

**Lamont County**

**Request for Decision**

Meeting: **Regular Council Meeting**

Meeting Date: January 12, 2010

Presented By: Allan Harvey CLGM

Title: Bruderheim Natural Area

Agenda Item No:

**BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:**

The fire at the Bruderheim Natural Area has consumed more than trees. The resources taken to deal with the issue have created a considerable strain on our organization.

There also appears to be a history as a fire did occur on in the area about 10 years ago. Discussions with the province and attempts to get meetings with key ministers have resulted in little if any progress.

A presentation from Cst. Herchek provided some ideas on controlling the access to the area and perhaps through a review of registration and insurance insure that the area riders were legal. A presentation from Mr. Landals appeared to be more in line with Councils original thoughts to reduce or ban the use of off road vehicles from the site.

A discussion with Mr. Stelmach outlined the possibility of having the area re-designated as a recreation area, but the application should be supported by both communities.

**DISCUSSION / OPTIONS / BENEFITS / DISADVANTAGES:**

- 1 Accept for information.
- 2 Direct that a letter be sent to the province requesting the re-designation of the Bruderheim natural area to a recreation area.
- 3 Postpone subject to further information.

**COSTS / SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

None at present, but as the process unveils I would anticipate costs borne by the community for representation at meetings and hearings, and expenses by public works to develop some of the anticipated enforcement requirements. (i.e. signage, ditching, removal of access roads)

**RECOMMENDED ACTION (by originator):**

That Council for Lamont County approves of a letter being sent to Mr. Stelmach and copied to Strathcona County and Alberta Tourism Recreation and Parks requesting that the Bruderheim Natural Area be re-designated from natural area to recreation area with no access permitted to the area by off road vehicles.