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**Brazeau County and Rogers Communications enter into Memorandum of Understanding**

Drayton Valley, Alberta, Dec 9, 2014 — Brazeau County’s Rural Communications Strategy continues to move forward as County Council authorized entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Rogers Communications Inc. during the December 2, 2014 Council Meeting.

Brazeau County positions rural communications as a means for future economic diversification and building community capacity and considers it a key survival mechanism. The utility communication towers are designed to allow multiple service providers to collocate on a single tower, effectively reducing the initial capital investment for each provider.

Brenda Christie, Director of Corporate Services provided an overview to Council about the benefits of entering into this Memorandum of Understanding. Further, she explained “this is a significant step forward in cooperation with service providers to work collaboratively in providing improved connectivity for rural Albertans. “

Parkland County recently signed an MOU with Rogers for the co-location on each other’s towers. As a member of the Alberta Rural Communications Alliance (ARCA), Brazeau County has been afforded the opportunity to utilize the same agreement, making us the second of the member alliance to sign with this service provider.