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#### **TOWN OF DRUMHELLER**

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

#### **AGENDA**

TIME & DATE: 4:30 PM - Monday, May 13, 2024

LOCATION: Council Chambers, 224 Centre St and ZOOM Platform and

Live Stream on Drumheller Valley YouTube Channel

- 1. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>
- 2. OPENING COMMENTS
- 3. <u>ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA</u>
- 4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
  - 4.1 Agenda for the May 13, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting

Proposed Motion: That Council adopt the agenda for the May 13, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.

#### 5. MEETING MINUTES

5.1 Minutes for the April 15, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Committee of the Whole Meeting -April 15, 2024 - Minutes.

Proposed Motion: that Council approve the minutes for the April 15, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.

#### 6. <u>COUNCIL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES</u>

6.1 Minutes: Drumheller and District Seniors Foundation (DDSF)

Regular Meeting – March 28, 2023 – Minutes.

#### Proposed Motion:

that Council accept as information the Drumheller and District Seniors Foundation (DDSF) regular meeting minutes of March 28, 2023 as presented.

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#### 7. <u>DELEGATION</u>

7.1 RCMP 2023 Q4 Quarterly Update

Presentation

7.2 Drumheller DinoArts Association Update

Presentation

7.3 Midlandvale Community Hall Association Outdoor Rink Update

**Presentation** 

#### 8. <u>REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION</u>

**EMERGENCY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES** 

8.1 Briefing Note: Alberta Fire Chiefs Association (AFCA) Day at the Legislature

**Briefing Note** 

#### 9. <u>CLOSED SESSION</u>

9.1 Strategic Development and Planning

FOIP 23 - Local public body confidences

FOIP 24 - Advice from Officials

FOIP 25 – Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body

**Proposed Motion:** 

That Council close the meeting to the public to discuss Strategic Development and Planning as per FOIP 23 – Local public body confidences, FOIP 24 – Advice from Officials and FOIP 25 – Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body.

**Proposed Motion:** 

That Council open the meeting to the public

#### 10. ADJOURNMENT

Proposed Motion: That Council adjourn the meeting.

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#### TOWN OF DRUMHELLER

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

#### **MINUTES**

TIME & DATE: 4:30 PM - Monday, April 15, 2024

LOCATION: Council Chambers, 224 Centre St and ZOOM Platform and

Live Stream on Drumheller Valley YouTube Channel

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Tony Lacher
Councillor Crystal Sereda

Councillor Tom Zariski

Mayor Heather Colberg Chief Administrative Officer: Darryl Drohomerski

Councillor Patrick Kolafa Director of Corporate & Community Services: Victoria Chan

Councillor Stephanie Price Acting Director of Infrastructure: Kevin Blanchett

Dir. of Emergency and Protective Services: Greg Peters (Regrets)

Flood Mitigation Project Manager: Deighen Blakely

Communication Officer: Bret Crowle

Reality Bytes IT: David Vidal

Recording Secretary: Mitchell Visser

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Colberg called the meeting to order at 4:37 PM

#### 2. OPENING COMMENTS

Councillor Lisa Hansen-Zacharuk

Mayor Heather Colberg reminded residents that Earth Day is taking place next Monday, April 22, 2024 and reminded everyone to take the time to pick up garbage and keep their properties clean.

Council thanked everyone who takes the time to volunteer in our community.

The Travel Drumheller AGM is taking place this Thursday, April 18, 2024 at the Badlands amphitheatre from 6:00 – 7:30 PM. All interested individuals are encouraged to attend.

#### 3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

No additions to the Agenda.

#### 4. <u>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</u>

#### 4.1 Agenda for Monday, April 15, 2024, Regular Council Meeting

M2024.132 Moved by Councillor Price, Councillor Kolafa that Council adopt the agenda for Monday, April 15, 2024, Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 5. MEETING MINUTES

5.1 Minutes for March 11, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting

Agenda Attachment: Committee of the Whole meeting – March 11, 2024 - Minutes

M2024.133 Moved by Councillor Lacher, Councillor Price that Council approve the minutes for the March 11, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 6. <u>COUNCIL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES</u>

6.1 Minutes: Drumheller Housing Administration (DHA)

Agenda Attachments: Regular Meeting – September 19, 2023 – Minutes; Regular Meeting – December 12, 2023 – Minutes.

M2024.134 Moved by Councillor Sereda, Councillor Kolafa that Council accept as information the Drumheller Housing Administration (DHA) regular meeting minutes of September 19, 2023 and December 12, 2023 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.1 Minutes: Drumheller and District Senior's Foundation (DDSF)

Agenda Attachment: Regular Meeting – February 29, 2024 – Minutes.

M2024.135 Moved by Councilor Zariski, Councillor Hansen-Zacharuk that Council accept as information the Drumheller and District Senior's Foundation (DDSF) regular meeting minutes of February 29, 2024 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **DELEGATION**

#### 8. <u>REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION</u>

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

8.1 Development Officer

8.1.1 Request-for-Direction: Bylaw #12.24 – Land Use Amending Bylaw

Colt Maddock, Development Officer, and Mitchell Visser, Sr. Administrative Assistant, presented information on Bylaw #12.24 – Land Use Amending Bylaw

Agenda Attachments: Request-for-Direction; (Draft) Bylaw #12.24 – Land Use Amending Bylaw; Bylaw #16.20 – Land Use Bylaw (with Amendments); Bylaw #16.20 – Land Use Bylaw (Original)

8.1.2 Policy DP-C-01 – Compliance Certificates

Colt Maddock, Development Officer, presented information on Policy DP-C-01 – Compliance Certificates, that is intended to replace Policy A-01-03.

Agenda Attachments: Request-for-Direction; (Draft) Policy CP-C-01; Policy A-01-03

#### CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- 8.2 Manager of Recreation, Arts and Culture
- 8.2.1 Request-for-Direction: Drumheller Sports Council

Rick Ladouceur, Manager of Recreation, Arts and Culture provided an overview of the proposed Sports Council and responded to questions from Council.

Agenda Attachments: Request-for-Direction; (Draft) Sports Council Terms of Reference (TOR)

EMERGENCY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT

#### 9. <u>CLOSED SESSION</u>

9.1 Strategic Development and Planning

FOIP 23 - Local public body confidences

FOIP 24 - Advice from Officials

FOIP 25 – Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body

M2024.136 Moved by Councillor Sereda, Councillor Hansen-Zacharuk
That Council close the meeting to the public to discuss Strategic Development
and Planning as per FOIP 23 – Local public body confidences, FOIP 24 – Advice
from Officials and FOIP 25 – Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests
of a public body.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council closed the meeting to the public at 5:51 PM

M2024.137 Moved by Councilor Zariski, Councillor Hansen-Zacharuk that Council open the meeting to the public

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

Council opened the meeting to the public at 8:59 PM

#### 10. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

M2024.138 Moved by Councillor Price, Councillor Sereda that Council adjourn the meeting

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

Council adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM

MAYOR
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

#### DRUMHELLER AND DISTRICT SENIORS' FOUNDATION

#### **REGULAR BOARD MEETING March 28, 2024**

PRESENT: TOM ZARISKI, STEVE WANNSTROM, M'LISS EDWARDS, MARY TAYLOR, MELANIE GRAFF, GLENDA YOUNGBERG

#### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 3:00 by Tom Zariski

2.0 Peter Stone from Ascend Accounting presented the 2023 Audited Financial Statements

Motion by M'Liss Edwards to accept the audited statements as presented. Seconded by Mary Taylor

CARRIED

#### 3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Steve Wannstrom to approve the agenda. Seconded by M'Liss Edwards

**CARRIED** 

#### 4.0 MINUTES

4.01 Motion by Mary Taylor to approve the February 29, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by M'Liss Edwards

CARRIED

#### 5.0 REPORTS

- 4.01 Administrator Report on file.
- 4.02 Financial Reports

Motion by Mary Taylor to accept the financial reports for February 2024. Seconded by M'Liss Edwards

CARRIED

#### 6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

4.01 Letter from AB Seniors and Housing Budget approval for DDSF and information on Lodge Assistance Program increases and CMR approval.
 4.02 Letter from AB Seniors & Housing confirming return of grant money.

#### 7.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

none

#### 8.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 8.01 The Board of Directors agreed that as per the letter from AB Seniors and Housing regarding the return of the grant money, we will wait to hear from them with further instructions regarding the termination of the DSL4 project.
- 8.02 Glenda received information from our Housing Advisor, that DDSF is allowed to apply for capital grant funds for a new Sunshine lodge kitchen.
- 8.03 Tom and Steve reported on the ASCHA conference in Calgary. For the most part Tom thought it was a better conference than last year's. Not as many attendees but the information break-out sessions were informative. Accommodation was excellent but parking was very expensive. Networking with others at the conference is most valuable.

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8.04 Glenda informed the Board that she has been researching new flooring for Sunshine lodge hallways. Originally the plan was to replace the carpet with vinyl flooring however due to the uneven subfloor and fire doors we will need to stay with a carpet like material. A new flooring material Flotex made by Forbo seems to be the best longwearing commercial carpet so far and Glenda has contacted several carpet companies for quotes.

#### 9.0 MOTION by Steve Wannstrom to adjourn the meeting.

NEXT MEETING April 18, 2024, at 3pm

Tom Zariski Chairman

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May 3rd, 2024

Staff Sergeant Robert Harms Detachment Commander Drumheller, Alberta

Dear Mayor Colberg and Council,

Please find the quarterly Community Policing Report attached that covers the January 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 reporting period. The attached report serves to provide a quarterly snapshot of the human resources, financial data and crime statistics for the Drumheller Detachment.

I would also like to introduce you to Deputy Commissioner Rob Hill, the new Commanding Officer of the Alberta RCMP. Deputy Commissioner Hill has had a diverse and wide-ranging RCMP career, spanning from the Prairies to the Arctic, with positions along the way that have included Drugs Section in Winnipeg and as the former Detachment Commander of Stony Plain (now amalgamated in to Parkland). With public safety as the beacon guiding our operations, Deputy Commissioner Hill is focussed on community engagement; Reconciliation; employee wellness; and recruiting new police officers and retention. Deputy Commissioner Hill is proud to lead your Alberta RCMP and looks forward to meeting you in the future.

Your ongoing engagement and the feedback you provide guides our Detachment team, and supports the reinforcement of your policing priorities. I always remain available to discuss your community-identified policing priorities and/or any ideas you may have that will enhance our service delivery to address the priorities that are important to you. As the Chief of Police for your community, I invite you to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Staff Sergeant Robert Harms Detachment Commander Drumheller, Alberta RCMP

May 3rd, 2024

Staff Sergeant Robert Harms Detachment Commander Drumheller, Alberta

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am pleased to announce that after much consultation, including with elected officials, partners, the general public, and after holding Town Hall Meetings and running a public survey, the Drumheller RCMP Policing Priorities for the 2024 / 2025 fiscal year have been reestablished and are same as the prior year. As a reminder, they are:

#### 1. Crime Reduction - Focus on Property Crime:

- a. Compliance Checks on Prolific Offenders.
- b. Fraud Awareness Presentations with focus on the vulnerable including with partners.
- Property Crime Proactive Initiatives such as lock it or loose it, operation cold start, foot patrols, bike patrols, covert ops including with partners.
- d. Operation Street Sweep / Crime and Traffic Suppression Shifts Warrant round up, curfew check, traffic suppression shifts including with partners.

#### 2. Public Engagement, Transparency and Visibility – Community Engagement:

- a. Town Hall Meetings.
- b. Media Releases for transparency.
- c. Red Serge and Public Appearances including with partners.
- d. Coffee with a Cop to engage public including with partners.

#### 3. Reduce substance Abuse - Drugs:

- a. Drug Enforcement Operations.
- b. Drug Training for members.
- c. Drug Awareness Presentations to Youth and other focus groups.

#### 4. Enhance Road Safety - Traffic Safety:

- a. Traffic Interventions and enforcement.
- b. Impaired Driver Interventions and Enforcement.
- c. Alberta Checkstop Operations including with partners.

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The 2024 / 2025 Police Priorities are believed to be very fitting and the detachment members have already started to address them. Messaging through local media will begin soon to advise the public of the priorities. More information regarding the Detachment Priorities, including measurements and goals, will be discussed in upcoming Council Meetings. Also feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss.

S/Sgt. Robert Harms Detachment Commander Drumheller, Alberta 403.823.7590 Det.



#### **RCMP Municipal Policing Report**

#### Detachment Information

Name of Detachment

Drumheller

Name of Detachment Commander

S/Sqt. Robert HARMS

Quarter Q4

Date of Report (yyyy-mm-dd)

FTE Utilization Plan

2024-05-03

2023/24

Select Type of Policing Report

(a) Municipal Policing Report Under (b) Municipal Policing Report Over

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#### Community Consultations

2024-01-11

Consultation No. 1 Date (yyyy-mm-dd)

Meeting Type

Community Connection

Topics Discussed (this field expands)

Youth, Regular reporting information sharing

Notes /Comments (this field expands)

A member attended Drumheller Greentree school for update with staff and for student engagement. 2nd visit on 2024-02-02.

#### Consultation No. 2

Date (yyyy-mm-dd) Meeting Type

2024-01-18

Meeting with Stakeholder(s)

Topics Discussed (this field expands)

Annual Planning, Crime Reduction Initiatives

Notes /Comments (this field expands)

Members met with the Drumheller Rural Crime Watch Group for updates, information sharing, and consultation regarding next years Detachment Priorities.

#### Consultation No. 3

Date (yyyy-mm-dd)

Meeting Type

2024-01-24 Meeting with Elected Officials

Topics Discussed (this field expands)

Regular reporting information sharing

Notes /Comments (this field expands)

Detachment Commander met with Drumheller Director of Emergency Operations for update and information sharing.

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#### Consultation No. 4

Date (yyyy-mm-dd) Meeting Type

Meeting with Stakeholder(s) 2024-01-26

Topics Discussed (this field expands)

Annual Planning, Crime Reduction Initiatives

Notes /Comments (this field expands)

Members attended the Drumheller COP meeting for updates, information sharing and consultation regarding next years detachment priorities.

Consultation No. 5

Date (yyyy-mm-dd) Meeting Type

2024-02-08 Community Connection

Topics Discussed (this field expands)

Regular reporting information sharing, Education Session, Annual Planning

Notes /Comments (this field expands)

3 Members attended and held "Mocha with a Mountie" at the Legion with the Drumheller Community Business Association. Also did public consultation regarding Detachment Priority setting.

Consultation No. 6

Meeting Type Date (yyyy-mm-dd) 2024-02-14 Town Hall

Tonics Discussed (this field expands)

Regular reporting information sharing, Annual Planning, Education Session

5 Members and staff held and facilitated a Town Hall Meeting with the public at the Legion. Meeting included updates, Q & A, and public consultation regarding setting new Detachment Priorities.

Consultation No. 7

Date (yyyy-mm-dd) Meeting Type

Meeting with Elected Officials 2024-02-16

Topics Discussed (this field expands)

Regular reporting information sharing

Notes /Comments (this field expands)

Detachment Commander met with Town of Drumheller CAO and Emergency Services Director to review and discuss Property Management and lease.

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#### Consultation No. 8

Date (yyyy-mm-dd) Meeting Type

2024-02-19 Community Connection

Topics Discussed (this field expands)

Education Session

Notes /Comments (this field expands)

2 Members attended the Drumheller Dragons hockey Skills Competition and provided radar services for slap shot competition.

#### Consultation No. 9

Date (yyyy-mm-dd) Meeting Type

2024-03-06 Meeting with Elected Officials

Topics Discussed (this field expands)

Regular reporting information sharing

Notes /Comments (this field expands)

Detachment Commander met with Town Staff for general update on Operations and Administration.

#### Consultation No. 10

Date (yyyy-mm-dd) Meeting Type

Meeting with Elected Officials 2024-03-11

Topics Discussed (this field expands)

Regular reporting information sharing

Notes /Comments (this field expands)

Detachment Commander met with Drumheller Director of Emergency Services and staff for general updates.

#### Consultation No. 11

Date (yyyy-mm-dd) Meeting Type

Meeting with Stakeholder(s) 2024-03-12

Topics Discussed (this field expands)

Education Session, Regular reporting information sharing, Family Violence

Notes /Comments (this field expands)

Detachment Commander and 3 members attended the Drumheller VSU Launch and Learn; presented on domestic violence and Q&A.

#### Consultation No. 12

Date (yyyy-mm-dd) Meeting Type

2024-03-18 Meeting with Stakeholder(s)

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#### Topics Discussed (this field expands)

Regular reporting information sharing, Education Session

#### Notes /Comments (this field expands)

Detachment Commander met with the regional Chief Deputy Crown Prosecutor for general update and information sharing. Also included discussion about potential joint meetings with elected officials.

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#### Community Priorities

#### Priority No. 1

#### Priority (this field expands)

Property Crime - Crime Reduction

#### Current Status and Results (this field expands)

The detachment observed mixed results in Q4 and ultimately with year end results. In Q4, an impressive 389 compliance checks were done on persons bound by court conditions but the total year end results fell short of the annual target; this was because the annual target was set unrealistically high; the detachment completed an impressive 1044 checks in the fiscal year. Fraud awareness and Operation Street Sweeps also fell short of targets and is due to personnel issues and operational challenges in Q4. Property Crime initiatives far exceeded the annual target. For the most part, the Detachment Commander is satisfied with the overall results in this category.

- \* Compliance Checks/monitoring of prolific offenders: 389 QTD & 1044 YTD. Annual Target is 1800 (Did not meet target).
- \* Fraud Awareness Presentations: 0 QTD & 5 YTD. Annual Target is 6 (Did not meet
- \* Property Crime Proactive Initiatives: 1 QTD & 27 YTD. Annual Target is 6 (Met target).
- \* Operation Street Sweep / Suppression: 0 QTD & 3 YTD. Annual Target is 4 (Did not meet target).

#### Priority No. 2

#### Priority (this field expands)

Community Engagement - Visibility, Transparency, and Engagement

#### Current Status and Results (this field expands)

Mostly positive results were achieved in this category with both Q4 and year end results including exceeding the annual targets for number of Town Hall meetings, Media Releases and Public events. The annual target for Mocha with a Mountie was not achieved due to personnel issues and police operations conflicting with schedules and ability to hold these. The Detachment Commander is satisfied with the overall results in this category.

- \* Town Hall Meetings: 2 QTD & 5 YTD. Annual Target is 4 (Met target).
- \* Media Releases: 10 QTD & 73 YTD. Annual Target is 20 (Met target).
- \* Red Serge and Public Appearances: 2 QTD & 22 YTD. Annual target is 10 (Met target).
- \* Mocha with a Mountie: 1 QTD & 4 YTD. Annual Target is 6 (Did not meet target).

#### Priority No. 3

#### Priority (this field expands)

Substance Abuse - Drug

#### Current Status and Results (this field expands)

The detachment has performed well in this category and has surpassed the year end target goals in all initiatives. The detachment continues to excel in proactive drug investigations and the partnership with the Drumheller Correctional Service of Canada has strengthened it's quantity of drug seizures and investigations. The Drumheller GIS unit has assisted other members in learning to write judicial authorizations in relation to CDSA investigations. Cst. Lajeunesse instructed to 4 Hutterite colonies with a focus on drug awareness. Cst. Clarry provided a drug

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awareness lecture to Morrin School.

- \* Drug Enforcement Operations: 28 QTD & 106 YTD. Annual Target is 100 (Met
- \* Drug Training Exposures of members: 20 QTD & 105 YTD. Annual Target is 40 (Met target).
- \* Drug Awareness Presentations: 4 QTD & 12 YTD. Annual Target is 8 (Met target).

#### Priority No. 4

Priority (this field expands)

Traffic Safety

Current Status and Results (this field expands) The detachment performed well in this category in Q4 and ultimately with year end results. All Annual targets were exceeded and great job to members. Checkstops still remains a major contributor to locating and intervening with impaired drivers.

- \* Traffic Interventions: 105 QTD & 949 YTD. Annual Target is 720 (Met target).
- \* Impaired Driver Interventions: 7 QTD & 47 YTD. Annual Target is 40 (Met target).
- \* Alberta Checkstop Operations: 6 QTD & 38 YTD. Annual Target is 24 (Met target).



#### Crime Statistics

The following table provides policing statistics on actual offences within the periods listed. Please see Appendix for additional information and

		January - N	March	Ja	nuary - De	cember	
Category	2023	2024	% Change Year-over-Year	2022	2023	% Change Year-over-Year	
Persons Crime	40	42	5.00%	209	220	5.00%	
Property Crime	90	60	-33.00%	521	377	-28.00%	
Other Criminal Code	61	32	-48.00%	251	215	-14.00%	
Total Criminal Code	191	134	-30.00%	981	812	-17.00%	
Drugs Offences	22	16	-27.00%	25	79	216.00%	
Other Federal Acts	26	18	-31.00%	72	104	44.00%	
Other Provincial Acts	52	60	15.00%	226	246	9.00%	
Municipal By-Laws	2	5	150.00%	31	32	3.00%	
Motor Vehicle Collisions	35	29	-17.00%	172	169	-2.00%	
Provincial Code Traffic	233	148	-36.00%	546	1,049	92.00%	
Other Traffic	2	1	-50.00%	2	2	0.00%	
Criminal Code Traffic	12	6	-50.00%	34	53	56.00%	
Total Traffic Offences	247	155	-37.00%	582	1,104	90.00%	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Data extracted from a live database (PROS) and is subject to change over time.

#### Trend / Points of Interest (this field expands)

Q4 Results are positive when compared to Q4 last year; 33% reduction was observed in Property Crime, 48% Reduction in Other Criminal Code for a total of 30% Reduction in Criminal Code. Also noteworthy in Q4 is a 17% reduction in vehicle collisions.

2023 full year results are very positive when compared to 2022 in that we observed a 28% reduction in Property Crime, 14% reduction in Other Criminal Code for a total of 17% reduction in Total Criminal Code. Of note is a 216% increase in Drug Offences representing a sharp increase in drug enforcement investigations and operations. It is also noteworthy that a 2% reduction was noted in vehicle collisions and a 92% increase in Provincial Code Traffic representing increased traffic enforcement.

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Municipal Overview: Human Resources²										
Staffing Category	Established Positions	Working	Special Leave³	Hard Vacancies¹	Revised Plan at Q4	2023/24 FTE Utilization Plan				
Police Officers	11	11	0	0	11	11				
Detachment Support	3	3								

2. Data extracted on March 31, 2024 and is subject to change

3. Once members are placed on "Special Leave" (eg. Maternity/paternity, medical >30 days, leave without pay, graduated return to work) they are not included in the FTE count and their pay is not charged directly to each location. However, any salary expenditures associated with these employees while on leave is included as an inforiect cost" and billed within the Divisional Administration rate, charged to all contracts.

4. Hard vacancies reflect positions that do not have an employee attached and need to be filled

#### Comments (this field expands)

Police Officers: Of the 11 established positions, 11 officers are currently working with none on special leave. There is no hard vacancy at this time. The Plan for Drumheller was based on 11 working officers. As of March 31st, the detachment was trending around 10.50 working officers, although this may adjust as HR transactions are finalized.

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#### Municipal Overview: Financial/O&M

As a municipality with a population under 15,000, the community benefits from the pooling of several costs, which are allocated on a per capita basis. Overtime and commissionaire guarding costs are direct costs to the municipality, and are not included as pooled costs.

Municipal Overview	Year to Date Expenditures⁵	Revised Plan at Q4	2023/24 Financial Plan	
Divisionally Pooled Costs	iterate de la companya della companya de la companya de la companya della company			
Pay	33,261,655	33,261,655	38,405,000	
Equipment	2,039,867	2,941,950	4,234,584	
Training	333,033	490,000	700,000	
Unit Operations and Maintenance	3,169,509	3,550,000	3,715,536	
Other	32,309	35,108	41,200	
Indirect Costs	22,645,039	22,665,484	25,155,844	
Total Direct Costs at 100%	38,877,369	40,278,713	47,096,320	
Cost Per Member at 70%	148,64	151,87	153,190	
Location Specific Costs				
Extra Duty Pay	183,945	196,00	172,000	
Commissionnaire (guarding)	34,792	50,00	50,00	
Public Service Employee Pay	938			
Accommodation	1,959			
Total Location Specific Costs at 100%	221,63	246,00	222,00	
Total Costs After Final Adjustments (at applicable cost share)	1,727,697	1,785,464	1,862,186	

5. Includes expenditures up to March 31, 2024.

#### Comments (this field expands)

Your financial Forecast for 2023/24 was adjusted to better align with realized expenditures and FTE utilization. The financial figures as identified above include the original and revised forecast totals. They reflect information available as of March 31st, but additional adjustments are expected as financial and personnel transactions are finalized. Any variance will be captured in the Q1 reconciliation package.

Please note, the location-specific forecasted amounts listed above may group multiple forecasting categories, such as Guarding, Accommodations, Building Repairs, etc. A detailed breakdown is available within monthly Contract Partner reporting.

We recently consulted with your office on a possible adjustment to your Q4 invoice, which will be distributed no later than May 2, 2024. For communities that requested or confirmed adjustments to invoicing amounts, please note that those changes will be included.

RCMP will continue to provide your community with monthly enhanced reporting to support ongoing forecast adjustments and potential invoice revisions, to ensure projections are as accurate as possible. This increased reporting will support ongoing management of policing budgets, while also enhancing transparency and engagement with our partners.

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#### **Definitions**

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Municipal Overview	: Human Resources
FTE Utilization	A full-time equivalent (FTE) employee is defined by the number of months in a fiscal year that a position is filled.  The FTE utilization level refers to the total months filled for all positions within the detachment/unit.
2023/24 FTE Utilization Plan	This reflects the number of working FTEs planned to be in place for the fiscal year.
Revised Plan at Q4	This reflects any adjustments to the planned number of working FTEs, which may vary as hard and soft vacancies fluctuate throughout the year.

Municipal Overview	: Financial/O&M
Year-To-Date (YTD) Expenditures	YTD expenditures reflect the actual expenditures within each category, as of the date of the report.
Revised Plan at Q4	This reflects any adjustments to the forecasted spending plan for the relevant category, which may vary as expenditures are realized throughout the year.
2023/24 Financial Plan	This reflects the target spending levels set for each category of expenditure, and the initial financial plan for the current fiscal year.
Pay	Includes salary costs and associated allowances for police officers and civilian support.
Extra Duty Pay	Includes direct overtime costs for police officers and (if applicable) Public Service Employees.
Operating and Maintenance	Reflects all unit operating costs, including items such as travel, fuel and vehicle repairs.
Commissionnaire Guarding	Reflects the costs of guarding prisoners within detachments.
Equipment	$Include \ expenditures \ for \ operational \ and \ technology \ equipment, \ police \ vehicles \ and \ the \ fit-up \ of \ those \ vehicles.$
Other	This includes all remaining expenditures including applicable training costs, secret expenditures and air services costs if applicable.
Indirect Costs	This reflects the indirect costs associated to employees, including benefits, Canada Pension Plan and Employment Insurance rates. Also included within indirect costs are the division administration charges associated to core administration costs, special leaves and health services costs.
Cost Per Member	This is a per capita rate determined by pooling applicable costs for municipalities under 15K population in the Province and dividing the total by the divisional total of working FTEs for the same municipalities.
Divisionally Pooled Costs	The majority of costs for Alberta municipalities with a population below 15K are pooled together and are divided over the total FTE utilization of members in the respective police service. This pooled rate assists to minimize drastic financial effects from one year to the next.
Accommodation	Municipalities are responsible for providing the building space for policing and for paying 100% of all costs to provide and maintain the space. If the Municipal Policing Service is operating within a Crown-owned (RCMP-owned) building, they are responsible for paying 100% of their share of those costs. Examples include desks, chairs, filing cabinets, and fitness equipment.
Total Pooled Costs	Reflects total costs at 100% of all divisionally pooled costs for Alberta municipalities with a population below 15K, but does not include location-specific costs or any adjustments.
Total Location Specific Costs	Reflects costs that are specific to location and are not included in the average cost per member pooled rate. This may include expenditures relating to accommodation, overtime, PROS, Corps of Commissionaires, PSE support and isolated post allowance.
Total Costs After Final Adjustments	Reflects total costs of all categories of expenditures and any cost adjustments at the contract partner share.

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#### **Drumheller Municipal Detachments Crime Gauge**

2022 vs. 2023 January to December

#### **Criminal Code Offences**



#### Select Property Crime



NOTE: If in both 2022 and 2023 a category had fewer than 20 offences, a percent change is not shown. All numbers without a '%' beside them represent counts.



#### Drumheller Municipal Detachment Crime Statistics (Actual) January to March: 2020 - 2024

All categories contain "Attempted" and/or "Completed"

April 8 2024

CATEGORY	Trend	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	% Change 2020 - 2024	% Change 2023 - 2024	Avg File + per Year
Offences Related to Death		0	3	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.3
Robbery		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Sexual Assaults	<del></del>	0	4	1	2	2	N/A	0%	0.2
Other Sexual Offences		0	5	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.5
Assault	~~	14	30	20	16	23	64%	44%	0.4
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction		0	0	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Extortion		0	0	0	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.1
Criminal Harassment	~~	2	13	10	15	6	200%	-60%	1.0
Uttering Threats	~	6	21	17	6	11	83%	83%	-0.5
TOTAL PERSONS	~	22	76	51	40	42	91%	5%	0.4
Break & Enter		38	16	6	6	3	-92%	-50%	-8.0
Theft of Motor Vehicle	\walter	10	2	5	4	1	-90%	-75%	-1.6
Theft Over \$5,000	_	1	1	1	2	1	0%	-50%	0.1
Theft Under \$5,000	~	28	21	10	19	18	-36%	-5%	-2.2
Possn Stn Goods		16	10	4	4	1	-94%	-75%	-3.6
Fraud	~	21	18	13	21	17	-19%	-19%	-0.5
Arson		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Mischief - Damage To Property		9	10	15	9	8	-11%	-11%	-0.3
Mischief - Other		7	25	21	25	11	57%	-56%	0.8
TOTAL PROPERTY		130	103	75	90	60	-54%	-33%	-15.3
Offensive Weapons	$\sim$	2	4	1	3	0	-100%	-100%	-0.5
Disturbing the peace	~	6	15	10	15	15	150%	0%	1.8
Fail to Comply & Breaches	~	20	9	40	33	10	-50%	-70%	0.4
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE	~	10	10	8	10	7	-30%	-30%	-0.6
TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		38	38	59	61	32	-16%	-48%	1.1
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE	~	190	217						

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#### Drumheller Municipal Detachment Crime Statistics (Actual) January to March: 2020 - 2024

All categories contain "Attempted" and/or "Completed"

April 8, 2024

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CATEGORY	Trend	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	% Change 2020 - 2024	% Change 2023 - 2024	Avg File +/- per Year
Drug Enforcement - Production		1	0	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.2
Drug Enforcement - Possession	>	6	3	2	13	6	0%	-54%	1.0
Drug Enforcement - Trafficking	~	9	12	2	8	10	11%	25%	-0.2
Drug Enforcement - Other		1	0	0	1	0	-100%	-100%	-0.1
Total Drugs	~	17	15	4	22	16	-6%	-27%	0.5
Cannabis Enforcement		0	0	0	3	1	N/A	-67%	0.5
Federal - General	5	12	6	7	1	1	-92%	0%	-2.7
TOTAL FEDERAL	~	29	21	11	26	18	-38%	-31%	-1.7
Liquor Act		5	3	0	0	4	-20%	N/A	-0.5
Cannabis Act		1	1	1	2	1	0%	-50%	0.1
Mental Health Act	~	21	21	28	22	26	24%	18%	1.1
Other Provincial Stats	~	29	38	17	28	29	0%	4%	-1.0
Total Provincial Stats		56	63	46	52	60	7%	15%	-0.3
Municipal By-laws Traffic		0	1	1	1	1	N/A	0%	0.2
Municipal By-laws		2	5	6	1	4	100%	300%	0.0
Total Municipal	~	2	6	7	2	5	150%	150%	0.2
Fatals		1	0	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.2
Injury MVC		1	0	1	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.2
Property Damage MVC (Reportable)	~	26	21	39	33	17	-35%	-48%	-0.6
Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)	/	3	3	3	2	12	300%	500%	1.7
TOTALMVC	~	31	24	43	35	29	-6%	-17%	0.7
Roadside Suspension - Alcohol (Prov)		0	0	2	5	3	N/A	-40%	1.1
Roadside Suspension - Drugs (Prov)		0	0	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Total Provincial Traffic	~	202	303	103	233	148	-27%	-36%	-17.8
Other Traffic	~	0	1	0	2	1	N/A	-50%	0.3
Criminal Code Traffic	~	14	6	11	12	6	-57%	-50%	-1.0
Common Police Activities			- OHIO COLOR						
False Alarms	~	22	13	29	22	19	-14%	-14%	0.3
Faise/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act		15	6	6	7	7	-53%	0%	-1.5
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property		52	39	28	30	54	4%	80%	-0.5
Persons Reported Missing	_/	1	2	3	2	9	800%	350%	1.6
Search Warrants		0	0	0	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.1
Spousal Abuse - Survey Code (Reported)	/	5	25	20	18	14	180%	-22%	1.1
Form 10 (MHA) (Reported)		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0

#### Drumheller Municipal Detachment Crime Statistics (Actual)

January to December: 2020 - 2023

All categories contain "Attempted" and/or "Completed"

CATEGORY	Trend	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Change 2020 - 2023	% Change 2022 - 2023	Avg File +/ per Year
Offences Related to Death		0	4	1	0	N/A	-100%	-0.3
Robbery		3	1	0	1	-67%	N/A	-0.7
Sexual Assaults		12	13	6	13	8%	117%	-0.4
Other Sexual Offences		5	11	1	7	40%	600%	-0.4
Assault		74	118	101	106	43%	5%	7.9
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	\\ \	2	0	6	4	100%	-33%	1.2
Extortion		0	0	1	3	N/A	200%	1.0
Criminal Harassment	7	18	49	42	51	183%	21%	9.2
Uttering Threats		39	51	51	35	-10%	-31%	-1.2
TOTAL PERSONS	/	153	247	209	220	44%	5%	16.3
Break & Enter		95	54	50	32	-66%	-36%	-19.3
Theft of Motor Vehicle	<b>—</b>	22	13	22	21	-5%	-5%	0.6
Theft Over \$5,000	~	6	4	10	10	67%	0%	1.8
Theft Under \$5,000	~	106	79	169	87	-18%	-49%	3.3
Possn Stn Goods	~	43	18	25	14	-67%	-44%	-8.0
Fraud		65	66	71	77	18%	8%	4.1
Arson		0	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.1
Mischief - Damage To Property		53	66	87	55	4%	-37%	2.7
Mischief - Other		45	95	87	81	80%	-7%	10.0
TOTAL PROPERTY	~	435	396	521	377	-13%	-28%	-4.9
Offensive Weapons	~	16	14	5	13	-19%	160%	-1.8
Disturbing the peace		50	65	54	64	28%	19%	3.1
Fail to Comply & Breaches		68	77	155	96	41%	-38%	16.2
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		38	44	37	42	11%	14%	0.5
TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		172	200	251	215	25%	-14%	18.0
OTAL CRIMINAL CODE	-	760	843	981	812	7%	-17%	29.4

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#### Drumheller Municipal Detachment Crime Statistics (Actual) January to December: 2020 - 2023

All categories contain "Attempted" and/or "Completed"

February 1, 2024

CATEGORY	Trend	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Change 2020 - 2023	% Change 2022 - 2023	Avg File +/- per Year
Drug Enforcement - Production		2	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.6
Drug Enforcement - Possession		29	9	12	36	24%	200%	2.4
Drug Enforcement - Trafficking	$\overline{}$	38	34	13	38	0%	192%	-2.1
Drug Enforcement - Other		2	0	0	5	150%	N/A	0.9
Total Drugs	>	71	43	25	79	11%	216%	0.6
Cannabis Enforcement		2	1	0	6	200%	N/A	1.1
Federal - General		16	31	47	19	19%	-60%	2.5
TOTAL FEDERAL	)	89	75	72	104	17%	44%	4.2
Liquor Act		N/A	N/A	5	4	N/A	-20%	2.0
Cannabis Act	/	N/A	N/A	3	8	N/A	167%	4.0
Mental Health Act	/	N/A	N/A	116	99	N/A	-15%	0.0
Other Provincial Stats	/	N/A	N/A	102	135	N/A	32%	49.0
Total Provincial Stats	1	N/A	N/A	226	246	N/A	9%	55.0
Municipal By-laws Traffic	/	N/A	N/A	4	6	N/A	50%	3.0
Municipal By-laws	/	N/A	N/A	27	26	N/A	-4%	13.0
Total Municipal	/	N/A	N/A	31	32	N/A	3%	16.0
Fatals	$\langle  \rangle$	2	0	1	0	-100%	-100%	-0.5
Injury MVC	ン	3	4	5	9	200%	80%	1.9
Property Damage MVC (Reportable)		N/A	N/A	145	145	N/A	0%	57.5
Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)	/	N/A	N/A	21	15	N/A	-29%	7.0
TOTAL MVC		N/A	N/A	172	169	N/A	-2%	67.0
Roadside Suspension - Alcohol (Prov)	_	N/A	N/A	14	22	N/A	57%	6.0
Roadside Suspension - Drugs (Prov)		N/A	N/A	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.0
Provincial Traffic	/	N/A	N/A	546	1,049	N/A	92%	481.5
Other Traffic	1	N/A	N/A	2	2	N/A	0%	0.5
Criminal Code Traffic	-	45	42	34	53	18%	56%	1.6
Common Police Activities								
False Alarms	/	N/A	N/A	113	78	N/A	-31%	39.0
False/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act	/	N/A	N/A	44	41	N/A	-7%	20.5
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property	/	N/A	N/A	182	187	N/A	3%	92.5
Persons Reported Missing		N/A	N/A	19	13	N/A	-32%	6.5
Search Warrants	_/	N/A	N/A	0	1	N/A	N/A	1.0
Spousal Abuse - Survey Code (Reported)		N/A	N/A	121	96	N/A	-21%	-25.0
Form 10 (MHA) (Reported)	/	N/A	N/A	1	3	N/A	200%	2.0

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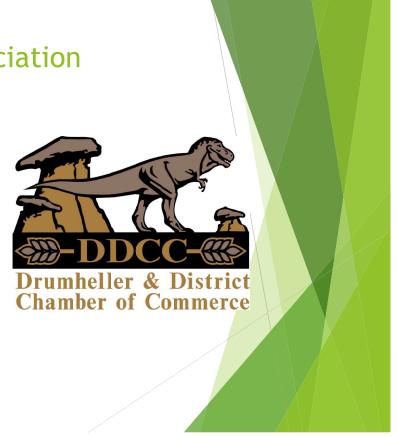


# **Drumheller DinoArts Update**

Town of Drumheller Council Presentation May 13, 2024

#### **Drumheller DinoArts Association**

- DinoArts is proud to help promote Drumheller as the **Dinosaur Capital of the World** with dinosaur statues and murals.
- Our mission is to ensure our dinosaur statues and murals are accessible for all, adding to the fun dinosaur/prehistoric experience in Drumheller.
- Our organization was founded in 2012 and receives generous support from the Drumheller & District Chamber of Commerce.
- ► The Chamber owns the dinosaurs while DinoArts maintains them through a great partnership.

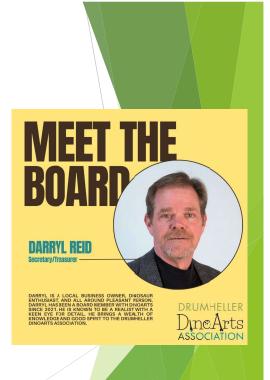


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#### **DinoArts Volunteers**







### **Volunteers**









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## History and background

- About 40 Cemetasaurus were given to the Chamber of Commerce in 1993.
- They have been extensively repaired and repainted over the years.
- Sometimes these statutes cannot be repaired and are disposed.
- New statues are added when funding is available.
- Currently, in our inventory we have 31 dino statutes (soon to be 32).













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## Programs and Initiatives

#### **Fundraising**

- Penny Press & Dino Coin Collector at World's Largest Dino Visitor Centre
- Revenue raised in 2023, almost \$14,000 (including donations and sponsorships)





#### Dinosaur Maintenance

- Cement repairs
- Priming and painting
- Fiberglass repairs
- Dinosaur footprints



# Indigenous Mural - painted October 2022

Artist - Nathan Meguinis (Tsuu'tina Nation)





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## Eugene - Rotary Park

Project with Drumheller Public Library & Drumheller Community Book Project

Funding from Royal Tyrell Museum Cooperating Society, The Calgary Foundation, Drumheller Fund







# Drumheller Public Library - Centennial 2023



Colouring Contest winner with Dinosaur she painted with her family

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## 2024 Project - New Dinosaur Statue

- Excited to announce a new dinosaur will be installed near the Hwy 9 south entrance, close to northbound lane and Extra Foods entrance.
- Dinosaur will be a "cementasaurous" designed and built by Dinosaur Valley Studios in East Coulee.
- Alberta Transportation & Economic Corridors permit received.
- ► Installation is expected to take place in June. Social media campaign will invite residents and visitors to guess what type of dinosaur will be added.



## Thank you







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# Midland Accessible Outdoor Rink & Recreation Area Project

Midlandvale Community Hall Assocation

Link to website





MAKING TIME ON THE SCHEDULE FOR THIS PRESENTATION



IN-KIND COMMITTMENT TO THE PROJECT



WILLINGNESS TO WORK WITH OUR TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS

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# **Planning Committee**

- Chris Chambers
- Deanna Chambers
- Richard Christensen
- Gary Greaves
- Becky Kowalchuk
- Daryl McConkey
- Steve Pittman
- Kyler Sereda
- · Cindy Sereda
- · Patsy Stokalko
- Tom Stokalko
- as well as numerous other volunteers and community members who have stepped up to help when needed



# **Project Goals**

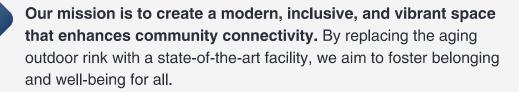
The MCHA is working to build **Drumheller's first accessible outdoor rink and recreation area**. When completed the Midland ODR will be **1 of only 2 accessible outdoor rinks in Alberta**.

Our plan for the Midland Accessible Outdoor Rink & Recreation Area is to redesign and replace the existing outdoor rink to meet accessibility standards for sledge hockey and create a universal design of the indoor and outdoor recreation space. Upgrading this space will ensure that the new rink and recreation area will be accessible and inclusive to all players and spectators. This will provide opportunities for persons of all ages and abilities to enjoy community activities and engage in a healthy lifestyle.

The project will include universal design access from the parking lot to viewing area, a multipurpose room/dressing room, 2 year round accessible public washrooms and a storage garage for seasonal & ice resurfacing equipment.

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# Project Mission



We're committed to providing a safe, accessible recreation area where people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds can come together to celebrate, play, and thrive. Through collaboration, innovation, and dedication to inclusivity, we aspire to build a community hub promoting physical activity, social interaction, and environmental stewardship.

The Midland Accessible Outdoor Rink & Recreation Area symbolizes unity, resilience, and progress—a testament to our community's enduring spirit.

# Project Vision

The vision for the Midland Accessible Outdoor Rink & Recreation Area is to create a vibrant space that brings people together regardless of age, ability, or background. It aims to foster connections, promote well-being, and celebrate life.

This vision goes beyond the physical structure, emphasizing the importance of community, inclusivity, and sustainability. Through innovation and collaboration, it seeks to set new standards for engagement and social impact. Ultimately, it aspires to be a destination that nourishes the heart, mind, and soul, embodying the resilience and spirit of the community.

It is a space where laughter echoes, friendships flourish, and memories are made. A space that not only makes all individuals proud to live in Drumheller but also a reason for those seeking home in rural communities to choose Drumheller.

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# **Project Timeline**

#### **JANUARY 2022**

ODR revitalization idea begins, design ideas emerge, grant applications, ODR research, fundraising

#### **JUNE 2023**

Reapplied for CFEP Large Stream Funding Grant

#### **MARCH 2024**

Begin site prep: Demolition of existing rink, skate shack & storage sheds

#### **MAY 2024**

Begin construction of new ODR, skate shack, washroom & garage

#### **JUNE 2022**

Applied for CFEP Large Stream Funding Grant including the value of the land the rink is on which was gifted to the Midland Community Hall Association

#### DECEMBER 2022

Denied CFEP Large Stream Funding Grant

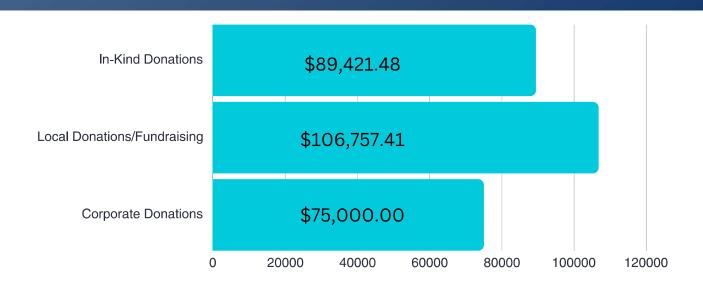
#### DECEMBER 2023

Received CFEP Large Stream Funding Grant for \$656,369.00

#### NOVEMBER 2024

Project complete and open for the 2024/2025 ODR season

# **Sponsorship**



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# **Existing ODR**

- 60'x120'
- Wood Boards
- Asphalt Base
- Last upgraded 25+ years
- Community rink for 50+ years



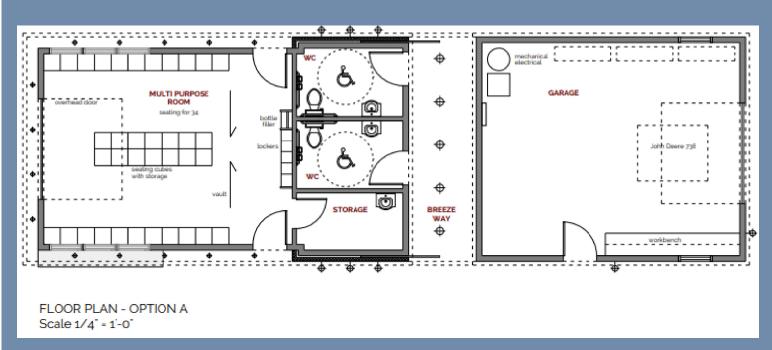
# Our Vision

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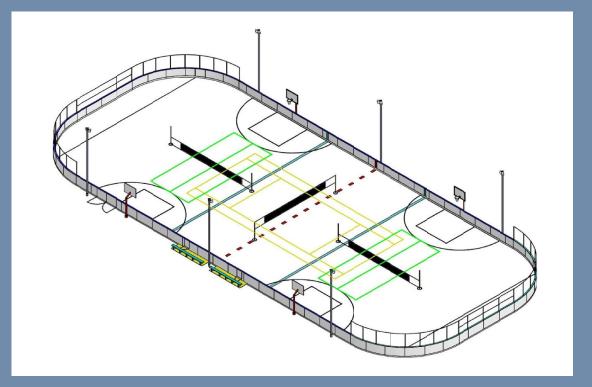
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20'x63' Building with Multipurpose Room including a water bottle filling station & lockers, 2 year round accessible washrooms, storage area that could be used for seasonal recreation equipment and storage garage for seasonal and ice resurfacing equipment.

#### Year Round Recreation Area could host:

- Hockey
- Sledge Hockey
- Pickleball
- Basketball
- Tennis
- Ball Hockey
- Badminton
- Soccer
- Roller Skating
- Lacrosse



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# **Project Budget**

	Description	Quote
	Dasher Boards with concrete 180'x80'	\$501,112.50
	Construction of the New Skate Shack/Storage Shec & Washroom	\$210,000.00
	Concrete	\$50,000
	Solar Panel Instillation	\$23,500.00
Budget Must	Heating for new building	\$17,995.00
Haves	Plumbing & Fixtures for accessible washroom	\$6,800.00
	Overhead Garage Door for Garage	\$3,416.86
	Review Engagement Report	\$1,500.00
	Development Permits	\$338.00
	Sponsorship Wall	\$10,000
	Ads for boards based on \$250/ad for 25 ads	\$5,000.00
	Tree Removal of 5 Trees on South Side of Parking Lot	\$1,500.00
	Rink Removal and Disposal Fees	\$2,500.00
	Design	\$4,000.00
	Unaccounted Expenses	\$15,000.00
	Rubber matting for all floors and outside to ice surface - Gator Pro Ice Rolls 25'x4' roll for 2000 sq ft	\$10,000.00
	Landscaping	\$5,000
Budget Needs	John Deer Tractor with attachments with zamboni attachments	\$69,090.00
	New Building Security System	\$21,717.34
	Benches Seating, Fire Pit Area	\$5,000

Total Project Expenses: \$963,469.70

Total In-Kind: **\$89,421.48** 

Project Value: **\$1,052,765.31** 

# 88% Project Funds Raised to date

Total Project Expenses: \$963,469.70

Total In-Kind Work:

\$89,421.48

Project Value:

\$1,052,765.31

Total Project Funds:

\$838,126.41

Total In-Kind:

\$89,421.48

Project Funds Remaining:

\$125,217.42

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# The project is underway...



# **Questions & Feedback**

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#### **BRIEFING NOTE**

TITLE:	Alberta Fire Chiefs Association Day at the Legislature
MEETING DATE:	May 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
PRESENTED BY:	Derian Rosario
ATTACHMENTS:	

#### SUMMARY:

On April 22<sup>,</sup> 2024, twenty-five (25) fire chiefs from across Alberta had the opportunity to meet with Government of Alberta Ministers, members of the legislative assembly and members of the loyal opposition. The Alberta Fire Chiefs Association (AFCA) had an opportunity to bring forward several topics affecting the Alberta fire service. Meetings were held with the Ministers of Forestry, Agriculture, Finance, Jobs, Municipal Affairs, Public Safety and with Madam Premier Smith.

During the meeting with Ministers and MLA's several items affecting the Alberta fire service were discussed. Items affecting firefighter pensions, wildland urban interface, fire services advisory board and the core competency framework.

#### FIREFIGHTER PENSIONS:

When discussing firefighter pensions, it was brought forward to lower the eligibility for pensions from an "85 factor" to an "80 factor", allowing for an earlier retirement. The factor is calculated by adding together your age and years of pensionable service at retirement. If the total equals at least 85 points, you're entitled to an unreduced pension. The rationale for lowering this factor is that firefighter life expectancy is lowered by workplace exposure. Firefighters are routinely exposed to a number of carcinogens in the workplace environment, high physical impact work and high potential for psychological stress. Both Ontario and British Columbia have lowered the retirement factor to 80.

The Alberta Fire Chiefs Association in conjunction with the Alberta Council is developing a white paper on the feasibility of a volunteer firefighter pension.

#### **TAX CREDIT:**

The federal volunteer tax credit was also discussed. For the past ten years the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs has been lobbying to have the volunteer tax credit raised federally from \$3,000 to \$10,000. In the last federal budget that tax credit was raised from \$3,000 to \$6,000. The AFCA has requested that provincial taxes be reviewed for the possible addition of a provincial volunteer tax credit mirroring the federal credit.

#### **WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE (WUI):**

Over the past three years, two provincially funded Wildland Urban Interfaces (WUI) have been in service. The AFCA has asked for a review of the WUI program to locate areas for improvement and expansion of the program to allow for the availability of several teams within the Province. Other parts of that review would include training material availability for all fire departments in the province.

The AFCA is also requesting an increase in staffing and funding for FireSmart programming across the province. This would include allowing non-forest protection areas of the province to access specialized resources such as Fire Behavior Analysts.

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#### PROVINCIAL FIRE SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD:

Fire Services in Alberta crosses multiple ministry portfolios. For example, Forestry and Health are held in three Ministries. The formation of a board would provide a portal to the provincial government, allowing information to be provided to all concerned parties in one location. The AFCA feels that a provincial Fire Services Advisory Board would be crucial to help address the multifaceted challenges of today.

#### **CORE COMPETENCY FRAMEWORK:**

The Core Competency Framework is an online tool developed for the Alberta fire service by the AFCA through provincial grant funding. The Framework is a community risk assessment tool specifically designed for communities under 20,000.

The Framework uses community demographics to develop a community risk assessment. Using this assessment, a suggested level of service document is provided. Additionally, recommendations for training of community first responders are provided. That training is based in the National Fire Protection Association industry standard job performance requirement and adheres to the Alberta Occupational Health and Safety Regulations.

#### **IMPLICATIONS:**

The meeting between AFCA and the Government of Alberta provided an important opportunity to discuss strategic issues affecting the Alberta Fire Service.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

N/A

**COMMUNICATION STRATEGY** 

N/A

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