

# News Release



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## County looks to move forward with Coal Camp Road erosion protection project

Mountain View County is taking proactive measures to prevent the loss of County-owned infrastructure, due to high stream flow levels, along the Red Deer River.

With recent high water levels causing the west bank of the Red Deer River to erode to within 45 metres of the centre line of the Coal Camp Road, west of Sundre, Council has endorsed two corrective actions brought forward by administration to deal with the eroding river bank situation at this location. These actions are:

- To bury a dike at the south end of the affected site, in order to deflect river flow to the east; and to bury rock armouring parallel to the edge of the Red Deer River along the west bank in order to protect the Coal Camp road from erosion;
- To re-channel the Red Deer River at the affected point eastward in order to redirect the flow of the river away from County infrastructure.

According to Director of Operational Services Steve McInnis, Council has directed Administration to contact Alberta Environment immediately, in order to inform them of a forthcoming request for a "Notice of Decision" pertaining to the Coal Camp Road erosion protection project. With the loss of shoreline at the Coal Camp Road location totaling as much as 22.56 metres over the past month, McInnis says Council have requested an "expeditious" decision by the regulatory agencies on the proposed Coal Camp Road erosion protection project. "We're actively pursuing engineering and approval process to begin work at the affected location immediately, in order to protect the County's infrastructure," he added.

Council also moved to forward a letter to various industry and local stakeholders along the Red Deer River, including Wild Rose MP Myron Thompson, and local MLAs Ty Lund and Richard Marz, outlining the County's strategy for the Coal Camp Road erosion; and requesting their mutual aid and support for the Coal Camp Road erosion protection project.

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