

**M.D. of Ranchland No.66
Council Meeting Agenda**

**Municipal Building
Chain Lakes Provincial Park**

**April 23, 2024
at 10:30 AM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Council Meeting of April 8, 2024Pages 3-5

4. DELEGATION'S SCHEDULE

- A. Glenda and Jackie from S.T.A.R.S @ 11:30 a.m,
- B. Lynne and Lori from NQLF @ 1:00 p.m
- C. BDO - Auditors @ 2:00 p.m.

5. EXTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE – (for information)

- A. Administration/ Finance
- B. Public Works
- C. Agriculture/ Parks & Recreation
- D. Emergency/ Protective Services
- E. Legislative / Planning /Development
- F. Other Business

6. BUSINESS – (action items)

A. Administration/ Finance

- i. Bank Rec and Cheque listing Mar. 2024.....Pages 6-9
- ii. Presentation of Audited 2023 Municipal Financial Statements..... Page 10

B. Public Works

- i. Dutch Flats improvement Project.....Pages 11-16

C. Agriculture/ Parks & Recreation

i. .

D. Emergency/Protective Services

i. STARS DelegationPages 17-41

E. Legislative/& Planning/Development

i.

F. Other Business

- i. Belly River Reservoir SupportPages 42--44
- ii. Nanton Quality of Life Foundation DelegationPages 45-65
- iii. Small Spurs Rodeo Sponsor RequestPages 66-69

7. *IN-CAMERA (closed session)*

- A. L.O report to council
- B. Liability regarding undeveloped Road Allowances
- C.

8. *BUSINESS ARISING FROM IN-CAMERA*

- A. *Administration/ Finance*
- B. *Public Works*
- C. *Agriculture/ Parks & Recreation*
- D. *Emergency/Protective Services*
- E. *Legislative /& Planning /Development*
- F. *Other Business*

9. *ADJOURNMENT*

M.D. of Ranchland No. 66
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 9, 2024

The meeting of the Council of the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 was held in Council Chambers in the Municipal Office located at the Chain Lakes Provincial Park on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, commencing at 10:30 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

Ron Davis, Reeve
Harry Streeter, Deputy Reeve
Cameron Gardner, Councillor

Robert Strauss, CAO
Sheldon Steinke, Council Liaison
Nikki Funk, Recording Clerk
Rick Niwa, Agricultural Fieldman

Richard Harrison, Wilson & Laycraft LLP

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Davis called the meeting to order at 10:38 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion No. 24/04/09/116 MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to accept the agenda as amended with the addition of external correspondence item:
5.F.i – Letter from Minister of Forestry and Parks RE: Wildfire Season

And In-Camera Item:
7.E – Northback and Regulatory Appeal to the AER

CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion No. 24/04/09/117 MOVED by Councillor Gardner that the minutes of the March 26th, 2024, meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Rick Niwa joined at 10:54 a.m.

IN-CAMERA

Motion No. 24/04/09/118 MOVED by Reeve Davis that, in accordance with Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, Council moves into a closed meeting at 10:45 a.m. to discuss advice from officials, per section 24, of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED

Motion No. 24/04/09/119 MOVED by Reeve Davis that Council return to an open meeting at 11:20 a.m.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM IN-CAMERA

Motion No. 24/04/09/120 7.C. – Parks Buildings
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to accept the discussion regarding the Chain Lakes Provincial Park’s Buildings, for information.
CARRIED

Rick Niwa left the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

EXTERNAL CORRESPONDANCE

Motion No. 24/04/09/121 5.E.i. – Letter from Minister of Forestry and Parks RE: Wildfire Season
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to accept the Letter from the Minister of Forestry and Parks, for information.
CARRIED

Greg Brkich joined the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

BUSINESS

Motion No. 24/04/09/122 6.A.i. – 3 and 5 Year Capital Budget Update
MOVED by Reeve Davis to accept the update regarding the 3 and 5 year Capital budget, for information
CARRIED

Motion No. 24/04/09/123 6.A.ii – Statement of Operations – as of Feb 29, 2024
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to accept the Statement of Operations, for information.
CARRIED

Motion No. 24/04/09/124 6.E.i – RMA ICF Member Survey
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to approve administration to submit the response to the RMA ICF Member Survey, as discussed.
CARRIED

Reeve Davis recessed the meeting at 12:15 p.m.
Reeve Davis resumed the meeting at 1:09 p.m.

IN-CAMERA

Motion No. 24/04/09/125 MOVED by Reeve Davis that, in accordance with Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, Council moves into a closed meeting at 1:11 p.m. to discuss advice from officials, per section 24, as well as matters involving legal privilege, per section 27, of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP).
CARRIED

Greg Brkich left the meeting at 1:32 p.m.
Richard Harrison joined the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

Motion No. 24/04/09/126 MOVED by Reeve Davis that Council return to an open meeting at 3:08 p.m.
CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM IN-CAMERA

Richard Harrison left the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

Motion No. 24/04/09/127 7.E – Northback and Regulatory Appeal to the AER
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to accept Administration’s recommendation to notify Council legal advisors to grant Northback Respondent to the Municipality’s application for a Regulatory Appeal of the Northback Deep Drilling and Mine Exploration permits issued by the AER.

CARRIED

Motion No. 24/04/09/128 7.A – L.O Report to Council
7.B – Delegation: Richard Harrison, Wilson Laycraft LLP
7.C. - Discussion RE; Chain Lakes Provincial Parks Buildings
7.D. - Nanton Community Health Centre Update
MOVED by Reeve Davis to accept In-Camera Items 7.A, 7.B, 7.C, for information.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT Being that the agenda matters have concluded, the Reeve declared the meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

These minutes approved this 26th Day of April, 2024.

Ron Davis, Reeve

Robert Strauss, Chief Administrative Officer

**M.D. OF RANGLAND NO. 66
REPORT TO COUNCIL
Information Update (IU)**

Title: **March 2024 Bank Rec and Cheque Register**

Meeting Date: **Tuesday, April 9, 2024**

Originated By: **Robert Strauss, CAO**

Background: As is the practice, administration regularly throughout the year provides Council with a copy of the Monthly Bank Reconciliation and a copy of the Cheque Listing / Credit Card payment Listing.

Strategic Pillar: 4. Financial Sustainability

Options for Action: 1.) Accept for Information

**CAO's Review/
Comments/:** Once Council addresses any questions that they may have, I would recommend acceptance for information.

Attachments: March, 2024 Bank Reconciliation and Cheque Register

CAO's Initials RS

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF RANGLAND No. 66
Monthly Bank Statement Reconciliation
For the month ending March 31, 2024

	General Bank Account	Deferred Revenue Held on Deposit				TOTAL
		MSI Grant	CCBF Grant	ACP Grant	WtrC.C.R. Grant	
Net Balance in G.L. at end of previous month	2,107,710.34	807,822.75	1,656.80	86,821.40	962,757.82	3,966,769.11
Deposits	8,789.06				200,000.00	208,789.06
Earned Interest credited to account	9,593.75	3,214.17	7.10	429.91	4,128.03	17,372.96
Transfer: IMP - TCA Assessments	2,049.00			2,049.00		-
Transfer: Watercourse Engineering costs	18,288.50				18,288.50	-
<i>Less:</i>						
Cheques Issued (x) & EFTs Issued (01008 - 01046)	- 313,583.37					- 313,583.37
February 29, 2024 Payroll (net)	- 34,034.28					- 34,034.28
February 29, 2024 Payroll (net)(Council)	- 11,808.90					- 11,808.90
March 15, 2024 Payroll (net)	- 32,342.09					- 32,342.09
Direct Withdrawal Payments	- 257.31					- 257.31
Net G.L. Balance at end of month	1,754,404.70	811,036.92	1,663.90	85,202.31	1,148,597.35	3,800,905.18
Bank Statement Balance at end of month	1,754,404.70	811,036.92	1,663.90	85,202.31	1,148,597.35	3,800,905.18
Less: Outstanding Cheques	-					-
Net Bank Balance at end of month	1,754,404.70	811,036.92	1,663.90	85,202.31	1,148,597.35	3,800,905.18

Net Bank Balance Mar. 31, 2023 **1,656,148.93**

Gen. Account Outstanding Cheques

<i>Cheque Number</i>	<i>Amount</i>
x	
Total o/s cheques	-

Notes:

1. Interest earned was at 5.40% in February (posted in Mar.)

Direct Withdrawals were:

<i>Other (incl. bank fees)</i>	257.31
	257.31

Acronyms

MSI - Municipal Sustainability Initiative
CCBF - Canada Community Building Fund
ACP - Alberta Community Partnership Fund
WtrC.C.R. - Watercourse Crossing Remediation Grant
IMP TCA - Infrastructure Master Plan - Tangible Capital Assets

Statement submitted to Council this 23rd day of April, 2024

Greg Erlich
Accountant

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MARCH 2024 RECEIPTS

Collections of Property Taxes, Grant-in-Place of Taxes & late pymt penalties	\$	3,093.99
GST refund		-
Fine Revenue collected		360.00
Shop Rent collected		3,402.00
Road Allowance Lease fees collected		980.00
Custom heavy equipment work incl. mulching		-
Gravel sales including trucking		-
Custom spraying and herbicide sales		-
Livestock Scale Rent collections		-
FCSS Grant rec'd from Province		-
Sundry collections		719.96
GST tax collected		233.11
Total Receipts that were Deposited in March 2024	\$	<u>8,789.06</u>

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VENDOR PAYMENT REGISTER REPORT

* MARCH 2024

Document Number	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
EFT001008	LAPP Corporation	Pension Remittance	\$ 2,760.70
EFT001009	Donny McCrimmon	Special Outsourced Accounting Work	300.00
EFT001010	Receiver General	Second 1/2 February Payroll deduction remittance	17,841.43
EFT001011	1545641 Alberta Ltd. (Peden Safety)	Health & Safety Program Maintenance	1,575.00
EFT001012	Accurate/Western Scale Co. Ltd	Livestock Scale repairs	2,635.32
EFT001013	BDO Canada LLP	Interim Financial Audit Fees	6,179.25
EFT001014	Bell Canada	March Supernet Services	754.74
EFT001015	Beverly Bowes	Catering	819.72
EFT001016	Brownlee LLP	Road Use Agreement/Review of ASB Bylaw	5,263.55
EFT001017	Inspiris	Cloud Server Monthly/Firewalls/MS Office Annual Subscription/DNS Annual Subscription/Service tickets	2,744.81
EFT001018	Home Hardware - Nanton	PW Shop cleaning supplies & general supplies/Keys cut	223.69
EFT001019	Konica Minolta Business Solutions	Feb. Copier/Printer Maintenance Service Agreement	679.76
EFT001020	LAPP Corporation	Pension Remittance	6,816.90
EFT001021	Laura Mowat	PW Shop Janitorial for February	332.64
EFT001022	MPE a division of Englobe	Infrastructure Master Plan work/Gravel Crushing tender preparation	4,251.45
EFT001023	Canoe Procurement Group of Canada	Grader parts & oil test kits/Signs/Grader Oil & Parts/Wear parts/Feb. cell phone bill	10,212.10
EFT001024	Telus Communications Ltd.	Ag Shop phone lines (2)	139.94
EFT001025	Telus Communications Ltd.	Office phone lines (2)	219.74
EFT001026	Telus Communications Ltd.	Fax Line	69.97
EFT001027	Telus Communications Ltd.	Roads shop phone line	107.09
EFT001028	Telus Communications Ltd.	Ag office phone line	106.72
EFT001029	Receiver General	First 1/2 March Payroll deduction remittance	19,608.62
EFT001030	638152 Alberta Ltd.	Catering	471.24
EFT001031	Alberta Municipal Insurance Services	Monthly Group Benefits & Feb. Health Spending Account activity	7,187.41
EFT001032	AVI-SPL Canada Ltd.	Audio Visual System repairs	331.16
EFT001033	Bishoff's Auto	PW Shop supplies	374.82
EFT001034	Beverly Bowes	Catering	158.40
EFT001035	Brownlee LLP	Judicial Review file/HR issue	2,927.40
EFT001036	Praba Dodds	Admin bldg Janitorial (March) services & supplies	1,999.71
EFT001037	ISL Engineering	Culvert Remediation Engineering	19,202.93
EFT001038	LAPP Corporation	Pension Remittance	8,589.29
EFT001039	Mosquito Creek Foundation	Annual Seniors Housing Requisition	17,575.00
EFT001040	Oldman River Regional Services Commission	Q.2 Planning Services	3,279.25
EFT001041	Purolator Courier Ltd.	Freight on Maps from ORRSC	72.18
EFT001042	UFA Co-operative Limited	Fuel	7,438.29
EFT001043	Waterton Biosphere Reserve Association	Support for South West Invasive Managers Group	500.00
EFT001044	EPCOR Energy Services (Alberta)	All Power & Natural Gas bill (February)	2,541.77
EFT001045	CIBC Credit Card Services	Starlink Internet for shops; New Cell phone purchase; Hotel Rooms (Crown of Cont.); Parking fees; Garmin GPS costs; Workshop Reg. fees; Stationery supplies; Meal receipts; General Shop supplies; Advertising costs; Software costs; Retail Fuel receipts; Hosting supplies; Postage; electronic safety forms; Truck washes	4,515.63
EFT001046	Government of Alberta	Q.1 School Requisition Payment	152,775.75
			Total Amount of March Payments: <u>\$ 313,583.37</u>

Total Payments Issued: 39

**M.D. OF RANCLAND NO. 66
REPORT TO COUNCIL
Information Update (IU)**

Title: 2023 Annual Audited Financial Statement

Meeting Date: April 23, 2024

Originated By: Robert Strauss, CAO

Background: The auditor (BDO) will be joining the meeting as an in person delegation to present the Annual Audit for the 2023 Financial Statements. The auditors will also be available for any questions Council may have following the presentation.

Strategic Pillar: 4. Financial Sustainability

**CAO's Review/
Comments/:** This is an annual process therefore I look forward to hearing the auditor's presentation.

Attachments (s): The auditor will present the statements at the meeting.

CAO's Initials _____



**M.D. OF RANCLAND NO. 66
REPORT TO COUNCIL
Request for Guidance (RFG)**

Title: Dutch Flats Improvement Project

Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Originated By: Robert Strauss, CAO

Background: Patti Wandler, a recreation infrastructural planner with Alberta Forestry and Parks, is working on a capital project plan to improve user experience and sustainability of the Dutch Flats random camping area. She has asked the MD to provide input. She is asking that we respond by April 29, 2024. This project is estimated to commence in the fall of 2025.

Strategic Pillar:

1. Environmental Stewardship
2. Infrastructure and Service Delivery
3. Public Safety & Emergency Services
5. Collaborative Partnership
6. Community

Options for Action: 1. Consider what additional information Council may require.

Financial Considerations: None

CAO's Review/Comments/: Input into this process from the MD of Ranchland is advisable.

Attachments:

1. Email from Patti Wandler with Alberta Forestry and Parks
2. Location and proposed features diagram

CAO's Initials _____



Good afternoon Robert,

I am currently working on a Capital Project Plan for improvements to the Dutch Flats random camping areas. This email has been sent to our internal government Subject Matter Experts (SME's) for review and referral. Please review and submit any comments or concerns as the proposed project is within the MD Ranchland 66, there is an associated disposition (gravel pit) within the project area as well Hwy 40.

Brief intro:

Dutch Flats is a popular and heavily frequented rustic motorized camping area that covers roughly 75ha of land within the Dutch-Oldman Recreation Management Unit (RMU) in the Livingstone Public Land Use Zone (PLUZ). It is boarded by Hwy 40 (aka Forestry Trunk Road) to the west, the Oldman River to the east and Dutch Creek to the south. Management intent from the Livingstone-Porcupine Hills Recreation Management Plan (RMP) is to continue to provide and improve opportunities for rustic motorized camping and motorized off highway vehicle (OHV) recreation access at designated locations and on designated trails. There are ample non-motorized recreational experiences that also draw recreationists to the area. A project plan is in the works to improve user experience and sustainability of the area.

Please see the attached document for further location details and figures of the proposed features & recommendations.

The project plan is to address the following key issues:

- Human waste
- Use of non-designated OHV routes and access
- Multiple braided and paralleling unsustainable routes to camping opportunities
- Safe and legal access/crossing to the OHV trail network
- Deterring OHV access to sensitive areas such as the bed and shore of the Oldman River and Dutch Creek

Project goals can be achieved through the following:

- Installation of vault toilets in the north and/or south portions of Dutch Flats to mitigate human waste throughout
- Improving access and reduce degradation of the land with the addition of hardened surface gravel loops to accommodate conveyance of truck and trailers in the north and/or south portions
- Reclamation of multiple unsustainable braided and paralleling access loops/routes within the flats
- Providing safe access to the Dutch Creek shared-use road through authorized and a signed OHV crossing via Hwy 40
- Installation of kiosks and signage to provide clear messaging with respectful use and direction/wayfinding to users and the designated OHV network

Currently, there is no bed and shore work anticipated for this project.

This project is capital funded and construction is anticipated to commence in early fall of 2025.

Please respond by **April 29, 2024** with any comments or concerns you may have in order to assist with the planning efforts of this project.

I greatly appreciate your time and input.

Thank you,
Patti

Patti Wandler

Recreation Infrastructure Planner

Lands Delivery and Coordination South Branch | Lands Operations Division

Alberta Forestry and Parks

Blairmore Ranger Station

Tel: 403-562-3145 | Cell: 403-563-7390

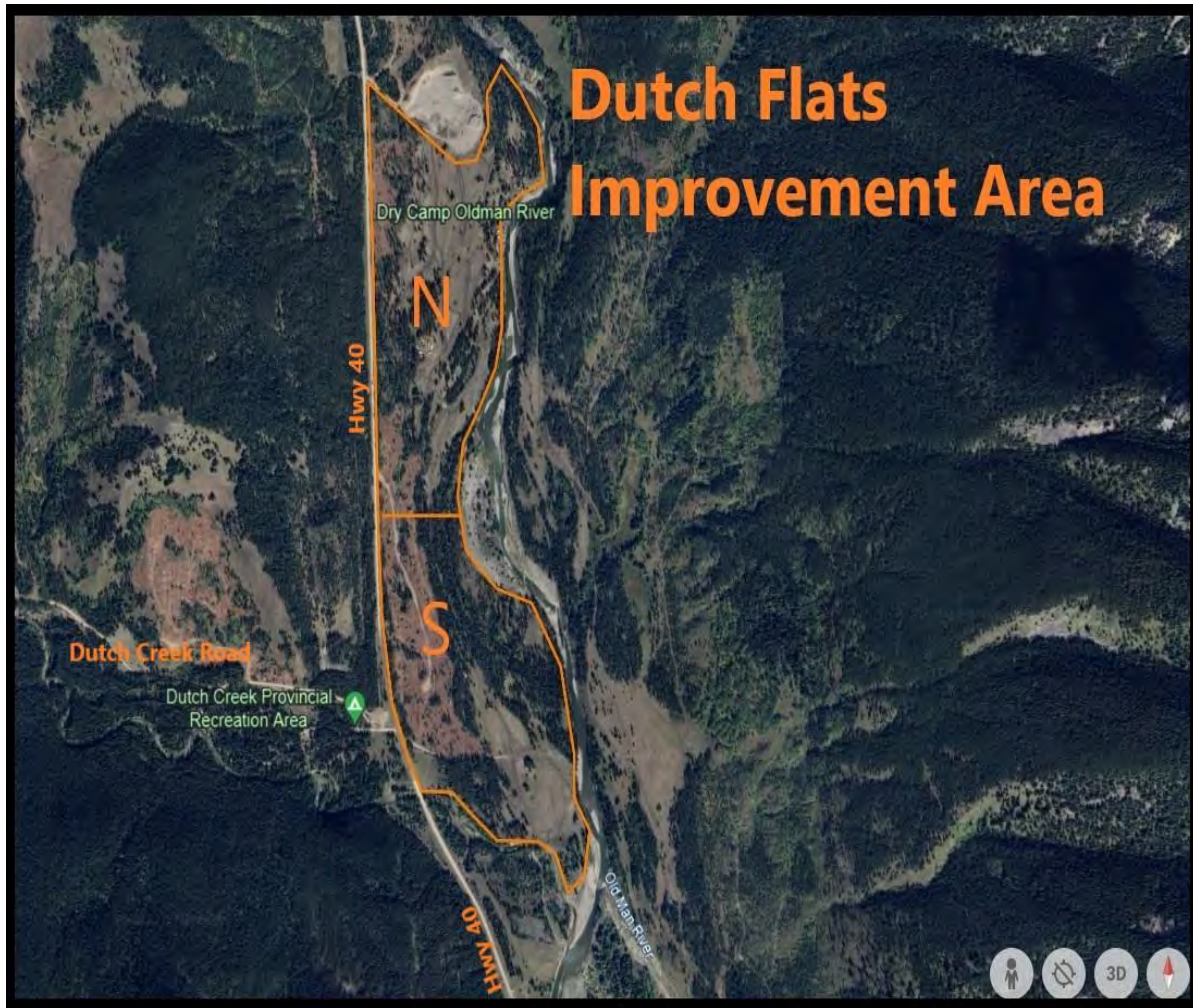


Figure 1: West of the Oldman River, east of Hwy 40 and north of Dutch Creek

Dutch Flats south:

- MD. Of Ranchlands No.66
- 49.903597 / -114.389176
- SE SEC18 T11 R 3 W5M (LSD 1 & 8)
- SW SEC17 T11 R3 W5M (LSD 4)

Dutch Flats north:

- MD. Of Ranchlands No.66
- 49.915986 / -114.392302
- NE SEC18 T11 R3 W5M (LSD 9 & 16)



Figure 2: Dutch Flats south end – overhead view

Proposed Features and Recommendations for Dutch Flats South:















-  Designated OHV crossing via Hwy 40 **OR**
-  Designated OHV underpass (existing trail)
-  Reclamation of trail braiding
-  Boulders for access barriers
-  Kiosk
-  Double vault toilet
-  Formalized gravel loops (existing trails)
-  OHV route from north flats



Figure 3: Dutch Flats north end: south facing direction

Proposed Features and Recommendation for Dutch Flats North:

-  Reclamation of trail braiding
-  Boulders for access barriers
-  Kiosk
-  Double vault toilet
-  Formalized gravel loops (existing trails)
-  OHV route from south flats

There may be potential for upgrades to the current non formalized Dutch Creek Staging Area located at the intersection of Dutch Creek Road and Hwy 40.

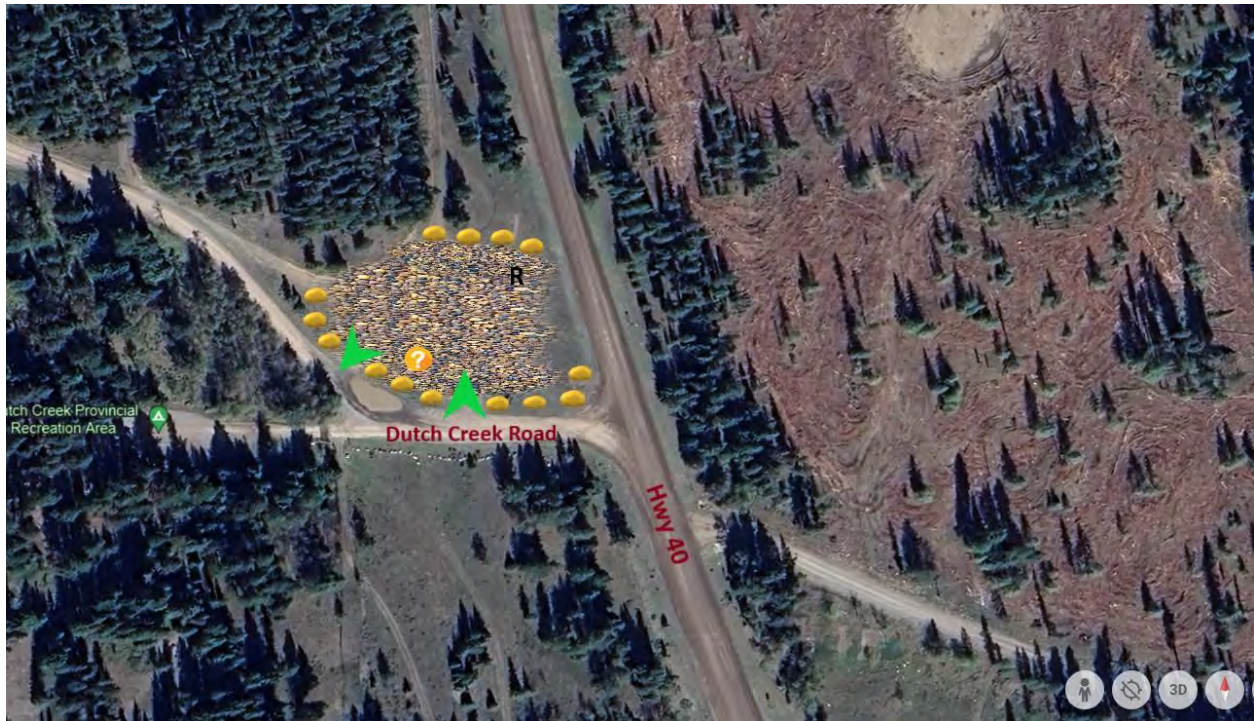






Figure 4: Dutch Creek Staging area – proposed non formal to formalized staging:

-  Kiosk upgrades / signage & messaging
- **R** Installation of a OHV off-load ramp
-  Formalized gravel parking area
-  Rock Barrier border
-  Entrance/ Exit

**M.D. OF RANCHLAND NO. 66
REPORT TO COUNCIL
Request for Decision (RFD)**

Title: STARS Delegation Discussion

Meeting Date: April 23, 2024

Originated By: Robert Strauss, CAO

Background: Glenda Farnden and Jackie Seely will be presenting an update on STARS activities.

As the M.D. of Ranchland does not pay any other ambulance requisition, the STARS donation is the sole contribution for ambulance services paid directly by the MD of Ranchland.

Strategic Pillar: 3: Public Safety & Emergency Services
5: Collaborative Partnership
6: Community

Options for Action: 1.) Accept as information.
2.) Other course of action

Financial Considerations Previous Years donations:

The M.D. of Ranchland made a 4-year pledge of \$2,500.00 per year, in 2022.

CAO's Review/ Comments/: The MD of Ranchland has supported the STARS organization in the past and it would seem to be prudent to continue to do so.

Attachments: STARS PowerPoint Presentation

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CRITICAL CARE, ANYWHERE



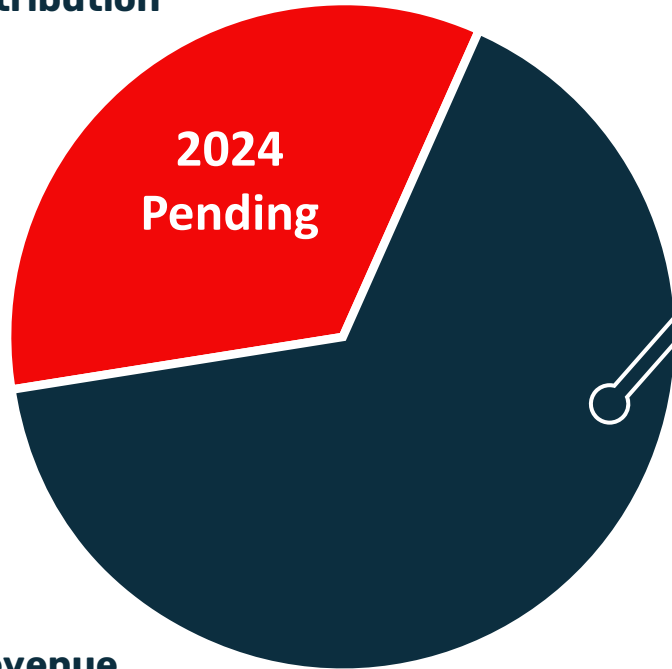
Your best hope, in a worst-case scenario.



STARS ALBERTA REVENUE FISCAL 2023

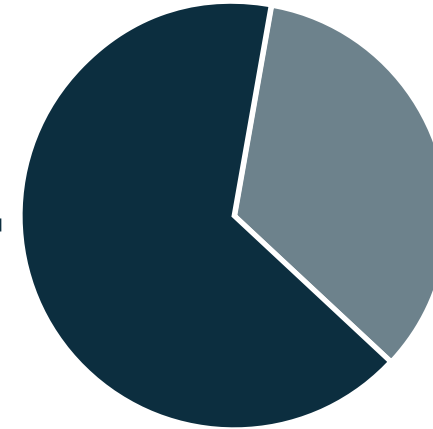
AB Government contribution
\$15.0 million

2023 =
50% of
Operational
costs



NET fundraising revenue
\$27.8 million

2023 NET lottery proceeds:
\$9.8 million
35% of total fundraising
*** 2024 STARS LOTTERY = \$10M net**



Fundraising revenue:
\$18.0 million
65% of total fundraising
*** Includes \$2M+ Annual Municipal Support**

FUELED BY GENEROSITY. Achieving success together.

ESSENTIAL SERVICE FOR ALL

- **New! 8 rural municipalities**
- **New! 9 urban municipalities**
- **Requests Pending**
- Over 90% Alberta's Municipalities in partnership
- Range: \$2 up to \$90 per capita
- Fixed rates alleviate census fluctuation
- **Partnership ensures robust health & safety network**

(9) MUNICIPAL LEADERS

- Standing Motion
- Fixed rates; Up to \$210K annual
- Included in Protective Services

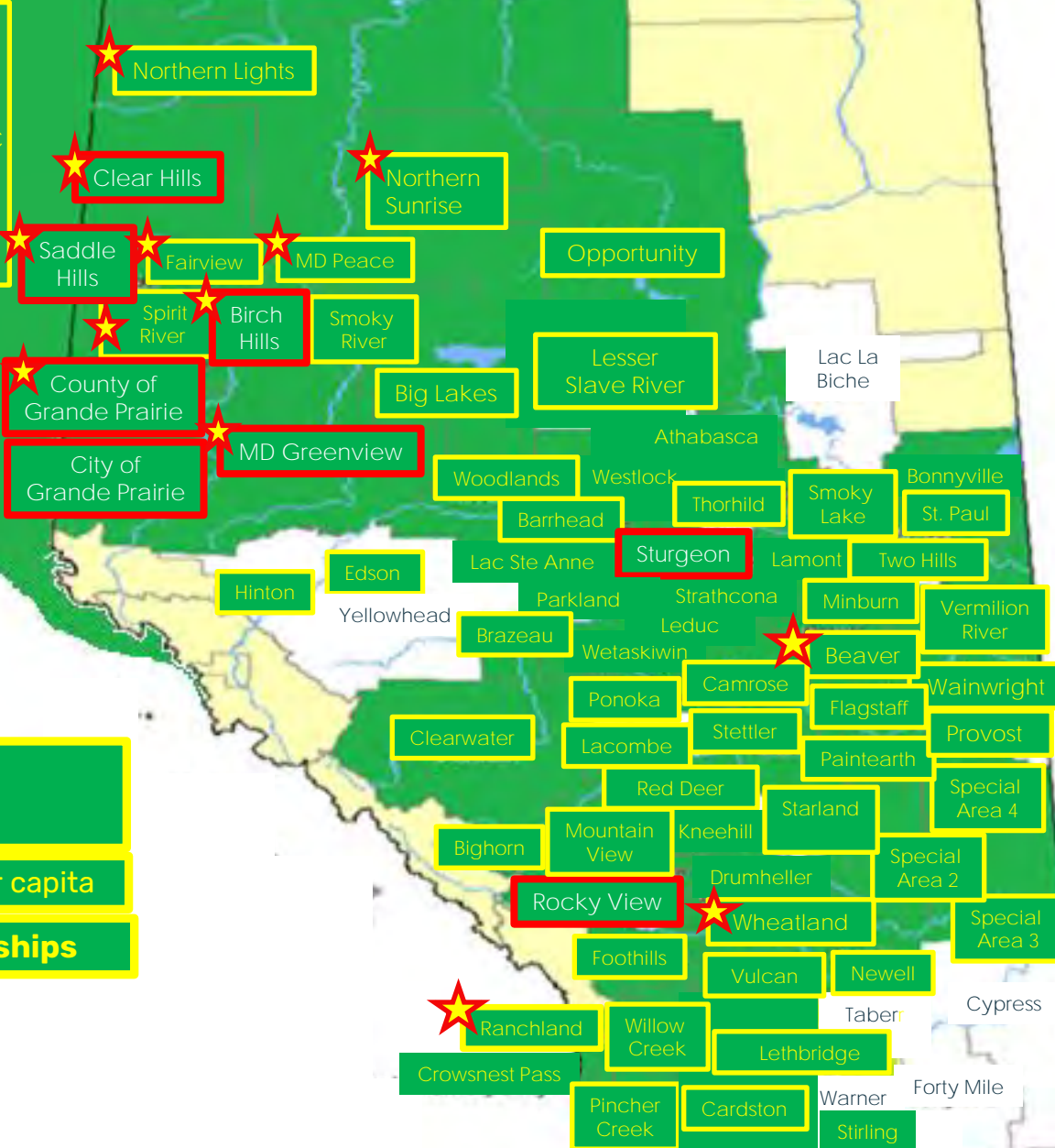
**REGIONAL LEADER
MD of Ranchland**

Leaders contribute min. \$2 (+) per capita

★ **Complete Regional Partnerships**

PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT, BC

★ **Hudson's Hope, BC**
City of Fort St. John, BC
Taylor, BC
City of Dawson Creek, BC
Pouce Coupe, BC
Chetwynd, BC
Tumbler Ridge, BC



*GREEN = municipal supporters *WHITE = non-supporter

Within M.D. OF RANCLAND @ March 31, 2024	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	TOTAL
Near Blairmore (within MD of Ranchland boundaries)		1	2		1	1	5
Near Eden Valley (within MD of Ranchland boundaries)			2	1			3
TOTAL * 100% scene calls	-	1	4	1	1	1	8



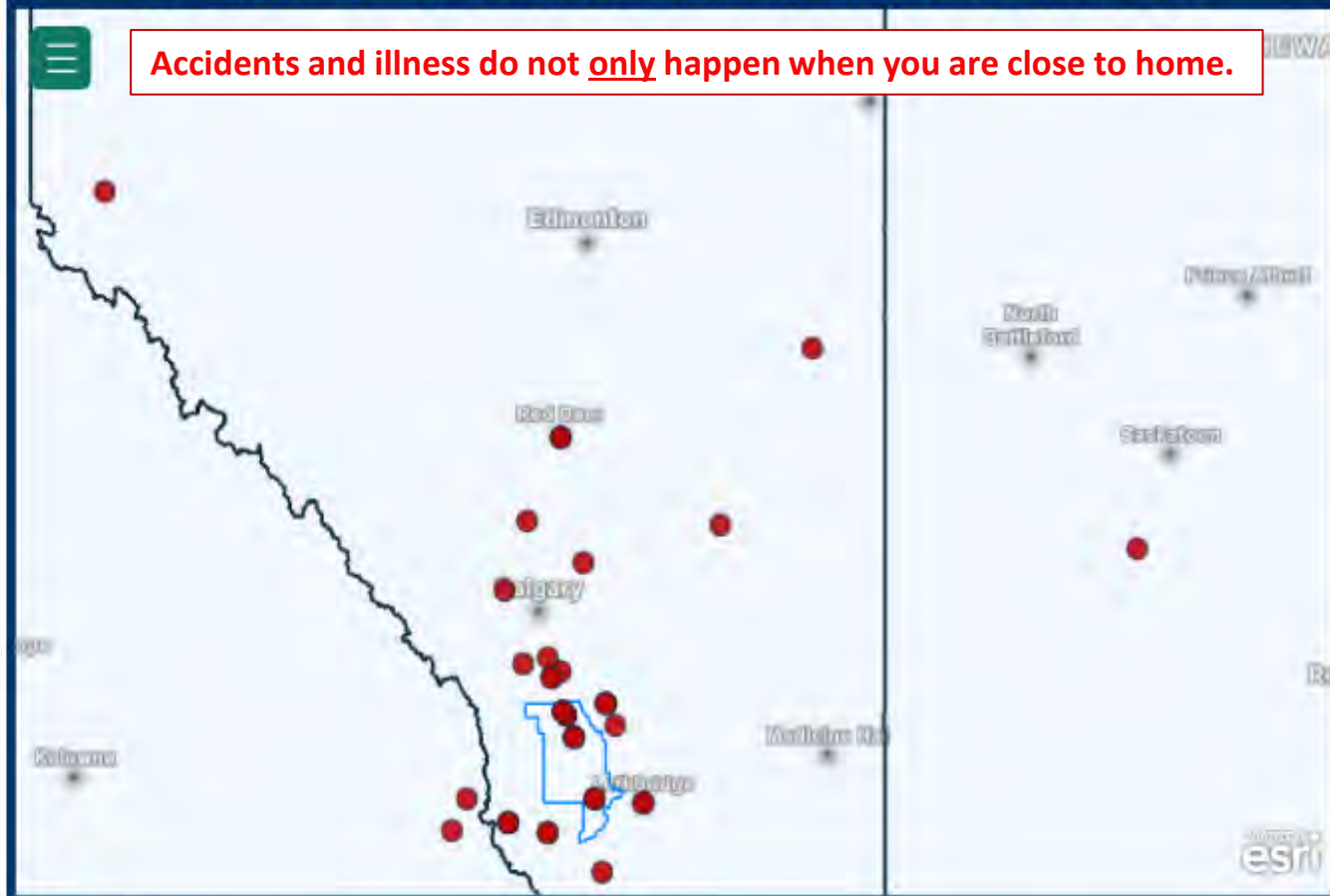
Within MD of Willow Creek Boundaries - Patients Flown by STARS (2010-Present)

MD of Willow Creek Residents Flown by STARS

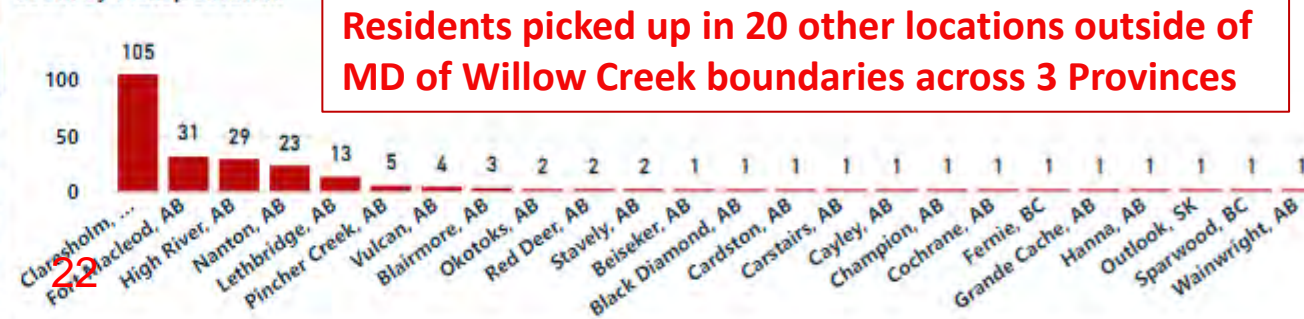


Resident Community	5 Yrs Ago	4 Yrs Ago	3 Yrs Ago	2 Yrs Ago	Last Year	5 Year Total	Total Since 2010
Claresholm	5	5	7	5	2	24	100
Fort Macleod	5	2	2	3	5	17	52
Nanton	4	0	6	2	4	16	60
Granum	1	1	1	0	1	4	11
Stavely	1	0	0	0	0	1	9
Total	16	8	16	10	12	62	232

Locations where MD of Willow Creek Residents Travelled and Needed STARS



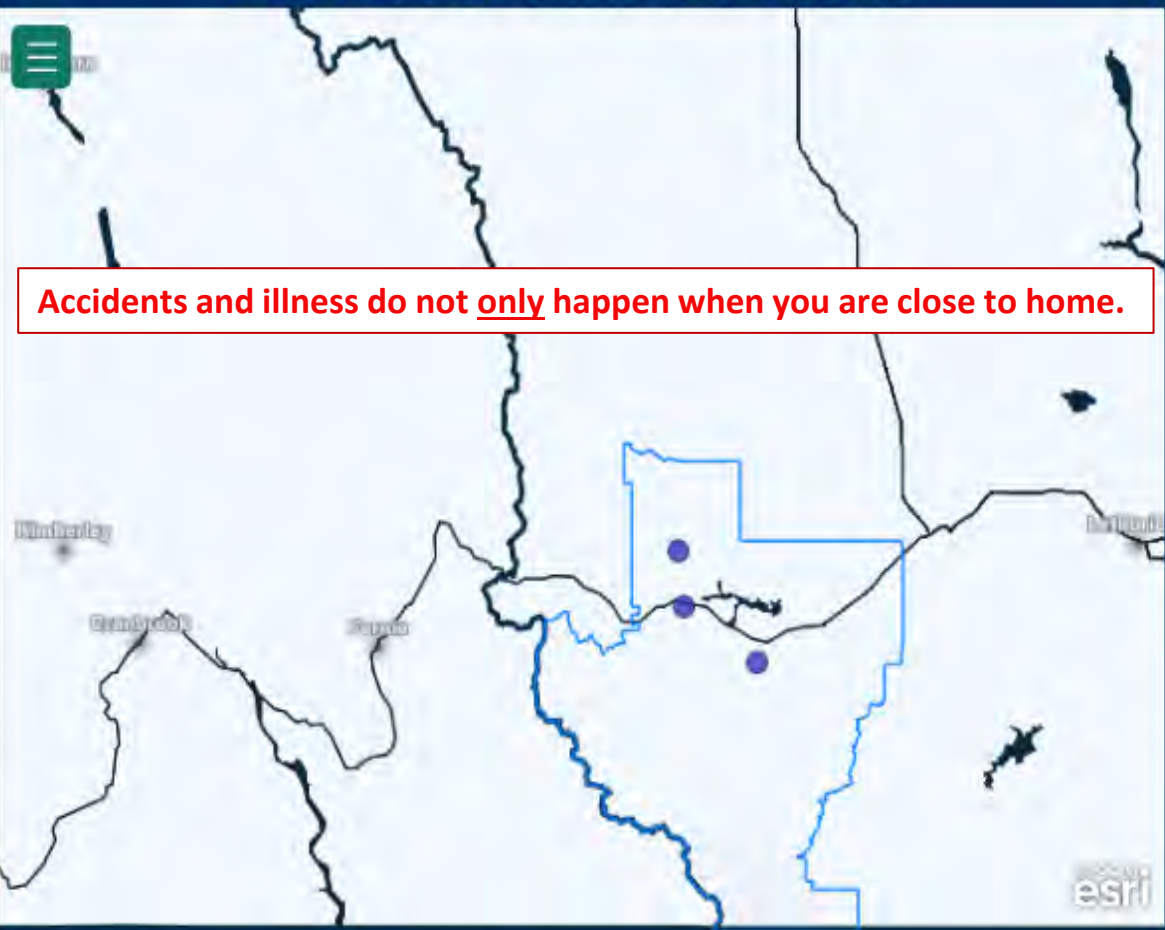
Count by Pickup Location



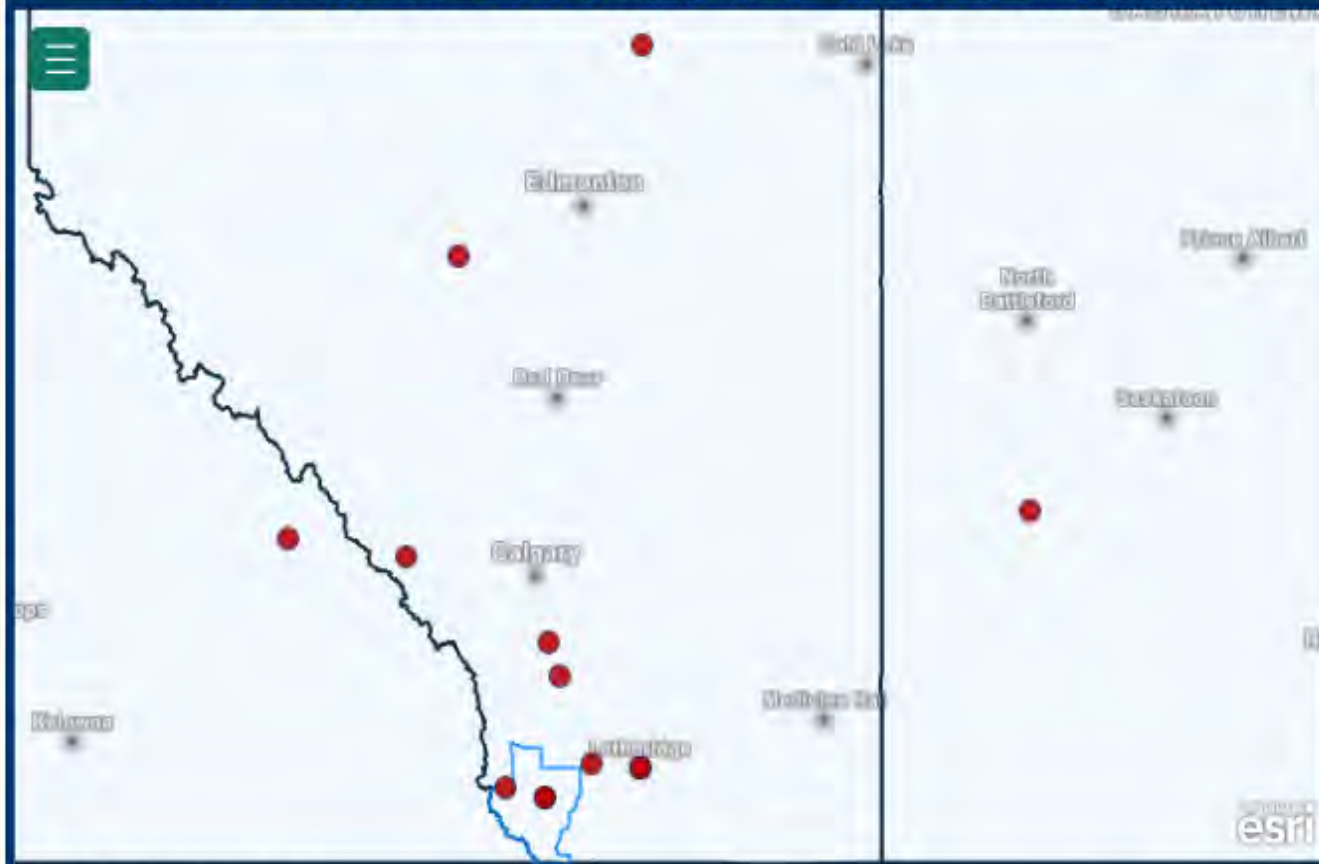
Residents picked up in 20 other locations outside of MD of Willow Creek boundaries across 3 Provinces

Within MD of Pincher Creek Boundaries - Patients Flown by STARS (2010-Present)

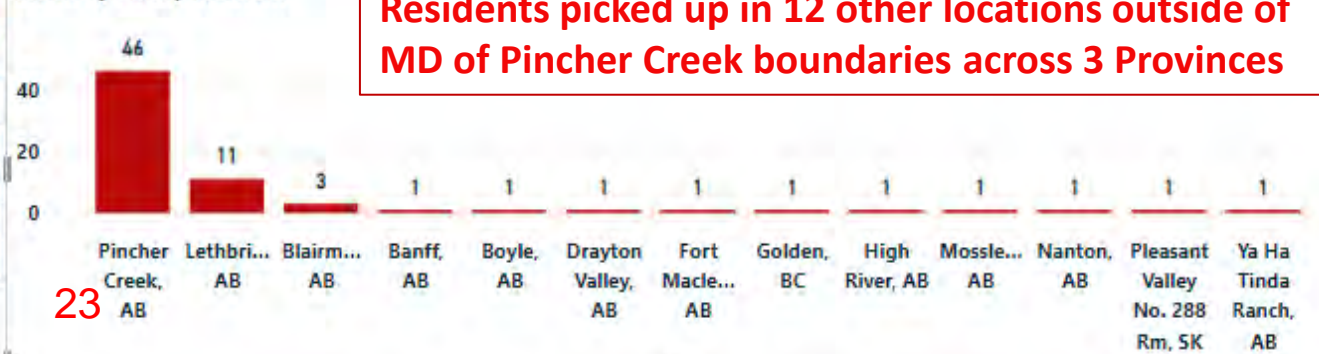
MD of Pincher Creek Residents Flown by STARS



Locations where MD of Pincher Creek Residents Travelled and Needed STARS



Count by Pickup Location



Residents picked up in 12 other locations outside of MD of Pincher Creek boundaries across 3 Provinces

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Resident Community	5 Yrs Ago	4 Yrs Ago	3 Yrs Ago	2 Yrs Ago	Last Year	5 Year Total	Total Since 2010
Pincher Creek	5	4	4	4	4	21	54
Cowley	1	1	0	0	1	3	8
Lundbreck	1	1	0	0	1	3	8
Total	7	6	4	4	6	27	70

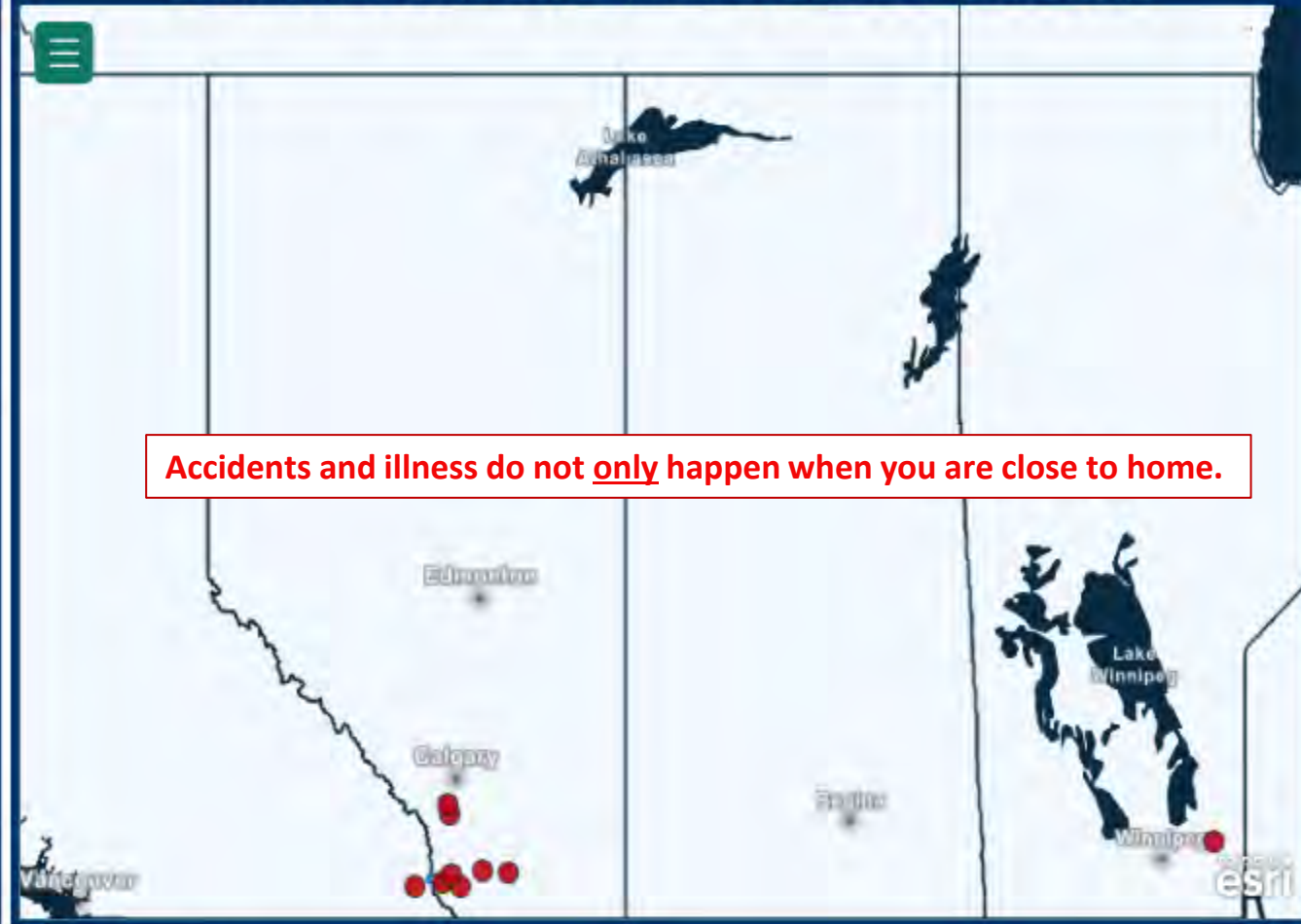
Within Municipality of Crowsnest Pass Boundaries - Patients Flown by STARS (2010-Present)

Municipality of Crowsnest Pass Residents Flown by STARS



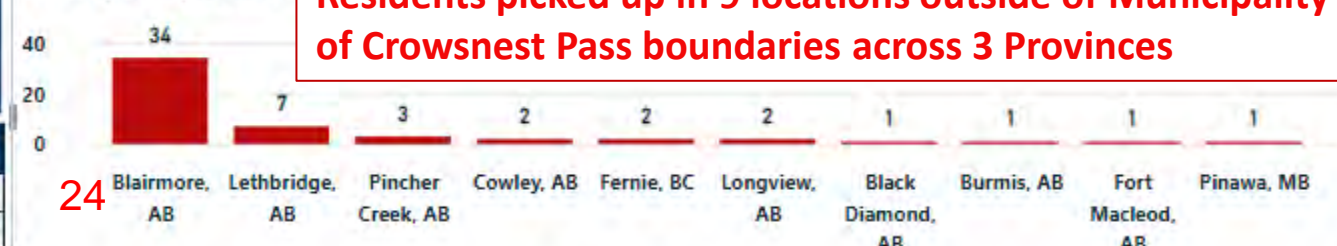
Resident Community	5 Yrs Ago	4 Yrs Ago	3 Yrs Ago	2 Yrs Ago	Last Year	5 Year Total	Total Since 2010
Blairmore	2	1	2	6	6	17	54
Total	2	1	2	6	6	17	54

Locations where Crowsnest Pass Residents Travelled and Needed STARS



Accidents and illness do not only happen when you are close to home.

Count by Pickup Location



Residents picked up in 9 locations outside of Municipality of Crowsnest Pass boundaries across 3 Provinces

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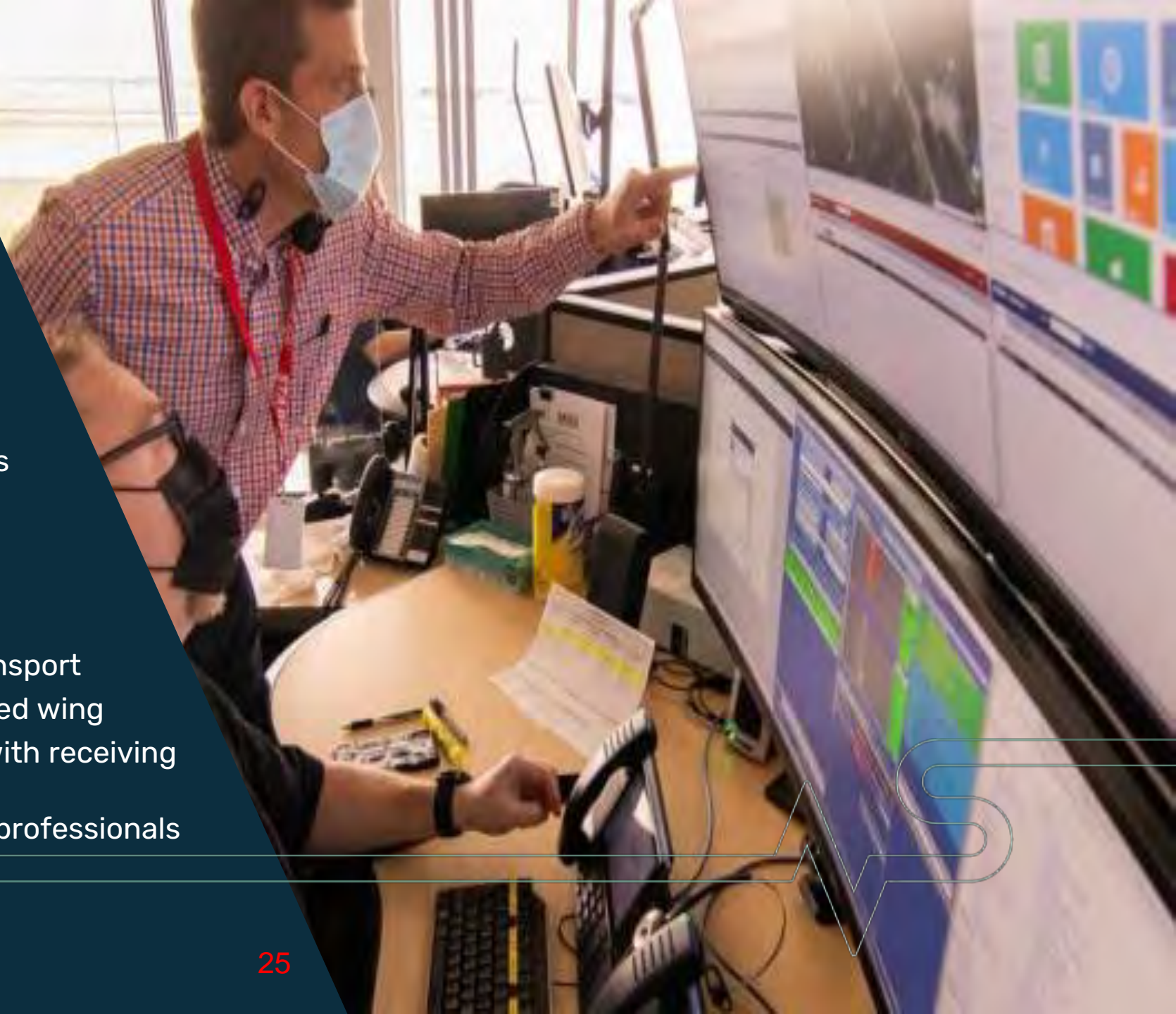
More Than Rapid Transport

EMERGENCY LINK CENTRE (ELC)

- Integrated with all dispatch centres and resources
- Precise GIS mapping coordinates
- Dispatches HALO and HERO responses
- 36,000 emergency requests/year

STARS Transport Physicians

- Medical and procedural guidance
- Every critical call / All modes of transport
- Ground ambulance, rotary wing, fixed wing
- Schedule logistical arrangements with receiving Doctors and Hospitals
- Virtual care supports rural medical professionals



Innovative Leader

Night Vision Goggles (NVG)

- 1st Civilian Org. in Canada (2002)
- 50% of calls occur at night

Universal Blood Onboard

- 1st HEMS in North America (2013)
- Increased to 4 Units
- The difference between life and death.

A Canadian First! Massive Hemorrhage Protocol

- Reverse anticoagulation
- Promote blood clotting in severe trauma patients



World-renowned Critical Care Experts

- Up to 200 hours per year
- Mandatory simulation-lab
- Clinical Educators at each base
- Replicate complex/distinct cases

In-Field Training

- Ready for the unthinkable
- Inclement weather
- Patient vulnerability
- High-consequence situations

Chain of Survival Partners

- Landing Zone Training (available online)
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International Air Medical Transport Conference (AMTC)

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HORIZONS

We provide critical care, **anywhere.**

New leadership at STARS focused on ensuring stability and critical care, anywhere



In September, STARS saw a leadership transition which introduced the third-ever president and CEO. While a leadership change can often be a major shift for organizations, Katherine Emberly's initial priority is to ensure the crucial work continues of protecting the health and safety of communities across the Prairies.

In her first few months on the job, Katherine has been busy meeting with community members, government officials, business leaders and STARS allies to listen to their ideas and deepen our partnerships. At the same time, she's been diving into understanding more about STARS' medical care and clinical operations, shadowing our highly trained staff. These conversations and activities enable STARS leadership and allies to make sound decisions for the future of critical care.

"STARS is a people and community focused organization. Our first priority is to build relationships," said Katherine. "We want to get out and continue to build our reputation in the community, say 'thank you' to the people that support us and ensure that we've got their support and partnership moving forward."

Right now, Katherine is working with the leadership team on critical projects for the stability and long-term success of STARS. As part of that goal, she is aiming to ensure we continue to be an organization of choice for our many donors and partners. Having stable and reliable funding allows our team to focus on the important work of providing critical care, anywhere.

"No matter where you sit in the organization and no matter what your job, there's an overarching acknowledgement that it takes all of

us," said Katherine. "I am so honoured to come into this organization that has such a clear and impactful purpose."

Katherine's additional long-term goals for STARS include continuing to lead industry transformation, forging stronger connections with corporate partners and supporting the growth in innovation and technology.

Beyond her work leading STARS' critical care mission, Katherine serves on the boards of Alberta Blue Cross, Calgary Economic Development and Axis Connects. Through her passion for equity, inclusion, and diversity, Katherine continually finds ways to give all contributors a voice and ensure that doors are open for everyone who works alongside STARS. As a mother of two teen girls, Katherine is excited to use her leadership position to be an example to women and girls across Canada.

Groundbreaking blood protocol launches in Manitoba

“This program has saved the lives of countless individuals.”

— **Nichole Bandura**
LABORATORY SUPERVISOR FOR HEMATOLOGY/
TRANSFUSION MEDICINE, MANITOBA SHARED HEALTH



THE TECHNOLOGY

The field of critical care changes rapidly, so STARS must stay on the leading edge of new advances in technology and medicine that can lead to better outcomes for our patients. One of the most effective tools that STARS provides onboard is blood for critical patients. This summer, an innovative protocol that ensures patients have access to life-saving blood products while being cared for by STARS, was introduced in Manitoba.

The Massive Hemorrhage Protocol (MHP) was initiated in Manitoba on June 30, 2023. It provides access to two new products that can help stop bleeding – one to reverse anticoagulation and the other to help blood clots form.

The protocol was first introduced in Saskatchewan in 2022 and is being used regularly to care for patients in that province.

“I think it’s the first of its kind in Manitoba,” noted Jennifer Fosty, a STARS flight nurse who helped lead the implementation of the protocol in partnership with Manitoba Shared Health.

STARS crews have brought blood along on missions since 2013. Initially, STARS stocked two units of type O negative blood. O negative is known as the ‘universal blood type,’ as it’s safe to be given to anyone – particularly helpful in a traumatic situation when a patient urgently needs blood and their blood type is unknown. Based on need, STARS increased onboard blood supply to four units in 2019.

The blood is carried in temperature-controlled coolers, and if it’s not used within 72 hours it’s placed back in the blood supply to avoid any wastage. STARS then receives fresh blood for the crew to use on the next patient who needs it.

STARS works closely with Manitoba Shared Health’s Blood Bank at Winnipeg’s Health Sciences Centre to ensure the MHP products are always on hand. The Blood Bank supplies STARS with MHP packages several times per week.

“If any products are used on a patient during transport, the Blood Bank is notified and quickly replenishes stock in order to have another MHP package in our hands, so that we’re ready for the next patient who may need it,” added Fosty.

It is another example of how STARS is a trusted partner in the delivery of critical care.

“STARS and the Blood Bank operate cohesively to ensure trauma patients are treated in a timely manner,” explained Nichole Bandura, laboratory supervisor for Hematology/Transfusion Medicine with Manitoba Shared Health. “STARS effectively communicates with the Blood Bank so both parties are prepared for the needs of incoming trauma patients. The rapid response of both STARS and the Blood Bank ensures the best care is provided to the patient.”

The partnership between STARS and the Blood Bank, driven by a spirit of innovation and a passion for finding

new ways to save lives, has made a real difference for patients.

“It is so important for critical patients to have access to blood products during pre-hospital transport,” said STARS’ Fosty. “The Massive Hemorrhage Protocol will definitely improve patient outcomes.”

“Having an organized plan of action and effective communications skills makes STARS and the Blood Bank a successful team,” added Manitoba Shared Health’s Bandura. “This program has saved the lives of countless individuals, ensuring the healthcare needs are met for Manitobans in some of the most traumatic situations.”

Stan Grad 1944 – 2023



One of STARS’ supporters and advocates, Stan Grad, passed away at the age of 78. Stan was a passionate ally and philanthropist who wholeheartedly supported STARS’ lifesaving mission. His fervent passion and dedication are key reasons for STARS becoming what it is today.

“I just want to say thank you to the sponsors and the donors and the partners for supporting STARS and supporting people like me.”

— Carla Minogue, STARS VERY IMPORTANT PATIENT

Road crew worker saved by STARS

City road crews are essential to navigable communities, but working right next to oncoming traffic comes with serious risks, as Carla Minogue knows all too well.

In May 2004, she was working as the designated traffic flagger for a road crew repairing a section of the Trans-Canada Highway in a rural community.

“I was holding the sign that said slow or stopping people if they needed to be stopped,” said Carla. “It was the end of the day, and I was picking up cones and putting them into the truck ahead of me and a car came out of the lane that was still open on the highway and hit me from behind. It then rear-ended the truck that was parked in front of me. I was somewhere in the mess of vehicles, and nobody really knew what to expect when they came to see me.”





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As her crew members rushed to remove her from the wreckage, a call was placed to 911 who alerted STARS Emergency Link Centre that an air medical crew was needed.

“I remember being on the highway, on the pavement and hearing that STARS was coming and we were just waiting for the helicopter to arrive,” said Carla.

“Highway landings are a common procedure for STARS crews, but you have to be careful because no landing is the same. There are a multitude of hazards whether its weather, visibility, wires, trees, or the condition of the landing area,” said Greg Curtis, the STARS pilot who flew the helicopter on Carla’s mission. “Doing it successfully is only possible through following our strong standard operating procedures and with flight crew being in constant communication with first responders on the ground. I’m glad we were able to be there for Carla.”

Carla’s injuries were life-threatening, with extensive injuries throughout her body.

“I broke two areas of my back, T five and six, which was a pretty serious break, and I had to have surgery. I have rods beside my spine now, holding it upright. I had a cracked pelvis and a broken foot and some damage to my knee, broken ribs, crazy bruises everywhere and probably a concussion of some sort from the impact. The impact was really strong, so strong that it blew my tied-up steel-toed boots right off my feet. They were found in the ditch later.”

When severe spinal injuries occur, the smoother transit that a STARS’

helicopter provides is critical for the recovery of the patient, as a bumpy transit on the road can worsen the injury. In Carla’s situation, the highway was shut down by local first responders so that STARS could land directly at the site of the incident, load Carla into the helicopter, and take her to a trauma centre.

By the time the helicopter arrived, paramedics on the ground had stabilized Carla’s spine for transit, and the STARS crew was able to provide a smooth transit and essential critical care enroute to a major hospital. This collaborative approach prevented further injury and ensured that with the assistance of her medical team, once she recovered, she could walk on her own again.

Specific to spinal injury, the STARS Critical Care Medical Control Protocols have been developed to guide air medical crews on how to manage and transport potential spinal-injured patients. This includes how to immobilize and protect a potentially unstable spinal cord injury from any further damage during transport. The protocol has been developed and guided by nationally-accepted evidence.

“STARS uses evidence, accepted international guidelines, and a committee of physicians and researchers to develop evidence-based, best practice protocols for the treatment of spinal injuries,” said Justin Mazzolini, STARS’ Critical Care Medical Control Protocols lead. “Often patients with spinal injuries have associated traumatic injuries, so in addition to caring for the spinal injury, multiple treatments and protocols

may be employed by air medical crews to stabilize blood pressure, ensure adequate oxygenation and ventilation and rapidly transport patients to tertiary care.”

Despite her successful recovery, Carla continues to deal with the lingering impact of her injuries. However, she is grateful for the impact that STARS has had on her life.

“I remember thinking, oh no, this must be really bad,” said Carla. “But at the same time, having some reassurance knowing that I was going to be in the best hands, in the best care. I was very close to being paralyzed,” said Carla. “I’m very grateful to STARS for taking such good care of me to keep me walking.”

“I got to meet Carla 19 years after her accident,” said Greg Curtis. “Getting to connect with her was one of the most meaningful visits of my entire career. It really was a treat to meet her.”

Since her accident, Carla and her family have become even more involved with STARS, including volunteering their time to raise funds for STARS’ critical care mission and spreading awareness of STARS’ essential work.

“I just want to say thank you to the sponsors and the donors and the partners for supporting STARS and supporting people like me,” said Carla. “Because without you, lots of us may not be here or maybe looking and feeling a lot differently than we are today, so thank you.”



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Working together to save lives

STARS joins partners in unprecedented response to Manitoba highway tragedy



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FIXED WING PREPARES TO DEPART FOR BRANDON



LOADING PATIENT INTO STAR-9 HELICOPTER

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Brandon Staging Area

CARBERRY
Accident Scene

The morning of June 15 began like most others at the STARS Winnipeg base. The day crew started their shift at 7 a.m. and went through their daily checks to ensure they and their aircraft were ready for the next mission. Like many other days at the base, several off-duty crew members were also on hand taking part in the ongoing training that STARS regularly undertakes to keep their skills as sharp as possible.

Shortly before noon, however, a series of events would unfold that ensured that what started out as an average day would turn out to be one of the largest coordinated responses in STARS' history.

At approximately 11:35 a.m., a semi-truck collided with a passenger bus on a busy stretch of the Trans-Canada Highway near Carberry, Manitoba, roughly 170 kilometres west of Winnipeg. Given the amount of traffic that regularly travels through the area, local RCMP and first responders were notified almost immediately and were the first to arrive on scene.

Minutes after the collision occurred, a 911 operator alerted Manitoba's centralized dispatch centre – the Medical Transportation Coordination Centre (MTCC) – of the event. The MTCC immediately called STARS, alerting them of a potentially major event. This resulted in an automatic launch of STAR-7, the on-duty aircraft and flight crew in Winnipeg. They were in the air less than 12 minutes after the collision took place.

At the same time, numerous ground ambulances from the southwest region were also enroute to the scene.

Dr. Doug Martin, STARS medical director for Manitoba and a transport physician, was working that morning and was quickly pressed into action to help deploy and direct the aircraft and medical crew that would be required to transport a large number of patients.

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PATIENT TRANSPORT FROM STAGING AREA AT BRANDON AIRPORT

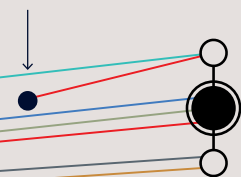


LOADING PATIENT INTO FIXED WING FOR TRANSPORT TO WINNIPEG



PATIENT HANDOFF FROM GROUND AMBULANCE TO STARS CREW

Portage la Prairie
One patient moved from Portage la Prairie



WINNIPEG
Critical patients transport to Health Sciences Centre

- STAR-7 (Winnipeg)
- STAR-9 (Regina)
- STAR-207 (FW/Winnipeg)
- STAR-208 (FW/Winnipeg)
- Lifeguard (FW/Saskatoon)
- Lifeguard (FW/Saskatoon)

Dr. Martin was one of four transport physicians on duty with STARS that morning. There was also a lead on-call transport physician and a second on-call transport physician overseeing STARS medical crew on the fixed-wing aircraft.

A fourth doctor, a senior resident in emergency medicine completing his very last month of training, was also with STARS that morning on an elective rotation.

“We very quickly determined that I was going to stay back and help coordinate the transport,” explained Dr. Martin. The lead on-call transport physician and the senior resident doctor at the STARS base would deploy to the scene by air, while the second on-duty transport physician would handle any medical transport calls coming from elsewhere in the province.

Dr. Martin then jumped in his car and drove to the nearby Virtual Emergency Care and Transport Resource Service (VECTRS) operations centre. VECTRS is Manitoba Shared Health’s centralized and coordinated source for clinical guidance and patient transport support. At VECTRS, Dr. Martin joined Dr. Rob Grierson, Shared Health’s chief medical officer for Emergency Response Services, to help coordinate the inter-facility transport response to the accident.

Initial triage reports indicated that 10 patients were in either serious or critical condition. From Carberry, the nearest regional hospitals were in Brandon or Portage la Prairie. Most patients, however, were in a condition that required them to be taken to Manitoba’s major trauma centre – Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg. It became clear very quickly that more aircraft and more medical crews were needed to transport those patients.

With STAR-7 already dispatched from Winnipeg, Dr. Martin contacted the STARS Emergency Link Centre to connect with the STARS team in Regina, the next closest base. STAR-9 was then dispatched out of Regina and lifted off toward Manitoba shortly thereafter.

Meanwhile, back at the STARS Winnipeg base, efforts were underway to deploy additional medical crew via fixed wing aircraft. Grant Therrien, STARS provincial director, Manitoba operations, was leading these efforts.

“The STAR-7 crew had just been dispatched and our on-duty fixed wing medical crew were at the ready,” explained Therrien. “We also had a clinical simulation happening at the base that day, so we had a number of additional air medical crew available. Dr. Martin phoned me and explained the situation and asked if we could not only send the on-duty crew, but if we could put together an additional team to travel on a second fixed wing aircraft.”

“It was truly all hands-on deck, whoever could help, was assigned to help.”

– **Grant Therrien, STARS Provincial Director, Manitoba operations**

Therrien’s response to the request was simple and clear.

“Absolutely, we will.”

With the on-duty fixed wing crew on their way in the first aircraft, Therrien then summoned all the off-duty medical crew members who were at the base and told them to get their flight suits on and start packing up additional supplies. Their clinical simulation day was about to become a major, real-life mission.

Therrien, who also serves as a STARS flight paramedic, assembled an additional five medical crew members – including himself – to travel on the second fixed wing aircraft. When they arrived at the hangar to load the second aircraft they learned that, because of the space taken up by the onboard stretcher, there were only enough seats for four medical attendants. Without hesitation, one of the STARS flight paramedics volunteered to be strapped to the stretcher for the flight to ensure that they could all be there to help in whatever way they could.

At the scene of the incident, STAR-7 had arrived from Winnipeg and the crew immediately began providing critical care to one of the patients. Dr. O’Leary, the physician who was also onboard STAR-7, began checking in with all other ground ambulance crews and first responders to assist with their patients.

“It was truly all hands-on deck,” said Therrien. In addition to the STARS crew, there were first responders on the scene from local EMS services across southwestern Manitoba, area fire departments, and the RCMP. “Whoever could help was assigned to help.”

“I want to acknowledge all of the first responders, including volunteer responders, ground EMS, and RCMP that were the first to arrive on scene,” added Therrien. “They arrived at a chaotic, devastating scene, and they did incredible work both prior to our arrival and in working together to care for as many people as possible.”

Before long, STAR-7 departed with the first patient from the scene to Health Sciences Centre. With the two fixed wing aircraft enroute from Winnipeg and STAR-9 on the way from Regina, ground ambulances began transporting patients to the nearest major hospital. Most patients were transported to the Brandon Regional Health Centre, with two other patients taken by ambulance to the hospital in Portage la Prairie.

In addition, two patients were transported by ground directly to the Brandon Airport, which would become the staging area for patient transport. There they were met by the two fixed wing aircraft which had arrived in Brandon and were waiting to transport them immediately back to Winnipeg.

The Brandon Regional Health Centre, western Manitoba’s major health centre, had received five critically injured patients in the span of 30 minutes. To assist with this influx of critical patients, several STARS crew members who were not yet transporting patients travelled to the hospital in Brandon.



Grant Therrien
STARS Provincial Director, Manitoba Operations

Grant is also an active STARS flight paramedic and was stationed at the Brandon Airport as on-site transport coordinator.



Dr. Doug Martin
STARS Medical Director, Manitoba

One of the transport physicians on duty, Dr. Martin was stationed at the VECTRS centre, working with Shared Health to coordinate the critical care transports.

They worked alongside the Brandon medical teams in stabilizing these critical patients in preparation for onward transport to Winnipeg. They also provided a clear line of communication to both Therrien, who was coordinating the staging area at the Brandon Airport, and to the team at the VECTRS centre in Winnipeg who could then relay information to the trauma teams who were receiving patients at Health Sciences Centre.

Coordinating the transport of the remaining patients from Brandon was the next task for Drs. Martin and Grierson and their team back at the VECTRS centre. It is common for neighbouring jurisdictions to provide additional support in a major incident such as this. In addition to STAR-9 from Regina already responding, more help was required. With all the critical care transport assets in Manitoba in use, a decision was made to request additional help from Saskatchewan from which two Lifeguard fixed wing air ambulance aircraft and crews were dispatched – including an additional STARS transport physician from Saskatoon – to the Brandon Airport.

As the aircraft from Saskatchewan began to arrive in Brandon, they were subsequently loaded with patients who had been stabilized at the Brandon hospital and departed again to transport them to Winnipeg.

Dr. Martin shared that the final transport tied to the accident came later that afternoon when STARS was dispatched for an inter-facility transfer from the hospital in Portage la Prairie. “A patient who had been initially transported by ground from the scene to Portage la Prairie had now worsened and required critical transport to Health Sciences Centre.”

And so, the crew of STAR-7, who were the first aircraft dispatched to the accident scene more than five hours earlier, launched once more to transport the last patient to the trauma centre in Winnipeg. As they returned to base early that evening, the magnitude of the day’s events was clear.

The tragic incident at Carberry was one of the largest scene responses in the history of Manitoba. As we honour and remember the lives that were lost, we recognize the efforts of so many who did everything they could to save as many lives as possible.

When all was said and done, a total of six aircraft and 20 STARS crew members travelled either to the scene or to Brandon to care for and transport critically injured patients that day. STARS was one of the many organizations who were involved in the enormous, multi-agency response to this tragedy.

STARS salutes the invaluable efforts of Manitoba Shared Health, the RCMP,

Carberry North Cypress–Langford Fire & Rescue, Prairie Mountain EMS, Brandon Emergency Services, the Brandon Regional Health Centre, Manitoba VECTRS, the Manitoba Medical Transportation Coordination Centre, Vanguard Air, Saskatchewan Air Ambulance, and Winnipeg EMS.

We also recognize the 20 STARS crew members who were involved in our response, including seven flight paramedics, five flight nurses, four transport physicians and the four pilots who flew STAR-7 and STAR-9. These crew members have been thoroughly supported in the aftermath of this tragedy, given the difficulty of the scene and the value that STARS places on the mental health and wellbeing of our team.

“This was certainly one of the most difficult days we have experienced, not only as a medical and first responder community, but for the province as a whole,” stated Dr. Martin.

“It was one of the most challenging missions any of us will ever face, but it’s what we train for,” adds Therrien. “I’m proud that we were able to work together to save so many lives that day.”

Following her passion for medicine, ER doctor joins STARS



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“I wanted to be able to assist people in an emergency, to help them with that crisis in their life. I thought of it as very fulfilling.”

— Dr. Darla Palmer, STARS TRANSPORT PHYSICIAN



“Becoming a mom shifts so many things and changes the dynamics of your job.”

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There’s something about a calling, a passion for a profession you just can’t ignore. Dr. Darla Palmer couldn’t deny the ambition to serve. It lived inside of her from the time she was a young girl, living in the community of Souris in rural Manitoba.

“When I was 13 years old, I lost my house in a fire,” recounted Dr. Palmer. “That certainly drew my attention to the importance of having fire services in rural communities.”

The loss of the only home she knew and the compassionate care she received from first responders that day left an indelible mark. She wanted to help people in the same way she was supported.

“I wanted to be able to assist people in an emergency, to help them with that crisis in their life. I thought of it as very fulfilling.”

As soon as she was able to immerse herself in emergency services, Dr. Palmer seized the opportunity.

“When I was 17, I joined the fire department as a junior member. When I turned 18, I was able to start going on calls,” Dr. Palmer said.

She also grew up with a role model, her stepfather, who served as an emergency medical technician (EMT).

“I watched him being on call and hearing the pager go off around the clock. It certainly inspired me,”

Dr. Palmer recalled. “I always remember being aware that what he was doing was so vital and important. I wanted to be a part of that.”

Dr. Palmer joined the Canadian Armed Forces and served for years before she was nudged towards her true calling.

“I started in artillery and after working there for several years, I was encouraged by some of the military leadership who saw my potential to apply for a medic position. I became involved in the civilian side and was licensed as an EMT,” she said.

It was a gratifying part of her life journey, but she wanted to do even more. She continued working as an EMT while pursuing medical school.

“Eventually I decided to apply for medicine. There was something about it I was just drawn to.”

Dr. Palmer currently works in the emergency department at the Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg and has recently completed her residency in emergency medicine.

“I’ll begin working with STARS after I graduate in November,” Dr. Palmer said. “I will be assisting with the logistics of transporting critically ill and injured patients in the province, in addition to providing consultant advice to other medical professionals.”

She will be on-call to oversee missions and, at times, travel on board the flights.

“There will be situations where I will fly with the air medical crew to provide direct hands-on patient care.”

She is looking forward to the challenge, which she attests is a full circle moment.

“STARS is a way of bridging critical care and timely care to patients that live in rural areas,” she affirmed. “I think all people are deserving of timely health care, regardless of their place of residence.”

Dr. Palmer is also embracing the responsibility of being a parent. She is a new mother and is balancing her career with her 13-month-old son at home. Motherhood has brought a renewed purpose to her work, merging her personal and professional life.

It reinforced the parallels of selflessness, devoting her life to her patients and her new family.

“My career has taken on a whole different meaning. Certain calls and patient cases just hit differently,” she said. “Becoming a mom shifts so many things and changes the dynamics of your job.”

She admires what STARS represents and is humbled to be a part of the crew that saves lives.

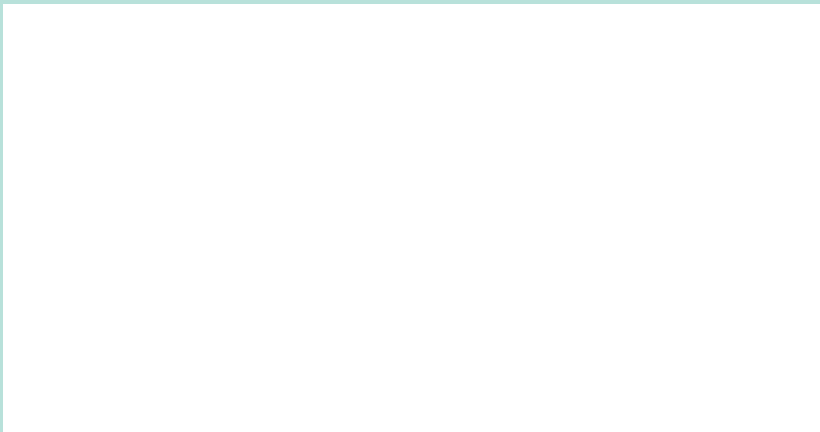
“Just the thought of being able to provide comprehensive, timely, critical care to patients, regardless of their location, just drives me to provide the best patient care possible.”

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**M.D. OF RANCLAND NO. 66
REPORT TO COUNCIL
Request For Descision (RFD)**

Title: **Belly River Reservoir Support Requist**

Meeting Date: **Tuesday, April 23, 2024**

Originated By: **Robert Strauss, CAO**

Background: The United Irrigation District is looking for support for the Belly River Reservoir Proposal. Brief details are contained in the attached letter.

Strategic Pillar:

1. Environmental Stewardship
2. Infrastructure and Service Delivery
- 3: Public Safety & Emergency Services
- 5: Collaborative Partnership

Options for Action: 1. Consider whether or not to offer a letter of support to the project

Financial Considerations: None that are apparent to the MD of Ranchland

CAO's Review/ Comments/: This item is somewhat political in nature, therefore it may be useful to support your rural Alberta neighbors in their pursuit of this project.

Attachments:

1. United Irrigation District Letter
2. Letter of support from the County of Warner

CAO's Initials



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April 8, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

RE: Request for the Letter of Support for the Belly River Reservoir Proposal

The United Irrigation District is proposing a Belly River Reservoir Project.

With global warming approaching, all of us need more and more water storage. We need to invest in these projects to meet the water supply challenges of today and the future, especially during drought like this year. Your municipalities and towns can benefit from the proposed water storage while also creating environmental benefits.

This proposed flood mitigation and storage reservoir will help with flood mitigation as well as with water storage, which can be used for irrigation and municipal projects. It would greatly reduce the chance of flooding in all areas along the Belly River.

The size of the proposed project will be around 55,000 acre-feet. The location we are considering is west of Hwy 800 and north of Hwy 5 close to the Mountain View area. We have done only a preliminary study of this area. I presented this proposal at the Reeves and Mayors meeting on April 5th, 2024 in Lethbridge.

I am writing you today to respectfully request a letter of support. If you can mention in the letter the necessity of water storage with climate change, benefits for other districts, etc. it would be great.

Should you have any questions or need more information do not hesitate to contact me at 403-626-3255 or via email.

Yours truly,
UNITED IRRIGATION DISTRICT



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To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Belly River Reservoir Proposal Letter of Support

We are writing this letter of support of the Belly River Reservoir Proposal as outlined in a presentation by the United Irrigation District in February 2024.

Water management is fundamental to providing and protecting a vital resource used for drinking, agriculture, and the environment. Improving water resource infrastructure will increase the overall resilience of the water storage system that will protect this resource against multi-year drought and other extreme weather events.

The proposed reservoir would improve water security for agriculture for up to seven Irrigation Districts, which minimizes crop losses during droughts and so fosters overall economic stability in the region. Improved upstream flow maintenance capacity would increase flood resiliency. Stabilized flows support a consistent aquatic ecosystem for fish in the Belly River.

We hope that this proposal is successful in obtaining approval and funding. We look forward to the action taken by the Province of Alberta, Irrigation Districts, other institutions, and municipalities to collaboratively address improving water resource management in the coming years.

Yours truly,

Randy Taylor
Reeve – County of Warner

cc: Honourable R.J. Sigurdson, Alberta Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation
Honourable R. Schultz, Alberta Minister of Environment and Protected Areas
Honourable G. Hunter, MLA Taber-Warner

**M.D. OF RANCLAND NO. 66
REPORT TO COUNCIL
Information Update (IU)**

Title: Nanton Quality of Life Foundation Presentation

Meeting Date: April 23, 2024

Originated By: Robert Strauss, CAO

Background: The Nanton Quality of Life Organization will be presenting to Council at 1:00 pm on April 23, 2024.

Lynne Cox, Executive Director and Lori Fiander, Community Support Worker will be attending the meeting. The 2023 Report to the Community and a PowerPoint Presentation will be discussed.

Strategic Pillar:
3: Public Safety & Emergency Services
5: Collaborative Partnership

Options for Action: 1.) Upon conclusion of the delegation and any follow-up questions by Council, accept for information.

**CAO's Review/
Comments/:** This is basically an information session.

Attachments: 2023 Report to the Community
PowerPoint Presentation from N.Q.L.F.

CAO's Initials RS



NANTON QUALITY OF LIFE FOUNDATION

“Proactively Supporting Our Community”

2023 in Review

Lori Fiander, Community Support Worker
Lynne Cox, Executive Director
Nanton Quality of Life Foundation



Celebrating 2023

Highlights in 2023

- TriShaw Bike Donation
 - Longview 4H Beef Club, High River District Health Foundation
- The support of 48 community volunteers!
- New Video Conferencing Technology
- Serving over 2500 community contacts
- \$40,000 in additional Federal/Provincial grants
 - Seniors, youth, volunteer, governance programming
- New Website, Logo, Expanded Community Outreach

In 2024 our foundation will celebrate 28 years of service to our communities!



Celebrating our Volunteer Board

Nine member Board of Directors – Sheena Taggart, Chair, Joscelyn Stangowitz, Vice-Chair

Directors

- Chelan Barnes
- Kathryn Enns
- Kristen Hall
- Julie Barker



Municipal Representatives

- Evan Berger, MD of Willow Creek
- Cam Gardner, MD of Ranchland
- Kevin Todd (D. Mitchell), Town of Nanton

Pam Woodall Retires after over 20 years of Board Service



Thank You Pam!

We completed a Strategic Plan in 2023 to 2025

Celebrating our Volunteers

We have over 45 Volunteers in our community supporting our programming:

- TriShaw Bike, Meals on Wheels, Story Dogs, Seniors Week, Drumming, Income Tax Preparation Community Events, Board of Directors





Our 2023 Programming



Digital Literacy



In Home Assistance

Community Drum Circle



beat the winter blues

BackPack Program



Santa's Gone Loonie!



Our 2023 Funding Partners



Our Community Partnerships

We partner and collaborate with many agencies and other area FCSS organizations such as:

The High River & District Health Foundation, Porcupine Hills Early Childhood Committee, Wildrose Community Connections

Alberta Health Services: Public Health and Rural Mental Health, Adult Day Program

Immigration Services, Inclusion Foothills, Willow Creek Learning, MCG Careers, Rowan House

Nanton Thelma Fanning Library, Stavely FCSS, Claresholm FCSS, FCSSAA, Nanton Chamber of Commerce,

Nanton Children Society, Nanton Bomber Museum, Nanton Kozy Korner Senior Centre, The Hub

Our Community Outreach & Connections

We have a generous, vibrant and supportive community. Over **350** gifts were donated to our Christmas events. Over **\$3500** in legacy and other donations were provided in support of our programming

Staying connected and keeping you informed about our and our partners' programming is important to us:

- In 2023 we distributed over **60** Hometown Gazette Newsletter each month
- We created over **100** Facebook posts reaching **3000+** people, with **400** shares of posts
- Our work was also highlighted In the Nanton News and by EuroRADIO, the Hub broadcasting

What is next?

- Launch of our new website www.nqlf.net
 - Continuing community engagement and outreach
- Our TriShaw Bike will begin again in late Spring
- 1st Rural Mental Wellness Fair – Saturday, March 23rd
- Completed Family Easter Egg Hunt – March 30th
- Volunteer Appreciation Event – April 20th
- Advanced Digital Literacy Topics in 2024
- Looking into a Men’s Shed Community of Practice
- Creative and Collaborative Programming with other partner agencies
 - Nanton Library and NQLF have partnered on a senior/youth grant application

Breaking News!



Nanton Quality of Life is the community organization chosen by Tim Horton's Nanton for the April 29-May 5th Smile Cookie Campaign

- We are so excited for this opportunity!

Stay tuned for ways that you can support our campaign!





2024 Report to Community

Prepared by

Lynne Cox
Lori Fiander

Presented by

Lynne Cox

2023 IN REVIEW

2023 was another great year of programming for the Foundation and the services we provide.

The Foundation is the steward of Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) grants provided through the Government of Alberta, the Town of Nanton, the M.D. of Willow Creek No.26 and the M.D. of Ranchland No.66.

Our funding is also enhanced through the generosity of our communities, by donations of money and gifts to support our various programs.

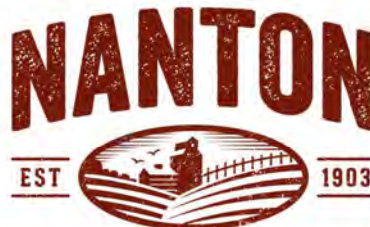
We also received a federal grant in 2023 to build and deliver a senior/youth mentoring program, a grant to develop digital literacy workshops for seniors from New Horizons for Seniors as well as grant to support the income tax program.

A grant from the Town of Nanton for technology enabled video conferencing for hybrid meetings.

We received a grant from the Community Services Recovery Fund to modernize our website, communication strategies, policies, procedures and bylaws, along with a grant in support of our Volunteer Week celebrations.

We received over \$40,000 in grants and donations outside of our FCSS core funding in 2023.

OUR FUNDING PARTNERS



MEET THE STAFF



Lynne Cox joined us as our Executive Director in 2022 and is enjoying the opportunities and challenges of running a vibrant non-profit.

Lynne is looking forward to 2024 and reviewing new programming opportunities for Nanton and area residents.

Lori Fiander is in her 8th year with the foundation as our Community Support Worker.

Lori is well known for the care and compassion that she shows to those who look to her for assistance.

Debbie Fontaine, another familiar face, has provided Administrative Support on a casual basis for over 10 years.

In 2022 we welcomed our new In-Home Assistance team of **Suzie Munro** and **Season Stonall**.





THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

OUR VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Volunteers play a key role at Nanton Quality of Life.

Donations of time contribute to the foundation’s ability to deliver services and programs to our communities.

We would like to extend special recognition to all of our volunteers dedicating their time to Meals on Wheels, our new TriShaw bike program, helping with community events, supporting Story Dogs, facilitating drumming sessions.

All of our volunteers go above and beyond with their contribution of time and energy.

TriShaw Bike

Betty Bridgette, Randy Brown, Tim Dwyer, Helmut Gutsche, Francie Hawthorne, Mike Kowalchuk, Anthea Naylor

Drumming – Gord Orchard

Community Programs:

Income Tax – Wayne Bateman

Childrens’ Events- Elaine Mahan

Meals on Wheels - Chelan Barnes, Karen Gould, Doreen Hooker, Dave & Felicity Patterson, Susan Sommerville, Marylou Slumskie, Evelina Strong, Jean Thompson

Story Dogs – Chelan Barnes, John Blake, Rick Everett, Kelsey Fath, Katherine Foerster, Dannelle Foster, Allison IsBell, Nicole Hamel, Jodi Hodgson, Stephanie Hodgson, Toni McLeod, Dianne Put, Lindsay Woolsey, Tracey Woolsey, Joscelyn Stangowitz

If you would like to join our team of volunteers, please contact us at 403-646-2436

500

Community volunteers donated over 500 hours to our various FCSS programs and services including our TriShaw bike program, Meals on Wheels, drumming facilitation, Income Tax preparation, and assorted community events

500

Over 500 Nanton & area residents attended our community events, programs, and workshops

100

100 income tax returns for the 2022 tax year were completed as part of the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program for our area residents

350

The community donated over 350 gifts to Santa's Gone Loonie and Secret Santa for Seniors – Thank you to the students of A.B.Daley, Stavely Parkland 4H youth, JT Foster for your support and to our generous community!

3500

We received over \$3500 in donations to support foundation programming

100

Over 100 TriShaw bike rides were given to community and Silver Willow Lodge seniors by our volunteer pilots. Thank you to the High River Health Foundation and the Longview 4H Beef Club for their generous donation of the bike to our community!

230

Our volunteer board of directors donated 230 hours in support of the Nanton Quality of Life Foundation in 2023

90

Community volunteers donated over 90 hours to the Story Dogs

60

60 seniors attended our four workshops supporting Digital Literacy, Fraud and Scam awareness.

2500

Our front-line staff had over 2500 contacts with our residents to offer service support, prevention outreach and agency and government referrals via walk-ins, email and phone conversations

\$40,000

Thanks to the Town of Nanton, the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta, the federal New Horizons for Seniors Program and Volunteer Alberta we received over \$40,000 in additional grant dollars for youth and senior programming and for the purchase of video conferencing equipment



Sheena Taggart
Chairperson



Kristen Hall
Vice Chair



Evan Berger
Representative for the
MD of Willow Creek



Kevin Todd
Representative for
the Town of Nanton



Kathryn Enns
Director



Cam Gardner
Representative for
the MD of Ranchland



Joscelyn Stangowitz
Director



Julie Barker
Director

DIRECTOR'S ROLES

We would like to express our deepest appreciation to the board of directors for their unwavering commitment, tireless efforts and countless hours of volunteer service dedicated to both our organization and the wider community.

Your contributions in shaping the direction and success of our organization have been invaluable, and we are grateful for the passion and dedication you have brought to the table.

Your leadership, guidance, and expertise have been instrumental in driving our mission forward and making a positive impact in the lives of so many.

Thank you for your continued support and for being such an integral part of our team.

The Board completed the Foundation's three-year strategic plan in 2023.

You can read the plan on our website at www.nqlf.net

THANK YOU



Pam Woodall will be retiring from our board in February after serving over 20 years as a volunteer, many of them as our Chair-Person.

We wish Pam all the best in the future and thank her for her dedication and commitment to the Nanton Quality of Life Foundation.

CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

Staying connected and keeping you informed about our and our partners' programming is important to us.

In 2023 we distributed over 60 Hometown Gazettes each month.

We created over 100 Facebook posts this year, reaching over 3000 people monthly, and with hundreds of shares of our posts.

Our work was also highlighted in the Nanton News and by EuroRADIO broadcasting.



OUR REFERRAL SERVICES

The heart of our organization is connecting our community members to the resources and support they need. In 2023 we made over 400 community referrals to other agencies and helped community members connect with income supports, housing opportunities, mental health supports, food bank referrals, and provided government form completion and digital technology support.



OUR INTER-AGENCY PARTNERS & COLLABORATORS

Working Together for the Best Results!

- High River & District Health Foundation
- Porcupine Hills Early Childhood Coalition
- Alberta Health Services
- Public Health and Rural Mental Health
- Willow Creek Immigrant Services
- Inclusion Foothills
- Willow Creek Learning
- MCG Careers (High River)
- Nanton Thelma Fanning Library
- Wildrose Community Connections
- Rowan House
- Canada Revenue Service Canada Outreach
- Nanton Children's Society
- Nanton Kozy Korner Senior Centre
- Greater Foothills Family Centre

- Euroradio - Nanton Community Broadcasting Association
- Stavelly, Vulcan, Claresholm Family & Community Support Services
- Family & Community Support Services Association of Alberta (FCSSAA)



GENEROUS DONORS OF GIFTS, MONEY, FACILITIES, SUPPORT OR EXPERTISE

Trishaw Bike:

High River and District Health Foundation
Longview 4H Beef Club

Workshop Expertise:

ConnectFirst Credit Union
Mosquito Creek Law
Service Canada
CRA Outreach

Indoor Walking Program:

Royal Canadian Legion
Bomber Command Museum

Appreciation Gifts:

Western Financial



Backpack Program, Secret Santa for Seniors, Santa's Gone Loonie, Community Events:

AB Daley Elementary School
JT Foster High School
Stavely & Parkland 4H
Sandstone Pharmacy
The Nanton & Area Community



Digital Literacy Senior Advisory Committee:

John & Nancy Noyce, Marylou Slumskie, Vance Kent,
Carol Wittman, Alice Smith, Donna Davies



CYCLING WITHOUT AGE

Our Nanton Trishaw Bike is available for all residents to go for a ride!



*Thank you to our generous partners, the Longview 4H Beef Club (above)
& the High River District Health Care Foundation*

PUBLIC INPUT

We welcome your input!

For more information about any of our programs or to learn
how you can support our work, please contact us at:

Nanton Quality of Life Foundation

(the little log cabin beside the Nanton Bomber Museum)
1601 21 Avenue, Nanton, Alberta: 403-646-2436

Visit our Website: www.nqlf.net



**M.D. OF RANCHLAND NO. 66
REPORT TO COUNCIL
Request for Decision (RFD)**

Title: Nanton Junior Rodeo Sponsorship Commitment Request

Meeting Date: April 23, 2024

Originated By: Robert Strauss, CAO

Background: The Nanton Agriculture Society has requested consideration of a donation to support the Nanton Junior Rodeo series.

Benefits: Supporting the ranching culture within the M.D. of Ranchland and area.

Disadvantages: None

Strategic Pillar: 5: Collaborative Partnership
6: Community

Options for Action: 1.) Council could review the attached letter and determine what level of support they wish to offer.

Financial Considerations: The 2023 donation by the M.D. of Ranchland was \$ 500.00.

CAO's Review/ Comments: As this is donation from the M.D. of Ranchland to a community group, I await Council's direction.

Attachments: Letter from the Nanton Agric. Society

Motion No. 23/04/18/124 6.F.i – Nanton Junior Rodeo Sponsor Request
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter that the MD of Ranchland No.66 approves a 2023 Nanton Junior Rodeo Sponsorship, in the amount of \$500.00, the choice of which event will be determined by the Nanton Junior Rodeo Committee.

CARRIED

CAO's Initials





Received

APR 18 2024

M.D. of Ranchland No. 66

Dear Sponsor,

We are back!

Small Spurs Rodeo will be returning and our location this year will be in Nanton on June 7th, 8th, and 9th 2024. We will have a rodeo performance each day making this a three day series. We have buckles for all eighteen events along with three Rising Star buckles. There are twenty one buckles to be presented on Sunday June 9th 2024. We will also be giving away awards to the runner up and the top contestants within each event.

As we gear up for this big weekend we would love your help. We would like to build this rodeo organization and reach more athletes and we can only do this through generous donations from Sponsors like you.

Our rodeo consists of the following events: Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Goat Tying, Boys Goat Tying, Team Roping, Breakaway Roping, and Steer Riding. The contestants compete only against their own age group. The age groups are as follows: Novice, 7 & under, 8-10 years old, 11-13 years old, 14-16 years of age.

Your support as a sponsor would be greatly appreciated and we will make every effort to recognize your business and promote your company throughout this event. The earlier you are able to commit to supporting the Small Spurs Rodeo, the more advertising and recognition opportunities your business receives.

Sponsor Level	Bucking Chute Banner (provided by you)	Arena Banner (provided by you)	Facebook Page	Announced all weekend	Programs	Awards Ceremony
Platinum Sponsor (\$1500.00+)	★	★	★	★	★	★
Gold Sponsor (\$1000+)	★	★	★	★	★	★
Silver Sponsor (\$500+)		★	★	★	★	★
Bronze Sponsor (\$250+)			★	★	★	★



DESCRIPTION OF RECOGNITION YOUR SPONSORSHIP BUYS:

- **Bucking Chute Banner:** Your Company's banner (provided by you) will be placed on one of our 6 Bucking Chutes. Bucking Chutes get a lot of recognition during our Steer Riding Events at each Rodeo. We also host the Boy's Goat Tying, Girls Goat Tying, 7 & under events along with the three novice events in the small arena.
- **Arena Banner:** Your company banner will be displayed in the big arena for the whole weekend. Typical attendance at a rodeo includes approximately 300 + people from across southern Alberta, and closer parts of BC and SK.
- **Facebook Page:** We currently have approximately 1.1 thousand Facebook followers along with 1000 likes and growing. An average post reaches over 5500 people. Sponsors will be advertised and mentioned regularly on our Facebook Page.
- **Rodeo Announcements:** We are fortunate to have great rodeo announcers at our rodeos. Periodically throughout the day, a brief description of your business, services and location will be announced.
- **Programs:** Your Company's name will be printed in our rodeo program, distributed to all contestants and spectators per day.
- **Awards Ceremony:** Our awards ceremony will be held on Sunday June 9th. Sponsor money will be represented accordingly through awards. We try hard to either get sponsors names embroidered, lasered, or silkscreened on all our awards.

Thank you for your consideration and support of youth rodeo throughout Small Spurs. If you aren't able to do a full sponsorship, we welcome any amount you are willing to donate. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact us. We would also be happy to come and meet with you to discuss sponsorship opportunities.

Again, we sincerely thank you for your generous support!



If you choose to sponsor, please fill out the attached form with a cheque made out to the

SMALL SPURS RODEO

Sponsorship can be mailed to:

Haley and Ty Elliott / Western Connections
 Box 1563
 Nanton, AB
 T0L 1R0.

Name of Sponsor: _____
 (Name you would like printed on the awards)

Please select which events you would like to sponsor (if possible).

<i>7 and Under Pole Bending</i>	<i>13 & over breakaway</i>
<i>7 and Under Barrel Racing</i>	<i>14-16 Goat Tying</i>
<i>7 and Under Goat Tail Untying</i>	<i>14-16 Barrel Racing</i>
<i>8-10 Barrel Racing</i>	<i>14-16 Pole Bending</i>
<i>8-10 Goat Tying</i>	<i>Team Roping Header</i>
<i>8-10 Pole Bending</i>	<i>Team Roping Heeler</i>
<i>11- 13 Barrel Racing</i>	<i>Boys Goat Tying</i>
<i>11-13 Goat Tying</i>	<i>12 and under breakaway</i>
<i>11-13 Pole Bending</i>	<i>Steer Riding</i>

If your first choice is not available, what is your second or third choice? _____

Sponsorship Total: _____

Any Notes for us?
