



## STAFF REPORT

**Title:** Joint Letter to Minister of Transportation - Highway 28

**Meeting Date:** May 24, 2022

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### **Executive Summary:**

The Municipal District of Bonnyville has drafted a joint letter to the Minister of Transportation, the Honourable Rajan Sawhney. In addition to being signed by His Worship, Reeve Barry Kalinski, they hope to also have the letter signed by the chief elected officials from the City of Cold Lake, the Town of Bonnyville, the County of St. Paul, and the Village of Glendon.

The letter outlines concern with a possible decrease in the level of service for maintaining primary and secondary highways, which would lead to further deterioration of Highway 28. It also expresses some frustration that Highway 28 has not been included in the province's three-year capital plan.

### **Background:**

The state of Highway 28 has been a long concern for the City of Cold Lake, municipalities in the surrounding region and other rural municipalities located off of the Highway.

The City of Cold Lake's position has long been for a capital plan to introduce passing lanes at regular intervals, at a minimum, with the ultimate goal being the twinning of Highway 28 from Edmonton to the City of Cold Lake.

Over the years, the City of Cold Lake has consistently advocated for these changes, meeting with transportation ministry staff, ministers, and local MLAs. After each provincial election, it forms part of a briefing package to the MLA regarding important municipal issues.

### **Alternatives:**

- Council may pass a motion to support the joint letter as attached.
- Council may pass a motion to respectfully decline to support the joint letter as attached.

### **Recommended Action:**

Administration recommends that Council pass a motion to support the joint letter as attached.



**Budget Implications (Yes or No):**

No

**Submitted by:**

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