






Subject: **Municipal Affairs – ICF Engagement**
Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2024
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RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That Council direct Administration to submit the April 2024 survey regarding Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks to Municipal Affairs with answers as determined.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT: (Check all that apply)

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High Quality Infrastructure		Economic Resilience		Quality of Life		Effective Leadership		Level of Service	

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial (cite)- N/A

Council Bylaw/Policy (cite)- N/A

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICFs) are mandatory agreements that every municipality must enter into with each of their neighbouring municipalities. The intent was to force municipalities to have conversations with their neighbours regarding municipal services and how those services were provided, specifically related to costs. Most initial ICFs were adopted in 2019/2020. Between our neighbouring rural and urban municipalities, Kneehill County was required to complete 12 ICFs.

Municipal Affairs is conducting engagement with municipalities related to Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks. The responses will be considered as Municipal Affairs considers and changes to ICF regulation. Kneehill County has the opportunity to complete the survey and provide feedback to the Province.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

The survey is online and once Council has determined the preferred answers to the questions (assuming Council wishes to provide feedback), Administration will submit the survey on the County's behalf. To aid in the discussion, Administration has compiled the survey questions and included them as an attachment to this report. Please note that questions 1-4 have not been included in the compilation as they are simple administrative and factual questions (name of municipality, did you go to arbitration, etc.) that Administration can provide answers to.

The Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) have also released an engagement guide for this topic. Kneehill County is not bound to the RMA suggestions, but the guide has also been attached to this report for Council's consideration.

FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:



REQUEST FOR DECISION

There is no financial impact beyond Council and Staff time to take part in the survey. This topic is important as the items agreed to during ICF negotiations can have significant financial impact.

RECOMMENDED ENGAGEMENT:

Directive Decision (Information Sharing, One-Way Communication)

Tools:

Individual Notification

Other:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Compiled Survey Questions
2. RMA Engagement Guide

COUNCIL OPTIONS:

1. Council may opt to participate in the survey and provide answers to the questions.
2. Council may opt to not participate in the survey.

FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:

Administration will submit the survey with answers as determined by Council.

APPROVAL(S):

Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer

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