

Town of Crossfield
AGENDA
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 3, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **AGENDA**

2.1 September 3, 2024

3. **MINUTES**

3.1 July 16, 2024, regular council meeting

4. **DELEGATIONS**

4.1 RCMP Quarterly Update

5. **ACTIONS & DECISIONS**

5.1 Crossfield Community Fest temporary road closure request

6. **MAYOR & COUNCILLOR'S BUSINESS**

Mayor Harris
Deputy Mayor Knight
Councillor Brennan
Councillor Fox
Councillor Gustafson
Councillor Lambert
Councillor Vang

7. **ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE**

7.1 2025 Budget Survey Results – *Lindsey N. Dir. of Corporate Services*

7.2 2024 Municipal Census Results – *Lauren C. – Utility & Tax Coordinator*

7.3 Department Director updates

- Director of Community and Protective Services – Russ Nash
- Director of Operations – Russ Nash
- Director of Corporate Services – Lindsey Nash

7.4 Outstanding Items List - *Lindsey N. Dir. of Corporate Services*

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 8.1 Response letter from Minister of Health – access to physicians and health care services in Crossfield.
- 8.2 Letter from Minister of Transport – High Density Land-Use Development
- 8.3 Email from National Police Federation – Survey results since the announcement of independent Alberta police service.

9. **UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS**

- Friday, September 3rd To Friday, October 18th: T.G.I.F.F. (Thank Goodness Its Friend Friday) Session 1 Runs On Fridays From 2 To 4pm For Kids In Grades 3 To 7. This Program Is Now Full.
- Sunday, September 8th: Crossfield Community Wellness Day From 11:30 a.m. To 2:00 p.m. at Crockett Park In Sunset Heights. This Is A Free Community Event For All Ages. Everything Is Free: Bbq Lunch, Lawn Games, Ping Pong, Checkers/Chess, Inflatable Costume Race, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Music, And Service Groups.
- Tuesday, September 10 - Community Fest – 4 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. along Railway Street
- Thursday September 12, - Tunes At Noon, Seniors Trip – 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 18th: Senior’s Swim Trip to Didsbury Aquatic Center. This Is Free and Includes Coach Bus Transportation to And From The Pool And A 1.5-Hour Private Pool Rental. For Ages 50+. Call Nicole at (403) 946-5565 To Register.
- Monday, September 23rd: Senior’s Speaker Series On “*Blood Pressure & Cholesterol Basics*” From 1 – 3 p.m. at the Golden Key Club. Open to Anyone Aged 50+. This Is Free. Call Nicole at (403) 946-5565 To Register.
- Tuesday, September 24th: Senior’s Trip to Jubilations To See “*More Greased*”. Trip Is Full
- Tuesday, September 24th: Rhino Teen Safe at The Crossfield Community Center From 6:30 To 8:30 p.m. This Program Is A Great Way For Teens And Tweens To Get A Variety Of Self Defense Training In A Compact Program. Open To Ages 12 To 17, The Cost Is \$10.00 Per Youth. Registration Is Available Online.

10. **CLOSED SESSION**

- 10.1 Request to waive consumption charges - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy – FOIP Section 17(1)

11. **ADJOURN**

**Regular Council Meeting
July 16, 2024**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Crossfield, in the Province of Alberta was held in Council Chambers at 900 Mountain Avenue, Crossfield, Alberta with the following:

PRESENT

Mayor Harris
Councillor Brennan
Councillor Fox
Councillor Gustafson
Councillor Lambert
Councillor Vang

REGRETS

Deputy Mayor Knight

STAFF

Kinza Barney, CAO
Russ Nash, Director of Community & Protective Services
Lindsey Nash, Director of Corporate Service, Recording Secretary
Lauren Cutress, Utility and Tax Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

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

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the traditional territories of the Indigenous peoples of the Treaty 7 territory and the Otipemisiwak (o-tey-pe-mi-si-wak) Metis Government, District 4. We respect the histories, languages, and cultures of First Nations, Metis, Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our community.

AGENDA

136-2024 MOVED by Councillor Vang that the July 16, 2024, agenda be accepted as prepared. CARRIED

MINUTES

137-2024 MOVED by Councillor Brennan that the minutes of the July 2, 2024, regular Council meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

STARS Ambulance Presentation

138-2024 MOVED by Councillor Fox that the STARS Ambulance presentation be accepted as presented and Council direct administration to bring forward the financial funding request to the Fall 2025 budget deliberations for Council's consideration. CARRIED

SUBDIVISION

Subdivision File # 2024-15600-S – 1014 Limit Avenue to create two parcels for the development of a Semi-Detached dwelling

140-2024 **MOVED** by Councillor Lambert that the Subdivision application # 2024-15600-S to subdivide Plan 1632R, Block 2, Lot 22 as shown on the proposed Subdivision Tentative Plan be approved subject to the conditions as outlined within attachment # 5.1.

IN FAVOUR
MAYOR HARRIS
COUNCILLOR BRENNAN
COUNCILLOR FOX
COUNCILLOR LAMBERT
COUNCILLOR VANG

OPPOSED
COUNCILLOR GUSTAFSON

MOTION CARRIED

ACTIONS AND DECISIONS

2024 Tax Recovery
Public Auction

141-2024 **MOVED** by Councillor Brennan that the reserve bid and the terms and conditions for the 2024 tax recovery public auction be approved as presented.

And

That pursuant to Section 553(1)(f) of the Municipal Government Act, the addition of all tax recovery costs be applied to the relevant tax roll 269114 is hereby approved.

CARRIED

Property Tax Write Off Request

142-2024 **MOVED** by Councillor Fox that Council approve the Taxation write-off for Tax Roll # 269112 in amount of \$312.96.
CARRIED

COUNILLOR REPORTS

Mayor Harris

July 4 – Mid-Size Town’s Mayors’ Caucus Executive Committee, Meeting with Premier Smith and Minister of Municipal Affairs, Ric McIver.

The Mid-Sized Towns Mayors’ Caucus Executive Committee met with Premier Smith and Minister of Municipal Affairs, Ric McIver, on July 4 in Calgary at the McDougall Centre. In a very valuable and productive 1-hour meeting, the Premier and Minister displayed interest in and support for the initiative of a mid-sized towns mayors’ caucus, citing efficiencies in messaging and dialogue between the caucus and the provincial government through one representative voice of mid-sized towns in our province. It was encouraging that the Premier and Minister were committed to future engagement with the Caucus when discussing issues and initiatives that have impacts on mid-sized towns and that improves rural Alberta mid-sized towns’ ability to succeed and collectively grow a stronger province.

Premier Smith and Minister McIver welcomed and were very

engaged in our discussion on the challenges faced by mid-sized towns created by insufficient provincial funding and offered the opportunity to present solutions on ways and resources to increase our funding pot. We all agreed that property taxes are not the answer to supplemental funding for infrastructure deficits. The Executive Committee were very satisfied with the outcome of the meeting and with the interest shown by the Premier and Minister for ongoing engagement and future meetings.

Councillor Brennan Nothing further to report.

Councillor Fox Nothing further to report.

Councillor Gustafson Nothing further to report.

Councillor Lambert Nothing further to report.

Councillor Vang Nothing further to report.

143-2024 MOVED by Councillor Lambert that the Councillor Reports be accepted as presented. CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Outstanding Items List **144-2024 MOVED by Councillor Fox that those items 001 on the Outstanding Items list be removed. CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing further under Correspondence.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Nothing further under Upcoming Events and programs.

ADJOURN

145-2024 MOVED by Councillor Vang that the Council meeting adjourn at 8:32 p.m. CARRIED

Mayor Harris

Kinza Barney
Chief Administrative Officer



COMMUNITY & PROTECTIVE SERVICES
RCMP QUARTERLY UPDATE

Background/Rationale:

The RCMP are attending Council to present their Quarter 1 (Q1) update, representing stats and information from April 1 to June 30, 2024 (**note:** the RCMP fiscal year is April 1 to March 31 as opposed to the calendar year).

Attached are the RCMP Q1 reports.

In attendance for the RCMP is Inspector, Lauren Weare.

Recommendation:

Administration recommends that Council accept the RCMP Q1 update for information.

Proposed Motion:


That Council accept the RCMP Q1 update for information.

Council Strategic Plan: Strategic Priority #4: Social Development and Emergency Services – To mitigate crime, ensure appropriate emergency services and work toward reduced disparity between citizens, resulting in less overall issues that impact residents and businesses.

Funding: Funding is not required for this item.

Enclosures:

- Q1 2024 Crossfield Community Letter
- Q1 2024 Crossfield Community Report
- Q1 2024 Town of Crossfield Crime Stats

Submitted by:	Russ Nash, Director of Community & Protective Services / Acting CAO 	Date:	Aug 26, 2024
Approved by:		Date:	
Submitted to:	Town Council	Date:	Sept 3, 2024



August 1st, 2024

Inspector Lauren Weare
Officer in Charge
Airdrie/Beiseker, Alberta

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please find attached the quarterly Community Policing Report for the period from April 1st to June 30th, 2024. This report provides a detailed overview of human resources, financial data, and crime statistics for the Town of Crossfield.

As we progress through summer, I would like to reflect on the 2023 wildfire season, which was one of the most devastating in Alberta's history. In preparation for the 2024 wildfire season, the Alberta RCMP has ensured that we are well-prepared to meet the needs of the communities we serve. This proactive approach involved early staffing of our Division Emergency Operations Center to facilitate the processing of information and the deployment of additional resources to communities under threat. Although the moderate weather in May and June resulted in fewer wildfires compared to 2023, we have observed an increase in wildfire activity towards the end of July. The Alberta RCMP remains vigilant and ready to respond as these wildfires continue to threaten our citizens and communities.

Additionally, the recently announced G7 meeting scheduled to take place in Kananaskis in 2025 will require significant coordination and effort. While the specific dates have yet to be released, planning is already underway. As more information becomes available regarding the event and the expectations for the Alberta RCMP, we will keep our communities informed.

Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement. I am always available to discuss your community-identified policing priorities and any ideas you may have to enhance our service delivery. As the Chief of Police for your community, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Lauren Weare

Inspector Lauren Weare (M.O.M.)
Officer in Charge
Airdrie/Beiseker Detachments





RCMP Provincial Policing Report

Detachment Information

Name of Detachment

Airdrie Provincial - Crossfield

Name of Detachment Commander

Insp Lauren Weare

Quarter

Q1

Date of Report (yyyy-mm-dd)

2024-08-01

FTE Utilization Plan

2024/25

Community Consultations

Consultation No. 1

Date (yyyy-mm-dd)

2024-04-18

Meeting Type

Meeting with Stakeholder(s)

Topics Discussed

Regular Reporting and Information Sharing

Notes /Comments

NCOi/c Meeting with with CAO and CSM

Consultation No. 2

Date (yyyy-mm-dd)

2024-06-18

Meeting Type

Meeting with Elected Officials

Topics Discussed

Regular Reporting and Information Sharing

Notes /Comments

NCOi/c presented at Town Council Meeting along with Ops NCO and both Cpls.



Community Priorities

Priority No. 1

Priority

Crime Reduction - Project AirOW

Current Status and Results

Airdrie / Beiseker Integrated Rural; using Project AiROW, have been monitoring 4 subjects in the rural area

Checks on these offenders have found them to be primarily compliant with one subject having been involved in other incidents that lead to charges during this time frame. No breaches laid.

There have been 14 checks of these subjects recorded

Priority No. 2

Priority

Community Engagement

Current Status and Results

Members work to maintain an increased visibility and accessibility in the Town of Crossfield. The Rural Sgt and Enhanced member meet regularly with the Community Services Manager. The relationships remain strong with excellent communication.

The Crossfield enhanced position continues to work closely with Town management and community peace officer (CPO) focusing on concerns highlighted by the Town where they wish to see enhanced actions within the MOU. Multiple school and community presentations were collaborated with the assigned member (4). The member worked with the rural crime watch committee and regularly attended meetings (2). Joint traffic enforcement projects have occurred regularly with the CPO (12) targeting areas of concern indicated by the town stakeholders. The member attends the schools frequently and participated in a kindergarten reading program etc in order to provide positive mentorship with local youth.

Crossfield Enhanced Member and worked with the CPO on a Bicycle safety course and joined a member of the Integrated Child Exploitation Team to present to students on Online Safety. He took part in the Community Critical Incident Debrief hosted by VSU related to a recent local Child Exploitation incident.

Priority No. 3

Priority

Road Safety

Current Status and Results

Members of the Airdrie / Beiseker Integrated Rural detachment area conduct regular patrols and enforce traffic laws as applicable. In this quarter there have been at least 67 traffic enforcement activities which include tickets and warnings.

There have been 7 impaired driving related investigations resulting in impaired sanctions and / or suspensions.

Crossfield Enhanced has added 11 joint traffic operations with the CPO and 11 traffic enforcement actions.



Crime Statistics¹

The following table provides policing statistics on actual offences within the periods listed. Please see Appendix for additional information and a five-year comparison.

Category	April - June			January - December		
	2023	2024	% Change Year-over-Year	2022	2023	% Change Year-over-Year
Persons Crime	52	48	-7.69 %	169	198	17 %
Property Crime	213	204	-4.2 %	950	809	-15 %
Other Criminal Code	19	32	68.4 %	211	151	-28 %
Total Criminal Code	284	284	0 %	1,330	1,158	-13 %
Drugs Offences	5	2	-60 %	18	19	6 %
Total Federal Acts	10	4	-60 %	31	26	-16 %
Total Provincial Acts	84	87	3.6 %	253	327	29 %
Municipal By-Laws	5	8	60 %	35	27	-23 %
Motor Vehicle Collisions	239	212	-11.3 %	1,200	1,216	1 %
Provincial Code Traffic	1,304	1,067	-18.2 %	4,747	4,800	1 %
Other Traffic	9	12	33.3 %	30	28	-7 %
Criminal Code Traffic	33	40	21.2 %	100	110	10 %
Total Traffic Offences	1,346	1,119	-16.9 %	4,877	4,938	1 %

1. Data extracted from a live database (PROS) and is subject to change over time.

Trend / Points of Interest

Crime stats noted above are reflective of totals in the Provincial service area for the Airdrie Detachment. Crossfield has actually seen an increase in reported persons crime and other criminal code offenses. Wildfire season has returned and we are beginning to see pressure to support other areas of the Province with human resources as a result.



Provincial Service Composition²

Staffing Category	Established Positions	Working	Soft Vacancies ³	Hard Vacancies ⁴
Police Officers	16	13	2	2
Detachment Support	4	2	1	1

2. Data extracted on June 30, 2024 and is subject to change.

3. Soft Vacancies are positions that are filled but vacant due to maternity/paternity leave, medical leave, etc. and are still included in the overall FTE count.

4. Hard Vacancies reflect positions that do not have an employee attached and need to be filled.

Comments

Police Officers: Of the 16 established positions, 13 officers are currently working. There are two officers on special leave (one Parental and one due to illness). Both of these positions is temporarily backfilled to ensure sufficient resources are in place. There are two hard vacancy at this time. Staffing actions for the two hard vacancies is ongoing, two members identified but have yet to arrive.

Detachment Support: Of the 4 established positions, two resources are currently working. There is one resource on long term medical leave. Staffing action for the hard vacancy has been initiated.

**Town of Crossfield - Airdrie Detachment
Crime Statistics (Actual)
April to June: 2021 - 2024**

All categories contain "Attempted" and/or "Completed"

July 31, 2024

CATEGORY	Trend	2021	2022	2023	2024	% Change 2021 - 2024	% Change 2023 - 2024	Avg File +/- per Year
Offences Related to Death		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Robbery		0	1	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.2
Sexual Assaults		1	18	1	2	100%	100%	-1.4
Other Sexual Offences		2	8	1	0	-100%	-100%	-1.3
Assault		9	8	5	11	22%	120%	0.3
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Extortion		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Criminal Harassment		3	6	1	4	33%	300%	-0.2
Uttering Threats		3	4	1	3	0%	200%	-0.3
TOTAL PERSONS		18	45	9	21	17%	133%	-2.7
Break & Enter		6	13	5	2	-67%	-60%	-2.0
Theft of Motor Vehicle		8	6	1	4	-50%	300%	-1.7
Theft Over \$5,000		1	2	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.5
Theft Under \$5,000		30	33	12	12	-60%	0%	-7.5
Possn Stn Goods		5	6	1	2	-60%	100%	-1.4
Fraud		10	12	6	7	-30%	17%	-1.5
Arson		0	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.1
Mischief - Damage To Property		12	22	6	6	-50%	0%	-3.4
Mischief - Other		7	3	2	1	-86%	-50%	-1.9
TOTAL PROPERTY		79	98	33	34	-57%	3%	-20.0
Offensive Weapons		2	0	0	1	-50%	N/A	-0.3
Disturbing the peace		6	5	0	1	-83%	N/A	-2.0
Fail to Comply & Breaches		11	12	1	2	-82%	100%	-3.8
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		2	3	2	3	50%	50%	0.2
TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		22	20	3	7	-68%	133%	-6.2
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE		119	163	45	62	-48%	38%	-28.9

**Town of Crossfield - Airdrie Detachment
Crime Statistics (Actual)
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July 31, 2024

CATEGORY	Trend	2021	2022	2023	2024	% Change 2021 - 2024	% Change 2023 - 2024	Avg File +/- per Year
Drug Enforcement - Production		0	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.1
Drug Enforcement - Possession		1	0	0	1	0%	N/A	0.0
Drug Enforcement - Trafficking		0	2	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.2
Drug Enforcement - Other		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Total Drugs		1	3	0	1	0%	N/A	-0.3
Cannabis Enforcement		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Federal - General		1	1	0	1	0%	N/A	-0.1
TOTAL FEDERAL		2	4	0	2	0%	N/A	-0.4
Liquor Act		1	1	1	2	100%	100%	0.3
Cannabis Act		1	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.3
Mental Health Act		19	15	6	14	-26%	133%	-2.4
Other Provincial Stats		11	12	7	7	-36%	0%	-1.7
Total Provincial Stats		32	28	14	23	-28%	64%	-4.1
Municipal By-laws Traffic		1	1	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.4
Municipal By-laws		5	4	1	2	-60%	100%	-1.2
Total Municipal		6	5	1	2	-67%	100%	-1.6
Fatals		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Injury MVC		0	0	3	1	N/A	-67%	0.6
Property Damage MVC (Reportable)		6	12	8	1	-83%	-88%	-1.9
Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)		0	2	0	2	N/A	N/A	0.4
TOTAL MVC		6	14	11	4	-33%	-64%	-0.9
Roadside Suspension - Alcohol (Prov)		1	0	0	1	0%	N/A	0.0
Roadside Suspension - Drugs (Prov)		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Total Provincial Traffic		63	24	10	23	-63%	130%	-13.4
Other Traffic		1	0	0	1	0%	N/A	0.0
Criminal Code Traffic		5	1	3	4	-20%	33%	-0.1
Common Police Activities								
False Alarms		8	15	5	2	-75%	-60%	-2.8
False/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act		4	8	11	5	25%	-55%	0.6
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property		23	15	7	7	-70%	0%	-5.6
Persons Reported Missing		2	2	0	1	-50%	N/A	-0.5
Search Warrants		N/A	N/A	0	1	N/A	N/A	1.0
Spousal Abuse - Survey Code (Reported)		N/A	N/A	9	16	N/A	78%	7.0
Form 10 (MHA) (Reported)		N/A	N/A	0	2	N/A	N/A	2.0



Town of Crossfield

Recreation – Community Fest Road Closure

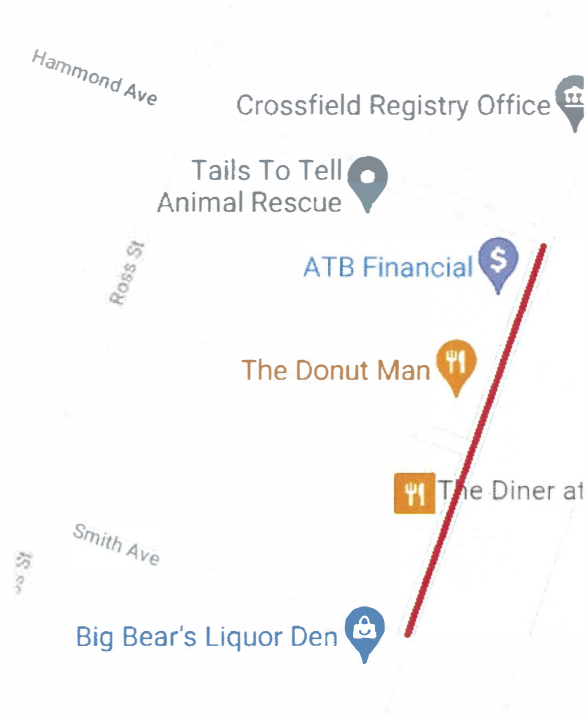
Background/Rationale:

The Recreation Department, along with the Chamber of Commerce, is requesting the temporary closure of Railway Street from Hammond Avenue to Smith Avenue to accommodate the 6th annual Crossfield Community Fest.

The intersection of Railway Street and Hammond Avenue as well as Railway Street and Smith Avenue will still be open and accessible to traffic. A sign will be placed on Nanton Avenue, east of the back alley, indicating the road closure and giving motorists access to the back alley to turn around.

The Chamber has spoken to the affected businesses regarding this closure.

We are also requesting use of the concrete and plastic barricades for the event to ensure the safety of our guests.



Recommendation:

To close Railway Street from Hammond Avenue to Smith Avenue on Tuesday, September 10 from 3:00 pm – 7:45 pm for Crossfield Community Fest

Proposed Motion:

That Council approve the Railway Street closure from Hammond Avenue to Smith Avenue on Tuesday, September 10 from 3:00 pm to 7:45 pm for Crossfield Community Fest.

Council Strategic Plan: Strategic Priority #3: Parks, Recreation and Beautification – To ensure that the Town of Crossfield contributes to the environmental health of the community through the provision, preservation and improvement of parks, open spaces and recreation opportunities as well as the beautification of public spaces

Funding: Funding is not required for this item.

Enclosures: N/A

Table with 4 columns: Submitted by, Approved by, Submitted to, Date. Rows include Eris Latham, Russ Nash, and Town Council with dates from Aug 26, 2024 to Sept 3, 2024.

Town of Crossfield

FINANCE – 2025 Budget Survey Results

Background/Rationale:

The 2025 budget survey launched May 21, 2024, and remained open for submissions until June 18, 2024. The survey was shared via direct mail and respondents participated using a QR code. The survey was then shared on social media including the Town’s website on June 11, 2024, and respondents participated with online survey link.

While launched as a budget survey, the questions also focused on service satisfaction levels as this is the component that impacts the quality of life of residents/business owners and any proposed adjustments to levels of service have a correlating impact on both resident’s quality of life as well as the budget.

Who Engaged?

The budget engagement received a total of 167 responses, equating to approximately 4% of the Town’s population.

The majority of respondents to the budget survey were over the age of 35 years.

- 18% of respondents were between 18 – 34 years of age
- 48% were between 35 and 54 years of age
- 34% were over 55 years of age.

Additional details with respondents broken into more refined age categories is noted in Figure 1 along with a cross reference of the Town of Crossfield full demographic.

You will note in Figure 2 that 56% of respondents identified as female, while 39% identified as male and a further 8 % did not indicate gender. Additionally, you will note in the visual how this compares to the Town’s actual demographics, as it relates to gender.

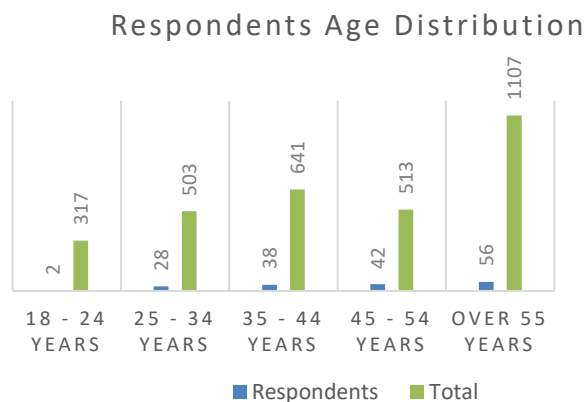


Figure 1



Figure 2



As noted in Figure 3, 65% of respondents have lived or own a business in Crossfield for more than 6 years, while 12% noted living or owning a business in Crossfield for less than 2 years.

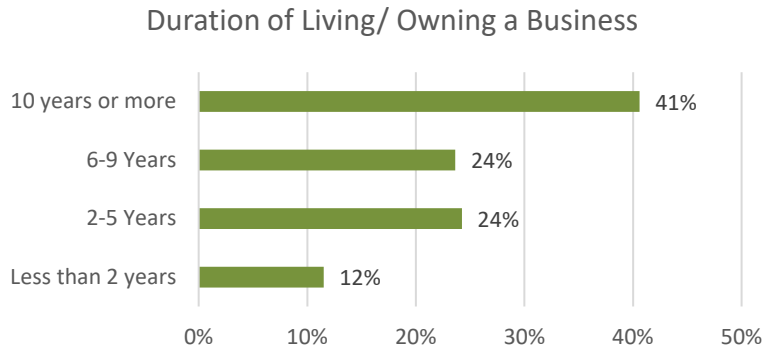


Figure 3

Communication Preferences

Understanding citizen and business owner communication preferences helps us align our communication strategies to meet the community needs. This relates to both budget and other non-emergent communication items.

Of the communication channel options provided those that rated the highest include Social Media, the monthly Newsletter that is shared digitally and provided in paper format, and the Town’s website. A full scope of the feedback on preferred communication channels is noted in Figure 4.

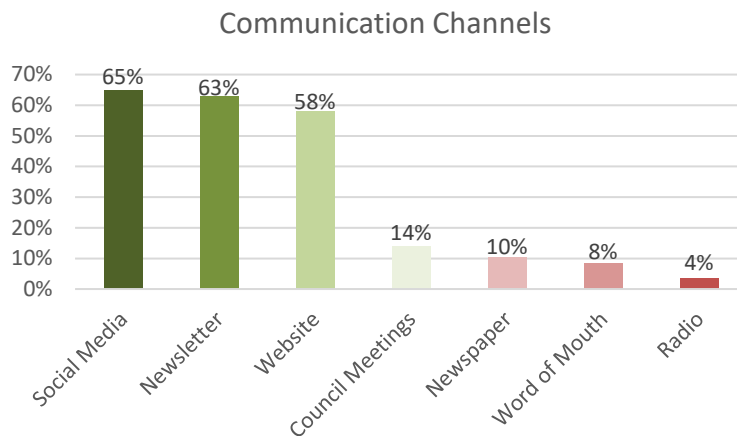


Figure 4

Service Satisfaction Levels

Level of Service satisfaction levels for each of the primary services provided by the Town was an area in which respondents were engaged as well.

While the degree of satisfaction with the level of service within each of the specified areas varied, overall responses noted that:

- 64% of respondents are very satisfied or satisfied.
- 18% of respondents were neutral in their responses.
- 17% of respondents were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied.

Further details relating to responses within each individual area of service are captured in Figure 5.



Figure 5

Public Priorities

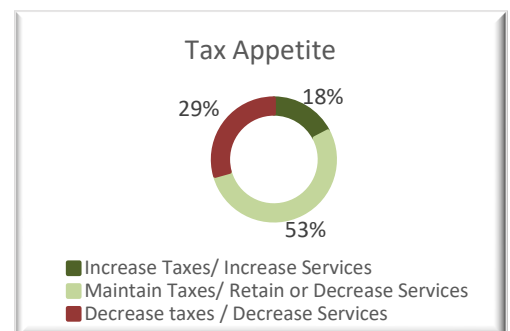
The development of a municipal budget takes multiple factors into consideration, each of which help inform the resulting budget. Those factors include components such as;

1. **Current Financial Standing** (ie. Reserve and debt levels)
2. **Economic Forecasts** (ie. Inflation impacts, development projections, etc.)
3. **Demographic Trends** (ie. Population growth and demographics)
4. **Legal and Regulatory Requirements** (ie. ARO/ TCA)
5. **Capital Improvement Requirements**
6. **Public Priorities**

While each of those form part of the final budget, for the purposes of today's report we have focused on Public Priorities. Context on the remaining components will form part of budget deliberations, which will commence later this fall.

When provided an opportunity to express their wishes as it relates to adjustments to taxes, survey respondents indicated the following:

- 18% expressed they would support an increase in Town Services, even if taxes and fees were to increase.
- 53% expressed a desire to maintain taxes, even if some Town services must be reduced.
- 29% do not support an increase in taxes, even if Town services must decrease.





Additional Comments

All respondents were provided the opportunity to include additional comments. A total of 139 comments were received with 28 distinct areas identified.

A synopsis of those areas identified along with volume of mentions is noted below.

Topic	# of Mentions	% of Total Mentions
Beautification	6	4%
Business Subsidies/ Support	3	2%
Campground	1	1%
Communication/ Community Engagement	4	3%
Community Events	2	1%
Council/ Governance	2	1%
Doctor/Medical Facility	1	1%
Dog Park	5	4%
Highway 2A Speeds	1	1%
Industrial Development	1	1%
Infrastructure Maintenance	1	1%
Limit Avenue Drainage	4	3%
Operational Efficiency	3	2%
Parks & Pathways More Parks/Pathways (7) Parks Maintenance (3)	10	7%

Topic	# of Mentions	% of Total Mentions
Policing/ Enforcement Crime Reduction (4) Animal Control (1) Traffic Control Mech. (2) General Policing/ Bylaw Enf. (11)	18	13%
Railway Crossings Maint.	6	4%
Railway Street	2	1%
Recreational Amenities Ball Diamond Repairs (2) Rec. Facility/ Amenity (9) Access to School Gyms (1) Skate Park (3)	15	11%
Road/ Alleyway Maint.	8	6%
Snow & Ice Control (2+)	8	6%
Splash Park	5	4%
Tax Rates (Level / Dist.)	7	5%
User Fees	2	1%
Water Supply & Wastewater Capacity	2	1%
Wetland Development	2	1%
Youth Activities	4	3%
Specific Positive Feedback Community Programs (1) Downtown Rehab (1) Operational Effectiveness (4) Fireworks (1)	7	5%
Other Safety Prioritization (1) Town Office (1) Green Cart Service (1) Funding Sources (1) Utility Costs (1) FCSS Programs (1) Service Delivery Models (2)	8	6%



Recommendation:

That Council accept this report as information.

Proposed Motion:

That Council accept the 2025 Budget Survey Results for information.

Council Strategic Plan:

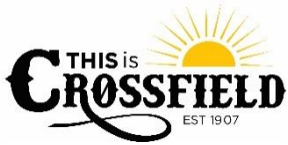
The implementation of this survey supports Council's Strategic Priority of 'Communications & Public Relations' – primarily as it relates to enhancing public engagement and participation in the Town.

Funding: N/A

Enclosures: N/A

File No:

Submitted by:	Kinza Barney, CAO	Date:	August 19, 2024
Approved by:	Kinza Barney, CAO	Date:	August 20, 2024
Submitted to:	Town Council	Date:	September 3, 2024



Town of Crossfield Administration – Final 2024 Census Report

Background/Rationale:

The Town of Crossfield conducted a Municipal Census from May 1, 2024, to July 31, 2024, with May 1, 2024, being chosen as Census Day.

The Census showed great success, with 100% of residents being counted by June 26, 2024, more than 1 month before the completion timeline set by Municipal Affairs. The Municipal Census Field Report has been submitted to Municipal Affairs.

Highlights of the Census results include:

- 4,211 residents, living in 1,534 dwellings
- An increase of 834 residents since the last Municipal Census in 2019 (3,377)
- 24.7% increase in population.
- 86% of residents own their dwelling with 1,121 of these being single detached homes
- New residents (<5 years) make up the largest portion of our population with long term residents (10+ years) close behind
- 2.74 average residents per dwelling
- The median age of a Town of Crossfield resident is 45 years old
- 498 residents are employed within Crossfield

The Census came in under budget.

The full report will be available from the City of Airdrie in the coming weeks. Attached is the current snapshot of the results.

Recommendation:

That council accepts the Census information as presented.

Proposed Motion: That the 2024 Census report be accepted for information as presented.

Council Strategic Plan: TBD

Funding: \$16,000.00 (2024 budget)

Enclosures: Question Results

File No:

Submitted by:	Lauren Cutress	Date:	August 23, 2024
Approved by:	Lindsey Nash, Dir. of Corporate Services	Date:	August 27, 2024
Submitted to:	Town Council	Date:	Sept. 3, 2024

Question Results

What is the age of this person?	
Answer	Total Response
0-4	276
5-9	271
10-14	303
15-16	118
17-19	140
20-24	177
25-29	206
30-34	297
35-39	316
40-44	325
45-49	261
50-54	252
55-59	233
60-64	284
65-69	210
70-74	173
75 and over	207
Prefer not to answer	162

What is the gender of this person?	
Answer	Total Response
Female	2009
Male	2050
Other	2
Prefer not to answer	150

What is the dwelling type?

Answer	Total Response
Apartment	45
Apartment or Flat in a Detached Duplex	52
Mobile Home	76
Other Movable Dwelling	2
Other Single-Attached House	44
Row House	15
Semi-Detached House	97
Single-Detached House	1121
Prefer not to answer	40

Do you rent or own the dwelling?

Answer	Total Response
Rent	172
Own	1266
Prefer not to answer	54

Number of years at current residence?

Answer	Total Response
0-2	318
2-4	261
4-6	160
6-8	106
8-10	93
10 plus	487
Prefer not to answer	67

Where is your place of employment?

Answer	Total Response
Airdrie	342
Calgary	706
Carstairs	20
Crossfield	498
Mountain View County	46
Red Deer	11
Rocky View County	183
Other	923
Prefer not to answer	428

*other includes residents who are retired, next time this will be it's own category

Number of registered vehicles at dwelling?

Answer	Total Response
0	12
1	309
2	614
3	262
4	106
5	35
6 or more	14
Prefer not to answer	140

**Do you as a household utilize Crossfield Recreation Facilities?
(Pete Knight Arena, Parks, Pathways, Splash Park, Skateboard
Park, Ball Diamonds, Soccer Fields, Curling Club, Tennis
Courts, etc)**

Answer	Total Response
Yes	977
No	439
Prefer not to answer	76

**Do you as a household utilize Crossfield Community Services?
(eg. Town of Crossfield Programs: Seniors' trips, youth
programs, Crossfield Hamper Program, Town of Crossfield
FCSS programs, etc)**

Answer	Total Response
Yes	308
No	1042
Prefer not to answer	142



Community & Protective Services MONTHLY REPORT TO COUNCIL Tuesday September 3, 2024

1. FCSS, Community Development & Grants

- Grants:

Grant Name	Purpose	Amount	Status
FCC AgriSpirit Grant	Purchase a refrigerator, freezer, shelving, carts and stainless steel food prep tables for the Crossfield Food Hamper Program	\$10,000	Approved
New Horizons for Seniors	Senior's programming	\$25,000	Submitted
Fortis Save Energy Grant	Upgraded LED lighting for the Operations shop	\$1,000 - \$5,000	Finalizing Application

- FCSS and Community Development:
 - TGIFF (Thank Goodness It's Friend Friday) – this exciting program is back for two sessions this fall! This is for kids in grades 3 to 7 and we will meet 6 times on Fridays after school for each session. Each week will be a different theme. The focus of this program is to build self-esteem, external support, and social competencies. There is only one spot left for session 1!
 - Parent and Tot Playgroup will be back again this fall. This free drop-in program will run on Tuesdays at the Community Center from 10:30am to 11:45am from October 1 to November 26. This group is open to Parents (or care givers) and their tots aged 0-5 years. The focus of this program is to build positive family relationships and to help the extent and quality of social networks for families.
 - We will be looking to bring the Adulting 101 Workshops back again this fall for youth in grades 6 to 9. FCSS and Community Development Coordinator, Nicole Vandenberghe is currently in the process of organizing an instructor and developing new workshops for this program.
 - 2025 FCSS applications for externally funded groups are closed and we are now reviewing all applications received.
 - The next Interagency Meeting is being organized and will be held on Thursday, September 19.
 - We have partnered with the Crossfield Wellness Network for the 2nd Annual Crossfield Community Wellness Day, which will be held on Sunday, September 8 from 11:30am to 2:00pm at Crockett Park. This is a FREE community event for all ages. There will be a free BBQ lunch, yard games, ping pong, checkers/chess, bouncy castle, face painting, music, inflatable costume races, and service groups on hand.

2. Recreation

- Although we had to cancel some activities due to low registration, overall, our summer recreation programs and events were well-attended. 18 events and trips were held through July and August, both in and out of town. Parent and youth surveys were

conducted during and after the summer to help improve the program and incorporate new ideas. Thank you to our Recreation Supervisors, Ashtyn and Vienna for their great work over the summer.

- Coordination and development of the newsletter has been moved to the Recreation Department. Currently, the September edition of the newsletter is being worked on.
- The baseball diamonds were well-used this spring and summer with inquiries coming in for fall bookings (both youth and adults).
- We also had numerous green space use applications come in over the summer, with people looking to use parks for various events such as birthday parties.
- Recreation and Events Coordinator, Eris Latham assisted with marketing and advertising for the placemaking survey that went out.
- Upcoming events that are currently being worked on include:
 - **Crossfield Community Fest:** Tuesday September 10, 4:00 – 7:30 p.m.
 - Will be held on Railway Street, between Hammond Avenue and Smith Avenue
 - Will include live music, food truck vendors and a face painter
 - Invitations have been sent to various clubs, organizations and businesses
 - The Chamber has notified businesses along Railway Street
 - **“Tunes at Noon” Senior’s Trip:** Thursday September 12, 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
 - This is a trip for seniors to The Windmill music venue in Dogpound, that will include chartered transportation, lunch, dessert and a musical performance by local artists Blake Reid, Jodie Reid and Aron Young
 - Registration is open to those who are 50 years and older
 - **Annual Pumpkin Hunt:** Tuesday October 22, 4:00 – 7:30 p.m.
 - This hugely popular event will again take place in Veterans Park with registration tentatively opening on October 1
- Plans are also being started for the Christmas light installation, new Christmas decorations for Twinklefest, and planning to restructure the winter/Christmas events (we are looking to combine the 2 events – Winter Wonderland & Twinklefest – into one event for this year)

3. Parks & Facilities

- Most summer students have completed their work for the summer and we would like to thank them all for their effort over the last 4 months, keeping Crossfield looking great.
- Due to some students leaving earlier than anticipated, we have some budget remaining that will allow us to keep 2 students on through September. They will assist in regular mowing and park maintenance, cleaning up and preparing for fall and winter, and shutting down the splash park.
- A new garbage can was installed on the west side of Veterans Park.
- All soccer nets around town were painted.
- The long jump pit in McCaskill Park was fixed up, including edging, adding shale and fixing the wood markers.
- Weed spraying around town is ongoing, including the sidewalks along Railway St.
- The cemetery gazebo was sanded and painted. Benches were also installed in the gazebo.
- Trees posing a hazard have been removed around town and at the cemetery.
- Wood picnic tables around town were repaired (as necessary), sanded and painted.
- General repair projects have been completed at the Community Hall, including: drywall repairs, painting, replacing some flooring on the main hall stage and painting it, installing puck board on storage room walls to prevent further damage to drywall, 3 new kitchen taps were installed, and the fan in the janitor’s room was replaced.

Capital Project	Allocation	Status
Park Sign Replacement Program	\$100,000 (2024) \$10,000 (2023 carry forward)	The sign replacement project has been awarded to a local company, who has started work on ordering materials and constructing the signs. Pricing came in quite a bit less than we anticipated, so we will be able to complete 6 signs this year as opposed to the 3 we had originally planned for. The 6 park signs to be replaced in 2024 are McCaskill Park, Murdoch Park, Banta Park, Walker Park, Wigle Park and Crockett Park. These signs were chosen on a priority basis, based on their condition. This will leave Veterans Park and Amery Park to be completed in 2025. Moving forward, we will request developers to install these signs in parks that are built in new developments.
Banta Park Revitalization	\$50,000	Ideas for revitalizing Banta Park are being compiled. Following this, an RFP will be posted that will include a detailed scope of work. Community engagement will also take place to receive input from residents on the future upgrades of the park.
Pathway Replacement	\$50,000	The pathway along Range Road 12, beside the lagoons has been replaced along with the installation of a root barrier to help protect the pavement from the tree roots. This project is complete.
Active Transportation Plan	\$24,900 (\$10,900 carry forward from 2023)	This is being funded by a grant received through the Active Transportation Fund (Infrastructure Canada). Work is ongoing.
Western Drive Dog Park Upgrades	\$25,000 (2024) \$48,440 (2023 carry forward)	Due to future expansion of the lagoons to accommodate growth, Administration has revised plans for the Western Drive Dog Park. We are currently seeking quotes to purchase additional temporary fencing, similar to what is currently in place. This will be installed at the existing location on Western Drive to provide separate spaces for small and large dogs. At the same time, we are also gathering quotes to clean up, level and seed grass in a new location, on the south side of Laut

Avenue, and to the east of the pathway where it crosses Laut Avenue (see photo below). This location was chosen as it provides for parking, is currently not being used for another purpose, is along the pathway, and will not impact other events, activities or operations. Installing the temporary fencing at the existing Dog Park will allow grass at the new location to be established over the next year. Following that, the temporary fencing can be moved to the new location.



Repair Amery Park Outdoor Rink/ Install Pickleball

\$63,000 (2024)
\$16,500 2023 carry forward)

Pickleball lines were installed in the rink over the summer. However, the updated quote we received to make repairs to the outdoor rink was substantially more than we were originally quoted (\$130,000). It has also been difficult to obtain another quote from other, experienced companies who provide similar work.

In addition, Administration is finding there are more issues with the outdoor rink, as several posts are now heaving out of the ground, damaging the framing and shearing off bolts/screws. In short, this outdoor rink was not the correct application (intended to be a seasonal rink that is taken down at the end of each season, not left up

		<p>permanently) and it was not installed properly.</p> <p>Administration does not want to move forward with partially addressing the problems with this amenity, only to have to deal with the same problems again in another 2 to 5 years.</p> <p>As such, we will be looking to revise our plans to fix the outdoor rink, which unfortunately, will likely cost more money and require more time. A proposal will be coming forward to Council in the coming months as part of budget discussions.</p> <p>In the meantime, our Parks crew feels they will be able to make it work for this coming season by pushing posts back into the ground, fixing the frame, bolts and screws as best they can, and replacing broken puck board as it happens.</p>
Refinish Community Hall Dance Floor	\$15,000 (2023 carry forward)	<p>Quotes are currently being sought. Once quotes are received and evaluated, we will schedule the work, which might require moving around or cancelling some bookings.</p> <p>Administration will seek to minimize, as much as possible, disruptions to Hall users.</p>

4. Arena

- The interior of the Arena was painted over the summer. This includes the lobby, washrooms, bleachers, dressing rooms, hallways, etc.
- A new ramp is being constructed to allow individuals in wheelchairs or with other mobility issues, the opportunity to view activities taking place on the ice surface (hockey, skating, lacrosse, etc.). This is scheduled to be completed prior to the start of the season.
- Arena Supervisor, Randy Copeland has spent a lot of time over the summer working with user groups to set the ice schedule for the upcoming season. Airdrie Minor Hockey will be taking an additional half hour of ice first thing in the mornings on the weekends.
- An RFP was advertised for operation of the Arena concession; however, we did not receive any proposals. The timeframe for proposal submission was extended and it looks like we now have 1 or 2 people interested in operating the concession for this season. We are awaiting receipt of proposals.
- The ice plant was turned on Monday August 26, with ice install commencing on August 27. The ice will be ready for the first scheduled ice times on Wednesday September 4. This is earlier than previous years and was done to accommodate requests from minor hockey and figure skating groups. The September schedule is about 85% full, making it

worth the time and effort. In addition, the new ice plant was designed to operate in the warmer weather.

- We had one Arena Operator decide not to return for this season, so an advertisement is going out to hire someone to fill this vacancy.

5. Protective Services – Municipal Enforcement and Fire Department

- Fire Department:
 - Recruit Training: We are continuing to move our new recruits through training initiatives and their NFPA 1001 level 1 accreditation. The recruits have taken this training and involvement with the department with great enthusiasm.

At this point we have created a base evaluation program which evaluates their skills, focusing on “exterior firefighter” fundamentals which has allowed them to be utilized for specific call types. This allows them to start gaining critical hands-on experience within the scope the department feels comfortable.

As the recruits continue to progress through the NFPA 1001 level 1 training, as well as attending regular Tuesday night training, they will have the opportunity to expand the call types for which they can be utilized. The date for the conclusion of this training and evaluation is September 29. We have secured the fire training facility in Vulcan County for the evaluation process, which Fire Chief Messner will be conducting.

- Equipment Maintenance: We have been able to continue our annual equipment servicing and maintenance programs. Items such as our breathing air compressor and self-contained breathing apparatus have had their servicing and testing completed. Other items that have received, or are in the midst of receiving annual servicing and maintenance includes our vehicle extrication tools, pump and aerial servicing/testing, fire extinguisher servicing, fire alarm testing, and sprinkler system testing.
- As of August 28, the Fire Department has responded to 245 calls for service, broken down as follows:
 - By Location:
 - In-Town – 127
 - Rocky View County – 80
 - Highway – 31
 - Mountain View County – 4
 - Airdrie – 3
 - By Call Type:
 - Structure/Vehicle Fires – 25
 - Grass/Rubbish Fires – 26
 - Vehicle Accidents – 43
 - Medicals – 99
 - False Alarms – 31
 - Public Assist/Hazard – 16
 - Gas Calls (Leaks/CO) – 5

Capital Project	Allocation	Status
Upgrade to AFRRCS Radio System	\$54,000	<p>We have been engaging with the Provincial Government to bring the department into the AFRRCS radio system. The preliminary documentation has been submitted and we have secured our required talk groups and frequencies to initiate the program cycle for the radios themselves. We have one more hurdle to tackle which is to have our neighboring partners allow us access to the communications channels our organizations will be communicating on. This will include Rocky View County, City of Airdrie, Mountain View County, Bighorn, etc.</p> <p>All equipment has arrived at the dealer who will be programming the radios. As soon as our neighboring partners grant access to the required channels, they will begin programming. We are striving to have the radios in place no later than the end of October.</p>
Replace Engine 155	\$198,000 per year (over 5 years)	<p>In previous reports, the difficulties we've had finding a replacement in line with our initial concept of a Quint (Engine/Aerial combination) have been identified. This is primarily due to the age and milage of the second-hand apparatus that are on the market. It has been put forward as a recommendation that the department switch concepts toward replacing this unit with another Engine ("like-for-like"). This could potentially open up options within the second-hand market.</p> <p>Although this concept should provide more choice within this competitive market, the choices are still limited due to the same issues noted previously, being age and milage. We will continue to keep this option open but would like to present other options as well in a future report to Council. These other options will still consist of replacing with another Engine, but will look at the viability and alternative solutions of purchasing a new stock unit, providing</p>

		a longer life span within the Town's fleet.
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- **Municipal Enforcement:**
 - Community Peace Officer, Trevor Stephens left the town at the beginning of July for another opportunity. As such, advertisements went out to recruit a new Level 1 Community Peace Officer. Interviews are currently taking place.
 - Summer Bylaw Officer, Franziska Eady continued her employment throughout the remainder of the summer and did a remarkable job, utilizing RCMP Cst. Scott McWhinnie when needed. Her last day for the summer was Thursday August 29.
 - Many patrols and complaint investigations were completed with Cst. McWhinnie. His role was essential in talking with residents, from a safety perspective and from the insights provided. He went above and beyond in assisting Franziska, ensuring all complaints could be resolved. These face-to-face interactions enhanced the effectiveness of community engagement and peaceful resolutions.
 - The focus this year on the industrial area clean-up was completed with positive results, improving environmental and aesthetic conditions. The businesses and landowners who were approached due to bylaw infractions, or when on the verge of an infraction, were educated on the bylaws. This resulted in several one-on-one conversations. Many of these conversations were focused on education of the bylaws that have resulted in continuous compliance and understanding.
 - When given a warning notice, the majority of the businesses were friendly and promptly complied with the requests being made.
 - Pre-emptive as well as complaint-driven Community Standards bylaw notices were given out as needed. The predominant violation observed was for unmaintained grass with weeds.
 - Approximately 70 properties were contacted in the industrial area cleanup. It is estimated that more than half of the businesses in the industrial area were educated but not given a warning notice.
 - 56 official warning notices were given during July and August, including 34 Community Standards Bylaw Warning Notices, 13 Traffic Bylaw Warning Notices, 7 Dog Control Bylaw Warning Notices and 2 Noise Bylaw Warning Notices. A few other complaints, such as suspicious persons were also resolved.
 - In addition to these warning notices, there were numerous educational conversations with residents and businesses where an official notice was not issued.

6. Safety, Emergency Management and Other

- Russ and Water/Wastewater Foreman, Joe Holstein attended a planning meeting on August 27 for our functional emergency management exercise coming up in May 2025. This will be a regional exercise in conjunction with our partners, Rocky View County, Beiseker and Irricana.

7. Community Services – General

- Senior Administration is working on draft budgets for 2025, including meeting with various supervisors and managers for input on their areas of responsibility.
- Mayor Harris, CAO Barney and Director of Community & Protective Services, Russ Nash met with Rocky View Schools on July 23 to discuss the Town's concerns with the school division's proposed ward boundary changes, the Reciprocal Use of Facilities Agreement and the school site in Vista Crossing.

- Advanced components of the NRED Grant focused on Economic Development Strategies. A report will come back to the next Council meeting on the placemaking survey results.

Submitted by:	Russ Nash, Director of Community & Protective Services / Acting CAO	May 28, 2024
Submitted to:		
Submitted to:	Town Council	June 4, 2024



Operations MONTHLY REPORT TO COUNCIL Tuesday September 3, 2024

1. Operations Department Update:

- The Senior Planner/Director of Community Infrastructure and Growth position has been filled. Steve Altena joins us from Rocky View County and will be starting on September 3. Steve is an Engineer and a Planner and comes with a wealth of municipal experience in both areas.
- Operations Foreman, Murray Pollock met with representatives from Alberta Transportation and Volker Stevin to review concerns with drainage at Harrison Street and Limit Avenue, as well as the condition of the roadway. Alberta Transportation agreed there is a problem and will be taking steps to address the issues. In the very near term, they will be patching the asphalt to bring it back to a better grade. In 2025, they will re-do the drainage properly (fixing the culvert & the problem on the west side of the culvert) as well as re-do that portion of road so everything drains appropriately. They will also be involving Alberta Environment to ensure the wetland is not negatively impacted.
- A significant amount of time has been spent confirming grave plots as some anomalies have been found. This has resulted in implementation of some best practices in order to ensure future issues are avoided.
- Line painting and curb painting have been completed. Major stretches of road including Railway St and Laut Ave received assistance from Volker Stevin.
- Pavement patchwork is ongoing with a significant amount having been fixed throughout the summer.
- A large amount of time was also spent this summer cleaning up the Operations yard, clearing out dozens of years of accumulation. A big thank you to the Operations staff and summer operations students as this was a difficult and sometimes dirty task.
- We have prepped our snow storage yard for the coming winter season, moving the burn pile and making the grounds more accessible for our equipment.
- Assisted Water/Wastewater with water valve exercising and sewer checks.
- Our mechanic has been kept very busy with the truck transition along with daily up-keep of equipment. Many issues have been identified and have either been rectified or are in the process of being rectified.
- All of our equipment has been prepped for the winter months. A couple of minor issues are still pending but should the weather turn, we are ready to provide the necessary services.
- The mechanic has also assisted with some issues that have come up with Parks' equipment.
- We have met with our engineers to review several drainage concerns around town. Surveyors were out on August 19 and 20 to gather grading information and now the engineers will be looking at the data to provide solutions for each of the areas looked at, including:
 - Alleyway behind the Library
 - Alleyway behind Shorty's Diner
 - The top of McCaskill Drive, adjacent to Veterans Park
 - Intersection of Laut Avenue and Highway 2A

- North end of Amery Park where the pathway goes between the houses, toward Vista Drive
- Ross Place where the drainage right of way crosses the road, north to south

Capital Project	Allocation	Status
Transform Single-Purpose Vehicle into Multi-Purpose	\$100,000	This project is complete and the truck is operational. If Council is interested, Administration can arrange for Council to view the truck and the upgrades that were completed.
Sidewalk Replacement (annual)	\$50,000	Sidewalk replacement is being completed at the time of this writing. Issues with sidewalks in Stevens Place are being dealt with by Creation Communities, and upon their failing to do so, we will ensure they are done by the end of September.
Asphalt Overlay Program	\$180,000	This project is complete.
Aerial Man Lift	\$36,000	The man-lift has been received, training has been completed and it is operational.
Westgate Estates Fence	\$30,000	This project has been partially completed, with the worst section of fence being replaced. The east section from Stevens Street to the greenspace behind Murdoch Street still needs to be completed; however, due to increase in pricing, we will have to come back to Council during budget discussions to finalize this.

2. Water/Wastewater Department Update:

- We are pleased to welcome Rick Schmidt to our team as a Level II Water and Wastewater Operator. Rick joins us from the Town of Rimbey, where held the position of Director of Public works. With Rick's 22 years of experience and expertise, he will be a huge asset to the Town of Crossfield.
- New air/vacuum valves were installed at the water distribution plant. These valves are used to allow large volumes of air to be exhausted and release pressure that occurs as the turbine water pumps start and stop. They release air continuously during operation to maintain system efficiency and prevent water pipeline surges.
- A faulty water curb stop valve was replaced at a residence located on Limit Avenue. During this work, it was also noticed that the water service line to the watermain was also leaking. A "trenchless" system is being used for this repair where 2 holes are excavated at either end of the line, and a new service line is pulled through using the old existing line, thus resulting in a smaller footprint and no disturbance to the sidewalk or curb. This is scheduled to take place on September 3 or 4.
- Video has been completed regarding the sanitation replacement study. Results are being reviewed by All North Engineering and discussions have begun with Administration on recommendations for next steps regarding upgrades as well as wastewater capacity and strategies to support growth.

- Annual fire hydrant inspections and flow testing have been completed.
- Wastewater effluent irrigation continues to take place at the golf course and the farmland.
- Wajax has inspected, serviced and load tested the Iron Landing lift station.
- Surfacing water was observed north of the Iron Landing development. We located a leaking fire hydrant, which has been placed out of service until replacement parts arrive.

Capital Project	Allocation	Status
Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) Replacement	\$75,000	<p>Original information provided to Administration indicated that we would need to look at replacing this PLC because it was obsolete, and we wouldn't be able to get parts if something broke down with it. Upon further investigation, it was discovered that we are actually still able to get parts for this PLC.</p> <p>As the PLC is currently running fine and we are able to get parts if it does break down, Administration feels that we do not need to move forward with its replacement at this time.</p> <p>This project will form part of longer-term capital budget planning.</p>
Turbidity Monitor	\$10,000	This project is complete.
Wastewater Main Replacement Evaluation Update	\$7,750	This project is complete.
Wastewater Main Upgrades	\$300,000	Administration is working with engineers at All North and awaiting recommendations on next steps.

Submitted by:	Russ Nash, Director of Community & Protective Services / Acting CAO	August 28, 2024
Submitted to:		
Submitted to:	Town Council	September 3, 2024



Director of Corporate Services MONTHLY REPORT TO COUNCIL Tuesday, September 3, 2024

The month of July & August 2024

1. General Update

- Administration is happy to announce that we have a new Customer Services and Administrative Support Representative; Laura Lenehan who joined our team at the end of July. Laura’s role includes assisting with front line services and providing administrative support functions to the Senior Management team. We are excited to have Laura to join our team.
- Over the months of July and August, Administration dealt with 1160 citizen interactions.

a. Water Meters

- Curb stops for the remaining 10 properties have been located and tested. Those needing repair prior to shut off are being repaired and serviced.
- Starting early September, the properties with working shut offs will be receiving their 48-hour water shut off notices in accordance with the current Town of Crossfield Water and Wastewater Bylaw 2022-07. Once the other shut offs have been made operational the remainder of the properties will also receive their notices.
- Administration has started to replace some commercial / industrial meters.

b. Bulk Water

- The City of Calgary water restrictions continue to generate interest in bulk water from the Town of Crossfield. Several new accounts have been set-up resulting in a slight increase in consumption, 2,143.49 cubic meters, when compared to the same timeframe in 2023.

Date	Cubic Meters	C\$4.50/ m3
June 21-Aug 26, 2024	14415.70	C\$64,866.36
June 21 – Aug 26, 2023	12272.21	C\$55, 225.25

c. Taxes

- 1,798 Tax accounts have either made payment in full or are on the TIPP program
- 123 accounts remain outstanding – reminder follow up letters will be sent in October, prior to December 31st penalties being applied.

d. Census

- The 2024 Municipal Census has been completed with a unofficial population of 4211 residents in 1534 dwellings.
- The Field Report has been submitted to Alberta Municipal Affairs.

2. Finance Update

- Administration has been doing extensive work towards 2025 budget development with a draft budget tentatively scheduled to be brought forward in late October for Council deliberations.
- Courtney has successfully completed the LAPP Audit.
- The interim audit prep is underway with scheduling confirmed for 2nd week in November.

- Participated in Alberta Municipalities wage survey and have chosen 15 municipalities that will serve as our comparators.
- Secured services of an external entity to support Finance until a suitable candidate can be identified.
- Finalizing data for the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) so we can get confirmation on actual funding being provided for 2025.
- Processed the insurance claim for damages to Veteran’s Park. Secured \$74,000 in funding with approximately \$36K of that allocated to maintenance for the next 3 years. Remaining portion included the response cost to the event, tree removal and replacement and immediate aftercare.

3. Account Receivables/Payable Update

	June	July	August	Total Processed
Accounts Payable and Payroll (what we paid for)	(\$845,470.47)	(\$843,322.97)	(\$684,617.44)	(\$2,373,410.88)
Accounts Receivable (what we billed out)	\$84,269.49	\$174,479.44	\$62,658.10	\$321,407.03

4. 2024 Development/Building stats

- Building Permits (new home construction) - 10 for the month of July and 4 for the month of August (August 23) for a total 45 new home construction permits for 2024.

5. 2024 New Business Listing

Development Permit #	Business Name	Business Address	Business Description
D64-2024	Harbour Chemical & Ag Supply	#5, 701 McCool St	Storage
D69-2024	Alliston Crossfield	1523 Railway St.	Temp. sales office
H07-2024	Intension Massage Therapy	1617 Alberta St.	Home based Massage Therapy
H08-2024	Excentric Metalworks	1210 Whitfield Ave.	Home based jewelry making
H09-2024	Tutor Connexion	1100 Iron Landing Way	Mobile tutoring

Submitted by:	Lindsey Nash, Director of Corporate Services	August 28, 2024
Submitted to:	Russ Nash Director of Community & Protective Services/Acting CAO	August 28, 2024
Submitted to:	Town Council	Sept. 3, 2024

Outstanding Action List

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#	Meeting Date	Motion #	Topic / Direction	Assigned To	Due Date	Status	Status Details
039							
038	July 16, 2024	142-2024	Property Tax Write Off Request	Lauren Cutress/ Courtney Cox	Q4 2024	COMPLETED	Administration write off \$312.96 in taxes for TR 269112.
037	July 16, 2024	141-2024	2024 Tax Recovery Public Auction	Lauren Cutress	Q4 2024	IN PROGRESS	Administration to work with Taxservices to proceed with Tax Sale for Tax Roll 269114. Reserve bid of \$35,00.00 Public Auction scheduled for Nov 6, 2024, at 10 am at Hall
036	July 16, 2024	139-2024	Wastewater Feasibility Study	Kinza Barney/ Joe Holstein	Q4 2024	COMPLETED	Administration is currently working on facilitating the completion of a Stream Analysis and exploring additional funding options to support the associated cost.
035	July 16, 2024	138-2024	STARS Ambulance Funding Request – request for funding (based at \$2/capita)	Kinza Barney	Q3 2024	COMPLETED	Administration will bring funding request forward to the 2025 fall budget deliberations for council's consideration.
034	July 2, 2024	134-2024	Offer to Purchase – Additional information required with respect to the Offer to Purchase	Lindsey Nash	Q3 2024	IN PROGRESS	Administration to follow up with interested party to ask additional questions and confirm with Alberta Environment.
031	May 7, 2024	093-2024	TRAVIS Agreement	Russ Nash/ Steve Altana	Q3 2024	IN PROGRESS	Administration to implement a Fixed Municipal Fee at a rate of \$25.00/permit and engage Road Date Services to provide permit review and approval services for the Town and amend the Fees & Rates Bylaw to reflect fees.
026	Feb 20, 2024	028-2024	Snow Removal & Ice Control Program – program review	Steve Altana/ Murray Pollock	Q3 2024	IN PROGRESS	Administration is completing a program review and working on proposed recommendations.
024	Jan 16, 2024	<i>No Motion</i>	Tax Sale Lands - 1316 Railway Street & 1318 Railway Street - Proposed Use of contaminated lands	Kinza Barney/ Lindsey Nash	Q3 2024	IN PROGRESS	Administration will research options for land use in consultation with AE, potential grant funding and bring forward proposed uses to a future council meeting.
013	Nov 21, 2023	274-2023	Railway Street Decorative Lighting – Council requests additional information on the costs associated with the decorative lighting being relocated to the hall & how the associated costs will be distributed between all parties involved.	Kinza Barney	Q4 2024	IN PROGRESS	CAO Barney continues to work with PE & Optics Lighting on associated costs and has a meeting scheduled for the second week in September. An updated report will be coming forward to a October council meeting.
007	Feb 21, 2023	064-2023	Rodeo Ground Lease Agreement	Lindsey Nash	Q4 2024	IN PROGRESS	Administration to bring forward a revised agreement with the recommended changes, as discussed following the approval of the Leasing of Town Facilities and Land Policy.
006	Feb 21, 2023	054-2023	Leasing of Town Facilities and Land Policy 2023-02 - Administration to bring forward updated policy for Council's consideration.	Sr. Leadership Team	Q4 2024	IN PROGRESS	Administration adjust policy and bring forward for consideration.
004	April 4, 2023	<i>No Motion</i>	Town-Owned Lands – Discussion on future use - Administration to prepare a list of town lands and provide options for what those lands could be used for. The intent being to review town owned lands that are not currently active properties and come up with a plan.	Lindsey Nash	Q4 2024	IN PROGRESS	A detailed list of town owned land/properties has been completed. Upon the completion of the NRED grant and completion of a Land Strategies including vacant properties, administration will prepare the report for Council's review for future strategy development.
002	April 19, 2022	129-2022	Town Office Development – Exploration of potential options for a Town Administrative Building	Kinza Barney/ Sub-committee	Q3 2026	ON HOLD	A sub-committee has been formed appointing the CAO, Russ Nash. Exploration of further options and required funding strategies to be identified in 2024.



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*Office of the Minister
MLA, Red Deer-North*

AR 222691

July 22, 2024

Her Worship Kim Harris
Mayor, Town of Crossfield
1005 Ross Street
PO Box 500
Crossfield AB T0M 0S0

Dear Mayor Harris:

Thank you for your letter regarding access to physicians and health care services in Crossfield. While my schedule does not permit me to meet with you at this time, I commend you for your advocacy on behalf of your community, and I look forward to arranging a meeting at a later date. In the meantime, I hope the following information is helpful. I apologize for the delay in my reply.

Please be assured the Government of Alberta understands the important role family and rural generalist physicians play in helping Albertans manage their health. We recognize that, like most parts of Canada, Alberta is experiencing shortages of family physicians. To address this, Alberta's government is working closely with stakeholders across the health care system to develop solutions and build a stronger, more resilient system.

As highlighted in my mandate letter from Premier Smith, a key government priority is to address challenges in attracting, training and retaining health professionals in areas of need. To support this mandate, Alberta's Health Workforce Strategy is helping to manage immediate challenges facing the health workforce while preparing to meet future needs. To learn more about this strategy, please visit alberta.ca/health-workforce-strategy.

We also recently announced the Nurse Practitioner Primary Care Program. It is designed to enable NPs to open their own clinics, take on patients, and offer services based on their scope of practice, training, and expertise. These skilled health care professionals have the ability to provide many of the same services as family doctors, such as assess and diagnose health conditions, order and interpret test results, prescribe medications, and make referrals to physicians and specialists when a condition is beyond their scope of practice.

Further, Alberta's government is working with the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary to train more than 100 additional physicians per year. A key aspect of the physician expansion is a partnership with the University of Lethbridge and Northwestern Polytechnic to develop regional training centres in Lethbridge and Grande Prairie. These centres will include interprofessional teaching clinics that will allow medical students to complete most of their medical education outside the metropolitan regions. This will benefit all rural communities, as evidence shows that students who learn in rural areas tend to practise in rural areas.

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We also understand the importance of retaining the health care providers we already have. That is why we are providing extra remuneration to physicians working in rural and underserved areas. As well, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta is improving its processes to assess and qualify international medical graduates (IMGs). These improvements will allow organizations such as clinics and municipalities to sponsor and support more IMGs so that they can complete their assessments and begin practising sooner.


Although Alberta Health Services (AHS) does not currently have any facilities in Crossfield, it does encourage community recruitment by supporting sponsorship-eligible positions. As you may know, AHS supported one sponsorship-eligible position in family medicine for Crossfield resulting in the successful recruitment of a new family physician last spring. Please be assured that AHS will continue to process completed sponsorship applications to support physician recruitment to your community.

Lastly, it is important to note that, while Alberta Health is responsible for setting policy and direction for the health system, it does not directly employ or recruit health care professionals. Currently, AHS is the provincial health authority responsible for delivering health services to Albertans. AHS recruits physicians to work in its facilities; however, independent clinics, such as Rockyview Pharmacy, are responsible for their own business practices, including physician recruitment.

Please know, Alberta's government will continue taking action and making substantial investments to stabilize and strengthen primary health care across the province so that everyone can access care when and where they need it.

Thank you again for writing and for your dedication to ensuring Crossfield residents have access to high-quality health care.

Sincerely,



Adriana LaGrange
Minister of Health

Minister of Transport
and Quebec Lieutenant



Ministre des Transports
et lieutenant du Québec

Ottawa, Canada
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August 8, 2024

Your Worship Kim Harris
Mayor
Town of Crossfield
mayorharris@crossfieldalberta.com

Dear Mayor Harris:

I write today about an important matter that has the potential to significantly impact Canada's airports and the communities they serve, including the airport in your jurisdiction. As you know, the airport plays a vital role in the safe, secure, and efficient movement of goods and people. It supports an effective supply chain and tourism industry, as well as promotes trade and investment in your city and across our country.

As noted by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Big City Mayors Caucus this past fall, increasing the housing supply in Canada is a top priority for Canada's cities. The Government of Canada also agrees and supports that solutions to this challenge must come from all levels of government. Our government has presented a plan, supported in Budget 2024, that lays out a bold strategy to unlock 3.87 million new homes by 2031. The plan includes an investment of over \$82 billion through Canada's National Housing Strategy. It also includes a minimum of 2 million net new homes in addition to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's forecast of 1.87 million being built by 2031. At the same time, we must work together to ensure these efforts do not result in unintended consequences that jeopardize the safe operation of flights into and out of Canada's airports. Buildings and other obstacles can intrude into flight paths and become hazards to air navigation anywhere an aircraft flies, not just in the immediate vicinity of the airport, and very high structures can impact flights at even greater distances from an airport depending on approach and departure paths.

Federal regulations and international standards require the safe separation of aircraft and obstacles, such as buildings or structures. However, the rapid acceleration of new high-rise developments along the flight paths of some of Canada's busiest airports, coupled with a lack of proper consultations with airport authorities and NAV CANADA, is making it increasingly difficult to maintain this safe separation.

Where safe approach and departure cannot be maintained, steps must be taken to ensure that safe operations are upheld. As a consequence, an airport may lose the ability to accept aircraft in certain conditions and new routes resulting in reduced air services (including medevac flights), impact on current flights and disruptions to supply chains. Taken together, this can lead to significant economic and connectivity impacts for airports and surrounding communities.

A collaborative approach is therefore necessary in the immediate term to ensure airports and NAV CANADA are engaged early on in the development planning stage to minimize any impact on airport operations. I was happy to learn that some jurisdictions have already signalled the importance of protecting airports in their planning documents.

With this in mind, I am seeking your support to strengthen collaboration and engagement with airports, NAV CANADA, and my department as you work with developers on matters relating to high-density land-use development in your jurisdiction(s). The purpose of this collaboration will be to scope out the issue at specific airports, determine what measures are possible at the municipal and/or provincial/territorial level, and assess what remains to be done at the federal level. The earlier that engagement takes place, the earlier solutions can be found to protect both ambitious development plans and critical airport operations, both of which are essential for sustainable and growing communities. The Government of Canada is exploring potential measures to further protect safe airport operations, which could include future regulations.

I look forward to your collaboration as we seek to protect airports given their vital importance to our communities and to the Canadian economy. As such, I would invite you to identify a point of contact in your organization that can work with my officials on this matter and to forward the contact information to Jason Gaudet, Chief of Aviation Safety Policy and Intelligence for aerodromes at Transport Canada, at jason.gaudet@tc.gc.ca. Following this, officials from my department will share guidance material and establish a consultation mechanism for engaging directly with relevant airports and NAV CANADA.

Lastly, please note that I am also writing to the provinces and territories, as well as the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and other implicated municipalities/cities, to apprise them of this issue. I am sure that you are seized by this issue and share the importance of connecting and supporting the economic development of our communities by preserving the safety of our aviation sector. I look forward to our collaboration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping, fluid strokes that form a stylized, elongated shape.

The Honourable Pablo Rodriguez, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Transport and Quebec Lieutenant

From: [Breanna Cera Emard](#)
To: [Mayor Kim Harris](#)
Cc: [Town of Crossfield](#)
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Earlier this year, the Alberta Government introduced Bill 11, establishing a new independent agency police service in Alberta. This decision was made without consulting Albertans, municipalities, or existing law enforcement agencies and follows the unsuccessful Alberta Provincial Police Service initiative.

Today, the National Police Federation (NPF) is releasing the results of our first survey since the announcement of the independent Alberta police service. Conducted by the independent research firm Pollara Strategic Insights in June 2024, this survey is consistent with previous waves of polling, showing a strong support for Alberta RCMP Members. The new research also indicates a lack of awareness and support for the new independent police service.

Key findings from the survey:

- 84% of respondents believe there are more pressing priorities in Alberta than changing the local policing structure.
- 87% of respondents agree that before any changes to municipal policing, there needs to be detailed accounting of costs and impacts on service levels.
- 86% of respondents want to retain the RCMP, with some local improvements.
- 77% of respondents, in RCMP-served communities, are satisfied with their current policing service.

You can view the full press release on the survey results [here](#).

You can also view the full polling slide deck attached.

Should you be interested in further discussion or have any questions please connect with Breanna Cera Emard at Bceraemard@npf-fpn.com.

Sincerely,

Breanna Cera Emard

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Overview of Key Findings:

National Police Federation Alberta

Wave 6

June 2024

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Methodology

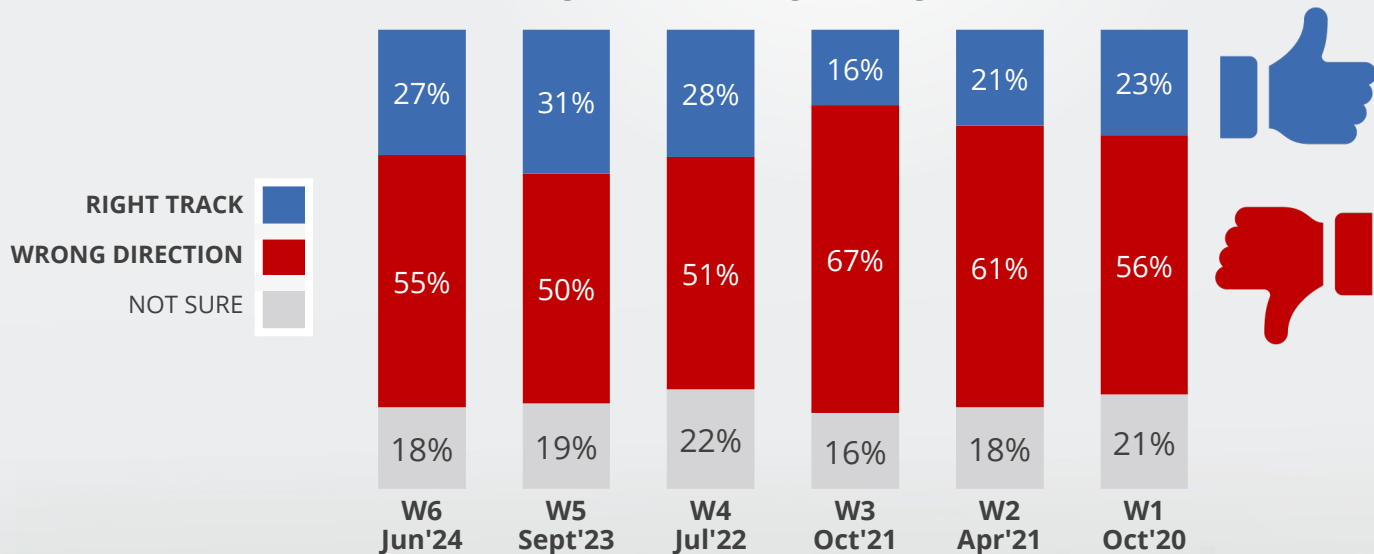
- **Sampling:** Online survey of randomly selected sample of **1200 adult (18+) Alberta Residents**
- **Field Window: June 14 – June 24, 2024**
 - This is the **6th wave** of this study. Each wave includes a core set of tracking questions as well as new questions.
 - Wave 5 of study (N=1,202) conducted Sept 15 – Oct 4, 2023
 - Wave 4 of study (N=1,206) conducted July 6 – 19, 2022
 - Wave 3 of study (N=1,221) conducted Oct 21 – Nov 4, 2021
 - Wave 2 of study (N=1,228) conducted April 30 – May 7, 2021
 - Wave 1 of study (N=1,300) conducted Oct 21 – 28, 2020
- **Reliability:** Non-probability samples cannot be assigned a margin of error. *As a relative guideline, we have provided margins of error for a probability sample of this size. Data has been weighted by region, age and gender to be representative of the population of Alberta
- Discrepancies in totals are due to rounding.

Region	Number of Interviews	Margin of error*
Calgary	225	±6.5%
Edmonton	220	±6.6%
Calgary Suburbs	101	±9.8%
Edmonton Suburbs	110	±9.3%
Rural Central	171	±7.5%
Rural North	154	±7.9%
Rural South	219	±6.6%
ALBERTA	1200	±2.8%

Increased majority say provincial government is going in wrong direction

- Right track returns to pre-election level while wrong direction increases 5% since wave 5 (September 2023)
- Right track lower in Edmonton (18%) relative to Calgary (28%)

ALBERTA PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT: OVERALL PERFORMANCE



1. In Alberta today, do you think the provincial government is on the right track or do you think it is heading off in the wrong direction?
(Total W6 Jun 2024 N=1200, W5 Sept 2023 N=1202, W4 Jul 2022 N=1206, W3 Oct 2021 N=1221, W2 Apr 2021 N=1228, W1 Oct 2020 N=1300)

Affordability leads list of concerns across all regions; Policing and public safety very low on the list

- Affordability is top provincial priority issue for majority of Calgary city (55%) and suburban residents (57%), and those under age 55 (53-55%)
- Health care is a close second (35%) as a priority issue for 55+ voters
- At 1%, policing and public safety does not rise to the top of the priority list for 99% of Albertans

	REGION								GENDER		AGE		
	Cal	Edm	Cal Subs	Edm Subs	Rural North	Rural Cent	Rurals South	All Rural	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
Affordability and cost-of-living	55%	44%	57%	41%	41%	46%	46%	44%	43%	53%	53%	55%	39%
Health care	19%	28%	16%	30%	34%	23%	23%	28%	23%	26%	14%	20%	35%
Alberta's economy	13%	14%	17%	12%	12%	16%	20%	15%	19%	10%	14%	15%	14%
Climate change & environment	4%	4%	2%	5%	2%	5%	5%	4%	4%	4%	5%	2%	5%
Education	2%	5%	4%	1%	4%	3%	1%	3%	3%	3%	5%	3%	1%
Policing and public safety	2%	3%	-	-	-	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	-	2%	2%
Indigenous reconciliation	-	-	-	2%	-	-	-	-	1%	-	1%	1%	-

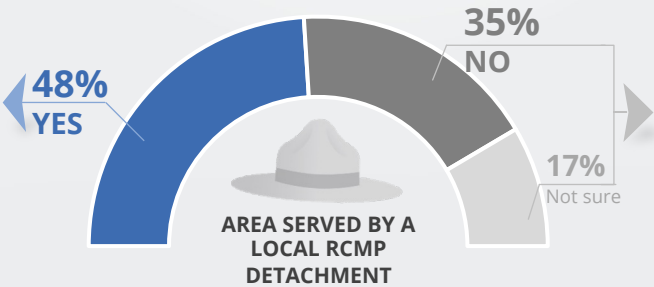
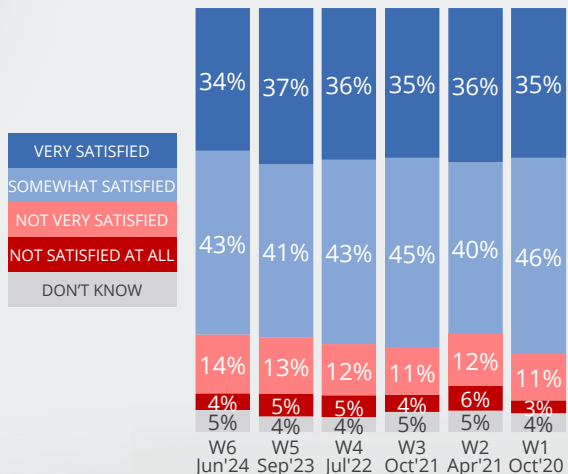


2. When it comes to the following issues facing Alberta today, which is your top priority that you would like the Premier Danielle Smith and the Alberta government address?
(Base: Total sample: N=1200)

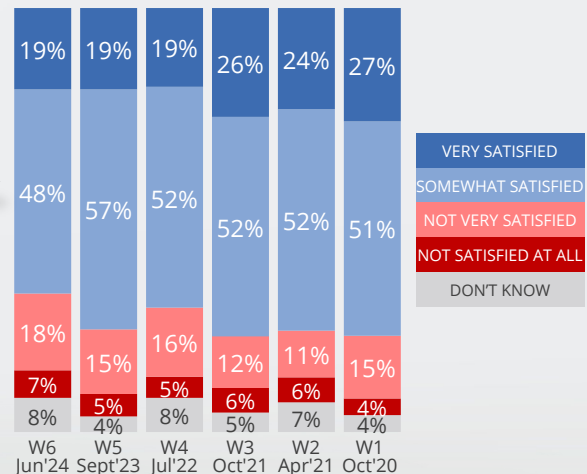
About 4-in-5 of Albertans in RCMP-served areas say they are satisfied with the RCMP's policing

- Satisfaction with the RCMP (77%) is consistent with wave 5 (78%)
- Satisfaction in non-RCMP served communities (67%) lowest across six waves.
- Level of those “very satisfied” much higher in RCMP-served communities (34%) compared to non-RCMP served (19%)

SATISFIED WITH RCMP'S POLICING



SATISFIED WITH POLICING IN COMMUNITY



4. Is your municipality or local area served by a local RCMP detachment? (Total N=1200)

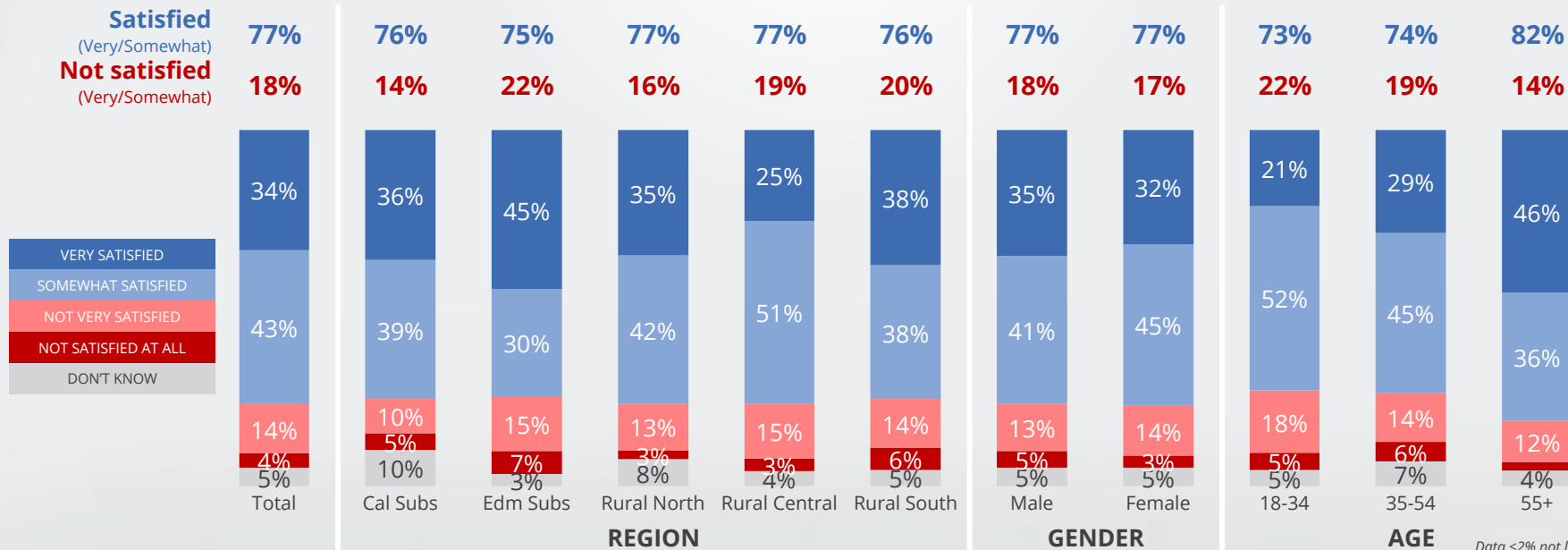
5. How satisfied are you with the RCMP's policing of your community? (Yes, at Q4 W6 Jun'24 N=678, W5 Sept 2023 N=699, W4 Jul 2022 N=696, W3 Oct 2021 N=727, W2 Apr 2021 N=733, W1 Oct 2020 N=809)

6. How satisfied are you with the policing in your community? (No or Not Sure at Q4 W6 Jun'24 N=522, W5 Sept 2023 N=503, W4 Jul 2022 N=510, W3 Oct 2021 N=494, W2 Apr 2021 N=495, W1 Oct 2020 N=491)

Satisfaction with the RCMP is high across all regions, genders, and age groups

- Net-satisfaction is highest in the Calgary suburbs (+62%) and Rural North (+61%), and among 55+ age group (+68%)

SATISFIED WITH RCMP'S POLICING

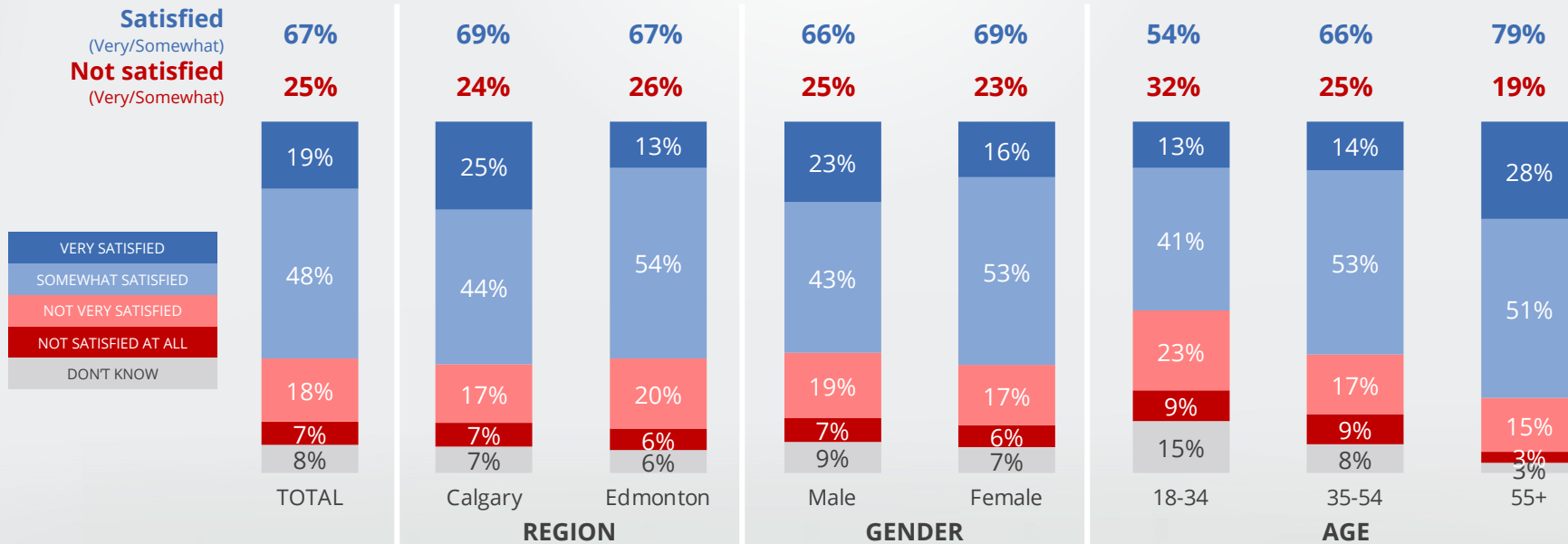


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Satisfaction levels in non-RCMP served communities

- Higher level of those not satisfied among young people (32%)

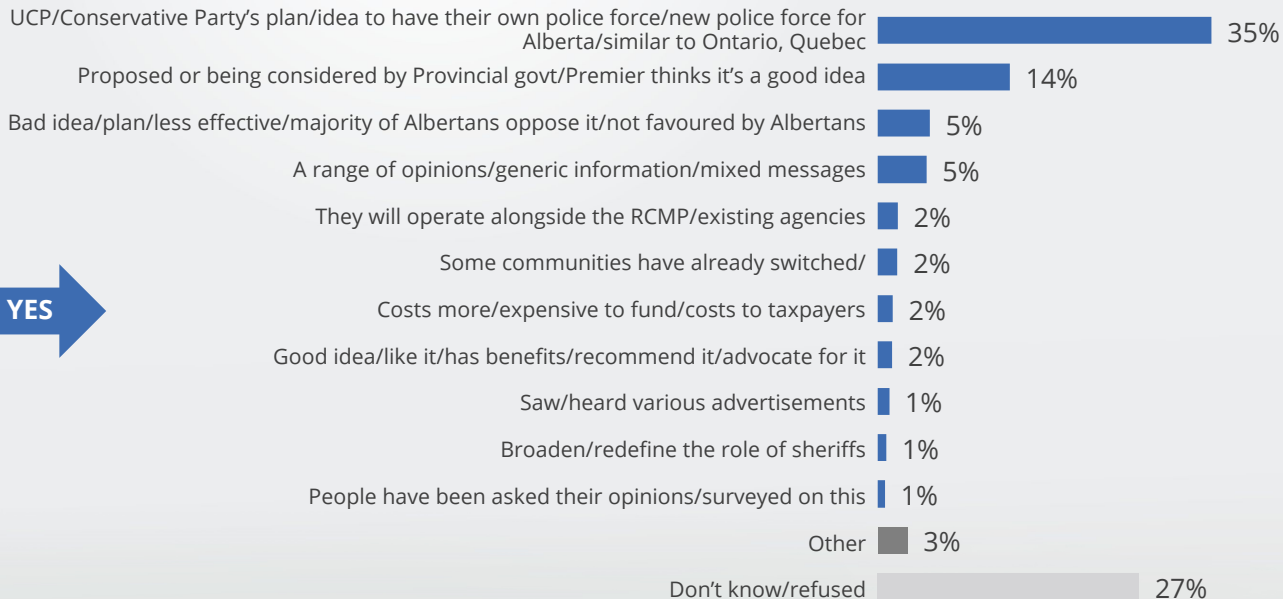
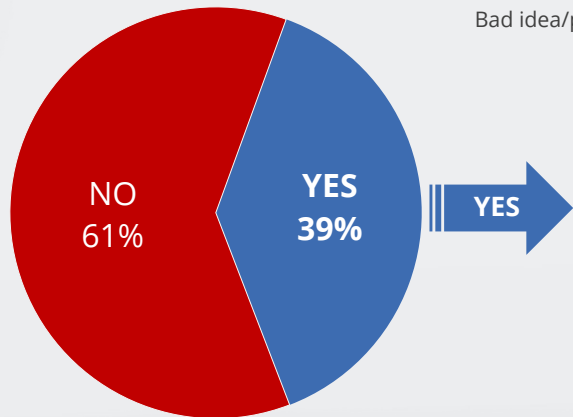
SATISFIED WITH POLICING IN COMMUNITY



Independent Agency Police Service (IAPS)

About 2-in-5 aware of proposal by Alberta government to create new Independent Agency Police Service (IAPS)

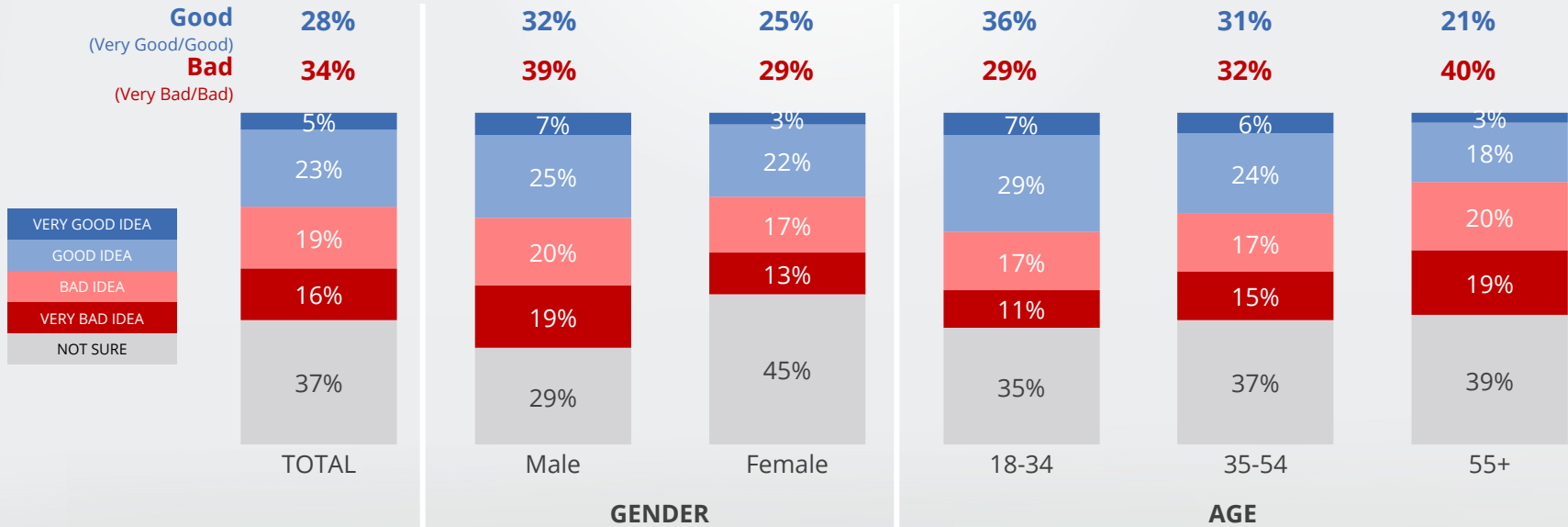
- Plurality of respondents connect proposal to Alberta having its own police force similar to other provinces



9. Have you read, seen, or heard anything recently about a proposal by the Alberta government to create a new policing agency called the **Independent Agency Police Service (IAPS)**? (Total N=1200)
 10. And what have you read, seen or heard? (Total Answered Yes at Q9 N=491)

More Albertans say IAPS is a bad idea than a good one with over one-third not sure

- Both men (-7%) and women (-4%) are net-negative with women more likely to be “not sure” (45%)
- 18-34 age group more likely to say it’s a good idea (+7%) while 55+ age group sees it as bad idea (-19%)



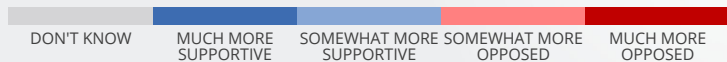
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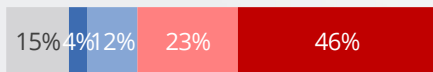
Taxpayer cost and training standards drive opposition to IAPS; shoring up rural policing drives support

- Taxpayer costs was top message of those tested in terms of driving opposition to IAPS, across genders and age groups
- 60% more opposed, including 35% much more opposed, to IAPS being “first step in Danielle Smith’s plan to entirely remove the RCMP from local policing in Alberta”

More Opposed
(Much/Somewhat)



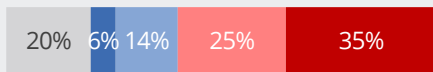
Creating a new Independent Agency Police Service to work alongside the RCMP is going to cost taxpayers a lot of money while making policing more complicated in Alberta



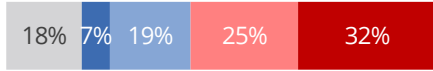
Officers in the proposed Independent Agency Police Service will not have same level of training and standards as RCMP and municipal police officers



Some observers say that the new Independent Agency Police Service is the first step in Danielle Smith's plan to entirely remove the RCMP from local policing in Alberta



Increased funding for a new Independent Agency Police Service could come at the expense of funding RCMP and municipal police services

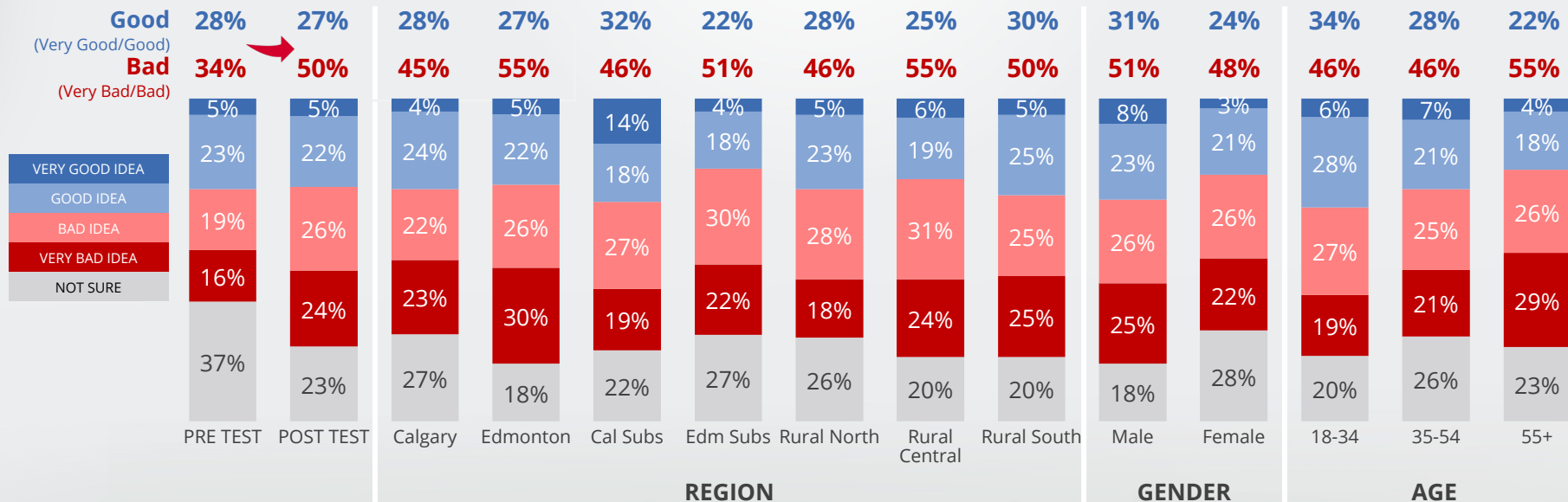


TOTAL	GENDER		AGE			REGION						
	M	F	18-34	35-54	55+	Cal	Edm	Cal Subs	Edm Subs	Rural North	Rural Cent	Rural South
69%	65%	74%	63%	71%	73%	67%	73%	71%	76%	66%	70%	65%
65%	60%	70%	56%	60%	75%	60%	65%	54%	71%	73%	69%	68%
60%	56%	64%	52%	59%	66%	59%	65%	51%	57%	54%	64%	64%
57%	58%	57%	53%	53%	63%	51%	60%	58%	62%	61%	63%	53%

12. Here are some general statements about policing in Alberta. Please indicate whether they make you more supportive or more opposed to a new Independent Agency Police Service (IAPS) that would take on the responsibility for the roles currently carried out by the Alberta Sheriffs and work alongside the RCMP and municipal police services. (Split Sample: N=719-1200)

Post-Test: Majority says IAPS is a “bad idea” after reviewing statements

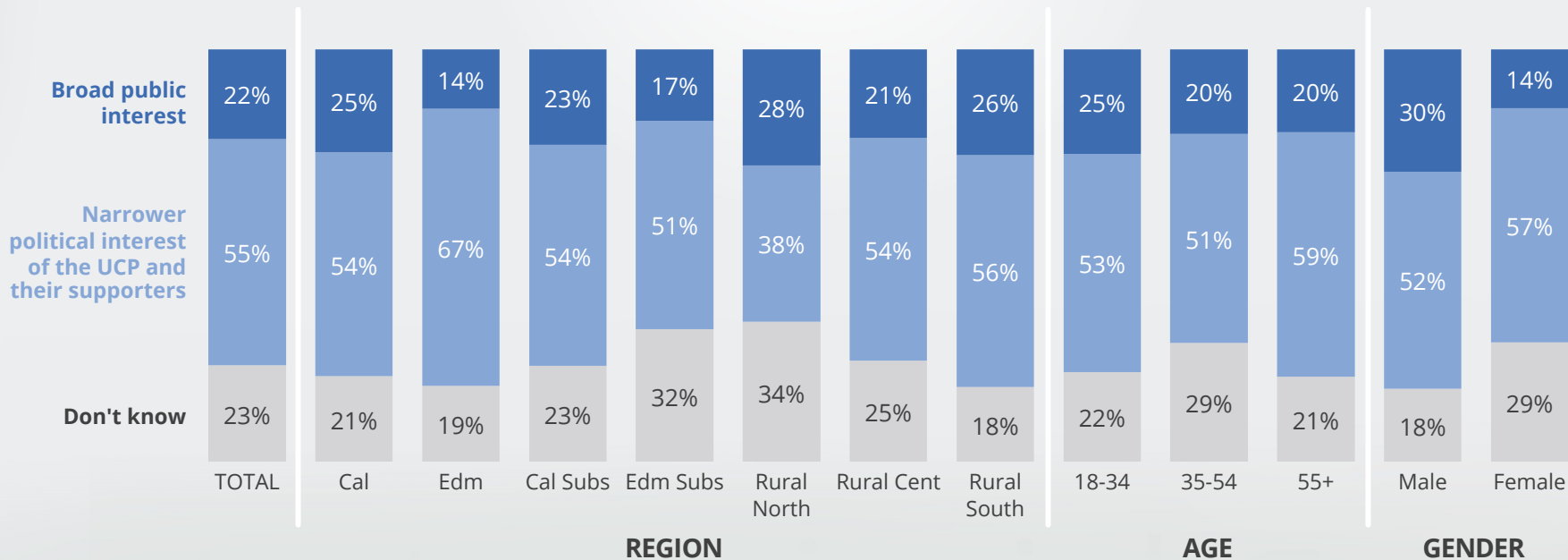
- Swing of ‘not sure’ respondents in pre-test to “bad idea” in the post-test. Those saying IAPS proposal is a ‘good idea’ consistent.
- In post-test, IAPS proposal seen as a “bad idea” across all genders and age groups.



13. Now that you reviewed additional information, do you think an Independent Agency Police Service (IAPS) that would take on the responsibility for the roles currently carried out by the Alberta Sheriffs and work alongside the RCMP and municipal police services is a good idea or a bad idea? (Total N=1200)

On policing, over half say Smith/UCP motivated by narrow political interests instead of broad public interest

- Men (30%) twice more likely than women (14%) to say UCP government motivated by broad public interest on policing issues
- Majority in all regions say narrow political interest motivating government on policing issues, except Rural North

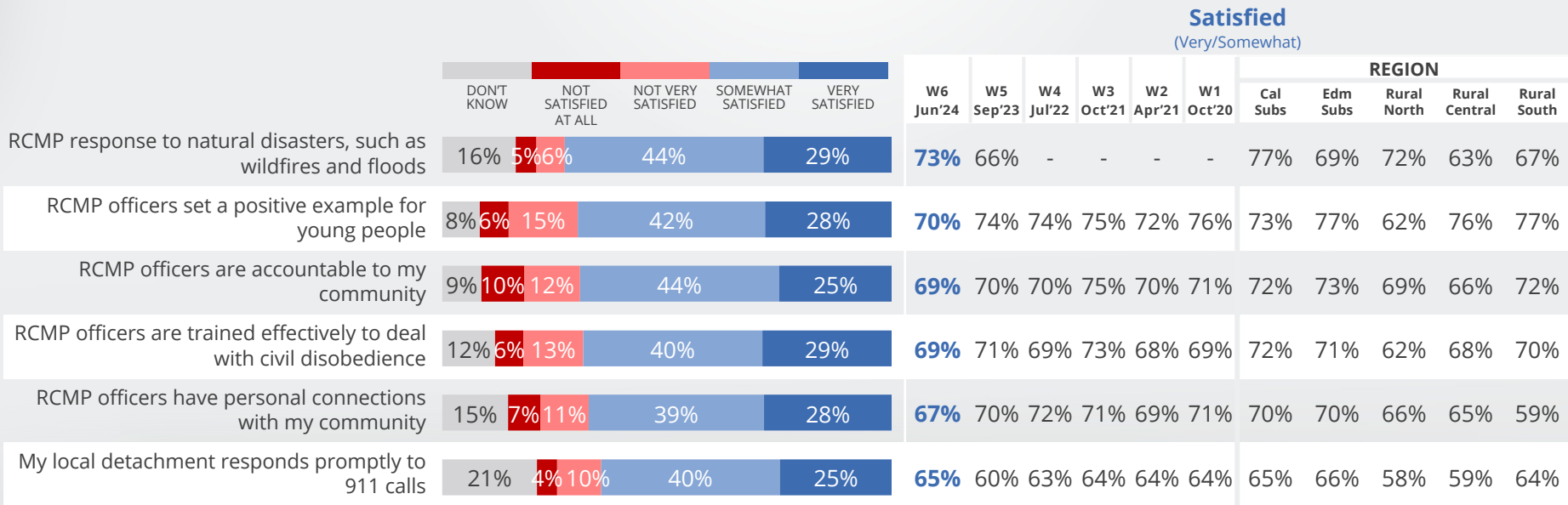


18. When it comes to policing issues, do you think Premier Danielle Smith and the UCP government are motivated to make changes that are in the... (Total N=1200)

Rural/ RCMP Communities

Majority satisfied on each aspect of policing in RCMP-served communities

- RCMP response to natural disasters... rises to top aspect in terms of overall satisfaction (73%)
- Setting an example for young people marginally declines (-4%) and stands as second highest aspect
- RCMP officers trained effectively to deal with civil disobedience has highest level of those “very satisfied” (29%) – tied with natural disasters aspect
- My local detachment responds promptly to 911 calls increases from 60% to 65%

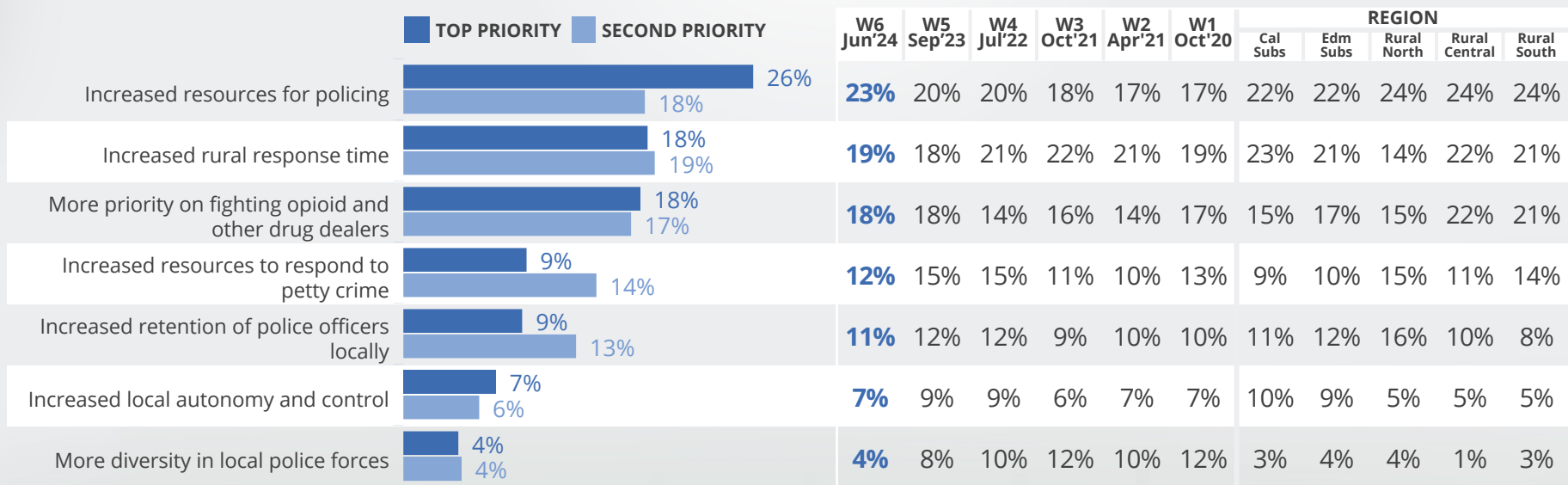


19. Thinking about policing in your community, for each of the following, what is your level of satisfaction?
 (Rural / RCMP Communities W6 Jun 2024 N=492 to 494, W5 Sept 2023 N= varies from 507 to 511, W4 Jul 2022 N= varies from 453 to 476, W3 Oct 2021 N= varies from 473 to 493, W2 Apr 2021 N= varies from 476 to 502, W1 Oct 2020 N= varies from 526 to 558)

Increased resources for policing has highest level of “top priority”

- Increased resources for policing is top priority across all regions, except Calgary Suburbs
- More priority on fighting opioid and other drug dealers is higher priority in Rural Central and Rural South relative to other regions
- More diversity in local police forces continues to decline as a priority relative to other priorities

Overall Priority

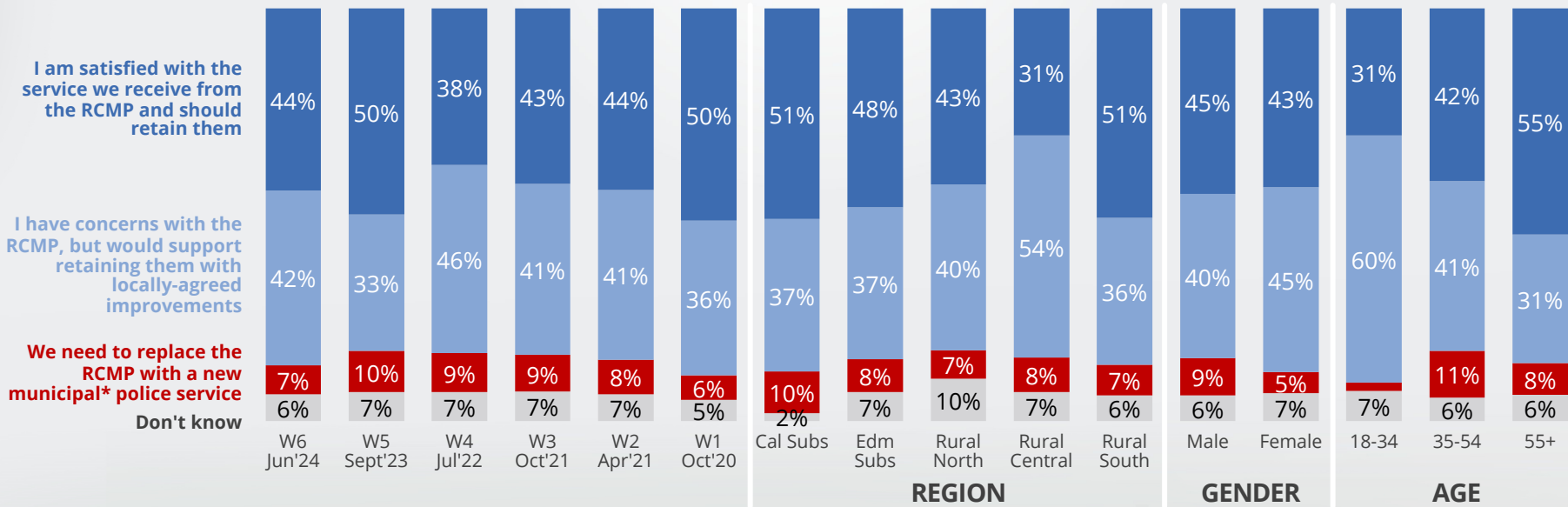


20. Which of the following improvements to RCMP service in Alberta would be your highest priority? And the second highest priority? (Rural / RCMP Communities W6 Jun 2024 N=678, W5 Sept 2023 N=699, W4 Jul 2022 N=695, W3 Oct 2021 N=727, W2 Apr 2021 N=733, W1 Oct 2020 N=809)

Rural / RCMP communities:

Over 8-in-10 say that Alberta retain the RCMP, either conditionally or unconditionally

- Those choosing “satisfied with...RCMP and should retain them” or “have concerns... but would support retaining them with improvements” is a combined 86%, a marginal increase compared to wave 5 (83%).
- Only 1-in-14 (7%) choose “we need to replace the RCMP with a new municipal police service”, compared to 10% in wave 5. This level is comparable to previous waves (1-4) where respondents could choose replacing the RCMP with a “provincial police service”



*Waves 1 to 4: “replace...with a new provincial police service”; Waves 5-6: “replace...with a new municipal police service”

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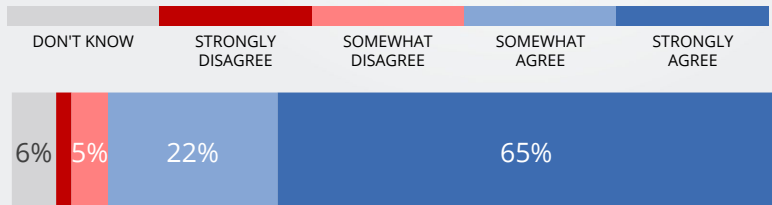
21. Which of the following statements best reflects your viewpoint? (Rural / RCMP Communities w6 Jun 2024 N=678, W5 Sept 2023 N=699, W4 Jul 2022 N=695, W3 Oct 2021 N=727, W2 Apr 2021 N=733, W1 Oct 2020 N=809) Statement #2 wording in W1: “I have concerns with the RCMP, but would support retaining them if there were significant improvements”

Province-wide:

Strong agreement that that detailed accounting of costs and impacts needed / more important priorities than who polices

- Clear majority strongly agree with both statements

Before any changes to municipal policing in Alberta are agreed to, there needs to be a detailed accounting of the costs and impacts to service levels



There are other more important priorities to deal with in Alberta right now than changing who polices local communities



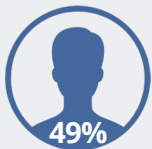
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Agree
(Strongly/Somewhat)

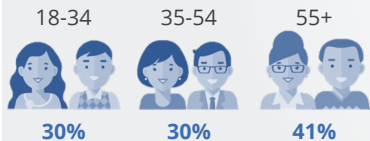
W6 Jun'24	GENDER		AGE		
	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
87%	86%	89%	78%	87%	94%
84%	82%	86%	77%	85%	89%

Demographic Profile

GENDER



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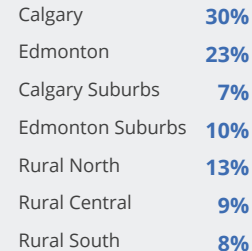
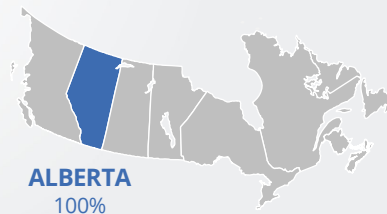
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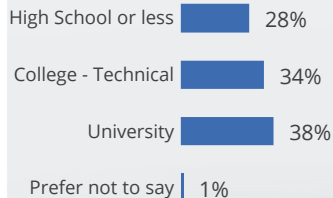
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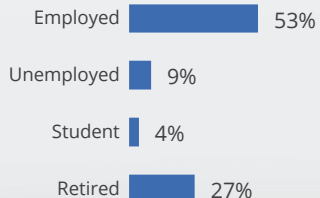
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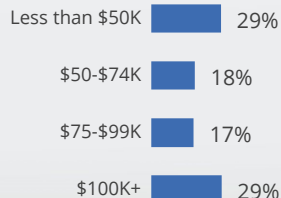
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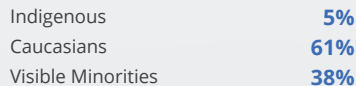
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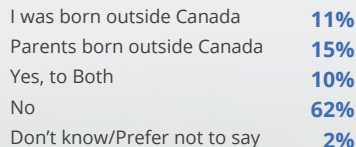
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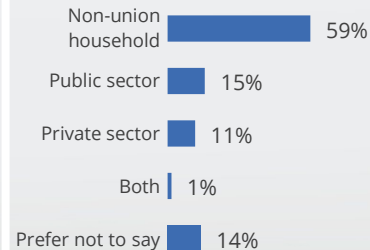
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