

**AGENDA
COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK
March 8, 2016
1:00 pm**

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

B. DELEGATIONS

- (1) Livingstone Ski Academy 2016
- Powerpoint presentation from Livingstone School

C. MINUTES

- (1) Council Meeting Minutes
- Minutes of February 23, 2016

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (1) Bylaw 1265-15 Land Use Bylaw Amendment
- Bylaw 1265-15 presented for second and third reading

E. CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR OFFICER'S (CAO) REPORTS

(1) **Operations**

- a) Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue Training
- Report from Director of Operations, dated February 29, 2016
b) Operations Report
- Report from Director of Operations, dated March 3, 2016

(2) **Planning and Development**

Nil

(3) **Finance and Administration**

Nil

(4) **Municipal**

- a) Annual General Meetings
- Jubilee Reciprocal Insurance Exchange Proxy
- Genesis Reciprocal Insurance Exchange Proxy
b) Alberta Association of MDs and Counties (AAMDC) Spring 2016 Resolutions
- Resolutions
c) Pincher Creek Regional Emergency Management Organization Partnership Agreement
- Report from CAO, dated March 3, 2016
d) Chief Administrative Officer's Report
- Report from CAO, dated March 3, 2016
- Enhanced Policing Monthly Reports
- Reports from December 2015 – February 2016

F. CORRESPONDENCE

(1) **Action Required**

- a) Benga Mining Ltd (Riverside Resources) and Lands in the Castle
- Email from David McIntyre, dated February 19, 2016
b) Alberta Health Review of Alberta Rural Physician Action Plan (RPAP): Possible Closure or Reduction
- Letter from Health Workforce for Alberta, dated February 16, 2016
c) Crowsnest Pass BearSmart Association Silent Auction Donation Request
- Email from Crowsnest Pass BearSmart Association, dated February 19, 2016

- d) Donation to Relay for Life 2016
 - Letter from Relay for Life, dated March 1, 2016

(2) **For Information**

- a) Bobby Burns Fish Pond Funding
 - Letter from Town of Pincher Creek, dated February 1, 2016
- b) 2016 Pincher Creek Emergency Services Levy
 - Letter from Pincher Creek Emergency Services, dated February 23, 2016
- c) Thank You Letter
 - Letter from Oldman River Gun Club, dated February 11, 2016
- d) Note of Appreciation – Use of MD Facility
 - Note of Appreciation, date February 18, 2016
- e) Thank You Card
 - Thank You card from Windy Hollow Players, received February 16, 2016

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS / DIVISIONAL CONCERNS

Councillor Quentin Stevick – Division 1

- Texas Gate – SW 16-5-1 W5M

Councillor Fred Schoening – Division 2

Councillor Garry Marchuk – Division 3

- Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance
- Minutes of January 6, 2016
- Bulletin February 2016

Reeve Brian Hammond - Division 4

Councillor Terry Yagos – Division 5

H. IN-CAMERA

(1) Land

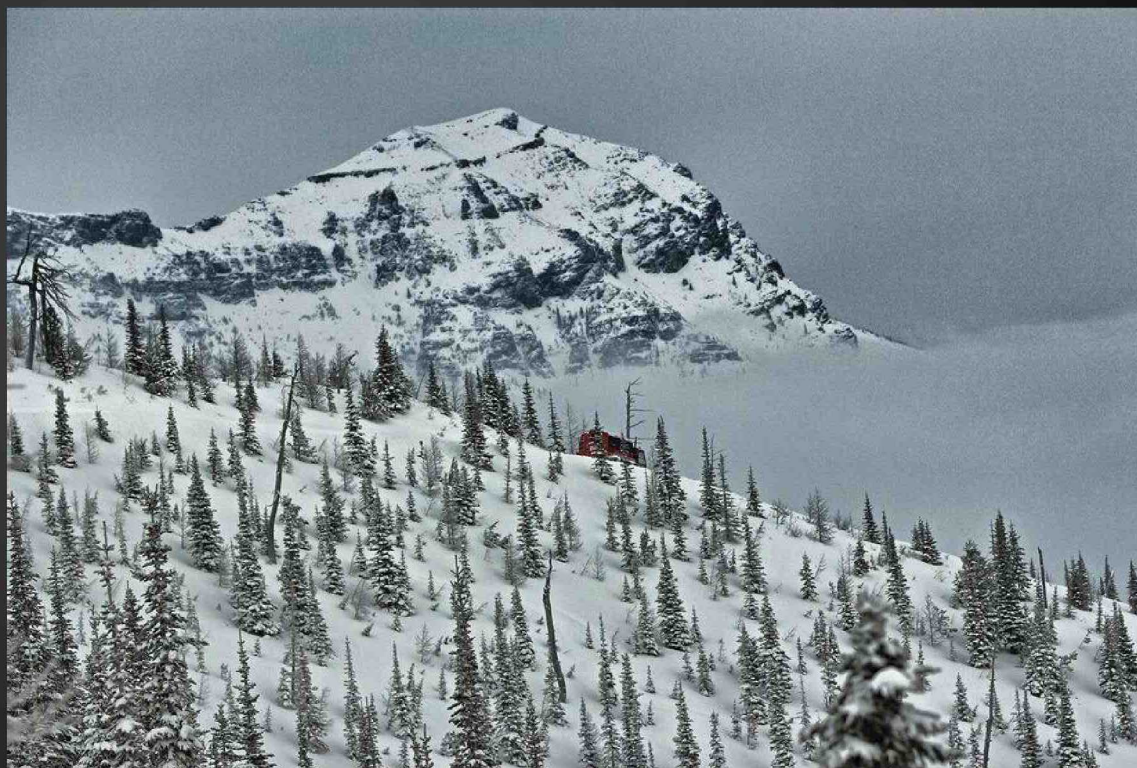
I. NEW BUSINESS

J. ADJOURNMENT

Livingstone Ski Academy 2016

Welcome to Livingstone Ski Academy (LSA)

LSA is a featured program at Livingstone School in Lundbreck, AB. The Ski Academy is a skills based program encompassing freestyle and downhill training. Located in the Rockies of Alberta at beautiful [Castle Mountain Resort](#), LSA offers a full-spectrum package to both competitive athletes and students enrolled in the international program and recreational programs who want to experience all that the region has to offer.



Education



All students of LSA will be provided a personalized flexible learning environment that offers the opportunity to improve ski skills for both competitive and noncompetitive athletes while leveraging the learning opportunities available in the Castle Corridor.

Community and Educational partners to LSA provide an alternative educational experience that balances student academic needs with true experiential alpine activities.

The Academy is open to students from Grades 5-12. International students, LRSD students, and students from outside our division are welcome.

LSA is a year round program that offers students additional learning opportunities in outdoor pursuits, environmental education, tourism, CTS, and other options available at Livingstone School.

School Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
1 8:35 - 9:19	Core 1	Core 2	Core 1	Core 3	Ski/Flex	1 8:30 - 9:39
2 9:21 - 10:05	Core 1	Core 2	Core 1	Core 3	Ski/Flex	2 9:44 - 10:48
3 10:10 - 10:54	Core 2	Core 3	Core 2	Core 1	Break 10:48-11:03	
4 10:56 - 11:40	Core 2	Core 3	Core 2	Core 1	Ski/Flex	3 11:03 - 12:07
LUNCH 11:41 - 12:22						
5 12:25 - 1:09	Core 3	Ski/Opt	Core 3	Ski/Opt	Ski/Flex	4 12:12 - 1:16
6 1:11 - 1:55	Core 3	Ski/Opt	Core 3	Ski/Opt		
7 2:00 - 2:44	Core 1	Ski/Opt	Core 2	Ski/Opt		
8 2:46 - 3:30	Core 1	Ski/Opt	Core 2	Ski/Opt		

LSA provides a flexible timetable that allows students the opportunity to experience alpine activities during the school day while still meeting their academic needs. Livingstone School is a High School Re-design school that is committed to offering students a personalized and flexible program. During the fall and spring season, students will be offered option courses that encompass the unique features of the alpine area along with existing options already available at Livingstone School.

Transportation



Transportation to and from Castle Mountain Resort will be provided by LSA. Athletes will board the bus at 11:45 am on Tuesday's and Thursday's and arrive at the hill at approximately 12:15 pm. Athletes will receive instruction and training until 3:30 pm before returning home for the day. Bussing will be provided to and from the hill on Friday's as well with athletes training until 3:30 pm

Residency & Accommodations

Athletes attending LSA in need of housing will be provided accommodations with a local billet family in the Lundbreck area. Thursday evenings during the ski season, athletes will occasionally spend the night at the Castle Mountain Hostel to allow for team building/character building sessions along with additional academic support and the opportunity for a full day of ski training on Friday.



Instruction



LSA offers a variety of instruction for Racing and Freestyle skiing. Each program has a Lead Coach which oversees the progress of each student, matching ability with Instruction. The program is available for both recreational and competitive athletes. Students may move between the two based on progress.

LSA provides students with dryland and on-hill training 3 days a week. All training is during instructional hours, allowing athletes to return to their competition programs on the weekend.

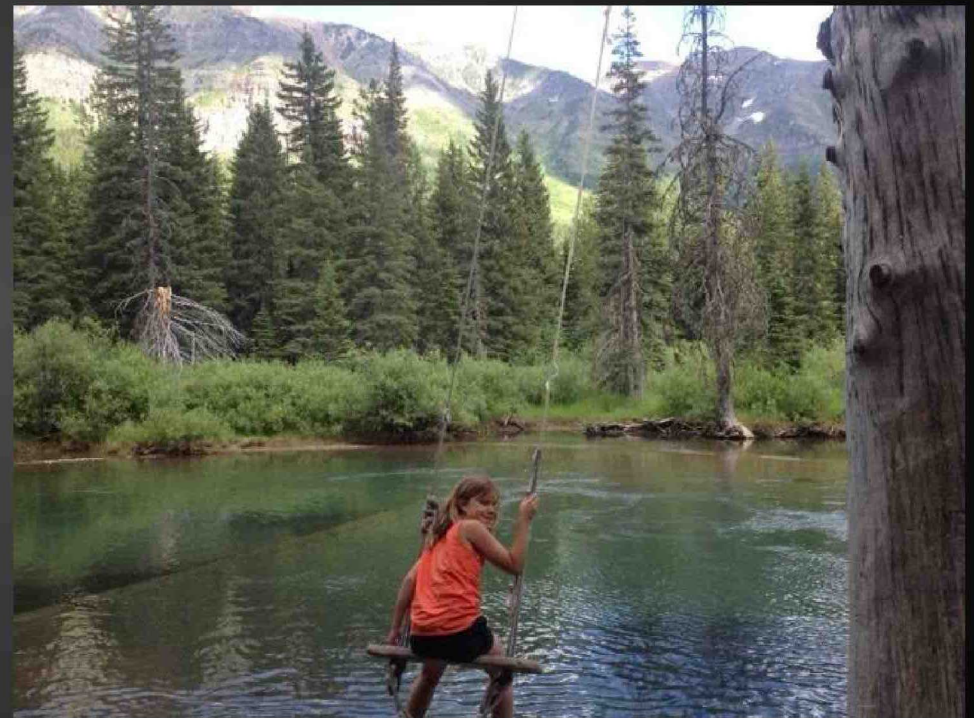
LSA uses only approved coaches in collaboration with the Castle Mountain Race Club and Castle Mountain Freestyle Club along with our Community Partners.

The Alpine Experience in Livingstone

Students will have the opportunity to experience work, life and play in the Alberta Alpine.

Activities may include but are not limited to: snowshoeing, mountain biking, tourism, entrepreneurship, environmental studies, ski patrol/first aid, ski instructing, avalanche awareness, backcountry survival, ski hill management, outdoor education, and many others.

Activities will work directly into their academic schedule to deepen their learning experience.



Possible Courses

Livingstone Ski Academy students will have the opportunity to participate in currently available option courses that include CTS/CTF (3-D print & design, Video Editing, Robotics, Animation, & others), French, Art, Drama, Physical Education, Outdoor Education and others.

In addition to the current options available at Livingstone School, new course offerings will be available that may include: Outdoor Survival Skills, Fostering Stewardship, Wilderness Navigation, Outdoor Excursions, First Aid/CPR, Avalanche Safety, and others.

Scheduling will be modified to maintain the current rigor of academic core subjects. Every student of LSA will be placed on an Individual Progress & Growth Plan (IPGP).



Staff/Registration/Fees

The cost of being a part of the Livingstone Ski Academy for 2016/2017 School year is set at \$2500 (grades 7-12) and \$1000 (grades 5-6). Students in grades 5-6 will participate in a modified version of the program (consult for further information if interested)

Registration packages are now available and due to staffing/planning purposes we are accepting the first 25 registrations with a deadline of May 30. There is a required deposit of \$100 with payment plans available.

We are in the process of hiring an assigned teacher to the program along with a coaching staff. Consultation is taking place with the Castle Mountain Ski club and Free Style club along with other reputable coaches.



Key Features of the Academy

- Coaches match instruction with ability
- Castle Mountain Resort is a world class mountain with a variety of terrain.
- Castle Mountain Resort located just 35 minutes away from Livingstone School
- Personalized/flexible/innovative/inclusive program
- Livingstone School staff provides students with an engaging learning experience
- Accommodations allow students to be fully immersed in the community
- On and off hill training facilities available
- A variety of programming and option courses available
- A focus on development of the whole child



MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2016

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The Meeting of the Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 was held on Tuesday, February 23, 2016, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal District Building, Pincher Creek, Alberta.

PRESENT Reeve Brian Hammond, Councillors Terry Yagos, Quentin Stevick, Fred Schoening and Garry Marchuk

STAFF Chief Administrative Officer Wendy Kay, Director of Finance and Administration Mat Bonertz, Director of Operations Leo Reedyk, Finance Manager Janene Felker and Executive Assistant Tara Cryderman

Reeve Brian Hammond called the Council Meeting to order, the time being 1:00 pm.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Garry Marchuk 16/083

Moved that the Council Agenda for February 23, 2016, be amended, the amendments as follows:

- Addition to In Camera – H(2) – Legal
- Addition to New Business – I(1) – Playground Equipment Grant Application at Castle Mountain
 - Email from Castle Mountain, dated February 22, 2016
- Addition to New Business – I(2) – Fairview Cemetery Columbarium Proposal
 - Letter from Town of Pincher Creek, dated February 10, 2016
- Addition to New Business – I(3) – Crestview Lodge – New Facility
 - Report from CAO, dated February 22, 2016

And that the agenda be approved, as amended.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations scheduled.

C. MINUTES

(1) Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

Councillor Terry Yagos 16/084

Moved that the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2016, be approved as presented.

Carried

(2) Council Meeting Minutes

Councillor Fred Schoening 16/085

Moved that the Council Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2016, be approved as presented.

Carried

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D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(1) Emergency Repair Bridge File 6906 – Burmis Lake Twp. Rd. 7-2

Councillor Terry Yagos

16/086

Moved that the report from the Director of Operations, dated February 4, 2016, regarding the Emergency Repair Bridge File 6906 – Burmis Lake Twp. Rd. 7-2 be received;

And that Council authorize the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the contract with M. Johnstone Construction Ltd, to proceed with the project, with project funding of \$106,829 coming from Public Works Capital Budget Reserve (6-12-0-772-6760).

Carried

E. CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR OFFICER'S (CAO) REPORTS

(1) Operations

a) Operations Report

Councillor Garry Marchuk

16/087

Moved that the Operations Report for the period of February 4, 2016 to February 12, 2016, be received as information.

Carried

(2) Planning and Development

Nil

(3) Finance

a) Financial Policy 5.1.4.2. Money Controls – Banking

Councillor Terry Yagos

16/088

Moved that the report from the Director of Finance and Administration, dated February 10, 2016, regarding Financial Policy 5.1.4.2. Money Controls – Banking, be received;

And that Council adopt Financial Policy 5.1.4.2. Money Controls – Banking.

Carried

(4) Municipal

a) CAO Report

Councillor Garry Marchuk

16/089

Moved that Council receive for information, the Chief Administrative Officer's report for the period of February 5, 2016 to February 18, 2016.

Carried

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F. CORRESPONDENCE

1. For Action

a) Draft Area Structure Plan for Castle Mountain Resort

Councillor Garry Marchuk 16/090

Moved that the letter from Castle Mountain, dated February 6, 2016, regarding the Draft Area Structure Plan for Castle Mountain Resort, be received;

And that the Draft Area Structure Plan for Castle Mountain Resort project, be postponed until the Castle Mountain Development Master Plan project is completed.

Carried

b) Nomination Information for Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act Consultation Working Groups

Councillor Fred Schoening 16/091

Moved that the email from Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC), dated February 12, 2016, regarding Nomination Information for Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act Consultation Working Groups, be received as information.

Carried

c) Alberta Trappers Association Rendezvous by the Creek

Councillor Fred Schoening 16/092

Moved that the letter from South Country Trappers Association, and the Partnership Request, dated February 3, 2016, be received;

And that the MD donate \$2,310.00 to the Alberta Trappers Association for the Rendezvous by the Creek event, to be held within the Town of Pincher Creek on July 1 – July 2, 2016, with the amount coming from Grants to Groups and Organizations (Account Number 2-74-0-770-2765).

Defeated

Councillor Terry Yagos 16/093

Moved that the letter from South Country Trappers Association, and the Partnership Request, dated February 3, 2016, be received;

And that the MD donate \$1,155.00 to the Alberta Trappers Association for the Rendezvous by the Creek event, to be held within the Town of Pincher Creek on July 1 – July 2, 2016, with the amount coming from Grants to Groups and Organizations (Account Number 2-74-0-770-2765).

Carried

d) Generation AXIA

Councillor Garry Marchuk 16/094

Moved that the brochure, regarding Generation AXIA, from the Town of Pincher Creek, be received;

And that the MD register on-line as an interested party to the AXIA project, being pursued by the Town of Pincher Creek.

Carried

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2. For Information Only

a) Meeting during AAMDC Fall 2015 Convention

Councillor Fred Schoening 16/095

Moved that the letter from Alberta Transportation, dated February 4, 2016, regarding the meeting during AAMDC Fall 2015 Convention, be received as information.

Carried

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Quentin Stevick – Division 1

- Garbage Bins with regards to mobility of residents

Councillor Quentin Stevick 16/096

Moved that Administration be directed to investigate, with the Crowsnest Pass / Pincher Creek Landfill Association, possible solutions with regards to refuse disposal for residents with mobility disadvantages.

Carried

- Internet survey
- Carnivore Workshop, Cowley,

Councillor Terry Yagos 16/097

Moved that authorization be given to any Councillor wishing to attend the Carnivore and Communities Meeting, hosted by Waterton Biosphere, to be held within the Village of Cowley, scheduled for March 2, 2016.

Carried

- Compliments to the Grader Operator
- Crestview Lodge – Decommissioning Committee

Councillor Fred Schoening – Division 2

- Dust control at the end of Kerr Road

Councillor Garry Marchuk – Division 3

- Pathway within Hamlet of Beaver Mines
- Support for the Riversdale Resources initiative
- Community Futures
- Website Updates

Reeve Brian Hammond - Division 4

- Grading edges on the roads

Councillor Terry Yagos – Division 5

- Grading the roads

Councillor Fred Schoening 16/098

Moved that the committee reports be received as information.

Carried

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H. IN-CAMERA

Councillor Fred Schoening 16/099

Moved that Council and Staff move In-Camera, the time being 1:58 pm.

Carried

Garry Marchuk 16/100

Moved that Council and Staff move out of In-Camera, the time being 2:28 pm.

Carried

I. NEW BUSINESS

(1) Playground Equipment Grant Application for Castle Mountain

Councillor Terry Yagos 16/101

Moved that the email from Castle Mountain, dated February 22, 2016, regarding Playground Equipment Grant Application for Castle Mountain, be received;

And that a letter be forwarded to Castle Mountain Community Association, advising of our support for the Community Foundation Grant Application, to help offset costs of installing playground equipment at Castle Mountain.”

Carried

(2) Fairview Cemetery Columbarium Proposal

Councillor Garry Marchuk 16/102

Moved that the letter from the Town of Pincher Creek, dated February 10, 2016, regarding the Fairview Cemetery Columbarium Proposal, be received;

And that a letter be forwarded to the Town of Pincher Creek, indicating that the MD supports the purchase of a columbarium and related site development;

And that the cemetery agreement be amended to accommodate for the use of the Perpetual Care Funds, to purchase the columbarium project, with the funds being replaced over time, by the sale of the units.

Carried

(3) Crestview Lodge – New Facility

Councillor Garry Marchuk 16/103

Moved that the report from the CAO, dated February 22, 2016, regarding Crestview Lodge – New Facility, be received;

And that the Municipal District of Pincher Creek provide 1.3 million dollars, towards the new Crestview Lodge Facility, with the funds coming from Capital Reserve – Culture (Account No. 6-12-0-765-6760).

Carried

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(4) Revised Annual Funding Increase – EMS Agreement

Councillor Terry Yagos 16/104

Moved that the letter from Alberta Health Services, dated February 2, 2016, regarding the Revised Annual Funding Increase – EMS Agreement, be received as information.

Carried

(5) JMAA Fire Hall Concept Plan

Councillor Fred Schoening 16/105

Moved that the letter from the Town of Pincher Creek, with the JMAA Fire Hall Properties Expansion Proposal, dated February 10, 2016, be received;

And that Administration be directed to forward a letter to the Town of Pincher Creek, indicating that the MD supports, in principle, the next steps of subdivision, Land Use Zoning change and laneway closure, as required for the expansion proposal, provided that clarification be answered regarding the consolidation of titles.

Carried

J. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Terry Yagos 16/106

Moved that Council adjourn the meeting, the time being 2:57 pm.

Carried

REEVE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
BYLAW NO. 1265-15**

BEING A BYLAW OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9 IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO AMEND BYLAW NO. 1140-08, BEING THE LAND USE BYLAW

WHEREAS Section 639 of the *Municipal Government Act*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended, provides that a municipality must pass a Land Use Bylaw; and

WHEREAS the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 is in receipt of a request to amend the land use designation of lands legally described as:

A portion of the NE 15-5-1 W5M;

And as shown on Schedule ‘A’ attached hereto, from “Agriculture- A” to “Rural Recreation 1 – RR-1”; and

WHEREAS Council recognizes that the “Rural Recreation 1 – RR-1” designation is appropriate for a site developed as a youth camp development; and

WHEREAS the purpose of the proposed amendment is to allow for the establishment of a commercial/private recreational use.

NOW THEREFORE, under the authority and subject to the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended, the Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled does hereby ENACT THE FOLLOWING:

1. This bylaw shall be cited as “Land Use Bylaw Amendment No. 1265-15”.
2. Amendments to Land Use Bylaw No. 1140-08 as per “Schedule A” attached.
3. This bylaw shall come into force and effect upon third and final passing thereof.

READ a first time this 22nd day of December, 2015.

A PUBLIC HEARING was held this 9th day of February, 2016.

READ a second time this ____ day of _____, 2016.

READ a third time and finally PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2016.

Reeve – Brian Hammond

Chief Administrative Officer - Wendy Kay

Attachment
- “Schedule A”

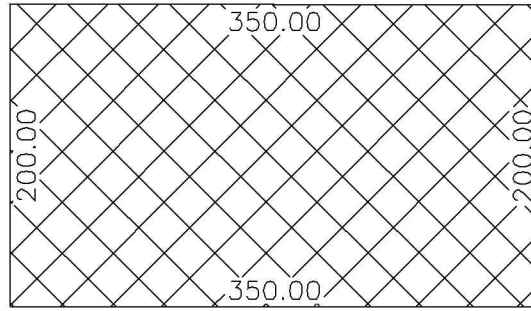
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ACCESS R/W (1313400)

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LAND USE DISTRICT REDESIGNATION SCHEDULE 'A'



FROM: Agriculture 'A'

TO: Rural Recreation 1 'RR-1'

PORTION OF LOT 3, BLOCK 1, PLAN 1512259 WITHIN

SE 1/4 SEC 15, TWP 5, RGE 1, W 5 M

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK No. 9

DATE: DECEMBER 4, 2015

Bylaw #: 1265-15

Date: _____



MAP PREPARED BY:
 OLDMAN RIVER REGIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION
 3105 16th AVENUE NORTH, LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA T1H 5E8
 TEL. 403-329-1344

"NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ERRORS OR OMISSIONS"

MD OF PINCHER CREEK

FEBRUARY 29, 2016

TO: Wendy Kay, CAO

FROM: Leo Reedyk, Director of Operations

SUBJECT: TECHNICAL LARGE ANIMAL EMERGENCY RESCUE TRAINING

1. Origin:

An Agricultural and Environmental Services Staff member attended a Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue (TLAER) Training session in Central Alberta last fall. Following the training a briefing was presented to the Agricultural Service Board on the benefits of having received the training.

At their February 4, 2016 meeting, the Agricultural Service Board passed Resolution 16/018 which reads:

Moved that the ASB present to Council the TLAER Training opportunity for Southern Alberta and to advance the training by requesting funding and/or hosting assistance from other municipalities.

2. Background:

The training provided an excellent resource to participants in assisting large animals during emergency rescue operations. Dr. Rebecca Gimenez provides insight to the operation, gives rescuers the theory needed to use the basic tools and provides safe options for rescuing large animals.

The Agricultural Service Board feels that as a significant large animal population is resident in the Municipal District of Pincher Creek and surrounding jurisdictions that a course held locally could draw a large number of participants, including participants from neighbouring rural municipalities of Ranchland, Crowsnest Pass, Cardston County, Municipal District of Willow Creek and County of Lethbridge.

Given the probable fixed costs associated with travel for Dr. Gimenez, textbooks and facility rental, the Agricultural Service Board feels that requesting assistance from the local municipalities to host a Workshop in the region could help to bring this training opportunity to South Western Alberta.

By requesting assistance from other municipalities in the covering the fixed costs and an option for hosting the event, a larger cross section of responding agencies and local livestock industry individuals should be able to attend. The workshop expense sheet

identifies the probable cost with 50 attendees at \$250.00 registration costs. The maximum attendees for the workshop is 100.

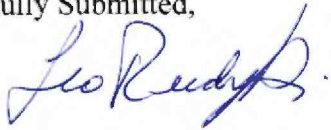
3. Recommendation:

THAT the report from the Director of Operations, dated January 19, 2016 regarding the Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue Training be received;

AND THAT Council approve administration to send a letter to adjacent rural municipalities with the intent of garnering support for the training event to be held in the spring/summer of 2016.

AND FURTHER THAT once municipalities individual responses to the event are returned, Council be briefed on the outcome.

Respectfully Submitted,



Leo Reedyk

Attachments:

Reviewed by: Wendy Kay, Chief Administrative Officer *W. Kay* Date: *March 1, 2016*

TECHNICAL LARGE ANIMAL

EMERGENCY RESCUE

AWARENESS LEVEL

Dr. Rebecca Gimenez



NOVEMBER 4TH- 5TH, 2015, DRUMHELLER

Hall C, Badlands Community Facility

More Information: www.tlaer.org

To Register: <http://bit.ly/1TTbkfF>

COURSE IS CLASSROOM BASED, WITH DEMONSTRATIONS



SHOULD YOU COME?

- **Firefighters, Rescue Personnel, Police, EMT/Paramedics**
- **Veterinarians, Vet Techs, veterinary school students**
- **Animal control officers, Humane Society workers,**
- **Livestock inspectors, livestock haulers, ranchers**
- **Anyone who is interested in livestock rescue**

Course is NFPA approved and worth 12 CE credits from Alberta Veterinary Medical Association



Quinton Beaumont
(403) 742-4441



Dara Galon
(403) 772-3793



Kristen Hall
(403) 652-5111

Workshop Expenses	Cost	Notes
Room/Catering	\$7,000.00	based on approx. 50 people
Textbooks	\$5,500.00	50 textbooks
Rebecca's Fee	\$6,000.00	USD to CAD (\$4500 USD)
Rebecca's Flight	\$850.00	Georgia to Edmonton or Calgary
Rebecca's Per Diem (meals, taxi, hotel)	\$800.00	\$200/day
Registrations	\$12,500.00	based on 50 attendees

250/person

Sub Total \$20,150.00

Total Cost \$7,650.00

Director of Operations Report March 3, 2016

Operations Activity Includes:

- February 15, Agricultural Services Departmental meeting;
- February 16, Licence of Occupation Implementation meeting;
- February 17-18, Days off;
- February 22, South Saskatchewan Regional Plan - Biodiversity Framework;
- February 23, Council meeting;
- February 24, Solar Project Developer meeting;
- March 3, Agricultural Service Board meeting.

Agricultural and Environmental Services Activity Includes:

- February 17, Canadian Food Inspection Agency ¼ Audit on Deadstock Bins;
- February 18, Westslope Cutthroat Trout Workshop;
- February 22, SSRP Seminar in Lethbridge;
- February 23, Summer student job descriptions and postings;
- February 24, SWIM meeting with Oscar Anderson/Megan Evans;
- February 29, AES Departmental Meeting;
- March 2, Tree and Shelterbelt Workshop;
- March 2, Carnivores and Communities meeting.

Public Works Activity Includes:

- Gravel Road Maintenance;
- Repair permanent snow fence;
- Bridge Inspections;
- Signs and guard rail repair;
- Cut brush;
- Change yard lights at airport;

Upcoming:

- March 3, Tender for Pickup Trucks Closes;
- March 9, Joint Health and Safety Meeting.

Project Update:

- 2013 Disaster Recovery Projects
 - Satoris Road – Awaiting AEP approval for road realignment.
 - Burmis Lake Bridge repair contracted.

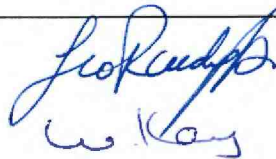
- Community Resilience Program
 - Regional Water System Intake Relocation – detailed design 75 % complete.
- Capital Projects
 - North Burnis Road Intersection – Land acquisition complete, brushing completed;
 - Summerview Bridge – Contractor retained, construction delayed to 2016;

Call Logs – attached.

Recommendation:

That the Operations report for the period February 12, 2016 to March 3, 2016 be received as information.

Prepared by: Leo Reedyk



Date: March 3, 2016

Reviewed by: Wendy Kay



Date: March 3, 2016

Submitted to: Council

Date: March 8, 2016

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE JUBILEE RECIPROCAL INSURANCE EXCHANGE**

PROXY

**The Undersigned Subscriber to the Jubilee Reciprocal Insurance Exchange ("JRIE")
hereby appoints: (chose one)**

OR

Duane Gladden, Director of Aggregated Business Services, AAMDC and JRIE Principal Attorney

to act as proxy at the Annual General Meeting of JRIE to be held on Monday, March 14, 2016.

My proxy shall have full authority to vote on behalf of the Undersigned.

Dated _____, 2016.

Subscribing Member

Per: _____
Signing Officer

***Note that no proxy is required if a member is represented at the meeting by its most senior elected or most senior administrative personnel.**



February 16, 2016

RE: JRIE Annual General Meeting

ATTN: JRIE Subscriber

Please note that this is the official notice of the AGM for Jubilee Reciprocal Insurance Exchange. The meeting will take place **March 14, 2016 from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm, at the Shaw Conference Centre, 9797 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta in Salon 4.** The meeting will be followed by an open house sponsored by the AAMDC Aggregated Business Services within the tradeshow in Hall B&C. All subscribers to JRIE should find attached a proxy form to appoint an individual to attend the meeting if they are unable to attend. As you have seen in our previous communications (Genesis announcement attached), this meeting will outline several positive structural changes for the reciprocal. The JRIE AGM will give subscribers the opportunity to better understand the financial position, future strategy, and governance structure of JRIE.

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For any questions regard this meeting please contact Miranda Andersen at miranda@aamdc.com, or at 780-955-4093.

Sincerely,

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Duane Gladden

JRIE Principal Attorney

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE GENESIS RECIPROCAL INSURANCE EXCHANGE**

PROXY

The Undersigned Subscriber to the Genesis Reciprocal Insurance Exchange ("GRIE") hereby appoints: (chose one)

OR

Gerald Rhodes, Executive Director of the AAMDC and GRIE Principal Attorney

to act as proxy at the Annual General Meeting of GRIE to be held on Monday, March 14, 2016.

My proxy shall have full authority to vote on behalf of the Undersigned.

Dated _____, 2016.

Subscribing Member

Per: _____
Signing Officer

***Note that no proxy is required if a member is represented at the meeting by its most senior elected or most senior administrative personnel.**



GENESIS

The Dawn of a new insurance program

February 16, 2016

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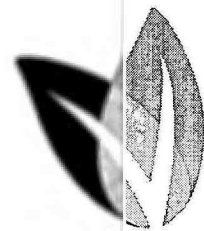
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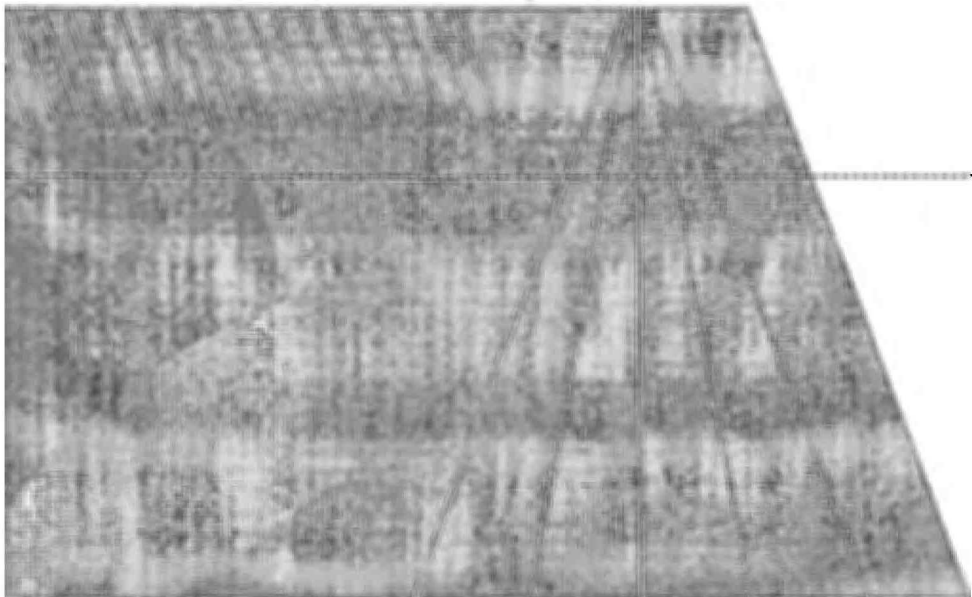
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Genesis



What is Genesis?

Genesis is the newly re-branded Genesis Reciprocal Insurance Exchange. Genesis merges both the Genesis Reciprocal Insurance Exchange (liability) and the Jubilee Reciprocal Insurance Exchange (property), bringing you the **best of both** programs under one entity.

This process began three years ago with the merging of the reciprocal renewal dates, as part of our efforts to create **greater efficiency and cost savings for our subscribers**. We are continually looking forward to further the growth and success of our program, and this merger will do just that.

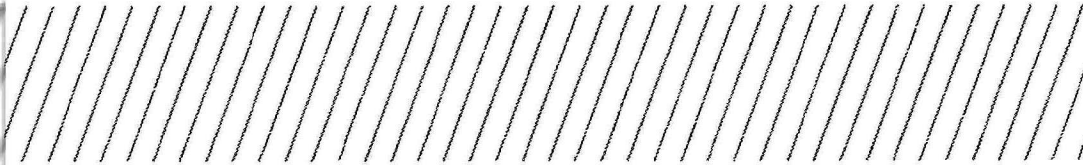
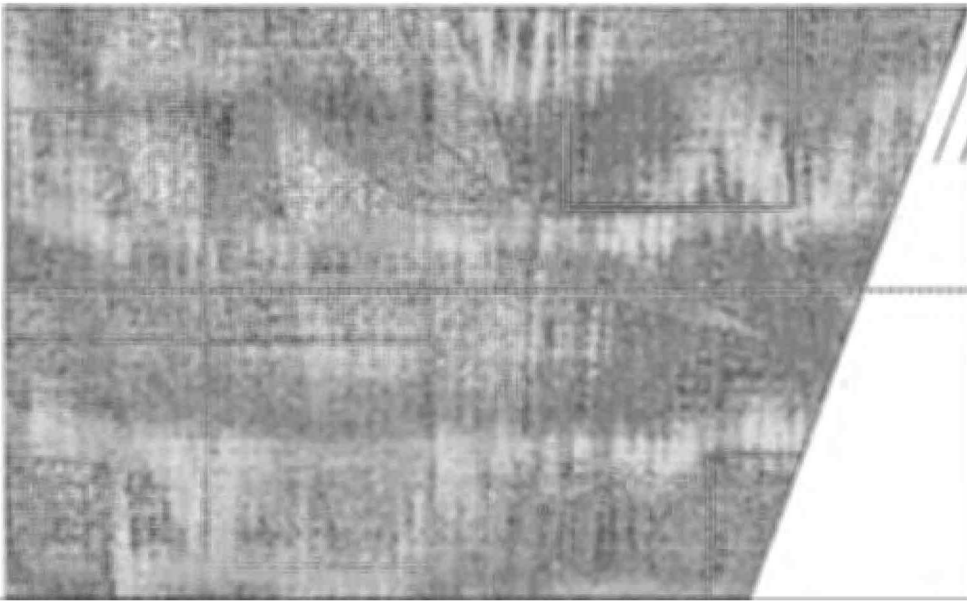


Why is this merger happening?

All aspects of this merger are being done in the **best interest of you, our valued subscriber**. With this merger comes:

- » **A better spread of risk** by diversifying program lines and claims risk across the two reciprocals;
- » **A simplified governance model;**
- » **A better marketing position** for annual renewal negotiation.
- » **Cost savings** for regulatory requirements such as actuarial and licensing costs;





Minimal Effect

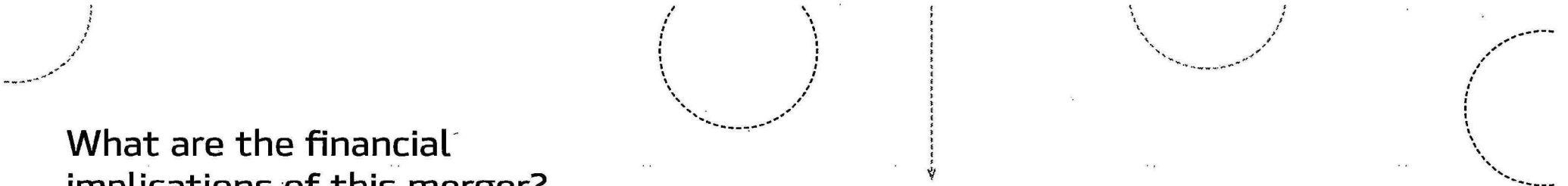
We want to ensure that our subscribers receive the **best service** in this transitional period, and in the future, also ensure that you see **no change** in your regular claims routines. **To make things even easier**, all of our claims, risk management, and customer service structures **will remain the same**; all reciprocal coverages, limits, and aggregates **will also remain the same**. Virtually the **same group of subscribers** already take part in both reciprocals, and equity and loss ratios will be tracked separately for the property and liability programs.

What will the effect be on our organization?

There will be no change in our insurance programs or offerings; you'll still be receiving the same great care and consideration.

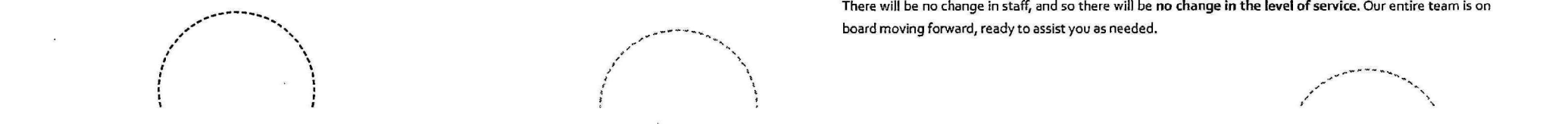
There will be no interruption in service; you'll be able to carry on with business as usual.

The only thing you'll need to take care of is to **review and sign your New Subscriber Agreement** that will be provided to you in the coming months. This new agreement is very closely modeled on the previous Subscriber Agreement that was signed in 2014, with some minor updates.

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What are the financial implications of this merger?

With this merger, Genesis will save a significant amount, giving us the ability to **reduce and stabilize member costs.**

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There will be a long term positive financial effect on subscribers resulting from this merger. Within the new structure, all equity will continue to be tracked based on the individual coverage line, **just as it is done today**; subscribers will continue to enjoy their current coverages and see no change in the level of protection. With the property claims rated model, **your claims/loss history will continue to be tracked independently** as it is currently done with the existing reciprocal model. The merging of the reciprocals will have **no influence on the claims rated model.**

There will be no change in staff, and so there will be **no change in the level of service.** Our entire team is on board moving forward, ready to assist you as needed.



Is this a brand new offering?

No; Genesis is simply a restructuring of the current reciprocals into one that better suits our subscribers' needs.



Didn't I sign this agreement just a few years ago?

We introduced the most recent iteration of our subscriber agreement in 2014 when we updated our historical agreement. The creation of Genesis in 2016 represents a merging of the reciprocals, and therefore an updated Subscriber Agreement reflecting this change will need to be signed by each of our subscribers.

Questions?



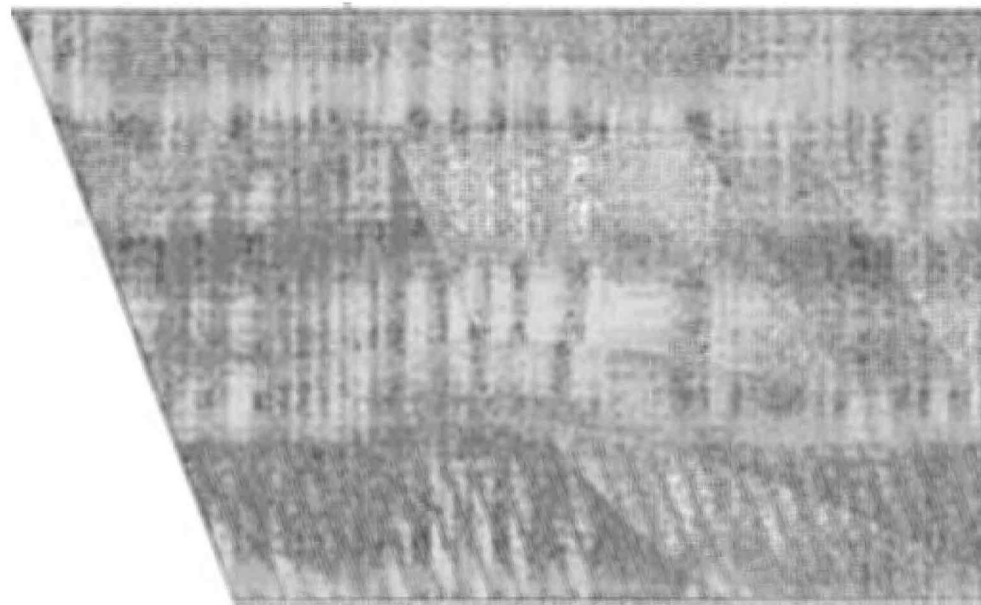
Members of our team are ready to answer any questions or concerns you might have about this new merger. Don't hesitate to contact us directly, **we're happy to help!**

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AAMDC Spring 2016 Resolutions

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Appointment of Parliamentarian
- 3) Acceptance of Order Paper
- 4) Resolution Session

- 1-16S** **Preservation of Linear Assessment for Rural Municipalities** (*MD of Willow Creek*)
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- 10-16S** **Genetically Modified Alfalfa** (*County of Northern Lights*)
- 11-16S** **Provincial Funding for Municipal Public Libraries and Regional Library Systems** (*Sturgeon County*)
- 12-16S** **Provincial Funding for School Resource Officers** (*Sturgeon County*)

- 5) Acceptance of Emergent Resolutions (if needed)
- 6) Vote on Emergent Resolutions (if needed)
- 7) Closing of Resolution Session

Resolution 1-16S

Preservation of Linear Assessment for Rural Municipalities

MD of Willow Creek

*Simple Majority Required
Endorsed by District 1 (Foothills Little Bow)*

WHEREAS rural municipalities have a responsibility to provide billions of dollars in infrastructure and services to facilitate resource based industry and urban and rural residents; and

WHEREAS linear taxation is used to offset the cost of construction, rehabilitation, and repair of infrastructure, including but not limited to roads, pipes, bridges, water courses, emergency services and enforcement services; and

WHEREAS rural municipalities are known for their generosity and willingness to enter into agreements and provide funding to their urban neighbours to enhance all types of services; and

WHEREAS the contribution of rural municipalities to urban municipalities has been determined to be approximately \$160,000,000 in the year 2015, alone;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties continue to request the Government of Alberta to cease any consideration to redistribute linear taxation in any form, and allow rural municipalities the opportunity to continue to build partnerships with their urban neighbours that support services for all Alberta residents.

Member Background

Rural Alberta is made up of both rural and urban municipalities who have a long tradition of cooperation and support for each other. Rural Albertans recognize the need to provide joint services for the good of residents whether they live in the country or in the urban service centers. The needs for services crosses jurisdictional lines and that need has been met by thousands of service agreements between urban and rural municipalities. Health care is provided by the facilities and medical staff usually located within the urbans. Emergency service halls and equipment are usually located in the urbans. Transportation links, camping facilities, and bridges are usually located in the rurals, to name a few. There is an understanding and a desire to share services and provide funding so that the quality of life for all residents is maintained.

There is no need for the provincial government to examine linear assessment and its subsequent taxation. The potential for the loss of linear tax dollars by funneling millions of dollars into the City of Calgary and the City of Edmonton is apparent. The political power that the two major cities wield will result in a major loss of income and services throughout the province, and overnight, will turn rural municipalities into have-not entities.

AAMDC Background

1-12F: Maintaining Policies on Assessing Agricultural and Linear Infrastructure

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties encourage the Provincial Government to maintain policies on assessing Agricultural Lands and collecting and distributing Linear Infrastructure be maintained; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties advises both the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association and the Province regarding the importance of maintaining the current approaches.

DEVELOPMENTS: The government's response notes its commitment to consideration of all stakeholders when it reviews the *Municipal Government Act*. The AAMDC will monitor the outcomes of the MGA review to ensure this resolution is met. In the meantime, the AAMDC deems this response to be Accepted in Principle.

Resolution 2-16S

Notice Period for Adjustments to Linear Assessment Modifiers

Sturgeon County

*Simple Majority Required
Endorsed by District 3 (Pembina River)*

WHEREAS a municipality's fiscal year is based on the calendar year; and

WHEREAS a significant portion of many municipalities' revenues are derived from linear assessment; and

WHEREAS the province does not release its adjustments to linear assessment rates until late in the calendar year when many municipalities have either completed or are near the completion of their budget deliberations; and

WHEREAS adjustments to linear assessment rates can result in significant impacts to a municipality's fiscal capacity;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties request the Government of Alberta provide municipalities with notice of any adjustments to its linear assessment modifiers well in advance of municipal budgeting processes.

Member Background

In late 2015, the province released adjustments to its linear assessment modifiers for 2016, which resulted in an approximate decrease in assessments of four billion dollars across the province.

The release of this information occurred at a time when most municipalities were either finalizing or debating their next year's budget.

These adjustments included an approximate decrease of 10% in the rates for pipelines and flowlines and wells and land.

As these adjustments will have significant impact to Sturgeon County's and many municipalities' fiscal capacity, notice of any adjustments needs to occur well before municipalities engage in budget planning and deliberations to allow time to respond and adjust their budget and activities based on revised revenue projections.

AAMDC Background

The AAMDC has no active resolutions directly related to this issue.

Resolution 3-16S

Recovery of Linear Property, Commercial Property, and Education Requisition Tax Arrears

County of Paintearth

*Three-fifths (3/5) Majority Required
Endorsed by District 2 (Central)*

WHEREAS municipalities in Alberta are governed by the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000. C. M-34 established by the Province of Alberta; and

WHEREAS municipalities in Alberta are dependent on property tax revenues to provide essential municipal services; and

WHEREAS municipalities in Alberta are responsible to collect and forward the education requisition to Alberta Education; and

WHEREAS property taxes remain the main source of revenue for municipalities, as provincial and federal transfers are diminishing, while the downloading and offloading of services and programs continues; and

WHEREAS the ability of a municipality to recover linear property tax arrears is affected by both provincial and federal legislation; and

WHEREAS the current legislation has limited the recourse available to a municipality to recover tax arrears owed from oil and gas companies, which predominantly arise from linear property, commercial property and education requisition; and

WHEREAS the issue of broadening and strengthening the power of municipalities to collect and recover non-property taxes has been raised in the *Municipal Government Act* review currently being conducted by the Government of Alberta;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC) request the Government of Alberta to amend the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA), and other provincial legislation to broaden the tax recovery power of municipalities to collect linear property taxes by granting a lien in favour of the municipality as follows:

A lien equivalent to that granted to the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) by s. 103 of the *Oil and Gas Conservation Act* (OGCA) that being: "on the debtor's interest in any well, facilities, and pipelines, land or interests in land, including mines and minerals, equipment and petroleum substances" and the power to garnish funds owed to the debtor;

A lien which ranks in priority (or equivalent) to the lien granted in favour of the AER by s. 103(2) of the OGCA;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the AAMDC requests the Government of Canada to amend the federal *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* to recognize municipal linear property taxes and other municipal non-property taxes as a secured interest in priority to other unsecured interests;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the AAMDC request the Government of Alberta to provide a credit reimbursement to compensate for the education property taxes that become uncollectable due to linear and commercial property bankruptcy.

Member Background

The County of Paintearth No. 18 has been challenged with the collection of significant tax arrears from numerous oil and gas companies. The tax collection obstacles are created by the existing restrictions within current legislation. As a result, the County's prospect for collecting \$1.3 million in taxes and education requisition is bleak. With the current economic state, this amount will only continue to increase.

Alberta Municipal Government Act (MGA)

The regime for collecting taxes not related to land, including linear property tax arrears, is set out in Part 10, Division 9 of the MGA. In that Part, section 438(1) states that a municipality may recover arrears through (i) the seizure process prescribed in the MGA, or (ii) through a civil action against the debtor.

The assets of the debtor that may be seized by a municipality in order to recover linear property tax arrears are limited and need to be broadened. This will often affect the ability of a municipality to recover the arrears, particularly where the debtor does not own sufficient "goods".

The limitations of section 440 and 441 are made clear by comparing those provisions to the provision of the *Oil and Gas Conservation Act* (OGCA), RSA 2000 c. 0-6 which grant a lien to the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER). Section 103(2) of the *Oil and Gas Conservation Act* creates a lien in favour of the Regulator on the ". . . debtor's interest in any well, facilities and pipelines, land or interests in land, including mines and minerals, equipment and petroleum substances". The MGA does not create this type of detailed lien in favour of a municipality with respect to linear property tax arrears. More particularly, the MGA does not provide a means for a municipality to effectively recover linear property tax arrears against the pipeline that is being taxed or against mineral rights held by the debtor. Instead, the recourse provided by the MGA is limited to the goods owned by the debtor.

Further, while the *Oil and Gas Conservation Act* permits the AER to garnish funds owed to the debtor (s. 103), no similar remedy is available to a municipality with respect to linear property tax arrears.

A municipality would be better able to recover linear property tax arrears and education requisition if a municipality could recover against all of the property of the debtor.

Also, a municipality's ability to actually seize and sell the goods of debtor to satisfy linear property tax arrears is often frustrated by the actions of the AER. In order to prevent the goods of the debtor from being sold, the AER now takes the position that once the AER has issued closure or abandonment order with respect to an oilfield site, no one, even a municipality exercising seizure rights established by the MGA, may remove goods from that site. The AER often issues closure or abandonment orders when a company encounters financial difficulties and this often coincides with the accumulation of linear property tax arrears. As the valuable assets of the debtor company are often limited to the machinery and equipment located at its oilfield sites, the AER's position can cause difficulties for a municipality from recovering any of the linear property tax arrears that are owed.

Federal Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act (BIA)

Once a person or a corporation enters bankruptcy, the distribution of the assets of the bankrupt is governed by the BIA. Sections 86 and 87 of the BIA limit most provincially created securities that are intended to promote the priority of a municipal or other debt over other creditors. While section 348 of the MGA may state that tax arrears have priority over other debt obligations, this priority is limited by the BIA. The BIA does not affect municipal claims for property tax arrears with respect to land as those arrears give rise to an interest that can be registered pursuant to the *Land Titles Act*. Contrastingly, linear property tax arrears do not give rise to a similar interest and therefore do not constitute a secured interest pursuant to the BIA.

AAMDC Background

5-15F: Recovery of Linear Property Tax Arrears

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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the AAMDC requests the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to request the Government of Canada to amend the federal *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* to recognize municipal linear property taxes and other municipal non-property taxes as a secured interest in priority to other unsecured interests;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the AAMDC request the Government of Alberta to provide a credit reimbursement to compensate for the Education Property Taxes that becomes uncollectable due to linear property bankruptcy.

DEVELOPMENT: The AAMDC is awaiting response from the Government of Alberta regarding this resolution.

Improving Oversight of Delegated Legislation

Starland County

*Three-fifths (3/5) Majority Required
Endorsed by District 2 (Central)*

WHEREAS the passage of legislation in Alberta often requires additional regulations, orders in council, ministerial orders and codes, together commonly referred to as delegated legislation, that dictate how the legislation will be applied; and

WHEREAS this delegated legislation can dramatically change the impact and scope of the enabling statute; and

WHEREAS the current practice of giving Royal Assent to legislation before defining how this delegated legislation will be used in practice creates confusion for the public and administrative bodies while also robbing legislators of the ability to properly understand new laws before voting on them; and

WHEREAS introducing all delegated legislation along with their enabling statutes for review to the Alberta Legislature would make for a more transparent and accountable legislative process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties request the Government of Alberta to enact a legislative requirement that all delegated legislation including regulations, orders in council, ministerial orders and codes, that are essential to the implementation of new or amending legislation, be submitted for review to the public and the legislature before final reading of the enabling legislation takes place.

Member Background

The increasing size and complexity of government in Alberta has also led to a proliferation of delegated legislation. This phenomenon is not unique to Alberta and indeed all Canadian governments now rely to an increasing degree on regulations, orders in council and ministerial orders in order to get the business of government done. The increasing importance of these instruments has also led to a number of attempts aimed at regulatory reform and increasing legislative oversight. Despite Alberta's attempts in this regard the recent history of complex and far reaching legislation being passed with no knowledge of the actual impact or scope of the delegated legislation used to implement it requires that additional measures be taken. To this end, the Government of Alberta should take the unprecedented step of requiring that all delegated legislation required in new or amended Alberta legislation be introduced for consideration by the Legislature and the public before final reading of the bill takes place.

While this type of requirement would be unprecedented in Canada it is required to address the scope of the problem in public and legislative oversight we are now dealing with. In Alberta there are currently over 1100 individual regulations as listed on the Queen's Printer website. This may or may not be the entire scope of delegated legislation in Alberta as the *Interpretation Act* defines a regulation as:

a regulation, order, rule, form, tariff of costs or fees, proclamation, by-law or resolution enacted

(i) in the execution of a power conferred by or under the authority of an Act, or

(ii) by or under the authority of the Lieutenant Governor in Council

But only regulations which are "legislative in nature" are actually required to be filed under the *Regulations Act*. As there is no current comprehensive listing of ministerial orders or orders in council that have not been registered under the *Regulations Act* available to the public the scope of delegated legislation in Alberta cannot be known.

While the scale of delegated legislation in Alberta is large, the attempts by government to impose some kind of legislative oversight have been small and inadequate. Currently there are two types of review that take place in Alberta. The first is through the Regulatory Review Secretariat as empowered by the *Regulations Act Regulation*. Through this process, which is run through Alberta Treasury Board and Finance, all new regulations submitted for registration are required to have a regulatory impact report submitted as well. If the

new regulation meets with the government's Guiding Principles of Regulation, which are based on stakeholder impact, then the regulation receives a compliance certificate and can then be registered and enforced. While this process is most certainly helpful for departments charged with drafting quality regulation it does nothing to increase public or legislative scrutiny of the proposed law before it is enacted. The second method is aimed directly at this lack of legislative scrutiny and oversight. Through the Policy Field Committees of the Legislature all regulations can be reviewed with hearings held and reports delivered to the Legislature. While this process introduces an extra layer of scrutiny it does not require that all regulations be reviewed and is really meant to deal with problems as they occur after implementation rather than helping create good legislation from the beginning.

The major problem with these two levels of oversight is that neither addresses the quality of the law as it is being made. The issue of whether or not a lawmaker or member of the public would agree with a law can often depend on how it is implemented. When the government passes a law with large unknowable effects the general public as well as public and private organizations can react with confusion, fear and hostility. The recent problems with Bill 6 are an obvious example of this outcome. Had the government introduced all supporting delegated legislation before final passage of the Bill, for example the required amendments to the Occupational Health and Safety Code, then the public could at least engage with government on the substance of the bill without the unnecessary fear and speculation. More importantly had this delegated legislation been submitted along with the Bill then the legislators voting for it would actually understand what kind of impact the Bill would have on their constituents.

When a new law is passed it is often said that the devil is in the details. Unfortunately in our system of government the details are released by the executive branch of government, generally by proclamation, and generally months after the law itself has been passed. When laws are passed such as Bill 50 back in 2009 or Bill 6 today whose impact can range from moderate to devastating, the public has a right to know what they face and legislators have a duty to understand what they are voting for. While these are two very controversial examples there are many more. For example the upcoming amendments to the *Municipal Government Act* will require codes of conduct for council however the form and impact of these are completely unknown.

While it could be argued that a change of this kind is not required as all meaningful regulations are eventually released to the public often with a reasonable amount of consultation, the point is that the system could be improved. There is no reason that draft delegated legislation could not be submitted with a draft bill. The idea that MLAs do not have the time or technical expertise to read and understand technical regulations is absurd. If an MLA is expected to read and understand an enormous piece of legislation such as the *Municipal Government Act* or the *Water Act*, they should also be expected to know how it is actually being implemented. Passing laws which create lawmaking powers for individuals and organizations should come with a responsibility to the public to understand and oversee how this power will be used. By taking this step, Alberta could show itself as being a leader in open, efficient and accountable government.

AAMDC Background

The AAMDC has no active resolutions directly related to this issue.

Agricultural Opportunity Fund for Agricultural Research and Forage Associations
MD of Greenview

*Simple Majority Required
Endorsed by District 4 (Northern)*

WHEREAS the continuing staffing decline in both provincial and federal government employees has resulted in the agricultural research and forage associations becoming the primary source of unbiased information for agricultural producers throughout the province; and

WHEREAS many research and forage associations lack adequate staff to assist with important government initiatives such as pest monitoring without jeopardizing research integrity; and

WHEREAS many of the agricultural research and forage associations are unable to enact long term research and demonstration programs or develop a capital asset replacement strategy at the current levels of funding provided by the province; and

WHEREAS many research and forage associations expend a large portion of staff resources seeking funding rather than performing program operations; and

WHEREAS in March 2014, former Agriculture Minister Verlyn Olson announced that the Agricultural Opportunity Fund grant amount had been increased by \$2.5 million and research and forage associations could proceed with program expansion; and

WHEREAS in January 2015 the \$2.5 million increase in funding was suddenly revoked;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties request Alberta Agriculture and Forestry reinstate the 2014 Agricultural Opportunity Fund increase that was allocated for the agricultural research and forage associations.

Member Background

"We need to ensure this province's rural and resource communities have the tools they need to keep contributing to the prosperity of Alberta." A quote from Premier Notley's election platform

Agricultural research associations (ARAs) and forage associations (FAs) are one of the essential tools used by our agricultural producers. If we can provide unbiased data that assists an agricultural producer in increasing their yield by 5% and reducing their inputs by 5%, their net profitability can increase by up to 60%. If that same producer can improve their marketing skills and increase their returns at the elevator by 5% they can double their profit. With today's tight margins, 5% is a BIG deal even though it is so small you cannot see a visual difference in the field.

The Agricultural Opportunity Fund (AOF) was created in 2002 to provide program funding for both research and forage associations. Prior to its inception, the Government of Alberta provided core funding to research and forage associations. In 2007 a resolution was put forward at the Agricultural Service Board conference requesting that Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development establish a consistent level of core funding to agricultural research and forage associations. They responded that AOF is program based and as such does not provide core funding but encouraged delivery of programs that were consistent with the goals of AOF. Starting in the 2006/2007 year, "AOF provided 3 year funding to ARAs and FAs who delivered the programs as described in their application." Alberta Agriculture and Food (AF) continue to support provincial coordination and collaboration of ARAs and FAs by funding the Agriculture Research and Extension Council of Alberta (ARECA). AF provided \$1.5 million to ARECA in September 2006 to distribute to their members for improvements to the capital infrastructure of each association. In addition, program funding flows to ARAs and FAs through the Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Program (AESAP). In September 2006, \$700,000 was made available to ARECA to manage through an application process for additional environmentally sustainable agriculture programs.

For ARAs and FAs to provide quality data and service they need to hire and retain highly qualified staff. Attracting employees to rural Alberta and retaining them requires an assurance of full-time employment and a competitive salary. With government grants being one of the main sources of revenue, it is imperative that they are reflective of rising costs.

AAMDC Background

The AAMDC has no active resolutions directly related to this issue.

Expired Resolution: 11-06F: Increased Core Funding for Agricultural Research Associations and Forage Associations

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties urge the Government of Alberta to maintain or increase previous levels of core funding to applied research associations and forage associations.

Creating a Residential Exemption to Roadside Development Permits

Lac Ste. Anne County

*Three-fifths (3/5) Majority Required
Endorsed by District 3 (Pembina River)*

WHEREAS the *Highway Development and Protection Act* and the *Highway Development Protection Regulations* requires an Alberta Transportation road side development permit for all development within 300 metres of a controlled highway, or 800 metres from the centre point of an intersection of a controlled highway and another highway or public road; and

WHEREAS Alberta Transportation requires review regarding development involving single family homes in previously approved subdivisions, creating a duplication of work by Alberta Transportation; and

WHEREAS this redundant review process is delaying development, in some cases upwards of 30+ days, despite review by Alberta Transportation of all traffic impact assessments (TIA) and studies regarding the approved subdivision at the initial development application stage; and

WHEREAS this redundancy has resulted in the unnecessary delay of development approvals, presenting challenges during an already short building season;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties request the Government of Alberta to amend legislation and/or regulations, including the *Highway Development Act* and the *Highway Development and Protection Regulations*, to exempt the erection of fences, primary single family residences and associated residential property upgrades such as accessory buildings, under 200 square feet, and pools in subdivisions that have already been approved by Alberta Transportation from requiring roadside development permits in residential multi parcel subdivisions that have received Alberta Transportation approval at subdivision stage.

Member Background

The *Highways Development Protection Regulation* states:

Definitions

1 In this Regulation,

(c) “development” means

(i) the placing, construction or erection of a building, structure, fixture, road (other than a physical means of access), airstrip, well, dugout, excavation or other undertaking, installation or object, whether it is on, above or below ground,

(ii) the enlargement, extension, replacement, renovation or repair of a development referred to in sub clause (i), and

(iii) a change to the original purpose or use of a development referred to in sub clause (i) on the parcel of land containing the development that may cause an intensification of the type or volume of vehicles that may

(A) enter onto the provincial highway from that parcel, or

(B) exit from the provincial highway onto that parcel;

- (g) "physical means of access" means
 - (i) the roadway portion of a highway, road or street that is under the direction, control and management of a municipality and provides vehicle access to a provincial highway, and
 - (ii) any other means of access that provides vehicle access between a parcel of land and a provincial highway;
- (h) "sign" means any device that is used for conveying information and is affixed to the ground or is attached to or painted on a building, structure or fixture that is affixed to the ground;
- (i) "utility line" means
 - (i) an electric transmission line,
 - (ii) an electric distribution line,
 - (iii) a pipeline other than a pipeline to which the Pipeline Act applies, and
 - (iv) a drainage ditch, irrigation canal or ditch;
- (j) "vegetation" means a tree, hedge or shrub;

And

Permit required for development, display of equipment

4(1) No person shall, without a permit, commence a development or display equipment or cause a development to be commenced or equipment to be displayed,

- (a) in the case of a freeway,
 - (i) within the right of way or within 300 metres beyond the limit of the freeway, or
 - (ii) within 800 metres from the centre point of the intersection of the freeway and another highway,
 - (b) in the case of a multi-lane provincial highway other than a freeway,
 - (i) within the right of way or within 300 metres beyond the limit of the highway, or
 - (ii) within 800 metres from the centre point of the intersection of the highway and another highway,
 - (c) in the case of a major provincial highway,
 - (i) within the right of way or within 300 metres beyond the limit of the highway, or
 - (ii) within 800 metres from the centre point of the intersection of the highway and another highway,
- or
- (d) in the case of a minor provincial highway,

(i) within the right of way or within 150 metres beyond the limit of the highway, or

(ii) within 400 metres from the centre point of the intersection of the highway and another highway that is not a freeway, a multi-lane provincial highway or a major provincial highway.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a wire fence that is located or to be located outside the right of way of the highway.

This requirement has been in the regulations since the Act's predecessor way back in the 1960's for any development along provincial highways.

This means that Alberta Transportation has approved the majority of all multi parcel subdivisions along provincial highways for over 50 years. At each subdivision Alberta Transportation would have required the developer or the municipality to implement any upgrades deemed appropriate to meet the needs of the provincial network. As such requiring each individual lot owner to then submit for a permit is redundant. It is also highly unreasonable that in the event an upgrade is needed a single family lot owner would be on the hook and not the developer who made the entire subdivision.

Administratively, it would also be next to impossible to empirically state that a single family residence was the sole reason for any type of intersection or road upgrade.

By creating this amendment or allowing municipalities to enter an agreement with Alberta Transportation this would expedite permit processing times and reduce workloads for all municipal governments as well as the limited Alberta Transportation employees reviewing these permits.

In speaking with multiple municipalities across the province this is an issue from the capital region to the rural as for the most part every municipality in the province is impacted by be these regulations. This is both a rural and urban issue.

AAMDC Background

The AAMDC has no active resolutions directly related to this issue.

Resolution 7-16S

Wildlife Damage Compensation Program

MD of Bonnyville

*Simple Majority Required
Endorsed by District 5 (Edmonton East)*

WHEREAS producers are absorbing the cost of livestock lost due to increased wolf predation occurring along Crown land; and

WHEREAS there is no compensation for missing animals when there is evidence of a confirmed kill; and

WHEREAS damage compensation claims have tripled since 2012; and

WHEREAS Idaho, Oregon, and Wyoming have developed approaches to compensate for confirmed, probable and missing animals; and

WHEREAS municipalities are absorbing the cost of wolf bounties and predator control programs in the province; and

WHEREAS there are insufficient Fish and Wildlife staff to monitor and proactively control the predator population in the Crown land bordering agricultural areas;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC) requests Alberta Environment and Parks, Alberta Justice and Solicitor General, and all other relevant government ministries to review the current staffing situation, program administration, budgets and funding source of the Wildlife Damage Compensation Program to ensure its effectiveness; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the AAMDC request the Government of Alberta to compensate producers for confirmed as well as not confirmed or probable cases of wildlife predation when livestock are missing and wolves have been observed in area.

Member Background

The MD of Bonnyville is bringing forward this resolution to have additional resources available to the producer when they experience costly losses due to wolf predation.

Currently, if a producer has an animal killed by a wolf and is able to preserve the carcass for a Fish and Wildlife officer to investigate, the producer will be paid full compensation for the animal at fair market value if it is 100% confirmed that a wolf killed the animal.

The problem producers are experiencing is the ability to find and preserve these wolf kills in a timely fashion. Often the carcasses are cleaned up by scavenging wildlife within hours of the kill and some calves are never found at all.

Additionally, producers are experiencing variable/delayed response times of Fish and Wildlife officers when investigating these kills, and often the evidence quickly degenerates prior to the officers attending the kill site.

We are asking the Government of Alberta to investigate other compensation programs within North America that allow for multiple compensation payouts when there are confirmed wolf predations in the producer's herd and when there are confirmed multiple missing animals. We also ask that the province review staffing availability to ensure investigation of predation is a priority when a producer reports a loss.

The Wolf Lake Provincial Grazing Association (within the MD of Bonnyville) reported 55 missing animals during roundup from these pastures. The grazing association has been experiencing high predation from wolves over the past five years inspiring them to hire additional range riders and leave some high pressure pastures out of their rotation. Fish and Wildlife officers have been out to investigate several times during

this past season which resulted in producers being approved for 2.5 animals for predator compensation. Normal loss in the grazing reserve is 20-25 animals as per average loss ratio.

The grazing reserve also compensates trappers and hunters that shoot wolves on the pastures at a rate of \$200 per wolf to encourage harvest of these wolves.

Currently, the MD of Bonnyville has in effect a coyote/wolf reduction program that pays out \$15 per coyote and \$75 per wolf harvested. Since October, 1150 coyotes and 62 wolves have been compensated for thus far. The program runs October through March annually.

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General Information: Mark Heckbert, Fish and Wildlife Lead Manager, Lesser Slave Lake (High Prairie)

AAMDC Background

3-14S: Wildlife Damage Compensation Program

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties request that all relevant Government of Alberta ministries review the current staffing situation, program administration, budgets, and funding source of the Wildlife Damage Compensation Program to ensure its effectiveness; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta Association of Municipal District and Counties request that all relevant Government of Alberta ministries implement a monitoring and assessment program to ensure that predators, inclusive of wolves, bears, and cougars, are dealt with proactively.

DEVELOPMENTS: While the government responses to date have provided an explanation as to how the Wildlife Damage Compensation Program currently operates, there is no indication that the program and associated budgets and staffing levels will be reviewed in the future. The program was reviewed recently, but no detail is available as to the review's findings or if they led to changes in funding or operations of the program. The government response does not address the resolution's request for a strengthened government predator monitoring program, nor has there been increases to wildlife management in the 2015-16 provincial budget. As such, this resolution is deemed Intent Not Met. The AAMDC has learned that the Alberta Beef Producers have similar concerns with livestock predation, and may pursue a joint advocacy effort on this issue in the future.

Resolution 8-16S

Provincial Funding for Regional Air Ambulance Services

Cypress County

*Simple Majority Required
Endorsed by District 1(Foothills Little Bow)*

WHEREAS the Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS) provides emergency helicopter air ambulance services centred out of Edmonton, Calgary and Grande Prairie, and

WHEREAS response to outlying rural areas of Alberta is limited, and

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta does not fund locally or regionally operated helicopter air ambulance services such as Helicopter Air Lift Operation (HALO) in south-eastern Alberta, leaving them to rely wholly on funding from municipalities and donations of private individuals and responsible corporate partners, and

WHEREAS regionally operated helicopter air ambulance services perform a vital service that complements ground ambulance and STARS air ambulance;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties request that the Government of Alberta provide funds to local and regionally operated emergency response air ambulance services at the same ratio as Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS) funding.

Member Background

Local or regionally operated emergency response helicopter services are still needed in addition to Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS). In south-eastern Alberta, Helicopter Air Lift Operation (HALO) medevac rescue helicopter has operated out of Medicine Hat since 2007. HALO provides residents of Cypress County, 52 surrounding communities, and vast remote areas, with improved patient care and decreased transport times for critically ill or injured people at no cost to the patient. HALO provides the people living, working, and playing within 160 km of the City of Medicine Hat and beyond with a dedicated medevac rescue helicopter in coordination with the network of ground based ambulances. A typical HALO mission involves a round trip flight time of under 1 hour 20 minutes.

Cost of operating HALO is about \$850,000 per year. HALO is a valuable resource to other public service departments and is an integral part of emergency response planning at the corporate, municipal, and regional levels. HALO is available to serve the community in a variety of ways including search and rescue, and disaster response. This program allows the communities within a vast response area the best possible access to rapid, advanced medical care in an emergency. HALO is dispatched through the STARS Emergency Link Centre and is a vital asset to the emergency responders in southeast Alberta and southwest Saskatchewan. The helicopter is outfitted with a Lifeport MedPak system and MedDek stretcher system.

The availability of the helicopter decreases response times of paramedics to trauma victims in remote or inaccessible areas. Even with the new longer range STARS helicopters, regional medical helicopters still provide a quicker response.

AAMDC Background

The AAMDC has no active resolutions directly related to this issue.

Expired resolution: 5-09S: Critically Needed Dependable Operational Government Funding for STARS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties urge the Government of Alberta to leverage the success of the collaborative STARS model into the fully integrated health care system being developed for all Albertans.

Resolution 9-16S

Secure Access to Natural Gas Pipelines

Lac La Biche County

*Three-fifths (3/5) Majority Required
Endorsed by District 5 (Edmonton East)*

WHEREAS sourcing of natural gas is a high priority of municipalities and natural gas co-ops in rural Alberta in order to serve our residents; and

WHEREAS high volumes of natural gas are available through privately-owned pipelines; and

WHEREAS rural municipalities and gas co-ops use privately-owned, high-pressure pipelines to supply natural gas to their customers and constituents; and

WHEREAS some privately-owned pipelines are being abandoned because they are no longer viable for the owner; and

WHEREAS rural municipalities and gas co-ops face additional costs and uncertainties because of these abandonments; and

WHEREAS these uncertainties limit cost-effective planning and expansion of natural gas systems for rural municipalities and gas co-ops at a reasonable cost;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties, in conjunction with the Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops and Gas Alberta, request the governments of Canada and Alberta to develop legislation and provide financial assistance to maintain certainty of access to natural gas pipelines for rural municipalities and gas co-ops in Alberta.

Member Background

TransCanada and other companies are the current owners of Alberta Gas Trunk Line (AGTL)/Nova pipeline facilities buried across Alberta generations ago.

Across Alberta, many towns, villages, counties and rural natural gas cooperatives have used these pipelines and facilities to supply natural gas to their communities. Many of these pipelines have become uneconomic to operate for TransCanada and are being scheduled for closure and abandonment. Some of these are located in Lac La Biche County.

If these abandonments are allowed to continue, rural Albertans will have to absorb additional costs for new infrastructure to replace the abandoned pipelines. In Lac La Biche County's case, a potential line abandonment will cost the local gas co-operative \$410,000 for a new regulating/metering/odourizing station plus pipeline costs to the new location.

AAMDC Background

The AAMDC has no active resolutions directly related to this issue.

Genetically Modified Alfalfa

County of Northern Lights

*Simple Majority Required
Endorsed by District 4 (Northern)*

WHEREAS alfalfa is one of the largest crops in Canada in area with Alberta's output comprising approximately 30% of the country's total alfalfa hay and seed production; and

WHEREAS many of Alberta's forage seed producers sell products into countries that forbid the import of genetically modified (GM)/engineered alfalfa products; and

WHEREAS planting genetically modified/engineered alfalfa will pose a serious threat to the province's forage seed exports which included fourteen million kilograms of exported alfalfa seed (estimated at \$75 million) in 2014 as well as export hay, feed supplements and alfalfa sprouts for human consumption; and

WHEREAS alfalfa is the first perennial genetically modified/engineered crop that is pollinated by wild and tame insects; and

WHEREAS genetically modified/engineered alfalfa has the ability to cross-pollinate with non-GM alfalfa and there is a high risk of cross contamination due to seed escape and cross pollination which, once it occurs, will be impossible to contain; and

WHEREAS feral/wild alfalfa is rampant along ditches, fence lines, field edges, and uncultivated areas throughout Alberta and pollen and gene flow is unavoidable; and

WHEREAS alfalfa is a primary feed source for much of Alberta's organic animal agricultural production and as such contaminated feed and seed sources will jeopardize the organic status of the industry as well as threaten the booming organic export industry; and

WHEREAS neither the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) nor Health Canada has done a complete due diligence assessment prior to the approval of genetically modified/engineered alfalfa for release into Canada, having never done a quantified government economic impact assessment on the effects of genetically modified/engineered alfalfa on Canadian export markets;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties request that Alberta Agriculture and Forestry and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency work with Alberta's agricultural service boards, marketing groups, Forage Genetics Canada and other relevant stakeholders to prevent the introduction of genetically modified/engineered alfalfa to the province of Alberta until there is a marketplace and consumer acceptance in Alberta's export markets including China, Japan, the European Union, and the Middle East.

Member Background

Alfalfa is the single most predominant legume grown for forage in Canada (Canadian Forage and Grassland Association, October, 2012). Alberta is a valuable producer of Canada's alfalfa crop, comprising over 30% of the country's total alfalfa output. By area, it is the third largest crop in Canada with over 25 million acres in production and more than 80% of that production is located in the Prairie Provinces (Canadian Biotechnology Action Network, November, 2015). At 15 million pounds in 2012, alfalfa seed exportation ranked third in Canadian exports.

Roundup Ready alfalfa is a genetically modified (GM) crop. Although several GM crops have already been introduced into Canada, alfalfa would be the first significant *perennial* plant to be genetically engineered and introduced into the Western Canadian environment that is naturally cross-pollinated by insects and grows wild throughout the world. The economic benefits of GM alfalfa crops are unclear at this time – they have not produced higher yields, herbicide costs have risen and exported alfalfa products have been rejected due to contamination.

As some countries have strict importation laws forbidding GM products, the presence of GM alfalfa in Canadian hay exports could potentially put an end to export markets for Canadian grass and forage seed growers. In 2014, China was Canada's second largest importer of alfalfa seed and China presently has *zero tolerance* for GM alfalfa products. China blacklisted three American hay exporters in 2014 and rejected hundreds of container loads of hay due to the detection of Roundup Ready alfalfa (The Western Producer, November, 2014). As hay is partially comprised of alfalfa, U.S. hay prices have dropped by about 12% due in part to the actions of China.

Mountain Sunrise Feed Co., a small hay exporter in the U.S., had been shipping about half its product (1,000 tons per month) to China but has now stopped because of the rejection of several of its cargoes. The owner has been forced to lay off employees and is only using 50% of its production capacity due in part to reduced exports. Anderson Hay & Grain, one of the largest U.S. hay exporters, stated that "it's had a huge impact on our business" (The Wall Street Journal, December, 2014).

Heather Kerschbaumer, president of Forage Seed Canada, personally experienced a \$20,000 loss three years ago when Japan detected a canola seed in a shipment of timothy seed from her farm and subsequently cancelled their contract. She is concerned about Roundup Ready alfalfa contaminating her alfalfa seed product, which would result in an additional loss of those markets. "We find alfalfa in 60 to 70 percent of the lots shipped out of the Peace [Region]. If it is genetically modified, we would lose all those markets as well."

Kerschbaumer recently visited the Imperial Valley in California, where the three blacklisted hay producers are located. "They told us ***if you can't keep it out of Canada, keep it out of the West. If you can't keep it out of the West, you should keep it out of Alberta. If you can't keep it out of Alberta, you should keep it out of the Peace because there will be benefits and bonuses paid on the seed that is produced that is GE free***" (The Western Producer, November, 2014).

Canada's flax industry has been devastated due to contamination of GM material. In 2009, even though the GM variety of flax (CDC Triffid) had been de-registered by the University of Saskatchewan, about 3.5% of the farmer and elevator flax samples tested positive and contamination was found in exports to 35 countries that had not approved GM flax. As a result Canada's European market, which makes up 60% of its flax market, was closed. Canada's flax production declined significantly from 930,000 tonnes in 2009 to 518,200 tonnes in 2012. The source of GM contamination was never identified.

As illustrated, it is highly probable that GM alfalfa contamination will occur if it is introduced into Alberta. Non-GM alfalfa can be contaminated by GM alfalfa through: seed escape, pollinator-mediation, and feral/volunteer alfalfa. More specifically, contamination can occur in purchased seed, seed spillage during planting, harvest and transport, insufficient cleaning of equipment, hay transport, animal vectors, dormant seed, and volunteer alfalfa growth.

Alfalfa is pollinated primarily by leafcutter bees but also by honeybees, wild bees and other native pollinators that are capable of traveling great distances and have unpredictable ranges. Cross-pollination occurs in nature when pollinating insects inadvertently transfer pollen from one plant to another while gathering nectar. Since perennial plants such as alfalfa are capable of flowering multiple times per year, the risk of genetic contamination by cross-pollination is significantly higher than annual crops.

In addition, Alberta's variable climate and annual precipitation (Alberta Water Portal) limit the 'best management practices' for production of GM alfalfa that indicate cutting hay prior to 10% bloom in order to contain gene flow and reduce contamination. Fields that are in hay production one year and then seed production the next, or vice-versa, often due to the weather patterns, may also add to the problem of contamination.

New genetically modified varieties of alfalfa currently being marketed in the U.S., such as HarvXtra, a low-lignin/Roundup Ready, "stacked trait" alfalfa is being marketed as a great improvement over existing varieties, since the low-lignin trait allows hay to be cut later in the season (at least 50% bloom) without loss of feed quality, thus reducing the effects of weather on timely management and encouraging growers of

mixed hay or alfalfa hay fields to take advantage of more tonnage per cut of hay. However, as noted earlier, this increases the threat of contamination through pollen transfer and gene flow from the blooming GM alfalfa fields to non-GM nearby fields or wild populations (even roadside alfalfa plants) within insect flying distance (from three to five miles). It is worth noting that there are currently non-GM alfalfas, such as the Alforex variety 'Hi-Gest', being marketed in the U.S. that have also been bred with low-lignin qualities and, therefore, the 'advantage' is available in non-GM alfalfas as well.

Alberta's thriving organic agricultural industry could be jeopardized by allowing the introduction of GM alfalfa into Alberta. As per the Canadian Organic Products Regulations and Standards, which came into force on June 1, 2009, GM ingredients in organic products is prohibited, regardless of whether or not those GM ingredients are registered (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada). The Canadian organic food market is positioned for exponential growth. According to the census completed on May 16, 2006 there were 2,629 farms with organic production in Alberta, 5.3% of all farms in the province. The predominant group of organic products grown in Alberta was hay or field crops (60.5% of the province's organic farms), (Statistics Canada). In 2012 organic food sales in Alberta totaled \$416 million which was second only to British Columbia in the organic fruit market and second only to Ontario in prepackaged groceries (Global News, August 2014).

In order to be classified as "organic", all agricultural products used for feeding livestock must be certified organic to the respective program and cannot contain any GM material (Alberta Organic Producers Association). Dairy cows, in particular, are fed large amounts of alfalfa feed; although beef livestock, hogs, poultry, sheep/lamb and goats may also consume feed containing alfalfa. Therefore, any traces of GM alfalfa found in organic hay or feed supplements would critically damage these markets, as well as the organic dairy industry.

Additionally, there is a significant market, both domestic and export, for organic alfalfa seed for hay production which would be destroyed if GM material was detected. **Canada currently has high quality seed and a reputation for clean organic products** (Saskatchewan Organic Directorate). However, the introduction of GM canola into Canada in 1995 has devastated the organic canola industry. The unintended presence of GM canola in organic canola fields was not detectable before harvest, nor could it be prevented due to the prevalence of GM canola on prairie farms (Canadian Biotechnology Action Network, April 2013). "Every organic grain farmer has lost the right to grow organic canola free of GMO contamination risk. Every organic grain farmer has lost the ability to sell organic canola into Europe" (Saskatchewan Organic Directorate, May 2006).

At this time there is a very real threat to Alberta's alfalfa industry if Roundup Ready alfalfa is introduced into the province. Indeed, despite assurances that Roundup Ready alfalfa would enhance weed control options and flexibility, it appears that the emergence and increased presence of herbicide-resistant weeds due to increased use of Roundup has created a need for the use of a wider variety of herbicides on a crop that typically does not require application of herbicides. According to USDA data, 90% of all alfalfa produced by farmers in the U.S. was previously grown without the use of herbicides.

The cost of herbicide is high, foreign export markets are tightening and, in turn, producers stand to lose millions of dollars in sales as markets become more limited due to contamination of genetically modified biotypes. At this time, genetically modified / engineered alfalfa must not be introduced into Alberta.

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AAMDC Background

The AAMDC has no active resolutions related to this issue.

Resolution 11-16S

Provincial Funding for Municipal Public Libraries and Regional Library Systems

Sturgeon County

*Simple Majority Required
Endorsed by District 3 (Pembina River)*

WHEREAS public libraries and regional library systems are essential in providing Albertans with low-cost access to knowledge and information needed for success in education, business and life; and

WHEREAS residents of rural communities expect and deserve equitable access to high-quality, essential services and facilities such as public libraries; and

WHEREAS local public libraries and regional library systems are key implementers of the Alberta Government's Collaborative Library Policy and Alberta Public Library Network Policy; and

WHEREAS provincial funding has not kept pace with increasing costs and number of residents; and

WHEREAS many municipalities have entered into funding agreements to help local libraries achieve their goals and address provincial funding shortfalls;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties request the Government of Alberta increase its funding for public libraries and regional library systems.

Member Background

Provincial public library funding has remained flat at \$32,500,000 since 2009.

In the 2015-16 provincial budget an additional \$3.5 million of funding (roughly a 10.7% increase over the previous budget year), was allocated. By contrast, Alberta's population and the consumer price index rose roughly 13% and 10% respectively during the same period. In short, provincial grants to libraries have not kept pace with demand.

Operating cost funding shortfalls in local area libraries have resulted in difficult budgeting decisions including the consideration of reduced hours and services.

If public libraries are to continue to serve their communities and function as one network in accordance with provincial policy, provincial public library funding must keep pace with costs and the ever growing and diversifying population of Alberta.

AAMDC Background

14-14F: Provincial Funding for Municipal Public Libraries and Regional Library Systems

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties request the Government of Alberta to review its funding formula for public libraries and regional library systems and develop a consistent approach and longer term plan to allow for increased funding that reflects current census information regarding populations in Alberta and multi-year planning, to ensure consistent delivery of library services for all Albertans in all regions.

DEVELOPMENTS: The Government of Alberta has provided no indication that a review of the funding formula for libraries is forthcoming. However, the 2015-16 provincial budget allocated a \$3.5million increase in library funding over the previous budget year, which according to the Library Association of Alberta, indicates a per capita increase of 10 cents and a funding measure based on 2014, rather than 2010 population figures. Although it is unclear if this funding increase is accompanied by a multi-year plan for the further development of Alberta's public libraries, the AAMDC is encouraged by this increase in funding, and thus deems this resolution as Accepted in

Part. The AAMDC will continue to monitor this resolution to ensure rural municipalities are adequately served by Alberta's public library network.

Resolution 12-16S

Provincial Funding for School Resource Officers

Sturgeon County

*Simple Majority Required
Endorsed by District 3 (Pembina River)*

WHEREAS there is currently no dedicated provincial funding or grants for school resource officer positions; and

WHEREAS several rural school boards fund school resource officers through cooperative agreements between local school board and local municipalities; and

WHEREAS the programs and support offered by school resource officers are vital in ensuring the safety and well-being of Alberta's students and our schools;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties request the Government of Alberta to provide dedicated funding for school resource officers in rural area schools for the benefit of families and communities.

Member Background

School resource officers deliver important education programming (including the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program), offer invaluable student mentoring and guidance, and represent a necessary safety presence in schools throughout the province.

Without a dedicated provincial funding source, school boards are placed in a position of prioritizing limited resources between provincially mandated curriculum and activities and the safety of their students and their schools.

Given their valuable work, municipalities have based upon ability and available resources, stepped up to fill this funding void.

This lack of provincial funding represents a downloading of the province's responsibility to fund vital elements of a safe and secure school system onto municipalities and school districts, and is a missed opportunity to support the health and well-being of our students.

AAMDC Background

The AAMDC has no active resolutions directly related to this issue.

MD OF PINCHER CREEK

March 3, 2016

TO: Reeve and Council
FROM: Wendy Kay, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: Pincher Creek Regional Emergency Management Organization
Partnership Agreement

1. Origin

A new Partnership Agreement is required for the newly formed Pincher Creek Regional Emergency Management Organization.

2. Background

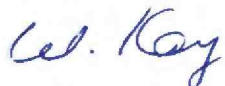
Committee members of the Pincher Creek Regional Emergency Management Organization have met on two occasions, and have come to an agreement on a Partnership Agreement that they are prepared to recommend to their respect Council's for approval. The proposed Agreement is attached to this report.

3. Recommendation

THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated March 3, 2016, regarding Pincher Creek Regional Emergency Management Organization – Partnership Agreement, be received;

AND THAT Council approved the Partnership Agreement for the Pincher Creek Regional Emergency Management Organization, and authorize the Reeve and CAO to sign the Agreement, on behalf of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek.

Respectfully Submitted,



W. Kay

Attachment

PINCHER CREEK REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
ORGANIZATION
PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made this __ day of _____, 2016.

BETWEEN:

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT (MD) OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9

and

TOWN OF PINCHER CREEK

and

VILLAGE OF COWLEY

(hereinafter collectively referred to as “Municipalities”)

WHEREAS:

- A. An emergency or disaster of a multi-jurisdictional nature could affect any or all of the Municipalities to such a degree that local resources would be inadequate to cope with the situation;
- B. The Municipalities have appointed a Director of Emergency Management;
- C. The Municipalities have agreed to adopt a Regional Emergency Management Plan, and to develop a Regional Framework for Emergency Management within the Region; and
- D. The regional framework for the opening of the Regional Emergency Operations Centre, when required, to provide support to the Municipal Emergency Operations Centre.

IT IS AGREED THAT FOR MUTUAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- 1.1 In this Agreement:
 - a) “Commencement Date” means that date in which this Agreement becomes effective;
 - b) “Director of Emergency Management” means that person appointed by the Municipalities;

- c) “Disaster” means an event that results in serious harm to the safety, health or welfare of people, or in widespread damage to property;
- d) “Emergency” means an event that requires prompt coordination of action or special regulation of persons or property to protect the safety, health or welfare of people, or to limit damage to property;
- e) “Municipal Emergency Operations Centre” means a physical facility in each Municipality designated to:
 - (1) provide direct support to response activities;
 - (2) support and give direction to the Incident Commander and emergency response operations within the boundaries of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek, Town of Pincher Creek, and Village of Cowley;
 - (3) maintain executive control over emergency operations;
 - (4) obtain resources as required to assist with emergency operations in the community; and
 - (5) provide public and media relations resources;
 - (6) the primary location of the Emergency Operations Centre will be the MD of Pincher Creek Administration Building, at 1037 Herron Avenue, unless the proximity of the emergency or disaster is such that the MD Administration Building would not be available.
- f) “Pincher Creek Regional Emergency Advisory Committee” means a regional committee, comprised of two Councillors from each of the MD of Pincher Creek and Town of Pincher Creek, or designates, and one Councillor from the Village of Cowley, or designate, from each of the partnering municipalities that are a party to this Agreement, or that may become a party to this Agreement in the future. All members of the Committee shall be voting members and carry one vote each;
- g) “Pincher Creek Regional Emergency Management Agency” means the Director of Emergency Management, or designate, for the partnering municipalities of the Pincher Creek Regional Emergency Management Organization. Representatives from other agencies will be invited to participate as required;
- h) “Municipality” means any one or all of the Municipalities that are a party to this agreement, or that may become a party to this Agreement in the future;

- i) “Regional Emergency Operations Centre” means an Emergency Operations Centre established at the request of the Director of Emergency Management, or designate, to support Municipal Emergency Operations Centres during a major emergency or disaster; and
- j) “Regional Framework for Emergency Management” means the Municipalities participating in this Agreement supporting and assisting each other when requested and when able to provide that support and assistance in the event of a major emergency or disaster.

2.1 Financing for the Pincher Creek Regional Emergency Management Organization shall be as follows:

- a) Municipal District of Pincher Creek – forty-nine percent (49%);
- b) Town of Pincher Creek – forty-nine percent (49%);
- c) Village of Cowley – two percent (2%);

The Municipal District of Pincher Creek shall be appointed the Financial Manager of the Pincher Creek Emergency Organization, and which appointment shall be reviewed every two years.

- 2.2 The Pincher Creek Emergency Management Agency shall meet on a bi-annual basis, or as required. Any partner to this Agreement may request a meeting to be held at any given time should an issue or concern arise.
- 2.3 The Chairperson of meetings held of the Pincher Creek Regional Emergency Management Agency, or joint meetings with the Pincher Creek Regional Emergency Management Organization, will be an elected official of the municipality hosting the meeting.
- 2.4 The appointment of the Director of Emergency Management by the partnering municipalities, will be reviewed on an annual basis.
- 2.5 The Pincher Creek Regional Emergency Management Organization Agency provides direction to the Pincher Creek Regional Emergency Management Organization Plan. The Pincher Creek Regional Emergency Management Organization Agency will:
 - a) ensure the Pincher Creek Regional Emergency Management Organization functions under the ICS System framework;
 - b) be responsible for ensuring regional emergency planning documents and programs are accurate and reviewed annually;
 - c) ensure training on the Pincher Creek Regional Emergency Management Organization Plan is provided for personnel;

- d) ensure regional training records are kept;
 - e) plan and execute exercises to validate the Pincher Creek Regional Emergency Management Organization Plan;
 - f) conduct reviews of all exercises;
 - g) review the impact of incidents on the system;
 - h) public information, as necessary, on the Pincher Creek Regional Emergency Organization Management Plan with:
 - (1) municipal departments; and
 - (2) industrial and municipal neighbours;
 - i) liaise with external agencies and surrounding municipalities who have a role in emergency response at regional facilities; and
 - j) ensure the Region has appropriate resources and equipment available.
- 3.1 Municipalities shall not be required to provide anything other than municipally owned equipment, employees and volunteers normally used by the Municipalities when responding to a regional emergency, or assisting in a Regional Emergency Operations Centre.
- 4.1 No action lies against the Municipality with jurisdiction, or any responding Municipality, or a person acting under that Municipality's direction or authorization, for anything done or omitted to be done in good faith while carrying out a power or duty under the *Emergency Management Act*, or the regulations during a state of local emergency.
- 5.1 A requesting Municipality indemnifies each responding Municipality against any expense incurred by that responding Municipality by reason of any damage to its equipment in the course of responding to a call, and against any cost or expense incurred by the responding Municipality by reason of personal injury or death caused to any of its personnel in the course of responding to a call, unless such damage, injury or death results from the gross negligence of the responding Municipality.
- 5.2 A requesting Municipality agrees to save and hold harmless the responding Municipality, any of its departments, agencies, officers or employees from all cost, injury and damage incurred, and from any other injury or damage to any person or property as a result of their actions in assisting the requesting Municipality. The above cost, injury, damage or other injury or damage incurred by or to any of the above shall include, in the event of action, court costs, expenses of litigation and reasonable legal fees.

- 6.1 All costs and expenses associated with responding to an incident shall be the responsibility of the Municipality where the incident occurs.
- 7.1 The Municipalities will at all times comply with the requirements of all applicable Federal, Provincial and Municipal legislation.
- 8.1 This Agreement comes into force upon completion of all signatures (“Commencement Date”), and shall be reviewed on the request of any Municipality, or every two (2) years.
- 8.2 Any Municipality may withdraw from this Agreement by giving six (6) months written notice of intent to each of the other Municipalities. In that event, this Agreement shall otherwise continue in full force and effect between the remaining Municipalities, and any investment in joint assets shall remain with the partnership. Funding and resources shall continue for the six (6) month period, from the partner that has given notice of withdrawal from this Agreement.
- 8.3 Municipalities cannot opt in or out of the Regional Framework for Emergency Management during a major emergency or disaster.
- 8.4 Each of the Municipalities agrees to share emergency management related information.
- 8.5 Each of the Municipalities will strive to utilize common procedures, training, communications systems and technologies.
- 8.6 This Agreement does not in any way amend or replace those agreements that may already be in existence, or shall come into existence in the future between any of the Municipalities, as a whole or otherwise, with respect to the provision of firefighting or other services.
- 8.7 Any notice permitted or required by this Agreement shall be deemed to be given if delivered personally, or sent by registered mail addressed to a Municipality at its principal address. In the case of a postal strike, or other disruption of service, personal delivery only shall be effective. Any notice sent by mail is deemed to be received on the third business day following the date of mailing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have hereunto set their seals duly attested to by the hands of their properly authorized officers in that behalf effective as at the day and year first above written.

MD OF PINCHER CREEK

Chief Administrative Officer Reeve Date

TOWN OF PINCHER CREEK

Chief Administrative Officer Mayor Date

VILLAGE OF COWLEY

Chief Administrative Officer Mayor Date

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

February 19, 2016 to March 3, 2016

DISCUSSION:

- February 22, 2016 Staff – Commission Bylaws
- February 23, 2016 Policies and Plans
- February 23, 2016 Regular Council
- February 25, 2016 Joint Council
- February 26, 2016 Website
- February 29, 2016 Emergency Management
- March 1, 2016 Subdivision Authority
- March 1, 2016 Municipal Planning Commission
- March 2, 2016 Environment and Parks

UPCOMING:

- March 4, 2016 Staff Benefit Program
- March 8, 2016 Policies and Plans
- March 8, 2016 Regular Council
- March 10, 2016 AHS Quarterly Meeting
- March 13-16, 2016 AAMDC Convention
- March 18, 2016 Website
- March 22, 2016 Policies and Plans
- March 22, 2016 Regular Council
- March 23, 2016 EMS
- April 4, 2016 Emergency Management – Cowley

OTHER

- Revised Safety Manual
- Emergency Management Plan
- Finance Procedures
- New Parks Proposal/Castle Mountain

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive for information, the Chief Administrative Officer's report for the period of February 19, 2016 to March 3, 2016.

Prepared by: CAO, Wendy Kay Date: March 3, 2016

Presented to: Council Date: March 8, 2016

**MD OF PINCHER CREEK ENHANCED POLICING
MONTHLY REPORT
December 2015**

Cst. Rodney LEGROW RCMP Pincher Creek	Shifts worked 18		
Monthly Traffic Ticket Summary		MD Hamlet Patrols	
Speeding	4	Beaver Mines: 6	
Stop sign violations		Lundbreck: 2	
Warnings	2	Castle Mountain: 5	
Administrative violations		Twin Butte: 0	
Equipment violations			
Moving violations	3		
Other			
Impaired / 72 & 24 suspensions	1		

December totals

Distance driven: 2065 km's

Number of violation tickets issued:

Fine value of violation tickets: \$3728.00

Criminal Code Charges:

Violation ticket location: Beaver Mines: 6, Hwy 3/6/507 (PC) 1 -, Hwy3/507 (CNP)- 1 ,Hwy 22 -

Public Meetings/Events/Training

Dec 3: School Lockdown & DARE Canyon school.

Dec 4: Check stop Piikani, Pincher Creek, and Crowsnest Pass

Dec 9: Safety Talk Castle Mountain

Dec 10: PSE / ME Luncheon Calgary

School Safe Plan.

School lockdown drill -Matthew Halton School

Beaver Mines Citizens Meeting.

Cumulative totals for period December 1, 2014 to Current. (2010 stats in parenthesis)

Distance driven: **26,130 km** (14,484) Number of violation tickets issued: **130** (323)

Total fine value of violation tickets: **\$33,919.00** (38,302)

Patrols to Beaver Mines: **86** (38) Patrols to Lundbreck: **83** (60)

Public meetings/events attended: **48** (18)

Cumulative totals to Current. (contract duration)

Distance driven: **101,600 km** Number of violation tickets issued: **1540**

Total fine value of violation tickets: **\$210,851.00** Patrols to Beaver Mines: **338** Patrols to Lundbreck: **330**

Public meetings/events attended: **131**

**MD OF PINCHER CREEK ENHANCED POLICING
MONTHLY REPORT
January 2016**

Cst. Rodney LEGROW RCMP Pincher Creek	Shifts worked: 19		
Monthly Traffic Ticket Summary		MD Hamlet Patrols	
Speeding	11	Beaver Mines: 8	
Stop sign violations		Lundbreck: 6	
Warnings		Castle Mountain: 5	
		Twin Butte: 2	
Administrative violations			
Equipment violations			
Moving violations	5		
Other / Liquor violations	2		
Impaired / 72 & 24 hour suspensions	2		

December totals

Distance driven: 2800 km's

Number of violation tickets issued: 18

Fine value of violation tickets: \$5491.00

Criminal Code Charges:

Violation ticket location: Beaver Mines: 4, Hwy 3/6/507 (PC) - 9, Hwy3/507 (CNP)-2, Hwy 22 - 2

Public Meetings/Events/Training

January 04: Meeting at Windsor Heritage Centre.

January 12: Court for Trial

January 14 & 28: DARE - Canyon School

January 20 & 21: VTRA Training Piikani

January 18: CEW recertification.

January 23: Alberta Check-Stop Beaver Mine / Castle Mountain

January 23: Beaver Mines Citizens Meeting.

Cumulative totals for period December 1, 2014 to Current: (2010 stats in parenthesis)

Distance driven: **28,930 km** (14,484) Number of violation tickets issued: **148** (323)

Total fine value of violation tickets: **\$39,510.00** (38,302)

Patrols to Beaver Mines: **94** (38) Patrols to Lundbreck: **89** (60)

Public meetings/events attended: **54** (18)

Cumulative totals to Current: (contract duration)

Distance driven: **104,400 km** Number of violation tickets issued: **1558**

Total fine value of violation tickets: **\$216,342.00** Patrols to Beaver Mines: **346** Patrols to Lundbreck: **336**

Public meetings/events attended: **138**

**MD OF PINCHER CREEK ENHANCED POLICING
MONTHLY REPORT
February 2016**

Cst. Rodney LEGROW
RCMP Pincher Creek

Shifts worked: 14

Monthly Traffic Ticket Summary

MD Hamlet Patrols

Speeding

17

Beaver Mines: 10

Stop sign violations

Lundbreck: 9

Warnings

1

Castle Mountain: 7

Twin Butte: 3

Administrative violations

Equipment violations

Moving violations

3

Other / Liquor violations

Impaired / 72 & 24 hour
suspensions

December totals

Distance driven: 3000 km's

Number of violation tickets issued: 21

Fine value of violation tickets: \$3241.00

Criminal Code Charges:

Violation ticket location: Beaver Mines: 5, Hwy 3/6/507 (PC) – 7, Hwy3/507 (CNP)- 3, Hwy 22 - 3

Public Meetings/Events/Training.

February 01: Meeting Lundbreck Citizens Council.

February 10 & 11: DARE – Canyon School

February 18: VSU AGM.

February 23: RCMP Youth Camp meeting Matthew Halton & St Mikes high school

February 28: Radar Ski Hill.

Beaver Mines Citizens Meeting.

Cumulative totals for period December 1, 2014 to Current. (2010 stats in parenthesis)

Distance driven: **31,930 km** (14,484) Number of violation tickets issued: **169** (323)

Total fine value of violation tickets: **\$42,751.00** (38,302)

Patrols to Beaver Mines: **104** (38) Patrols to Lundbreck: **98** (60)

Public meetings/events attended: **61** (18)

Cumulative totals to Current. (contract duration)

Distance driven: **107,400 km** Number of violation tickets issued: **1579**

Total fine value of violation tickets: **\$219,583.00** Patrols to Beaver Mines: **356** Patrols to Lundbreck: **345**

Public meetings/events attended: **145**

Tara Cryderman

From: Wendy Kay
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2016 12:37 PM
To: Tara Cryderman
Subject: FW: Benga Mining Ltd. (Riversdale Resources) and lands in the Castle

Council – Correspondence Action

From: David McIntyre [mailto:ravensview@toughcountry.net]
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2016 9:45 AM
To: Wendy Kay <wkay@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>; Greg Brkich <cao@ranchland66.com>;
 blair.painter@crownsnestpass.com
Cc: AEP.Minister@gov.ab.ca; livingstone.macleod@assembly.ab.ca; John.Barlow@parl.gc.ca; Roland Milligan
 <AdminDirDev@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>; info@alces.ca; david <sasci@telus.net>
Subject: Fwd: Benga Mining Ltd. (Riversdale Resources) and lands in the Castle

Wendy/Greg/Blair,

The message I'm forwarding focuses on the needless loss of critical rangeland and wildlife habitat within the MD of Pincher Creek, but it connects with issues and lands in the MD of Ranchland, the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass and with Crown lands bordering all three municipal jurisdictions.

I'm aware of SALTS' efforts to involve you (municipal governments) in the need to conserve critical rangelands and other critical habitat, and I'm sure you're acutely aware of this same need from Miistakis' work, Brad Stelfox's models and elsewhere.

The problem, as I see it, is that unanticipated and inappropriate development continues to occur in places where societal insight, logic and critical mapping of known resource values would scream that it shouldn't.

The message I'm forwarding speaks for itself. Since sending it, I've also learned that the GoA and the Alberta Conservation Association attempted to purchase the described land. Each failed. This allowed the seller to dispose of it in a way that, as a result, has led to further destruction of critical winter elk range and the loss of already rare rough fescue grasslands.

I look to you for help. It's my firm belief that Alberta's municipal districts and municipalities can assist—*perhaps they can lead!*— the GoA in saving the best of Alberta for the people of Alberta.

I know you *want* to do this. Please find a way.

Sincerely,

David

Begin forwarded message:

From: David McIntyre <ravensview@toughcountry.net>
Subject: Benga Mining Ltd. (Riversdale Resources) and lands in the Castle

Date: February 18, 2016 at 11:58:35 AM MST

During our last conservation committee meeting I brought up the possibility that Benga Mining Ltd. and/or other companies with land and/or leases in the headwaters of the Oldman watershed could, in all probability, mine for coal, or, in other ways, impact lands far beyond the Grassy Mountain landscape, including lands draining into the Castle River.

Late last summer, I was driving north from the Castle River toward Lee Lake when I observed what appeared to be a colossal new access road on the southeastern flanks of what's locally referred to as Burmis Mountain. Old coal exposures in the area are traversed via this new road which creates a significant linear disturbance across the land's native rough fescue grasslands.

The area is home to at least one significant prehistoric cairn (some archaeologists say it's a vision quest site), an active eagle nest and, perhaps most significantly, the traversed landscape (rough fescue grassland with outliers of limber pine and Douglas-fir) is critical winter elk range. My wife and I have also tracked grizzlies and wolves through this landscape. It's also part of a studied wildlife corridor through which elk, grizzly bears and other species move back and forth across Highway 507 in close proximity to Lee Lake.

Today, after looking at my 2014 MD of Pincher Creek land ownership map, I was reasonably sure that the new road was located on land *seemingly* owned by Benga Mining Ltd. (the name on the map).

The legal land description: the east half of S31, T6, R2, W5th.

The Benga connection noted, subsequent phone calls now lead me to believe that Benga sold, or possibly traded, the land in order to acquire land in the Grassy Mountain area, and that the new landowner created the new access road, presumably to reach a planned building site.

Parallel story: Roughly 10 years ago, and 8km north of the described property, a 2 km access road was bulldozed across rough fescue grassland on similarly critical winter elk range to reach the planned building site of a communications tower. The tower was erected directly above an active golden eagle nest. A new landowner's residence was subsequently built at the end of the same access road and, as far as I know, the eagles have never returned to their nest site. I don't know the net impact on elk, or other species.

And another: Another golden eagle nest on the nearby headwaters landscape was abandoned in 1983 or 1984, seemingly due to Altalink's erection (1983) of a 500 kV line in close proximity to the nest.

The picture: ongoing destruction of critical wildlife habitat

Benga Mining Ltd. (according to my MD of Pincher Creek map) owns land in the headwaters of Rock Creek, on the eastern flanks of the Livingstone Range.

David

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16 February 2016

Mr. Hammond
Reeve, Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9
PO Box 279
Pincher Creek, Alberta
T0K 1W0

Dear Mr. Hammond,

Re: Alberta Health Review of Alberta Rural Physician Action Plan (RPAP): Possible Closure or Reduction

Request for action

The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request your input as to the valuable contribution RPAP has made and will hopefully continue to make in your community. Without your *immediate* input, decision makers on the fate of RPAP will not have a clear understanding of the impact of RPAP programs to rural Albertans and the valuable services we provide in your community. Please help your MLA and the Minister of Health Hon. Sarah Hoffman recognize RPAP's contributions to attracting and retaining your local health labour force.

The Issue

Alberta Health has communicated that they will be conducting a review of RPAP's programs and services and it is expected that recommendations on the fate of RPAP will be provided to the Deputy Minister by 31 March 2016. As RPAP's current grant funding ends on 31 March 2016, Alberta Health has indicated that in the interim they will provide 6 months funding to 30 September 2016.

Background

The purpose of the review as stated in a letter from the Deputy Minister Carl Amrhein is "To ensure there is an alignment with Alberta's rural health system needs and outcomes, the strategic scope and parameters of the RPAP Review are as follows:

- A review of Alberta Health's investment based on RPAP's mandate;
- An assessment of potential redundancies in funding; and,
- An assessment of where the best operational efficiencies can be gained for provincial programs."

Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM) of the Professional Services and Health Benefits Division Miin Alikhan will be conducting the review. Also of note is that the two faculties of medicine at the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary have indicated in a letter to Alberta Health, that RPAP's role in rural medical education is both redundant and potentially jeopardizes their accreditation. Regarding redundancy, your input as to the services RPAP provides directly to your community will be invaluable in presenting a true picture of the value RPAP brings to rural Alberta. Regarding the accreditation of the faculties, we believe this matter is baseless and that there is no jeopardy to accreditation.

RPAP is effective and efficient

Earlier in December 2015, RPAP completed an external summative evaluation of its functioning by outside, independent researchers. **This external report, part of the RPAP multi-part evaluation framework, was very positive.** Quoting from the report, the external evaluators noted:



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- “RPAP is making a valuable contribution to the attraction and retention of physicians in rural Alberta. RPAP has a clear vision and mission which are underpinned by a number of objectives and goals. The initiatives within each goal align with both the direction of the goal and with each other.”
- “Physicians, residents and medical students all reported that RPAP was a positive driver within the rural Alberta health care environment. All three user groups stated that RPAP initiatives provided them with insights into rural practice and rural community living that might otherwise be unknown to them. Medical students felt that they were exposed to the advantages of rural practice through RPAP initiatives, and that the initiatives informed their career choices. Furthermore, medical students and residents reported that RPAP initiatives influence their decision to pursue rural practice. The seven-year retention rate of rural physicians has increased, year on year, as has the number (headcount) of physicians practicing in rural Alberta.”
- “RPAP initiatives are currently seen as the vanguard of Canadian rural physician recruitment and retention practices, and are aligned with most best practices.”

If you value the programs and services provided by RPAP, and wish to have them continue in your community, please immediately contact your MLA and the Minister of Health Hon. Sarah Hoffman to provide your input to the review. Otherwise the support you have come to expect from RPAP might not be there.

For your reference, we have attached a Highlight Sheet of RPAP's programs and services. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

David Kay, CHE, FACHE
Executive Director
RPAP | Health Workforce for Alberta

Attach. 1

CC. Mr. Pat Stier, MLA
livingstone.macleod@assembly.ab.ca



RPAP

HIGHLIGHT SHEET – RPAP PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

We are a not-for-profit organization who receives a grant of approximately \$10 million per year from Alberta Health and this is what RPAP does for your community:

- Facilitate and fund the rural placements of medical students and Family Medicine residents so that they might select rural practice as a viable option upon graduation
- Attract and path find Canadian and internationally trained physicians, and Alberta-trained resident physicians to available posts in Alberta
- Support the recruitment of all health care providers through our cutting edge provincial recruitment jobsite APJobs.ca
- Work with rural communities through attraction and retention committees to attract and retain physicians and their families
- Work with resident physicians in career planning
- Provide professional development programs and locum services for rural physicians
- Invest in research and analysis to tell the story about rural health care and Alberta's physician workforce
- Provide grants to local communities for attraction and retention innovations, and fund medical students and resident physicians to attend rural health care conferences and training events
- Support and sponsor rural students to go to medical school
- Work collaboratively within Alberta, across Western Canada, and nationally to support health care in Alberta
- Measure what we do and continuously improve our programmes and supports
- **LISTEN** to rural communities, health care workers, and service partners and **ACT** on their ideas

We are honoured to deliver programs and services that are needed, and to do so efficiently and effectively. RPAP has proven it delivers effective and efficient programming in service to non-metro Albertans. If you agree, your MLA and the Minister of Health Hon. Sarah Hoffman need to proactively hear from you **as soon as possible**.

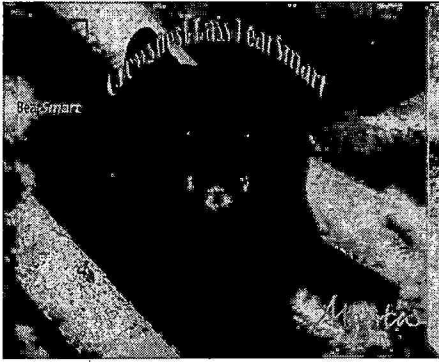
Tara Cryderman

From: MDInfo
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2016 12:40 PM
To: Tara Cryderman
Subject: FW: Donation Request
Attachments: Crowsnest Pass BearSmart Association Silent Auction Donation Request.docx

Council – Correspondence - Action

From: Heather McCubbin [mailto:hmccubbin89@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 6:07 PM
Subject: Donation Request

Hello,
On behalf of the Crowsnest Pass BearSmart Association, I would like to ask for a donation for our upcoming annual event.
Please see more information attached.
If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.
Thanks in advance,
Heather McCubbin



Crowsnest Pass BearSmart Association
PO Box 125
Hillcrest, Alberta
T0K 1C0
cnpbearsmart@gmail.com

February 18, 2016

To whom it may concern:

Our annual fundraiser, 1st Annual Bear Presentation and Auction will be held this year on April 16th 2016 at the Hillcrest Fish and Game Hall, In Crowsnest Pass. As you know, financial support is extremely important to the Crowsnest Pass BearSmart Association, as we rely on donations to achieve our goal of helping to reduce human/wildlife conflicts and to help our community co-exist with the wildlife around us for future generation to enjoy.

We are excited to announce this is the startup year for this annual event. We are hoping this event will attract more attendees each year, but we depend on the added support of our friends in the business community to supply us with exciting auction items. Would you be willing to donate either a gift certificate or merchandise from your business?

Our organization's ability to continue to operate is due in large part to the generous support of individual donors who believe in our mission, as well as gifts from businesses and corporations. If you would like to donate something please contact us at Heather McCubbin at 403-583-4525 by March 15th and we will be happy to arrange the pick-up of your donation.

We thank you in advance for your support!

Best Regards,

Heather McCubbin
On behalf of Crowsnest Pass BearSmart Association

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RELAY FOR LIFE

M.D. of Pincher Creek

P O Box 279

Pincher Creek, Alberta

T0K 1W0

RECEIVED
FEB 18 2016
M.D. OF PINCHER CREEK

March 1, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: DONATION TO RELAY FOR LIFE 2016

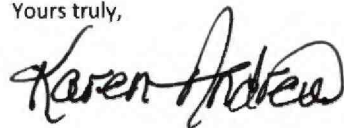
Cancer is devastating, and has touched the lives of each and every one of us. Whether it is fighting the battle ourselves, or supporting a loved one who has been diagnosed, it is a frightening and uncertain time in our lives. A time when we struggle with physical and emotional upheavals on a daily basis. A time when our family, and our community are of vital importance.

This year the Relay for Life committee has joined forces with the Ovarian Cancer Run for our third annual fundraiser. On the 25th of June our local volunteers will be putting on an all day event in the community to raise funds for the Canadian Cancer Society. It will run from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm with face-painting, games, and local entertainment. Last year the event was well attended and considered a huge success. We are so grateful for the participants, and anticipate more people being involved each year. Please join us, and consider putting in a team!

At this time we would respectfully request support from the Town of Pincher Creek with a donation to our fundraising campaign. Would you consider a gift of \$1,000.00? We do hope you will respond favorably to our request. Your donation will make a difference! A cheque to the Canadian Cancer Society may be mailed to Box 1524, Pincher Creek or call 403-627-4750 and we would be delighted to pick it up.

With sincere thanks for your time, and consideration

Yours truly,



Committee Member Relay for Life

2016 Committee Members – **Karen Andrew**, Leslie Claringbull, Maggie Olson, Rosaleen Berger, Anne Dyck, **BJ Scott**,

Danielle Tetachuk, Joanie Freeman, Marlene Bourque

Council Correspondence
- For Info



TOWN OF PINCHER CREEK

962 St. John Ave. (BOX 159), PINCHER CREEK, AB. T0K 1W0

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web page: www.pinchercreek.ca

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February 1, 2016

M.D. of Pincher Creek #9
Box 279
Pincher Creek, AB
T0K 1W0
Attention Wendy Kay

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FEB 22 2016

M.D. OF PINCHER CREEK

Re: Bobby Burns Fish Pond Funding

Dear Wendy,

Further to your correspondence dated December 11, 2015, please be advised that the Town of Pincher Creek passed the following resolution at their January 11, 2016 Regular Council meeting;

That Council for the Town of Pincher Creek agree to reimburse the Municipal District of Pincher Creek in the amount of \$1,066.42 for the maintenance of the Bobby Burns Fish Pond to come from the general contingency fund account 7412002770.

Accordingly, please find the enclosed contribution in the amount of \$1,066.42.

Trusting this information to be satisfactory however, should you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Laurie Wilgosh'.

Laurie Wilgosh LGA, CAO
Town of Pincher Creek

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Pincher Creek Emergency Services

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655 Charlotte Street
Pincher Creek, Alberta T0K 1W0
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M.D. OF PINCHER CREEK

MD of Pincher Creek # 9
1037 Herron Avenue
Pincher Creek, Alberta
T0K 1W0

February 23, 2016

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SUBJECT: 2016 Pincher Creek Emergency Services Levy

Attention: Wendy Kay

The Pincher Creek Emergency Services Committee approved the 2016 Emergency Services budget January 28, 2016.

The levy percentage for the MD of Pincher Creek # 9 adjusted up 2.8995 percent (2.8995%) to 66.227%.

The levy for the MD of Pincher Creek # 9 for 2016 is three hundred and six thousand, nine hundred and sixty two dollars and 14 cents (\$306,962.14).

Yours Truly,

David Cox
Chief
Pincher Creek Emergency Services

2016 Budget - \$307,000



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Oldman River Gun Club

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Dear Council,

On behalf of The Oldman River Gun Club I would like to express my sincere gratitude toward the generosity and consideration the Municipality and council has shown the club. Over the last few years the club has been able to grow and improve greatly. Given the opportunity to participate in the funding programs as well as being granted the acceptance of material request, the club has been able to complete necessary projects that they might otherwise have not been able to.

We look forward to our up and coming project of building a permanent snow fence this summer and appreciate the funds allocated toward this project from the Joint Funding Program.

Warm regards,
Dan Kuftinoff



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TO M.D. of Pincher Creek (Joint Funding
Committee)

Thank you so much for your
generous contribution to our club
for help in purchasing microphones for
use in our plays.

It has been very helpful to us and
Thank you again!

Windy Hollow Players,
Pincher Creek

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Saskatchewan Emblems

	<u>Yr. Adopted</u>
Flower: Western Red Lily	1941
Bird: Sharp tailed Grouse	1945
Tartan: (gold, green, brown, red, yellow, white, black)	1961
Mineral: Potash (Sylvite)	1997
Tree: White Birch	1988
Grass: Needle and Thread	2001
Animal: White Tailed Deer	2001
Sport: Curling	2001

Saskatchewan Tartan - 1961

Dress Tartan (a variant of original) - 1997

Original, designed by Mrs. Frank L. Bastedo.

Tartan is registered at Court of the Lord Lyon,

King of Arms of Scotland.

Many colours: Gold for prairie wheat;

Brown for summer fallow; Green for forests;

Red for Prairie Lily; Yellow for rapeseed and sunflower;

White for snow; Black for oil and coal.

The official Dress Tartan was introduced in 1997

for competitive highland dancing, held that year

in **Regina, Saskatchewan.**

Grass: Needle and Thread - 2001

A bunch grass grows from 1 - 4 ft. tall in sandy soil. Seed - slender, sharp-pointed and has a long, bent, twisted, thread-like awn. Sometimes used as hay feed.



Feb 18/16

To Municipal District of
Pincher Creek

A note of appreciation. Four staff were most helpful in providing space & technological support so I could do an on-line seminar with theological students in Saskatoon.

The subject was about how the church can help local folks build healthy communities

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Wendy Kay

From: Wendy Kay
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2016 2:31 PM
To: Brian Hammond; Fred Schoening; Garry Marchuk; Quentin Stevick; Terry Yagos
Cc: Leo Reedyk; Stu Weber
Subject: FW: cattle guard

Below is the background to Councillor Stevick's enquiry into a Texas Gate at Mac Main's.

Wendy

From: Stu Weber
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2016 8:51 PM
To: Wendy Kay <wkay@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>
Subject: Re: cattle guard

It is a 17' gate on the very far west end of the Alberta Ranch road in the Chalet. We have looked at it, and the solution we proposed was to remove the big posts on either side of it and replace them with removable posts like we put on all the new gates. The road is between 17 and 20' wide. Our typical replacement gate is 18' wide. He was also complaining that the gate is not long enough. The gate is 7' long, just like every other gate in the MD. Then he complained that it wasn't clean enough. We had that gate cleaned out last summer at his request.

The gate is in good repair, it is virtually the same size as our replacement gates, and it isn't on the radar for replacement because we are focusing on replacing the 12' gates that we can barely get through with our equipment. Long story short there is no reason to replace this gate.

Stu

Sent from my Samsung device

----- Original message -----

From: Wendy Kay <wkay@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>
Date: 2016-02-25 5:46 PM (GMT-07:00)
To: Stu Weber <PWSuperintendent@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>
Subject: Fwd: cattle guard

I know this has been an issue for awhile. Can you bring me up to speed and the current status.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Quentin Stevick <CouncilDiv1@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>
Date: February 25, 2016 at 5:44:11 PM MST
To: Wendy Kay <wkay@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>
Cc: Leo Reedyk <AdminDirOps@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>, Brian Hammond <CouncilDiv4@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>
Subject: cattle guard

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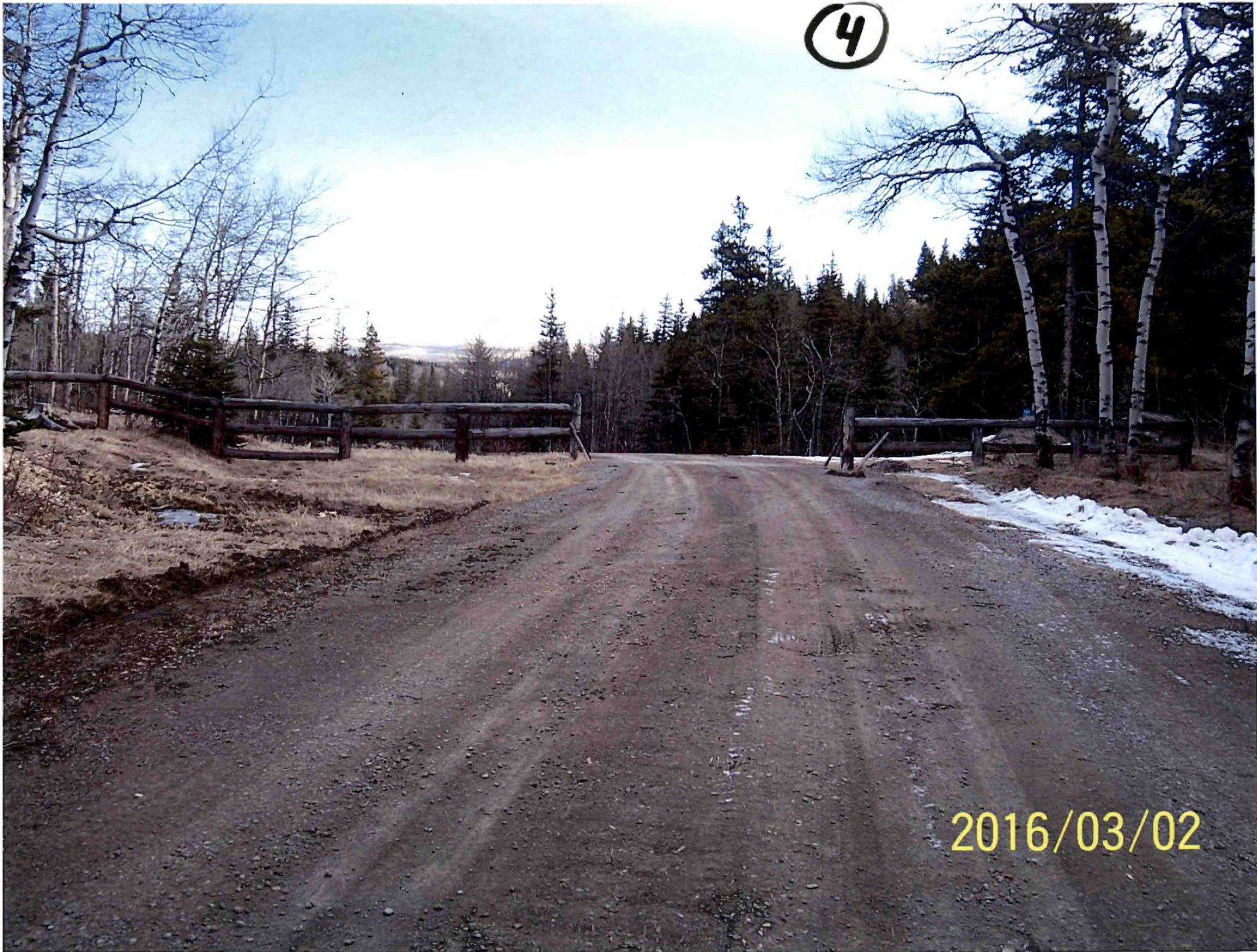
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Alberta SouthWest Bulletin February 2016

Regional Economic Development Alliance (REDA) Update

Becoming Albertan video clips

Summer 2015 saw completion of a project that filmed local attractions as seen through the eyes of newcomers to southern Alberta. SouthGrow and Alberta SW assisted in helping the film crew make some local contacts. Video clips can be viewed at <http://becomingalbertan.com/activities>

Broadband conversation continues at the provincial level ...

❖ REDA Managers and staff of Entrepreneurship and Regional Development Branch met for a planning and information-sharing day on February 25 in Edmonton. The Department is developing a *Broadband Preparedness* tool and is offering matching funding to support new initiatives.

❖ AlbertaSW and SouthGrow Boards met jointly on March 2, 2016 to share information and brainstorm possibilities for broadband initiatives. Representatives from AUMA Small Communities Committee were also in attendance; this committee is looking at broadband issues on behalf of that provincial organization.

For your viewing pleasure: Great messages and information!

There is need to help provide our communities with more information about the importance of high speed connectivity to social and economic development.

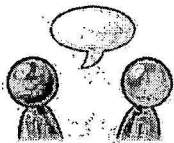
Here is a link to the video that was referenced at the meeting called *Connected Countryside*.

<https://www.intelligentcommunity.org/index.php?src=gendocs&ref=connected-countryside&category=Services>

Such an approach may provide value for officials in all levels of government, as well as citizens.

Also of interest is the story of the two counties in Kentucky. It is a great story for the very rural.

http://www.bbcmag.com/2016mags/Jan_Feb/BBC_Jan16_GigabitHollers.pdf



The next AlbertaSW Broadband Committee meeting is scheduled for

Wednesday March 30, 2016, 2:00pm and will explore some of these ideas further.

Anyone willing to join this conversation is welcome to attend; please contact Bob for details.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

❖ Digital Futures, Medicine Hat

Tuesday, March 8, 7:00pm to Thursday, March 10, 2016 <https://digitalfuturesandlocaltglobal.eventbrite.ca>

❖ 2016 Economic Developers Alberta (EDA) Conference, Kananaskis

Wednesday April 6 to Friday April 8, 2016. Registration and information at www.edaalberta.ca

❖ Montana Governor's Conference on Tourism, Kalispell MT

Sunday April 10 to Tuesday April 12, 2016 <http://tourism.mt.gov/governorsconference/agenda>

❖ Crown Roundtable Conference, Fernie BC

Thursday October 13 to Friday October 14, 2016; mark your calendar!

<http://www.crownroundtable.org/7thconference2016.html>

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Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday January 6, 2016 - Roy's Place, Claresholm



Board Representatives

Lloyd Kearl, Cardston County
Barney Reeves, Waterton
Jordan Koch, Glenwood
Maryanne Sandberg, MD Willow Creek
Dennis Gillespie, Stavely
Shelley Ford, Claresholm
John Connor, Granum
Brent Feyter, Fort Macleod
Warren Mickels, Cowley
Lorne Jackson, Pincher Creek
Garry Marchuk, MD Pincher Creek
Beryl West, Nanton
Ron Davis, MD Ranchland
Blair Painter Crowsnest Pass
Bill Peavoy, Cardston

Guests and Presenters

Lonnie Mesick, CEO AgSpectra
Leif Fosheim, chief Biologist, Ag Spectra
Pat Provost, Piikani Nation
Darren Smith, Piikani Nation
Clara Yagos, LRSD
Martha Ratcliffe, LRSD
Micah Feyter

Resource Staff

Leah Wack, Lethbridge College
Bill Halley, RINSA, AI-TF
Linda Erickson, AEDT
Marian Carlson, CAO, Claresholm
James Tessier, Community Futures, Alberta Southwest
Bev Thornton, Executive Director, AlbertaSW
Bob Dyrda, Communications Coordinator, AlbertaSW

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
Moved by Maryanne Sandberg THAT the agenda be approved as presented.
Carried. [2016-01-472]
3. Approval of Minutes
Moved by Shelley Ford THAT the minutes of December 4, 2015 be approved as presented.
Carried. [2016-01-473]
4. Approval of Cheque register
Moved by Bill Peavoy THAT cheques #1938-#1959 be approved as presented.
Carried. [2016-01-474]
5. AgSpectra Presentation
CEO Lonnie Mesick provided an overview of the vision and plan for Starfield Centre Greenhouse developments. Using proprietary materials, innovative construction techniques, and renewable energy sources, the initiative is intended to create multi-generational employment opportunities within a state of the art farm, a wholesome plant, water science research facility, K- 12 education hub and ag-tourism visitor centre.
6. EDA 2016 Conference update
AlbertaSW will cover registration fee for Board representatives. Alberta REDAs will be a Bronze Sponsor for the conference. Alberta REDAs have proposed doing a breakout session on Broadband for Economic Development.
Bev will run for reelection to a two-year term on the EDA Board.

7. Priorities for 2016-2017

There are active initiatives in all three Core Business areas that will roll into next phases: these include:

- Broadband next steps;
 - Crown of the Continent;
 - Tourism destination development;
 - 13 WAYS leadership development;
- Renewed multi-REDA activity related to
- Southern Alberta Alternative Energy Partnership (SAAEP)
 - *Reel Adventures Alberta Movie Maps.*

8. Invest in Alberta magazine
and
Vacation Country Travel Guide

Alberta REDAs will share the cost of a full page ad in the *Invest in Alberta* publication.

AlbertaSW will place an ad in the *Vacation Country Travel Guide* 40th Anniversary issue. Communities will be invited to provide advertorial and photos that will be featured on the website and may possibly be edited for magazine inclusion.

9. Project Lead Report

Accepted as information.

Next Broadband Meeting is January 27, 2016, 2:00pm

10. Executive Director Report

Accepted as information.

11. Roundtable updates

12. Board Meetings:

February 3, 2016 - no meeting

March 2, 2016 - Fort Macleod

April 6, 2016 - EDA Conference; no meeting

13. Adjournment

Moved by Garry Marchuk THAT the meeting be adjourned.

Carried. [2016-01-475]

Chair

Approved March 2, 2016

Secretary/Treasurer