstanding penalties that were applied.

Motion 115/12

Moved by Councillor Rondeel to deny the request to cancel the \$566.58 in penalties on the tax roll.

CARRIED  
(4-0)

Community Services Director joined the meeting at 7:00 pm

7.2 Rimbey Arena Naming Rights

Recreation proposed to Council the idea of selling the naming rights to the Rimbey Arena as a potential income generating program that could be used to enhance programs, services and help cover operation expenses.

Motion 116/12

Moved by Mayor Ibbotson to table the Rimbey Arena Naming Rights to the July 16, 2012 meeting.

CARRIED  
(4-0)

7.3 Construction Update

Administration presented an update on the 54 Avenue surface improvements, 51 Avenue reconstruction, concrete crushing, sidewalk tender and construction patching that is being conducted within the municipality.

Motion 117/12

Moved by Mayor Ibbotson to accept the construction update as information.

CARRIED  
(4-0)

7.4 By-election Update

Administration presented that two candidates were received on nomination day and confirmed that a By-election will be held on Monday July 9, with an advance poll to be held Wednesday, July 4.

Motion 118/12

Moved by Councillor Payson to accept the by-election update as information.

CARRIED  
(4-0)

7.5 Recycle Facility Update

Administration presented information that preparations are underway at the Recycle Facility to implement a regular e-waste collection within the next couple of weeks.

Motion 119/12

Moved by Councillor Webb to accept the Recycle Facility update as information.

CARRIED  
(4-0)

7.6 Pool Grand Opening

Administration presented an agenda outlining a schedule of the event, which will be held on Friday June 15 at the Rimbey Aquatic Centre.

Motion 120/12

Moved by Mayor Ibbotson to accept the pool grand opening update as information.

CARRIED  
(4-0)

7.7 RFP Playground Equipment

Community Services Director stated eight RFP's were submitted and recommends Council award the contract to PlayQuest Recreation in the amount of \$106,689 for Playground Equipment including full install.

Motion 121/12

Moved by Councillor Rondeel to purchase the playground equipment from PlayQuest Recreation in the amount of \$106,689 including tax.

CARRIED  
(4-0)

Community Services Director withdrew at 7: 12 pm.

8. Reports

8.1 Department Reports:

The Director of Finance presented a summary of the following reports:

8.1.1 Finance

8.1.1.1 Bank Reconciliation

8.1.1.2 Consolidated Financial Statement

8.1.1.3 Accounts Payable Cheque Run – June 11/12

8.1.1.4 Accounts Payable Cheque Run – May 31/12

Motion 122/12

Moved by Councillor Payson to accept the finance reports as presented.

CARRIED  
(4-0)

Mayor called a short recess at 7:20 pm.

All members of the public and Finance Director withdrew from meeting.

Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:25 pm.

9. Correspondence None

10. In Camera Motion 123/12

Moved by Councillor Payson to go in camera at 7:25 pm.

CARRIED  
(4-0)

Motion 124/12

Moved by Mayor Ibbotson to come out of camera at 7:29 pm.

CARRIED  
(4-0)

11. Adjournment Council adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



**To:** Mayor & Council

**Date:** June 14, 2012

**From:** Laurie Braun

**Re:** Delinquent Accounts

I have recently received a status report from our collection agency, and am now requesting Council's consent to write-off the following accounts, which the agency considers uncollectable.

	Invoice #	Description of Charges	Date Debt was Incurred	Amount Requested to Write-Off
1)	9783	An ambulance billing for \$357.80, which has been with our collection agency since July 7, 2011. The update from Able Apton on June 14, 2012 now deems this account 'Closed: Uncollectible'	December 2, 2010	\$357.80
2)	9838	An ambulance billing for \$245.60, which has been with our collection agency since May 3, 2011. The update from Able Apton on June 14, 2012 now deems this account 'Closed: Uncollectible.'	December 31, 2010	\$245.60
3)	9911	An ambulance billing for \$342.20, which has been with our collection agency since June 7, 2011. The update from Able Apton on June 14, 2012 now deems this account "Closed: Uncollectible."	February 2, 2011	\$342.20
4)	10032	An ambulance billing for \$245.60, which has been with our collection agency since July 7 2011. The update from Able Apton on June 14, 2012 now deems this account 'Closed: Uncollectible.'	March 14, 2011	\$245.60
5)	9984	An ambulance billing for \$236.12, which has been with our collection agency since July 8, 2011. The update from Able Apton on June 14, 2012 now deems this account "Closed: Uncollectible".	March 5, 2011	\$236.12
6)	10150	An ambulance billing for \$351.56, which has been with our collection agency since September 23, 2011. The update from Able Apton on June 14, 2012 now deems this account "Closed: Uncollectable".	June 6, 2011	\$351.56
7)	10285	An ambulance billing for \$239.24, which has been with our collection agency since November 1, 2011. The update from Able Apton on June 14, 2012 now deems this account "Closed: Uncollectable".	July 6, 2011	\$239.24
8)	10286	An ambulance billing for \$239.24, which has been with our collection agency since November 1, 2011. The update from Able Apton on June 14, 2012 now deems this account "Closed: Uncollectable".	July 6, 2011	\$239.24
9)	10289	An ambulance billing for \$370.28, which has been with our collection agency since November 1, 2011. The update from Able Apton on June 14, 2012 now deems this account "Closed: Uncollectable"	July 6, 2011	\$370.28
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2627.64</b>

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Laurie Braun  
 Office Assistant

June 21, 2012

Town of Rimbey  
Box 350  
Rimbey, Alberta  
T0C 2J0

**Attn: Tony Goode, CAO and Ryan Maier, Assistant CAO**

Dear Sirs;

**Re: 2012 Concrete Replacements**

The tender for the above project closed on June 21, 2012, eleven Contractors picked up tender documents, of which six submitted tenders. The results, corrected if applicable, are as follows for both Schedules A and B:

Raiders Site Services	\$ 110,071.50
Carmacks	\$ 113,090.67
Midoran Concrete Construction	\$ 118,836.80
J. Branco and Sons	\$ 131,018.30
Proform Concrete	\$ 288,125.15
Grip Construction	\$ 436,730.25

Furthermore excluding Schedule B (provisional), tender results for Schedule A are:

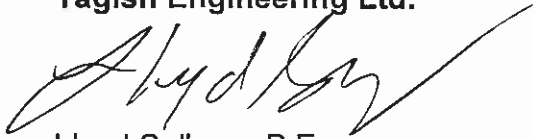
Raiders Site Services	\$ 71,783.25
Carmacks	\$ 73,786.02
Midoran Concrete Construction	\$ 79,099.02
J. Branco and Sons	\$ 86,274.17
Proform Concrete	\$ 192,805.30
Grip Construction	\$ 319,391.00

All tenders included the necessary bonding, insurance documentation, 10% contingency allowance, and GST.

We respectfully recommend awarding the tender submitted by Raiders Site Services, for the tendered price of \$110,071.50 (including GST) as well any lowered tender price if provisional Schedule B is not approved. Upon receipt of notification of acceptance from the Town of Rimbey, Tagish Engineering Ltd, will issue a "Notice of Award" to Raiders Site Services.

If you require additional information please contact our office at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,  
**Tagish Engineering Ltd.**

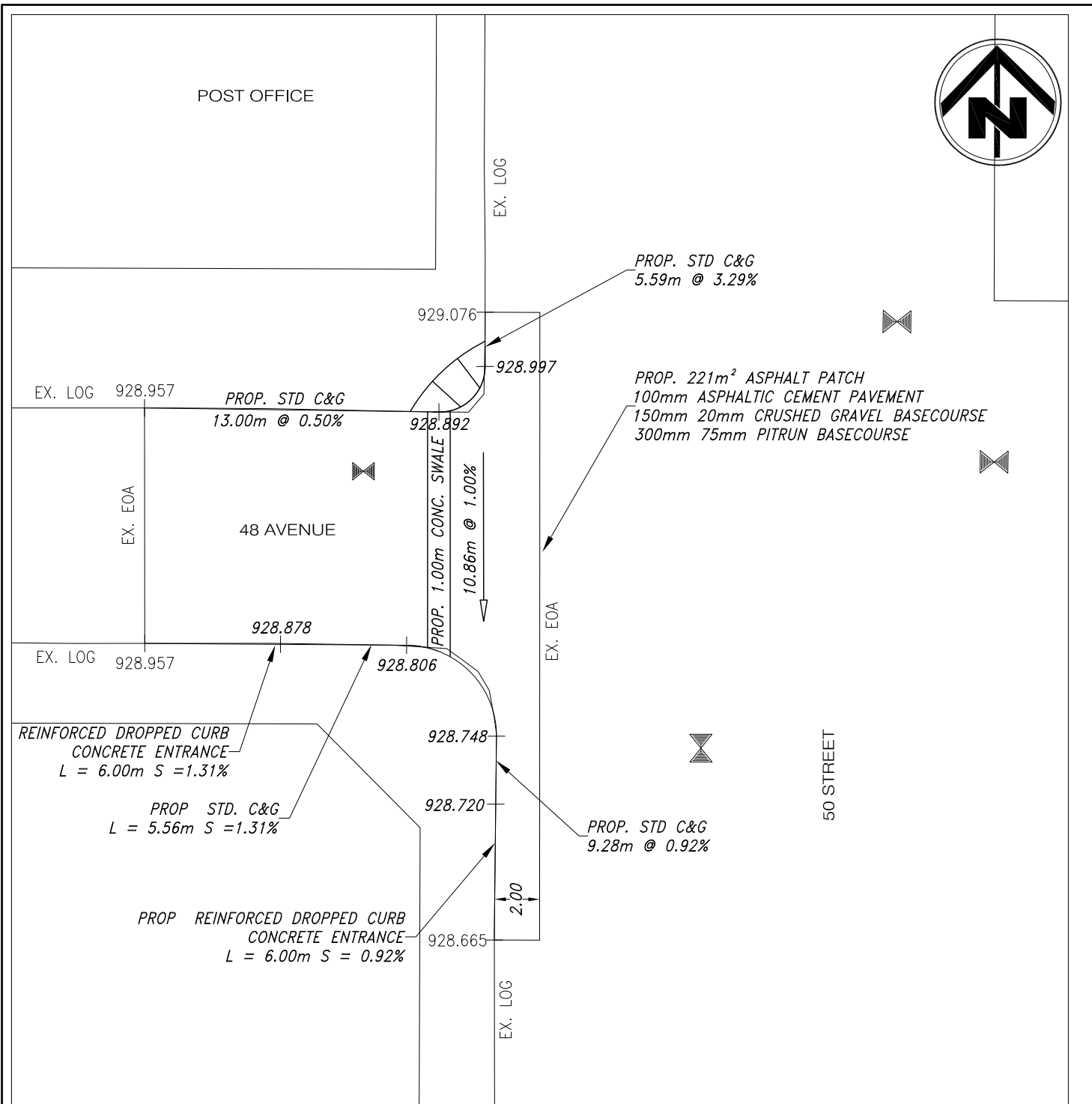
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Lloyd Solberg, P.Eng  
Assistant Project Manager

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Project  
2012 CONCRETE REPLACEMENTS

Drawing

SITE PLAN  
48 AVE AND 50 STREET  
SCHEDULE B

Scale: 1 : 250

Date: June 12, 2012

Drawing No.

Drawn: LHS

Project No.: RB105

Designed: LHS

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Approved: GLS

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**TOWN OF RIMBEY**  
**2012 CONCRETE REPLACEMENTS**  
**ESTIMATE FOR ROAD PATCH AT 48 AVE AND 50 ST**

**Project No: RB105**  
**Date: 13-Jun-12**

<b>ITEM NO.</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>UNIT</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>UNIT PRICE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
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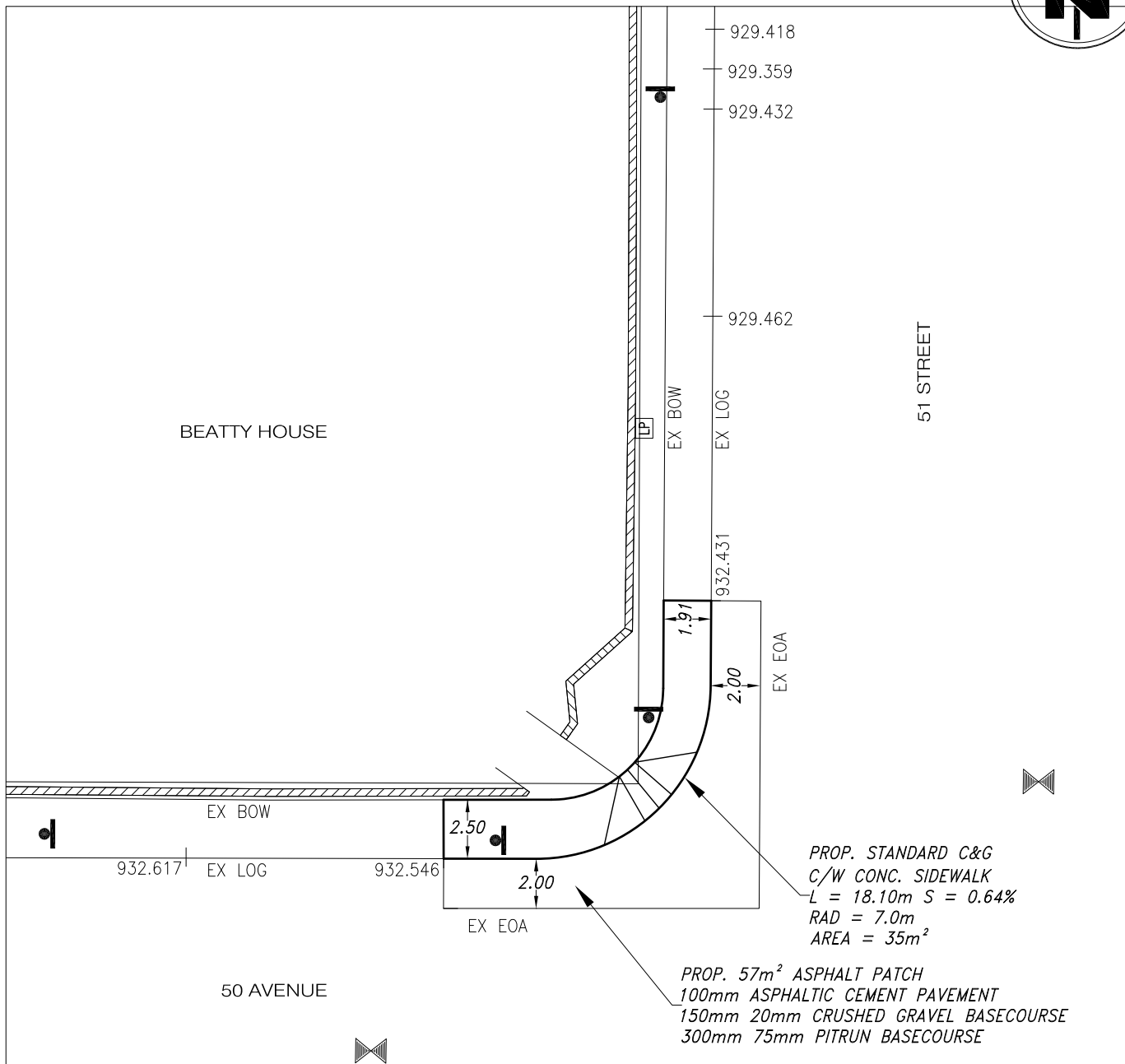
**SCHEDULE B - 48 AVE. ROAD PATCH AT 50 ST.**

1	Saw cut where necessary, remove and dispose of existing asphaltic concrete paving (to Town Lagoon site)	sq.m.	221	<u>\$10.00</u>	<u>\$2,210.00</u>
2	Coring of roadways (max depth 550mm)(waste material to be stockpiled at Town Lagoon site)	sq.m.	221	<u>\$9.00</u>	<u>\$1,989.00</u>
3	Subgrade preparation (150mm depth)	sq.m.	221	<u>\$1.10</u>	<u>\$243.10</u>
4	Supply, place and compact 75mm pit run gravel basecourse (300mm compacted depth)	sq.m.	221	<u>\$20.00</u>	<u>\$4,420.00</u>
5	Supply, place and compact 25mm crushed gravel basecourse (150mm compacted depth)	sq.m.	221	<u>\$13.00</u>	<u>\$2,873.00</u>
6	Supply and apply prime coat @ 1.6L/sq.m. (Provisional)	sq.m.	221	<u>\$0.60</u>	<u>\$132.60</u>
7	Supply and install 100mm asphaltic concrete pavement - mix type 12 (12.5mm), includes tack coat and adjustments to finished grade as directed by the engineer (2 Lifts - 50mm compacted depth each)	sq.m.	221	<u>\$35.00</u>	<u>\$7,735.00</u>
8	Supply and install of 1.0m wide concrete swale c/w reinforcement and tie-ins to gutter	lin.m.	11	<u>\$239.00</u>	<u>\$2,629.00</u>
9	Supply and install 250mm standard concrete curb and gutter c/w landscaping reinstatement and grass seeding	lin.m.	34	<u>\$109.00</u>	<u>\$3,706.00</u>
10	Supply and install 250mm standard dropped reinforced concrete curb and gutter for entrance approaches c/w driveway reinstatement and sidewalk on north corner of para-ramp	lin.m.	12	<u>\$175.00</u>	<u>\$2,100.00</u>
11	Supply and install para ramp	ea.	1	<u>\$1,240.00</u>	<u>\$1,240.00</u>

**SUBTOTAL SCHEDULE B** **\$29,277.70**

**ADD 10% FOR ENGINEERING** **\$2,927.77**

**TOTAL ESTIMATE** **\$32,205.47**



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Drawing  
SITE PLAN  
50 AVE AND 51 STREET  
SCHEDULE A

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Approved: GLS		

**TOWN OF RIMBEY  
2012 CONCRETE REPLACEMENTS**

**Project No: RB105  
Date: 13-Jun-12**

**ESTIMATE FOR CONCRETE REPLACEMENTS AT 50 AVE AND 51 ST**

<b>ITEM NO.</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>UNIT</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>UNIT PRICE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
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**SCHEDULE A - CONCRETE REPLACEMENTS AT 50 AVE. AND 51 ST.**

1	Saw cut where necessary, remove and dispose of existing asphaltic concrete paving (to Town Lagoon site)	sq.m.	57	<u>\$10.00</u>	<u>\$570.00</u>
2	Coring of roadways (max depth 550mm)(waste material to be stockpiled at Town Lagoon site)	sq.m.	57	<u>\$9.00</u>	<u>\$513.00</u>
3	Subgrade preparation (150mm depth)	sq.m.	57	<u>\$1.10</u>	<u>\$62.70</u>
4	Supply, place and compact 75mm pit run gravel basecourse (300mm compacted depth)	sq.m.	57	<u>\$20.00</u>	<u>\$1,140.00</u>
5	Supply, place and compact 25mm crushed gravel basecourse (150mm compacted depth)	sq.m.	57	<u>\$13.00</u>	<u>\$741.00</u>
6	Supply and apply prime coat @ 1.6L/sq.m. (Provisional)	sq.m.	57	<u>\$0.60</u>	<u>\$34.20</u>
7	Supply and install 100mm asphaltic concrete pavement - mix type 12 (12.5mm), includes tack coat and adjustments to finished grade as directed by the engineer (2 Lifts - 50mm compacted depth each)	sq.m.	57	<u>\$35.00</u>	<u>\$1,995.00</u>
8	Supply and install 250mm standard concrete curb and gutter c/w 2-2.5m attached concrete sidewalk, landscaping reinstatement and grass seeding	lin.m.	19	<u>\$200.00</u>	<u>\$3,800.00</u>
9	Supply and install para ramp	ea.	1	<u>\$1,240.00</u>	<u>\$1,240.00</u>
10	Remove and re-Install existing sign	ea.	1	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>

**SUBTOTAL SCHEDULE A \$10,595.90**

**ADD 10% FOR ENGINEERING \$1,059.59**

**TOTAL ESTIMATE \$11,655.49**













**Town of Rimbey 2012**  
**Accounts Payable Cheque List**  
**From: 12-Jun-2012 To: 25-Jun-2012**

<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
EPCOR	June 2012 invoice	PAW3153	22-Jun-2012	\$75.43
Uniserve Communications	webhosting June12-July11/12	PAW3154	12-Jun-2012	\$20.99
Rimbey Ford	2012 Ford F150	32986	12-Jun-2012	\$35164.50
EckRim Agencies Ltd.	Vehicle registration 2012 Ford F150	32987	12-Jun-2012	\$84.45
Rimbey Family & Community	2012 2nd qtr payment	32988	19-Jun-2012	\$39672.00
940918 Alberta Ltd.	Crushing-concrete & asphalt	32989	25-Jun-2012	\$25675.12
Alberta Hotel & Lodging Assoc.	2012 AB Campground Guide	32990	25-Jun-2012	\$262.50
Alberta One-Call Corporation	38 notifications May 2012	32991	25-Jun-2012	\$239.40
Alsco	Laundry services	32992	25-Jun-2012	\$983.81
AMSC Insurance Services Ltd.	July 2012 benefits	32993	25-Jun-2012	\$34.32
Armstrong, Z. Paulette	5 compasses	32994	25-Jun-2012	\$47.10
Automated Aquatics Canada	Pool supplies	32995	25-Jun-2012	\$517.03
Beebe, Melissa	mileage expenses	32996	25-Jun-2012	\$130.08
Bell & Donald Pedersen,	Refund overpayment on closed account	32997	25-Jun-2012	\$24.17
Black Press Group Ltd.	Advertising May 2012	32998	25-Jun-2012	\$2529.45
Boll, Kurt David	custodial services Jun1-30/12	32999	25-Jun-2012	\$2872.80
Bradshaw, Lora	Refund-pool rental, pool closed	33000	25-Jun-2012	\$80.00
City Of Red Deer	water analysis Rimbey south	33001	25-Jun-2012	\$975.80
Cleartech Industries Inc.	calcium hypochlorite	33002	25-Jun-2012	\$828.53
Criterion Pictures	Public performance video license	33003	25-Jun-2012	\$1050.00
Fire Investigation Association of	Membership May1/12-Apr30/13	33004	25-Jun-2012	\$105.00
G.O. Contracting	remove/replace concrete curbs	33005	25-Jun-2012	\$3508.05
Galenza, Edith	Refund utility, account closed	33006	25-Jun-2012	\$2.66
Goode, Tony	mileage expenses-LGAA Ponoka	33007	25-Jun-2012	\$53.00
Grundy, Tammy	refund season pass-pool closed	33008	25-Jun-2012	\$72.00
Hi-Way 9 Express Ltd.	freight charges	33009	25-Jun-2012	\$47.08
Ibbotson, Sheldon	Mileage expenses-Calgary	33010	25-Jun-2012	\$248.57
Kids in Motion	business card advertisement	33011	25-Jun-2012	\$236.25
Littke, Juanita	custodial services May15-Jun15/12	33012	25-Jun-2012	\$367.50
Longhurst Consulting	Monthly service contract June 2012	33013	25-Jun-2012	\$1522.50
Meridian Maverick	bleach	33014	25-Jun-2012	\$1347.41
Merrills, Dan	Boat Safety Course - instructor	33015	25-Jun-2012	\$600.00
Minister of Finance	May searches	33016	25-Jun-2012	\$10.00
MLA Benefits Inc.	June 2012 HSA	33017	25-Jun-2012	\$600.00
NAPA Auto Parts - Rimbey	oil	33018	25-Jun-2012	\$312.01
Nikirk Bros. Contracting Ltd.	build pad for crusher	33019	25-Jun-2012	\$5939.59
North Star Sports Inc.	ribbons/duffle bag	33020	25-Jun-2012	\$15.17
Payson, Paul	Mileage expenses as filed	33021	25-Jun-2012	\$84.80
Purolator Courier Ltd.	courier charges	33022	25-Jun-2012	\$39.61
Rimbey Co-op Association	drill bits	33023	25-Jun-2012	\$2194.75
Rimbey Fas Gas o/a 1662899	fuel	33024	25-Jun-2012	\$348.00
Rimbey Ford	mud flaps/lower bumper insert	33025	25-Jun-2012	\$658.02
Rimbey Gas & Splash	May fuel	33026	25-Jun-2012	\$514.74
Rimbey Janitorial Supplies	custodial supplies	33027	25-Jun-2012	\$451.50
Stenstrom, Peter	expenses as filed	33028	25-Jun-2012	\$553.53
Superior Safety Codes Inc.	closed permits April 2012	33029	25-Jun-2012	\$481.85
Tagish Engineering Ltd.	Services through May31/12	33030	25-Jun-2012	\$19054.35
Trophy Loft	millenium plaques	33031	25-Jun-2012	\$155.51

**Town of Rimbey 2012**  
**Accounts Payable Cheque List**  
From: 12-Jun-2012 To: 25-Jun-2012

<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
United Farmers Of Alberta	May 2012 fuel	33032	25-Jun-2012	\$668.02
Wurmlinger, Anita	Refund pool rental-pool closed	33033	25-Jun-2012	\$100.00
			<b>50 cheques for</b>	<b>151558.95</b>

## Mayor's Report to June 14

June 24. Section 632(3)(a) of the Municipal Government Act sets out what must be covered in the MDP. Jason Tran of West Central Planning led the discussion through the areas that must be covered. The group then commenced discussions on MDP.

May 31. Met to review the playground equipment proposals. Eight proposals were received. The list was reduced to three and sent on to the Recreation Board for review.

June 2. Attended the Eckville parade.

June 4. Met with the MDP focus group and discussed community trends, general development concepts, management of development and financing urban growth, residential, commercial and industrial development .

June 4. Attended the Recreation Board meeting. The pool update was positive. The pool is functioning well. One problem is the floors in the change room are very slick when wet. The possibility of painting the floor with an epoxy is being considered to make them safer. A contractor has been hired to resurface the floors while the pool is being repaired.

June 5. I went to the firefighters' meeting. The new truck is expected early in July. One concern is the grass around the building. It is in need of cutting. The request is for the Town crew to add it to their list of sites to mow.

June 6. I went to Atco's show at the Community Centre. Atco is doing a tour of the province to celebrate their 100 year

anniversary. The company provides a BBQ and Vaudeville Show to thank their patrons.

June 7. Met with Peter to review the parade and Canada Day.

June 7. Met with Rick to review the recreation Master Plan. Also went to the pool and received a tour.

June 14. Attended the Mayors' Caucus in Calgary. Attached are the working papers discussed during the day. There were two sessions without papers. One dealt with tax assessments, the other with municipal revenue sources.

June 19. I attended the Historical Society meeting. The Board organized a pancake breakfast for The Oldtimers' Reunion on June 24. Canada day is the next large event at the Park. All the buildings in the park will be open starting at noon. There will be native dancers, a pancake breakfast, a race in the morning and activities for the attendees, especially children, throughout the day. Fireworks at the ball diamonds about 11 p.m.. The Board is interested in sending vehicles to the Ponoka and the Red Deer parades. Tony has made the Town trailer available to transport vehicles to parades.

June 20. FCSS Board meeting. A funding agreement has been signed by FCSS with Big Brothers and Big Sisters. The Board is supporting Home Care Aide appreciation week in conjunction with Ponoka FCSS this October. The Policy Risk Management Committee reviewed the policy manual and made 33 recommendations for revising existing policies.

## **Councillor Rondeel's Report as of June 22.**

May 24 – Chamber of Commerce Meeting

May 31 – Recreation Master Plan Meeting

June 4 – Recreation Board Meeting

June 4 – Municipal Development Plan Committee Meeting

June 20 – Rimoka Board Meeting

June 21 – Fracing 101 Session at Community Centre

May – Made arrangement to have the community garden, tilled, compost and cultivated

**Rimbey Municipal Library Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 2012**  
**8:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Jean Keetch, Lorie Armstrong (Chairperson), Marg Ramsey, Val Warren, Paul Payson, Jim Peck, Brenda Krossa,

**Absent:** Rowena Aitken, Gordon Mounteny,

**Call to Order**

**Minutes from the Last Meeting** - read and approved as printed by Brenda/Jim

**Consent Agenda Items:**

1. Librarians Report
2. Financial Report - the library is interested in getting a cell phone/iPOD so people could text questions to them during library hours. Jean will look into it.
3. Correspondence - Parkland Regional Library info. re- technology upgrades and in November we have been asked to put up logos in the library windows for the Volleyball Provincials.

**Motion** - Jim. / Val - passed and carried

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

1. Chairs - Jean showed us a chair from Gaylords in Calgary at a cost of \$215 per chair. Jean will write out a grant for 30 chairs plus 50 childrens' size plastic chairs. She will be applying for a \$13,000.00 grant.
2. Savings Account - the account is in progress.

**New Business**

1. Inventory will be held on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 a.m.
2. New Library feasibility study - Jean will check with Parkland to see about getting a consultant to look at the possibility of a new library
3. Friends annual meeting - will be held at the June meeting.
4. Volunteer appreciation - the dinner will be held June 2<sup>nd</sup>. at Jean's house
5. Library Promotion - there will be a library booth set up at the Elementary School Track Meet on June 21<sup>st</sup>. to sell library memberships and maybe at the Rimbey Christian School's pancake breakfast on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

Chairperson *Lorie Armstrong*

Secretary *Margaret i. Ramsey*

**MINUTES**

In Attendance	<b>Legion</b>	D. MacPherson	
	<b>Town of Ponoka</b>	L. Henkelman	J. Jacobs
	<b>Town of Rimbey</b>	J. Anglin	J. Webb
	<b>County of Ponoka</b>	K. Beebe	P. McLauchlin
	<b>The Bethany Group</b>	D. Beesley M. Wideman - Recorder	D. Buist - CAO

<b>1.</b>	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	The meeting was called to order at 9:03am by J. Anglin.
<b>2.</b>	<b>ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA</b>	<p>The Agenda was approved with the following additions: to New Business 'Review of Board of Directors Remuneration' and 'Update on Government Restructuring'; and 'Ministerial Order Update' to be discussed under Proposed Rimbey Project.</p> <p><b>RHF 12-05-01      MOVED by L. Henkelman that the Board accept the Agenda with additions.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
<b>3.</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>	<p><b>RHF 12-05-02      MOVED by K. Beebe that the Board accept the minutes of the March 15, 2012 meeting as circulated.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
<b>4.</b>	<b>FINANCIAL REPORTS – MARCH 31, 2012</b>	<p>Lodge Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$235/door grant has created a small surplus in revenue. Utilities are still over budget. Residents do get charged extra for vehicle plug-ins; the power to these outlets is generally disconnected at a certain time of year.</li> </ul> <p>Senior Self Contained</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently a slight deficit due to rental revenue, maintenance and utilities. Government stimulus funds will be spent by the end of June. Occupancy at Reid Manor is increasing slowly, now that elevator repairs are complete.</li> </ul>



**Life Lease Operations**

- Utilities are currently over budget, as expected at this time of year. Meetings have been held with 8760 Utilities, and a recommendation has been received for all of The Bethany Group operations, as a 'block'.
- Only one vacancy remains, a one-bedroom suite.

**Cash in Bank Report**

**2012 Federal Stimulus Funding**

**Direct Debit Payments**

**Cheque Register**

- Payment to staff member will continue until June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- J. Jacobs does not support payment of legal fees to L. Kurata.
- L. Henkleman also questions the payment of legal fees to L. Kurata.

**RHF 12-05-03            MOVED by P. McLaughlin to approve the unaudited Financial Reports as presented.**

**CARRIED**

***Opposed: L. Henkleman and J. Jacobs***

**5. OPERATIONAL REPORT**

- Upcoming meeting with Legacy Place residents to review the Audited Financial Statements. Resident Committee was abandoned, as they now meet regularly with D. Buist to discuss small issues.
- Reid Manor is fully compliant with Accommodation Standards.

**RHF 12-05-04            MOVED by D. MacPherson to accept the Operational Report as information.**

**CARRIED**

**6. PREVIOUS BUSINESS**

**a. Proposed Rimbey Project**

Project was not announced before the election, due to timing. Proposal is on the Minister's desk, but may be slightly delayed. It is unlikely that the Ministry would ask for revisions to numbers or capacity, but Alberta Health may request higher care options be included, i.e. Supportive Living.

Alberta Health and Alberta Seniors proposed the Continuing Care Concept at ASCHA, where lodge living would be the centre of the model, with higher levels of care attached. Integrated Seniors Housing model would allow small communities the flexible capacity to ensure their residents have access to the services they require, rather than being forced to leave the community for a larger service centre.

	<p>Conflicts between Health and Housing have been evident at recent conferences. J. Anglin has spoken to Caucus about seniors housing in general, and new MLA will be advised of project. Regular updates will be provided to MLAs in The Bethany Group's Communication Plan.</p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>NEW BUSINESS</b></p>
<p><b>a.</b></p>	<p><b>Review of Board of Directors Remuneration</b> Policy will be clarified to indicate that Board Members will only be compensated for a Board Meeting if they attend. Transparency of remuneration will also be discussed at June meeting.</p>
<p><b>b.</b></p>	<p><b>Update on Government Restructuring</b> Expecting that Ministerial Order will be signed shortly. Possibility that Stakeholders' meetings will be held late next week, to clarify where the Lodge Program fits within the Ministries. Decisions will be made by May 31<sup>st</sup>.</p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p>
<p><b>a.</b></p>	<p><b>Seniors Week Celebrations</b> Letter received from Rimbey FCSS inviting Board Members to celebrate Senior's Week on June 5<sup>th</sup>. June 8<sup>th</sup> Seniors Week BBQ at Parkland Manor between 4-6pm.</p>
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR</b> J. Anglin called for nominations for the position of Board Chair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MOVED by J. Jacobs that D. MacPherson be nominated as Board Chair. D. MacPherson declined the nomination.</li> <li>- MOVED by J. Webb that K. Beebe be nominated as Board Chair. K. Beebe accepted the nomination.</li> <li>- MOVED by L. Henkelman to table the election of Board Chair until next meeting, in anticipation that the Town of Rimbey will have appointed a member. Not Carried <i>Opposed: J. Anglin, J. Webb, K. Beebe and D. MacPherson</i></li> <li>- MOVED by D. MacPherson that P. McLaughlin be nominated as Board Chair. P. McLaughlin accepted the nomination.</li> <li>- MOVED by J. Anglin that J. Jacobs be nominated as Board Chair. J. Jacobs declined the nomination.</li> </ul> <p>J. Anglin called for further nominations three times, and hearing no further nominations, requested nominations cease.</p>

A few words from each nominee:

K. Beebe – if elected will ensure that any complaints will not be made public, but brought to the Board first for discussion and decision. Looking forward to the new project, and a good working relationship with D. Griffiths.

P. McLauchlin – new to the Board, which has its advantages and disadvantages. Is a leader in teamwork and diplomacy, and will ensure consensus based decision-making. In full support of new project, and wants to ensure a good service is provided to the community.

Request for vote by secret ballot. Votes were collected and tabulated by the CAO (D. Beesley and D. Buist).

**P. McLauchlin was declared Board Chair by majority vote.**

Thank-you was expressed to J. Anglin for all the hard work during his time as Board Chair.

**10. DATE & LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be at 9:00am Wednesday June 20, 2012 at Legacy Place, Ponoka.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

RHF 12-05-05

**MOVED by D. MacPherson that the meeting adjourn at 10:10am**

**CARRIED**



Paul McLauchlin, Board Chair

June 20/2012  
Date



Dave Buist, CAO

JUN 20/12  
Date

Board meeting minutes were recorded by M. Wideman of The Bethany Group.



## National Infrastructure Plan Submission Summary -For Consultation-

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### **Key Infrastructure Priorities for Alberta Municipalities**

- Support transportation systems that connect Alberta's products and services to markets (e.g., Edmonton to Calgary high speed rail and improved rail access to oil sands). Currently, the lack of rail in Alberta places added strain on Alberta's road network. In the long run, this approach is less efficient and more costly.
- Include a multi-modal transportation component.
- Ensure adequate funding for public transit.
- Address concerns about an aging population including the need for specialized transportation.
- Enable municipalities to address the water infrastructure deficit and meet new standards such as the proposed wastewater regulations.
- Address other quality of life needs (e.g., cultural facilities, housing, etc).

### **Principals and Recommendations**

#### **1. Increased Funding Stability**

Recommendation: The Federal Government should take a longer term approach to investments in communities, by announcing a longer term (at least 10 year) Community Infrastructure Fund.

#### **2. Flexibility**

Recommendation: Federal funds should be distributed to municipalities in a manner that allows them to set and implement priorities and holds them accountable for how they spend those funds.

#### **3. Keeps Pace with Economic Growth**

Recommendation: Federal grants for infrastructure should be indexed to keep pace with the growing economy.

#### **4. Recognize Unique Situations**

Recommendation: Alberta's municipalities be provided additional revenue sources to meet Alberta's unique infrastructure needs (including funding for water and wastewater, facility and transportation/transit) to meet the demands associated with resource sector growth.

#### **5. Administrative Efficiency**

Recommendation: Federal and Provincial governments should work collaboratively to harmonize grant approval and reporting processes.

#### **6. Consistency in Measuring Need and Impact**

Recommendation: The federal government should work with the provinces and municipalities to create and implement a common definition of the infrastructure deficit and ensure the capacity of municipalities to report annually on that definition.

#### **7. Support Municipal Sustainability Plans**

Recommendation: The federal government consider how Municipal Sustainability Planning can be used as a tool in support of the National Infrastructure Plan.

*June 7, 2012*

## **DRAFT Water Guiding Principles**

*Note: Principles are numbered for ease of reference and do not indicate rank.*

1. Water is essential to municipal sustainability in terms of a community's economic viability, environmental integrity, social wellbeing, cultural vibrancy and good governance.
2. Healthy aquatic ecosystems and source water protection are essential to providing Albertans with safe, secure drinking water and reliable quality water supplies for a sustainable economy.
3. In times of water shortages, water for human health must be given the highest priority.
4. Water allocation legislation, policies and practices recognize that water is a scarce limited resource with significant present and future value.
5. Decision making is supported by clear, accurate and publicly available information on water availability, quality use and the health of aquatic ecosystems.
6. Water management should be based on a risk management approach that balances capacity, aquatic and human health and economic prosperity.
7. The costs of municipal water and wastewater services should be born primarily by users.
8. Investment in water resources needs to be a high priority for governments and all water stakeholders.

## **DRAFT Role of Municipalities**

*Note: Role statements are numbered for ease of reference and do not indicate rank.*

### **Municipal Roles**

1. Municipalities have a role to play in responsible water management as leaders in water conservation, efficiency and productivity and maintaining healthy aquatic ecosystems.
2. Municipalities operate water and wastewater systems and employ quality assurance, controls and asset management practices towards ensuring the sustainability of their water infrastructure and require support from other orders of government and the AUMA to succeed.
3. Municipalities have effective mechanisms and adequate resources contributing to the 'Water for Life' goals of ensuring Albertans have a safe and secure supply of drinking water, healthy aquatic ecosystems and reliable, quality supplies for a sustainable economy.
4. Municipalities are engaged in shaping water policies and legislation, and have the authority and resources for effective monitoring, reporting and enforcement in conjunction with other orders of government.
5. Municipalities are active partners in implementing provincial and regional land and watershed management plans that reduce the cumulative effects of development on aquatic ecosystems.

## Draft Water Resources Management Policy

### ***Proactive Water Management***

*Water allocation is the process by which the Government of Alberta grants licenses for water use to municipalities, industry, irrigators and other water users. Increasing demands and decreasing supplies have placed strain on the allocation system, especially in southern Alberta. The Government has been considering potential changes to the system for a number of years and indicates its intent to hold public consultations in fall 2012 on this topic. For this reason, AUMA selected “water allocation” to be one of the initial focuses of its water policy development.*

*As AUMA began engaging its members in a discussion on water allocation<sup>1</sup>, it became apparent that issues around how water licenses are granted or transferred cannot be solved without addressing broader water management concerns such as the lack of:*

- Integration between land and water use decision making;
- Incentives for collaboration or conservation;
- Transparency around the impact of water use by the oil and gas sector particularly hydraulic fracturing;
- Recognition of the true value of water; and
- Accessible information on water use, quality, flow variability, groundwater and other data required to support sound decision making

In regards to Alberta’s water management system, AUMA acknowledges that the Government of Alberta must:

- Move beyond the current focus on water licenses to more proactively address management of water as an essential resource;
- Manage water on a watershed basis using a collaborative approach that includes all the stakeholders in a basin via Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils.
- Integrate water management with air, land-use and biodiversity management such that the cumulative impact of our activities does not impair the sustainability of our ecosystems;

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<sup>1</sup> For more information on the current allocation system and details on what municipalities think are its strengths and weaknesses see *Alberta’s Water Allocation System What We Heard Report* available at [water.auma.ca](http://water.auma.ca)

- Engage in an open discussion with Albertans to create a long term vision and practical strategy for water management;
- Use science to inform decision-making through making strategic investments in monitoring and reporting to ensure that publicly accessible information is available on:
  - Water supply including the interaction of surface and groundwater and potential impacts of climate change.
  - Water use including information on water that is consumed (not returned to its source) and return flows.
  - The impact of water use on other users and the health of aquatic ecosystems.

### **Allocation System**

*Notwithstanding the desire to see the Government of Alberta focus its attention beyond the allocation system, municipalities see opportunities to fix some of the weaknesses with the current system. While Alberta's allocation system is working well for many municipalities, some small to medium sized municipalities are caught in a situation where their current allocation will not meet future growth without going through a lengthy and complex process to obtain an additional license or absorbing tremendous costs associated with purchasing a license from another user in basins where no new licenses are available.*

*Furthermore, municipalities are concerned that the current system does not do enough to incent wise water use or protect water for human health and the environment.*

To improve the ability of the current allocation system to support improved water management, AUMA recommends the Government of Alberta:

- Confirm in legislation that water cannot be allocated out of province: make sure that only Albertans can control Alberta water;
- Build greater transparency and performance assessment into the allocation system.
- Realign allocation to take care of environmental and human needs first, including holding in reserve allocation room for future municipal growth, and then let the market manage economic needs. Municipalities are a small part of water use: the province can protect future growth without big changes to the system;



- Develop a plan under the current system for the next big drought so that Albertans are prepared and know in advance how decisions will be made during times of hardship; and
- Require anyone applying for an additional licence or to buy or sell an existing licence to have a Water, Conservation and Efficiency Productivity (CEP) Plan in place that demonstrates best practices are being used to minimize water use.

### Conservation, Efficiency and Productivity

*Albertans are among the highest water users in the world and municipalities see opportunity for water conservation, efficiency and productivity (CEP)<sup>2</sup> to decrease pressure on the allocation system and contribute to improved water management overall. AUMA, along with other major water using sectors such as the irrigation and the oil and gas industry, have developed sector-wide CEP plans as part of process led by the Alberta Water Council. The creation of these plans is a positive step forward, but a great deal of work is required to make sure they result in tangible benefits to Alberta's communities, economy and the environment.*

AUMA will work with the Government of Alberta, municipalities and other partners to promote more responsible water use through the following actions:

- Raise awareness that water is a valuable limited resource and provide more public education on CEP.
- Provide education and tools to assist municipalities in becoming leaders in water CEP.

AUMA urges the Government of Alberta to:

- Create incentives and reward innovation for water conservation, efficiency and productivity (CEP) by all sectors.

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<sup>2</sup> AUMA uses the definitive of CEP agreed to by the Alberta Water Council: **Water conservation:** 1. Any beneficial reduction in water use, loss, or waste. 2. Water management practices that improve the use of water resources to benefit people or the environment. **Water efficiency:** 1. Accomplishment of a function, task, process, or result with the minimal amount of water feasible. 2. An indicator of the relationship between the amount of water needed for a particular purpose and the quantity of water used or diverted. **Water productivity:** The amount of water that is required to produce a unit of any good, service, or societal value.

## Regional Collaboration

*Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils (WPACS)<sup>3</sup> have a key role to play in various aspects of the water management system. WPACs are multi-stakeholder, non-profit organizations whose core function is to assess the state of a watershed and develop a watershed management plan. These plans are intended to address the Water for Life goals of providing Albertans a safe, secure supply of drinking water, healthy aquatic ecosystems and reliable supplies for the economy. Developing and implementing these plans is costly and the eleven WPACs in the province do not have a consistent funding source. They also lack a consistent process of engaging sectors such as municipalities in the development of plans which rely on these same sectors to implement them.*

AUMA will:

- Promote municipal participation on Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils.
- Advocate for a consistent process for engagement of municipalities on WPACs and consistent funding for WPACs to carry out their mandate.

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<sup>3</sup> For more information on WPACs and their relationship with municipalities visit the Water Governance and Legislation Page of [water.auma.ca](http://water.auma.ca)

## **DRAFT Municipal Water System Viability Policy Statements**

*May 17th*

### **Rising Drinking Water Quality Standards**

*Municipalities are responsible for implementing drinking water standards that are set and enforced by the Government of Alberta, but derived from national guidelines. These standards and guidelines take into account operational considerations, while protecting public health. Rising standards can be a significant cost driver for municipal systems.*

- AUMA urges the Governments of Alberta and Canada to engage municipalities early in the process of developing new standards to facilitate greater understanding of potential impacts on the municipal systems and enable municipalities to better prepare for changes.
- The Government of Alberta should advance collaboration with health authorities and post-secondary institutions to build greater understanding and capacity to meet the standards.
- The Government of Alberta should work with AUMA to explore opportunities for smaller systems to partner with larger systems to gain a better understanding of how to efficiently and effectively meet standards.

### **Drinking Water Safety Plans**

*The Government of Alberta has mandated all municipalities to develop a Drinking Water Safety Plan (DWSP) by December 31, 2013 with subsequent annual reviews. A DWSP aims to ensure the safety of drinking water through a risk assessment and risk management approach which considers the source of water, how it is treated and the storage and distribution of treated water. To support the adoption of the DWSPs, the Government of Alberta has been holding workshops throughout the province and has launched a website which includes a DWSP template and tips. Feedback from water operators who have attended these workshops has been positive. However it still needs to be recognized that drinking water policies do create extra demands on drinking water operators.*

- AUMA supports the Government of Alberta's approach to Drinking Water Safety Plans and requests the continuation of tools and resources to support their implementation.

- AUMA encourages the Governments of Alberta and Canada to take a similar approach to engagement and support in developing and implementing other water related standards and regulations.

### **Federal Wastewater Regulations**

*The wastewater treatment standards municipalities must meet have been the exclusive domain of the provincial government until recently, when the federal government introduced draft Waste Water System Effluent Regulations in an attempt to harmonize standards across the country. AUMA supported and facilitated member input in the development of the Canada-wide Strategy for Management of Municipal Wastewater Effluent on which the regulations are based.*

*These regulations will have less impact in Alberta than in the rest of the country as standards in the province are already high. However, there are some concerns over the potential impact of increased reporting requirements and aspects of the regulations that may deviate slightly from the original Strategy.*

*As well, harmonization is an imperative as some municipalities have already been charged for violating a federal standard, while being in full compliance with a provincial standard.*

- Harmonized regulations pertaining to wastewater effluent must be developed through collaboration and coordination of federal, provincial and municipal governments in order to ensure optimal and consistent protection of human and environmental health.
- The Governments of Alberta and Canada should engage municipalities in implementing the regulations so that communities can be prepared for any necessary changes to system operations, capital upgrades and the associated cost.
- All levels of government should work together to develop a one window approach to reporting to ensure that the new federal regulations do not place unnecessary administrative burdens on municipalities.

### **Water and Wastewater Operators**

*No matter what the standards and protocols, the provision of a safe, secure drinking water supply and protection of the environment depends on the people who operate water systems. Concern is growing because municipalities are struggling to attract and retain qualified water and wastewater operators. Operator training courses in the province are currently oversubscribed, and there are concerns that the certification*

*process creates obstacles for those who want to advance their career. Certified operators often go on to seek employment in large centres or the oil and gas sector instead of small communities.*

*The Alberta Water and Wastewater Operators Association (AWWOA) is leading a number of initiatives to encourage more people to choose water operations a career. Municipalities are also collaborating through operational consortiums to share operators and through reciprocal agreements to provide qualified oversight when operators are on holiday or off sick and are interested in other options such as circuit rider programs employed in first nations communities.*

- AUMA will continue to partner with the AWWOA and other organizations to develop and promote resources to support the attraction and retention of qualified water and wastewater operators.
- AUMA urges the Government of Alberta and AWWOA to indentify and remove barriers to entry into the certification process.
- AUMA urges the Government of Alberta, the AWWOA and post-secondary institutions to collaborate in maintaining and expanding operator education programs that enable operators to be trained in local communities as opposed to having to travel to a central location.
- AUMA will seek the support of the Government of Alberta and the AWWOA to provide members with information and examples on operational consortiums, reciprocal agreements and operating contracts.
- Additional means of providing qualified oversight of water systems should be explored such as circuit rider programs and remote monitoring.

## **Funding**

*Municipalities face a wide variety of funding pressures, including:*

- *Aging infrastructure*
- *Users treating water as an unlimited and low cost resource*
- *The cost of maintaining large systems built to meet sprawling land uses*
- *Maintaining systems in the face of population decline or expanding systems in the face of growth*
- *Meeting increased standards and expectations*

*Many municipalities do not use full cost accounting so there is minimal awareness and understanding by municipal governments and users of the true cost of the water services. Full cost accounting calculates all costs related to providing drinking and waste water services: operating and maintenance expenses, depreciation of assets, and returns for the replacement of capital assets. It may also include the cost of implementing source water protection and water conservation initiatives.*

*Therefore, in most municipalities, residents and businesses do not pay for the full cost of the water services they use, nor is money put in reserves for future upgrades.*

*To fill this financial gap, municipalities turn to overtaxed general revenues and oversubscribed grants. The resulting shortfall leads to deferred maintenance and upgrades, which in turn contribute to the municipality's overall infrastructure deficit and concerns about the ongoing ability of the system to provide safe drinking water.*

- AUMA encourages and will partner with the Government of Alberta to support municipalities in adopting full cost accounting and implementing water pricing that will:
  - Educate users on the true cost of the water resources they are consuming, thereby providing a financial incentive to conserve and use more efficiently:
  - Provide enough revenue to cover the full costs of providing water and wastewater services including maintaining and replacing infrastructure and implementing water conservation and source water protection measures; and
  - Provide financial reporting on water and wastewater utility functions separate from general revenues.
- The Government of Alberta should require municipalities to implement full metering, asset management and full cost accounting in order to be eligible for water funding.
- AUMA urges the Government of Alberta to aid in funding and supporting small municipal and regional systems, where populations may be decreasing and/or users may not be able to fully cover capital costs.
- The Government of Canada should make water and wastewater infrastructure eligible for funding under the Long Term Infrastructure Plan as opposed to creating a dedicated funding stream in order to allow municipalities to set their own infrastructure priorities.

## **Asset Management**

*Asset management is the process of looking at the life cycle of all the assets in a municipality to develop information about future maintenance, new development and the capacity to resource. Asset management applies to a broader set of infrastructure considerations than just water. Still, it is important to highlight the critical role it plays in the viability of municipal water system. Asset management is closely linked to full cost accounting for water as both require a detailed understanding of costs and capital assets related to municipal water systems. AUMA is a member of the Asset Management Alberta Working Group which also includes representatives of AAMDC and the Government of Alberta and is open to any municipality who wants to attend. The intent of the group is to provide practical tools and a forum for knowledge sharing around best practices in managing assets in a capacity constrained environment.*

- AUMA will work with the Government of Alberta, municipalities and other partners to help build the capacity of municipalities to implement a strategic asset management system that applies financial, technical, economic and other information to the management of physical assets with the objective of providing the required level of service in the most cost effective manner.

## **Regional Systems**

*Given the challenges facing municipal water systems, an increasing number of municipalities are turning to regional systems to maximize economies and increase access to skilled operators. However, regional systems come with their own challenges including:*

- *Concerns over control governance structures*
- *Funding*
- *Long term pricing*
- *Land use implications*
- The Government of Alberta should increase funding for regional systems and extend the funding commitment to cover all phases of regional system development and transitional costs.
- Funding for regional systems should be consistent with inter-municipal and regional plans where they exist.
- The Government of Alberta should ensure full consideration of long-term implications on water servicing and water use demand in land use decisions.

- AUMA will partner with the Government of Alberta to inform and support municipalities in reviewing and implementing regional systems including but not limited to:
  - Factors to consider when deciding on viability of regional systems.
  - Governance options and funding models in establishing a regional system.
  - Governance in terms of the appropriate relationship between the regional system and each member municipality.
  - The process for establishing regional systems.
  - Critical factors for success in regional systems.
  - Options for operational oversight of municipal distribution/ collection systems even after joining a regional system.



## **Working Group on Offsite Levies**

### **Report to the AUMA Board**

#### **Section 1: Cost of New Development**

Historically, municipalities required developers to provide or pay for on-site services such as streets, street lighting, sidewalks, etc. within the subdivision as a condition of subdivision approval. However, the cost of new development is not confined to these on-site costs alone. New development requires a number of associated essential off-site costs. These off-site costs go beyond infrastructure such as water and sewer systems and include other critical assets such as libraries, recreation centres, emergency services, engineering design etc.<sup>1</sup>

While the cost of new development is an important issue for developers, property buyers, and the provincial government, it is also a significant concern for municipalities for several reasons. First, the municipal order of government is closest to citizens and most associated with community issues. In other words, citizens expect their municipal governments to provide essential community services and infrastructure. Second, municipal governments must balance the following three demands: their infrastructure deficit and ongoing maintenance costs, the cost of existing services, and the cost of new development. Municipalities have to ensure that the cost of new development does not burden the existing taxpayers and thus many municipalities support a “new growth pays for itself” position on offsite levies. Further, new development does put pressure on existing services which at some point need to be upgraded to meet the higher levels of demand, and thus offsite levies should also help expand the capacity of municipal government to carry out infrastructure development without taking on new debt or having taxpayers pay higher property taxes. However, the current legislation and treatment of new development in general and offsite levies in particular means that municipalities are very limited in which off-site costs can be charged to the developers and this in turn means that tax payers bare an inordinate amount of the cost of new development in addition to the cost of maintaining existing community infrastructure and services.

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<sup>1</sup> Defining essential municipal services may be challenging because not all municipalities provide the same level of service depending on geographic location, size, type, local economic circumstances, and community priorities. However, for the purposes of this submission “municipal services” can be defined according to the description of commonly provided municipal services in Municipal Sustainability Strategy Working Group Report (Building on Strength: A Proposal for Municipal Sustainability for Alberta, June 2010).

In Alberta, the Municipal Government Act (MGA) and Regulation 48/2004 authorize municipalities to impose off site levies regarding land that is to be developed or subdivided. These levies relate to very specific and limited new or expanded facilities or infrastructure constructed off-site that are required by or benefit the land that is being developed or subdivided (e.g., access roads, bridges, water and wastewater). In most cases, the municipality charges these off-site levies to the land developer as a condition of granting a development permit or subdivision approval. The developer typically recoups these charges from the subsequent purchasers of the land after it has been developed or subdivided. The specific practices relating to off-site levies are outlined in municipal bylaws. However, it is clear that current offsite levies do not sufficiently cover the cost of new growth. Another concern is that the limitations placed around offsite levies curtails other empowering jurisdictional sections of the MGA and ultimately diminishes a municipality's ability to plan and manage development.

AUMA members have been very clear about the need to expand the use of offsite levies in support of a broader scope of infrastructure costs and capital assets. Municipalities feel that offsite levies need to be available for capital costs and assets pertaining to fire and rescue service, police service, transit service, recreation, including park development and library service, water acquisition, etc.

Supporting the cost of complete communities should be a shared responsibility between new property owners, developers, municipal governments and the provincial government. While a common definition of a complete community is difficult to articulate since municipalities vary greatly in terms of their services and capacity, there are some key criteria that can be applied. In general terms, a complete community means that residents have access to infrastructure and services consistent with the majority of the other residents within the municipality in question. Although facilities and service levels do vary among municipalities, the Government of Alberta's Municipal Sustainability Strategy Report provides a very good discussion and description of the most commonly offered or basic municipal services.<sup>2</sup> Finally, it should be noted that it is ultimately the role of a municipality's council to determine what services and facilities are necessary and appropriate for their community.

The current offsite levy costs permitted in the MGA is very narrow. Moving forward, offsite levies should cover the cost of complete communities which may include a much broader range of services than what is in the current legislation. Expanding the scope of

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<sup>2</sup> The Municipal Sustainability Strategy (2010) categorizes basic municipal services according to key areas: council, disaster and emergency series, fire protection, general administration, land use planning and development, policing and bylaw enforcement, recreation, roads and/or street, transportation, waste management, and utilities (water and wastewater) (page 5-9). This list is a helpful overview of the types of commonly provided municipal services. The report is available online:

[http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/documents/LGS/1104\\_MSS\\_Report\\_June\\_14.pdf](http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/documents/LGS/1104_MSS_Report_June_14.pdf)

offsite levies would mean that new property owners are more fully contributing to the capital costs of a broader range of community infrastructure. In other words, new property owners are contributing to growth while subsequent costs are supported by the tax base or other municipal fees and grants.

In response to the challenges around supporting municipal infrastructure development, many municipalities are using their natural person power to enter into agreements, such as master agreements or community investment agreements, with developers to cover some of these community capital costs. In many cases this practice has provided a mutually beneficial way for municipalities and developers to equitably share costs for infrastructure which benefits new development. However, in some cases, this practice has led to legal disputes between developers and municipalities. Such disputes can become quite complex since there seems to be a lack of alignment between the current legislation and the notion of natural person powers when it comes to offsite levies as well as a lack of clarity about the responsibility of developers, municipalities, and the province in terms of supporting community infrastructure.

Municipalities are also competing within a marketplace. Municipalities assess what other communities are levying, and developers are assessing what the costs are to develop and to be able to market their product within a municipality. This marketplace check and balance helps to keep new development costs within a manageable range. Without such balance no development would occur within a municipality. At times, objections to expanding the scope of current offsite levies will be raised because there is concern that doing so would discourage the development of affordable housing. Providing affordable housing is certainly an important issue for governments and industry; however, there modest increases to offsite levies cost will not threaten the development of affordable housing since maintaining the current offsite levy practices simply means that additional costs must be accounted for through the regressive property tax system.

## **Section 2: The Current Funding Sources**

Generally, municipalities support the cost of new development through development levies and through their own-source revenues. However, municipal governments have very few own-source revenue streams. Property tax accounts for the largest source of revenue for municipalities and is often used to help pay for core municipal infrastructure and services. However, approximately 30% of the property tax collected by municipalities is collected on behalf of the province in the form of the Education Property Tax requisition. Developer Agreements and Levies may also be used to support infrastructure investments. Finally, municipalities have a number of other revenue streams that may or may not be used (depending on the particular municipality and its context) to fund core infrastructure. These can include anything from fines and penalties, investment income, user fees, permits, local improvement taxes, business

taxes, etc. Aside from own source revenues, there are also a number of provincial and federal grants that help support municipalities. Municipalities may choose to use provincial or federal grant funds for their contribution to new development which is appropriate since the bulk of grant funding is calculated by a formula that considers population and/or current assessment (i.e. grant funds address existing infrastructure needs, upgrades, and repairs but are not sufficient to cover the cost of new growth). Ultimately, determining the best use for municipal funds, regardless of the source, must be led by the municipality.

Municipalities may borrow money for the purpose of financing capital projects; however, municipal borrowing is subject to a number of conditions:

- A borrowing bylaw must exist prior to the commencement of the capital project (bylaws are also subject to petition).
- The debt cannot cause the municipality to exceed the legislated debt limit.
- The debt servicing costs cannot exceed the legislated debt servicing limit.
- Needs to be included in a budget.
- A number of other rules depending on whether the debt is short term, long term or interim.

Municipalities are currently seeing a trend of increasing debt which means their ability to borrow money in support of infrastructure is diminishing. Developers may push to have municipalities raise taxes or borrow more money to support new growth, but this does not solve the root issue and simply moves the capital costs into operating costs. Current municipal own source revenues combined with current offsite levies are insufficient and this lack needs to be addressed.

### **Section 3: Assumptions and Principles**

AUMA understands and appreciates that the Provincial Government is willing to address the issues around offsite levies through changes to the MGA. AUMA's submission outlines some recommended changes; however, it should be noted that these recommendations are based on the following assumptions:

- The government wants to encourage continued sustainable growth.
- The government is not changing the current funding model for municipalities and any expansion to the current capital costs in offsite levies WILL NOT mean a reduction in other types of municipal funding.
- Services provided by municipalities vary.
- There are varying degrees of financial capacity amongst developers and municipalities.
- There is agreement that municipal autonomy and jurisdiction (including municipalities' ability to use natural person powers and spheres of jurisdiction) is recognized, respected and protected.
- Alberta will continue to have growth pressures related to new development.

- That the application of offsite levies will continue to be a negotiated process between individual municipalities and industry.

AUMA believes that changes to the treatment of offsite levies should be handled in a way that is mindful of the following principles:

Principle	What It Means
Provisions should be available through offsite levies to support complete communities (see explanation on page two for more detail on the meaning of complete communities).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offsite levies are broadened to better reflect the true cost of developing complete communities which would include many more services than those currently allowed under the MGA.</li> </ul>
Offsite levies support sustainable growth and the economic development of the province.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consideration is given to the long-term planning for growth needs of particular regions.</li> </ul>
The roles, responsibilities, and decision making authority of the province, municipalities/counties, developers, and new property buyers are clear.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are mechanisms to ensure financial capacity to address infrastructure requirements and costs associated with capital assets through appropriate sharing of costs.</li> <li>• Regulations/legislation on offsite levies would be able to withstand court challenges.</li> </ul>
There are enabling partnerships between Province, Developers, and Municipalities that uphold municipalities' natural person powers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislation respects municipal autonomy and allows municipalities to enter into agreements with developers according to natural person power.</li> <li>• Legislative changes do not impact the jurisdiction rights of municipalities.</li> <li>• Legislation enables municipalities to build complete communities.</li> <li>• A regulation does not force a municipality into a situation where it becomes uncompetitive in the marketplace with other municipalities</li> </ul>

#### Section 4 – Approaches to Amending the Municipal Governance Act (MGA)

The Municipal Government Act (MGA) became law in Alberta in 1995 and significantly altered the governance of municipalities by granting them powers of a natural person and by expanding their broad authority and jurisdiction as well as their ability to govern according to what council considers appropriate. The MGA gives municipalities the ability to pass bylaws and “charge fees for licenses, permits and approvals that may be in the nature of a reasonable tax for the activity authorized or for the purpose of raising revenue” (Section 8.c.i).

While the MGA expands the authority and autonomy of municipalities, these broader powers are severely curtailed by subsequent sections and regulations. In regards to offsite levies, section 648 of the MGA narrows the scope of municipal powers in terms of recouping the costs of new development.

After examining a number of legislative options for reform, AUMA is recommending that the MGA be amended so that it provides the principles that should guide offsite levies and provides a number of common examples of permitted offsite charges **but** also allows offsite levies for costs **not specifically** noted in the MGA to be negotiated.

This approach was chosen because it:

- Provides the greatest amount of flexibility balanced with some guidance,
- Strongest alignment with current and future municipal needs,
- Allows for better financial support for complete community development,
- Allows for better alignment with municipal autonomy, and
- Aligns with AUMA resolutions

## **Section 5 - Implementation / Next Steps**

Changes are required to the MGA and all regulations pertaining to offsite levies so that they are consistent in their intent and so that there is alignment with the recommended approach outlined in section 4 of this paper.

## **Consultation on Municipal Energy Policy Development**

### **Energy Matters to Municipalities**

Municipalities are both impacted by and integral to the continued development of Alberta's energy sector in Alberta. Municipalities are:

- Required to provide infrastructure to support Energy related development in the province including support for transporting goods to and from markets and social infrastructure for the require workforce (e.g., affordable housing, emergency response, culture and recreation).
- Significant consumers of energy in the province and are therefore impacted by federal and provincial regulations that impact the cost and variety of energy available.
- Integral to the successful transportation of Energy as critical utility corridors impact the land use planning decisions of municipalities and their residents.
- At times owners of utilities that provide services to our residents and therefore are directly impacted by federal or provincial decisions to regulate industry.
- Often held accountable for social, health, environmental, economic development impacts associated with energy sector development.

As a result, municipalities have a broad swath of issues they must evaluate and in some cases develop policies on.

### **Framework - Vision**

Municipal governments are responsible energy stewards and effectively and efficiently manage the environmental, infrastructure, social, and financial impacts of the energy sector on their communities.

### **Framework - Principles**

- Municipalities should set an example in managing energy consumption and implementing energy efficient technologies and practices in their operations.
- Reliable, affordable and well planned energy production, distribution and transmission systems, based on effective long term land use planning between Provincial and Municipal governments are essential to the growth and prosperity of Alberta.
- The development of renewable energy in Alberta should be strategic; balancing the short-term limitations of renewable energy to meet all of Alberta's energy demands with the long-term need to have an economically and environmentally sustainable energy future.
- Consumers, producers and distributors should be encouraged using regulation, incentives and other pricing mechanisms, to practice wise energy use.
- The Federal government, the Province and Municipalities have a shared and increasing leadership role in education and awareness so that consumers can make informed choices about their energy use.
- The future development of Alberta's energy industry must strengthen municipal economies and address social, economic and municipal infrastructure issues associated with rapid growth.
- The federal, provincial and municipal governments should develop publically accessible accountability measures to monitor progress on energy and environmental goals.

## Abandoned Infrastructure

Subject	Concerns of Municipalities	Suggested Policy
<p>Reclamation (Abandoned Wells, Pipelines, Brown fields, etc)</p>	<p>While Alberta has a fairly comprehensive set of legislation, regulations and policies for remediation there are a number of areas for improvement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As the pace of remediation has not kept pace with abandonment rates, there are growing numbers of sites that have not been remediated.</li> <li>• The Province has had to financially contribute (ie., to the provincial Orphan Well Program) in cases where operators' do not have the financial capacity to fulfill their obligation for remediation of abandoned infrastructure.</li> <li>• Government and industry have not been able to overcome barriers to the remediation of brownfield sites, particularly those relating to liability issues and economic viability.</li> <li>• Left in their current state, abandoned infrastructure can:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Pose potential risks to human health and the environment</li> <li>o Become eyesores</li> <li>o Reduce property values and/or tax revenue and/or limit economic growth and</li> <li>o Contribute to neighbourhood crime.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>1.1 The Province should ensure that there are effective mechanisms for remediating energy infrastructure that is no longer in use, through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engaging municipalities in regular reviews of existing legislation, programs, and processes associated with remediation and reclamation of energy development to ensure they reflect best practices and the pace of economic development in the province.</li> <li>• Requiring adequate financial reserves funded by operators to address remediation (e.g., ensure sufficient contributions to Orphan Well Program);</li> <li>• Ensuring adequate ongoing monitoring; and</li> <li>• Ensuring remediation programs have the capacity to keep pace with abandonment rates.</li> </ul> <p>1.2 The federal government should ensure that there are effective mechanisms for remediating pipelines under their jurisdiction.</p> <p>1.3 The Province should work with municipalities, industry and not for profit organizations to ensure that policies are developed and enforced to create an effective disincentive to leaving brown field sites idle, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immediately implementing all of the recommendations of the Brownfield working group including addressing concerns around liability, financial incentives, coordination and education and risk management and registration.</li> <li>• Ensuring appropriate support is provided to municipalities who inherit the Brownfields site as a result of a tax recovery process to ensure that the site can be redeveloped and to minimize the liability impact on the municipality.</li> </ul>
<p>Abandoned Wells</p>	<p>There is a need to protect buyers from unwittingly purchasing land with undisclosed abandoned oil or gas wells.</p>	<p>1.4 The Province should ensure that accurate information is publicly available on properties that contain or are in close proximity to abandoned wells, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registering through the land titles system any parcel of land which contains an abandoned oil or gas well or is within 15 meters of an abandoned well on an adjacent parcel of land.</li> </ul>
<p>Abandoned Carbon Capture and Storage Infrastructure</p>	<p>As carbon capture and storage is a relatively new process, there is a need to strengthen the requirements to monitor their impact and fully remediate their sites.</p>	<p>1.5 The Province should identify, monitor, and mitigate the health, safety risk and liability issues associated with the use of carbon capture and storage technology and sites.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consideration should be given to implementing a fund to hold industry funds in trust for future reclamations, where the operator fails in their reclamation obligations.</li> </ul>
<p>Reputation and Brand Management</p>	<p>Alberta's reputation and image have been damaged by perceptions of "dirty oil" and a lack of responsible environmental stewardship.</p>	<p>1.6 The Province, with the support of municipalities, should ensure timely, fact based, and credible information about Alberta's stewardship and reclamation efforts is communicated within and outside of Alberta's borders.</p>



## Transportation and Utility Corridors

Subject	Concerns of Municipalities	Suggested Policy
Land Use Planning	<p>There is a need to improve the consultation process pertaining to Land Use Plan approvals. In particular, more advance information on corridor developments will enable municipalities to effectively anticipate, plan and identify funding sources for related infrastructure impacts.</p> <p>As well, the rights of property owners need to be considered, along with impacts on property values.</p>	<p>2.1 The Province should work with municipalities to ensure that there are effective mechanisms for incorporating transportation and utility corridors into regional land use planning, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working cooperatively with municipalities to create long term land use and transportation plans that clearly indicate the need and proposed location of future transportation and utility corridors.</li> <li>• Developing a process to make that information more publicly available to minimize the need for future expropriations and to ensure property owners are aware of future developments that may impact their land values prior to purchasing the property.</li> <li>• Ensuring effective consultation between land use planning areas is completed prior to any formal plan approval and that in the absence of a land use planning area that effective consultations occur with impacted municipalities.</li> </ul>
Environmental Stewardship	<p>The development and use of transportation and utility corridors will have an impact on the environmental footprint.</p>	<p>2.2 The Province should ensure that there are effective mechanisms to mitigate environmental risks associated with transportation and utility corridors, including working with municipalities and other key stakeholders to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a comprehensive environmental monitoring, evaluation and reporting system.</li> <li>• Develop regional land use plans.</li> <li>• Enhance the energy regulatory process.</li> <li>• Manage cumulative environmental effects.</li> </ul>
Health and Safety Protection	<p>There is a risk that transportation and utility corridors could adversely impact the health and safety of our citizens (e.g., traffic accidents, electric and electromagnetic fields).</p>	<p>2.3 The Province should work with municipalities to mitigate the risk that transportation and utility corridors will have a significant adverse effect on public health, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing to monitor the effects of Electric and Electromagnetic Fields and developing appropriate citizen protection policies (i.e., setback requirements, voltage types, line placement decisions, etc) based on the best available science.</li> </ul>
Funding Mechanisms	<p>The growth of the energy sector places significant demands on municipalities to develop and maintain infrastructure to support the movement of labour and goods to and from production areas. Many municipalities lack the financial capacity to meet these demands, particularly in cases where they are not receiving any direct financial benefits associated with these production areas.</p>	<p>2.4 The Province should ensure that there is a robust mechanism(s) to fund required transportation and utility corridors by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflecting the added costs imposed by the energy sector (including the impact of heavy equipment hauls) along key energy transportation routes in their capital planning process, and providing impacted municipalities with the capacity to address these added expenses.</li> <li>• Providing mechanisms to incent revenue and cost sharing in resource areas to ensure that those bearing added costs share in the associated financial benefits.</li> </ul>
Market Access	<p>There is a need to ensure that transportation and utility corridors and the infrastructure within them effectively connect resources to markets.</p>	<p>2.5 The Province should ensure that requirements for transportation and utility corridors are given appropriate consideration in the development of the province's long term transportation plan.</p>
	<p>The lack of integrated rail corridors is putting added pressures on municipal roads and bridges.</p>	<p>2.6 The Province should work with industry to develop an integrated rail system (including high-speed rail and industrial corridor linkages), to connect Alberta's communities to markets.</p>
Electricity Transmission Costs	<p>Without a definitive policy, the cost of new transmission infrastructure may be borne by existing consumers, while energy providers profit from energy sales to an expanded client base.</p>	<p>2.7 The Province should ensure that the cost of energy transmission is allocated over the lifetime of the asset to both consumers (including export based consumers) and producers in a fair manner.</p>



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Dear Mayor Ibbotson: *Sheldon*

Thank you for submitting your municipality's operating spending plan under the 2012 conditional operating funding component of the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI).

I am pleased to inform you that the operating spending plan has been accepted. You may proceed to apply your municipality's 2012 operating allocation and any estimated 2011 carry forward to the priorities identified in your plan. Applying your municipality's 2011 carry forward is subject to meeting the terms and conditions of the MSI long-term Memorandum of Agreement, including expending each annual allocation within two years.

In order to recognize the contribution that the MSI has made to your municipality's successes, please ensure that activities supported by your MSI operating spending plan are included on a published list of MSI-funded projects. For any projects that merit enhanced public recognition, please contact Municipal Affairs Communications, toll-free at 310-0000, then 780-427-8862, or at [ma.msicomcommunications@gov.ab.ca](mailto:ma.msicomcommunications@gov.ab.ca), to discuss specific communication activities to highlight the project, as outlined in the MSI operating program guidelines.

I wish you, your council, and the municipality's staff continued success with your priorities.

Sincerely,

Doug Griffiths  
Minister

cc: Tony Goode, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Rimbey

