

Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Extensions

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Background

- Original requirement to review the Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICFs) once every five years.
- Ministerial Order 024/23 (April 2023) extended renegotiation date to seven years.
- Minister recommends municipalities extend their ICF renegotiation timelines to reflect the Ministerial Order.

Background

- Sturgeon County has ten ICFs in place.
- Frameworks with the Towns of Bon Accord, Legal, Gibbons, and Redwater included four-year renegotiation terms; all other ICFs maintained the standard five-year terms.
- Sturgeon County and its ICF partners have been in communication to confirm extending ICF renegotiation date to March 31, 2027.
- To-date, nine municipalities have responded in favour of the extension (one is awaiting confirmation).
- The municipalities who have responded have either passed motions or will be presenting a motion to Council at upcoming meetings in January or February.

Considerations

- The proposed extension does NOT impact any sub-agreements (i.e., recreation or fire services) tied to the ICF agreements.
- Despite the Ministerial Order extending review deadlines to 2027, Frameworks that stipulate a specific renegotiation date supersede the MO extension.
- ICF legislative changes are forthcoming, likely this spring. The province has asked that municipalities hold off on renegotiations until those legislative changes are made.
- Sturgeon County reached out to its partners in late 2024 seeking interest in formally supporting timeline extensions (based on the province's advice/request).

Current status of other municipalities

Municipality	Status
County of Barrhead	<i>Awaiting response.</i>
Town of Bon Accord	Extension Motion Supported (Dec 17, 2024)
Town of Gibbons	Motion will be presented at the Jan 22, 2025 Council meeting
Lac Ste Anne County	Motion will be presented at a February Council meeting
Lamont County	Motion will be presented at the Jan 28, 2025 Council meeting
Town of Legal	Extension Motion Supported (Dec 16, 2024)
Town of Redwater	Confirmed in writing that an extension would be supported
Summer Village of Sandy Beach	Extension Motion Supported (Jan 16, 2024)
Thorhild County	Confirmed in writing that an extension would be supported
Westlock County	Motion will be presented at the Jan 28, 2025 Council meeting

Recommended motion

- That Sturgeon County extend the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework review date until March 31, 2027, with the following municipalities:
 - County of Barrhead
 - Town of Bon Accord
 - Town of Gibbons
 - Lac Ste. Anne County
 - Lamont County
 - Town of Legal
 - Town of Redwater
 - Summer Village of Sandy Beach
 - Thorhild County
 - Westlock County

Next steps

- Administration will notify the County's ICF partners of Council's decision.
- Administration will continue to monitor any changes to ICF legislation and report back to Council on the proposed changes as they become available and to obtain direction, as needed.
- Administration will work with ICF partners to begin negotiations, as required.

Questions?

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