



**Mackenzie County**

# REQUEST FOR DECISION

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Regular Council Meeting</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>November 15, 2022</b>
<b>Presented By:</b>	<b>Jennifer Batt, Director of Finance</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Fort Vermilion Mitigation Construction update – 2020 Overland Flood (STANDING ITEM)</b>

## BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

### *Residents:*

Administration was only able to meet with a few residents this past month to finalize some relocations or land transactions. With administrations workload primarily being budget, and operations, additional meetings that did not have time restraints could not be scheduled in the past month.

Some residents continue to run into roadblocks with banks for mortgage transfers. Administration continues to provide as much assistance as possible to support the residents.

### *Public Auction:*

Administration has been in contact with a local auction company to review the structures and items that will be available for Public auction. The recommendation is to host an auction late winter for these items, and not incorporate them into another auction. Administration is still working on details and dates for this to be undertaken, and adding inventory to the auction as transactions close.

### *Name the Neighbourhood:*

In August, Council approved the “Name the Neighborhoods” campaign to support community consultation on the new development. The campaign was posted on social media, County website, and at the get to know you night in Fort Vermilion. The naming campaign has received some submissions, which closed on October 26th, 2022, and the submissions will be presented during today’s Council meeting.

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*Community Enhancement Donation:*

As previously reported, Samaritans Purse was provided donation funding to assist in some of the community development. It was identified the need for cohesive street address signs, as some properties do not have addresses currently, or the old address remains on the homes. The new address signs are fabricated from black powder coated metal and will be installed with white reflective backing so that the signs will be visible in the dark, for a safety factor. Signs for Phase 1 have been ordered, with the anticipation of Phase 2, 3 & 4 once further development is undertaken. Attached is the final draft of the new address signs that will be provided to each of the relocated homes.

*Project Management System:*

It was identified that in order to ensure all parties involved in this undertaking were most up to date on each phase of development, Samaritans Purse initiated the search and found a project management system which administration approved to coordinate and organize each location.

This project system ensures the information gathered is site specific, clearly identifiable, capability to include permits, site layouts, location maps, quotes, tenders, contact information, and pictures for reference, and any other information that is identified.

Samaritans Purse is in the process of gathering existing information from administration, and through site visits with residents. This information will be accessible to administration, Samaritans Purse, and project managers to assist with Mitigation. Additional data will continue to be gathered in the winter months, including a team training on the system. All personal files, contracts, and private information will not be included in this system to ensure privacy of individuals.

Samaritans Purse will be providing a short demonstration of the systems capabilities, and information gathered to date. Administration is very enthusiastic to use this system, as it can only benefit the program going forward.

*Site Construction:*

**Phase 1** – 6.37 acres - 16 lots developed – 15 homes on site.  
15 lots have been spoken for, 1 large swing site was developed for commercial or multiplex site. Construction of all sites complete with the exception of the multiplex site which is currently unallocated.

**Phase 2** – 28.05 acres – 53+4 lots under development – 43 sites have been allocated, with the remaining 14 still to be assigned with further discussion with residents. Delays in electric supplies, but installation was started in the last 3 weeks. Transformer installation delayed due to supply and installation. Relocation of residents delayed until spring.

**Phase 3** – 13.95 acres - 14 lots under development – 14 lots allocated  
Delays in electric supplies, and installation has delayed the relocation of residents.

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Council visited the Phase 2 & 3 site developments on October 17<sup>th</sup>, and administration has followed up with the contractor on any changes identified.

Tenders for services to support the relocation of residents to Phase 2 & 3 to be developed over in the coming months, and tendered for relocation as soon as possible in the spring.

**Phase 4** – 61.38 acres - lots, and size to be engineered in winter 2022 into 2023 based on demand, resident discussions, and zoning.

**Commercial** – 2.55 acres – 6 lots developed – 1 lot allocated

**Buttertown** – Road construction complete. Lot development underway, including water well, and septic tank installations. Gas has been installed in 2 of the 4 sites required, with the remaining 2 to be installed in the spring. Awaiting utility right away approval for electric services to begin.

**Beaver Ranch** – Unfortunately due to land being unavailable to assist the resident, the meetings and relocation options have been challenging. As there is no land available to purchase by the landowner, he does not feel that he can take part in the mitigation program currently.

\*Update, and additional information regarding construction, will be presented during the meeting.\*

**OPTIONS & BENEFITS:**

N/A

**COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Conditional Grant Agreement Funding

**SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:**

N/A

**COMMUNICATION / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

N/A

**POLICY REFERENCES:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Simple Majority       Requires 2/3       Requires Unanimous

That the Fort Vermilion Mitigation Construction update – 2020 Overland Flood report of November 15, 2022 be received for information.

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Posted on Social Media week of November 6th



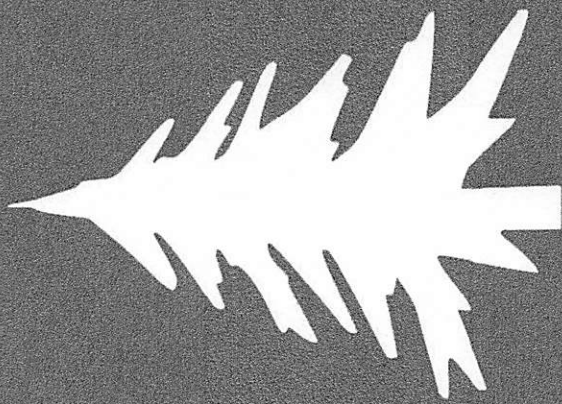
# Fort Vermilion Relocation Development Delays Phase 2 & Phase 3

Due to ongoing delays in transformers and supplies the ability to survey lots for title registrations have been delayed.



In the near future the County will begin scheduling meetings with landowners and continue discussions on relocation from the flood plain.

Thank you for your continued patience.



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