



## MACKENZIE COUNTY

### REQUEST FOR DECISION

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Regular Council Meeting</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>August 26, 2013</b>
<b>Presented By:</b>	<b>Joulia Whittleton, Chief Administrative Officer</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Peace Officers – Town of Rainbow Lake Proposal</b>

**BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:**

Council directed administration to seek potential contracts with the neighboring municipalities for enforcement services and in particular Peace Officers patrols for the Hamlet of La Crete.

As directed, administration sent letters to the Towns of High Level and Rainbow Lake. No formal response was received from the Town, although Dean Krause, CAO of the Town of High Level has verbally indicated that the Town is not currently in a position to share this service with the County.

The Town of Rainbow Lake, however, submitted a proposal to the County for contracting a Peace Officer from the Town on cost recovery basis.

**OPTIONS & BENEFITS:**

The County requested that the patrols will be two to three days per week between the hours of 4:00 pm and 11:00 pm on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The Town is in the process of finalizing an employment contract with an experienced candidate that also has photo radar training. The Town owns photo-radar. There is definitely an advantage for the County to work with the Town due to the expected cost savings in comparison of the County establishing this service on its own. Meanwhile it is expected that the County will be obtaining a quality, professional service during the hours of the most reported disturbance in the Hamlet of La Crete.

Administration recommends that Council discusses the terms of this contract: a set term vs. a set term with extension vs. a continuous contract with an appropriate exit clause.

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**COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

As indicated in the Town of Rainbow Lake's letter, the Town supports a contract on a cost recovery basis.

It was indicated that the potential start date for the contract is November 1, 2013. Since the County did not have the enhanced positions for the full year in 2013. There will be funds to cover the two months expense in 2013. This will also provide a good indication of approximate monthly time commitment and associated costs for 2014 budgeting purpose.

**COMMUNICATION:**

An introduction of this new service can be provided through a County Image article.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

That administration be directed to draft a contract for sharing a Peace Officer service with the Town of Rainbow Lake on a cost recovery basis effective November 1, 2013 for Council's review.

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August 23, 2013

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Dear Joulia:

**RE: PEACE OFFICERS**

The Town of Rainbow Lake Council reviewed your request for 'contracting out' our peace officers to Mackenzie County for the purpose of commencing two to three day patrols in the Hamlet of La Crete. The Town of Rainbow Lake Council has approved this request and in the spirit of Regional Collaboration instructed Rainbow Lake administration to coordinate this contract on a solely cost recovery basis.

The Town of Rainbow Lake will be welcoming to the Rainbow Lake Municipal team Darcy Nundhal as a new Peace Officer for the Town. Darcy has been informed that this agreement may be a requirement of his employment with the Town of Rainbow Lake and is looking forward to working with our partners.

As Darcy will need to receive his full appointment from the Solicitor General and certifications up to date, the start date of this agreement would likely fall into November 2013. Darcy is fully trained and certified in many areas including Radar/Lidar for traffic enforcement. A full list of his education and certifications can be found attached to this letter.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to me at [dfletcher@rainbowlake.ca](mailto:dfletcher@rainbowlake.ca) or 1-780-956-3934.

Thank You for your time,

Sincerely,

Dan Fletcher  
CAO, Town of Rainbow Lake