

VILLAGE OF HUSSAR AGENDA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Thursday October 20, 2022



The regular meeting of the council of the Village of Hussar will be held in Council Chambers and via conference call on Thursday, October 20, 2022 starting at 7:00 p.m.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**
- 3. DELEGATION**
  - (a) Kate Brandt – Proposed Dog Park
- 4. ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**
  - (a) September 29, 2022 Regular Council Meeting
- 5. POLICY REVIEW**
  - (a) Policy Review
    - 5.14 Community Groups Policy
- 6. BUSINESS**
  - (a) Armstrong Auto Quote
- 7. FINANCIALS**
  - (a) September 2022 Bank Reconciliation and Cheque Listing
- 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 9. CAO, PW & JG WATER SERVICES REPORTS**
- 10. CORRESPONDENCE**
  - (a) UtilityNet – Customer Choice
  - (b) Minister Shandro – Anti-Semitism
  - (c) Martin Shields – Parliament Update
- 11. CONFIDENTIAL** – Letter from Resident
- 12. ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting will be held on \_\_\_\_\_ in Council Chambers and via conference call

# Village of Hussar

## Request for Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Regular Meeting
Meeting Date:	October 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
Title:	DELEGATION
Agenda Item Number:	3. (a) DELEGATION
<b><u>BACKGROUND</u></b>	
<u>Proposed Dog Park</u>	
See attached letter from Hussar resident Kate Brandt	
<b><u>RECOMMENDATION:</u></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Motion to accept as information at this time</li><li>• Motion to ...</li></ul>	

### Delegation – Proposed Dog Park/ multi-court locations

To Council,

I would like to create a dog park in the Village along with a multi-court. I have received a quote already for a multi-court but I would like to determine locations that could be considered for this project so that I can apply for grants using accurate quotes.

#### Multi-court proposed locations:

- 1) In the ball diamond at the 'schoolgrounds'. This diamond is not used during Summer Daze or other events.
- 2) Beside the ball diamond and playground at the 'schoolgrounds'.
- 3) Other location determined by Council or a Facebook POLL to determine the communities thoughts on the location.

Rationale. During the public engagement survey, the results showed that the community would like to see this land used for recreation purposes as well as other uses. This would be a great area for the community to gather and use the multi-court and playground as well as provide plenty of space for further development.

#### Dog Park proposed locations:

- 1) On the remaining section of the old school grounds. This means that any future development there would either not happen or would require the dog park to be taken down.
- 2) The front triangle where the Village sign is. A centennial project discussion mentioned fencing in this area as a dog park along with their project. This would allow for easy access to a designated parking area.
- 3) The field beside the main baseball diamonds. (Behind 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue) This would be the largest space available. It could wrap around the riding arena (leaving space for horse trailers during the Summer Daze Event). It would go alongside both ball diamonds to the area near the lake road. It would also allow space for the potential walking trail that will eventually be beside the lake road. This area is typically unused except by dog owners. Covering this whole area would allow for parking near the existing road and close access to water or could consider running a waterline near the entrance of the gate. This would also cut down on the amount of gophers in the area
- 4) Other location determined by Council or a Facebook POLL to determine the communities thoughts on the location.

Rationale. There are a lot of dog owners in the Village and surrounding area and upon discussions with several of them it was agreed that a dog park in the Village would be amazing. I drive 30 minutes to Strathmore or an hour to Calgary to take my 3 dogs to the off-leash dog parks. If I had one locally I would use it daily.

#### Other project highlights:

- 1) I would like to include solar lighting in both projects
- 2) The multi-court would have baseboards so that it could be flooded in the winter for use as an outdoor skating rink. Would be used year-round.
- 3) The fencing for the dog park would be cattle fencing (similar to Strathmore dog park) and it would include gates large enough to get both the tractor and ride on mower inside it.
- 4) There was a lot of interest from the public regarding a multi-court through a Facebook post and potential grant has been determined for the project. It would be applied for through a community group and final documents would be presented to Council prior to the application being submitted for grant funding. A letter of support from the Village may be required at that time.

Thank you for your consideration once locations are determined then accurate quotes can be prepared.

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The regular meeting of the council of the Village of Hussar was held at the Sundowners Senior Center in Hussar, September 29, 2022, commencing at 8:07 pm

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- IN ATTENDANCE Councillors: Les Schultz, Coralee Schindel (Virtual), Tim Frank  
Kate Brandt (CAO), Michelle Plante (Admin Back-Up)  
10 in person and 1 via. conference call
- CALL TO ORDER The Regular Council meeting was called to order at 8:07 pm
- ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA  
2022-09-29-300 MOVED by Councillor Frank that the agenda be accepted as presented  
CARRIED
- DELEGATION Subdivision of 223 3 Avenue W – Anthony & Joyce Baker  
Discussed the possibility of leasing and/or buying the proposed subdivision next to their property
- 2022-09-29-301 MOVED by Councillor Frank to proceed with the following Subdivisions;  
  - 223 3 Avenue West, Hussar
  - Lot 5/6 PUL Block 9 Plan 031-0282CARRIED
- BYLAW REVIEW Bylaw Review  
The Following Bylaws were reviewed without change  
  - 520-18 Public Notification Bylaw
  - 524-20 Palliser Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Bylaw
- POLICY REVIEW Policy Review  
The Following Policies were reviewed without change  
  - 4.11 Disciplinary Action Policy
  - 4.12 Vehicle Use Policy
- 2022-09-29-302 MOVED by Councillor Schultz to adopt the following policy without change  
  - NEW 5.15 Video Surveillance PolicyCARRIED
- BUSINESS  
2022-09-29-303 ATCO Franchise Fees  
MOVED by Councillor Schultz that the Village continue with a gas franchise fee rate of 27.5%.  
CARRIED

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- 2022-09-29-304      Light up the Night  
MOVED by Councillor Schultz to allow the Light up the Night event at the campground the next 5 years on the first Saturday of December from 2022 to 2026. The set up can begin October 15<sup>th</sup> of each year and cleanup must be completed by March 31<sup>st</sup> each year.  
CARRIED
- 2022-09-29-305      Organizational Meeting Date  
MOVED by Councillor Schindel to hold our organizational meeting on Oct 20, 2022, at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers.  
CARRIED
- 2022-09-29-306      Service Line Warranties  
MOVED by Councillor Frank to accept as information at this time  
CARRIED
- 2022-09-29-307      Justice and Solicitor General: Community Justice Centres  
MOVED by Councillor Schultz to accept as information at this time  
CARRIED
- Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal award nominations  
Councillor Frank would like to nominate Pam Collett for the award  
CARRIED
- 2022-09-29-308      Bulk Water Station  
MOVED by Councillor Schultz to have our CAO send out a letter to Hussar and surrounding area residents regarding whether or not there is an interest regarding fundraising of \$10K to \$20K to repair the Bulk Water Station including a deadline to reply by, and details as discussed.  
CARRIED
- 2022-09-29-309      Fire ban removal  
MOVED by Councillor Frank to change the Fire Ban to a Fire Restriction effective immediately.  
CARRIED

Councillor Schultz called a recess at 9:08 pm  
Councillor Schultz called the meeting back to order at 9:28 pm

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2022-09-29-310      Letter on Community Groups policy  
MOVED by Councillor Frank to revise the community groups policy as discussed and to send response to the groups as discussed in the reply and to send the policy to every service organization asking for input so that everyone can agree on a formula that works that provides safety for everyone common frame of reference and undo some excessive red-tape.

CARRIED

2022-09-29-311      Torxen project  
MOVED by Councillor Schultz to sign the consent agreements as presented

CARRIED

2022-09-29-312      First Response/Ambulance Service to the Village of Hussar  
MOVED by Councillor Frank to have Councillor Frank bring this forward at the next Fire Association meeting for discussion and response

CARRIED

2022-09-29-313      Intermunicipal Agreement for Weed Inspection 2022 to 2024  
MOVED by Councillor Schultz to appoint Wheatland County Employee Albert Anderson as the designated Weed Inspector for the Village of Hussar for 2022 to 2024

CARRIED

FINANCIAL  
REPORTS

2022-09-29-314      Financial Reports  
August 2022 Bank Reconciliation and cheque listing  
MOVED by Councillor Schultz to accept the August 2022 Bank Reconciliation and Cheque Listing

CARRIED

COMMITTEE  
MEETINGS

Councillor Frank  
Drumheller and District Solid Waste Association met September 15th. Board Members toured the landfill site and recycling facilities. Board Meeting followed tour. Discussion occurred around Extended Producer Responsibility thru Province. with nothing new to report, our 3rd quarter financial statement, and information on the Clean Farms Agricultural Plastics Pilot Program.

Hussar Rural Fire Association – Further to Fire Association meeting on August 29<sup>th</sup>. Next meeting will happen November 21<sup>st</sup>. I have relayed Village request to Fire Association that our contribution be split between Requisition (\$8073.00) and Capital (\$1000.00) and recorded as such in their books. Association has received confirmation from Wheatland County that our new Bush Buggy request has been motioned and passed through their Council. Association will be responsible for 40% of vehicles total cost plus GST. Total cost will be around \$162,000.

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Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Association has nothing new to report to us at this time.

Cemetery Board - Watering will continue for this coming week, then with Clarke's help system will be shut down for winter. We will be having a board meeting after Thanksgiving. A final clean up decision will be posed to the Board this coming week.

Wheatland Adjacent Districts Emergency Medical Services Association is curious if Municipalities have been contacted in regards to Municipal agreements with Telus in regards to a 911 Rate Rider increase. First agreement was signed back in 2000. Board discussed and passed an official Policy for the WADEMOSA Legacy Reserve Fund. Cheque listing, account reconciliation, and comparative income and expense statements were reviewed. Next board meeting will be October 17th.

Bassano RCMP Meeting Board is curious if Municipalities have been contacted in regards to Municipal agreements with Telus in regards to a 911 Rate Rider increase. First agreement was signed back in 2000. Board discussed and passed an official Policy for the WADEMOSA Legacy Reserve Fund. Cheque listing, account reconciliation, and comparative income and expense statements were reviewed. Next board meeting will be October 17th.

A high level meeting on September 1st between Brooks and Regional RCMP and Municipalities including Hussar. Discussion around a Pilot Project to Hub the detachment in Bassano and essentially do all scheduling out of Brooks. This will more effectively utilize RCMP human resources in the area and address staffing issues. RCMP reiterated that hubbing is nothing new, and that an RCMP presence would still be in Bassano. That their proposed plan needed to be robust, and if service was not going to be better then they would not be going down this road. " Nothing is written in concrete". It was interesting to note that Hussar was most often used in examples where response times especially in the winter could be an issue. Though it was explained that additional resources were always available in emergencies. I stated that I appreciated they were problem solving on a local level, with a local level perspective, but feared it may become a mirror image of the just in time ambulance service we now have. Future information will be relayed to all parties through the Bassano CAO.

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Councillor Schultz

Community Futures Wild Rose - Digital Economy Program Meeting Sept. 20th 10:30 am. Wendy was unavailable so Chantale presented the quarterly report. We reviewed the budget and so far everything is on track and even under the projections. One thing that led to that was the travel and accommodations portion is low for the interns or Digital Support staff that traveled to municipalities because a lot of times they brought their own lunch and didn't stay over anywhere to use the hotel allotment in the budget. The total budget for the program was \$162,624 and there has been \$70,564 spent leaving \$90,084 left and the program runs through to June 2023 so everything should work out budget wise. There is staffing changes going on for the DDS squad as some have left for schooling and some for full time jobs. Chantale thought there were some good applicants for the positions needing to be filled. Doing radio and podcasts in Chestermere for the program. So far we have served 125 businesses out of the 158 registered and more businesses are getting interested all the time for help. There are 25 partners and municipalities engaged in the program. Another round of community walks will be scheduled for November into December with Hussar included in that group that did not see much interest the first time around. Actively pushing the Provincial Govt. to let Community Futures help the Non For Profit groups but only the ones that function like a business and need the help. Have to meet a certain criteria. Next meeting is December 13th.

Wheatland Housing Management Board - So far in Sept. We have had 3 meetings, mostly to do with updating the Strategic Plan but also some reporting on operations. The next meeting is Oct. 13th and there will be a presentation from Derek Weiss the project manager for the future new build of the Lodge/Hospice.

Councillor Schindel

Library Board Meeting September 8, 2022. Summer Reading Program was a big success. Liz Santerre operated it with youth volunteers. The activities were themed and engaged all the different ages. Looking forward to the program returning next summer. Looking at new software for book locker. Back to mailing in books at the time. Update: Software is now installed and operational. With RCMP hubbing we are looking into opportunities to continue partnering with RCMP for bike rodeos and other activities if they have an officer available. Soft opening of Marigold was great. About 150 attended June 17, 2022. We will have our operational meeting some time in October.

Councillor Schultz

Councillor Schultz describes the Calgary conference which was September 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and relays the response to Council's question to the Minister about cutting funding and how they are working on trying to find ways to increase funding to small villages.



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CAO REPORT

2022-09-29-315      MOVED by Councillor Frank to accept the CAO, Public Works and JG Water Services report as information at this time  
CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

2022-09-29-316      MOVED by Councillor Schultz to accept the following correspondence as information:  
                            (a)    Town of Tofield – Victim Services Redesign & Response  
                            (b)    Wheatland County – Notice of Public Hearing  
CARRIED

APPOINTMENTS

2022-09-29-317      MOVED by Councillor Schultz to remove Kate Brandt as Chief Administrative Officer for the Village of Hussar and to remove her from all signing authority at Connect First Credit Union. This includes removal from all Village of Hussar Bank accounts, online banking, cemetery accounts, Village safety deposit box and Village of Hussar Credit Card.  
CARRIED

2022-09-29-318      MOVED by Councillor Schultz to appoint Michelle Plante as the Interim Chief Administrative Officer for the Village of Hussar  
CARRIED

022-09-29-319      MOVED by Councillor Frank to give Interim CAO Michelle Plante signing authority on all Village of Hussar accounts, including the Cemetery accounts and safety deposit box at Connect First Credit Union.  
CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT      The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 pm

These minutes approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Les Schultz  
Mayor

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Michelle Plante  
Interim Chief Administrative Officer

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# Community Groups Policy

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Date Approved by Council: August 31, 2022

Resolution: 2022-08-31-281

Review Date: February

Related Bylaw: N/A

Amendments:

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## **Purpose**

This policy has been adopted to recognize that community groups working together with the Village promotes increased collaboration and capacity building. Community groups are an essential component in providing sustainability to the Village.

## **Guidelines**

The Village works with local community groups and this policy will help to define the roles of the Village and community groups, when working towards common goals.

1. The Village recognizes that our community groups will play a role in development efforts.
2. The Village is committed to supporting and facilitating community groups in these efforts.
3. The Village is committed to send a minimum of one Councillor or the CAO to attend and participate in the annual community group meeting. Collaboration is crucial for success.
4. Community groups shall not complete any work to Village parks or green spaces without prior approval from Council.
5. Requests from a community group for any improvements to Village parks or green spaces shall be as follows:
  - a) A detailed write up of work to be completed with a drawing attached; and
  - b) A cost estimate; and
  - c) Maintenance plan, if required.
  - d) Submit drawings and site plan after the work has been completed.
  - e) Any other requirements that the CAO or Council deem necessary, on a case-by-case basis. (Ex. locates, permits, etc.)
6. Any request made to the Village for financial support shall be made in writing with a dollar amount indicated and presented at a Council meeting.
7. Any request to the Village for improvements to be made shall be made in writing and presented at a Council meeting.

8. A group member should be chosen by its group to openly communicate all concerns or requests for maintenance and repairs to the CAO. Any concerns above standard maintenance or repairs will be discussed with Council.
9. Community Groups shall supply financial statements to the Village upon request when joint projects are undertaken if required.
10. The Village Council is supportive of hearing all projects, reviewing for benefit to the community as a whole and with consideration of requirements for completion, collaboration of finances, labor, budgeting, other current projects.

# Village of Hussar

## Request for Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Regular Council
Meeting Date:	October 20, 2022
Title:	Business
Agenda Item Number:	6a.

### **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:**

Since the road was repaved on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East, Armstrong Auto has had issues with the grade of the apron going into Armstrong Auto's shop. We have now received a quote from Gray's LTD to fix the access to the shop.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Motion to accept as information
2. Motion to ...

# GRAY'S LIMITED

62 Slater Road  
Strathmore, AB T1P 1J3  
Telephone: 403-934-3590 Fax: 403-934-3076  
Email: info@graysltd.com

October 5, 2022

Village of Hussar  
Box 100  
Hussar, AB T0J 1S0

Attn: Kate Brandt  
Phone: 403-787-3766  
Email: office@villageofhussar.ca

**RE: Armstrong Auto**

Enclosed please find work description and cost estimate for proposed repair to street.

- Supply, haul, place and compact to build up grade on north side of shop to allow access to overhead door (approximately 175 tonne).
- Taper grade down from sidewalk and street to allow gentle slope so road can be maintained.

**OUR PRICE \$ 7,360.00 PLUS GST**

## NOTES:

1. Based on summer construction i.e.: No Frost.
2. Due to fall conditions, recycled asphalt might not adhere as well due to the temperature change.

Thank you for the opportunity to quote your project and we look forward to being of service to you.

Yours truly,

Greg McLean  
Gray's Limited  
GEM/jw

**Village of Hussar**  
**List of Accounts for Approval**  
Batch: 2022-00098 to 2022-00113

Bank Code: AP - AP-GENERAL OPER

**COMPUTER CHEQUE**

Payment #	Date	Vendor Name	Payment Amount
8865	2022-09-07	Armstrong Auto Service	28.70
8866	2022-09-07	AMSC Insurance Services Ltd.	780.05
8867	2022-09-07	Gleichen Standard Transport	219.83
8868	2022-09-07	Gregg Distributors LP	24.97
8869	2022-09-07	Jepson Petroleum Ltd.	549.65
8870	2022-09-07	JG Water Services	4,154.12
8871	2022-09-07	Palliser Regional	5,500.00
8872	2022-09-07	Strathmore Home Hardware	10.29
8873	2022-09-07	Wild Rose Assessment Service	490.00
8874	2022-09-16	Alberta Municipalities	315.00
8875	2022-09-16	Direct Energy	106.89
8876	2022-09-16	Data Scavenger Inc.	315.00
8877	2022-09-16	Gleichen Standard Transport	74.68
8879	2022-09-16	Reality Bytes Incorporated	351.75
8881	2022-09-29	ClearTech Industries Inc	448.23
8882	2022-09-29	Collabria Payment Processing	837.37
8883	2022-09-29	Canada Revenue Agency	3,487.13
8884	2022-09-29	Direct Energy	106.89
8885	2022-09-29	Drumheller Mail	1,544.88
8886	2022-09-29	Tracey Dundas	130.41
8887	2022-09-29	EPCOR Utilities Inc.	4,249.48
8888	2022-09-29	Halahuric, Joyce	3,350.00
8889	2022-09-29	Harms, Derek & Robyn	315.00
8890	2022-09-29	JP's Backhoe Service Ltd.	315.00
8892	2022-09-29	Local Authorities Pension Plan	805.33
8893	2022-09-29	MRF Geosystems Corporation	157.50
8894	2022-09-29	Plante, Michelle	1,699.00
8895	2022-09-29	Canoe Procurement Group of	98.89
8896	2022-09-29	Strathmore Times	787.50
8897	2022-09-29	Telus Communications Inc.	42.00
8898	2022-09-29	Telus Mobility	112.25
8899	2022-09-29	Telus	43.00
8900	2022-09-29	Tim's Glass	315.00
8901	2022-09-29	Wheatland County	1,421.08
8905	2022-09-29	FortisAlberta Inc.	1,813.09

Total Computer Cheque: 47,277.50

Total AP: 47,277.50

Date Printed  
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Certified Correct This October 15, 2022

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Administrator

VILLAGE OF HUSSAR  
BANK RECONCILIATION

ACCOUNT Village General Acct 10050185  
DATE September 30, 2022

STATEMENT BALANCE 247,295.27

ADD: OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS

Deposited in Oct	489.00	
	489.00	

LESS: OUTSTANDING CHEQUES

8877	Gleichen Standard Transport	74.68	
8881	Clartech Industries	448.23	
8882	Collabria Payment Processing	837.37	
8883	Canada Revenue Agency	3,487.13	
8884	Direct Energy	106.89	
8885	Drumheller Mail	1,544.88	
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8893	MRF Geosystems Corporation	157.50	
8895	Canoe Procurement Group	98.89	
8896	Strathmore Times	787.50	
8897	Telus Communications	42.00	
8898	Telus Mobility	112.25	
8899	Telus	43.00	
8900	Tim's Glass	315.00	
8901	Wheatland County	1,421.08	
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8905	Fortis Alberta	1,813.09	
		- 23,480.93	

OUTSTANDING TRANSFERS

NSF	123.00	
Test payment (gazebo funding)	-	5.00
NSF Return Fee	9.00	
		127.00

RECONCILED BALANCE	224,430.34
GL BALANCE (3000012700)	224,430.34
Variance	-



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OTHER ACCOUNTS

First Response (EFRT) Trust Term Account 10135176 (3000012800) Community Account (Rate .05)	STATEMENT 3,216.39 GL BALANCE <u>3,216.39</u> Variance -	Interest \$ 0.13
Cemetery Perpetual Account 10189009 (3000012900) Community Account (Rate .05)	STATEMENT 17,271.46 GL BALANCE <u>17,271.46</u> Variance -	Interest \$ 0.68
Cemetery Common Share Account 10499317 (3000013000) Common Share	STATEMENT 26.32 GL BALANCE <u>26.32</u> Variance -	Interest \$ -
Mayors Memorial Trust Term Account 723112380412 (3000013400) 6 plus 6 Term (Fixed 1.45% Maturity Date - July 21, 2023)	STATEMENT 1,189.62 GL BALANCE <u>1,234.24</u> Variance - 44.62	Interest \$ -
Cemetery Reserve 722821002853 (3000013500) High Interest Savings (Rate .35)	STATEMENT 10,495.54 GL BALANCE <u>10,495.54</u> Variance -	Interest \$ 7.30
FGTF Grant Term Account 723112220006 (3000013700) 12 Month Term (Fixed 1.20% Maturity Date - April 8, 2023)	STATEMENT 151,350.18 GL BALANCE <u>151,350.18</u> Variance -	Interest \$ -
Common Share 10497733 (3000030000) Common Share	STATEMENT 2,580.57 GL BALANCE <u>2,580.57</u> Variance -	Interest \$ -
Village Reserves 15037021 (3000032000) High Interest Savings (Rate .35)	STATEMENT 58,043.78 GL BALANCE <u>58,043.78</u> Variance -	Interest \$ 40.36
Walking Trail Trust Term Account 15137870 (3000032220) 6 Month Term (Fixed .15% Maturity Date - Sept 5, 2022)	STATEMENT 1,110.12 GL BALANCE <u>1,110.12</u> Variance -	Interest \$ 0.87
MSI Capital Term Account 15137904 (3000032400) 12 Month Term (Fixed .65% Maturity Date - March 5, 2023)	STATEMENT 294,867.20 GL BALANCE <u>294,867.20</u> Variance -	Interest \$ -
Equipment Reserve Account 722821632733(3000033000) High Interest Savings (Rate .35)	STATEMENT 10,017.68 GL BALANCE <u>10,017.68</u> Variance -	Interest \$ 6.97

Special Events Account 722821632741 (3000034000) High Interest Savings (Rate .35)	STATEMENT	914.12	Interest
	GL BALANCE	<u>914.12</u>	\$ 0.64
	Variance	-	
Emergency Management 722821646022 (3000035000) Savings Account (Rate .05)	STATEMENT	2,184.82	Interest
	GL BALANCE	<u>2,184.82</u>	\$ 0.09
	Variance	-	
Centennial 722821666012 (3000036000) Savings Account (Rate .05)	STATEMENT	1,750.92	Interest
	GL BALANCE	<u>1,750.92</u>	\$ 0.07
	Variance	-	
Village Reserves Term Account 723112219933 (3000031000) 12 Month Term (Fixed 1.20% Maturity Date - April 8, 2023)	STATEMENT	400,000.00	Interest
	GL BALANCE	<u>400,000.00</u>	\$ -
	Variance	-	



# Customer Choice - Saving You Money Every Day

September 8, 2022

## Open Letter to Municipal Mayors and Reeves of Alberta

Recently, energy poverty has become a hot-button issue for Albertans. Polar vortexes and heat domes have led to economic conditions that adversely affect consumers and businesses. Inflation aside, energy poverty is an ongoing issue for Albertans, with as many as 40% overpaying for electricity. As a local energy retailer, we have seen firsthand the effects on consumers and their wallets.

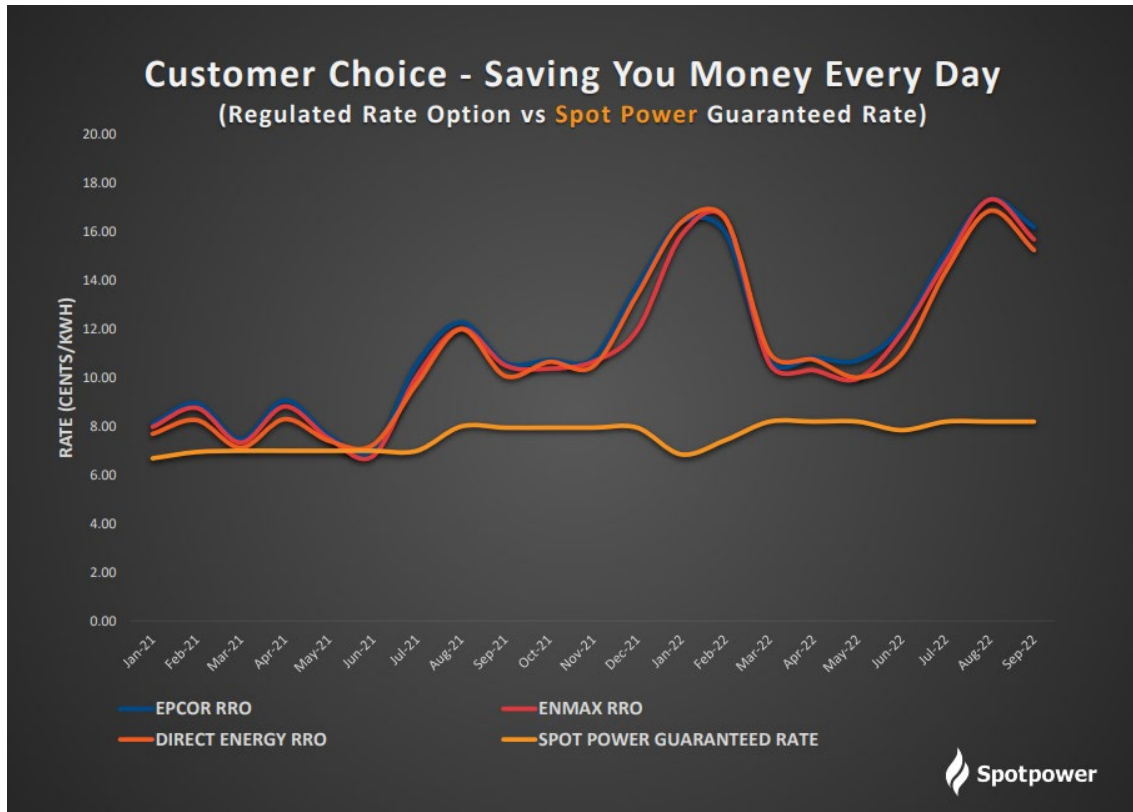
Your constituents may be among those who are overpaying for electricity. We propose that your municipality or region join UTILITYnet's group of Energy Marketers and benefit from the advantages of operating in the electricity retail space. Not only would your constituents benefit from lower rates for their electricity and natural gas, but the profits also stay in your community for local initiatives.

Consider the following: we have retail customers in 470 communities all over Alberta. Every month last year, every customer on our guaranteed stable rate paid less than the Regulated Rate Option (RRO).

Last month, customers on our stable rate program saved \$1.4 million compared to retail prices paid by other Albertans who are signed up for the RRO. The average savings per utility invoice last month was \$48.80.

Regulated Rate Prices (cents/kWh)	June	July	August	September	% Increase from June Prices
Direct Energy Regulated Services (ATCO Territo	10.992	14.393	16.879	15.259	39%
EPCOR (FORTIS Territory)	11.907	14.916	17.341	15.981	34%
ENMAX (City of Calgary)	11.840	14.777	17.345	15.699	33%
EPCOR (City of Edmonton)	12.066	15.093	17.129	16.202	34%
Spot Power	8.200	8.200	8.200	8.200	0%

Consumers have a choice: they can switch to a retailer that offers lower competitive prices, or they can continue overpaying for electricity. They can also choose a local, family-run business over a utility that has shipped jobs (and profits) out of the country - the choice is clear.



In 2008, [Spot Power](#) introduced a new concept of retailing and changed the competitive landscape. Please allow us to introduce you to the nine most recent community-focused Energy Retail Marketers that have opened up for business in Alberta. All share common core values:

1. Saving you money every day.
2. Keeping jobs local.
3. Supporting community organizations.



Mitch Thomson, who owns [Acorn Energy](#) relocated the business to Red Deer. 10% of the income earned on the sale of electricity, natural gas, and Internet services is donated to the Red Deer food bank.



Phone: (403) 450-3418

[Alberta Utility Source](#), founded by David DeBruin and Richard Haas, operating out of Edmonton. Their mission is to become the preferred low-cost utility retailer offering the most competitive rates.

Phone:(780) 900-8813



[Airdrie Energy](#), run by Cody Belsher and Riley Tobin, is located in the city of Airdrie. As a community partner, they committed to donating 15% of profits to the 3 Rocky View High Schools: Bert Church, W.H. Croxford, and George McDougall.

Phone: (403) 398-6875



[Ascend Energy](#) is a "Home Town Utility." A family-owned business founded by Milo Holthe that operates out of the Village of Glenwood. They partner with numerous organizations throughout the province to put money back into the communities to which they provide services.

Phone: (587) 200-4456



Neale Johannesson and Patrick Fulawka from Calgary are the founders of [Azgard Energy](#). They are focusing on the Microgen market in Alberta. For more information on the solar market, check out the [Solar Club](#).

Phone: (587) 200-4994



[Headwaters Utility](#), operating in Pincher Creek, was founded by James Van Leeuwen. They partnered with Pincher Creek Community Development

Initiative. A percentage of revenues will be invested back into the community to help enhance the resilience of regional services and support other local businesses.

Phone: (587) 200-4852



**Ridge Utilities** was formed as a municipally-controlled corporation by Scott Donselaar and Trevor Lewington of the Village of Stirling. Ridge has plans underway on expanding into Lethbridge and Brooks. 100% of Ridge's profits goes toward supporting and growing the community and region in a vibrant and sustainable manner.

Phone: (403) 308-8850



**Rocky Mountain Community Energy** was created by Jamie Olscamp and Jeff Roberts and is part of the Bow Valley Green Energy Co-Op, located in Canmore. Profits are used to finance local renewable energy projects, which directly reduce the grid's carbon intensity and advance Alberta's energy transition.

Phone: (587) 200-3820



**TASSA Energy** is a family-run, Indigenous, majority-owned company out of Cochrane, started by Lyle Thorsen. TASSA stands for The Albertan Supportive and Sustainable Alternative. 10% of TASSA's profits are invested back into the community.

Phone: (403) 407-3730

These Energy Marketers are part of the **UTILITYnet** group of companies, bringing the total retail network to 29 retail outlets in the province, all offering lower prices than the RRO.

**An invitation for you to consider:** Over the next two years, we want to open up retail offices in the municipalities of Grande Prairie, St. Albert, Stony Plain, Lac La Biche, Vegreville, Cold Lake, St. Paul, Bonnyville, Whitecourt, Athabasca, Spruce Grove, Leduc, Ponoka, Fort Saskatchewan, Drayton Valley, Hinton, Rocky Mountain House, Drumheller, Chestermere and other regional and smaller rural communities.

We have automated retail of electricity, natural gas, and Internet services. Plugging into our cloud-based data center allows rural municipalities to open up a regional retailing operation that can achieve three goals:

1. Go 'head-to-head' with the big utilities.
2. Keep retail prices stable.
3. Retain profits in their communities.

Give us a call, and we can help consumers in your community lower their utility bills. Your clients can mirror the success of Energy Marketers like:

- Mountain View Power (Town of Olds)
- Foothills Energy Co-op (Black Diamond)
- Echo Energy (City of Lacombe)
- Ridge Utilities (Village of Stirling)

If you are in Calgary for the Alberta Municipalities convention in September, please feel free to visit our office in Inglewood.

Regards,



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JUSTICE AND SOLICITOR GENERAL

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*Office of the Minister  
MLA, Calgary-Acadia*

AR 52496

September 28, 2022

Dear Mayor/Reeve:

The Government of Alberta is recognizing and endorsing the following International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of anti-Semitism through an order-in-council.

“Anti-Semitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of anti-Semitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”

Thirty-five countries, including Canada in 2019, endorsed or adopted this definition. Along with Alberta, three other provinces: Ontario (2020), Québec (2021) and New Brunswick (2021) have already endorsed or adopted the definition.

The *Alberta Human Rights Act* prohibits discrimination on the basis of several categories, including race, religious beliefs, colour, ancestry, and place of origin. All forms of racism are unacceptable, and endorsing this definition is just one way Alberta’s government is combating racism, supporting racialized communities, and promoting a safe and welcoming province for everyone.

The Government of Alberta is asking all municipalities across Alberta to consider accepting and amending their bylaws to reflect this definition.

Sincerely,

Honourable Tyler Shandro, KC, ECA

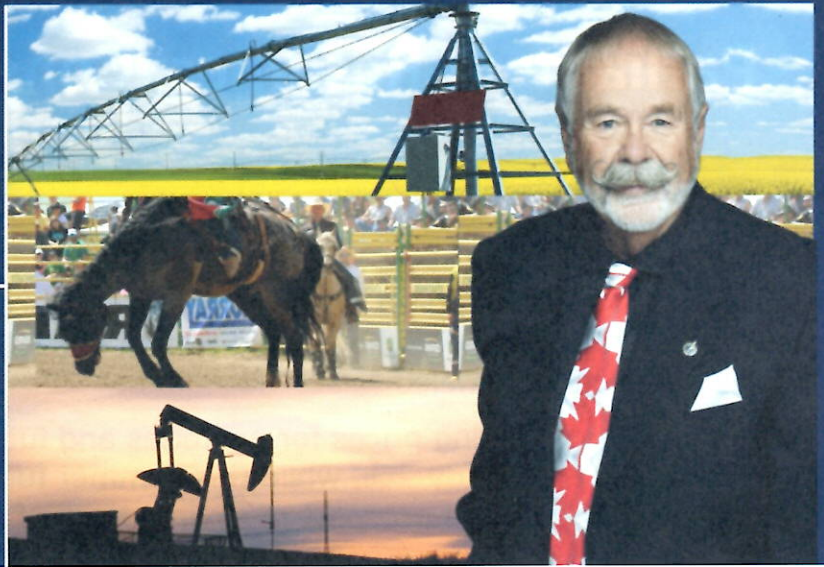
cc: Honourable Ric McIver, ECA, Minister of Municipal Affairs










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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP AS PARLIAMENT RESUMES

Dear Constituent,

After a grueling 6-month campaign, The Conservative leadership race has finally come to an end - with results that hardly anyone could pretend to be surprised about. Pierre Poilievre has been elected leader with over 68% on a first-ballot victory. As decisive a victory you may ever get in a political election, this sends a clear message that Pierre's vision has resonated not only with Conservatives, but with many Canadians in general.

People outside the Party started to pay attention.

Sitting at over 678,000 members, the Conservative Party of Canada is now by far the largest political party in the Canada's history. The growth is thanks in large part to the over 300,000 new members signed up by the Poilievre campaign alone...

**Continued on reverse...**

**Use your smartphone to sign up for my e-newsletter by scanning the QR code:**

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## HAVE YOUR SAY

Should Canada remain a constitutional monarchy under the British Crown?

Yes

No

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# Parliament Resumes, Conservatives will work for you.

## Continued from reverse ...

Canadians are growing tired of seeing their bank accounts stagnate or lose value. The Financial Post reports that Canadian household wealth has fallen "by nearly \$1 trillion as real estate, financial markets pummeled."

People are tired of rising prices for groceries and fuel. Household staples like eggs and milk are up 9%, meats are nearly 7%, while this summer fuel peaked at over \$2.00/L. Canadians are tired of working with no prospect of saving, tired of not being able to ever dream of affording a home.

Canadians young and old are facing a cost-of-living crisis exacerbated by the government's non-stop spending – more than doubling our national debt spending half a trillion dollars and more than any other federal government combined in history. This government's spending has made life unaffordable.

But Conservatives are ready to fight and give Canadians hope again. Hope that their jobs will be fruitful, that inflation won't strip away the hours of hard work. Hope that a home will not be a pipe dream, but a reality. **With renewed leadership and the largest membership base in the country, Conservatives are more united than ever. A Conservative government would cap government spending with a Pay-As-You-Go Law requiring the government find a dollar of savings for each new dollar of spending.**

Conservatives will do everything in our power to stop the government from increasing or introducing any new taxes – like stopping the increase to payroll taxes come January 1<sup>st</sup>. We will fight for our energy and agriculture sectors by eliminating the carbon tax. Our neighbours to the south do not have a carbon tax and it is making the Canadian energy and agriculture market uncompetitive. We will encourage new energy projects by scrapping Bill C-48 (West Coast tanker Ban) and C-69 (Regulatory red-tape). We will always stand behind our farmers who feed the world, not punish them with fertilizer emissions reductions. We will encourage free speech, not stifle it – by repealing Bill C-11 should it pass. We will make Canadians proud to fly their flag, sing their anthem, and be Canadian once again.

The fall Parliamentary session is just beginning – we're ready to get to work.

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