Request for Decision – to Council

Council Meeting Date: February 11, 2020

Subject: 2019 Municipal Census (Request for Decision)

Confidential: No


Background: Discussion:

- Lac La Biche County conducted a municipal census between April 17th and June 30, 2019.
- Municipal Affairs has approved the County’s 2019 Municipal Census which prompted Administration to prepare a comprehensive Census Report to share with Council and the public (attached).
- The County’s total recorded population was 9,636, of this total, 8,564 were permanent residents, while 982 belonged to the shadow population (people residing in the County for the purpose of work but who have a permanent residence elsewhere).
  - These figures do not include neighboring Metis Settlements or First Nation Reserves that are within Lac La Biche County.
- The purpose of the census was to obtain an accurate count of the County’s population; this ensures that the County receives its equitable share of grants and funding from the provincial and federal governments.
- In comparison to the May 2016 Municipal Census, the results of the 2019 Municipal Census remain nearly unchanged from those of 2016. In 2016, the permanent resident population was recorded at 8,544, and the shadow population was recorded at 987.
- Council additionally requested Administration to provide municipal results for nearby areas, which is attached to this Request for Decision.

Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:

- Municipal Government Act
- The Determination of Population Regulation

Desired Outcome(s):

- That Council adopts the Lac La Biche County 2019 Municipal Census results.
Response Options:
- Municipal Affairs has approved the Lac La Biche County census results; therefore, there are limited options to Council in terms of response options.

Strategic Alignment

Implication of Recommendation
Organizational:
- There are no organizational impacts; as Administration has completed the Municipal Census.

Financial:
- None

Implementation:
- None

Communication:
- The Lac La Biche 2019 Municipal Census Report will be posted to the County website for the public’s viewing and will be provided upon request to the public.

Attachments
1. Lac La Biche County 2019 Municipal Census Report
2. Summary of Census Results for neighboring areas

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