

Summer Village of Ma-Me-O Beach Viability Review

Mid-Review Public Information Session
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Meeting Objectives



Provide an update on the viability review process



Review ‘What you told us’

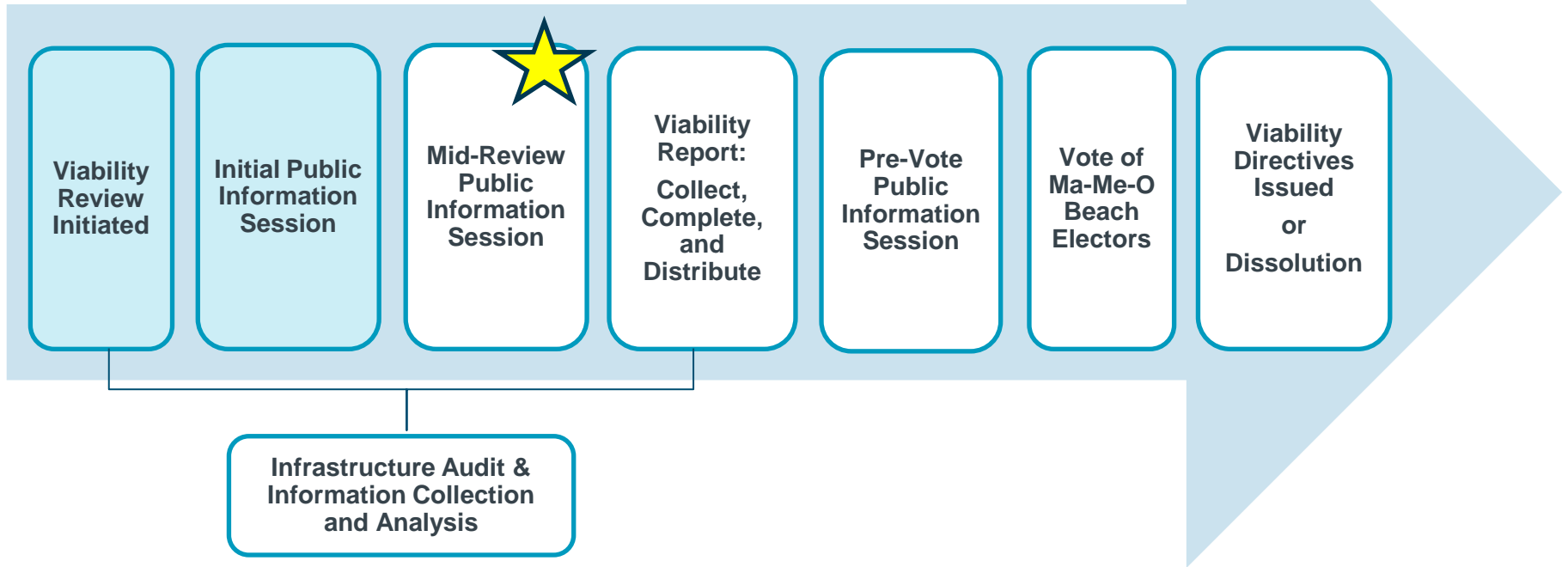


Discuss the Ma-Me-O Beach Viability Review Report and gather additional community input



Outline next steps

Ma-Me-O Beach Viability Review Update



Vote on a question

Follows *Local Authorities Election Act*

For Ma-Me-O Beach electors

Conducted by Municipal Affairs staff in
Ma-Me-O Beach

Anticipate Special Ballots – Mail-in Ballots

Purposes of Alberta municipalities (MGA Sec. 3):

To provide good government

To foster the well-being of the environment

To foster the economic development of the municipality

To provide services, facilities...that in the opinion of council are necessary or desirable for...the municipality

To develop and maintain safe and viable communities

To work collaboratively with neighbouring municipalities

Municipal Operations

Governance

Administration

Services

Finances

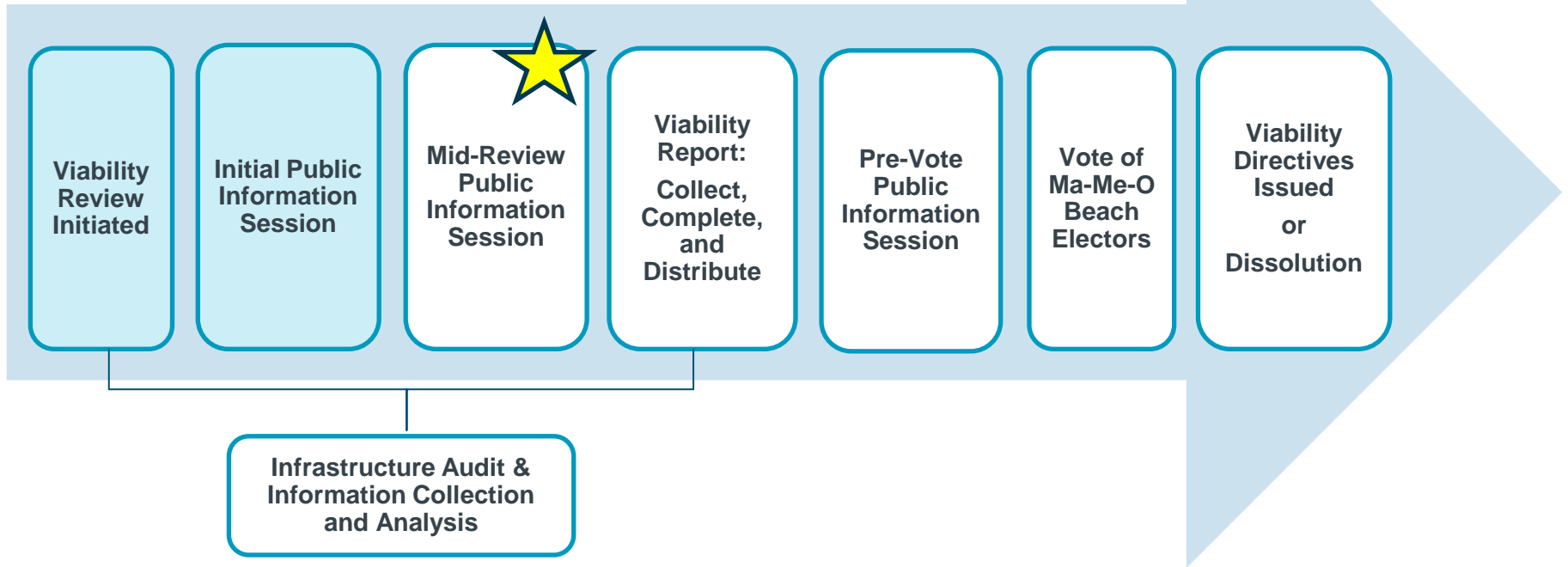
Infrastructure

Community

Questions...



Ma-Me-O Beach Viability Review Update



What you told us...

Initial Public Information Session – Feb. 21, 2024

Community Survey – Feb. 21 to April 1, 2024



Governance

Councils

- Communication and transparency
- Negative connection between past and present decisions

Change from Summer Village to Hamlet

- Loss of autonomy
- Resident Representation for summer residents

Administration

Municipal services

- Administration has capacity to manage the summer village

Tourism

- Concerns about tourism management
- Financial burden on property owners

Services

Municipal services

- Meets expectations:
 - garbage removal, beach cleaning, and recreation
- Roads and community hall well maintained

Changes from Summer Village to Hamlet

- County services
- Impact on property taxes and user fees

Finances

Municipal finances

- Taxes and utility fees generally appropriate
- Revenue could be increased through development

Change from Summer Village to Hamlet

- Impact on property taxes and user fees
- Summer village debt

Infrastructure

Infrastructure Audit

- Determines the condition of all SV infrastructure
- Conducted by SV with provincial grant funding
- Includes 10-year capital and associated operational plan
 - based on a prioritized action list with associated costs

Community

Local Identity

- Historical connection
- Pride in Pidgeon Lake – relaxing and recreation

Tourism

- Use of municipal services at no cost
- Ways to offset costs

Information you asked for...



10 Minute Break

10 mins	9 mins	8 mins	7 mins	6 mins
5 mins	4 mins	3 mins	2 mins	1 min



Table Discussion

1. Discuss questions with your group
2. Take notes on your conversation
3. We will come collect your coloured cards



Discussion guidelines

- Everyone has wisdom
- Everyone is encouraged to participate and contribute
- Listen to understand
- Speak from your perspective and respect other's perspectives
- Ask questions of clarity
- Change your mind as often as you like based on new information you learn as part of the conversations

Continue as a SV

Governance

Locally Elected Council

- 3 councillors

Voter Eligibility

- Canadian, 18
- Primary residence in SV or named on title or spouse/partner

Bylaws and Long-Term Planning

- Council responsible for adopting bylaws and policies
- Anticipate directive to develop a strategic plan

Become a Hamlet

County Council

- 7 councillors
- Hamlet part of a county ward

Voter Eligibility

- Canadian, 18
- Primary residence in county hamlet

Bylaws and Long-Term Planning

- Bylaws remain until county amends/repeals/replaces them
- Hamlet included in county's long-term planning

--- Light Green ---

Governance



What additional information would you like to know about Governance?

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Continue as a SV

Become a Hamlet

Administration

CAO

- Council appoints and evaluates performance

Office Location

- Summer Villages Office

Shared Administration

- Shared administration services would continue

CAO

- County CAO manages county, including hamlets

Office Location

- County Office in Wetaskiwin

Shared Administration

- Continuation of shared services is unknown

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Administration



What additional information would you like to know about Administration?

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Continue as a SV

Become a Hamlet

Services

Council determine service levels and fees based on community feedback

- Road maintenance and snow clearance
- Garbage collection and disposal
- Beach clean-up and boat launch
- Tourism
- Development and planning
- Fire and disaster services

County will provide municipal services

- Anticipate service levels and fees similar to the rest of the county and other hamlets

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Services



What additional information would you like to know about Services?

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Stay as a SV

Become a Hamlet

Finances

SV Finances

- Council determines levels of services and funding sources
- Council sets service costs, annual operating and capital budgets, and sets tax rates

Funding Sources

- Eligible for provincial grant funding for municipalities

Hamlet Finances

- County incorporates hamlet into funding sources and budgets
- Anticipated service costs, annual operating and capital budgets, and tax rates similar to the rest of the county and other hamlets

Funding Sources

- Grant allocations based on increased population and assessment base

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Finances



What additional information would you like to know about Finances?

--- Purple ---

Stay as a SV

Become a Hamlet

Infrastructure

Ownership

- Facility ownership and costs for operations, and maintenance
- Agreements with community groups for maintenance and operation of facilities continue

Ownership

- Assets transfer to the county
- County responsible for maintenance and upkeep
- Community agreements become agreements with the county

Infrastructure Audit

- Anticipate directive to develop a 10-year infrastructure capital plan

Infrastructure Audit

- Hamlet would be included in county's 5-year infrastructure capital plan

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Infrastructure



***What additional information would
you like to know about
Infrastructure?***

--- Orange ---

Stay as a SV

Become a Hamlet

Community

Community Spirit

- Strong part of local area and identity
- Community events and celebrations

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Recreation

- Recreation committee and community members organize activities

Recreation

- County provides funding to community groups to celebrate hamlet and activities

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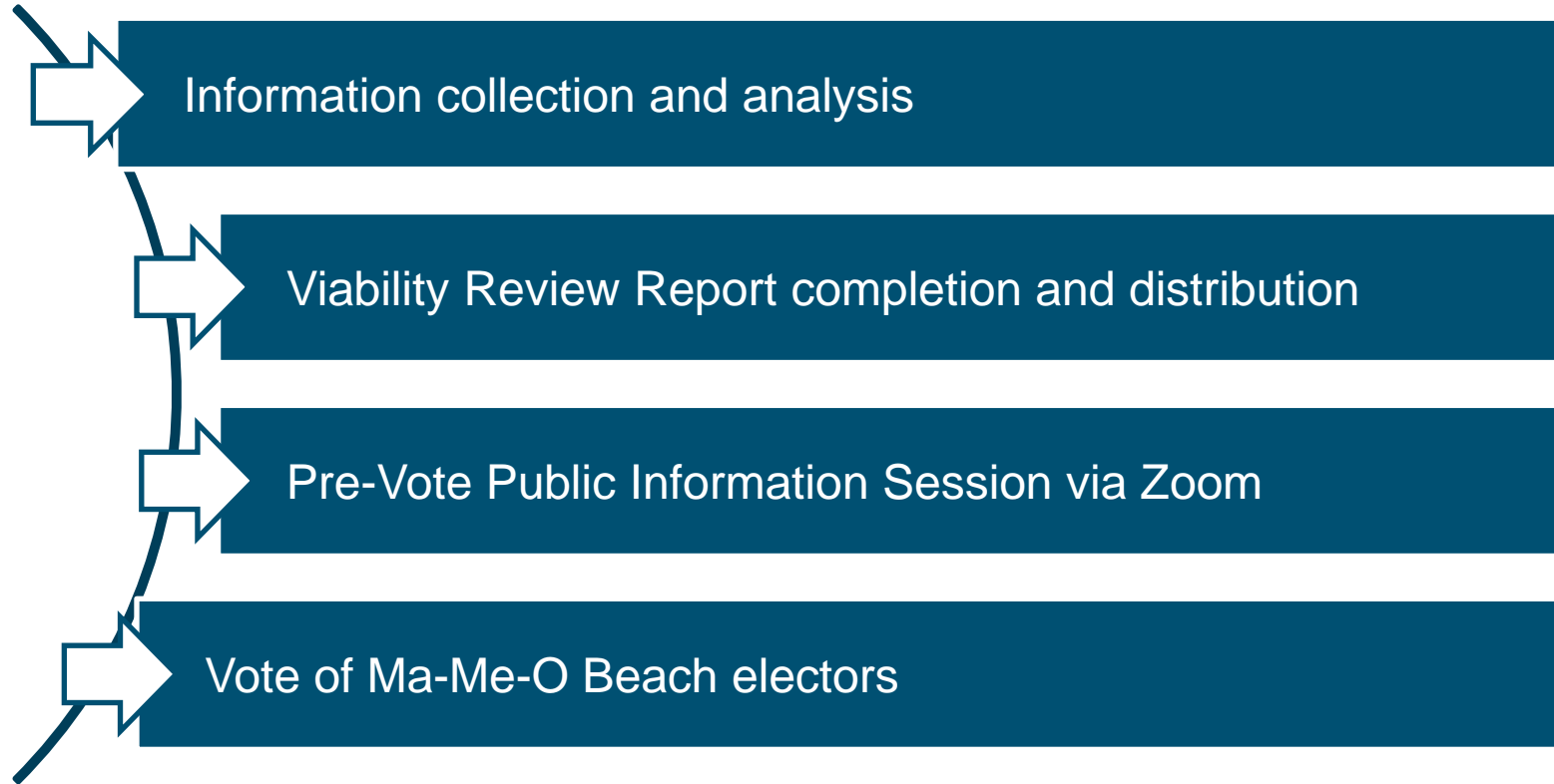
Community



*What additional information would
you like to know about
Community?*

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Next Steps...



Resources

Alberta Municipalities:

<https://www.alberta.ca/municipal-maps-statistics.aspx>

Viability Reviews:

<https://www.alberta.ca/viability-reviews-for-municipalities.aspx>

Alberta King's Printer:

Municipal Government Act and Local Authorities Election Act

<https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-kings-printer>



Thank you

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