

INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK

BETWEEN

BEAVER COUNTY



AND

THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WAINWRIGHT No. 61



March 20, 2020

WHEREAS, Beaver County and the Municipal District of Wainwright share a common border; and

WHEREAS, Beaver County and the Municipal District of Wainwright share common service delivery interests and are committed to individually provide services to their respective ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, the *Municipal Government Act* R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26 (as amended) stipulates that municipalities that have a common boundary must create a framework with each other that identifies the services provided by each municipality and the funding arrangements for these services if they are provided intermunicipally.

NOW THEREFORE, by mutual covenant of the parties hereto it is agreed as follows:

1.0 DEFINITIONS

In this Framework:

“Municipalities” refers to both Beaver County and the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61.

2.0 FRAMEWORK INTERPRETATION

1. All words in the Framework shall have the same meaning as defined in the *Municipal Government Act*. For words not defined under the *Municipal Government Act*, their meaning shall be as is understood in everyday language.
2. The word “shall” is interpreted as meaning an obligatory direction.
3. The word “may” is interpreted as meaning a choice exists with no preferred direction intended.

3.0 TERM AND REVIEW

1. In accordance with the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26 (as amended), this is a permanent Framework that shall come into force on final passing of the bylaws by both Municipalities.
2. Being that the Framework is seen as a living document, it may be amended by mutual consent of both parties unless specified otherwise in this Framework.
3. It is agreed by the Municipalities that the Intermunicipal Committee will meet at least once every five years, no later than 2025, to review this Framework.

4. In the event the Intermunicipal Committee is unable to reach an agreement, the dispute shall be dealt with through the procedure outlined within Section 7.0 of the Framework.

7.0 BINDING DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS

Although there are no planned future developments or services that would warrant an intermunicipal cost-sharing agreement, the utility of having a binding dispute resolution process is essential to ensure governmental processes are not inhibited by a lack of consensus or proceed without consent from both Municipalities.

The Binding Dispute Resolution Process for the Framework shall be as follows:

1. The Intermunicipal Committee will meet and attempt to resolve the dispute.
2. In the event the Committee is unable to resolve the issue, Beaver County and the Municipal District of Wainwright shall seek the assistance of a mediator acceptable to both Municipalities. The costs of mediation shall be shared equally between the Municipalities.
3. In the event that mediation proves to be unsuccessful, was not undertaken, or the proposing Municipality proceeds with an approval that does not reflect the accepted mediation recommendations, the responding Municipality may appeal that action to an arbitrator under the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26, as amended, as per the Act.

If the responding Municipality initiates a dispute, they may withdraw their objections at any time throughout the process and shall provide written confirmation that the dispute is withdrawn to the proposing Municipality.

Both Beaver County and the Municipal District of Wainwright agree that time shall be of the essence when working through the Binding Dispute Resolution Process.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Municipalities have affixed their corporate seals as attested by the duly authorized signing officers of the Municipalities as of the first day above written.

BEAVER COUNTY

M.D. OF WAINWRIGHT NO. 61



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