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Please provide an update on the progress of the Rural High

opportunities.

Speed Internet Program as well as information on whether the

CRTC or Service Alberta have released any broadband funding

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								Referencing page 26 of the "DRAFT Bremner Growth Management Strategy", please answer the following:  1. Is \$491,000,000 the amount of long-term debt that can be added to our current long-term of \$166,100,000 for a total of \$657,100,000?  2. If \$657,100,000 is not the projected long term debt for Bremner Off-site road costs, what is projected to be when the ACP is completed and presented to the next Council in approximately 18 months?			
130	DELAINEY Linton	Bremner Query	Information	2017-04-25	2017-05-11	IPS		Referencing page 31 of "Bremner & Colchester: FIA of Recommended Community Design Concepts – FINAL REPORT" please answer the following:  1. Who prepared page 31?  2. Why was it authorized to be prepared?  3. Was page 31 presented to Council? If so, when?  4. Did Council approve its acceptance of page 31? If so, when?  5. Does Council have legal agreements of acceptance with developers and the Government of Alberta for the Bremner offsite roads costs?  6. Have the residents been told the County's share of off-site road costs for Bremner will be \$0 dollars?  7. What is the estimated long-term debt costs Council is using to inform tax payers of their expected liabilities for the future cost of Bremner?	2017-05-10	An email was provided to Council with the response to this request. Please see attached.	Complete

2017-05-09 2017-05-24 ITS

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RIDDELL Bonnie

**Rural High Speed Internet** 

Rural Internet Access Program update: To date, 16 new towers are up and operational; one tower is under construction; three tower applications are under review; 2-3 additional tower sites are being actively sought by the Internet Service Providers; and, the majority of the towers that existed prior to the program have been upgraded. Improved and "open and secure" internet access in all rural Community Halls is underway and is scheduled to be completed this year. The Rural Internet Access Program is set to be completed by the end of 2017 and is still on target. Due to improved technology and diligence of the Internet Service Providers (ISPs) with their continuous upgrades to their infrastructure, the number of towers originally planned to service rural Strathcona County has been reduced substantially, as a result, this program will come in under budget. **CRTC Funding:** The ITS department is actively working with the CPIA department for external grants relating to the exciting world of internet services. Federally, under Complete Strathcona County were identified as eligible for fibre upgrades; Half Moon Lake and Collingwood Cove. Strathcona County has endorsed MCSNet's application to the CRTC for grants to implement these upgrades. The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) has opened consultations on the design of its upcoming \$750 million fund for the enhancement of rural broadband across Canada. The fund is being created as a component of the CRTC's decision to designate broadband as a basic telecommunications service. While no formal announcement on the Government of Alberta's position has been released, Strathcona County, along with the AAMDC and other municipalities are keeping a close eye on this. We are meeting with other regional municipalities later this month (May) and we will determine whether we will be submitting our own position or a joint recommendation on this matter to the CRTC by their June 28 deadline.

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133	SMITH Paul	Anticipation of Increased Degradation of Rural Roads	Information	2017-05-09	2017-05-24	TAS	TPE	Due to the climate conditions in the fall of 2016 and spring of 2017 please provide information on the following: - anticipated increase in rural road maintenance - preliminary anticipated budget - anticipated date for an action plan for 2017 to be presented to Council.	2017-05-25	An email was provided to Council with the response to this request. Please see attached.	Complete
134	BIDZINSKI Victor	Residential Street Cleaning	Information	2017-05-23	2017-06-06	TAS		Please provide information on signage and enforcement of signage for vehicles to be moved before the spring street cleaning.			