

Wheatland County

Request for Decision

Regular Council Meeting

November 10, 2020

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Annexation of Former School Lands – Village of Hussar – SE-14-24-20-W4

Recommendation from Administration

THAT Council support the annexation of the former school land within the Village of Hussar located at SE-14-24-20-W4 for the purposes of incorporating it into the Village of Hussar's municipal boundaries; and further

THAT Council permit the Village of Hussar to discuss and refer to the annexation of land in its Municipal Development Plan, as it is being drafted concurrently throughout the annexation process.

Chief Administrative Officer's Comments

N/A

Report

Division N/A

In August 2017, Wheatland County received correspondence from Golden Hills School Division No. 75 (Chair – Board of Trustees) identifying schools that are no longer in use and declared surplus to the needs of Golden Hills. At that time, the School Division inquired if Wheatland County had any interest in the school buildings and land in the Village of Hussar.

In April of 2018, Wheatland County Council moved that, "Wheatland County Administration contact the Golden Hills School Division No. 75 to inquire if they are willing to subdivide the Hussar School Building from the parcel, at costs borne by the GHSD#75, and offer land only to Wheatland County". As time has progressed, and interest in obtaining the land has subsided for Wheatland County, and has increased for the Village of Hussar, the Village has officially submitted an expression of interest for the Annexation process to begin (attached). In June – July of 2020, Wheatland County informed Golden Hills that they can begin the transfer of land process with the Village of Hussar.

Now that the process has been completed (October 8, 2020), the land must be officially annexed by the Village of Hussar. The Village does not require additional land for residential, commercial, or industrial growth (Section 2.4 of Wheatland County and the Village of Hussars Intermunicipal Development Plan), the attached letter states that it does have interest to incorporate the former school land into the municipal boundaries. The Village of Hussar also requests while it crafts its new Municipal Development Plan, it be allowed to refer to the annexation process and that the parcel will be soon be incorporated within its boundaries.

Relevant Policies, Practices, and Legislation

Wheatland County and the Village of Hussar's Intermunicipal Development Plan, Section 2.4

Alignment with the Strategic Plan

Wheatland County's ongoing corporation with its' municipal neighbours.

Response Options

Option 1: THAT the proposed recommendation is accepted/approved.

Option 2: THAT the proposed recommendation is not accepted/approved.

Option 3: THAT an alternate recommendation is accepted/approved.

Implications of Recommendation

General

Once the annexation process is complete, the land will no longer be listed as County land.

Organizational

N/A

Financial

N/A

Environmental, Staff, and Public Safety

N/A

Follow-up Action / Communications

Communicate to the Village of Hussar Councils support of the annexation.

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Henderson", written in a cursive style.

Brian Henderson