

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Lamont County Commits \$5,000 to Ukrainian Humanitarian Aid, and Challenges Surrounding Municipalities to Donate

March 8, 2022 – LAMONT, AB: On Friday (March 4), Lamont County and the Town of Lamont jointly raised Ukrainian flags at the Lamont County and Town of Lamont administration buildings. Donations at the event included over \$2,100 in cash and medical supplies. We also saw the Government of Alberta increase its contribution for humanitarian and military aid to over \$10 million.

During the March 8 Lamont County Council Meeting, Reeve David Diduck brought forward two motions:

- **THAT** Lamont County Council donate \$5,000 to the Canada Ukraine Foundation in support of humanitarian aid to Ukraine, to be funded in the 2022 Budget; and
- **THAT** Lamont County Council challenge municipalities within and surrounding Lamont County to donate in support of humanitarian aid to Ukraine.

"Lamont County stands with Ukraine," said Reeve David Diduck. "Ukraine citizens are being displaced and the result is a humanitarian crisis beyond anything we could have imagined."

As such, Lamont County Council now challenges municipalities within and surrounding the County to also provide support for humanitarian aid during this difficult time. The best way to provide aid at this point is a donation of cash or needed supplies. Alberta has stepped up and filled a plane with medicine and related supplies.

"Lamont County is proud of the support raised both here and abroad to provide much needed aid and to stop this war," said Diduck.

Individuals and corporations can also donate through the Ukrainian Canadian Congress of Alberta (UCCAb) website. Please visit the UCCAb to learn more about additional humanitarian support options (<a href="https://www.uccab.ca">www.uccab.ca</a>).

#StandWithUkraine

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[Enclosure: Photo of donation table from March 4 event]

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**Caption**: Hazel Anaka of Babas and Borshch, accepted public donations on behalf of Lamont County and the Town of Lamont at the Ukraine Flag raising event on March 4. Reeve Diduck challenges surrounding municipalities and other members of the Rural Municipalities of Alberta to also donate to humanitarian aid, Lamont County has committed \$5,000.