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Airport Gravel Pit Agreement Further Advances County, Town Collaboration

A new building block in the inter-municipal relationship between Mountain View County and Town of Sundre was put in place following the approval of the Airport Pit Intermunicipal Collaboration Agreement by both municipal Council's on Wednesday, March 28, 2018.

The Airport Pit Intermunicipal Collaboration Agreement sets out the process for the development of the proposed County-owned pit located just south of the Town boundary on a quarter section to the northeast of the Sundre Airport. Following the redesignation of the 159.78-acre parcel (LU Bylaw 43/17) by Mountain View County Council on October 11, 2017, the Town of Sundre filed an appeal with the Municipal Government Board raising concerns about the impact of aggregate mining immediately adjacent to the Town.

Following mediation between the two municipalities, an agreement was developed that allows the County to continue with its planning for the gravel extraction operation for municipal purposes, while addressing the concerns of the Town of Sundre on issues including site design, pit planning, environmental concerns, haul routes, air quality and reclamation, among others. Included in the agreement is the requirement for continued communications between the County and Town around annual pit planning and design.

The agreement adheres to the premise of inter-municipal cooperation and negotiation as laid out by the Provincial Government in the recent changes to the Municipal Government Act (MGA). According to the updated MGA, bordering municipalities are required to form inter-municipal committees to deal with issues that arise and propose solutions that are mutually beneficial to both municipalities.

Officials for both the County and Town are confident this agreement will enhance cooperation between the two municipalities now and in the future. Still at hand for the two communities is the development of an Intermunicipal Cooperation Framework (ICF) and a series of sub-agreements to replace the Memorandum of Agreement between the two municipalities, that will outline the shared funding and delivery of fire, recreation, culture and library services to the greater Sundre area.

“This agreement demonstrates the benefit of honest negotiations with our Municipal partners. It sets the stage for the timely conclusion of a Collaborative Framework with Sundre formalizing the many aspects of cooperation between our municipalities to the mutual benefit of our residents.”

Mountain View County Reeve Bruce Beattie

“Sundre Town Council and Administration are very proud of the work done, through mediation with Mountain View County, to resolve concerns expressed by community residents. This process has enabled us to look forward optimistically to negotiating future agreements together to serve our community.”

Sundre Mayor Terry Leslie

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