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Amalgamation Committee Negotiates Operational Items

(Rocky Mountain House, AB) – On April 25, 2024, the Amalgamation Negotiation Committee met to negotiate the full list of operational items, as recommended for the report to Municipal Affairs.

Municipal Owned Facilities

Clearwater County owns and maintains a total of 26 buildings and three (3) recreation areas. These facilities are located within Condor, Leslieville, Nordegg, Rocky Mountain House, Caroline, NE 03-40-07-W5M and NE 13-39-08-W5M. The Village of Caroline owns and maintains a total of eight (8) buildings and four (4) recreation areas (all are within the Village of Caroline.) The Committee agreed to accept a report for all of these facilities (assets) to be transfer to the newly amalgamated municipality.

Public Works Five Year Capital Plan

The Committee accepted a report with Clearwater County and the Village of Caroline preliminary capital budgets that would be transferred to the new municipality. Should amalgamation proceed, there will be a complete infrastructure/asset management study completed. The study will identify priorities and the capital budget may be adjusted.

Solid Waste Collections and Landfills (Operational)

The Committee agreed for the current operational service levels of solid waste collections and landfills of Clearwater County and the Village of Caroline remain status quo to ensure uninterrupted service delivery, pending completion of a service level review by the new Council. In addition, the Committee is seeking further advocacy efforts to prioritize the new municipality for grants to modernize the wastewater system in the Hamlet of Caroline.

Water Treatment & Distribution

The Committee agreed that current water treatment & distribution (operational) of Clearwater County and the Village of Caroline remain status quo to ensure uninterrupted service delivery, pending completion of a service level review by the new Council.

Fleet and Equipment

The Committee agreed that current fleet and equipment operational service levels of Clearwater County and Village of Caroline remain status quo to ensure uninterrupted service delivery, pending completion of a service level review by the new Council.

Utility Services and Rates

The Committee agreed that current utility services and utility rates (operational) of Clearwater County and Village of Caroline remain status quo to ensure uninterrupted service delivery and current rates, pending completion of a service level review by the new Council.

Public Works Operations Service Level Review

The Committee agreed that current Public Works operational service levels of Clearwater County and the Village of Caroline remain status quo to ensure uninterrupted service delivery, pending completion of a service level review by the new Council.

The Committee concluded the meeting with a motion to request that Village of Caroline Administration forward a copy of all grant applications put forth by the Village of Caroline to Provincial and Federal entities before the next Committee meeting on May 24, 2024.



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