



AGENDA ITEM

2022 Environmental Action Plan

January 31, 2022

BACKGROUND

The Environmental Action Plan (EAP) is drafted annually to identify projects or practice changes that will help Lacombe County meet our goals/targets identified in our priority areas in the Environmental Management Plan. The EAP includes input from County staff and councilors. Council will be updated bi-annually on the progress of each project identified. The annual EAP includes the following categories:

- Project Name
- Project Summary
- Timeline
- Priority Area(s)
- Resources Required
- Project Working Group

ANALYSIS

Highlights from the 2022 EAP include:

- Reusable water bottles – Supply interested staff and council with reusable water bottles.
- Carbon Emission Reporting – Calculate and report to staff and council on the CO² that the County produces and emits.
- County Photo Contest – Environmental and agricultural photo contest for images within Lacombe County.
- Tree Inventory Program – Establish an inventory for the replacement of trees that the County has fallen during varying activities.
- Municipal Energy Champions Program – Participate in MCCAC's Municipal Energy Champions Program that will help to identify opportunities to reduce energy consumption.



BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The projects total \$48,950 and have been budgeted for in the 2022 Budget.

LEGISLATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 3 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) states the purposes of a municipality are:

- a) to provide good government,
- b) 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
- c) to develop and maintain safe and viable communities

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the 2022 Environmental Action Plan.

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