

COUNTY OF PAINTEARTH NO. 18

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 4, 2025

9:00 A.M.

A G E N D A

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA
3. ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES
 - A. Regular County Council Meeting February 19, 2025
4. PUBLIC HEARING
 - B. None.
5. DELEGATIONS
 - A. Kendra Walgenbach RWA LLP 10:30 a.m.
6. BUSINESS
 - A. Policy HR 012 Review
7. BYLAWS
 - A. Halkirk Penalty Bylaw 2024-003 Repeal
8. COUNCILLOR REPORTS
 - A. Verbal Reports.
9. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS
 - A. Chief Administrative Officer Report
 - B. Assistant Chief Administrative Officer Report
 - C. Director of Community Services
 - D. Director of Protective Services

10. FINANCIAL

A. None.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Letter from Rick McIver Regarding JUPA's between Municipalities and School Boards
- B. Ministerial Order NO. MSD: 004/25
- C. Letter from Rick McIver Regarding Halkirk Dissolution
- D. Ministerial Order NO. MSD: 023/25
- E. Elks Bullarama Sponsorship Request and Thank You Card

12. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

- A. *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, R.S.A. 2000 Chapter F-25: Part 1, Div 2, Sec 16(1)(a)(i), 24(1)(a), (b)(i), (c), (d)

13. ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Council Meeting Dates – March 25, 2025 and April 8 & 22, 2025. Council Meeting dates are subject to individual change and commence at 9:00 a.m.

COUNTY OF PAINT EARTH NO. 18
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2025

The Regular meeting minutes of the Council of the County of Paintearth No. 18 held in Council Chambers in the municipal office on February 19, 2025, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Reeve:	Stan Schulmeister
Councillors:	Terry Vockeroth, Sandy Shipton, Diane Elliott, George Glazier, Dale Norton, Maurice Wiart
Chief Administrative Officer:	Michael Simpson
Assistant Chief Administrative Officer:	Lana Roth
Director of Public Works:	Bryce Cooke
Director of Community Services:	Todd Pawsey
Director of Environmental Services:	Jeff Cosens
Director of Protective Services:	Colm Fitz-Gerald
Legislative Clerk:	Courtney Algot

CALL TO ORDER:

Reeve Schulmeister called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

02.19.25.044

Regular Council Meeting Agenda – February 19, 2025 — MOVED by Councillor Glazier to adopt the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of February 19, 2025, as amended.

Carried

5 B. Doris Cordel

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

02.19.25.045

Regular County Council Meeting Minutes February 4, 2025 — MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wiart that the Previous Regular County Council Meeting Minutes for February 4, 2025, be approved as presented.

Carried

PUBLIC HEARING:

None.

DELEGATIONS:

Doris Cordel entered chambers at 9:00 a.m. and delivered a presentation regarding the Halkirk Elks Bullarama planning process for the event. She also asked permission from the County to access the rodeo grounds and to have beer gardens. She concluded her presentation by inquiring about fireworks and inquiring on funding for the event.

02.19.25.046 ***Halkirk Elks Bullarama*** — MOVED by Councillor Glazier that the county provides permission to the Halkirk Elks to host the Bullarama on August 23, 2025, at the Halkirk Rodeo Grounds.

Carried

02.19.25.047 MOVED by Councillor Norton that the county pays for the insurance needed for the fireworks show at the Halkirk Bullarama on August 23, 2025.

Carried

02.19.25.048 MOVED by Councillor Elliott that the county donate \$4000.00 to cover the cost of the firework show for the Halkirk Bullarama on August 23, 2025.

Carried

02.19.25.049 MOVED by Councillor Vockeroth that the county grants permission to the Halkirk Elks to host beer gardens at the Halkirk Bullarama on August 23, 2025.

Carried

02.19.25.050 MOVED by Councillor Glazier that the information from Doris Cordel be accepted as information.

Carried

BUSINESS:

02.19.25.051 ***Appointed Member for Hamlet of Halkirk for Castor and District Housing Authority*** — MOVED by Councillor Shipton that the County appoint a member at large to represent Halkirk on the Castor and District Housing Authority.

Carried

02.19.25.052 ***Quality Management Plan for Hamlet of Halkirk's Gas Utility***— MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wiart that the County approve and sign the quality management plan for the Hamlet of Halkirk's Gas Utility.

Carried

02.19.25.053 ***Lease with Halkirk Hall Association*** — MOVED by Councillor Shipton enter into a lease agreement with the Halkirk Hall Association effective January 1, 2025.

Carried

02.19.25.054 ***RFD: Write Off Tax Arrears for Roll #36151510*** — MOVED by Councillor Glazier that the County write off Roll #36151510 in the amount of \$124.83.

Carried

02.19.25.055 ***RFD: Write Off Tax Arrears for Roll #40142440*** — MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wiart that the County write off Roll #40142440 in the amount of \$137.20.

Carried

02.19.25.056 RFD: Windshield Damage — MOVED by Councillor Vockeroth the County of Paintearth reimburse the vehicle owner for the replacement of the broken windshield at the cost of \$1250.32.
Carried

BYLAWS:

None.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

02.19.25.057 Councillor Reports — MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wiart to adopt the verbal Councillor Reports as information.
Carried

Recess: *The meeting recessed at 9:58 a.m.*

Reconvene: *The meeting reconvened at 10:18 a.m.*

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

02.19.25.058 Chief Administrative Officer's Report — MOVED by Councillor Glazier to approve the Chief Administrative Officer's Report as presented.
Carried

02.19.25.059 Assistant Chief Administrative Officer's Report — MOVED by Councillor Shipton to approve the Assistant Chief Administrative Officer's Report as presented.
Carried

02.19.25.060 Director of Public Works Report — MOVED by Councillor Norton to approve the Director of Public Work's Report as presented.
Carried

02.19.25.061 Director of Protective Services Report — MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wiart to approve the Director of Protective Services Report as presented.
Carried

FINANCIAL:

02.19.25.062 Budget Report Ending January 31, 2025 — MOVED by Councillor Norton that the Budget Report ending January 31, 2025 be approved as presented.
Carried

02.19.25.063 Bank Statement for October 31, 2024 — MOVED by Councillor Glazier that the October 31, 2024, bank statement be approved as presented.
Carried

02.19.25.064 **Bank Statement for November 30, 2024** — MOVED by Councillor Shipton that the November 30, 2024, bank statement be approved as presented.
Carried

02.19.25.065 **Bank Statement for December 31, 2024** — MOVED by Councillor Elliot that the December 31, 2024, bank statement be approved as presented.
Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

CLOSED SESSION:

02.19.25.066 **Closed Session** — MOVED by Councillor Norton that the County move to closed session at 10:34 a.m. to discuss items under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter F-25: Part 1, Div 2, Sec 16(1)(a)(i), 24(1)(a), (b)(i), (c), (d).
Carried

02.19.25.067 **Closed Session** — MOVED by Councillor Norton that the County return to an open meeting at 11:36 p.m.
Carried

Recess – the meeting recessed at 11:37 a.m. to allow return of the public.

Reconvene – the meeting reconvened at 11:38 a.m. with no public present.

ADJOURNMENT:

Reeve Schulmeister adjourned the meeting at 11:39 p.m.

These minutes approved this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer

Title: Retirement	Policy: HR 012
Section: Human Resources	

PURPOSE: To outline the County's position on retirement from employment with the County of Paintearth No. 18. For this policy, applications must be made to County Council of the County of Paintearth No. 18 to receive recognition of service benefits as outlined below. Acceptance of the application is at Council's discretion.

POLICY STATEMENT: In accordance with the Charter of Rights, the regulation respecting mandatory retirement upon attaining the age of 65 years is removed. Cessation of employment is now dependent upon any one, or a combination, of the following once an employee exceeds his/her 65th birthday:

- a) Comparative Productivity
 - b) Health
1. Recognition of Service Benefits for Councillors and Employees (this section of the policy is retroactive to January 1, 2009):
- a) Are considered to be:
 - i. Those who serve in elected office completing a minimum of 3 complete terms (12 months per year), or
 - ii. Those who are employed on a permanent full-time basis (minimum 37.5 hours per week, 52 weeks a year), or
 - iii. Those who are employed on a permanent part time basis (less than 37.5 hours per week, 52 weeks a year), and includes
 - iv. Those who have completed at least nine (9) years of service in the County of Paintearth No.18, (Discretion will be granted for employees who are hired by the County who were over the age of 55 when hired), and
 - v. Those who are at least fifty-five (55) years of age, and
 - vi. Those who are eligible to receive a pension under the regulations of the Local Authorities Pension Plan, or Canada Pension Plan, and
 - vii. Those who are not leaving due to being terminated by the County with cause.
 - b) Years of eligible service are calculated from the date the Councillor was first elected to office in the County to the date the Councillor left elected office.
 - c) Years of eligible service are calculated from the date the employee started permanent full- time service with the County to the date the employee is retiring.
 - d) Shall be recognized by receiving the following:
 - i. A cash gift valued at \$200.00 per year (prorated for permanent part time service) upon completion of full-time service for the years from 1 through 9, and if applicable
 - ii. A cash gift valued at \$500.00 per year (prorated for permanent part time service) upon completion of full-time service for the years from 10 through 40, and
 - iii. A \$100.00 gift certificate for an evening of dining out.
 - iv. A gold watch with a gold insert of the County logo on the watch face or an engraved notation on the back.

Council Approved: October 1, 2019	Resolution # 10.01.19.367
Reference: Former Policy 305	Originated: January 20, 1983
Administrative Responsibility: Chief Administrative Officer	Next Review Date: As required
Review Cycle: As required	

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Council Approved: March 4, 2025

Reference: Former Policy 305

Administrative Responsibility: Chief Administrative Officer

Review Cycle: As required

Resolution #

Originated: January 20, 1983

Next Review Date: As required

**Village of Halkirk
By Law 2024-003**

**Property Tax Penalties Bylaw
Amendment to Bylaw 2023-14(180) Property Tax Penalties**

A Bylaw to Provide For Penalties on Unpaid Taxes owed to the Village of Halkirk.

WHEREAS Council of the Village of Halkirk, in the Province of Alberta, pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000 Chapter M-26, and amendments thereto, deems it expedient to impose penalties on unpaid taxes.

NOW THEREFORE Council of the Village of Halkirk in the Province of Alberta enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw shall be known as the Property Tax Penalties Bylaw.
2. Definitions:
Current Taxes means all taxes which are imposed or levied in the current year in which they are imposed.
Tax Arrears means all taxes that are unpaid after December 31st of the year in which they are imposed.
3. Current Taxes levied in any year, shall be due and payable in full, on or before August 31st of the year in which they are imposed.
4. On September 1st a penalty equal to 12% of the unpaid Current Taxes, shall be added to and form part of the unpaid taxes.
5. There shall be a penalty levied upon both Current Taxes and Tax Arrears, that remain unpaid after December 31st of each year. On January 1st a penalty equal to 12 % of the total unpaid tax account, shall be added to and form part of the unpaid Tax Arrears.
6. There shall be a penalty levied upon Tax Arrears, that remain unpaid after April 30th of each year. On May 1st a penalty equal to 12 % of the total unpaid tax account, shall be added to and form part of the unpaid Tax Arrears.
7. There shall be a penalty levied upon Tax Arrears that remain unpaid after August 31st of each year: On September 1st, a penalty equal to 12 % of the total unpaid Tax Arrears, shall be added to and form part of the unpaid Tax Arrears.
8. Bylaw Number 2023-14(180) is hereby amended with regards to section #4-6 – tax penalties.
9. This Bylaw shall take effect on the date of the final reading thereof.

Read a first time on the 9th day of May, 2024.

Read a second time on the 9th day of May 2024

And with the unanimous consent of all Councillors present to proceed with third reading;

Read a third and final time on the 9th day of May, 2024.

Signed this 9th day of May, 2024

J Kennecott
MAYOR

Mary Lusche
CAO



County of Paintearth
No. 18

CAO Report

Meeting: Regular Council Meeting

Meeting Date: March 4, 2025

1. Feb 20 – Present:

- a. **MCC Matters Feb 20th, 28 regarding Board of Directors matters as Vice Chair, operational matters related to Paintearth County construction projects scheduled for 2025 and activities related to 2024 construction projects that remain to be carried out.**
- b. **Inquiries re: update on Solar Construction. Trenching delayed due to cold weather expected to resume in March, ATCO working with contractor on commissioning and transformer replacement work at the Castor array beside the County's Public Works compound.**
- c. **Review and finalize CCDC14 Design-Build Contract and execute with Contractor for new shop.**
- d. **Review and discussions with consultant B. Kulyk re: investment activities and regional investment attraction including local lead development for Crowfoot Crossing Industrial Park.**
- e. **Communications with government relations personnel regarding UBF/ABF Paintearth application, Supernet Master Connection and Transport agreements.**
- f. **Research and preparation of briefing notes for Council relating to governance considerations that drive sustainability.**
- g. **Meetings with Council members regarding SDAB training, local projects and private business development.**
- h. **Review Clearview Public Schools guidelines for allocation and use of Paintearth Olds Dual Credit, Scholarship and CTS grant funding.**
- i. **Meeting with Asst. CAO and Finance Manager regarding recommendations to Council regarding mill rates for 2025 mill rate bylaw.**
- j. **Discussions with Environmental Services Director on Crowfoot Reservoir mechanical upgrades, castor lift station tender documents, Halkirk water and sewer and lagoon projects past and pending.**
- k. **Meeting with Safety Officer regarding County Safety Program matters including post-audit action plan items, future policy development on various topics.**

Report Prepared By: Michael Simpson, Chief Administrative Officer

9.B



County of Paintearth No. 18

Assistant CAO Report

Meeting: Regular Council

Meeting Date: March 4, 2025

1. Over the past 2 weeks the Corporate services department has continued work on year end procedures for the County and PEPS. Ascend LLP is here this week to complete our final audit.
2. Continued correspondence with Halkirk Auditors for the completion of the Village of Halkirk audit for Dec 31/24. They have been very helpful in providing answers to our questions in relation to setting up new utility account, tax rolls, Tangible Capital Assets, and year end account balances that will need to be entered into the County of Paintearth financials. Discussions continue in relation to outstanding Accounts Payable, Carbon tax remittances, MSI/LGFF SFE's
3. Previously the Village of Halkirk provided a top-up payment to the Castor & District FCSS in the amount of \$500. This was a municipal contribution over and above the 20% required by the agreement with the Province. Does Council wish to continue to forward the additional \$500 to the Castor & District FCSS?
4. Assisting ECAA with T4 issues that they have been having with Central Square
5. Completed grant transfers required for the FCSS annual reporting
6. Corporate Services continues to work on preparing county financial software for Halkirk utility billing and tax/assessment. All opening utility account balances have been brought over to the County of Paintearth accounting system and balanced with all previous months meter reads being entered. The County gas meters and water meters in Halkirk were read on February 27 and a session was held February 28 to run through our first utility billing for the Hamlet of Halkirk and all County Water billings. The previous County customers (Halkirk North, Crowfoot Crossing, Brownfield Line and Hamlet of Brownfield) will receive the new style of utility bill for water used in the month of February.
7. Auto-deposit for the Village of Halkirk has been re-routed to the County of Paintearth bank account. We will work on contacting residents to inform them of the new email address that they must send e-transfers to.
8. Halkirk bank accounts have been migrated over to the County of Paintearth business banking profile and the Halkirk revolving line of credit has now been closed.

Prepared By: Lana Roth, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer

Director's Report

Department: Community Services

Meeting: Regular Council Meeting

Meeting Date: March 4, 2025

1. Planning and Development

- i) Development Permit and Subdivision Reports – no changes since last, few dev permit apps in works.
- ii) Updates on renewables projects pending in 2025:
Fleet North – as per ECA Review article, been discontinued as of now. No official word from the developers to the County as of this writing.

- iii) Brownlee Emerging Trends – attended in person in Edm, good info as always

* PPS - FEB 25 FA, TOR, LPT SEMINAR AT HALL

2. Industry

- i) Please see the attached YTD report for the industry activity within the County for 2024. Activity has been considered normal in relations to years past.
- ii) CETO Transmission line stringing some final wire to finish prior to seeding and ag implement traffic on 400.

3. Community Benefits Fund – Spring Intake for Paintearth CBF now open

- i) Have not heard back yet from discussion with Cap Power for a similar project. Current intake is receiving applications thus far.

4. Parks and Recreation

- i) Burma outhouses underway with local contractor, site visit planned
- ii) RFP for playground equip for consideration at Huber for additional components, just as a price search to see where the industry is at
- iii) Parks assistant search seeing interviews with a few applicants
- iv) Electrical services upgrade RFP for Halkirk campground in the works and have a few inquiries from local contractors to give proposals
- v) Working with Finance for long term capital projects vision in the parks and facilities

Prepared By: Todd Pawsey, Director of Community Services

	Proximity Requests Applicant	Land Location	Date Applied	Date Approved
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	Utility Applications	Land Location	Project	Notified	Approved
1	ATCO Electric	SE13-37-11	powerline to prop	31-Jan	21-Feb
2	ATCO Electric	NE11-37-11	powerline extension	31-Jan	21-Feb
3	ATCO Electric	NW5-35-12	salvage of equip	18-Feb	21-Feb
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D56 & Other Notices**Exploration/Development Notices of Intent****Intent Notice****Compl. Notice****Purpose**

Applicant	Land Location			
1 Battle River Energy	36-36-14	19-Dec		pipeline abandonment
2 Battle River Energy	SW26-38-10	20-Dec		wellsite abandonment
3 Battle River Energy	SE34-37-9	20-Dec		wellsite abandonment
4 Battle River Energy	NW4-39-10	20-Dec		wellsite abandonment
5 Battle River Energy	SW32-39-10	20-Dec		wellsite abandonment
6 Battle River Energy	SE26-37-10	20-Dec		wellsite abandonment
7 Battle River Energy	E15-37-10	20-Dec		wellsite abandonment
8 Battle River Energy	NE35-36-10	20-Dec		wellsite abandonment
9 Karve Energy	SE22-39-14	14-Jan		rec certificate issued
10 Karve Energy	NE4-38-14	14-Jan		rec certificate issued
11 Karve Energy	SW18-37-14	14-Jan		rec certificate issued
12 Karve Energy	NE33-37-14	14-Jan		rec certificate issued
13 Karve Energy	NE2-38-14	14-Jan		rec certificate issued
14 Karve Energy	SW26-39-10	17-Jan		rec certificate issued
15 Karve Energy	SW18-38-14	17-Jan		rec certificate issued
16 Karve Energy	NW32-38-12	23-Jan		rec certificate issued
17 Canadian Natural	10 to 3-37-14	24-Jan		pipeline abandonment
18 Canadian Natural	5-36-11	13-Feb		pipeline abandonment
19 Karve Energy	NE11-38-14	25-Feb		rec certificate issued
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County of Painsearth No. 18

Director's Report

Title: Director of Protective Services Report

Meeting: Council

Meeting Date: March 04, 2025

Still busy with Halkirk, the pains of change not showing at this time. Keeping people informed is helping quite a bit.

- Working on budget for this year and into 2028
- Halkirk calls, none to date but that should pick up starting in the spring and summer.
- Regular patrols being conducted.
- Liaison with the RCMP on a number calls in the county. Still a strong relationship with the RCMP.
- Fire Permits steady, note I will be putting a fire restriction on in late spring (just a heads up)
- Road permits steady, spring break up to happen soon but should last to long.
- Minor incidents investigated and successfully concluded.

*Prepared By: Colm Fitz-Gerald
Director of Protective Services*



ALBERTA
MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

*Office of the Minister
M.L.A. Calgary-Hays*

AR117690

February 13, 2025

Dear Chief Elected Official:

Joint use and planning agreements (JUPAs) between municipalities and school boards operating within municipal boundaries enable the integrated and long-term planning and use of school sites on municipal reserve, school reserve, and municipal and school reserve lands.

On June 10, 2020, Section 670.1 of the *Municipal Government Act* was proclaimed, setting the deadline for municipalities to complete these agreements with the applicable school boards to June 10, 2023. A two-year extension was granted to June 10, 2025, via Ministerial Order No. MSD:013/23.

The ministries of Municipal Affairs and Education have heard from municipalities and school boards about the challenges of meeting this year's deadline. My colleague, the Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Education, and I have agreed to extend the deadline for municipalities and school boards by one year, to June 10, 2026, to provide sufficient time to complete these agreements. As a result, Ministerial Order MSD:013/23 is rescinded and Ministerial Order No. MSD:004/25 is now in effect. Please find attached a copy of the new Ministerial Order.

Municipal Affairs advisory staff can provide additional supports to municipalities to assist with the development of these agreements. Questions regarding JUPAs can be directed to a planning advisor at ma.advisory@gov.ab.ca, or call toll-free by first dialing 310-0000, then 780-427-2225. Should municipalities require support to mediate discussions with school boards, please email municipalcollaboration@gov.ab.ca, or call the number above for more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ric McIver".

Ric McIver
Minister

Attachment: Ministerial Order No. MSD:004/25

cc: Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Education



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MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

*Office of the Minister
MLA, Calgary-Hays*

MINISTERIAL ORDER NO. MSD:004/25

I, Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to Section 605(2) of the *Municipal Government Act*, make the following order:

The date by which a municipality must enter into a joint use and planning agreement with a school board, as required by Section 670.1(1) of the *Municipal Government Act*, is extended to June 10, 2026.

Ministerial Order No. MSD:013/23 is hereby rescinded.

Dated at Edmonton, Alberta, this 29 day of January, 2025.



Ric McIver
Minister of Municipal Affairs



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*Office of the Minister
MLA, Calgary-Hays*

AR116764

February 25, 2025

Mr. Stan Schulmeister
Reeve
County of Paintearth
PO Box 509
Castor AB T0C 0X0

Dear Reeve Schulmeister and Council:

As you know, Order in Council 362/2024 dissolved the Village of Halkirk effective January 1, 2025. Ministerial directives that had previously been issued to the Village of Halkirk under Ministerial Order No. MSD:023/22 transferred to the county.

As the village has now dissolved and the directives are no longer relevant, please find attached Ministerial Order No. MSD:012/25 that rescinds the directives outstanding in Ministerial Order No. MSD:023/22 and ensures no further action is required responding to this order.

Should you have any questions, please contact Dee Deveau, Municipal Viability Advisor, at dee.deveau@gov.ab.ca, or toll-free by dialing 310-0000, then 780-422-5619. Municipal Affairs remains available to provide support to the county during the transition.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ric McIver
Minister

Attachment: Ministerial Order No. MSD:012/25

cc: Brandy Cox, Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs
Michael Simpson, Chief Administrative Officer, County of Paintearth
Dee Deveau, Municipal Viability Advisor, Municipal Affairs



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*Office of the Minister
MLA, Calgary-Hays*

MINISTERIAL ORDER NO. MSD:012/25

I, Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to section 130.1 of the *Municipal Government Act*, make the following order:

- 1. Ministerial Order No. MSD: 023/22 is rescinded.

Dated at Edmonton, Alberta, this 26 day of February, 2025.



Ric McIver
Minister of Municipal Affairs



ELKS OF CANADA

29th Annual Halkirk Elks Bullarama

I hope this letter finds you well! As you know, the Halkirk Elks Bullarama has become a beloved tradition in our community, drawing attendees from all around to enjoy a thrilling showcase of courage, skill, and entertainment. For many, it's more than just an event; it's a celebration of our small-town spirit and a gathering that brings us closer together.

This year, we're excited to continue this legacy, but we can't do it without the generous support of businesses like yours. Hosting an event of this magnitude requires funding for venue preparation, safety measures, livestock, entertainment, and more. That's why we're reaching out to ask for your partnership through a sponsorship or donation.

Your contribution would directly help ensure the success of this year's Bullarama, allowing us to:
Maintain the safety and comfort of our riders, spectators, and livestock.

Provide an unforgettable experience for attendees of all ages.

Keep this cherished tradition alive for years to come.

In return, we would love to show our appreciation by recognizing your business throughout the event.

Depending on the level of sponsorship, this could include:

Platinum Sponsor: 3 Available \$2000 ea.

- Company logo on announcer stand
- Logo on posters
- Front page ad in program
- Recognition on all media pre and post event
- Announced throughout the event

Kids Event Sponsor: 1 Available \$900 ea.

This will be the sponsor of the Wild Pony Races

- Buckles with sponsor logo for the winning team
- Recognition in program
- Recognition on media pre and post event
- Announced throughout the event

Chute Sponsor: 7 Available \$600 ea.

- Company logo on bucking chute or alley gate
- Recognition in program
- Recognition on media pre and post event
- Announced throughout the event

Gold Sponsor: \$400-\$599

- Company logo displayed in arena or beer gardens during event
- Recognition in program
- Recognition on media post event

Silver Sponsor: \$250- \$399

- Recognition in program
- Recognition on media post event

Rider Sponsor: \$125

- Recognition in program
- Chance to win \$250 back if your randomly drawn rider wins!

In Kind:

- Donations under \$250
- Volunteer gift donations
- Volunteers on the day of the event

If you'd like to learn more about sponsorship opportunities or have specific ways you'd like to contribute, please don't hesitate to contact me. We'd be thrilled to discuss how we can collaborate. For the limited Sponsorship's please contact me before sending a donation to confirm availability as they will be first come, first served.

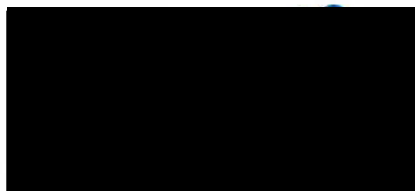
Thank you for considering supporting this cherished tradition. Your generosity will not only make a difference for this year's event but also strengthen the sense of community that makes Halkirk so special.

With Gratitude,

Rae Smith

Chairperson

Halkirk Elks Bullarama Committee



Thank you
for your
support in
2024!

