



Lakeland Communities Health Advisory Council is recruiting new members!

Dear community member:

On behalf of the Lakeland Communities Health Advisory Council, I would like to invite you to consider applying to be a volunteer with our Council.

As a member, you will have the opportunity to engage your friends, neighbours and community in discussion; provide a local perspective to AHS on our province-wide system; participate in engagement activities that contribute to improving health care services; and to provide feedback on what is working well in the health care system, and areas in need of improvement.

We are seeking people who are:

- Passionate about healthcare and service delivery and live in the [Lakeland Communities Health Advisory Council area](#)
- 18 years of age or older
- Appreciative of diverse points of view
- Connected to their community

We host [public meetings and community events in our Council area](#) (expenses paid) and our members participate in community activities to hear from, and share information with community members. Learn more about the Lakeland Communities Health Advisory Council on the next page.

[Click here to learn more and to apply.](#)

We look forward to your application. If you are unable to apply but know a person suitable for the role, please share this invite with them.

Sincerely,

Robert Deresh, Chair

Lakeland Communities Health Advisory Council





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 in Bonnyville. We informed participants about our Council and AHS North Zone leaders shared priorities about the Health Plan and Business Plan. Municipal leaders posed questions on health topics 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 recruiting Indigenous members to Council.
- Partnered with AHS to host a [Community Conversation](#) in Smoky Lake. Stakeholders engaged in discussion about health care successes, challenges and opportunities for future partnerships.

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 health care 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.



More information

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