



## **COUNCIL MEETING (Additions)**

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**August 14, 2019**

**10:00 a.m.**

**County of Stettler No. 6  
Administration Building  
Council Chambers**

# County of Stettler No. 6 Council Meeting

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*Held Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the County of  
Stettler No. 6 Office (Council Chambers), Stettler, AB*

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# Request for Decision

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## Agenda Item: Road Construction Request

### Rge. Rd. 19-5 North of Twp. Rd. 37-2

#### Issue

A ratepayer has requested road construction through a wetland.

#### Recommendation (Options)

1. That the County of Stettler No. 6 Council direct administration to start process to construct Rge. Rd. 19-5 to County standard from Twp. Rd. 37-2 800 meters (1/2 mile) north.
2. That the County of Stettler No. 6 Council direct administration to continue maintaining the road.

#### General

The County has received requests from a ratepayer to upgrade this piece of road to accommodate his equipment. The existing road trail grade across the wetland is about 5 meters (16.5 ft) wide sharp shoulder to sharp shoulder with a significant wetland with water level within 2 feet off the surface generally. The remaining road / trail south to Twp. Rd. 37-2 has some higher banks and trees reducing width – but generally wider than the 5 meters wetland crossing.

In order to complete the construction, the following process and timetable would be required if pursued aggressively:

Survey and design	Late August 2019
Wetland assessment	September / October 2019
Regulatory review and approvals	November 2019 – May 2020
Construction	Summer 2020

#### Financial

This is not in the 2019 budget, but construction costs can be added to the 2020 budget. Funds for wetland assessment and mitigation in 2019 are not budgeted and could be in the order of \$30,000 to \$50,000 with construction costs over and above. Council would need to provide direction on the source of 2019 funding.

#### Policy/Legislation

Under the authority of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, Section 248 (1) A municipality may only make expenditure that is: (a) included in an operating budget, interim operating budget or capital budget or otherwise authorized by the Council.

#### Strategic Plan Linkages

Not Applicable – issue comes from a ratepayer request.

#### Implementation/Communication

Upon option approval, administration will commence on required actions including informing the ratepayer of Council's decision.

**Target Decision Date**

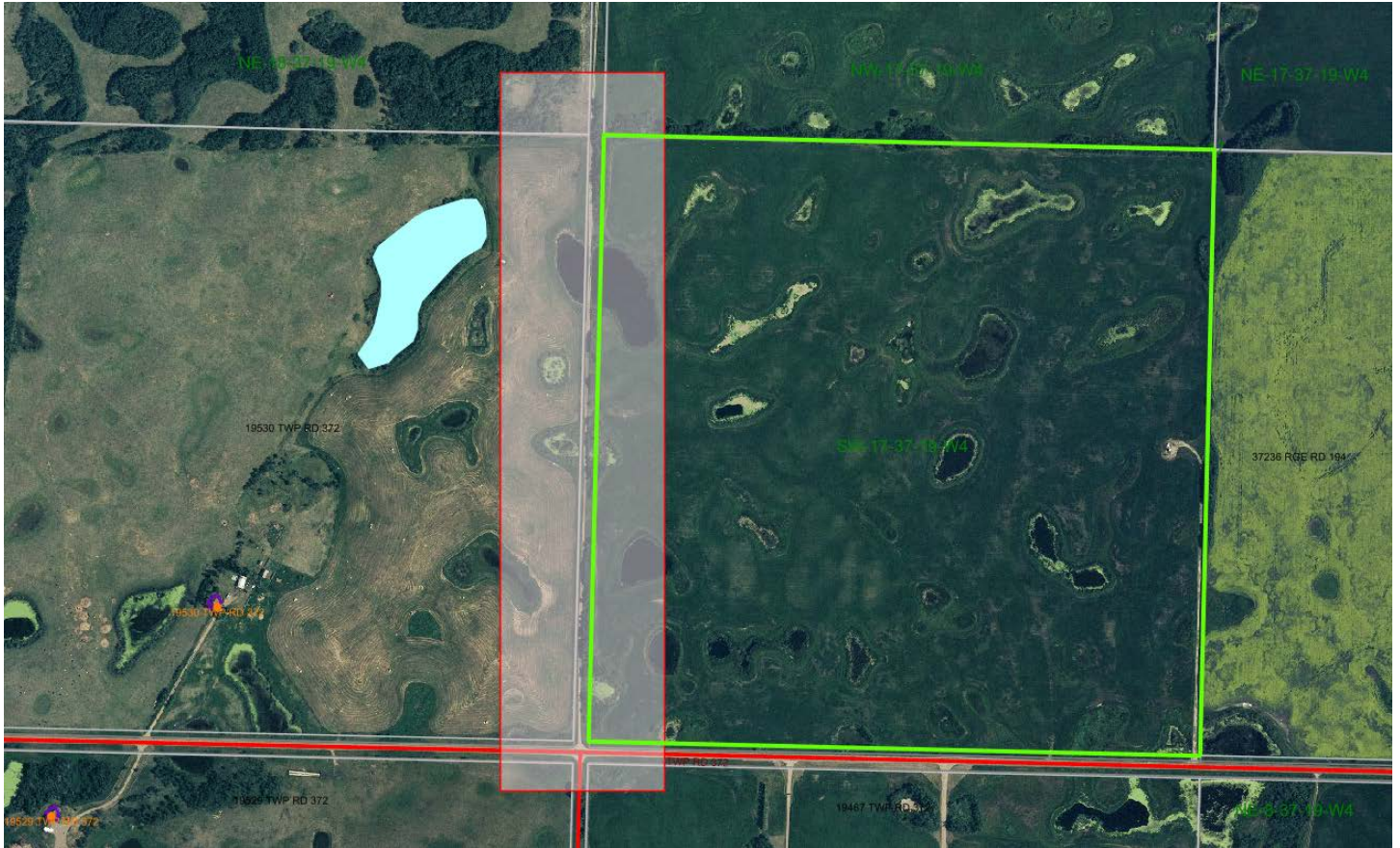
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# Community Peace Officer Authorization to Include 1 & 2 Digit Primary Highways

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**Date:**

July 30, 2019

**Expiry Date:**

December 1, 2021

**Active Status:**

Active

**Sponsors:**

County of Stettler No. 6

**District:**

2 - Central

**Year:**

2019

**Convention:**

**Category:**

Community Services

**Status:**

**Vote Results:**

**Preamble:**

- WHEREAS rural municipalities employ Community Peace Officers (CPO) (Level 1) under the *Peace Officer Act*; and
- WHEREAS Peace Officers have jurisdiction to enforce the Traffic Safety Act and Regulations on 3 digit primary highways in Alberta; and
- WHEREAS Peace Officers do not currently have access to enforce Traffic Safety Act and Regulations on 1 or 2 digit Primary Highways in Alberta; and
- WHEREAS employers are responsible for drafting policy that can allow/restrict authorization on 1 or 2 digit Primary Highways for Peace Officers as necessary.

**Operative Clause:**

- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Municipalities of Alberta request that Alberta Justice and Solicitor General work with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and any other Ministry necessary, to allow access for Community Peace Officers to enforce the Traffic Safety Act and Regulations on Primary 1 or 2 digit Highways Centre. This will allow access to

Community Peace Officers for proactive and preventative level of enforcement to enhance the safety of Alberta roadways.

#### Member Background:

- The County of Stettler No. 6 employs 3 Community Peace Officers.
- The County of Stettler No. 6 is a member of the Alberta Association of Community Peace Officers.
- The Alberta Association of Community Peace Officers represents over 105 Alberta authorized employers with more than 400 Community Peace Officers.
- There are numerous occasions where Community Peace Officers must travel on 1 and 2 digit Primary Highways, whether attending a complaint, going to court, travelling to and from work, etc.
- While traveling on 1 and 2 digit Primary Highways Community Peace Officers frequently observe serious traffic violations that put the general public at risk and because of the limitations on their appointments are unable to intervene to stop the hazardous driving offences or prevent them from continuing to occur.
- Community Peace Officers can currently relay information on the serious traffic violations to the police of jurisdiction to intercept the violator however the police service frequently does not have the available resources or in the area of the violation to effect timely enforcement.
- Public perception surrounding Community Peace Officers addressing violations when occurred in front of them is the expectation that enforcement action be taken to prevent the continuation of the offence.
- The Alberta Association of Community Peace Officers has submitted a business plan and results of a traffic study in support of expanded highway authority for Community Peace Officers to the Alberta Justice and Solicitor General in December 2016.
- References
  1. Alberta Association of Community Peace Officers (June 2016) Primary Highway Business Plan.
  2. Alberta Justice and Solicitor General (May 2019) Public Security Division response letter.

#### RMA Background:

- RMA has no active resolutions directly related to this issue.

#### Government Response:

- Alberta Justice and Solicitor General
- Requests for changes in policy that may result in significant changes to the authority of peace officers, that will also impact authorized employers' management of needs and liability related to their peace officer service, must be submitted to the Director of Law Enforcement through the associations representing the elected municipal officials, specifically the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association and the Rural Municipalities of Alberta.

Development:

- The Government of Alberta response indicates an ongoing collaborative effort between the Alberta Justice and Solicitor General to ensure that community peace officers have authorization to include 1 & 2 digit Primary Highways.
- The Government of Alberta requests submission through the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association and the Rural Municipalities of Alberta to commence a full review of the request.

Provincial Ministries:

Justice and Solicitor General

Provincial Boards and Organizations: