

**TOWN OF IRRICANA  
AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
Date: July 19, 2021 Time: 7:00 P.M.**

- A. CALL TO ORDER**
- B. ATTENDANCE**
- C. AGENDA**
- D. PRESENTATIONS**
  - 1. RCMP – Q2 Stats (April to June 2021)
- E. MINUTES**
  - 1. Minutes from June 21, 2021 Council meeting
- F. CORRESPONDENCE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**
- G. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - 1. CAO Report
  - 2. Emergency Management / Reception Centre update
  - 2. FCSS and Community Services update
- H. OLD BUSINESS**
  - 1.
- I. NEW BUSINESS**
  - 1. RFD – Roll 15250: Cancel 2021 Minimum Tax
  - 2. RFD – Roll 11900: Waive Tax Penalties
- J. COMMUNICATION / INFORMATION**
  - 1. Cheque Listing
  - 2. Town of Ponoka Letter - Small Businesses in Rural Alberta
- K. FOLLOW-UP/ACTION & STATUS**
- L. PUBLIC INPUT**
  - 1. Please fill in the question sheets with all information fields completed.  
Your questions will be answered by the appropriate person.
- M. CLOSED SESSION**
  - 1. Legal
- N. ADJOURN.**

# Village of Irricana - County of Rocky View - Beiseker Detachment

Crime Data: January - April to June, 2021

CATEGORY	Reported	Actual	ClrChg	ClrOth	Total Clr	% Clr
Homicides & Offences Related to Death	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Sexual Assaults	1	1	0	0	0	0.0%
Other Sexual Offences	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Assault	1	1	0	0	0	0.0%
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Extortion	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Criminal Harassment	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Uttering Threats	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL PERSONS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Break & Enter	2	1	0	0	0	0.0%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Theft Over \$5,000	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Theft Under \$5,000	2	2	0	0	0	0.0%
Possn Stn Goods	1	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Fraud	2	1	0	0	0	0.0%
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Mischief - Damage ToProperty	2	2	0	0	0	0.0%
Mischief - Other	2	2	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Offensive Weapons	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Disturbing the Peace	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Fail to Comply & Breaches	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>OTHER CRIMINAL CODE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Drug Enforcement - Production	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Drug Enforcement - Possession	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Drug Enforcement - Trafficking	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Drug Enforcement - Other	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>Total Drugs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Cannabis Enforcement	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Federal - General	1	1	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Liquor Act	1	1	0	0	0	0.0%
Cannabis Act	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Mental Health Act	3	3	0	0	0	0.0%
Other Provincial Stats	6	6	1	0	1	16.7%
<b>Total Provincial Stats</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10.0%</b>
Municipal By-laws Traffic	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Municipal By-laws	5	5	0	2	2	40.0%
<b>Total Municipal</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>40.0%</b>
Fatals	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Injury MVAS	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Property Damage MVAS (Reportable)	1	1	1	0	1	100.0%
Property Damage MVAS (Non Reportable)	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL MVAS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Roadside Suspension - Alcohol (Prov)	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Roadside Suspension - Drugs (Prov)	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>Total Provincial Traffic</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>94.4%</b>
<b>Other Traffic</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Criminal Code Traffic</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Common Police Activities</b>						
False Alarms	1	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	6			
False/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act	0	VSU Accepted	0			
Persons Reported Missing	0	VSU Declined	0			
Request to Locate	0	VSU Offered - Not Available	0			
Abandoned Vehicles	0	VSU Proactive Referral	0			



## Beiseker Provincial Crime Gauge

2021 vs. 2020  
January to Q2

### Criminal Code Offences



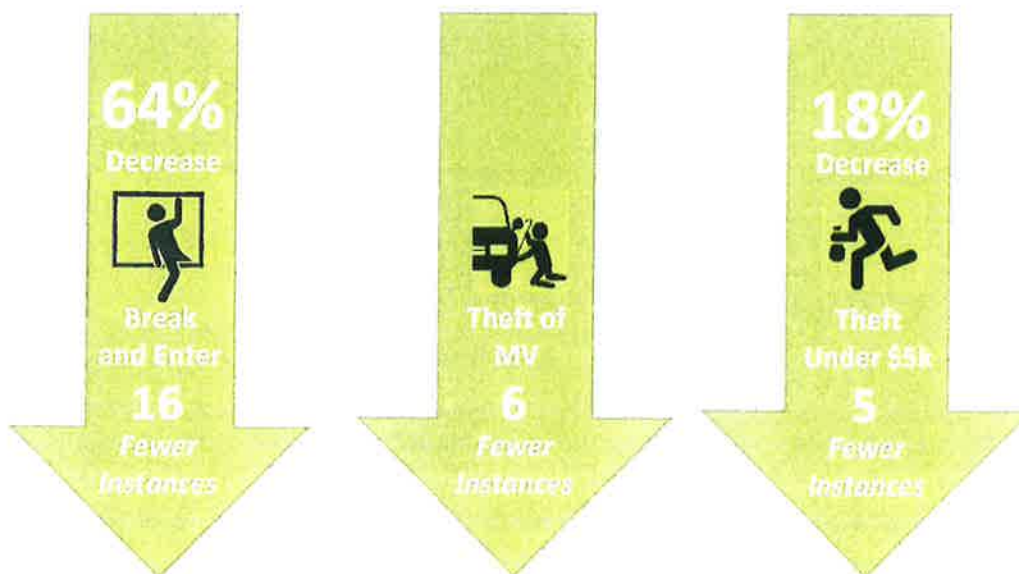
**Total  
Criminal Code  
Offences:**

# 22%

## Decrease

When compared to  
January to Q2, 2020

### Select Property Crime



NOTE: If in both 2020 and 2021 a category had fewer than 20 offences, a percent change is not shown. All numbers without a '%' beside them represent counts.

**TOWN OF IRRICANA**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held**  
**June 21, 2021**  
**Virtual Council Meeting (due to COVID restrictions)**  
**MGA: Section 199**

**ATTENDANCE**

As per Section 199(1) of the Municipal Government Act, a Council meeting may be conducted by means of electronic communication. Notice of the electronic version was provided to the public including the way in which it was to be conducted.

As per Section 199(2) of the Municipal Government Act, Councillors participating in a meeting held by means of a communication facility are deemed to be present at the meeting.

Mayor:	Frank Friesen
Deputy Mayor:	Kim Schmaltz
Councillors:	Debbie Day, Jim Bryson, Tracy Shields
CAO:	Barrie Hutchinson

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Friesen at 7:00 pm.

**AGENDA**

- (i) Adopt Agenda  
130:21 Moved by Councillor Shields to adopt the Agenda as presented.  
CARRIED

Addition of Presentation Item D-1: Library (Shannon Simmons)

- 131:21 Moved by Councillor Day to adopt the edited Agenda.  
CARRIED

**PRESENTATIONS**

- (i) Irricana Library – Shannon Simmons  
Presentation: 7:01 pm to 7:03 pm

**MINUTES**

- (i) Minutes from June 7, 2021 Council Meeting  
132:21 Moved by Councillor Day to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for June 7, 2021, as presented.  
CARRIED

## **CORRESPONDENCE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- (i) CAO Report  
133:21 Moved by Councillor Day to accept the CAO Report as presented.  
CARRIED

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- (i) RFD – Library Lease Agreement  
134:21 Moved by Councillor Shields to approve the edited Lease of the Gladys Taylor Building, located at 226 – 2 Street, to the Irricana Rural and Municipal Library Board, based upon the amended terms, removing section 5 and Schedule D, to expire June 29, 2026.  
CARRIED
- (ii) RFD – Garbage Tag-A-Bag Program  
135:21 Moved by Councillor Bryson to approve a Garbage Tag-A-Bag program to residents of Irricana, at a fee of \$5.00 per tag, to begin July 2, 2021. Tags can be purchased at the Town of Irricana Municipal office during regular office hours only.  
CARRIED
- (iii) RFD – MSI Capital Expenditures  
136:21 Moved by Councillor Day to approve the transfer of \$96,320.03 from the MSI T-bill Investment Account to the Town of Irricana's General Operating Account, to cover invoices for the completed and approved Capital Projects for: 1<sup>st</sup> Street Storm Water Extension of \$82,240.97 and for the construction of the Off Leash Dog Park of \$14,079.06.  
CARRIED
- (iv) RFD – Credit Card Transactions  
137:21 Moved by Deputy Mayor Schmaltz to rescind Motion 87:20, implementing a 2% credit card service fee and to direct administration to no longer accept credit cards as a form of payment transaction on services and billings with the Town of Irricana, effective immediately.  
Recorded Vote requested by Councillor Shields  
In Favour: Mayor Friesen, Deputy Mayor Schmaltz, Councillor Day, Councillor Bryson  
Opposed: Councillor Shields  
CARRIED

## **COMMUNICATION/INFORMATION**

- (i) Cheque Listing.  
Cheque listing for the period June 8, 2021 to June 16, 2021 totaling \$39,915.59

138:21 Moved by Councillor Bryson to accept the cheque listing for the period June 8, 2021 to June 16, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED

## **FOLLOW-UP/ACTION & STATUS**

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

- (i) Due to the online format of the Council meeting, Residents were asked for written questions to be submitted to Town Administration electronically prior to the Council meeting. *As per Motion 32:21 Questions from public to be submitted to Administration by Monday noon of the Council meeting day.*

Written questions presented to Council.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

- (i) Closed to Public  
139:21 Moved by Mayor Friesen to move to Closed Session at 7:48 pm to discuss an item of which disclosure may be harmful to the personal privacy of an employee, as per Section 17(2) of the FOIP Act.
- (ii) Open to Public  
140:21 Moved by Mayor Friesen to reconvene to the public portion of the meeting at 8:29 pm.

### **ADJOURN**

- (i) Adjournment  
141:21 Moved by Mayor Friesen to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.

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Mayor Frank Friesen

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Barrie Hutchinson  
Chief Administrative Officer



**Chief Administrative Officer Report**  
**Review of June 22, 2021 to July 19, 2021**

**Public Works**

General maintenance around Town has been undertaken by Public Works, including the grading of various roads, alleyways and parking lots. Routine equipment maintenance is also being done.

With the large volume of trees and branches piled at the Lagoon Site, the Town obtained a Burn Permit to begin the process of burning these.

**Water/Sewer:**

The extreme hot temperatures in late June had an effect on the timely completion of the water reads, as the process involves walking house to house, locating the 'puck', with the hand held reader utilized to capture the consumption. Even with this small delay, water bills were out by July 12<sup>th</sup>, giving residents 3 weeks to pay before the due date.

Town sewers have now received the planned scoping and flushing.

Regular lagoon maintenance continues.

**Roadways/Sidewalks:**

The new Speed Sign has been installed and secured on the movable trailer and has been placed by the entrance to Town along 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue south. Testing was done to be sure it recorded correctly.

There were two sink holes discovered in Town, which have now been repaired and patched.

**Parks & Recreation:**

Public Works staff have been working extra hard on watering plants and trees, in an effort to keep the flowers throughout Town looking vibrant over these past few weeks of extreme heat. Regular filling of water totes used in the various gardens ongoing, as well as regular mowing and grass trimming throughout Town.

Repairs have been completed on the chain fencing in both the Splash Park and Soccer fields.

A walk-through of both North Ball Diamonds has been done, to determine the amount of repairs and maintenance needed to bring these Ball Diamonds to rentable condition. Some of the issues are gopher(s), rocky & uneven ground, and shale, which has become dust in many sections and needs to be replaced.

**Community Facilities**

The Community Hall has been given a general cleaning in preparation for the Open House held on July 7<sup>th</sup>. With Covid restrictions being lifted, we are starting to see rental inquiries. To date, no firm rentals have been booked.

Brook, FCSS and Community Services, had scheduled an AHS and Fire Inspection of the Community Hall, which has been completed. This provides the Town with important and updated information.

Rec Centre Feasibility Study is scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Open House – July 7, 2021**

Prairie View Developers hosted a Public Open House on July 7<sup>th</sup>, with approximately 40 people in attendance.

**Summer Clean Up Coupons**

In working with Rocky View County, the Irricana Transfer Site has agreed to accept these Coupons from residents for two Saturdays only in July. This allows for one ½ ton load of household waste only at the discounted rate of \$20.00. Rocky View County will collect and calculate the number of coupons used and Invoice the Town for the difference of \$25.00 per Coupon redeemed. Coupons were included in the recent Utility Bills, with additional information on the reverse of the bills and the Town’s website page.

**Tag-A-Bag Program**

The Town has rolled out this program in conjunction with the Garbage Contractor. Tags can be purchased for \$5.00 each at the Town Office. Information on this program was included with the recent Utility Bills and the Town’s website page.

**FINANCE**

**2020 Audit**

The Town’s Auditors continue to work with the Town in completing the 2020 Audit. They have completed the in-house review and will provide the Town with their Financial Audit report in due course.

**FCSS & Community Services**

An updated Report from Brook is attached, providing Council with information on FCSS and Community Services.

**Utilities:**

Outstanding Balance = \$109,192 (Current and Arrears)

May / June 2021 Utility Bills were sent out on July 12<sup>th</sup>, with the due date of July 31<sup>st</sup>. This billing cycle saw increased consumptions on many town properties, which could be related to the recent heat wave being in the +30’s for extended periods.

E-billing customers have been updated with the reduced Water/Sewer Rate, from the original \$20.00 fee to the reduced rate of \$15.00. Additional information on how to register for e-billing was included in the recent Utility Bills and on the Town’s website page.

**Taxes:**

Outstanding Balance = \$396,782 (Arrears)

Due date for the 2021 property taxes was June 30<sup>th</sup>.

<b>CURRENT ACCOUNTS</b>			
<b>Account Name</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Currency</b>	<b>Available Balance</b>
Business Account		<b>CAD</b>	\$625,562 (less payments tbd)
<b>SAVINGS ACCOUNTS</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>
T Bill Savings Account (MSI)		<b>CAD</b>	139,972.03
T Bill Savings Account (Land sale)		<b>CAD</b>	71,433.34
T Bill Savings Account (BMTG)		<b>CAD</b>	69,809.85
New Investment Account		<b>CAD</b>	143,722.00



## Town of Irricana: Emergency Reception Centre

Brook Swanson, has been working very diligently on reviewing, updating and establishing the many components of Emergency Management protocol and documentation for the Town of Irricana, which includes the establishment of an Emergency Reception Centre.

She has been very successful in connecting and building partnerships with stakeholders and local services, which greatly benefit the Town in regard to the overall Emergency Management Plan.

The following is an update from Brook:

- The Town of Irricana was contacted in May of 2021 in regard to establishing an Emergency Reception Center within the Town of Irricana.
  - After reviewing the Emergency Management Reception Center Checklist, the Irricana Community Hall seems like the most ideal location. A Reception Center Intake Form has been completed and submitted to the Rocky Vire County Regional Emergency Management Team for review.
  - A Request has been submitted for Fire Code Capacity and Inspection of the Community Hall.
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- Preliminary Next Steps:
    1. Council Endorsement of Emergency Reception Center at the Community Hall
    2. Community Hall Walk Through with Rocky View County Emergency Management Team
    3. Information Sharing with local stakeholders
    4. Confirmation from Rocky View County establishing the Irricana Community Hall as an EOC/ECC Facility

Thank you,

Brook Swanson  
Community Services Department  
Town of Irricana  
[brook@irricana.com](mailto:brook@irricana.com)



## Community Services and FCSS Update July 2021

### FCSS

- 2020 FCSS Outcomes and Financial Report Complete and submitted to Province
- 2021 FCSS Budget Modified to support retraction of carry forward
- Online Babysitting and Home Alone Programs introduced in late spring.
- Community Links and Stepping Stones to Mental Health Partnerships to support programs and services within Irricana- Example: Kindness Rocks, Worry Fairies, wellness courses etc.
- 2020 Covid Relief Grant -Report completed and submitted to the province
- 2021 FCSS workflow created
- 2021 FCSS Reporting Documents/Spreadsheets Updated
- External Funded FCSS Programs in full swing- Community Links Programming and Boys and Girls Summer Programming

### Community Services

- Working on Partnership with Rocky View Regional Emergency Management Organization to adopt Emergency Management Plan, Emergency Training for Town of Irricana ETC.
- Submitted Intake Forms for Emergency Evacuation Reception Center at Irricana Community hall. Alberta Health Services Inspection complete and Fire Inspection in progress.
- In the process of completing research on outdoor community fitness equipment (Benefits, Challenges, Maintenance, Costs and Community Use). Full research to be completed and submitted by August 1 2021
- Created Community Services 2021 Workflow
- Creating Partnership with Youth Empowerment Services, Looking at Fall Programming
- Working on Recreation Programming in the Fall- Sportsball

# Request for Decision

**To: Mayor Friesen and Council**

**From: Barrie Hutchinson, CAO**

**Date: July 19, 2021**

**Subject: Tax Roll 15250 – Cancel 2021 Minimum Tax**

**DECISION:** To comply with the MGA under Part 10 Taxation.

**CORRELATION TO STRATEGIC PLAN OR POLICY:** Municipal Government Act, Section 347 (1), states that Council may cancel or refund all or part of a tax.

## **KEY ISSUES AND BACKGROUND:**

The Town has received a request from a property owner, legally described as Block 2, Lot 2, Plan 0514328, to waive the 2021 Minimum Tax, totaling \$479.79.

A portion of this property is within the boundaries of Irricana, which, until 2014, was assessed as Taxable Farmland, with the minimum tax being applied.

In 2014, a new Assessment Code was established – Rural Buffer (Code 12), specific to Irricana, for this particular property. This new Assessment Code does not exempt the minimum tax, only to identify the parcel with this class code.

Council waived the minimum tax for this particular property in previous years.

It is the recommendation from Municipal Affairs that based on the Town of Irricana's Tax Rate Bylaw, Section (2), which references the minimum tax being applied per parcel, that the property owner request this annually, with a Motion of Council on record.

## **BENEFITS:**

1. Decisions of Council be transparent, fair and equitable.

**DISADVANTAGES:**

1. Setting a precedent for other properties paying the minimum tax to challenge the decision and request the same.
2. Decreased tax revenue.
3. Increased taxes to general municipal tax to compensate.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. To deny the request to waive the minimum tax.
2. To approve the request to waive the 2021 minimum tax portion of \$479.79 for Tax Roll #15250, legally described as Block 2, Lot 2, Plan 0514328.

**IMPLICATION ON FINANCES:**

- 1 The amount of the minimum tax being waived.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

To be discussed by Council.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

# Request for Decision

**To: Mayor Friesen and Council**

**From: Barrie Hutchinson, CAO**

**Date: July 19, 2021**

**Subject: Tax Roll 11900 – Waive Tax Penalties**

**DECISION:** To comply with the MGA under Part 10 - Taxation.

**CORRELATION TO STRATEGIC PLAN OR POLICY:** Municipal Government Act, Section 347 (1), states that Council may cancel or refund all or part of a tax.

## **KEY ISSUES AND BACKGROUND:**

Block 12, Lots 33-34, Plan 5087W

The current owner(s) have submitted a written request to the Town to request a waiver of Tax Penalties. A copy of the letter is attached.

A review of the tax account for this property shows no arrears over the past few years, with payments made by the due date.

With a 6% Tax Penalty being applied on current taxes July 1<sup>st</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>, the individual penalty amount for this property per month would be \$131.47, for a 3 month penalty total of \$394.41.

In January through to May, an additional 1% penalty would apply on the total outstanding taxes for each of these months.

## **BENEFITS:**

1. To allow the property owners additional time to pay the 2021 property taxes without penalty.

**DISADVANTAGES:**

1. Setting a precedent for tax relief requests.
2. With no penalties, payment of taxes may be further delayed, affecting the incoming revenue for 2021.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. To deny the request to waive penalties.
2. To approve the request to waive the tax penalties.

**IMPLICATION ON FINANCES:**

1. The amount being waived.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

To be discussed by Council and provide a Motion.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

# Town of Irricana

## Cheque Listing For Council

2021-Jul-14  
11:33:43AM

Cheque					Invoice	Cheque
Cheque #	Date	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Description	Amount	Amount
20210428	2021-06-24	Alberta One-Call Corporation		PAYMENT MAY 2021 NOTIFICATIONS	66.15	66.15
			IN 167550			
20210429	2021-06-24	Canadian Linen & Uniform Service		PAYMENT COMMUNITY HALL MATS MAY20	166.76	166.76
			5402511633			
20210430	2021-06-24	DPOC QUADIENT CANADA LTD		PAYMENT POSTAGE METER FUND REFILL	2,000.00	2,000.00
			JUNE 22 2021			
20210431	2021-06-24	ENVIRONMENTAL 360 SOLUTIONS LTD		PAYMENT 6YR BIG BIN COLLECTION - CAM MAY GARBAGE/RECYCLING COI	113.02 8,901.08	9,014.10
			GG0000034973 GG0000036909			
20210432	2021-06-24	KIK Seniors Citizens Club		PAYMENT SENIOR ACTIVE LIVING FCSS	2,400.00	2,400.00
			JUNE-24-2021			
20210433	2021-06-24	Rural Municipalities of Alberta		PAYMENT OFFICE SUPPLIES OFFICE SUPPLIES OFFICE SUPPLIES	168.70 89.65 104.99	363.34
			AB060735 AB061076 AB061717			
20210434	2021-06-24	Scorpion Welding Ltd		PAYMENT ELECTRONIC SPEED SIGHN TR/	525.00	525.00
			337878			
20210435	2021-06-24	Telus Mobility		PAYMENT MAY 2021 CELL PHONES	536.18	536.18
			JUNE-23-2021			
20210436	2021-06-24	Triton Environmental Consultants		PAYMENT AG SOCIET LAND PHASE 2 - EVN	4,788.00	4,788.00
			22144			
20210437	2021-06-24	Wild Rose Assessment Service		PAYMENT ASSESSMENT SERVICES JUNE	1,268.70	1,268.70
			8272			
20210438	2021-06-24	Staff		PAYMENT BOOT ALLOWANCE PW	100.00	100.00
			JUNE-23-2021			
20210439	2021-06-24	Staff		PAYMENT BOOT ALLOWANCE PW	100.00	100.00
			JUNE-23-2021			
20210440	2021-06-28	WR Paving		PAYMENT MSI GRANT - ASPHALT REPAIRS	3,200.00	3,200.00
			MSI-2021-06-28			
20210441	2021-06-28	WR Paving		PAYMENT MSI GRANT - ROAD REPAIRS CC	82,240.97	82,240.97
			MSI 28-06-2021			
20210455	2021-07-06	Receiver General RP0001		PAYMENT EMPLOYEE CPP, EI & TAXES	10,371.53	10,371.53
			JUNE 2021			
20210456	2021-07-06	Receiver General RP0002		PAYMENT COUNCIL TAXES, CPP & EI	2,660.82	2,660.82
			JUNE 2021			
20210457	2021-07-07	Acme Farm & Building Centre		PAYMENT PARTS AND SUPPLIES PW	47.08	47.08
			2106-174401			
20210458	2021-07-07	Aqua 7 Regional Water Commission		PAYMENT MAY WATER 2021	27,108.20	27,108.20
			2021-32			
20210459	2021-07-07	Brownlee LLP		PAYMENT AUDITOR LETTERS 2020	316.86	316.86
			506913			
20210460	2021-07-07	Done Deal Delivery Ltd.		PAYMENT MAY WATER SMAPLE 2021	109.20	109.20
			12222			
20210461	2021-07-07	Medley, Norman W		PAYMENT INSTALLING CEMENT FOUNDAT	200.00	200.00
			MAY-2021-31			
20210462	2021-07-07	Municipal Information Systems Inc.		PAYMENT TAX BILLING JOURNAL - EQUAL TECH SUPPORT JULY 6 - 2021	105.00 857.50	962.50
			20210621 20210750			
20210463	2021-07-07	Service Alberta		PAYMENT LAND TITLE CHARGES	176.65	176.65
			2021-07-05			

# Town of Irricana

## Cheque Listing For Council

2021-Jul-14  
11:41:14AM

Cheque					Invoice	Cheque
Cheque #	Date	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Description	Amount	Amount
20210464	2021-07-07	super save disposal		PAYMENT		575.60
			1247839	6 YD. BIN MAY 2021	575.60	
20210465	2021-07-07	Wild Rose Assessment Service		PAYMENT		1,329.11
			8304	ASSESSMENT SERVICES JULY 2021	1,329.11	
20210466	2021-07-08	Alberta Municipal Services Corporation		PAYMENT		2,650.77
			2021-PCARDAF	PCARD - MAR5APR4 2021	20.48	
			2021-PCARDAF	PCARD - MAR5APR4 2021	285.00	
			2021-PCARDAF	PCARD - MAR5APR4 2021	40.73	
			2021-PCARDAF	PCARD - MAR5APR4 2021	2,304.56	
20210467	2021-07-09	Moore, Benjamin		PAYMENT		2,694.00
			875096	MAINTENANCE CAMPGROUND C	320.00	
			875097	MAINTENANCE REC	2,374.00	

**Total 155,971.52**

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June 24, 2021

Dear Mayor/Reeve:

Ponoka Town Council is reaching out to other smaller rural communities like ours to voice our concerns regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. We wish to share with you our concerns for our business community as we believe you may be experiencing similar issues. We would also like to propose a solution for these concerns and are requesting your support.

Over the last sixteen months, our small town businesses have experienced an extremely tough rollercoaster ride amid a long string of lockdowns and restrictions. As we all know they, unlike urban businesses, already face a different kind of challenge because they do not have the larger population base that businesses in the larger cities can draw on.

Even now that restrictions are being lifted, it takes much longer for these small, rural businesses to recover and bounce back; and given that they have been hit with successive waves of shut downs over the past several months, the damage has been cumulative. We worry that a number of our small businesses may not survive. And we worry about the terrible impact that losing these businesses would have on our community considering they are an integral part of our town's economy. They not only run businesses, they are consumers too. They buy houses and pay taxes. They are also an important part of our social fabric, as many of them sponsor sports teams, coach our young athletes, and are leaders, friends and neighbours in our community. We are deeply concerned about the potential loss of these businesses.

In response to these concerns, we have begun writing letters to the Premier, our MLA, and our MP. We are requesting additional funding be given to rural municipalities. This money would be specifically earmarked for small businesses and distributed to them through municipal councils. Our position is that local municipal councils understand the unique needs of their communities and their businesses, and therefore are in the best position to distribute these additional dollars most effectively.

Our frustration with government has been that their actions and solutions always appear to be a one-size-fits-all measure with the emphasis tilted toward the larger cities in our province. We understand that we are all hurting, but we also can see that there is a tone deafness in particular when it comes to small businesses in rural Alberta. Our concern is that these small, rural businesses are the lifeblood of this province yet they have always contributed disproportionately more to our GDP than they have ever received back in compensation. They are struggling and hurting now. It is time we do something for them or we will soon find that not only will some of them be gone, but small towns in this province may start to disappear along with them.

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Ponoka Town Council is asking for your support by simply requesting that you join us in writing letters to our Premier, your MLA and MP requesting more financial help for small, rural businesses. This will remind our provincial and federal governments that the rural communities in this province are hurting, and hurting badly.

Finally, please feel free to contact the Mayor's Office in the Town of Ponoka for further discussion on how we could collectively pursue other possible solutions in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Ponoka Town Council,