



Legislation Text

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Alberta Wetland Replacement Program Funding

Proposed Motion

That the Alberta Wetland Replacement Program (WRP) Report be received for information, as presented.

Administration Recommendation

Administration supports the proposed motion.

Purpose

The WRP funding opportunity is being presented to the Committee for information and discussion. The report provided also details how it can support current agriculture, infrastructure, community and business development programs.

Summary

Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) has funding available for eligible wetland replacement projects. The funding comes from money transferred to the Province for wetland-affecting activities, primarily during the development process. AEP is seeking to establish partnerships with eligible municipalities and formalize these partnerships through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Once an MOU has been signed, municipal partners will be able to submit project proposals for funds to support wetland restoration projects as part of the County's infrastructure and ALUS programs. If projects are approved, funds will be provided for all stages of the projects including planning, implementation and monitoring. Funds equivalent to current land rates will also be negotiated for the landowner as compensation for the area consumed by the wetland replacement.

Strategic Plan/Policy/Legal/Staff Implications:

Council's Long-Term Strategic Plan:

Guiding Principle 2.1: We recognize and champion the importance of agriculture for its economic, environmental and community contributions and are committed to ensuring its long-term viability in the County.

Guiding Principle 3.1: We are a regional leader in setting and achieving high standards of environmental sustainability in both our own practices, and by encouraging and enabling the practices of our partners.

Guiding Principle 41.: We are recognized leaders in municipal governance, managing our resources responsibly and sustainably, ensuring we leave a vibrant and resilient community legacy to those that follow us.

Financial Impact:

Cost: \$0

Source of Funding: N/A