

# Village of Hines Creek Council Request for Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	January 8, 2019
Originated By:	Leanne Walmsley, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	Initiation to become an Associate Member of Northwest Species at Risk Committee
File:	0507

## BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

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## DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

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## COSTS/SOURCE OF FUNDING (if applicable)

As per NWSAR's Terms of Reference, Associate members shall pay a \$1,000 (one thousand dollar) annual fee to NWSAR's budget. Please review the attached Terms of Reference for more information.

To find out more about NWSAR and to review previous meeting minutes' highlights please visit their website: <http://albertanwsar.ca/index.php/information/updates> or their Facebook page: Alberta Northwest Species at Risk Committee.

We need to advise them of our decision at our earliest convenience, and they will provide us with an invoice and all relevant documentation, should the Village of Hines Creek choose to accept Associate Membership of NWSAR.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That this Council approves the associate membership invitation and agrees to pay the annual amount of \$1,000 to Northwest Species at Risk Committee and/or that Council agrees to receive the Invitation to become an Associate Member of Northwest Species at Risk Committee as information.

Initials show support- Reviewed by:	Manager:	C.A.O. <i>AW</i>
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Mayor  
Village of Hines Creek  
P.O. Box 421, 212 – 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Hines Creek, AB ToH 2A0

**RE: Invitation to become an Associate Member of Northwest Species at Risk Committee**

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If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us or our administration – please see the attached contact information table.

Yours Sincerely,



Lisa Wardley  
Chair, NWSAR  
Councillor, Mackenzie County



Crystal McAteer  
Vice Chair, NWSAR  
Mayor, Town of High Level

cc: Northwest Species at Risk Committee

