



Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87

Request for Decision (RFD)

Meeting: Regular Meeting of Council
Meeting Date: August 27, 2024
Originated By: Susan Walker, General Manager of Corporate Services
Title: 2023 Municipal Indicators – Alberta Municipal Affairs

PROPOSAL & BACKGROUND

Alberta Municipal Affairs annually reports a performance measure that identifies the percentage of municipalities that are deemed to “not face” potential long term viability challenges based on their financial and governance indicators. This performance indicator is used as a benchmark to ensure Albertans live in viable municipalities and communities with responsible, collaborative and accountable local governments.

DISCUSSION ON BENEFITS, DISADVANTAGES & OPTIONS

The performance measure is based on an analysis of 13 municipal indicators. Each of the indicators has a defined benchmark. A municipality is deemed to “not face” potential long term viability challenges if it flags 1 critical indicator or 3 or more non-critical indicators.

The M.D. of Bonnyville did not meet the threshold for one non-critical indicator for the 2023 fiscal year. This indicator relates to infrastructure age and tells us that the net book value of the municipality’s tangible capital assets is less than 40% of the original cost. The M.D.’s result is 32.75%, well below the expected result of more than 40%. This means that the municipality is not replacing existing assets on a regular basis.

Alberta Municipal Affairs recommends that the Council considers conducting a study of municipal infrastructure to ensure that future service requirements can be met. The M.D. is currently implementing an asset management program which will essentially provide the M.D. with the evidence-based data and the financial capacity to move forward in addressing this issue.

Attached for Council’s review:

- Appendix A - Municipal Affairs - Municipal Indicators Listing

REFERENCE TO STRATEGIC PLAN

N/A

REFERENCE TO PROVINCIAL/FEDERAL LEGISLATION

N/A

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING

N/A

COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

This report is posted on the M.D. of Bonnyville website under Council Agenda for August 27, 2024.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDED ACTION

THAT Council accepts the 2023 Municipal Indicators report as presented for information.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

1. THAT Council accepts the 2023 Municipal Indicators report as presented for information.
2. THAT Council refers the 2023 Municipal Indicators report back to Administration for additional information regarding the _____ and bring back to a future meeting of Council.

Report Approval Details

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| Document Title: | 2023 Municipal Indicators.docx |
| Attachments: | - Appendix A - Municipal Affairs - Municipal Indicators Report.pdf |
| Final Approval Date: | Jul 31, 2024 |

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

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