



Information Release

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Re: Inter-Municipal Collaboration Initiative

Mountain View County, Town of Sundre Working Towards Agreement

Representatives from Mountain View County and the Town of Sundre have committed to continued meetings to build on a positive and productive start to discussions for an Inter-Municipal Collaboration Initiative (ICI) agreement that will replace the current Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the two municipalities.

The negotiating teams are working on finalizing Discussion Protocols that will help guide talks between the parties during future meetings. The protocols will provide a framework from which to craft a new agreement to 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 help lead the discussions between the two parties as they pursue a draft agreement to take back to their respective councils.

“We look forward to these ongoing talks between the County and our partners with the Town of Sundre, and it’s my belief that both sets of representatives are committed to developing an agreement that will benefit all the residents of the region and ensure we are sustainable and thriving community going forward,” said MVC Reeve Bruce Beattie.

“I think there is an air of optimism that an agreement that addresses the opportunities for both the Town and the County will be arrived at in due time. There is desire at the table to see it through to a positive outcome for all residents of our greater community,” said Sundre Mayor Terry Leslie.

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