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Councils Approve Amalgamation Report

(Rocky Mountain House, AB) – On July 23, 2024, the Clearwater County and Village of Caroline Councils approved the Amalgamation Report at their respective meetings. The report is a proposal to the Minister of Municipal Affairs to amalgamate the municipalities of Clearwater County and the Village of Caroline. It will be submitted to the Minister for consideration by July 31, 2024.

Pending a ministerial Order in Council, the amalgamation will come into effect January 1, 2025.

An Interim Council of eight members will represent the newly amalgamated municipality until the next general municipal election on October 20, 2025.

The Interim Council is made up of seven Clearwater County Council members and one Village of Caroline Council member. Village of Caroline Council selected Barbara Gibson as their representative.

Next steps for the amalgamation are as follows:

- **July 31:** Report submitted to Minister of Municipal Affairs.
- **Aug 1 - Dec 31:** Minister recommends formation Order in Council.
- **Jan 1, 2025:** Effective date of amalgamation.

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More information is available on the project website at www.clearwatercounty.ca/m/amalgamation.

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