



Request for Decision

Regular Council Meeting

June 4, 2024

Report prepared by: Shanna Pierson, Executive Assistant

Wheatland Housing Management Body Mediation Request

Recommendation from Administration

THAT Council accept the Wheatland Housing Management Body Mediation Request as information.

Chief Administrative Officer's Comments

N/A

Report

Division County-wide

On May 21, 2024, Administration received the following attached correspondence from the Wheatland Housing Management Body (WHMB) requesting a mediator between the two parties. The request stems from the governance review that was conducted in the summer of 2023 and identified by their consultant. The County is not obligated to undertake mediation; however it would be advisable to consider the request.

Relevant Policies, Practices, and Legislation

N/A

Alignment with the Strategic Plan

The mediation request aligns with the strategic goal of maintaining positive and collaborative relationships with key stakeholders, ensuring effective governance, and resolving conflicts constructively.

Response Options

Option 1: THAT the proposed recommendation is accepted/approved.

Option 2: THAT the proposed recommendation is not accepted/approved.

Option 3: THAT an alternate recommendation is accepted/approved.

Implications of Recommendation

General

Accepting the mediation request demonstrates a commitment to conflict resolution.

Organizational

Engaging in mediation may require coordination and time commitment from Council and Administration.

Financial

Costs associated with engaging a third-party mediator would need to be considered and potentially shared between WHMB and Wheatland County. The WHMB has not mentioned how the costs of the mediator would be funded. The WHMB has requisitioning power over the municipalities in the region, therefore, ultimately the County would be funding for some of this expenditure regardless of the cost funding formula.

Environmental, Staff, and Public Safety

N/A

Follow-up Action / Communications

Follow-up based on Council direction/decision.

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:



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May 21st, 2024

Attention: CAO Brian Henderson

Wheatland Housing Management Body Board of Directors wishes to comply with the recommended action as outlined in the WHMB's Governance Review Plan and engage a third party to mediate the ongoing conflict between Wheatland Housing Management Body and Wheatland County Council.

WHMB Board of Directors **Resolution 44-05-21** directs administration to send a letter to Wheatland County to express interest in engaging a third-party mediator to mediate the ongoing conflict between Wheatland County and Wheatland Housing Management Board.

If the Wheatland County agrees to Wheatland Housing Management Bodies request a third-party mediator would be mutually agreed upon.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in presenting this request to the Wheatland County Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

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