CAO's REPORT

January 14, 2020

- 1. Red Deer River Municipal Users' Group's Annual General Meeting takes place January 16, 2020. Councillor(s) attendance requires Council approval.
- 2. There is potential opportunity for municipal officials and representatives to meet with the Honourable Kaycee Madu, Minister of Municipal Affairs, at the 2020 Spring Rural Municipalities of Alberta convention, March 16 to 18, at the Edmonton Convention Centre. The Minister's Office asks that a request is submitted, along with two to three specific policy items or issues you would like to discuss with the Minister, for consideration.

Administration asks that Council provide direction regarding submission of a request and, provide a list of topics for discussion.

- 3. Travel Alberta, in partnership with Alberta Economic Development, Trade and Tourism, is seeking feedback on challenges and opportunities facing Alberta's tourism industry. The data collected from this survey will be used to help develop a 10-Year Tourism Strategy (10YTS) for the province. The primary goals for the 10YTS is to grow business and new destinations by attracting more private sector investment to create jobs and contribute to economic growth in the province. The deadline to complete the survey is January 17. Click here to access the survey.
- 4. Clearwater County's 'Small Business Property Tax Sub-Class' program for small business owners to voluntarily register their property for the non-residential tax sub-class, as per Bylaw 1082/19, is being advertised in local publications and social media. The registration form is available on the County's website and so far, five forms and numerous phone queries have been received. Business owners are encouraged to register by February 14, 2020, to be eligible for the 2020 property tax year, however registrations will be accepted year-round and processed for the next applicable property tax year.

Upcoming Events

January 16 – Red Deer River Municipal Users' Annual General Meeting

January 20 - Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

January 21 – Council Educational Workshop

January 29 – Mayor and Community Prayer Breakfast

January 31 – TriCouncil Meeting

February 4. 5 – Âsokêwin Friendship Centre Blanket Exercise

February 6 – Brownlee 'Emerging Trends in Municipal Law, Calgary

February 7 – Central RMA District 2 Annual General Spring Meeting

February 7 – RMRF Municipal Law Seminar, Edmonton

February 13 – Brownlee 'Emerging Trends in Municipal Law, Edmonton

February 13 – Chamber Lunch & Learn Town/County Community Update

February 17 – Family Day (Clearwater County Offices Closed)

February 18 – Council Educational Workshop

February 21 – RMRF Municipal Law Seminar, Edmonton

February 24, 25 – Alberta Forward Forum 'Boosting the Rural Advantage'

February 26 to 28 – Alberta CARE 2020 Spring Seminar

March 16 to 18 – RMA Spring Conference