

Council Package

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**AGENDA
TOWN OF LAMONT
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
June 8, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND RELATED BUSINESS

1.1. CALL TO ORDER

1.2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1.3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

1.4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1.4.1 May 25, 2021 Minutes

2. CLOSED SESSION

2.1. Personnel

FOIP Section 17 – Disclosure Harmful to Personal Privacy

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1. MOTION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF DELEGATION

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1. Town of Falher: Support for the RCMP

4.2. Village of Rycroft: Support for the RCMP

4.3. Town of Mayerthorpe: Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Provincial Policing

4.4. Improvement District No. 9: Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS)

4.5. Smoky Lake County: Letter of Support to retain the RCMP in Alberta

4.6. Chipman and Lamont Bus/Train Memorial Committee – Invitation to Participate

4.7. EIPS Quarterly Update June 2021

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. Bylaw 02/21 Elections Bylaw

5.2. Highway 15 Functional Planning Study

6. REPORTS

6.1. Mayor & Council

6.2. CAO

6.3. Director, Operations & Infrastructure

6.4. Finance

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

7.1. Proposed Alberta Coal Restriction Policy

8. ADJOURNMENT



**Town of Lamont
May 25, 2021
Regular Meeting of Council**

HELD BY ZOOM MEETINGS

PRESENT:	Bill Skinner	Mayor
	Jody Foulds	Councillor
	Kirk Perrin	Councillor
	Al Harvey	Councillor
	David Taylor	Councillor
	Perry Koroluk	Councillor
	Christine Beveridge	Chief Administrative Officer
	Dawn Nielsen	Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
	Tyler Edworthy	Director, Operations & Infrastructure
	Jaclyn Ponto	Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER AND RELATED BUSINESS:

Call to Order: Mayor Skinner: called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

- Addition of Closed Session - Personnel
FOIP Section 17 – Disclosure Harmful to Personal Privacy
- Amend item 1.4.1 to read May 11, 2021 Minutes

MOTION: 120/21 Councillor Koroluk: That the Council Agenda be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

- a) Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2021

MOTION: 121/21 Councillor Perrin: That the Minutes of the May 11, 2021 Council Meeting be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

b) Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes – May 4, 2021

MOTION: 122/21 Councillor Taylor: That the Minutes of the May 4, 2021 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Town of Claresholm: Proposed Provincial Police Service
- Town of Raymond: Alberta Provincial Police Service
- Town of Redcliff: Support for the RCMP
- Town of Tofield to MP Kurek: Rural Alberta Vaccine Provision
- Town of Tofield to Minister Shandro: Rural Alberta Vaccine Provision
- Lamont Health Care Centre Meeting Minutes – April 22, 2021
- Alberta Municipal Affairs MSI Funding Letter
- Town of High River – Proposed Alberta Coal Restriction Policy

MOTION: 123/21 Councillor Taylor: That Council accept the correspondence as information.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Asset Management Framework Report

MOTION: 124/21 Councillor Perrin: That Council accept the Asset Management Framework Report as information.

CARRIED

Bike Park Naming Request

MOTION: 125/21 Councillor Foulds: That Administration work with Cena Danyluk and the Parks and Recreation Committee to place a bench or other memorial item in the Bike Park, adhering to Policy #72-08 Park Sponsorship, Donation and Memorial Contributions.

CARRIED

60th Anniversary Bus/Train Accident Memorial Request

MOTION: 126/21 Councillor Taylor: That Council approve the request by the Chipman and Lamont Bus/Train Memorial Committee to erect a monument in the Queens Monument Park contingent on a proposed drawing be submitted to Administration for approval.

CARRIED

Tax Levy Reduction Request – Heartcreek Lamont Estate Ltd.

MOTION: 127/21 Councillor Harvey: That Council accept the letter as information and to not grant a tax reduction.

CARRIED

June is Recreation and Parks Month Proclamation

MOTION: 128/21 Councillor Perrin: That Council proclaim that “June is Recreation and Parks Month”.

CARRIED

Appointment of Interim CAO

MOTION: 129/21 Councillor Koroluk: That Council appoint Dawn Nielsen as Interim Chief Administrative Officer effective May 29, 2021.

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION:

- **Interim CAO**
 - *FOIP Section 17 – Disclosure Harmful to Personal Privacy*
 - *FOIP Section 19 – Confidential evaluations for employment, contracts or other benefits*
- **Personnel**
 - *FOIP Section 17 – Disclosure Harmful to Personal Privacy*

MOTION: 130/21 Councillor Perrin: That Council convene in closed session pursuant to Section 197 of the *Municipal Government Act* to meet in private to discuss matters protected from disclosure by Section 17 and 19 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* at 8:09 p.m.

CARRIED

MOTION: 131/21 Councillor Perrin: That Council revert to regular Council meeting session at 8:41 p.m.

CARRIED

MOTIONS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION:

MOTION: 132/21 Councillor Taylor: That Council direct Administration to proceed as directed in the Closed Session.

CARRIED

REPORTS:

Council Reports:

Mayor Skinner Written report attached.

Councillor Taylor Attended the Lamont High School Parent Advisory Council and Foundation meeting on May 17, 2021. The High School nutrition program is looking for fundraising ideas and businesses to help support the program. Doing education sessions at the Bike Park now that it is open, how to ride safely, enforcing mandatory helmets. Rainy/snowy weather has made the Bike park mucky. Outdoor park cannot control everything.

Councillor Harvey Nothing to report.

Councillor Koroluk Nothing to report.

Councillor Perrin Nothing to report.

Councillor Foulds Nothing to report.

MOTION: 133/21 Councillor Perrin: That Council accept the reports as presented.

CARRIED

NOTICES OF MOTION:

Alberta Coal Restriction Policy

MOTION: 134/21 Councillor Taylor: That Town of Lamont supports the proposed Alberta Coal Restriction Policy as per the correspondence from the Community of High River. This item is to be brought back at the June 8, 2021 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Skinner adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

CLOSED SESSION NOTICE

2.1 Personnel

- *FOIP Section 17 - Disclosure Harmful to Personal Privacy*



Town of
Ville de **FALHER**
"Honey Capital of Canada"

Agenda Item: 4.1

May 20, 2021

Honourable Kaycee Madu
Minister of Justice and Solicitor General
424 Legislature Building
10800-97 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6

RE: Town of Falher Support for the RCMP

Dear Minister Madu,

This letter is presented as a token of support on behalf of the Town of Falher towards the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and also as a motion of opposition to the Provincial Government's recent proposal for an Alberta Provincial Police Force.

Upon review of information made available by AUMA it has become abundantly clear to our entire council that blindly forging forward would come at an enormous cost to our province, and specifically its residents. The newly established Police Funding Model has already delivered a hit to small rural urban municipal budgets with a relatively small impact felt in terms of day to day deliverables in our communities. Continuing with a Provincial Police Force would come at an exorbitant cost with no assurance with a benefit in service.

Just today, S&P Global Ratings has downgraded Alberta's credit rating from 'A+' to 'A' while cautioning that additional downgrades in the near future are very possible if new fiscal measures are not adopted in a post-COVID19 Alberta. The exploration of an Alberta based Police Force was merely financial as there is no evidence suggesting a dissatisfaction with the quality of service offered by the RCMP to the magnitude that would warrant such an expense. To ask any and all residents of this province to fund such an ill-advised endeavour can only be viewed as an un-sound decision based on an act of ignoring facts, and more importantly, the voice of Albertans.

With the Provincial Government's reduction into MSI funding over the next few years and considering the infrastructure maintenance investments that all Canadian municipalities face over the coming years, local government budgets are already being stretched beyond their limits. Where exactly does the Provincial government envision the funding of a Provincial Police Service coming from? Undoubtedly, they will ask municipalities to pay, ultimately forcing local councils to play 'bad cop' by increasing municipal taxes in order to fund Provincial downloading. It is our opinion that the Provincial government needs to seriously re-evaluate its priorities.

The Town of Falher council stands with:

- The 65% of respondents to the Fair Deal Panel survey that voiced opposition to a Provincial Police Force.
- The County of Paintearth No.18
- The County of St.Paul
- Municipality of Crowsnest Pass
- Town of Didsbury
- Town of Magrath
- Town of Edson
- Village of Hill Spring
- Town of Morinville
- Town of Redcliff
- Village of Rycroft
- Any and all other citizens, municipalities, and organizations who have not voiced their opinions, **yet.**

The Provincial Government continually encourages (and legislatively mandates) that municipal governments work together in a cohesive manner, perhaps they should take a page from their own book rerouting the funds allocated for research of an Alberta Police Service towards building stronger relationships with the RCMP and with Federal Partners.

Sincerely,



Donna Buchinski
Mayor

cc: The Honourable Jason Kenney, Premier
The Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs
Rachel Notley, Leader of the Official Opposition
Todd Loewen, MLA Central Peace-Notley
AUMA Members
RMA Members



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May 20, 2021

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RE: Village of Rycroft Support for the RCMP

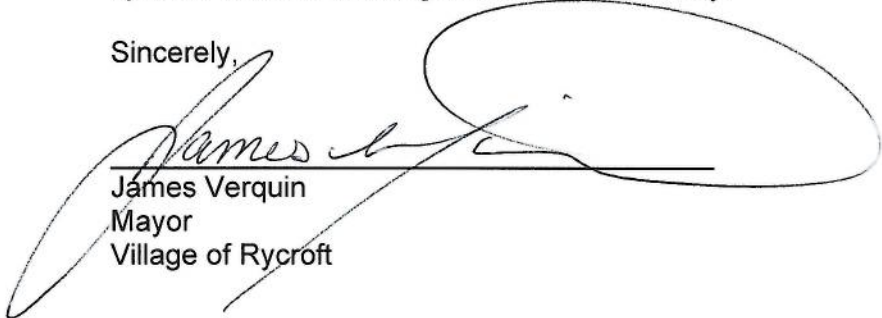
On behalf of Council, I am sending you this letter joining our municipal peers in confirming support for our current policing system, and the positive level of service the residents of Rycroft and region are receiving from the RCMP.

Council has no issue with the service we are currently receiving from our local RCMP detachment in Spirit River. The RCMP regularly appear at Council meetings to update Council on happenings in the region and have always been responsive to our requests for service. They are partners in assisting the municipality in managing the community. It would be discouraging and costly to our ratepayers to have them removed and replaced.

In reviewing information available, we do not see where a new police force would improve efficiency, or quality of life for our residents. In fact, as our challenges remain economic based, changing out the current system with a new system appears that it will result in an increase of economic burden on our operation.

Council agrees with the other municipalities whose letters have been copied to us that Province should be focusing their efforts on working with the RCMP. Rather than remove one service and replace it with an equivalent one, we encourage resources be invested in improving the current system, which is working well in our community.

Sincerely,



James Verquin
Mayor
Village of Rycroft

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The Honourable Ric Mclver, Minister of Municipal Affairs minister.municipalaffairs@gov.ab.ca
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AUMA and RMA members



Mayerthorpe

Agenda Item: 4.3

May 25, 2021

Premier Jason Kenney
Office of the Premier
307 Legislature Building
10800 - 97 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6

Dear Premier Kenney,

Re: Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Provincial Policing

Council for the Town of Mayerthorpe strongly opposes the establishment of a provincial police force and unanimously supports the continuation of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) as Alberta's primary law enforcement agency.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police are the foundational law enforcement agency in our nation and in Alberta. The RCMP are as iconic and recognized as the Canadian Flag. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police service continues to be a beacon for people of all nationalities fleeing from the lawlessness of other countries. The agency continues to be held in a position of utmost respect throughout the world.

Mayerthorpe Town Council does not support the Fair Deal Panel recommendation to establish a provincial police force. We acknowledge that the Province has contracted Price Waterhouse Coopers to complete an analysis and we anticipate further information on this topic.

Respectfully,


Janet Jabush
Mayor

cc. Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs
Barry Morishita, President of Alberta Urban Municipalities Association
Paul McLaughlin President of Rural Municipalities Association
Kacee Madu, Minister of Justice & Solicitor General
Shane Getson MLA, Parkland Lac Ste. Anne
Alberta Municipalities



Honourable Kaycee Madu
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Dear Minister Madu,

Re: Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS)

At the Regular Council meeting for Improvement District No. 9 on May 13th, 2021, Council reviewed the plan proposed by the Government of Alberta to replace the RCMP in Alberta with a Provincial Police Service. Please be advised that the Municipal Council for ID9 is strongly opposed to the creation of this proposal. After reviewing the Fair Deal Panel's Report to Government (as well as the many letters currently circulating from Municipal elected officials) ID9 Council is voicing its firm opposition to the APPS. There are several particularly concerning items identified in the Fair Deal Panel's report, namely:

- the Fair Deal Panel's recommendation to proceed with developing a proposal for a Provincial Police Force, despite only 35% of Albertans believing the police force would contribute to the desired outcome of helping Alberta better assert itself with the Canadian federation.
- Provincial and municipal governments possibly absorbing \$112.4 million policing costs currently covered by the federal government (which would be in addition to the increasing policing costs incurred by municipalities under the Police Funding Model).

Furthermore, and perhaps most importantly, we have an excellent relationship with our local RCMP detachment and feel no need to replace them with a Provincial force. The RCMP in Lake Louise and Banff have always been responsive to community needs and feedback, and have consistently delivered professional, quality public safety services in our communities. In addition, ongoing collaboration between both Detachments and ID9 Council has resulted in a positive and adaptive presence in the region.

We have not been provided with adequate proof that the formation of the APPS would result in better outcomes for Albertans, especially when considering the increased costs to our rate payers. ID9 Council is urging the Government of Alberta to listen to Municipal Leaders as well as the results of the Fair Deal Panel's report and shift efforts to improving RCMP relationships and resources in the Province. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any comments or concerns.

Respectfully,

Chair Dave Schebek

CC: *Honourable Jason Kenney, Premier*
MLA Miranda Rosin
AUMA & RMA Memberships



Smoky Lake County

Agenda Item: 4.5

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May 31, 2021

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Email: ministryofjustice@gov.ab.ca

Sent Via: E-Mail

Re: Letter of Support to retain the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) in Alberta

Minister,

On behalf of Smoky Lake County Council, I am writing to express our ongoing support for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) as our province's police force. In doing so, I note that we are joining dozens of other rural and urban municipalities in expressing deep concern at the prospect of replacing the same with an Alberta provincial police service (APPS), which the province is currently studying.

During your presentation at the AUMA/RMA Policing Summit in February of 2021, you spoke of Albertans "*demanding democratic, community—based policing, a renewed commitment to improving policing in the province, and the need for police to work with community partners and citizens to ensure effective community policing.*" Minister, I am pleased to say that our community enjoys democratic, community—based policing. Our local RCMP detachment meets with us regularly as part of their commitment to optimal two—way communication that invites, welcomes, and listens to our input, and our detachment also works with our municipality and our citizens as community partners.

The Policing Transition Study being undertaken by our province is in response to the Fair Deal Panel's (FDP recommendation #14: Create an APS to replace RCMP. The FDP reported that 68.5% of respondents were) from Calgary and Edmonton regions. Calgary and Edmonton have their own police services, which should be considered when studying the transition from the RCMP. Another FDP finding was that only 35% of respondents supported the idea of creating an APS.

Finally, in the Alberta Police Federation survey from October of 2020, it was found that "replacing the RCMP is viewed as a least helpful measure tested to improve Alberta's place in Canada." Only 8% say replacing the RCMP helps a lot, only 6% support replacing the RCMP, 81% of Albertans

served by RCMP are satisfied with the service they receive, and 70% of Albertans oppose replacing the RCMP with an expensive new provincial police service.

There is so much convincing support for the RCMP in Alberta, and, with the strong and effective RCMP that serve us well in Alberta. Our Council supports the programs, initiatives, and progress of the RCMP in meeting our community's policing demands. We certainly have not seen compelling evidence that replacing the RCMP would result in better outcomes, particularly considering potentially increased operational (and transitional) costs.

Direct consultation with municipalities regarding the creation of an APPS has been inadequate. If municipalities who are served by RCMP detachments are excluded from this conversation, valuable information and feedback is left.

The Alberta Government already implemented a new police funding model which requires that communities under 5,000 such as ours are already increasingly paying substantially more for policing. Continually doing more with less is untenable.

In closing, I again reiterate our Council's support for the RCMP remaining as Alberta's police force. Smoky Lake County enjoys a positive and collaborative relationship with our local RCMP detachment, and we hope that the province will heed the concerns of many communities, rescind the ongoing study, and instead focus on other more productive options moving forward.

If we can provide any further clarity on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact myself, or Smoky Lake County CAO Gene Sobolewski at 780-656-3730.

Sincerely,



**Craig Lukinuk, Reeve
Smoky Lake County**

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RMA & AUMA Members



AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

From the Chipman and Lamont Bus/Train Memorial Committee

May 17, 2021

As the 60th year commemoration of the Chipman and Lamont Bus/Train accident passed quietly with the Covid events of 2020, a project is being considered to honor that milestone.

Under the guidance of Tom Hrehorets as Chairman, a committee has been formed to look at erecting a memorial to honor the 17 young people who lost their lives in that tragedy and the survivors who have lived on to carry those memories. Work is being undertaken to fundraise for such a project, requests for proposals for memorial design are being explored, and community support has been established and appears to be strong.

If you or your group/organization are interested in making a donation towards this project, please contact Tom Hrehorets, [REDACTED] or mail your contribution, made payable to the Chipman and Lamont Bus/Train Memorial, c/o Box 148, Lamont, AB, T0B 2R0. All donations will be receipted (Please note: No charitable number is associated with the committee, as it is a working project committee, not a formal organization.)

Your contribution will help preserve the memory of this significant event in our communities and ensure that individuals and families directly affected by it are honored into the future.

Thank you for your consideration of this invitation and for supporting this project.

EIPS

QUARTERLY UPDATE

JUNE 2021

EIPS IN THE NEWS

Budget 2021: School boards optimistic but cautious

| *The Sherwood Park and Strathcona County News*

Edmonton-area school divisions upset after being left out in the cold for new capital funding

| *CBC News Network*

Woodworking students earn life lesson

| *The Sherwood Park and Strathcona County News*

A local classroom connects with a Canadian children's author

| *CBC Radio, Edmonton AM*

County not likely to purchase extra land for schools in Cambrian

| *The Sherwood Park and Strathcona County News*

Building strong communities through public education

| *The Sherwood Park and Strathcona County News*

First-year Sherwood Park teacher nominated for provincial award

| *The Fort Saskatchewan Record*

EIPS adjusts COVID-19 staffing costs

| *The Sherwood Park and Strathcona County News*

INBOX

COVID-19 restrictions limited what schools could offer in terms of field trips, school activities and extracurricular activities. Will this continue in 2021-22? And, if so, will families have to pay school fees next year?

With public-health restrictions lifting, vaccine availability and COVID-19 cases dropping, EIPS plans to offer operations as near-normal as possible. That includes offering school activities, field trips and extracurricular activities—as long as these fall within the provincial public-health guidelines.

With operations returning to normal, so will school fees. In fact, all EIPS schools conducted consultations with their families about school fees for the upcoming school year. At each consultation, principals outlined the regular school fees for courses, noon supervision, school activities and extracurricular activities. Families were then asked to provide input. Using that feedback from families—and the Board's school-fee parameters—principals developed school fees schedules for the 2021-22 school year. The fees are now posted on each school's website. In general, fees are similar to pre-pandemic rates.

FOR STARTERS

Advocacy is always front and centre for the Elk Island Public Schools Board of Trustees.

It affects funding, shapes educational policy and plays a critical role in delivering a strong educational system. This year, the Board focused a significant amount of its advocacy efforts on the importance of public education, sustainable funding and holding school divisions harmless for lower enrolment numbers during the pandemic.

I'm pleased to say that hard work paid off.

The province's Budget 2021 holds all school divisions harmless for reduced enrolment numbers during the 2020-21 school year. It also addresses other advocacy concerns the Board had around possible funding reductions. The result: The province maintained education funding for the upcoming school year.

There are some changes. However, for the most part, EIPS' 2021-22 budget is similar to the 2020-21 spring budget.

Within this issue of the *EIPS Quarterly Newsletter*, we delve deeper into the EIPS 2021-22 budget—touching on revenues, expenses, programming, reserve usages and strategies in place to support students in the upcoming year. All in all, the budget maintains the Board's commitment to student achievement, allows the Division to continue to offer high-quality education for all students, and provides stability for the entire system. Going forward, the Board will remain prudent at finding efficiencies, provide the best public education possible and make decisions based on the Division's mission, values and priorities.

Trina Boymook,
Board Chair, Elk Island Public Schools

EIPS BUDGET: 2021-22

On May 26, 2021, the EIPS Board of Trustees approved the Division's budget for the 2021-22 school year. Every spring, the Division prepares a budget for the upcoming school year—based on funding from the province, the *Funding Manual for School Authorities 2021-22 School Year*, projected student-enrolment numbers and corresponding staffing estimates. For the most part, it's a conservative budget—because of the ongoing pandemic and uncertainty about various external factors—and similar in nature to the 2020-21 spring budget. The biggest difference: The 2021-22 budget includes cost estimates for COVID-19—last year, these were still unknown. Overall, the budget supports the mission, values and priorities of EIPS.



REVENUE AND EXPENSES

In total, EIPS' operating budget is \$197.18 million for the 2021-22 school year—a \$4.36 million decrease from the previous year's fall budget. Of that, \$190.33 million is projected to come from the Division's annual revenue and \$6.85 million from operating reserves (see pg. 3, "Two-Year Reserve Plan"). The Division's accumulated surplus is projected to be \$14 million as of Aug. 31, 2022—which includes operating reserves (\$7.53 million), capital reserves (\$690,000) and investment in tangible capital assets (\$5.78 million). Overall, EIPS' annual revenue is down by \$6.49 million from the previous year. The main changes to the budget are detailed below.

COVID-19: In 2020-21, EIPS received significant funding from the federal government to help manage costs related to COVID-19—a \$6.11 million one-time Safe Return for Class grant. Because the grant isn't expected in 2021-22 and many students will likely not be vaccinated by school startup, EIPS incorporated COVID-19 costs estimates into the 2021-22 budget using operating reserves. If the pandemic ends during the upcoming school year, and it is safe to do so, these costs will be reduced.

Lower expenses: Expenses will drop by \$5.23 million—primarily because of the completion of the Wye Elementary demolition project and changes to Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal (IMR) funding. Essentially, IMR carryforward amounts are lower, and Alberta Education converted some of the money to capital funding, which isn't considered an expense.

Supports and Services: Funding for services and supports will increase by \$1.09 million, earmarked for Program Unit Funding and First Nation, Métis and Inuit education. Plus, Alberta Education launched a new grant for moderate language delays (\$412,000).

Grants: The Bridge Funding for New Framework grant increased by \$790,000. It's uncertain if the grant will continue in the 2022-23 school year.

Other revenue: School Generated Funds and facility rental revenue will return to normal, similar to the 2018-19 actuals. As a result, fees, gifts, donations, and sales and services will also increase by roughly \$4.2 million.

SCHOOLS AND DEPARTMENTS

Looking ahead, EIPS projects a higher student enrolment in September 2021. The Division anticipates a total student count of 17,204, which is up by 235 students from the previous year. It also projects a slight drop in the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) employees working within the Division—dropping 2.73 FTE.

Turning to schools, allocations will change. The reason for the change: increased standard costs, benefit expenses, and changes to Program Unit Funding. School Generated Funds will also return to more normal levels and will include extracurricular activities. Additionally, with operations returning to near normal, EIPS will no longer offer the out-of-school learning option.

New in 2021-22, schools will use reserves to develop support plans for students negatively affected by COVID-19. Specifically, the Division's launching two new initiatives, each earmarked with \$500,000. The first is a Focus on Learning Loss project. Schools will develop plans to address achievement gaps resulting from the disruption in learning throughout the pandemic. The other initiative involves developing plans to support the social and emotional well-being of students impacted by the pandemic.

For EIPS departments, allocations are also changing. Like with schools, the change is primarily the result of increased benefit expenses and reserve support. Specifically, departments will use reserves to hire consultants to better support students; offer professional learning; conduct work related to Alberta Education's new curriculum; build teacher capacity in literacy; and complete the mechanical cooling systems in EIPS modular unit classrooms.

Overall, instructional costs comprise 79% of the total budget, equating to \$9,370 per student. Meanwhile, system administration spending will equate to 2.3% (\$4.45 million) of total expenses, which is below the \$6.30-million targeted grant provided by Alberta Education. All unused funds will go toward other Divisional uses—such as instruction.

Now approved, schools and departments can begin planning for the upcoming school year. The complete EIPS 2021-22 Budget Report is available at eips.ca.

TWO-YEAR RESERVE PLAN

Last year, the province introduced *Bill 5: Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act*. The act requires ministerial approval before school divisions access operating reserves—School Generated Funds (SGF), schools and departments reserves, allocated reserves and unallocated reserves. What that means is EIPS can't access its operating reserves beyond what's submitted in the spring budget. As such, the Board's developed a thorough two-year plan for the Division's reserve usage.

For the upcoming school year, the Division plans to use \$6.85 million of its operative reserves. Of that, \$2.19 million will help support schools and departments. Another \$4.66 million will help cover costs for professional learning; consultant support; mechanical coolers; non-recurring supplies, services and equipment; and pandemic-related costs, such as a Focus on Learning Loss initiative, developing social-emotional supports for those negatively impacted by COVID-19 and continued COVID-19 cleaning measures.

In terms of capital reserves, the Division plans to use \$400,000 for ageing equipment at schools and needed information technology. As well, the projected Division Unallocated Reserve is \$1.72 million more than the recommended 2% of operating expenses.

Meanwhile, in year two, the remaining allotted reserves the Board will use to continue its efforts with the Focus on Learning Loss initiative, enhance the Division's Career Pathways programming, and cover costs for consultant support and ongoing professional learning.



TOWN OF LAMONT COUNCIL AGENDA REQUEST FOR DECISION

AGENDA ITEM: 5.1

COUNCIL MEETING DATE:
June 8, 2021

ITEM DESCRIPTION OR TITLE

Bylaw 02/21 Elections

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council give first reading to Bylaw 02/21, Elections.
2. That Council give second reading to Bylaw 02/21, Elections.
3. That Council give unanimous consent to proceed to third reading of Bylaw 02/21, Elections.
4. That Council give third reading to Bylaw 02/21, Elections.

BACKGROUND

December 14, 2020 the Minister of Municipal Affairs signed a Ministerial Order No. MSD: 103/20 to amend specific requirements under Section 30(1) of the Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA). This will allow deposits to be provided to the returning officer by in-person payments using debit and credit cards, in addition to the current cash, certified cheque, or money order options. This modification is only in effect for the 2021 general election year. The current bylaw does not allow for a Joint Election for School Board, Federal or Provincial Office or a Special Ballot provision.

Following are updates that have been made to the bylaw:

- Enable debit and credit card payments for the 2021 general election only.
- Allow for a Joint Election for School Board, Federal or Provincial Office.
- Allow the possibility of a Special Ballot provision.

The last date to allow updates to the Elections Bylaw is June 30, 2021.

COMMUNICATIONS

If approved, the bylaw will be added to the election page on the Town's website which is regularly updated as information becomes available.

IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

This will allow candidates another option of payment for the nomination deposit.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A



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POLICY AND/OR LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES

Strategic Plan Goal #6: Ensure Council and Administration are meeting the needs of the residents of the Town of Lamont with progressive, transparent and effective governance practices.

Local Authorities Election Act

Ministerial Order No. MSD: 103/20 Section 30(1) of the *LAEA*

ATTACHMENTS

1. Bylaw 02/21, Elections

Report Prepared By: Betty Malica, Administrative Assistant

Approved by Interim CAO:

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BEING A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF LAMONT IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO AUTHORIZE THE REGULATIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTIONS IN THE MUNICIPALITY.

WHEREAS pursuant to the Local Authorities Election Act, being Chapter L-21, of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, and amendments thereto and the Municipal Government Act, being Chapter M-26, of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000 and amendments thereto provides authority for the Town of Lamont to regulate such matters.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Lamont, hereby enacts as follows:

1. BYLAW TITLE

- a. This Bylaw is known as the “Elections Bylaw”.

2. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Bylaw:

- a. “Act” means the *Municipal Government Act*” RSA 2000, c.M-26.
- b. “Advance Vote” means additional voting dates in advance of Election Day.
- c. “Ballot” means the part of a printed or electronically produced Ballot card, which indicates the office to be voted on, the names of the Candidates, the bylaw name and number, or the question if any, and containing the spaces in which the Elector is to mark their vote.
- d. “Ballot Box” means a container, in a form approved by the Returning Officer, intended to contain the completed Ballots.
- e. “Candidate” means an individual running for the position of:
 - i. Mayor or Councillor in a municipal Election or by-Election.
 - ii. School Trustee in the Elk Island Public School Division #14 or positions in other provincial or federal office.
- f. “Town” means the municipal corporation of the Town of Lamont, in the Province of Alberta.
- g. “Town Manager” means the Town’s Chief Administrative Officer or designate.
- h. “Council” means the municipal Council of the Town of Lamont, elected pursuant to the LAEA.
- i. “Counting Centre” means an area designated by the Returning Officer in a controlled access building and equipped for the counting of votes and the tabulation of Election results.

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- j. “Deputy” means any person who has been appointed as a Deputy Returning Officer by the Returning Officer to assist with conducting an Election, pursuant to the LAEA.
- k. “Elector” means a person eligible under the LAEA to vote in an Election.
- l. “Election” means any Election, by-Election, or vote on a bylaw or question held to elect the position of Mayor, Councillor, and/or School Trustee, and/or to determine a vote on a bylaw or question, in any combination.
- m. “Election Day” means the third Monday in October in a municipal Election year, pursuant to the LAEA, or a day set for holding a by-Election, or vote on a bylaw or question.
- n. “Institutional Voting” means voting which may be established for Electors who reside at an institution who are physically unable to attend a voting station on an Advance Vote date or Election Day and includes eligible Electors of a supportive living facility or lodge accommodation in the Town.
- o. “LAEA” means Local Authorities Election Act, RSA 2000, C L-21, and any regulations, as amended.
- p. “Marking Device” means a writing instrument approved by the Returning Officer for use by an Elector to mark a Ballot card.
- q. “Nominations” means the nomination papers in an acceptable form, to be submitted by a Candidate during the Nomination Period, pursuant to the LAEA.
- r. “Nomination Day” means the day which is 4 weeks prior to Election Day, and the last opportunity for a Candidate to submit their Nomination to the Returning Officer, pursuant to the LAEA.
- s. “Nomination Period” means the start and end dates of when Candidates may submit a Nomination and shall begin on January 1 in a year in which a general election is to be held and end at 12:00 noon on Nomination Day, or as permitted by the LAEA.
- t. “Nomination Form” means the form for candidates as prescribed under the LAEA.
- u. “Portable Ballot Box” means a container for completed Ballot cards, in the form approved by the Returning Officer.
- v. “Presiding Deputy” means the person appointed to such position by the Returning Officer to assist with an Election, and who has been designated to oversee the operations of the Election at a designated voting station.
- w. “Returning Officer” means the person who shall carry out the provisions of the LAEA as required.

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- x. "Special Ballot" means a Ballot which may be provided to Electors who are unable to vote at an Advance Vote or vote on Election Day, pursuant to the LAEA.
- y. "Voting Compartment" means an area designated at a voting station for Electors to use the marking of their Ballot.

3. RETURNING OFFICER

- a. The Returning Officer for the Town is appointed for the purpose of conducting Elections under the LAEA.
- b. The Deputy CAO is hereby appointed as the Town's substitute Returning Officer, should the Returning Officer be unavailable or unable to fulfill their duties.
- c. The Returning Officer is authorized to negotiate agreements on behalf of the Town for the conduct of elections for school divisions or any other elected authorities.

4. NOMINATIONS

- a. Candidates for the offices of Mayor and Councillor shall submit their Nomination to the Returning Officer, located at Town Administration Building during the Nomination Period, January 1 to September 20, 2021 ending at 12:00 noon on Nomination Day. Except on statutory holidays no nominations will be excepted.
 - i. It is the responsibility of the Candidates to ensure their Nomination is received and has been accepted by the Returning Officer prior to the close of Nomination Day.
- b. Each Nomination must be signed by a minimum of 5 Electors eligible to vote in that Election and are a resident of the Town of Lamont, pursuant to the LAEA.
- c. Every Nomination Form for a candidate running for office shall be accompanied by a deposit of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).
- d. The deposit shall be provided to the returning officer in addition to the current cash, certified cheque, or money order options. In-person payments using debit or credit card will only be excepted for the 2021 general election year.

5. VOTING STATION

- a. The Returning Officer shall be authorized to designate the number and locations of voting stations and may alter or create additional voting stations if the changes are made before notice of the Election is given.

6. BALLOTS

- a. The Returning Officer shall be responsible for ensuring that Ballots are produced in accordance with the LAEA.

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- b. A sufficient number of Ballots shall be printed to ensure that there are enough Ballots available for each eligible Elector who wishes to vote.
- c. Each Ballot shall:
 - i. set out the offices to be voted on in the Election, the Candidates for each office, and any bylaws or questions that are to be put to a vote of the Electors in the Election;
 - ii. contain a brief explanatory note stating the maximum number of Candidates for each office for which an Elector can vote without making the Ballot void; and
 - iii. provide a space for the Elector to mark the Elector's vote beside each Candidate or vote on a question.
- d. A single Ballot may contain any of the offices, questions, and bylaws to be voted on in the Election.
- e. The area of each office, bylaw and question shall be clearly designated on the Ballot.
- f. The Ballot may include the following, in an order to be determined by the Returning Officer:
 - i. Candidates for the office of Mayor;
 - ii. Candidates for the office of Councillor;
 - iii. Candidates for the office of Public School Trustee;
 - iv. Questions that may be put to the Electors under the Municipal Government Act (MGA) or any other enactment;
 - v. Bylaws that may be voted on by the Electors under the MGA, or any other enactment; and
 - vi. Candidates or questions for Provincial or Federal Government, as may be required.
- g. Candidate's names shall be listed on the Ballots alphabetically by last name. Each last name shall be capitalized and bolded.

7. ADVANCED VOTING

- a. The Returning Officer is authorized to conduct an Advance Vote on any vote held for an Election or vote on a bylaw or question within the Town, pursuant to the LAEA.
- b. The Returning Officer is authorized to set appropriate dates, times, locations, and forms for conducting Advance Votes.

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8. INSTITUTIONAL VOTING

- a. Returning Officer is authorized and may designate appropriate dates, times, and locations for Institutional Voting for the purpose of conducting an Election.
- b. The Returning Officer is authorized to designate appropriate staff to assist with conducting an Election at an institution.
- c. The Returning Officer shall determine the type of Ballot Boxes used for the purpose of conducting an Institutional Vote.

9. SPECIAL BALLOTS

- a. The Returning Officer may make Special Ballots available to those Electors who are unable to vote at an Advance Vote or on Election Day due to:
 - i. physical disability;
 - ii. absence from the local jurisdiction;
 - iii. being a Returning Officer, Deputy, or other individual who may be participating in or located at a voting station away from the local jurisdiction where the Elector resides; or
 - iv. pursuant to additional provisions in accordance with the LAEA.
- b. Electors who wish to request a Special Ballot may do so by submitting a request to the Returning Officer, using one of the following methods:
 - i. in writing;
 - ii. by telephone;
 - iii. by fax;
 - iv. in person;
 - v. by e-mail; or
 - vi. by secure website.
- c. Electors who wish to make application for a Special Ballot in accordance with this Bylaw, shall provide the Elector's:
 - i. first and last name;
 - ii. residential municipal address;
 - iii. school Elector status, if voting for Public School Trustee;
 - iv. mailing address for delivery of the Special Ballot;

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- v. contact phone number;
 - vi. e-mail address; and
 - vii. reason why the Special Ballot is requested.
- d. Electors who wish to submit a request for a Special Ballot may do so prior to Election Day, ensuring they have sufficient time for its return, pursuant to this Bylaw.
- e. Special Ballots which have been provided to Electors must be received by the Returning Officer at the Town Administration Office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- f. Valid Special Ballots will be counted at the Counting Centre on Election Day, and then stored in a Ballot Box. If the number of Ballots is such that the identity of an Elector could be compromised, the Special Ballots may be amalgamated with the Advance Vote Ballots.

10. VOTING HOURS ON ELECTION DAY

- a. The Town's voting stations shall open promptly at 10:00 a.m. on Election Day and shall remain open until 8:00 p.m.
- b. The Presiding Deputy shall determine when it is 10:00 a.m., and when it is 8:00 p.m.
- c. Promptly at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, the Presiding Deputy in the presence of at least one other Deputy, shall declare the voting station closed.
- d. If there are Electors remaining within the voting station at the time it is declared closed, they shall be permitted to proceed with the voting process. No other person shall be allowed to enter the voting station after it is declared closed.

11. VOTING PROCEDURES

- a. Pursuant to the LAEA, Electors shall provide acceptable forms of identification prior to commencing the voting process. This Bylaw authorizes the following additional form of identification for Electors when voting at an Institutional Vote:
 - i. correspondence issued by an institution attesting to the Elector's residency.
- b. Each Elector shall be given one Ballot, which has been initialed by a Deputy.
- c. Upon receiving the Ballot, the Elector shall proceed to the Voting Compartment to vote.
- d. The Elector shall:
 - i. only mark the Ballot in the Voting Compartment; and

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- ii. only use the Marking Device provided to mark the Ballot.
- e. The Elector shall mark the Ballot as follows:
 - i. marking an X or check mark in the circle on the Ballot next to the Candidate name clearly marking the Elector's choice, or if there is more than one vacancy, the Candidates of the Elector's choice: and
 - ii. where the Ballot is on a bylaw or question, marking an X or check mark in the circle on the Ballot next to the Elector's choice.
- f. After the Elector has finished marking the Ballot, they shall:
 - i. fold the ballot as they received it as not to disclose any markings on the Ballot; and
 - ii. leave the Voting Compartment and deliver the Ballot to the Deputy supervising the Ballot Box.
- g. The Deputy supervising the Ballot Box shall insert the marked Ballot into the box without exposing the marks made on the Ballot by the Elector.
- h. When the Elector's Ballot has been accepted and deposited into the Ballot Box, the Elector shall leave the voting station.
- i. The voting procedures prescribed in this Section also apply during an Advance Vote and Institutional Vote. However, if not practicable procedures may be modified at the discretion of the Returning Officer or Presiding Deputy.

12. REJECTED BALLOTS

- a. A Ballot shall be void and not counted in the Election results if:
 - i. the Ballot does not bear the initials of the Deputy who issued the Ballot;
 - ii. the Ballot has been torn, defaced, or used in such a way by an Elector, that the Elector could be identified;
 - iii. the Ballot has not been marked by the Elector;
 - iv. the Ballot has been marked outside of the space, designated next to the Candidate; or
 - v. the Ballot cannot be read by the Returning Officer.
- b. The votes on a Ballot which have been completed incorrectly may be void and not counted in the Election results if:
 - i. the Ballot has been marked for more Candidates than offices to be filled; or

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- ii. in the event of a bylaw or question, the Ballot has been marked both in the affirmative and the negative.
- c. If an Elector has made an error in marking the Ballot, the Elector may return the Ballot to the Deputy who they received it from and request a new Ballot.
- d. If a Ballot is rejected, the Elector may request another Ballot. If the Elector refuses to request another Ballot, the Deputy shall on the back of the ballot endorse "rejected" and it shall not be counted. All rejected Ballots must be kept in a separate envelope tallied on Form 19 and sealed in the ballot box.

13. COUNTING CENTRE

- a. The Returning Officer shall ensure the Counting Centre is secure from unauthorized personnel who are not entitled to be present during the processing and tabulation of results.
- b. The Returning Officer shall preside at the Counting Centre and shall:
 - i. receive all sealed Ballot Boxes;
 - ii. record receipt of Ballot Boxes;
 - iii. verify the Ballot Box has a seal intact, which has been initialed.
- c. The Returning Officer may delegate any of the duties under this Section to a Deputy.

14. POST-VOTING PROCEDURE

- a. Following the close of the voting station and all Electors have voted, the Presiding Deputy with the assistance of Deputies shall:
 - i. count the unused Ballots, voting registers, and all statements required under the LAEA in an empty Ballot Box;
 - ii. complete the Ballot account, to be signed by the Presiding Deputy;
 - iii. seal and initial each Ballot Box containing marked Ballots, unused, rejected, and spoiled Ballots, and all statements required under the LAEA, as well as the ballot account form; and
 - iv. deliver the sealed Ballot Box to the Returning Officer.
- b. The Returning Officer or designated Deputy at the Counting Centre shall insert those Ballots which were taken for a specific Election date, e.g., for Advance Votes or Special Ballots. Ensure the ballot box is secure and no other ballots can be inserted. The Returning Officer or Deputy shall:
 - i. complete the Ballot account, to be signed by the Returning Officer; and

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- ii. seal the Ballot Box containing the marked Ballots and ballot account.
- c. The Returning Officer shall review and verify the Ballot accounts from each voting station, Advance Vote, Institutional Vote, and Special Ballots received pursuant to this Bylaw, and shall produce a cumulative tally of all valid Ballots.
- d. Upon completion of the count for all Election results, the Returning Officer shall retain the tallied ballots pursuant to the LAEA, or Provincial or Federal legislation relating to the retention of Election materials.

15. RECOUNT BY RETURNING OFFICER

- a. If the Returning Officer conducts a recount pursuant to the LAEA, the valid Ballots shall be recounted manually, unless the Returning Officer deems otherwise.

16. GENERAL

- a. References to provisions of statute, rules or regulations shall be deemed to include references to such provisions as amended, modified, or re-enacted from time to time.
- b. All references in this Bylaw shall be read with such changes in number and gender as may be appropriate, and references shall be read as a corporation or partnership, and pronouns shall be deemed not to be gender specific.
- c. Nothing in this Bylaw relieves any person from compliance with any other bylaw, enactment, or applicable federal or provincial legislation.
- d. If any portion of this Bylaw is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion shall be severed, and the remainder of the Bylaw is deemed valid.

17. SEVERABILITY

- a. If any portion of this Bylaw is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion shall be severed, and the remainder of the Bylaw is deemed valid.

18. TRANSITIONAL

- a. That Bylaw 11/16 is hereby repealed.

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19. EFFECTIVE DATE

- a. That this Bylaw shall come into force and take effect upon the date of third reading and is duly signed.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 20____.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 20____.

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 20____.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

Date signed



**TOWN OF LAMONT
COUNCIL AGENDA
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AGENDA ITEM:

COUNCIL MEETING DATE:
June 8, 2021

ITEM DESCRIPTION OR TITLE

Highway 15 Functional Planning Study

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the Highway 15 Functional Planning Study as information.

BACKGROUND

The Highway 15 Functional Planning Study Report provides Council with findings from:

- Municipal Council presentations held in mid-March,
- landowner focus groups,
- individual stakeholder meetings and
- virtual open house held March 25, 2021 through April 15, 2021.

Administration attended a technical review meeting May 20, 2021 to review the findings. The Virtual open house had no one attend the live events, 100 YouTube video views and 5 comment sheets were submitted. Most of the feedback was from the Municipal Councils.

Below are some key findings from the report that will impact the Town of Lamont:

Council:

- Future applications should not negatively impact the proposed whistle cessation improvement.
- 50 Ave intersection is recognized to be problematic. No comment was given to the realignment/ relocation of 50 Ave.
- There will likely be an increase to train traffic as well as truck traffic as development continues.
- Need to ensure those with current direct access to the highway 15 maintain reasonable access.

Focus Groups:

- Largely were interested in specific individual property and access impacts.
- Construction timing (should be accelerated).
- Possibility of utility impacts through Lamont.

Open House:

- 5 responses agree with the Province’s vision of the Highway 15 study.
- Preference was given to widening equally on both sides of Highway 15 through Lamont.
- 50 Ave access management option 1A- 1 vote/ 2A- 2 votes/ 2B- 1 vote.



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Technical Preferences:

- Widen both sides of Highway 15 equally through Lamont.
- 50 Ave access to be left as is or use option 1A (relocate access to 47 Ave beside Town administration building) if safety concerns persist.

There will be a virtual open house held for a 3-week period from June 16 through to July 7, 2021. This virtual open house will review the findings in the report through static maps and comment form, 3D virtual space, pre-recorded presentations that highlight specific information, frequently asked questions and will encourage engagement through a one-on-one meeting option.

Administration will work with the Tetra Tech in marketing the virtual open house. Once the findings are collected information will be presented to Council.

Understanding that Highway 15 improvements are several years from construction to start, and considering the future vehicle, truck, and train traffic impacts, Administration would encourage Council to provide any safety concerns or feedback on the proposed work that will impact access to Lamont over the next 30 years.

COMMUNICATIONS

Administration will assist in marketing the Virtual Open House.

IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

The work identified in this study could impact transportation needs for the next 30 to 50 years.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

POLICY AND/OR LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

1. Highway 15 Functional Planning Study- Highway 830 to Highway 834 Report

Report Prepared By: Tyler Edworthy, Director Operations & Infrastructure

Approved by Interim CAO:

Highway 15 Functional Planning Study Highway 830 to Highway 834



Technical Review Committee Meeting No. 3 – May 20, 2021

Meeting Outline

- Recap action items from previous meetings
- Recap of stakeholder engagement
- Option evaluation & technical preferences
- Improvement timelines & requirements
- Upcoming stakeholder communications
- Next steps

Recap of Action Items

December 8 Meeting

- Tetra Tech to identify timelines for twinning
 - Status: ongoing
- Strathcona County to keep TRC apprised of Transportation Master Plan progress
 - Status: County to provide update
- Lamont County to share Drainage Master Plan
 - Status: County will keep the TRC informed

Recap of Action Items

February 17 Meeting

- Strathcona County to share information regarding the Astotin Creek study
 - Status: County to advise of any updates
- Tetra Tech will update the option plans to reflect ongoing revisions based on stakeholder feedback
 - Status: ongoing until all consultation activities have concluded
- Tetra Tech will develop a concept to show a direct connection to 50 Avenue
 - Status: completed and included in the option evaluation
- AT to confirm sharing Over-sized Over-weight load plans
 - Status: included in the open house content

Recap of Action Items

February 17 Meeting

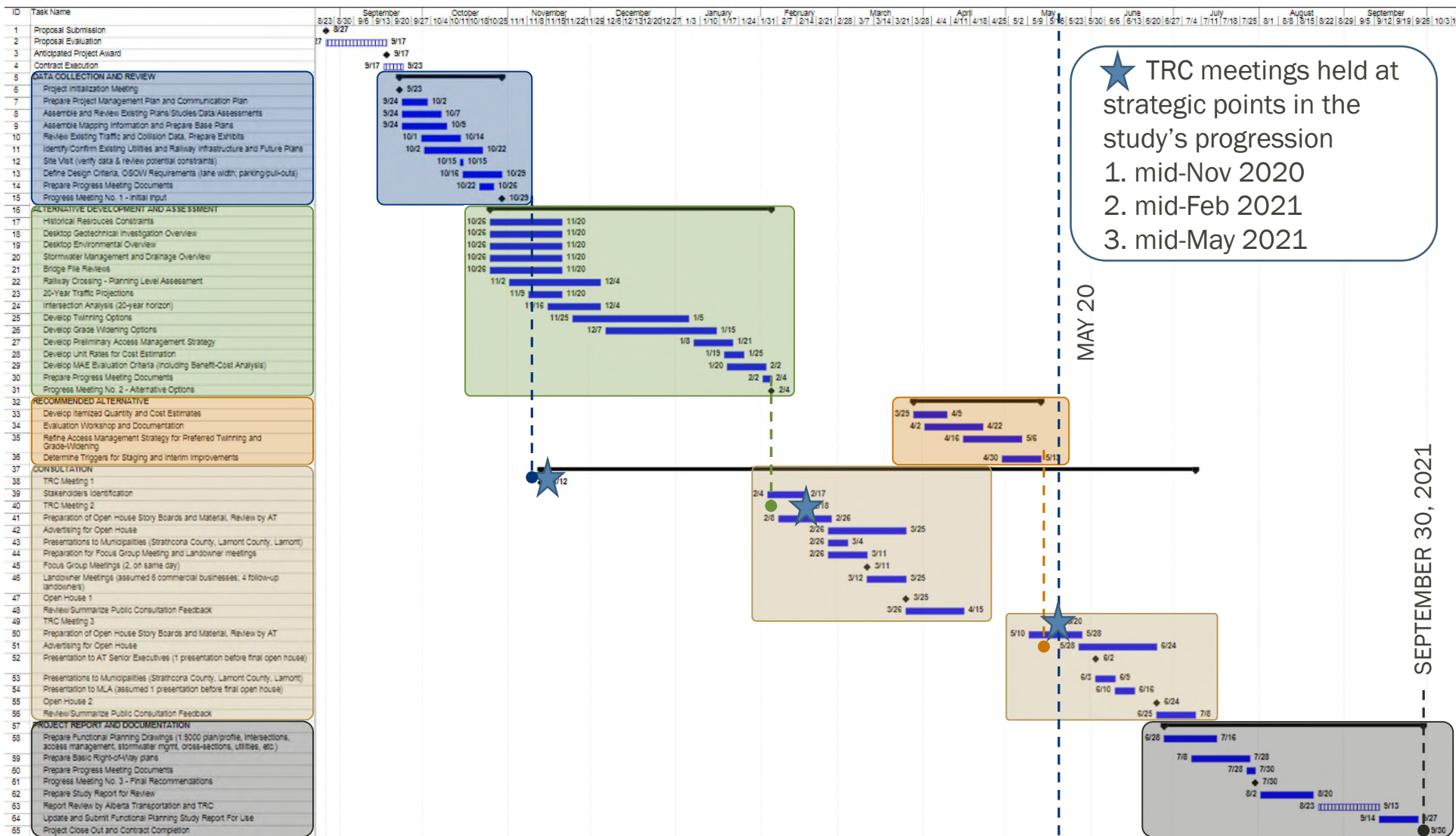
- TRC to review option plans and provide any feedback
 - Status: completed
- TRC to assist with identifying evaluation criteria
 - Status: completed
- Tetra Tech to forward list of landowners to TRC to assist in identifying contact details
 - Status: completed
- Tetra Tech to provide project information in advance of Council presentations
 - Status: completed

Recap of Action Items

February 17 Meeting

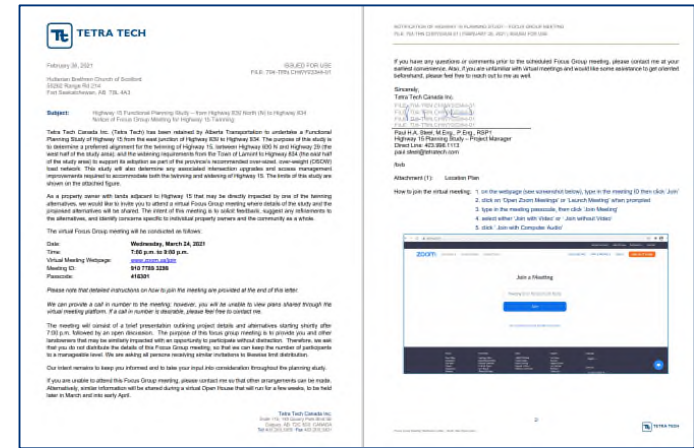
- Lamont County to confirm the need to present to Council
 - Status: completed
- Tetra Tech to confirm the open house dates
 - Status: completed
- Strathcona County to provide information to Tetra Tech to assist with open house advertising
 - Status: completed

Recap of Project Schedule



Recap – What we did...

- Municipal Council presentations x 4
- Support municipal Council briefings x 1
- Landowner focus groups x 3
- Individual stakeholder meetings x 2
- One on one discussions with landowners – several
 - Reached out to Tetra Tech after learning of study
- Virtual open house
 - Live events x 3 (but no attendees)
 - YouTube video – over 100 views
 - Comment sheets – only 5 submitted



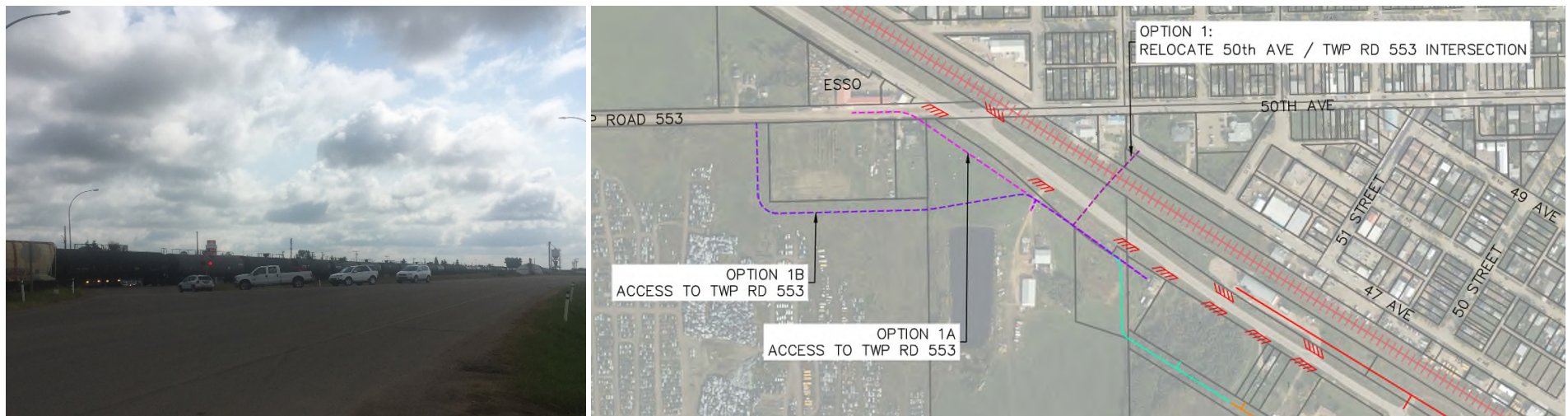
Recap – What we heard...from Council

- Safety concerns along Highway 15
 - Work to address such concerns was completed previously by AT
- Suggested traffic signals be given consideration
- Grade separate the CP crossing west of Hwy 830
- Other corridor widening may be required to accommodate over-sized over-weight load movement
- Continue twinning east of Highway 29
- Need to ensure those with a current direct access onto Highway 15 maintain reasonable access
- Whistle cessation is of interest to the Town of Lamont and any future application should not be negatively impacted by the proposed improvements
- Responsibility for construction costs and future maintenance costs



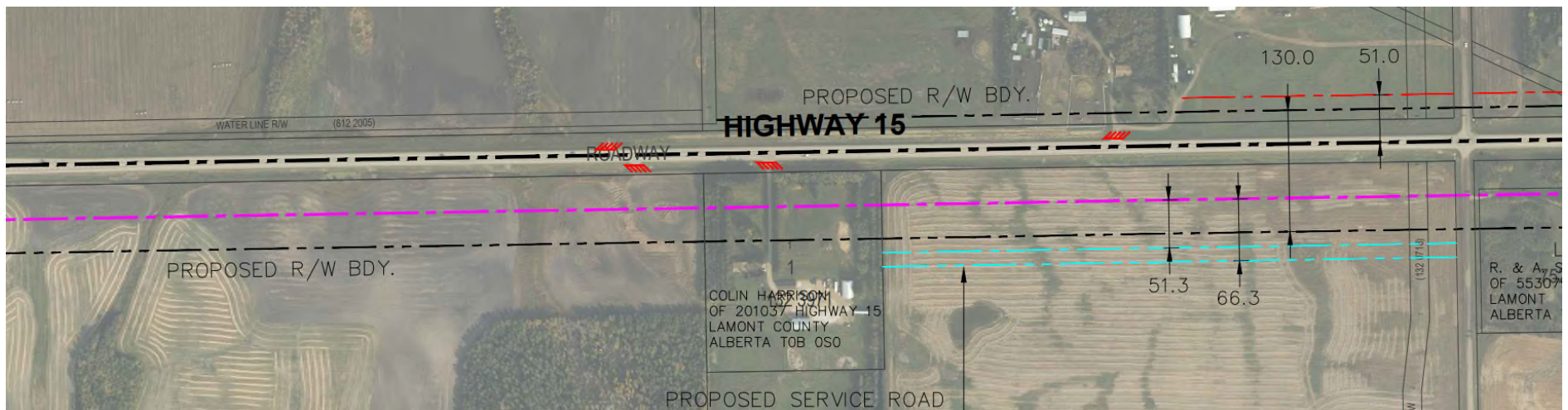
Recap – What we heard...from Council

- Improvements to be constructed like for like (i.e. gravel for gravel)
- 50 Avenue intersection is recognized to be problematic
- Reserved commenting on the possible realignment/relocation of 50 Avenue until community feedback was received
- Likely increase in the frequency of train traffic as well as truck traffic as development continues
- Upgrades to Township Road 550 are being considered



Recap – What we heard...Focus Groups

- Largely interested in specific individual property and access impacts
- Many of the questions asked related to the timing of construction and associated right-of-way acquisition
- There may be additional utility impacts, either direct or indirect through Lamont
- Knowledge of potential localized impacts and areas of concern were shared
- Land development restrictions and current zoning will impose development setbacks



Recap – What we heard...

Water Commission Board & AIHA



- Same concerns as the original planning study
- In the median of a divided highway likely to present challenges – twin, repair, or access the waterline
- Preference is to twin to the south
- Ditch between highway and waterline required to minimize drainage impacts
- Options at Rge Rd 193/Twp Rd 552 present varying degrees of impact



- Priority for AIHA is to have reasonable access to transportation corridors
- Side of twinning is largely immaterial to attracting development
- Access to rail and rail growth are unimpeded
- Pipeline development proceed unimpeded

Recap – What we heard...

Open House feedback

Question 1:	How did you hear about this open house?			
Responses:	Email – 1	Newspaper – 2	Road sign – 3	
Question 2:	In general, do you agree with the Province's vision to twin Hwy 15 between Hwy 830 N & Hwy 29?			
Responses:	Yes – 5		No – 0	
Question 3:	Please indicate any preference for the proposed twinning alternatives.			
Responses:	Twin to north – 0	Twin to south – 2	No preference – 2	
	<i>Other response – passing lanes</i>			
Question 4:	Please tell us of any concerns you have regarding the Province's vision to twin Hwy 15 and/or concerns with the proposed alternatives for twinning between Hwy 830 & Hwy 29.			
Responses:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Only concern I have is that a dead line for start of work has not yet been established.</i> ▪ <i>No concerns at all, it desperately needs to be done.</i> ▪ <i>Multiple passing lanes in both directions would be more value as the construction timeline would be significantly smaller and the money saved could be used to provide better maintenance and upgrades to the highways.</i> ▪ <i>The twinning should be completed as soon as possible. There is a considerable amount of truck traffic on this route which slows traffic and creates unnecessary congestion.</i> 			
Question 5:	If you have concerns with any of the proposed access modifications shown (e.g. intersection, driveway, field approach etc.), associated with twinning, and/or have an alternative suggestion, please share those concerns and/or suggestions.			
Responses:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>The west access should remain in the location with only an adjustment to the angle of approach.</i> 			
Question 6:	In general, do you agree with the Province's vision to widen Hwy 15 between Lamont and Hwy 834 to accommodate the movement of over-sized over-weight loads?			
Responses:	Yes – 4	Somewhat – 1	No – 0	
Question 7a:	Please indicate a preference for the proposed widening options within the Town of Lamont.			
Responses:	Adjacent to EB lane – 0	Equally on both sides – 3	Adjacent to WB lane – 1	No preference – 0
Question 7b:	Please indicate a preference for the proposed widening options within Lamont County (between the Town of Lamont and Hwy 834).			
Responses:	Adjacent to EB lane – 0	Equally on both sides – 1	Adjacent to WB lane – 1	No preference – 2

Recap – What we heard...

Open House feedback

Question 8:	Please tell us of any concerns you have regarding the Province's vision to widen Hwy 15 and/or concerns with the proposed alternatives for widening between Lamont and Highway 834.			
Responses:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Speed up the timing for completion!</i> ▪ <i>It is a great idea, there isn't nearly enough room on that stretch when meeting the oversize loads.</i> 			
Question 9:	If you have concerns with any of the proposed access modifications shown (e.g. intersection, driveway, field approach etc.), within the proposed widening area, and/or have an alternative suggestion, please share those concerns and/or suggestions.			
Responses:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Just get it done.</i> ▪ <i>I do live on Twp Rd 552 east of Hwy 15...there are only 2 that make sense for easy access to the highway with tractor trailers.</i> 			
Question 10:	Please indicate any preference for the proposed access management options associated with the relocation of 50 Avenue within the Town of Lamont.			
Responses:	Option 1A – 1	Option 1B – 0	Option 2A – 2	Option 2B – 1
	Option 3A – 0	Option 3B – 0	<i>Other – The intersection should remain as is, or as close to this alignment as is safe.</i>	
Question 11:	Please indicate any preference for the proposed access management options associated with the improvement of the Twp Rd 552 & Rge Rd 193 intersection.			
Responses:	Option 1 – 2	Option 2 – 0	Option 3 – 1	Option 4 – 1
	<i>Other – A modification of Option 1 with TR552 east as the priority road with direct access to Hwy 15</i>			
Question 12:	Please indicate any preference for the proposed access management options associated with the improvement of the Twp Rd 550 & Rge Rd 190 intersection.			
Responses:	Option 1 – 2	Option 2 – 1	Option 3 – 1	Option 4 – 1
Question 13:	Do you have any other comments that you feel should be taken into consideration for any aspect of the study?			
Responses:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Twp Rd 552 is used by a lot of farmers/local construction companies as a route for tractor trailers.</i> ▪ <i>The intersections on Hwy 15 at Hwy 830 north and at Hwy 45 pose the largest traffic incident potentials. Longer merge lanes with yield signs would be good since most traffic rolls through the stop signs turning right anyways.</i> ▪ <i>This project is long overdue. The twinning and widening of Hwy 15 and Hwy 834 should have been completed 20 years ago.</i> 			

Lessons learned – consultation

- Use of roadside advertising beneficial
- Always a desire to engage in-person where possible
- Focus group meeting forum appeared to work well for those that participated
- Live events proved less productive than hoped for
- We used every means available to us to advertise and get the word out
- Virtual forum received positive feedback

- What was your experience?

Option Evaluation

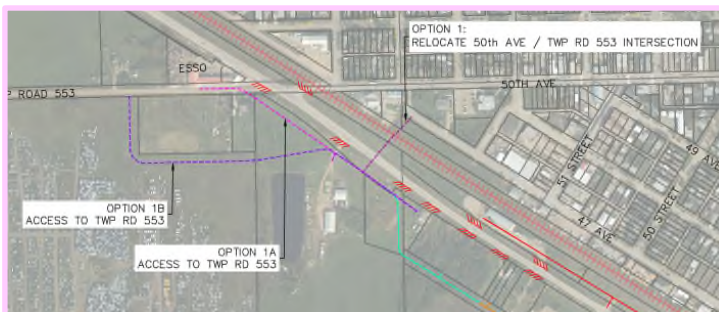
Criteria Importance

Evaluation Account	Performance Criteria	Applicable Options	Relative Importance
Financial	Estimated Construction Cost	All Options	20% - 30%
	Municipal Maintenance Requirements	Access Management	
Environment	Regulatory Requirements	Access Management	10% - 20%
	Historical Resource Impacts	Twinning & Grade Widening	
	Geotechnical Concerns	Access Management	
	Environmental Impacts	All Options	
User Benefits	Road Safety Enhancements – <i>improved geometry, access spacing, need for guardrail, distance between road & railway</i>	All Options	5% - 30%
	Travel Benefits – <i>minimize disruption to travel patterns, enhanced connectivity</i>	Access Management	
Community Sustainability	Ability to Address Community Concerns	All Options	25% - 45%
	Reduced Impact to Critical Municipal Infrastructure	Twinning & Access Management	
	Facilitate Whistle Cessation Requirements	Access Management	
	Property / Residential Impacts	All Options	
Utility	Utility Impacts	Twinning & Grade Widening	10%
Economy	Supports Local & Regional Requirements	Access Management	5% - 10%
	Constructability	Twinning & Grade Widening	

Option Evaluation

Technical Preferences

Improvement	Preference	Comments
Twinning	Twin to the South	
Widening – within Town of Lamont	Widen both sides equally	All options scored similarly
Widening – within Lamont County	Widen to the South	- Transition widening through the horizontal curve on the south side of Town - Option to widen equally on both sides and to the south scored similarly
Access – 50 Avenue	Do Nothing	- Option 1A scored similarly; option to proceed with if concerns persist with current layout
Access – Twp Rd 552 / Rge Rd 193	Do Nothing	- Option 4 scored highest among Option 1 to 4; proceed with Option 4 if concerns persist with current layout
Access – Twp Rd 550 / Rge Rd 190	Option 1	



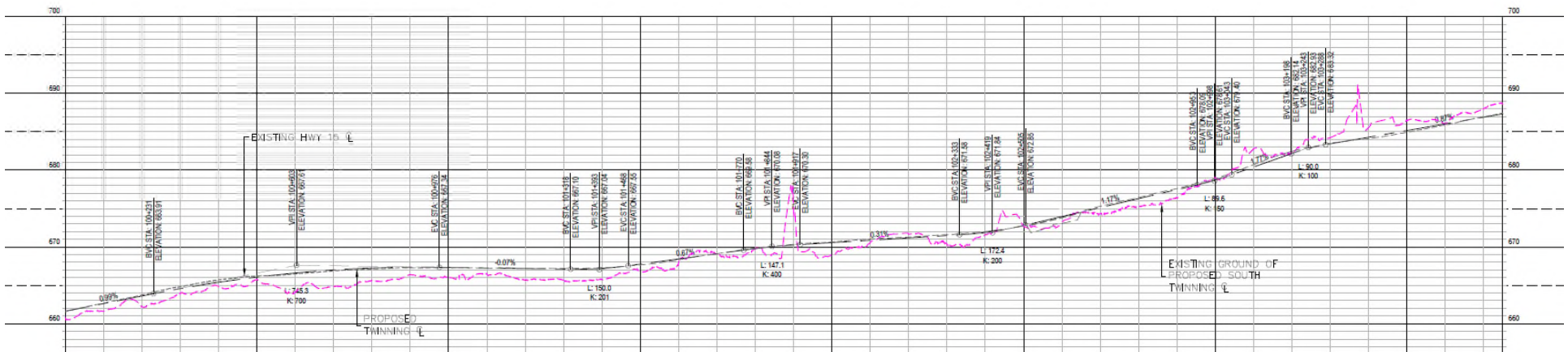
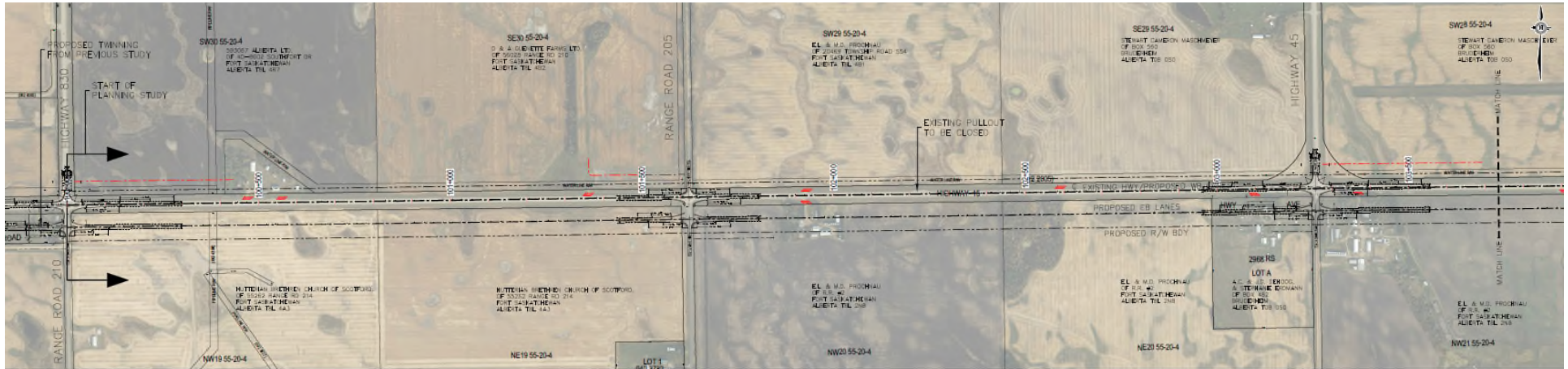
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Technical Preferences

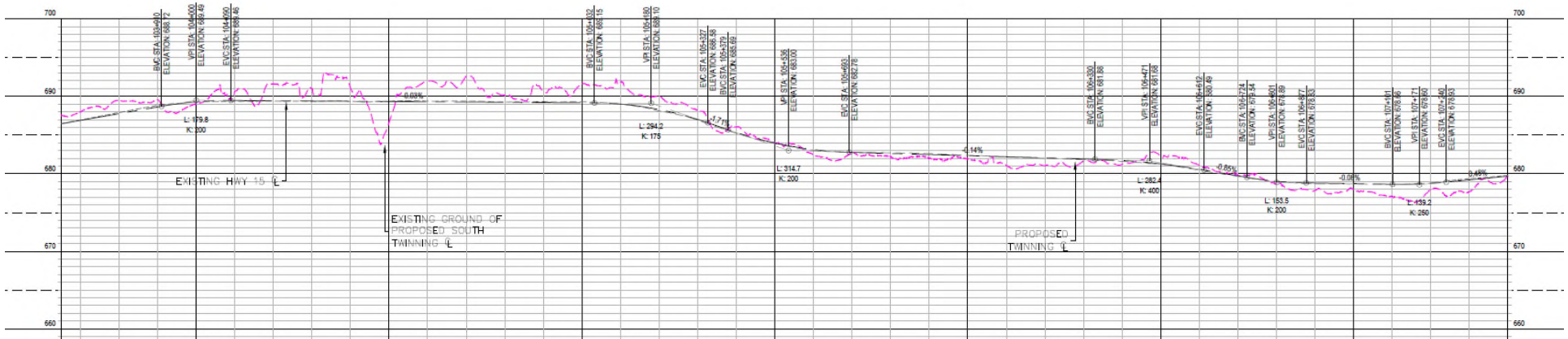
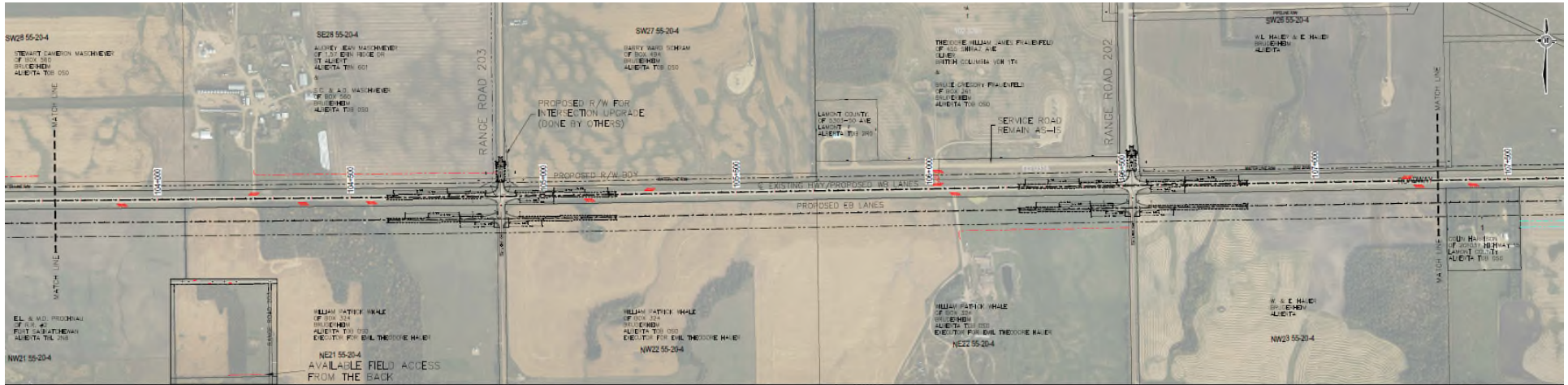
- Twinning to South
 - Lower overall construction costs
 - Safer road geometry through reduced horizontal curvature
 - Better ability to meet stakeholder expectations and feedback
 - Avoidance of regional waterline
 - Addresses all concerns related to waterline impacts, maintenance, access and expansion
 - Manageable mitigation for other utility impacts
 - Higher potential to minimize travel disruptions during construction



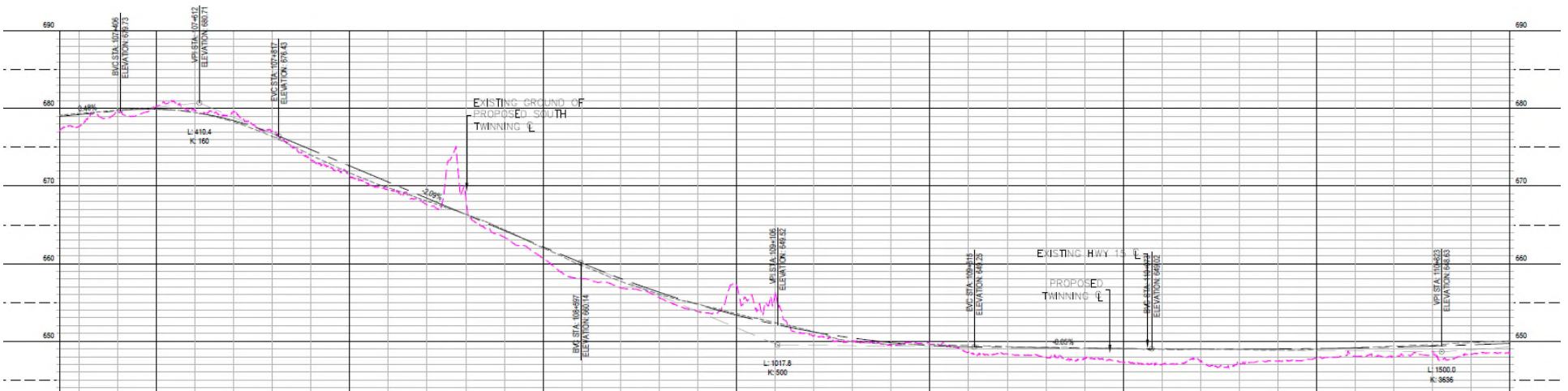
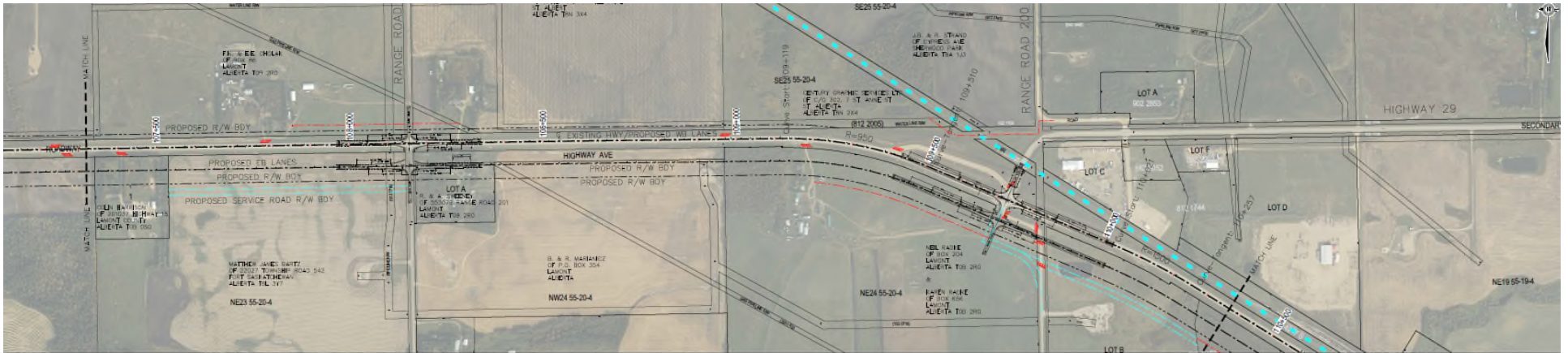
Twinning to South Plan-Profiles



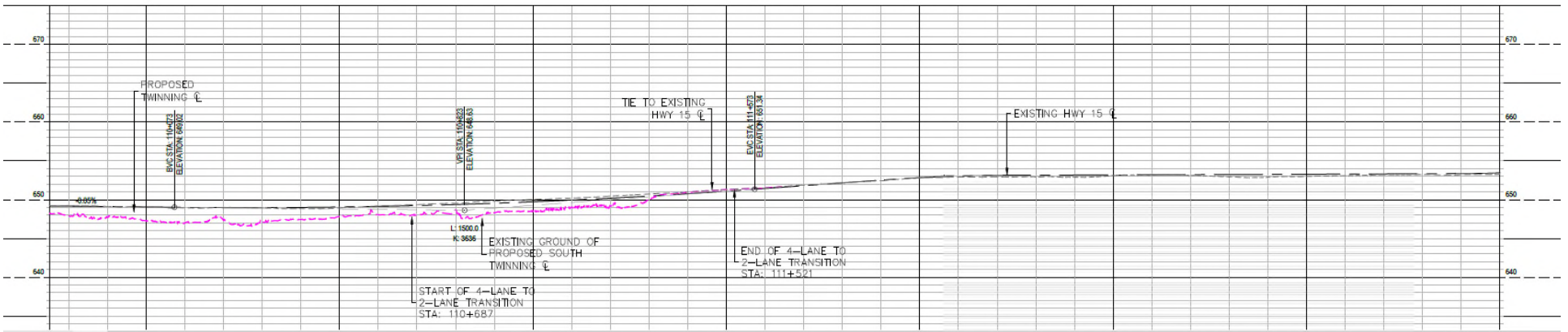
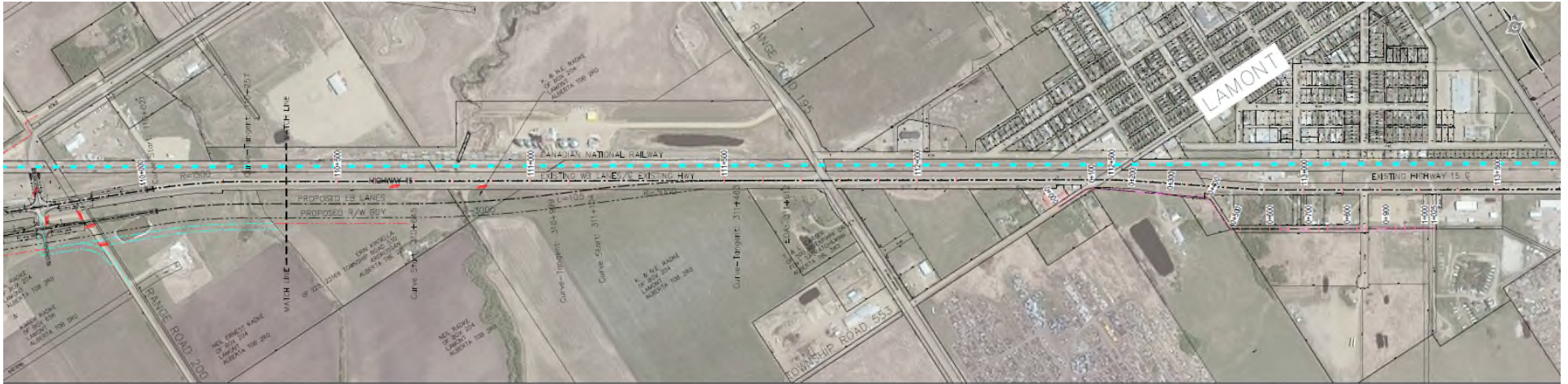
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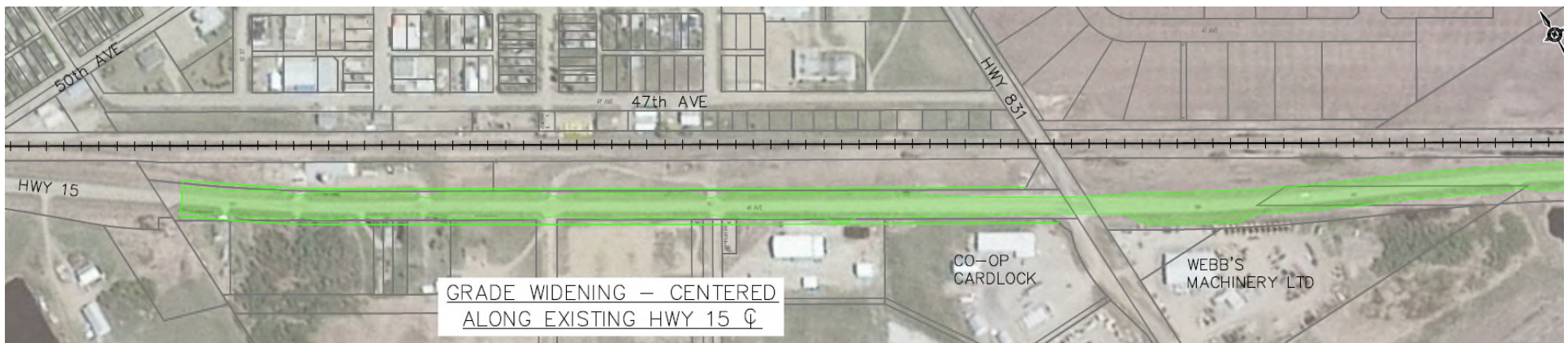
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Option Evaluation

Technical Preferences

- Grade widening within Town of Lamont – widen equally on Both Sides
 - Lower overall construction costs
 - Minimal environmental impacts expected
 - Better ability to meet stakeholder expectations and feedback
 - Equitable property impacts
 - Maintains commercial business operations
 - Least amount of right-of-way required from each property owner

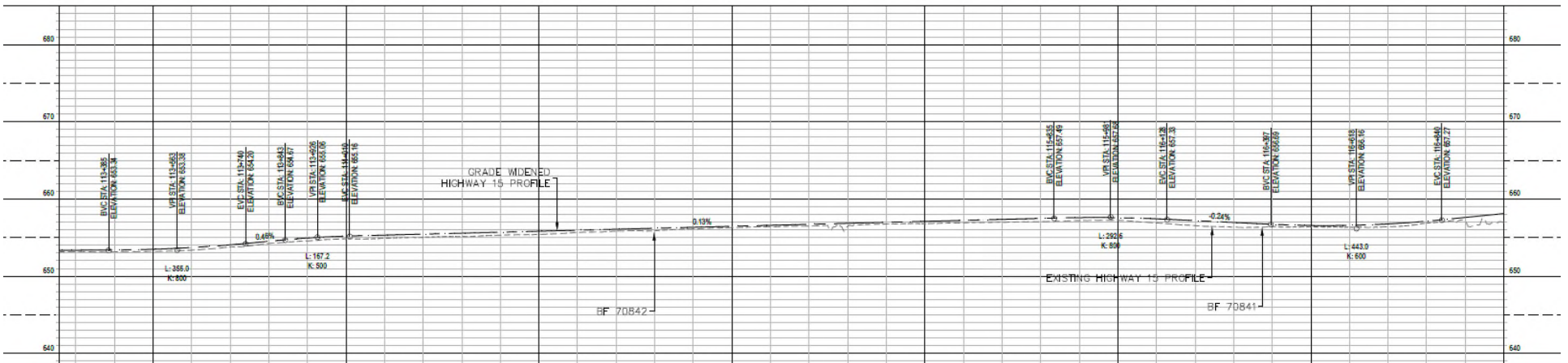
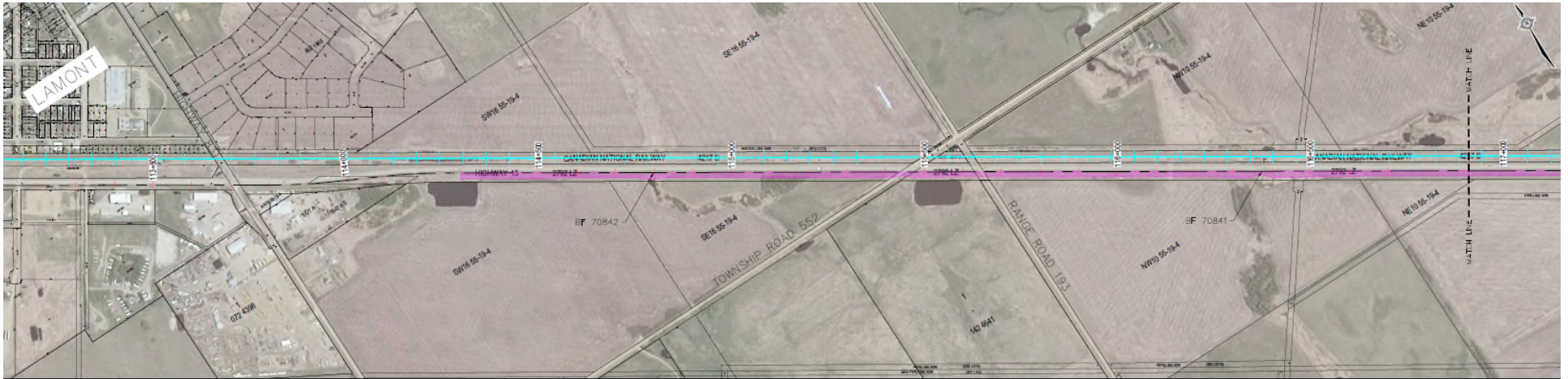


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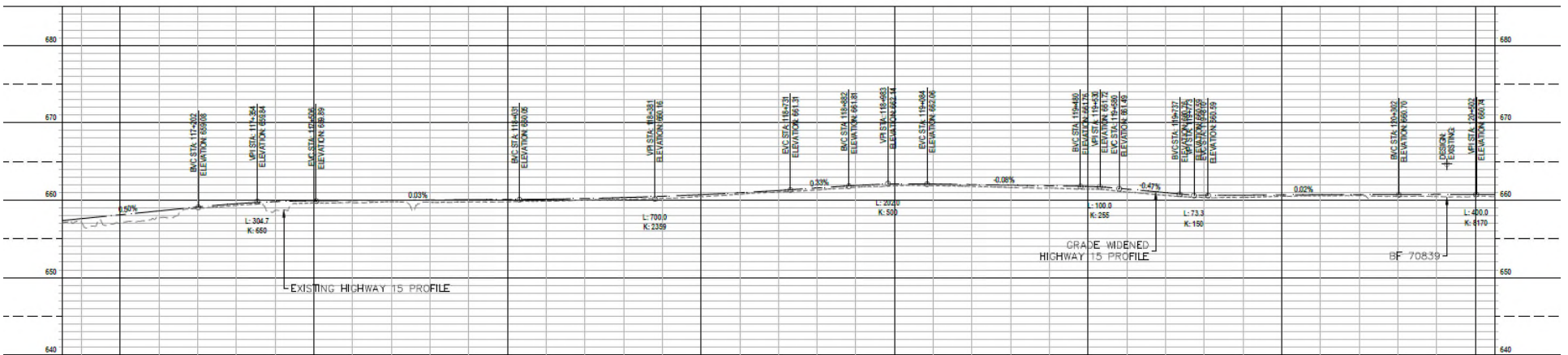
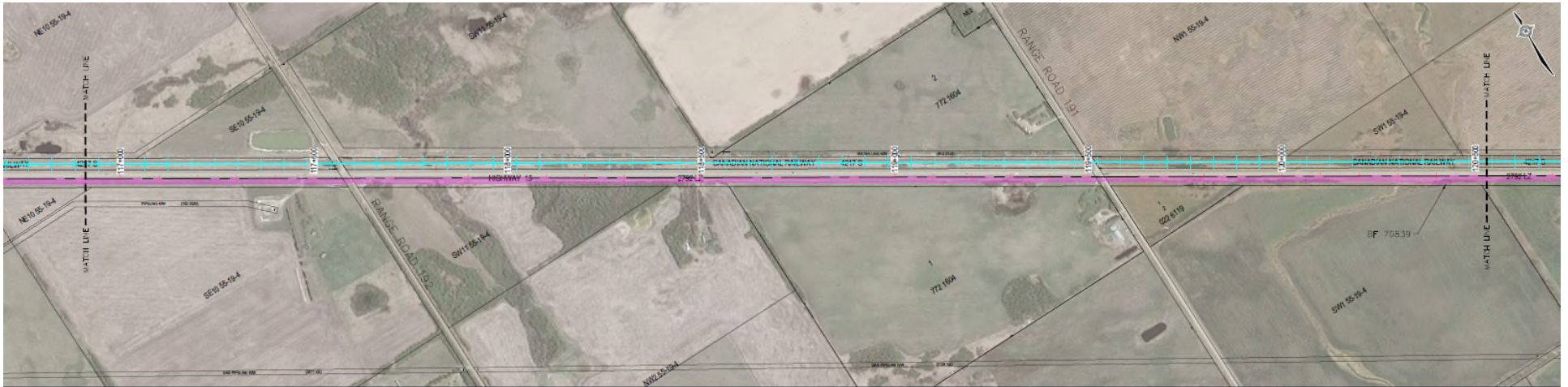
Technical Preferences

- Grade widening within Lamont County – widen to the South
 - Minimal environmental impacts expected
 - Greatest ability to enhance user benefits
 - Least encroachment towards the railway tracks with provision for future intersection upgrades, as needed
 - Least constraints associated with bridge-sized culvert extensions
 - Minimizes travel disruptions during construction
 - Can be achieved with minimal right-of-way acquisition (~1 acre required)

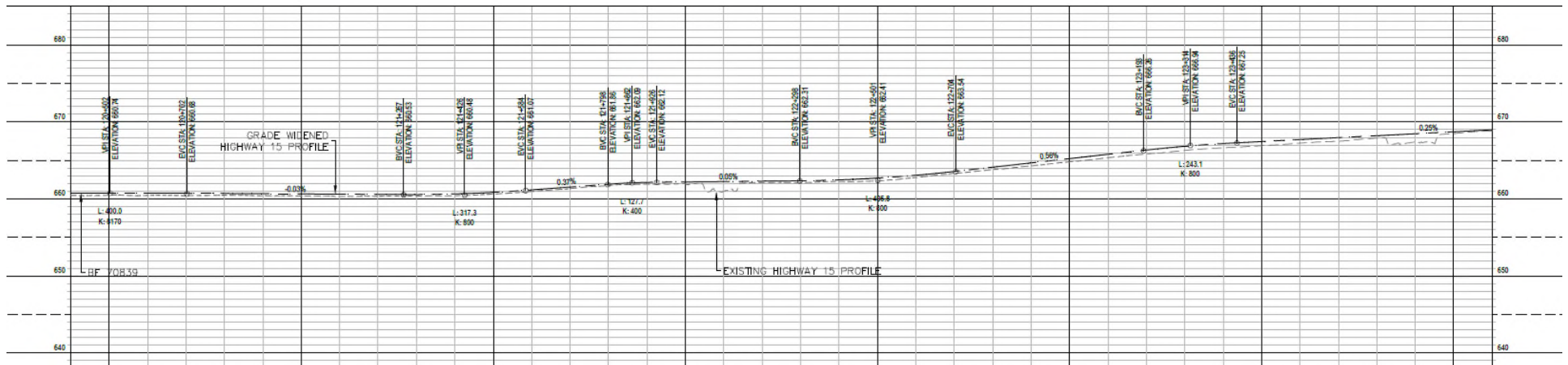
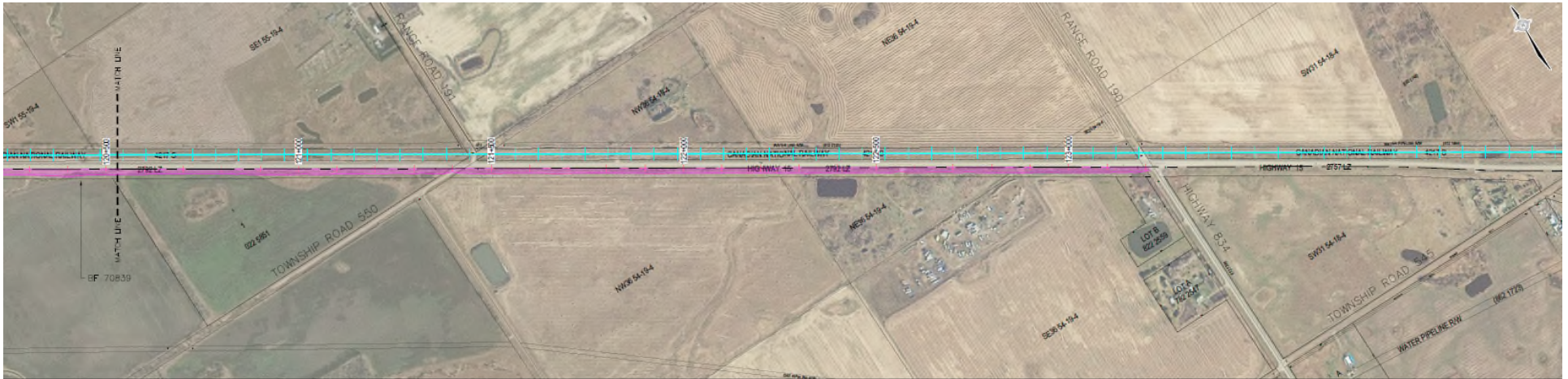
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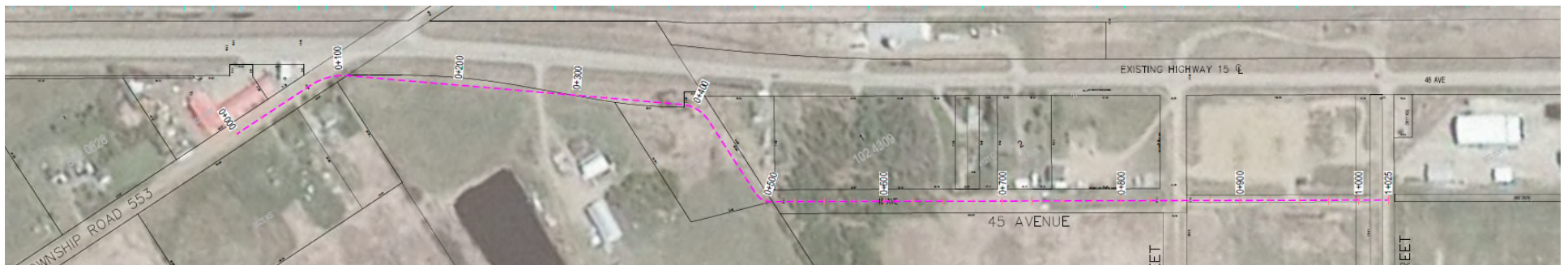
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Option Evaluation

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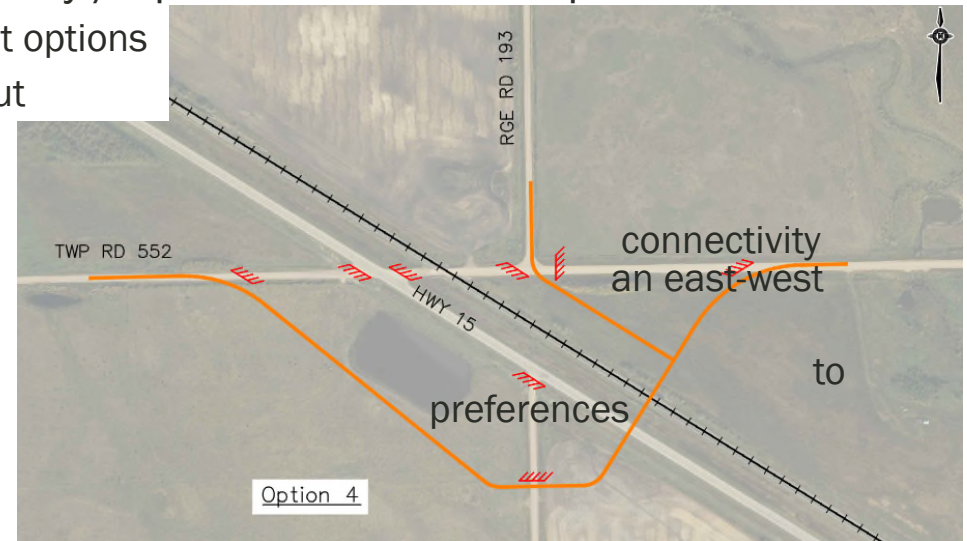
- 50 Avenue Improvements – Do Nothing
 - Advantages
 - No construction costs or additional maintenance requirements
 - No additional environmental impacts
 - No right-of-way or perceived business impacts
 - No impact to current whistle cessation considerations
 - Maintains current travel patterns and community access
 - Disadvantages
 - No enhancements to improve the intersection safety and operational concerns
- Proceed with Option 1A if current safety / operational concerns persist
 - Advantages over other improvement options
 - Lower construction costs
 - Minimizes new maintenance requirements for local municipalities
 - Greatest ability to provide desirable road geometry for local roads
 - Improves access spacing to accommodate current and future needs
 - Enhanced ability to facilitate whistle cessation
 - Can be achieved with minimal right-of-way acquisition (~2 acres)
 - May create additional development opportunities



Option Evaluation

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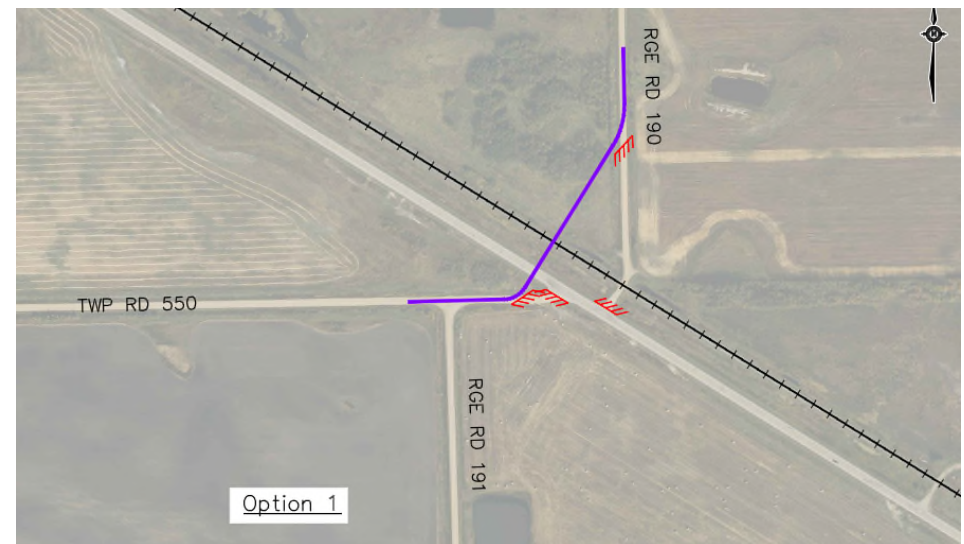
- Twp Rd 552 / Rge Rd 193 Improvements – Do Nothing
 - Advantages
 - No construction costs or additional maintenance requirements
 - No right-of-way impacts
 - Disadvantages
 - No enhancements to improve the intersection safety and operational concerns
 - Not consistent with future access management requirements
 - No enhanced connection or consolidation of accesses
- Proceed with Option 4 if current safety / operational concerns persist
 - Advantages over other improvement options
 - Manageable impacts to dugout
 - Greater ability to facilitate desirable road geometry
 - Enhances north-south while maintaining priority
 - East-west priority appears meet local stakeholder



Option Evaluation

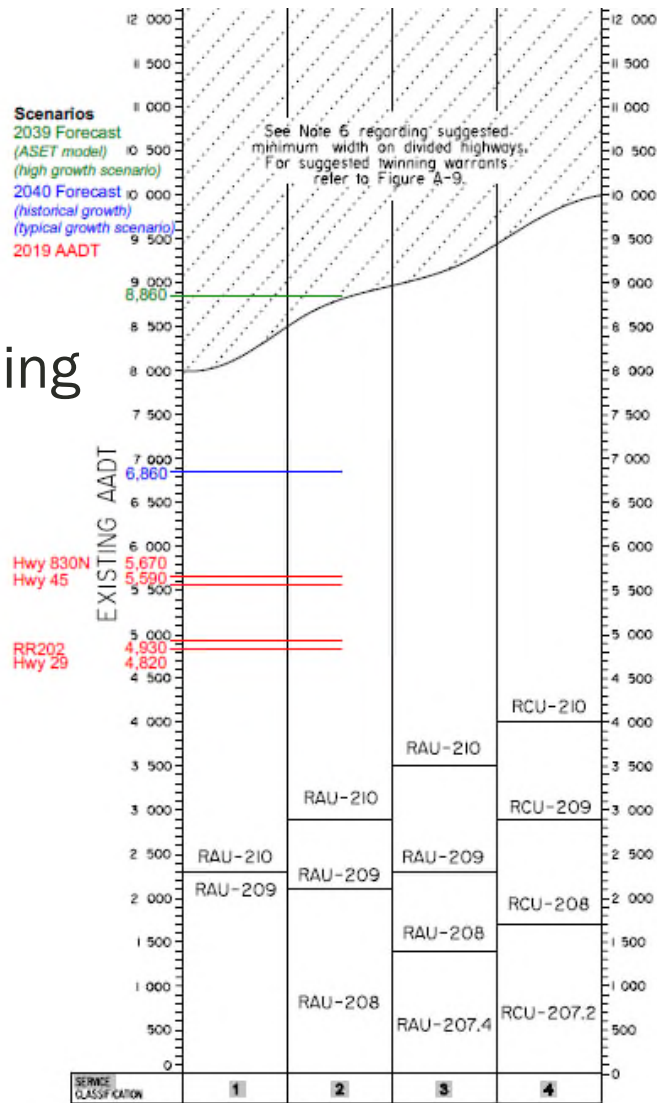
Technical Preferences

- Twp Rd 550 / Rge Rd 190 Improvements – Option 1
 - Consistent with future access management requirements
 - Improved maintenance opportunities
 - Minimal environmental impacts expected
 - Enhanced connection to support local access
 - Simplistic consolidation of accesses
 - Meets local stakeholder preferences
 - Least impact to cropped lands



Improvement Timelines

- Twinning



- Grade Widening

2040 AADT

Hwy 29

DESIGN AADT 6,030

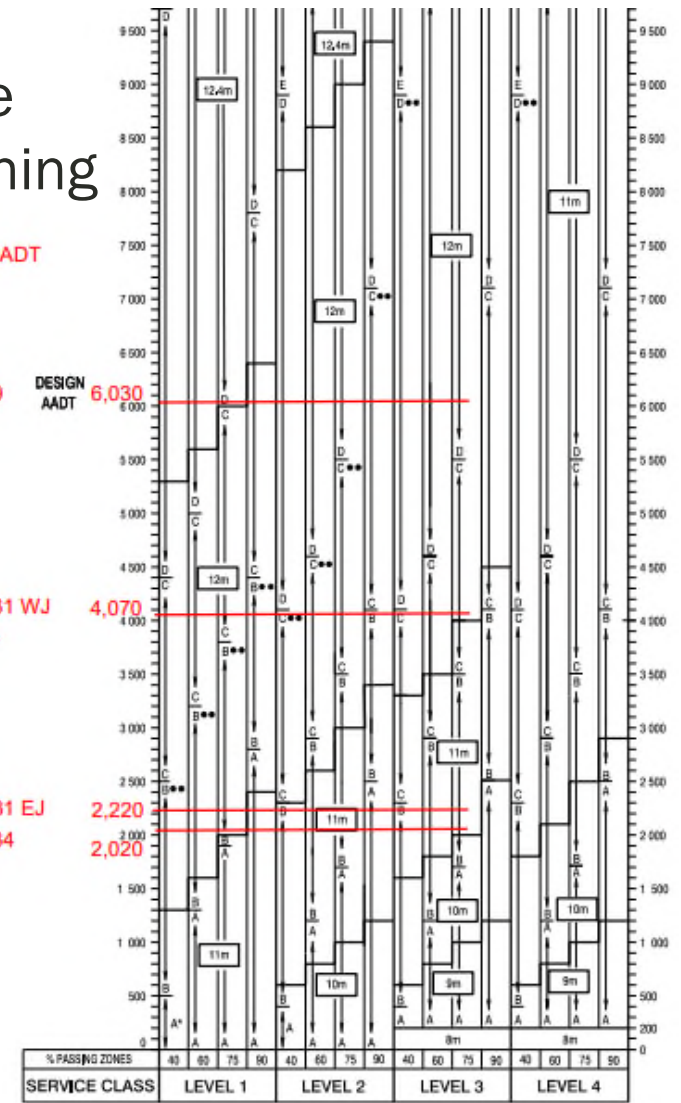
Hwy 831 WJ
50 Ave

4,070

Hwy 831 EJ
Hwy 834

2,220

2,020

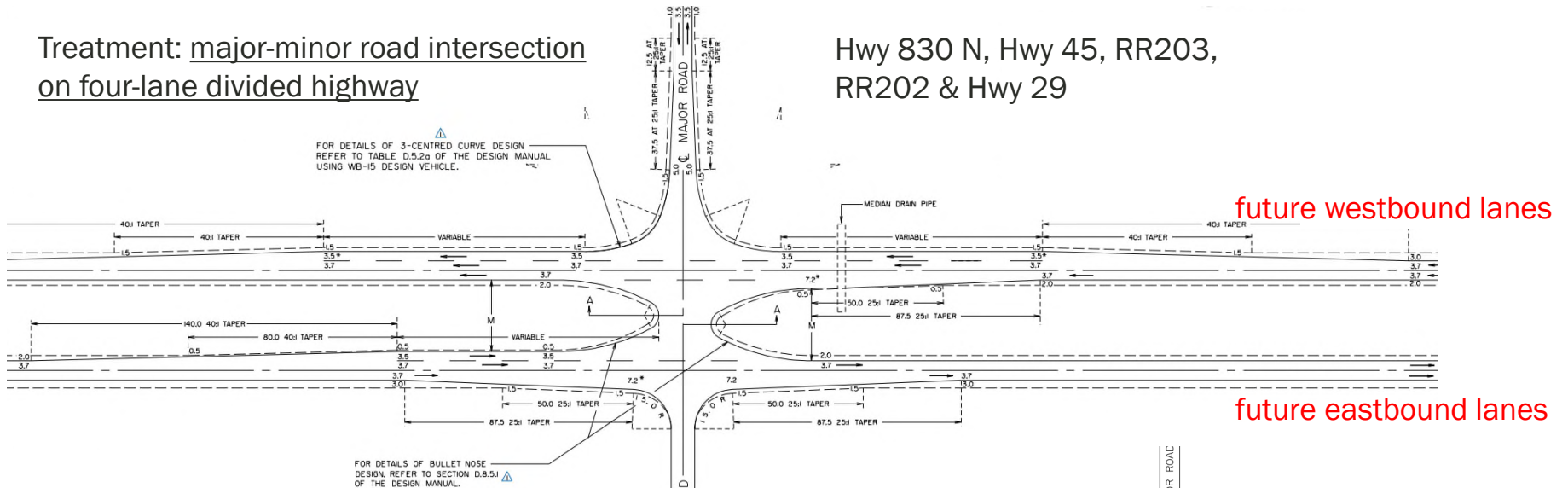


Intersection Upgrades

Range Road and Highway Intersections

Treatment: major-minor road intersection
on four-lane divided highway

Hwy 830 N, Hwy 45, RR203,
RR202 & Hwy 29



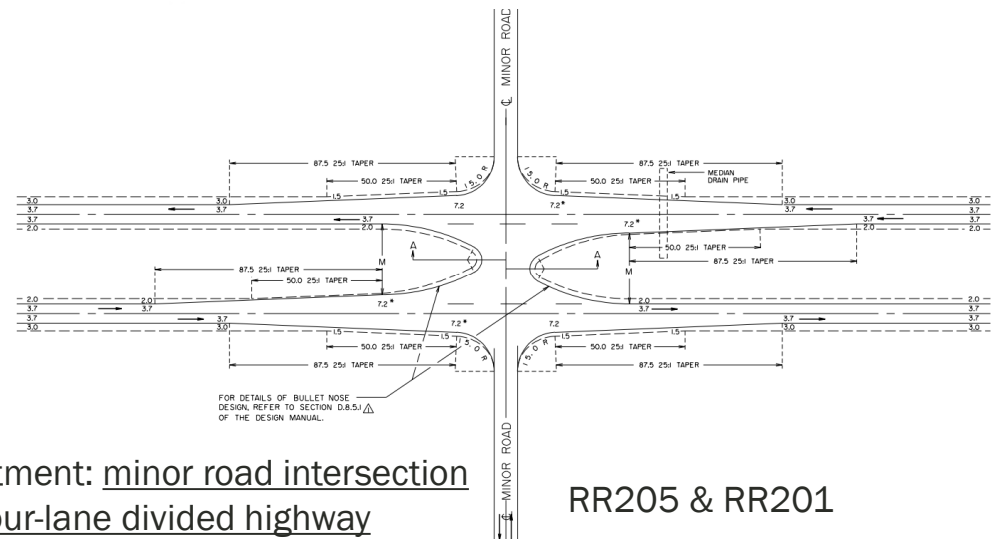
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future eastbound lanes

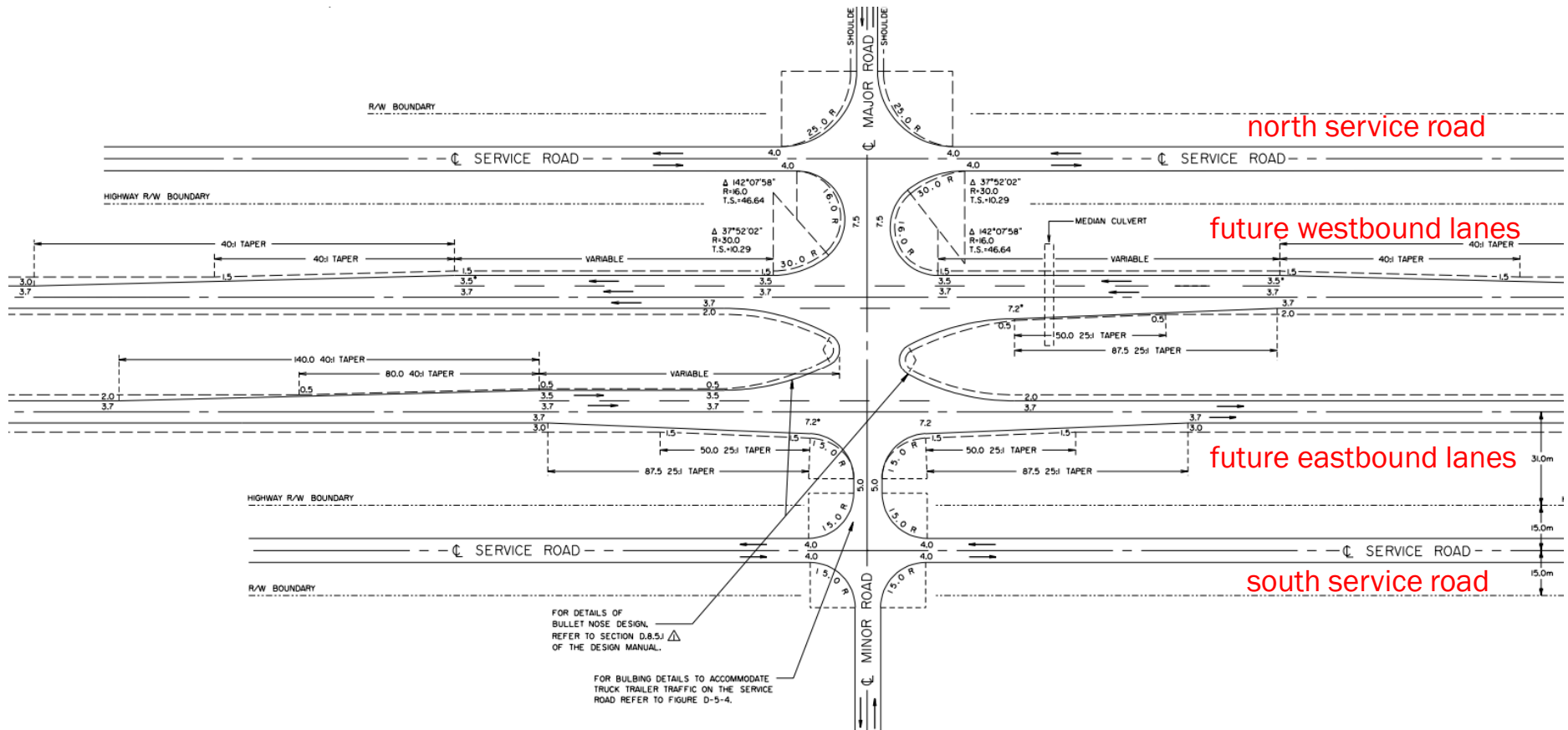
- Review 2040 traffic volumes
- Left turn lane warrants:
 - Hwy 830 N, 45, 29
 - EB warranted; need additional storage
 - WB left turn lanes not warranted
 - RR 202 & RR 203
 - Not warranted

Treatment: minor road intersection
on four-lane divided highway

RR205 & RR201



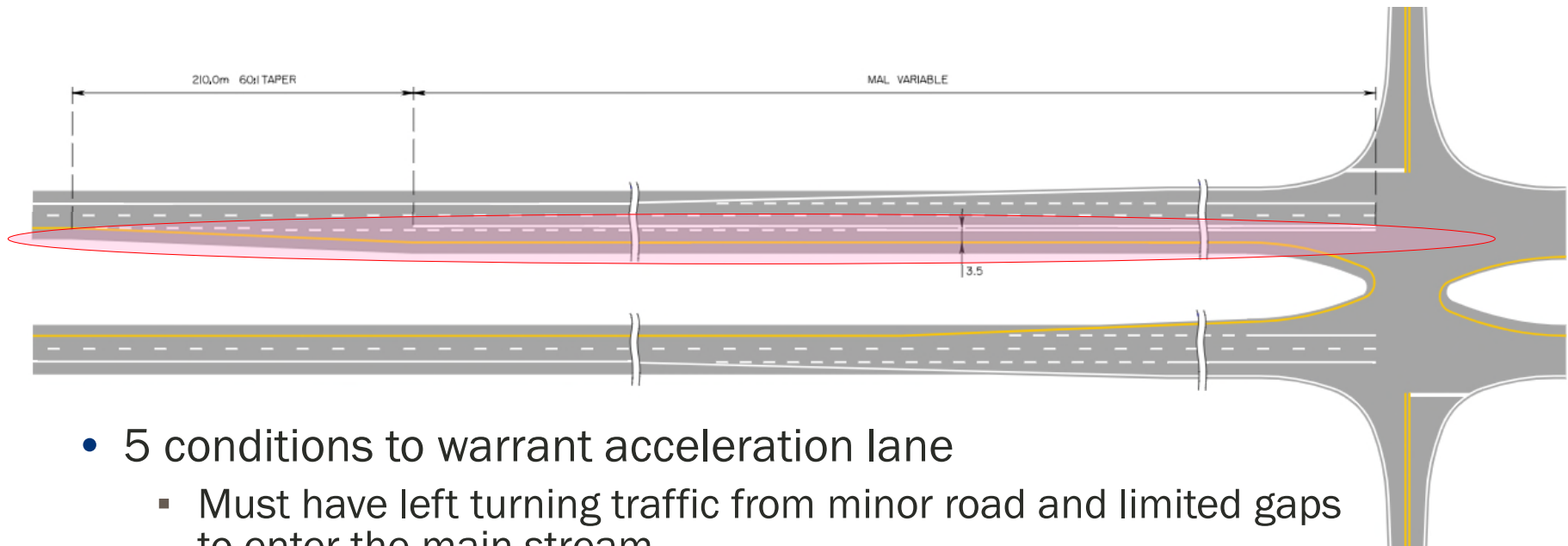
Intersection Upgrades Service Road Example



Treatment: rural frontage service road intersection on four-lane divided highway

Intersection Upgrades

Median Acceleration Lanes



- 5 conditions to warrant acceleration lane
 - Must have left turning traffic from minor road and limited gaps to enter the main stream
 - Plus one of:
 - Collision history
 - Insufficient sight distance
 - Enough large vehicles to present an operational concern
- No locations deemed to meet the warrant requirements

Proposed Interim Intersection Upgrades

- Hwy 830 to Hwy 834 – capacity analysis and treatments
 - All key study intersections operate and are expected to continue to operate within acceptable parameters
 - Hwy 830, Hwy 45, RR203, RR202, Hwy 29, Hwy 831 S, 50 Ave, Hwy 831 N and Hwy 834
 - Some modifications required to meet turn lane requirements
 - Based solely on turning volumes (limited safety and capacity constraints)

Intersection	Current Treatment	Warranted Treatment		
		2019	2030	2040
Hwy 830 EJ	IV – EB Lt and WB Rt	IV – EB Lt (additional storage) and WB Rt	IV – EB Lt (additional storage) and WB Lt	IVc – EB Lt and WB Lt
Hwy 45	IV – EB Lt and WB Rt	IV – EB Lt	IV – EB Lt	IV – EB Lt & WB Lt
Rge Rd 203	I – none	III	IV – EB Lt	IV – EB Lt & WB Lt
Rge Rd 202	IV – EB Lt, WB Rt and SB Rt	III	IV – EB Lt	IV – EB Lt
Hwy 29	IV – EB Lt and WB Rt	IV – EB Lt	IV – EB Lt (additional storage)	IV – EB Lt (additional storage)
Hwy 831 WJ	IV – EB Rt and WB Lt	II	III	III
50 Ave	I – none	II	II	II
Hwy 831 EJ	IV – EB Lt and WB Rt	III	II and WB Rt	II and WB Rt
Hwy 834	IV – EB Rt and WB Lt	II	II	II

Virtual Open House

- Three week period: June 16 to July 7 or June 24 to July 15
 - Dependant on the timing of Council presentations
- Static maps and comments form
- 3D virtual space
 - Ease of navigation instruction and features
 - Landing page to access static maps or enter the 3D space
- Pre-recorded presentation highlighting specific project information
 - Posted to YouTube but accessible through the site
- Frequently asked questions
- Encourage engagement through one on one meeting option
 - Use Zoom (well known and easy to use platform)
 - Request an opportunity through email or text

Municipal Council Presentations

Municipality	Possible Date(s) before Open House	Possible Date(s) after Open House
Strathcona County	June 15 @ 9 am	July 20 @ 9 am
Town of Bruderheim	June 2 / 16 @ 7 pm	July 7 / 21 @ 7 pm
Lamont County	June 8 @ 9 am	July 13 @ 9 am
Town of Lamont	June 8 / 22 @ 7 pm	July 13 / 27 @ 7 pm
Village of Chipman	June 14 @ 6 pm	July 12 @ 6 pm

Stakeholder Communications

- Confirming the need for council or administration presentations – **within the next 5 to 10 days**
 - Timelines to get on council's agenda and provision of materials
- Assistance with advertising the open house
 - Website and social media channels
 - Utility bill flyers and community boards
- Roadside sign advertising
- Local media advertising
- Follow-up presentation to Alberta's Industrial Heartland Association
- No plan presently to meet with the regional water commission board

Next Steps

- Last TRC meeting for this study
 - Future communication largely through email
 - Tetra Tech will continue to be available throughout the next steps
- Address any items arising from this meeting
- Continue preparations for remaining communication activities:
 - Stakeholder meetings
 - Municipality requirements
 - Public open house
- Study report and documentation



MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORT

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: June 8, 2021
ELECTED OFFICIAL: Mayor Bill Skinner
REPORT PERIOD: May 20 – Jun 2, 2021

Boards and Committees:

- May 31 – Lamont County Housing Foundation Board meeting
 - Facebook page is now live
 - BeaverHill Lodge flood repairs completion by end of June
 - Lamont Health Care Center now offering bus transportation home for patients coming in for treatment
 - Lamont Health Care Center AGM will be virtual on June 21 @ 2PM

Items for Council Discussion:

Town of Lamont Business:

- Jun 2 - Met virtually to shortlist candidates to interview for CAO position

Professional Development (Workshops & Conferences):

- May 25 – AHS Covid-19 and Vaccine Safety Teleconference Call
- May 26 – Statistics Canada 2021 Webinar – Census process, questions, info

Lamont Functions and Events:



MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORT

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: June 8, 2021

ELECTED OFFICIAL: Dave Taylor

REPORT PERIOD: May 26 – June 8, 2021

Boards and Committees:

- **May 31: Parks & Recreation Committee:**
 - **Bike park**
 - **Trail lighting**

Town of Lamont Business:

- **June 2: CAO recruitment meeting**

Professional Development (Workshops & Conferences):

Lamont Functions and Events:

CAO REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING June 2, 2021

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Continued policy development- Employee handbook.
- 2021 Election preparation, update of bylaw complete.
- COVID-19 Activities:
 - Continue to ensure staff, Council and the community is informed and current on the situation and adjusting protocols as required.
 - Updates to the COVID-19 restrictions were announced May 26 with easing of restrictions effective June 1 and tentatively move to Stage 2 on June 10.
 - Stage 2, June 10 preparations underway to re-open the Administration Office and take facility bookings.
- Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP) agreement signed, implementation to begin June 15.
- Explore 2021 event planning opportunities.
- Safety Codes Council Audit results and action plan.
- Property Tax notices completed.
- Explore options for the Policing/Bylaw Enforcement and 5 year Capital Plan survey for residents.
- Adjust and prioritize workload until CAO position is filled.

MEETINGS/EVENTS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Meetings

- Monthly Health and Safety Meeting – May 14
- COVID-19 Updates for Alberta Municipalities from the Chief Medical Officer of Health(weekly)
- CREPP Meetings(bi-weekly)

OPERATIONS & INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING June 8, 2021

HIGHLIGHTS

STAFF

- 1 Staff attended the Leadership for Safety Excellence course.
- 3 Seasonal Staff started under the Summer Temporary Employment Program.
- Emergency warning siren was tested May 7, 2021.

Facilities

- Administration building eavestrough repairs completed.
- Trailer sanitary dump station opened for the season.
- Hillside concession opened for the season.
- Splash park scheduled to open June 4, 2021.

Transportation Maintenance

- Asphalt and concrete crushing agreement completed.
- Road rehabilitation work on 47 Ave by highway 831 is ongoing.
- Street and sidewalk inspections initiated.

Parks & Recreation

- Playground inspection and maintenance initiated.
- Bike park orientation completed, and maintenance was handed over to operations.
- Weed Spraying was completed.
- Flowerpots will be put out June 2 to 4, 2021.

Utilities

- 54 Street reservoir fire pump repairs have been completed.

Projects & Requests:

- 2021 Capital Project- Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line Repair- Phase 1. Work has been completed.
- 2021 Capital Project- Lamont Arena and Hall AV Upgrade work has been completed. Final inspection and training will be ongoing through June.
- 2021 Capital Project- Lamont Arena Plant Upgrades. Pressure relief valves have been replaced and both compressors have been overhauled. The control panel replacement will start in mid-June.
- 2021 Bike Park Project- Work completed.
- Course 1: Asset Management Principles and Strategic Development course completion.
- Fort Air Partnership agreement developed and will be finalized mid- June. The air monitoring station will be in place by beginning of July.

Description	2021 Budget	Targeted Amount May	2021 Actual May	Variance	% of Completion	2021 - May	2020 - May	Increase/ (Decrease)	Percentage	Note
REVENUE										
General Revenue	(2,713,173)	(2,489,799)	(2,529,202)	(183,971)	93%	(2,357,756)	(2,404,642)	46,886		
Administration	(344,348)	(143,478)	(193,468)	(150,880)	56%	(1,061)	(415)	(646)		
By Law	(4,200)	(1,750)	(1,627)	(2,573)	39%	(114)	0	(114)		
Strs. & Road	(514,919)	(214,550)	(638)	(514,281)	0%	0	0	0		
Storm Sewer	0	0	(55)	55	0%	(55)	0	(55)		
Water	(580,049)	(241,687)	(179,460)	(400,589)	31%	(91,453)	(94,739)	3,286		
Sewer	(278,184)	(115,910)	(52,921)	(225,263)	19%	(27,157)	(28,119)	961		
Garbage	(344,417)	(143,507)	(116,450)	(227,967)	34%	(58,184)	(56,856)	(1,329)		
Cemetery	(2,037)	(849)	0	(2,037)	0%	0	0	0		
Planning & Subdivision	(2,537)	(1,057)	(864)	(1,673)	34%	(353)	0	(353)		
Hall	(10,000)	(4,167)	(5,172)	(4,828)	52%	0	0	0		
Arena	(47,887)	(19,953)	0	(47,887)	0%	0	0	0		
Park	(211,347)	(88,061)	(13,550)	(197,797)	6%	(13,500)	0	(13,500)		
Curling Rink	(500)	(208)	0	(500)	0%	0	0	0		
FCSS	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0		
TOTAL REVENUE	(5,073,398)	(2,308,975)	(3,219,332)	(1,854,066)	63%	(2,549,559)	(2,584,770)	35,211		
EXPENSE										
Council	140,633	58,597	34,992	105,641	25%	6,435	5,885	549		
Administration	727,789	303,245	270,794	456,995	37%	52,606	46,926	5,679		
Fire	32,878	13,699	12,848	20,030	39%	1,533	1,375	158		
Disaster Service	1,500	625	0	1,500	0%	0	0	0		
By-Law	65,176	27,157	13,676	51,500	21%	1,501	0	1,501		
Public Work	225,939	94,141	68,354	157,585	30%	5,592	36,107	(30,515)		
Street & Road	451,900	188,292	131,507	320,393	29%	30,655	17,153	13,502		
Storm Sewer	11,400	4,750	370	11,030	3%	0	0	0		
Water	630,896	262,873	244,512	386,384	39%	48,698	19,832	28,866		
Sewer	65,265	27,194	8,765	56,500	13%	831	8,518	(7,687)		
Garbage	399,763	230,151	96,417	303,346	24%	24,841	131,279	(106,438)		
Family Community & Cemetery	23,375	9,740	850	22,525	4%	850	800	50		
Town Beautification	17,500	7,292	468	17,033	3%	0	0	0		
Planning & Subdivision	108,300	45,125	9,862	98,438	9%	2,374	13,875	(11,501)		
Hall	136,546	56,894	66,031	70,515	48%	11,050	9,896	1,154		
Arena	289,580	120,658	90,309	199,271	31%	15,484	10,444	5,041		
Park	107,613	44,839	25,594	82,019	24%	11,059	3,994	7,065		
Curling Rink	42,813	17,839	27,581	15,232	64%	1,713	509	1,204		
FCSS & School Fund	548,077	228,365	136,335	411,742	25%	6,157	0	6,157		
Total Expense	4,026,943	1,741,476	1,239,263	2,787,680	31%	221,379	306,593	(85,214)		

Description	2021 Budget	Targeted Amount May	2021 Actual May	Variance	% of Completion	2021 - May	2020 - May	Increase/ (Decrease)	Percentage	Note
Capital Programs										
Administration	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%	
Fire	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%	
Public Work	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%	
Street and Road	46,340	19,308	0	46,340	0%	0	7,758	(7,758)	-100%	
storm Sewer	32,500	13,542	0	32,500	0%	0	0	0	0%	
Water	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%	
Sewer	1,045,625	435,677	262,270	783,355	25%	75,461				
Planning & Subdivision	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%	
Hall	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%	
Arena	146,800	61,167	10,220	136,580	0%	10,220	0	10,220	0%	
Park	136,255	56,773	28,869	107,386	21%	28,869	0	28,869	0%	
Curling Rink	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%	
Total Capital Programs	1,407,520	586,467	301,360	1,106,160	21%	114,551	7,758			

NOTICE OF MOTION

Date: June 8, 2021

Council Member: Councillor Taylor

Motion*: That Town of Lamont supports the Alberta Coal Restriction Policy as per the correspondence from the Community of High River. This item is to be brought back at the June 8, 2021 Council Meeting.

Background: During the May 25, 2021, Regular Council Meeting Councillor Taylor put forward a Notice of Motion regarding bringing forward the Alberta Coal Restriction Policy.



309B Macleod Trail SW
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ACTION REQUIRED

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

VIA E-MAIL

Town of Lamont
Mr. Bill Skinner
PO Bag 330
Lamont, AB T0B 2R0
Email: christine.b@lamont.ca

Attention: Mayor Bill Skinner & Members of Council

RE: Proposed Alberta Coal Restriction Policy

Dear Your Worship & Members of Council:

Your input on the future of the Eastern Slopes of the Rockies is important to the long-term health of our water resources and their ability to provide clean drinking water to all communities in the Province. The Town of High River remains concerned about the negative impacts coal mining will have on our communities, landscapes, water resources, and future generations. We are requesting your support for our version of a new policy that reflects our desire to protect the Eastern Slopes and our water resources in perpetuity.

The Town of High River has met with the Coal Policy Committee and agreed to prepare a framework that would see coal exploration and development banned along the Eastern Slopes. At our May 10, 2021 Regular Meeting, Council unanimously supported the wording outlined below and we are requesting all Alberta Municipalities join us in supporting the proposed policy.

Specifically, the Town's proposed ***Alberta Coal Restriction Policy*** would be effective November 15, 2021 and has three key principles:

1. No further coal exploration or development will be permitted on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta. There will no longer be categories within this area and, instead, there would only be one area defined today as the Eastern Slopes.
2. Existing coal mining operations in the Hinton/Grande Cache areas will be permitted to retire gracefully.
3. Reclamation of lands disturbed by coal exploration activities with coal exploration permits issued prior to February 8, 2021 must be reclaimed no later than December 31, 2025.

Our rationale for the three principles of the Alberta Coal Restriction Policy are as follows:

1. The inherent value of the Eastern Slopes only exists with the landscape remaining intact.
2. The headwaters and landscapes of the Eastern Slopes are critical to the future of our province. Our communities, agriculture production, food production, tourism, and recreation all rely on these landscapes existing and their watersheds producing clean water. Water is a limited resource that we all require to exist. The Town is strongly opposed to any activity that increases the likelihood of water contamination. Once a waterway has been contaminated by coal mining, this action cannot be reversed. Our future generations depend on us protecting this resource.
3. The negative impacts on the environment, human health, animal health and existing economies far outweigh the new jobs, taxes, royalties or economics that may be generated as a result of coal development in this area.

The Town will collect all feedback received and report back to the Coal Policy Committee in July 2021.

If you are in support of the proposed policy wording, please send a signed letter to myself or acknowledge your support utilizing the endorsement below. Please send all letters and feedback to csnodgrass@highriver.ca, with a copy to legislativeservices@highriver.ca no later than July 15, 2021.

I will then present this policy to the Coal Policy Committee along with the feedback received. If you are interested in participating in the presentation of this policy to the Coal Policy Committee, please contact me at the above noted email address.

Thank you for considering supporting this important initiative.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Craig Snodgrass
Mayor
Cell: 403.652.9489

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Endorsement of Support

On behalf of the City/Town/Village of

I, _____

, can advise that the City/Town/Village of

supports the proposed Alberta Coal Restriction Policy as prepared above.

Signature