

CAO's REPORT

April 23, 2019

1. Alberta Culture and Tourism recently awarded \$75,000 in grant funding to support continued development of the Rocky-to-Nordegg Rail Trail. Funds are to be used for the engineering design and construction of decking and guardrails on the historic Taunton Trestle Bridge. Ag and Community Services is working with Alberta Environment on the project.
2. The 2019 Economic Developers Association of Canada Conference takes place in Edmonton on September 21 – 24, 2019 (conference agenda attached). Please note that September 24 is Council's Regular Meeting date. Should councillor(s) not appointed to the Central Alberta Economic Partnership wish to attend, a motion to approve is required.
3. Clearwater Regional Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Board wishes to fill a vacant position due to the recent resignation of a Clearwater County representative. Advertisement for applications is planned for local publications, County website, and social media during the week of April 20. A list of candidates will be presented to Council at the May 14 Regular Meeting for consideration of appointment.
4. Economic Development Update:
 - An online survey to seek public input on Council's *Draft Economic Development Strategy* is available until May 17. There will also be opportunity for the public to discuss the Draft Strategy and give feedback to the County's Economic Development Officer (EDO) at the Rocky Mountain House & District Chamber of Commerce Trade Show taking place May 3 and 4.
 - The EDO and Ag and Community Services are working with the Rocky Ag Society to encourage farm participation in 2019 Alberta Open Farm Days taking place August 17 and 18. So far, eight local farm producers are interested in participating.

Upcoming Events

April 26 – Elected Officials Emergency Incident Command System (ICS) Training

May 3/4 – Chamber of Commerce Tradeshow

May 18 – Caroline Bighorn Rodeo Parade

May 20 – County Office Closed Victoria Day

May 22 – Central Alberta Mayors' & Reeves' Meeting

May 30 to Jun 2 – Federated Canadian Municipalities 2019 Convention