

Village of Hines Creek Council Request for Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	November 27, 2019
Originated By:	Leanne Walmsley, Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	New Business – Fairview Health Complex Endoscopy Program
File:	0602

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

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DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

Daryl Greenhill, CAO for the Town of Fairview has sent a letter to the MLA's office and requested an update on arranging a meeting with the minister.

Attached : Alberta Health Services – Memorandum from Sandra Herrit, Senior Operating Officer

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Initials show support- Reviewed by:	Manager:	C.A.O. <i>AW</i>
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That Council send a letter in support of the Fairview Health Complex Endoscopy Program and request that the Village of Hines Creek also be present when a meeting can be arranged with the Minister of Health Tyler Shandro.

Date: November 18, 2019

To: Daryl Greenhill, Town of Fairview CAO

cc: Dr. Karen Lundgard, Associate Zone Medical Director
Dr. John Andreiuk, Physician Fairview Medical Center
Trisha Towne, Area 2 Director Clinical Operations
James Halliday, Site Manager Fairview Community Health Center
Jody Shrafnagle, Acute Care Manager Fairview Community Health Center

From: Sandra Herritt, Senior Operating Officer,
Areas 1-4 Clinical Operations, AC, CDM, PC, PPIH

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Thank you for your understanding in this matter and we look forward to updating you when we have more information to share.



Sandra Herritt
Senior Operating Officer