



AGENDA ITEM

Town of Eckville – Nurse Practitioner Program

March 10, 2022

BACKGROUND

At the invitation of the Town of Eckville, Reeve Shepherd, Councillor Kreil and the County Manager met with representatives of the Town of Eckville on January 26, 2022 to discuss the Town's proposal to establish a Nurse Practitioner program through the Wolf Creek Primary Care Network. The purpose of this program would be to provide medical services to Eckville and area residents. Following the meeting we were provided a tour of the Eckville Community Health Centre, which is where the Nurse Practitioner service would operate from. Council was provided with an oral report of this meeting at their January 31st regular Council meeting.

Following this report, Council directed the County Manager to arrange for a presentation on the Nurse Practitioner program and the logistics of it being implemented in the Town of Eckville. Jaime LaLiberte of the Wolf Creek Primary Care Network provided this presentation, virtually, at the February 28, 2022 Council meeting. Town of Eckville elected officials and staff, as well as members of the Eckville Health Resources Committee also attended the meeting, in-person and virtually.

A copy of Ms. LaLiberte's presentation is attached. Also attached is information regarding the Nurse Practitioner program as provided by the Town of Eckville.

Following the presentation Council approved a resolution to accept the presentation for information but did not direct what further action should be taken regarding this matter. As such, action requested of Council at this time is to make a decision regarding what further action, if any, should be taken with respect to Lacombe County's participation in the Nurse Practitioner program proposed for Eckville.

ANALYSIS

If Council is supportive of receiving and considering additional information to assist in deciding whether Lacombe County should participate in this proposed initiative a resolution directing the County Manager to prepare a report regarding this matter and presenting it to Council at a future meeting should be approved.

If Council does not wish to consider this matter any further then a resolution to receive this report for information would be appropriate.



BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Unless Council agrees to participate in this initiative at this time there are no budget implications associated with this Agenda Item.

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.
2. Section 180(1) of the MGA states that Council may only act by resolution or bylaw.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the following resolution:

That the County Manager be directed to prepare a report and recommendation for Council's consideration at the March 24, 2022 Council meeting regarding Lacombe County's participation in the Nurse Practitioner program proposed by the Town of Eckville.

PREPARED BY: Tim Timmons, County Manager

REVIEWED BY: Tim Timmons, County Manager

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