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Council recognizes that there are circumstances where it may be advantageous to delegate tasks and responsibilities to Committees of Council to deal with matters that may not require the attention of the entire Council.

1. TYPES OF COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS

(a) Ad Hoc Committees

Ad Hoc Committees may be established from time to time by the County Council for a specific purpose or function.

The term of appointment shall be for a two-year period.

(b) Standing Committees

Standing Committees shall normally be established at the annual organizational meeting of the Council.

The term of appointment shall be for a two-year period.

(c) Other Commissions and Boards

Shall normally be established at the annual organizational meeting of the Council.

The term of appointment shall be for a two-year period.

2. AUTHORITY OF COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS

Unless otherwise authorized by bylaw the authority of Committees established pursuant to this policy are limited to providing recommendations back to Council.

Commissions and Boards have authority in accordance with the terms of appointment or particular legislation.

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3. MEETINGS

Meeting dates and times will normally be established at regular meetings of the Council or called at other times by the County Manager or designate through consultation with the Chairman of the respective committee, commission, or board.

Regular meeting dates may be established.

4. MINUTES

Minutes of all meetings will normally be submitted to the next regular meeting of the County Council.

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS OF COUNCIL

1. Local and Composite Assessment Review Boards (LARB and CARB)

(a) Terms of Reference:

To hear and make decisions on property assessment complaints pursuant to Bylaw No. 1304/19.

Members are authorized to participate in the training programs required to maintain their eligibility as LARB and CARB members.

(b) Membership:

LARB – Minimum of 6 Citizens at Large

CARB – Minimum of 6 Citizens at Large

Council to Appoint Chair of the ARB

2. Municipal Planning Commission (MPC)

(a) Terms of Reference:

The MPC carries out duties required under the County Land Use Bylaw with principal duties being:

- deciding on development permits for discretionary uses under the by-law.

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(b) Membership:

All Councillors - Chairperson to be selected by Council at the organizational meeting.

3. Public Relations Committee

(a) Terms of Reference:

The Public Relations Committee shall be responsible to the County Council for developing and recommending policies, practices and activities which will result in greater understanding, support, and public confidence for the County.

(b) The Committee will:

- organize employee and Council recognition and appreciation activities as required
- meet as necessary to develop and implement appropriate public relations programs
- recommend to Council policies related to public relations activities, in accordance with long range plans
- make an annual presentation to Council regarding the year's programs and activities
- undertake such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by Council.

(c) Membership:

Two Councillors - Chairperson to be selected by the membership at the first meeting following the organizational meeting.

When a particular division is holding a special event or has a public relations request the Councillor from that division will participate in the event or provide input into other requests.

4. Emergency Services Committee

(a) Terms of Reference:

The purpose of this Committee is to carry out the duties required under Bylaw No. 1271/18.

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(b) Membership:

Three Councillors - Chairperson to be selected by Council at the organizational meeting

(c) The Emergency Services Committee shall meet twice a year to review the Emergency Services Plan.

5. Salary and Wage Review Committee

(a) Terms of Reference:

The purpose of this Committee is to annually review all County salary and wage schedules.

(b) Membership:

All Councillors.

Reeve will Chair the Committee

6. Subdivision and Development Appeal Board

(a) Terms of Reference:

The SDAB carries out duties required under County Bylaw No. 1303/19 to hear subdivision and development appeals.

The following criteria shall be used as the basis for changes to the term of office for SDAB members:

- 1) Members of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board shall be appointed at the pleasure of Council for a term of two (2) years and may be reappointed upon the expiry of the term at the pleasure of Council.

(b) Professional Development

Members are authorized to attend the annual Alberta Community Planning Conference or appropriate courses offered by the Alberta Foundation of Administrative Justice.

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(c) Membership:

Six members from the public the public at large.

Council may appoint up to six members from the public at large annually to serve on the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board.

The Secretary of the SDAB may select any combination of the appointed members to form a Board for the purpose of convening a hearing.

The Chairperson and Vice-chairperson shall be selected by the members at the first meeting of each year.

7. Weed Control Appeal Board and Pest Control Appeal Board

(a) Terms of Reference

The Subdivision and Development Appeal Board will hear appeals brought forward under the Weed Control Act as per Section 19(1) of the Act and under the Pest Control Act as per Section 14(5).

8. Agricultural Service Board

(a) Terms of Reference

- 1) To act as an advisory body and to assist the council and the Minister of matters of mutual concern.
- 2) To advise on and to help organize and direct weed control and soil and water conservation programs.
- 3) To assist in the control of animal diseases under the Animal Health Act.
- 4) To promote, enhance and protect viable and sustainable agriculture with a view to improving the economic viability of the producer.
- 5) To promote and develop agricultural policies to meet the needs of the municipality.
- 6) The Agricultural Service Board Committee shall meet three times per year.

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(b) Membership

All Councillors – Chairperson and Vice-chairperson shall be selected by Council at the organizational meeting

9. Environmental Stewardship Award Committee

(a) Terms of Reference

- 1) To assist Council with the selection of the annual Environmental Stewardship Award recipient.

(b) Membership

- 1) One Councillor and one alternate

10. Farm Family of the Year Award Selection Committee

(a) Terms of Reference

- 1) To assist Council with the selection of the annual Farm Family of the Year Award recipient.

(b) Membership

- 1) One Councillor and one alternate

OTHER BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS REQUIRING COUNTY REPRESENTATION ARE:

Gull Lake Stabilization Advisory Committee

(a) Terms of Reference

- 1) Act as a liaison between the Host Municipality, Alberta Environment, and the Municipalities.
- 2) Review of pumping volumes, water levels, water quality on an annual basis.
- 3) Investigate alternative energy sources and/or arrangements that may assist in minimizing pumping costs.

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- 4) Monitor annual pumping costs and requisitions and make recommendations to the Municipalities on changes to the annual requisition.
- 5) Assist the Host Municipality with respect to determining the extent of pumping that may be needed or preferred in any given year.
- 6) Authorize additional funding for energy costs in accordance with Item 4.6 (as per the Funding Agreement dated January 2012).
- 7) Authorize a supplemental requisition to fund an over expenditure for energy costs in accordance with Item 4.8 (as per the Funding Agreement dated January 2012).
- 8) Authorize that an over expenditure for energy costs in a given year be funded from the annual requisition for a subsequent year in accordance with Item 4.8 (as per the Funding Agreement dated January 2012).

(b) Membership

Representation from all member municipalities – one Councillor and one alternate

Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission

(a) Establishment and Objectives

- 1) Established in 2013 under Alberta Regulation 105/2013
- 2) Members:
 - City of Lacombe
 - Lacombe County
 - Town of Bentley
 - Town of Eckville
 - Village of Alix
- 3) To provide solid waste management services to its members.

(b) Membership

Representation from all member municipalities – two Councillors, one alternate

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Clive Seed Cleaning Plant Co-op**(a) Establishment and Objectives**

- 1) Seed cleaning member owned a cooperative that offers seed cleaning services to its members and other customers.

(b) Membership

Two Lacombe County Councillors and four cooperative members.

Policy indicates that the Board is to be comprised of five members.

Central Rural Municipalities Association District 2**(a) Establishment and Objectives**

- 1) Consists of 13 counties and municipal districts and the Special Areas board, generally located north of Calgary and south of Wetaskiwin between the Saskatchewan and British Columbia borders.
- 2) Resolutions from member municipalities are vetted through the Association.
- 3) Education and discussion on current issues of interest to municipalities.
- 4) Updates from Executive and staff from RMA

(b) Membership

Representation from all member municipalities – All of Council

One Councillor elected to serve as a Director

Parkland Regional Library Board**(a) Establishment and Objectives**

- 1) Parkland was the first regional library in Alberta, formed in 1959.

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- 2) Originally created to provide library service to area school divisions, Parkland Regional Library is now a cooperative network of 50 public and 32 school libraries serving over 200,000 residents of central Alberta by sharing of material, resources, and expertise.
- 3) Parkland Regional Library is a leader in assisting its member libraries to achieve excellence in service.

(b) Membership

57 municipalities

3 school authorities

Representation from all member municipalities – one Councillor & one alternate

North Red Deer River Water Services Commission (NRDRWSC)

(a) Establishment and Objectives

- 1) Established in 2004 under Alberta Regulation 105/2004.
- 2) Members:
 - City of Lacombe
 - Town of Ponoka
 - Town of Blackfalds
 - Lacombe County
 - Ponoka County
- 3) To provide and operate a water supply system.

(b) Membership

Representation from all member municipalities – one Councillor & one alternate

North Red Deer Regional Wastewater Services Commission (NRDRWWSC)

(a) Establishment and Objectives

- 1) Established in 2008 under Order in Council 471/2008

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- 2) Members:
 - City of Lacombe
 - Town of Blackfalds
 - Lacombe County
- 3) To provide and operate a wastewater supply system.
- 4) Currently does not own or operate any facilities.
- 5) Manage the pipeline from Lacombe to the Red Deer River Sewage Treatment Plant.

(b) Membership

Representation from all member municipalities – one Councillor & one alternate

Highway 12/21 Regional Water Services Commission

(a) Establishment and Objectives

- 1) Established in 2006 under Alberta Regulation 195/2006
- 2) Expanded in 2007 under Alberta Regulation 335/2007
- 3) Members:
 - Village of Clive
 - Town of Bashaw
 - Village of Alix
 - Lacombe County
 - Village of Edberg
 - Village of Ferintosh
 - Camrose County
- 4) To provide wholesale treated water services to its members
- 5) To provide water services to other customers on such terms and conditions as the Commission may determine

(b) Membership

Representation from all member municipalities - two Councillors & one alternate

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Sylvan Lake Regional Water/Wastewater Services Commission**(a) Establishment and Objectives**

- 1) Established in 2020 by Ministerial Order 004-22
- 2) Members:
 - Summer Village of Birchcliff
 - Summer Village of Half Moon Bay
 - Summer Village of Norglenwold
 - Summer Village of Sunbreaker Cove
 - Summer Village of Jarvis Bay
 - Town of Sylvan Lake
 - Lacombe County
 - Red Deer County
- 3) To provide a wastewater system and a future water system.
- 4) Do not currently own or operate a water supply system.

(b) Membership

Representation from all member municipalities - one Councillor & one alternate

Central Alberta Economic Partnership Committee (CAEP)**(a) Establishment and Objectives**

- 1) CAEP is a regional economic development alliance consisting of 42 members and 14 associate members. CAEP serves as a model for collaborative community economic development.
- 2) Primary goal is to cultivate, advocate and market the collective voice of the region.
- 3) For Central Alberta to be recognized as the most innovative and prosperous region in Canada through CAEP operating as the most innovative and successful regional economic alliance in Canada.

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- 4) To enhance sustainable economic prosperity across Central Alberta by facilitating collaboration between communities, business, and government and by providing tools to assist member communities in economic development.

(b) Membership

Representation from all member municipalities – one Councillor, one alternate

Parkland Air Management Zone (PAMZ)

(a) Establishment and Objectives

- 1) Established in 1997 PAMZ is a non-profit group who is responsible to identify air quality concerns within the zone and to implement management strategies to address those concerns.
- 2) PAMZ undertakes air quality monitoring and monitors 42,000 square kilometers from the eastern slopes of the Rockies to the rolling prairies just east of Highway 2 including villages, towns, and the City of Red Deer.
- 3) Vision is that air is clean, clear, fresh, and free from emissions that affect humans, animals, or the environment.
- 4) Mission is that we lead in monitoring air quality and applying innovative strategies to manage the air we breathe.

(b) Membership

Representation from all member municipalities – one Councillor, one alternate

Red Deer River Watershed Alliance (RDRWA)

(a) Establishment and Objectives

- 1) Formally established on June 15, 2005. The Alliance was incorporated as a Society on August 25, 2005
- 2) RDRWA is a multi-sector, non-profit organization that promotes the good use and proper management of water within the Red Deer River watershed.

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- 3) Vision is that the Red Deer River watershed will be healthy, dynamic, and sustainable through the efforts of the entire community.
- 4) The RDRWA is an inclusive, collaborative partnership that promotes a healthy watershed to ensure a legacy of ecological integrity and economic sustainability.

(b) Membership

Representation from all member municipalities –one Councillor & one alternate

Red Deer River Municipal Users Group (RDRMUG)

(a) Establishment and Objectives

- 1) RDRMUG is an association of rural and urban municipalities. The group membership is composed of municipalities within the Red Deer River Basin and communities who receive water from the Red Deer River.
- 2) Establish and maintain a comprehensive information base that will provide consistent and current information pertaining to water issues.
- 3) Provide a forum for municipalities to discuss water supply, water use and water quality.
- 4) Serves as an advocate of municipal interests in the supply, use, delivery, and quality of water.
- 5) Ensure that reliable quality water supplies are available for a sustainable and growing economy in each of our municipalities.
- 6) Continually work toward a healthy and balanced aquatic ecosystem.

(b) Membership

Representation from all member municipalities – one Councillor & one alternate

Bradley Ditch Management Committee

(a) Establishment and Objectives

- 1) Established as part of the approval and funding process for the drainage ditch.

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- 2) Responsible for monitoring the operation of the drainage plan and maintenance of the ditch.
- 3) Lacombe County administers the maintenance fund
- 4) By agreement, the participating landowners must replenish the fund when required.

(b) Membership

Four members of participating landowners or their successor

Two Councillors

Andrew Ditch Management Committee

(a) Establishment and Objectives

- 1) Established as part of the approval and funding process for the drainage ditch.
- 2) Responsible for monitoring the operation of the drainage plan and maintenance of the ditch.
- 3) Lacombe County administers the maintenance fund
- 4) By agreement, the participating landowners must replenish the fund when required.

(b) Membership

Three members of participating landowners or their successor

Two Councillors

Everts Ditch Management Committee

(a) Establishment and Objectives

- 1) Established as part of the approval and funding process for the drainage ditch.
- 2) Responsible for monitoring the operation of the drainage plan and maintenance of the ditch.
- 3) Lacombe County administers the maintenance fund

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4) By agreement, the participating landowners must replenish the fund when required.

(b) Membership

Three members of participating landowners or their successor

Two Councillors

OTHER APPOINTMENTS:

Land and Property Rights Tribunal Board Hearings - Chair of the MPC

Lacombe Foundation – one Councillor, one alternate

Battle River Watershed Alliance – one Councillor

Battle River Watershed Alliance Advisory Committee Initiative – one Councillor

Medicine River Watershed Society – one Councillor

Lacombe Regional Emergency Advisory Committee – one Councillor, one alternate

Lacombe County Fire Services Committee – one Councillor, one alternate

Lacombe & District Recreation, Parks & Culture Board – one Councillors, one alternate

Blackfalds & District Recreation, Culture & Parks Board – one Councillor, one alternate

Medicine River Rural Crime Watch - one Councillor

Red Deer/Lacombe Rural Crime Watch - two Councillors

Blackfalds RCMP/Red Deer County Policy Advisory Committee – one Councillor

Rural Red Deer Restorative Justice Program Board of Directors & Community Advisory Board – one Councillor

Village of Alix/Lacombe County Intermunicipal Development Plan /Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Committee – two Councillors, one alternate

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Town of Bentley/Lacombe County Intermunicipal Development Plan / Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Committee – two Councillors, one alternate

Town of Blackfalds/Lacombe County Intermunicipal Development Plan / Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Committee – three Councillors, one alternate

Village of Clive/Lacombe County Intermunicipal Development Plan / Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Committee – two Councillors, one alternate

Town of Eckville/Lacombe County Intermunicipal Development Plan / Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Committee – two Councillors, one alternate

City of Lacombe/Lacombe County Intermunicipal Development Plan / Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Committee – two Councillors, one alternate

Village of Gull Lake/Lacombe County Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Committee - two Councillors, one alternate

Gull Lake Intermunicipal Development Plan - one Councillor, one alternate

Summer Village of Birchcliff/Lacombe County Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Committee - two Councillors, one alternate

Summer Village of Half Moon Bay/Lacombe County Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Committee – two Councillors, one alternate

Summer Village of Sunbreaker Cove/Lacombe County Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Committee – two Councillors, one alternate

Sylvan Lake Intermunicipal Development Plan – one Councillor, one alternate

Buffalo Lake Intermunicipal Development Plan - one Councillor & one alternate (includes Stettler & Camrose Counties)

County of Stettler/Lacombe County Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Committee – two Councillors, one alternate

Ponoka County/Lacombe County Intermunicipal Development Plan Committee/ Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Committee – two Councillors, one alternate

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Red Deer County/Lacombe County Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Committee – two Councillors, one alternate

Camrose County/Lacombe County Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Committee – two Councillors, one alternate

Clearwater County/Lacombe County Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Committee – two Councillors, one alternate

Lacombe Regional Tourism and Marketing Association, one Councillor, one alternate

CNR Community Advisory Panel - one Councillor, one alternate

Ellis Bird Farm - one Councillor

Buffalo Lake Management Team – one Councillor

Mirror & District Community Association – one Councillor

Bashaw RCMP Consultative Group – one Councillor

Rimbey RCMP Consultative Group – one Councillor

Alix and District Chamber of Commerce – one Councillor

Eckville Chamber of Commerce – one Councillor

Lacombe and District Chamber of Commerce – one Councillor

Calumet Synergy Association – one Councillor

Central Alberta Synergy– two Councillors

Alberta Synergy – one Councillor

Rimbey Regional Synergy – one Councillor

Alix Library Board – one Councillor

Bentley Library Board – one Councillor

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Eckville Library Board – one Councillor

Mirror Community Library Board – one Councillor

Mary C. Moore Public Library Board – one Councillor

Lacombe Regional Airport Committee – one Councillor, one alternate

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Town of Sylvan Lake Pogadl Sports Park Design Advisory Committee – one Councillor

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