

**Subject: East Clearwater Highway - Primary Transportation
Priority****APPROVALS:****Annette Antoniak**_____
Director_____
Chief Administrative Officer**Recommended Motion:**

THAT Council identify the East Clearwater Highway as the primary transportation priority in the RMWB; and

THAT a letter be drafted to the local MLAs, the MP, the Premier, the Prime Minister, the Provincial Minister of Transportation and the relevant Federal Ministers setting out that it is our region's primary transportation priority and that the benefits of the Highway include but are not limited to the following:

- Dangerous Goods route that is not only hundreds of meters from our Aging in Place and Hospital Facilities;
- In the case of an evacuation for any reason, fire or otherwise, it gives our emergency response teams three choices to move people away from harm; and
- It sets a natural fire break should the fire come from a different direction next time.

Summary:

At the June 25, 2019 Council Meeting, Mayor Don Scott served notice of his intent to bring forward the following motion for consideration at the July 8, 2019 Council Meeting:

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Rationale for Recommendation:

Pursuant to Procedure Bylaw No. 18/20, the motion is now before Council for consideration.

Strategic Priorities:

Responsible Government