

New waste management agreement

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Mountain View County council has passed a motion authorizing the reeve and chief administrative officer to sign the new Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission (MVRWMC) membership agreement.

The approval came during the recent regularly scheduled council meeting.

The other municipalities named in the agreement are the towns of Olds, Sundre, Didsbury and the Village of Cremona.

The MVRWMC is made up of municipal representatives. It oversees waste collection and the operation of facilities in the county.

Under the agreement, members agree to “provide capital, operating and reserve funds required to construct, maintain, manage, operate, use and replace the waste management facilities and all ancillary assets shall be provided pursuant to the revenue that the commission receives for the operation of the waste management facilities.”

The agreement first came before MVC council in September and then again in November, when it was forwarded to the county’s legal counsel

for comment.

“One of the suggestions made by our lawyers that has not been included in the current draft of the agreement is that the waste commission be listed as a member in the agreement,” administration said in a briefing note to council. “Rather the commission is including in section 6.01 – notices, wherein it requires that any notices also be forwarded to the waste commission.

“Not including the commission as a member means the agreement does not bind the commission, it only binds the municipalities. This would have been the case if the agreement would have been entered into when the commission was originally established.

“Our lawyers believe it would have been more practical to include the commission as it would have bound the commission to the terms of the agreement; however, they state that it is not a requirement because supposedly the municipal representatives will vote in accordance with the agreement. That of course is dependent on the members being aware of the terms of the agreement.”

The new agreement includes a dispute resolution procedure allowing for negotiation, mediation and arbitration.