

**MEETING DATE: AUGUST 21, 2018**

# **BRIEFING NOTE - TO COUNCIL**

## **SUBJECT**

**MORNING GOLD SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE SYSTEM CONSULTATIONS – For Information**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the County of Vermilion River receive the proposed methods for public engagement on the Morning Gold Subdivision Drainage System for information.

## **DETAILS**

**Background:** At the June 26, 2018 Council meeting, Council had provided direction to administration to bring back suggestions of how to engage the public prior to council approval of the modification taking place on Morning Gold's stormwater system.

Administrations method of Public Engagement would to be either hold an open house or provide each resident a letter outlining the construction work to take place with a short survey.

The open house can be held in Blackfoot for a cost of hall rental and invite all the residences in and surrounding the residential subdivision of Morning Gold. The Open house would be to provide an understanding of house the system currently functions and the modification that are proposed to take place should the County proceed with construction. The input from those that attend the open house session would be provided back to council for direction and budget approval of the construction works.

The other method of public engagement would be to provide a letter to the residents of Morning Gold subdivision and surrounding lands outlining the stormwater system and it function. The letter will also provide the residences with information on the modifications the County of Vermilion River would like to perform on the stormwater systems and the impacts on the current drainage system. Administration would also include a short survey to obtain feedback from those that are notified in and around Morning Gold.

These two methods of Public Engagement are in-line with the County of Vermilion River's Policy AD-027 – Public Engagement



**Discussion:** Administration will use current policies and regulations to engage the public and provide information on modifications to the stormwater system that will assist in providing better drainage to the residential subdivision and area.

**Relevant Policy/Legislation Practices:** Water Act, Stormwater guidelines, County of Vermilion River Policies and Bylaws

**Desired Outcome (s):** THAT the County of Vermilion River receive administrations method of public engagement as information and bring back results of public engagement to a future council meeting prior to any construction taking place.

**Response Options:** THAT the County of Vermilion River receive administrations method of public engagement as information and bring back results of public engagement to a future council meeting prior to any construction taking place.

## IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION

**Organizational:** Public Works and Planning & Development work together to engage the public

**Financial:** rental cost of hosting an open house or mailing costs for letter and survey

**Communication Required:** notification to the residences of Morning Gold and surrounding lands

**Implementation:** Public Works and Planning & Development to work on information to be provided.

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