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Town and County to continue as partners in Fire Service

Fire mediation discussions have resulted in a framework to modernize our joint regional fire agreement.

The County of Stettler and the Town of Stettler fire mediation discussions have resulted in reaching a mutually acceptable framework for the benefit of both the County and Town of Stettler.

The County and Town will continue to support a joint Regional Fire Department together.

The County will begin making preparations to recruit a new County Fire Chief, with the Town maintaining a Town Fire Chief. Together, the Town and County will employ a new Manager of Regional Fire Services who will supervise, coordinate and support the Town and County Fire Chiefs, and make recommendations to each municipality's CAO's.

The County and Town would like to thank Municipal Affairs for their support of this mediation process and thank the Mediation Committee for negotiating this resolution in good faith.

Throughout negotiations, the Town and County have remained committed to negotiating a fair and equitable resolution for the benefit of our communities and citizens as a whole. The County of Stettler and the Town of Stettler have enjoyed the benefits of the previous joint regional fire agreement since 2007.

"We are very happy to have reached resolution for our fire service agreement and we feel confident moving forward that both Town and County residents will continue to receive outstanding fire protection services. We wish to thank our partners at the Town of Stettler for joining us in mediation discussions, ensuring we are both able to continue providing an excellent and efficient joint regional service to our region."

Larry Clarke, REEVE for the County of Stettler No. 6

"We feel that this Memorandum of Understanding will modernize upon our previous agreement to account for the differences in rural and urban firefighting, and will safeguard our already exceptional fire services. We look forward to continuing our working relationship with the

County of Stettler as we proceed with this process.”

Sean Nolls, MAYOR for the Town of Stettler

Going forward, we'll be negotiating a new long-form agreement that will outline how we develop levels of service, responsibilities of the Chiefs & Manager, plus establishing a modernized Fire Advisory Committee.