

CAO's REPORT

June 09, 2020

1. Clearwater County COVID-19 Update:

- Clearwater County's enhanced safety measures for County facilities allowed the County to re-open County buildings to public access on Monday May 25, 2020, in accordance with the [Provincial Relaunch Strategy](#) and workplace recommendations.
- The County's Leadership Team continues to evaluate Provincial updates to confirm if any restrictions can be lifted.
- Rocky Mountain Regional Solid Waste Authority Reuse Centre, Transfer Station and Landfill Offices remain closed to public access.
- Regular Council meetings continue as scheduled, staff and public are encouraged to watch meetings via livestream.
- All non-critical work-related travel outside Alberta is not recommended.
- Non-essential work-related travel outside Clearwater County is still restricted.
- All County business that can be conducted by phone, email or online is encouraged.
- Resources:
 - [COVID-19 info for Albertans](#)
 - [County's website with various government links](#)

2. The Elected Officials Education Program is offering the [Council's Role in Public Engagement course](#) online at a reduced rate of \$200 per participant. Four video chat sessions are scheduled as follows:

- Zoom Interactive session #1: Thursday, June 25, 2:30 – 4:30 pm
- Zoom Interactive session #2: Thursday, July 2, 2:30 – 4:30 pm
- Zoom Interactive session #3: Thursday, July 9, 2:30 – 4:30 pm
- Zoom Interactive session #4: Thursday, July 16, 2:30 – 4:30 pm

3. Administration recently learned of a proposed resolution, introduced by Town of Rocky Mountain House, for Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) to consider urging the Government of Alberta to develop a fair and equitable regional linear tax revenue sharing funding model that removes disparity and minimized conflict between urban and rural communities. The resolution will be presented at AUMA's resolution session in the Fall and if supported, will empower AUMA's Board of Directors to advocate the provincial government on behalf of urban municipalities.

The Town, along with other urban municipalities, (<https://www.whitecourtstar.com/news/local-news/mayor-lobbies-for-municipalities-to-merge>) is also urging the Provincial Government to consider regionalization of urban and rural municipalities and creating specialized municipalities with regional governance and shared revenue, including linear tax revenue, and service costs (letter attached).

Administration intends to discuss both items with other rural municipal administrators, as well as policy advisors at Rural Municipalities of Alberta, and provide Council with a report on these issues at a future meeting.