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Clearwater County and Caroline Ag Society working together on facility operations transition in 2027

(Caroline, AB) – Clearwater County and the Caroline & District Athletic and Agricultural Society are working together to support the transition of operations for the Caroline Community Hub, Kurt Browning Arena and SE Recreation Grounds, effective January 1, 2027.

The current operational agreement between the County and the Ag Society is scheduled to conclude December 31, 2026. Beginning January 1, 2027, Clearwater County will assume responsibility for facility operations.

Over the coming months, both organizations will continue working collaboratively on transition planning to support facility users, residents, staff, volunteers and community stakeholders, while helping ensure continuity of services and programs with minimal disruption.

The Caroline Community Hub, Kurt Browning Arena and SE Recreation Grounds serve as important gathering places for residents of Caroline and the surrounding area. These facilities host recreation, community events, agricultural activities, meetings and programs that contribute to the vibrancy of the community.

“The Caroline Community Hub and Kurt Browning Arena are an important part of community life in Caroline and the surrounding area. We appreciate the dedication and contributions of the Caroline Ag Society, its volunteers, members and supporters, and we look forward to continuing to work together,” said Reeve Northcott. “Our focus is on maintaining services, supporting facility users and building on the strong foundation that has been established over many decades.”

Since 1953, the Caroline Ag Society, alongside generations of volunteers, members, staff and supporters, has played a significant role in developing, operating and growing this facility. Clearwater County recognizes and appreciates the Society’s longstanding contributions and the strong foundation that has been built through decades of community involvement.

“The Caroline Ag Society is proud of the role our volunteers, members and staff have played in building and supporting these facilities over many decades. We appreciate the community’s ongoing support and remain committed to working collaboratively with Clearwater County to support a smooth transition for residents and user groups,” said BettyLynne Burwash, Facility Manager.

As transition planning continues, Clearwater County and the Caroline Ag Society will provide updates to residents, user groups and community partners. Additional information will be shared through Clearwater County’s website and communication channels as details are finalized.

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