

AGENDA FOR THE TOWN OF BEAVERLODGE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TO BE HELD MONDAY APRIL 11, 2022 @ 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 400 10 ST BEAVERLODGE, AB

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| 1.0 | <u>CALL TO ORDER:</u> | |
| 2.0 | <u>ADOPTION OF AGENDA:</u> | |
| 3.0 | <u>OLD BUSINESS:</u> | |
| 4.0 | <u>NEW BUSINESS:</u> 4.1 Proposal to Join Our Call to Action – National Police Federation 4.2 Street Parking – Deputy Mayor Gena Jones 4.3 Town Incentives to Attract Doctors – Deputy Mayor Gena Jones 4.4 Coffee with Council | PP 2,3 PP 4,5 PP 6 |
| 5.0 | <u>TOPICS FOR NEXT AGENDA:</u> | |
| 6.0 | <u>CLOSED SESSION:</u> | |
| 7.0 | <u>ADJOURNMENT:</u> | |

Nichole Young

Subject: FW: Proposal to Join Our Call to Action - NPF
Attachments: GoA Call to Action.pdf

Sent: April 4, 2022 4:36 PM
To: Gary Rycroft <GRycroft@beaverlodge.ca>
Cc: Beaverlodge Town <town@beaverlodge.ca>
Subject: Proposal to Join Our Call to Action - NPF

REMINDER: If you are interested in signing onto the Call to Action, please reply to this email and include your logo which will be added to the Call to Action, before April 15, 2022.

Dear Mayor Rycroft and Town of Beaverlodge Council,

I am writing to you today, with a proposal to join our Call to Action to the Government of Alberta to halt the idea of a new provincial police service and to invest the proposed new monies into underfunded critical services within Alberta. This injection of funding would have a larger and more immediate impact within our communities to improve community safety and the health and well-being of all Albertans.

As you are aware, the Government of Alberta is reviewing the possibility of transitioning away from the RCMP to a new Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS). Last year, they released a [Transition Study](#), which outlined potential exorbitant costs, including \$366 million in one-time transition costs over six-years and \$139 million in additional policing costs annually, increasing with inflation. With that said, over just a six-year period costs would total over \$1.2 billion.

Through [polling](#) that the NPF has conducted over the past year, it is clear that Albertans feel the same with. An overwhelming 84% of Albertans support retaining the RCMP and believe the Government of Alberta should instead focus on addressing the root causes of crime and improving social services.

As the Government of Alberta continues to consult and push the idea of a new and expensive police service forward, now is the time for all impacted stakeholders to come together to tell the government that the proposed money would be better invested into critical services to address under resourcing, staffing shortages, and the lack of social support programs.

Attached to this email is a draft of the Call to Action to the government for your review.

Our goal is to have stakeholders sign on and to release publicly at the end of April in a joint effort.

If you are interested in signing onto the Call to Action, please reply to this email and include your logo for use which will be added to the Call to Action, before April 15, 2022.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Colin Buschman

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April XX, 2022

Dear Premier,

We are committed to ensuring Albertans live in safe communities that support their health and well-being. Communities where people have reliable access to critical health, social, public safety, and educational services. Ultimately, Albertans living in a safe and healthy community communicate those needs to the Government of Alberta, who listen and respond.

The Government of Alberta has lost the trust of its constituents in its pursuit of an Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS) by not undertaking fulsome, open, and transparent consultations with all those affected. Albertans have stated loud and clear that they do not want a costly new police service, with an overwhelming 84% of Albertans wanting to keep and improve the Alberta RCMP.

In addition, the Government of Alberta has not released a detailed funding model explaining who would be paying the costs of this proposed transition. The vague Transition Study noted initial transition costs of \$366 million over six years, and, at minimum, an additional \$139 million each year, increasing with inflation. Municipalities know that most of these costs will be downloaded directly to them, forcing them to significantly increase residents' and businesses' taxes.

Municipalities and engaged Albertans continue to call on the Government of Alberta to improve rural police response times and increase resources available to the justice system. The Province's \$2 million Transition Study did not highlight how a new APPS would address any of these issues.

We, the undersigned, call on the Government of Alberta to stop efforts and investment to advance the creation of an Alberta Provincial Police Service and instead invest in resources needed to:

- *Improve current policing services to reduce response times and address rural crime by increasing the number of RCMP officers within communities*
- *Improve social services to address the root causes of crime (health, mental health, social and economic supports)*
 - *Expand Police and Crisis Teams with police and Alberta Health Services*
 - *Work with communities to provide targeted social supports*
- *Increase resources within the justice system*
 - *Ensure timely trials by prioritizing violent over non-violent crimes*
 - *Hire more Crown prosecutors and appoint more Provincial Court Judges*

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| Policy Title: Doctors Incentive Policy | | Policy #: C-7-2 |
| Authority Approval: Mayor and Council | | Resolution #: 176 - 2020-06-22 |
| | | Effective Date: |
| Distribution: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Master <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> FCSS | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Department <input type="checkbox"/> Library <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation |

Purpose:

To attract and retain doctors to the Town of Beaverlodge to ensure services to our community and surrounding residents. As Beaverlodge continues to grow it is understood that not all our residents can be accommodated by the current doctors who provide a practice in Beaverlodge. The Town of Beaverlodge would like to extend this incentive to doctors who maintain their primary residence within Beaverlodge, but work at a clinic in Hythe, providing they support Hospital Emergency with hours.

Policy Statement:

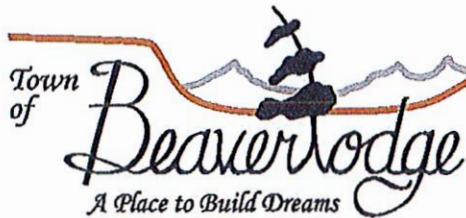
This policy is to provide incentive to attract and retain doctors to Beaverlodge in an effort to maintain and improve services to our residents and the surrounding communities.

Incentive:

1. 5-year tax incentive waiving Municipal portion of taxes and the Town paying the Education and Grande Spirit portion of Municipal Property taxes for the Doctor's residence within the Town of Beaverlodge boundary.
2. \$5000.00 relocation bonus to be paid upon relocation to Beaverlodge.
3. Either a one-year individual pass or a six-month family pass to the Beaverlodge West County Pool and Fitness Centre.

Eligibility / Assessment Criteria:

1. Doctor must maintain a practice in Beaverlodge or Hythe.
2. Doctor must work out of a clinic in Beaverlodge or Hythe.
3. Clinic hours worked must be in Beaverlodge or Hythe.
4. Tax incentive is only available if the doctor maintains their "primary residence" in the Town of Beaverlodge.
5. Doctor must provide Emergency room coverage at the Beaverlodge Hospital.



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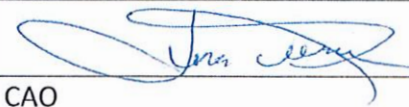
Returning doctors:

A doctor that has been paid previously under this policy and returns is eligible only if the following conditions have been met:

1. Maintained a practice in Beaverlodge or Hythe for a minimum of three years after previously receiving the incentive and,
2. a) Relocated away from Beaverlodge for education reasons, or
b) Did not maintain a practice while away from Beaverlodge.

Note: Condition 1, in addition to either 2.a) or 2.b), must be met for a returning doctor to be eligible to qualify for the Doctors Incentive Program a second time. No doctor is eligible to receive benefits under the Doctors Incentive Program more than twice.

Policy C-7-1 is rescinded upon approval of Policy C-7-2

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| Reviewed/Amended | Date: June 22, 2020 |
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| Mayor | CAO |

YOU ARE INVITED TO

Coffee with Council

APRIL 20, 2022

5PM - 8PM

IN THE WALKER ROOM @
THE RECREATION CENTER



Town of Beaverlodge Mayor and Council
will be available and look forward to
having an informal discussion with you.

