

**TOWN OF MILK RIVER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 13th, 2021**



The regular meeting of the council of the Town of Milk River was held in council chambers in the municipal office commencing at 5:30 pm.

Attendance

Mayor, P. Losey
Councillor, P. Wright
Councillor, S. Liebelt
Councillor, L. McCulloch
Councillor M. McCanna

Chief Administrative Officer, Jon Hood

Call to Order

Mayor Losey called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Approval of Agenda

#2021-09-01

1 item was deleted from the agenda (7A)
MOVED by Councillor Wright that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

#2021-09-02

Moved by Councillor McCanna to approve the August 9th, 2021 Council meeting Minutes

CARRIED

Correspondence/Info

#2021-09-03

Motion by Councillor Liebelt to accept 4A-4H as information

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

Samuel Beliveau – Closed Session 7:00pm

Financial Reports

#2021-09-04

Moved by Councillor McCanna to approve the accounts payable for August 2021

CARRIED

#2021-09-05

Moved by Councillor McCulloch to approve the August 2021 Bank Reconciliation

CARRIED

Council Decisions

#2021-09-06

Moved by Councillor McCanna to approve the bid from Medicine Line Construction in the amount of \$13,600 for the sidewalk repairs at 206-2nd St.

CARRIED

#2021-09-07

Moved by Councillor McCulloch to approve the ATCO Gas Franchise fee at 30% which is the same level as 2021 for the 2022 year

CARRIED

#2021-09-08

Moved by Councillor Liebelt to not approve September 30th as a Statutory Holiday for the employees of the Town of Milk River.

CARRIED

a) Riverside Golf Society Letter/Proposal
B)

Liebelt – written
McCanna – verbal
Wright – Verbal
McCulloch - Verbal
Losey – Verbal

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Council discussed personal issues, under the FOIP Act the meeting was closed

Next Council meeting is scheduled for October 12th, 2021

CARRIED

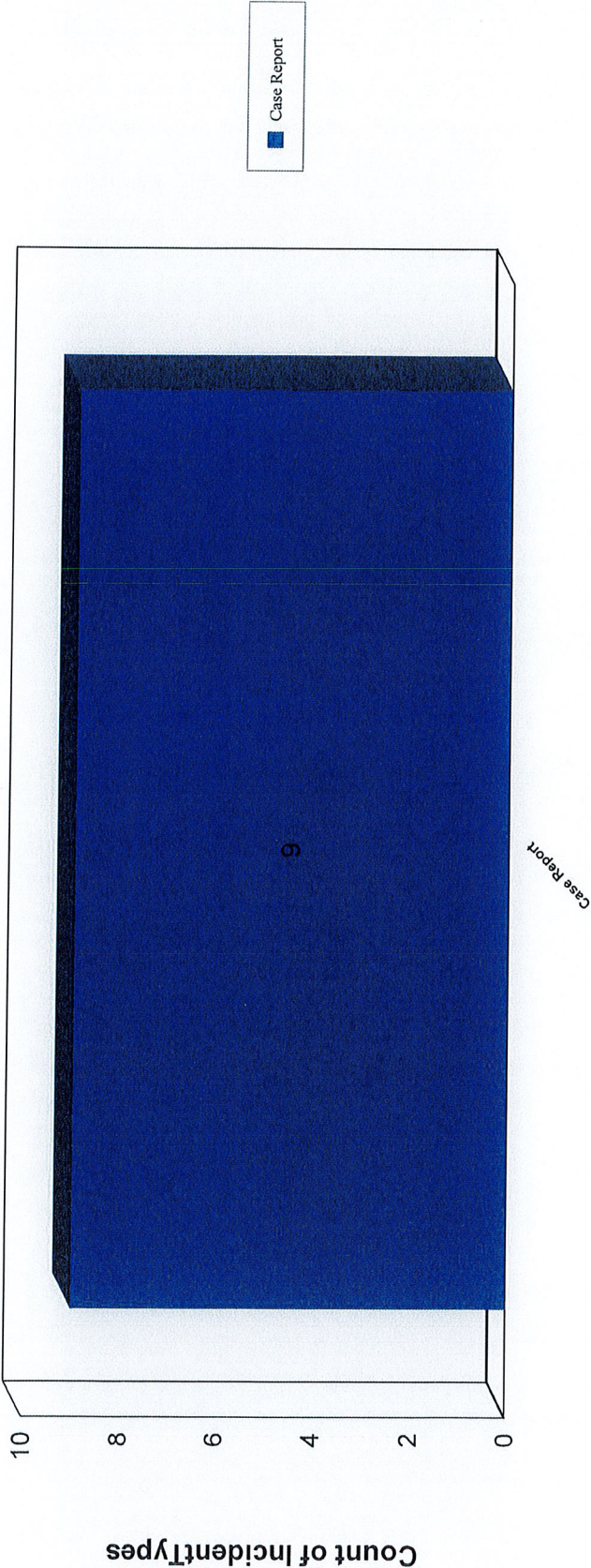
Mayor – Peggy Losey

CAO – Jon Hood

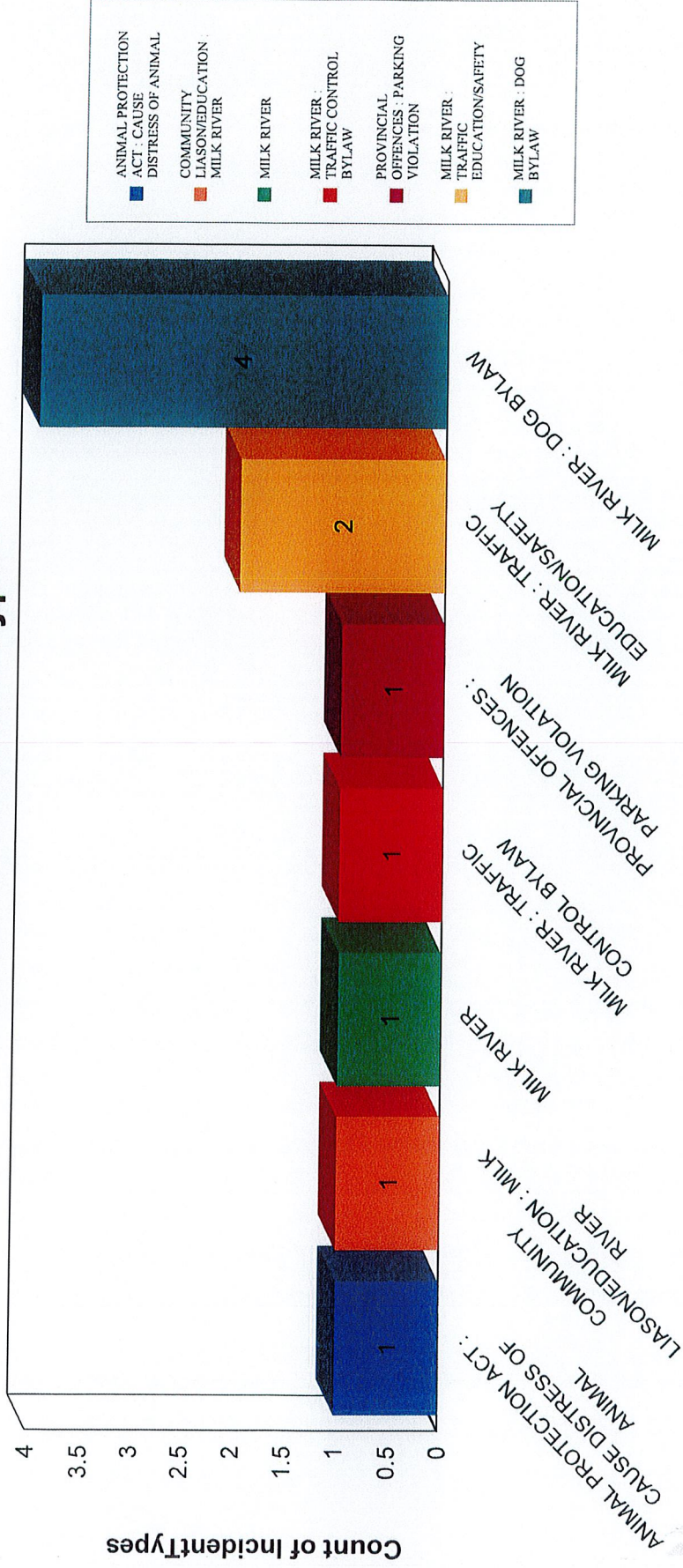
Municipal Enforcement

Statistics from: 9/1/2021 12:00:00AM to 9/30/2021 11:59:00PM

Count of Reports Completed



Count of Incident Types



ANIMAL PROTECTION ACT : CAUSE DISTRESS OF ANIMAL

<u>Location</u>	<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Date</u>
RIDGE REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES : MILK RIVER	PSS2021-0485	ANIMAL PROTECTION ACT : CAUSE DISTRESS OF ANIMAL	SHANNON STACEY	2021/09/27 0900
<u>Specific Location</u> 117 3 AVE NW				

Report Synopsis : Complaint of concern for animal welfare.

9.09% # of Reports: 1 Case Report ANIMAL PROTECTION ACT : CAUSE DISTRESS OF ANIMAL

COMMUNITY LIASON/EDUCATION : MILK RIVER

<u>Location</u>	<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Date</u>
Case Report				
RIDGE REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES : MILK RIVER	PSS2021-0480	COMMUNITY LIASON/EDUCATION : MILK RIVER	SHANNON STACEY	2021/09/21 1105
<u>Specific Location</u>				
ERLE RIVERS HIGH SCHOOL				

Report Synopsis : Request for education and warning for parking offence(s) at Erle Rivers High School

9.09% # of Reports: 1 Case Report COMMUNITY LIASON/EDUCATION : MILK RIVER

MILK RIVER

<u>Location</u>	<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Date</u>
Case Report				
RIDGE REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES : MILK RIVER	PSS2021-0484	MILK RIVER	MELANIE MAREK	2021/09/25 1330
<u>Specific Location</u>				
MILK RIVER				

Report Synopsis : MASTER FILE- TRAFFIC BYLAW, UNATTACHED TRAILERS

9.09% # of Reports: 1 Case Report MILK RIVER

MILK RIVER : TRAFFIC CONTROL BYLAW

<u>Location</u>	<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Date</u>
Case Report				
RIDGE REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES : MILK RIVER	PSS2021-0483	MILK RIVER : TRAFFIC CONTROL BYLAW	SHANNON STACEY	2021/09/21 0000
<u>Specific Location</u>				
405 1 ST. NE				

Report Synopsis : Complaint of RV parked in residential area.

9.09% # of Reports: 1 Case Report MILK RIVER : TRAFFIC CONTROL BYLAW

PROVINCIAL OFFENCES : PARKING VIOLATION

<u>Location</u>	<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Date</u>
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Case Report

RIDGE REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY
SERVICES : MILK RIVER

PSS2021-0475

PROVINCIAL OFFENCES : PARKING VIOLATION

SHANNON STACEY

2021/09/17 1036

Specific Location

ERLE RIVERS HIGH SCHOOL

Report Synopsis : Complaint of person(s) unknown causing traffic concern by angle parking.

9.09% # of Reports: 1 Case Report PROVINCIAL OFFENCES : PARKING VIOLATION

MILK RIVER : TRAFFIC EDUCATION/SAFETY**Location****Case Report**

RIDGE REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY
SERVICES : MILK RIVER

PSS2021-0466

MILK RIVER : TRAFFIC EDUCATION/SAFETY

ROSS BOND

2021/09/10 1445

Specific Location

EARL RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

Report Synopsis : student vehicles angle parking by Earl River High School

Case Report

RIDGE REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY
SERVICES : MILK RIVER

PSS2021-0482

MILK RIVER : TRAFFIC EDUCATION/SAFETY

ROSS BOND

2021/09/22 1145

Specific Location

HWY 501 AND MAIN ST

Report Synopsis : angle parking on Hwy 501 and Main St

18.18% # of Reports: 2 Case Report MILK RIVER : TRAFFIC EDUCATION/SAFETY

MILK RIVER : DOG BYLAW**Location****Case Report**

RIDGE REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY
SERVICES : MILK RIVER

PSS2021-0472

MILK RIVER : DOG BYLAW

TODD NELSON

2021/09/16 1100

Specific Location

117 3 AVE NE

Report Synopsis : Complaint of dogs running at-large and threatening domestic animal / person.

Case Report

RIDGE REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY
SERVICES : MILK RIVER

PSS2021-0472

MILK RIVER : DOG BYLAW

TODD NELSON

2021/09/16 1100

Specific Location

117 3 AVE NE

Report Synopsis : Complaint of dogs running at-large and threatening domestic animal / person.

Case Report

RIDGE REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES : MILK RIVER	PSS2021-0473	MILK RIVER : DOG BYLAW	TODD NELSON	2021/09/16 1130
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Specific Location

201 2 AVE

Report Synopsis : Complaint of dog attacking domestic animal

Case Report

RIDGE REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES : MILK RIVER	PSS2021-0473	MILK RIVER : DOG BYLAW	TODD NELSON	2021/09/16 1130
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Specific Location

201 2 AVE

Report Synopsis : Complaint of dog attacking domestic animal

36.36% # of Reports: 4 Case Report MILK RIVER : DOG BYLAW

Grand Total: 100.00% Total # of Incident Types Reported: 11 Total # of Reports: 9

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Chief Administrative Officer Report
COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday October 12th, 2021

Administration & Operations

- Completed council business from the last meeting, sent out minutes from the September 13th meeting for council's review, prepared the meeting agenda for October's meeting.
- Waterline Looping project on Railway Street is now complete, late but completed we used the MSP funds from 2020 along with MSI funds for this \$245,000 project.
- The work on the 8 ave waterline extension has finally started, again I have expressed the towns frustration at the constant delays.
- Meeting with MPE with regards to the Sewage Lagoon project
- MPC meeting was held on September 27th, 2021, approval for a new development along 8th ave.
- Meeting with several residents with development questions which are easily answered with The land-use bylaw
- Reservoirs remain a 95% full, staff continue to pump water from the river, they are also draining, drying out & cleaning the raw water reservoirs then filling them again as we prepare for winter.

Holidays/Days Off

- 1 day off during this period
- 2 Stat Holiday

Upcoming Training/Courses/Conferences

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Spent 12 days working in Milk River for a total of 95 hours.

Spent 7 days working in Warner for a total of 52 hours.

Subject: 2020 Municipal Indicator Results

Dear Chief Administrative Officer,

Beginning in 2017, Alberta Municipal Affairs started reporting on a new performance measure, which identified the percentage of municipalities that were deemed to be "not at risk" based on financial and governance risk indicators. This performance measure was developed in consultation with stakeholders, and is used as a benchmark for measuring the ministry's efforts to ensure Albertans live in viable municipalities and communities with responsible, collaborative and accountable local governments.

Each of the thirteen indicators has a defined benchmark, and a municipality will be deemed "not at risk" as long as it does not trigger a critical indicator or three or more non-critical indicators. Municipal Affairs will publish the 2020 Municipal Indicator Results report for municipalities that are deemed "at risk" on the open government portal in early 2022 (<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/municipal-indicator-results>).

The municipal indicator results from 2016 to 2020 for all municipalities are available on the online Municipal Indicator Dashboard on the Municipal Indicators webpage (www.alberta.ca/municipal-indicators.aspx).

The ministry has compiled and verified the data collected from Alberta's municipalities for the 2020 financial year and is pleased to inform you that your municipality did not trigger the required number of indicators to appear in this year's Municipal Indicator Results report.

If you would like to discuss your results or the potential future release of these results on the Municipal Affairs website, please contact the Municipal Services Division at toll-free 310-0000, then 780-427-2225, or via email at lgsmail@gov.ab.ca.

Yours truly,

Gary Sandberg
Assistant Deputy Minister

September, 2021

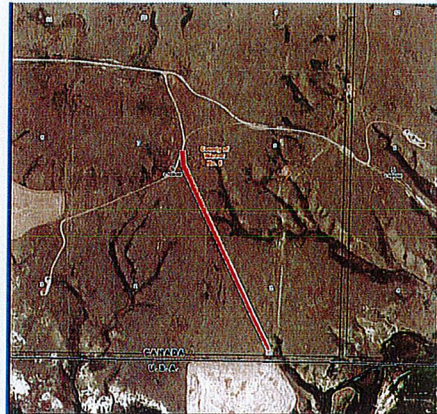
NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT: UNUSED PIPELINE DECOMMISSIONING

Background

- This pipeline has been abandoned since completion (1970), and was never in operating status
- Milk River Pipeline Ltd. (MRPL) recently acquired the Milk River Pipeline System and the acquisition package included the already abandoned Red Coulee Gas Pipeline (Pipeline)

Where is it?

- The pipeline is approximately 16 km away from the Milk River townsite, located near the United States border. The line is 3" in diameter and 750 m in length. There is no surface equipment associated with this pipeline



What's Happening:

- On June 15, 2021 the MRPL applied to the Canada Energy Regulator (CER) to change regulatory status into abandon, and to verify the status change
- The application can be accessed on the CER's website. [CER Filing ID C13560](#)

What's Next?

- Since the Pipeline is already safely abandoned, there are no ground disturbances or abandonment activities associated with this application
- The project consists of surface visual inspection, line locate and verification of removed surface equipment
- Inspection will also verify other technical aspects associated with safe abandonment along with verification of ground subsidence
- If you have a concern about the proposed abandonment project, you can submit a Statement of Opposition to Abandonment to the CER within 30 days of being notified about the abandonment application. Please download the CER Statement of Opposition to Abandonment Application form from the CER website or call 1-800-899-1265 or email info@cer-rec.gc.ca for a copy. The Commission will review the statements of opposition and may hold a public hearing. Interested parties having any questions regarding this project may contact Ana Tarbuk:

Contact

W: 587-943-0125 | C: 403-816-2952
E: ana.tarbuk@interpipeline.com

September 30, 2021

RE: Proposed FortisAlberta 2022 Distribution Rates

As your electrical distribution provider, FortisAlberta appreciates serving you as a customer and we look forward to continuing our partnership. Within this letter, we will share our 2022 Proposed Distribution Rates, currently filed with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC). While these are not yet approved, we recognize that the information contained here may be helpful for Municipal, Industrial and Commercial customers for budget planning purposes. Under Performance Based Regulation (PBR), distribution rate setting follows a formulaic approach set by the AUC, which allows for inflationary increases or decreases in recovery of costs plus recovery of amounts associated with investment in the distribution system. These investments ensure continued safe and reliable provision of distribution services. In addition, all transmission increases, or decreases are flowed through by the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) to be collected through the Delivery Charges section of the customer bill. Both distribution (FortisAlberta) and transmission (transmission provider) costs will see an increase in 2022.

FortisAlberta customers in all rate classes benefited from a one-time refund in 2021 that lowered the overall average rate adjustment that customers would normally see. The proposed 2022 rate adjustments reflect annual rates with the removal of this one-time refund from 2021. The transmission costs are flowed through costs from AESO, and its tariff increases approved by the AUC.

Pending approval of our submission on September 10, 2021, from the AUC under proceeding 26817, following is a summary of the proposed 2022 rate changes, which would become effective January 1, 2022:

1. FortisAlberta has submitted proposed changes to our base Distribution Rates and the Transmission Rates.
2. FortisAlberta has proposed adjustments to the AUC for the Maximum Investment Levels.

Note: 2022 rates may also be impacted by other applications and fees outside of FortisAlberta's control, including transmission rider rates, the Balancing Pool Allocation Rider, the Base Transmission Adjustment Rider, and the Quarterly Transmission Adjustment Rider for Q1, and Municipal Franchise Fee Riders.

The attached Rate chart(s) illustrate the estimated percentage and monetary changes for each rate class based on estimated consumption and demands between your December 2021 and January 2022 bundled bill from your retailer.

We thank you for the opportunity to advise you of these pending updates. We'll be sending additional communications once our 2022 Rates are approved. In the meantime, please feel free to contact your Stakeholder Relations Manager should you have any questions or require further information.

FortisAlberta
2022 Proposed Rates
Average Monthly Bill Impacts by Rate Class
Including Energy, Retail, and DT Rates & Riders

Rate	Rate Class Description	Consumption Usage	Demand Usage	Monthly/Seasonal Bill			
				Jan 2021 Bill	Jan 2022 Bill	\$ Difference	% Change
11	Residential	300 kWh		\$80.63	\$82.14	\$1.51	1.9%
		640 kWh		\$134.24	\$136.49	\$2.25	1.7%
		1200 kWh		\$222.52	\$226.00	\$3.48	1.6%
21	Farm (Breaker) (Closed)	900 kWh	5 kVA	\$116.93	\$115.72	\$-1.21	-1.0%
		1,400 kWh	10 kVA	\$344.19	\$349.85	\$5.66	1.6%
		7,500 kWh	25 kVA	\$1,351.99	\$1,442.83	\$90.84	6.7%
22	Farm (New)	700 kWh	10 kVA	\$253.17	\$272.51	\$19.34	7.6%
		3,000 kWh	20 kVA	\$695.00	\$728.50	\$33.50	4.8%
		15,000 kWh	60 kVA	\$2,827.58	\$2,907.18	\$79.60	2.8%
26	Irrigation (Seasonal Bill)	6,000 kWh	20 kW	\$1,809.17	\$1,922.25	\$113.08	6.3%
		14,518 kWh	33 kW	\$3,847.09	\$3,940.11	\$93.02	2.4%
		45,000 kWh	100 kW	\$11,525.02	\$11,790.35	\$265.33	2.3%
31	Streetlighting (Investment)	5,144 kWh	12,500 W	\$3,093.92	\$3,174.93	\$81.01	2.6%
33	Streetlighting (Non-Investment) (Closed)	7,900 kWh	12,000 W	\$1,715.48	\$1,674.68	\$-40.80	-2.4%
38	Yard Lighting	5,000 kWh	12,000 W	\$2,022.94	\$2,051.47	\$28.53	1.4%
<i>Rates 31, 33 and 38 is based on 100 HPS Lights in assorted fixture wattages.</i>							
41	Small General Service	1,083 kWh	5 kW	\$232.32	\$242.14	\$9.82	4.2%
		2,165 kWh	10 kW	\$439.76	\$447.33	\$7.57	1.7%
		10,825 kWh	50 kW	\$2,099.37	\$2,088.88	\$-10.49	-0.5%
44/45	Oil and Gas Service	2,590 kWh	7.5 kW	\$508.87	\$511.42	\$2.55	0.5%
		5,179 kWh	15 kW	\$981.77	\$993.36	\$11.59	1.2%
		25,895 kWh	75 kW	\$4,695.41	\$4,848.84	\$153.43	3.3%
61	General Service	32,137 kWh	100 kW	\$4,960.83	\$4,946.25	\$-14.58	-0.3%
		63,071 kWh	196 kW	\$9,366.82	\$9,527.60	\$160.78	1.7%
		482,055 kWh	1500 kW	\$69,151.73	\$72,581.69	\$3,429.96	5.0%
63	Large General Service	824,585 kWh	2500 kW	\$115,379.09	\$116,112.75	\$733.66	0.6%
		1,529,869 kWh	4638 kW	\$199,703.45	\$200,903.92	\$1,200.47	0.6%
		3,298,338 kWh	10,000 kW	\$421,524.91	\$423,896.14	\$2,371.23	0.6%
65	Transmission Connected Service	The Distribution component will increase from \$42.11/day to \$44.38978/per day. The Transmission Component is the applicable rate of the AESO.					

CUSTOMER CONTRIBUTIONS SCHEDULES

Table 1
Maximum Investment Levels for Distribution Facilities
When the Investment Term is 15 years or more

Type of Service	Maximum Investment Level
Rate 11 Residential	\$2,677 per service
Rate 11 Residential Development	\$2,677 per service, less FortisAlberta's costs of metering and final connection
Rate 21 FortisAlberta Farm and Rate 23 Grain Drying	\$6,072 base investment, plus \$869 per kVA of Peak Demand
Rate 26 Irrigation	\$6,072 base investment, plus \$966 per kW of Peak Demand
Rate 38 Yard Lighting	\$864 per fixture
Rate 31 Street Lighting (Investment Option)	\$3,125 per fixture
Rate 41 Small General Service	\$6,072 base investment, plus \$966 per kW of Peak Demand
Rate 45 Oil and Gas Service	\$6,072 base investment, plus \$966 per kW of Peak Demand FortisAlberta invests as required per unmetered to metered service conversion program.
Rate 61 General Service (less than or equal to 2 MW)	\$6,072 base investment, plus \$966 per kW for the first 150 kW, plus \$121 for additional kW of Peak Demand
Rate 63 Large General Service (over 2 MW) (Distribution Connected)	\$109 per kW of Peak Demand, plus \$120 per metre of Customer Extension

Notes: Maximum investment levels are reduced if the expected Investment Term is less than 15 years, as specified in Table 2.

*Proposed 2022 Maximum Investment Levels as filed with AUC on September 10, 2021.



Town of Milk River

September 29, 2021

RE: Letter of Support – Milk River Community School Enhancement Project

To whom it may concern,

Please accept this letter as our formal support for the Milk River Community School Enhancement Project being put forward by the Milk River Community School Enhancement Society. The Town of Milk River further acknowledges its responsibility in accepting this grant from the Community Foundation of Lethbridge & Southwestern Alberta on their behalf.

The Milk River Community School Enhancement Project once completed will be a big boost the students using the facility as well as all the parents & grandparents that will be watching from the stands. Projects like this one have always proven to have a positive impact on the community, and the residents of Milk River and area have certainly shown their support for this project as well.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (403) 647-3773.

Yours truly,

Jon Hood, CLGM
Chief Administrative Officer



Box 270
Milk River, AB T0K 1M0



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Please email your 2021-2022 franchise decision by **November 1st, 2021** to Kelsey Nixon.

Kelsey Nixon – Stakeholder Relations Advisor

780-464-8859

kelsey.nixon@fortisalberta.com

From:

Municipality:

Phone:

Email:

☐ No Change

☐ Increase, From _____ % to New Percentage: _____ %

☐ Decrease, From _____ % to New Percentage: _____ %

Please email Kelsey and include the following attachments if **any** changes are being made to the Franchise Fee:

- ☐ Clear copies of **both** advertisements (**ran consecutively for two weeks**).
- ☐ Publication dates for **both** advertisements.
- ☐ **Name & location** of newspaper.

Signature

Print Name

Title

Municipality

Date