



Mackenzie County

# REQUEST FOR DECISION

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Regular Council Meeting</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>January 29, 2016</b>
<b>Presented By:</b>	<b>Joulia Whittleton, Chief Administrative Officer</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Seeking Input for Capital Plan Priorities (ADDITION)</b>

## **BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:**

Mackenzie County has been contacted by MLA Jabbour as they are currently determining infrastructure priorities for the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation.

The Capital Plan priorities must be in-line with the government's three guiding pillars, for future consideration. The three pillars are as follows:

- Supports the key social programs and services that government provide to Albertans.
- Supports economic development in the province.
- Supports environmental outcomes.

Capital priorities include new and expansion projects that will: support the ongoing delivery and/or enhancement of programs and services provided by government, maintenance funding to restore an existing asset to its functional condition or to extend its useful life; and funding for capital grants.

Council must provide sufficient detail to allow Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation of the projects' merits and state of readiness for funding consideration. This will allow MLA Debbie Jabbour to better advocate for those projects.

## **OPTIONS & BENEFITS:**

This would provide Mackenzie County an opportunity to take a thoughtful and prudent approach for the planning and implementation of priority capital projects and programs.

The following are suggestions for submission:

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1. Transportation development:
  - a. Highway 58 extension to Fort Nelsen, British Columbia (provincial)
  - b. Zama Road (municipal)
  - c. P5 East Peace Resources Road (provincial or municipal?)
  - d. A new bridge across Peace River at Tompkins (replace the ferry/ice bridge)
  - e. Reestablishing Resource Road funding for municipalities (Zama Road, HWY88 Connector Road second lift on ~15 km)
  - f. Reestablishing Bridge funding for municipalities (many municipalities would have "shovel ready" projects in this area)
  
2. The priorities document that was developed during AT's consultation on their transportation priorities (was shared with our past provincial government)

The Community Resilience Program (Buffalo Head Prairie Application) was mentioned as well. Unfortunately this is a different Ministry and our input is sought for the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transportation.

**COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

NA

**SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:**

NA

**COMMUNICATION:**

MLA Debbie Jabbour has requested a deadline date of Friday January 29, 2016, to accommodate this request.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Simple Majority       Requires 2/3       Requires Unanimous

For discussion.

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