



Building a better health system with the voice of our community

Where we are

The Lakeland Communities Health Advisory Council serves communities that range from the City of Cold Lake in the east, to a number of rural communities including Athabasca, Bonnyville, Elk Point, Lac La Biche, Redwater, Smoky Lake and St. Paul. Our geographic area covers a range of landscapes, industries, and demographics, including long-established communities.



Accomplishments

- Hosted a municipal leader forum in Smoky Lake and Bonnyville (2019) where we provided information about our Council, AHS North Zone leaders shared priorities from the [Health Plan and Business Plan](#) and municipal leaders engaged on health priorities in their communities.
- Council has learned the importance of better understanding Indigenous health needs by connecting with local Indigenous communities to build relationships and improve communication, and by seeking Indigenous members to sit on Council.
- Partnered with AHS to host two virtual [Community Conversations](#) (2021)
 - 45 stakeholders engaged in discussion about Health System Integration
 - 50 stakeholders engaged in discussion about Social Media and Evaluating Online information
 - Participated in an additional COVID-19 Community Conversation to learn about AHS' pandemic response and the vaccination program.

Our role and objectives

Everything we do is about improving the health and wellness of Albertans, no matter what part of the province they live in. We:

- Are a group of volunteers focused on listening to your thoughts and ideas on health services to help AHS enhance care locally and province-wide.
- Develop partnerships between the province's diverse communities and AHS.
- Provide feedback about what is working well within the healthcare system and suggest areas for improvement.
- Promote opportunities for members of our local communities to get engaged.

Join us - your voice matters

There are a number of opportunities to participate:

- Attend an [upcoming Council meeting](#) to hear feedback, offer comments, and ask questions.
- [Make a presentation](#) at our Council meeting on a health area of interest or concern to you.
- Bring your community's voice forward to provide input on local and regional health.
- Volunteer your time as a Council member. Recruitment is ongoing throughout the year until a Council is at maximum membership. Members are appointed for a three-year term.
- Share your feedback with Council: LakelandCommunities@ahs.ca.



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