

Town of Bon Accord
AGENDA
Regular Council Meeting
May 18, 2021 8:30 a.m.
virtual meeting
live streamed on Bon Accord YouTube Channel

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
- 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
 - 3.1. Regular Meeting of Council; May 4, 2021 (enclosure)**
- 4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - 4.1. Community Services (enclosure)**
 - 4.2. Finance (enclosure)**
 - 4.3. Operations (PW) (enclosure)**
 - 4.4. Planning and Economic Development (enclosure)**
 - 4.5. Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) (enclosure)**
- 5. ACTION ITEM LIST**
 - 5.1. Action Item List to May 4, 2021 (enclosure)**
- 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - 6.1. Skateboard Park (enclosure)**
- 7. NEW BUSINESS**
 - 7.1. Declaration for Seniors Week (enclosure)**
- 8. BYLAWS/POLICIES/AGREEMENTS**

BYLAWS

 - 8.1. Municipal Borrowing Bylaw – Capital – Skateboard Park (enclosure)**
- 9. WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS/CONFERENCES**

None
- 10. COUNCIL REPORTS**
 - 10.1. Mayor Greg Mosychuk (enclosure)**
 - 10.2. Deputy Mayor May (enclosure)**
 - 10.3. Councillor Laing (enclosure)**
 - 10.4. Councillor Holden (enclosure)**
 - 10.5. Councillor Bidney (enclosure)**
- 11. CORRESPONDENCE**
 - 11.1. Letter of Support of the RCMP (Town of Edson) (enclosure)**
 - 11.2. Letter of Support of the RCMP (Village of Hill Spring) (enclosure)**
 - 11.3. Alberta Provincial Police Service (Town of Raymond) (enclosure)**

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- 11.4. Alberta Provincial Police Service Transition Study – Town of Didsbury (enclosure)
- 11.5. Proposed Provincial Police Service (Town of Claresholm) (enclosure)
- 11.6. COVID-19 Vaccine Provisions (Town of Tofield) (enclosure)

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

13. CLOSED SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT

**Town of Bon Accord
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May 4, 2021 7:00 p.m.
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PRESENT

COUNCIL

Mayor Greg Mosychuk
Deputy Mayor Tanya May
Councillor Brian Holden
Councillor Lacey Laing
Councillor Lynn Bidney

ADMINISTRATION

Joyce Pierce – Chief Administrative Officer
Ken Reil – Operations Manager
Jodi Brown - Recreation and Community Services Manager
Falon Fayant – Corporate Finance Officer
Jessica Caines – Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mosychuk called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MAYOR MOSYCHUK MOVED THAT Correspondence item - Office of the Premier be added to the agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 21-150

COUNCILLOR HOLDEN MOVED THAT Council adopt the agenda for the May 4, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 21-151

DELEGATION

Graham Cooke, Canadian Ramp Company

DEPUTY MAYOR MAY MOVED THAT COUNCIL accept the presentation by Graham Cooke, Canadian Ramp Company as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 21-152

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Council Minutes –April 20, 2021

COUNCILLOR HOLDEN MOVED THAT the minutes of the April 20, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 21-153

Special Meeting of Council Minutes –April 21, 2021

COUNCILLOR BIDNEY MOVED THAT the minutes of the April 21, 2021 Special Meeting of Council be accepted, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 21-154

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ACTION ITEM LIST

DEPUTY MAYOR MAY MOVED THAT Council accepts the Action item list as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 21-155

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Solar Farm Over Borrowing

COUNCILLOR BIDNEY MOVED THAT Council table the Solar Farm Over Borrowing to later in this meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 21-156

NEW BUSINESS

Skateboard Park

COUNCILLOR LAING MOVED THAT Council directs Administration to investigate costs and options to replace two pieces of equipment in the Skateboard Park that no longer meet current standards for municipal skateboard park equipment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 21-157

Return to UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Solar Farm Over Borrowing

COUNCILLOR BIDNEY MOVED THAT Council directs administration to proceed with Option #2 regarding the over-borrowed funds and bring forward a Bylaw for 1st reading for capital project Skateboard Park renovations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 21-158

Security Consulting

COUNCILLOR HOLDEN MOVED THAT Council accept the RFD regarding the Security Consulting, as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 21-159

NEW BUSINESS

3 Way Stop on 57 Street

DEPUTY MAYOR MAY MOVED THAT Council accepts the RFD regarding the 3 Way Stop on 57 Street, as information, and takes no further action.

In favor: Mayor Mosychuk, Deputy Mayor May, Councillor Bidney, Councillor Holden

Opposed: Councillor Laing

CARRIED RESOLUTION 21-160

Re-Schedule Regular Meeting of Council

COUNCILLOR LAING MOVED THAT Council approves a swearing in of the newly elected Council on Monday, October 25, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. and further that the October 19, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council be cancelled. The November 2, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council will commence after the completion of the Organizational Meeting, which will commence at 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 21-161

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2021 Federal Census

COUNCILLOR HOLDEN MOVED THAT the Council of the Town of Bon Accord supports the 2021 Census and encourages all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at www.census.gc.ca. Accurate and complete census data support programs and services that benefit our community.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 21-162

BYLAWS | POLICIES | AGREEMENTS

BYLAWS

Community Standards Bylaw #2021-05

DEPUTY MAYOR MAY MOVED THAT Council give the Community Standards Bylaw #2021-05 first reading, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 21-163

COUNCILLOR HOLDEN MOVED THAT Council give the Community Standards Bylaw #2021-05 second reading, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 21-164

COUNCILLOR LAING MOVED THAT Council give unanimous consent to consider three readings of the Community Standards Bylaw #2021-05 in one meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 21-165

COUNCILLOR BIDNEY MOVED THAT Council give the Community Standards Bylaw #2021-05 third and final reading, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 21-166

POLICIES

Replacement of Damaged or Destroyed Trees Policy

DEPUTY MAYOR MAY MOVED THAT Council approves the Replacement of Damaged or Destroyed Trees Policy, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 21-167

Road Closure Policy

COUNCILLOR HOLDEN MOVED THAT Council approves the Road Closure Policy, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 21-168

WORKSHOPS | MEETINGS | CONFERENCE

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Support for the RCMP (County of Paintearth)

COUNCILLOR HOLDEN MOVED THAT Council accepts the letter from the County of Paintearth supporting the RCMP and directs Administration to send a letter of support to the County of Paintearth Reeve Stan

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Schulmeister, The Honourable Jason Kenney, Premier, MLA Nate Horner, MP Damien Kurek, Mr. Curtis Zablocki, Commanding Officer for Alberta RCMP, AUMA Members, RMA Members and The Honourable Kaycee Madu.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 21-169

*Public Health Agency of Canada
Rural Communities Scholarship Program
Standstone Waste & Water Service
Office of the Premier*

COUNCILLOR HOLDEN MOVED THAT Council accepts all Correspondence as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 21-170

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

DEPUTY MAYOR MAY MOVED THAT Council extend the May 4, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council past 10:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 21-171

CLOSED SESSION

COUNCILLOR LAING MOVED THAT Council go into Closed Session at 9:32 p.m. to discuss *Personnel under FOIP Act 24(1)(d) Advice from officials.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 21-172

COUNCILLOR HOLDEN MOVED THAT Council come out of Closed Session at 10:22 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 21-173

COUNCILLOR BIDNEY MOVED THAT Council accepts the Closed Session Personnel discussion as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 21-174

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILLOR HOLDEN MOVED THAT the May 4, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 10:23 p.m.

Mayor Greg Mosychuk

Joyce Pierce, CAO

Council Report

Date: May 15th, 2021

Department: Recreation and Community Services

Submitted by: Jodi Brown

RECREATION

SKATEBOARD PARK

An assessment of the equipment in the Skateboard Park resulted in the removal of two pieces of equipment (half pipe and quarter pipe) that no longer meet current standards. We are working with a contractor on re-design concepts, replacement options, and estimated costs. Public consultation will take place once design and equipment options within budget are finalized.

Staff are currently working on completion of recommended enclosures and additional bracing to the existing equipment.

PARKS AND GREENSPACE MANAGEMENT

Our seasonal Parks Operator re-joined the team this month as mowing season is now underway.

Seasonal weed spraying will begin shortly and a gopher issue near the Public Works yard has been addressed.

Flowers were ordered much earlier in the year for Town planters and hanging baskets (Town Office). The supplier has confirmed that it is possible to incorporate some yellow flowers into Town baskets and planters to align with the Communities in Bloom, Year of Hope initiative. We will also be placing 4 additional planters in the community near the red lounge chair locations this season.

ARENA

The engineer and contractor working with the Town on the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre grant project (ice plant replacement) visited the arena in early May to gather information needed to complete the engineering study.

Staff are preparing for the possibility of the 2021 – 2022 hockey season should recreational facilities be allowed to re-open in September. An assessment of maintenance and repairs needed prior to the season is underway and supplies (ice paint) have been ordered.

SERVICE AGREEMENTS

Soccer has been cancelled for the season and use of baseball diamonds is anticipated to be minimal this summer due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, I have advised the Community League that we will

not proceed with the Sportsground Agreement for the 2021 season. The Community League and Town are in the process of negotiating the Arena Service Agreement for the 2021 – 2022 hockey season in preparation for the possible re-opening of recreational facilities this fall.

EVENTS

PITCH IN/TOWN WIDE CLEAN UP: APRIL 30TH

Thank-you to the staff and students of our local schools, Bon Accord Community School and Lilian Schick School for participating in the 2021 Town Wide Clean-Up. Approximately 75 bags of garbage were collected by local students. Pitch In Canada provided 1000 free garbage bags that were delivered to the schools. The Town provided gloves and freezies for students and Bon Accord Foods also donated freezies for the event. Our Public Works crew also picked up and disposed of all the garbage bags. Great community effort!

LARGE ITEM PICK UP: MAY 29TH

Thank you to the Bon Accord Fire Department for supporting this event once again this year. Registration is now open. Residents must pre-register for the event. Check the Town website for more information (www.bonaccord.ca).

SENIORS WEEK DRIVE-BY EVENT: JUNE 09TH

We are planning to give local seniors a small gift bag in celebration of Seniors Week. The Community Services Focus Group suggested a “drive by” event in the arena parking lot where staff or volunteers may safely give the gift bags to seniors. More details to come.

ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE: JUNE 11TH

Once again we have partnered with the Bon Accord Fire Department and Fortis to help support our local Food Bank. The Fire Department will deliver re-useable shopping bags (provided by Fortis) to homes on Tuesday, June 01st. Residents will then have the opportunity to fill the bag with a donation of non-perishable food donations until June 11th. On the morning of June 11th, Town staff and volunteers will collect the bags from doorsteps in Town and deliver the donations to the Bon Accord/Gibbons Food Bank. We are pleased to support food security in our community.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

JOINT USE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Joint Use Committee Meeting was held on April 27th. The Committee discussed the on-going issue of off-leash dogs and dog feces in the track area, creating safety and cleanliness issues for students at Lilian Schick school. Community volunteers have been cleaning up the area in order for students to be able to access the track for school activities. Signage has been repeatedly removed or vandalized. Residents are encouraged to report vandalism to the RCMP and to contact Sturgeon County Bylaw for any issues relating to dogs.

Administration has contacted the RCMP and will be meeting with Sturgeon County Bylaw to work on addressing this issue. A public notice will be issued in consultation with both enforcement agencies.

Additionally, the Joint Use Agreement was reviewed and revised. Another meeting was scheduled to complete this process on May 26th, 2021.

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM

The “plant yellow” message has been advertised widely in the community. Communities in Bloom volunteers provided a list of suggested yellow flowers that we have added to the Town website.

Additionally, the Communities in Bloom volunteers have agreed to complete the monthly Dark Sky readings for the Town. These readings must be reported annually to the Dark Sky Association. This initiative falls under the Communities in Bloom “environmental action” pillar. The Town will provide a \$600 honorarium to the Communities in Bloom group for completing this task and helping us to maintain the Dark Sky designation.

We have also circulated some information to residents on Black Knot tree disease and how to address the issue.

COMMUNITY FOCUS GROUP/COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

This meeting was held on April 26th, 2021. Discussions included revisions to the Board membership section of the current Community Services Advisory Board Bylaw. Additionally, plans for the Seniors Week event, summer (Canada Day) and fall were discussed (possibly Meet the Community Night and Art Walk). All plans will be based on COVID-19 regulations at the time of the event.

The next meeting will be held on May 25th, 2021.

FCSS

INFORMATION AND REFERRALS:

Part of my role in delivering FCSS services, is to provide information and referral services for residents experiencing personal crisis or seeking resources for personal or social support services. This past month I have assisted 2 residents and 1 local agency with information and referral services. This type of service may include 1 to several interactions or phone calls depending on the situation.

MEETINGS

- May 04th: Council Meeting
- May 05th: Meeting with engineer and contractor for arena projects
- May 06th: Regional Programming/Network Meeting/Manager’s Meeting
- May 07th: Edmonton Evergreen FCSS Regional Spring Meeting
- May 10th: Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (Federal Grant) Webinar
- May 15th: Meeting with Community Services Director from Gibbons about FCSS Program Delivery
- May 25th: Joint Use Committee Meeting
- May 26th: Community Services Focus Group Meeting

**COUNCIL REPORT
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
MAY 2021**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SOVDI Media

Script and story board has been completed, including a tour of the Town. A voice actor has been selected to narrate the story to the video. SOVDI will be selecting the sites recommended, delivering a professional scripted video marketing the Town of Bon Accord. The focus is on a spring / summer season for the video.

Building Industry Land Development Association (BILD)

BILD representing homebuilders is lobbying the province to introduce a renovation tax credit to help the industry recover losses from the COVID-19 pandemic. BILD Alberta Association represents a mix of home renovators, builders and land developers representing 1600 members across the province. A renovation tax credit would help boost the industry which is a refundable personal income tax credit for eligible renovation.

Fire Restriction – Sturgeon County

As of 3:00 PM, April 16/21, Sturgeon County is under a fire restriction. The restriction also applies to the Towns of Bon Accord, Legal and Redwater.

Local conditions have been monitored in neighboring communities. Given the lack of moisture, conditions are at a level where fires can start and grow easily. Grass fires have been reported in the region which becomes necessary to reduce the threat of additional fires by issuing a fire restriction for the County.

Fire restriction limits activities as follows:

- No new burn permits or fireworks permits will be issued
- All current fire and or fireworks permits issued are suspended till further notice
- All outdoor fires presently burning, whether set under the authority of a fire permit or not, are required to be extinguished immediately

Use of backyard fire pits used for warming or cooking, propane barbeques, portable propane fireplaces and propane heaters are still permitted under this restriction. This restriction does not apply to the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATV's) or off-highway vehicles (OHV's).

Sturgeon County urges everyone to use extreme caution when working or driving in grassy areas, be mindful of hot exhaust and keep vehicles clean and free of debris as smoldering debris can fall off and start fires. Always know your location and dial 911 for any emergency.

Federal Budget 2021

The federal government presented its first budget since 2019. When it comes to the bottom line, five things stand out in the over 700-page document:

Deficit: The federal deficit for the 2020/21 fiscal year is projected to come in at \$354.2 billion followed by deficits of \$154.7 billion this fiscal and \$59.7 billion in 2022/23. The deficit before pandemic in 2019/20 was \$39.4 billion.

Debt: The federal debt (net of financial and non-financial assets) reached \$1.08 trillion in 2020/21 and will hit \$1.23 trillion by the end of the current fiscal year.

Debt as a share of GDP: The debt-to -GDP ratio will increase from 31.2 percent in 2019/20 to 51.2 percent in 2021/22.

Revenue: Federal revenue fell by 11 percent during the pandemic but is projected to rise 6 percent above its pre-pandemic level in 2021/22.

Expenditure: Total federal expenditure (excluding net actual losses) was \$362.9 billion before the pandemic in 2019/20. It rose to an estimated \$634.9 billion during the fiscal year that just ended (2020/21) for an increase of 75 percent. Spending is projected to be \$497.6 billion this fiscal year (2021/22 which is 37 percent above the pandemic level.

This information was a recap provided by Todd Hirsch, Vice President and Chief Economist for ATM Financial.

Residential Housing - Challenges

The Edmonton region's housing market is on the up swing in both starts and sales, a pandemic related shortage and price hike on everything from lumber to refrigerators to utility pipes, adding complications to increasing buyer demand.

People have been stuck at home and realize that is not the space they want to be stuck in, so they are renovating or looking for a new home. Condo dwellers have recognized the importance of outdoor spaces and with low interest rates, are looking for single-family homes.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation stats for January to the end of February 2021 show 736 new home starts in the region, compared to 515 same period last year prior to the pandemic. According to the Realtors Association of Edmonton, total residential unit sales in the area for February 2021 increased 52.1 per cent compared to February 2020, with a 36.8 per cent from January 2021.

While there may be some pandemic shift from condos to single-family homes, urban centres are seeing older millennials move from condos into single family homes away from the larger centres, due to not driving to work. Buyers are seeking amenity rich communities that foster a sense of belonging; that connectiveness has become even more sought out during the pandemic.

Overall, the market is seeing success, but is still fragile with rising inflation and construction materials primarily in Edmonton, Calgary and Lethbridge, however, by no means blanketing all sectors or communities.

737 Enterprises Ltd

The Sales and Construction contract has been signed and executed by the Town and 737 Enterprises Ltd. Copies of contract have been couriered to Brownlee LLP.

To note, there has been positive comments on the land sale, with an inquiry to lease out one of the potential bays. Have provided this information to 737 Enterprises Ltd.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Investment and Development Inquires

Permitted uses on C2 Commercial
Request for lease space

Complaints

RV trailer
Unsightly Yard

Peace Officer Enforcement Services

Matt Roblin (Supervisor) provided March reports regarding citations and incidents for Council’s review (refer attachments):

April – Bon Accord Citation Report
April – Bon Accord Incident Report

Business Inquiries	Compliance Certificates	Development Permits	Building Permits (Gas, Plumbing, Electrical)	Business Licenses	Bylaw Complaints	
1	0	0	0	4	3	This Period
6	0	0	0	37	3	YTD

Meetings/Events Attended/Education

- Manager Meetings – internal exchange of information & updates of Council
- Council Meetings – virtual
- Business meetings – virtual
- GEEDT Meeting - virtual
- EDA Board Meeting - virtual
- Municipal Planning Services – discuss / review permits / compliance certificates
- Developer - discussions
- Stakeholders / residents – development questions/inquiries and complaints

DIANNE ALLEN
Planning and Development
Town of Bon Accord

Sturgeon County

BON ACCORD CITATION REPORT APRIL 2021 Statistics from: 4/1/2021 12:00:00AM to 4/30/2021 11:59:00PM

Citation Printout Report by Violation

Total Citations of (ROR S.57 FAIL TO OBEY TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE): 2
Total Mandatory Appearances: 0

Total Citations of (VEH S.82(2)(A) DRIVER NOT WEARING SEAT SEAT): 1
Total Mandatory Appearances: 0

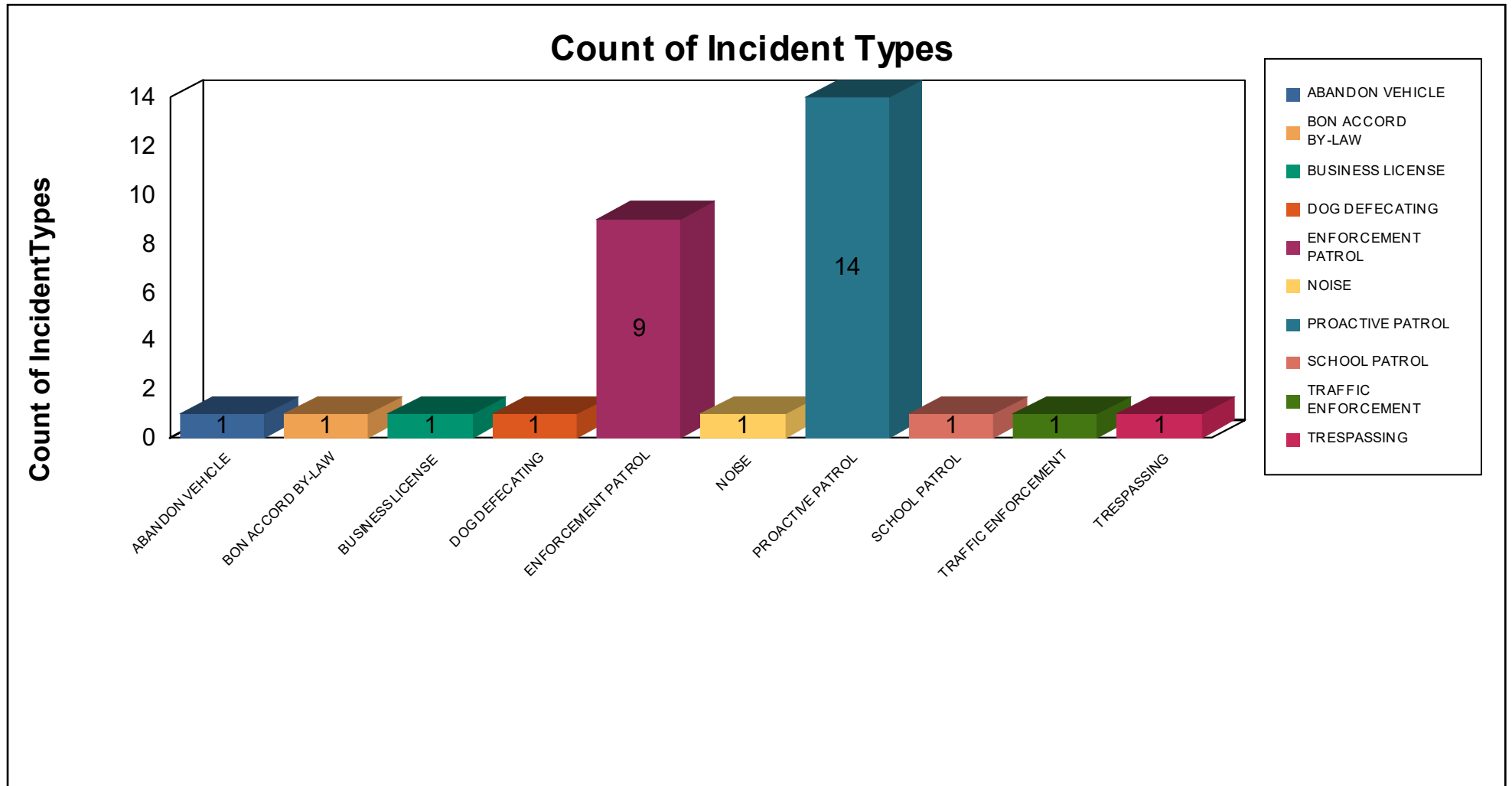
Grand Total

Total Number of Citations Reported: **3**
Total Fine Amounts Reported: **\$648.00**
Total Money Collected:
Total Money Still Due: **\$648.00**
Total Mandatory Appearances: **0**

Sturgeon County

BON ACCORD INCIDENT COUNT APRIL 2021 Statistics from Occurred Date: 4/1/2021 12:00:00AM to 4/30/2021 11:59:00PM

Incident Report



ABANDON VEHICLE: 1 3%

Incident Report

BON ACCORD BY-LAW: 1 3%

BUSINESS LICENSE: 1 3%

DOG DEFECATING: 1 3%

ENFORCEMENT PATROL: 9 28%

NOISE: 1 3%

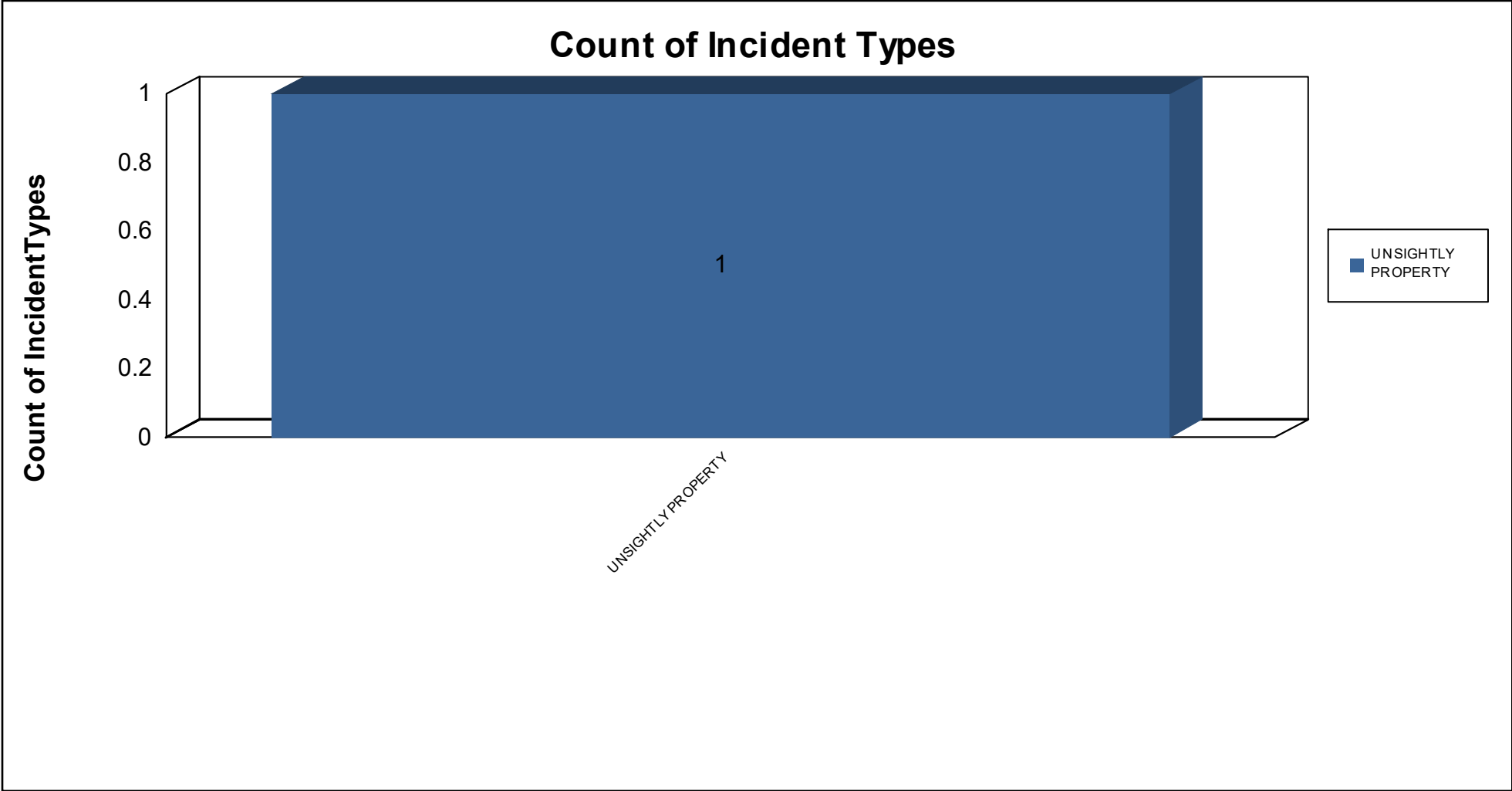
PROACTIVE PATROL: 14 44%

SCHOOL PATROL: 1 3%

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT: 1 3%

TRESPASSING: 1 3%

Incident Report



UNSIGHTLY PROPERTY: 1 3%

Grand Total: 100.00% Total # of Incident Types Reported: 32

**COUNCIL REPORT
FINANCE
MAY 2021**

GENERAL MUNICIPAL

Tax notices were mailed out to residents on April 30. The due date is June 30, after which a penalty of 9% on current outstanding amounts will apply.

Tanmar Consulting requested that the Town collaborate with them again this year to send out assessment requests for information. The request will go out by the end of May/beginning of June to fifty-two properties. Residents will have four options to respond to the non-mandatory, confidential survey: online (direct survey site or through Tanmar's website), fill out and mail back the questionnaire to Tanmar directly, or drop the questionnaire off at the Town. Tanmar has indicated that this questionnaire provides helpful assessment information, and this process is a preferred method due to the pandemic. Other means of obtaining this information in the past has been through on-site or in-home inspections, with resident approval. If a resident chooses not to respond to the questionnaire, it may mean a follow-up visit from the assessor when safe to do so, or an estimated value of interior details that may not reflect true value.

The Homeland Housing requisition has been paid.

ADMINISTRATION

Invoices for insurance, audit, and software services have been received and paid for the full year, skewing the actual to budget variance for expenses as the budget number for the year is allocated equally over the twelve months.

The fee to replace a lost landfill permit card has been increased to \$25. Originally the fee was \$5 for the first replacement, \$10 for each subsequent replacement. With the transition of Roseridge's information to their new system, administration was unable to look up customer information regarding past permits, initiating the change to our fee for service and eliminating the need to track permit history. As the permits are new RFID cards, they should be easier to maintain for residents than the previous paper permits.

Two administration staff will attend additional, more intermediate, iCity training. As we have been working with the program for over a year, more detailed knowledge of how the system works would be helpful.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

The fire hall rental payment has been received from Sturgeon County for the 2021 year. The invoice for the fire services agreement has been paid, as well as the first quarter bylaw enforcement services invoice. The RCMP police funding invoice has been received and paid; this amount will be reflected in the May variance statement.

PUBLIC WORKS

Roads are in line with budget. Water budgeted revenue includes a portion of MSI operating grant funding, not yet received. Truckfill sales are approximately \$14K under expected budget to date. This may pick-up over the summer months, depending upon demand and weather. Revenue for sewer and garbage is on budget. Expenses are currently slightly under budget.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Municipal planning expenses includes debenture payments for the electronic sign not yet withdrawn for the year.

RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES

The arena remains closed, expenses are therefore under budget. Parks and recreations will begin to have increased expenses as we move into spring and summer.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

JD 324L Wheel Loader – Total Project Expenses: \$81,016

Wetlands Study – Total Project Expenses *to date*: \$4,662

Falon Fayant

Corporate Finance Officer

Town of Bon Accord



Year-to-Date Variance Report (Unaudited)
for the year ending December 31, 2021
Reporting Month: APRIL

DEPARTMENT	REVENUES			EXPENSES			NET	NET	NET	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance	Budget
General Municipal	1,997,302	2,057,463	- 60,161	13,879	14,779	- 900	1,983,423	2,042,684	- 59,261	3%
TOTAL MUNICIPAL	\$ 1,997,302.00	\$ 2,057,462.67	-\$ 60,160.67	\$ 13,879.00	\$ 14,779.00	-\$ 900.00	\$ 1,983,423	\$ 2,042,684	-\$ 59,261	3%
Election	-	-	-	175	2,200	- 2,025	(175)	(2,200)	2,025	92%
Council	-	-	-	26,326	34,468	- 8,142	(26,326)	(34,468)	8,142	24%
TOTAL COUNCIL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,501	\$ 36,668	-\$ 10,167	-\$ 26,501	-\$ 36,668	\$ 10,167	28%
Administration	2,056	3,967	- 1,911	170,789	160,831	9,958	(168,733)	(156,864)	(11,869)	8%
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 2,056	\$ 3,967	-\$ 1,911	\$ 170,789	\$ 160,831	\$ 9,958	-\$ 168,733	-\$ 156,864	-\$ 11,869	8%
Fire Services	9,285	9,285	-	30,024	34,388	-4,364	(20,739)	(25,103)	4,364	17%
Emergency Services	-	-	-	3,767	7,780	-4,013	(3,767)	(7,780)	4,013	52%
Bylaw	1,759	13,079	-11,320	10,102	26,498	-16,396	(8,343)	(13,419)	5,076	38%
TOTAL PROTECTIVE SERVICES	\$ 11,044	\$ 22,364	-\$ 11,320	\$ 43,893	\$ 68,666	-\$ 24,773	-\$ 32,849	-\$ 46,302	\$ 13,453	29%
Municipal Planning	3,140	3,417	- 277	27,519	66,627	- 39,108	(24,379)	(63,210)	38,831	61%
Economic Development	-	-	-	25,758	35,195	- 9,437	(25,758)	(35,195)	9,437	27%
TOTAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT	\$ 3,140	\$ 3,417	-\$ 277	\$ 53,277	\$ 101,822	-\$ 48,545	-\$ 50,137	-\$ 98,406	\$ 48,269	49%
Public Works - Roads	-	2,273	- 2,273	102,677	139,705	- 37,028	(102,677)	(137,432)	34,755	25%
Storm Sewer & Drain	-	-	-	5,740	6,133	-393	(5,740)	(6,133)	393	6%
Water	153,373	172,364	- 18,991	140,563	185,395	-44,832	12,810	(13,031)	25,841	198%
Sewer	101,774	105,767	- 3,993	70,954	105,747	-34,793	30,820	19	30,801	157953%
Garbage	50,674	48,850	1,824	41,033	56,794	-15,761	9,641	(7,944)	17,585	221%
Cemetery	950	2,333	- 1,383	2,248	3,266	-1,018	(1,298)	(933)	(365)	39%
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 306,771	\$ 331,586	-\$ 24,815	\$ 363,215	\$ 497,040	-\$ 133,825	-\$ 56,444	-\$ 165,453	\$ 109,009	66%
FCSS	10,621	14,494	- 3,873	9,647	17,700	- 8,053	974	(3,207)	4,181	130%
TOTAL FCSS	\$ 10,621	\$ 14,494	-\$ 3,873	\$ 9,647	\$ 17,700	-\$ 8,053	\$ 974	-\$ 3,207	\$ 4,181	130%
Parks	-	6,667	- 6,667	20,905	45,487	- 24,582	(20,905)	(38,820)	17,915	46%
Arena	-	72,923	- 72,923	53,510	91,591	- 38,081	(53,510)	(18,668)	(34,842)	187%
Recreation	-	3,061	- 3,061	9,618	39,611	- 29,993	(9,618)	(36,550)	26,932	74%
TOTAL REC & COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$ -	\$ 82,651	-\$ 82,651	\$ 84,033	\$ 176,689	-\$ 92,656	-\$ 84,033	-\$ 94,038	\$ 10,005	11%
Library	-	3,493	- 3,493	31,194	18,537	12,657	(31,194)	(15,044)	(16,150)	107%
TOTAL LIBRARY	\$ -	\$ 3,493	-\$ 3,493	\$ 31,194	\$ 18,537	\$ 12,657	-\$ 31,194	-\$ 15,044	-\$ 16,150	107%
Total Excl. General Municipal	\$ 333,632	\$ 461,971	-\$ 128,339	\$ 782,549	\$ 1,077,953	-\$ 295,404	-\$ 448,917	-\$ 615,982	\$ 167,065	27%
Total Incl. General Municipal	\$ 2,330,934	\$ 2,519,434	-\$ 188,500	\$ 796,428	\$ 1,092,732	-\$ 296,304	\$ 1,534,506	\$ 1,426,702	\$ 107,804	8%

Budget Approved December 15, 2020

Council Report

Date: April 2021 – May 2021

Department: Public Works

Submitted by: Operations Manager

PUBLIC WORKS

- Natural Area Study continuing.
- Installed basketball nets in the 2 locations discussed.
- Installed 14 garbage can holders.
- Met with Morinville Hutterite Colony. Sheep should be at the Solar Farm by late May/early June.

ROADS

- RFD for road repair recommendations.
- Started crack sealing.
- Graded LS road 6 times.
- Filled some pot holes.

EQUIPMENT/VEHICLES

- Equipment maintenance ongoing.

CEMETERY

WATER

- Monthly water reads occurred on May 3 /21.
- Completed 20 Alberta 1st Calls in March.
- Water loss is at 14 % for 2021, April was 5.6 %. Water leak on 50th Ave discovered. There have been 3 leaks in the last month.

SEWER

SAFETY/TRAINING

- Safety meetings held weekly.

Ken Reil

Operations Manager

Public Works/Utilities/Recreation

Council Report

Date: May 2021
Department: Administration
Submitted: Joyce Pierce, CAO

Administration

Management meetings have been held on a weekly basis. The COVID situation remains the same for the Town of Bon Accord, the offices and chambers remain closed to the public and administration staff are working remotely until the latest restrictions change. Council meetings will be virtual and streamed on the You Tube platform. Appointments are made for the public that require assistance in office when there is no other option to help them. There has been a lot of correspondence received from across the province asking for municipalities to band together to support the following concerns of many Albertans such as supporting the RCMP rather than a provincial policing program, ceasing coal exploration on the Eastern Slopes, and the implementation of a Crisis Hotline number. Administration has responded to those requests as directed by Council, sending letters asking Provincial Ministers and MLAs to listen and to act on behalf of Albertan's needs and concerns.

ICF/IDP Update

I am happy to announce that the Recreation Cost Sharing Agreement has been fully executed and is filed. The Fire Services and the Enforcement Services Agreements have also been executed and are filed. As of May 12, 2021 the Intermunicipal Development Plan has been executed and filed. This long onerous task has officially been completed.

SREMP Committee Meeting

The SREMP committee meeting was held on May 6, 2021. The neighboring municipalities have given updates on how they are proceeding during the new restrictions. Offices and chambers are closed to the public, allowing entrance by appointment only. Some have been required to continue with more layoffs, where transitional jobs were not readily available to maintain the staff. Where staff can work remotely that is being done.

Regional CAO Meeting

General discussions regarding the current third wave of the pandemic and the restrictions impacting residents and operations.

Discussion surrounding the Recreation Agreement and the transitional requirements including: Identifying a system to track Town and County resident data usage, asset management processes and reporting. The team agreed to schedule the first meeting including developing a Terms of Reference for the transitional items in June 2021.

Further discussion regarding the Sturgeon Regional Partnership (SRP): the consensus was that Councils will likely support if results can be achieved. Clarification is required on next steps.

The County is developing a Candidates Training session and asked if there was interest in participating. AUMA is providing information to candidates online as well, Bon Accord has not participated in this type of training in the past. Sturgeon has hired Strategic Steps to present this program, the

anticipated cost to the town to participate with Sturgeon County is approximately \$300 - \$500 dependent on the number of municipalities participating.

National Public Works Week

May 18 – 21, 2021 is deemed Public Works Week.

APWA is proud to announce "**Stronger Together**" as the theme for the 2021 National Public Works Week. This year challenges our members and their citizens to think about the role public works plays in creating a great place to live. By working together, the impact citizens and public works professionals can have on their communities is magnified and results in the ability to accomplish goals once thought unattainable. Public Works helps maintain a community's strength by working together to provide an infrastructure of services in transportation, water, wastewater, and stormwater treatment, public buildings and spaces, parks, and grounds, emergency management and first response, solid waste, and right-of-way management. Public Works provides togetherness needed for collaboration with all the stakeholders in capital projects, infrastructure solutions, and quality of life services.

A posting for the position of Operations Manager will be out in early June, as Operations Manager, Ken Riel has resigned. Ken's final day of work will be July 16, 2021. Please, join me in thanking Ken for his dedicated service to the Town of Bon Accord and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

Meetings Virtually Attended/Attending

Regular Council Meeting	SREMP Mtg	Regional CAO Mtg
AHS Townhall Mtg	Management Mtg	Regional Fire Mtg
Northern Mayor's Caucus	LGAA Conference	CMOH Mtg AE Mtg

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Pierce, CAO

Resolution	Resolution #	Assigned to	Status
May 4, 2021			
Skateboard Park COUNCILLOR LAING MOVED THAT Council direct Administration to investigate costs and options to replace two pieces of equipment in the Skateboard Park that no longer meet current standards for municipal skateboard park equipment.	21-157	FCSS	May 18, RMC
Solar Farm Over Borrowing COUNCILLOR BIDNEY MOVED THAT Council directs administration to proceed with Option #2 regarding the over-borrowed funds and bring forward a Bylaw for 1st reading for capital project Skateboard Park renovations.	21-158	Finance	May 18, RMC
Re-Schedule Regular Meeting of Council COUNCILLOR LAING MOVED THAT Council approves a swearing in of the newly elected Council on Monday, October 25, 2021 at 8:30 am and further that the October 19, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council be cancelled. The November 2, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council will commence after the completion of the Organizational Meeting, which will commence at 7:00 p.m.	21-161	Administraton	Completed
2021 Federal Census COUNCILLOR HOLDEN MOVED THAT the Council of the Town of Bon Accord supports the 2021 Census and encourages all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at www.census.gc.ca . Accurate and complete census data support programs and services that benefit our community.	21-162	Administration	Completed
Community Standards Bylaw #2021-05 COUNILLOR BIDNEY MOVED THAT Council give the Community Standards Bylaw #2021-05 third and final reading, as presented.	21-166	Administration	Completed
Replacement of Damaged or Destroyed Trees Policy DEPUTY MAYOR MAY MOVED THAT Council approves the Replace of Damaged or Destroyed Trees Policy, as presented.	21-167	Administration	Completed
Road Closure Policy COUNCILLOR HOLDEN MOVED THAT Council approves the Road Closure Policy, as presented.	21-168	Administration	Completed

<p>Support for the RCMP (County of Paintearth) COUNCILLOR HOLDEN MOVED THAT Council accepts the letter from the County of Paintearth supporting the RCMP and directs Administration to send a letter of support to County of Paintearth Reeve Stan Schulmeister, The Honourable Jason Kenney, Premier, MLA Nate Horner, MP Damien Kurek, Mr. Curtis Zablocki, Commanding Officer for Alberta RCMP, AUMA Members, RMA Members and The Honourable Kaycee Madu.</p>	21-169	CAO	Ongoing
April 6, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council			
<p>MAYOR MOSYCHUK MOVED THAT during COVID-19 restrictions the Public Engagement meetings are live-streamed to the Public when feasible.</p>	21-123	CAO	Ongoing
February 16, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council			
<p>Asset Management Grant Application COUNCILLOR HOLDEN MOVED THAT Be it resolved that Council directs administration to apply for a grant opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program for the Town of Bon Accord, Asset Management Roadmap Project. Be it therefore resolved that the Town commits to conducting the following activities in its proposed project submitted to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Municipal Asset Management Program to advance our asset management program with the following three activities: · Development of an Asset Management Roadmap · Improved sharing of asset management information internally and publicly · Asset management awareness training for all staff Be it further resolved that the Municipality commits \$10,300 from its budget towards the cost of this initiative.</p>	21-054	Public Works	Working on grant application - ongoing
January 19, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council			

<p>2021 Census of Population COUNCILLOR HOLDEN MOVED THAT Council supports the 2021 Census and encourages all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at www.census.gc.ca, once available in May 2021. Accurate and complete census data support programs and services that benefit our community.</p>	21-026	Administraton	Completed
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TOWN OF BON ACCORD
Request for Decision (RFD)

MEETING: *Regular Council Meeting*

MEETING DATE: **May 18th, 2021**

AGENDA ITEM: **Skateboard Park**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approves up to \$56,000 for new Skateboard Park equipment and

THAT Council directs Administration to seek public input on the options presented for new equipment for the Skateboard Park within the proposed project budget of \$56,000.

BACKGROUND:

Two pieces of equipment that no longer meet current standards for municipal skateboard facilities were removed from the Skateboard Park in April.

At the May 04th, 2021 Regular Meeting, Council directed Administration to investigate costs and options to replace equipment in the Skateboard Park.

The following equipment options (enclosed) and costs (not including GST) have been provided by the Canadian Ramp Company.

Note: Options 1 -3 below do not show the existing equipment in the Skateboard Park. These options are based on replacement of the existing center set, wedge and rails that are nearing the end of their life cycle. Some existing equipment that is still in good condition (the ground mount rails, parking curb and picnic table) could be incorporated into these designs.

Option 1 (5229): \$55,495.84

Option 2 (5310): \$52,182.78

Option 3 (6950): \$55,809.45

Note: Options 4 and 5 below include all of the existing equipment in addition to a few new pieces of equipment and fall within the \$53, 241 that has already been designated to this project.

Option 4 (7283): \$52,588.17

Option 5 (7284): \$52,475.57

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- \$53,241 available from solar farm overborrowing designated to Skateboard Park.
- In order to fund Option 1 or 3, an additional \$3,000 would be needed from the recreational funding provided by Sturgeon County.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS: N/A

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: N/A

ALTERNATIVES:

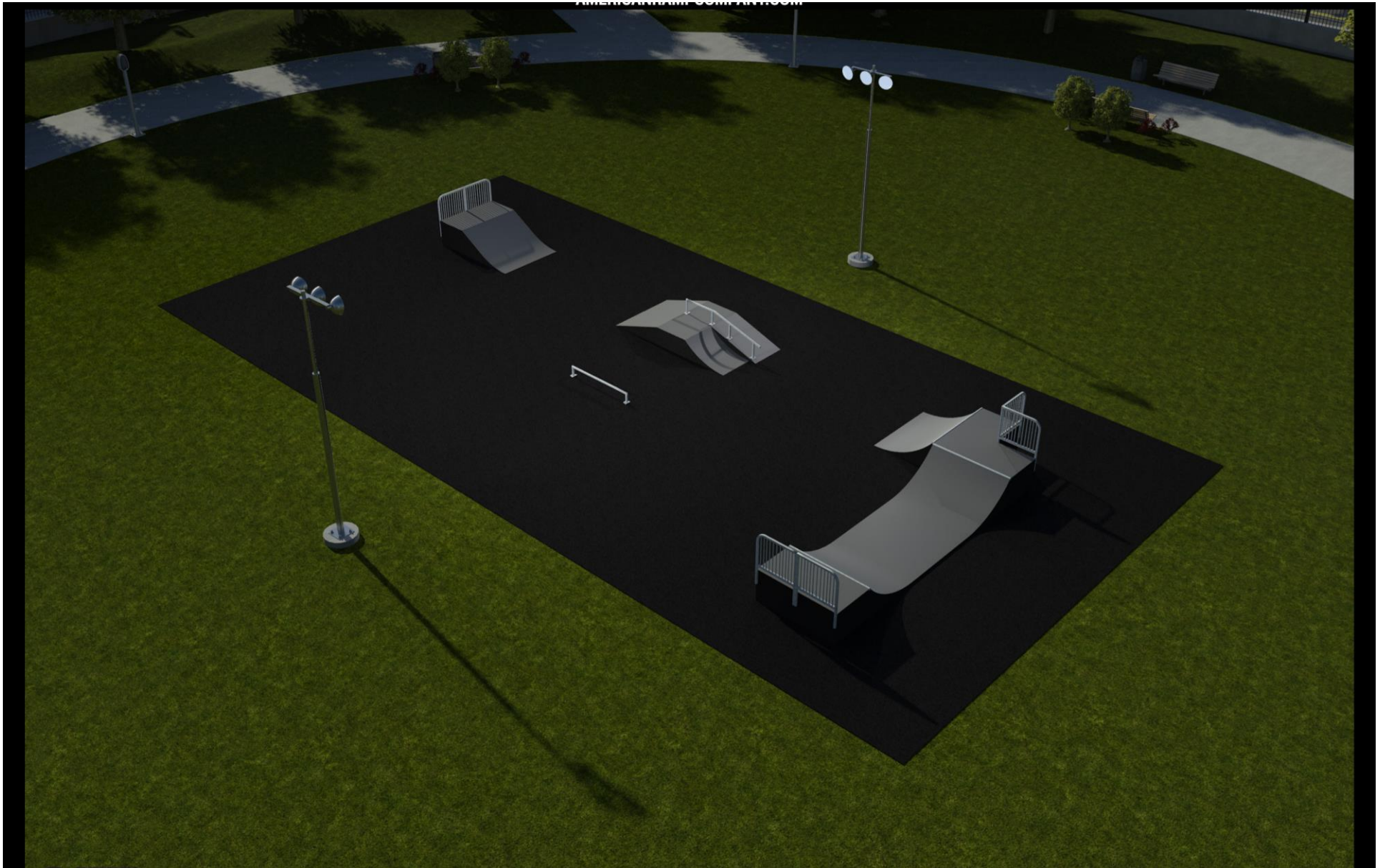
1. Set the maximum project budget at \$53, 241 and seek public input only on options 2, 4 or 5 that fall within that budget.

Prepared and Submitted By: Jodi Brown, Recreation and Community Services Manager

Reviewed By:

Date: May 18th, 2021

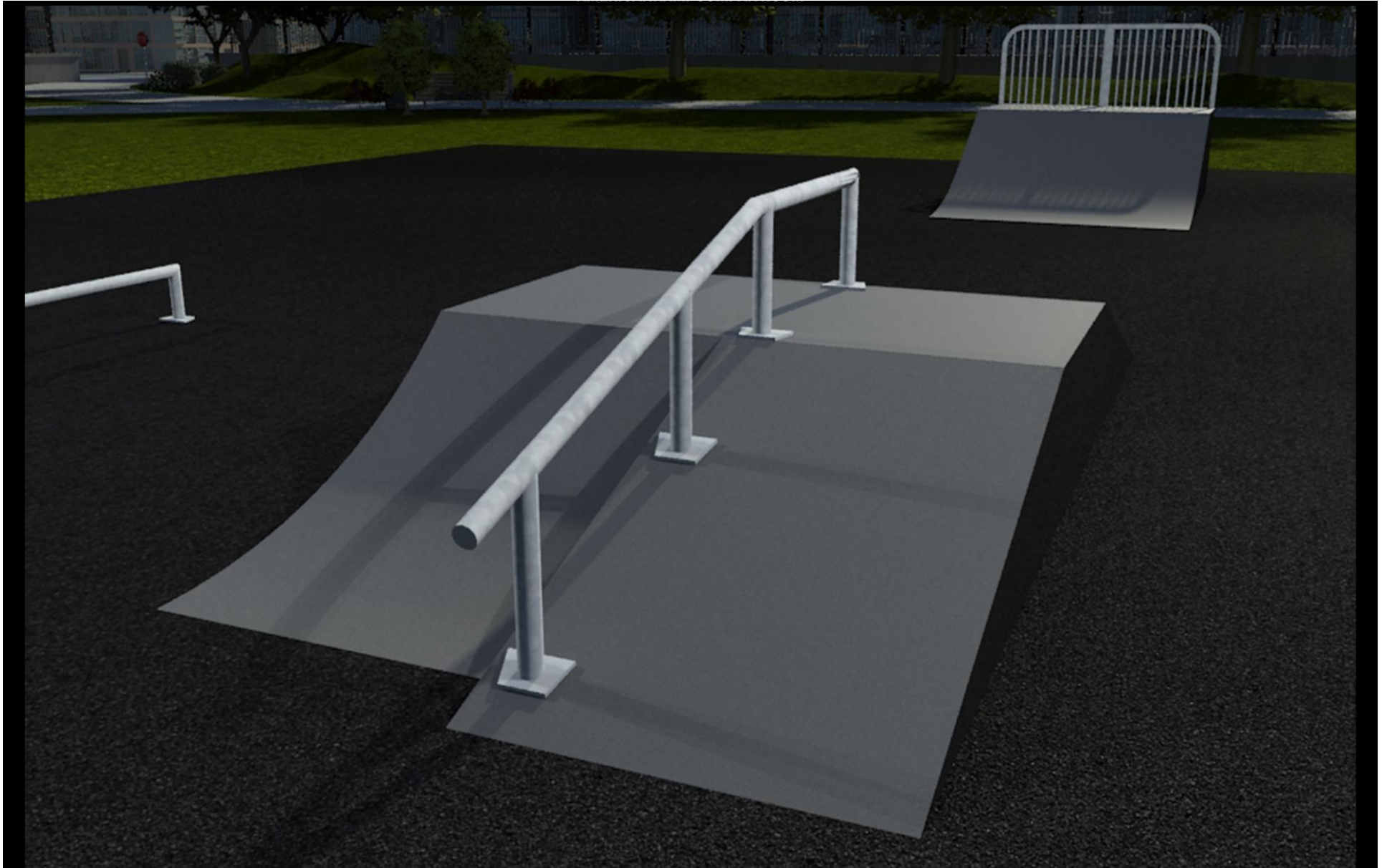
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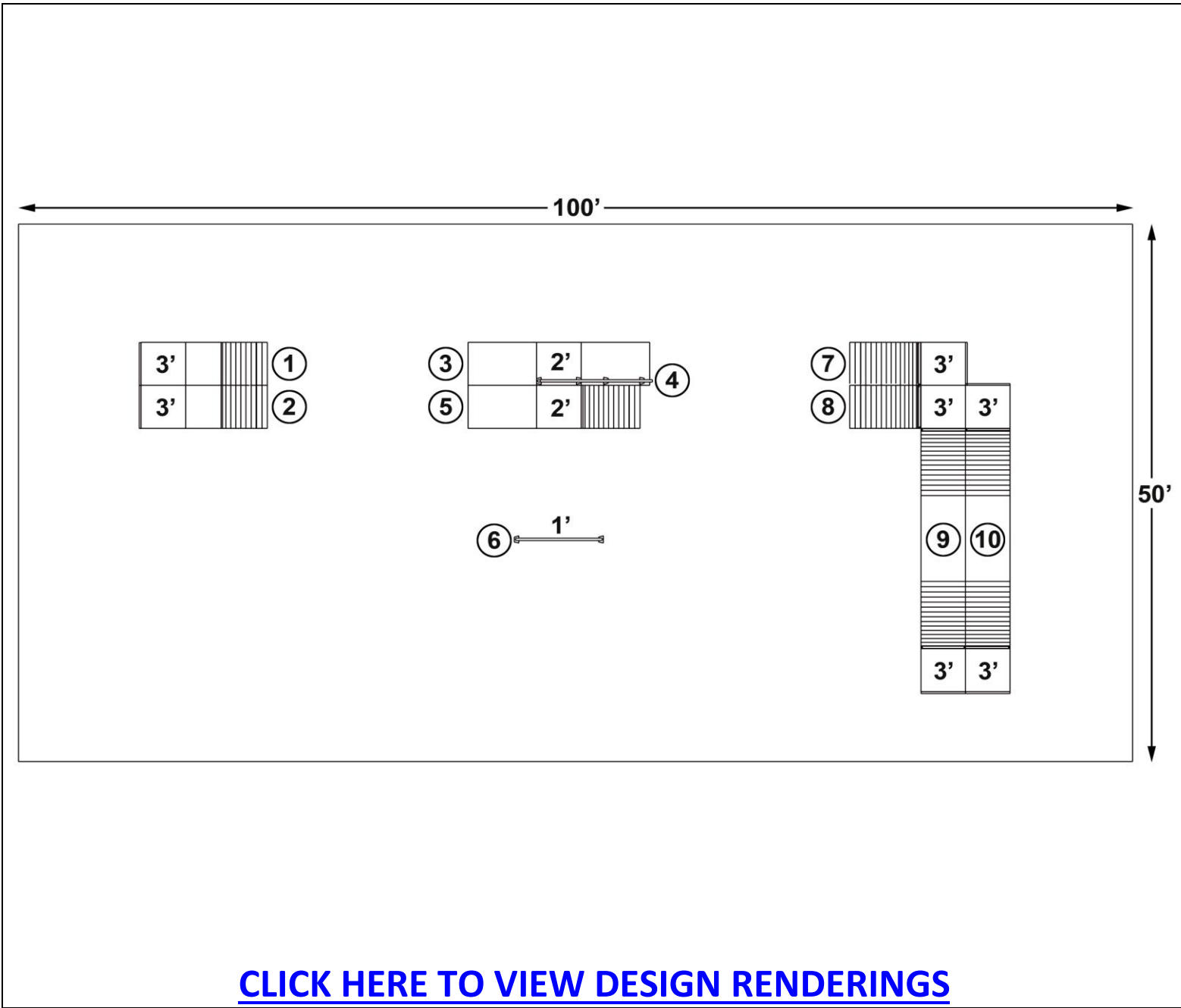
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PRO SERIES	yes
X SERIES	-
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PROJECT NAME	
Skate Park	
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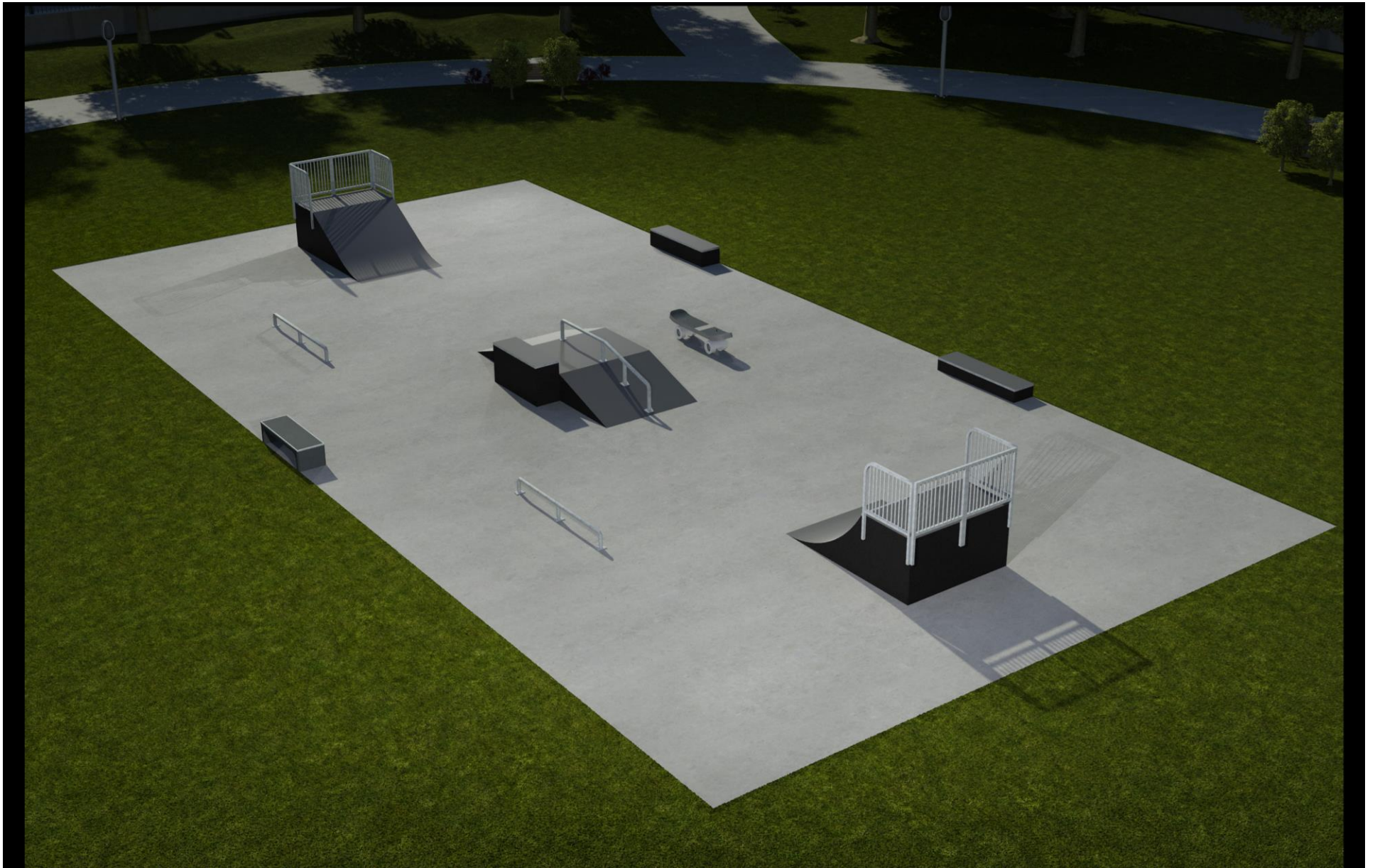
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2	Bank Ramp	3.0'	4'	11.0'	
3	Wedge, Flat, Wedge	2.0'	4'	16.0'	
4	Grind Rail, Kinked (Round)	1.5'	2"	10.5'	
5	Jump Box	2.0'	4'	15.0'	
6	Grind Rail (Round)	1.0'	2"	8.0'	
7	Quarter Pipe	3.0'	4'	10.0'	
8	Quarter Pipe	3.0'	4'	6.0'	
9	Half Pipe	3.0'	4'	28.0'	
10	Half Pipe	3.0'	4'	28.0'	

Subtotal	\$44,396.68
Framework Enclosures	\$4,439.50
Freight	FREE
Installation	\$6,659.50
TOTAL	\$55,495.84

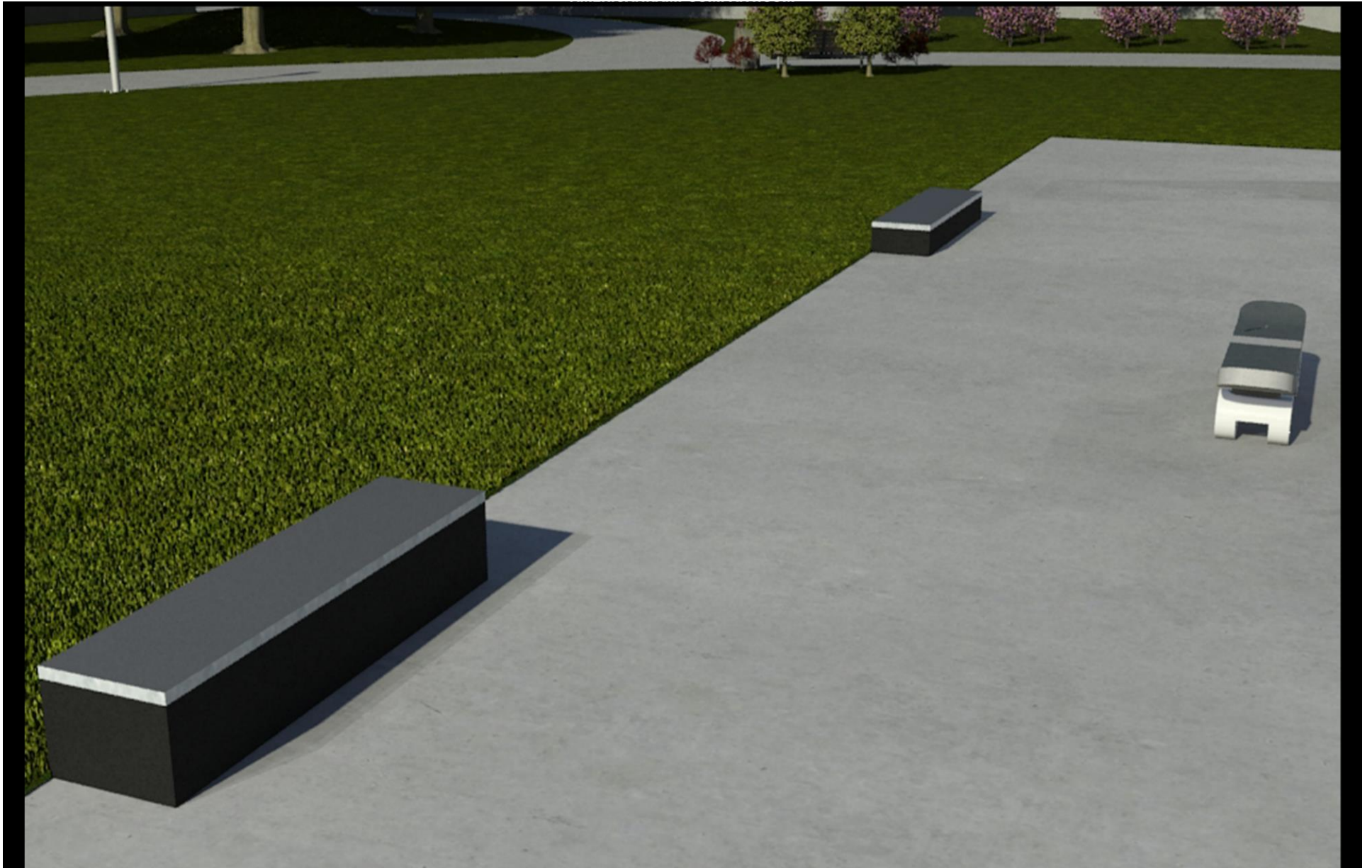
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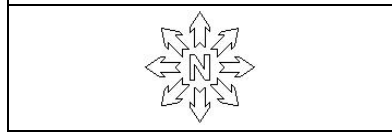
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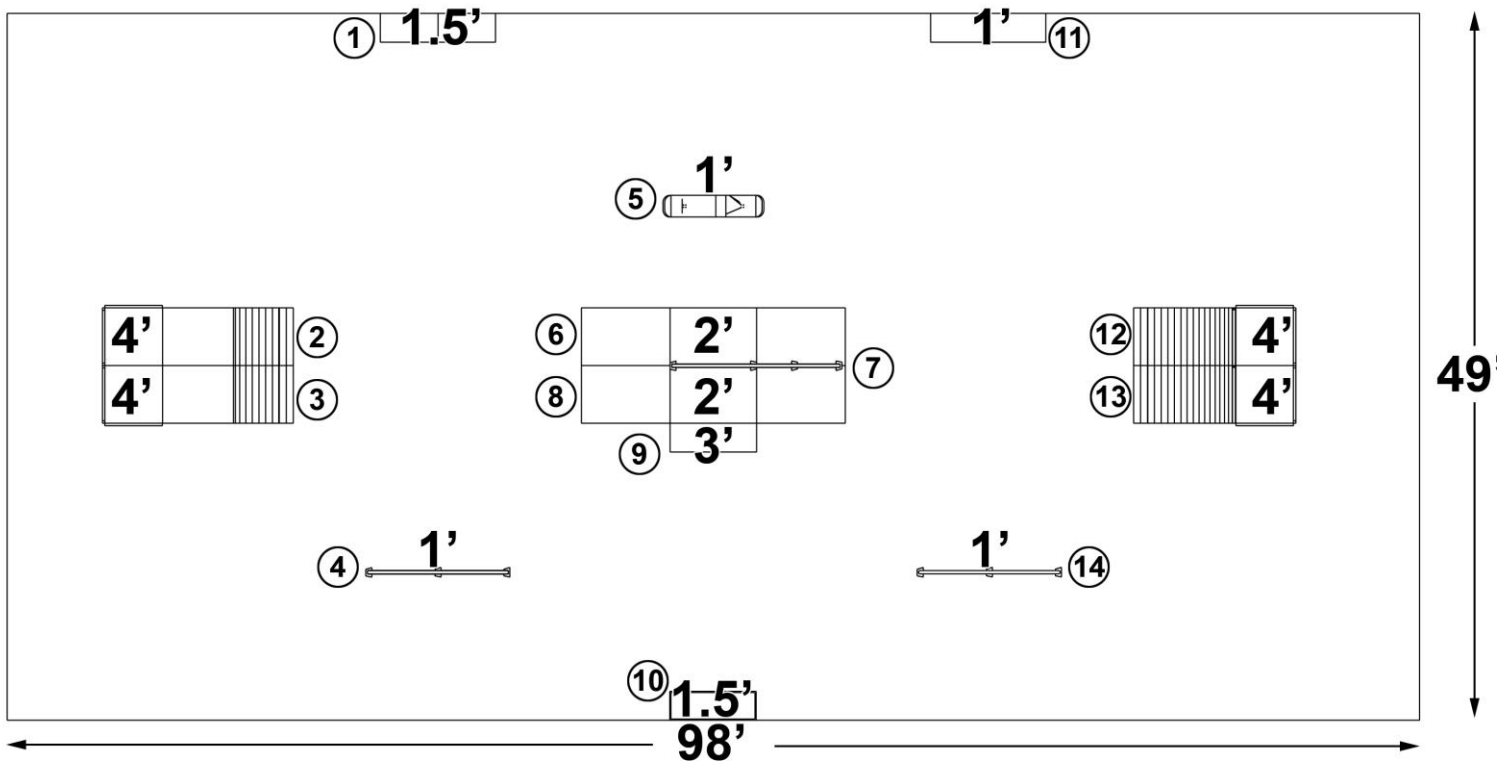
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STEALTH CLASSIC SERIES -

PROJECT NAME
Skate Park

DESIGN NO. 5310



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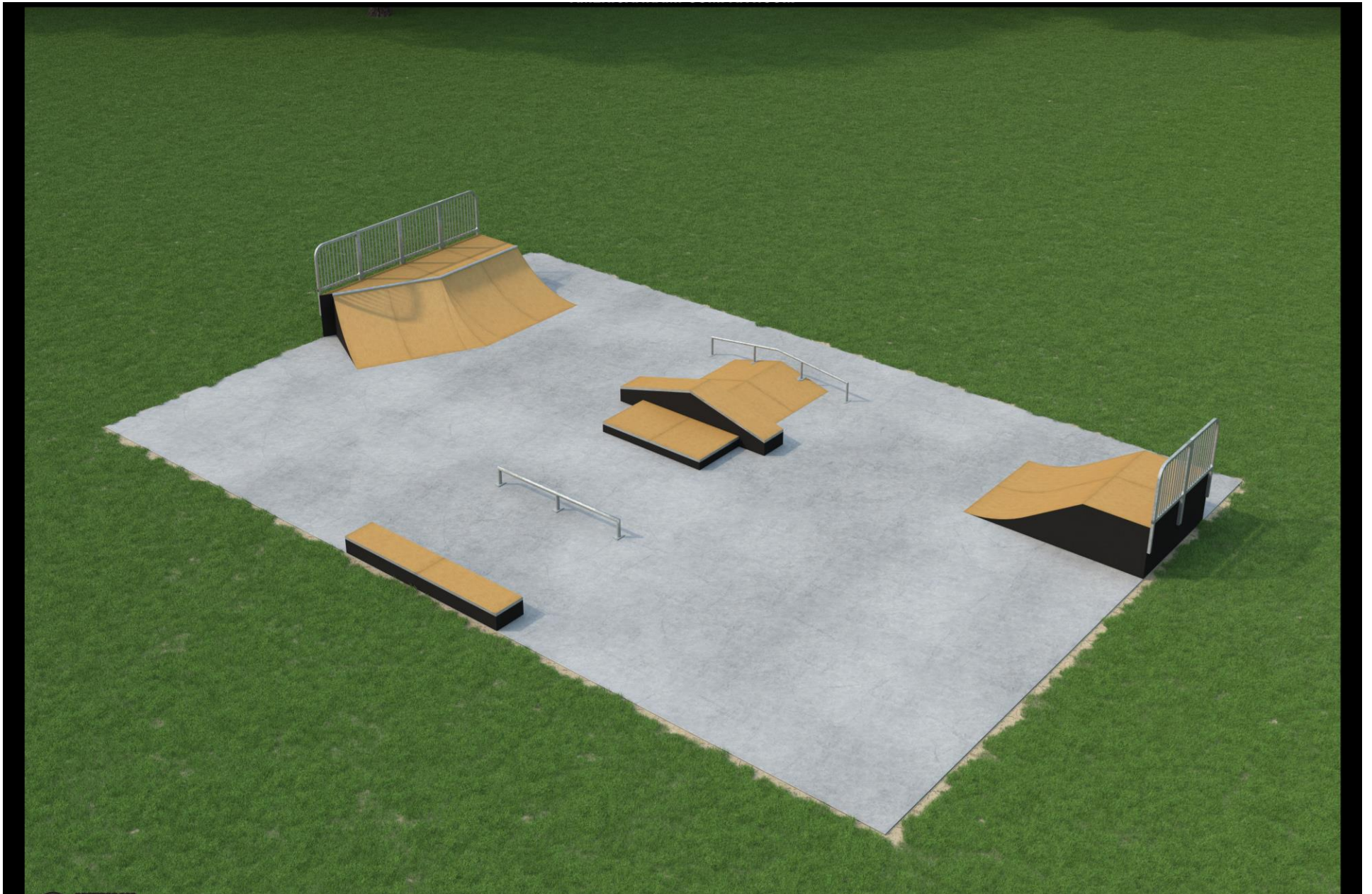
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1	Grindbox (2' Wide)	1.5'	2.0'	8.0'	
2	Bank Ramp	4.0'	4.0'	13.0'	
3	Bank Ramp	4.0'	4.0'	13.0'	
4	Grind Rail (Square)	1.0'	3"	8.0'	
5	Skateboard Bench (Concrete)	1.2'	1.5'	7.0'	
6	Wedge, Flat, Wedge	2.0'	4.0'	18.0'	
7	Grind Rail, Kinked (Square)	1.5'	3"	20.0'	
8	Wedge, Flat, Wedge	2.0'	4.0'	18.0'	
9	Grindbox (2' Wide)	3.0'	2.0'	8.0'	
10	Skate Bench (Concrete)	1.5'	2.0'	6.0'	
11	Grindbox (2' Wide)	1.0'	2.0'	8.0'	
12	Quarter Pipe	4.0'	4.0'	11.0'	
13	Quarter Pipe	4.0'	4.0'	11.0'	
14	Grind Rail (Round)	1.0'	2"	8.0'	

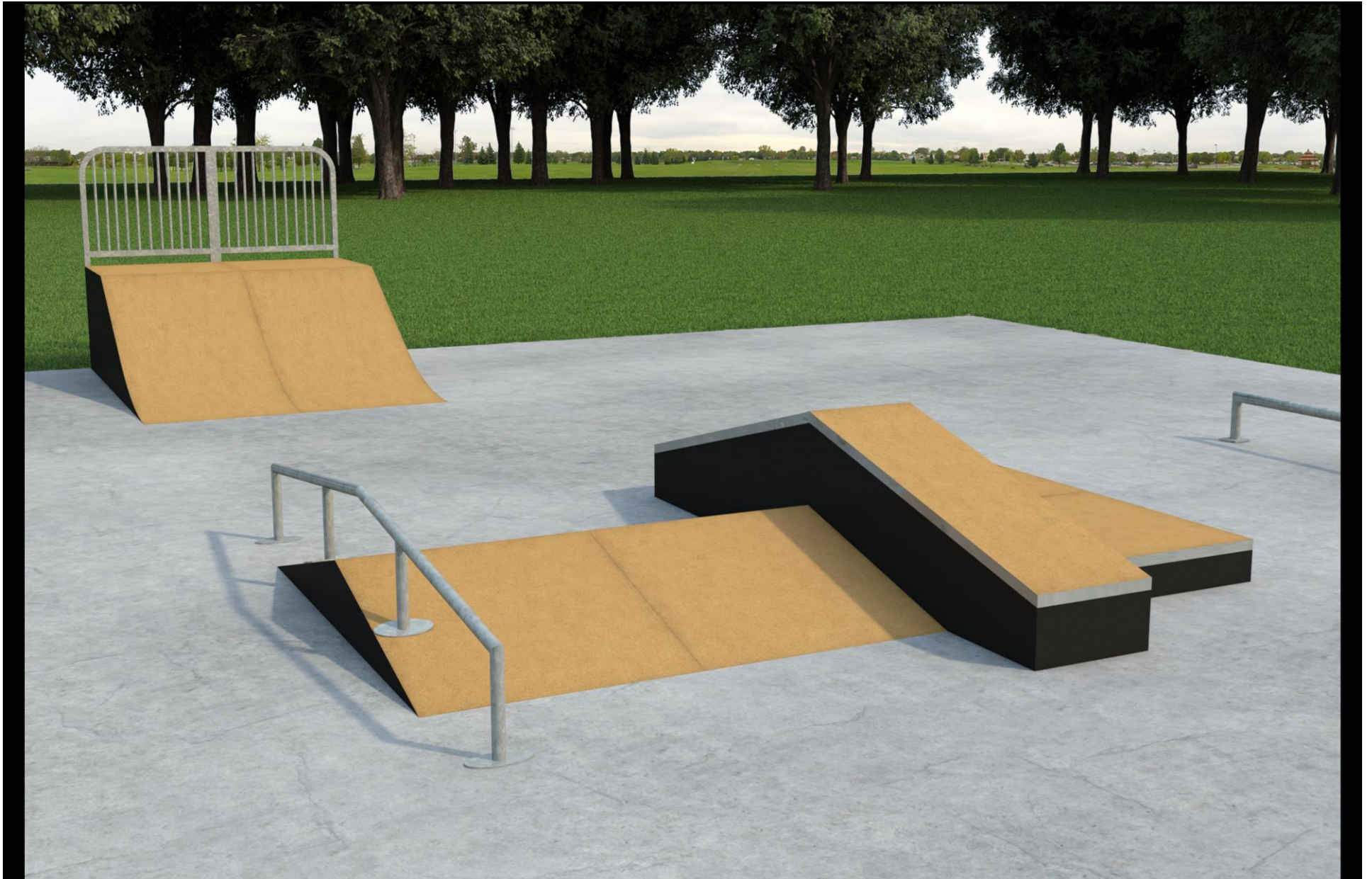
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Framework Enclosures	\$4,174.62
Freight	FREE
Installation	\$6,261.93
TOTAL	\$52,182.78

Notes:

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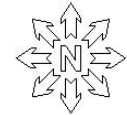
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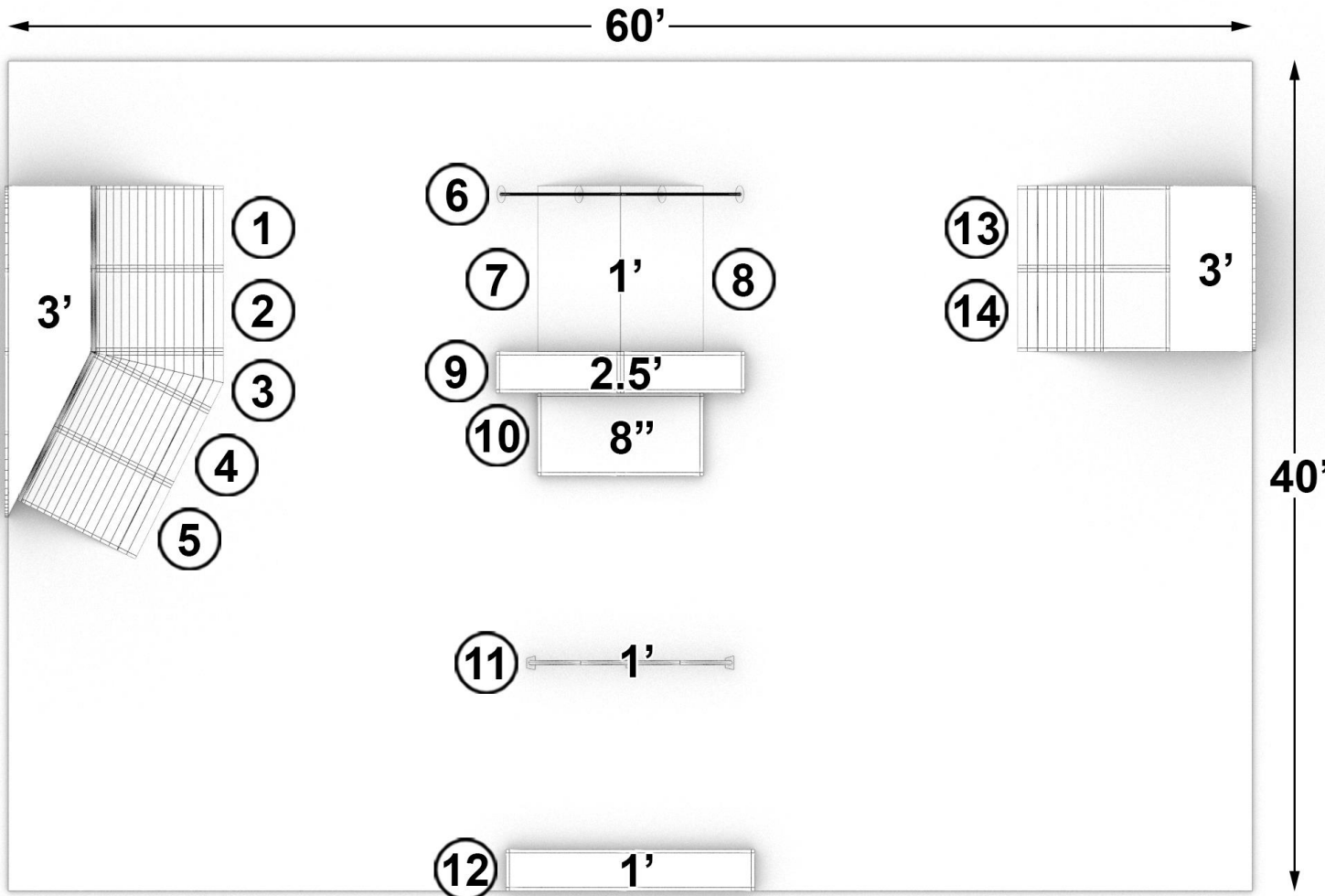
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1	Quarter Pipe	3.0'	4.0'	10.0'	
2	Quarter Pipe	3.0'	4.0'	10.0'	
3	Pyramid Corner (Radius) 26 Degree	3.0'	2.8'	6.2'	
4	Quarter Pipe	3.0'	4.0'	10.0'	
5	Quarter Pipe	3.0'	4.0'	10.0'	
6	Grind Rail, Kinked (Round)	1.0'	2"	12.0'	
7	Bank Ramp (Wedge)	1.0'	8.0'	4.0'	
8	Bank Ramp (Wedge)	1.0'	8.0'	4.0'	
9	Planter (2' wide)	2.5'	2.0'	12.0'	
10	Grindbox	8"	4.0'	8.0'	
11	Grind Rail (Round)	1.0'	2"	10.0'	
12	Grindbox (2' Wide)	1.0'	2.0'	12.0'	
13	Bank Ramp	3.0'	4.0'	11.0'	
14	Bank Ramp	3.0'	4.0'	11.0'	

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Framework Enclosures	\$4,464.76
Freight	FREE
Installation	\$6,697.13
TOTAL	\$55,809.45

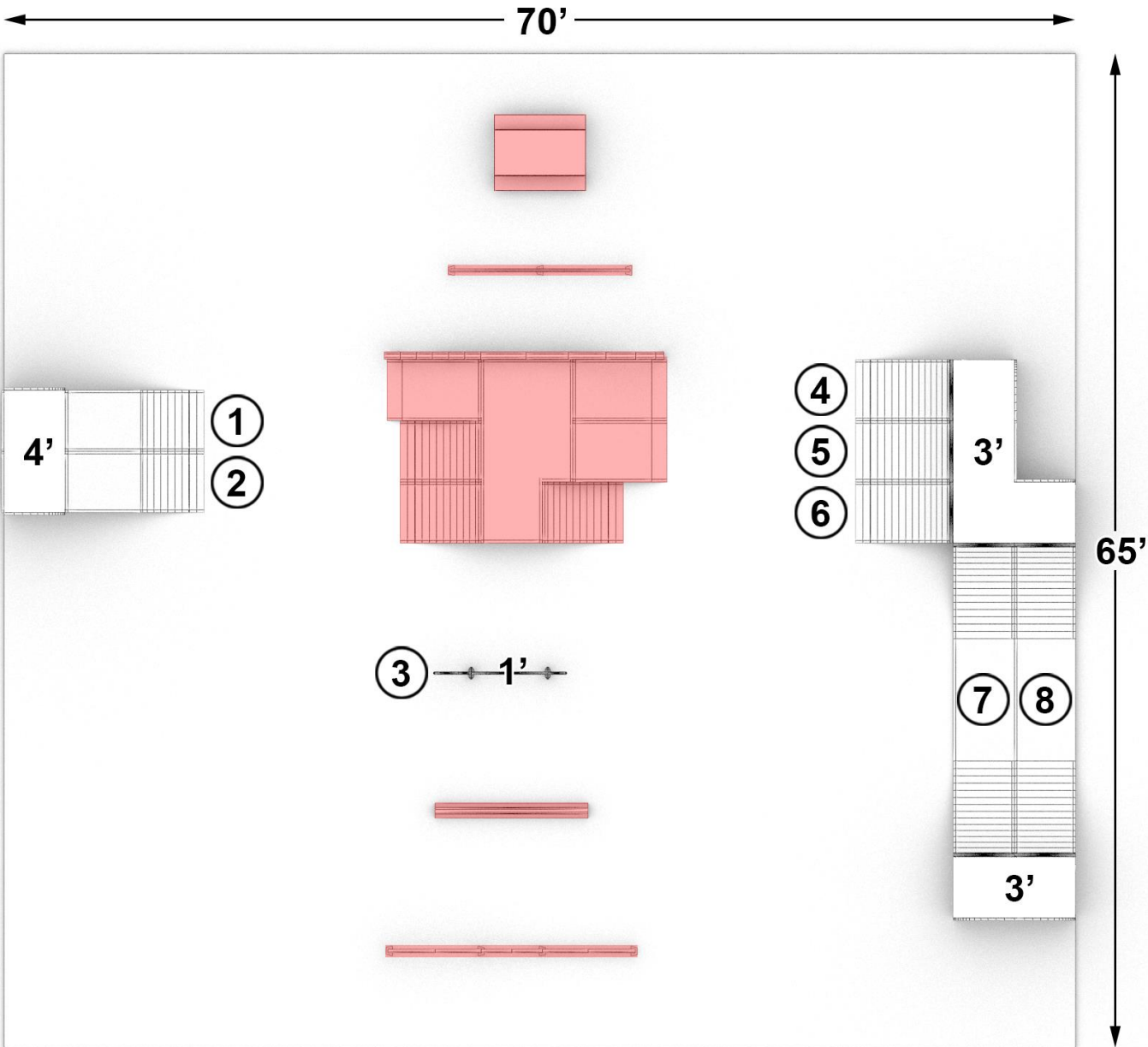
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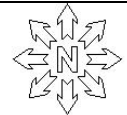
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PARK ENCLOSED?	Yes
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2	Bank Ramp	4.0'	4.0'	13.0'	
3	Old Skool Rail	1.7'	0.2'	8.8'	
4	Quarter Pipe	3.0'	4.0'	10.0'	
5	Quarter Pipe	3.0'	4.0'	10.0'	
6	Quarter Pipe	3.0'	4.0'	6.0'	
7	Half Pipe	3.0'	4.0'	28.0'	
8	Half Pipe	3.0'	4.0'	28.0'	
	Subtotal				\$39,689.18
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	Installation				\$8,930.07
	TOTAL				\$52,588.17

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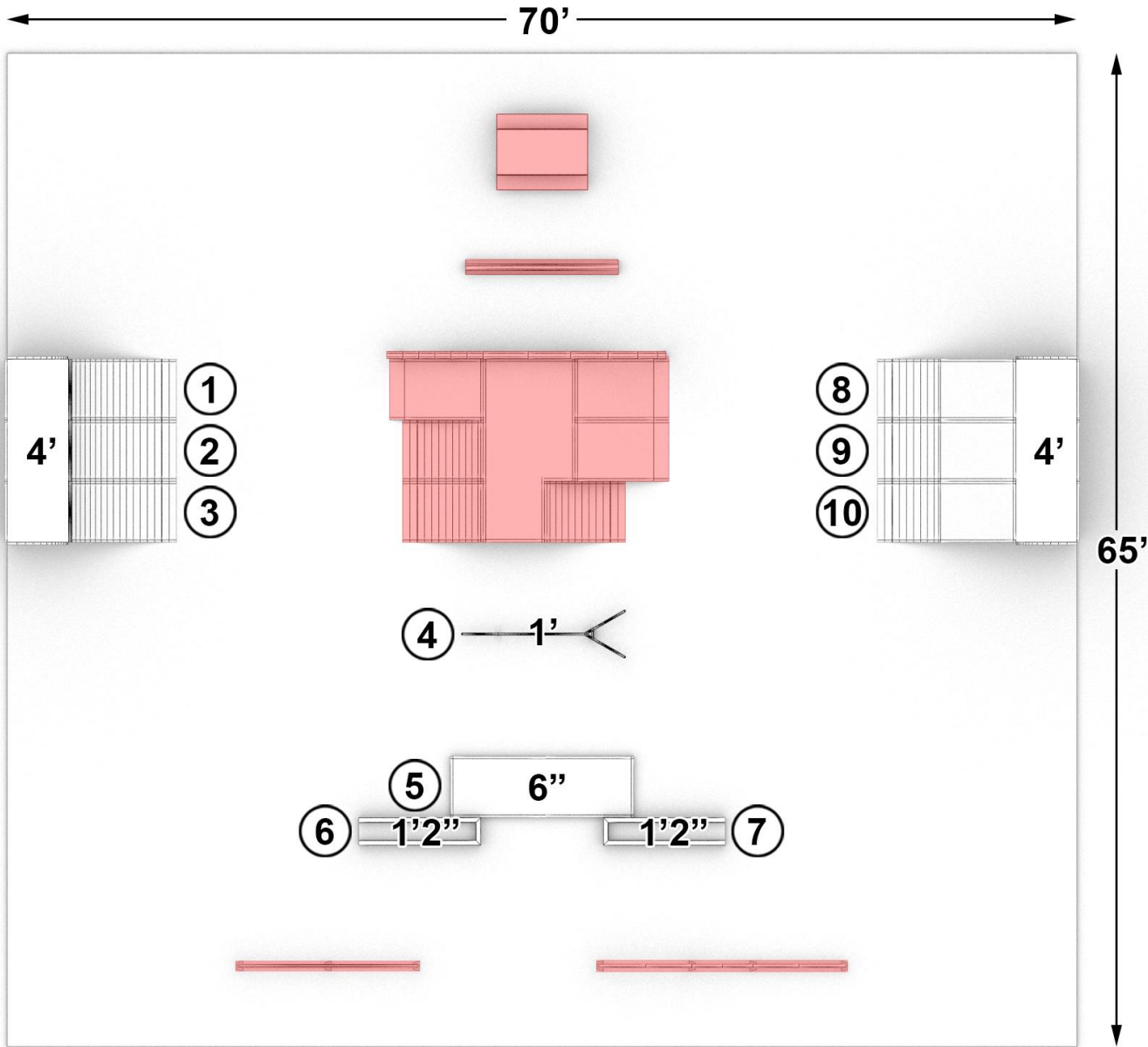
- Quote valid for 30 days. Taxes extra.
- Prevailing Wage is included in the installation.

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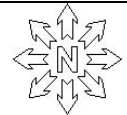
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CUSTOMER APPROVAL	DATE
PARK ENCLOSED?	Yes
PRO SERIES	✓
X SERIES	-
STEALTH SERIES	-
STEALTH CLASSIC SERIES	-

PROJECT NAME	Bon Accord Skate Park
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<u>Item</u>	<u>Obstacle</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Width</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Pro Series</u>
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Framework Enclosures	\$3,960.42
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- Quote valid for 30 days. Taxes extra.
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TOWN OF BON ACCORD

Request for Decision (RFD)

MEETING:	Regular Council Meeting
MEETING DATE:	May 18, 2021
AGENDA ITEM:	Declaration Seniors Week 2021
RECOMMENDATION:	
THAT.... Council declares June 7 – 13, 2021 Seniors Week in the Town of Bon Accord.	
BACKGROUND:	
At the September 1, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council, Council approved the Declaration of Special Days, Weeks and Months Policy, which included the recognition of Seniors Week.	
In 2021 Seniors Week is June 7 – 13.	
In recognition of Seniors Week, Town staff and community volunteers are planning to give out free gift bags to local seniors via drive through at the Bon Accord Arena on June 09 th , 2021 (time to be confirmed). Seniors that are unable to pick-up their gift bag may contact our office for assistance.	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: N/A	
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS: N/A	
LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: N/A	
ALTERNATIVES:	
1. Council declares June 7 – 13, 2021 Seniors Week in the Town of Bon Accord.	
2. Council does not declare June 7 – 13, 2021 Seniors Week in the Town of Bon Accord.	
Prepared and Submitted By:	Julia Miller/Jodi Brown
Reviewed By:	CAO
	Date: May 6, 2021



DECLARATION

In honour of the past, present and future contributions of the seniors of this community and throughout Alberta, I hereby declare June 7 – 13, 2021 to be Seniors' Week in the

Town of Bon Accord

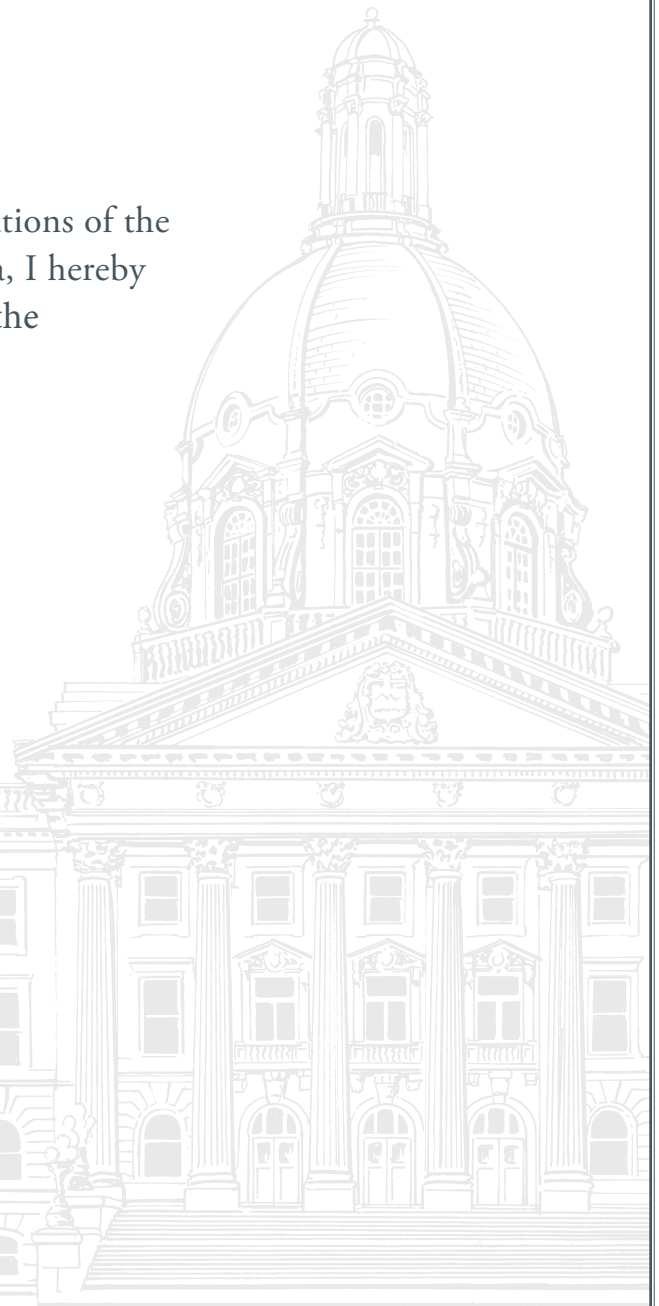
Community

Greg Mosychuk, Mayor

Official Title

Official Signature

The Honourable Josephine Pon, Minister of Seniors and Housing



TOWN OF BON ACCORD
Request for Decision (RFD)

MEETING: *Regular Council Meeting*

MEETING DATE: **May 18, 2021**

AGENDA ITEM: **Municipal Borrowing Bylaw – Capital – Skateboard Park**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT ... Council review and give first reading to Municipal Borrowing Bylaw - Capital – Skateboard Park 2021-06.

BACKGROUND:

The Municipal Borrowing Bylaw gives the Town authorization to transfer overborrowed funds of \$53,241 from the Bon Accord Solar Farm Debenture Account #4002754. The funds were overborrowed due to the solar farm project coming in under budget.

At the May 4, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council, COUNCILLOR BIDNEY MOVED THAT Council directs administration to proceed with Option #2 regarding the over-borrowed funds and bring forward a Bylaw for 1st reading for capital project Skateboard Park renovations. Resolution #21-158.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Principal sum: \$53,241

Term of the loan is TEN (10) years at a rate of interest per ACFA rate 1.592%. Debenture #400254.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Municipal Government Act – Section 258

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Council gives 1st reading to Municipal Borrowing Bylaw – Capital – Skateboard Park 2021-06
2. Council declines 1st reading of Municipal Borrowing Bylaw – Capital – Skateboard Park 2021-06

Prepared and Submitted By: Falon Fayant

Reviewed By: Joyce Pierce

Date: May 12, 2021

**TOWN OF BON ACCORD
BYLAW – 2021-06
MUNICIPAL BORROWING BYLAW-CAPITAL-SKATEBOARD PARK**

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF BON ACCORD, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO TRANSFER OVER-BORROWED FUNDS FROM DEBENTURE #4002754 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,241 FOR THE PURPOSE OF RENOVATING THE BON ACCORD SKATEBOARD PARK.

WHEREAS the Council of Town of Bon Accord (hereinafter called the "Municipality") has decided to issue a bylaw pursuant to Section 258 of the *Municipal Government Act* to authorize the transfer of already borrowed financing, for the purpose of completing the Bon Accord Skateboard Park Renovations.

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$56,000 and the Municipality estimates the following contributions will be applied to the project:

Capital Reserves	\$0
Provincial Grants	\$0
Recreation Grant	\$2,759
Debenture(s)	\$53,241
TOTAL COST	\$56,000

To complete the project, it will be necessary for the Municipality to transfer the over-borrowed funds from Debenture Account #4002754 of \$53,241 borrowed for a period not exceeding TEN (10) years, from the Alberta Capital Finance Authority by the issuance of debentures and on the terms and conditions referred to in this bylaw.

The estimated lifetime of the project financed under this bylaw is equal to, or more than TEN (10) years.

All required approvals for the project have been obtained and the project is in compliance with all *Acts* and *Regulations* of the Province of Alberta.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY DULY ASSEMBLED, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That for the purpose of completing the Bon Accord Skateboard Park Renovations the sum of FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$53,241) be transferred from Debenture #4002754 originally borrowed from the Alberta Capital Finance Authority by way of debenture on the credit and security of the Municipality at large, of which the full sum is to be paid by the Municipality at large.
2. The proper officers of the Municipality are hereby authorized to transfer the already borrowed portion of the debenture on behalf of the Municipality for the amount and purpose as authorized by this bylaw, namely the renovations of the Bon Accord Skateboard Park.
3. The Municipality shall repay the indebtedness according to the repayment structure in effect, namely semi-annual equal payment of combined principal and interest installments not to exceed TEN (10) years calculated at a rate not exceeding the interest rate fixed by the Alberta Capital Finance Authority.
4. The Municipality shall levy and raise each year municipal taxes sufficient to pay the indebtedness.

**TOWN OF BON ACCORD
BYLAW – 2021-06
MUNICIPAL BORROWING BYLAW-CAPITAL-SKATEBOARD PARK**

5. The indebtedness shall be contracted on the credit and security of the Municipality.
6. The net amount borrowed under the bylaw shall be applied only to the project specified by the bylaw.
7. This bylaw comes into force on the date it is passed.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 18th day of May 2021.

Mayor Greg Mosychuck

Chief Administrative Officer Joyce Pierce

READ A SECOND TIME THIS ____ day of 2021.

Mayor Greg Mosychuck

Chief Administrative Officer Joyce Pierce

READ A THIRD TIME THIS ____ day of 2021.

Mayor Greg Mosychuck

Chief Administrative Officer Joyce Pierce

TOWN OF BON ACCORD

The following is a list of my activities as Mayor from April 15, 2021 to May 12, 2021.

- April 15, 2021 Attended day two of the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA auma.ca) Spring Municipal Leaders' Caucus. (Virtual)
- April 16, 2021 Attended day three of the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA auma.ca) Spring Municipal Leaders' Caucus. (Virtual)
- Final three-day takeaways: Regional partnerships, communication, groups, red tape reduction, process updating, finances and reserves, assets, MSI, online presence, principals of local democracy, risk and disaster recovery. Leadership presentations.
- April 20, 2021 Attended the Town of Bon Accord – Regular Meeting of Council. (In-person)
- April 21, 2021 Attended the Town of Bon Accord – Special Meeting of Council. (Virtual)
- Meeting called to deal with time-sensitive land proposal.
- April 23, 2021 Attended the Northern Alberta Mayors' and Reeves' Caucus meeting. (Virtual)
- Invitation by Edmonton's Mayor Don Iveson to meet with The Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs.
 - Numerous regional issues raised by local leaders relating to relations with Federal government.
- April 26, 2021 Attended the Capital Region Northeast Water Services Commission (CRNWSC crnwsc.ca) Board meeting. (Virtual)
- External Audit presented on Commission financials indicated no issues or concerns. Audit accepted by Board.
 - Dealt with standard Commission business.
- April 28, 2021 Participated in the St. Albert Gazette's "St. Albert Signal" (stalberttoday.ca/st-albert-signal) podcast on solar energy generation and municipal involvement. (Virtual)
- Joined St. Albert's Mayor Cathy Heron and Innisfail's Mayor Jim Romaine in a roundtable discussion on each municipality's involvement in solar energy, and green energy in general.
 - Broadcast on Saturday, 01 May 2021. Available online.
- May 03, 2021 Introductory call with Sturgeon County's Mayor Alanna Hnatiw. (Telephone)
- May 03 – 07, 2021 Attended the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) 2021 Public Risk Conference (11 am – 12 pm daily). (Virtual)
- Covered risk management from different perspectives.
 - Of personal interest was the "psychology" of dealing with risk.
- May 04, 2021 Attended the Town of Bon Accord – Regular Meeting of Council. (In-person)
- May 12, 2021 Participated in a Government of Alberta Town Hall with Premier Jason Kenney, Minister Ric McIver, Minister Tyler Shandro, and Dr. Deena Hinshaw. (Telephone)
- Focused on Covid 19 public health restrictions.
 - Provided updates on the pandemic and available supports.

- Requested that municipal leaders help to encourage acceptance of restrictions for the next few weeks to help stop current spike. Want to avoid complete shutdowns and curfews and keep our hospital ICU numbers down.
- Next two weeks has 500,000+ doses of vaccine arriving in Alberta, allowing for increased jabs.
- If we stay the course, we may have restrictions lifted as early as early June 2021, and target of July to open province further.
- Questions on schools, limited opening, number reporting, etc.

General

Ongoing day to day, meeting preparation, and community engagement.

Notes:

As of 06 May 2021, Town staff has returned to working remotely from home due to the region becoming a Covid “hotspot”. Residents will continue to have access to services, and those requests that cannot be handled over the phone or through electronic means will be dealt with in-person by appointment only. Town Council’s return to Chambers may continue with limitations and protocols, however it seems prudent to hold meetings virtually for the immediate future. Increased vaccine availability and distribution is promising, however increased infection numbers are a sign that we are still battling Covid-19. We are not quite past it yet, but we are getting close. Restrictions are still required, such as limited access, social distancing, and the use of PPE. It is a good sign to see our local pharmacy providing vaccine injections as of April 12, 2021.

Covid-19 has created unprecedented challenges for so many people and organizations. Over the last year, Administration and Council has done an exceptional job in facing these challenges head on and continues to provide services and functioning governance. We shall endeavour to maintain and exceed as we battle this pandemic. I am pleased to see so many of our residents following Provincial restriction guidelines, and I appreciate their tolerance and understanding as we try to mitigate the spread of the virus. As noted in my report above, continued vigilance will help us overcome this quicker and allow a return to normal in a shorter time frame.

This ends my report.

Greg Mosychuk

Greg Mosychuk

Mayor

Town of Bon Accord

The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few, or of the one.

-Spock-

The “problem” is not the problem. The problem is your attitude about the “problem”.

-Captain Jack Sparrow-

TOWN OF BON ACCORD

Council report

April 15 – May 15-2021

April 15 Attended Municipal Leaders Caucus.

April 16 Attended Municipal Leaders Caucus.

April 20 Regular Meeting of Council.

April 21 Attended Special Meeting of Council.

April 27 Attended Joint Use Committee.
The schools are having a hard time with the amount of dog poop being found in the school fields. This area is not a dog park. Please help the schools by either staying out of the fields or please clean up after your dogs. Thank you!!

May 3-7 Attended AUMA Public Risk Conference.

May 4 Attended regular meeting of council.

May 5 Attended Community Service Board.

May 10 Attended Library Board Meeting.

May 12-13 Attended ACCPA Conference.

Notes:

I am very excited for two of my boards to come back to life. The Joint Use and Community Service departments are back. Hopefully, Jodi can find a way to reach out to our residents in a safe, fun, and interesting new way. Cannot wait to see what is in store.

Tanya May

Deputy Mayor
Town of Bon Accord

TOWN OF BON ACCORD

Councilor Report – for period of April 14- May 14, 2021

March 22, 2021	Meeting with the Minister of Transportation- I think this went better than anticipated and was happy with the outcome. Have already spotted “Alberta Transportation traffic counters”.
March 31, 2021	Public Engagement session- I am so pleased with this achievement and that we are moving forward with public engagement. I think it went so well.
April 7, 2021	EOEP Strategic Planning course
April 14-16, 2021	AUMA Spring Conference (online), it was interesting hearing from the Ministers and learning how things work. Listening to the concerns from municipalities, what they are facing and thinking forward.
April 15, 2021	EOEP Strategic Planning Course
April 20, 2021	Attended Regular Meeting of Council.
April 22, 2021	EOEP Strategic Planning Course
April 23, 2021	Attended Salutes Regular Meeting
April 29, 2021	EOEP Strategic Planning Course
May 3-7, 2021	11 am information sessions, provided by AUMA Public Risk Conference. I enjoyed it, this was very informative, for running municipalities and covering all the bases to ensure safety, financial safety and stability.
May 4, 2021	Attended Regular Meeting of Council
May 5, 2021	EOEP Regional Partnerships course. Learning tactics and solutions for partnership with counties and shareholders. Understanding both sides of the equation.

Lacey Laing

Councilor

Town of Bon Accord

TOWN OF BON ACCORD

Councillor Report – for period April 14 – May 11, 2021

- April 14-15-16, 2021 Attended AUMA Spring Caucus (virtual) An interesting 3 days. Day #1- From Municipalities & businesses working together to cut Red Tape to Economic Resiliency and Recovery Task Force report on Covid19 & low oil prices and How budgeting practices can lead to financial surpluses. Day #2 – Rachel Notley spoke then discussions on Keeping Local Elections Local. Day #3 – was the Premiers remarks and then 2 Minister’s Dialogue sessions.
- April 15, 2021 Attended EOEP Strategic Planning course (virtual) Four days of good discussions. I thought that the method used to put a Strategic Plan together was very similar to what we went through as a municipality; however, the facilitator did say something that I have been saying all along. Our Strategic Plan is a living document and must be visited regularly both to measure progress and to make adjustments.
- April 20, 2021 Attended Regular Meeting of Council (in chambers).
- April 21, 2021 Attended Special Meeting of Council (in chambers) Closed Session. Land Proposal.
- April 22, 2021 Attended EOEP Strategic Planning course (virtual) see above.
- April 26, 2021 Attended CRNWSC meeting (virtual) Auditor Presentation. No concerns. Commission Report and Commission Manager Report.
- April 29, 2021 Attended EOEP Strategic Planning course (virtual) see above.
- May 3 through 7, 2021 Attended AUMA Public Risk Conference (virtual) 5 days, 1 hr per day. Some good information as well as some very dry days. There were a couple of discussions regarding failing to plan for disasters. There was interesting information regarding Asset Management and the role the CSA can play in your Asset Management Plan. Everything from making homes safer to Stormwater Management. Vulnerability of assets is a focus of CSA. Link – ecologynorth.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/03DrainageEnweb.pdf.
- May 4, 2021 Attended Regular Meeting of Council (in chambers)

Brian Holden
Councillor
Town of Bon Accord

TOWN OF BON ACCORD

Councillor Report – for April 14 – May 11, 2021

- April 14, 15, 16 Attended AUMA virtual Municipal Leaders Caucus. Interesting presentations and discussion however events like this are much richer when done in person. Hopefully in a year we will all be able to gather again.
- April 16, 2021 Virtual attendance of the ACRWC. Several of our bylaws were consolidated and updated to comply with the MGA.
- April 20, 2021 Attended the Regular Meeting of Council.
- April 21, 2021 Attended virtual Special Meeting of Council
- April 22, 2021 Attended the Homeland Housing virtual board meeting. The Strategic Plan has been finalized and is perhaps the best I have seen yet. It will be shared among employees/staff first and will then be shared publicly. Committee appointments were made to the Governance Committee and the Opportunities Task Force.
- May 4, 2021 Attended the AUMA Public Risk Conference on HR and the changing landscape of relations, complaints and claims. Interesting information regarding Covid vaccines and making them mandatory for employees.
Attended the Regular Meeting of Council
- May 13, 2021 I will be attending the presentation by CMHC: Municipal Tools to Support Affordable Housing. I am interested in the predevelopment processes they are going to discuss.

Lynn Bidney
Councillor
Town of Bon Accord



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May 5, 2021

VIA EMAIL: ministryofjustice@gov.ab.ca

Office of the Minister
Justice and Solicitor General
424 Legislature Building
10800 - 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Attention: Honourable Kaycee Madu

Dear Honourable Madu:

Re: Letter in support of the RCMP

Please accept this letter as Edson Town Council's support for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and in opposition of the Provincial Government's recent proposal of an Alberta Police Force.

While the Province suggests that the switch from the RCMP to an Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS) will not cost municipalities more financially, we do not believe this is realistic. Who will bare the cost of this service? Currently, Edson RCMP operate out of a Federally owned building. Should there be a switch to an APPS, who would assume the cost of a new detachment? Not to mention all of the other infrastructure that would be required to build an APPS. It does not seem feasible that these costs would not end up being borne by the municipality and their residents and that these would not exceed the current costs of providing RCMP services, given the significant investments that would be required and the loss of Federal Funding.

Currently, the RCMP is our largest budgetary item, and this cost only keeps growing as the Provincial Government takes away sources of revenue and downloading additional costs to us. The Province has recently decreased the percentage of revenue from fines that municipalities receive. This money was used by the Town to directly offset the cost of policing. Further, just this year we received a bill from the Provincial Government for the provincial portion of Biology Casework Analysis Agreements expenses. A cost that was not the responsibility of a municipality in the past and was given to us with little to no notice. These cuts and downloads increase costs

to our Town by ~\$350,000-\$400,000; equating to a 3.5%-4% tax increase for our residents. Given this, what protections would be in place to ensure municipalities are not continuously charged more under an APPS model? It seems more realistic that it would only be a matter of time before more costs were downloaded to municipalities for operation of the APPS.

We have worked hard as a municipality to build a strong working relationship with our local RCMP Detachment. They are our partners and an integral part of our community. We are happy with the level of service our RCMP provide and their participation within our community.

We strongly encourage the Provincial Government to use the funds dedicated to researching an APPS, towards building stronger relationships with the RCMP and the Federal government to achieve desired outcomes. The Province repeatedly encourages municipalities to work with each other and come up with new and collaborative ways to provide programs and services to our residents in a cost-effective manner. We implore your Government to do the same and work with your Federal counterparts to achieve the Province's goals related to the RCMP and Policing and to emulate the principles in which they ask of municipal governments within the Province.

Yours truly,

TOWN OF EDSON

Per:



Mayor Kevin Zahara
/krp

cc: The Honourable Jason Kenney, Premier
The Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs
Mr. Martin Long, MLA West Yellowhead
Mr. Gerald Soroka, MP Yellowhead
Mr. Curtis Zablocki, Commanding Officer for Alberta, RCMP
AUMA Members
RMA Members



May 10, 2021

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RE: Letter in support of RCMP

Attention: Honorable Kaycee Madu

Dear Honorable Madu,

Please accept this letter as the Village of Hill Spring support for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and our opposition to the Provincial Government's proposal recently of an Alberta Police Force. The Village has received letters from many other municipalities that are also deeply concerned about this proposal; we share their concerns.

Municipalities throughout Alberta continue to be faced with the need to provide services and support for our residents while funding cuts are significant. This directly impacts the residents financially, many who are on a fixed income and already fiscally stretched.

The province suggests that switching from the RCMP to a provincial Police Force (APPS) will not cost the municipalities more financially and this council does not believe this is realistic. The costs of migrating to an APPS as yet are unknown and there is not enough evidence to support the idea that an APPS would provide an outcome of better results. While there certainly may be areas that need improving, council feels that is where the focus should be.

The Village and the local RCMP have worked hard to build a trusted and working relationship. We are happy with their level of service and their participation and transparency within our community.

Council echoes other municipalities and encourages the Government of Alberta to abandon the transition study and redouble efforts to work with the RCMP to achieve desired and better outcomes.

Sincerely,


Dwight Davis

Mayor, Village of Hill Spring

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May 11, 2021

Honourable Kaycee Madu
Minister Justice and Solicitor General
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RE: Alberta Provincial Police Service

Dear Minister Madu,

Please be advised that Raymond Town Council is opposed to the creation of a provincial police service to replace the RCMP. After reviewing the Fair Deal Panel's *Report to Government* (as well as the many letters currently circulating from municipal elected officials opposing a provincial police force) Raymond Town Council is voicing its opposition to the proposed provincial police force. There are a couple particularly concerning items identified in the Fair Deal Panel's report, namely:

- the Fair Deal Panel's recommendation to proceed with developing a proposal for a provincial police force, despite only 35% of Albertans believing the police force would contribute to the desired outcome of helping Alberta improve its position in the federation.
- Provincial and municipal governments possibly absorbing \$112 million policing costs currently covered by the federal government (which would be in addition to the increasing policing costs incurred by municipalities under the Police Funding Model).

In these times of increasing public participation and consultation, struggling economies and tighter budgetary realities, we feel the above concerns should have been enough to convince the provincial government not to proceed with researching this issue.

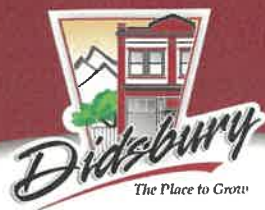
Furthermore, and perhaps most importantly, we have an excellent relationship with our local RCMP force and feel no need to replace them with a provincial force. The RCMP in Raymond have always been responsive to our Council's requests and have consistently delivered professional, quality public safety services in our community.

Sincerely,

Jim Depew
Mayor

Cc: The Honourable Jason Kenney, Premier
Grant Hunter, MLA for Taber-Warner
AUMA Membership





April 6 2021

Honourable Kaycee Madu
Minister of Justice and Solicitor General
424 Legislature Building
10800 – 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Dear Minister Madu,

Re: Alberta Provincial Police Service Transition Study

On behalf of Town of Didsbury Council, I am writing to advise you of our Council's ongoing support for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) as our province's police force of choice. As well, please know that our Council opposes the creation of an Alberta provincial service to replace the RCMP.

In listening to and reviewing the presentations from the recent AUMA/RMA Policing Summit in February of 2021, the opening presentation by you, our Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, spoke of "citizens demanding democratic, community-based policing, a renewed commitment to improving policing in the province, and the need for police to work with community partners and citizens to ensure effective community policing." Minister Madu, I am pleased to say that our community has democratic, community-based policing, our detachment meets with us regularly as part of their commitment to optimal two-way communication that invites, welcomes, and listens to our input, and our detachment also works with our municipality and our citizens as community partners. Your comment on your "Why Now" PowerPoint slide at the Summit references the "impact of George Floyd's death and public outcry," an American policing situation, "calls to defund the police," which to many means to add funds to social supports in policing situations, and "concerns of systemic racism," an issue our entire country continues to work to address and resolve. We believe there is no support shown that an Alberta police service would solve any of these issues any more effectively than the RCMP.

On your "Reforming Police - What are we doing now" slide presentation, I offer the following observations:

Improve Public Trust in Policing: We believe there is trust in our municipality and that it is not lost and/or diminishing.

Modern Governance Framework: The RCMP presentation by Deputy Commissioner was excellent; the RCMP present an impressive modern governance framework that constantly evolves with changing times, again displayed in our community.

Effective Police Complaints Process for Alberta: We all constantly work on better complaint processes, including the provincial government and our local municipal government here in Didsbury. The RCMP presentation displayed information about (and Didsbury experiences and is part of these) annual performance plans, community/detachment commander relationships, community reporting templates, and community policing advisory committees. We believe that working with the RCMP as the Alberta police force of choice is more likely to succeed than setting up yet another entity who will have to build from scratch, is costing millions to explore, and will cost hundreds of millions more to implement.



Improve relationship with Indigenous Peoples: This is an important and prioritized initiative across our country, not just in our province, and, again, the RCMP are most likely to succeed with the current initiatives they have underway in their system that display their commitment to improving relationships throughout the communities they serve.

Direct consultation with municipalities regarding the creation of an APPS has been limited. PwC's Phases, Activities, and Timelines indicate there have been envisioning workshops and interviews from October 12 through December 18, 2020. Of note our community was not invited to participate (and we have had an RCMP detachment in our town for 25+ years) and, in speaking with colleagues in our region (who have also had RCMP detachments in their towns for many years), I have heard no one indicate they participated in these workshops and interviews. If municipalities who are served by RCMP detachments are excluded from this conversation, valuable information and feedback is left unheard from affected municipalities.

The Policing Transition Study being undertaken by our province is in response to the Fair Deal Panel's (FDP) recommendation #14: Create an APS to replace RCMP. The FDP reported that 68.5% of respondents were from Calgary and Edmonton regions. Calgary and Edmonton have their own police services, which should be considered when studying the transition from the RCMP. Another FDP finding was that only 35% of respondents supported the idea of creating an APS.

Finally, in the Alberta Police Federation survey from October of 2020, it was found that "replacing the RCMP is viewed as a least helpful measure tested to improve Alberta's place in Canada." Only 8% say replacing the RCMP helps a lot, only 6% support replacing the RCMP, 81% of Albertans served by RCMP are satisfied with the service they receive, and 70% of Albertans oppose replacing the RCMP with an expensive new provincial police service.

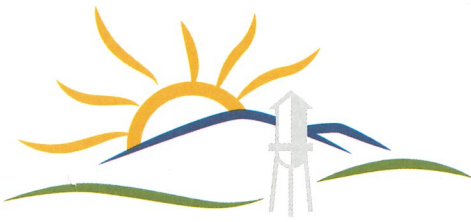
There is so much convincing support for the RCMP in Alberta, and, with the strong and effective RCMP that serve us so well in Alberta, our Council supports the programs, initiatives, and progress of the RCMP in meeting our community's policing demands. I again reiterate our Council's support for the RCMP remaining as Alberta's police force of choice.

On behalf of Council,

Yours truly,

Rhonda Hunter
Mayor

Cc: Nathan Cooper, MLA Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills
Town of Didsbury Council



Claresholm

Where **Community** Takes Root

May 11, 2021

Honourable Kaycee Madu
Minister of Justice and Solicitor General
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RE: PROPOSED PROVINCIAL POLICE SERVICE

At the last regular meeting of Claresholm Town Council held Monday, May 10, 2021, Council discussed the province's proposed plan to replace the RCMP in Alberta with a provincial police force. The Town of Claresholm has received communication from many other municipalities in Alberta through the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) that are deeply concerned about this proposal, and Council recently met with the National Police Federation who are advocating to keep the RCMP in Alberta.

Municipalities in Alberta continue to be faced with having to provide services and support for our residents while funding streams have been significantly cut. This means that our residents are directly affected financially by choices being made at the provincial level. The Alberta Government has instituted a new police funding model that includes communities under 5,000 such as ours to be charged on an increasing scale for policing that we have never been burdened with directly before. With this being the case, should the municipalities not be in a stronger position to have an impact on decisions that are being made?

The current Alberta Government seems to be very focused on moving towards a greater autonomy away from the federal government and other provinces. Having control over a provincial police force must be very appealing for a government that wants to exert its independence, however the Town of Claresholm is asking your government to reconsider this undertaking and focus on other, more pressing matters instead.

The Town of Claresholm appreciates our local RCMP Detachment and has a good relationship with the members. We feel very comfortable with the service that they provide to our residents. If your government truly cares about Alberta residents, this proposal should not proceed and more focus should be placed on working with the existing police force.

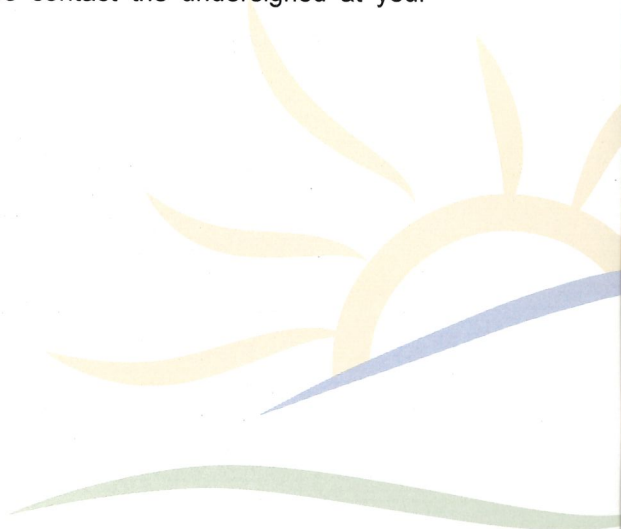
If you have any questions or concerns regarding this issue, please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Yours truly,

Doug MacPherson
Mayor
Town of Claresholm

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May 3, 2021

Honorable Tyler Shandro
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Dear Minister,

Re: Rural Alberta Vaccine Provision

Minister Shandro, COVID 19, has shown no geographic limitations, nor boundaries. Rural Alberta has been affected by the pandemic on the same levels as our major urban centres, if not, in some cases worse. Rural Alberta sees the population consisting of people from the very young to those being our most vulnerable and many of these being seniors.

Living in rural Alberta provides many opportunities that our urban centres can not provide, such as, tranquility, a quieter way of life and the comfort in knowing your neighbors and surroundings. However, a large challenge has presented itself, most recently in the way of vaccine provision. Tofield has been fortunate in vaccine provision, however, continues to run out. The provision of Moderna would be ideal, as our Pharmacists have identified this as the “perfect rural vaccine” this is based upon shelf life, storage, and the ability to have these vaccines administered. However, even with this, we still have well over 400 citizens on the wait list for this vaccine.

The other conflict is administering these injections to our seniors, vulnerable, disadvantaged, and incapacitated. These people often do not have the means to access the vaccine. These people can not access services in the larger centres which have been able to secure the bulk of vaccines. Minister, frankly, this is wrong as well as very concerning that not all Albertans are provided the same opportunity. It is not easy having these vaccines available in major urban centres and expecting these people to find a way to access this service.

Many rural Alberta communities have yet to receive a single dose of vaccine. How do these people obtain a very necessary service? Please take into consideration what has just been provided, Tofield and other rural communities can not administer vaccine to those in their communities due to shortages, as

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well as transportation issues, how then can communities without vaccine possibly have their citizens looked after?

With several rural towns, villages and counties being commuter communities for the purposes of work, providing essential services and people traveling to and from these communities from urban centres to get to their places of employment (E.g. Ft. MacMurray, Wainwright, Calgary, etc.)

A person would think that getting vaccines out to these areas would be considered an important resource in the effort to bend the curve. Everyone in Alberta is affected by the pandemic and everyone should be protected.

Minister Shandro, we understand the challenges that COVID has provided to your Ministry, your Government and Alberta. We understand that there are issues with supply of vaccine, however there must be a better solution for distributing a portion of what supply there is to rural Albertans. Minister, this is a plea to help those not in the urban centres. Rural Alberta is the lifeblood of our Province and can not be forgotten. Minister, we need a strategy, we need a metric to act within and we need results.

Sincerely,

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May 6, 2021

Mr. Damien C. Kurek
Member of Parliament
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Dear Mr. Kurek,

Re: Rural Alberta Vaccine Provision

MP Kurek, COVID 19, has shown no geographic limitations, nor boundaries throughout Canada and the world. Rural Alberta has been affected by the pandemic on a different level than our major urban centres, if not, in some cases worse. And these scenarios continue to worsen by the day. Rural Alberta sees the population consisting of people from the very young to those being our most vulnerable and many of these being seniors.

Living in rural Alberta provides many opportunities that our urban centres can not provide, such as, tranquility, a quieter way of life and the comfort in knowing your neighbors and surroundings. However, a large challenge has presented itself, most recently in the way of vaccine provision. Tofield has been fortunate in vaccine provision, however, continues to run out. The provision of Moderna would be ideal, as our Pharmacists have identified this as the “perfect rural vaccine” this is based upon shelf life, storage, and the ability to have these vaccines administered. However, even with this, we still have well over 400 citizens on the wait list for this vaccine. This number in the Tofield area alone is widespread and deeply felt.

The other conflict is administering these injections to our seniors, vulnerable, disadvantaged, and incapacitated. These people often do not have the means to access the vaccine. These people can not access services in the larger centres which have been able to secure the bulk of vaccines. MP Kurek, frankly, this is wrong as well as very concerning that not all Albertans are provided the same opportunity. It is not easy having these vaccines available in major urban centres and expecting these people to find a way to access this service.

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MP Kurek, we understand the challenges that COVID has provided to your Government and Alberta. We understand that there are issues with supply of vaccine, however there must be a better solution for distributing a portion of what supply there is to rural Albertans. MP Kurek, this is a plea to help those not in the urban centres. This is a plea from your constituents.

Mr. Kurek, at this time, the feeling amongst not only Tofield, but many in rural Alberta is that both our Federal and Provincial Governments have both failed us and forgotten about us. Rural Alberta is the lifeblood of our Province and can not be forgotten. MP Kurek, we need a strategy, we need a metric to act within and we need timely results.

Sincerely,

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