



AGENDA ITEM

Meeting with Minister Nixon

October 10, 2019

BACKGROUND

At the August 22, 2019 Council meeting the County Manager was directed to invite Lacombe County's MLA's and MP to a future Council meeting.

Invitations were extended to Jason Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks, Ron Orr, MLA and Blaine Calkins, MP.

ANALYSIS

At that time MP Calkins could not give a specific date due to his busy schedule and the pending election in October. His office has advised they will contact us with a date when they are able to determine his exact schedule for the future.

Minister Nixon and MLA Orr confirmed their attendance at the October 10, 2019 meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Following that confirmation Minister Nixon's office has advised he is unable to attend and suggested that Council meet with the Minister at the upcoming RMA Fall Convention. In conversation with Minister Nixon's office we have been advised that the date and time of the meeting will be provided a week prior to the convention.

A list of topics was forwarded to MLA Orr and Minister Nixon for discussion at the October 10, 2019 Council meeting. As the meeting with Minister Nixon at the RMA will be brief Council will need to review the list of topics and condense it down to main priorities which will be sent to Minister Nixon.

The list is attached for your consideration.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

N/A

LEGISLATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Section 3 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) states the purposes of a municipality are: 1) to provide good government, 2) to provide services, facilities or other things that, in the opinion of Council, are necessary or desirable for all or



part of the municipality, and 3) to develop and maintain safe and viable communities.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The following elements of the County’s Strategic Plan are relevant to this issue:

Our Vision: “An attractive, balanced and progressive community”.

Our Mission: “Building a safe and vibrant community through leadership, innovation and the development of healthy relationships”.

Key Principles: 1) “Fair and Objective in our decisions and in how we treat individuals”

Resource and Asset Management Strategy: “To manage the natural, financial and physical assets of the County in order to obtain maximum value from all of these resources”.

Key Success Measures – Sustainability:
“Shared sense of identity, regardless of municipal boundaries”.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lacombe County sees the value in engaging and informing the public/stakeholders through a variety of mediums as outlined in the *Policy AD(40): Public Participation Policy*. The appropriate level of engagement for each public participation opportunity is selected on a project-to-project basis. For this item, the following engagement will take place:

- *Inform*: To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council provide Minister Nixon with the revised list of topics for discussion at the RMA meeting.

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