

## **News Release**

February 11, 2020

## Clearwater County and Village of Caroline pursue Alberta Community Partnership Grant

(Rocky Mountain House, AB) – At their Regular Council Meeting on February 11, 2020, Clearwater County Council endorsed Clearwater County's 2020 Alberta Community Partnership application, in partnership with the Village of Caroline who made a similar motion on February 7, 2020, for a Municipal Restructuring Study Grant. Pending findings of the study, if both Councils agree that amalgamation is appropriate, a business case on the intent of the amalgamation and future community engagement and transition plans would be developed.

This application would provide \$200,000 for the Village of Caroline - Clearwater County Amalgamation Study and Action, which would include a review of sustainable governance; operational and administrative capacity to operate and support Council decisions; financial stability and capacity to provide necessary infrastructure and services to the public; service delivery capacity; asset management plan review; community well-being and viability of the municipality; and, risk management analysis on behalf of residents.

"Clearwater County Council strives to provide essential services that meet residents' expectations and appropriate standards while contributing to the vitality of the community and better quality of life for our residents," said Reeve Timothy Hoven. "Council looks forward to the findings of the study that will aid in better strategic planning for the long-term future of our community and improved fiscal responsibility to our taxpayers."

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