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City and County of Wetaskiwin enter into Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework agreement

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(Wetaskiwin, Alberta) – The City of Wetaskiwin has been working diligently with the County of Wetaskiwin to create and adopt an Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) between the two municipalities, which is required by the provincial government. City of Wetaskiwin Council approved Bylaw 1697-20 at their September 28, 2020 meeting, while County of Wetaskiwin Council approved Bylaw 2020/48 at their October 13, 2020 meeting—both of which adopt the new ICF.

An ICF is a tool to facilitate cooperation between neighboring municipalities to ensure municipal services are provided to residents in an efficient and cost-effective manner. The document is entered into between two (2) or more municipalities that share borders and is intended to fulfil the following objectives:

- providing for integrated and strategic planning, delivery, and funding of intermunicipal services
- ensuring limited available resources are used effectively and efficiently to provide services to residents
- ensuring that municipalities contribute reasonable funding to those services that are beneficial to their residents.

Some of the services that these ICFs highlight include recreation, mutual aid agreements, road use, and various other areas of mutual agreement and cooperation.

“Continuing to build a strong relationship with the County included reaching agreements through the ICF,” said Tyler Gandam, Mayor of the City of Wetaskiwin. “Although it was a long process, I want to thank both the County and City Administration as well as the County Councillors who took part in the groundwork to develop a strong agreement. It will be important to build from the ICF’s as we continue to work together in the future.”

As a part of the ICF, both Councils also approved Bylaws establishing an Intermunicipal Committee which will help strengthen relations between City Council and County Council—acting as a formal channel for managing on-going discussions and agreements between both municipalities.

“County Council would like to thank the work of the Intermunicipal Committee in developing this ICF,” said Terry Van de Kraats, County of Wetaskiwin Councillor Division 2. “We look forward to continuing to build our relationship with the City and engage in more formal meetings to further enhance our region.”

A copy of Bylaw 1697-20 will be posted to the City of Wetaskiwin website at www.wetaskiwin.ca/bylaws.
Bylaw 2020/48 will be posted to the County of Wetaskiwin’s website at www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca.

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