

CAO's REPORT

July 9, 2019

1. Sept 4th to 6th is the 19th Annual Alberta CARE Conference. The recommended attendees are Municipal Elected Officials, Waste Management Employees, Landfill Operators, and Recycle Operators. **Depending on who may wish to attend, a Council motion may be required.**
2. CAEP's Fall Engagement Session for Elected Officials, CAOs, & Municipal Reps is Friday, September 13, 2019 from 8:00a.m. - 1:00 pm at the Nexsource Centre (4823 - 49 Ave), in Sylvan Lake. The cost is \$25 + GST (lunch is included). Registration closes Monday, August 26.
3. Clearwater County received the unofficial exemption from Municipal Affairs for the IDP requirement between Clearwater County and the MD of Bighorn.
4. CRFRS applied for a grant for \$23,000 to Farm Credit Canada for farm rescue equipment. Clearwater County was recently notified that we were successful, and Farm Credit Canada will be issuing a \$25,000 cheque to the farm rescue program. CRFRS is working on a date for the cheque presentation.
5. A letter was received from Lac STE Anne County requesting a meeting (with a maximum of 2 attendees) to discuss rural issues in late August or September. **A motion is required should one or two council members accept the invitation.**

Upcoming Events

September 4 to 6 – 19th Annual Alberta CARE Conference
September 13 – CAEP Session
October 17 & 18 – ASVA Conference and AGM
October 24 to 26 – AB Parks & Rec. Annual Conference
November 12 to 15 – Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA)



June 27th, 2019

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Dear Reeve:

Re: Meeting Request

I hope all is well.

After discussions with many of our peers from Northern Alberta, I think it would be beneficial for us to have a meeting together to discuss what we believe the roles of our rural MLA's should be regarding the municipal issues we face.

It has been a long time since we have had a strong united rural caucus and I think that we need to act quickly and together to drive forward our issues from Infrastructure to Health care and the social needs of rural Alberta.

You can tell by the Minister's appointed that there is a strong urban representation out there and we need to remind the Premier and his Minister's that without the solid blue in rural Alberta the sitting arrangements at the legislature would be quite different.

Rural Albertan's many times have the joy of being first; first to pay, first to be cut; first to be ignored, when the big cities are at the trough.

In no way do I mean to circumvent RMA in a harmful matter however we should run in parallel with them as I believe we need to strategize together and take forward to rural caucus the direction that rural Alberta needs to take.

With that note I am proposing a meeting inviting all rural Counties and M.D.'s with a maximum of two (2) attendees per municipality to get a strategy together and get ready for a fall meeting with rural caucus. I propose two meetings; one hosted by our Southern municipalities in southern Alberta, the second hosted by Northern Alberta. Northern Alberta would comprise of any municipality north of Red Deer but including Red Deer. I would suggest a late August or early September meeting.

And someplace central depending on response. I am totally open to suggestions.

We need to help our MLA's understand what our position is and to make sure they drive it forward.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Blakeman".

Joe Blakeman
Reeve
Lac Ste. Anne County

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cc: Lac Ste. Anne County Council
Mike Primeau, County Manager