

**Notice of Motion:**           **To be read in at the September 7, 2021, Council Meeting**  
  
  **To be debated at the September 14, 2021, Council Meeting**

**Title:**                           **Implementing a spruce budworm study to determine the best approach for future management of the spruce budworm infestation in RVC**

**Presented By:**               Councillor Kamachi, Division 1  
  Reeve Henn, Division 7

**WHEREAS**                       over the last few years, an infestation of spruce budworm has been detected on trees in and around the Greater Bragg Creek area. Spruce budworm is a native moth, which primarily attacks spruce (white, black, Colorado) and balsam fir trees in Alberta. It is a wasteful feeder on current year needle growth;

**AND WHEREAS**               Rocky View County conducted a survey in early June to estimate the spruce budworm population density in and around the Hamlet of Bragg Creek. This survey will be used to assess future risk of the spruce budworm;

**AND WHEREAS**               the destruction of spruce trees in the Greater Bragg Creek area could increase the fuel load should a wildfire incident occur;

**AND WHEREAS**               Redwood Meadows conducted two aerial applications of BTK in June to help eradicate the spruce budworm population and RVC is monitoring the outcome, it should be noted that this may or may not be a potential solution but should be one of the directions to determine its effectiveness;

**AND WHEREAS**               on July 6th, Reeve Henn and Councillor Kamachi attended a Bragg Creek resident’s town hall to listen to residents’ concerns and get feedback from residents to take back to Administration;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Administration be directed to research and develop, with associated costs and timelines, a spruce budworm strategy to manage the threat of deforestation as a result of spruce budworm activity, with a report to brought back to Council for its consideration by the end of November, 2021.