

Councillor Report

Dec 15th, 2021

ASVA Alberta Summer Villages Association conference and AGM Oct 29 2021

Reviewed the video of the meeting. A couple of highlighted points.

Policing with the implementation of the new Alberta police funding. The RCMP have established 76 Service member positions and 57 civilian positions. 46 service positions are frontline and have been filled. 42 civilian positions have been filled and they include administrative support, call centre operations and community relations.

Most rural communities are in favor of keeping the RCMP instead of a provincial police force. AUMA is concerned that province is committed to a provincial force. This will cost \$168 million in lost Federal Funding.

In regards to new RCMP collective bargain with the Feds. It includes a 5 year retroactive pay increase. With ongoing increases of 3.25 to 4% compounded annual increases. Alberta share of back pay 80 million and 4 year contract increases = 60 million. Concern or how these costs might be charged back to communities. Both Provincial government and AUMA/RMA are advocating that Feds pick up this cost as it was their negotiation with no provincial input.

Docks and Weed Cutting. New regulations were released April 2021. If lake is considered a wildlife sanctuary ALL docks or cutting require authorization from Alta Environment. Otherwise, weed removal in association with a dock (access for canoe/kayak?) cut no greater than 4 meters, same location every year, cut between July 15 thru Sept and no deeper that 1 metre. All cuts need to contact environment to determine specific methods or issues. Any community dock or cutting for access would require approval.

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