

TOWN OF

Outlook



IRRIGATION CAPITAL OF SASKATCHEWAN

2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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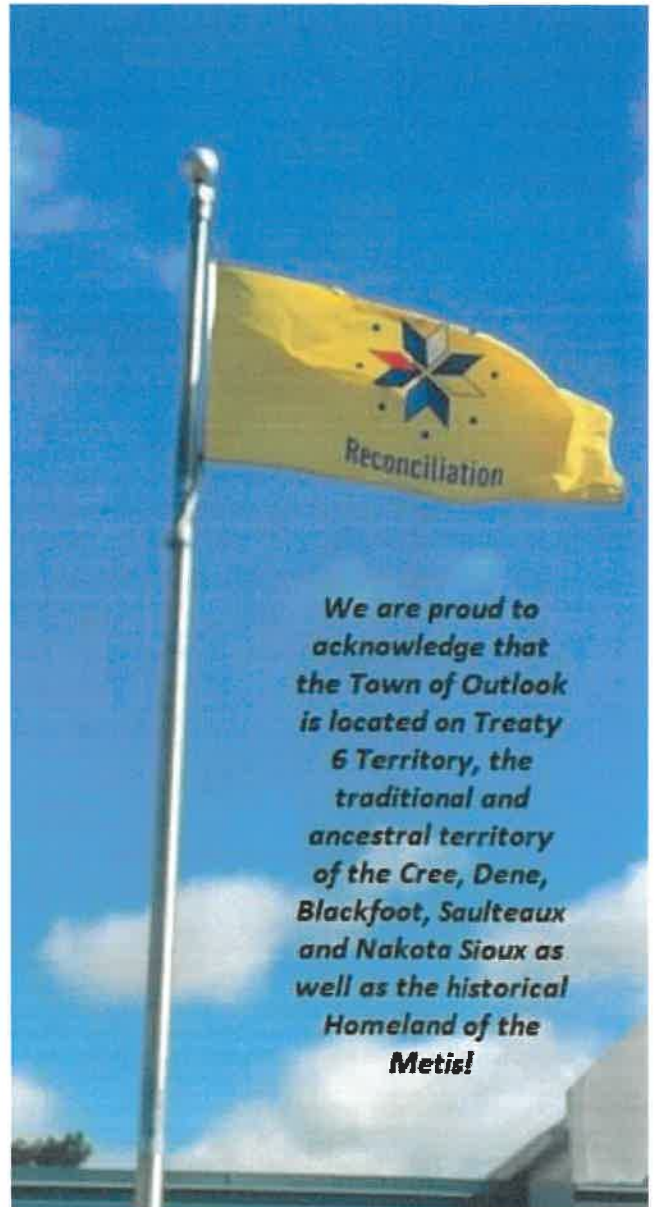


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Outlook proudly strives to be an inclusive community that unites people, partnerships, and sound planning to create unlimited opportunities that continue to shape our progressive community!

To that end, at the Town of Outlook, we incorporate efficient and effective planning tools while integrating the following key values in everything we do:

Integrity:

Our team celebrates our successes and acknowledges our mistakes, we will do the right thing even when no one is watching!

Competent:

We will make timely decisions based on sound information as we are prepared to pivot as circumstances present themselves, we approach projects, tasks and people openly and with a purpose!

Approachable:

We will listen and respect all voices in our community, our carriage will be one of dignity, carrying on with open minds and hearts!

Representative:

Our team will be composed of members reflecting the diversity of our community, holding the highest regard to democratic governance for the people it serves!

Respect:

Our team earns respect by being trustworthy, honest and respectful!





Mayor's Message

And now it's 2023! The year just flies by. As I write this report on the year we had in 2022, I see on my calendar that on September 27, 2023, our Town Council will have had the privilege of serving the residents of Outlook for 1000 days. Deputy Mayor Sharon Bruce, and Councillors Kevin Grotheim, Ryan Husband, Kyle McLeod, Bob Stephenson and Justin Turton, as well as myself, continue to strive to engage with our stakeholders as we move forward with our Strategic Plan.

To date we have held two open houses with the third being held Wednesday, October 4, 2023. This gives council the opportunity to speak with the citizens of Outlook as well as those in the surrounding communities to gain insight into what we are doing well and where we need to improve. It is important that in talking daily with the people in our community, we exhibit transparency, integrity and respect and follow the rules of good governance. It is important to me as well as council that the people are being heard.

Council continues to hold regular council meetings that are able to be viewed live on Facebook as well as meetings with the Joint Health Committee and the Fire Protection Committee. Council members attend various other meetings with community groups such as the Museum Board, the Park Board, the Community Advisory committee, and the Library Board. Council also attends meetings with West Central Government, SUMA sector meetings and the SUMA Annual Meeting. Attending these meetings allow us to network with our peers and government officials to gain further knowledge regarding infrastructure and grants. It is also important to us that we maintain an open and respectful relationship with the surrounding Rural Municipalities. They are not just our neighbours, they are a part of our larger community and we like to work together whenever possible.

I am proud to say that the people who work for the Town of Outlook are not just our employees but they are also our friends. "Team Outlook" works together towards the common goal of serving the people of Outlook. We are fortunate to have individuals on our staff who understand that they are valued and respected and they in turn give us their best on a daily basis.

As I have said before, the most rewarding part of being the Mayor of Outlook is the time I get to spend with the people. I believe that Monday Morning with the Mayor has been very successful - everyone is welcome and the coffee is always on! I appreciate all and every invitation I get to participate—whether it is singing "O Canada" at a hockey game, planting flowers, eating BBQ at the golf course, attending the "Teddy Bear's Picnic" at the library or graduation at LCBI and OHS—I always come away with feeling that I am proud to call Outlook my home.

I certainly appreciate the support I have received from the people of Outlook. Approximately a year from now we will be getting ready for an election. At that time, the people of Outlook will again vote for those they want to look after this great place we call home. Democracy is the key to everything we do as a Council, as we continue to strive to approach decisions with integrity, competency, approachability, and respect, being as informed as we can be to appropriately represent all citizens at the Council table. I continue to be humbled to have been honoured with the privilege of being elected as Mayor in 2020, I am proud of this communities' accomplishments since that time and I know you are too.



Maureen

CAO Report



As we continue along this journey to create an annual report that is informative to you as well as meaningful, we are settling into a reporting period which encapsulates the previous calendar year for statistics, but it also reports on many facets of our operations up to and including June 30 of the current year.

Our last annual report was released in early December, 2022 and it was meant to cover the operations in 2021 with a few highlights from early 2022. Our team found it difficult to resist from speaking about more current operations that hadn't actually happened in the period of the report. We also found that we wanted to talk about our recent successes. The plan going forward is to prepare our annual report in July for release at the fall open house in late September/early October.

We have looked at best practices for annual reports and they often reference the annual audited statement. Our audited statement is generally prepared and ready for public consumption in late May/early June so this, along with the ability to recognize our seasonal activities in Recreation, make a June 30 cutoff more doable.

We talk a lot about "Team Outlook" – I am especially proud of the many members of our team that continue to amaze me with their dedication to the community, their abilities to pivot and their resiliency. Working in a community of Outlook's size definitely comes with challenges, it is difficult to find anonymity when you wish, friends and neighbours so often ask about things "the Town" has done or is doing that may be a bit trying on staff members. Our team, without exception, tries to help others by serving. This is a common attribute to effective municipal team members. Not one of us wants to or tries to piss you off – but sometimes this happens. We have attempted, along with our community partners, The Outlook, to put human faces to "The Town", we are not a mysterious entity that has no heart or soul. We are people, we buy groceries, eat out, participate in recreation activities and community events, watch our loved ones perform or play games, celebrate successes, mourn losses and strive to do our best. Thank you to all of those of you who keep this in mind when discussing a concern, share an idea, or ask a question...your patience and grace is appreciated immensely by all of members of Team Outlook!

We continue to strive to provide transparency and good government to all stakeholders. If we can provide information more concisely, more regularly or more clearly OR if we can provide it more often, in a better medium, I want to hear from you.

It continues to be my privilege to serve the community and I sincerely hope that you make the time to speak to us about any issues or concerns that you may have with the operations of the Town of Outlook.

Our 2022-2023 administrative team included CAO – Kevin Trew; Assistant CAO – Rachel Sillers; Clerks – Wendy Ball, Crystal Fisher and Shanda Rolleston, Juliana Behenna; Maintenance Technicians – Ray Ames and Loren Blosky; Janitorial Contractor –Prairie Girl's Cleaning -Trudy Turnbull.



Kevin

Assistant CAO Report (Financial – 2022 Audit Summary)

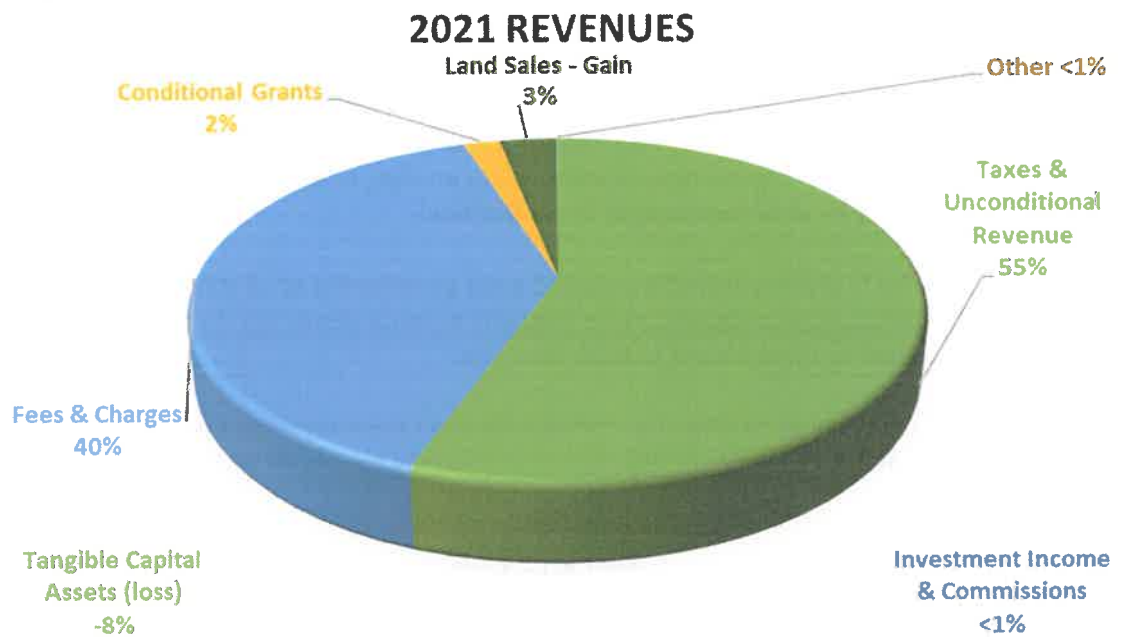


Town of Outlook Operating & Capital Revenue Comparison to Budget by Function

Function (Department)	Budget 2022	Actual 2022
Taxes & Unconditional Revenue	\$3,055,847	\$3,057,200
Fees & Charges	\$2,237,705	\$2,196,643
Conditional Grants	\$107,204	\$134,703
Tangible Capital Asset Sales – gain (loss)	\$ -	(\$35,558)
Land Sales gain (loss)	\$80,000	\$79,762
Investment Income & Commissions	\$28,273	\$33,972
Restructurings	\$-	\$279,448
Other Revenues	\$500	\$48,683
Total	\$5,509,529	\$5,794,853

Revenues in 2022 were up 15% from the previous year, seeing increases in the Environmental & Health function and Protective Services. Additionally, there was a large increase to revenues from restructuring transactions for the Outlook-Rudy Joint Protective Services Committee and Joint Health Committee.

In 2022, the Town transferred Protective Services machinery and equipment along with the ongoing operation of those assets to the Outlook-Rudy Joint Protective Services, with the intent of the Town and the Rural Municipality of Rudy No. 284 consolidating assets and sharing operating responsibilities. The Town and RM each holds a 50% share, and the proportionate share of assets and liabilities transferred is recorded as revenue in the 2022 fiscal year.



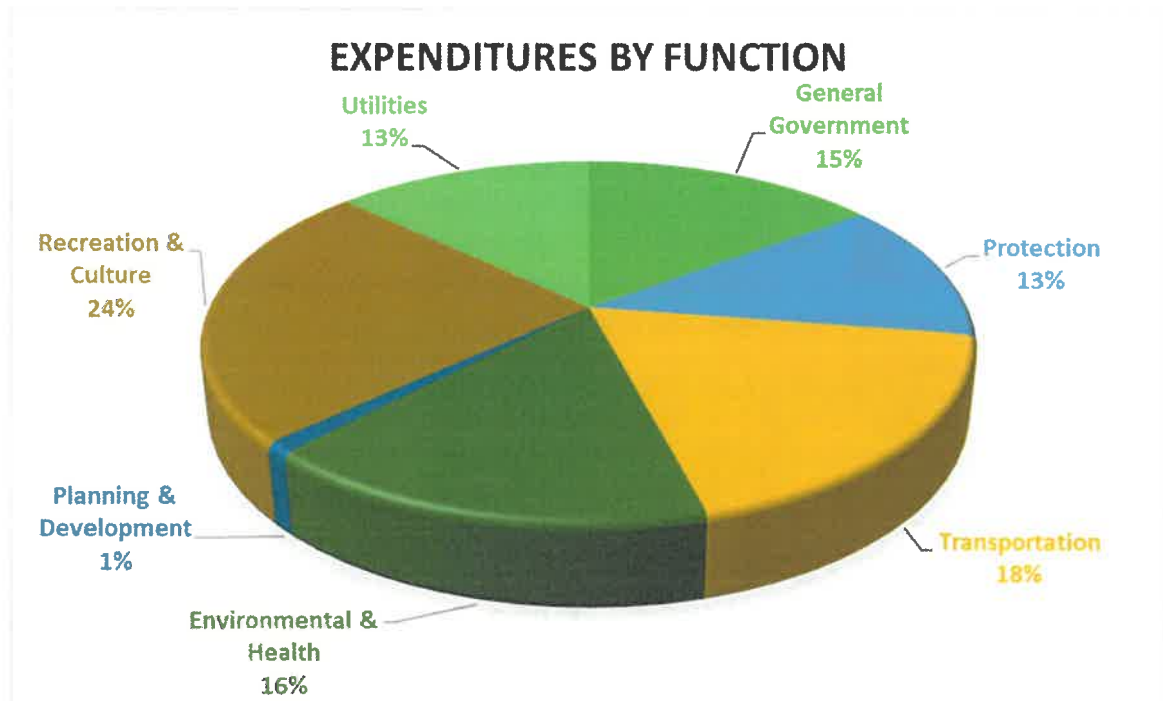
In 2022, the Town received proportionate responsibility for the ongoing operation of the assets to the Outlook & District Health Committee. The Committee is comprised of the Town of Outlook, Rural Municipality of Rudy No. 284 and the Rural Municipality of Fertile Valley No. 285 and each municipality holds a 33.3% share. The carrying amount of assets transferred is recorded as revenue in the 2022 fiscal year.

Expenditures increased by 29.5% overall from the 2021 year, however actual expenditures only came in 3.9% higher than budgeted figures for 2022. Increases in expenditures were primarily in the Environmental Services department due to Landfill operations, and Protective Services department which was affected by changes to the restructuring of the Outlook-Rudy Joint Protective Services.

Town of Outlook Expenses Comparison to Budget by Function

Function (Department)	Budget 2022	Actual 2022
General Government	\$899,633	\$863,214
Protective Services	\$293,217	\$731,991
Transportation	\$1,133,281	\$1,076,417
Environmental & Health	\$564,691	\$946,960
Planning & Development	\$113,911	\$68,886
Recreation & Culture	\$1,567,686	\$1,397,020
Utilities	\$1,042,250	\$750,384
Total	\$5,614,669	\$5,834,872

The Town's Long term debt at December 31st, 2022 was \$2,886,814 which is comprised of two loans, one held from Bank of Montreal, payable in annual principal installments, plus monthly interest at 3.38% on a 10- year term maturing in 2024 for watermain repairs and landfill expansion, and the second loan held from the Prairie Centre Credit Union, payable in annual principal installments, plus monthly interest at 5.02% on a 10-year term maturing in 2023 for the Railyard Subdivision.



The Town also holds three short-term leases for equipment with a total capital lease liability of \$156,308. The total long-term debt and lease obligations are still well under the Town's authorized debt limit of \$4,008,236. We ended the 2022 year with a surplus of \$116,878 as a result of actual revenues being higher than budgeted figures, primarily due to the restructurings.

Full Financial Statements and Budgets from current and previous years can be found on our website at www.townofoutlook.ca or by scanning the QR code below.

Rachel



Outlook Community Library



The Outlook Community Library is a shared space in the Outlook High School. The Town of Outlook signed a new long-term agreement with the School Division early in 2023 so that our space is secured for many years to come. This longstanding partnership has served both the community library and the school well over its term.

We continue to have a great selection of books for everyone. Can't find what you're looking for? We will order it in for you! As well, we are striving to hold events that appeal to a wide range of people in our community.

Here are some examples of events we had last year:

- Story Time goes every week and we love having



guest readers each week



- Community learning is in our mandate, we have hosted several speakers and workshops at the Outlook Community Library
- In the spring of 2023 we hatched butterflies at our library, it was a great experience watching in anticipation as the larvae transformed



We are very Regional trail, this is partnered we are pleased to have a regional park pass lending program as well



proud of the work we do with our many partners, Outlook & District Park plays host in our storybook the second year we have with them. For summer, 2023



The Town of Outlook and Sunwest School Division were able to refresh our space with new storage cabinets and a desk for all librarians.

Our Library team includes Susan Kasper, Diane Bennett and introducing Nancy Gorman as the new Library Manager taking over this summer as Susan (myself) is retiring; as well as many casual staff and volunteers



Susan

Outlook-Rudy Fire and Rescue



2022 saw many changes with Outlook-Rudy Fire and Rescue as the Rural Municipality of Rudy and the Town of Outlook formally took joint ownership of the assets and operations of our department. It was a great measure to see the Villages of Broderick and Glenside sign long-term fire service agreements that would serve those communities going forward.

In 2022, there were a total of 1145 volunteer hours committed by the members of Outlook-Rudy Fire and Rescue. Callouts are 20% Town of Outlook, 75% RM of Rudy and 5% outside providing Mutual Aid. The 2022-2023 season saw 3 vehicle fires, 5 Emergency Medical Service Assists, 6 structure fires, 8 motor vehicle collisions, 13 STARS landing zone assists, 15 Alarms, and 21 Grass and other types of fires.

We ordered a new rescue command vehicle for delivery in 2023 from Otex in Delisle. There have been a few delays in delivery but our members are prepared to add this important improvement to our arsenal.

In the fall of 2022, we held our first ever open house, with proceeds going to the build of a new fire hall in the community. This was a great success, and we will be holding this event annually, building on the success and involving the families of the members going forward.



Outlook-Rudy Fire and Rescue continues to be an important part of our community with a very consistent group of well trained and dedicated members. It definitely can not be said enough that the families of these volunteers deserve our unending praise as their husbands, fathers and sons risk so much in the name of community protection.

In 2022-2023, we congratulated members achieving long service with our department including Deputy Chief Luke Lockhart – 15 years, Andrew Bowey, Keith Bowey, James Jones and Graham Thomson – 10 years.

Our member roster in 2022/2023 included: Mark Arnold, Randy Ball, Andrew Bowey, Keith Bowey, Richard Brenner, Sean Ferguson, Lance Hope, Don Hurd, Ryan Husband, James Jones, Dalas King, George King, Brent Larwood, Luke Lockhart, Kyle McLeod, Jason Moynham, Jordan Rolleston, Kevin Thomson, Graham Thomson and Peter Weber.

Dalas

Emergency Plan

In 2022 Jim Cheyne resigned as our Emergency Measures Coordinator and the Town was able to sign an agreement with Bob Laidlaw. Jim had put together a solid Emergency plan, using templates provided by the Province so that we could replace the expensive and not user friendly plan provided by a third party previously.

Bob has made contact with various stakeholders in the community as well as delivered presentations with key partners. There is interest in expansion of the Town's Emergency Plan to include partners in the rural areas. This is something that the Town is open to discuss and include community partners, however any decisions to that regard are the responsibility of the surrounding Municipalities.

Kevin

Transportation and Public Works



The word “busy” might be an understatement for this year in review for the Public Works department; we saw many of our long-term projects either started, finished, or had the finalized plans completed in this time frame. These will be highlighted as successes further down. On top of these major projects, we also made some major equipment purchases to add to our fleet to better serve our community. From an operational standpoint, I would like to think that our team performed very well in our normal routines and tasks, and would like to thank every one of them for their continued service to our rate payers and community.

Successes:

-Paving- this was a huge year for us for street rehabilitation as we completely rebuilt 4 blocks on McKenzie St North, and



Cedar Place, as well as base work and the first lift of asphalt on Railway Avenue for the newly established Railway commercial subdivision; this was all done in accordance with our paving/infrastructure plan. Along with these rehab projects, we completed an extensive list of patchwork and overlays on failed street sections throughout Town.

-Sidewalks- In addition to minor sidewalk repairs throughout the town, we had 1 block of completely failed sidewalk replaced, and also had 9 accessibility ramps installed where there weren't ramps previously.

-Street Sweeper Purchase- After 3 years of contracting out our street sweeping, we purchased our own, this has given us back the ability to sweep more often, and as required to meet the level of service that is expected.



-Rough Cut Mower Purchase- We replaced our old worn-out mower with a new 18' unit that has significantly reduced the time required to mow our municipal land parcels, it has also given us the option to expand our areas that we mow, still in less time than with the old mower.



--Landfill Decommissioning Project- Final planning for this project was completed in this time period, and shortly after, the work commenced; although it is not complete yet, there has been a lot done to date including cleaning up old waste sites, shaping of the cell, and clay being hauled in to cap the cell.

-Raw Water Supply Project- Final engineering was completed, as well as test holes drilled on both sides of the river covering the anticipated entire area of the project. We had a well installed adjacent to the golf course and continue to be testing water qualities from this well to determine whether we will require shield wells to attain optimal quality.



-Storm Outfall Rehabilitation- Final planning and work implementation were done in this time period; however not all work has been completed.

This project includes four of our outfall areas remediated, and one broken storm main trunk repaired; with work ranging from slight reshaping and vegetation installation to major earthworks with engineered piping and rip-rap installation.

-Highway Water and Sewer Rehabilitation- This massive undertaking started in late fall of 2022 with manhole repairs/replacements, and continues to date with water and storm main replacements, as well as sanitary sewer main rehabilitation using cast in place piping. We are expecting to be replacing sewer service connections next year in the anticipation that the Department of Highways will do a complete resurfacing of Highway 15 through town the following year or two.

-Water Treatment Plant Upgrades- Although work on this project hasn't started yet, all of the planning and engineering is now complete. Our expectations are that ground work will commence later this year, and be carried through to 2024.

Our public works team for 2022-2023 included Superintendent Luke Lockhart, Foreman Kelton MacDonald, Landfill Manager Dylan Herron, Operators Merv McGill, Lee Gonder, Darren Rafoss, Graham Thomson, Clay Gamble, and Brad Bilodeau, along with our summer student; Nathan Chabot.

In closing, on behalf of the Town of Outlook Public Works Department, I would like to thank you all for your support and patience through this very busy year of construction and endlessly changing detours, and am looking forward to the completion of these projects, the starting of others, and continuing to make the Irrigation Capital of Saskatchewan a great place to call home.



Luke

Waterworks and Sewage Collection



Our Permit to Operate has been renewed on March 31 2022, our permit will expire in March 2024. Changes to the permit include: continuous turbidity monitoring and recording, Mid-day Filter Turbidity recordings, General Chemical and General Health tests now have yearly requirements, Annual Microcystin test from raw water intake, and Trihalomethane sampling is not required for the duration of this permit.



Statistical Data throughout Water Treatment/Water Distribution & Sewer Collection/Treatment:

Permit to Operate Waterworks still valid until March 2024

	2021		2022
Total amount of Treated water produced	96'058'200 Imperial Gallons		93'401'300 Imperial Gallons
Chlorine Total Residual Range	0.83mg/L – 2.16 mg/L		0.91mg/L – 2.05 mg/L
Chlorine Free Residual Range	0.60mg/L – 1.83mg/L		0.51mg/L – 1.73mg/L
Turbidity Range from WTP Filters	0.044 NTU – 0.384 NTU		0.058 NTU – 0.631 NTU
Fire hydrants replaced	3		2
New Services Installed	Four new fire hydrants installed on Railway Commercial Subdivision	New sewer main line installed for Railway Commercial Subdivision	One new lot serviced on McKenzie Street
Water main valves replaced	5		3
Residential sewer replacements	7		8
Sewer catch basins replaced	3		0
Yearly jetting of sewer lines completed, as well as cleaning of Lift stations/WTP assets in October each year			
Other Operating System Notes:	Water pressure increased throughout the distribution system from 47PSI to 57PSI		July 22, 2022 Main lift station sewage pump #1 faulty motor, back in service Nov 14 Oct 15, 2022 Clearwell at WTP ran dry due to valve failure Winter, 2022 WTP Furnace Issues

Kelton



Landfill



As per the Town of Outlook’s Permit to Operate a Waste Disposal Ground, the following is a report as required in section 4.7 of said permit.

Records of the volume/weight of waste collected and remaining capacity in years:

The Outlook Landfill only recently started using the weigh scale so waste collection is estimated by the number of loads entering the gate:



Total Waste Collection		
# of Loads 2021	# of Loads 2022	Tonnes 2022 (no scale for 2021)
2430	2155	1863.5

Description and dates of compaction and covering activities:

The Outlook Landfill has been keeping up with the minimum cover requirements in the winter and exceeding cover expectations in the spring, fall and summer. The designated working face is currently in the north-east section of the landfill cell which receives a minimum of 3 push/compact/covers on a weekly basis, or more as required. Berms of blended waste around the perimeter of the cell have been introduced to help prevent the amount of cover required. We have continued the use of wood chips as temporary cover.



Inspections completed

In 2022, weekly inspections were conducted, as per the requirements in Appendix A of the permit to operate.



Dates of clean wood burns

Clean lumber was burnt March 16 2022

Monitoring logs, including but not limited to well logs, leachate management records, gas management records, storm water management records

- The Leachate collection system beneath the landfill cell has been monitored and emptied as required. Water underneath the landfill cell is removed and disposed of properly via vac truck. As of 2019-2023 groundwater well monitoring and sampling is only required twice yearly as per the requirements of Appendix B in the permit to operate

We currently have two staff members who are fully trained, and we are planning to introduce a third member on a part-time or full-time basis.

SUCSESSES 2022/2023	CHALLENGES/LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:
Closure of historic landfill ahs begun executed by Nemanishen	Weather has not provided sufficient moisture for optimal compaction
Transition from yardage to tonnage for enhanced accuracy	Sharing 1 loader across Public Works Department has meant some tasks have to wait to be completed
New fence being installed and cleanup of assorted waste not in current cell	

Dylan

Recreation and Community Development



The Town of Outlook Parks and Recreation Department has been going through a transition period as we incorporate more Community Development projects on top of all recreation facilities and activities. Our department schedules, plans and maintains the following: Jim Kook RecPlex (skating, curling, kitchen gymnastics, archery, bowling alley, sportsgrounds, outdoor rink and private events), Van Raay and Community Swimming Pool (lessons, public swim, lane swim, aqua-sizes, and private events), Outlook Civic Center (private events), Kinsmen Park (summer program, park maintenance, splash pad), Communities in Bloom (flowers, back alley clean ups, hanging baskets, etc.), Walking Trails (maintenance such as grass cutting/tree trimming), Recreational Programming (volleyball, pickleball, etc.), Photo Contests, Community Safety and Well-Being plan, and beginning to explore the tourism aspect of our community.

Our department currently has five full-time employees and two part-time employees year-round with additional seasonal staff filling positions at the Van Raay and Community Swimming Pool, Kinsmen Park Summer Program and the Jim Kook RecPlex kitchen. During the 2022-2023 winter season we had four full time recreation labourers, two part time labourers and 11 seasonal part-time employees. During the 2023 pool season, we have two part-time junior life guards, seven full-time instructors, four full-time lifeguards, three cashiers and one pool manager. The Kinsmen Park program will have five program leaders.



September 2022-April 2023 Winter Season Highlights During the 2022-2023 winter season we sold **952.25 hours** of ice



time and we offered **733.75 hours** of public skating, shinny, parent and tot and school skating. We hosted a few AAA and Jr. B games over the season as well as multiple games, tournaments and a carnival! The curling ice was used for a total of **226 hours** during the 2022-2023 season. We hosted a Jr. curling bonspiel, Sr. curling districts and Jr. curling districts. The bowling alley seen a lot of action during the 2022-2023 season! We hosted toonie Tuesdays which was a drop in bowling evening, parent and tot drop in bowling in the afternoons, a senior league on Wednesdays and an Adult rec league on Thursday evenings. The two leagues began in November and ran until February. Both



leagues had lots of fun and we come. The bowling alley was drop-in times and private projects which included: diamond fencing. We also tried addition to our winter activities!



will continue to plan and host leagues for years to used for a total of **286.5 hours** between leagues, rentals. In 2023 we completed all of our capital Compressor 1 replacement and the last ball out crokicurl this past season which was a fun



May 2023-June 2023 Spring Season Highlights:

The 2023 Kinsmen Park Summer Program is looking toward another successful year in 2023, following a fantastic 2022. This year we did not partner up with anyone for the program. We hired five employees, two part-time and three full time. The gals are planning their weekly themes and activities. We had online registration for the program and it was successful however, the feedback from parents is that it took too long to get their children registered as you had to do a separate form for each child so we are working on a way to make it a faster process for next year.



The swimming pool is looking forward to a successful season following growth in 2022. We hosted online registrations for the second time this year and we received over 200 registrations within the first ten minutes of the registration opening. Swimming lessons are competitive to get into, this is everywhere, not just Outlook. It is important to note that the lessons that are offered during registrations are not the only lessons we can offer. We have the ability to go through the waitlists after registration and fit in a few more classes where they are needed the most. We are hoping to see this working well for us this year as we anticipate being able to fit in majority of the people on the waitlist as we go along!

For 2023, our pool team has a new manager, Brennan Hefner. Our lifeguards and instructor hires have increased this year which should allow us to increase our pool capacity. We are very happy with the team we had at the pool in 2022 and we are looking forward to many returns and building upon that for the 2023 season. Our anticipated season this year is to be open May long weekend to close on September 1st. The reason we are not able to stay open for the long weekend is because a lot of our staff go back to school for the fall. Our goal is to one day have enough high school students to be able to stay open for one last weekend before school starts!

This year we registered for the evaluated friends category for Communities in Bloom. We had over 100 students as well as some members from Luther Place help us do a town wide back alley clean up, as well as planting flowers. The judges will be coming in August.

June is Parks and Recreation month so the recreation department came together and had a friendly competition at the Swimming Pool. There were prizes for the top three participants but everyone enjoyed being active, competitive and together for this year's celebrations.

Recreation and Community Development Team:



The recreation and community development team for the 2022-2023 season included Recreation Director – Megan Anthony; Community Development Assistant – Whittney Greig; Facilities Supervisor – Owen Redlick; Facilities Staff – Azelyn Beckett, Brennan Hefner, Sara Hein, Kaytlyn Stevens; Kitchen Manager – Laurie Anholt as well as many casual in season staff in the kitchen and the pool.



Megan

Cemetery

Town Council recognized in the preparation of the strategic plan that we can do a lot more work to honour our community members that have passed on with beautification, installation of a new sprinkler system, removal and addition of trees where needed, addition of benches and decorative fencing as well as rehabilitation of markers. A work plan has been passed in 2022 wherein the cemetery committee will liaise with Town staff in a total rehabilitation project. The Town continues to work with local funeral homes and the public to reserve plots for pre-arranged funeral preparations as well as working with families as necessary.

We hosted our first open house this spring, with information about the Cemetery and the newly formed cemetery committee members present to hear people's concerns. In addition, volunteers helped our staff with some tidying up and maintenance.

Kevin



Joint Health Committee

In 2021 the Town of Outlook, the Rural Municipality of Fertile Valley and the Rural Municipality of Rudy signed a new agreement and passed new bylaws for the operations of Outlook Medical Centre. This is not to be confused with the Medical Clinic group which is a separate entity of physicians that rent the clinic space from the three municipalities. Currently rent is collected from the physician group at a rate of \$3,000 per month and, in turn, the joint health committee administers incentives to bring new physicians to the community and pays furnishes the clinic as well as pays the utilities. The revenues generated pay for the expenses and there are no taxpayer monies required. A healthy reserve of \$180,000 has been set aside to use for incentives for health professionals in the future.

Remaining on the committee from 2021 are Bree Campbell – Chair; Bob Silverthorn as Vice Chair; Kevin Trew as Secretary-Treasurer. Additional members include Maureen Weiterman and Sharon Bruce from the Town of Outlook, Lyle Leverton from the RM of Rudy and Lonnie Ingell from the RM of Fertile Valley. Emily Trew from the RM of Rudy and Jean Jones from the RM of Fertile Valley sit on the committee as admin reps for their respective municipalities. The Town of Outlook administers this fund on behalf of a committee with representation from each of the partnering municipality owners.

Each new physician signs an agreement giving at least 3 years of service in return for incentives. In 2024, Dr. Sodhi and Dr. Harandi's 3 year minimum commitment to our community will have been complete. Early in 2023, we welcomed Dr. Gharaei to the team. Dr. Mynhardt continues to be a stalwart professional in the community. The long term agreement with the physician group to pay for use of the clinic will expire in the fall of 2023.

Bylaw Enforcement, Pet Control

While there is much to be done regarding bylaw enforcement, we are making great efforts to respond to bylaw concerns on a more regular basis. As it stands right now we are not aggressively looking for bylaw violations however if complaints come in we are following up and enforcing as warranted. In early summer, 2022 we issued notices of violations to many owners of properties which were not compliant with the nuisance bylaw. Most owners were quick to respond, however 4 remedy orders were issued with only 1 requiring the Town to actually perform the clean up and charge the owner. The Town is working at educating the public to its various bylaws and reminding people of the violations instead of being heavy handed. We are not opposed to being heavy handed if that is required, but it is not our first or even second approach. We are here to serve not to scold.



This was a response to many community requests for an update as well as a change in our approach to licensing. One of the bylaw promises is that each year we will report the revenues generated by charging \$15 for each cat and dog license in the annual report and that we will report expenditures made to make this a pet friendly community. In year 2 of this bylaw we incurred almost a \$1,500 gain to of license revenue vs. direct expenses for managing the bylaw. We are trying to get the word out that pet licensing can help us work to make the community even more pet friendly. These costs do not include staff costs.

Pet Licensing Annual Report				
	2021	2022	2021	2022
Licenses Sold	179	171	\$2,702.50	\$1,670.00
Micro Chip Reader	1		420.95	0
Kennel Supplies			1,495.28	143.00
Dog Waste Stations	10		4,637.10	0
Loss or Gain			\$3,850.83	\$1,527.00

Kevin

Planning and Development

2022 again was a really big year for development in the Town of Outlook with 15 development permits and 15 building permits being issued We are very pleased to report that the Town sold 2 residential lots in 2022 and completed the sale of 3 commercial/industrial lots in the Railyard Subdivision in spring 2023.



The value of new construction in 2022 was \$1,679,751 (3 permits) compared to \$803,000 in 2021 for commercial and \$1,310,250 (12 permits) compared to \$850,600 residential. It will be interesting to continue to track these numbers over time but this does not indicate a strong development market for a Town of this size. We are looking forward to seeing what the totals will be in 2023.

Kevin

Thank you, your participation in local government is greatly appreciated. Make sure to pick up the 2022 Balanced scorecard where Council has assessed the work we are doing to meet the strategic goals set out in the strategic plan. Please reach out to any members of our team with ideas or concerns you may have. We are here to serve you with integrity and respect as an approachable, representative and competent team!

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