



COUNCIL NOTICE OF MOTION

Date of Meeting: February 28, 2017
To: Council
From: Councillor John McNab
Re: **NOTICE OF MOTION – Motorized Watercraft Fees**

Take notice that at a Regular Meeting of Council on February 28, 2017, Councillor John McNab will MOVE:

"THAT administration be directed to prepare a resolution that will be brought forward to the Pembina Zone meeting on April 10, 2017, advocating for the provincial government to implement an annual motorized watercraft permitting process. The funds will be directed to develop and implement programs and other measures to eliminate new introduction of aquatic invasive species into provincial water bodies. The resolution will identify watercraft that would be exempt from the fee."

Information Supporting the Notice of Motion

Alberta is rich with rivers, streams and lakes; these waterbodies are an integral part of our landscape. They are a source of drinking water, present recreational opportunities for residents and visitors and provide crucial ecosystems for a broad and diverse network of species. Protecting these natural features is in the best interest of current and future generations.

Aquatic invasive species (AIS) are non-native plants, fish, and mollusks that, if introduced, can have negative and irreversible impacts on waterbodies. Once established, aquatic invasive species are difficult or impossible to control or eradicate and require significant financial resources.

The primary means of introduction and spread of AIS is through the transportation of watercraft from infected waters to unaffected areas. Currently, the preventative measures taken by the Government of Alberta to through mobile inspection stations on major transportation networks. This approach is untenable given the number of highways within the province and the movement of motorized watercraft from jurisdictions where invasive species, particularly mollusks, have been established.

To address the potential introduction of AIS into Alberta's waterbodies, administration supports a resolution be brought forward to the AAMDC Pembina Zone for its consideration.


Mayor Rod Shaigec


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