



News Release

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BRAZEAU COUNTY AND TOWN OF DRAYTON VALLEY RESOLVE ANNEXATION DISPUTE

BRAZEAU COUNTY AND DRAYTON VALLEY, ALBERTA – Following more than a decade of disagreement between Brazeau County and the Town of Drayton Valley, the two municipalities have resolved to “grow together” by entering an annexation settlement agreement. The agreement provides for sufficient land for the Town to grow far into the future; and a commitment by both parties to grow together in a sustainable manner. The Town and County will sign a memorandum of understanding which will lead to the development of an Inter-Municipal Cooperation Agreement. That agreement will undertake the exploration and development of a number of initiatives such as, but not limited to:

- ✓ Economic development opportunities
- ✓ Water and wastewater treatment systems
- ✓ Recreational facilities and programming
- ✓ Land use planning

The agreement also commits the County and the Town to development of a Growth Management Plan which meets the needs of both parties

Both municipalities made a significant investment in detailed analysis in the lead up to the annexation merit hearing. This investment is not wasted as it will be used to build the future together. The Town and the County would have spent considerable resources at the upcoming

hearing. Instead, both municipalities have decided to use those resources more wisely to focus on the preparation of an Inter-municipal Cooperation Agreement.

“We’ve offered a solution to work toward a sustainable future for our region,” said Reeve Wes Tweedle. While the current agreement only includes the County and the Town, Tweedle said he hoped to include the Village of Breton in the future.

“This creates a great opportunity to set a new and sustainable direction for the Town of Drayton Valley,” said Mayor Moe Hamdon. “Now the real work begins to implement this agreement and keep things moving forward. These are very exciting times.”

Both the Mayor and the Reeve said the agreement had been reached with the best interests of the ratepayers of the Town and the County being foremost in the minds of both Councils.

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