

Minutes of a Special Council Meeting of Clearwater County, Province of Alberta, held December 10, 2018, in the Clearwater County Council Chambers in Rocky Mountain House.

THE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS GIVEN UNDER AUTHORITY OF SECTION 194(4) OF THE *MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT* TO EACH MEMBER OF COUNCIL AND A SIGNED WAIVER OF WRITTEN NOTICE FORM IS ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES.

CALL TO ORDER: The Meeting was called to order at 11:08 am by Reeve Duncan with the following being present:

Reeve:	Jim Duncan
Councillors:	Cammie Laird
	Daryl Lougheed
	Theresa Laing
	Tim Hoven
	Michelle Swanson
Chief Administrative Officer:	Rick Emmons
Recording Secretary:	Tracy Haight
Manager, Intergovernmental & Legislative Services	Christine Heggart
Director, Planning & Development	Keith McCrae
Director, Public Works Infrastructure	Erik Hansen
Director, Agriculture & Community Services	Matt Martinson
Regional Fire Chief	Steve Debiegne

AGENDA APPROVAL:

COUNCILLOR SWANSON: That the December 10, 2018, Special Meeting of Council Agenda is adopted as circulated.

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CARRIED 6/0

1. A Review of Council's Questions for the Honourable Minister Shannon Phillips, Alberta Environment and Parks, Regarding the Alberta Government's Bighorn Country Proposal.

Clearwater County Council was recently notified of an opportunity to participate in a stakeholder session with Minister Phillips and Town of Rocky Mountain House Council, taking place later today, to discuss the Government of Alberta's proposal, announced on November 23, 2018, for land use and management of the Bighorn Country region.

The proposal designates areas for public land use zones, protected provincial parks, and tourism and recreation development. The proposal also includes \$40 million in funding for operations and capital infrastructure in the area. The Government is conducting a survey and scheduling public information and stakeholder engagement sessions on the proposal over the next couple of months, ending January 2019.

Discussion took place on questions to ask the Minister at the upcoming meeting regarding the following:

- Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) schedule and process for stakeholder engagement and public information sessions.
- The proposal's impact on industry (oil, gas, forestry, tourism) operations and AEP's response to industry concerns.
- Impact of anticipated increase to emergency, enforcement, waste disposal and wastewater services on municipalities.
- Level of public confidence and trust in the Government's proposal and management plan.
- Anticipated timeline and schedule for capital infrastructure projects.
- AEP expectations of municipalities regarding proposal implementation.

- Short- and long-term funding strategy for park operations and capital plans.

Councillor John Vandermeer joined the meeting at 11:29 am.

Discussion continued, and the following points were noted:

- Administration's preliminary review of the proposal indicate minimum impact to deeded lands, node development, and gravel pit operations within Clearwater County. Administration intends to conduct a complete assessment of the proposal's impact on municipal operations and service deliveries, as well as identify potential issues, and report back to Council at first opportunity.
- To date, Council attended several stakeholder engagement sessions and a meeting with Brazeau County to gain insight and feedback on issues and concerns. Council intends to continue obtaining information and feedback from County residents and user groups before submitting an opinion prior to the Government's consultation deadline.
- There is concern with the short notice of the Government's consultation schedule and whether it will provide enough meaningful feedback given it takes place over the Christmas Holidays and over a short period of time.

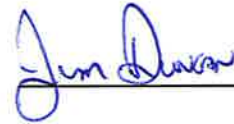
ADJOURNMENT:
11:49 am

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COUNCILLOR LAIRD:

That the Meeting adjourns.

CARRIED 7/0



REEVE



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER


Clearwater County, Province of Alberta.

WAIVER OF NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL CALLED UNDER AUTHORITY OF SECTION 194 OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT.

We, the undersigned members of the Council of Clearwater County, hereby waive notice of a special meeting of Council to be held in the Clearwater County Council Chambers on Monday, December 10, 2018, commencing at 11:00 am for the purpose of discussions regarding:

1. A review of Council's questions for the Honourable Minister Shannon Phillips, Alberta Environment and Parks, to be presented at the Minister's meeting scheduled for December 10, 2018, regarding the Alberta Government's Bighorn Country Proposal.

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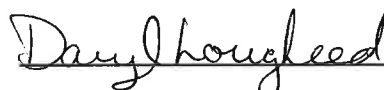
Jim Duncan, Reeve

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Cammie Laird, Councillor

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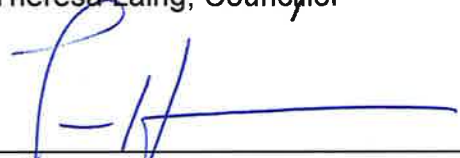
John Vandermeer, Deputy Reeve

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