

REGIONAL GOVERNANCE STUDY



Regional Governance Study – February 8, 2021

Regional Governance Study underway between the Village of Caroline, Clearwater County, and Town of Rocky Mountain House

The Village of Caroline, Clearwater County, and the Town of Rocky Mountain House are participating in a Regional Governance Study to explore the most effective and efficient governance structure to support the region's growth and long-term prosperity for all citizens. The municipalities are committed to searching for common goals and a common vision to best serve the region and citizen input will be an important part of the Study process.

An external consultant has been hired to undertake the Study on the behalf of the three participating municipalities. The consultant will complete an independent analysis of existing services, agreements and financial and operational information, implement public engagement, and develop a recommendations report. A Steering Committee, comprised of Mayors, Reeve and Councillors, and an alternate from each municipality, has been formed to provide direction and advice on the delivery of this Study. The three general options being explored for a new governance structure for Caroline, Clearwater County and Rocky Mountain House include:

1. Remain as three separate municipalities with regional cooperation (current structure);
2. Amalgamate all three municipalities into a single municipal government; or
3. Amalgamate Clearwater County and the Village of Caroline and develop regional cooperation agreements with the Town of Rocky Mountain House.

In mid-February, residents and stakeholders from the three municipalities will have an opportunity to learn about the preliminary findings from the background review and share their comments and concerns. We are just kicking off the Study and want to hear from you about what information you would like to know to better understand the Study process and the different governance options that will be explored in the coming months.

More information about the upcoming engagement opportunities, the Study and overall process is available on the project website: <https://ccrregionalgovernancestudy.ca/>

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