



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133 Council
Agenda for Regular Council Meeting RM.03.26
9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 11th, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 will be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office situated at 4202 50th Street in the Town of Spirit River in the Province of Alberta on Wednesday, February 11th, 2026 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133 Council
Minutes for Regular Council Meeting RM.02.26
10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 28, 2026

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In attendance:

Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar
Deputy Reeve Dean Wark
Councillor Evelyn Bzowy
Councillor Shelley Rozecki
Councillor Bernie Schoorlemmer

CAO Shirley Hayden
Assistant CAO Monty Bremont
Public Works Supervisor Dave Johnson
Director of Corporate Services Elena Valdes
Executive Assistant Rebecca Fitzsimmons

1.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Reeve Van Rootselaar at 10:01 am.

2.

AGENDA ADDITIONS

13.D Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer 30th Annual Northern Municipalities Law Seminar
13.E Appointment of MD Representative to Rycroft Agricultural Society
13.F EOEP RMA Courses

3.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

026.01.28.26

Councillor Schoorlemmer moved to accept the Agenda with the following additions:

13.D Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer 30th Annual Northern Municipalities Law Seminar
13.E Appointment of MD Representative to Rycroft Agricultural Society
13.F EOEP RMA Courses

Carried unanimously

4.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

027.01.28.26

Councillor Rozecki moved to adopt the Minutes as presented.

Carried unanimously

5.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

6.

COUNCILLOR ABSENCES

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. DELEGATIONS

Councillor Rozecki left Council Chambers at 10:38 am.
Councillor Rozecki returned to Council Chambers at 10:40 am.

A. Luke Panek, YOLO Nomads entered the meeting at 10:40 am and presented to Council virtually via Teams and left at 11:16 am.

028.01.28.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to recess the Regular Council meeting to hold a municipal planning commission meeting.

The Regular Council meeting recessed at 11:16 am.

B. MPC 01-26

029.01.28.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy to reconvene the Regular Council meeting. The Regular Council meeting reconvened at 12:06 pm.

C. Sergeant Stokes, RCMP – *RCMP unavailable for Delegation*

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

A. CN Rail Invoice (*discussed in CAO Report*)

10. REPORTS

A. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

030.01.28.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council authorize the Public Works Supervisor Dave Johnson to proceed with the purchase of a grader for the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 Public Works department, in the amount of \$704, 025.00, as per the Capital Budget allocation;
And further that the agreement include a Maintenance Contract up to a maximum of \$60,000.00

Carried unanimously

031.01.28.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to accept the Public Works Report.

Carried unanimously.

The Regular Council meeting recessed for lunch at 12:30 pm.
The meeting reconvened at 1:36 pm.

B. AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN REPORT

Deputy Reeve Wark left Council Chambers at 1:48 pm.

- 032.01.28.26 Councillor Rozecki moved to accept the Agricultural Fieldman's report as presented.
Carried unanimously

C. FINANCE REPORT

- 033.01.28.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy to accept the Finance report as presented.
Carried unanimously

Deputy Reeve Wark returned to Council Chambers at 1:50 pm.

D. CAO REPORT

- 034.01.28.26 Councillor Schoorlemmer moved to accept the CAO report as presented.
Carried unanimously

E. COUNCIL REPORTS

- i. 035.01.28.26 Councillor Bzowy moved to accept Councillor Rozecki's verbal agricultural report.
Carried unanimously
- ii. 036.01.28.26 Councillor Rozecki moved to accept Reeve Van Rootseelaar's verbal Grande Spirit Foundation report.
Carried unanimously
- iii. 037.01.28.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy to accept Deputy Reeve Wark's update on Boards & Committees (CPFRC, NAEL).
Carried unanimously
- iv. 038.01.28.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to accept Councillor Bzowy's verbal report on Watersheds for Munis 101.
Carried unanimously
- v. 039.01.28.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to accept Councillor Schoorlemmer's verbal report on CPFRC follow-up.
Carried unanimously

11. TABLED ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS

12. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

13.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. 040.01.28.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to approve meeting date and time changes to 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month, starting at 9 am.
Carried unanimously
- 041.01.28.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council direct Administration to research options for upgrading the MD of Spirit River No. 133 website.
Carried unanimously
- B. 042.01.28.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki to accept 72 Hours to Survive sponsorship as information.
Carried unanimously
- C. 043.01.28.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy to accept the Police Funding Model item as information.
Carried unanimously
- D. 044.01.28.26 Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer that Council approve that attendance of Deputy Reeve Wark and Councillor Bzowy to Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer 30th Annual Northern Municipalities Law Seminar.
Carried unanimously
- Deputy Reeve Wark recused himself due to a conflict of Interest regarding Agenda Item 13.E.
Deputy Reeve Wark left Council Chambers at 2:57 pm.
- E. 045.01.28.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council appoint Reeve Van Rootselaar to the Rycroft Agricultural Society Board as a non-voting member representative for the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133.
Carried unanimously
- Deputy Reeve Wark returned to Council Chambers at 3:05 pm.
- F. Discussion regarding Strategic Planning Course at Spring RMA Convention.

14. **BYLAWS**
15. **CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION**
- 046.01.28.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council authorize up to three Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 Administration/Office staff to attend the 2026 Women in the North Conference. Carried unanimously
- 047.01.28.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council approve the 2026 Peace Library System requisition in the amount of \$6,848.00, split into two semi-annual payments of \$3,424.00, noting an increase over the previous year due to the adjustment to the 2024 Alberta Treasury Board population estimate of 649 residents and the \$7.36 per capita levy rate. Carried unanimously
- 048.01.28.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki to accept Information and Correspondence Items A through I for information. Carried unanimously
16. **COUNCIL ISSUES AND CONCERNS**
17. **CLOSED MEETING (FORMERLY IN-CAMERA)**
- 049.01.28.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to enter into closed session as per Municipal Government Act R.S.A. 2000, Section 197 (4) and Access to Information Act to discuss:
 Section 30, Economic Interests - Land Development
 Section 19, Third-party Business Interests
 Section 26, Intermunicipal Relations
 Section 27, Legal
 Section 19, Third Party Business Interests
 Section 26, Intermunicipal Relations
 Section 26, Intermunicipal Relations. Carried unanimously
- Council entered closed meeting at 3:14 pm.
- 050.01.28.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki to leave closed meeting and reconvene Regular Council meeting. Carried unanimously
- Council reconvened Regular Council meeting at 5:05 pm.

- 051.01.28.26** Councillor Schoorlemmer moved that Council direct Administration to send a letter to Town of Spirit River inviting their Council to a supper meeting at the Brownlee Building on March 2nd, 2026 at 5 pm to discuss intermunicipal development.
Carried unanimously
- 052.01.28.26** That Council formally relinquishes the role of Unit Authority for the Central Peace FCSS program, further directs Administration to formally notify the Central Peace Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) partner municipalities—the Town of Spirit River and the Village of Rycroft—as well as the appropriate Government of Alberta Ministry pertaining to FCSS, of the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133's intent to relinquish the role of Unit Authority for the partnership after 21 years; further, that Council authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to initiate the transition process, including organizing a meeting with a partner municipality to facilitate the transfer of the Unit Authority role, legal employer obligations, and administrative duties to a successor entity, while maintaining the MD's financial commitment to the program. Further directs Administration to transfer all relevant legal, financial, and personnel records to the New Lead Municipality to facilitate the transition.
Carried unanimously
- 053.01.28.26** Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council approve Fire & Form Engineering Ltd.'s proposal as presented.
Carried unanimously
- 054.01.28.26** Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council direct administration to enter into negotiations with Grande Spirit Foundation regarding a partnership with the Municipal District of Spirit River with regard to the transit bus program.
Carried unanimously
- 055.01.28.26** Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council direct administration to send a letter of support to the Town of Spirit River for their STIP application regarding the airport rehabilitation project.
Carried unanimously
- 056.01.28.26** Moved by Reeve Van Rootselaar that Council direct Administration to send a response letter to Saddle Hills County.
Carried unanimously
- 057.01.28.26** Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council approves the establishment of the Regional Childcare Solutions Steering Committee and Terms of Reference as amended.
Carried unanimously

058.01.28.26

Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Reeve Van Rootselaar be appointed as the Member Representative for the Municipal District of Sprit River to the Regional Childcare Solutions Steering Committee.

Carried unanimously

059.01.28.26

Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer that Councillor Rozecki be appointed as Alternate for the Regional Childcare Solutions Steering Committee.

Carried unanimously

18.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Reeve Van Rootselaar at 5:11 pm.

These minutes approved this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Reeve
Tony Van Rootselaar

CAO
Shirley Hayden



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133
Meeting Minutes for Municipal Planning Commission Meeting MPC 01-26
10:30 a.m., January 28th, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 Municipal Planning Commission was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office situated at 4202 50th Street in the Town of Spirit River in the Province of Alberta on Wednesday, January 28th, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

Board Members Present:

- Tony Van Rootselaar, Chairman
- Dean Wark
- Shelley Rozecki
- Bernie Schoorlemmer
- Evelyn Bzowy

Staff Present:

- Monty Bremont – Development Officer
- Shirley Hayden – CAO
- Rebecca Fitzsimmons – Executive Assistant
- Dave Johnson – PW Director
- Elena Valdes - CFO
- Komiete Tetteh (MMSA)
- Inwon Nteogwuija (MMSA)

1. Call to Order

Chairman Tony Van Rootselaar called the meeting to order at 11:17 a.m.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

A. Adoption of the Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Agenda January 28th, MPC 01-26

001.01.28.26 Moved by Member Dean Wark that the agenda for the January 28th, 2026, Municipal Planning Commission Meeting MPC 01-26 be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. New Business

a) Subdivision Application 25MK014

Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency (MMSA) representative, Komiete Tetteh, attended the meeting virtually to present Subdivision Applications 25MK014 & 25MK019.

002.01.28.26 Moved by Member Evelyn Bzowy that the Municipal Planning Commission recommend approval of Subdivision file #25MK014 to the Subdivision Authority, subject to the following conditions:

1. That any outstanding property taxes are to be paid on the land proposed to be subdivided or arrangements made for the payment of same which are satisfactory to the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133.
2. That a variance of additional 16.89 acres is granted to the maximum parcel size requirement of 10 acres, as established in section 3.4.2(b) of the Land Use Bylaw,

to accommodate the proposed parcel size of 26.89 acres.

3. That variance is granted to accommodate the front and side yard setback deficiencies for the existing dugout.

4. That the existing access approaches to the proposed subdivision and the balance of SW.4.77.6.W6M shall meet the standards of the MD of Spirit River No. 133; if not, they must be upgraded at the landowner's expense.

5. That any any existing utility lines crossing property boundaries must be protected by registered utility right of way easements, caveats, or agreements. Any new required utility rights of way easements, caveats or agreements must be provided in accordance with municipal, agency and/or utility provider requirements.

Carried

Member Bernie Schoorlemmer declared a pecuniary interest in Subdivision Application 25MK019 and recused himself from the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

b) Subdivision Application 25MK019

003.01.28.26 Moved by Member Shelley Rozecki that the Municipal Planning Commission recommend approval of Subdivision file # 25MK019 to the Subdivision Authority, subject to the following conditions:

1. That any outstanding property taxes are to be paid on the land proposed to be subdivided or arrangements made for the payment of same which are satisfactory to the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133.

2. That a variance of additional 6.48 acres is granted to the maximum parcel size requirement of 10 acres, as established in section 3.6.2(b) of the Land Use Bylaw, to accommodate the proposed parcel size of 16.48 acres.

3. That variance is granted to accommodate the setback deficiencies for existing non-conforming developments on the proposed lot, including the garage, shed, sea-cans, storage building, dugout, and five (5) bins.

4. That the existing shared approach to the proposed lot and adjacent subdivision via Range Road 52 must meet the M.D. of Spirit River No. 133 access standards. The cost of any required upgrades shall be borne by the landowner/applicant.

5. That the proposed access approach to the balance of River lot 1 via Township Road 791A shall be constructed to the MD's standards and be approved by the Director of Public Works, at the landowner/applicant's sole cost.

6. That a new access easement agreement must be executed and registered on title to accommodate the proposed shared access for the existing subdivision and proposed lot via Range Road 52.

7. That any existing utility lines crossing property boundaries must be protected by registered utility right of way easements, caveats, or agreements. Any new required utility rights of way easements, caveats or agreements must be provided in accordance with municipal, agency and/or utility provider requirements.

8. That Municipal Reserve be taken as cash in lieu, the amount of which shall be determined by the Subdivision Authority, in accordance with legislation.

Carried

Member Bernie Schoorlemmer returned to the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

MMSA Representative Komiete Tetteh provided a verbal report and update on the proposed Area Structure Plan for SE 22-78-6W6.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Tony Van Rootselaar at 12:05 p.m.

These minutes approved this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Chairman
Tony Van Rootselaar

Recording Secretary

MD OF SPIRIT RIVER**AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN REPORT**

DATE: February 3, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Agricultural Fieldman, Simon Amting

ANNUAL OPERATING PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES:

<i>Program/Activity/Project</i>	<i>Timeline</i>	<i>Comments</i>
PRAAAF Update & Outreach/ Extension		Industry Corridor Workshop Feb 24 – Peace River Feb 23/24 PVMA/ Kochia Conference – Red deer
Roadside Mowing	Completed	Spoke for one Shulte Mower and Shulte Flexarm that are sitting in Lethbridge from Flamans Fairview, will be delivered in April/May. Kubota, Fosters and RME won't have orders in until August/September
Weed Management & Pest Management	Completed	Conducted Prestville's Seed cleaning Plant inspection on Jan 15 th

Cemeteries	Completed	Projects for 2026 being planned
Nardam Campsite	Completed	Nardam has been winterized and closed for the season. Projects for Nardam are being planned for 2026
Seasonal Staff	Completed	Seasonal Staff term as ended. Will be advertising and conducting interviews for Job Positions over the next few months. Should have a few returning.
Safety for Public Works	Ongoing	Safety Meeting January 14 th at 12:30pm – Reviewing Incident Reports, Hazard ID's, Near Misses, PPE and consult any issues. Reviewing MD Safety Manual and procedures I was appointed to the Regional Safety Committee, I will be working on getting my ICS 100, 200 and 300. Recently I have been put in charge of maintenance at the Admin Building such as shoveling and salting walkways, clearing exits, checking vents, etc
Rate Payer Concerns & Compliments		

ASB Conference Overview

Agricultural Fieldman Simon Amting, Councillor Rozecki, Councillor Schoorlemmer and Chairman Meyer attended the ASB Provincial Conference in Edmonton. Lots of good speakers, discussions and networking during this Conference. Townhall meeting with Deputy Minister John Conrad, touched on wild boars, grant update, international trades, weed review, weeds on wellsite's, on farm slaughter program, AG plastics, etc. There was an AI Speaker, World tariff/economics Speaker, Cattle industry Speaker – which touched on changes being made to the CFIA Program. Climate Weather Speaker, Rural Veterinarian Speaker, Alberta Cattle Feeder speaker, Long Rider – Travelled 27,000km on Horseback.

There was a total of 10 Resolutions brought forward,

- 1 -26 – Emergency Registration of 2 Liquid Strychnine - CARRIED
- 2- 26 – Environment and climate change Canada and Diesel Exhaust fluid – CARRIED
- 3 -26 – Marked Fuel Program review was rescinded as the government made proper changes.
- 4-26 – Rural Water Distribution and Connectivity Funding – CARRIED
- PC 1-26 - Modernizing Alberta Rat Control Program – CARRIED
- PC 2-26 – On Farm Meat Processing – CARRIED
- PC 3-26 – Legal Entity Aligned with ASB's – DEFEATED
- PC 4-26 – Urgent Reforms to CFIA and PMRA – CARRIED
- E1-26 – Vacant Biocontrol Scientist Position – CARRIED
- E2-26 – Livestock Traceability Update Concerns – CARRIED

Crossroads Crop Conference

Agricultural Fieldman Simon Amting attended this Conference. Good speakers, discussions and networking during this conference. AG Growth Speaker, Trade Strategy/ Tariffs Speaker, Farm Credit Speaker, Alberta Pulse Growers AGM – 3 resolutions which were HWY Speed increases, Elk being added to Problem Wildlife Tag Program and AAFC Net Benefit. Then Alberta Canola AGM and Alberta Grains AGM.



**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

DATE: February 11, 2026

Administrative	Diamond B completed work on Admin Building water damage;	
Grading	Blading ice roads	
Plowing		
Gravel		
Culvert Installation/Repair		
Washouts		
Brushing	Talked to landowner about line of site on Viercant Hill; landowner gave permission to take down as much brush as needed;	
Signage		
Bridge Files	Viercant Bridge work was started on February 2, 2026; should be done by February 10-11, 2026.	
Nardam		
Public Works Shop		
Equipment	Engine locked up on new grader, EGR cooler failed and left coolant on top of the piston so when the operator started the grader, it hydraulic-locked and bent a connecting rod and broke a liner; Finning was onsite that afternoon, removed the engine, transported the engine to Grande Prairie the following morning; Finning delivered a new 160m courtesy grader next business day; engine will be installed February 9, 2026; all warranty will remain the same full warranty;	
Training	Finning invited Public Works Manager to Governmental Training and Safety Days, May 5 – 7, 2026, in Peoria, Illinois.	
Ratepayer Comments		
Miscellaneous		

The Finance Department continues to focus on audit readiness, budget development, and ongoing operational priorities. Below is a summary of current activities and updates.

Audit Preparation

- The audit date has been confirmed for **March 9**. All required documents for the initial audit steps have been submitted to the auditor.
- The auditor has provided the first set of documents for review by both the CAO and Council.

Bank Reconciliations

- Bank reconciliations are progressing well. Work is currently beginning on September, and the remaining months are expected to be completed efficiently.
- All reconciliations, including any required adjustments, will be finalized in time for the audit.

Prepays and Inventories

- All prepaid expenses and inventories have been successfully completed.
- Supporting documentation has been organized and is ready for audit review.

Insurance and Risk Management

- A response has been received from the insurance provider regarding signage requirements and liability coverage.
- This information has been included in the Council agenda package for review and reference.

Budget and Council Planning

- A Committee of the Whole meeting has been confirmed for March 23.
- The final budget is still in progress and will be presented once completed.
- The Transit Budget has been submitted for review as part of the Bus Operating Grant process.

Assessment and Taxation

- The Finance Department is currently working with the **Assessors** toward completion of the **2026 tax assessment**.

- All required documentation has been provided to support this process.

CRA Account Access

- The department is still awaiting updates to the CRA account access.
- The CAO has been actively working to restore access and has communicated the urgency and deadlines involved; however, access has not yet been reinstated.

MPE Payment

- The final payment to MPE remains on hold pending receipt of deposits covering additional costs that were outside of the original agreement.
- Deposits are still outstanding from both the Town and the Village.

Payroll & Time Tracking Review

- The Finance Department is exploring the potential transition to an electronic timesheet and time-off tracking system.
- Meetings are being held with providers, and cost comparisons are underway to determine the best option.

Reminder to Council

Council timesheets and expense claims are due by the 25th of each month.

CAO REPORT: RM.03.26 – February 11th, 2026

Meeting with Birch Hills County CAO Larry Davidson to discuss the concept of a Regional Industrial Park Initiative.

Birch Hills County council invited the Mayor/Reeve & Councils of; Saddle Hills County, MD of Spirit River, the Town of Spirit River and the Village of Rycroft to participate in a lunch meeting at the Birch Hills County Council chambers to allow for an initial discussion related to a G5 regional industrial park concept initiative. By acting as a collective, the G5 may secure provincial and federal grants (such as the Northern and Regional Economic Development funds) that individual small towns might not qualify for on their own. The proposal is designed to transition the region from a purely agricultural and raw-resource base into a hub for value-added industry.

Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) 2026-member visit

RMA coordinates member visits with all municipalities on a three-year rotation, the MD of Spirit River No.133 has been included in the 2026 schedule along with Saddle Hills County. These visits are an important initiative led by the RMA President, the District Director, and members of the RMA administrative team. They provide a valuable opportunity to meet with members in their communities, allowing RMA to gain a deeper understanding of local priorities, initiatives, and challenges. The Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 Council had the opportunity to brief this letter from the RMA at the Council meeting last week and to streamline this process, council suggested we reach out to Saddle Hills County CAO, also on the RMA invitation list. I have reached us to the CAO, who has indicated they would book a meeting, but has not specified the date they would be requesting for the meeting. I informed the RMA that the Municipal District will do our best to align with the meeting with Saddle Hills County, once they have provided a proposed date. Administration will continue work on aligning our RMA visit with a neighbouring municipality's vis

Central Peace FCSS: Transition of Unit Authority

Administration has followed up with the Lyn Smid, Director of Community Preventive Initiatives, Civil Society & Community Initiatives, Assisted Living and Social Services of the Government of Alberta regarding the transition of the CPFCCS lead authority. We have sent a formal letter to the participating municipalities and started the process and formally notify the minister of Social Services, the Honourable Jason Nixon. The Town of Spirit River Council made a motion to become the Unit Authority for the Central Peace FCSS program.

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CN Consultation: Agreement & Invoice Review

Administration is currently engaged in consultation with Canadian National Railway (CN) regarding the review of outstanding agreements and associated invoices. A formal letter of dispute regarding the invoice to upgrade the crossing on Township Road 780 has been sent. Waiting for a response.

Intermunicipal Development Meeting

Organized a intermunicipal development meeting as per councils direction with the Town of Spirit River; there will be nine people in attendance from the Town. The meeting will take place at the Brownlee Building on March 2nd at 9a.m.

CRA

The MD continues to have issues with updating the CRA access account with the list of current employees. I have continually contacted the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) multiple times via telephone to navigate the security protocols required for municipal account transitions over the last six months.

Formal Documentation & Correspondence: recent communication sent an urgent formal letter to the CRA Tax Center in Summerside, PEI. This letter served to provide updated organizational documentation, formally request the appointment of the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) as the authorized signing director for the account. Internal Coordination: Collaborated with corporate finance to ensure that the financial data is ready for filing once full administrative permissions are verified.

Mighty Peace Watershed Delegation – February 25, 2026

Staff from Mighty Peace Watershed will present projects that they have been involved in that are of interest to MD, how their work and councils align, update on state of the Watershed, on opportunity for discussion around land use and surface water management considerations (flooding, drought, setbacks, etc). They want to make this session very applicable to Council – please provide any thoughts on general or specific areas of concern.



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133

MEETING:	RM-03-26
MEETING DATE:	February 11, 2026
ORIGINATED BY:	PW Supervisor + CFO
TITLE:	Travel Approval- PW Supervisor

Administration is seeking a decision on Council approval for travel related to upcoming trip for the Public Works Supervisor to Illinois. The estimated total cost of this trip is approximately \$2,000, which includes registration, travel, accommodations, and meals.

Historically, travel and training expenses for the Public Works Supervisor are allocated to the General Ledger account "Supervisor Training & Travel." The proposed 2026 budget for this account is \$3,000.

This account is also typically used to cover expenses associated with the RMA Conference and any additional training or work-related travel that may arise throughout the year. It is important to note that the cost of attending the RMA Conference alone often exceeds \$1,500 per attendee, which limits the remaining flexibility within the current proposed budget.

Should Council approve this travel expense, there are two options to address the budget impact:

1. Increase the 2026 budget for the "Supervisor Training & Travel" account from \$3,000 to approximately \$5,000 to ensure sufficient funds are available for both this training opportunity and other anticipated travel during the year as we are only starting 2026.

OR

2. Maintain the budget at \$3,000 for 2026 and approve this travel expense with the understanding that this budget line will be over budget by year end as a result the difference will be covered from reserves.

Administration Recommendation:

Administration recommends increasing the budget line to approximately \$5,000 in the final 2026 budget. This approach provides a more accurate reflection of expected travel and training costs and reduces the likelihood of overages later in the year.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the Public Works Supervisor's travel to Illinois for training at an estimated cost of \$2,000.00; and further, that Council direct Administration to increase the 2026 'Supervisor Training & Travel' budget line from \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00 to accommodate this training and anticipated annual conference expenses."

Or

That Council approve the Public Works Supervisor's travel to Illinois for training at an estimated cost of \$2,000.00, with the understanding that any resultant overage in the 'Supervisor Training & Travel' budget line be funded through [Operating Reserves/General Surplus] at year-end."

Or

That Council direct administration accordingly



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MEETING: RM 03-26
MEETING DATE: February 11th, 2026
ORIGINATED BY: Monty Bremont, Assistant CAO
TITLE: Scheduling of Inaugural Meeting of Daycare Steering Committee

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL

With the regional childcare initiative moving into the implementation phase, the formation of the Steering Committee was the next critical step. Administration has begun receiving member appointments and seeks Council's direction to set a target date for the first meeting to maintain project momentum.

The Regional Childcare Solutions Steering Committee was established to oversee the development of a coordinated childcare strategy across the region. Per the approved Terms of Reference, the committee is to be composed of representatives from key community stakeholders.

Current Appointment Status:

Town of Spirit River Appointment: Administration has received formal correspondence confirming Councillor Ryan Funk as the Town's representative.

Stakeholder Appointments: Administration is currently in communication with Saddle Hills County and the Agricultural Societies. We are anticipating confirmation of their respective appointees.

Setting an initial meeting date now allows for proper legislative notice and gives appointees sufficient time to clear their schedules, ensuring a quorum for the first session.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION

That Council authorize Administration to schedule the inaugural meeting of the Regional Childcare Solutions Steering Committee for _____ pending the receipt of formal appointment confirmations from the remaining stakeholders.

Or

That Council direct administration accordingly.



REQUEST FOR DECISION

MEETING:	Council RM 03-26
MEETING DATE:	February 11, 2026
PRESENTED BY:	Simon Amting, Agricultural Fieldman
TITLE:	2026 Heartland Funding Request

Background/Proposal:

In October, 2025, the Agricultural Fieldman received the funding request dated September 9, 2025 from Heartland Training Hub & Support (Formally Farm Safety) requesting funding. The request for funding is to reach as many rural school children as possible by brining farm safety to the classroom. They are asking for \$364.50. They based this figure on 2024 in-school delivery to 109 children in the Municipality at \$4.50 per student.

The Municipal District of Spirit River funded Farm Safety \$738.50 in 2023 and \$490.50 in 2024.

The Agricultural Service Board recommends to Council that the MD of Spirit River funds Heartland Training Hub and Support the \$364.500 for 2026.

Administrative Recommendations:

That Council funds Heartland Training & Support HUB the \$364.50.

Or

That Council directs administration accordingly.

Simon Amting, Agricultural Fieldman



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September 9, 2025

Simon Amting

M.D. of Spirit River

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Dear Simon,

On behalf of Heartland Training & Support Hub (*formerly Farm Safety Centre*), I am pleased to provide your County/MD with this annual update on the Safety Smarts program, along with our donation request for 2025.

Thanks to the generosity of many Counties, MDs, Agricultural Societies, Hutterite colonies, rural communities, and private donors, we successfully raised the matching funds required to qualify for the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (SCAP) grant. This allowed us to resume Safety Smarts delivery in October 2024 after a temporary pause.

From October 2024 through June 2025, our team hired and trained new instructors, updated our curriculum, purchased new teaching aids and models, and most importantly, delivered 1,754 farm safety presentations to 37,118 rural elementary students at 405 schools across Alberta.

Every one of our instructors comes from a farm background and understands both the challenges and blessings of farm life. School teachers consistently tell us the program is valuable: 98% reported the presentations engaged their students, 99% said the content was relevant and informative, and 98% want the program again next year.

Safety Smarts delivery during the 2024–2025 school year within M.D. of Spirit River included:

- 3 Safety Smarts presentations
- 81 students reached
- 1 schools visited

For a more detailed list of each school visit, please see the attached 2024 – 2025 School Visits Report.

Historical delivery & donation history for M.D. of Spirit River:

- Our records indicate that your most recent donation was \$ 290.92 which we received on June 6, 2023.
- Since 2016, we have delivered 72 Safety Smarts to 1463 rural elementary students at schools within M.D. of Spirit River.

This year, we are inviting each County/MD to contribute \$4.50 per student reached within their boundaries in the past school year. For M.D. of Spirit River, this amounts to **\$ 364.50**

As a registered charity, all donations are eligible for a charitable tax receipt. We will also recognize your support on our website and social media so communities across Alberta can see which counties are sustaining this life-saving program.

How to Donate:

- E-Transfer to donations@heartlandsupport.ca
- Cheque payable to Heartland Training & Support Hub.

Mailing address: PO Box 291, Raymond, Alberta T0K 2S0.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Why only rural schools? – We focus on small rural schools outside larger cities, where children are more likely to live or spend time on farms, ride ATVs or horses, or swim in natural bodies of water. With limited funds, we must prioritize the highest-risk communities.
2. Are you government funded? – We are a non-profit and registered charity founded in 1991 by a group of farmers in Southern Alberta. While we occasionally receive government grants, we are not affiliated with government or regulatory bodies.
3. How are presentations scheduled? – We currently have 7 Safety Smarts instructors across the province, each responsible for their own region. They contact schools directly and book classroom presentations.
4. Do students get repeat content? – No. There are 7 unique presentations, one for each grade K-6. Children receive new, age-appropriate content each year. Presentations are delivered in small classroom settings, not in large gymnasiums.
5. How do donations affect delivery? – Limited funds require us to prioritize counties and MDs that support the program annually. Schools in supportive regions are booked first.

Thank you for presenting this request to your Agricultural Service Board. Please reach out directly if you have any questions about the program or the data in this letter. I am also happy to attend ASB meetings, in person or virtually, if invited.

With sincere appreciation,



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School Visits by County: September 2024 - June 2025

School: County ↑	School: Account Name	Total # Pres	Total # Students	Date
Athabasca County	Grassland Community School	4	56	2025-01-27
	New Pine Colony School	1	22	2025-02-12
	Rochester School	2	20	2025-03-06
Subtotal	Sum	7	98	
Beaver County	Tofield School	6	110	2024-11-06
	Iron Creek Colony School	1	14	2024-11-27
	Holden Colony School	1	12	2024-11-27
	Viking School	6	125	2024-12-05
	Tofield Colony School	1	14	2024-12-16
	C.W. Sears Elementary School	7	239	2025-01-13
	Viking Colony School	1	21	2025-05-05
Subtotal	Sum	23	535	
Camrose County	Bawlf School	6	138	2024-10-18
	Hay Lakes School	6	93	2024-10-28
	Rosalind Colony School	1	22	2024-12-11
	Camrose Colony School	1	5	2024-12-16
	Bashaw School & ECS	6	118	2025-01-15
	Sifton School	7	291	2025-04-07
	New Norway School	6	90	2025-04-15
	Cornerstone Christian Academy	3	52	2025-04-17
	Round Hill School	3	75	2025-05-23
	Hartland Colony School	1	26	2025-06-24
Subtotal	Sum	40	910	
Cardston County	Big Bend Colony School	1	25	2024-12-16
	Blue Ridge Colony School	1	15	2024-12-17
	Crystal Spring Colony School	1	21	2025-01-14
	Hutterville Colony School	2	15	2025-01-21
	Old Elm Spring Colony School	2	19	2025-03-31
	Magrath Elementary School	8	182	2025-05-05
	Magrath Elementary School	9	207	2025-05-06
Subtotal	Sum	24	484	
Clear Hills County	Hines Creek Composite School	5	54	2025-05-06
Subtotal	Sum	5	54	
Clearwater County	Ecole Rocky Elementary School	11	206	2024-11-25
	Caroline School	7	171	2024-11-27
	Charlotte Small Elementary School	9	198	2024-12-02
	Rocky Christian School	4	111	2025-05-14
Subtotal	Sum	31	686	
County of Barrhead	Neerlandia Public Christian School	9	177	2025-04-01
	Dunstable School	4	51	2025-05-27
Subtotal	Sum	13	228	
County of Forty Mile	Plainview Colony School	1	15	2025-01-27
	Cherry Coulee Christian Academy	3	53	2025-03-03
	Foremost School	4	86	2025-05-20
Subtotal	Sum	8	154	
County of Grande Prairie	Grandview Colony School	1	12	2024-11-25
	Elmworth School	0	0	2025-01-20
	Valhalla Community School	4	37	2025-04-07

		Robert W. Zahara	9	170	2025-04-28
		Robert W. Zahara	9	180	2025-04-29
		Elmworth School	4	45	2025-05-20
		Hythe Elementary School	8	123	2025-05-27
		Wembley Elementary School	7	106	2025-06-16
Subtotal	Sum		42	673	
County of Lethbridge		Gold Ridge Colony School (Turin Colony)	2	30	2025-01-28
		Coalhurst Elementary School	8	171	2025-01-29
		Rock Lake Colony School	2	7	2025-01-30
		Shadow Ranch Colony School	1	22	2025-02-03
		St. Joseph's School	7	150	2025-02-25
		St. Joseph's School	5	106	2025-02-26
		Noble Central School	7	160	2025-03-18
		Coalhurst Elementary School	4	90	2025-03-24
		Gold Ridge Colony School (Turin Colony)	1	18	2025-03-27
		Sunnyside School	6	132	2025-04-10
		Coaldale Christian School	7	111	2025-05-02
		St. Catherine School	8	147	2025-05-15
		Chin Lakes Colony School	1	13	2025-06-16
		Chin Lakes Colony School	1	9	2025-06-19
Subtotal	Sum		60	1166	
County of Minburn		Maanville School	6	90	2024-10-30
		DeInorte School	2	31	2025-01-08
		A. L. Horton Elementary School	6	290	2025-01-20
		St. Martin's Catholic School	8	222	2025-04-04
		Pleasant Ridge Colony School	1	22	2025-06-13
		Creighton Colony School	1	19	2025-06-13
Subtotal	Sum		24	674	
County of Newell		Spring View Colony School	1	26	2025-05-08
		Springside Colony School	1	12	2025-05-08
		Christ The King Academy	5	121	2025-05-12
		Christ The King Academy	4	122	2025-05-13
		Bassano School	6	126	2025-05-26
		Newell Christian School	4	62	2025-05-27
		Newell Colony School	1	18	2025-06-05
		Latham Colony School	1	16	2025-06-05
		Griffin Park School	8	133	2025-06-10
Subtotal	Sum		31	636	
County of Northern Lights		Dixonville School	2	26	2025-04-08
Subtotal	Sum		2	26	
County of Paintearth		Coronation School	6	88	2025-02-24
		Theresetta Catholic School	4	43	2025-02-27
		Lanes Lake Colony School	1	12	2025-06-20
Subtotal	Sum		11	143	
County of St. Paul		Glen Avon School	4	61	2025-03-11
		Glen Avon School	5	96	2025-03-12
		Glen Avon School	4	63	2025-03-13
		Ecole du Sommet School	0	0	2025-04-01
		Ecole du Sommet School	7	111	2025-04-01
		Elk Point Elementary School	9	180	2025-04-03
		Ashmont Elementary School	8	161	2025-04-30
Subtotal	Sum		37	672	
County of Stettler		Donalds School	4	41	2024-12-12
		Big Valley School	4	63	2025-01-22
		Erskine School	6	97	2025-04-28
		Stettler Elementary School	7	262	2025-04-30
		Stettler Elementary School	8	298	2025-05-02
		Erskine Colony School	1	26	2025-05-12
		Batha School	3	42	2025-05-26
		Gadsby Colony School	1	14	2025-06-04
		Byemoor Colony School	2	30	2025-06-05

		Whitesand Colony School	1	4	2025-06-11
		Lone Pine Colony School	1	25	2025-06-11
		Donalda Colony School	1	12	2025-06-16
		Star Ridge Colony School	1	18	2025-06-24
Subtotal	Sum		40	932	
County of Thorhild		Thorhild Central School	3	92	2025-02-25
		Thorhild Central School	4	87	2025-05-12
Subtotal	Sum		7	179	
County of Two Hills		Hairy Hill Colony School	1	15	2025-01-28
		Plain Lake Colony School	1	31	2025-02-10
		Two Hills School	6	83	2025-02-11
		New Myram School	3	44	2025-03-04
		Two Hills Mennonite School	8	179	2025-03-18
		Two Hills Mennonite School	8	172	2025-03-19
Subtotal	Sum		27	524	
County of Vermilion River		Hillmond Central School	5	102	2025-02-05
		Vermilion Elementary School	10	241	2025-02-20
		St. Jerome's School	0	0	2025-02-27
		Queen Elizabeth Elementary School	8	182	2025-03-10
		Marwayne Jubilee School	5	101	2025-03-27
		Dewberry School	3	45	2025-05-20
		Kitscoty Elementary School	11	241	2025-05-26
		Marwayne Jubilee School	5	101	2025-05-29
		South Ferriby Colony School	1	27	2025-06-23
Subtotal	Sum		48	1040	
County of Warner		Delco Colony School	2	30	2024-12-03
		Gold Spring Colony School	1	13	2024-12-05
		Bluegrass Colony School	1	15	2024-12-17
		Fairlane Colony School	2	20	2025-01-15
		Miami Colony School	1	10	2025-01-16
		Prairie Home Colony School	1	25	2025-01-23
		Evergreen Colony School	1	23	2025-02-04
		Hofmann Colony School	2	26	2025-02-05
		Milk River Elementary School	6	98	2025-02-11
		O.K. Colony School	1	12	2025-03-19
		Milford Colony School	1	12	2025-03-19
		Raymond Elementary School	8	171	2025-04-07
		Raymond Elementary School	8	209	2025-04-08
		Raymond Elementary School	8	192	2025-04-09
		Elm Spring Colony School	1	20	2025-06-02
		Raymond Elementary School	0	0	2025-08-25
Subtotal	Sum		44	876	
County of Wetaskiwin		Silver Creek Colony School	1	17	2024-11-04
		Pine Haven Colony School	1	17	2024-11-04
		Alder Flats Elementary School	4	62	2024-12-02
		Clear Vista School	8	156	2025-01-27
		Clear Vista School	8	165	2025-01-30
		Griffiths-Scott Middle School	8	198	2025-02-05
		Gwynne School	4	75	2025-03-10
		Pipestone School	4	69	2025-03-13
		Winfield School	4	72	2025-04-22
Subtotal	Sum		42	831	
Cypress County		Seven Persons School	8	150	2025-03-14
		Murray Lake Colony School	1	16	2025-06-11
		Elkwater Colony School	2	22	2025-06-11
Subtotal	Sum		11	188	
Flagstaff County		Daysland School	7	137	2024-11-29
		Wavy Lake Colony School	1	8	2024-12-11
		Forestburg School	5	87	2025-01-29
		Killam Public	7	94	2025-05-08
		Central High Sedgewick Public School	7	144	2025-05-20

		Lougheed Colony School	1	25	2025-06-16
		South Bend Colony School	1	10	2025-06-20
Subtotal	Sum		29	505	
Foothills County		Cayley School	4	82	2025-03-18
		Cayley Colony School	1	24	2025-04-16
		MacMillan Colony School	1	17	2025-04-16
		High River Colony School	1	9	2025-04-17
		Blackle School	6	107	2025-04-28
		Turner Valley Elementary School	8	164	2025-05-01
		Longview School	3	53	2025-06-10
Subtotal	Sum		24	456	
Kneehill County		Trachus Valley School	7	157	2024-11-26
		Three Hills School	8	165	2025-01-13
		Three Hills Colony School	2	31	2025-01-17
		May City Colony School	1	13	2025-01-29
		Dr. Elliott Community School	4	87	2025-01-30
		Carbon School	2	28	2025-02-05
		Valleyview Torrington Colony School	1	14	2025-02-05
		Prairie Christian Academy Elementary School	7	146	2025-03-13
		Huxley Colony School	1	17	2025-05-15
		Britestone Colony School	1	15	2025-06-11
Subtotal	Sum		34	673	
Lac La Biche County		Ecole Plamondon School	6	134	2025-05-14
		Ecole Plamondon School	2	123	2025-05-27
Subtotal	Sum		8	257	
Lacombe County		Alix MAC School	4	94	2024-11-18
		Bentley School	1	24	2025-01-09
		Bentley School	8	199	2025-01-10
		Bentley School	0	0	2025-01-13
		Clive School	6	128	2025-02-03
		Ecole Lacombe Upper Elementary School	8	302	2025-04-24
		Alix Colony School	1	19	2025-05-12
		Pleasant Valley Colony School	1	33	2025-06-18
		Bentley Colony School	1	6	2025-06-18
Subtotal	Sum		30	805	
Lac Ste. Anne County		Rochfort Bridge Colony School	1	22	2024-11-12
		Grasmere School	6	106	2025-02-25
		Onaway Elementary School	8	200	2025-03-06
		Onaway Elementary School	9	198	2025-03-07
		Darwell School	7	122	2025-03-12
		Sanguato Community School	6	100	2025-04-03
		Elmer Elson Elementary School	8	177	2025-04-08
		Elmer Elson Elementary School	6	148	2025-04-09
Subtotal	Sum		51	1073	
Lamont County		Bruderhelm Community School	6	112	2025-03-17
		Lamont Elementary School	14	333	2025-05-15
Subtotal	Sum		20	445	
Leduc County		Calmar Elementary School	7	206	2024-12-09
		New Sarepta Elementary School	7	213	2025-02-10
		Thorsby Elementary School	7	204	2025-02-12
		Ecole Champs Vallee School	6	247	2025-03-03
		Ecole Champs Vallee School	7	229	2025-03-06
		Warburg School	6	127	2025-04-10
		Saint-Andre Academy	7	259	2025-05-14
		Saint-Andre Academy	0	0	2025-05-16
		Warburg Colony School	1	17	2025-06-17
Subtotal	Sum		48	1502	
M.D. of Acadia		Meridian Colony School	1	4	2025-06-05
		Acadia Colony School	1	12	2025-06-05
Subtotal	Sum		2	16	
M.D. of Big Lakes		Bishop Routhier School	4	30	2024-11-06

		St. Andrew's School	10	200	2024-11-27
		High Prairie Elementary School	12	269	2024-11-28
		Kinuso School	1	15	2024-12-12
Subtotal	Sum		27	514	
M.D. of Bonnyville		Pine Meadows Colony School	1	14	2025-02-28
		Nelson Heights School	11	267	2025-03-05
		H.E. Bourgain Middle School	7	140	2025-03-24
		J.F. Dion School	4	47	2025-03-25
		Elizabeth School	6	58	2025-03-26
		Iron River School	4	64	2025-03-31
		Cold Lake Elementary School	10	183	2025-04-28
		Cold Lake Elementary School	8	169	2025-04-29
		Holy Cross Elementary School	10	183	2025-05-05
		Holy Cross Elementary School	9	201	2025-05-06
		North Star Elementary School	0	0	2025-05-07
		Glendon School	0	0	2025-05-08
		Duclos School	16	309	2025-05-28
		Ardmore School	0	0	2025-06-02
		Ecole Dr. Bernard Brosseau Catholic School	14	320	2025-06-19
Subtotal	Sum		100	1955	
M.D. of Fairview		E.E. Oliver Elementary School	7	120	2025-03-03
		E.E. Oliver Elementary School	7	142	2025-03-04
Subtotal	Sum		14	262	
M.D. of Greenview		Valleyview Ranch Colony School	1	11	2024-11-14
		Homeland Colony School	1	24	2024-11-14
		St. Stephen's Catholic School	9	172	2025-02-27
		Ridgevalley School	7	94	2025-03-17
		Penson School	5	79	2025-03-24
		Harry Gray Elementary School	6	93	2025-04-16
Subtotal	Sum		29	473	
M.D. of Lesser Slave River		Smith School	4	37	2025-05-05
		C.J. Schurter Elementary School	9	205	2025-05-06
		C.J. Schurter Elementary School	10	218	2025-05-07
Subtotal	Sum		23	460	
M.D. of Peace		Grimshaw Public School	0	0	2025-04-07
		Grimshaw Public School	6	84	2025-05-12
		Grimshaw Public School	4	56	2025-06-09
Subtotal	Sum		10	140	
M.D. of Pincher Creek		St. Michael's School	6	165	2025-02-10
		Waterton Colony School	1	2	2025-02-27
		Livingstone Colony School	2	23	2025-02-27
Subtotal	Sum		9	190	
M.D. of Provost		Provost Public School	6	125	2025-02-21
		Artlisk School	4	73	2025-04-09
Subtotal	Sum		10	198	
M.D. of Smoky River		Twilight Colony School	2	39	2025-05-26
		Twilight Colony School	1	19	2025-05-26
		Ecole Routhier School	5	86	2025-06-10
		Ecole Routhier School	6	92	2025-06-17
Subtotal	Sum		14	236	
M.D. of Spirit River		Rycraft School	3	81	2025-06-11
Subtotal	Sum		3	81	
M.D. of Taber		Enchant Colony School	1	23	2024-12-09
		Hillridge Colony School	2	36	2025-01-08
		Copperfield Colony School	1	35	2025-01-09
		Dr. Hamman School	9	221	2025-01-22
		Vauxhall Elementary School	7	145	2025-02-12
		Oaklane Colony School	2	23	2025-02-13
		Chamberlain School	4	45	2025-03-06
		Taber Christian School	6	119	2025-03-11
		Enchant School	5	79	2025-03-20

		Central Elementary School	5	104	2025-04-14
		Central Elementary School	6	117	2025-04-15
		Taber Christian School	5	105	2025-04-28
		Taber Christian School	4	69	2025-04-29
		Barnwell School	5	87	2025-05-21
Subtotal	Sum		62	1208	
M.D. Of Wainwright		Blessed Sacrament School	7	404	2024-11-20
		Wainwright Elementary School	7	384	2025-02-18
		Wainwright Elementary School	1	20	2025-02-20
		Edgerton Public School	1	23	2025-03-04
		Edgerton Public School	3	54	2025-03-11
		Irma School	7	162	2025-04-02
		Holt Colony School	1	9	2025-05-05
Subtotal	Sum		27	1056	
M.D. Of Willow Creek		Ewelme Colony School	2	18	2025-01-13
		Granum School	0	0	2025-02-27
		Clear Lake Colony School	1	24	2025-02-28
		Willow Creek Colony School	1	28	2025-03-05
		Greenwood Colony School	1	21	2025-03-05
		Stavely Elementary School	4	88	2025-03-10
		Granum School	3	57	2025-03-25
		Thompson Colony School	1	10	2025-04-02
		A.B. Daley Community School	6	111	2025-04-17
Subtotal	Sum		19	357	
Mackenzie County		Buffalo Head Prairie School	7	192	2025-05-05
Subtotal	Sum		7	192	
Mountain View County		Cremona School	9	211	2024-11-19
		Olds Kolnola Christian School	7	178	2024-11-28
		Reed Ranch School	4	59	2025-01-14
		Carstairs Elementary School	10	206	2025-01-15
		Carstairs Elementary School	10	239	2025-01-16
		Neudorf Colony School	1	11	2025-01-29
		Ecole Olds Elementary School	8	190	2025-02-10
		Ecole Olds Elementary School	8	177	2025-02-11
		Ecole Olds Elementary School	9	192	2025-02-12
		Ross Ford Elementary School	7	167	2025-03-03
		Ross Ford Elementary School	6	143	2025-03-04
		River Valley School	7	177	2025-03-05
		River Valley School	9	234	2025-03-05
		Westglen School	5	139	2025-04-04
		Mountain View Colony School	1	11	2025-05-12
Subtotal	Sum		101	2334	
Northern Sunrise County		Nampa Public School	4	41	2025-04-14
Subtotal	Sum		4	41	
Parkland County		Ecole Meridian Heights School	9	218	2024-12-16
		High Park School	11	271	2025-01-24
		Mulr Lake Community School	9	190	2025-02-12
		Mulr Lake Community School	9	216	2025-02-13
		Duffield School	7	155	2025-02-19
		Entwistle School	4	75	2025-04-15
		Tomahawk School	4	92	2025-06-05
Subtotal	Sum		53	1218	
Ponoka County		Mecca Glen School	3	61	2024-11-12
		Bluffton School	5	95	2024-11-14
		Ponoka Elementary School	7	274	2025-03-17
		Ponoka Elementary School	7	264	2025-03-20
		Rimbey Elementary School	1	61	2025-05-06
		Rimbey Elementary School	7	257	2025-05-22
		Leedale Colony School	1	15	2025-06-23
		Ferrybank Colony School	1	18	2025-06-23
Subtotal	Sum		32	1045	

Red Deer County	Delburne Centralized School	8	194	2024-11-18
	Poplar Ridge School	7	171	2024-11-21
	Spruce View School	7	144	2024-12-03
	Rainbow Colony School	1	23	2024-12-10
	Pine Hill Colony School	1	13	2024-12-10
	Bowden Grandview School	7	152	2025-01-10
	Elnora School	4	47	2025-01-14
	Ecole John Wilson Elementary School	8	160	2025-01-23
	Jessie Duncan Elementary School	6	112	2025-01-24
	Jessie Duncan Elementary School	7	162	2025-01-27
	Ecole John Wilson Elementary School	9	193	2025-01-28
	Beacon Hill Elementary School	9	209	2025-03-10
	Beacon Hill Elementary School	7	104	2025-03-11
	Innisfail Middle School	7	152	2025-03-31
	Ecole Steffie Wolma Elementary School	8	199	2025-04-02
	Ecole Steffie Wolma Elementary School	11	225	2025-04-03
	C.P. Blakely Elementary School	7	187	2025-04-29
	C.P. Blakely Elementary School	7	159	2025-04-30
	Penhold Elementary School	9	213	2025-05-13
	Rainbow Colony School	1	23	2025-06-19
Subtotal	Sum	131	2902	
Rocky View County	Crossfield Elementary School	4	91	2025-03-21
	Beiseker Community School	6	109	2025-03-25
	Kathryn School	8	132	2025-03-27
	Indus School	7	142	2025-04-01
	Beiseker Colony School	1	16	2025-04-15
	Tschetter Colony School	1	15	2025-04-15
	Fairview Colony School	1	18	2025-04-17
	Banded Peak School	6	119	2025-05-02
Subtotal	Sum	34	642	
Saddle Hills County	Bay Tree Colony School	1	8	2025-02-18
	Silver Valley Colony School	1	8	2025-02-18
	Doe River Colony School	2	18	2025-02-24
Subtotal	Sum	4	34	
Smoky Lake County	Wilna School	3	18	2025-05-21
	H.A. Kostash School	6	166	2025-05-22
	Holy Family Catholic School	3	67	2025-06-16
Subtotal	Sum	12	251	
Special Area 2	Jenner Colony School	1	17	2025-05-06
	Berry Creek Colony School/Stahl Colony	1	9	2025-05-07
	Berry Creek Colony School/Stahl Colony	1	9	2025-05-07
	Hand Hills Colony School	2	23	2025-05-07
	Berry Creek Community School	3	32	2025-06-06
Subtotal	Sum	8	90	
Special Area 3	Wind River Colony School	1	19	2025-05-06
	Youngstown School	2	31	2025-06-02
	Oyen Public School	5	78	2025-06-03
	Prairie View Colony School	1	6	2025-06-04
	New Brigden School	2	19	2025-06-04
Subtotal	Sum	11	153	
Special Area 4	Veteran Colony School (Harts Colony School)	2	27	2025-06-19
Subtotal	Sum	2	27	
Starland County	Morrin School	3	60	2025-03-12
	Craigmyte Colony School	1	7	2025-05-08
	Cloverleaf Colony School	1	18	2025-05-08
	Starland Colony School	2	22	2025-05-09
	Blue Sky Colony School	1	16	2025-05-09
	East River Colony School	1	10	2025-05-15
	Neu Muehl Colony School	1	5	2025-05-20
	Verdant Valley Colony School	1	15	2025-05-20
Della School	3	48	2025-06-02	

Subtotal	Sum		14	201	
Strathcona County		Castle Colony School	1	28	2025-05-09
Subtotal	Sum		1	28	
Sturgeon County		Ban Accord Community School	0	0	2025-01-11
Subtotal	Sum		0	0	
Vulcan County		Little Bow Colony School	1	16	2024-12-04
		Carmangay Colony	1	11	2025-02-03
		Arrowwood Colony School	1	20	2024-12-10
		Wild Rose Colony School	1	4	2024-12-18
		Mtlo School	4	56	2025-02-06
		Lomond Colony School	1	19	2025-03-04
		Arrowwood Community School	3	43	2025-03-17
		Wild Rose Colony School	1	4	2025-03-26
		Vulcan Prairieview Elementary School	8	177	2025-04-01
		Little Bow Colony School	1	16	2025-06-04
Subtotal	Sum		22	366	
Wheatland County		Ecole Brenwood Elementary School	7	158	2024-12-09
		Carseland School	5	94	2025-03-07
		George Freeman School	12	276	2025-03-19
		Wheatland Crossing	9	179	2025-03-20
		Rosebud River Colony School	1	9	2025-03-24
		Rosebud Creek Colony School	1	22	2025-03-24
		Trinity Christian Academy	3	77	2025-03-26
		Sayre Colony School	1	24	2025-04-07
		Stanhille/Hines Colony School	2	37	2025-04-07
		Clearview Colony School	1	31	2025-04-08
		Fairville Colony School	1	8	2025-04-08
		Twin Creeks Colony School	1	21	2025-05-05
		Towers Colony School	1	17	2025-05-05
		Midwest Colony School	1	13	2025-05-12
		Greentree School	8	181	2025-05-22
		Greentree School	8	158	2025-05-23
		Crawling Valley Colony School	1	14	2025-05-26
		Wintering Hills Colony School	2	41	2025-05-26
		Rising Sun Colony School	2	25	2025-05-27
		Green Acres Colony School	1	14	2025-05-27
		Sandhills Colony School	1	17	2025-06-11
		Poplar Row Colony School	1	11	2025-06-12
		Glenrose Colony School	1	28	2025-06-12
Subtotal	Sum		71	1455	
Woodlands County		Ecole St. Mary School	10	210	2025-01-20
		Pat Hardy Elementary School	9	185	2025-04-23
		Pat Hardy Elementary School	7	153	2025-04-24
		Ecole St Anne	7	150	2025-05-13
		Ecole St Anne	7	154	2025-05-14
Subtotal	Sum		40	852	
Yellowhead County		Fulham School	4	39	2025-01-17
		Yellowhead Koinonia Christian School	4	69	2025-02-21
		Mary Bergeron School	10	211	2025-03-18
		Mary Bergeron School	7	150	2025-03-19
		Wildwood School	4	71	2025-04-15
		Evansview School	5	120	2025-05-09
		Niton Central School	3	56	2025-06-10
Subtotal	Sum		37	716	
Total	Sum		1754	37118	

For more information about this report or our Safety Smarts program please contact:
 Carma Flaig | Safety Smarts Program Manager: programs@heartlandssupport.ca



REQUEST FOR DECISION

MEETING:	Council Meeting RM 03-26
MEETING DATE:	February 11 th , 2026
PRESENTED BY:	Simon Amting, Agricultural Fieldman
TITLE:	2026 Agricultural Appeal Board Committee Member

Background/Proposal:

Referring to Bylaw 05-2022 – The Agricultural Appeal Committee Bylaw.

After the Organization Meeting on November 3rd 2025, Two out of three seats were appointed, leaving one vacancy on the Agricultural Appeal Board Committee.

The Agricultural Fieldman is asking our ASB members if any of them would like to fill this vacancy.

During the December 18th meeting the ASB made a motion to recommend to Council that Aaron Young and Clint Lefley would join the Agricultural Appeal Board.

Administrative Recommendations:

That the Council agrees to Nominate Aaron Young and Clint Lefley for the Agricultural Appeal Board.

Or

That Council directs administration accordingly.

Simon Amting, Agricultural Fieldman

**REQUEST FOR DECISION**

MEETING:	Council RM 03-26
MEETING DATE:	February 11, 2026
PRESENTED BY:	Simon Amting, Agricultural Fieldman
TITLE:	2026 Alberta Invasive Species Funding Request

Background/Proposal:

On behalf of the Alberta Invasive Species Council (AISC), I am writing to extend our sincere thanks to M.D. of Spirit River for your valued support as a 2025 Bronze Partnership. As we plan for the year ahead, we formally invite you to renew this vital partnership for 2026. To assist with your decision, we have attached a letter that outlines how AISC serves as a cost-effective partner, providing the tools and resources needed to meet these challenges. We have also included our 2024 Infographic Report, which showcases our collective impact.

The Agricultural Service Board recommends to Council that the MD of Spirit River funds AISC the \$1,000 for a 2026 Bronze Partnership.

Administrative Recommendations:

That Council funds AISC the \$1000 for the 2026 Bronze Partnership with AISC.

Or

That Council directs administration accordingly.

Simon Amting, Agricultural Fieldman



Alberta Invasive Species Council
P.O. Box 1925
Blairmore, AB T0K 0E0

October 10, 2025

M.D. of Spirit River
4202 50th Street
Spirit River, AB T0H 3G0

Subject: Reconnecting to Protect Alberta's Future: An Invitation to Renew Your 2026 Partnership

To: Agricultural Service Board/Agricultural Fieldman of M.D. of Spirit River

Greetings,

On behalf of the Alberta Invasive Species Council (AISC), I am writing to reconnect and thank you for your past 2025 Bronze Partnership support. Your previous partnership was instrumental in helping us protect Alberta's rural communities from the economic and ecological threats of invasive species. As we look to the future, we invite you to renew that vital partnership.

The challenges we face from invasive species continue to grow, posing a significant risk to agricultural producers and local economies that our communities depend on. As you know from our previous work together, the AISC serves as a cost-effective, non-regulatory partner, providing the practical tools and scientific resources needed to meet these challenges head-on and fulfill your responsibilities under the *Weed Control Act* and *Agricultural Pest Act*.

A Reminder of How We Serve as Your Partner:

Your past support helped us deliver services that directly benefit your staff and residents, including:

- **Overseeing Key Outreach Tools:** We update, print, and distribute essential guides like the *Invasive Plants of Alberta Guide* and the *Aquatic Invasive Species Pocket Guide*.
- **Maintaining Alberta's Go-To Factsheet Library:** We provide a comprehensive library of invasive species factsheets, a critical resource for your staff and the public.
- **Providing Professional Development:** Through our annual conference, workshops and webinars, we offer vital training and networking for certified pesticide applicators, weed inspectors, and land stewards.





- **Facilitating Data and Early Detection:** We support platforms like EDDMapS, improving early detection and verifying invasive species reports for actionable municipal decision-making.
- **Leading Province-Wide Programs:** We coordinate critical initiatives like the biological control release program and the Certified Weed Free Forage Program.
- **Delivering High-Impact Awareness Campaigns:** Our memorable campaigns like *Rat on Rats!*, *Protect Our Waters*, and *Squeal on Pigs* engage the public and reinforce the important work you do.

Why Your Renewed Partnership is Critical

While we are successful in securing project-specific grants, this funding is restricted to deliverables and does not cover the core operational capacity needed to sustain our work. Consistent partnership funding provides the essential operational support that allows us to function effectively.

This stable funding is an investment we leverage to bring even more resources into the province. It allows us to dedicate the staff time required to manage the numerous grant applications that fund our programs and enables us to navigate unexpected funding gaps or address emerging invasive threats swiftly.

We are confident that renewing your partnership with the AISC remains a sound investment in the long-term well-being of your community. We would be pleased to provide a virtual presentation to your board or council, complete a formal funding application, or provide any additional information you require to make this decision.

Rekindle a Vital Alliance: Partnership Opportunities

Please see the partnership levels below for a detailed breakdown of benefits. We hope you will consider rejoining us in our mission to combat invasive species and safeguard our province's future.

Partner Benefit	Bronze Partner (\$1,000)	Silver Partner (\$2,000)	Gold Partner (\$5,000)	Platinum Partner (\$10,000+)
Free use of EDDMapS, EDDMapS Pro, and ISM Track apps	✓	✓	✓	✓
Opportunity to contribute articles & participate in working groups/events	✓	✓	✓	✓



Recognition on the AISC website	✓	✓	✓	✓
Recognition in our quarterly newsletter	✓	✓	✓	✓
Recognition at AISC's Annual Conference	✓	✓	✓	✓
Exclusive access to the AISC's Newsletter Archive	✓	✓	✓	✓
Access to campaign promotional and educational materials	✓	✓	✓	✓
Annual AISC Memberships (with AGM vote)	2	3	4	5
Member rate for AISC Conference Registration	2	3	4	5
Member rate on select items in the AISC online store	2	3	4	5
Free conference registration(s)	—	—	1	2
Customized virtual presentation	—	✓	✓	✓
Customized in-person presentation	—	—	—	✓

We valued your partnership in the past and hope to have the opportunity to collaborate with you once again. Together, we can ensure Alberta remains a beautiful, prosperous, and resilient place for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Megan Evans

Megan Evans
Executive Director
Alberta Invasive Species Council
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**REQUEST FOR DECISION**

MEETING:	Council RM 03-26
MEETING DATE:	February 11th, 2026
PRESENTED BY:	Simon Amting, Agricultural Fieldman
TITLE:	2026 PCBFA Funding Request

Background/Proposal:

The Peace Country Beef and Forage Association (PCBFA) is one of the local applied research associations that provides valuable research for Peace Country farmers. They request funds annually to fund the costs of this research.

The PCBFA has requested \$7,000 in funding for 2026. The interim budget is \$7,000 for PCBFA Funding, which reflects the funding amount last year.

The Agricultural Service Board recommends to Council that the MD of Spirit River funds PCBFA the \$7000 for 2026.

Administrative Recommendations:

That Council Funds the \$7000 for 2026.

Or

That Council directs administration accordingly.

Simon Amting, Agricultural Fieldman



Peace Country Beef & Forage Association
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Fairview, AB T0H 1L0
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November 4th, 2025

Council and Agriculture Service Board Members
MD of Spirit River
Box 389
Spirit River, AB T0H 3G0

Dear Council and Agriculture Service Board Members,

On behalf of the PCBFA staff, board of directors, and members, I want to express our deep gratitude for your ongoing support and partnership. Our municipal support is a crucial piece of a stable base for the association, as well as a source of matching funds to leverage for research and extension projects, and therefore is our most important funding source.

We would greatly appreciate your continued funding support in the amount of **\$7,000** for 2026. In order to ensure that the MD of Spirit River is extremely satisfied with the level of service delivered by PCBFA, and to help us continue to shape our future partnership, we ask that council and/or agriculture service board members complete our Municipal Partners Feedback Survey 2025, which can be found here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2CJPMZ8>.

We would also love the opportunity to attend one of your meetings over the fall or winter as a delegate, to provide an update on deliverables from this past year, as well as discuss plans for future years. Should you have any questions, concerns, or any other feedback – please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to meeting with you soon.

Sincerely,

Liisa Jeffrey, B.Sc.(Agr.), P.Ag.
Executive Director, Peace Country Beef & Forage Association
(780) 296-3417
liisa@pcbfa.ca

**REQUEST FOR DECISION**

MEETING:	Council RM 03-26
MEETING DATE:	February 11, 2026
PRESENTED BY:	Simon Amting, Agricultural Fieldman
TITLE:	2026 VSI Funding Request

Background/Proposal:

Enclosed is a copy of the 2026 VSI contract extension for the Municipal District of Spirit River #133. Each year VSI requests funds from the MD of Spirit River, in 2025 the MD of Spirit River funded \$11,500. This year VSI is asking for the same amount of \$11,500.

The Agricultural Service Board recommends to Council that the MD of Spirit River funds VSI the \$11,500 for 2026.

Administrative Recommendations:

That Council agrees to fund VSI the asking amount of \$11,500 for the 2026 term.

Or

That Council directs administration accordingly.

Simon Amting, Agricultural Fieldman

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November 10, 2025

Mrs. Shirley Hayden, CAO
Municipal District of Spirit River #133
Box 389
Spirit River, AB T0H 3G0



Dear Shirley,

Enclosed are two (2) copies of the 2026 VSI contract extension for the Municipality District of Spirit River #133. The copy with the attached tentative schedules is yours to keep. Please sign and return the other copy to me.

The VSI Board of Directors approved a basic 1.5 % increase in fees for 2026. There was no gap for 2025, and this only project a 1.5% increase for 2026. It may trail the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association (AB.VMA) 2026 suggested fee schedule. Their final decision will only be known towards the end of December, which is too late for us to adapt. In addition, the VSI Board of Directors recommended a 10% contingency ask to guard against the need to requisition further funding later in the year.

The \$11,500.00 figure in your contract was reached as follows:

- a) The cost of your claims, for the period October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025, was increased by 11.5% to cover the 1.5% increase, and a 10% contingency.
- b) Estimated net administration costs of \$738 were added to the above total.
Note: Your estimated administrative costs, which also includes GST on services, are based on 1.5% of estimated net administrative costs of \$49,474. Estimated net administrative cost includes a 11.5% increase to cover raise in the GST portion.
- c) Finally, your contract figure was rounded off to the nearest \$500.00

Please **do not remit any funds at this time**. Your requisition will be determined in late January or early February, after all of your 2025 claims have been processed. Your requisition will consist of your actual claims for 2025 increased by 11.5%, along with an estimate of net administrative costs.

Appropriate adjustments will be made to your requisition statement to account for any deficits, or surpluses, in your VSI account as of December 31, 2025.

This agreement made effective as of January 1, 2026.

Between

V.S.I. SERVICES (1980) LTD.

A body corporate under the laws of the Province of Alberta (hereinafter called "V.S.I.")

and

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER #133 in the Province of Alberta, representing the district ratepayers (hereinafter called the "Municipal Jurisdiction").

Whereas the parties hereto are parties to an agreement in writing dated January 1, 2025 (hereinafter referred to as the "agreement"); and

Whereas the agreement, by its terms, is deemed to terminate on December 31, 2025; and

Whereas the parties hereto desire to continue the agreement in full force and effect for the period from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026.

Now therefore this agreement witnesses that in consideration of the premises and the covenants hereafter contained:

1. The agreement shall be deemed to continue in full force and effect for the period from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 and all references to any date or dates in the agreement and the term of its termination shall be amended accordingly.
2. Schedule "A" 50/50 and Schedule "B" to the agreement shall be dated effective January 1, 2026.
3. The Municipal Jurisdiction agrees to provide V.S.I. with the funds necessary to implement, administer and carry out the Veterinary Health Program until this agreement is terminated. The Municipal Jurisdiction agrees to advance the sum of

ELEVEN THOUSAND AND FIVE HUNDRED (\$11,500.00) DOLLARS

to establish the Veterinary Health Program in the Jurisdiction for the 2026 calendar year.

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The parties agree to observe and perform all other terms, covenants, conditions and provisions on the part of each of them respectively contained in the agreement subject only to the amendments contained herein.

V.S.I. SERVICES (1980) LTD.

Per 
Rik Vandekerkhove

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of:

Witness

M. D. OF SPIRIT RIVER #133

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER #133

Until this Tariff is amended, and subject to the terms and conditions of the year 2026 contract, VSI Services (1980) Ltd. will pay up to the listed VSI fee for charges by the veterinarian for the services stated herein. All other charges levied in association with the service(s) being claimed must be shown on the invoice.

Note: Unless otherwise noted all flat rate and hourly fees are fully inclusive which means the fee includes exams, local anaesthetic procedures (including the drugs), surgical packs, suture materials, stitch removal and all drug administration procedures.

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A. Ancillary (add-on) Services

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Clinic Visit Fee	9	59.00	29.50	29.50

Note: This fee can only be claimed in conjunction with another valid VSI claim. It can only be charged once per occurrence. It is not a per animal fee.

Epidural	1	48.40	24.20	24.20
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Note: Epidurals can only be claimed in conjunction with dystocias (code 31), embryotomies (code 44 & 45) & prolapse revisits under code 52.

Intramuscular or Subcutaneous Injections	3	8.80	4.40	4.40
Intravenous Injections	4	17.20	8.60	8.60
Stall Fee (calves - per 24 hr.)	10	43.40	21.70	21.70
Stall Fee (older animals -per day)	11	69.10	34.55	34.55
Oral Drug Administration	5	47.60	23.80	23.80
Subconjunctival injection	7	17.20	8.60	8.60

Note: Codes 3, 4, 5 & 7 can only be claimed once per animal and only in conjunction with a code 26, 27, 50, 51, or 52 claim.

X-ray (digital equipment all views taken)	2	265.80	132.90	132.90
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Note: Please be judicious in taking x-rays in situations where the x-ray won't add to the diagnosis or alter the course of treatment (e.g. most cases of broken legs in calves).

B. Flat Rate Inclusive Surgical Procedures

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Abscesses	28	256.00	128.00	128.00
Claw Amputation	17	372.50	186.25	186.25
Epididymectomy	20	399.40	199.70	199.70
Eye Enucleation	16	558.60	279.30	279.30
LDA (Left Displaced Abomasum)	22	649.00	324.50	324.50
Omphalitis – Intra-abdominal debridement	35	388.30	194.15	194.15

Note: For superficial procedures with minimal debridement use code 28

RDA (Right Displaced Abomasum)	23	724.70	362.35	362.35
Rumen Fistula	24	262.20	131.10	131.10
Sole Abscess	29	202.40	101.20	101.20
Torsion (abomasal or intestinal – calves < 200#)	14	411.00	205.50	205.50
Umbilical Hernia (eviscerated in newborn calves)	18	411.00	205.50	205.50
Urethrostomy	15	325.30	162.65	162.65
Vasectomy	19	439.20	219.60	219.60

C. Flat Rate Obstetrical and Reproductive Services

Note: **Oxytocin and/or uterine boluses are included in all obstetrical procedures.**

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Caesarean Section	41	780.70	390.35	390.35
Dystocia	31	341.90	170.95	170.95
Embryotomy (1 or 2 cuts)	44	530.40	265.20	265.20
Embryotomy (3 or more cuts)	45	624.40	312.20	312.20
Uterine Torsion (manual correction)	46	385.70	192.85	192.85

Note: Code #1 (epidural) can be added, as appropriate, with codes 31, 44, 45, 46 & 52.

Scrotal Circumference Measurement	65	36.70	18.35	18.35
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Note: This fee **only** applies for **bulls eliminated** from further breeding soundness evaluations.

Semen Test (1 st bull)	60	146.80	73.40	73.40
Semen Test (2 nd to 7 th bull)	61	103.60	51.80	51.80 each

Note: There is a **limit of 7** bulls per producer

Pregnancy Testing (per head)	6	7.00	3.50	3.50 each
Heifer Maturity Palpation (per head)	6hp	12.00	6.00	6.00 each

Note A higher fee can be charged for the first animal as per the AB.VMA fee schedule but VSI will only pay the VSI rate for the first animal.

Prolapses (includes epidural given)				
-Rectal	74	183.50	91.75	91.75
-Uterine	71	321.30	160.65	160.65
-Vaginal	81	238.80	119.40	119.40
-Vaginal & Rectal	84	275.70	137.85	137.85

D. Hourly Rates for Surgical & Professional Services

Note: **Rates are quoted for 1/4 hour (15 minute) intervals.** -- **All of the services in this section are fully inclusive** and an hourly rate can't be used for services for which a flat rate fee has been established.

Code 12A/12B or 13A/13B claims **CAN'T EXCEED 1½ hours** (parts A & B combined)

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Surgery (major)	12A	142.80	71.40	71.40
Non Surgical Professional time	12B	80.40	40.20	40.20
Surgery (minor)	13A	86.40	43.20	43.20
Non Surgical Professional time	13B	80.40	40.20	40.20

Note: Only the actual surgical time should be claimed under codes 12 & 13. Time required for related services, e.g. examination, surgical preparation, immediate post surgical treatments, etc. should be claimed under codes 12B or 13B.

Professional Services (general)	25	80.40	40.20	40.20
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Note: This fee is used:

- For **herd** health visitations and/or **problems** (max. 2 units for set-up Veterinary-client-Patient Relation)
- In place of codes 50, 51, 52 & 55 **as specified in section "E"**
- When **more than two postmortems** are conducted
- When a single animal is examined, euthanized then subjected to a postmortem
- Other instances as agreed to or recommended by the VSI Manager

Time claimed for codes 12, 13 & 25 should be consistent with time required by a veterinarian of **average competence.**

E. Flat Rate Non-Surgical Professional Services

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum fee	50% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Cast Application (closed reduction)	26	184.90	92.45	92.45
Cast Removal	27	87.00	43.50	43.50
Examination	50	152.60	76.30	76.30
Examination (2 nd animal)	51	91.60	45.80	45.80
Examination (re-visit)	52	91.60	45.80	45.80
Next 24 hr IV hook-up + monitor	53	91.60	45.80	45.80
I.V. Hook - up (1 st & 2 nd no monitor)	55	169.70	84.85	84.85

Note: **This code includes the examination** and is for situations where the animal is not hospitalized for follow-up care.

Note: Services normally covered by codes 50, 51, 52 & 55 will be claimed under code 25 when more than two (2) claims are made using any combination of codes 50, 51, 52 & 55

Services normally covered under **code 50, in combination with flat fee(s) of equal or greater value, automatically become code 51 - second animal**

I.V. Hook - up + 24 hour monitor	56	236.40	118.20	118.20
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Note: **Only** for calves up to **two months old**. It **includes the exam and professional services** for the **first 24 hours**. **Code 53** should be used to cover professional services in subsequent 24 hour periods.

Postmortem - Brain Removal	99	98.40	49.20	49.20
Postmortem - 300 pounds or less / telemedicine	90	152.60	76.30	76.30
Postmortem - 300 to 800 pounds	91	162.90	81.45	81.45
Postmortem - over 800 pounds	92	245.10	122.55	122.55

Note: For **more than 2** postmortems at the **same time** make a **single code 25 claim**. When a **single animal is examined, euthanized then subjected to a postmortem** make a **single code 25 claim**

Technovit Block - Application of	30	132.00	66.00	66.00
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Note: **Materials are included** in this service.

PIGS

All Services

Note: With the exception of the following pig services are to be billed by the hour under codes 12, 13, or 25, as appropriate:

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Examination	50	152.60	76.30	76.30
Examination (2 nd animal)	51	91.60	45.80	45.80
Examination (re-visit)	52	91.60	45.80	45.80

Note: Codes 3, 4 & 5 can be claimed with codes 50, 51 & 52, as appropriate

Postmortem - 20 pounds or less / telemedicine	93	105.30	52.65	52.65
Postmortem - 20 to 100 pounds	94	111.40	55.70	55.70
Postmortem - over 100 pounds	95	141.50	70.75	70.75

Note: For **more than 2** postmortems at the **same time** make a **single code 25 claim**.

SHEEP & GOATS**All Services**

Note: Most sheep and goat services can be billed by the hour under codes 12, 13, or 25, as appropriate, with the exception of the specific flat rate codes in this section:

All of the sheep codes are inclusive with the exception of codes 33, 50, 51 & 52 where the same conditions apply as for cattle.

Oxytocin and/or uterine boluses are included in all obstetrical procedures.

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Caesarean	43	478.10	239.05	239.05
Dystocia	33	212.70	106.35	106.35
Examination	50	152.60	76.30	76.30
Examination (2 nd animal)	51	91.60	45.80	45.80
Examination (re-visit)	52	91.60	45.80	45.80

Note: Codes 3, 4 & 5 can be claimed with codes 26, 27, 50, 51 & 52, as appropriate.

Semen Test (1 st animal)	66	127.80	63.90	63.90
Semen Test (subsequent animals)	67	96.90	48.45	48.45
Postmortem - 20 pounds or less / telemedicine	96	105.30	52.65	52.65
Postmortem - 20 to 100 pounds	97	112.50	56.25	56.25
Postmortem - over 100 pounds	98	137.30	68.65	68.65

Note: For more than 2 postmortems at the same time make a single code 25 claim.

Prolapse - Rectal	76	150.50	75.25	75.25
Prolapse - Uterine	73	220.20	110.10	110.10
Prolapse - Vaginal	83	150.50	75.25	75.25
Prolapse - Vaginal & Rectal (NEW)	85	195.80	97.90	97.90

BEEES**Establishment of VCPR only (2 units max allowed)**

SERVICE (per unit of 15 minutes)	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Establishment of VCPR	25	80.40	40.20	40.20

V.S.I. SERVICES (1980) LTD.

SCHEDULE "B"

Annexed to and forming a part of the agreement dated **effective January 1, 2026**

Following are some of the services not payable by V.S.I. Services (1980) Ltd

- a) castrations
- b) dehorning
- c) dockings
- d) spaying heifers
- e) embryo transplants, artificial insemination
- f) routine trimming of feet
- g) meat inspection
- h) scrotal hernias - all species
- i) umbilical hernias - all species
 - Note:** With the exception of eviscerated hernias in newborn calves
- j) cryptorchid surgery- all species
- k) insurance examinations (including mortality, loss of use exams & reports)
- l) listed herd and dispersal sales
- m) shows & sales
- n) endorsement fees
- o) export testing
- p) parentage sampling
- q) routine vaccinations
- r) all drugs and medicines
- s) all laboratory fees
- t) waiting time
- u) after hours, emergency, or holiday fees
- v) mileage
- w) services relating to quality assurance programs such as CQA & QSII.
- x) internal fracture fixation procedures
- y) hospitalization for any **service not listed in Schedule "A"**
- z) Services under codes 12A/B & 13A/B over & above 1½ hours
- aa) Exams for non-conventional treatments and those treatments. (Examples: adjustments, acupuncture etc.)
- ab) VCPR consultations for a period longer than 2 units of code #25 (on farm only)
- ac) Blood transfusions (collection portion)

All "Schedule A" services for species not specifically identified on "Schedule A"

Note: All jurisdictions cover "Schedule A" services for the bovine, porcine, caprine and ovine species. Some jurisdictions cover some, or all, "Schedule A" services for alternative livestock species (e.g. elk, bison, deer, etc.). The specific species and services covered will be identified on the "Schedule A" that was approved by that particular jurisdiction.

Any other veterinary services not specifically listed in Schedule "A" as amended from time to time.



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133
REVISED BYLAW NO. 01-AM-2026
(REVISION TO BYLAW NO. 02-AM-2025)

BEING A BYLAW OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, FOR THE PURPOSE CLOSING TO PUBLIC TRAVEL AND DISPOSING OF PORTIONS OF A ROAD ALLOWANCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 22 OF THE *MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT*, CHAPTER M-26.1, REVISED STATUTES OF ALBERTA 2000, AS AMENDED.

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

WHEREAS, application has been made to Council to have portions of an undeveloped road allowances closed; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 deems it expedient to provide for a bylaw for the purpose of closing to public travel portions of an undeveloped road allowance, situated in the said municipality, and thereafter disposing of same; and

WHEREAS, notice of intention of Council to pass a bylaw has been given in accordance with Section 606 of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c.M-26, as amended; and

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

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133, in the Province of Alberta, does hereby close to public travel for the purpose of disposing of the following described portions of a road allowance, subject to rights of access granted by other legislation:

ALL THAT PORTION OF THE ORIGINAL ROAD ALLOWANCE AS SHOWN ON A PLAN OF SPIRIT RIVER SETTLEMENT SIGNED AT OTTAWA ON THE 21ST DAY OF DECEMBER A. D. 1908 CROSSING LOT 4 AND WHICH LIES EAST OF THE PRODUCTION SOUTHERLY OF THE EAST BOUNDARY OF ROAD PLAN 4018BM

AND

ALL THAT PORTION OF THE ORIGINAL ROAD ALLOWANCE AS SHOWN ON A PLAN OF SPIRIT RIVER SETTLEMENT SIGNED AT OTTAWA ON THE 21ST DAY OF DECEMBER A.D. 1908 WHICH CROSSES LOT 5 AND WHICH LIES EAST OF THE SOUTHERLY PRODUCTION OF THE EAST BOUNDARY OF INTERVENING CLOSED GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE HAVING A BEARING OF 179 DEGREES AND 58 MINUTES ON SAID SETTLEMENT PLAN

EXCEPTING THEREOUT ALL MINES AND MINERALS

as shown on Schedule "A", attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw.

First Reading given this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Tony Van Rootselaar, Reeve

Shirley Hayden, Chief Administrative Officer

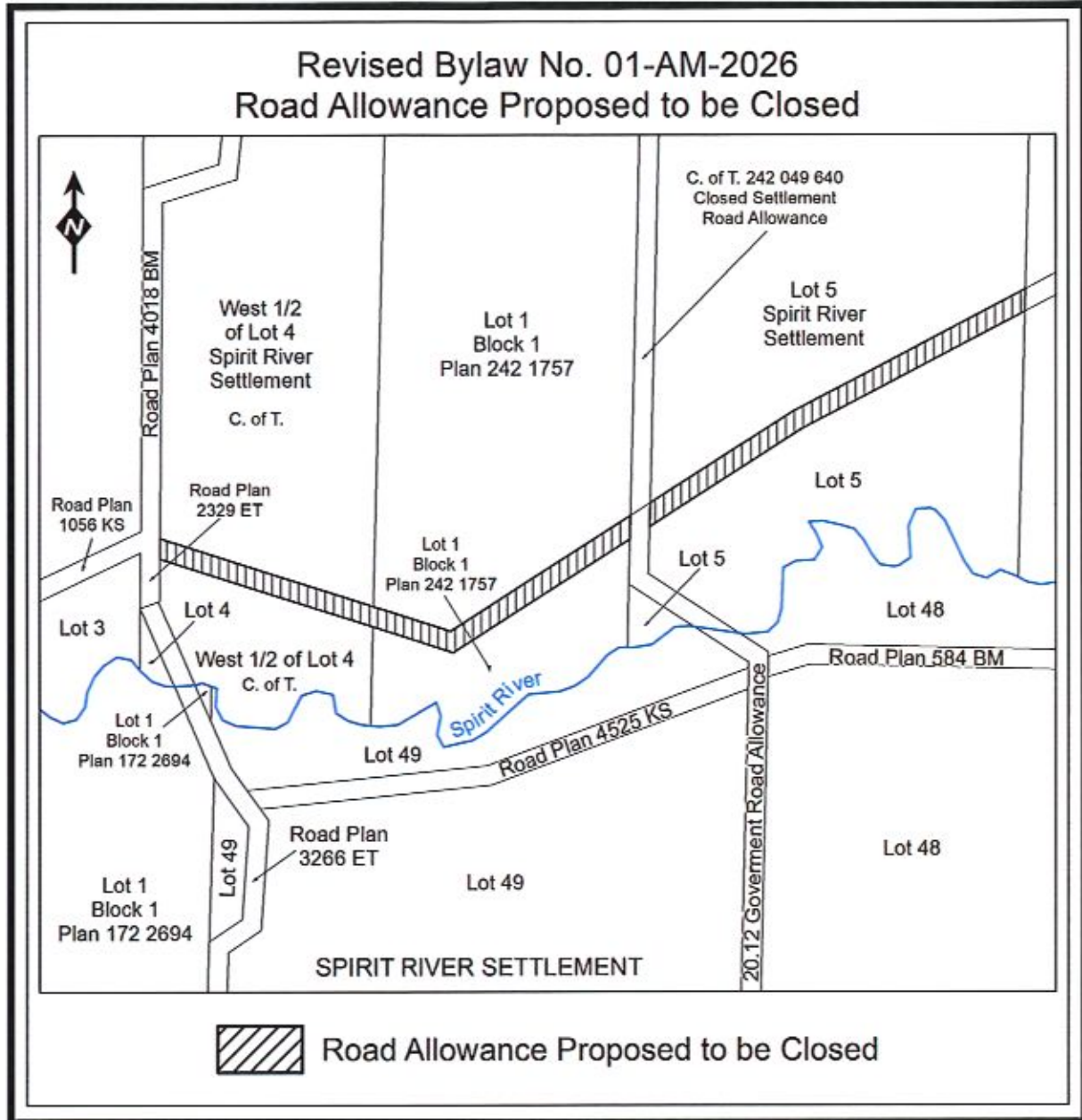
Second Reading given this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Third Reading and Assent given this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Tony Van Rootselaar, Reeve

Shirley Hayden, Chief Administrative Officer

SCHEDULE A





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Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133

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January 16, 2026

TO: CN Rail - Public Affairs, Western Canada

ATTN: Julianne Threlfall

julianne.threlfall@cn.ca

CC: Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors

ATTN: The Honourable Devin Dreeshen

transportation.minister@gov.ab.ca

RE: Maintenance Concerns: Vegetation Management, Sightline Safety, Fire Risk, and General Maintenance on Rail Lines within the MD of Spirit River No. 133

Dear Ms. Threlfall and Honourable Minister Dreeshen,

The Council of the MD of Spirit River No. 133 wishes to express concern for the conditions of the rail line that crosses MD of Spirit River No. 133 land, and also formally address the ongoing maintenance of the rail line corridors crossing our municipality. While we recognize the importance of rail infrastructure to our regional economy, there are critical deficiencies in the current brushing, spraying and vegetation management, and general maintenance programs, that we hope will receive your immediate attention.

1. Sightline Safety at Crossings

The density of brush and tall vegetation at uncontrolled crossings within the MD has reached a level that impacts sight lines and compromises public safety. In an area where heavy agricultural machinery and school buses frequently traverse rail lines, clear sightlines are non-negotiable. We request a comprehensive brushing schedule to clear the "sight triangles" at all grade crossings to ensure our residents can safely identify oncoming rail traffic.

2. Weed Control and Legislative Compliance

Under the *Alberta Weed Control Act*, all landowners—including railway operators—are responsible for controlling Noxious weeds and destroying Prohibited Noxious weeds. We have observed significant infestation and growth of Canada thistle, scentless chamomile, and Kochia, along the CN right-of-way. Left untreated, these areas act as

seed reservoirs that infest adjacent high-value farmland, creating an undue economic burden on our local producers.

3. Integrated Vegetation Management (Spraying)

While we advocate for effective weed control, we also require transparency regarding the timing and chemical composition of spraying operations. It is vital that CN Rail coordinates with the MD's Agricultural Service Board (ASB) to ensure that spraying does not conflict with local organic farming operations or sensitive environmental zones.

4. General Corridor Maintenance

Accumulated debris and lack of drainage maintenance along the rail bed have resulted in localized water ponding, which impacts the integrity of municipal road approaches. A proactive maintenance plan is necessary to prevent infrastructure degradation. Further, the failure to clear brush and tall grasses along the rail line creates a significant "wick effect" that elevates regional fire risks. During dry spells, overgrown deciduous saplings and cured grasses serve as fine fuels that can be easily ignited. Because this corridor often traverses agricultural land and sits adjacent to wind-exposed plateaus, a small embankment fire can rapidly transition into a fast-moving grass fire or a high-intensity brush fire. Without a cleared fuel break (the area typically maintained through brushing and mowing), the accumulated biomass acts as a bridge, allowing flames to jump from the right-of-way into neighboring timber stands or ripening crops, challenging the suppression efforts of local volunteer fire departments.

Requested Actions:

- **A Detailed Maintenance Schedule:** We request a written timeline for brushing and spraying activities within the MD of Spirit River for the upcoming season.
- **A Liaison Meeting:** We invite a representative from CN Rail and the Ministry to meet with our Council to discuss a collaborative long-term maintenance strategy.
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The MD of Spirit River No. 133 prides itself on its agricultural heritage and the safety of its infrastructure. We look forward to your prompt response and a renewed commitment to maintaining the rail corridors to an acceptable provincial and municipal standard.

Sincerely,



Tony Van Rootselaar

Reeve, MD of Spirit River No. 133

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January 29th, 2026

Town of Spirit River Attention: Mayor and Council

Subject: Invitation to Intermunicipal Development Supper Meeting – March 2, 2026

Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of the Municipal District of Spirit River Council, I am writing to extend an invitation to your Council to join us for a supper meeting to discuss matters related to intermunicipal development.

The meeting is proposed for **March 2, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.**, to be held at the **Brownlee Building**. We believe this gathering will provide a valuable opportunity for our municipalities to collaborate, share perspectives, and explore opportunities for continued partnership.

Please let us know if your Council is able to attend, as well as the number of representatives who will be joining us.

Council is eager to engage in meaningful conversation and explore opportunities for continued partnership.

Sincerely,

Shirley Hayden

CAO, Municipal District of Spirit River No.133

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Jan. 29, 2026

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January 28, 2026

Mayor and Council of Town of Spirit River
4502 – 50th Street
Spirit River, AB T0H 3G0

Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of the Council of MD of Spirit River No. 133, this letter confirms our support for the Town of Spirit River's airport runway repair and repaving project.

The Spirit River Airport is an essential regional asset that supports emergency services, economic activity, and transportation connectivity for our municipality and the surrounding region. As a G5 municipal partner, we recognize the importance of maintaining and upgrading this infrastructure to ensure its continued safe and effective operation.

Recognizing the regional importance of this initiative, the MD of Spirit River No. 133 confirms our intent to support this project and acknowledges its significance to the broader region. Subject to future Council approval and funding availability, our municipality is prepared to consider a financial contribution toward the project, in addition to ongoing regional collaboration.

We value our partnership with the Town of Spirit River and are pleased to provide this letter in support of your funding application. We trust it will assist in advancing this important regional infrastructure initiative.

Sincerely,

Tony Van Rootselaar
Reeve, MD of Spirit River No. 133



January 29th, 2026

Town of Spirit River
Box 130
Spirit River, AB T0H 3G0

Attention: Mayor and Council

Sent via email: sjack@townofspiritriver.ca

Re: project and grant applications

Good day, Mayor and Council,

Council had a discussion related to your request for a letter of support regarding a submitted STIP application for airport improvements. Please note Council did send a letter of support however there was no commitment for a funding contribution. We truly appreciate the work your Council and administration have done to maintain your facility; however, we would like to suggest once again that there may be value in re-establishing the Ad-Hoc committee that was created approximately two years ago at your Council's suggestion – but never met. Birch Hills County did not appoint any members at our recent organizational meeting for this reason.

Birch Hills County has always stated that if the airport is to become a regional governance model, all member municipalities need to be at the table early in planning discussions and decisions; especially if there is an expectation for regional municipal contributions to determine what is practical and needed to support a small rural airport with no scheduled flights.

Council has been adamant that prior to discussing any funding or expansion options, a detailed review of operational budgets, multi-year capital budgets and planning studies need to be shared and discussed to ensure those who use the airport pay their fair share.

As part of this discussion, as mentioned previously at a G5 meeting, we believe the municipalities should entertain the concept of a helipad at the hospital to expedite patient care and mitigate the need for conveyance of a patient and medical teams to and from the airport; especially as ambulances are in high demand. In our discussions with STARS, they have been supportive of the concept.

Birch Hills County has similar financial constraints as many municipalities; however, we try to work within our means, and at times make tough decisions to prioritize work for greater benefit of our community. We would ask that any G5 municipality who is working on a significant plan, study or funding application that may require financial support for the municipalities that we are given information and an opportunity for a discussion that may enhance a specific project. Such an approach would help us as we consider multi-year budgets. A case in point was the recent report on regional recreation that is trying to make a case for financial support for Spirit River facilities. Council will review this report at the next Council meeting and offer some initial comment.

In conclusion, Birch Hills County recognizes that not all projects will be supported regionally. We believe developing such a model would improve municipal relations and prepare all Councils for potential future funding considerations as they work through their own budgets and priorities. We also recognize that each Council may not wish to take such an approach. It is the goal of Birch Hills County to collaborate with our neighbours, when possible, for the betterment of residents in a prudent, fiscally responsible manner that affords partners the opportunity to be consulted in a meaningful way.

On Behalf of Council.

Respectfully,



Albert Poetker
Reeve
Birch Hills County

Cc. Saddle Hills County Council
MD Spirit River Council
Village of Rycroft



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The Honourable Todd Loewen, MLA
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RE: Concerns Regarding the Renewed Police Funding Model (PFM) and Municipal Sustainability

Dear Minister Loewen,

On behalf of the Council and residents of the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133, I am writing to express our serious concerns following the recent announcement by the Ministry of Public Safety and Emergency Services regarding the Renewed Police Funding Model set to take effect April 1, 2026.

While we appreciate the government's stated goal of making policing costs predictable and transparent, our concerns center on four critical areas:

- **The 8% Annual Cost Escalator:** The Ministry's projection of an 8% annual increase in policing costs is double or triple the rate of our municipal revenue growth. Forcing municipalities to absorb this compounded increase will inevitably lead to property tax hikes or the degradation of other essential services like road maintenance and recreation.
- **Transparency for Ratepayers (Requisition Status):** Currently, municipalities are forced to bury these provincial policing costs within our general municipal tax rate. This creates a lack of transparency, as ratepayers often mistakenly attribute these tax increases to municipal overspending. We strongly advocate for an amendment to the *Municipal Government Act* to designate the Police Funding Model levy as a formal Requisition (similar to the Education Tax or Seniors Housing). This would allow us to list the cost as

a separate line item on the tax roll, ensuring taxpayers clearly understand which portion of their bill is funding provincial policing.

- **Cost Without Control:** Under the "Renewed" model, our community is being asked to pay a higher share of the total provincial policing bill (moving back toward 30%), yet we have seen no corresponding increase in local detachment staffing or provincial guarantees regarding minimum service levels.
- **The Burden of Vacancies:** Rural municipalities continue to pay for positions that remain unfilled due to RCMP recruitment challenges. We believe it is fundamentally unfair for our residents to fund paper vacancies while rural crime remains a top concern for our residents.

Minister, as a strong voice for rural Alberta, we ask for your support in advocating for three key changes:

1. A "**sustainability cap**" on annual cost increases.
2. A "**pay-for-service**" model where municipalities only pay for the officers actually present in our detachments.
3. **Legislative changes to classify the PFM as a Requisition**, allowing for full transparency on municipal tax notices.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss how these changes will specifically impact the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 2026 budget and the long-term viability of our community.

Sincerely,

Tony Van Rootselaar

Tony Van Rootselaar (Jan 22, 2025 10:57:39 MST)

Tony Van Rootselaar. Reeve, Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133

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cc: Minister Mike Ellis, Public Safety and Emergency Services
Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA)

**Response from CAO Kevin Keller , Village of Rycroft - RE
Potential collaboration regarding the Alberta Traffic Safety
Fund.**

From: CAO <cao@rycroft.ca>
Sent: December 19, 2025 2:12 PM
To: Shirley Hayden <shayden@mdspiritrivier.ab.ca>
Subject: RE: Potential collaboration regarding the Alberta Traffic Safety Fund.

Shirley:
We would be interested in looking at this opportunity further.
Unfortunately, we are essentially closed for the next 2 weeks and will not have a Council meeting until Jan 7th.
As this opportunity was not accounted for in our approved budget from early December, I will need Council approval to move forward.

So, Rycroft is a maybe.

All the best – Happy holidays
Kevin Keller

**Response from CAO Larry Davidson, Birch Hills County - RE
Potential collaboration regarding the Alberta Traffic Safety
Fund.**

I apologize Larry our meeting was last night and we were not made aware of funding until Tuesday afternoon
Chat Soon

From: Larry Davidson <cao@birchhillscounty.com>
Sent: December 18, 2025 3:43 PM
To: Shirley Hayden <shayden@mdspiritrivier.ab.ca>
Subject: RE: Potential collaboration regarding the Alberta Traffic Safety Fund.

Hi Shirley,

This is really short notice. I am not sure I can brief council and get a response prior to Jan 5th as our next council meeting is Jan. 13th.

Larry Davidson CLGM
Chief Administrative Officer



Monty Bremont

From: Alberta Traffic Safety Fund <tec.atsf@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: January 13, 2026 11:13 AM
To: Monty Bremont
Subject: RE: Alberta Traffic Safety Fund – Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Good afternoon Monty,

Thank you for submitting your four applications for the ATSF. We had a quick look and wanted to provide some initial feedback.

We acknowledge that finding similar sites can be challenging for a small municipality. Therefore, venturing slightly outside your boundaries to find similar sites would be acceptable in this case.

We noticed on all four of your applications, the Radar Speed Indicator Signs you are proposing are located on provincial highway Right of Ways. If this were to happen, the signage would become provincial assets and the ownership and responsibility of managing the asset would fall on the province. Typically, if there are safety concerns on a provincially owned and operated highway, the normal procedure would be for the municipality to contact their local Transportation and Economic Corridors (TEC) Regional Office to express their concerns to have them addressed. ATSF program funding is primarily meant for roads and/or intersections that fall under the municipality's direction, control and management. Since your proposed projects fall on provincial highway Right of Ways, we reached out to your Peace Regional Office and they are aware and would be supportive of your proposed projects.

As per the ATSF Guidelines, applications submitted under Stream 1 must include a completed certified engineering or design study, or equivalent documentation, that clearly demonstrates compliance with the outlined requirements and substantiates the need for traffic-calming measures or enhanced signage. This documentation does not appear to have been included with your applications. Under normal circumstances, we would request either the required engineering/design documentation or formal approval from TEC as a substitute.

However, since our department has already reached out to the TEC Peace Regional Office and they are aware and supportive of your proposed projects, we won't require anything further at this point. Your applications will move onto the evaluation stage where the ATSF Evaluation Committee will evaluate all the received applications based on merit and subject to available funding.

Please let us know if you have any further questions.

Thanks,

Alberta Traffic Safety Fund Team
Ministry of Transportation and Economic Corridors
Email: tec.atsf@gov.ab.ca





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By SH
Feb. 2/26.

Date: February 1, 2026

Saddle Hills County
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RR #1
Spirit River, Alberta T0H 3G0

ATTENTION: Saddle Hills County Reeve and Council

Subject: Regarding Independent Funding Request Follow-Up

Dear Reeve and members of Council,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the Municipal District of Spirit River funding request. We appreciate the County's diligent review and understand your preference to evaluate this request independently of the current Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) renewal process.

Council appreciates the County's thoughtful consideration of this matter. While we initially viewed the ICF as a natural vehicle for this discussion, we respect the County's desire for a standalone evaluation to ensure alignment with your specific strategic priorities.

To that end, Council welcomes the opportunity for a discussion to further explore this request and looks forward to finding a mutually beneficial path forward. We look forward to engaging with your Administration to determine potential dates that would accommodate both Councils.

Sincerely,

Tony Van Rootselaar, Reeve

The Municipal District of Spirit River No.133

To: Rycroft CAO <cao@rycroft.ca>

Cc: Tony Van Rootselaar <tvanrootselaar@mdspiritriver.ab.ca>

Subject: Daycare Steering Committee

Hi Kevin,

Just wanted to reach out to see if your council had a chance to review the attached letter and if there was any feedback.

Thank you and have a great weekend

Shirley

Good afternoon everyone,

Please see the attached letter from the Council of the MD of Spirit River No.133 in response to the Town of Spirit River Proposal for a G5 Daycare Committee.

Thank you,

Shirley Hayden

CAO, The Municipal District of Spirit River No.133



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February 2, 2026

Rycroft Agricultural Society
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ATTENTION: President and Board, Rycroft Agricultural Society

RE: Appointment of Municipal District of Spirit River Council Member to Rycroft Agricultural Society

Greetings, President Wark and Rycroft Agricultural Society Members;

On behalf of the Council of the MD of Spirit River, we are pleased to share with you our recent Council decision to select Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar as the Council representative to your organization, by Motion #045.01.28.26. We commend the quality of your organization's work. We are excited to be part of the Rycroft Agricultural Society and look forward to our role as a non-voting member of the Rycroft Ag Society.

We would be grateful if you would kindly include Reeve Van Rootselaar in any relevant upcoming communication, and if you could advise MD of Spirit River Administration of any upcoming meetings and commitments, we can ensure that those are added to Reeve Van Rootselaar's calendar.

Thank you!
 Kind regards,

MD of Spirit River No. 133
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Re: Application FA25008 – Determined Complete

Hutterian Brethren of Timberline

NE 36-76-5 W6M

Please be advised that the above noted application has been reviewed by the NRCB and was determined to be complete today. The application is to construct a layer barn with attached manure shed, pullet barn, and 2 broiler barns with manure pads. The application also proposes to permit 60,000 chicken layers (plus associated pullets) and 60,000 chicken broilers.

Birch Hills County and MD of Spirit River is located within the 1.0 mile notification distance of this application and is considered to be a directly affected party. As a directly affected party, you are entitled to provide evidence and written submissions relevant to the application.

Please provide our office with your written comments, including any concerns, by February 25, 2026. A time extension, if required, may be requested including reasons by contacting me.

In your written comments, please address the following specific items relating to land use planning:

- Are there any intermunicipal development plan(s) that may apply to this application (what are the dates of the most current version of those documents)?
- What is the land zoning of lands within 1.0 mile of the proposed site, under your Land Use Bylaw?

Part 1 – General Information & Disclosure

Application under the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act (AOPA)* for a confined feeding operation (CFO), manure collection area, or manure storage facility permit

<p>NRCB USE ONLY</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Registration <input type="checkbox"/> Authorization</p>	<p>NRCB Application Number</p> <p style="text-align: center;">[REDACTED]</p>	<p>Date stamp</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NRCB APPLICATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOV 19 2025</p>
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CONTACT INFORMATION

Applicant information		
Name <i>Paul Walters</i>	Corporate name (if applicable) <i>Hutterian Brethren of Timberline</i>	
Address (Street/P.O. Box) [REDACTED]		
City/town [REDACTED]	Province [REDACTED]	Postal code [REDACTED]
Agent consent (if applicable)		
I, _____, hereby give consent for _____ <i>(name of applicant)</i> <i>(name of agent and company)</i>		
to act on my behalf or as my agent for this application.		
Signed this ____ day of _____, 20____.		_____ <i>Signature of Applicant</i>

LOCATION OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Legal land description(s)	<i>N-E Sec 36 Twp 76 R 5 West of 6th</i> (Qtr-Sec-Twp-Rg-W Mer)
Municipality	<i>Saddle Hills County</i>
Registered landowner(s)	Is the applicant the registered landowner? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>(If no, please attach letter of consent, ensure that it is signed by all landowners)</i>
Does this legal land description have an existing permit or permits for CFO facilities? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

NRCB USE ONLY – existing permit(s), livestock number(s) and related comments

Part 1 — General Information & Disclosure

Describe what is being proposed, including changes to facilities, changes to animal numbers, or changes to types of livestock, e.g., beef, dairy, hog, poultry, etc.

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Livestock Numbers: (Include all permitted and proposed livestock). Note: If total livestock numbers increase in your Part 2 application, a new Part 1 application must be submitted which may result in a loss of priority for minimum distance separation (MDS).

Livestock category and type (Available in the Schedule 2 of the Part 2 Matters Regulation)	Permitted livestock numbers	Proposed increase or decrease in number (If applicable)	Total
Layers (plus associated pullets)	0	60,000	60,000
broilers	0	60,000	60,000

APPLICATION DISCLOSURE

I, the applicant, or agent of the applicant, am responsible for confirming that this proposed development can meet the municipality's land use planning requirements (Municipal Development Plan, Intermunicipal Development Plan, etc.) and municipal setback requirements, and is not located in a right of way.

I acknowledge that this information is collected under the authority of the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act*, is subject to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, and shall be deemed public unless the NRCB grants a written request that certain sections remain private.

From the date Part 1 is accepted by the NRCB, I, the applicant, or agent of the applicant, have **six months** to complete and submit Part 2 of this application, together with any supporting documentation I need to complete the application, unless an extension is granted. I, the applicant, acknowledge that failure to meet the six-month timeframe may result in denial of the application by the NRCB.

I, the applicant, or agent of the applicant, acknowledge that any construction prior to obtaining the required AOPA permit is an offence and subject to enforcement action, including prosecution.

I, the applicant, or agent of the applicant, have read and understand the statements herein and acknowledge that the information provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

Oct 2nd 2025
 Date of signing
H.B of Timberline
 Corporate name (if applicable)


 Signature
Paul Walters
 Print name

Part 2 — Technical Requirements



Application under the Agricultural Operation Practices Act for a confined feeding operation, manure collection area, and/or manure storage facility(ies)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Conditional Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Denial	Application Number FA25008	Real Land Description NE 36 75 5 W 6 M
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APPLICATION DISCLOSURE

This information is collected under the authority of the Agricultural Operation Practices Act (AOPA), and is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. This information is public unless the NRCB grants a written request that certain sections remain private.

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I, the applicant, or applicant's agent, have read and understand the statements above, and I acknowledge that the information provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

Oct 16 - 2025
Date of signing


Signature

Corporate name (if applicable)

David Tschetter
Print name

GENERAL INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

Proposed facilities: list all proposed confined feeding operation facilities and their dimensions. Indicate whether any of the proposed facilities are additions to existing facilities. (attach additional pages if needed)

Proposed facilities	Dimensions (m) (length, width, and depth)
Layen Barn With Manure shed	500ft x 70ft
Pullet Barn	500ft x 50ft
Broiler Barn With Manure Pad	2 x 500ft x 70ft
egg grading/sorting	
broiler entry/walkway	

Existing facilities: list ALL existing confined feeding operation facilities and their dimensions

Existing facilities	Dimensions (m) (length, width, and depth)	NRCB ID#
N/A		



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DECLARATION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF APPLICANT CONCERNING WATER ACT LICENCE

Issued by Alberta Environment and Protected Areas (EPA) for a confined feeding operation (CFO)

~~Date and sign one of the following four options~~

OPTION 1: Applying through the NRCB for both the AOPA permit and the Water Act licence

I **DO** want my water licence application coupled to my AOPA permit application.

Signed this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature of Applicant or Agent

OPTION 2: Processing the AOPA permit and Water Act licence separately

1. I (we) acknowledge that the CFO will need a new water licence from EPA under the *Water Act* for the development or activity proposed in this AOPA application.
2. I (we) request that the NRCB process the AOPA application **independently** of EPA's processing of the CFO's application for a water licence.
3. In making this request, I (we) recognize that, if this AOPA application is granted by the NRCB, the NRCB's decision will not be considered by EPA as improving or enhancing the CFO's eligibility for a water licence under the *Water Act*.
4. I (we) acknowledge that any construction or actions to populate the CFO with livestock pursuant to an AOPA permit in the absence of a *Water Act* licence will **not** be relevant to EPA's consideration of whether to grant the *Water Act* licence application.
5. I (we) acknowledge that any such construction or livestock populating will be at the CFO's sole risk if the *Water Act* licence application is denied or if the operation of the CFO is otherwise deemed to be in violation of the *Water Act*. This risk includes being required to depopulate the CFO and/or to cease further construction, or to remove "works" or "undertakings" (as defined in the *Water Act*).
6. **AS RELEVANT:** I (we) acknowledge that the CFO is located in the South Saskatchewan River Basin and that, pursuant to the *Bow, Oldman and South Saskatchewan River Basin Water Allocation Order* [Alta. Reg. 171/2007], this basin is currently closed to new surface water allocations.
7. **Provide:** Water licence application number(s) _____

Signed this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature of Applicant or Agent

OPTION 3: Additional water licence not required

1. I (we) declare that the CFO will not need a new licence from EPA under the *Water Act* for the development or activity proposed in this AOPA application.
2. **Provide:** Water license number(s) or water conveyance agreement details DAWTOO2416

Signed this 2 day of October, 2025

Signature of Applicant or Agent

Part 2 — Technical Requirements

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OPTION 4: Uncertain if Water Act licence is needed: acknowledgement of risk (for existing CFOs only)

1. At this time, I (we) do not know whether a new water licence is needed from EPA under the *Water Act* for the development or activity proposed in this AOPA application.
2. If a new *Water Act* licence is needed, I (we) request that the NRCB process the AOPA application **independently** of EPA's processing of the CFO's application for a water licence.
3. In making this request, I (we) recognize that, if this AOPA application is granted by the NRCB, the NRCB's decision will not be considered by EPA as improving or enhancing the CFO's eligibility for a water licence under the *Water Act*.
4. I (we) acknowledge that any construction or actions to populate the CFO with additional livestock pursuant to an AOPA permit in the absence of a *Water Act* licence will **not** be relevant to EPA's consideration of whether to grant my *Water Act* licence application, if a new water licence is needed.
5. I (we) acknowledge that any such construction or livestock increase will be at the CFO's sole risk if the *Water Act* licence application is denied or if the operation of the CFO is otherwise deemed to be in violation of the *Water Act*. This risk includes being required to depopulate the CFO and/or to cease further construction, or to remove "works" or "undertakings" (as defined in the *Water Act*).
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7. **Provide:** Water license number(s) or water conveyance agreement details _____

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Signature of Applicant or Agent



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GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

(complete this section for the worst case of the existing facility which is the closest to water bodies or water wells and for each of the proposed facilities)

Facility description / name (as indicated on site plan)

Existing: _____

Proposed 1: Layer Layer

Proposed 2: Pallet Pallet

Proposed 3: Broiler Broiler

Facility and environmental risk information		Facilities				
		Existing	Proposed 1	Proposed 2	Proposed 3	
Flood plain information	What is the elevation of the floor of the lowest manure storage or collection facility above the 1:25 year flood plain or the highest known flood level?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> >1 m <input type="checkbox"/> ≤ 1 m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> >1 m <input type="checkbox"/> ≤ 1 m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> >1 m <input type="checkbox"/> ≤ 1 m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> > 1 m <input type="checkbox"/> ≤ 1 m	
	Surface water information					
	How many springs are within 100 m of the manure storage facility or manure collection area?		0	0	0	
	How many water wells are within 100 m of the manure storage facility or manure collection area?		0	0	0	
	What is the shortest distance from the manure collection or storage facility to a surface water body? (e.g., lake, creek, slough, seasonal)		2 Km	2 Km	2 Km	
Groundwater information	What is the depth to the water table?		>6	>6	>6	
	What is the depth to the groundwater resource/aquifer you draw water from?	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Additional information (attach supporting information, e.g. borehole logs, records, etc. you consider relevant to your application)

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DISTANCE OF ANY MANURE STORAGE FACILITY (EXISTING OR PROPOSED) TO NEIGHBOURING RESIDENCES

Neighbour name(s)	Legal land description	Distance (m)	
① Brown	NW-31-78-9-W6	500	
② Boss	SW-1-77-5-W6	1500	
③ Orger	SE-35-76-5-W6	1800	

LAND BASE FOR MANURE AND COMPOST APPLICATION (complete only if an increase in livestock or manure production will occur)

Name of land owner(s)*	Legal land description	Usable area** (ha)	Soil zone ***	
Timberline Colony	25-76-5-W4	800 240	Peace River Soil	
	36-76-5-W4	80	"	
Total				

* If you are not the registered landowner, you must attach copies of land use agreements signed by all landowners.

** Available manure spreading area (excluding setback areas from residences, common bodies of water, water wells, etc. as identified in Agdex 096-5 Manure Spreading Regulations)

*** Brown, dark brown, black, grey wooded, or irrigated

Additional information (attach any additional information as required)



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SOLID MANURE, COMPOST, & COMPOSTING MATERIALS: Barns, feedlots, & storage facilities - Concrete liner

(complete a copy of this section for EACH barn, feedlot, and storage facility for solid manure, composting materials, or compost with a concrete liner)

Facility description / name (as indicated on site plan):

1. Layer Barn to manure sled
2. Pullet Barn
3. Broiler barn with manure pad #2

Manure storage capacity

	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth below grade to the bottom of the liner (m)	NRCB USE ONLY Estimated storage capacity (m ³)
1.	152	21	0	
2.	152	15	0	
3	152	21	TOTAL CAPACITY	0

I plan to use a short-term solid manure storage (STMS) as part of my manure storage and handling plan for this CFO. The AOPA requirements for STMS are set out in the NRCB Short-Term Solid Manure Storage Requirements Fact Sheet.

Surface water control systems

Describe the run-on and runoff control system

Pretty much set up as per standard set by NRCB.

- layer barn pad under roof
- concrete bricks

Liner protection

Describe how the physical integrity of the liner will be maintained

As per standard (highest standard).

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Requirements of 12.5.1.1.1

Part 2 – Technical Requirements



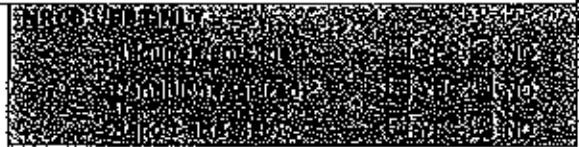
Application under the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act* for a confined feeding operation, manure collection area and/or manure storage facilities)

SOLID MANURE, COMPOST, & COMPOSTING MATERIALS: Barns, feedlots, & storage facilities - Concrete liner (cont.)

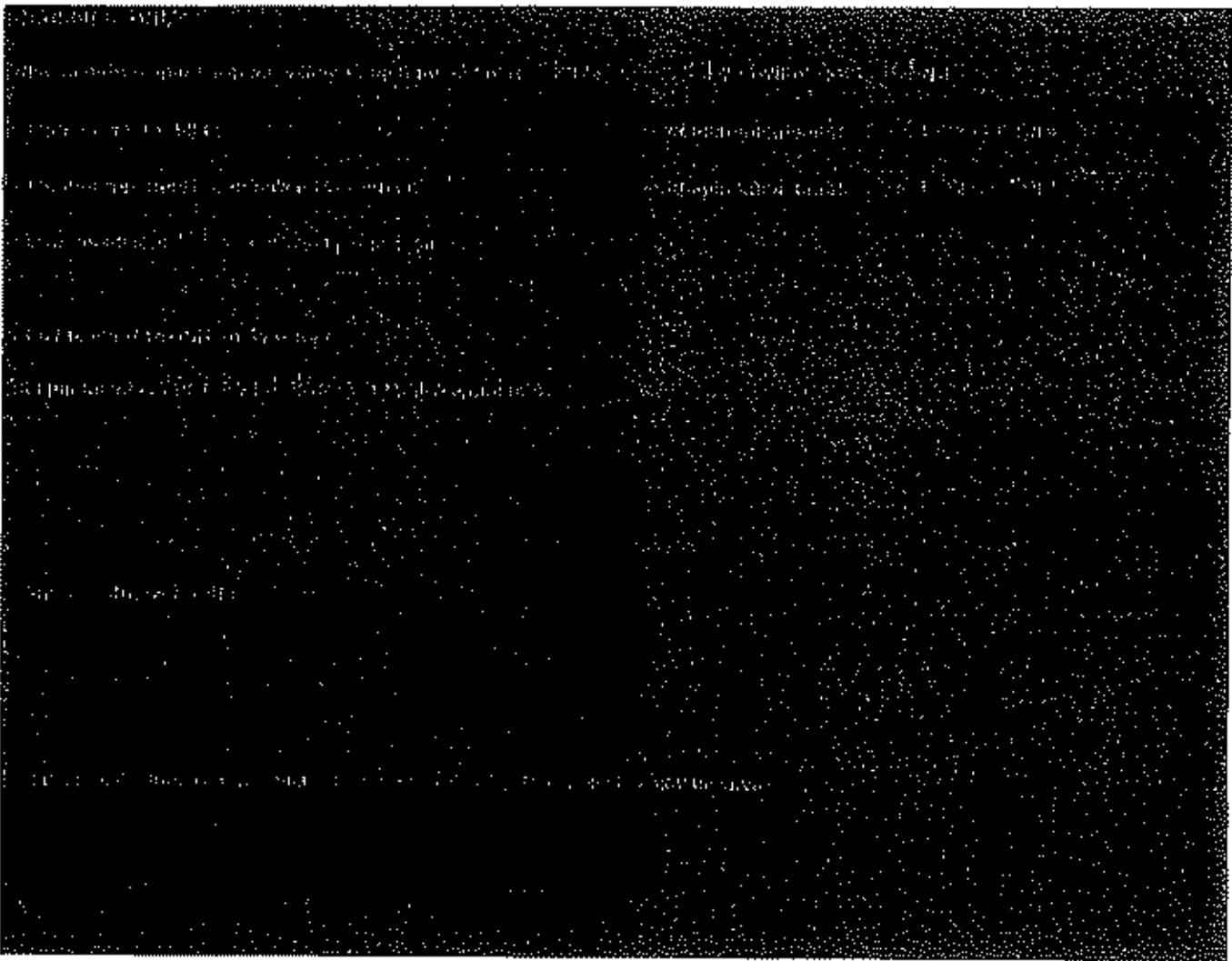
Concrete liner details

Concrete thickness 6"	Method of sulphate protection: Type 50 Concrete
Concrete strength ≥ 25-30 MPA.	Concrete reinforcement size and spacing 15mm rebar 12" O/C

Concrete requirements can be found in Technical Guideline Agdex 096-93
 Guideline minimums:
 Solid manure: 25MPa (D)
 Solid manure (wet): 30MPa (C)
 Method of sulphate protection:
 Type 50 or Type 10 with fly ash or equivalent



Additional Information (if applicable)



Hi Elena,

RECREATIONAL USES CONTEMPLATED

Some municipalities contemplate having the storm ponds / little lakes used for recreation which is not recommended in any season. Some thoughts how your insurance policy would respond for bodily injuries caused while skating at a stormwater pond rink in the municipality. The policy is designed to respond to these types of losses in general, for both indemnity (damages) and defense. The general liability policy would likely respond to injuries including catastrophic injuries to minors if it is determined that the county is legally liable for injuries that occurred while using county sanctioned recreational property. Of course these are general guidelines, and we look at coverage specifically at the time of a claim. As stated above, the MD must make it known to all visitors of the property of ALL know hazards and dangers if one were to enter onto the ice – open water.

WINTER SKATING RISKS – Supervised and non-Supervised

RMA had previously asked opinions of various legal counsel who have indicated that a strong operational policy should be implemented and followed and even then, it is most certain the MD would still be considered legally liable for injuries. The recommendations included:

- Staffing full time personnel to monitor each stormwater pond / little lake rink (including after hours) who are trained to retrieve skaters from under the ice if/when they fall under.
- Staff should test for ice thickness throughout the stormwater pond at least daily at many points on the rink. If skating is allowed. If the decision is to not allow skaters, Signage must indicate so and placement of barriers installed to prevent ease of access onto ice.
- Staff would need to also be available for enforcement to prevent the public from going on the ice when ice thickness isn't adequate

- Signage is not enough of a deterrent for an outdoor space if ice conditions change regularly (weekly)

There are risks which would not be covered by insurance including reputational risks if a member of the public is injured at a stormwater pond. I can comment that insurance would be there for the MD in general but would be remiss if I didn't state that there are serious concerns that this activity could result in injury or worse, to a member of the public who thought it would be fun to go out for a nighttime skate.

SPRING SUMMER FALL SWIMMING RISK (If applicable)

Having swimming areas is a regular operation for a municipality. With that in mind, there are coverages in place in the CGL for incidents which could arise, though the participant exclusion may come into effect for this activity, meaning that the person would need to seek coverage through the provincial health authority (AHS) or personal benefits.

As you know, we owe a standard of care to anyone who may come on our property. It's important that, as the MD plans for this activity, that they keep that standard of care in mind and take steps to ensure everyone is safe. There are a few considerations to take when thinking about waterfront safety including but not limited to:

- Is the waterfront in good condition?
- hidden underwater hazards identified, warning signs visible
- Is it clear to tell where the preferred swimming area is located?
- (appropriate signs, buoys, or other markers)
- Do signs advise as to supervision (if any) and, if supervised, hours of supervision
- Are hazards such rocks, changes in water depth etc. marked
- Is all play equipment in a good state of repair?
- Are all rafts/docks anchored

- Proper testing of water quality done at regular intervals
- Inspection/Maintenance logs are kept on file for minimum 2 years.

I would also suggest that life saving equipment be readily available (i.e. AED, life jackets, safety floatation devices, etc.)

Regarding signage for Storm Pond / bodies of waters that the public has access should have signage detailing all the hazards including:

- Approximate depth
- Exact Address of location, if a person needs to call 911 (Especially for persons that are not familiar with the area / location)
- Open water hazard (especially in the winter season)
- Environmental hazards of entering body of water or Environmental protected zone if applicable

We recommend in addition of the “Enter at Your Risk” – “No Trespassing” - signage to following additions or separate signage:

- DANGER
- No Lifeguard on Duty
- No Swimming or Wading
- No Skating
- No Boating

Lettering of warning should be minimum of 2 inches, graphics large enough to be clearly seen, signage is weather resistant. Installation of signage should be permanent/hard to be removed by vandals, extreme weather conditions. Signage at all your open bodies should

be placed on ALL publicly accessible and or approach of the body of water, pathways that lead to/near the body of water, clear visibility from other obstructions such as other signage, vegetation.

Checklist for Developing a Sign

- Why do we need a sign?
- What is the main message we want to convey?
- Will a pictorial sign work?
- Is it easily understood by all?
- Can we use fewer words?
- Spelling checked?
- Comply with all legislation?
- What size is best?
- What is appropriate material?
- Where should the sign be located

Sign Materials

Material	Strengths	Weaknesses
Wood	Blends with natural environment Easy to construct Can be individually shaped and carved Can be painted Ages well	Easy to vandalize Difficult to carve detailed graphics
Fiberglass	Wide range of colours available Good for detailed graphics Can simulate natural features such as rock walls and stone Cheap to make duplicates Resistant to weathering and vandalism	Colours fade over time
Metal	Resistant to fading and discoloration Good for detailed graphics Can reproduce black & white photos Range of 'earthy' colours available Resistant to weathering and vandalism	Expensive to duplicate Reflects bright sunlight
Porcelain enamel	Good for detailed graphics Photographs can be reproduced Wide range of colours available Resistant to weathering and vandalism	Expensive Susceptible to chipping and subsequent rusting
Stone	Good for black and white images Good for detailed line art Resistant to weathering and vandalism Easy to maintain	Natural contours may make words difficult to read

RiskPro Credit would certainly apply to this in the event you decide to submit invoice of signage for reimbursement.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Risk Advisor

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February 3, 2026

Attention: Ministry of Seniors, Community and Social Services, Government of Alberta; Mayor and Council, Town of Spirit River; Mayor and Council, Village of Rycroft.

Formal Notification of Intent to Relinquish Unit Authority – Central Peace FCSS

Please accept this letter as formal notification that the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 Council passed a motion on January 28th to relinquish its role as the Unit Authority for the Central Peace Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) partnership.

The Municipal District has been honored to serve as the Unit Authority for the past 21 years. During this time, we have taken great pride in the growth and impact of the program within our region. However, Council has determined that it is the appropriate time to transition these administrative and employer responsibilities to a partner municipality. Please see attached letter from Reeve, Tony Van Rootselaar.

Transition and Continuity It is important to emphasize that this decision is strictly administrative. The Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 remains fully committed to the FCSS program and will maintain its current financial contributions. Our goal is to ensure a seamless transition that does not disrupt the essential services provided to our residents.

As the Chief Administrative Officer, I have been authorized to initiate the transition process. This will include:

- Organizing a joint meeting with the Town of Spirit River and the Village of Rycroft to identify a successor Unit Authority.
- Facilitating the transfer of legal employer obligations and administrative duties.
- Coordinating with the Ministry to ensure all provincial requirements are met during the transfer.

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We value our long-standing partnership and look forward to working closely with you over the coming months to facilitate a smooth handover. We will reach out shortly to propose a date for an initial transition meeting.

Sincerely,



Shirley Hayden, Chief Administrative Officer

The Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133



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January 29, 2026

The Honourable Minister of Social Services

Office of the Minister, Honourable Jason Nixon
320 Legislature Building
10800 - 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

RE: Central Peace FCSS – Transition of the Lead Municipality Authority

Dear Minister,

I am writing to inform you of an upcoming administrative change regarding our inter-municipal collaboration for the Central Peace Family and Community Support Services (FCSS).

The Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133, the Town of Spirit River, and the Village of Rycroft have enjoyed a long-standing partnership in delivering FCSS programming. For 21 years, the MD has served as the "Unit Authority/ Lead" (Administering Municipality) for this partnership.

To better align administrative capacity with governance responsibilities, the MD of Spirit River has decided to step down as the Unit Authority. We are currently working with our municipal partners to transition these administrative duties to a successor municipality within the partnership.

We wish to assure you that the MD remains a funding partner in the Central Peace FCSS, and this transition represents a restructuring of administrative duties rather than a dissolution of the partnership. We are committed to maintaining strong inter-municipal relations throughout this process.

If you require any further information regarding this governance change, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Tony Van Rootselaar, Reeve
The Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133



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October 31, 2025

Subject: CN Police want you to Stay Safe this Winter

No matter where you live, chances are you will face some challenging driving conditions in the months ahead. Freezing rain, snow, sleet and whiteouts can make winter driving downright dangerous.

In fact, according to the Transportation Safety Board data, railway crossing incidents increase during the winter months. This is due to many factors, including:

- Ice and snow making it harder for drivers to stop and maneuver their vehicles;
- Snow covered roadways that hide pavement markings.
- Blowing snow, fog, and sleet that reduce visibility.
- Snowbanks and snow in trees reducing sight lines;

Following these simple tips can help keep you and your family safe when you encounter train tracks this winter:

Winter driving presents serious challenges due to snow, ice, and reduced visibility. To stay safe, it is important to plan ahead by checking weather forecasts for both your current location and your destination. If conditions worsen while driving, stop at a safe location and wait until it is safe to continue.

Slow down in poor weather conditions, especially near railway crossings. Reduced speed gives you more time to react and avoid collisions. Stay focused and turn off distractions like radios and fans, roll down your window if visibility is poor, and listen carefully for approaching trains. Snow and fog can mask both visual and auditory cues.

Watch for railway warning signs, especially at night or when snow covers the tracks, making them appear like part of the roadway. Use winter tires, which offer better grip in cold conditions compared to all-season tires. Finally, never drive impaired, alcohol and drugs reduce your ability to react and make safe decisions.

Remember "Any time is train time". Be rail-smart this winter: **Look. Listen. Live.**

Sincerely,

Shawn Will
 Chief Security Officer & Police Chief

Leading CN to be the safest and most secure railway in North America.

Faire du CN le chemin de fer le plus sûr et le plus sécuritaire en Amérique du Nord.

From: Wyatt Skovron <wyatt@RMAAlberta.com>
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2026 12:30 PM
Subject: RMA "Closing the Gap" Campaign - Member Package and Toolkit

Hello RMA mayors/reeves and CAOs,

Please forward this email to councillors and relevant staff in your municipality

As you are likely aware, RMA has launched our "[Closing the Gap](#)" campaign, which calls for the formation of a collaborative approach between the Government of Alberta and rural municipalities in closing the rural municipal infrastructure deficit. While the campaign has resonated well with members and the media to this point, we are seeking your help to communicate to local MLAs and other key GOA stakeholders the importance of rural municipal infrastructure to the provincial economy, and the need for action to enhance funding levels and allocation methodology, strategic planning and maintenance, improved data collection and use, and other initiatives to build and maintain a strong rural municipal network for the long-term.

As part of the campaign, we have developed a [member briefing package and toolkit](#) to assist members in integrating the campaign's key messaging with local data and narratives on the importance and condition of the infrastructure that individual municipalities manage. We would encourage you to utilize the toolkit to drive local advocacy on this issue.

Feel free to reach out with any questions and stay tuned for further updates on the campaign in the coming weeks and months.

Thanks,



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Closing the Gap: The Rural Infrastructure Deficit

**Member Briefing Package and
Advocacy Toolkit**

Purpose of This Toolkit

The [Closing the Gap campaign](#) builds on RMA's 2024 Rural Municipal Infrastructure Deficit Project (RMIDP) report series, which included separate asset deficit reports for roads, bridges, and water utilities, as well as a summary report.

For more detailed information to enhance individual member advocacy or to review RMA's specific analysis of the rural municipal infrastructure deficit, the RMIDP reports can be found here:

- ◆ [RMA Bridge Asset Deficit Report](#) and [At-a-Glance Bridge Report](#)
- ◆ [RMA Road Asset Deficit Report](#) and [At-a-Glance Roads Report](#)
- ◆ [RMA Utility Infrastructure Report](#) and [At-a-Glance Utilities Report](#)
- ◆ [RMA Asset Deficit Summary Report](#)

The 2024 research showed that rural municipalities face an infrastructure deficit (the amount of investment required to upgrade the infrastructure to its ideal condition state) of approximately \$17 billion. In addition to quantifying the deficit, the RMIDP included the development of 15 recommendations directed at the Government of Alberta, RMA, and rural municipalities. The recommendations related to areas such as infrastructure funding levels, grant program design, data gathering and usage, and other financial and non-financial approaches to how both levels of government can work together to reduce the deficit.

Closing the Gap is intended to increase government, stakeholder and public understanding of the importance of rural infrastructure and propose an approach by which the Government of Alberta, RMA and municipalities can work together in the coming years to implement the RMIDP recommendations and ultimately "close the gap" related to rural municipal infrastructure.

This toolkit equips RMA members with the information, messaging, and customizable materials needed to participate in RMA's *Closing the Gap* campaign by bringing their own voice to advocate to the Government of Alberta for a long-term provincial-municipal partnership related to managing and investing in rural municipal infrastructure.

It is designed to help RMA member municipalities communicate the local importance of a strategic partnership clearly and consistently, engage MLAs, residents, and industry partners, integrate similar and consistent local data into broader campaign messaging, and support RMA's campaign by aligning local action with advocacy objectives.

Key Messages for Rural Municipalities

There are several core messages related to the rural infrastructure deficit that RMA suggests all rural municipalities utilize as a foundation for local advocacy to ensure consistency across Alberta.

The Issue

- ◆ Rural municipalities maintain the majority of Alberta’s roads, bridges, and utility systems. These assets support residents and enable the industries that drive Alberta’s economy to thrive via connections to rural areas where natural resources are located in abundance.
- ◆ The causes and impacts of the rural municipal infrastructure deficit, as well as solutions, are complex. Addressing the issue requires long-term collaboration between the Government of Alberta, RMA, and rural municipalities.
- ◆ Stagnant or decreasing provincial infrastructure funding, especially in the context of escalating construction costs, inflationary pressures, and downloaded services, is accelerating rural municipal infrastructure asset deterioration and placing a large burden on the rural municipal tax base.
- ◆ The rural infrastructure deficit – or the difference between the target value of the infrastructure assets and the value of the assets in their current condition – exceeded \$17 billion in 2023 and is projected to surpass \$25 billion by 2025 without intervention.

Why It Matters

- ◆ Rural infrastructure underpins Alberta’s supply chains, resource industries, and economic corridors. Every industry from agriculture to forestry to oil and gas and mining is reliant on the rural road and bridge networks managed and maintained by rural municipalities, many of whom have limited tax bases and whose infrastructure funding from the province is insufficient to keep up with yearly maintenance and renewal.
- ◆ Deferring essential work on aging infrastructure assets saves money in the short term and balances tight budgets, but increases long-term holding costs, maintenance and renewal costs and reduces reliability, which threatens the ability of industry to utilize these infrastructure networks when seeking resources or getting their goods to market as well as community safety and connectivity.
- ◆ Solutions to reduce the infrastructure deficit must move beyond funding. Given the strategic importance of rural infrastructure to both local and provincewide economic development, improved data access and usage and more proactive decision-making around infrastructure investment and maintenance are crucial to building a resilient system for the long-term.
- ◆ Stable, predictable funding increases to offset inflation and increased construction costs will be essential for the long-term maintenance and renewal.

What RMA Is Advocating For

1. **A partnership approach to “closing the gap”**
A strong rural infrastructure network is critical to local and provincial economic development. Both the Government of Alberta and municipalities bring distinct skills, perspectives, and responsibilities to the table in relation to supporting rural municipal infrastructure. Working together on a strategy that balances local knowledge with provincial capacity is crucial to supporting rural infrastructure today and in the future.

2. Collaborative development of fair and predictable funding approaches

Codevelop funding principles, allocation approaches, and decision-making frameworks that reflect rural cost drivers.

3. Short-term stabilization funding through increases to existing programs

Immediate, stopgap increases to LGFF and STIP to stabilize critical rural roads and bridges.

4. Long-term funding reform, provincewide condition assessment strategy, and asset management support

A standardized condition assessment framework, risk based prioritization matrix, and innovation funding, accompanied by resources to strengthen municipalities' asset management capacity.

Guidance on Tone and Delivery of Advocacy Messaging

RMA suggests that when members advocate through written, verbal, or other means, they strive to ensure that their language and tone is:

- ◆ **Optimistic** – framing this issue as an opportunity for the province to stimulate the economy and invest in long-term economic growth and prosperity is more likely to result in successes than framing it as a crisis that needs billions in immediate funding.
- ◆ **Collaborative** – “closing the gap” requires effort and partnership between both levels of government. Municipalities have local knowledge and direct responsibility for management of assets, while the Government of Alberta has technical knowledge, financial capacity, and the strategic oversight experience to ensure decisions are made strategically on a provincewide basis.
- ◆ **Evidence based** – rural municipalities know the condition of their infrastructure networks, the financial pressures of maintaining the network, and the local risks posed by continuing the status quo. Sharing this local information with MLAs, ministers, local stakeholders, and the public is crucial to establishing the need for a partnership.
- ◆ **Focused on solutions** – While the infrastructure deficit is daunting, RMA sees a path forward. Emphasizing some or all of the recommendations in the RMIDP project, as well as local ideas to address the most urgent assets, will be a valuable approach to spurring action at the provincial level.

Suggested Engagement Tactics for Members

RMA encourages members to reach out and connect with your local MLA to ensure that all members of the legislative assembly and cabinet have a strong understanding of the nature and scale of the deteriorating condition and underinvestment in Alberta's rural infrastructure. While RMA is undertaking this work at a provincial level, telling the story locally is likely to resonate with government decision-makers, MLAS, and media.

Suggested engagement tactics include:

Seek a meeting with your local MLA: using the key messages to guide the conversation and local data (section 5) to back up arguments, Come prepared with local data on infrastructure assets (conditions, closures, upcoming annual costs), budget items (infrastructure line items, annual budgets, annual provincial funding, budget pressures), and other related information.

Refer your MLA to RMA's 2024 RMIDP reports and *Closing the Gap* campaign. Emphasize that addressing the rural infrastructure deficit requires not only increased and predictable funding, but a stronger provincial-municipal partnership focused on long-term planning, asset management, shared

responsibility, and coordinated investment in high-risk, high value infrastructure assets. Ask your MLA to support RMA's Budget 2026 recommendations to ensure that local industries and the province's economic growth at large can continue to rely on rural road, bridge, and utility infrastructure.

Use Council Meetings to Build Awareness: Present the RMA RMIDP Reports, the *Closing the Gap* campaign content, and member-specific data to councils and administrations. All rural municipal elected officials and administrators should have a strong understanding of the scale and nature of this issue.

Communicate with Residents: Rural Albertans are the primary users of rural transportation infrastructure and know all too well the issues with deteriorating asset conditions and incomplete maintenance and renewal activities. Utilize municipal newsletters, social media, or engagements to ensure that ratepayers have a strong understanding of your municipality's infrastructure responsibilities, the risks of underfunding, and the role they can play in advocating for government action. Some specific means to raising public awareness include:

- ◆ Add a short campaign blurb to your website.
- ◆ Share weekly social media posts from the toolkit.
- ◆ Include a paragraph in your municipal newsletter.

Engage with Local Industries (Agriculture, Forestry, Oil and Gas, etc.): Strong rural infrastructure increases productivity, reduces risk, and supports long-term competitiveness for many industrial users. Because industry depends on reliable rural roads, bridges, and utilities, local employers are natural partners in advocating for long term solutions. Their voices can help demonstrate the connection between industry and infrastructure and that addressing the rural infrastructure deficit requires not only funding, but a stronger provincial-municipal-industrial partnership.

- ◆ Invite local industries into the advocacy effort by sharing the Closing the Gap campaign, RMA's 2024 RMIDP reports, and some municipality-specific infrastructure data with them. The intent is to help industry understand the scale of the infrastructure deficit and how it affects their operations, and to encourage them to join municipalities in advocating for long-term, strategic investment.
- ◆ Encourage prominent local industry partners to provide letters of support, quotes for municipal advocacy materials, or to join municipal elected officials when meeting with MLAs.
- ◆ Industry participation can highlight the economic consequences of deteriorating infrastructure, such as load restrictions, closures, delays, or increased operating costs, and reinforce that rural infrastructure investment is essential to Alberta's economic resilience.

Media Engagement: Engaging local media helps raise public awareness, demonstrate the real-world impacts of the rural infrastructure funding deficit, and build broader support for provincial action. Local stories and examples are especially effective in showing that this issue affects both communities and the industries that drive Alberta's economy.

- ◆ Issue a local news release, highlighting the local impacts of the rural infrastructure funding deficit and sharing local examples of deteriorating infrastructure with accompanying financial information showing chronic underfunding. Bridges or roads that need repairs or that will be closed indefinitely are strong examples.
- ◆ Offer your Reeve/Mayor for interviews to discuss the local impacts of underinvestment in rural transportation infrastructure.

Member Specific Data

When engaging with provincial elected officials or speaking publicly on this issue, clear quantitative data and strong qualitative examples are essential to demonstrate the local impacts of the infrastructure funding deficit. RMA recommends that municipalities collect and reference the following high-level information during advocacy efforts to help ensure a consistent, credible message is provided across all rural municipalities.

Municipal Financial Information

Annual Municipal Capital Budget:

Annual Municipal Operating Budget:

Annual provincial STIP funding received:

Annual provincial LGFF funding received:

Major cost pressures (materials, labour, inflation, downloaded services):

Examples of deferred projects due to budget constraints:

Estimated funding gap (municipal estimate of unmet needs, if known):

Impact of current funding levels on tax rates or reserves:

Rural Roads

Total kilometres of roads:

Known problem areas:

Major road projects required in the next 1-5 years:

Examples of roads affecting industry or emergency response:

Estimated cost pressures or future investments needed:

Rural Bridges

Total number of bridges:

Total number of culverts:

Bridges under load restriction or closure:

Bridges nearing end of life (if known):

Major bridge projects in the next 1-5 years:

Examples of bridge impacts on industries and residents:

Rural Water and Wastewater Utilities

Systems requiring upgrades or renewals:

Capacity or regulatory challenges:

Major utility projects required in the next 1-5 years:

Examples of service risks or constraints:

Local Economic Impacts

Examples of delays, failures, or closures related to infrastructure:

Key local industries affected by the closure of roads and bridges:

Potential economic risks (job loss, tax revenue, etc.)

Impacts on supply chains (hauling costs, supply chains, workforce mobility)

Community impacts (emergency response, school buses, health care access)

Local Advocacy Priorities

Immediate needs related to rural road, bridge, and utility infrastructure:

Long-term needs related to rural road, bridge, and utility infrastructure:

How RMA's Budget 2026
Asks and Closing the Gap
campaign
recommendations would
assist your municipality:

Opportunities for
provincial-municipal
partnership beyond
funding
