



Building a better health system with the voice of our community

Where we are

The Tamarack Health Advisory Council stretches from Whitecourt in the north to Jasper in the west, continuing east to Westlock and south to Onoway. The council area is a mixture of communities spread across a vast territory of forests, fields, foothills, rivers and lakes; comprising of one city, numerous towns, First Nations communities, and a number of hamlets and summer villages. We have a diverse population living in long-established communities or quickly expanding urban centers (see map page 2)



Accomplishments

- We supported the resolution for dialysis in the council area, and satellite dialysis units are available in Edson, Hinton and Whitecourt Healthcare Centers.
- Restorative care beds were implemented at the Mayerthorpe Auxiliary Hospital. These beds are occupied by citizens needing rehabilitation before they can return home. Our Council has held many community presentations on this new service.
- We are truly proud we hosted information sessions in the communities of Edson, Westlock, Whitecourt and Jasper. During these sessions we highlight the role of the council, and share important information about Medical Assistance in Dying, Enhancing Care in the Community, continuing care as well as addiction and mental health services.

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; visit ahs.ca and search Health Advisory Councils for more info:

- 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 drives happen annually. Members are appointed for a three-year term.
- Share your feedback with council: Tamarack@ahs.ca



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