

CAO's REPORT

August 28, 2018

1. On July 30, 2018, Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta pronounced an Order for the destruction of ballot boxes of the October 16, 2017 municipal election. Destruction is scheduled for September 5, 2018, with Clearwater County's Returning Officer in attendance to oversee the process in accordance with the *Local Authorities Election Act*.
2. Administration from Town of Rocky Mountain House, Village of Caroline and Clearwater County prepared the draft 2019 operating and capital budget for Clearwater Regional Fire and Rescue Services. The draft budget is scheduled for review by the Regional Fire Rescue Service Advisory Committee on August 30, at which time the Committee will make recommendations for the preparation of a final draft to be presented to the three Councils.
3. On July 30, 2018, Administration submitted an Expression of Interest (EOI) application on the County's Broadband Project to the Province. The EOI is the first stage in the application process for the federal 'Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP). This program provides Alberta with \$159.7 million for rural community projects over the next 10 years and requires cost-sharing between federal, provincial, and municipal governments. The Province will use EOI applications to prioritize projects for submission to the federal government for review and final approval.

The Province recently announced a continuous intake period for accepting EOI's. Originally, the first intake period closed August 1, 2018, with a second intake period to be determined later in 2018. The Province will continue to evaluate and provide provincial funding for projects as their annual budgeting timelines and processes allow.

Administration will update Council on the status of the application when notified by Alberta Infrastructure.

4. Village of Caroline is in the process of creating its Municipal Development Plan as well as working with Clearwater County on creating an Intermunicipal Development Plan. Residents of both municipalities are invited to attend two Open Houses and Visioning Sessions on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 and Thursday, August 30, 2018 from 2:00 pm – 7:30 pm. Each session will give the public opportunity to participate in discussing and sharing ideas for the Plans.
5. Craig McMorran filed application to appeal the decision of the Subdivision Development Appeal Board (SDAB) in upholding the Stop Order to the Court of Queen's Bench naming Clearwater County and the SDAB. The application to appeal is scheduled to be heard by the Courts on September 26th, 2018.

Upcoming Events

September 3 – Clearwater County offices closed for Labour Day
September 10 – Clearwater County, Town of Rocky Mountain House & Village of Caroline
Tri Council Meeting
September 17 – Agenda & Priorities Council Committee Meeting
September 26 to 28 – AUMA Convention
September 28 – CAEP Engagement Session
October 8 - Clearwater County offices closed for Thanksgiving Day
October 12 – RMA District 2 General Meeting