

COUNTY OF PAINT EARTH NO. 18

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 21, 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 Meeting May 6, 2025
4. PUBLIC HEARING
 - A. None
5. DELEGATIONS
 - A. Jordan and Board Member Memorial Library Coronation 9:00 a.m.
 - B. Andy Metzger 9:30 a.m. Closed Session — *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, R.S.A. 2000 Chapter F-25: Part 1, Div 2, Sec 16(1)(a)(i)
6. BUSINESS
 - A. Rural School Sign Verbal Request for Division 6
7. BYLAWS
 - A. None
8. COUNCILLOR REPORTS
 - A. Verbal Reports
9. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS
 - A. Chief Administrative Officer Report
 - B. Assistant Chief Administrative Officer Report
 - C. Director of Public Works Report
 - D. Director of Community Services
 - E. Director of Protective Services

10. FINANCIAL

- A. None

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services Letter
- B. 2025 General Election Regional Council Orientation Training
- C. Alberta Municipal Affairs Letter RE: 2025 Local Government Fiscal Framework
- D. Thank You Card from Castor FCSS

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)

13. ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Council Meeting Dates — June 3, June 17, July 15, August 19, 2025. Council Meeting dates are subject to individual change and commence at 9:00 a.m.

COUNTY OF PAINTEARTH NO. 18
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY MAY 6, 2025

The Regular meeting minutes of the Council of the County of Paintearth No. 18 held in Council Chambers in the municipal office on May 6, 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 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 9:03 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

05.06.25.195 **Regular Council Meeting Agenda May 6, 2025** — MOVED by Councillor Glazier to adopt the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of May 6, 2025, as presented.

Carried

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

05.06.25.196 **Regular County Council Meeting Minutes April 22, 2025** — MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wiart that the Previous Regular County Council Meeting Minutes for April 22, 2025, be approved as presented.

Carried

PUBLIC HEARING:

None.

DELEGATIONS:

None.

BUSINESS:

- 05.06.25.197 **RFD: Funding Application Recreation and Community Service Grants for U11 Softball Provincials** — MOVED by Councillor Glazier that the County approve the support request for \$500.00 to the applicant.
Carried
- 05.06.25.198 **RFD: Funding Application Recreation and Community Service Grants for U15 Softball Provincials** — MOVED by Councillor Shipton that the County approve the support request for \$500.00 to the applicant.
Carried
- 05.06.25.199 **RFD: 2025 Election Honorariums** — MOVED by Councillor Norton that the County approve the 2025 Election Honorariums as the following: workers receive a flat fee of \$300.00 and County staff working receive \$200.00 per day along with meals over and above their regular wages and staff called in to count ballots receive \$100.00.
Carried
- 05.06.25.200 **RFD: Rescind Policy AD006** — MOVED by Councillor Vockeroth that the County rescind Policy AD006.
Carried
- 05.06.25.201 **Sand Haul Request from the Coronation Golf Club** — MOVED by Councillor Glazier that the County approve the request from the Coronation Golf Club for an in-kind donation of the trucking of one load of sand, with trucking costs valued at \$1,000.00, from Guytech Industries to the Coronation Golf Club.
Carried

BYLAWS:

- 05.06.25.202 **Bylaw 738-25 First Reading** — MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wiart that Bylaw 738-25 be given First Reading.
Carried
- 05.06.25.203 **Bylaw 738-25 Second Reading** — MOVED by Councillor Norton that Bylaw 738-25 be given Second Reading.
Carried
- 05.06.25.204 **Bylaw 738-25 Unanimous Consent to Proceed to Third and Final Reading** — MOVED by Councillor Glazier that Bylaw 738-25 be given Unanimous Consent to move to Third and Final Reading.
Unanimously Carried
- 05.06.25.205 **Bylaw 738-25 Third and Final Reading** — MOVED by Councillor Elliott that Bylaw 738-25 be given Third and Final Reading.
Carried

COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

- 05.06.25.206 **Councillor Reports** — MOVED by Councillor Norton to adopt the verbal Councillor Reports as information.
Carried

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

- 05.06.25.207 **Chief Administrative Officer's Report** — MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wiart to approve the Chief Administrative Officer's Report as presented.
Carried
- 05.06.25.208 **Director of Public Works Verbal Report** — MOVED by Councillor Glazier to approve the Director of Public Works' Verbal Report as presented.
Carried
- 05.06.25.209 **Director of Protective Services Report** — MOVED by Councillor Shipton to approve the Director of Protective Services' Report as presented.
Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 05.06.25.210 **Coronation Music Festival Thank You Cards** — MOVED by Councillor Norton that the correspondence regarding the Coronation Music Festival be received and filed as information.
Carried
- 05.06.25.211 **Gus Wetter Basketball Team Thank You Card** — MOVED by Councillor Shipton that the thank you card from Gus Wetter Basketball Team be received and filed as information.
Carried
- 05.06.25.212 **Invitation from Association of Communities Against Abuse** — MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wiart that the correspondence regarding the invitation from Association of Communities Against Abuse be received and filed as information.
Carried

Recess — *The meeting recessed at 9:43 a.m.*

Reconvene — *The meeting reconvened at 9:59 a.m.*

CLOSED SESSION:

- 05.06.25.213 **Closed Session** — MOVED by Councillor Norton that the County move to closed session at 10:00 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 23(1)(a)(b).
Carried
- 05.06.25.214 **Closed Session** — MOVED by Councillor Norton that the County return to an open meeting at 10:27 a.m.
Carried

Recess — *the meeting recessed at 10:28 a.m. to allow return of the public.*

Reconvene — the meeting reconvened at 10:29 a.m. with no public present.

ADJOURNMENT:

Reeve Schulmeister adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

These minutes approved this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer



County of Paintearth No. 18

CAO Report

Meeting: Regular Council Meeting

Meeting Date: May 21, 2025

1. May 7 – Present

- a. **SLGM Conference May 13-16 Kananaskis – Have not attended since 2022.**
Sessions covered timely topics in local politics for Administrators and senior staff on the following subjects:
 - i. Leading Teams through complex change
 - ii. Managing Public Conversations and Controversy
 - iii. Understanding the changing demographics of ratepayers
 - iv. Managing Election Surprises
 - v. Public Participation under the Municipal Government Act
 - vi. Little steps and small wins as the path to big reward
 - vii. AI and Empowering local governments
 - viii. Managing Disputes with Contractors and Consultants
 - ix. Reclaiming the Clock: Getting More of the Right Stuff Done
 - x. Coaching for Conflict
- b. **Delegation to Paintearth Economic Partnership Society regarding purchase of radio communications towers from PEPS by Paintearth County.** There are two discussions to be had, being a) if PEPS agrees to sale the towers to Paintearth, what is fair market value. b) if PEPS wishes to retain the towers and rent space to Connect, would this be advantageous to Connect and the County's strategy for reliable broadband in the region in general?
- c. **Conversations with Alberta Counsel re: byelection implications for County interests.**
- d. **AUC Information Services Team virtual meeting.** Summary notes are included with this report.
- e. **Clearview Schools meeting re: Paintearth grant tracking metrics, Olds presentation May 27th with Daram Van Oers to CASS panel (College of Alberta School Superintendents) on policy AD026.**
- f. **Executive Coaching Session with CASA Consulting.**
- g. **Rural Connect subcommittee meetings, Director matters re: Shareholder rights and obligations, discussions with Administration and Board.**
- h. **Castor Town Council delegation to discuss water servicing to County residents.**
- i. **Coronation pool subcommittee meeting, review of proposals.**
- j. **Review of agenda package items and prior meeting minutes with the Legislative Clerk.**
- k. **Various meetings with staff on operational matters.**

Report Prepared By: Michael Simpson, Chief Administrative Officer

AUC Electronic Meeting with CAO May 8, 2025 10 a.m.

Summary

Michael Simpson and Alex Retfalvi, Director of External Affairs and Communications, with the Alberta Utilities Commission, discussed municipal engagement and new tools available to municipalities.

The AUC's role in regulating utilities and renewable projects was highlighted, including the recent renewable energy inquiry and policy initiatives like Bill 52, which aims to restructure Alberta's energy market.

Municipalities can now participate in AUC processes, potentially recovering costs. The AUC is also reviewing Rule 7 to enhance municipal consultation and financial security requirements.

Specific projects, like the Halkirk 2 incident, were mentioned, emphasizing the AUC's commitment to thorough reviews and stakeholder engagement.

Questions for Council to consider:

- 1. How can the AUC's Assistance and Information Services team help municipalities and stakeholders participate more effectively in the regulatory process?***
- 2. What are the key policy initiatives and legislative changes that municipalities should be aware of, and how will they impact local communities?***
- 3. How can the AUC and the County of Paintearth establish a recurring feedback loop to ensure ongoing communication and address emerging issues in the region?***

Tools for municipalities to recover costs on renewable and thermal projects.

- Alex discussed working with AUC on renewable and thermal projects in the region.
- AUC team shared information on new tools and opportunities for municipalities. Presentations to Council, and by extension possibly the public, can be requested of Alex and his team. Mr. Retfalvi's knowledge of AUC processes and familiarity with

AUC approval processes may be a source of information for ratepayers wishing to take more effective positions in advocacy for or against projects.

Energy regulation in Alberta, including AUC responsibilities.

- AUC regulates utilities in Alberta, balancing public interest with safe and reliable service.

Alberta's energy market restructuring and transmission policy changes.

- The Alberta government's energy policy initiatives, including restructured energy market and transmission policy framework changes,
- Bill 52 aims to implement restructured energy market in 2027, with new generation paying larger share of transmission costs. Administration will make time for a review at a future date and report back to Council.

Alberta energy regulations and cost recovery for municipalities.

- Review/Recap of AUC's renewable energy inquiry, focusing on land use and municipal involvement.
- Municipal participation rights are automatically granted, with cost recovery eligibility.
- AUC reviewing rule seven, related to building power plants and facilities, with municipal engagement and documentation requirements.

Municipal engagement and visual impact assessment requirements for renewable energy projects.

- Municipal information requirements for renewable energy projects, including visual impact assessments and participant involvement programs.
- The importance of consultation and engagement with municipalities and landowners to ensure efficient application review and mitigate potential issues was highlighted.

Agricultural coexistence in Alberta, with a focus on local participation and decision timelines.

- The Government of Alberta's agricultural first approach requires proponents to demonstrate how their projects can coexist with high-productivity lands.
- The application process involves multiple thresholds and pathways, with a goal of providing a decision within 90 days of the hearing record closing.

Participant involvement program



- Applicants must include a participant involvement program (PIP) as part of their application.
- PIPs include:
 - A description of the activities undertaken and include any engagement materials provided.
 - See Appendix A1 – Participant involvement program guidelines and Appendix A1-B – Participant involvement program guidelines for Indigenous groups in Rule 007: *Facility Applications*
 - List of all occupants, residents and landowners on lands within the appropriate notification radius.
 - List of Indigenous groups, owners of aerodromes or other interested persons that were consulted as part of the PIP.
- Supply a list of contact information for all persons who had been contacted as part of the PIP.
- Consultation with local jurisdictions (e.g., municipal districts, counties).
- Consultation with Environment and Climate Change Canada regarding potential interference with nearby weather radars.
 - If Environment and Climate Change Canada has identified the potential for significant interference with a weather radar, provide a copy of a mitigation agreement to be concluded with Environment and Climate Change Canada prior to the operation of the power plant.
- Summarize consultation with Alberta First Responder Radio System, identify potential interference with other radar/radio frequency towers and provide mitigation measures agreed upon.
- Identify all persons who expressed a concern(s) about the project.

AUC post-inquiry commitments



- Municipal participation rights will be automatically granted and municipalities will be eligible to request cost recovery for participation.



- Review Rule 007 requirements regarding proponent commitments in relation to reclamation and security funding obligations.



- Undertake a review of Rule 007 related to municipal submission requirements and clarify consultation requirements.



- Enhance visual impact assessment requirements to include a more structured visual impact assessment methodology.



- Explore requirements for proponents to provide soil field verification earlier in the application process.



- Explore demand response opportunities, including time-varying rates as a priority item.

Reclamation and financial security

- Amendments to the *Activities Designation Regulation and Conservation and Reclamation Regulation* create consistent reclamation requirements across all forms of renewable energy operations, including a mandatory reclamation security requirement.
 - There will be a mandatory security requirement for projects located on private lands.
 - The government of Alberta is also releasing a *Code of Practice* further establishing these requirements.
- Developers will be responsible for reclamation costs via a mandatory security or bond.
- The reclamation security will either be provided directly to the province or may be negotiated with landowners if sufficient evidence is provided to the AUC.

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Alberta government policy



- ✦ Restructured Energy Market (REM):
 - ✦ The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) has been working with industry stakeholders and market participants, partner agencies and government to design an energy market that provides a strong foundation for the Alberta electricity system, ensuring it is affordable, reliable, has reasonable implementation for investment and sustainable for the future
- ✦ Optimal Transmission Planning (OTP):
 - ✦ A move away from zero-congestion transmission planning standard
 - ✦ This would allow for some congestion in transmission in hope to reduce resource waste
- ✦ Bill 52, Energy and Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2025:
 - ✦ Proposed to implement the REM and Optimal Transmission Planning OTP
 - ✦ If passed:
 - ✦ Modify certain AESO duties with respect to operating the energy market and planning the transmission system
 - ✦ Impose new duties on the AESO to prioritize cost and manage transmission constraints through the dispatch and price of electricity
 - ✦ Create powers for the Alberta Minister of Affordability and Utilities to enact regulations and to legislate Independent System Operator (ISO) rules to implement REM
 - ✦ Enable the AESO to implement rules allocating ancillary service costs based on cost causation principles
 - ✦ Would amend the *Gas Distribution Act* and *Gas Utilities Act* which would allow for hydrogen blending in the natural gas distribution system for residential and commercial customers



County of Paintearth No. 18

Assistant CAO Report

Meeting: Regular Council

Meeting Date: May 21, 2025

1. Painting RFP was issued and have hired a contractor the painting at the office. Finalizing the final scope of work and paint colours. This project will be completed by the end of September.
2. Working on updating gravel inventory now that the winter hauls have been completed and road gravelling has started.
3. Ordered POS terminals for Burma Park and Huber Campground, these have been set up and delivered to the campgrounds
4. April utility bills have been sent out. Working with Mitch to fine tune the automatic meter reads for Halkirk.
5. May 14 – attended First Aid Recert in Castor
6. Requested energization of the County East grader shed site
7. January – March 31 claim for the Prairiescan grant has been submitted.
8. Reviewed ECAA financials for their year end that was March 31/25

Prepared By: Lana Roth, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer



County of Paintearth No. 18

Director's Report

Department: Public Works

Meeting: Regular Council Meeting

Date: May 21, 2025

1. Summer work is ongoing.
2. MG 30 program is underway. Lanes Lake Rge 151 is complete. Spraying on Rge 123 north of 559. Should be done remaining roads in 4 days if weather cooperates
3. New shop footings and frost wall poured and backfilled.
4. Discuss repair or rebuild of our 2001 D7R dozer

Prepared By: Bryce Cooke

Director's Report**Department: Community Services****Meeting: Regular Council Meeting****Meeting Date: May 21, 2025**

1. Planning and Development

- i) Please see the YTD reports for Dev Permits issued thus far, as well as subdivision applications either in the works or known to be submitted. Have had a few convo's with applicants on acreage creations, and a multi lot subdiv north of Talbot that just went into PRMS for review.
- ii) Continued work on the servicing of the Marquart property, the septic eval is scheduled for next Wednesday on site, and now we know the details of water servicing we can rest a little easier on this project getting under full steam ahead.
- iii) Continued work on the Collier parcels transfer to the County, as well as some other landowners wishing to do same, going through a legal rep in Edmonton to process the required transfer docs.
- iv) Continued work on the closure of portion of RR142, have gotten a survey plan complete for the LTO requirement, package has been submitted via RPATH to AT.
- v) Will be participating in a focus group on LPRT processes for MNP who's contracted by the GOA for reviewing that body and its functions. Also, being interviewed next week by the LPRT itself for possible board member selection as they are looking for qualified members to increase the board pool, as they are seeing increased appeals.

2. Industry Report

- i) Please see the attached YTD list of approvals and notices for the industry activity in the County for utilities, oil and gas, and reclamation works.

3. Parks and Recreation

- i) As of early May, parks seasonal labourer has been at work with assisting the parks start ups, co-operating with Halkirk PW staff in maintaining the facilities and grounds in Halkirk, and providing support for our other two parks. New kiosk installed at Halkirk Berry St campground, finishing touches currently being done.
- ii) Electrical services upgrade for Halkirk campground has been completed.

4. Alberta Emergency Management Agency Awareness Day – attended May 6 in Hardisty for the agency's field seminar. Our annual review is upcoming in June.

Prepared By: *Todd Pawsey, Director of Community Services*

2025 Development Report

As of May 15		2025						
DP #	Applicant	Location	Particulars	Value	District	Perm/Disc	Class	
2501	Gil Ellefson	NW34-38-10	Moved in house, shop	\$350,000	Ag	Permitted	Res	
2502	County of Paintearth	Lot 1 Blk 1 Pln 2421388 in NE12-37-11	multi bay equip shop	\$800,000	Ag	Permitted	Ind	
2503	Jason & Correna Cooper	Lot 1 Blk 1 Pln 1020187 in SE6-36-9	renos, minor home occ permit	\$0	Ag	permitted	comm	
2504	Tyson Glazier	SW13-37-11	manufactured trailer, porch	\$400,000	Ag	Permitted	Res	
2505	Kurt & Erin Chick	Lot 3 Blk 1 Pln 0621408 in NE24-38-16	residence and attached garage	\$650,000	HR	Discretionary	Res	
2506	Daniel & Tanya Brown	SW27-38-11	addition & renovations to residence	\$300,000	Ag	Permitted	Res	
2507	Jamie Marquart	SW2-38-14	residence and attached garage	\$1,499,000	Ag	Permitted	Res	
2508	League Projects Ltd	Lot 4 Blk 1 Pln 8921602 in SW13-36-11	60x100' cold storage shop	\$200,000	RCI	Permitted	Ind	
2509	Daren & Amanda Giffin	Lot 1 Blk 1 Pln 124222 in SE9-39-16	32x40' shop/garage	\$100,000	Ag	Permitted	Res	
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1	Jamie Marquart	SW238-14	18-344	1	11	acreage creation	26-Nov	pending rezoning		
2	Annett-Davidson	SE21-36-13	18-343	1	9	acreage separation	26-Nov	completed	2520339	08-Feb
3	Robert Preston	SW8-38-9		2		multi lot acreage creation		application		

2025 Industry & Utilities Report

As of May 15

2025

Approaches and Access

#	Applicant	Land Location	Date Applied	Existing	New Constr.	Culvert?	Date Approved
1	InterPipeline Ltd	NW18-38-9	11-Mar		y	n	14-Mar
2	Karve Energy	SE7-38-11	14-Mar		y	y	17-Mar
3	InterPipeline Ltd	NW19-38-9	07-May	y			
4	InterPipeline Ltd	NE34-36-10	07-May	y			
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Pipeline Crossings

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1	karve energy	NW7-38-11 to NE12-38-12	08-Apr	bored			25-Apr
2	Paintearth Gas Co-op	NE10 to NW11-37-11	22-Apr	bored			25-Apr
3	Paintearth Gas Co-op	NE11 to NW12-37-11	22-Apr	bored			25-Apr
4	Paintearth Gas Co-op	NW12 to SW13-37-11	22-Apr	bored			25-Apr
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Proximity Requests

Applicant	Land Location	Date Applied	Date Approved
1 Karve Energy	SE18-38-11	12-Mar	14-Mar
2 Karve Energy	NE34-38-12	13-Mar	14-Mar
3 Karve Energy	SE7-38-11	14-Mar	17-Mar
4 Interpipeline Ltd	SW3-36-10 & NW34-35-10	21-Apr	25-Apr
5 Interpipeline Ltd	NW18-38-9	17-Apr	25-Apr
6 Interpipeline Ltd	SE15-36-10	07-May	12-May
7 Interpipeline Ltd	SE34-36-10	07-May	12-May
8 Interpipeline Ltd	NW19-38-9	07-May	12-May
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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
4 ATCO Electric	east up 123	replace 1 ph w 3 ph lines	13-Mar	14-Mar
5 ATCO Electric	NE18-38-9	replace 2 poles add transformer	18-Mar	27-Mar
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RUA Projects

	Land Location	Roads	Date Entered
1 Veren Energy Inc	SW32-38-12	RR125	28-Apr
2 IPL - maint digs	various 38-9, 36-10		07-May
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D56 & Other Notices**Exploration/Development Notices of Intent**

Applicant	Land Location
1 Battle River Energy	36-36-14
2 Battle River Energy	SW26-38-10
3 Battle River Energy	SE34-37-9
4 Battle River Energy	NW4-39-10
5 Battle River Energy	SW32-39-10
6 Battle River Energy	SE26-37-10
7 Battle River Energy	E 15-37-10
8 Battle River Energy	NE35-36-10
9 Karve Energy	SE22-39-14
10 Karve Energy	NE4-38-14
11 Karve Energy	SW18-37-14
12 Karve Energy	NE33-37-14
13 Karve Energy	NE2-38-14
14 Karve Energy	SW26-39-10
15 Karve Energy	SW18-38-14
16 Karve Energy	NW32-38-12
17 Canadian Natural	10 to 3-37-14
18 Canadian Natural	5-36-11
19 Karve Energy	NE11-38-14
20 Cenovus Energy	39-13 leases
21 Karve Energy	SW5-36-9
22 Karve Energy	SE18-38-11
23 Karve Energy	NE34-38-12
24 NGTL	NW11-39-16
25 Karve Energy	SW7-38-11
26 JSK Consulting	22-34-11
27 Karve Energy	5-36-9
28 Karve Energy	7-38-11 to 12-38-12
29 Karve Energy	34-38-12
30 EP Resources Corp	NE13-40-10
31 Karve Energy	SW17-39-12
32 Karve Energy	SE18-39-12
33 Karve Energy	NE18-39-12

Intent Notice**Compl. Notice****Purpose**

19-Dec	pipeline abandonment
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23-Jan	rec certificate issued
24-Jan	pipeline abandonment
13-Feb	pipeline abandonment
25-Feb	rec certificate issued
05-Feb	assets transfer
05-Mar	new multiwell padsite
12-Mar	additional wells on exist padsite
13-Mar	additional wells on exist padsite
25-Mar	meter station abandonment
20-Mar	new multiwell padsite
01-Apr	pipeline abandonment
02-Apr	oil effluent and salt water pipelines
08-Apr	salt water pipeline
09-Apr	oil effluent pipelines
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County of Painteearth No. 18

Director's Report

Title: Director of Protective Services Report

Meeting: Council

Meeting Date: May 21, 2025

- Halkirk's new Fire Truck, up tick in fire calls.
- Regular patrols being conducted.
- Road permits steady
- Cap 2 Tower 33 in clean up mode and awaiting base engineering report.
- Assisted landowner with horses on the loose.
- Fleet traffic picking up.

Prepared By: Colm Fitz-Gerald
Director of Protective Services

May 9, 2025

Dear Partners of Alberta Emergency Social Services

It is my pleasure to announce that the revised Alberta Emergency Social Services (ESS) Framework was approved on April 23, 2025. This was first announced publicly at the Emergency Social Services Network of Alberta (ESSNA) in-person meeting on April 24th.


This marks the culmination of over two years of coordinated effort between the Alberta Emergency Management Agency and ESS partners, targeted ESS stakeholders through the ESSNA regional leads, and multiple Government of Alberta departments. The knowledge and insights shared by each partner has led to a document that I believe better describes the ESS system in Alberta. It will enable our collective and collaborative efforts to establish a fully integrated emergency management system that incorporates ESS at each stage and promotes a whole-of-society approach.

The Alberta ESS Framework aims to clarify the system as it currently exists and was written to be useable in communities of all sizes, following an all-hazards approach. It is descriptive, not prescriptive, allowing local authorities to implement the content as best fits their capabilities and capacities.

The Alberta ESS Framework has been posted to Alberta.ca under the Government Emergency Plans <https://www.alberta.ca/government-emergency-plans>. It will be added as an annex to the Alberta Emergency Plan. A frequently asked questions document has also been attached for your convenience.

If you have any questions, please contact your AEMA ESS Officer and/or one of your AEMA Field Officers. Thank you for your continued support,

Sincerely,



Stephen Lacroix
Managing Director

Attachment 1 – ESS Framework FAQ

Frequently asked questions

Alberta Emergency Social Services (ESS) Framework 2025

The Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) is releasing a revised Alberta Emergency Social Services Framework (the framework). This is a revision to the Provincial Emergency Social Services Framework initially published in 2016. The framework is intended for emergency social services (ESS) practitioners and emergency management stakeholders in Alberta, including local authorities, First Nations, the Government of Alberta (GoA), the private sector and civil society organizations (CSOs). Considering the increasing frequency, scale and complexity of disasters, the revised framework supports a whole-of-society approach to emergency management, integrating ESS as a critical component.

What is the Alberta ESS Framework?

The framework, mandated through the Alberta Emergency Plan (AEP), describes the ESS system in Alberta. It outlines the roles and responsibilities of all ESS partners and the processes for coordinating ESS during emergencies and disasters.

Why is the framework necessary?

Alberta has experienced several significant disasters over the past decade since the framework's initial release in 2016. Post-incident assessments have highlighted gaps in emergency management doctrine, particularly ESS, that have impacted response efforts. This is particularly true where incidents are complex, of long duration, or have involved a wide range of stakeholders (local authorities, First Nations, Metis Settlements, GoA departments, industry, civil society organizations, etc.)

The framework makes specific reference to the lessons learned from past emergencies and disasters and reaffirms the GoA's approach to ensuring those lessons are implemented. It reflects the increasing understanding that ESS must be an integrated component of emergency management rather than a separate activity.

Will communities be required to adopt/follow the framework?

The framework aims to describe a system built to support the ongoing development of ESS systems and capabilities, recognizing differences in capability and capacity between communities and providing guidance to enhance equitable treatment of all communities across Alberta.

The framework can be used to support and guide the development of a community ESS program and ESS plan. It is descriptive, not prescriptive. It does not supersede or alter the requirement under the Local Authority Emergency Management Regulation (LEMR) for local authorities to develop and incorporate an ESS plan as part of their emergency plan.

While the framework mentions programs and partners essential to the delivery of ESS, it does not dictate the development or delivery of those programs. The descriptive nature of the framework is intended to provide structure, enabling each partner to develop their program in accordance with their mandate,

capability and capacity in a manner that supports and increases interoperability and integration across the province.

Were stakeholders and partners consulted?

Beginning in late 2022, the development of the framework has been an iterative process involving targeted stakeholder engagement through the Emergency Social Services Network of Alberta (ESSNA) regional leads, AEMA staff and leadership, and departments across the Government of Alberta with ESS-related responsibilities.

What supports are available for communities to enable them to adopt the framework?

AEMA ESS officers have been actively involved in the development of the framework and will be available as subject matter experts to support their regional communities and stakeholders. ESS officers can advise communities on how to integrate best practices and develop their ESS programs and plans. Additional resources are in development and will be accessible through ESS officers and on the ESS community resources SharePoint site.

Will the framework require changes to local ESS plans and/or emergency plans?

The adoption of the framework could result in changes for emergency plans and ESS plans to reflect the integration of ESS in the organization and structures, as well as the processes, procedures and terminology contained within the system. The framework is descriptive, not prescriptive so framework alignment is at the discretion of each local authority, First Nation, and Metis Settlement.

What if communities have difficulties with meeting some of the ESS services outlined?

The framework does not require a community to change their ESS systems; rather, it encourages movement towards a more effective, efficient and integrated ESS system for more equitable services to all Albertans in times of emergencies and/or disasters. Communities can request support through their AEMA ESS officer to find solutions, such as connection with ESS partners, for services they are unable to provide locally. This is ideally done during planning and preparedness activities but can also be done as an official support request during response.

How can anyone be expected to keep up with the constant changes in emergency management?

Alberta has experienced some of Canada's most significant and costly disasters since 2010. Lessons learned from each of these disasters and many smaller, yet impactful, incidents across the province have informed the ongoing development in emergency management. Continuous improvement is a characteristic of the maturing nature of emergency management in Alberta.

Alberta is recognized as a national leader in emergency management, in part as a result of the drive to ensure our province and its many communities are resilient and well-prepared to meet the difficult challenges that arise from emergencies and disasters. The revision of the Alberta ESS Framework sets one of the conditions for improved response and recovery outcomes for Alberta communities.

Does the framework impact First Nations and Metis Settlements?

The framework is intended to be utilized by all stakeholders in the Alberta emergency management system, specifically those providing ESS or involved with its delivery. The framework describes best practices, but it is not mandatory for any community, including First Nations. First Nations in Alberta will continue to have access to provincial emergency management supports through the AEMA First Nations field officers, as well as through funding from Indigenous Services Canada.

Metis Settlement Chairpersons and Councils are considered local authorities under the *Emergency Management Act* and as such are subject to the LEMR. The framework is a descriptive document and is not mandatory for local authorities, including Metis Settlements.

Will there be another revision of the framework?

The framework is subject to a comprehensive scheduled review every five years with other periodic updates as required. Additional triggers for review and amendment may include lessons from simulated exercises, large-scale incidents or the activation of the Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre (PECC).

If we have more questions, who can we contact?

For more information on the framework, emergency management stakeholders can contact their AEMA ESS officer and/or AEMA field officers directly.

AEMA regional ESS officers are as follows:

Northwest – Darryl Martin

Northeast – Leah David

North Central – Stacey Gislason

East Central – Shauna Hetherington

Central – Sandi Misselbrook

South Central – Erin Harhara

South – Brad Hove

You can also reach both the AEMA ESS officers and/or AEMA field officers via the PECC:

PECC Non-Urgent Inquiries: 780-644-5425

PECC Email: pses.pecc@gov.ab.ca



J.S. Grundberg, KC, ICD.D

May 08, 2025

Via E-mail:

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Box 509
Castor AB T0C 0X0

Attention: Michael Simpson, CAO

Dear Sir:

**Re: 2025 General Election – Regional Council Orientation Training
Monday, October 27, 2025 – 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

Thank you for our discussion of December 11, 2024. We take this opportunity to provide you with the Orientation session and costs. We confirm that your regional Orientation is scheduled for Monday, October 27, 2025. Please confirm the venue. Registration/coffee will commence at 8:45 am with the legal presentation starting at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 3:30 p.m. The October 27, 2025 date ensures participating municipalities are meeting the new statutory deadlines, subject to organizational meetings being scheduled on or after October 27, 2025. Please confirm the participating municipalities, which we anticipate to be the following:

- Paintearth County
- Town of Castor
- Town of Coronation

We confirm we will be opening our file under the County of Paintearth and will invoice the County of Paintearth. We will leave it to you to recover any cost apportionment from the Town of Castor and the Town of Coronation.

1. Council Orientation Training

Content - The *Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act* amended the *Municipal Government Act*. The amendments provide that all councillors must attend Orientation and that Orientation must be held prior to or on the same day as the first organizational meeting following a general election – this means Orientation must be held no later than November 3, 2025, although that deadline may be extended by council resolution. The following topics must be covered:

- (a) the role of municipalities in Alberta;

- (b) municipal organization and functions;
- (c) roles and responsibilities of council and councillors;
- (d) the municipality's code of conduct; and
- (e) roles and responsibilities of the chief administrative officer.

The *Municipal Government Act* further provides that prior to or on the same day as the first regularly scheduled council meeting, the following topics must be covered:

- (f) key municipal plans, policies, and projects;
- (g) budgeting and financial administration;
- (h) public participation; and
- (i) other topics prescribed in the regulations (currently, there are no regulations addressing Orientation).

These topics include issues like Council meetings and meeting procedures, including closed sessions; passing bylaws and resolutions; pecuniary interests and bias; councillor disqualification; and the personal liability of councillors.

Attendees – As noted, all Councillors must attend Orientation. As well, the Chief Administrative Officer and other members of senior administration, as determined by the respective Chief Administrative Officers, may attend.

Materials – We will provide a PowerPoint presentation slide deck; if you wish, you can provide hard copies to the attendees to make notes and keep as a reference guide.

Cost – The estimated costs to provide an in-person Orientation, excluding disbursements (mileage and hotel) and applicable GST for a full day would include the following (our invoice would be based on actual costs):



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May 12, 2025

Reeve Stanley Schulmeister
County of Paintearth
PO Box 509
Castor AB T0C 0X0

Dear Reeve Schulmeister:

I am pleased to provide correspondence for your record confirming the 2025 Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) allocations for your community.

For the County of Paintearth:

- The 2025 LGFF Capital allocation is \$1,403,294.
 - This includes \$225,062 in needs-based funding allocated to local governments with a population less than 10,000 and a limited local assessment base.
- The 2025 LGFF Operating allocation is \$311,842.

LGFF Capital is a legislated program aimed at providing local governments with substantial notice of their future infrastructure funding. As indicated on the program website, in 2026, your community will be eligible for \$1,368,805. Information on 2027 LGFF Capital allocations will be shared with local governments this fall, after growth in provincial revenues between 2023/24 and 2024/25 has been confirmed and used to calculate 2027 program funding.

The above LGFF allocation amounts include funding previously allocated to the former Village of Halkirk. As per the program guidelines, LGFF funding for the County of Paintearth will be calculated as if restructuring has not occurred for five years subsequent to the dissolution, with the policy set to expire after the 2030 funding year. Information on LGFF funding for all local governments is available on the LGFF website at www.alberta.ca/LGFF.

We look forward to our continued partnership through the LGFF program to build strong and prosperous communities across our province.

Sincerely,

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

Ric McIver
Minister

cc: Michael Simpson, Chief Administrative Officer, County of Paintearth

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To Michael Simpson & County
Councillors

Thank for the increase in
Funds, above the allotment,
that you provide to Castor &
District Fcss. They will be
used to continue to serve
the people of the area with
preventative & social opportunities.
A wonderful surprise!

Mandy@Castor & Dist Fcss