



REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

A G E N D A

Thursday, February 4, 2021 @ 6:00 pm.

Blended Meeting: Council Chambers & Zoom Access

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. Motion to proceed with Blended meeting, Council Chamber and Zoom Electronic Connection.
3. PUBLIC HEARING
4. ADDITIONS & AGENDA APPROVAL
5. MINUTES
 - 5.1 Minutes of the January 21, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council
6. DELEGATIONS
7. BYLAWS
 - 7.1 Bylaw #801 – 2021 Amend Utility Service Fee – Trickle Rate
8. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - 8.1 Annual Policing Cost
 - 8.2 Motion Approving Municipal Banking Institution
 - 8.3 Fire Department Firefighters Fund Balance Information
9. COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS
 - 9.1 Committee Reports
 - a. Mayor Shantz
 - b. Deputy Mayor Peterman
 - c. Councillor McDonald
 - d. Councillor Pearson
 - e. Councillor Schultz
 - 9.2 Staff Reports
 - a. Foreman Report
 - b. CAO Report
10. CORRESPONDENCE
 - 10.1 Municipal District of Bonnyville – Stronger Western Canadian Municipal Advocate
 - 10.2 Census Management Office – Resolution request
 - 10.3 Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 – Copy Letter to Premier Kenney
 - 10.4 Infrastructure Canada – Impact assessment & Indigenous Peoples consultation
 - 10.5 AUMA – 2021 Annual AMSC Insurance Renewal
 - 10.6 Mackenzie County – Copy Letter to Premier Kenney
11. CLOSED MEETING OF COUNCIL
 - 11.1 Bashaw Golf & Country Club – FOIP Section 16
12. NEXT MEETING: February 18, 2021 – 6:00 pm. Blended Meeting Council Chamber & Zoom
13. ADJOURNMENT



BY-LAW NO. # 801 - 2021

BY-LAW NO.801-2021 A By-law of the Town of Bashaw in the Province of Alberta, introduced for the purpose of amending Master Rates and Schedules By-law No. #760 - 2014 to amend the Non-Metered Rates – “Trickle” properties, Section 3, Appendix A.

WHEREAS Bashaw Town Council choosing to change the Non-Metered Rates – Trickle properties (two-month billing cycle).

NOW THEREFORE Pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, Section 42, the Council of the Town of Bashaw duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

That By-law No. #760 – 2014 be amended as follows:

- 2. Non-Metered Rates/ “trickle” properties run two (2) cycles, January through April. Residents on trickle rates will be billed an average consumption based on the prior four (4) billing cycles May through December.

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21ST DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2021
IN THE TOWN OF BASHAW, IN THE
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

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*MAYOR
* _____
*CAO

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___ DAY OF _____, AD 2021
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
IN THE TOWN OF BASHAW, IN THE
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

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*MAYOR
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*CAO

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OF _____, A.D. 2021, IN THE
TOWN OF BASHAW,
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

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*MAYOR
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THIRD AND FINAL
READING THIS ___ DAY OF _____,
A.D. 2021, IN THE TOWN OF BASHAW,
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

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*MAYOR
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**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Thursday, January 21, 2021 @ 6:00 pm.

Blended Meeting: Council Chambers & Zoom Electronic Conference

Attendance: Mayor Penny Shantz, Deputy Mayor Rosella Peterman, Councillor Rob McDonald, Councillor Darren Pearson, Councillor Lynn Schultz, Foremen Murray Holroyd, and CAO Theresa Fuller.

At Council Chambers: CAO Theresa Fuller, Councillor Darren Pearson, Councillor Lynn Schultz, Mayor Penny Shantz

By Zoom: Deputy Mayor Rosella Peterman, Councillor Rob McDonald

Recording Secretary: Theresa Fuller

Absent: None

Press: Emily Jaycox (Bashaw Star), Stu Salkeld (East Central Review) – both by Zoom (Connected by Zoom 5:50 pm)

Public:

1. CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Penny Shantz at 6:00 pm
2. MOTION to proceed with Blended meeting, Council Chamber and Zoom Electronic Connection

MOVED by Councillor Pearson to proceed with blended meeting, Council Chamber and Zoom Electronic Connection.

MOTION #001-2021

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. PUBLIC HEARING – None.

4. ADDITIONS & AGENDA APPROVAL

MOVED by Councillor Schultz to accept the Agenda of December 10, 2020 with the addition of New Business 9.0 Tree Trimming

MOTION #002-2021

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. MINUTES

5.1 Minutes of the December 10, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council

MOVED by Councillor McDonald to accept the minutes of December 10, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council as presented.

MOTION #003-2021

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. DELEGATIONS

7. BYLAWS

7.1 Rescind Bylaw #795-2020 Policing Special Tax Bylaw

Discussion progressed; council expressed concerns with including the Policing Costs as an expense within the town operating budget. Resulting in an increase in taxes, when it is a cost the province has downloaded to municipalities.

Council requested administration review options to present the item on the tax notice as a separate line item, that would be billed out to equally to each tax roll that pays taxes. Administration to provide information next meeting.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Peterman to rescind bylaw # 795-2020 Policing Special Tax Bylaw.

MOTION #004-2021

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Lagoon Project Upgrade

MOVED by Councillor Pearson to proceed with tendering the town of Bashaw Lagoon Project Upgrade.

MOTION #005-2021

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Municipal Stimulus Program – Red Tape Reduction discussion

Discussion regarding how to reduce red tape, support business and make Bashaw appealing for tourism and business growth.

Council requested administration to proceed with the following items:

- Fillable online forms
- Include a Frequently Asked questions section for development aspects, e.g.: Do I need a permit?
- Provide a business information button – Business can go onto the website, hit the button, and provide their business information including contact information, then it would be added to the directory on the Town Website.

The red tape reduction report will be completed by Administration reflecting the items.

8.3 Water Questionnaire Summary

Discussion progressed. Council requested administration table the item for now. They would like to wait until we can confirm the annual Municipal Sustainability Initiative Operating funding for 2021. Then we can access funds to support legal costs for bylaw generation.

8.4 Amend Utility Service Fee – Trickle Rate

Discussion progressed. The town purchased 90,000 cubes of water and was able to account for 68,000 cubes of water through meters and tracking. Administration recommended keeping the water price at \$ 3.47 per cubic meter for 2021.

The discussion switched to the trickle charge. Council reviewed proposed bylaw # 801 – 2021 Amend Non- Metered Rates.

MOVED by Councillor Pearson to proceed with first reading of Bylaw #801 – 2021 Amend Master Rates and Schedules Bylaw 760-2014; Non-Metered Rates, Trickle properties.

MOTION #006-2021

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 Camrose County – Letter of Understanding for Planning Services 2021

MOVED by Councillor McDonald to approve the 2021 Letter of Understanding for Planning Services with Camrose County.

MOTION #007-2021

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 Federal Gas Tax Quotes

Council reviewed the information.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Peterman to approve Federal Gas Tax application for \$13,500.00 for Happy Gang Center Window replacement and \$46,500.00 for Water Meter Replacement.

MOTION #008-2021

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.7 Town of Bashaw December 31, 2020 Monthly Statement

MOVED by Councillor McDonald to accept the Town of Bashaw Monthly Statement as presented.

MOTION #009-2021

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.8 Bashaw Community Hall Board Financials

MOVED by Councillor Schultz to accept the Bashaw Community Hall Board Financials as presented.

MOTION #010-2021

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.9 Request for Water Rate Reduction – Local Business

Discussion progressed.

MOVED by Councillor Shultz to decline providing reduced water consumption fee for account # 2640.03.

MOTION #011-2021

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.0 Tree Trimming

Several council members shared feedback they received from upset residents regarding the evergreen tree trimming along the alley behind Robinson Place. Many felt the trees should not have been trimmed so high up on the trunks. They expressed concern that the lower limbs served to reduce traffic noise from the highway.

Several council members and staff commented that compliments have also been received on it. The trimmed height will support grass trimming beneath the trees and reduce weed trimming.

9. COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS

9.1 Committee Reports

- a. Mayor Shantz – No meetings to report.
- b. Deputy Mayor Peterman – January 13, 2021 – Bashaw Youth Foundation. Reported things quite slow, they are working on Fund raising. They have not hired an Activity Director, there have been zero children attending. Still building online resources and activities.
- c. Councillor McDonald – January 11, 2021 – Bashaw Library Meeting. Nothing much going on curbside services continue.

d. Councillor Pearson – Nothing to report

e. Councillor Schultz – Nothing to report.

9.2 Staff Reports

- a. Foreman Report – see attached.
- b. CAO Report – see attached.

MOVED by Councillor Pearson to approve the reports as information.

MOTION #012-2021

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 Alberta Safety Codes Council – Quality management Plan Update
- 10.2 Camrose & Area Lodge Authority – 2021 Requisition
- 10.3 Red Deer River Watershed Alliance – Invitation to Join
- 10.4 Highway 12/21 Regional Water Services Commission – Update

MOVED by Councillor Shultz to accept correspondence as information.

MOTION #013-2021

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor McDonald that Council close the meeting to the public for Agenda Item 11.1 – Bashaw Golf & Country Club - FOIP Section 16 at 7:57 pm.

MOTION #014-2021

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Foreman Holroyd exited the meeting at 7:57 pm. Press representatives Stu Salkeld and Emily Jaycox departed the meeting at 7:57 pm.

11. CLOSED MEETING OF COUNCIL

- 11.1 Bashaw Golf & Country Club – FOIP Section 16

MOVED by Councillor McDonald to come out of Closed Meeting of Council at 8:43 pm

MOTION #015-2021

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. NEXT MEETING: February 4 and 18, 2021 – 6:00 pm, Blended Meeting – Council Chamber by RSVP and Zoom Access.

13. ADJOURNMENT - Councillor McDonald at 8:44 pm.

CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Town of Bashaw

Request for Decision



Meeting:	Regular Council
Meeting Date:	February 4, 2021
Originated by:	Theresa Fuller, Chief Administrative Officer
Agenda Item:	8.1 Annual Policing Cost

Background/Proposal:

Council requested Administration look into other options for collecting the Annual Policing costs.

Camrose County – Requisition

Inquired from villages in Camrose County, Clive, and Alix.

Many of them are including it as an expense within their operating budget. Several of the Villages are using their Municipal Sustainability Initiative Operating Grant to pay for it.

Proceeding this way ensures there is not a tax increase, however operational costs are then supported by a grant; not a sustainable way to manage it.

The Town of Bashaw is undergoing a Municipal Accountability Program Review in April. If we choose to proceed in the same manner as the county – include it as requisition, it will be reflected against us in our review.

The Municipal Advisor assisting with our review has informed us the only recommended method is to include it in operational costs as an expense. In the event that we proceed with a requisition, it could present a liability.

Discussion/Options/Benefits/Disadvantages:

It is unfortunate that it presents an inaccurate picture of increased taxes. However, we can ensure that it is reflected as a downloaded expense from the Province.

Costs/Source of Funding (if applicable)

Operating Budget.

Applicable Legislation:

MGA Section: 326(1)(a) Requisition means.

- i. repealed 1995 c24 s45,*
- ii. any part of the amount required to be paid into the Alberta School Foundation Fund under section 167 or the Education Act that is raised by imposing a rate referred to in section 167 of the Education Act,*
- iii. Any part of the requisition of school boards under Part 6, Division 3 of the Education Act,*
- iv. Repealed 2008 cE-6.6 s55,*
- v. the amount required to be paid to a management body under stion 7 of the Alberta Housing Act, or*
- vi. the amount required to recover the costs incurred for matters related to*
(A)the assessment of designated industrial property, and
(B) any other matters related to the provincial assessor’s operations;

Special Tax Bylaw:

382(1) *Each council may pass a special tax bylaw to raise revenue to pay for a specific service or purpose by imposing one or more of the following special taxes:*

- (a) a waterworks tax;*
- (b) a sewer tax;*
- (c) a boulevard tax;*
- (d) a dust treatment tax;*
- (e) a paving tax;*
- (f) a tax to cover the cost of repair and maintenance of roads, boulevards, sewer facilities and water facilities;*
- (g) repealed 2008 cE-6.6 s55;*
- (h) a tax to enable the municipality to provide incentives to health professionals to reside and practice their professions in the municipality;*
- (i) a fire protection area tax;*
- (j) a drainage ditch tax;*
- (k) a tax to provide a supply of water for the residents of a hamlet;*
- (l) a recreational services tax.*

Recommended Action:

Administration is recommending including it as an expense within the operating budget. We will ensure there is information reflecting it as a required expense from the province and its impact on our budget.

Community Engagement Consideration:

Administration is willing to proceed upon council request.

Discussion Result:

Additional research Requested:

Approved: yes /no Motion # _____

Account Code: _____

Town of Bashaw

Request for Decision



Meeting:	Regular Council
Meeting Date:	February 4, 2021
Originated by:	Theresa Fuller, Chief Administrative Officer
Agenda Item:	8.2 Approve Municipal Banking Institution

Background/Proposal:

The Town of Bashaw has banked with Servus Credit Union for several years. A detailed comparison/review was completed in around 2015. Servus Credit Union was selected at that time.

The upcoming Municipal Accountability Review (MAP) requires the town to have a motion approving the Municipal Banking institution. The local Servus Credit union has continued to provide appropriate service and is a full-service branch. The current agreement is in place until December 1, 2025.

Discussion/Options/Benefits/Disadvantages:

Administration requires a motion to approve Bashaw Servus Credit union as the town of Bashaw's municipal banking institution.

Costs/Source of Funding (if applicable)

Operating budget

Applicable Legislation:

MGA

Recommended Action:

Administration requests the following motion be passed:

MOVED BY _____ that Bashaw Servus Credit union be approved as the Town of Bashaw's municipal banking institution.

Community Engagement Consideration:

Administration is willing to proceed upon council request.

Discussion Result:

Additional research Requested:

RECEIVED
JAN - 8 2021

Bashaw Branch
5101 - 50 Street
Box 478
Bashaw, Alberta
T0B 0H0
Tel: 1.877.378.8728

[REDACTED]
FIRE DEPARTMENT FIREFIGHTERS FUND
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

number of cheques enclosed: 0
[REDACTED]

All in One[®] Statement

For the period ending December 31, 2020

We're enhancing your security

Soon we'll be offering two-step authentication for your online Servus accounts to better protect your personal and banking information. Learn more about the benefits of two-step authentication at servus.ca/2FA or call us at 1.877.378.8728.

Common Share Account

(One common share = \$1)

Date	Description	Withdrawals(\$)	Deposits(\$)	Balance(\$)
Jan 01	Opening Balance			1.10
Dec 05	Dividends		0.03	1.13
	Total	0.00	0.03	

Community Plan #0

Date	Description	Withdrawals(\$)	Deposits(\$)	Balance(\$)
Dec 01	Opening Balance			9,755.47
	Total	0.00	0.00	

Servus Rewards #1

Profit Share Rewards cash is your reward for being loyal to us. Servus pays Profit Share Rewards cash based on the average balances you hold in your loans and deposits. Profit Share Rewards cash does not include common or investment share dividends, which are separate parts of our Profit Share[®] program. For more information, see servus.ca.

Date	Description	Withdrawals(\$)	Deposits(\$)	Balance(\$)
Dec 01	Opening Balance			5.00
	Total	0.00	0.00	

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Foreman's Report

February 4, 2021

Arena

- The ice plant was shut down February 1, 2021.
- There are several valves that need to be resealed and will be completed prior to start up next fall.
- The bearing in the brine pump for the arena may need replacing as well.
- The ice should be out by the middle of February
- The bearings, and the gas valve on the main lobby furnace had to be replaced.

Water

- The meter replacement project has started, there are 125 meters on the list and several that were not listed.
- There are several large meters on the list that may not fit in the budget due to the cost.

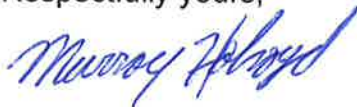
Streets

- The auction for the old truck and sander is delayed due to Covid-19 at the auction facility.
- It is re-scheduled for this month.

Emergency Management

- **Alberta health may lift restrictions for recreation on March 4, 2021, however the arena season will almost be over by then.**
- **Masks are still mandatory in all public places.**
- **The province will lift the restrictions in phases as the number in hospital decreases.**
- **There are some updates to do on our web site for emergency preparedness.**

Respectfully yours,



Murray Holroyd



CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
Submitted for February 4, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council

➤ Action List Items from January 21, 2021 Meeting:

Lagoon Project Upgrade – Engineer has been notified; tender packages are being prepared.

Municipal Stimulus Program – Red Tape Reduction. The report has been completed and submitted to the province. Administration will work on implementing the recommendations.

Water Questionnaire Summary – Council requested to table this item, and revisit once we obtain grant amounts from the Province.

Camrose County – Letter of Understanding – signed copy forwarded, and the annual amount has been paid.

Federal Gas Tax Quotes – Applications have been completed.

Request for Water Rate Reduction – Notification has been provided to the business.

Outstanding from Prior Meetings:

Regional Flush Truck agreement – Anticipated to review this and connect with participating members.

➤ CAO Activities/Meetings:

January 19, 2021 – Provincial COVID update - Online

January 19, 2021 – Trinus – server migration – Online

January 21, 2021 – AUMA – Red Tape Reduction Webinar

January 25, 2021 – Neptune 360 Implementation Meeting – online

January 26, 2021 – Provincial COVID update – Online

January 29, 2021 – Trinus – server and Nsight software migration changes - online

➤ Day to Day:

Items worked on:

Preparation for upcoming council meeting, Ongoing staffing communication, telephone inquiries, invoice follow up discussion, tax recovery letters, resident concerns regarding the recent tree trimming, getting quotes for Lagoon Project signage, server & water reading equipment upgrades, and various walk-in inquiries.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Theresa Fuller".

Theresa Fuller, Chief Administrative Officer



January 20, 2021

Town of Bashaw
PO Box 510
Bashaw, AB T0B 0H0

Attn: Mayor and Council

RE: Need for a Stronger Western Canadian Municipal Advocate

The past few years have presented convincing evidence of the continued lack of advocacy and blatant disregard at the federal level for Western Canada's needs and one of its highly significant industries that impacts us all: the natural resources industry. Our Council here at the Municipal District of Bonnyville (M.D.) is beyond frustrated with this lack of effective representation that Western Canadian municipalities receive.

Currently, our only voice at the national table is that of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). From their website, FCM states they "...advocate for municipalities to be sure their citizens' needs are reflected in federal policies and programs. Year after year, our work benefits every municipal government and taxpayer in Canada, and our programming delivers tools that help municipalities tackle local challenges."

- Question:** Do you feel that FCM advocates for the needs of your municipality or western Canada?
- Question:** Does the annual FCM Conference agenda/tours provide relevant value for your municipality?
- Question:** Are the needs of western Canada different than those of eastern Canada, and if so, is it time we entertain the idea of a WCM (Western Canadian Municipalities)?

To their credit, FCM did add a Western Economic Solutions Taskforce as one of their 15 program areas. Unfortunately, this initiative – which was created to mitigate the genuine alienation and hostility western Canadian municipalities experienced at the 2019 FCM Annual Conference held in Quebec City – has not produced any real results.

Our hope is that this letter will spark the much-needed conversation and potential solution to this long-standing issue. We sincerely request that you and your Council take the time to truly reflect on the level of service you are receiving from your current federal advocate. Are they truly the federal voice advocating for your citizens and your municipality?



The M.D. and many other communities across Alberta and western Canada are proud supporters and partners of the oil and gas industry. We wish to be a part of a solution that supports industry competitiveness rather than be forced to absorb Ontario's and Quebec's concepts of crippling changes that impact our municipal sustainability.

Thank you in advance for your Council's reflection on this topic and we look forward to hearing any feedback you may have.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Sawchuk", is written over the typed name.

Greg Sawchuk
Reeve

cc: Mr. Barry Morishita, President, Alberta Urban Municipalities Association
Mr. Paul McLaughlin, President, Rural Municipalities of Alberta

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From: Do Not Reply / Ne Pas Répondre (statcan/statcan) <statcan.DoNotReply-NePasRepondre.statcan@canada.ca>
Sent: January 13, 2021 8:11 AM
To: Reception <admin@townofbashaw.com>
Subject: 2021 Census of Population / Recensement de la population de 2021

(La version française suit.)

Dear Mayor,

I am pleased to inform you that the next census will take place in May 2021. I am writing today to seek your support to increase awareness of the census among residents of your community.

For over a century, Canadians have relied on census data to tell them about how their country is changing and what matters to them. We all depend on key socioeconomic trends and census analysis to make important decisions that have a direct impact on our families, neighbourhoods and businesses. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Statistics Canada has adapted to ensure that the 2021 Census is conducted throughout the country in the best possible way, using a safe and secure approach.

Statistics Canada will be [hiring approximately 32,000 people](#) across the country to assist with census collection. We would like to work with you and your municipality to ensure that your residents are aware and informed of these job opportunities.

Furthermore, your support in encouraging your residents to complete the census will have a direct impact on gathering the data needed to plan, develop and evaluate programs and services such as schools, daycare, family services, housing, emergency services, roads, public transportation and skills training for employment.

If you would like to express your municipality's support for the census, please share the municipal council resolution text below with your residents:

Be it resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of (NAME OF CITY/TOWN/MUNICIPALITY) supports the 2021 Census, and encourages all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at www.census.gc.ca. Accurate and complete census data support programs and services that benefit our community.

In the coming weeks, a member of our communications team may contact you to discuss ways in which we can work together. Should you have any questions, please contact us at statcan.censusoutreach.prairies-rayonnementdurec.prairies.statcan@canada.ca.

Thank you in advance for supporting the 2021 Census.

Yours sincerely,

Geoff Bowlby
Director General, Census Management Office
Statistics Canada / Government of Canada



Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133

Box 389 Spirit River, Alberta T0H 3G0
E-mail: mdsr133@mdspiritriver.ab.ca

Telephone (780) 864-3500
Fax (780) 864-4303

January 27, 2021

Honourable Premier Kenney
Alberta Premier

Email: premier@gov.ab.ca

Dear Honourable Premier Kenney,

Thank you for your response to our letter regarding our position on the handling of COVID-19 restrictions. We appreciate the tenuous position the government is in when making decisions surrounding the containment of COVID-19.

The MD of Spirit River appreciates the importance of preserving life, however we also recognize that the loss of lives during the shutdown will not be limited to those who die from COVID-19.

The aftermath of the lockdown as identified in the paper *COVID-19: Rethinking the Lockdown Groupthink*, by Ari R Joffe MD ,FRCP with the Stollery Hospital, clearly outlines the massive cost both financially and to human lives if we continue with the lockdowns.

In the paper Joffe states, "... lockdowns are far more harmful to human health than COVID-19 can be." We have attached a copy of his paper.

There are numerous other Physicians and papers, including the Great Barrington Declaration (gbdeclaration.org), a statement written by three public health experts from Harvard, Stanford and Oxford, that back the findings of Joffe.

Our council wishes to publicly state that we support the governments steps to reopening the economy and choosing a balanced approach to ensure a quick return to our economy and our wellbeing. We commend the leadership role you are taking.

Sincerely,

Tony Van Rootselaar, Reeve
Municipal District of Spirit River

Cc: Honourable Tyler Shandro Minister of Health
Honourable Nate Glubish, Minister of Service Alberta
Honourable Doug Schweitzer, Minister of Jobs, Economy and Innovation
Todd Loewen, MLA Central Peace Notley
Dan Williams, MLA Peace River





Our file Notre référence

Project # ICIP 56659

January 29, 2021

Theresa Fuller
Chief Administrative Officer & Development Officer
Box 510
Bashaw, Alberta
TOB 0H0
(780) 372-3911

[Sent via Email]

cao@townofbashaw.com

Subject: Bashaw Lagoon Upgrade Project – Impact Assessment Requirements and Consultation Obligations with Indigenous Peoples

Dear Theresa Fuller,

This letter is to inform you that Infrastructure Canada (INFC) has reviewed information provided for the Bashaw Lagoon Upgrade Project (the Project) under consideration for funding through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP). INFC has assessed the Project information to determine if there are any federal requirements under the *Impact Assessment Act* (IAA). INFC has also reviewed the information provided to determine INFC's obligation to consult with Indigenous peoples, including the identification of next steps.

Impact Assessment Act Requirements

Based on the information provided by the Town of Bashaw for this Project, INFC is of the opinion that this project has no requirements under Section 82 of the IAA.

Note: INFC's understanding is that the Project is not located in whole or in part on federal lands. Should this information change or be incorrect, please inform INFC as soon as possible.

Consultation Obligations with Indigenous Peoples

Following INFC's review of the information provided to date, INFC has concluded that there is no obligation to consult with Indigenous peoples in the context of this Project.

Should the Town of Bashaw consider future changes to the nature, scope, design or location of the Project that differ from that which is described above, it is the responsibility of the Town of Bashaw to immediately notify INFC. The department may then reassess the Project in accordance with the requirements under the IAA and whether the change to the Project impacts the duty to consult, which would also potentially result in a corresponding amendment to the agreement between the Town of Bashaw and INFC for the Project.

Should you have any comments or questions, please contact Mark Libby by email at mark.libby2@canada.ca with cc to infc.aboriginalconsultenv-consultautochtonesenv.infc@canada.ca or by phone at 343-551-0406.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jared Bone".

Jared Bone, R.P.F.
Acting - Sr. Environmental Review and Approval Officer
Aboriginal Consultation and Environmental Services

cc:

Jared Bone, INFC (jared.bone@canada.ca)
Tonya Youngberg, INFC (tonya.youngberg@canada.ca)
Francesca Addante, INFC (francesca.addante2@canada.ca)
INFRAS Alberta ICIP (alberta.icip@gov.ab.ca)



January 28, 2021

Bashaw, Town of
Box 510
Bashaw, AB T0B 0H0

Dear valued member,

2021 Annual AMSC Insurance Renewal

Greetings from the dedicated team at the Alberta Municipal Services Corporation (AMSC). Please find enclosed your 2021 AMSC insurance renewal package.

SHIELDED BY YOUR INSURANCE POOL

In a volatile market experiencing 40% - 60% premium increases, we are extremely pleased to be able to help our members by **reducing the premiums we charge by \$4 million**. This means your premiums this year are well below what other insurance providers are offering. We can do this because of our subscriber-owned insurance reciprocal.

The reciprocal is an insurance pool that acts as a shock absorber, smoothing the budgetary highs and lows and providing stability to all its subscribers. Subscribers are thought of as owners of the reciprocal, which AMSC administers on your behalf.

Last year, we cushioned insurance pool premiums by rebating \$2 million in the form of a premium reduction. This year, we doubled the amount returned to subscribers with a \$4 million premium reduction.

SERVING MEMBERS, NOT SHAREHOLDERS

You will always remain the focus of our efforts as we continue to provide the most appropriate insurance coverage, claims support, and risk management tools.

Please join us at our upcoming webinar to learn more about this year’s renewal and to ask questions related to your insurance and risk management needs. Invites will be sent out soon. In the meantime, if you do have any questions, please e-mail us at insurance@auma.ca.

We thank you for your continued commitment to AMSC, and we look forward to working with you in 2021.

Yours truly,

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January 27, 2021

The Honourable Jason Kenney
Premier of Alberta
307 Legislature Building
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Dear Premier:

RE: REOPENING RECREATIONAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES

While we appreciate the work the government has done to ensure the safety of Albertans, we recognize the extreme toll the pandemic has taken on our residents, businesses and recreational centres.

We strongly urge the Provincial Government to reopen access to indoor recreational facilities, such as arenas, to the public and establish additional supportive public health guidelines. These could include allowing facility rentals for private functions.

Additionally, we urge the Provincial Government to reopen all business services as many are at risk of closing permanently and losing their livelihood. In our rural remote northern location, services such as restaurants are extremely limited. Reinstating in-person service will assist in sustainability into the future.

Again, we thank you for your efforts in keeping Albertans safe, and we look forward to having a conversation with you to discuss the specific needs of our communities. Please feel free to contact me at (780) 926-7405 or by email to josh@mackenziecounty.com.

Yours sincerely,

Josh Knelsen
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