

# Council Package

May 11, 2021



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**AGENDA  
TOWN OF LAMONT  
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
May 11, 2021**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND RELATED BUSINESS**
  - 1.1. CALL TO ORDER**
  - 1.2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
  - 1.3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**
  - 1.4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
    - 1.4.1. April 27, 2021 Minutes**
    - 1.4.2. April 12, 2021 Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes**
- 2. CLOSED SESSION**
- 3. DELEGATIONS**
  - 3.1. MOTION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF DELEGATION**
- 4. CORRESPONDENCE**
  - 4.1. Town of Magrath: Support For RCMP**
  - 4.2. Town of Edson: Support for RCMP**
  - 4.3. Town of Didsbury: Support for RCMP**
  - 4.4. County of St. Paul: Support for RCMP**
  - 4.5. Lamont Public Library Meeting Minutes - April 5, 2021**
  - 4.6. Municipal Governance - FAQ - April 23, 2021**

**4.7. FCM - Municipal Asset Management Program Grant Funding Approval**

**4.8. Fort Saskatchewan Vegreville MLA - 2021 Minister's Seniors Service Awards**

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**5.1. Bylaw 04/21, Municipal Property Tax Rebate Program**

**5.2. Bylaw 05/21, Taxation Bylaw**

**5.3. Petition Declaration**

**6. REPORTS**

**6.1. Mayor & Council**

**6.2. CAO**

**6.3. Director, Operations & Infrastructure**

**6.4. Finance**

**6.5. Fire District**

**7. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**



**Town of Lamont  
April 27, 2021  
Regular Meeting of Council**

**HELD BY ZOOM MEETINGS**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Bill Skinner	Mayor
	Jody Foulds	Councillor
	Kirk Perrin	Councillor
	Al Harvey	Councillor
	David Taylor	Councillor
	Perry Koroluk	Councillor
	Christine Beveridge	Chief Administrative Officer
	Dawn Nielsen	Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
	Tyler Edworthy	Director, Operations & Infrastructure
	Robert Mu	Finance Officer (in part)
	Jaclyn Ponto	Recording Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER AND RELATED BUSINESS:**

**Call to Order: Mayor Skinner:** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION: 92/21 Councillor Koroluk:** That the Council Agenda be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:** None.

**DELEGATIONS:**

- Cena Danyluk – Bike Park Naming

**MOTION: 93/21 Councillor Perrin:** That Cena Danyluk be accepted as a delegation.

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

- a) Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2021 Minutes

**MOTION: 94/21 Councillor Foulds:** That the Minutes of the April 13, 2021 Council Meeting be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Lamont Health Care Centre Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2021
- Lamont County Housing Foundation Meeting Minutes – March 29, 2021
- Friends of Lamont Fire – Lamont Fire Hall Naming
- Town of High River: Eastern Slopes Coal Exploration Public Consultation
- 2021 Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards
- Town of Morinville: Support for RCMP
- County of Paintearth: Support for RCMP
- Land and Property Rights Tribunal – Fact Sheet

**MOTION: 95/21 Councillor Perrin:** That Council accept the correspondence as information.

**CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Bylaw 04/21, Municipal Property Tax Rebate Program**

**MOTION: 96/21 Councillor Perrin:** That Council give first reading to Bylaw 04/21, Municipal Property Tax Rebate Program.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION: 97/21 Councillor Taylor:** That Council give second reading to Bylaw 04/21, Municipal Property Tax Rebate Program.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION: 98/21 Councillor Taylor:** That Council give unanimous consent to proceed to third reading of Bylaw 04/21, Municipal Property Tax Rebate Program.

**DEFEATED**

**Reserve Transfers**

**MOTION: 99/21 Councillor Harvey:** That Council authorize a transfer of \$148,955 from operations to Planning and Subdivision Reserve for capital projects as approved within the 2021 Operating Budget.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION: 100/21 Councillor Perrin:** That Council authorize the transfer of a maximum of \$25,000 from Administration Reserve to operations for CAO Recruitment.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION: 101/21 Councillor Taylor:** That Council authorize the transfer of \$62,000 from General Reserve to operations for water infrastructure repair and maintenance for emergency watermain repair.

**CARRIED**

Robert Mu left the meeting.

**Transfer of Tax Recovery and Tax Sale Costs to Tax Rolls**

**MOTION: 102/21 Councillor Koroluk:** That Council authorize the costs to be transferred to the tax rolls as itemized in the attached Schedule "A".

**CARRIED**

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bus Train Accident Memorial**

**MOTION: 103/21 Councillor Taylor:** That Council refer the request for a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bus/Train Accident Memorial to the Parks and Recreation Committee for a recommendation.

**CARRIED**

**REPORTS:**

**Council Reports:**

<b>Mayor Skinner</b>	Written report attached. Kudos to Operations on getting the foot bridge between Campbell Park and Edna repaired.
<b>Councillor Taylor</b>	Written report attached. Bike park construction started.
<b>Councillor Harvey</b>	Attended the AUMA Spring Municipal Leaders' Caucus and will be attending the Library Board meeting on Monday, May 3, 2021.
<b>Councillor Koroluk</b>	Attended meeting today with Elementary School Council.
<b>Councillor Perrin</b>	Attended the April 12, 2021 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting and the St. Michael Regional Landfill Commission meeting on April 22, 2021.
<b>Councillor Foulds</b>	No report.

**Staff Reports:**

**Director, Operations & Infrastructure**

Provided information about the alleyways and roadways. May have found a person willing to come and crush the pile of concrete and asphalt millings at the lagoon site, at no cost. We would end up with 40% of the needed product to tackle the alleyways and roadways. Alley way assessment to be done at the beginning of the month.

**MOTION: 104/21 Councillor Koroluk:** That Council accept the reports as presented.

**CARRIED**

**CLOSED SESSION:**

- **2020 Tax Auction**
  - *FOIP Section 27(2) – Legal Privilege*
  - *FOIP Section 24 – Advice from Officials*

**MOTION: 105/21 Councillor Perrin:** That Council convene in closed session pursuant to Section 197 of the *Municipal Government Act* to meet in private to discuss matters protected from disclosure by Section 24 and 27(2) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* at 8:09 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION: 106/21 Councillor Koroluk:** That Council revert to regular Council meeting session at 9:34 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION: 107/21 Councillor Harvey:** That Council extend the meeting past 9:00 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**MOTIONS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION:**

**MOTION: 108/21 Councillor Perrin:** That Council direct Administration to proceed as directed in closed session.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION: 109/21 Councillor Foulds:** That Council direct that the Bike Park Naming be referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

**CARRIED**

**NOTICES OF MOTION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Skinner adjourned the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer

***Town of Lamont***  
***Parks and Recreation Committee***  
***Meeting Minutes***

April 12, 2021

**1. Call to order**

Dave Taylor called to order at 7:01 p.m. via Zoom.

In attendance: Dave Taylor (Chair), Kirk Perrin (Vice-Chair), Bill Skinner (Ex Officio Mayor), Tyler Edworthy (Admin Liaison), Debbie Brill (Public Member at Large), Linda Sieker (Public Member at Large), Linda Reid-Collins (Public Member at Large)

Public Attendees: N/A

Regrets: Glynnis Leonard (Public Member at Large)

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

Councilor Perrin moved to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

**3. New Business:**

- a) Appointment of Recording Secretary: No volunteer or appointment made. This item will be brought back to next meeting. Tyler Edworthy took notes.
- b) Community Development Strategy: Committee is interested in playing a role in the Community Development Strategy and community engagement. The idea is to create a guiding development plan supported by the community that will initiate partnerships, sponsorships, and grant opportunities. To initiate the process, Dave Taylor identified we can use the current parks and recreation document as a guide. Some of the ideas presented are:
  - an open house in line with events,
  - virtual open house like the HWY 15 study,
  - work with schools to engage child participation.
  - Kirk Perrin- our web provider or Solut may be able to assist in the virtual design,
  - Bill Skinner ask questions as what the community is missing and what can be improved,

- Linda Reid-Collins market as a scavenger hunt.

#### 4. Old Business:

##### a) Bike park update:

1. Is scheduled to begin construction early spring, Dave has confirmed rig mats as a sponsor, Webbs has confirmed sponsorship, boulders and poles will be brought from Town yard.
2. Bike Park Naming: A petition has come forward for a naming of the bike park, the Delegation request was submitted April 12, 2021 and will be reviewed by administration for validity and if warranted, added to Council agenda. Discussion on the item took place and the Committee will wait for administrative review.
3. Grand opening tentatively scheduled for May 31, 2021.

##### b) Grants/Fundraising activities:

- 1) Pathway Lighting: Tyler is to look into wired LED lighting option and impacts on grant funding to report back to the committee.
- 2) Fortis Tree planting grant: Tyler will coordinate tree planting plan spread throughout the community using the tree study from last year. This will accommodate some of the current black knot issue. Planting will begin in the fall.

#### 5. Round Table & Adjournment

Mayor Bill Skinner- good to see the Bike Park activity would like to see social media marketing throughout the construction, also asked about the Peace Ark plaque and would like to find the wording for replacement.

Councillor Taylor Town Wide Clean up.

- Next Meeting: May 31, 2021 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Committee Chair Signature:



April 27, 2021

Honourable Kaycee Madu  
Minister of Justice and Solicitor General  
424 Legislature Building  
10800-97 Avenue  
Edmonton, Alberta  
T5K 2B6

**RE Town of Magrath Support for the RCMP**

Dear Minister Madu,

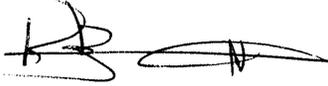
The Magrath Town Council is disappointed by the Province of Alberta's reluctance to accept the results of its own consultative process by pressing forward with an agenda that appears to want to replace the RCMP with an Alberta Provincial Police Service. Given such, we seek to add our support to the letters sent by the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass, the Town of Morinville, and the County of Paintearth No. 18.

While we are confident that through the hard work of those employed either option would provide high quality police services to Albertans, we are more than a little concerned about the bureaucratic transitional costs that would be needed to complete such a change. Our RCMP detachment serves our community's needs, is consultative with our Council, and is recognizable within our community.

It is not the RCMP, but the downloaded costs from the Province's own initiatives for the Rural Crime Initiative and Police Funding model that are having negative impacts on our municipal services. Ultimately, these provincial invoices will require additional taxation on to municipal residents just to be able to pay back the Province. In such uncertain and challenging economic times our Council feels it is unwise for you to press forward with this plan. It would show leadership for your government to, at the minimum, step back and take a pause.

Preferably, now is the time to listen to the respondents of the Fair Deal Panel's consultations, scrap this idea entirely and refocus your efforts on the issues which are of significant concern to Albertans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Russ Barnett', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Russ Barnett  
Mayor

CC: The Honourable Jason Kenney, Premier  
Rachel Notley, Leader of the Opposition  
Joseph Schow, MLA  
Irfan Sabir MLA Critic for Justice and Solicitor General  
AUMA Members  
RMA Members



**TOWN OF EDSON**

Office of the Mayor

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May 5, 2021

**VIA EMAIL: [ministryofjustice@gov.ab.ca](mailto:ministryofjustice@gov.ab.ca)**

Office of the Minister  
Justice and Solicitor General  
424 Legislature Building  
10800 - 97 Avenue  
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

**Attention: Honourable Kaycee Madu**

Dear Honourable Madu:

**Re: Letter in support of the RCMP**

Please accept this letter as Edson Town Council's support for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and in opposition of the Provincial Government's recent proposal of an Alberta Police Force.

While the Province suggests that the switch from the RCMP to an Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS) will not cost municipalities more financially, we do not believe this is realistic. Who will bare the cost of this service? Currently, Edson RCMP operate out of a Federally owned building. Should there be a switch to an APPS, who would assume the cost of a new detachment? Not to mention all of the other infrastructure that would be required to build an APPS. It does not seem feasible that these costs would not end up being borne by the municipality and their residents and that these would not exceed the current costs of providing RCMP services, given the significant investments that would be required and the loss of Federal Funding.

Currently, the RCMP is our largest budgetary item, and this cost only keeps growing as the Provincial Government takes away sources of revenue and downloading additional costs to us. The Province has recently decreased the percentage of revenue from fines that municipalities receive. This money was used by the Town to directly offset the cost of policing. Further, just this year we received a bill from the Provincial Government for the provincial portion of Biology Casework Analysis Agreements expenses. A cost that was not the responsibility of a municipality in the past and was given to us with little to no notice. These cuts and downloads increase costs

to our Town by ~\$350,000-\$400,000; equating to a 3.5%-4% tax increase for our residents. Given this, what protections would be in place to ensure municipalities are not continuously charged more under an APPS model? It seems more realistic that it would only be a matter of time before more costs were downloaded to municipalities for operation of the APPS.

We have worked hard as a municipality to build a strong working relationship with our local RCMP Detachment. They are our partners and an integral part of our community. We are happy with the level of service our RCMP provide and their participation within our community.

We strongly encourage the Provincial Government to use the funds dedicated to researching an APPS, towards building stronger relationships with the RCMP and the Federal government to achieve desired outcomes. The Province repeatedly encourages municipalities to work with each other and come up with new and collaborative ways to provide programs and services to our residents in a cost-effective manner. We implore your Government to do the same and work with your Federal counterparts to achieve the Province's goals related to the RCMP and Policing and to emulate the principles in which they ask of municipal governments within the Province.

Yours truly,

**TOWN OF EDSON**

Per:



Mayor Kevin Zahara  
/krp

cc: The Honourable Jason Kenney, Premier  
The Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs  
Mr. Martin Long, MLA West Yellowhead  
Mr. Gerald Soroka, MP Yellowhead  
Mr. Curtis Zablocki, Commanding Officer for Alberta, RCMP  
AUMA Members  
RMA Members



April 6 2021

Honourable Kaycee Madu  
Minister of Justice and Solicitor General  
424 Legislature Building  
10800 – 97 Avenue  
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Dear Minister Madu,

**Re: Alberta Provincial Police Service Transition Study**

On behalf of Town of Didsbury Council, I am writing to advise you of our Council's ongoing support for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) as our province's police force of choice. As well, please know that our Council opposes the creation of an Alberta provincial service to replace the RCMP.

In listening to and reviewing the presentations from the recent AUMA/RMA Policing Summit in February of 2021, the opening presentation by you, our Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, spoke of "citizens demanding democratic, community-based policing, a renewed commitment to improving policing in the province, and the need for police to work with community partners and citizens to ensure effective community policing." Minister Madu, I am pleased to say that our community has democratic, community-based policing, our detachment meets with us regularly as part of their commitment to optimal two-way communication that invites, welcomes, and listens to our input, and our detachment also works with our municipality and our citizens as community partners. Your comment on your "Why Now" PowerPoint slide at the Summit references the "impact of George Floyd's death and public outcry," an American policing situation, "calls to defund the police," which to many means to add funds to social supports in policing situations, and "concerns of systemic racism," an issue our entire country continues to work to address and resolve. We believe there is no support shown that an Alberta police service would solve any of these issues any more effectively than the RCMP.

On your "Reforming Police - What are we doing now" slide presentation, I offer the following observations:

Improve Public Trust in Policing: We believe there is trust in our municipality and that it is not lost and/or diminishing.

Modern Governance Framework: The RCMP presentation by Deputy Commissioner was excellent; the RCMP present an impressive modern governance framework that constantly evolves with changing times, again displayed in our community.

Effective Police Complaints Process for Alberta: We all constantly work on better complaint processes, including the provincial government and our local municipal government here in Didsbury. The RCMP presentation displayed information about (and Didsbury experiences and is part of these) annual performance plans, community/detachment commander relationships, community reporting templates, and community policing advisory committees. We believe that working with the RCMP as the Alberta police force of choice is more likely to succeed than setting up yet another entity who will have to build from scratch, is costing millions to explore, and will cost hundreds of millions more to implement.

Improve relationship with Indigenous Peoples: This is an important and prioritized initiative across our country, not just in our province, and, again, the RCMP are most likely to succeed with the current initiatives they have underway in their system that display their commitment to improving relationships throughout the communities they serve.

Direct consultation with municipalities regarding the creation of an APPS has been limited. PwC's Phases, Activities, and Timelines indicate there have been envisioning workshops and interviews from October 12 through December 18, 2020. Of note our community was not invited to participate (and we have had an RCMP detachment in our town for 25+ years) and, in speaking with colleagues in our region (who have also had RCMP detachments in their towns for many years), I have heard no one indicate they participated in these workshops and interviews. If municipalities who are served by RCMP detachments are excluded from this conversation, valuable information and feedback is left unheard from affected municipalities.

The Policing Transition Study being undertaken by our province is in response to the Fair Deal Panel's (FDP) recommendation #14: Create an APS to replace RCMP. The FDP reported that 68.5% of respondents were from Calgary and Edmonton regions. Calgary and Edmonton have their own police services, which should be considered when studying the transition from the RCMP. Another FDP finding was that only 35% of respondents supported the idea of creating an APS.

Finally, in the Alberta Police Federation survey from October of 2020, it was found that "replacing the RCMP is viewed as a least helpful measure tested to improve Alberta's place in Canada." Only 8% say replacing the RCMP helps a lot, only 6% support replacing the RCMP, 81% of Albertans served by RCMP are satisfied with the service they receive, and 70% of Albertans oppose replacing the RCMP with an expensive new provincial police service.

There is so much convincing support for the RCMP in Alberta, and, with the strong and effective RCMP that serve us so well in Alberta, our Council supports the programs, initiatives, and progress of the RCMP in meeting our community's policing demands. I again reiterate our Council's support for the RCMP remaining as Alberta's police force of choice.

On behalf of Council,

Yours truly,



Rhonda Hunter  
Mayor

Cc: Nathan Cooper, MLA Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills  
Town of Didsbury Council

# COUNTY OF ST. PAUL

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May 6, 2021

Honorable Kaycee Madu  
Minister of Justice and Solicitor General  
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## **RE: County of St. Paul Support for the RCMP**

Dear Minister Madu,

The County of St. Paul Council wishes to join the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass, the Town of Morinville, the County of Paintearth No. 18 and the City of Magrath, in expressing our disappointment with the Government of Alberta's unwillingness to accept the results of its own review process and that it seems to be continuing on the path of replacing the RCMP with an Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS).

Our local RCMP detachment's current level of service and degree of responsiveness, in addition to their community involvement meets our County resident's needs quite suitably. Furthermore, the collaborative nature that our local RCMP encompasses with our County Council by regularly meeting to review performance plans and projects, gives them a positive recognizable presence within our County.

The bureaucratic provisional expenditure that would be required to complete such a change to a Provincial Police is concerning, as the transition costs are inadequately explained, the County worries that operating costs will inevitably rise, resulting in increased costs borne by Municipalities. These additional costs will require additional taxation onto our County residents for us to be able to repay the Province for the Police funding model.

There has been no conclusive proof that an APPS would result in better outcomes, particularly with the expected increase in costs. With our current challenging economic

times, our Council would like to see your government take time to listen to municipal stakeholders as well as the respondents of the Fair Deal Panel's consultations, cancel the transition study, and increase the efforts to work with the RCMP in achieving better outcomes through the Police Act review.

Sincerely,



Steve Upham  
Reeve

CC: The Honorable Jason Kenny, Premier  
The Honorable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs  
Rachel Notley, Leader of the Opposition  
David Hanson, MLA, Bonnyville – Cold Lake – St. Paul  
Glenn van Dijken, MLA, Athabasca – Barrhead – Westlock  
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**TOWN OF LAMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**  
**April 5, 2021 – Via Zoom**

**PRESENT:** Erin Thomas, Dinah Sudyk, Al Harvey, David Diduck, Michelle Selensky, Greg Huxley

**ABSENT:** Cara Rich, Kelly VanDeurzen, Rebecca Nice

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT: 7:35PM**

**APPROVE AGENDA:** Greg requests that we add the email about Public Library Funds. Dinah requests to add budget to the agenda. Greg moves to approve the agenda as amended. Michelle seconds.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Greg moves to approve the previous minutes as presented. Dinah seconds.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Chequing Account Balance: \$21,461.77

Rebecca’s salary, advertising for new board members paid. As presented.

Dinah moves the treasurers report be adopted as presented. Greg seconds. Passed.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- 1) Northern Lights & the Empty Shelf Program – Tabled until next meeting as Rebecca is absent.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Gmail accounts for Board Chair & Treasurer – Erin suggests that we create free gmail accounts for these positions as they get most of the emails and this way there will be a history to refer back on and less confusion when the person in the position changes. Greg moves that Erin creates gmail accounts and passwords as standard email address system for use by the Town of Lamont Public Library Board Chair & Treasurer. Michelle seconds.
- 2) Northern Lights Conference in May 27 & 28, 2021 – Greg sent email a few weeks back. In the past we have sent our library manager. Would one of our Board members like to attend? There is a cost of \$75 plus processing fee. Dinah says we have funds for someone to attend. Michelle expressed interest in attending. Greg moves that we approve for one Board member to attend the conference. Michelle seconds.
- 3) Facebook & Webpages – Greg says that Rebecca submits an average of about 6 hrs per week. Every week is different. There were some spelling errors and hours of operation

info was incorrect on our webpage that Rebecca has been asked to fix. Can somebody check?

Facebook: Currently our page consists of posts that are pictures of books. Are there more interactive ways to engage with the public? Maybe do some polls or other interactive experiences. To be carried forward. **Greg will talk to Rebecca more about this before next meeting.**

- 4) 2021-2022 Public Library Operating Grant Update –There will be no reduction in funding for 2021-2022. Dinah says that online form was just added. **Dinah will have audit completed so we can complete paperwork.** Once budget is complete, **Dinah will have Town of Lamont Administration sign so we can submit it.** Grant application must be completed by June 15<sup>th</sup>. The budget for 2021-2022 will be basically the same as last year.

Al suggests we have a meeting in May to go over the necessary information prior to June.

Greg makes a motion that we carry this forward and set the next meeting for May 3<sup>rd</sup> to go over audit and budget. Dinah seconds.

#### **LIBRARIAN REPORT:**

No report as Rebecca is absent.

#### **CORRESPONDANCE:**

Letter from Minister Municipal Affairs.

#### **ROUND TABLE:**

Al mentioned location of Public Library concerns to the Lamont Town Council. His intent is to put something on the table to be discussed – it will cost a lot more money because there will be issues. A public library being in the school is not common. There will be a big impact on Northern Lights should we move. At some point in time, depending on how long the effects of this pandemic will be in place, although there is value in partnership there should be a conversation about “what if” – Al suggests there is no need to add it to the agenda but we might want to talk about it at some point.

Al says that we know there will be a new principal and administration assistant next year. We need to try to establish a new relationship with the new administration. We should be ready to explain that we have had discussions with the Lamont Town Council and others to consider the implications of them not being cooperative. We need to make this a key agenda item in June and invite someone from the Lamont Town Council and/or Northern Lights to have a conversation about the needs of our residents with respect to access to the library.

Dave explains that citizens have been without access to the library for a while now. Maybe it is time to go back to the negotiation table with EIPS to work on reopening the library.

Greg is willing to contact EIPS. We will arrange a meeting outside of the board meeting to have a conversation with EIPS and bypass the principal at this point.

Next meeting will mostly focus on the budget.

**NEXT MEETING: May 3, 2021 @ 7:30pm via Zoom**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:32PM**

# Municipal Governance

## During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Frequently Asked Questions – April 23, 2021

On April 6, 2021, the Government of Alberta announced a return to Step 1 of the Path Forward. For the most up-to-date information, visit [alberta.ca/COVID19](https://alberta.ca/COVID19).

While we continue to navigate the ever-evolving COVID-19 pandemic together, Municipal Affairs remains committed to issuing regular updates to address frequently asked questions and provide new information or resources as they become available.

If you would like a specific issue addressed in an upcoming update, please email your request to [ma.lgsmail@gov.ab.ca](mailto:ma.lgsmail@gov.ab.ca).

### Municipal Affairs Updates

Previous COVID-19 updates are available at [www.alberta.ca/municipal-government-resources.aspx](https://www.alberta.ca/municipal-government-resources.aspx)

## Council Meetings

**Have there been any changes to council meeting procedures with the return to Step 1?**

**NO.** There have been no changes to council meeting procedures. The Public Meeting Procedures (COVID-19 Suppression) Regulation remains in effect for councils to conduct council meetings by entirely electronic means to help control the spread of COVID-19. All attendees of meetings held in person must wear masks and socially distance, as required by public health orders.

## Municipal Election

**Does the Government of Alberta have plans to allow for expanded use of special ballots for the 2021 general election?**

**NO.** Municipal Affairs will continue to monitor developments relating to the pandemic, but based on progress to date in the vaccine rollout, it is anticipated votes will be able to take place safely according to relatively normal processes. No changes to special ballot provisions are planned at this time.

## Recreational Facilities

**Can splash parks, outdoor pools, and other outdoor facilities operate as part of the Step 1 restrictions?**

**YES.** Outdoor fitness and recreation facilities may be used, as long as they align with public health guidelines. Physical distancing of two metres between households or individuals is required, and group activities can have a maximum of 10 attendees. If activities cannot be made to align with public health guidelines, the activity is not permitted.

### Municipal Advisory Services

If you have further questions, please call 780-427-2225 (or toll-free by first dialing 310-0000) or email [ma.lgsmail@gov.ab.ca](mailto:ma.lgsmail@gov.ab.ca).

### Can municipal golf courses be open?

**YES.** Golf courses and driving ranges are allowed to open. As with other activities, physical distancing is required, and group activities can have a maximum of 10 people.

### Can indoor recreational facilities be open?

**YES.** Indoor recreational facilities are permitted to be open; however, indoor recreational spaces may only be used for individual or household one-on-one fitness training. Indoor group fitness for adults is not permitted (both low and high intensity). Youth lessons, practices, and physical conditioning activities are allowed for indoor and minor sports/activities. Youth school athletics are linked to school board decisions so for all places shifting to online schooling, indoor youth sports activities will be paused. Games are not allowed.

### Can campgrounds with toilets and showers be open?

**YES.** Shared amenities and high-touch surfaces should undergo regular cleaning and disinfection procedures with increased frequencies.

### Can community halls be open?

**YES.** Community halls may be open for any activities permitted under Step 1, such as wedding ceremonies (up to 10 people) and funeral services (up to 20 people). Receptions and trade shows are not permitted. Group meetings may be held so long as masks are worn, individuals or households are spaced at least two metres apart, hand hygiene facilities are available, and movement through the facility can be properly facilitated.

### Can municipalities choose to keep municipal properties closed even if they can be open under Step 1?

**YES.** The decision to open facilities remains a local council decision. Municipalities and the public must continue to put safety first.

### Are adult team sports, such as softball, allowed to proceed?

**NO.** Adult team sports are not permitted under the current guidelines. Adult team sports may be part of Step 3 of the Path Forward.

## General Questions

### Are municipalities responsible in any way for use of their community halls or facilities in contravention of the order or parameters of use under the Public Health Order?

**YES.** Community hall and facility operators, including municipalities, are responsible for any contravention to public health orders that occur within their premises.

### Should municipalities be encouraging employees to work from home?

**YES.** Working from home is mandatory unless the employee's physical presence is required to meet operational needs. While in the office, individuals must practice social distancing and wear masks when in public areas of the office. Municipal staff should be encouraged and supported to have remote work arrangements where feasible.

## Additional Resources

RMA's COVID-19 response hub is available at <https://rmalberta.com/about/covid-19-response-hub>.

AUMA's updated guide is available at [www.auma.ca/covid19](http://www.auma.ca/covid19).

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities links and resources for municipalities is available at [www.fcm.ca/en/resources/covid-19-resources-municipalities](http://www.fcm.ca/en/resources/covid-19-resources-municipalities).

For the most up-to-date information on the COVID-19 situation in Alberta, visit [alberta.ca/COVID19](http://alberta.ca/COVID19).

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April 28, 2021

His Worship Mayor Bill Skinner  
and Members of Council  
Town of Lamont  
Box 330  
Lamont, Alberta  
TOB 2R0

Title of initiative: Asset Management Systems Implementation in Lamont  
Application number: **MAMP-16984**

Dear Mayor Skinner and Members of Council:

On behalf of the Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP) it is my pleasure to confirm that the Town of Lamont has been approved for a grant in the amount of up to **\$20,000**.

In the near future, Brett Phillips will contact Christine Beveridge, Chief Administrative Officer of the Town of Lamont to finalize the agreement for the grant. FCM's obligation to fund the above-noted initiative will only become binding once the agreement is fully executed. During this time, eligible expenditures may be incurred as of your project's eligibility date: 19 October 2020.

Public announcements regarding MAMP-funded initiatives are overseen by FCM in partnership with the Government of Canada. Your municipality is welcome to participate in that process, but until authorised by FCM and Infrastructure Canada, any public statements related to the status of the application for MAMP funding are not permitted. This communication protocol is contained in the grant agreement. If you require further information prior to receiving the contract, please contact Brett Phillips at 343-925-6403 or by e-mail at [bphillips@fcm.ca](mailto:bphillips@fcm.ca).

Thank you for your interest in MAMP. We look forward to working with you to improve asset management practices in your community, and to sharing the results of your initiative with communities across Canada.

Sincerely,

Aymone Agossou  
Manager, Funding

cc: Christine Beveridge, Chief Administrative Officer

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### **2021 Minister's Seniors Service Awards**

In the past year, countless Albertans have stepped up and given their time energy and resources to help seniors.

Here in Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville I have witnessed how individuals, businesses, and non-profit organizations have come up with new and innovative ways to ensure their friends, neighbours, and community members have the supports they need.

They're the ones in our communities who are out delivering groceries, helping with accessibility or sending cards to make sure isolated seniors aren't forgotten. Now it's time we give these folks a round of applause.

You can do your part in honouring exemplary individuals, businesses, or non-profit organizations by nominating them for a Minister's Seniors Service Award. Since 1998, these awards have been our province's way to show appreciation and encouragement for those giving older adults a helping hand. This year, a Special Service Award will honour an individual, business, or non-profit organization that has brought joy to isolated seniors.

I know our community is full of these helpers, innovators, and caregivers that make life better for seniors. Take a moment to think of the people in your neighbourhood, workplace, or family that could be deserving of recognition. You can nominate them for an award quickly and easily through our online form at [alberta.ca/MSSA](http://alberta.ca/MSSA). The **June 30, 2021** nomination deadline is coming up soon.

Every nominee will be recognized over the summer months, and award recipients will be publicly honoured in the fall. Showing our thanks is the least we can do, so I encourage you to submit anyone deserving. Let's put our hands together for those helping seniors and showing their true Alberta spirit.

*Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk MLA, Fort Saskatchewan Vegreville*



# TOWN OF LAMONT COUNCIL AGENDA REQUEST FOR DECISION

AGENDA ITEM: 5.1

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE:**  
May 11, 2021

**ITEM DESCRIPTION OR TITLE**

**Bylaw 04/21, Municipal Property Tax Rebate Program**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council give third reading to Bylaw 04/21, Municipal Property Tax Rebate Program.

**BACKGROUND**

Council gave 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading to Bylaw 04/21, Municipal Property Tax Rebate Program on April 27, 2021. At that time, Council requested additional information relating to the vacant lots in Lamont, which has been provided below:

The information provided is based on Lamont’s current Property Tax portfolio.

Property Class	Description	Total
103	Residential Vacant	46
252	Commercial Vacant	14
253	Industrial Vacant	2
Total vacant lots		62

Administration is recommending that Council proceed with 3<sup>rd</sup> reading.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Following the April 27<sup>th</sup> Council meeting no further public input was received to date.
- The program will be advertised on social media and on the Town’s website.
- Information will be shared with business community through the Lamont & District Chamber of Commerce and other methods of advertising such as signage and newspaper advertising.

**IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION**

The proposed program is set out as follows:

Eligible applications would need to meet the following criteria:

- New Residential Construction with approved development and building permits dated after this Bylaw comes into effect.
- New Construction\* with approved development and building permits dated after this Bylaw comes into effect.



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- Existing homes that are demolished to accommodate construction of a new residence.
- Existing commercial or industrial buildings that are demolished to accommodate new construction.
- Applicant must be the legal landowner, as named on the certificate of title.

### Additional requirements:

- Rebate is restricted to one (1) New Construction or one (1) New Residential Construction per lot.
- New Construction or New Residential Construction applies to permanent structures situated on a permanent foundation and complies with the Alberta Building Code.
- Municipal Property Taxes must be paid by the due date indicated on the Tax notice during the eligible Rebate Period, or eligibility will be terminated.
- Applications must be received by the Town of Lamont by December 1st each year during the Rebate Period to be eligible.
- All New Construction or New Residential Construction must conform to the Town of Lamont Land Use Bylaw and Alberta Building Code regulations.
- The property taxes must be current at the time of the application or the application for rebate will be cancelled.

*\*New Construction means new commercial or industrial structures constructed on vacant lands or replacing removed or demolished existing structures as defined in the Town of Lamont Land Use Bylaw.*

In addition, a request was recently received that outlines how an incentive program for tax rebates would be beneficial to increase residential development in the community. Details have been attached for reference. If Council moved forward with approving the bylaw to allow for the program to commence, Administration would proceed with the rollout of the program and work with the request that has been received.

Similar municipal tax rebate programs are currently being offered in other municipalities including in our region, such as Redwater and Bruderheim.

The draft bylaw was recently circulated to the business community through the Lamont & District Chamber of Commerce for external input. At the time of the report, the following input was received:

- *I have read a copy of the proposed Bylaw re Municipal Tax Rebate Bylaw and its relation to the building of new residential and commercial projects in the Town of Lamont.*
- *In my opinion it is clear and defines the Bylaw in plain language.*
- *I have discussed your proposed Bylaw with other parties involved in the construction trade and the comments in regards to the incentive details of the Bylaw were all positive.*



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### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications would vary depending on the participation in the program.

In general terms, the rebate offered is related to the municipal property tax that the Town would not collect for 3 years. The eligible applicants would be responsible for all other requisitions along with the land tax.

Below is an example demonstrating how the rebate is applied assuming the assessed value is consistent, and the improvement value is driven from the stage of completion. The current year is the year of application and the start of construction.

The total rebate possible for the application would be \$7,739.78.

Assessment	Current	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Land	\$ 45,600.00	\$ 45,600.00	\$ 45,600.00	\$ 45,600.00
Improvement	\$ -	\$ 148,000.00	\$ 280,000.00	\$ 295,000.00
<b>Total Assessment</b>	<b>\$ 45,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 193,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 325,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 340,600.00</b>
Municipal Tax Levy				
Land	\$ 488.15	\$ 488.15	\$ 488.15	\$ 488.15
<b>Improvement</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,584.35</b>	<b>\$ 2,997.43</b>	<b>\$ 3,158.00</b>
<b>Total Municipal Taxes:</b>	<b>\$ 488.15</b>	<b>\$ 2,072.51</b>	<b>\$ 3,485.58</b>	<b>\$ 3,646.16</b>
Lamont County Housing Foundation	\$ 18.23	\$ 77.38	\$ 130.14	\$ 136.14
Provincial Education Tax Levy	\$ 123.35	\$ 523.69	\$ 880.75	\$ 921.32
<b>Total Taxes Due:</b>	<b>\$ 629.73</b>	<b>\$ 2,673.58</b>	<b>\$ 4,496.47</b>	<b>\$ 4,703.62</b>
<b>Total Rebate:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$ 1,584.35</b>	<b>\$ 2,997.43</b>	<b>\$ 3,158.00</b>
<b>Total Taxes Due after rebate:</b>	<b>\$ 629.73</b>	<b>\$ 1,089.22</b>	<b>\$ 1,499.04</b>	<b>\$ 1,545.61</b>

### POLICY AND/OR LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES

Strategic Plan Goal #4: Promote and support economic development to enhance opportunities and grow the Town’s non-residential tax base.

MGA Sections 347 (1) (c) & 364.2

### ATTACHMENTS

1. Bylaw 04/21, Municipal Property Tax Rebate Program

Report Prepared By: Dawn Nielsen, Deputy CAO

Approved by CAO:

**TOWN OF LAMONT  
BYLAW 04/21**



**BEING A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF LAMONT IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA,  
TO PROVIDE FOR A MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX REBATE PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Town of Lamont deems it necessary to provide for a Municipal Property Tax Rebate Program.

**NOW THEREFORE** pursuant to the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000 c.M-26 and amendments thereto, the Council of the Town of Lamont, hereby enacts as follows:

**1. BYLAW TITLE**

- a. This Bylaw is known as "Municipal Tax Rebate Bylaw".

**2. DEFINITIONS**

For the purposes of this Bylaw:

- a. "Act" means the *Municipal Government Act* RSA 2000, c.M-26;
- b. "Bylaw" means this Municipal Property Tax Rebate bylaw established by the Municipality;
- c. "Construction Start Date" means the date the Building Permit is issued;
- d. "Council" means the Council for the Town of Lamont;
- e. "Municipality" means the Town of Lamont;
- f. "Municipal Property Tax" means those taxes collected on the Town of Lamont tax notice excluding Requisitions;
- g. "New Construction" means new commercial or industrial structures constructed on vacant lands or replacing removed or demolished existing structures as defined in the Town of Lamont Land Use Bylaw;
- h. "New Residential Construction" means new residential structures constructed on vacant lands or replacing removed or demolished existing structures, including new modular homes, as defined in the Town of Lamont Land Use Bylaw;
- i. "Principal Building" means a building that is the Principal building of occupation and excludes accessory buildings;
- j. "Rebate Period" is either:
  - a. a three year term beginning January 1 following the Construction Start Date for New Construction, or
  - b. a three year term beginning January 1 following the Construction Start Date for New Residential Construction.
- k. "Requisitions" means a school and seniors requisitions collected on the Town of Lamont Tax notice.

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**3. APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY**

- a. Eligible New Construction and New Residential Construction is for the Principal Building structure only.
- b. Eligible applications must meet the following criteria:
  - i. New Residential Construction with approved development and building permits dated after this Bylaw comes into effect.
  - ii. New Construction with approved development and building permits dated after this Bylaw comes into effect.
  - iii. Existing homes that are demolished to accommodate construction of a new residence.
  - iv. Existing commercial or industrial buildings that are demolished to accommodate new construction.
  - v. Applicant must be the legal landowner, as named on the certificate of title.
- c. Rebate is restricted to one (1) New Construction or one (1) New Residential Construction per lot.
- d. New Construction or New Residential Construction applies to permanent structures situated on a permanent foundation and complies with the Alberta Building Code.
- e. Municipal Property Taxes must be paid by the due date indicated on the Tax notice during the eligible Rebate Period, or eligibility will be terminated.
- f. Applications for Rebate must be completed annually during the Rebate Period in a form prescribed by the Town of Lamont.
- g. Applications must be received by the Town of Lamont by December 1st each year during the Rebate Period to be eligible.
- h. All New Construction or New Residential Construction must conform to the Town of Lamont Land Use Bylaw and Alberta Building Code regulations.
- i. The property taxes must be current at the time of the application or the application for rebate will be cancelled.
- j. Requisitions are not eligible for a rebate and must be paid by the applicant.
- k. The Municipal Property Tax Rebate applies only to the municipal portion of taxes and does not apply to taxes on the land assessment or the requisitions such as the Alberta Education requisition and Lamont County Seniors Foundation requisition.

**4. PROVISIONS AND REGULATIONS**

- a. Council may make rules and regulations consistent with this Bylaw for the effectual carrying out of this bylaw and for the efficient management, control and regulation of the bylaw.

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BYLAW 04/21**

**5. SEVERABILITY**

- a. If any portion of this Bylaw is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion shall be severed, and the remainder of the Bylaw is deemed valid.

**6. EFFECTIVE DATE**

- a. That this Bylaw shall come into force and take effect upon the date of third reading and is duly signed.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2021.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2021.

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Administrative Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date signed



**TOWN OF LAMONT  
COUNCIL AGENDA  
REQUEST FOR DECISION**

AGENDA ITEM: 5.2

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE:**  
May 11, 2021

**ITEM DESCRIPTION OR TITLE**

Bylaw 05/21, Taxation

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council give first reading to Bylaw 05/21, Taxation.
2. That Council give second reading to Bylaw 05/21, Taxation.
3. That Council give unanimous consent to proceed to third reading of Bylaw 05/21, Taxation.
4. That Council give third reading to Bylaw 05/21, Taxation.

**BACKGROUND**

Council approved the 2021 mill rates during the April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Council meeting. Administration prepared the 2021 taxation bylaw based on the approved mill rates.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

If Council approves the 2021 Taxation Bylaw, the bylaw will be published on the website and tax notices will be sent out on May 21, 2021.

**IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION**

N/A

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

If the proposed 2021 Taxation Bylaw is approved, it will generate revenue of \$1,797,064 from taxation for the Town.

In addition, requisitions will be paid as follows:

- Alberta School Foundation (ASFF) \$465,492,
- Lamont County Housing Foundation \$63,476,
- Designated Industrial (DI) Property Tax Requisition \$259.

**POLICY AND/OR LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES**

MGA Section 10



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COUNCIL AGENDA  
REQUEST FOR DECISION**

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Bylaw 05/21, Taxation

Report Prepared By: Robert Mu, Finance Officer

Approved by CAO:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R. Mu", is written over the line for the CAO's approval.

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BYLAW 05/21



**BEING A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF LAMONT IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO AUTHORIZE THE RATES OF TAXATION TO BE LEVIED AGAINST ASSESSABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWN OF LAMONT FOR THE 2021 TAXATION YEAR.**

**WHEREAS** the Town of Lamont has prepared and adopted detailed estimates of the municipal revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year 2021 as required, at the Council meeting held on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021; and

**WHEREAS** the estimated municipal revenues and transfers from all sources other than taxation total \$3,180,753; and

**WHEREAS** the estimated municipal operating and capital expenditures (excluding non-cash items) set out in the annual budget for the Town of Lamont for 2021 total \$5,406,904; and the balance of \$2,226,151 is to be raised by the general municipal property taxation; and

**WHEREAS** the estimated amount required to repay principal debt to be raised by general municipal taxation is \$100,140; and

**WHEREAS** the estimated amount required for future financial plans to be raised by municipal taxation is nil; and

**WHEREAS** the total amount to be raised by general municipal taxation is \$2,326,291; and

**WHEREAS** the education requisitions are estimated:

**Alberta School Foundation Fund**

- Residential & Farmland \$357,685
- Non-residential \$107,808

**WHEREAS** the requisitions are:

**Lamont County Housing Foundation**

- 2021 Lamont County Housing Foundation \$63,476

**Designated Industrial Property** \$259

**WHEREAS** the Council is authorized to sub-classify assessed property, and to establish different rates of taxation in respect to each sub-class of property, subject to the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c.M-26 and amendments thereto; and

**WHEREAS** the assessed value of all property in the Town of Lamont as shown on the assessment roll is:

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Residential & Farm land	\$ 132,267,870
Commercial & Industrial	23,128,720
Machinery and Equipment	68,660
Designated Industrial Property - Machinery and Equip	298,280
Designated Industrial Property - Other	3,085,320
<b>Total Assessment</b>	<b>\$ 158,848,850</b>

**NOW THEREFORE** under the authority of the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c.M-26 and amendments thereto, the Council of the Town of Lamont, hereby enacts as follows:

1. That the Chief Administrative Officer is hereby authorized to levy the following rates of taxation on the assessed value of all property as shown on the assessment roll of the Town of Lamont:

2021	2021 Required Levy	Assessment	Tax Rate
<b>General Municipal</b>			
Residential /Farmland	\$ 1,415,941	132,267,870	<b>10.7051</b>
Non-Residential	\$ 351,591	26,114,940	<b>13.4632</b>
M & E	\$ 6,274	466,040	<b>13.4632</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,773,806</b>	<b>\$ 158,848,850</b>	
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Designated industrial Property	\$ 259	\$ 3,383,600	<b>0.0766</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 259</b>	<b>\$ 3,383,600</b>	
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<b>Alberta School Foundation (ASFF)</b>			
Residential /Farmland	357,685	132,267,870	<b>2.7042</b>
Non-Residential	107,808	26,114,940	<b>4.1282</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 465,492</b>	<b>\$ 158,382,810</b>	
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<b>Lamont County Housing Foundation</b>			
Total	63,476	158,848,850	<b>0.3996</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 63,476</b>	<b>\$ 158,848,850</b>	
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<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,303,033</b>		
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<b>Minimum Levy</b>	23,258		
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<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,326,291</b>		

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BYLAW 05/21**

2. The Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to levy a minimum tax of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars on all taxable properties beginning in the 2021 tax year.
3. If any portion of this Bylaw is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion shall be severed, and the remainder of the Bylaw is deemed valid.
4. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect upon the date of third reading.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ .

READ A SECOND TIME THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Administrative Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date signed



**TOWN OF LAMONT  
COUNCIL AGENDA  
REQUEST FOR DECISION**

AGENDA ITEM:

5.3

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE:**  
May 11, 2021

**ITEM DESCRIPTION OR TITLE**

Petition Declaration

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council accept the petition declaration report as information.

**BACKGROUND**

On April 12, 2021, a petition for the naming of the Bike Park was received. The petition has been reviewed for sufficiency as per the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA). Following a comprehensive review, the petition was declared insufficient as per sections 222, 223 and 224 of the MGA.

During the April 27<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, Council requested the naming of the Bike Park be referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee. The request will undergo consideration with a recommendation to be brought forward to a future Council meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The petitioner will be contacted advising of the declaration.

**IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION**

N/A

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**POLICY AND/OR LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES**

MGA Sections 219-226

**ATTACHMENTS**

Report Prepared By: Christine Beveridge, CAO

Approved by CAO:



## MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORT

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE: May 11, 2021**

**ELECTED OFFICIAL: Mayor Bill Skinner**

**REPORT PERIOD: Apr 22 – May5**

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### **Boards and Committees:**

- May 3: Lamont County Housing foundation Managers' Meeting
  - Discussion re: facility maintenance, new COVID-19 orders, etc.
- May 4: Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
  - Discussion re: 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary bus/train accident memorial
  - Discussion re: request for bike park naming & park memorial policy

### **Items for Council Discussion:**

### **Town of Lamont Business:**

- Apr 27: Teleconference Meeting with MLA Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk
  - Jackie congratulates us for receiving \$5000 from the Fortis Save Energy Grant program to be used towards upgrading the lighting in our administration building to LED lighting
  - Jackie spoke about the Rural Rapid Access Counselling for all Albertans program and hoped we could help raise awareness of this available resource.

### **Professional Development (Workshops & Conferences):**

- Apr 22: MLA Shannon Stubbs TownHall Teleconference
  - Lively discussion re: impacts of pandemic and federal government management of pandemic

### **Lamont Functions and Events:**

- May 1: Participated with family in Town-Wide cleanup



## **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORT**

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE: May 11, 2021**

**ELECTED OFFICIAL: Dave Taylor**

**REPORT PERIOD: April 27 – May 11, 2021**

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### **Boards and Committees:**

- **April 28: JSB Water Commission – Special meeting: Auditors and financial report**
- **May 4: Parks and Recreation Committee – Special meeting: Recommendations as per Council direction for bike park name request and bus/train accident memorial**

### **Town of Lamont Business:**

- **Daily check-ins and consultation with Bike Track on bike park construction; allocation of additional resources/equipment (KG Oilfield)**

### **Professional Development (Workshops & Conferences):**

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### **Lamont Functions and Events:**

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# CAO REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING May 7, 2021

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- COVID-19 Activities
  - Continue to ensure staff, Council and the community is informed and current on the situation and adjusting protocols as required.
  - Updates to the COVID-19 restrictions were announced May 4. The Province moved to put in place stronger public health measures. The Town of Lamont is not currently in a high case region resulting in less restrictions for the community than surrounding areas. Monitoring cases in region, as the region is close to a high case threshold.
- Continued policy development- Employee Handbook preparation.
- 2021 Tax Bylaw and Tax Notice preparation.
- 2021 Election preparation.
- Evaluation of possible 2021 event planning opportunities.
- Follow up related to the 2020 Tax Auction.
- On-going projects: Recreation Centre A/V Upgrade Project, Bike Park, Street Sweeping.
- Administration Building Lighting Upgrade was finalized and installed.
- Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP) Grant approval provided from FCM for the Asset Management Systems Implementation.

## MEETINGS/EVENTS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- COVID-19 Updates for Alberta Municipalities from the Chief Medical Officer of Health(weekly)
- CREPP Meetings (bi-weekly)
- Monthly Health & Safety Meeting- April 27
- AUMA Public Risk Conference sessions – May 3-7

# OPERATIONS & INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING May 11, 2021

## HIGHLIGHTS

### STAFF

- 2 staff started their water & wastewater certification training.
- Internal staff and safety meeting, following Alberta Occupational Health and Safety guidelines.
- Met with Bruderheim to explore opportunities for collaboration.

### Facilities

- Public Works Shop- Overhead Door was repaired.
- Baseball Diamonds have been opened for the season.

### Road Maintenance

- Road rehabilitation work on 47 Ave by Highway 831 was initiated.
- 50<sup>th</sup> Ave East of 44 street drainage work was completed.
- Annual street sweeping was completed in line with new process.
- The Laneway Assessment Program was initiated in 2020 to determine how well laneways are performing under different seasonal conditions. These ratings were completed at three different times throughout the year on a scale of (1) being very poor through (5) being excellent. The 2021 spring laneway inspection had the following findings:
  - In 2020 approximately 10 laneways had rehabilitation work completed, all laneways had an improvement in the rating this spring.
    - 7 laneways from (1) rating to (4) rating.
    - 2 laneways from (1) rating to (3) rating.
    - 1 laneway from (1) rating to (2) rating
  - Overall laneways were in better condition due to a dry spring weather, and work completed in 2020.
  - Further deterioration was found on several laneways that required minor repairs this spring due to poor drainage and will be a focus throughout the construction season.
  - Public Works staff will continue to work on the laneways throughout 2021 construction season and evaluate the overall condition in 3 times annually.

### Parks & Recreation

- Flower pots have been delivered and will be set out in May.

### Utilities

- Water meter replacement program is ongoing with COVID protocols in place.
- 54 Street Reservoir inspection was completed and required repairs have been identified to be completed.
- Lamont's Storm System was registered with Alberta Environment to ensure compliance with outfall regulations.

# OPERATIONS & INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING May 11, 2021

## Projects & Requests:

- 2021 Capital Project- Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line Repair. Work has been completed and inspections approved. Contractor will be back in June for final landscaping and seeding.
- 2021 Capital Project- Recreation Centre AV Upgrade. Work has begun with electrical being installed, all equipment has now arrived. Further exploration of enhanced internet options is underway.
- 2021 Capital Project- Lamont Arena Plant Upgrades. Work has started April 27,2021.
- 2021 Bike Park Project- Work started April 27, 2021. Contractor work will be completed mid-May. Landscaping will be coordinated once the contractor has completed all construction and rectified any deficiencies.

Description	2021 Budget	Targeted Amount Apr	2021 Actual Apr	Variance	% of Completion	2021 - Apr	2020 - Apr	Increase/ (Decrease)	Percentage
<b>REVENUE</b>									
General Revenue	(2,713,173)	(96,778)	(171,446)	(2,541,727)	6%	(23,950)	(25,173)	1,222	
Administration	(319,348)	(79,837)	(192,407)	(126,941)	60%	(270)	(208)	(62)	
By Law	(4,200)	(1,050)	(1,513)	(2,687)	36%	(272)	(30)	(242)	
Strs. & Road	(5,000)	(1,250)	(638)	(4,362)	13%	0	0	0	
Storm Sewer	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	
Water	(580,049)	(145,012)	(88,007)	(492,042)	15%	(795)	(32)	(763)	
Sewer	(172,184)	(43,046)	(25,764)	(146,420)	15%	(15)	(10)	(6)	
Garbage	(344,417)	(86,104)	(58,266)	(286,151)	17%	0	0	0	
Cemetery	(2,037)	(509)	0	(2,037)	0%	0	(800)	800	
Planning & Subdivision	(2,537)	(634)	(511)	(2,027)	20%	(43)	0	(43)	
Hall	(10,000)	(2,500)	(5,172)	(4,828)	52%	0	0	0	
Arena	(47,887)	(11,972)	0	(47,887)	0%	0	0	0	
Park	(2,547)	(637)	(50)	(2,497)	2%	(50)	0	(50)	
Curling Rink	(500)	(125)	0	(500)	0%	0	0	0	
FCSS	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>(4,223,679)</b>	<b>(474,405)</b>	<b>(669,773)</b>	<b>(3,553,906)</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>(151,395)</b>	<b>(26,252)</b>	<b>(125,143)</b>	
<b>EXPENSE</b>									
Council	140,633	35,158	28,557	112,076	20%	6,378	5,751	627	
Administration	702,790	175,697	229,262	473,528	33%	46,656	44,561	2,095	
Fire	32,878	8,220	11,315	21,563	34%	1,230	1,372	(142)	
Disaster Service	1,500	375	0	1,500	0%	0	0	0	
By-Law	65,176	16,294	12,175	53,001	19%	9,810	1,100	8,710	
Public Work	225,938	56,484	187,676	38,262	83%	45,745	35,485	10,260	
Street & Road	451,900	112,975	100,032	351,868	22%	72,932	27,280	45,652	
Storm Sewer	11,400	2,850	370	11,030	3%	370	16	354	
Water	568,896	142,224	69,742	499,154	12%	27,015	24,554	3,267	
Sewer	65,265	16,316	7,934	57,331	12%	4,376	9,645	(5,270)	
Garbage	399,763	181,691	71,576	328,188	18%	23,678	23,660	18	
Family Community & Cemetery	23,375	5,844	0	23,375	0%	0	0	0	
Town Beautification	17,500	4,375	468	17,033	3%	0	0	0	
Planning & Subdivision	108,300	27,075	7,487	100,813	7%	2,817	19,950	(17,133)	
Hall	136,546	34,137	57,973	78,574	42%	10,394	8,742	1,652	
Arena	289,580	72,395	61,936	227,643	21%	11,565	44,705	(33,140)	
Park	107,613	26,903	15,336	92,276	14%	4,328	83	4,245	
Curling Rink	42,813	10,703	25,868	16,945	60%	2,730	1,594	1,136	
FCSS & School Fund	548,078	137,019	130,178	417,900	24%	0	6,157	(6,157)	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>3,939,944</b>	<b>1,066,736</b>	<b>1,017,885</b>	<b>2,922,060</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>270,026</b>	<b>254,657</b>	<b>16,175</b>	

Description	2021 Budget	Targeted Amount Apr	2021 Actual Apr	Variance	% of Completion	2021 - Apr	2020 - Apr	Increase/ (Decrease)	Percentage
<b>Capital Programs</b>									
Administration	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Fire	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Public Work	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Street and Road	46,340	11,585	0	46,340	0%	0	9,568	(9,568)	-100%
storm Sewer	32,500	8,125	0	32,500	0%	0	0	0	0%
Water	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Sewer	1,045,625	261,406	186,809	858,816	18%	160,647			
Planning & Subdivision	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Hall	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Arena	146,800	36,700	0	146,800	0%	0	0	0	0%
Park	136,255	34,064	0	136,255	0%	0	0	0	0%
Curling Rink	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
<b>Total Capital Programs</b>	<b>1,407,520</b>	<b>351,880</b>	<b>186,809</b>	<b>1,220,711</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>160,647</b>	<b>9,568</b>		



# Lamont County Emergency Services MONTHLY FIRE DISTRICT REPORT

District	Month/Year
District Fire Chief	
<b>Meetings/Events Attended</b>	<b>Professional Development</b>
<b>Projects Started/Completed</b>	<b>Other Information</b>

Fire District Update	
Community Events Hosted/Attended	Training
<p>_____ <b>Total Volunteer Hours in Community</b></p>	<p>_____ <b>Training Sessions Held</b>  <i>The following topics were trained on:</i></p>
Incident Summary	Personnel Summary
<p>_____ <b>Incidents</b></p> <p>_____ Alarms</p> <p>_____ Fires</p> <p>_____ MFR</p> <p>_____ Motor Vehicle Accidents</p> <p>_____ Other</p>	<p>_____ <b>Personnel on the Roster</b></p> <p>_____ <b>Volunteer Hours at Station</b></p>

**Respectfully Submitted,**