COUNCIL MOTION

Date of Meeting: August 22, 2017

To: Council

From: Mayor Rod Shaigec

Re: **Country Residential Road Surfacing Report**

On July 11, 2017, Mayor Rod Shaigec presented Notice of Motion that on August 22, 2017, a motion will be presented to Council regarding a Country Residential Road Surfacing Report.

PROPOSED MOTION:

"THAT Council direct Administration to prepare a country residential road surfacing report that provides funding alternatives to initially construct and rehabilitate country residential road surfacing projects."

Information Supporting the Notice of Motion

Country Residential Road Surfacing Policy EN 001 allows the consideration to construct asphaltic stabilized surfacing on municipal roadways within county residential developments as a local improvement.

For each authorized local improvement, a uniform local improvement tax rate of 60% of the total project cost is levied against each benefiting parcel of land. The annual payments based on this uniform rate is calculated on the basis of the debenture borrowing interest rate in effect at the time of approval of the local improvement. The balance of the cost of each local improvement is borne by Parkland County as a benefit to the whole municipality.

Under this policy the life expectancy the local improvement is estimated at ten (10) years. The asphaltic surfaced roadways are maintained by the County at no direct cost to the residents. When the condition of the roadway, after ten (10) years, is considered beyond normal maintenance and repair, it is to be restored to its original gravel condition. The residents that want the roadway to remain surfaced have to repeat the initial process by submitting another valid petition and comply with the conditions of this policy.

Many residents do not want the surfaced roadways restored to gravel and have objected to another local improvement process believing the construction costs to maintain a surfaced road should be borne by the County.

With the fiscal challenges facing Parkland County funding alternatives need to reflect this reality to ensure this service level is sustainable in the future.

Mayor Rod Shaigec

Date