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## Highlights from the Regular Council Meeting of 11/05/08

### **Council applies to pursue “out-of-channel” remedy to Coal Camp erosion**

*Federal, provincial funding sought for project*

Mountain View County Council voted Wednesday to proceed with an emergency application which would permit erosion control measures to be undertaken along a portion of the Coal Camp Road adjacent to the Red Deer River, upstream of Sundre.

The County is applying to pursue an “out-of-channel” option, which was recommended to Council in a report on mitigative strategies for Coal Camp erosion by AMEC Earth & Environmental (AMEC). The out-of-channel option would involve the installation of revetment in an excavated trench, back from the existing west bank of the Red Deer River, in order to arrest further bank migration westward towards the Coal Camp Road. The AMEC report estimates that engineering on the out-of-river revetment will cost \$2,650,010.00, which also includes a \$345,000.00 contingency to complete the improvements.

According to Reeve Al Kemmere, the application is an attempt to gain permission from provincial and federal government agencies (Alberta Environment, Alberta Sustainable Resource Development, the federal Navigable Waters Protection Division, and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans) to undertake the “out-of-channel” option of erosion control. “What we’re asking is for the province and the federal government to receive this application, and to make a decision in regards to scope of the project, and the funding,” Kemmere added.

Recognizing the importance of erosion mitigation to other jurisdictions along the Red Deer River, Director of Operational Services Steve McInnis says the County is seeking funding from provincial or federal levels of government for the project, as the costs involved are beyond the scope, and the capability of the County to fund. “This project would be greater than our whole road construction budget for one year,” says McInnis. “This goes way beyond one local municipality’s responsibility.”

Chief Administrative Officer Doug Plamping stressed that provincial and federal cooperation is essential if erosion control measures are to be undertaken on the Coal Camp Road. “Without significant funding from Edmonton or Ottawa, the project will not be able to proceed to construction,” Plamping added.

Mountain View County began monitoring the river bank location, in relation to the Coal Camp Road, in August of 2007 after identifying that lateral migration of the left downstream bank of the Red Deer River could potentially affect the integrity of the road. Subsequent high water levels, and a corresponding loss of river bank during the high flow event of May 24-26, 2008, prompted the County to request technical advice on mitigative strategies to prevent erosion.

### **County supports initiatives to improve daycare operations, highway safety**

On Wednesday, Council lent their support to a pair of initiatives from neighbouring municipalities that would benefit residents of Mountain View County.

Council voted to support in principle the Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) grant application by Sundre Daycare Centre to renovate space in the Sundre Community Centre for a licensed daycare operation. The CFEP grant would assist local parents with children who presently use the daycare, and Greenwood Neighbourhood Place, in their efforts towards opening a community daycare to replace the existing facility, which announced it would be closing earlier this year.

Council also requested that the Chief Administrative Officer draft a letter to Alberta Transportation in support of the Town of Cochrane's negotiations for the upgrade of the intersection of Highway 22 and Highway 1A. Council will also be joining with the Town of Cochrane, the MD of Rocky View and Clearwater County in bringing forth the issue of required upgrades to Highway 22 to their discussions with Alberta Infrastructure on November 13 at the AAMDC conference.

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