

## LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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**TO:** Council  
**DATE:** July 13, 2021  
**FILE:** N/A  
**SUBJECT:** Development Cooperation MOU between the Village of Beiseker and Rocky View County

**DIVISION:** All  
**APPLICATION:** N/A

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### POLICY DIRECTION:

On December 5, 2019, Bill 25 amended the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA) and provided municipalities with the option to opt-out of the requirement to complete an Intermunicipal Development Plan, if both Councils agreed.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the October 15, 2020, Intermunicipal Committee (IMC) meeting, Administrations were directed to pursue a development-related memorandum of understanding (MOU) rather than an Intermunicipal Development Plan. A Council resolution confirming this direction was passed on March 9, 2021.

The area in Rocky View County adjacent to Beiseker is primarily zoned for agriculture. The Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework, passed by Council on February 24, 2020, provides a mechanism for discussion and dispute resolution, and also identifies shared services.

At the direction of IMC, Administration drafted a MOU with counterparts from Beiseker to further strengthen collaboration on development-related issues. The MOU outlines communication, dispute resolution and development circulation protocols. It contains a section on mitigating intermunicipal impacts, which concerns stormwater issues, tax-sharing arrangements and commits the County to encouraging nearby development to locate within the Village.

The MOU was reviewed and approved in principle by IMC on May 20, 2021, and has received a legal review. Minor changes arising from the legal review were agreed upon with Village Administration. It is Administration's assessment that this MOU will strengthen cooperation between the municipalities, and that there are minimal risks associated with adopting the MOU. The Village will be bringing this agreement to their Council for ratification on July 4, 2021.

### ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval in accordance with Option #1.

### BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

There are no budget implications at this time.

### OPTIONS:

- Option #1                      THAT the Development Cooperation Memorandum of Understanding between Rocky View County and the Village of Beiseker (Attachment 'A') be approved.
- Option #2                      THAT alternative direction be provided.

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### Administration Resources

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Respectfully submitted,

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**ATTACHMENT:** Attachment ‘A’ – Development Cooperation MOU between Village of Beiseker and Rocky View County