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Village of Alberta Beach Request for Mutual Aid Agreement with Parkland County

Background:

The Village of Alberta Beach, through its contracted fire service provider, currently delivers emergency response to 6 municipalities including the Summer Villages of Silver Sands and Southview – both of which share a direct border with Parkland County. Given this geographic proximity and the increasing complexity of emergency events, Alberta Beach is seeking to establish a mutual aid agreement with Parkland County.

Current Collaborations:

We are currently in negotiations with Lac Ste. Anne County, who remains our closest neighbor and first point of contact in emergency response. However, in the event that Lac Ste. Anne's resources are unavailable or already committed, it is prudent to have a second tier of mutual aid support in place – particularly with neighboring jurisdictions such as Parkland County.

Why Mutual Aid is Important:

1. Wildfire Preparedness

Alberta's wildfire seasons are becoming more severe and unpredictable. Our region, with its wooded areas and recreational communities, is especially vulnerable. Mutual aid enables faster, coordinated response when wildfires cross boundaries or escalate quickly.

2. Support for Seasonal and Rural Communities

The Summer Villages of Silver Sands and Southview experience significant seasonal population increases. A mutual aid agreement helps ensure consistent and adequate emergency response during these high-demand periods, especially in areas bordering Parkland County.

3. Regional Collaboration

This agreement would strengthen intermunicipal relationships, promote joint training, and build operational resilience across both jurisdictions.

4. Public Safety

Emergencies do not adhere to jurisdictional lines. A mutual aid agreement ensures that the nearest and most readily available emergency responders can be deployed quickly – saving lives, protecting property, and reducing the strain on individual departments.

5. Resource Sharing with No Obligation

Parkland County would be under no obligation to call upon Alberta Beach services. This agreement simply enables both municipalities to access one another's support if and when it's needed. It's about flexibility, not obligation.

Conclusion:

This proposal is grounded in common sense, mutual respect, and a shared commitment to public safety. It allows us to be better prepared and more resilient in the face of emergencies while fostering a spirit of regional cooperation that benefits everyone.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss this further and work collaboratively on the terms of a mutually beneficial agreement.

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