

## **WETASKIWIN AND AREA LODGE AUTHORITY REVIEW PROCESS – JUNE 2023**

Business Plan 2023-2025 was prepared and submitted under the direction of the Board of Directors of Wetaskiwin and Area Lodge Authority in accordance with legislation and associated ministerial guidelines, and in consideration of all policy decisions and material, economic or fiscal implications of which the Board is aware. This plan was originally approved by the Board of Directors in June 2022. A review of the plan and relevant performance indicators has occurred. Appendices have been updated and submitted as directed by the Ministry of Seniors, Community and Social Services.

### **STRATEGIC PRIORITIES UPDATE**

Addressing occupancy at the West Pine Lodge in Winfield, Alberta remains a high priority for the WALA board. Improvements to the living spaces for the residents are desperately needed to provide suites that are larger and bathrooms that are safe and accessible. In addition to the long-standing funding request for suite and washroom renovations, WALA is requesting funding to replace the facility bathtub as replacement parts are no longer available. West Pine Lodge is an important service and affordable housing option for our rural community.

Peace Hills Lodge is still experiencing fluctuating occupancy levels and is not yet at pre-pandemic levels. In the past year, the Foundation has worked on updates to resident engagement processes. This included a Quality Improvement Initiative on Meal Time Experience and updated resident surveys. Marketing plans for both lodges are under development.

WALA is prepared to participate in the provincial Lodge Program Review which we hope will proceed in 2023. It is extremely important that this review looks at the funding model for small rural lodges such as West Pine so that similar service levels and activities can be provided consistently across Alberta without undue reliance on requisition dollars from smaller rural communities. Additionally, the LAP grant needs to be adjusted to better address inflationary pressures that are being experienced in the areas of utilities, food and labour costs.

We look forward to working with the Ministry to continue to provide an affordable and safe living option for seniors in the Wetaskiwin service area.

Board of Directors  
Wetaskiwin and Area Lodge Authority

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## **APPENDICES**

- **Appendix A – Board Skills Matrix**
- **Appendix C – Financial Budgets and Forecasts**
- **Appendix D - Capital Maintenance and Renewal Program**
- **Appendix G – Capital Asset Questionnaire**