



Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers
November 17, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

- 1. Call to Order**
Moment of Reflection 6:00 p.m. Mayor
- 2. Modification to or Adoption of Agenda**
 - 2.1
- 3. Adoption of Minutes**
 - 3.1 Minutes from November 3, 2014 Regular Council Meeting
- 4. Public Address**
 - 4.1
- 5. Presentations**
 - 5.1 Corridor Enhancement Committee re Open House
- 6. Public Hearings/Bylaws**
 - 6.1
- 7. Finance**
 - 7.1 Customer Service 3rd Quarter
- 8. Unfinished Business**
 - 8.1 Community Centre - Graduation Committee Invoice
- 9. New Business**
 - 9.1 Appointment to MPC
 - 9.2 Appointment to SDAB
 - 9.3 Recreation and Culture Grant
 - 9.4 Additional Signing Authority
- 10. Council Reports**
 - 10.1 Council Round Table
- 11. Administration Reports**
 - 11.1 CAO Report
 - 11.2



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12. Correspondence

- 12.1 Alberta Minister of Environment
- 12.2 Alberta Environment

13. In Camera

- 13.1 Legal

14. Adjournment

- 14.1

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SUNDRE
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HELD MONDAY, November 3, 2014, IN THE TOWN OF SUNDRE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS**

PRESENT

Mayor Terry Leslie, Councillors Verna McFadden, Paul Isaac, Jodi Orr, Chris Vardas, Tony Jordan and Myron Thompson

STAFF

Dave Dubauskas, Chief Administrative Officer
Wanda Watson-Neufeld, Director of Corporate Services
Angie Lucas, Director of Planning and Development
David Hill, Director of Operational Services
Karla Eagles, Legislative Assistant

ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Leslie called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a moment of reflection.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

206/14 Councillor Vardas moved that the Town of Sundre Council adopt the agenda as amended to add item 4.1 Sundre Aquaplex Fundraiser, Mayor Leslie's request for public to step out during an in-camera item 5.1, then they could return to the regular meeting afterward and Councillor Isaac's addition of another in-camera item at the end of the agenda. **CARRIED**

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

207/14 **October 6, 2014 Regular Council Minutes**
Councillor Orr moved that the Town of Sundre Council approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes of October 6, 2014 as presented. **CARRIED**

208/14 **October 20, 2014 Organizational Meeting Minutes**
Councillor Isaac moved that the Town of Sundre Council approve the Organizational Meeting minutes of October 20, 2014 as presented. **CARRIED**

PUBLIC ADDRESS

Sundre Aquaplex Fundraiser

Nicky Vardas, from the Sundre Aquaplex Board presented an idea for a fundraiser for the Sundre Aquaplex. The idea is to build a board game of the Town of Sundre. A US company will build the game and call it Sundreopoly. Mrs. Vardas asked if the Town would buy the front of the board for \$500 so that the Town of Sundre logo could appear on it. Councillor Jordan said he thought this was a great idea, he was present when it was discussed at the Board meeting; he supports it. Businesses in Town can buy up the boardgame properties and 16 properties have sold already. The finished game will be sold for \$25 – \$30 and could be ready for Christmas. Councillor McFadden, who also attended the board meeting, supports it as well. She inquired of Mrs. Vardas if the contract involved was good and was assured that yes it was. It is a unique idea.

209/14 Mayor Leslie moved that the Town of Sundre Council would support with \$500 to come from Council Donations to Community Services Events such that the front part of the Board, the cover, would display the Town of Sundre Logo. **CARRIED**

210/14 Councillor Jordan moved that the Town of Sundre Council would support with another \$150 to come from Council Donations to Community Services Events to purchase the corner named 'Go to Court' for Bylaw services. **CARRIED**

IN-CAMERA

211/14 Councillor Vardas moved to go in camera at 6:15 p.m.

212/14 Councillor Isaac moved to return to the regular meeting at 7:25 p.m.

FINANCE

Cash Flow Statement, Capital Projects Listing and September 2014 Bank Reconciliation

Wanda Watson-Neufeld, Director of Corporate Services presented the Cash Flow Statement, Capital Projects Listing and the September 2014 Bank Reconciliation.

213/14 Councillor Jordan moved that the Finance Reports presented be accepted for information. **CARRIED**

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Strategic Priorities Update

Dave Dubauskas, CAO, presented the Strategic Priorities Chart update.

214/14 Councillor Thompson moved that the Town of Sundre Council accept the Strategic Priorities Chart update as information. **CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS

MOA Meetings with Mountain View County

Regarding the negotiating of a Memorandum of agreement with Mountain View County as outlined in the Prospectus prepared by Bill Sutherland on September 14, 2014. Mountain View County will be the administering partner in making application for the 2014/2015 Alberta Community Partnership Grant. Goal is to create a long lasting and mutually beneficial community partnership.

215/14 Mayor Leslie moved that the Town of Sundre Council moves to approve the negotiating of a Memorandum of Agreement with Mountain View County as outlined in the Prospectus prepared by Bill Sutherland on September 14, 2014. **CARRIED**

and

216/14 Mayor Leslie moved that the Town of Sundre Council moves that Mountain View County be designated as the administering partner for a 2014/2015 Alberta Community Partnership Grant application for costs related to Inter-Municipal Collaboration to reaching a Memorandum of Agreement. **CARRIED**

CAEP Fall General Meeting & Annual Achievement Awards

Councillor Jodi Orr provided background information regarding the CAEP Fall General Meeting and Annual Achievement Awards. She made the request to Council for approval to attend the meeting on November 27, 2014 along with Mayor Leslie.

- 217/14** Councillor Jordan moved that The Town of Sundre Council approve sending Mayor Leslie and Councillor Orr to the CAEP Fall General Meeting & Annual Achievement Awards on November 27, 2014. **CARRIED**

Purchase Emergency Light Towers

Dave Dubauskas, CAO, spoke regarding the purchase of Emergency Light Towers. During the 2013 flood emergency, responders noted a need for much better illumination of river areas, particularly at the Hwy 27 bridge, Greenwood Park, the Cenotaph, and some other locations where there is minimal effective installed lighting.

- 218/14** Councillor Vardas moved that the Town of Sundre Council approve that the Town of Sundre purchase two (2) Emergency Light Towers to a total of \$25,720, plus taxes of \$ 1,286, to assist with emergency containment and clean up in accordance with its funds received through the Flood Mitigation Grant. **CARRIED**

Firefighter Benefit Coverage

Patty Lapointe spoke regarding the Firefighter Benefit Coverage. WCB coverage is currently in place for firefighters as well as basic accident & sickness coverage while on duty. The Fire Chief would like to see the Accident and Sickness policy enhanced to provide coverage for critical illness.

- 219/14** Councillor Jordan moved that the Town of Sundre Council approve an increase of \$3,805.00 for firefighter benefits to include coverage under the Town of Sundre Employee Assistance Program and \$15,000 Critical Illness Coverage effective January 1, 2015. **CARRIED**

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Councillor Thompson reported tonight he was at Subway; when he left and turned onto 3rd street, he was about half way past RPM, when a pick up truck came out of the alley. The truck was moving fast so because there was another car on the street, both had to screech to a halt. Vehicles were parked on both sides of the street. Street is not wide enough for two vehicles to pass when people are parked on both sides. There is a daycare or playschool on that street, signage is urgently required.

Councillor McFadden attended the Foothills Lodge, 30th Anniversary. Residents pleased that the new lodge will have 140 rooms and a guest room for friends to visit. There will be a 0% increase for current Foothills Lodge residents in the new place.

Councillor McFadden shared that a number of high profile events occurred in September at the Library. As well, West Country Seniors arranged field trips for seniors including a play at Rosebud, and the Christmas Market at Spruce Meadows.

Councillor McFadden reported that at the Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission meeting, she heard that Interim CAO, Pat Sliworsky has sent reports to all Municipal CAO and he will continue to do so.

Councillor Orr attended CAEP's October 9th event where Todd Hirsch, Chief Economist with ATB Financial presented AEDA's Report on Competitiveness. Alberta has a strong economic foundation to continue to build competitiveness but cannot assume that future prosperity is assured. Government and Industry must work together to enhance competitiveness.

Councillor Orr shared that while attending the SPOG Community Affairs with Mayor Leslie on October 9th, she heard Jim Dykstra speak on the Community Van and Laura Statchuk speak on the Alberta Student Leadership Conference. SPOG is grateful to have Council members present at the meetings.

On October 14th, Councillor Orr rode with Bylaw Officer Kevin Heerema for a first hand, eye opening experience which included catching a speeder and monitoring Highway 27 through town.

On October 28th Councillor Orr took part in the tour of the Sundre Sawmill and Strachen LVL Plant which was organized by Tom Daniels for Municipal Government members.

Mayor Leslie reported on the West Fraser Municipal Government Tour that he and Council attended on October 29, 2014. He learned that at the Sundre Sawmill, no waste leaves the site. The Forest Management area is like a farm, keeping it all sustainable is critical – roads, wellsites and other industry affects landbase for forestry. Most of the mills have been here since the 30's and 40's; West Fraser is here for the long term.

Mayor Leslie reported on the Visitor Friendly Presentation held at Olds College on Wednesday, October 29 where a tourism overview was provided. This included visitors defined, friendliness defined, study area defined and recommendations made in five areas.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Alberta Transportation, AUMA Follow Up

ADJOURNMENT

220/14 Councillor Vardas moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. **CARRIED**

Mayor

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.

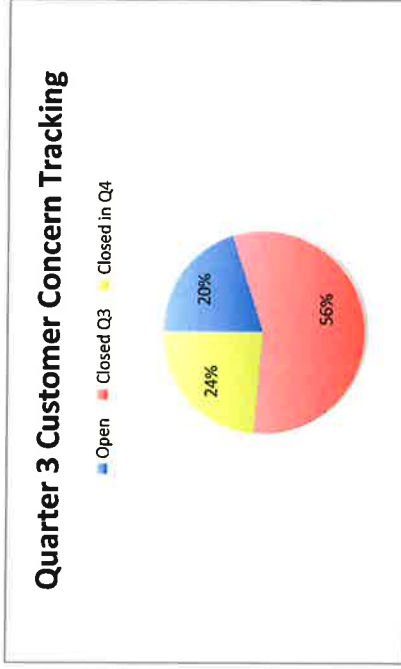
Chief Administrative Officer

TOWN OF SUNDRE CONCERN FORM STATISTICS
Quarter 3 - July - Sept 30, 2014

Count of Description	Column Labels			
Facility	Open	Closed in Qrt 3	Closed in Qrt 4	Grand Total
AHS EMS			1	1
Arena	2			2
Fire Hall		1	1	2
Greenwood Campground		1		1
Library	1	2		3
Office	1			1
Parks		1		1
SCC		2		2
Shop	7	24	10	41
Trails			1	1
Grand Total	11	31	13	55

Percent Total
 Total % Closed 80.00%

Quarter 3 Customer Concern Tracking
 Open 20.00% Closed Q3 56.36% Closed in Q4 23.64%





REQUEST FOR DECISION

COUNCIL DATE: November 17, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: 8.1

SUBJECT: Graduation Committee Invoice

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Community Services

MOTION: That the Town of Sundre receives \$992.25 from the 2014 Grad Committee as invoiced to cover the costs of Community Centre cleanup before, during, and after 2014 Graduation Event.

OR

That the Town of Sundre receive \$450 from the 2014 Grad Committee as a reduced invoice to partially subsidize the costs of Community Centre cleanup before, during, and after 2014 Graduation Event.

OR

That the Town of Sundre waives \$992.25 in outstanding invoicing from the 2014 Grad Committee as invoiced, and fully subsidizes the costs of Community Centre cleanup before, during, and after 2014 Graduation Event.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS: Do not approve on of these motions, or move an alternate.

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

The 2014 Grad Committee rented the Sundre Arena for the 2014 Graduation Event, June 23-8 including event set up and tear down. The Committee was given two (2) dressing rooms for decoration storage purposes at no cost for approximately two (2) months leading up to the facility rental. Total Arena rental was \$ 1,020, which was paid in advance.

During the rental time, the Committee utilized the services of a local rental company for two genie lifts to assist them with the set up and take down of their decorations.

On the second day of decorating, a hydraulic line on the rented equipment failed causing hydraulic oil to be leaked on the concrete pad. The Community Services Staff were notified and immediate action was taken to hire a specialized local cleaning company who could emulsify the oil and remove any residual traces; as a result, the Committee only lost six (6) hours decorating time and was able to host their event on time. The cost to the Town of cleaning up this oil was \$992.25.



Given the community nature of the Grad Committee, no deposit was required for this rental.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS:

1. The Grad Committee signed a contract with the Town indicating they would be responsible for additional costs incurred as a result of damage to the facility.
2. Community Services acted quickly to clean up the oil spill so as to facilitate the Graduation Event on time, and because a specialized cleaning process was necessary

RECOMMENDATION

Alternatively, Council may choose to accept full responsibility for this oil spill and clean up, or to “split the cost” with the Grad Committee if it feels a compromise solution and sharing of liability for this spill is warranted.

Council may wish to consider impacts on future damage occurrences.

COSTS/SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Community Services Event Donations fund

REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION TO COUNCIL

Submitted By: David Hill

Date: November 2, 2014

CAO Approval:

Date:



REQUEST FOR DECISION

COUNCIL DATE: November 17, 2014

AGENDA ITEM:

SUBJECT: Appointment of member to Municipal Planning Commission

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Planning & Development

MOTION:

The Town of Sundre Council moves to appoint Jason Spurrier to the Municipal Planning Commission until the 2015 Organizational meeting of Council.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS:

The Town of Sundre Council moves to defeat the above motion.

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

As per Bylaw 02.11, Municipal Planning Commission shall consist of no less than seven (7) and no more than nine (9) persons. Further to Council resolution 182/12 and 183/12, a maximum of (6) public members and a maximum of three (3) Councillors will be appointed.

At the Organizational Meeting of October 20, 2014, Gabrielle Grainger, Connie Anderson, Robert Dales and Diane Hillock-Farquhar were appointed as public members and Jodi Orr, Chris Vardas and Paul Isaac were appointed as members from Council. With the addition of public member Jason Spurrier who was on the previous years Municipal Planning Commission the committee will now consist of 8 members.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS:

Jason Spurrier served as vice-chair of the Municipal Planning Commission for 2013/2014 year.

COSTS/SOURCE OF FUNDING:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

None

REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION TO COUNCIL

Submitted By: Denica Crosbie

Date: November 6, 2014

Director of Planning & Economic Development: Angie Lucas

Date: November 6, 2014

CAO Approval:

Date:



REQUEST FOR DECISION

COUNCIL DATE: November 17, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: 9.2

SUBJECT: Appointment of members to Subdivision and Development Appeal Board

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Planning & Development

MOTION:

The Town of Sundre Council moves to appoint Roy Cummings to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board until the 2015 Organizational meeting of Council.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS:

The Town of Sundre Council moves to defeat the above motion.

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

As per Bylaw 808, the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) shall consist of five (5) persons: two (2) representatives from Council and three (3) members of the public-at-large.

Section 11 of Bylaw 808 indicates, "a quorum of the Board shall consist of a majority of the Members, but Councillors may not form the majority of the quorum." Given the timelines of the Municipal Government Act for a SDAB hearing, Administration will pursue additional public members to ensure we meet quorum.

At the Organizational Meeting of October 20, 2014, Pat Campkin and Willie Logan were appointed as public members and Tony Jordan and Myron Thompson were appointed as members from Council. With the addition of public member Roy Cummings who was on the previous years Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Committee the total number of committee members will be five (5).

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS:

Roy Cummings has previous serviced as a member of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board.

COSTS/SOURCE OF FUNDING:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

None

REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION TO COUNCIL

Submitted By: Denica Crosbie

Date: November 6, 2014

Director of Planning & Economic Development: Angie Lucas

Date: November 6, 2014

CAO Approval:

Date:



REQUEST FOR DECISION

COUNCIL DATE: November 17, 2014

AGENDA ITEM:

SUBJECT: Community Recreation and Culture Grant

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Community Services

MOTION:

The Town of Sundre Council moves to allocate the following monies to all the Community Recreation and Culture Grant Applicants at 41.6% of their request, excluding funds to the Sundre & District Historical Society due to the funding allocated by Council to their organization separate of the Rec and Culture Grant:

Allied Arts	\$7,594.73
Historical Society	\$0
West Country Ctr.	\$2,078.93
Curling Club	\$6,236.78
Daycare	\$5,441.25
Playschool	\$5,211.86
Rodeo & Race	\$1,663.14
United Church	\$5,197.31

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS:

The Town of Sundre Council moves to allocate the following monies to the Community Recreation and Culture Grant Applicants equally:

Allied Arts	\$4,178.00
Historical Society	\$4,178.00
West Country Ctr.	\$4,178.00
Curling Club	\$4,178.00
Daycare	\$4,178.00
Playschool	\$4,178.00
Rodeo & Race	\$4,178.00
United Church	\$4,178.00

OR

The Town of Sundre Council moves to allocate the following monies to all the Community Recreation and Culture Grant Applicants at 37% of their request:

Allied Arts	\$6,754.49
Historical Society	\$3,697.85
West Country Ctr.	\$1,848.92
Curling Club	\$5,546.77
Daycare	\$4,839.26
Playschool	\$4,635.25
Rodeo & Race	\$1,479.14
United Church	\$4,622.31



OR

The Town of Sundre Council moves to allocate the following monies to the Community Recreation and Culture Grant Applicants equally, excluding funds to the Sundre & District Historical Society due to the funding allocated by Council to their organization separate of the Rec and Culture Grant:

Allied Arts	\$4,774.00
Historical Society	\$0
West Country Ctr.	\$4,774.00
Curling Club	\$4,774.00
Daycare	\$4,774.00
Playschool	\$4,774.00
Rodeo & Race	\$4,774.00
United Church	\$4,774.00

OR

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

The Community Recreation and Culture Grant assists recreation and cultural facilities owned and / or operated by non-profit registered societies in the Town of Sundre with their operating costs such as electricity, natural gas, water, sewer, and insurance.

During 2014 budget deliberations, Council allocated \$33,424.00 to the Community Recreation and Culture Grant. Total requests made for the 2014 grant are \$90,387.67. Each of the funding options provided above, zero the 2014 funding allocation for the Rec and Culture Grant.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS:

When this grant was first made available to the public, each group received significant funds to offset their operating costs. Each year there has been an increase in the funds requested, which often far exceeds the funds available to disperse.

In 2011, Council made a motion on March 19, 2012 63/12 to amend Point 2 of the grant to include “owned and / or operated” and to add “or at councils discretion” in Point 4 of the grant requirements. This increased the number of non-profit groups eligible to submit for this grant and therefore, the Town now receives more requests.

The Historical Society does appear to be eligible for the Recreation and Culture Grant; however, Council will want to consider if this group should receive this additional funding as they have allocated \$10,000 in 2014 and will be considering the proposed \$10,000 request for 2015. Funding for these allocations is a direct tax dollar impact.

The Sundre Daycare and Playschool are also seen as being eligible for this grant even though they do not own the SCC but because they pay for the operations of their space within the SCC. Council will want to consider if SCC tenants (including GNP) are eligible for the Recreation and Culture Grant funding as the Town subsidizes each tenant in the SCC by only charging utilities and a maintenance / property administration fee and does not charge a lease or rent.



The United Church has applied for the first time this year and although the Grant does not identify Religious organizations as qualifying, the Grant does say 'at Council's discretion' and the United Church is home to the Sundre Community Choir, Sundre Community Bells, and the Scout's, all of which fall within the Culture and Recreation component of the Grant.

Previous years' funding looks as follows:

2011 Community Recreation and Culture Grant Funding	\$20,829.00
2012 Community Recreation and Culture Grant Funding	\$14,991.00
2013 Community Recreation and Culture Grant Funding	\$11,112.00

COSTS/SOURCE OF FUNDING:

2014 Community Recreation and Culture Grant Funding	\$33,424.00
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ATTACHMENTS:

2014 Grant Funding Calculation Spreadsheet

REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION TO COUNCIL

Submitted By: Community Services

Date: November 7, 2014

Approval:

Date:



REQUEST FOR DECISION

COUNCIL DATE: November 17, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: 9.5

SUBJECT: Appointment of Signing Authority

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Corporate Services

MOTION:

That Town of Sundre Council appoints Angie Lucas, Director of Planning and Operational Services as a signing authority for the Town of Sundre.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS:

The Town of Sundre Council moves to defeat the above motion.

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Further to the appointments of signing authorities at the Organizational Meeting of October 20, 2014 and the resignation of the Director of Operational Services, the Town of Sundre requires a replacement signing authority.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS:

None

COSTS/SOURCE OF FUNDING:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

None

REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION TO COUNCIL

Submitted By: Wanda Watson-Neufeld

Date: November 17, 2014

CAO Approval: Dave Dubauskas

Date: November 17, 2014



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ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT



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*Office of the Minister
MLA, Calgary-Klein*

October 14, 2014

His Worship Terry Leslie, Mayor
Town of Sundre
717 Main Avenue West
PO Box 420
Sundre AB T0M 1X0
townmail@sundre.com

Dear Mayor Leslie:

Thank you for your September 17, 2014, letter regarding funding for flood mitigation projects. I appreciate your congratulations on my new role as Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, and I am pleased to provide the following information.

The Alberta Community Resilience Program is a grant program that has been designed to help municipalities prepare for future flood and drought events. The program funds projects to protect critical infrastructure and public safety. Like other grant programs developed by the Government of Alberta, it has a cost-sharing component. Under this program, the Government of Alberta will fund 90 per cent of projects, up to a maximum of \$3 million and 70 per cent of projects over \$3 million.

Cost sharing for these projects reflects the joint responsibility of the Government of Alberta and municipal governments to develop and maintain municipal infrastructure and protect public safety. The Government of Alberta recognizes its greater responsibility and capacity to fund water management projects by providing the majority of funding for cost-shared projects across the province. Our government also takes responsibility for major projects that provide multiple benefits to a large number of Albertans, such as the Dickson Dam. The provincial government fully funds these projects.

The first application deadline for the Alberta Community Resilience Program was September 30, 2014. The next deadline is March 31, 2015. I encourage the town to submit applications before that time for any further flood and drought mitigation projects it would like to undertake in partnership with the province. The Government of Alberta will not consider exceptions to the cost-sharing formula for the Alberta Community Resilience Program, as it would impact our ability to assist with funding for other municipal projects.

Maintenance of the Highway 27 bridge in the Town of Sundre falls under the jurisdiction of Transportation. To discuss any engineering studies relating to maintenance of the Red Deer River channel in the vicinity of the bridge, please contact Mr. Donald Saunders, Bridge Manager with Alberta Transportation. Mr. Saunders can be reached in Red Deer at 403-340-5579 (dial 310-0000 for a toll-free connection).

Sincerely,



Kyle Fawcett
Minister

cc: Honourable Jim Prentice
Premier of Alberta

Honourable Wayne Drysdale
Minister of Transportation

Donald Saunders
Transportation

October 23, 2014

Terry Leslie
Mayor
P.O. box 420
Sundre, AB T0M 1X0
Terry.L@sundre.com



Dear Mayor Leslie:

Subject: 2014 Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) Convention

On behalf of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development staff, I would like to thank you for meeting with us at this year's convention and providing updates on your issues with river and flood mitigation. These sessions help us to understand our needs for support in the area of environmental management.

The Town of Sundre and Mountain View County submitted a joint application to the Flood Recovery Erosion Control Program to construct a 3.9-kilometre berm along the Red Deer River upstream of the Town of Sundre for the purposes of flood mitigation. The berm is designed to protect the Town of Sundre and portions of Mountain View County from the river during high-water events. A grant under the Flood Recovery Erosion Control Program in the amount of \$3.1 million was approved on March 3, 2014.

The River Forecast Section of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development is committed to working with the County and its consultant to ensure that the impacts of any approved berm are reflected in official flood hazard mapping. This process has links with the Approval process and is best implemented jointly to ensure work isn't duplicated by local authorities, but is separate.

The River Forecast Section experts continue to be willing to work with the County and Town of Sundre to help them make preliminary assessments, as these can be part of the amendment process. Peter Onyshko, M.Sc., P.Eng, CFM at River Forecast Section may be contacted at 780-422-7826 or via email at peter.onyshko@gov.ab.ca.

Todd Aasen, P.Eng., Approval Manager, will be able to assist you with any approvals required. Todd can be reached at 403-340-7782 or via email at todd.aasen@gov.ab.ca.

The Alberta Community Resilience Program is a grant program designed to help municipalities prepare themselves for future flood and drought events by funding projects to protect critical infrastructure and public safety. As with other grant programs, there is a cost sharing component whereby the province funds 90 per cent of projects up to a maximum of \$3 million and 70 per cent of projects over \$3 million. Information on the Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program and the Alberta Community Resilience Program can be found on the Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development website under Water/Program

and Services <http://esrd.alberta.ca/water/programs-and-services>. Contact for the program in Central Alberta is Andy Lamb, 403-396-2343 or via email at andy.lamb@gov.ab.ca

The bridge in the Town of Sundre continues to be a concern with citizens in the event of future high water floods. This infrastructure falls with Alberta Transportation and should be discussed with representatives from that department. Please contact Mr. Donald Saunders, Bridge Manager with Alberta Transportation. Mr. Saunders can be reached in Red Deer at 403-340-5579 (dial 310-0000 for a toll-free connection).

Yours truly,

Handwritten signature of Randall Barrett, consisting of stylized initials 'R.B.' followed by a star-like flourish.

Randall Barrett
Director, Red Deer North Saskatchewan Region