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Province's Meeting with McDougal Flats Residents Postponed.

Mountain View County officials learned on Monday, May 4th that a public meeting hosted by Alberta Municipal Affairs and Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (ESRD) with County residents from the McDougal Flats area for the week of May 11, 2015 will not be going ahead as planned.

Ministry staff reported to the County that they were not prepared to host a public meeting at the agreed upon time and required more time to prepare for the questions that residents would pose. The impetus for the meeting came from March meetings by County officials with the then-ministers of Municipal Affairs and ESRD who committed to holding a public meeting with the residents.

The meeting had been highlighted by County Council at recent Council Open Houses as an event that residents should be prepared to attend.

In light of the change of government at the provincial level the County is unsure of the status of the postponed meeting.

County officials will not be changing their priorities due to the change of government. The County commits to continue pushing the new ministers and government staff to finalize the following:

- A public meeting with residents of the McDougal Flats area,
- The Flood Hazard Mapping for the McDougal Flats area,
- The Floodway Development Regulations,
- Position on potential flooding mitigation efforts on the Red Deer River, including proposed berm.
- A formula for compensation and/or buyouts for affected residents similar to the 2013 Southern Alberta Disaster Recovery Program or a reactivation of that program.

Any residents with questions or concerns regarding this should contact their local councillor.

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