

Alberta SouthWest Regional Economic Development Alliance (AlbertaSW REDA)

CORPORATE HISTORY

- ❖ **1999:** Discussion between 5 neighbouring communities regarding common issues and sharing resources.
- ❖ **June 2001:** A “Memorandum of Understanding” is drafted to support forming a collaborative partnership.
- ❖ **May 16, 2002:** A “Conditional Grant Agreement” from Alberta Municipal Affairs is signed by the five communities to explore establishing common goals and a partnership structure between Pincher Creek, Cardston, Claresholm, Fort Macleod and the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass.

The Town of Pincher Creek is the legal entity acting on behalf of the partnership.

- ❖ **June 25, 2003:** A “Joint Venture Agreement” is signed by eleven communities to establish the “Mounties to Mountains Economic Regional Initiative” (MMERI).

The Town of Pincher Creek is the Managing Partner and legal entity for the partnership.

“Membership Guidelines” form the basis of partnership operations.

- Alberta Economic Development (AED) established a regional office in Pincher Creek.
- ❖ **March 19, 2007:** Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance Ltd. is established as a not-for-profit company incorporated under Part 9 of the *Companies Act of Alberta*, Chapter C-21, RSA, 2000



DEFINITIONS

Company: Alberta Southwest Regional Alliance Ltd.;
AlbertaSW is the preferred abbreviation.

Member: a village, town, municipal district, improvement district, which subscribes to the Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance articles of association.

The board may, at its discretion, consider other types of associate membership that may include, but not be exclusive to, First Nations, school boards, or other business agencies or associations.

Director: appointed by Council to be the representative of a member municipality. Each member municipality may also designate and alternate representative to ensure attendance at board meetings.



REPRESENTATION

The member representative must be the chief elected official, mayor, reeve, council chair, or designate who is an elected official from the member municipality.

This representative becomes a director of the board of the company.

Executive positions: Chair, Vice-chair Secretary-Treasurer, and one other Designated Signing Officer; all 4 positions have signing authority for the company.

These positions are elected annually at the organizational meeting to be held no later than December 31.

BOARD ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Directors of the Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance board have the responsibility to guide regional initiatives and ensure regular and effective two-way communication between AlbertaSW and council, administration, and relevant stakeholders of the communities they represent by

- attending and participating actively in meetings of the board and its committees,
- providing ideas and direction to developing regional economic development priorities,
- bringing community issues, ideas and updates to the regional discussion,
- reporting clearly and completely back to their councils and administration,