



AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BARRHEAD TOWN COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019 AT 5:30 P.M.
IN THE TOWN OF BARRHEAD COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Barrhead....a quality community....giving a quality lifestyle

Present

Others Present

Regret

1. Call to Order
2. Consideration of Agenda (Additions - Deletions)
3. Confirmation of Minutes
 - (a) Regular Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2019
4. Public Hearings
 - (a) There are no Public Hearings
5. Delegations
 - (a) Delegation at 5:30 p.m. – Ms. Rita Lyster
6. Old Business
 - (a) CRASC – ARB Member
7. New Business
 - (a) Monthly Bank Statement
 - (b) CRASC Agreement Renewal
 - (c) Volunteer Appreciation Funding Request

8. Reports - The Council Reports

(a) Council Reports as of February 26, 2019

- Barrhead Cares Coalition
- Barrhead & District Social Housing Association
- Chamber of Commerce
- Family & Community Support Services Society
- Library Board/Yellowhead Regional Library Board

9. Minutes

(a) There are no Minutes

10. Bylaws

(a) There are no Bylaws

11. Correspondence

(a) Information Items

- (i) A request to consider an animal protection bylaw to protect wildlife as pets
- (ii) Communities in Bloom 2018
- (iii) Alberta Municipal Affairs – MSI Funding Terms

12. For the Good of Council

13. Tabled Items

14. In-Camera

(a) Land – Pursuant to Section 24 of the FOIP Act

15. Adjourn

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BARRHEAD
TOWN COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019,
IN THE TOWN OF BARRHEAD COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT

Mayor McKenzie, Crs: T. Assaf, D. Kluin, R. Klumph, S. Oswald, L. Penny and D. Smith

Officials: Kathy Vickery, Interim CAO and Cheryl Callihoo, Director of Development & Legislative Services

Others: Barry Kerton, Barrhead Leader and Mark Cappis, 97.9 The Range

ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

The agenda was reviewed.

034-19

Moved by Cr. Penny that the agenda be accepted as presented/with the following additions:

- In Camera – Land
- In Camera – Land
- Reports – Physician Recruitment, BSN

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of January 22, 2019, were reviewed.

035-19

Moved by Cr. Klumph that the Minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of January 22, 2019 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARING

BYLAW 01-2019, THE LAND USE AMENDMENT BYLAW

Mayor McKenzie opened the Public Hearing at 5:32 p.m. There were 4 members of the public present.

Bylaw 01-2019 will rezone Plan 1933HW, Block M, Lots 4 & 6 from R4 – Residential to R2S - Residential to allow for the development of a small house subdivision.

Tom Keogh and Shay Brashaw, the developers, were present at the meeting.

Cheryl Callihoo, Director of Development & Legislative Services, advised that advertisements were placed in the local paper as well as posted on the Town's website as required under the MGA. To date the Town has not received any inquiries regarding the proposed rezoning.

Council reviewed and discussed with the developers and inquired if the proposal would be a rental or purchase residential development. Mr. Keogh advised it would be a bare land condo development and it would be the associations' decision if they allow rental units. Council also discussed road access to the development and possible upgrades to the lane. Discussion continued and Council thanked Urban Sky's for developing in our community.

036-19

Moved by Cr. Assaf that the Public Hearing be closed at 5:39 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

037-19

Moved by Cr. Assaf that Council give Bylaw 01-2019, the Land Use Bylaw Amendment second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

038-19 Moved by Cr. Kluin that Council give Bylaw 01-2019, the Land Use Bylaw Amendment third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EXITED Tom Keogh and Shay Brashaw exited the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

DELEGATION

Mayor McKenzie and Council welcomed Mr. Larry Jansen, Elsie Measures and Sharon Settrington at 5:41 p.m.

Mr. Larry Jansen, Elsie Measures and Sharon Settrington met with Council to discuss the Barrhead Bowling Alley. They would like to update the agreement with the Town to clarify responsibility for the facility as future upgrades need to be made to the facility.

Mayor McKenzie suggested the Association members meet with Administration to review the existing agreement and advised that Council will need more information on the state of the building before considering upgrades.

EXITED Mayor McKenzie and Council thanked Larry, Elsie, and Sharron for their presentation and he exited the Chambers at 6:03 p.m.

039-19 Moved by Cr. Assaf that Administration follow up with the Bowling Alley Association to review the existing agreement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CURLING RINK ROOF &
VENTILATION SYSTEM**

Associated Engineering's proposal for the Curling Rink roof replacement and ventilation system design was reviewed.

Cr. Penny inquired if solar panels could be considered when roof replacement is undertaken.

040-19 Moved by Cr. Klumph that Council approves Associated Engineering costs of \$78,100.00 for pre-design and design phases as well as the tendering and construction administration of the project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**LOT 38U – LANE
REQUEST**

Lot 38U lane request item is being brought back to Council for clarification of information motion was received.

041-19 Moved by Cr. Assaf that Council denies the request to create a lane access on Lot 38U.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CAPITAL REGIONAL ASSESSMENT SERVICES
COMMISSION (CRASC)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Capital Regional Assessment Services Commission (CRASC) appointment of the Assessment Review Board (ARB) Members was reviewed.

042-19 Moved by Cr. Penny that Council accept that in keeping with Bylaw 02-2010, the Assessment Review Board Bylaw, Council of the Town of Barrhead hereby appoints the following individuals: Judy Bennett, Darlene Chartrand, Tina Groszko, Stewart Hennig, Richard Knowles and Raymond Ralph, as members of the Assessment Review Board that may from time to time be required to hear assessment related complaints and appoint Richard Barham as the Assessment Review Board Clerk, all the above for a term ending December 31, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**TOURISM AND GROWTH
INNOVATION GRANT**

Council reviewed the Tourism and Growth Innovation Grant.

043-19 Moved by Cr. Smith that Council accept the letter from Alberta Culture and Tourism regarding the successful Tourism Growth Innovation Fund (TGIF) grant application with funding of \$54,000.00, towards the Barrhead Destination Branding Project as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**REPORTS TO
COUNCIL**

The following Reports to Council as of February 12, 2019, were reviewed:

- Barrhead Agricultural Society
- Twinning Committee
- Physician Recruitment
- BSN

044-19 Moved by Cr. Oswald that the following Reports to Council as of February 12, 2019, be accepted as information:

- Barrhead Agricultural Society
- Twinning Committee
- Physician Recruitment
- BSN

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**INFORMATION
ITEM**

The following information item was reviewed:

- AltaGas Utilities Inc. – Change in Management
- ACP Grant Funding Approval
- Fortis distribution and transmission rate change update

045-19 Moved by Cr. Penny that the information items be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**FOR THE GOOD
OF COUNCIL**

- Public Works were commended for their work around Town
- Commended the garbage crew for job well done
- Commended the organizers of the Critters RCMP Hockey Game
- Cr. Klumph thanked the Barrhead Leader on the crime reduction article

IN-CAMERA – LAND UPDATE FOIP ACT SECTION 24

046-19 Moved by Cr. Smith that Council go in-camera at 6:25 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OUT-OF-CAMERA

047-19 Moved by Cr. Penny that Council come out-of-camera at 6:59 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURN

048-19 Moved by Cr. Penny that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TOWN OF BARRHEAD

Mayor, David McKenzie

Interim CAO, Kathy Vickery



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Date: February 26, 2019
To: Mayor McKenzie & Members of Council
From: Kathy Vickery, Interim CAO
Re: Delegation

Summary

Delegation – Ms. Rita Lyster at 5:30 p.m.

Overview

Ms. Lyster will be meeting with Council to discuss a funding request for the upcoming Barrhead Skills weekend event for post secondary Health Care Students.

Recommendations

Recommendation #1

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That Council accept the delegation as information. <p>OR</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. That Council provides funding towards the Barrhead Skills Weekend for post secondary Health Care Students. |
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Respectfully Submitted by:

Kathy Vickery
Interim CAO



REQUEST FOR DECISIONS

Date: February 26, 2019
To: Mayor McKenzie & Members of Council
From: Kathy Vickery, Interim CAO
Re: CRASC – ARB Member

Summary

CRASC – ARB Member

Overview

As requested by the Capital Regional Assessment Services Commission. Mr. Raymond Ralph must be appointed separately as the Chairman.

Recommendations

Recommendation #1

That Council appoint Mr. Raymond Ralph as the Chair of the Assessment Review Board for a term ending December 31, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Kathy Vickery
Interim CAO

Cheryl Callihoo

From: Archie Grover
Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 11:23 AM
To: Cheryl Callihoo
Cc: 'Richard Barham'
Subject: RE: CRASC ARB members

Good Afternoon Cheryl,

Thank you for advising us that your Council has appointed your ARB Officials fo2019. The resolution is all correct except for the fact that you omitted appointing Raymond Ralph as the Chairman. Although Mr. Ralph is a panelist and must be appointed as such he must also be appointed separately as the Chairman. Will you please see that this is done and advise me accordingly.

Thank you and a Happy Valentines Day to You, to Cathy and to Martin.

Archie.

Archie Grover, Manager
Capital Region Assessment Services Commission
11810 Kingsway Avenue NW
Edmonton AB T5G 0X5
Telephone (780) 438-2052



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Date: February 26, 2019
To: Mayor McKenzie & Members of Council
From: Kathy Vickery, Interim CAO
Re: Monthly Bank Statement

Summary

The Monthly Bank Statement for the month ended January 31, 2019.

Overview

Recommendations

Recommendation #1

That Council receive as information the Monthly Bank Statement for the month ended January 31, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Kathy Vickery
Interim CAO

**TOWN OF BARRHEAD
MONTHLY BANK STATEMENT
FOR MONTH ENDED JANUARY 31, 2019**

PER TOWN OF BARRHEAD:	ATB FINANCIAL GENERAL ACCOUNT	TERM DEPOSITS
Net Balance - Previous Month	1,132,627.03	5,519,243.93
Receipts	405,165.53	
Direct Deposits	675,996.34	
Interest	13,292.36	
Loan Proceeds	0.00	
Transfers from/to Term Deposits	2,000,000.00	7,048.99
Cancelled Cheques	0.00	
SUBTOTAL	4,227,081.26	5,526,292.92
Disbursements	749,066.16	
Debentures/Interest	0.00	
School Requisition	0.00	
Transfers from/to General	7,048.99	2,000,000.00
NSF/Returned Cheques or Transfers	262.92	
Postdated Cheques	0.00	
NET BALANCE AT END OF MONTH	3,470,703.19	3,526,292.92

PER BANK:		
Balance at end of month	3,611,081.12	3,526,292.92
Outstanding Deposits	24,918.58	
SUBTOTAL	3,635,999.70	3,526,292.92
Outstanding Cheques	165,296.51	
NET BALANCE AT END OF MONTH	3,470,703.19	3,526,292.92

**TERM DEPOSIT SUMMARY
FOR MONTH ENDED JANUARY 31, 2019**

<u>Financial Institution</u>	<u>Term Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Term Started</u>	<u>Investment Details</u>
Servus Credit Union	100,000.00	2.25%	January 7, 2019	30 day term deposit
Servus Credit Union	1,000,000.00	2.25%	January 14, 2019	30 day term deposit
Nova Scotia	100,000.00	2.16%	November 13, 2018	90 day term deposit
ATB Financial	2,250,000.00	2.30%	January 24, 2019	38 day term deposit
ATB Financial	<u>76,292.92</u>			Interest On Term Account
Total	<u>\$ 3,526,292.92</u>			



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Date: February 26, 2019
To: Mayor McKenzie & Members of Council
From: Kathy Vickery, Interim CAO
Re: CRASC Agreement Renewal

Summary

Capital Regional Assessment Services Commission (CRASC) Agreement Renewal

Overview

Attached for Council's review is the CRASC renewal agreement for the Assessment Review Boards. Also attached is the cost comparison.

The Town had five assessment appeals in 2018 and one appeal went to the Assessment Review Board.

Recommendations

Recommendation #1

That Council authorize the Interim CAO to sign the renewal agreement with the Capital Regional Assessment Services for 2019-2021.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Kathy Vickery
Interim CAO

CAPITAL REGION ASSESSMENT SERVICES COMMISSION

11810 Kingsway, Edmonton, Alberta, T5G 0X5

TEL: 780 482 1451 EMAIL: richard.barham@crasc.ca

27 November 2018

Dear CRASC ARB MEMBER:

Please find attached an electronic copy in PDF format of CRASC's Service Agreement to continue to provide Assessment Review Board Services to your municipality(s) for the years 2019 to 2021.

We have made some changes from the expiring 2016-2018 agreement, primarily to better clarify the obligations of the Commission and the Member; also to adjust the fees that CRASC will charge.

For each CRASC ARB MEMBER that you administer, would you please follow the instructions below:

1. Print out ONE copy of the Agreement.
2. Complete the following sections of the Agreement:
 - Page 1, Print the Name of your municipality on the line immediately above (the "Member").
 - Page 8, Complete all information lines under MEMBER'S SERVICE ADDRESS.
3. Make a copy of the above, semi-completed Agreement.
4. For BOTH Agreements - Page 6, Complete all sections under the heading THE MEMBER. This will result in both copies bearing ORIGINAL signatures.
5. Return BOTH Agreements by mail to Richard Barham, Finance Officer, at the mailing address above.

On receipt of your signed Agreements, the Commission will sign both Agreements and return one to you for your records and retain the other on our files for our records.

Please direct any questions to me at richard.barham@crasc.ca.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to serving your ARB needs for a further 3 year term.

Richard Barham
Finance Officer
CRASC

CAPITAL REGION ASSESSMENT SERVICES COMMISSION

2019 BUDGET - RATE CHANGES FROM 2018

CRASC MEMBERS

FEE	2018	2019
ASSESSMENT:		
Core Fee - per parcel (multiply by year-end total parcels)	\$18.25	\$19.25
DIP and other Heavy Industrial. CRASC invoices municipality and pays the assessor. CRASC make no profit on the transaction.		
Permit Fee RATES - unchanged from 2017 and 2018.		
LARBs and CARBs:		
Fixed annual fee per municipality	\$400.00	\$400.00
Per Parcel annual fee	\$0.10	\$0.15
Hearing Fee - per hearing	250.00	400.00
Clerk Fee - per hearing	\$500.00	\$650.00

Capital Region Assessment Services Commission



**MEMBER
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
2019 - 2021**

**LOCAL ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARDS
and
COMPOSITE ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARDS**

1 January 2019

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

made between

CAPITAL REGION ASSESSMENT SERVICES COMMISSION
(the “**Commission**”)

and

(the “**Member**”)

WHEREAS the Commission will provide specific administrative and financial services relating to Assessment Review Boards to the Member;

AND WHEREAS the Commission and the Member have reached agreement with respect to the terms and conditions under which the Commission will provide such administrative and financial services to the Member;

NOW THEREFORE the Commission and the Member agree as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS

- a. “**Board**” means the Board of Directors of the Capital Region Assessment Services Commission.
- b. “**Commission**” means the Capital Region Assessment Services Commission.
- c. “**Fiscal Year**” means 1st of January to 31st of December.
- d. “**Member**” and “**Municipality**” mean a municipal authority listed in the Appendix to Alberta Regulation 77/96, as amended from time to time.
- e. “**Panellist**” means an individual who is accredited by the Alberta Municipal Government Board to hear Assessment Complaints.

- f. **“Assessment Review Board”** and **“ARB”** mean either the Local Assessment Review Board (**“LARB”**) or the Composite Assessment Review Board (**“CARB”**).
- g. **“Assessment Clerk”** means an individual who is accredited by the Alberta Municipal Government Board to perform assessment clerk services.
- h. **“Term”** means the term of this agreement as set forth in Section 2.

2. TERM

The term of this agreement is as specified in Schedule “A” hereto. The Term may be extended by an agreement in writing between the parties hereto before the end of the Term, failing which the agreement shall terminate at the end of the Term without notice by either party to the other and without additional compensation from the Member to the Commission.

3. OBLIGATIONS of the COMMISSION

The Commission will provide a full ARB administration service from receipt of Complaint forms through to distribution of the hearing decisions, including, but not limited to:

- a. receiving Complaint forms from the Member, acknowledging their receipt, setting up hearings, preparing and distributing Notices of Hearings, attending each hearing and distributing the decision.
- b. maintaining a Panellist pool sufficient to respond to the Member’s requirements for Assessment Review Board hearings.
- c. annually providing the Member with:
 - i. a list of Commission approved Panellists to be approved by the Member as the designated pool of Panellists from which the Commission can draw from to fill its hearing needs;
 - ii. the name of the chair of the LARB and CARB;
 - iii. the name of the Assessment Clerk of the LARB and CARB.
- d. apprising the Member of such information relevant and necessary for the performance of its legislated duties and responsibilities with respect to Assessment Review Boards.

- e. providing an Assessment Clerk at Assessment Review Board hearings, unless the Member informs the Commission of its wish to provide its own Assessment Clerk.
- f. assisting the Panellists to prepare a written decision from each hearing and distributing the decision to the appropriate parties. *NOTE - The decisions, reasons therefore and the writing of the decision are the responsibility of the hearing panellists. The clerk will provide only administrative and clerical assistance to this function.*
- g. preparing, and distributing to the Member, appropriate administrative and operating policies and procedures relating to Assessment Review Boards.
- h. annually meeting with the Panellists to review activities and ensure that the Panellists are current with respect to Assessment Review Board hearing information.

Panellist Nominations:

From time to time the Commission will contact Members seeking nominations of suitable individuals who may be appointed as potential Panellists so that an acceptable pool of accredited Panellists can be maintained. The determination of the Panellist pool rests solely with the Commission.

Should the Commission decide to accept the Member's nominee, the Commission will contact the Member's nominee to outline the requirements for being considered as a Panellist and inform the nominee of pending training and accreditation requirements and opportunities. Upon successful accreditation, the nominee will be entered on the Commission's Panellist pool registry as maintained by the Commission.

4. OBLIGATIONS of the MEMBER

The Member will cooperate with the Commission to ensure the smooth running of the Commission's ARB practices and procedures, including, but not limited to:

- a. annually appointing the list of Commission Panellists, the name of the chair of the LARB and CARB and the name of the Assessment Clerk, provided to the Member by the Commission each year. *NOTE - The Commission draws from only its own designated pool of Panellists to sit on Commission administered hearings.*

- b. providing to the Commission immediate notification by email when a completed Assessment Review Board Complaint has been filed with the Member.
- c. for each complaint, promptly scanning and emailing the following to the Commission: (*IMPORTANT - Where the following documentation contains colour, the document should be scanned in colour.*)
 - Assessment Review Board Complaint form
 - Assessment Complaints Agent Authorization form - if appropriate
 - Proof of payment of applicable complaint fee
 - All other documentation provided by the complainant accompanying the ARB Complaint form
 - Copy of the assessment notice or combined assessment/tax notice that is the subject of the complaint
 - Confirmation of the date that the complaint was received by the Member and that the complaint was received within the deadline for submission of complaints.
- d. when requested by the Commission, providing a suitable meeting room for the Assessment Review Board hearing without charge to the Commission.

5. FEES and EXPENSES

Each year the Board will review the budget for Assessment Review Board services and will establish such fees as it deems appropriate. Annually, the Member will be informed as to what the forthcoming year's fees will be. Effective at the commencement of this Agreement, these approved fees and expenses are as shown in Schedule "A" and they will remain in effect for the remaining years of this agreement unless changed by the Board.

The Commission will invoice each Member for the applicable fees and expenses listed in Schedule "A" and the Member will pay those invoices in a timely manner.

6. MEMBER INFORMATION

All Member information relating to the Assessment Review Board complaints is deemed the property of the Member.

Other than for the proper functioning of the Assessment Review Board process, the Commission will not disclose or make known to any person the Member

information or any matter or thing which comes to the knowledge of or is disclosed to the Commission by reason of this Agreement and shall retain all such knowledge as confidential, unless the Commission is required by law, or is expressly authorized by the Member in writing, to disclose or make known the knowledge.

Where Member information, whether paper or electronic, is in the temporary possession or control of the Commission, the Commission will ensure the security and safety of all data and allow only authorized access to the Member information.

7. TERMINATION

A Member shall be entitled to terminate this agreement upon six (6) months written notice together with payment of the annual fees for the balance of the Term.

The Commission reserves the right to terminate this agreement upon twelve (12) months written notice to the Member.

8. SURVIVAL

The provisions of this agreement, which by their context are meant to survive the expiry or earlier termination of this agreement, shall so survive for the benefit of the party relying upon the same.

9. NOTICE

Whether or not so stipulated herein, all notices, communication, requests and statements required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing.

10. ASSIGNMENT

This agreement or any rights arising out of this agreement shall not be assigned by either party hereto without the other party's prior written consent, which consent shall not be arbitrarily withheld.

11. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This agreement represents the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof.

12. AMENDMENTS

This agreement can be modified, amended or assigned only by a written instrument duly executed by the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed this agreement by the hands of their respective, properly authorized officers, on their behalf.

THE COMMISSION: CAPITAL REGION ASSESSMENT SERVICES
COMMISSION

Per: _____	_____	_____, 201
Authorized Signature	Name	Date

THE MEMBER: _____
Name of Member

Per: _____	_____	_____, 201
Authorized Signature	Name	Date

SCHEDULE “A”

TERM of AGREEMENT

The Term of this agreement is for the period from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2021.

FEES and EXPENSES

The compensation payable by the Member to the Commission for its performance of this agreement is as follows:

1. Annual Fees per Member - Per Fiscal Year

- a.** Core fee of \$400, plus;
- b.** Per parcel fee of \$0.15, based on the number of Member's parcels on file with the Commission as at 1 January of each year of the agreement.

2. Hearing Fees - Per Hearing

Assessment Review Board Hearing Fees are chargeable to the Member for each hearing and depend on the services provided to the Member for each hearing. Not all fees may be chargeable for every hearing.

- a. Hearing Fees:** \$400 for each LARB.
\$400 for each CARB.
- b. Panellist Fees:** \$200 per Panellist for each hearing day or part day and associated travel that do not exceed four (4) hours.
\$300 per Panellist for each hearing day or part day and associated travel that exceed four (4) hours.
- c. Assessment Clerk:** \$650 for each hearing day or part day where the Commission provides an Assessment Clerk.

3. Hearing Expenses

Travel and subsistence expenses are chargeable to the Member for each hearing. These are based on the rates established from time to time by the Government of Alberta for its Boards, Agencies and Commissions.

COMMISSION'S SERVICE ADDRESS

The Commission's address for service of notices is:

Capital Region Assessment Services Commission
11810 Kingsway
Edmonton, Alberta T5G 0X5

Telephone: 780-451-4191
Email: info@crasc.ca

MEMBER'S SERVICE ADDRESS

The Member's address for service of notices is:

Name of municipality _____
Contact name _____
Address 1 _____
Address 2 _____
City _____
Postal Code _____

Telephone: _____
Email: _____

Capital Region Assessment Services Commission



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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
2016 - 2018**

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and
COMPOSITE ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARDS**

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The Commission will contact the Member's nominee to outline the requirements for being considered as a Panellist and inform the nominee of pending training and accreditation requirements and opportunities. Upon successful accreditation, the nominee will be entered on the Commission's Panellist pool registry as maintained by the Commission.

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 - Copy of the assessment notice or combined assessment/tax notice that is the subject of the complaint
 - Confirmation that the complaint was received within the 60 day deadline for submission of complaints AND providing the date when the 60 day deadline expires
- d. when requested by the Commission, providing a suitable meeting room for the Assessment Review Board hearing without charge to the Commission.

5. FEES and EXPENSES

Each year the Board will review the budget for Assessment Review Board services and will establish such fees as necessary to maintain these services. Annually, the Member will be informed as to what the forthcoming year's fees will be. Effective at the commencement of this Agreement, these approved fees and expenses are as shown in Schedule "A" and they will remain in effect for the remaining years of this agreement unless changed by the Board.

The Commission will invoice each Member for the applicable fees and expenses listed in Schedule "A" and the Member will pay those invoices in a timely manner.

6. MEMBER INFORMATION

All Member information relating to the Assessment Review Board complaints is deemed the property of the Member.

Other than for the proper functioning of the Assessment Review Board process, the Commission will not disclose or make known to any person the Member information or any matter or thing which comes to the knowledge of or is disclosed to the Commission by reason of this Agreement and shall retain all such knowledge as confidential, unless the Commission is required by law, or is expressly authorized by the Member in writing, to disclose or make known the knowledge.

Where Member information, whether paper or electronic, is in the temporary possession or control of the Commission, the Commission will ensure the security and safety of all data and allow only authorized access to the Member information.

7. TERMINATION

A Member shall be entitled to terminate this agreement upon six (6) months written notice together with payment of the annual fees for the balance of the Term.

The Commission reserves the right to terminate this agreement upon twelve (12) months written notice to the Member.

8. SURVIVAL

The provisions of this agreement, which by their context are meant to survive the expiry or earlier termination of this agreement, shall so survive for the benefit of the party relying upon the same.

9. NOTICE

Whether or not so stipulated herein, all notices, communication, requests and statements required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing.

10. ASSIGNMENT

This agreement or any rights arising out of this agreement shall not be assigned by either party hereto without the other party's prior written consent, which consent shall not be arbitrarily withheld.

11. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This agreement represents the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof.

12. AMENDMENTS

This agreement can be modified, amended or assigned only by a written instrument duly executed by the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed this agreement by the hands of their respective, properly authorized officers, on their behalf.

THE COMMISSION: CAPITAL REGION ASSESSMENT SERVICES
COMMISSION


Authorized Signature

ARCHER P. GROVER
Name

Dec 11 2015
Date

THE MEMBER:

Town of Barrhead
Name of Member

Per: M. Taylor
Authorized Signature

Martin Taylor
Name

Nov 25 2015
Date

SCHEDULE “A”

TERM of AGREEMENT

The Term of this agreement is for the period from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2018.

FEES and EXPENSES

The compensation payable by the Member to the Commission for its performance of this agreement is as follows:

1. Annual Fees per Member - Per Fiscal Year

- a.** Core fee of \$400, plus;
- b.** Per parcel fee of \$0.10, based on the number of Member's parcels on file with the Commission as at 1 January of each year of the agreement.

2. Hearing Fees - Per Hearing

Assessment Review Board Hearing Fees are chargeable to the Member for each hearing and depend on the services provided to the Member for each hearing. Not all fees may be chargeable for every hearing.

- a. Hearing Fees:** \$250 for each LARB.
\$250 for each CARB.
- b. Panellist Fees:** \$200 per Panellist for each hearing and associated travel that does not exceed four (4) hours.
\$300 per Panellist for each hearing and associated travel that exceeds four (4) hours.
- c. Assessment Clerk:** \$500 for each hearing where the Commission provides an Assessment Clerk.

3. Hearing Expenses

Travel and subsistence expenses are chargeable to the Member for each hearing. These are based on the rates established from time to time by the Government of Alberta for its Boards, Agencies and Commissions.

COMMISSION'S SERVICE ADDRESS

The Commission's address for service of notices is:

Capital Region Assessment Services Commission
11810 Kingsway Avenue.
Edmonton, Alberta T5G 0X5

Telephone: 780-451-4191
Email: info@crasc.ca

MEMBER'S SERVICE ADDRESS

The Member's address for service of notices is:

Name of municipality Town of Barrhead
Contact name Martin Taylor, CAO
Address 1 Box 4189
Address 2 5014 - 50 Avenue
City Barrhead
Postal Code T7N 1A2

Telephone: 780-674-3301
Email: mtaylor@barrhead.ca



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Date: February 26, 2019
To: Mayor McKenzie & Members of Council
From: Kathy Vickery, Interim CAO
Re: Volunteer Appreciation Funding Request

Summary

Volunteer Appreciation Planning Committee Funding Request

Overview

As in previous years the Volunteer Appreciation Planning Committee is again requesting funding for the annual event.

The Committee is requesting an increase in funding from \$1,500.00 to \$1,800.00 this year, as costs continue to rise to host the event and the Committee has used all the surplus funding to balance the budget over the past 3 years.

Recommendations

Recommendation #1

That Council provide \$1,800.00 funding towards the 2019 Volunteer Appreciation Evening as requested by the Volunteer Appreciation Planning Committee.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Kathy Vickery
Interim CAO

Volunteer Appreciation Evening Planning Committee
c/o Barrhead & District FCSS
Box 4616, Barrhead, AB T7N 1A5

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February 11, 2019

Dave MacKenzie
c/o Town of Barrhead
5014 50 Avenue
Barrhead, AB T7N 1A2

Dear Mayor Dave,

The Barrhead & District Volunteer Appreciation Planning Committee is pleased to coordinate the Volunteer Appreciation Event for 2019. The Volunteer Appreciation Event continues to be one of the largest community events, honoring all the volunteer members who give their time and energy to community clubs and services. The 2019 Volunteer Appreciation Lunch is Saturday, April 13, 2019 at the Bethel Pentecostal Church, from 11:30 – 1:30ish.



This year's theme will be Volunteers Rock! Expect a lunch, local entertainment and join us in highlighting the nominees and winners for volunteer of the year 2019.

Annual funding for this event has traditionally been received from the Town, County, Barrhead & District FCSS, Volunteer Alberta, and Barrhead Agricultural Society. We are ever grateful of the financial partnership this group has created, as we would be unable to host such an event, including a nice lunch for \$5, without it. Therefore once again, we are requesting financial assistance from the Town of Barrhead. This year we are asking our funding partners if they can spare a bit more to help fund this event. The Volunteer Committee has used up surpluses for the past 3 years to balance their budget. Now there is no more surplus. If you could increase your donation from \$1,500 to \$1800 - \$2000, that would be great!

Why? *Costs (decorations/flowers/entertainment) of this event have steadily increased over the years
*we now have to hire a caterer so the meal costs much more
*our committee wants to keep ticket price @ \$5 so organizations can afford to purchase tickets for their volunteers

Solution * Request more funding from funding partners

- Request donations from Chambre of Commerce
- Request funding from Service groups

The Planning Committee always appreciates the consideration the Town of Barrhead gives us, and look forward to your reply. We also look forward to seeing you all at the event this year. Thank you ever so much!

Sincerely,

Rosalyn Rudd, Chair
2019 Volunteer Appreciation Planning Committee



**COUNCIL REPORTS
AS OF FEBRUARY 26, 2019**

		Meeting (since last council)
Agricultural Society	Cr. Klumph (Alt. Cr. Oswald)	_____
Barrhead Cares Coalition	Cr. Kluin	_____X_____
Barrhead & District Social Housing Association	Cr. Penny	_____X_____
Barrhead Fire Services Committee	Cr. Assaf and Cr. Smith (Alt. Cr. Kluin)	_____
Barrhead Attraction & Retention Committee	Cr. Penny	_____
Barrhead Regional Airport Committee	Mayor McKenzie	_____
Barrhead Regional Water Commission	Mayor McKenzie and Cr. Smith	_____
Capital Region Assessment Services Commission	Cr. Penny	_____
Chamber of Commerce	Cr. Kluin	_____X_____
Community Futures Yellowhead East	Cr. Penny (Alt. Cr. Assaf)	_____
Economic Development Committee	Vacant	_____
Enhanced Policing School Resource Officer Committee	Cr. Oswald (Alt. Mayor McKenzie)	_____
Family & Community Support Services Society	Cr. Kluin and Cr. Penny	_____X_____
Library Board/Yellowhead Regional Library Board	Cr. Klumph	_____X_____
Municipal Planning Commission	Cr. Assaf, Cr. Klumph and Cr. Smith (Alt. Mayor McKenzie)	_____
Regional Landfill Committee	Cr. Klumph and Cr. Penny	_____
Subdivision & Development Appeal Board	Cr. Penny	_____
Twinning Committee	Cr. Oswald	_____



REQUEST FOR DECISIONS

Date: February 26, 2019
To: Mayor McKenzie & Members of Council
From: Kathy Vickery, Interim CAO
Re: Information Items

Summary

Information Items for Council's review.

Overview

The following information items were presented:

- A request to consider an animal protection bylaw to protect wildlife as pets
- Communities in Bloom 2018
- Alberta Municipal Affairs - MSI Funding Terms

Recommendations

Recommendation #1

That Council accept as information.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Kathy Vickery
Interim CAO

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The Mayor and Council Members of The Town of Barrhead

5014 - 50 Avenue

P.O. Box 4189

Barrhead Alberta T7N 1A2

To The Mayor and Council Members of The Town of Barrhead,

I am writing this letter in the hopes that you and the rest of the council/government will consider a law/bylaw to stop the pet trade for exotic species in Alberta. As animal protection laws/bylaws are municipality based, this letter is being sent to most of the major cities and towns in Alberta and all the Alberta MLAs, in the hopes that we can work together to make a province wide change for a better life for wildlife/pets in our province.

Many of the birds, reptiles, fish, and primates are endangered in their natural environment and are listed on appendix I & II of the Convention for International Trade on Endangered Species (CITES). Did you know that Canada is a member of CITES?

"The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) is an international agreement to which governments voluntarily adhere and which seeks to ensure that the trade in specimens of wild animals and plants does not threaten their survival."

"The CITES appendices are lists of animals and plants afforded different levels or types of protection from over-exploitation.

Appendix I lists those species deemed most endangered. They are threatened with extinction and CITES prohibits international trade in specimens of these species except when the purpose of the import is not commercial, such as for scientific research, when trade may be allowed if authorised by both an import permit and an export permit (or re-export certificate).

Appendix II lists species not necessarily threatened with extinction at present but which may become so unless trade is closely controlled. International trade in specimens of species listed in Appendix II may be authorised by the granting of an export permit or re-export certificate. No import permit is necessary under CITES. Permits or certificates should only be granted if the relevant authorities are satisfied that certain conditions are met, above all that trade will not be detrimental to the survival of the species in the wild.

Appendix III lists species included at the request of a Party that already regulates trade in the species and needs the cooperation of other countries to prevent unsustainable or illegal exploitation. International trade in specimens of Appendix III species is allowed only on presentation of the appropriate permits or certificates.”

A prime example of exotics in the pet trade are the parrots (Psittaciformes). Every parrot species worldwide is listed on either Appendix I or II of CITES. Many of the species are illegal to own as a pet in their native country. Yet we allow the captive breeding, selling and buying of these species in Canada. Some are even imported/smuggled in from other countries.

Parrots are not a domestic species. They have not been domesticated over thousands of years like the dog or cat. A parrot has the mental capacity of a human 2 year old and in the wild many species live up to 50, 80 even 100 years (not so in captivity, average lifespan is about 15 – 20 years because of poor diet, husbandry and stress). Most pet owners tire of a pet bird after about 3 years as they are loud, destructive, need to be challenged/entertained all the time, bond with only one or 2 people, and often don't adjust well to change (new house, new spouse, kids, etc). As most bird species are long lived the need for alternate care is rarely considered by the pet owner. Sanctuaries and rescues are full of birds where the owner has died and no other family member can go near the bird nor do they want the bird. A parrot is not a single generation pet.

Currently worldwide there are thousands of animal/bird rescues for unwanted/abandoned pets. This is a recent problem, within the last 25-30 years.

It's time to step-up and change some laws and attitudes about what species should be in the pet trade. Even domesticated species such as cats, dogs, rabbits and guinea pigs (to name a few) are abandoned by the thousands nowadays. Shelters all over the country are bursting with unwanted pets. Even worse, some pets are abandoned outside to fend for themselves. This has disastrous effects on our eco-system and native wildlife.

One solution to the problem is to make it illegal to breed, sell or buy birds and other exotics.

Many States in the US and countries worldwide have now put laws in place where pet stores can no longer sell breeder cats, dogs and rabbits. Pet stores can only sell/adopt rescue animals and all animals must be spayed/neutered. There are hefty fines and in some places jail time, for those that don't abide by the laws. This is something that should be done in Canada and take it one step further to include birds and other exotics. Did you know in Alberta it is illegal to keep a migratory bird as a pet, even a wildlife rehabber cannot keep a migratory bird that has a non-releasable injury. That bird must be euthanized. So why do we allow exotic species that are not native to our environment or even our climate, in the pet trade?

I urge you to please consider changing laws/bylaws both at the municipal level and the provincial level, so we can stop future generations of unwanted exotic pets from suffering a life of pain, social isolation, neglect and abandonment. Let's make Alberta a leader in Canada in animal protection and conservation.

If changing laws/bylaws are not an option, would your council/government consider funding a rescue/sanctuary in Alberta for the thousands of unwanted exotics pets, parrots and others species.

I have enclosed some websites of rescues and nature specialists that have more detail about the problem society has created with the pet trade. Also attached is an article from Malaysia that is very relevant to us here in Canada.

If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact me. I am more than willing to help with whatever is needed to bring about change to protect the planet's wildlife.

Thank you for taking the time to read my request.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nadine Cardon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nadine Cardon - Email: nctfc2016@gmail.com

“For me, the sight of a parrot living alone, living in a cage, deprived of flight, miserably bored, breaks my heart. And the parrot’s too, perhaps.” Jane Goodall

Most captive parrots have never even seen the sky.

The following are a few organizations that support a legislation that stops the breeding, selling & buying of parrots and other exotics in the pet trade.

The Oasis Sanctuary: <https://the-oasis.org/>

Feather Angels: <https://featheredangels.wordpress.com/>

The Avian Welfare Coalition: <http://www.avianwelfare.org/>

Parrots Forever Sanctuary and Rescue Foundation: <http://parrotsforever.com/>

Animal Welfare Foundation of Canada: <http://awfc.ca>

Three Birds and a Cloud: <https://threebirdsandacloud.wordpress.com>

Animal Matters: www.animalmatters.org

Belize Bird Rescue: www.belizebirdrescue.com

A.P.R – All Parrot Rescue: <http://www.allparrotrescue.com/>

Monkeyland and Birds of Eden: <https://www.monkeyland.co.za/> and <https://birdsofeden.co.za/>

John "Griff" Griffith:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZAwVEpsoMhkQqoAnsLQkZA?fbclid=IwAR2n7-MgLqNx31KnkO42ND-MrPEWuMwIFWnr_1wn3YiUo3L31R1cvAvS4Zk

Meika’s Bird House: www.meikasbirdhouse.com

Everyone has a role to play in ending exotic pet trade

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The theme for World Wildlife Day this year, which fell on March 3, is 'The Future of Wildlife Is In Our Hands'. This call to action is a timely and necessary one in Malaysia, which has the unfortunate reputation for its weak enforcement of animal protection laws, and as a hub for wildlife trafficking and the illegal wildlife trade.

The Star's recent exposé of how wildlife traders use social media for the illegal trade of protected species demonstrate that illegal wildlife trade continues to thrive in Malaysia despite the fact that the Wildlife Conservation Act 2010 and Animal Welfare Act 2015 have been given statutory footing.

Judging by the comments in social media, it is clear that many Malaysians are not aware of, or are indifferent to, the suffering of wildlife traded as pets. Local celebrities and political personalities are among the individuals known to have purchased and kept protected species as companion animals.

Comments from social media users are largely encouraging and envious, with many expressing the desire to purchase similar animals due to their beauty and the fact that exotic pets are seen as status symbols.

Among the reasons given by wildlife traders and owners to justify the keeping of exotic pets are as follows:

(i) That since the animals' natural habitats have already been destroyed, they have no homes to return to, or since their mothers have been killed, the young have no way of surviving in the wild, and therefore keeping them in captivity as companion animals is the humane thing to do.

(ii) That the animals were bred in captivity and are therefore used to captivity and are dependent on humans.

(iii) That they genuinely love animals and regard their exotic pets as family members, and therefore oppose any attempt to restrict their 'right' to acquire and keep these wild animals or to remove existing exotic pets from their care.

(iv) That there is virtually no difference between keeping wildlife and keeping dogs, cats and other domestic animals as companion animals.

(v) That keeping wildlife in captivity and as pets can prevent a species from going extinct.

However, there are many scientifically-proven reasons why wildlife should not be in captivity and why the wildlife pet trade is a threat to biodiversity, ecosystems and human health and safety.

A threat to biodiversity and individual animals

The wildlife trade threatens both biodiversity and individual animals being traded. Nor is wildlife trade a minor problem, with only a handful of people keeping wildlife as exotic pets.

The Wildlife Conservation Society reports that reports that the threat of extinction of wildlife species due to the wildlife trade is a very real and immediate problem, as the wildlife trade, which is valued to be approximately US\$8 billion annually, is surpassed in scale only by the illegal trade in drugs and arms.

Many exotic species advertised as 'captive bred' are actually poached from the wild, since DNA testing cannot reveal whether an animal was raised in captivity or in the wild, and most consumers and laypersons are unable to tell the difference and uninterested in finding out, as long as they get to acquire a particular animal as an exotic pet.

Captive breeding of wildlife is an expensive and frequently unsuccessful business, and often traders and poachers find it easier and cheaper to capture animals from their native habitats and then pass them off as captive-bred to assuage the guilt of customers.

Wild animals, especially wild cat hybrids such as Bengal cats (i.e. Asian leopard cat and domestic cat hybrids) and serval and caracal hybrids are unsuited to indoor life and have been known to attack and seriously injure their human handlers and other pets. Even if captive bred, hybrid cats that escape or are allowed to roam become prolific hunters, killing native birds and wildlife and smaller mammals including pet dogs, cats and rabbits.

Pet snakes, which are frequently abandoned once their human handlers tire of them, also end up killing birds and other wildlife. Released or abandoned turtles, including the red-eared slider turtle, may carry the salmonella virus and threaten the health of humans and other species. Any released or escaped introduced species will compete with native species for food and territory and cause imbalance in the local ecology.

Many animals die of shock, stress, illness and injury during capture, transportation, transit and captivity. Baby turtles are sealed shut in their shells for transportation. Slow lorises have their teeth and claws clipped without anaesthesia.

Many die due to a lack of treatment, and slow loris populations in the wild are in rapid decline due to the high demand for slow lorises as pets after popular YouTube videos show them being kept as amusing companions. All eight species of slow lorises are now threatened, and the Javan slow loris is now one of 25 the most endangered primates worldwide.

Birds, especially parrots, are sedated and have their beaks cut or taped up, legs bound and wings clipped or tied. Most are sedated and stuffed into bags or cardboard mailer tubes. The Animal Law Coalition reports that 60 percent of wild-caught birds do not survive to reach their destinations.

Contrary to the claim that people who acquire exotic pets do so because they love the said animals and are able to care for them, many exotic pets often end up being released, surrendered to zoos and animal shelters, abandoned or unintentionally killed due to ignorance and neglect.

The Humane Society reports that many pet snakes do not live past one year due to inadequate nutrition. Many animal welfare organisations and veterinarians can also attest to the fact that

exotic pets, especially small animals such as hedgehogs, chinchillas and chipmunks, die from being improperly and roughly handled, especially by children.

Can also endanger human health and safety

Keeping wildlife as pets can also endanger human health and safety. Scorpions, snakes and other venomous or poisonous animals are unlike domestic mammals and do not enjoy human contact.

There are many reports of people being killed or severely injured by their pet snakes and scorpions. Wild cats, sun bears and macaques can maul and cause grievous injury to their human handlers. Monkeys, including macaques, can carry and spread viruses to humans, including the Herpes-B virus.

Lizards and turtles carry the salmonella virus, which can be fatal to humans. Birds, especially parrots, can spread parrot fever and pneumonia, especially through the inhalation of their dry droppings in a cage or aviary.

The only true way to show love and admiration for a particular species is to protect their habitats and wild populations and observe them in their natural environments. Contrary to the popular argument by exotic pet enthusiasts that they can 'learn' a lot about a species by acquiring and keeping them, there is not much to be learned from keeping wild animals indoors confined to small tanks, cages and enclosures, away from members of their own species.

Cats and dogs are different from exotic pets in that they have become dependent on humans for their physical, social and emotional needs through 5,000-30,000 years of selective breeding and evolution.

Even so, cats, dogs and other domestic animals still need exercise, outdoor time, opportunities to play and engage in behavior natural to their species, and the companionship of their own kind. This need is even greater in wild animals that undergo extreme stress from being confined and handled by humans.

People who acquire exotic animals usually do so for their own egos and short-term enjoyment, not because they genuinely care for the welfare and continuance of the species. They have no realistic plans on how to rehabilitate their exotic pets, return them to their native countries or environment or reintroduce them into the wild.

Numerous studies, including by the UK Royal Society, have shown that wild populations are less likely to mate with a captive member of the species, and as such the claim that the captive breeding of exotic pets can restore wildlife populations has no scientific merit.

Despite the existence of laws such as the Wildlife Conservation Act 2010, there are very few regulations in place making it difficult for people to purchase, acquire, or keep exotic animals, especially when proper licenses have been obtained.

Multi-million dollar organised crime network

Also, the international wildlife trade involves a multi-million dollar organised crime network, and poorly-funded, shorthanded government agencies are no match for wildlife traders. Bribery, corruption and plain incompetence makes it difficult for many developing countries to stop the illegal wildlife trade.

Wildlife conservation groups and enforcement agencies in Malaysia rely heavily on ordinary citizens and travelers to be their eyes and ears. However, due to manpower concerns, not all reports can be acted on expediently.

It may seem blindingly obvious to social media users that enforcement agencies should just 'call up the number on the Facebook page and catch the offenders'. However, wildlife traders often stay one step ahead and make their movements difficult to trace by using unregistered prepaid mobile phone numbers and ensuring payment is made in advance before the animal changes hands.

In order to aid conservation groups and enforcement agencies, those who wish to report wildlife crime must be vigilant and relay accurate information, such as the species, address, photographic and documentary evidence and contact information, as well as be available to be contacted. Reports can be made through Perhilitan's official website or through their Careline at 1300-80-10-10, or to the 24-hour NGO-run Wildlife Crime Hotline at 019 356 4194.

As consumers and social media users, we must remember that our actions have consequences. Conservation groups and enforcement agencies need our assistance, support and awareness in order to be able to execute their responsibilities effectively.

When we click 'like' on or share photos and videos of wildlife being kept as pets and in captivity, we are condoning, enabling and encouraging the wildlife and exotic pet trade. We are

normalising the practice of poaching, abusing, exploiting and confining wildlife. Instead, we should raise awareness and in our social media comments, draw attention to the threats to wildlife populations, and other animal welfare and safety concerns.

Monkeys and apes that appear to be grinning or yawning are not trying to entertain humans, but are showing aggression and fear. For every slow loris holding an umbrella or a toy, 7-8 others probably died during capture and transportation. We should therefore advise friends and family against purchasing or acquiring exotic pets, and persuade them to adopt from local animal shelters or to visit and support sanctuaries and rescue organisations instead.

Nature-lovers who enjoy watching and photographing wildlife must take extra care not to unwittingly disclose the location of endangered species, including the nests of birds and location of trapdoor spiders, frogs, scorpions and other small animals on social media, which could lead poachers and wildlife traders to them.

We vote every day with our money, and so as people who claim to love animals and the environment, we should not purchase exotic pets or wildlife products such as elephant ivory or crocodile and snake leather.

We should not patronise circuses, petting zoos and amusement parks which keep wildlife in captivity or harm and exploit animals. We should avoid shopping at pet stores that sell exotic pets, and should lodge reports on the sales of wildlife to Perhilitan or wildlife conservation groups that can assist in investigating and acting on our report.

Ending the wildlife trade is not the role of government enforcement agencies alone. The loss of biodiversity, ecological imbalance and threats to human and animal health and safety affect all of us.

We all have a role to play in protecting wildlife and reducing the demand for exotic pets. Keeping wildlife as exotic pets should not be a status symbol, but a symbol of self-deception, ignorance, selfishness and vanity.

WONG EE LYNN is coordinator, Green Living Special Interest Group, Malaysian Nature Society.



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Barrhead CiB Supporter/Participant Signs

Bob Lewis
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Communities in Bloom



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February 19, 2019

His Worship David McKenzie
Mayor
Town of Barrhead
PO Box 4189
Barrhead AB T7N 1A2

Dear Mayor McKenzie,

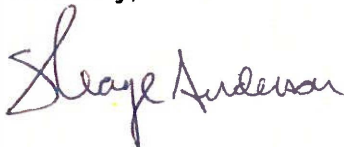
In Budget 2018, and throughout this past year, the Government of Alberta has confirmed its intent to fulfill the full \$11.3 billion funding commitment under the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI). In order to continue to provide MSI funding through the planned conclusion of the program in 2021-22, an amending MSI Memorandum of Agreement is required, as current funding agreements expire on March 31, 2019.

An amending agreement will be sent to the Chief Administrative Officer of your municipality formally extending the MSI funding terms until the conclusion of the program on March 31, 2022.

Our government reached a remarkable milestone when the *City Charters Fiscal Framework Act* was passed in December 2018, establishing ongoing, legislated capital funding for the cities of Calgary and Edmonton, linked to changes in provincial revenues. I remain optimistic that through continued dialogue with the municipal associations, we will establish a similar legislated funding framework for all municipalities as a successor to the MSI.

I look forward to continued partnership with your municipality to deliver quality infrastructure and services to Albertans.

Sincerely,



Hon. Shaye Anderson
Minister of Municipal Affairs

cc: Kathy Vickery, Interim Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Barrhead