



Information Release

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Re: Inter-Municipal Collaboration Initiative

Mountain View County, Town of Sundre Agree to Protocols

Representatives from Mountain View County and the Town of Sundre have agreed to and signed the Discussion Protocols as the two municipalities work towards an Inter-Municipal Collaboration Initiative (ICI) agreement that will replace the current Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the two municipalities.

The Discussion Protocols are an important first step in negotiations, setting the framework to guide talks between the parties during future meetings. With the protocols now in place the negotiating teams for both the County and the Town have committed continuing to meet to find common ground.

The Inter-Municipal Collaboration Initiative will replace the current MOA that is due to expire in 2016.

The goal of the new agreement is to provide guidelines for inter-municipal cooperation in areas of mutual interest, including infrastructure, facilities, services and future growth, as well as a framework for funding contributions. Both partners have openly shared information that will help facilitate a better understanding of the financial realities, growth pressures and infrastructure needs facing each municipality.

Both municipalities have entered the discussions with a spirit of openness, transparency, and understanding to help guide negotiations. Facilitator Bill Sutherland will continue to help lead the discussions between the two parties as they pursue a draft agreement to take back to their respective councils.

Each municipality's negotiating team consists of three elected representatives including the Reeve and Mayor, and the Chief Administrative Officers from both the County and the Town.

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