

**SUMMER VILLAGES OF LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY EAST
AGENDA
HOST VILLAGE – WEST COVE
Saturday, September 28, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.**

**Alberta Beach & District Senior Citizens Club
5012 49 Ave, Alberta Beach AB T0E0A0**

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CALL TO ORDER:

Introductions

Land Acknowledgement:

The Summer Villages of Lac Ste. Anne County East acknowledges that we are on Treaty 6 territory, the ancestral and traditional territory of the Cree, Dene, Blackfoot, Saulteau, Nakota Sioux, as well and the Metis. We acknowledge the many First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples whose footsteps have marked these lands for generations.

History Of Host Village:

Presented by Summer Village of West Cove Council

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1. **Adopt Agenda** – September 28th, 2024 Regular Meeting Agenda
2. **Shane Getson, MLA Lac Ste. Anne Parkland (suspend agenda on arrival)**

(5-8)

3. **Approval of Minutes** – June 22nd, 2024 Regular Meeting Agenda

(9-13)

4. **SVLSACE Financial Report** (May 1st, 2024 to August 31th, 2024)

5. Committee Updates:

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(16-22)

- a. Highway 43 East Waste Commission (H43 East)
- b. Lac Ste. Anne Seniors Foundation (LSA Foundation)
- c. Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus Society (EEB Society)
- d. WILD Water Commission (WILD)
- e. Water Quality and Watershed Reports (LILSA/NSWA)
- f. Association of Summer Villages of Alberta (ASVA)
- g. Ste. Anne Regional Municipalities (SARM, Inactive)



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h. Alberta Municipalities (AB Munis)

6. ABmunis Round Table – Deborah Reid-Mickler, 9:30am

An update from ABmunis Director Reid-Mickler will be followed by a roundtable question and answer session. Update expected to include any feedback on Bill 20 and 18 engagement sessions, as well as a recap of the fall ABmunis Convention, important resolutions, and discussion topics.

(Accept discussion as information)

(23-27) 7. Blue Green Algae Abatement Technology – EM Fluids (SV Val Quentin)

Attached is background material from SV Val Quentin regarding a discussion they facilitated earlier this year with EM Fluids, regarding strategies for addressing blue green algae.

SV Val Quentin has asked that this matter be given consideration at this meeting, in particular a discussion on regional support for a pilot project pending funding through available grant initiatives. Depending on the discussion, SVLSACE might consider lending its support to the pilot project, or endorse the project and leave individual members to offer support directly.

(Here for discussion and direction as warranted)

8. Advocacy for Strategic Water Assessments/Connections in Sensitive Watershed Areas – (WILD Water Commission)

During the WILD Water Commission meeting held September 16th, 2024, the Board entertained a discussion brought forward by SVLSACE Director Jones regarding potential misalignment of the regional water strategy with overarching watershed management objectives. In particular, a case was highlighted where existing storm and groundwater diversion licences for intensive operations on lands within the Sturgeon Watershed area might be renewed, rather than encouraged to connect to the WILD Water System.

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While the Board has directed that the Commission proactively open discussions with the property owner in question, there remains a larger policy issue for discussion on the issue more generally:

What role does – or should – WILD and our member communities have in considering, prioritizing and facilitating – connections to the system within its watershed area(s)?

Directors Jones and Woronuk would like to have a discussion on how SVLSACE, and SV members, can help champion the planning and policy development framework between the Commission and its members as part of this initiative.

9. 2024-2025 Organizational Meeting:

- a. Confirmation of Chairperson (Bernie Poulin)**
- b. Confirmation of Vice Chairperson (Ren Giesbrecht)**
- c. Confirmation of Ad Hoc and External Committee Appointments:**
 - i. SV Regional Emergency Management (SVREMP Chair)
 - ii. Association of Summer Villages of Alberta (ASVA Rep)
 - iii. Ste. Anne Regional Municipalities (SVLSACE Chair and Vice Chair)
 - iv. AB Munis (AB Munis Reps)
- d. Election of Standing Committees Representatives**
 - i. Highway 43 East Waste (two reps and one alternate required)
 - ii. Lac Ste. Anne Seniors Foundation (two reps, no alternate required)
 - iii. Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus (one rep and one alternate)
 - iv. WILD Water Commission (two reps and one alternative required)
 - v. Water Quality/Watershed Reports (one rep and one alternate required)

Nominations will be taken for the standing committee representatives, which are all one-year terms of office. Current representatives can stand for nomination for the new term. If more nominations are received than vacancies for office exist, we will hold an election by secret ballot with rep positions going to those with the highest votes, and the next highest ranking vote count being appointed alternate.

e. Banking and Signing Authority

That the SVLSACE confirms ATB Financial (Onoway Branch) as their financial institution, and that the Chair and Vice-Chair, Administration and

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removal of previous signing authorities (if required); requirement of two signatures on financial instruments (including cheques) – one being either Chair or Vice-Chair and one being Administration.

f. Confirmation of Administration

Confirm Wildwillow Enterprises Inc. as Administration Services provider for SVLSACE, with Dwight Moskalyk as appointed Administrator.

g. Meeting Fees and Remuneration

Confirm that the meeting fees and remuneration for SVLSACE, as outlined on Schedule A of the Operating Guidelines, be confirmed as:

- \$75 – Meeting 3 hours or less
- \$150 – Meeting over 3 hours
- \$25/hour – for conference calls
- \$0.60/km – meeting travel reimbursement

10. 11:30am - Lac Ste. Anne County (Open Invitation for Attendance, Discussion on Topics of Mutual Interest):

11. Thank-you to host West Cove

12. Next meeting date:

- Sat. Feb 8, 2025
- Sat. Feb. 22, 2025
- Sat. March 1, 2025
- (Next Host Yellowstone)

13. Adjournment

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**MINUTES OF THE SUMMER VILLAGES OF LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY EAST
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY JUNE 22nd, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M. HOSTED
BY THE SUMMER VILLAGE OF VAL QUENTIN AT THE ALBERTA BEACH
SENIORS CENTRE**

Attendance

Bernie Poulin	Mayor	Silver Sands (Chair)
Ren Giesbrecht	Mayor	West Cove (Vice Chair)
Sandi Benford	Mayor	South View
Gwen Jones	Mayor	Sunset Point
Kathy Dion	Mayor	Val Quentin
Marlene Walsh	CAO	Val Quentin
Bob Charter	Councillor	Nakamun Park
Mike Harney	Deputy Mayor	Sandy Beach
Roger Montpellier	Councillor	Val Quentin
Liz Turnbull	Deputy Mayor	Silver Sands (Zoom)
Keith Pederson	Mayor	Nakamun Park
Keir Packer	Councillor	Sunset Point
Garth Ward	Deputy Mayor	South View
Lolita Chadd	Deputy Mayor	Ross Haven
Matt Ferris	CAO	Sunset Point (Zoom)
Colleen Richardson	Councillor	South View
Ian Kupchenko	Mayor	Castle Island
Marge Hanssen	Deputy Mayor	Nakamun Park
Graeme Horne	Councillor	Silver Sands (Zoom)
Dwight Moskalyk	Administrator/CAO	SVLSACE/Naka. Park
Deb Reid-Mickler	Director	AB Munis (Zoom)
Joe Blakeman	Reeve	LSAC
Lorne Olsvik	Councillor	LSAC
George Vaughan	Councillor	LSAC
Shane Getson	MLA	Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland

Call to Order: Chairman Poulin called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Land Acknowledgement: Chairman Poulin shared the land acknowledgement for Treaty 6 territory and ancestral lands.

Host Municipality History and Background: Kathy Dion and Marlene Walsh shared a history and background of Val Quentin as host municipality, and introduced priority topics for further discussion in the meeting (Business Item #10 matters).

(6) Adopt Agenda:

Motion #15-24 (Agenda): Sandi Benford – that the agenda for the June 22nd, 2024 regular meeting be approved as presented.

Carried.

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(2) Minutes:

Motion #16-24 (Minutes) Marge Hanssen – that the minutes of the February 24th, 2024 Regular Meeting be approved as presented.

Carried.

(3) Financial Update:

Motion #17-24 (Financial Reports) Ren Giesbrecht – that the financial report for January 1st, 2024 through April 30th, 2024 be accepted for information as presented.

Carried.

(5) Committee Reports:

Motion #18-24 (Committee Reports) Sandi Benford – that the committee reports for Highway 43 East Waste Commission, Lac Ste. Anne Seniors Foundation, Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus Society, WILD Water, LILSA/ALUS, Association of Summer Villages of Alberta, Ste. Anne Regional Municipalities, and the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association updates be accepted for information as written and verbally presented.

Carried.

(6) MLA Getson Round Table

Motion #19-24 (MLA Getson) Ren Giesbrecht – that the report from MLA Getson be accepted as information, and that the discussion with members be accepted for information, including the following topics of note:

- AHS Reforms and Onoway Medical Clinic
- Bill 18, Bill 20 and Bill 21 – Possibility of Separate Meeting on these items with members
- Feasibility of Municipal Status Change, willingness of MLA to support same is requested.
- Importance of using most current census/population data in the application of LGFF funding formula (currently a significant time lag/mismatch there)
- Alberta Flags – Contact MLA Office for same if/when needing replacements.

Carried.

(MLA Getson Out – 9:55am) (MLA Getson exited the meeting at 9:55am)

(7) Deborah Reid-Mickler Round Table, ABmunis

Motion #20-24 (ABmunis Round Table) Kathy Dion – that SVLSACE accepts the presentation from ABmunis from Deborah Reid-Mickler as presented, including the following topics:

- Bill 18 Impacts and Application
- Grant Survey soon to be released, all members please complete

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(12) Next Meeting and Adjournment:

Motion #25-24
(Next Meeting)

Kathy Dion – that the next regular meeting of SVLSACE be set for 9:00am on Saturday September 28th, 2024 with West Cove as host.

Carried.

All matters being addressed Chairman Poulin adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

Chairman

Administration

SVLSACE 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

PRESENTED for the September 28th, 2024 MEETING

TRANSACTIONS SHOWN ACCOUNT FOR ACTIVITY FROM May 1st, 2024 to August 31st, 2024

Note: the account is fully reimbursed for standard monthly maintenance and service fees – those items are not shown on this report to save space but are found on the attached statements.

DATE	REFERENCE	REVENUE	EXPENSE
	OPENING BALANCE		
May 1 st , 2024	Opening Balance	\$32,284.39	
Date:	PAYMENTS RECEIVED		
May 31 st , 2024	Interest	\$145.32	
June 30 th , 2024	Interest	\$135.72	
July 24 th , 2024	Member Dues	\$1,461.50	
July 31 st , 2024	Interest	\$139.66	
August 9 th , 2024	Member Dues	\$1584.15	
August 31 st , 2024	Interest	\$144.08	
August 31, 2024	TOTAL INCOME	\$35,894.82	
Date:	PAYMENTS SENT		
August 31, 2024	TOTAL EXPENSES		\$0.00
		\$35,894.82	\$0.00
August 31, 2024	CLOSING BALANCE	\$35,894.82	

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A summary of Deposit Account Business Public Sector Operating

Your balance forward on Apr 30, 2024		\$32,284.39
Debits to your account (0 items)	-	\$0.00
Credits to your account (1 item)	+	\$145.32
Your closing balance on May 31, 2024	=	\$32,429.71

Details of your account transactions

Date	Description	Debits to your account (\$)	Credits to your account (\$)	Balance (\$)
Apr 30	Balance forward			\$32,284.39
May 31	Interest Payment		\$145.32 ✓	32,429.71
May 31	Closing balance			\$32,429.71

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Your balance forward on May 31, 2024		\$32,429.71
Debits to your account (0 Items)	-	\$0.00
Credits to your account (1 Item)	+	\$135.72
Your closing balance on Jun 30, 2024	=	\$32,565.43

Details of your account transactions

Date	Description	Debits to your account (\$)	Credits to your account (\$)	Balance (\$)
May 31	Balance forward			\$32,429.71
Jun 30	Interest Payment		\$135.72 ✓	32,565.43
Jun 30	Closing balance			\$32,565.43

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Your balance forward on Jun 30, 2024		\$32,565.43
Debits to your account (0 items)	-	\$0.00
Credits to your account (2 items)	+	\$1,601.16
Your closing balance on Jul 31, 2024	=	\$34,166.59

Details of your account transactions

Date	Description	Debits to your account (\$)	Credits to your account (\$)	Balance (\$)
Jun 30	Balance forward			\$32,565.43
Jul 24	Deposit Cheque		\$1,461.50 ✓	34,026.93
Jul 31	Interest Payment		\$139.66 ✓	34,166.59
Jul 31	Closing balance			\$34,166.59

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Your balance forward on Jul 31, 2024		\$34,166.59
Debits to your account (0 items)	-	\$0.00
Credits to your account (2 items)	+	\$1,728.23
Your closing balance on Aug 31, 2024	=	\$35,894.82

Details of your account transactions

Date	Description	Debits to your account (\$)	Credits to your account (\$)	Balance (\$)
Jul 31	Balance forward			\$34,166.59
Aug 9	Deposit Cheque		\$1,584.15 ✓	35,750.74
Aug 31	Interest Payment		\$144.08 ✓	35,894.82
Aug 31	Closing balance			\$35,894.82

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WILD Water Commission
SVLSACE Committee Report – September 28, 2024

Prepared by Director Gwen Jones and Director Greg Woronuk

The WILD Water Commission has had a busy summer with the winding up of Phase 5(a) – including design and tendering activities. We have also been busy with member engagement on the Business Plan and, for those members most directly impacted, the routing and site planning discussions on Phase 5. At our most recent meeting, on September 16th, 2024, the Commission reviewed its preliminary budget for 2025, including the 5-year plan for operating and capital. We have also been weathering a few line breaks over the spring/summer – but managed to make the repairs without too much down time.

Some noteworthy highlights of these activities include:

- 1) Phase 5:
 - a. Conceptual Design was approved, and grant funds awarded for Phase 5(a)
 - b. Design on the line and line routing has been completed, and tendered. Work is scheduled to begin shortly (AB to Darwell, adjacent to Val Quentin and West Cove), however a new provincial obligation for Metis Consultation is going to scramble this schedule a bit – project management and staff are currently working to finalize the plan for this.
 - c. Design and Site Plan for the proposed truck fill site is still be assessed. The intended location at the Darwell fire hall (LSAC) is preferred, but there are a few options and undertakings required to make this operationally feasible for all stakeholders before a plan is finalized. We expect that will be sorted by December and tendering to proceed over the winter in anticipation of a spring construction.
- 2) Business Plan:
 - a. Since the last update to the plan, we are also adding into the draft (based on membership comments) provisions to support member water needs assessment at the local level and strengthening that language to include prioritization of connections in environmentally sensitive areas.
 - b. We have also completed, and will vest in the plan, a running comparison of regional water rates (bulk water rates) to ensure that water costs are inline with other local providers.
 - c. The plan makes assumptions on how Phase 5 (a, b, and c) will be phased in to the financial model – including capital cost recover and operational cost impacts. The plan also enshrines the existing practice for covering admin costs through water sales at 65% in 2025 projected to be 80% by 2030.

3) Budget 2025:

- a. Significant work has been done to better align the annual budget and 5-year plans to the business plan document and financial model. This includes syncing the rate calculation tables and inflationary factors tables.
- b. The draft budget projects a new member rate on \$3.36 (was \$3.21) and new truck fill rate of \$5.71 (was \$5.49) in the 2025 year, but these are not approved yet. The final draft budget will be approved later this year, likely at the next meeting on November 1st, 2024.

Sept 2024: Report to SVLSACE

Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act (Bill 20): AB Munis Position and additional comments at a SVLSACE meeting with MLA Getson

- **Joint Use Agreements;** ABmunis recognizes that “one size does not fit all”. JUPAs are an important mechanism for maximizing the use of public assets as well as for collaborative planning and sharing of resources. We recommend that regulations should enable municipalities without school sites within their boundaries nor a substantial number of school aged residents, to opt out of developing a JUPA with mutual agreement of the relevant school board.
- **Align Candidate Eligibility criteria with councilor disqualification criteria :**
 - AB Munis support in principle a greater alignment between the LAEA and MGA. Recommend that MA engage with municipal associations to give the public easy access to Eligibility Criteria and the process to determine if a candidate is eligible.
 - A Further recommendation was made to MLA Getson that ELECTIONS ALBERTA take responsibility for determining a candidate's eligibility.
- **Allow Municipalities to require Criminal record Checks:**
 - AB Munis support with Qualification:
 - It is optional and not mandatory for municipalities
 - It becomes part of the nomination package
 - Concern with timeline if RCMp are delayed i providing the CRC (May need a longer nomination period)
 - No criteria specified on severity and how far in past is acceptable
 - AB Munis recommends considering Vulnerable Sector Checks as well
 - Recommendations to MLA Getson:
 - In addition to AB Munis position have Elections Alberta establish criteria in consultation with MUnicipal Associations
 - Elections Alberta takes the responsibility for reviewing the CRC, determining candidate eligibility and informing the candidate and municipality, keeping the CRC confidential.
- **Allow Union and Corporate donations to local candidates with a \$5000 limit per municipality per year:**
 - AB Munis opposes this. It does not want to see big money in local politics
 - Wants to keep local elections fair and equitable
 - Alternate - reduce the limit to \$2500 per municipality
- **Allow Donations Outside of Election Year (up to \$5000):**
 - Candidates need to file an intent to run. A concern with multiple years to raise funds and further clarification is required
 - Oppose the amount specified as it seems excessive
 - Support the reporting requirement
- **Require third party advertisers Interested in plebiscites to register and Report Finances and limit it to Alberta based (Limit of \$5000)**
 - AB Munis Supports with Qualifications

- Gives a more level playing field between candidates and third parties
- Questions on how this can be enforced due to Free Speech laws
- **Limit Donations to 3rd party advertisers to \$5000 per election period (down from \$30,000)**
 - AB Munis Supports with Qualifications
 - Reduction is positive but still exceeds what the average Albertan can afford to contribute.
- **Allow Political Parties- Piloted in Edmonton & Calgary:**
 - AB Munis opposes this.
 - Restrictions on campaign spending and contributions must be applied equally to candidates running as part of a party or independently.
 - To uphold transparency, regulations should require parties to publicly release their boards, contributors, audited financial statements, etc. prior to the election.
 - To ensure fairness between independent candidates and candidates who run under a party, the total expenses of a party including both operational and campaign expenses must not exceed the total combined expense limit of local candidates who run under a party. For example, if the expense limit was \$10,000 per candidate and the party ran three candidates, then the party's expense limit for operational and campaign activities should be set at \$30,000.
 - However, rules must be put in place to prevent parties from underspending in one ward that is considered a less competitive race in order to exceed the expense limit in a more competitive ward as this would be unfair to other candidates in the latter ward. To overcome this risk, one option would be to require all general party costs to be equally attributed to each candidate running under the party name.
 - With an emphasis on fairness, political parties must not be able to carry a surplus forward and must be required to donate a surplus greater than \$1,000 to a charitable organization. Expenses between elections should be limited to nominal expense items such as maintaining a website domain name.
 - The province should provide funding for a fully independent body to conduct surveys and research on the experience of candidates and average Albertans, to determine the impact of municipal political parties on fulfilling election principles.
 - Regulations should require that an independent review of the election pilot should be made within one year of the election, such that further changes to the LAEA can be made well in advance of the 2029 election.
 - A longer-term independent review of the impact of parties on municipal governance and administration should also be undertaken.
- **Require municipalities to prepare permanent electors register and align that information with Elections Alberta:**
 - AB Munis opposes this as written
 - This would add additional costs to municipalities to create databases and safeguard personal information
- **Expand use of Special Ballots and strengthen special ballot processes:**
 - AB Munis supports this.
 - Current regulations require people to disclose disabilities and are not inclusive. The LEAA allows for a SB for people traveling but does not required disclosure of travel plans.
- **Limit Ability to vouch to only someones address:**
 - AB Munis opposes this as written and states further review is required

- **Repeal ability for a candidates official agent or scrutineer to object to an elector**
 - AB Munis states that further details are required.
- **Enable Regulation making authority to postpone elections in an emergency:**
 - AB Munis supports this.
 - Regulations need to be developed to provide greater clarity
 - The SVLSACE comment to MLA Getson that clarity in what emergencies would trigger an election being postponed.
- **Prohibit Automated Voting Equipment such as tabulators:**
 - AB Munis opposes this.
 - There is no evidence that tabulators are less accurate than hand counts
 - Paper ballots can be recounted by hand if needed.
- **Require recounts if requested by a candidate when the margin is within 0.5% of total votes:**
 - AB Munis supports this
- **Require a councilors seat to become vacant upon disqualification:**
 - AB Munis supports with Qualification
 - In most cases rules a clear
 - Concern with unsubstantiated pecuniary interest being subjective and possibly weaponized
- **Require mandatory orientation training for counselors:**
 - AB Munis supports with qualifications
 - Scope of training needs clarification
 - SVLSACE recommended to MLA Getson that the GOA develop an online course that could be administered through municipal associations between election cycles when byelections occur.
- **Allow Cabinet to order a vote of electors to determine if a councillor should be removed. Cabinet is limited to consider if a councillor is unwilling, unable or refusing to do the job or if it is in the public interest.**
 - Ab Munis is opposed to this.
 - In developing regulations defining “public interest” is important.
 - A broader review with legal experts and stakeholders to define “public interest” based on the roles and responsibilities of councillors as set out in the MGA. We note that the dictionary definition of public interest does align with the general duties of councillors as set out in section 153(a) of the MGA “to consider the welfare and interests of the municipality as a whole and to bring to council’s attention anything that would promote the welfare or interests of the municipality;” However, a clearer definition of what breaches those duties is required.
 - A third-party inspection with a publicly released report should be required before provincial cabinet orders a municipality to conduct a public vote on the removal of a councillor.
 - Regulations should establish timelines around the review process.
 - Regulations must also require public disclosure of reasons behind any decision to require a vote of electors on dismissal.
 - Identify if alternative measures should be implemented prior to mandating a public vote such as suspending a councillor from conducting municipal business for a defined period, or methods of removing a councillor on a timelier basis following a third-party inspection that follows a clear process and criteria.

- ABmunis also points out that the introduction of the Recall Act in 2022 provides electors with additional democratic power to remove a councilor where circumstances are deemed warranted.
 - ABmunis is concerned that municipalities will be forced to cover the costs for the initial public vote and if applicable, the resulting by-election even though the matter is directed by the province.
- **Allow Elected Officials to recuse themselves for real or perceived conflicts of Interest**
 - AB Munis opposes this .
 - Lack of clear guard rails
 - There is no provision for a third party review
 - SVLSACE expressed to MLA Getson that in small councils a lack of clear parameters may result in more than one councilor recusing themselves to avoid uncomfortable decisions and render a 3 person council unable to do business.
- **Make the Minister of Municipal Affairs responsible for validating Recall Positions:**
 - AB Munis Supports this.
- **Enable Cabinet to require a municipality to amend or repeal a bylaw given specific requirements that are met (exceeds scope of MGA, exceeds authority granted under the MGA or other statutes, conflicts with the MGA or other statutes, contravenes the Constitution of Canada, or contravenes provincial policy.**
 - AB Munis opposes this.
 - Clarification of provincial policy is required.
 - As it applies to this Act, “provincial policy” should be defined as positions that are: publicly accessible, duly adopted by the Alberta Legislature or Cabinet, and within provincial jurisdiction. This includes legislation, motions and regulations/ministerial orders.
 - The provision should not be retroactive in order to provide certainty to municipalities, residents and businesses.
 - In addition, the Lieutenant Governor in Council must publicly release a clear rationale for any decision to direct a municipality to repeal a bylaw.
 - We reiterate that municipalities are already bound by the MGA. which is one of the most comprehensive pieces of legislation in the province. The new provision in the MGA to enable cabinet without due process to rescind or amend a bylaw is unnecessary and undemocratic.
- Require municipalities to offer digital options for public hearings on planning and development and restrict them from holding extra hearings when not required by legislation:
 - AB Munis is opposed to this,
 - This could be challenging for small communities with limited or no reliable internet and limited expertise
 - May add new costs to municipalities for equipment and to support online meetings.
 - SVLSACE had many questions for MLA Getson:
 - Poor internet connections and low bandwidth may limit ability to provide services or limit the number of participants
 - What happens if best efforts are made but connection is dropped before or during a meeting? Would a municipality have to hold another hearing at additional expense? Would the current hearing be valid?
 - The GOA needs to provide high speed reliable, affordable internet to all communities and rural Alberta for this to take place.

- **Fully exempt non-profit subsidized affordable housing from property taxation**
 - AB Munis would like further clarification

- **Enable multi-year residential property tax incentives**
 - AB Munis Supports with qualifications
 - It should also apply to provincial property taxes (Education tax)

- **Limit the ability for municipalities to require non-statutory studies as requirements for building and development permits**
 - AB Munis Opposes this
 - There may be benefit in requiring further studies
 - This limits autonomy.

Bill 18 Consultations

Municipal Affairs held a consultation session on August 15 regarding regulations for Bill 18 (Access to Federal Grants/Funds for Provincial Public Entities)

- Summer Villages may be exempted from regulations due to population size (under 5000)
- Other Exemptions include cost sharing agreements, operational funds (vs capital), GrNDS/FUNDS UNDER \$100,000, funds accessed through FCM and funds for Banff and Jasper (National Parks)

Regulation Exemptions



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- Next Steps:

Next Steps and Timelines

- Municipal Affairs will compile your input into a What We Heard document for the Minister's consideration.
- Municipal Affairs will share engagement feedback with other ministries on the approval process and possible exemptions.
- It is anticipated the legislation will come into force in early 2025 once the regulations are finalized.
- Please provide your written feedback to ma.engagement@gov.ab.ca by August 16.

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ASVA Conference: October 17 & 18

- Municipal Affairs will speak about the new Municipal Census regulation.
- Alberta Transportation and the SVof Whispering Hills will present on the Golf Cart Project Pilot
- New this year will be round table breakout sessions on Burning Brush Practices, Working Wells and MAO Review
- There are more sponsors and trade show booths this year. More requests to sponsor and have a trade show booth were received than could be accommodated due to space.

Election Training Request for the Municipal Elections 2025

- The ASVA has asked Municipal Affairs to offer Election training for Returning Officers and their staff specifically for Summer Villages.
- This was initiated through a request from the SV of Sylvan Lake. Watch for further updates

Date Fri, 19 Jul, 24 1:42:56PM
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Subject Fwd: E M Fluids Introduction and Inquiry

Good Afternoon

Today, Kathy, Roger and I met with Saad and Majd from E M Fluids for a preliminary discussion regarding the technology they promote and implement worldwide for addressing challenges with Blue/Green Algae in water bodies.

As per the email thread, Alberta Counsel has indicated there may be some funding available to help support a pilot project for any initiatives in this area if there is interest in proceeding.

We would like to suggest that this item be added to the September SVSLACE Meeting for further discussion.

Thanks

Marlene

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From: Saad Ulhaq <sulhaq@emfluids.com>
Date: Wed, Jul 17, 2024 at 9:34 AM
Subject: E M Fluids Introduction and Inquiry
To: cao@valquentin.ca <cao@valquentin.ca>
Cc: Majd El-Samrout <msamrout@emfluids.com>

Hello Marlene,

Thank you for reaching out on LinkedIn and inquiring about our technology.

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Our innovative solutions can be used within variety of water and wastewater applications including improving water conditions to prevent eutrophication which can lead to more problems.

In order for us to understand your current concerns and introduce you to our technology, I suggest an initial 30 minute zoom call to explain our technology, its applications, understand your needs and provide you with selected case studies.

Does Thursday or Friday this week work for you? Please let me know if an alternative date is more convenient for you and we will accommodate it accordingly.

Warm regards.

Saad Ulhaq

Project Director, Environmental Toxicologist

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From: **Klay Dyer** <k.dyer@albertacounsel.com>
Date: Thu, 2 Nov 2023 at 15:09
Subject: For review: Algae issues
To: info@asva.ca <info@asva.ca>

Kathy,

Out of curiosity, do any of your members suffer from an algae problem in the summer months? I met a company from Ontario today that would like to do a pilot project in Alberta with a new technology that has proven itself in lakes in Ontario and Manitoba. I can likely find some funding for the project if you have a community that might have a problem and be willing to trial a relatively low-cost solution.

Kind regards,

Klay Dyer

Funding Associate

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Lake, Pond, Reservoir and Stormwater Remediation



Maintain a Healthy Ecosystem

- Improve dissolved oxygen levels
- Reduce conditions that promote eutrophication
- Prevent mass fish kills and reduce bad odours
- Reduce chemical use and costs
- Promote conversion of excessive nutrients to food chains suitable for aquatic organisms
- Promote thriving and diverse aquatic life
- Enhance aesthetics, water clarity and recreational appeal
- Decrease Greenhouse Gas emissions



EMF 1120

- Patent Protected
- Solar Powered
- Wireless Communications Interface
- Turnkey
- Lightweight and Portable
- Floats on water surface
- Self Contained
- Sustainable
- A single unit Impacts up-to 50 Acres of Water Surface

- The EMF 1120 uses proprietary electromagnetic signals that influence the waterbody and increase the gas transfer rate across the air-water boundary by approximately 2 times, enabling oxygen to diffuse into the water faster when there is a demand for oxygen
- Reduces viscosity
- As oxygen availability increases, it promotes aerobic conditions and restores ecological balance. This reduces odours, anaerobic pathogens, sludge build-up and Greenhouse Gas emissions

Niakwa Country Club

Golf pond - Canada

Problems:

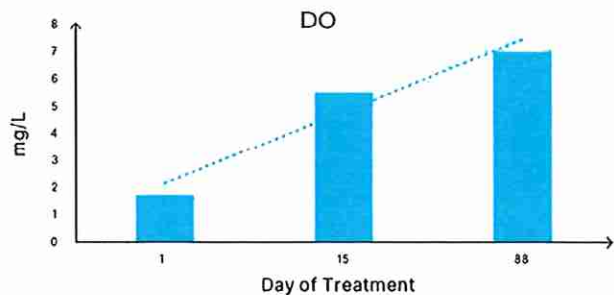
- Low dissolved oxygen
- Excessive nutrients

Results:

- 64 days
- TP ↓60%
- BOD ↓49%
- TSS ↓20%
- Ammonia ↓42%
- N ↓30%
- COD ↓14%

Bangkok Metropolitan Authority

Lake - Thailand



DO increased 312% (1.7 mg/L in May to 7mg/L in July)

Amata Spring

Lake on golf course - Thailand

Problems:

- Seasonal fish deaths (Feb and Oct)
- Excessive nutrients
- Odour

Results:

- No mass fish kill
- Increase water clarity
- Reduction of nutrients
- Chlorophyll-a ↓85%
- Phosphorus ↓80%
- Ammonia ↓70%
- Nitrogen ↓50%
- BOD ↓70%
- COD ↓40%

Improvement of water conditions and nutrients after 6 weeks of EMF 1120 use



Before

After

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Wastewater and Sewage Processing



Maintain Effluent Compliance

- Govt. of Ontario certified
- Non-mechanical and chemical-free aeration
- Manage nutrient levels
- Reduce regulated water parameters
- Reduce E. coli and other anaerobic pathogens
- Easy installation without costly infrastructure

Solve Sludge Management Issues

- Promote an aerobic waterbody
- Digest organic sludge in-situ
- Increase facility processing capacity
- Delay or eliminate expensive dredging
- A cost-effective sludge management plan
- Decrease Greenhouse Gas emissions

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Cost Saving

1 Reduce OPEX by lowering costs associated with mechanical aeration and sludge management

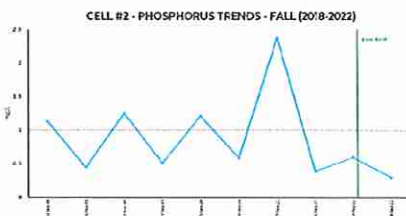
2 Improve CAPEX by reducing need for new infrastructure to increase processing capacity

Swan River Lagoon - Canada

Size ~ 34 acres | Depth 2 m | Volume ~ 275,186 m³
 Residence time > 170 days | Deployment Cre (1) EMF 1200 unit: | Duration ~ 45 days (2022) / ~ 160 days (2023)

Problems

- Sludge
- Odour
- Ongoing chemical costs for phosphorus reduction



Results

- Net ↓ of sludge; capacity ↑ of ~ 3%; ~1,581 m³ of sludge digested in-situ (2022)
- Potential OPEX savings of > USD \$65,000
- ↓ Ferric sulphate used; ↓ 24,000 kg (2023)
- Increased lifespan of municipal asset
- Odour eliminated
- ↓ of phosphorus; prevented from exceeding compliance limit compared to 5 -previous consecutive years (2018 to 2022)

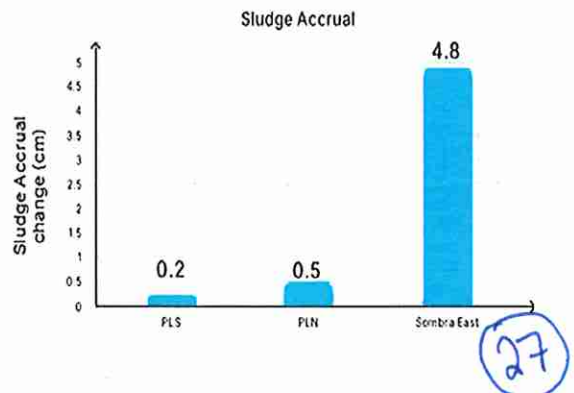
Port Lambton - Canada

Problems

- Sludge build - up

Results

- BOD ↓ 69%
- Ammonia ↓ 79%
- E. coli 10-fold; ↓ 88%
- ↓ Overall odour



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