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Bridge Replacement Project Update

Surveyors working for Alberta Transportation's consultants, Hatch, were in the Summer Village over the last couple of weeks gathering data for the bridge design project. Data was gathered on both Alberta's Transportation's recommended alignment from the 2002 Functional Planning Study and on the existing bridge location.

Initially Council was advised by the Province that the alignment recommended in the functional planning study was the only alignment being studied. The Highway 40 Road Committee successfully opened up conversation with Alberta Transportation's bridge design consultant that brought forward the local perspective. This resulted in the Minister of Transportation expanding the scope of the bridge design study to include the existing bridge location.

Council strongly supports the new bridge being constructed in the existing location and are optimistic that the bridge design study, along with the Summer Village's input, will clearly show that the existing location is the best place to construct the new bridge.

Council would like to thank the Highway 40 Road Committee for their input, support and the many hours they have volunteered *and* continue to volunteer, assisting Council with creating solutions to help minimize impacts to the community.

Highway 40 Road Committee – Seeking 1 member

When the Highway 40 Road Committee was re-established in the spring, Council appointed one councillor to serve on the Committee and 4 residents. After the municipal election in the summer, the council component on the Committee increased to 2 members when one of the committee members was elected to Council. Council expressed a desire to maintain the 4 member resident representation on the Committee and have decided that only one (1) councillor will serve on the Highway 40 Road Committee. Councillor Brian Fleming will be the Council appointee on the Committee, serving as the non-voting council liaison representative. This decision has opened up one (1) vacancy on the Committee.

Council is inviting interested residents to submit their name to serve on the Committee. All names received by the Village Office on or before **Thursday, January 4, 2018** will be brought forward to Council for consideration of appointment. The appointment is for three (3) years).

For more information on the Highway 40 Road Committee and the Bridge Replacement Project, please [click here](#) or visit the Summer Village of Waiparous website Waiparous.ca