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Interim Council Elects Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Appoints Board Positions

(Rocky Mountain House, AB) – On January 7, 2025, the Interim Council of the newly amalgamated Clearwater County met for their inaugural meeting. This is the first meeting of the Interim Council since the amalgamation of Clearwater County and the Village of Caroline, effective January 1, 2025.

After being sworn in at the organizational meeting on January 7, 2025, Councillors elected a Reeve and Deputy Reeve and appointed various board and committee positions. The Interim Council subsequently met for a regular meeting, where they approved the preexisting 2025 budgets for Clearwater County and Caroline.

Clearwater County Interim Councillors elected **Interim Reeve – Michelle Swanson** and **Interim Deputy Reeve – Bryan Cermak**. The remaining Interim Council members are Councillor Gennifer Mehlhaff, Councillor Daryl Lougheed, Councillor Jordon Northcott, Councillor Neil Ratcliffe and Councillor Barbara Gibson.

The Interim Council will serve the newly formed municipality until the next municipal election on October 20, 2025.

Interim Council committee and board appointments include:

Ward One:

Gennifer Mehlhaff

Bighorn Back Country Standing Committee and Clearwater Forest Recreational Trail Initiative
Broadband Committee
Caroline and District Recreation and Agricultural Society Alternate
Clearwater Regional Emergency Advisory Committee
Land Use Bylaw Rewrite Council Steering Committee
Land Use Bylaw Rewrite Public Advisory Committee
Municipal Planning Commission (MPC)
North Saskatchewan Recreation Board
North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance Board of Directors and the Headwaters Partnership Steering Committee
Rocky – Clearwater Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee
Rocky – Clearwater Intermunicipal Development Plan Committee
Rocky/Clearwater Health Professionals Engagement Team
Rocky Community Learning Council (RCLC) Board
Strategic Planning Committee

Ward Three:

Daryl Lougheed

Agricultural Service Board (ASB)
Broadband Committee
Clearwater County Heritage Grant Advisory Committee



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Ward Three:

Daryl Lougheed (Continued)

Clearwater Regional Emergency Advisory Committee
David Thompson Recreation Board
Lacombe – Clearwater Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee
Land Use Bylaw Rewrite Council Steering Committee
Municipal Planning Commission (MPC)
Ponoka – Clearwater Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee
Red Deer – Clearwater Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee
School Resource Officer (SRO) Committee
Strategic Planning Committee

Ward Four:

Jordon Northcott

Agricultural Service Board (ASB)
Broadband Committee
Caroline Municipal Library Board
Central Alberta Economic Partnership (CAEP)
Clearwater Regional Emergency Advisory Committee
Community Futures – Central Alberta (CFCA)
Land Use Bylaw Rewrite Council Steering Committee
Mountain View – Clearwater Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee
Parkland Regional Library Board
Raven Recreation Board
Red Deer – Clearwater Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee
Strategic Planning Committee
Sundre Forest Products Public Involvement Round Table (SPIRT)
Sundre Petroleum Operators Group (SPOG) Board of Directors

Ward Five:

Neil Ratcliffe

Bighorn Back Country Standing Committee and Clearwater Forest Recreational Trail Initiative Alternate
Bighorn – Clearwater Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee
Brazeau – Clearwater Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee
Clearwater Regional Emergency Advisory Committee
Clearwater Regional Family and Community Support Services Committee
Land Use Bylaw Rewrite Council Steering Committee
Municipal Planning Commission (MPC)
Nordegg Community Association
North Saskatchewan Recreation Board
Rocky – Clearwater Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee
Rocky – Clearwater Intermunicipal Development Plan Committee



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Ward Five:

Neil Ratcliffe (Continued)

School Resource Officer (SRO) Committee Alternate
Strategic Planning Committee
Yellowhead – Clearwater Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee

Ward Six:

Bryan Cermak

Bighorn – Clearwater Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee
Broadband Committee
Caroline and District Recreation and Agricultural Society
Central Alberta Mayors' and Reeves' Committee
Central District 2 Rural Municipalities of Alberta (CRMA) Board of Directors
Alternate
Clearwater Regional Emergency Advisory Committee
Land Use Bylaw Rewrite Council Steering Committee
Mountain View – Clearwater Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee
Raven Recreation Board
Rocky Senior Housing Council
Strategic Planning Committee
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) Alternate Vice-Chair
Sundre Forest Products Public Involvement Round Table (SPIRT) Alternate
Sundre Petroleum Operators Group (SPOG) Board of Directors Alternate
Sundre RCMP Community Advisory Committee
West Central Stakeholder Group

Ward Seven:

Michelle Swanson

Brazeau – Clearwater Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee
Broadband Committee
Burnstick Lake – Clearwater Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee
Central Alberta Mayors' and Reeves' Committee
Central District 2 Rural Municipalities of Alberta (CRMA) Board of Directors
Clearwater County Heritage Grant Advisory Committee Alternate
Clearwater Regional Emergency Advisory Committee
David Thompson Recreation Board Alternate
Lacombe – Clearwater Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee
Land Use Bylaw Rewrite Council Steering Committee
Mountain View County Local and Regional Municipal Airports Working Group
Ponoka – Clearwater Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee
Rimbey RCMP Community Advisory Committee
Rocky – Clearwater Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee
Rocky – Clearwater Intermunicipal Development Plan Committee



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Ward Seven:

Michelle Swanson (Continued)

Rocky Mountain House Museum Operations Board
Rocky Senior Housing Council
Strategic Planning Committee
Wetaskiwin – Clearwater Intermunicipal Committee
Yellowhead – Clearwater Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee

Interim Councillor:

Barbara Gibson

Broadband Committee
Caroline Municipal Library Board
Clearwater Regional Emergency Advisory Committee
Clearwater Regional Family and Community Support Services Committee
Land Use Bylaw Rewrite Council Steering Committee
Land Use Bylaw Rewrite Public Advisory Committee Alternate
Parkland Regional Library Board Alternate
Rocky Mountain House Municipal Library Board
Rocky Mountain House Museum Operations Board
Strategic Planning Committee
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) Chair
Wetaskiwin – Clearwater Intermunicipal Committee

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