

M.D. of Ranchland No.66 Council Meeting Agenda

Municipal Building
Chain Lakes Provincial Park
May 21, 2024, at
11:15 a.m.

1. *CALL TO ORDER*

2. *ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA*

3. *APPROVAL OF MINUTES*

- A. Council Meeting of May 7, 2024Pages 3-6
- B. Public Hearing Minutes- May 7th, 2024 for Bylaw 2023-02Page 7

4. *DELEGATION'S SCHEDULE*

- A. CAO Beck, Reeve Campbell (County of Lethbridge) @ 11:30 a.m.- in-camera
- B. Patti Wandler of AB Forestry and Parks @ 1:00 p.m.

5. *EXTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE – (for information)*

- A. Administration/ Finance
- B. Public Works
 - i. AltaLink Project Approval Request.....Pages 8-26
- C. Agriculture/ Parks & Recreation
- D. Emergency/ Protective Services
- E. Legislative / Planning /Development
- F. Other Business

6. *BUSINESS – (action items)*

- A. Administration/ Finance
 - i. April Bank Rec and Vendor Payment.....Pages 27-30

- B. Public Works

C. Agriculture/ Parks & Recreation

- i. .

D. Emergency/Protective Services

- i. Fire Service Reviews Town HallPages 31-40
- ii. Fire near ALTA Link line, follow up discussion.Page 41
- iii. DEM Report.....Pages 42-45

E. Legislative/& Planning/Development

- i. FCM/RMA slide presentation itemsPages 46-51
- ii. Bill 20 Discussion.....Pages 52-54
- iii. Alberta SW meeting summary and June AGMPages 55-57

F. Other Business

- i. RMA Research Project on Rural Volunteerism.....Pages 58-60

7. *IN-CAMERA (closed session)*

- A. Liaison Officer’s Report to Council
- B. Farmland Tax Assessment

8. *BUSINESS ARISING FROM IN-CAMERA*

- A. *Administration/ Finance*
- B. *Public Works*
- C. *Agriculture/ Parks & Recreation*
- D. *Emergency/Protective Services*
- E. *Legislative /& Planning /Development*
- F. *Other Business*

9. *ADJOURNMENT*

M.D. of Ranchland No. 66
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 7, 2024

The meeting of the Council of the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 was held in Council Chambers in the Municipal Office located at the Chain Lakes Provincial Park on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, commencing at 1:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

Ron Davis, Reeve
Harry Streeter, Deputy Reeve
Cameron Gardner, Councillor

Robert Strauss, CAO
Sheldon Steinke, Council Liaison
Nikki Funk, Recording Clerk
Greg Brkich, Accountant

Steeve Harty, Senior Planner, ORRSC
Kelly Starling, Director of Emergency Management
Erol Kutcher, Operations Supervisor, Crowsnest, Spray Lakes Sawmills
John Grove, Municipal and Community Affairs Manager, AltaLink
Brendan Pan, Systems Operations Engineer, AltaLink
Colin Harvey, Senior Right-of-Way Major Project Planner (South), AltaLink
Cody Webster, Stakeholder Relations Manager, Fortis
Greg Neale, Manager of Alberta Woodlands Operations, Westfraser

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Davis called the meeting to order at 12:52 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion No. 24/05/07/144 MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to accept the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion No. 24/05/07/145 MOVED by Councillor Gardner that the minutes of the April 26th meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

EXTERNAL CORRESPONDANCE

Motion No. 24/05/07/146 5.F.i. – Thank You Card
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to accept external correspondence item 5.F.i, for information.

CARRIED

BUSINESS

Motion No. 24/05/07/147 6.A.i. – Actual vs. Budget Financial Report
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to accept the March 2024 Actual vs. Budget Report, for information.

CARRIED

Reeve Davis recessed the meeting for the Public Hearing for Bylaw 2024-02 at 1:00 p.m.
Reeve Davis reconvened the meeting at 1:21 p.m.
Sheldon Steinke joined the meeting at 1:22 p.m.
John Grove, Cody Webster, Colin Harvey, and Brendan Pan left the meeting at 2:09 p.m.
Rick Lawson joined the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

Kelly Starling left the meeting at 2:29 p.m.
Greg Neale, Erol Kucher, and Rick Niwa joined the meeting at 2:30 p.m.
Rick Niwa left the meeting at 3:18 p.m.
Greg Neale and Erol Kucher left the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Motion No. 24/05/07/148 6.E.i – MDP Public Hearing- Bylaw 2024-02
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to give SECOND reading of
Bylaw 2024-02 the MDP amending bylaw.

CARRIED

Motion No. 24/05/07/149 MOVED by Councillor Gardner to give THIRD and Final reading
of Bylaw 2024-02.

CARRIED

Motion No. 24/05/07/150 6.E.ii – Spray Lakes Sawmills Delegation
MOVED by Reeve Davis to accept the presentation by Greg Neale
of West Fraser/Spray Lakes Sawmills, for information.

CARRIED

Motion No. 24/05/07/151 6.E.iii – AltaLink Delegation
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to accept the presentation from
John Grove of AltaLink, for information.

CARRIED

Steve Harty left the meeting at 3:31 p.m.

Motion No. 24/05/07/152 6.B.i – Gravel Crushing Tenders
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to accept Sage Management's bid
of \$448,203.00 for the gravel crushing tender.

CARRIED

Rick Lawson left the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Motion No. 24/05/07/153 6.A.ii – Property Tax Rate Bylaw – No. 2024-03
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to give bylaw No. 2024-03, a
bylaw to set the tax rate bylaw for 2024, its FIRST reading.

CARRIED

Motion No. 24/05/07/154 MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to give SECOND reading of
bylaw No. 2024-03.

CARRIED

Motion No. 24/05/07/155 MOVED by Reeve Davis that bylaw No 2024-03 be authorized to be read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion No. 24/05/07/156 MOVED by Councillor Gardner to give THIRD AND FINAL reading of bylaw No. 2024-03.

CARRIED

Motion No. 24/05/07/157 6.D.i – DEM Report
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to accept the report provided by the Director of emergency management, for information.

CARRIED

Motion No. 24/05/07/158 6.F.i – AG Society Request
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter that the MD of Ranchland approves a donation to the 2024 Clark Schlosser Memorial Rodeo, in the amount of \$1,000.00.

CARRIED

Motion No. 24/05/07/159 6.F.ii – HRDHF Sponsorship Request
MOVED by Councillor Gardner that the MD of Ranchland No.66 approves a “Champion level” Sponsorship, to the High River District Health Care Foundation in the amount of \$1,000.00.

CARRIED

Motion No. 24/05/07/160 6.F.iii – J.T. Foster Grad Invitation
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to direct administration to compose a letter of congratulations to the 2024 graduates of J.T Foster High School

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA

Motion No. 24/05/07/161 MOVED by Reeve Davis that, in accordance with Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, Council moves into a closed meeting at 4:21 p.m. to discuss advice from officials, per section 24, as well as matters involving legal privilege, per section 27, of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED

Motion No. 24/05/07/162 MOVED by Reeve Davis that Council return to an open meeting at 4:53 p.m.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM IN-CAMERA

7.A – L.O Report to Council
7.B – Nanton RCMP Matter

Motion No. 24/05/07/163 MOVED Reeve Davis to accept the agenda items 7.A and 7.B, as information.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Being that the agenda matters have concluded, the Reeve declared the meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

These minutes approved this 21st day of May 2024.

Ron Davis, Reeve

Robert Strauss, Chief Administrative Officer

M.D. of Ranchland No. 66
Minutes of the Public Hearing for Bylaw 2024-02
Tuesday, May 7, 2024

The Public Hearing for Bylaw 2024-02 of the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 was held in Council Chambers in the Municipal Office located at the Chain Lakes Provincial Park on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, commencing at 1:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ron Davis, Reeve
Harry Streeter, Deputy Reeve
Cam Gardner, Councillor

Robert Strauss, Chief Administrative Officer
Greg Brkich, Accountant
Sheldon Steinke, Council Liaison
Nikki Funk, Recording Clerk

Steve Harty, Senior Planner ORRSC

CALL TO ORDER:

Reeve Davis called the public hearing to order at 1:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS:

As there were no members of the public present for the public hearing, introductions were not necessary.

PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING:

Reeve Davis stated that the purpose of the public hearing was to hold the statutory public hearing for the MDP Amending Bylaw No. 2024-02.

CAO Strauss noted the required public advertising, that had taken place for Bylaw 2024-02.

Steve Harty, Senior Planner, ORRSC reviewed the intention of Bylaw No. 2024-02, being a bylaw to amend the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) Bylaw 02/03. He then reviewed the approval process for the MDP Amending bylaw 2024-02, also noting that the current draft bylaw is posted publicly on the ORRSC website, on behalf of the MD of Ranchland, (as advertised by the MD of Ranchland).

REPRESENTATION:

No representation was present from the public at large for the public hearing.

Steve Harty reviewed the responses to the referrals sent to other agencies and adjacent municipalities (as per the I.D.P. process).

It was noted that no comments or concerns from the public, or other agencies that had been notified, had been received since the Council gave the 1st reading of Bylaw 2024-02 on March 26th, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT:

The public hearing was concluded and adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

These minutes approved this 21st day of May, 2024.

April 30, 2024

Our File: 23-12431
VIA EMAIL: cao@ranchland66.com

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF RANGLAND NO. 66
Box 1060
Nanton, AB T0L 1R0

RE: ALATALINK L.P.
Proposed Project: 1201L CRU
Request Type: Project Notification
Lands: SE-29-15-2-W5M, E-20-15-2-W5M, E-17-15-2-W5M, E-8-15-2-W5M, E-28-14-2-W5M,
W-27-14-2-W5M, E-33-14-2-W5M, SEC-4-15-2-W5M, E-5-15-2-W5M, E-32-14-2-W5M
E-29-14-2-W5M, SW-22-12-2-W5M, W-15-12-2-W5M, SEC-10-12-2-W5M, N-3-12-2-W5M,
SE-3-12-2-W5M, E-34-11-2-W5M, SW-35-11-2-W5M, N-26-11-2-W5M, N-25-11-2-W5M

AltaLink L.P. ("AltaLink") wishes to notify you that they will be accessing their 1201L transmission line and requires access using heavy equipment to the above-mentioned lands as described below and as shown on the attached drawings.

Please Note: **Helicopter staging, and operation** will be in the area throughout the project timeline.

Scheduled start date for construction is **September 3, 2024.**

Please note that a first call will be placed prior to any activity occurring.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding AltaLink's operations in this area, please do not hesitate to contact our office. Thank you very much for your assistance and co-operation in this regard.

Yours truly,

SYNERGY LAND SERVICES LTD.

Jennifer Marcotte

Jennifer Marcotte
Sr. Land Analyst

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TAS REQUIRED
 AB Transportation Southern Region
 Str 265: Access off Highway 532, TWS abutting road boundary.
 Str 266: Existing access off Highway 532

Brushing required STR 264-290

Evidence that there was a stick nest in the tower, but most of the sticks have blown out

APPROVAL OUTSTANDING
 SE 29-15-2 W5M
 North of Hwy 532
 BARBARA M GARDNER
 Home: 403-646-5807
 Cell: 403-646-5871
 (Son: Cameron)

Heli vs ground to be confirmed

APPROVAL OUTSTANDING
 SE 29-15-2 W5M
 South of Hwy 532
 BARBARA M GARDNER
 Home: 403-646-5807
 Cell: 403-646-5871
 (Son: Cameron)

ACCESS AGMT in process under PERM ACCESS PROJECT

PROTOCOL 1
 Notification: 10385213
 Action: Replace damaged/broken insulator

See WMP for Access to Str 264-265

Possibly Heli access. To be confirmed.

May need a couple of mats in ditch, but if dry rubber tire accessible

PROTOCOL 1
 Notification: 10385214
 Action: Replace damaged/broken insulator

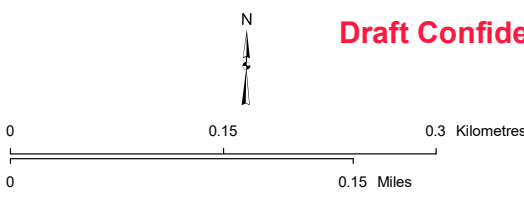
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 NE 20-15-2 W5M
 BARBARA M GARDNER
 Home: 403-646-5807
 Cell: 403-646-5871
 (Son: Cameron)

ACCESS AGMT in process under PERM ACCESS PROJECT

LEGEND

- Proposed Structure
- Existing Structure
- Existing Substation
- Access Gate
- Existing Transmission Line
- Existing Fortis Distribution Line
- Access Trail
- Flight Path
- Helipad Staging Area
- Laydown Yard
- Temporary Workspace
- Wetland
- Hamlet or Locality
- Wellsite
- Pipeline
- Railway
- River or Stream
- Road
- Crown Land
- Municipal or County Boundary
- Water Body

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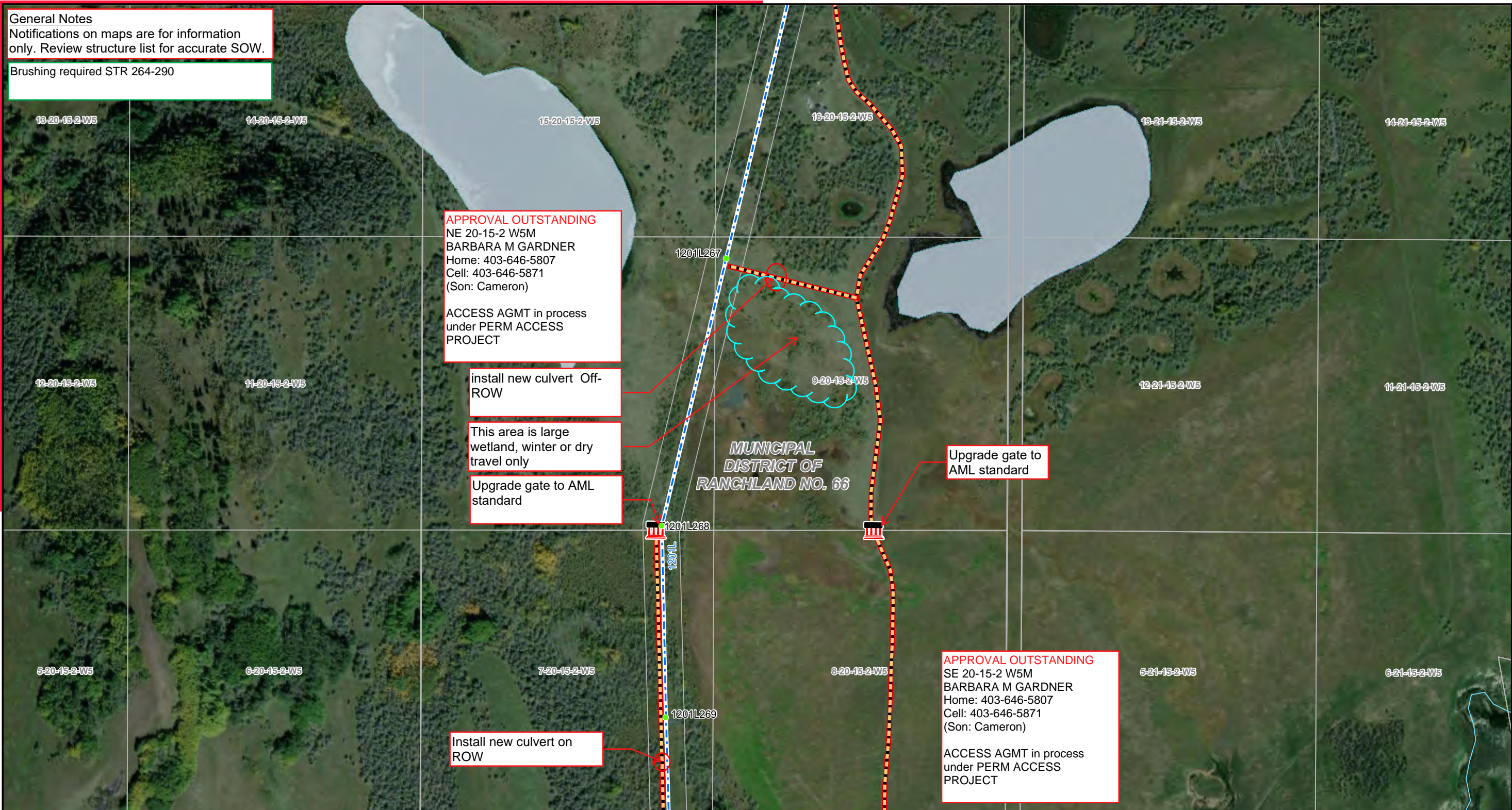
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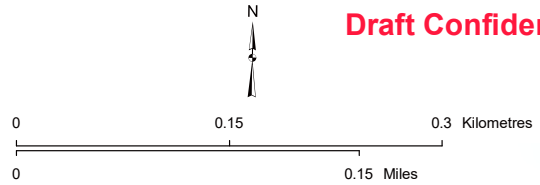
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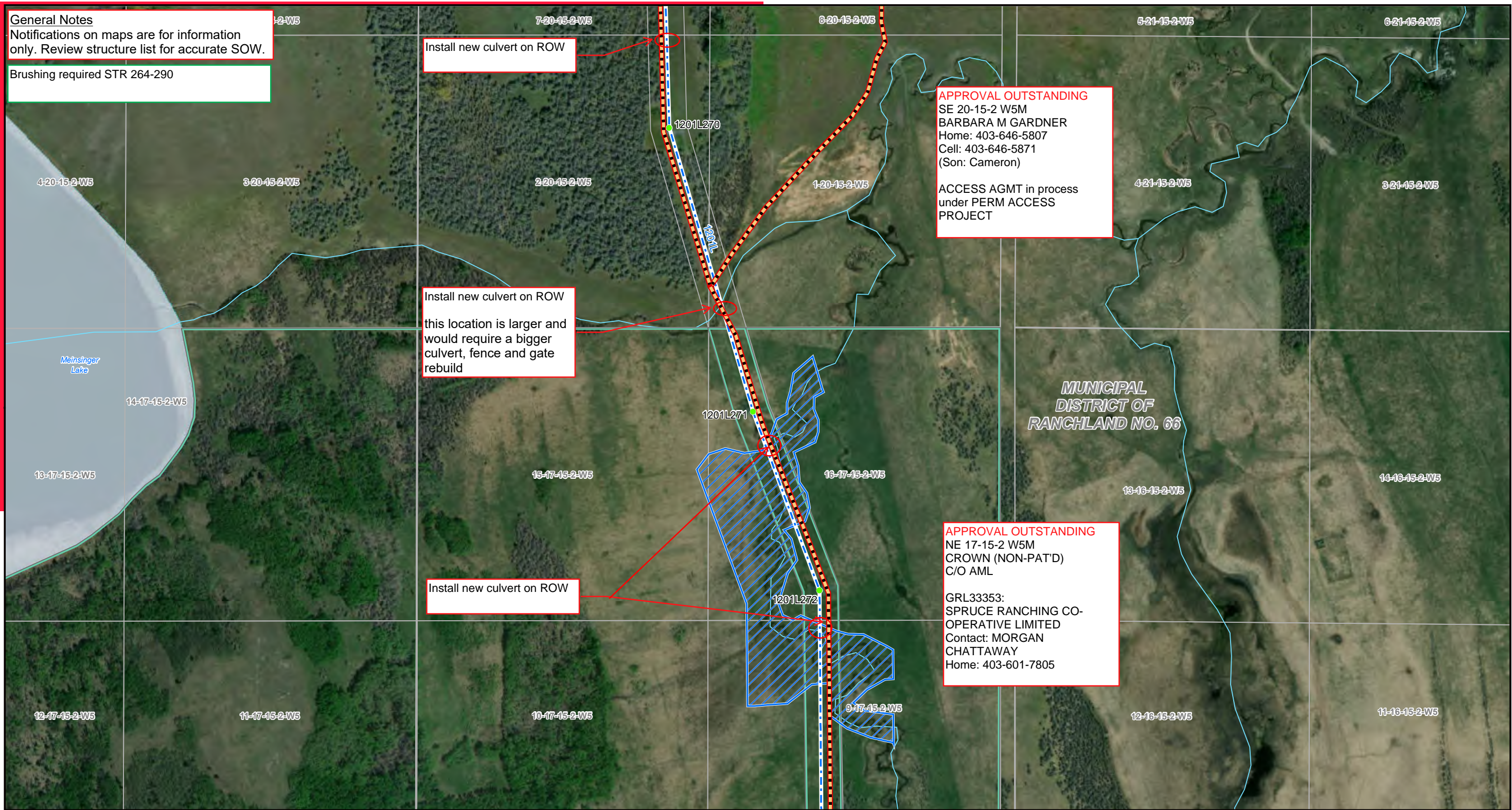
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 A WINDTIGHT FLY-AWAY ENERGY COMPANY

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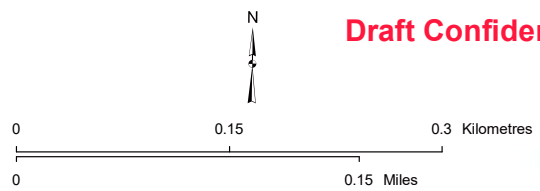
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LEGEND			
	Proposed Structure		Pipeline
	Existing Structure		Railway
	Existing Substation		River or Stream
	Access Gate		Road
	Existing Transmission Line		Crown Land
	Existing Fortis Distribution Line		Municipal or County Boundary
	Access Trail		Wetland
	Flight Path		Hamlet or Locality
	Helipad Staging Area		Wellsite
	Laydown Yard		
	Temporary Workspace		

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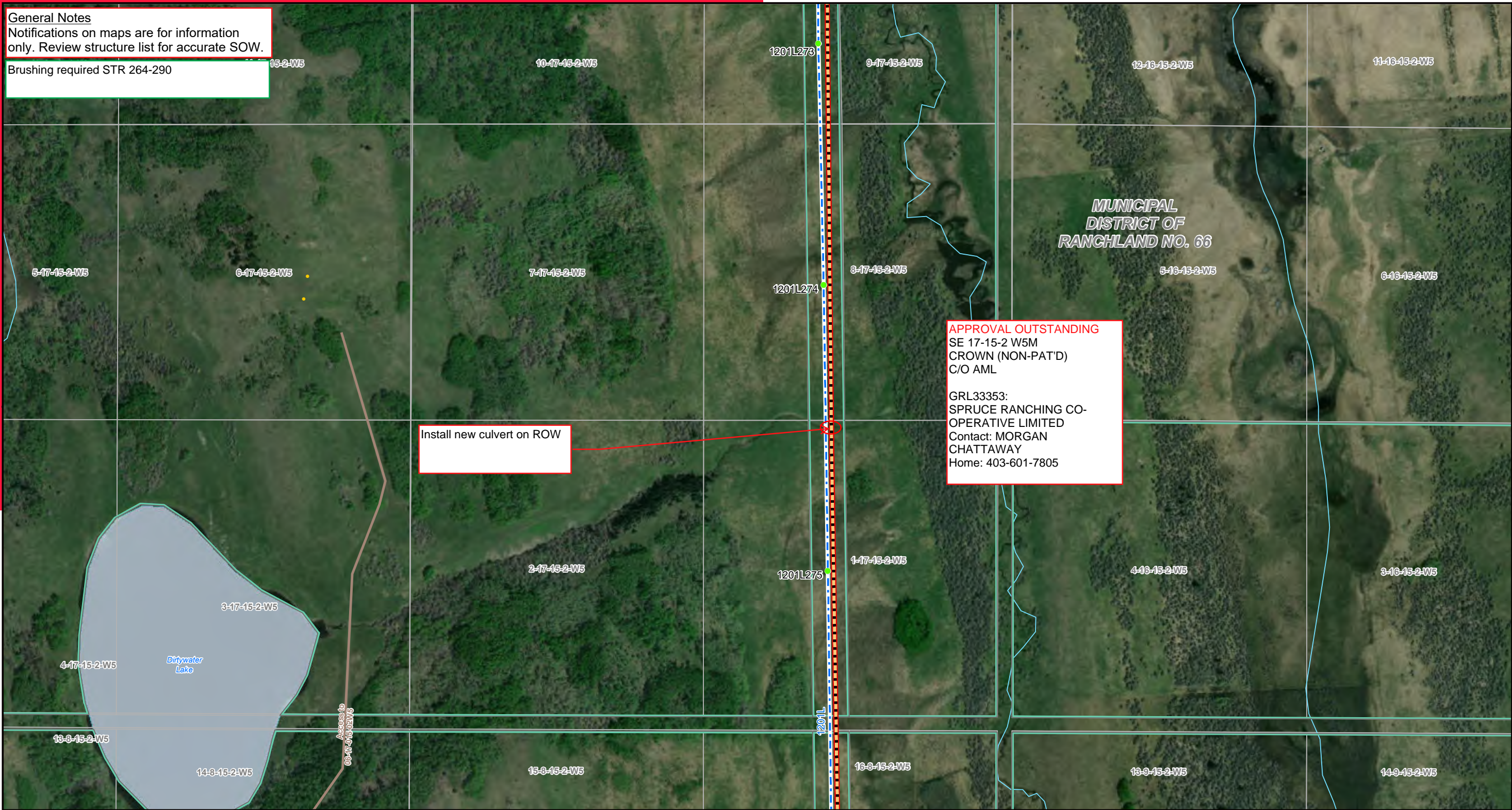
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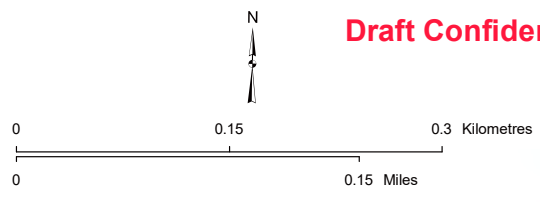
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LEGEND

Proposed Structure	Flight Path	Pipeline
Existing Structure	Helipad Staging Area	Railway
Existing Substation	Laydown Yard	River or Stream
Access Gate	Temporary Workspace	Road
Existing Transmission Line	Wetland	Crown Land
Existing Fortis Distribution Line	Hamlet or Locality	Municipal or County Boundary
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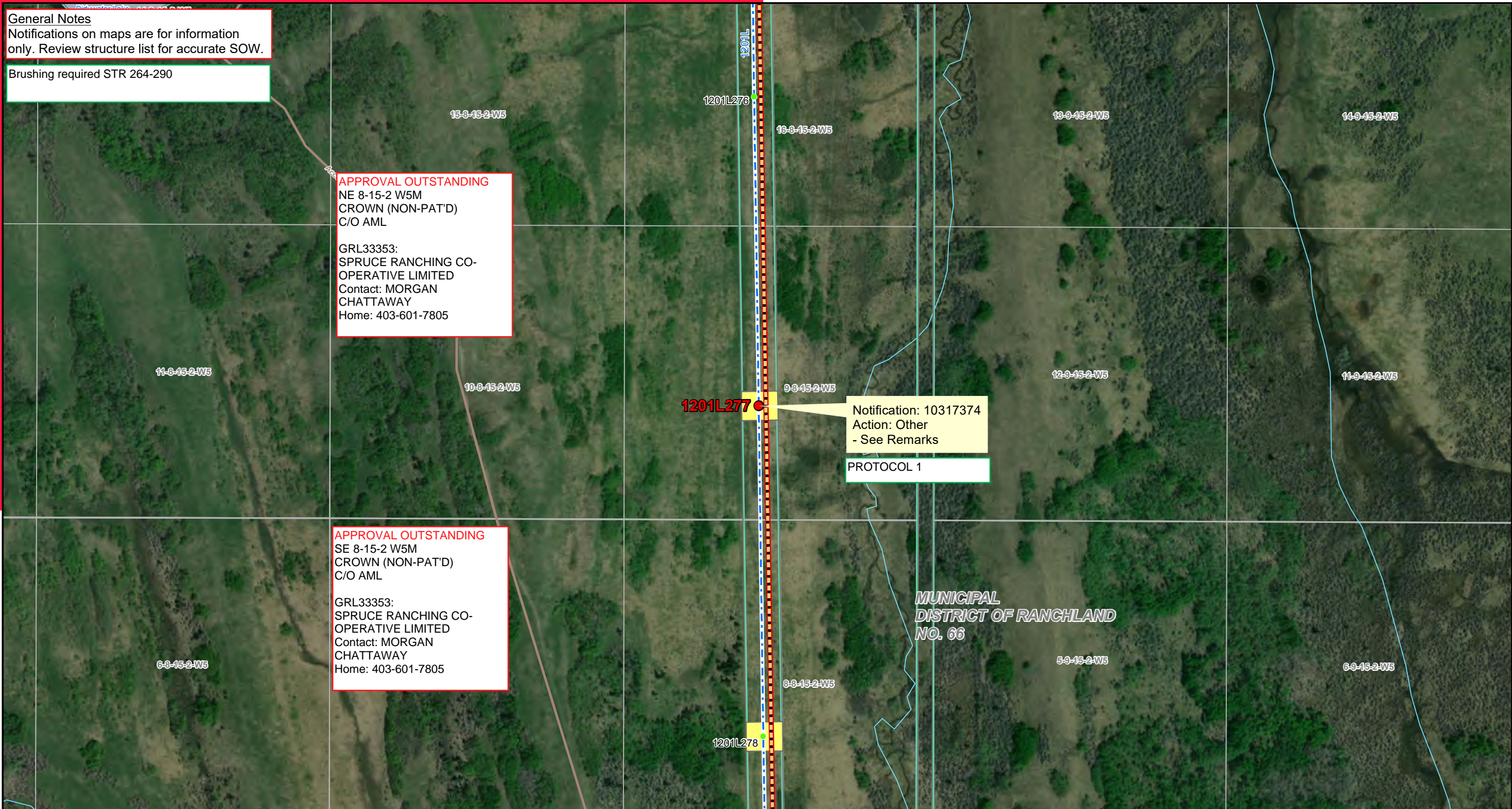
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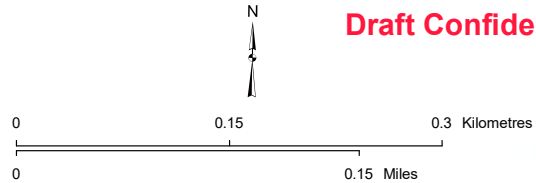
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Notification: 10317374
 Action: Other
 - See Remarks
PROTOCOL 1



- LEGEND**
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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
 OF RANGHLAND NO. 66

PROTOCOL 1

Notification: 10413439
 Action: Repair with
 conductor & sleeves

Replace culvert OFF ROW -
 washed out

APPROVAL OUTSTANDING
 NW 4-15-2 W5M
 CROWN (NON-PAT'D)
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Conductor splice work
 here at Mid-Span

Replace culvert ON ROW

Rider pole location

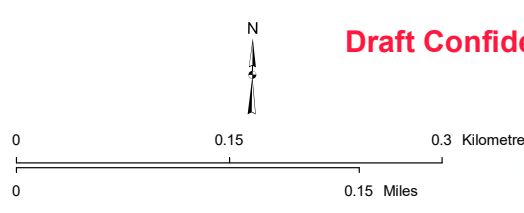
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LEGEND

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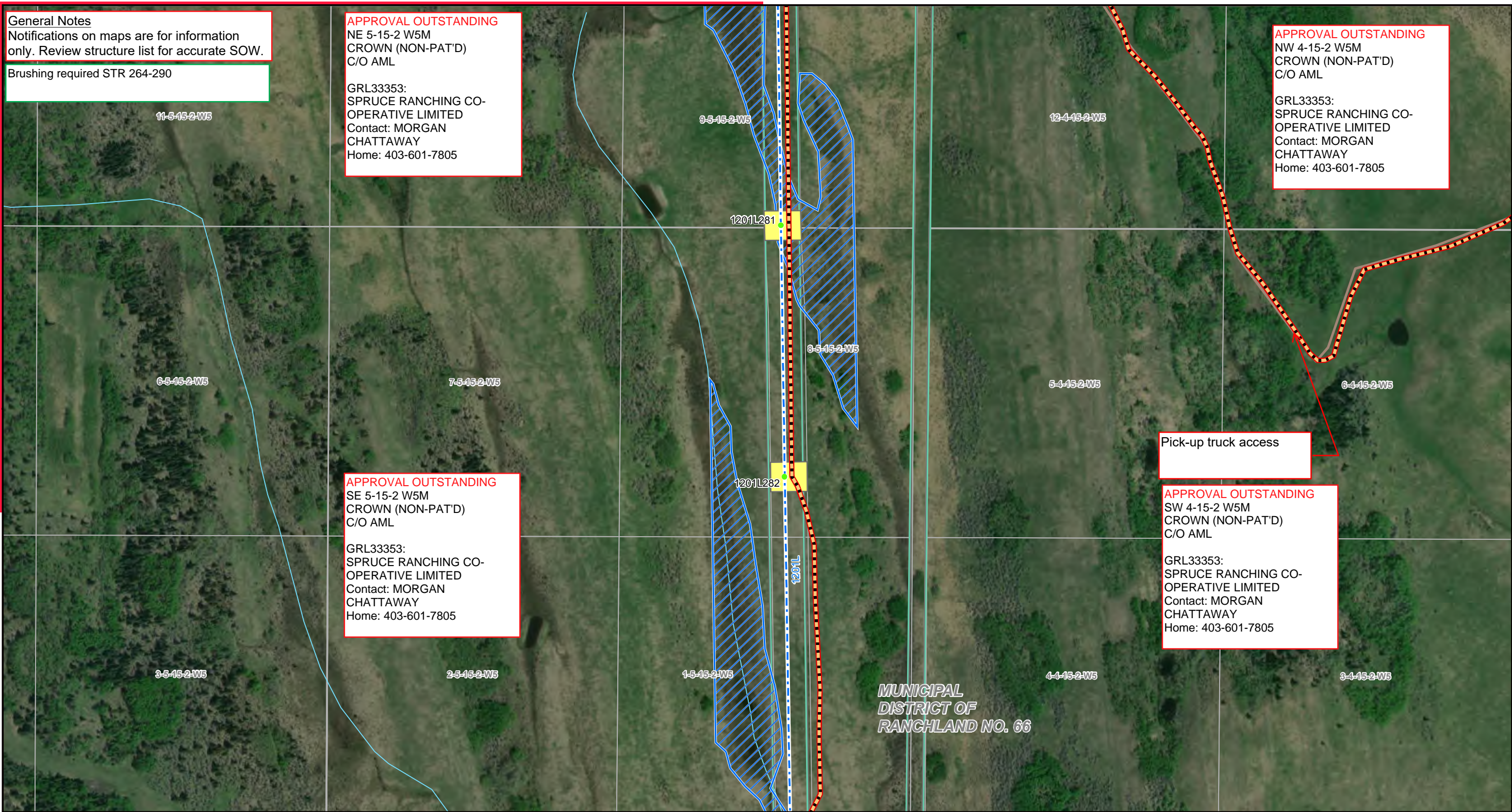
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APPROVAL OUTSTANDING
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Pick-up truck access

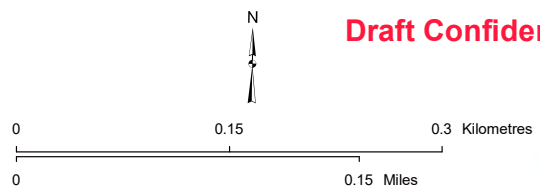
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MUNICIPAL
 DISTRICT OF
 RANGLAND NO. 66

LEGEND

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Install culvert on ROW

APPROVAL OUTSTANDING
 NE 32-14-2 W5M
 CROWN (NON-PAT'D)
 C/O AML

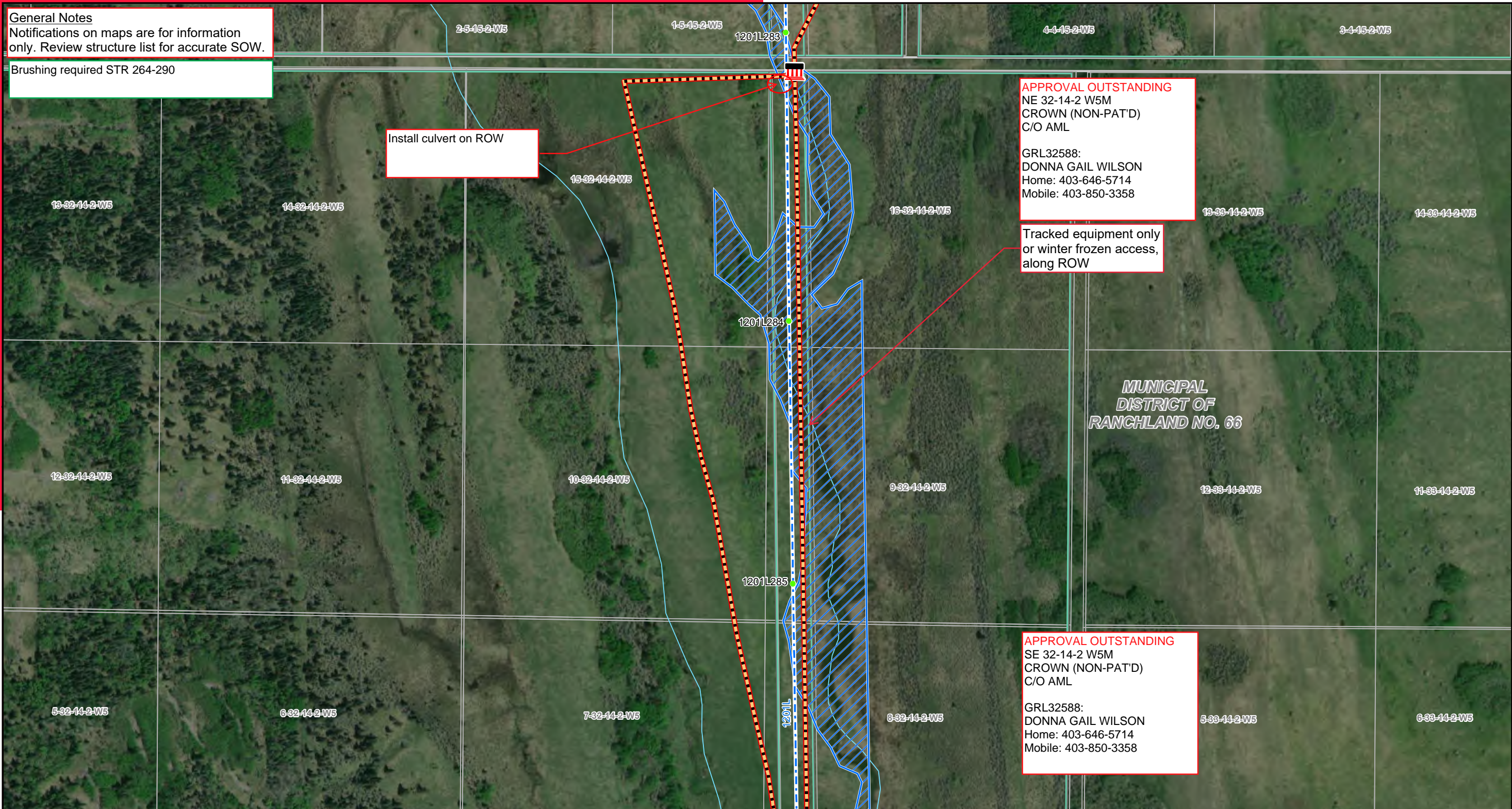
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 Home: 403-646-5714
 Mobile: 403-850-3358

Tracked equipment only
 or winter frozen access,
 along ROW

APPROVAL OUTSTANDING
 SE 32-14-2 W5M
 CROWN (NON-PAT'D)
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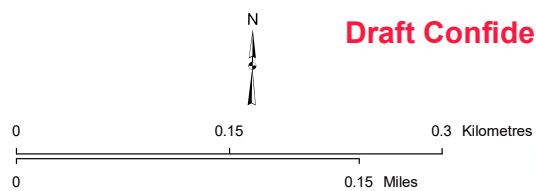
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LEGEND

Proposed Structure	Flight Path	Pipeline
Existing Structure	Helipad Staging Area	Railway
Existing Substation	Laydown Yard	River or Stream
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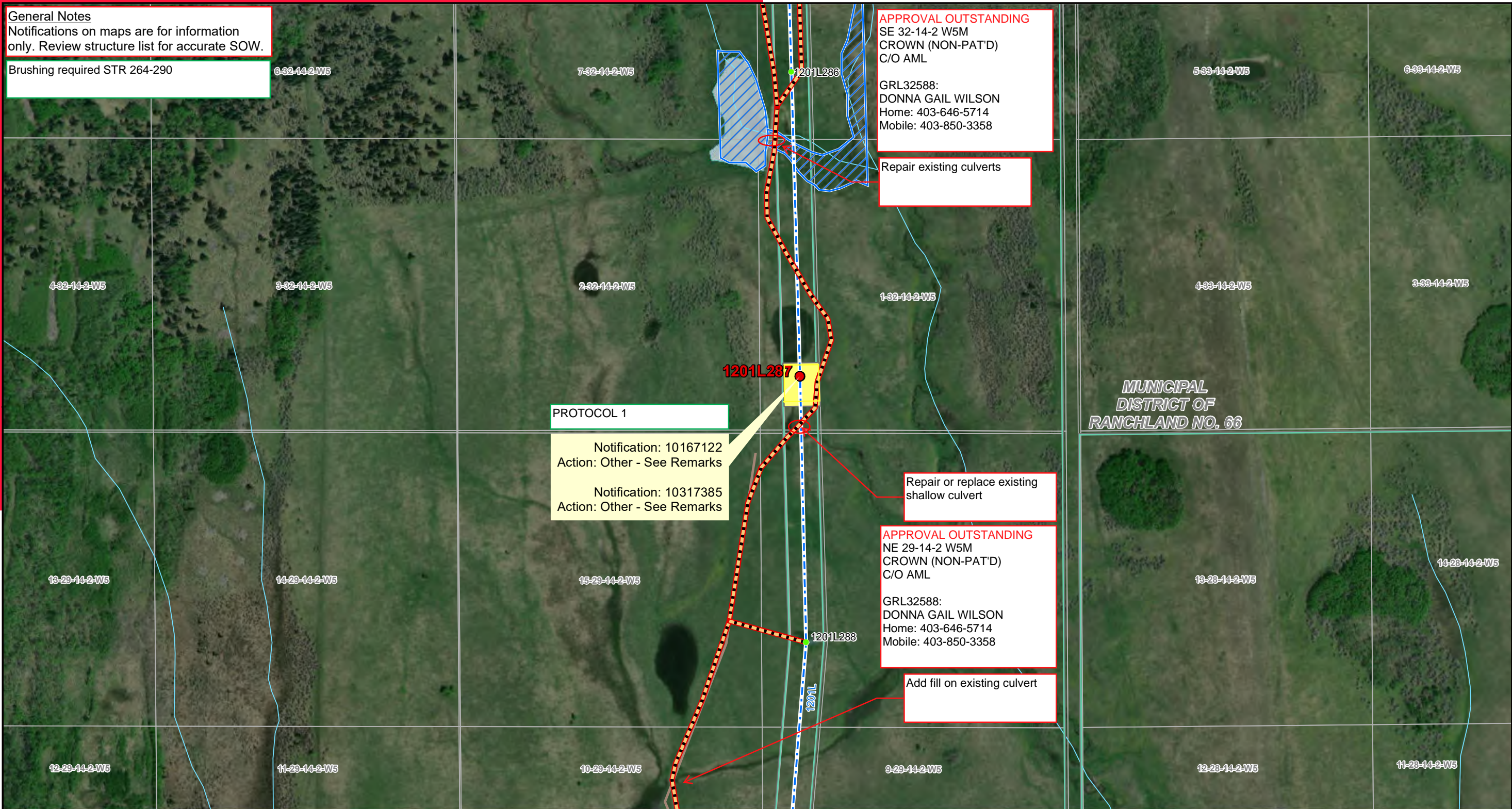


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 Action: Other - See Remarks

Notification: 10317385
 Action: Other - See Remarks

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Repair existing culverts

Repair or replace existing shallow culvert

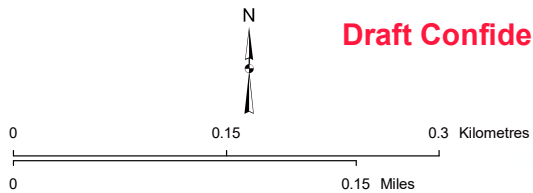
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Add fill on existing culvert

- LEGEND**
- Proposed Structure
 - Existing Structure
 - Existing Substation
 - ▤ Access Gate
 - Existing Transmission Line
 - Existing Fortis Distribution Line
 - Access Trail
 - Flight Path
 - ▭ Helipad Staging Area
 - ▭ Laydown Yard
 - ▭ Temporary Workspace
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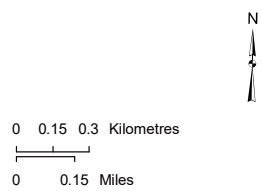
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LEGEND

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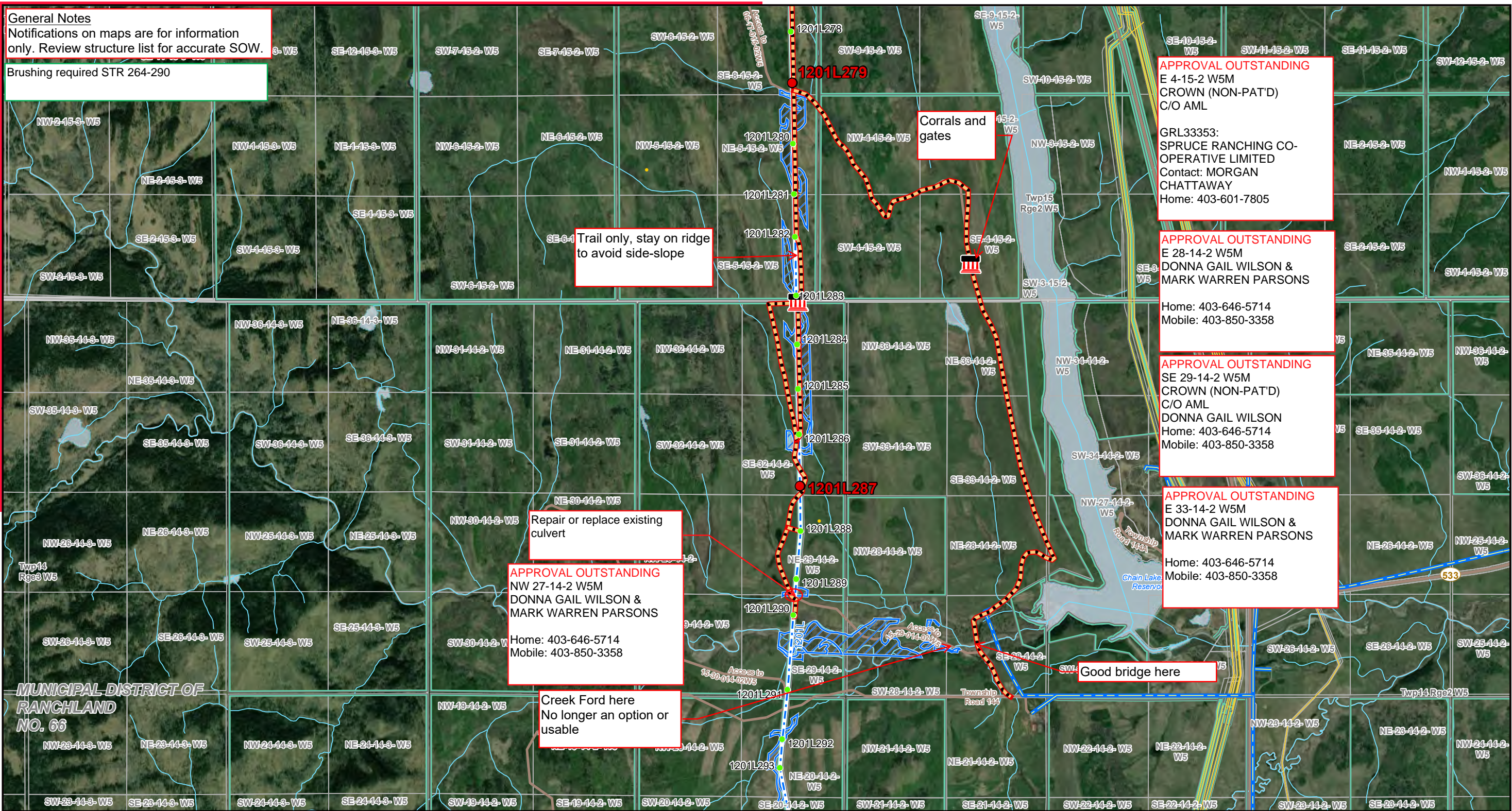


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Trail only, stay on ridge to avoid side-slope

Corrals and gates

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 E 4-15-2 W5M
 CROWN (NON-PAT'D)
 C/O AML
 GRL33353:
 SPRUCE RANCHING CO-
 OPERATIVE LIMITED
 Contact: MORGAN
 CHATTAWAY
 Home: 403-601-7805

APPROVAL OUTSTANDING
 E 28-14-2 W5M
 DONNA GAIL WILSON &
 MARK WARREN PARSONS
 Home: 403-646-5714
 Mobile: 403-850-3358

APPROVAL OUTSTANDING
 SE 29-14-2 W5M
 CROWN (NON-PAT'D)
 C/O AML
 DONNA GAIL WILSON
 Home: 403-646-5714
 Mobile: 403-850-3358

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 E 33-14-2 W5M
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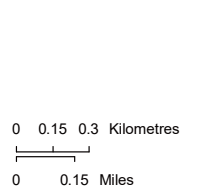
Repair or replace existing culvert
APPROVAL OUTSTANDING
 NW 27-14-2 W5M
 DONNA GAIL WILSON &
 MARK WARREN PARSONS
 Home: 403-646-5714
 Mobile: 403-850-3358

Creek Ford here
 No longer an option or
 usable

Good bridge here

LEGEND			
	Proposed Structure		Pipeline
	Existing Structure		Railway
	Existing Substation		River or Stream
	Access Gate		Road
	Flight Path		Crown Land
	Helipad Staging Area		Municipal or County Boundary
	Laydown Yard		Water Body
	Temporary Workspace		Hamlet or Locality
	Wetland		Wellsite
	Existing Transmission Line		
	Existing Fortis Distribution Line		
	Access Trail		

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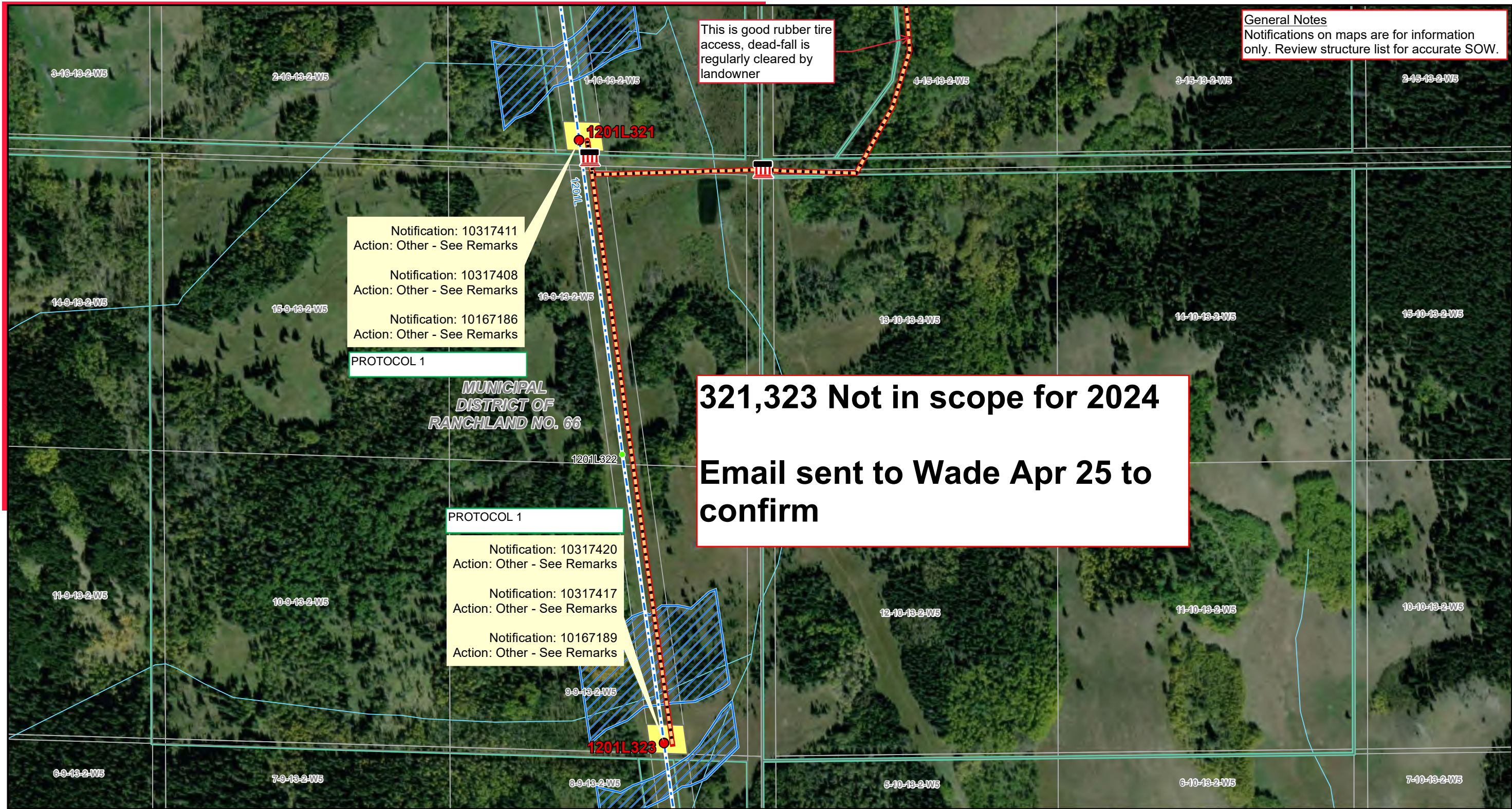
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 Str 340-349
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 - LDY and unload equipment within Highway 22 Boundary

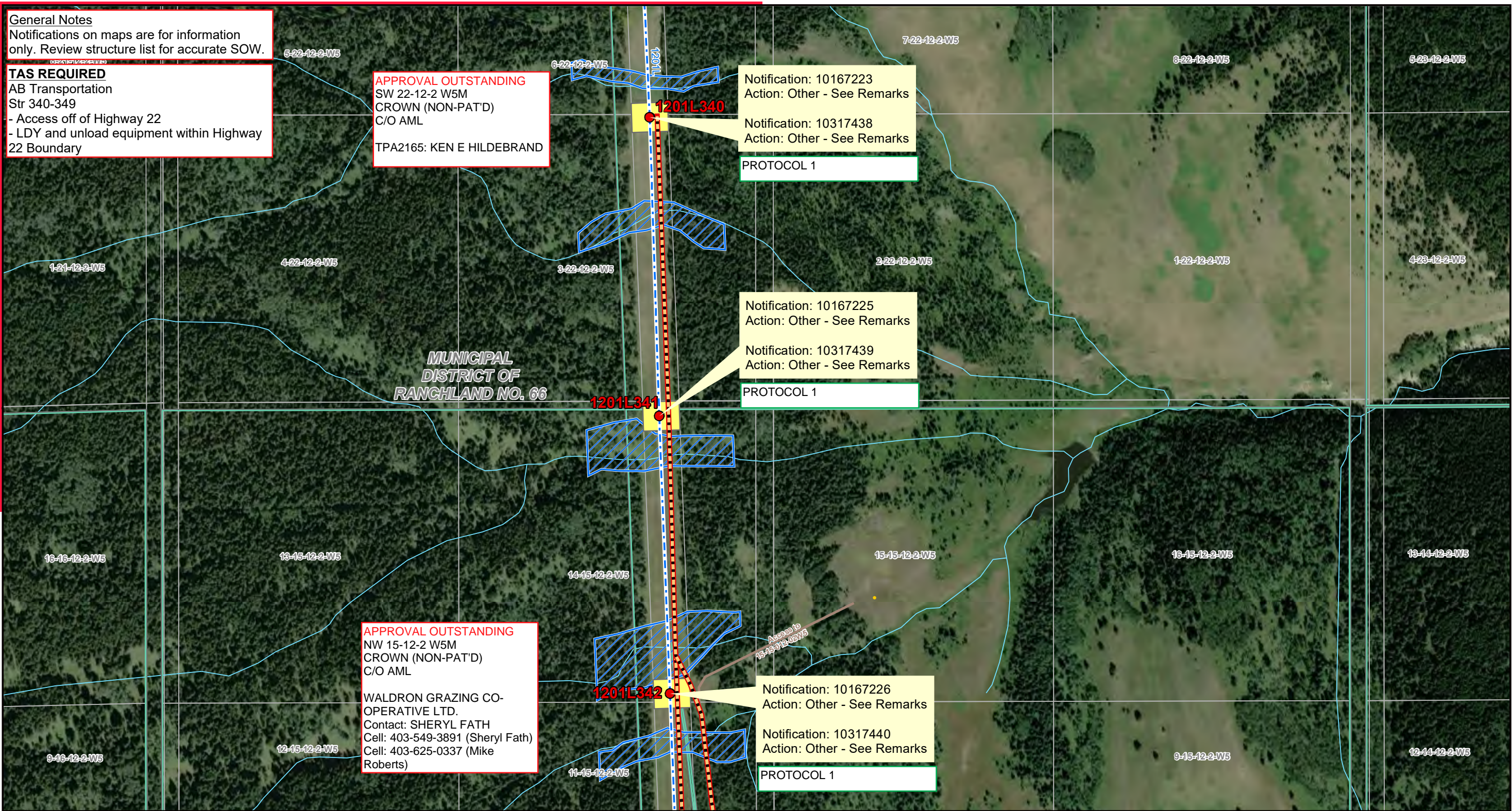
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 SW 22-12-2 W5M
 CROWN (NON-PAT'D)
 C/O AML
 TPA2165: KEN E HILDEBRAND

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 Notification: 10317438
 Action: Other - See Remarks
PROTOCOL 1

Notification: 10167225
 Action: Other - See Remarks
 Notification: 10317439
 Action: Other - See Remarks
PROTOCOL 1

APPROVAL OUTSTANDING
 NW 15-12-2 W5M
 CROWN (NON-PAT'D)
 C/O AML
 WALDRON GRAZING CO-
 OPERATIVE LTD.
 Contact: SHERYL FATH
 Cell: 403-549-3891 (Sheryl Fath)
 Cell: 403-625-0337 (Mike Roberts)

Notification: 10167226
 Action: Other - See Remarks
 Notification: 10317440
 Action: Other - See Remarks
PROTOCOL 1



LEGEND

Proposed Structure	Flight Path	Pipeline
Existing Structure	Helipad Staging Area	Railway
Existing Substation	Laydown Yard	River or Stream
Access Gate	Temporary Workspace	Road
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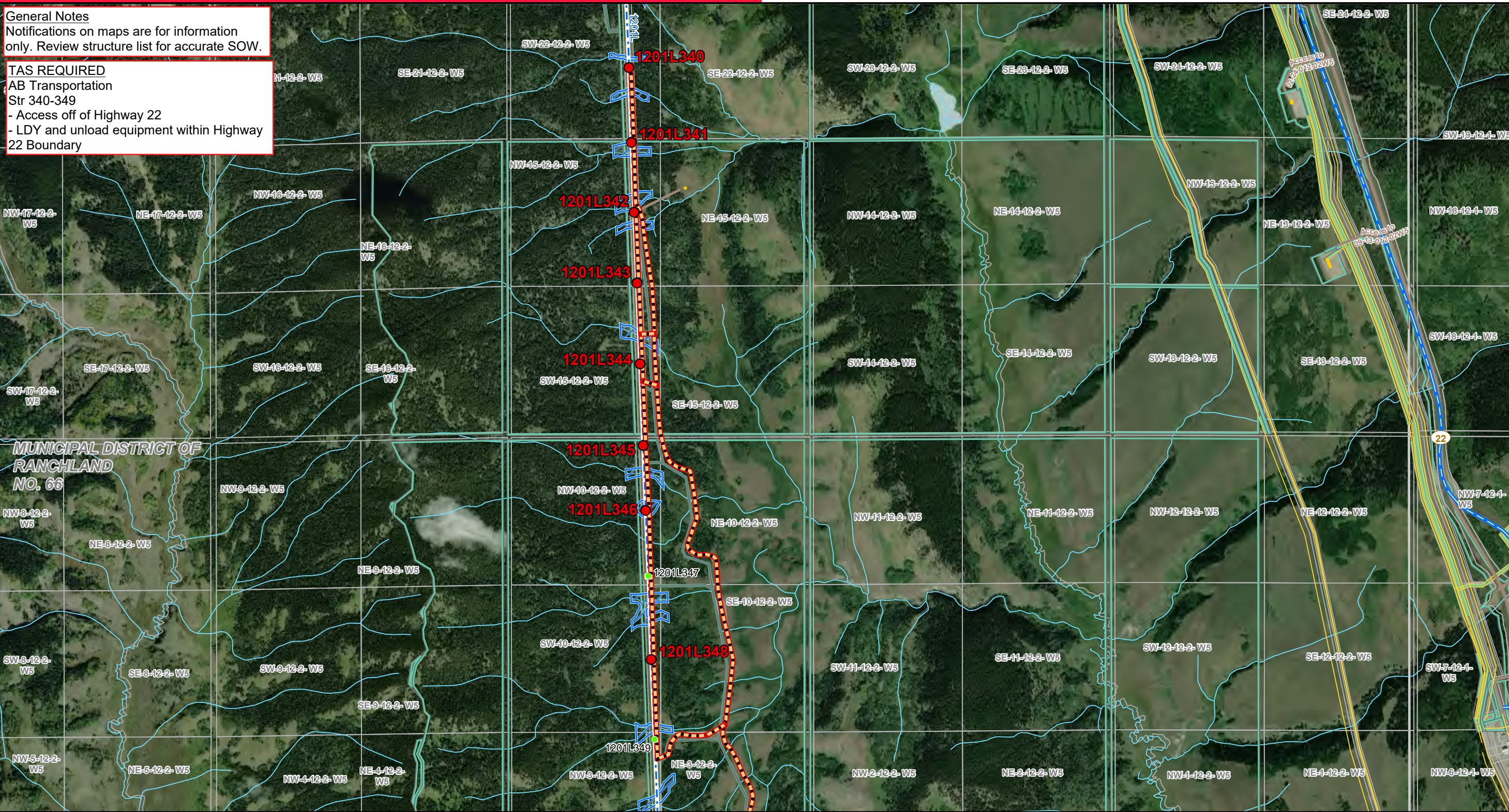
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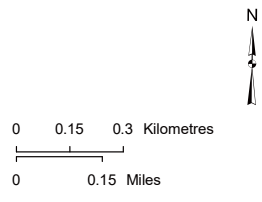
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Good access on DLO off-ROW access

APPROVAL OUTSTANDING
 SE 3-12-2 W5M
 CROWN (NON-PAT'D)
 C/O AML

WALDRON GRAZING CO-OPERATIVE LTD.
 Contact: SHERYL FATH
 Cell: 403-549-3891 (Sheryl Fath)
 Cell: 403-625-0337 (Mike Roberts)

APPROVAL OUTSTANDING
 E 34-11-2 W5M
 CROWN (NON-PAT'D)
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APPROVAL OUTSTANDING
 SW 35-11-2 W5M
 CROWN (NON-PAT'D)
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 CROWN (NON-PAT'D)
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APPROVAL OUTSTANDING
 NW 25-11-2 W5M
 CROWN (NON-PAT'D)
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APPROVAL OUTSTANDING
 N 26-11-2 W5M
 CROWN (NON-PAT'D)
 C/O AML

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Laydown area as before, unload here

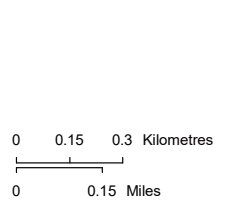


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 NE 25-11-2 W5M
 WALDRON GRAZING CO-OPERATIVE LTD.
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LEGEND

- Proposed Structure
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- Access Gate
- Existing Transmission Line
- Existing Fortis Distribution Line
- Access Trail
- Flight Path
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 WALDRON GRAZING CO-OPERATIVE LTD.
 Contact: SHERYL FATH
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Minor brushing req

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 Action: Other - See Remarks
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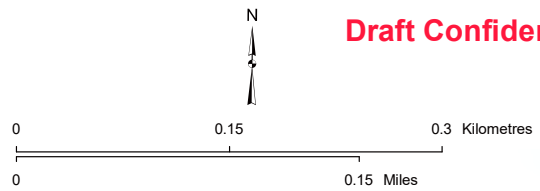
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LEGEND

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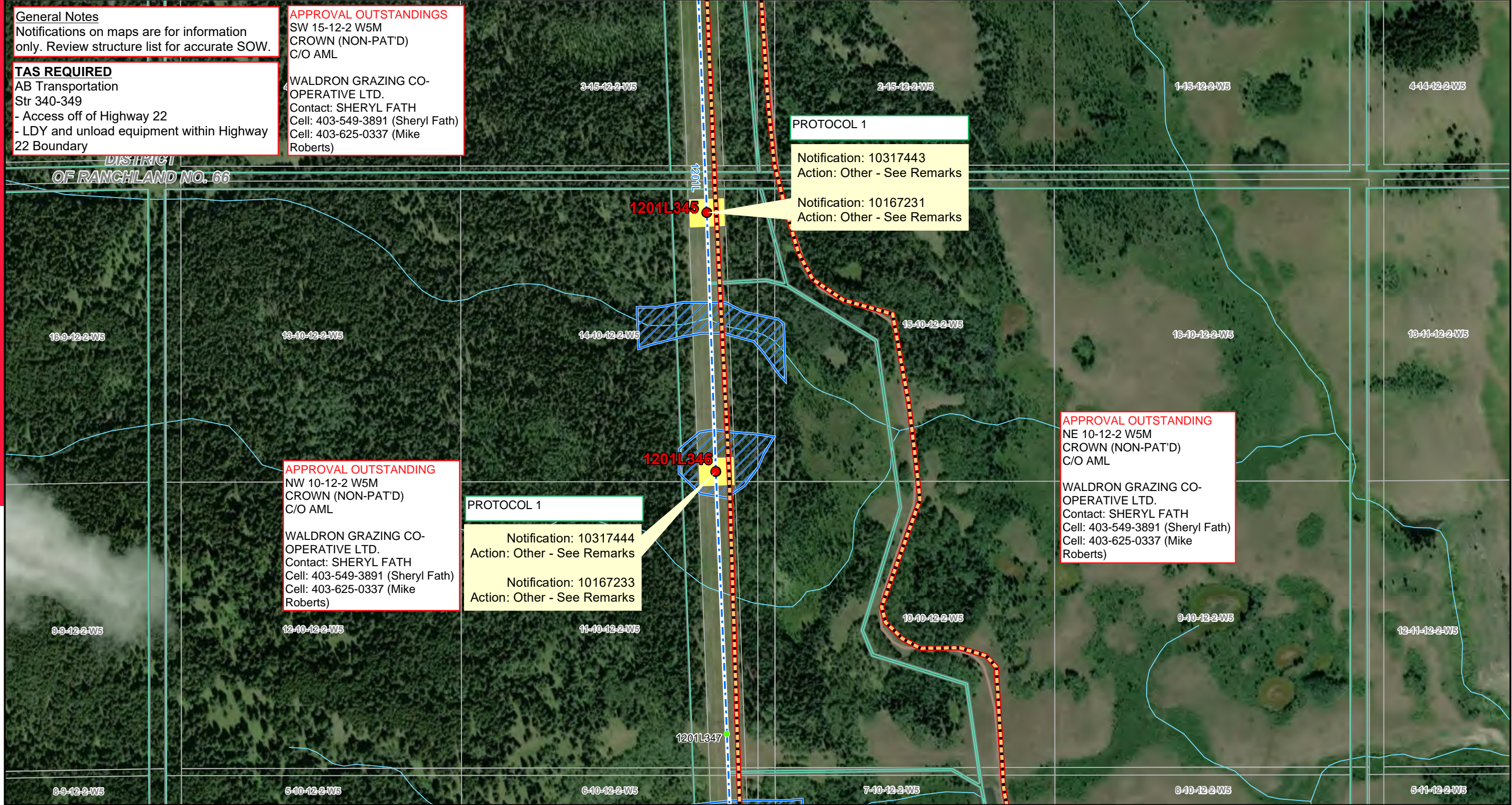


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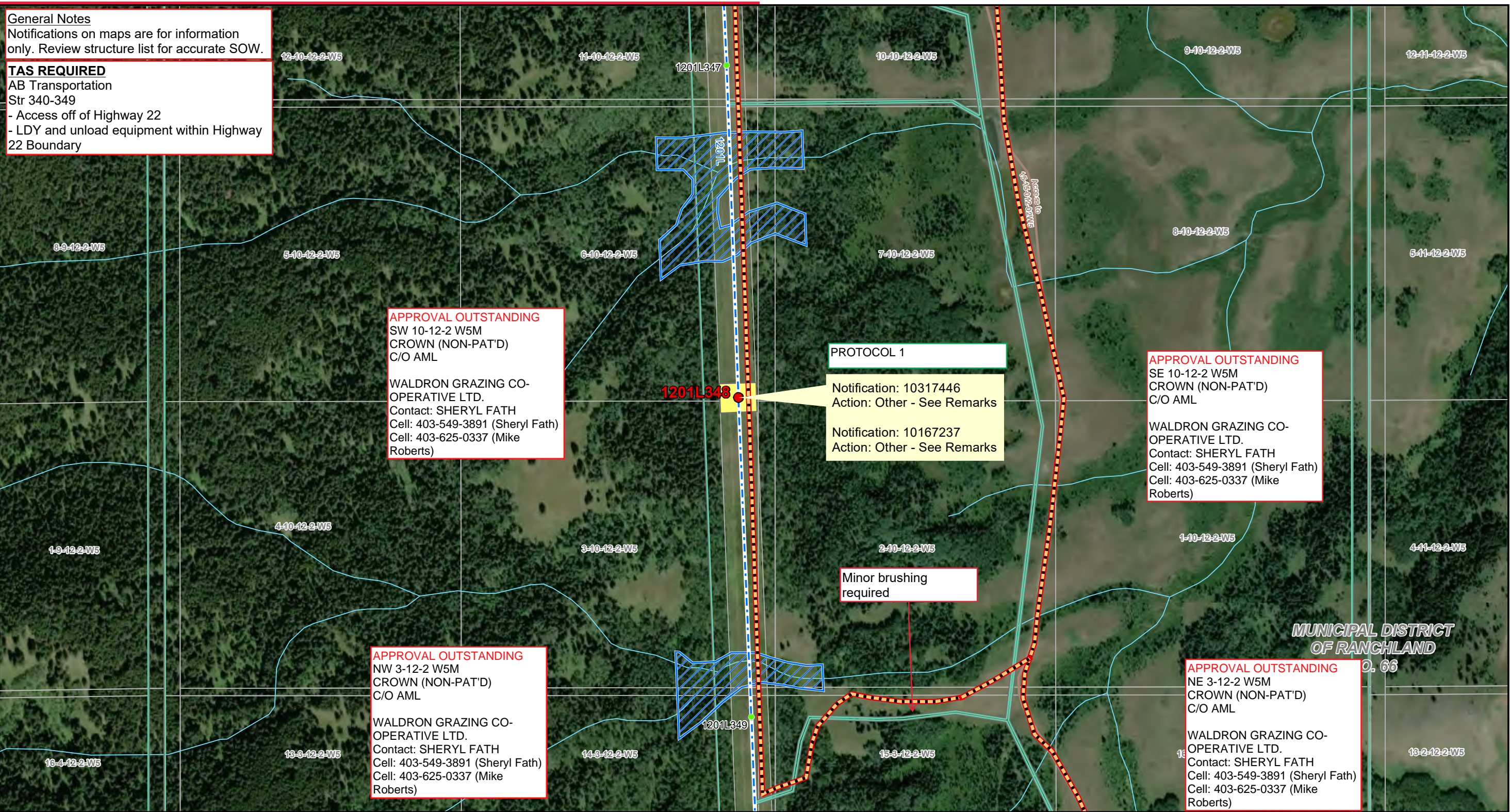
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LEGEND

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**M.D. OF RANGLAND NO. 66
REPORT TO COUNCIL
Information Update (IU)**

Title: April 2024 Bank Reconciliation and Cheque Register

Meeting Date: May 14, 2024

Originated By: Robert Strauss, CAO

Background: As is the practice, administration regularly throughout the year provides Council with a copy of the Monthly Bank Reconciliation and a copy of the Cheque Listing / Credit Card payment Listing.

Strategic Pillar: 4. Financial Sustainability

Options for Action: 1.) To accept for Information

**CAO's Review/
Comments/:** Once Council determines that any questions they may have, are satisfactorily addressed; I would recommend acceptance for information.

Attachments: April 2024 Bank Reconciliation and Cheque Registrar

CAO's Initials



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF RANGLAND No. 66
Monthly Bank Statement Reconciliation
For the month ending April 30, 2024

	General Bank Account	Deferred Revenue Held on Deposit				TOTAL
		MSI Grant	CCBF Grant	ACP Grant	WtrC.C.R. Grant	
Net Balance in G.L. at end of previous month	1,754,404.70	811,036.92	1,663.90	85,202.31	1,148,597.35	3,800,905.18
Deposits	17,379.16					17,379.16
Earned Interest credited to account	9,135.85	3,717.76	7.63	394.75	4,832.70	18,088.69
Transfer: IMP - TCA Assessments	8,000.00			8,000.00		
<i>Less:</i>						
Cheques Issued (016400 - 016403) & EFTs Issued (01047 - 01087)	- 1,058,604.35					- 1,058,604.35
March 31, 2024 Payroll (net)	- 28,945.75					- 28,945.75
March 31, 2024 Payroll (net)(Council)	- 7,989.26					- 7,989.26
April 15, 2024 Payroll (net)	- 31,809.11					- 31,809.11
Direct Withdrawal Payments	- 265.34					- 265.34
Net G.L. Balance at end of month	661,305.90	814,754.68	1,671.53	77,597.06	1,153,430.05	2,708,759.22
Bank Statement Balance at end of month	661,605.90	814,754.68	1,671.53	77,597.06	1,153,430.05	2,709,059.22
Less: Outstanding Cheques	- 300.00					- 300.00
Net Bank Balance at end of month	661,305.90	814,754.68	1,671.53	77,597.06	1,153,430.05	2,708,759.22

Net Bank Balance Apr. 30, 2023 **1,393,135.02**

Gen. Account Outstanding Cheques

<i>Cheque Number</i>	<i>Amount</i>
016400	300.00
	-
<i>Total o/s cheques</i>	300.00

Notes:

1. Interest earned was at 5.40% in March (posted in Apr.)

Direct Withdrawals were:

<i>Other (incl. bank fees)</i>	265.34
	265.34

Acronyms

MSI - Municipal Sustainability Initiative
CCBF - Canada Community Building Fund
ACP - Alberta Community Partnership Fund
WtrC.C.R. - Watercourse Crossing Remediation Grant
IMP TCA - Infrastructure Master Plan - Tangible Capital Assets

Statement submitted to Council this 21st day of May, 2024

Greg Erlich
Accountant

M.D. of Ranchland No. 66

APRIL 2024 RECEIPTS

Collections of Property Taxes, Grant-in-Place of Taxes & late pymt penalties	\$	-
GST refund		-
Fine Revenue collected		259.00
Shop Rent collected		3,402.00
Road Allowance Lease fees collected		364.00
Custom heavy equipment work incl. mulching		10,855.50
Gravel sales including trucking		-
Custom spraying and herbicide sales		-
Livestock Scale Rent collections		-
FCSS Grant rec'd from Province		775.65
Sundry collections		1,550.87
GST tax collected		172.14
Total Receipts that were Deposited in April 2024	\$	<u>17,379.16</u>

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VENDOR PAYMENT REGISTER REPORT

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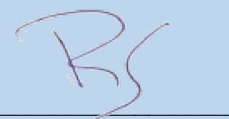
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016400	South Region AAAF	3 Memberships	\$ 300.00
016401	Finning International Inc.	New Motor Grader	740,880.00
016402	Freshmart	Hosting Supplies	108.46
016403	Westwood Construction Ltd.	Supply and install new Boardwalk	13,565.96
EFT001047	1545641 Alberta Ltd. (Peden Safety)	Health & Safety Program Maintenance	1,575.00
EFT001048	AVI-SPL Canada Ltd.	A/V system repairs	737.26
EFT001049	BDO Canada LLP	Interim billing for 2023 annual financial audit	12,358.50
EFT001050	Bishoff's Auto	PW supplies	404.99
EFT001051	Brownlee LLP	FOIP Request files; Judicial Review file; Entitled RFPQ Review file; Road Use file	6,789.63
EFT001052	Inspiris	Cloud Server Monthly/Firewalls/Q2 Managed Services Contract/MS 365 Business Premium Annual Subscription/Service tickets	9,746.05
EFT001053	Foothills Regional Emergency Services Commission	Per capita E911 Call Answer and Fire Dispatch	389.16
EFT001054	Government of Alberta	Policing Funding Model for fiscal 2023-24	30,237.00
EFT001055	Home Hardware - Nanton	PW Shop supplies	92.07
EFT001056	Highwood Telecommunications	Admin. Bldg. Service call for communication lines	315.00
EFT001057	Doug Jensen	Q2 2024 Local Assessor fees	3,675.00
EFT001058	Konica Minolta Business Solutions	Mar. Copier/Printer Maintenance Service Agreement	350.99
EFT001059	M.D. of Willow Creek No. 26	DEM; Fire Chief; CPO Services for Q.1 of 2024	37,879.56
EFT001060	Laura Mowat	PW Shop Janitorial for March	408.63
EFT001061	MPE a division of Englobe	Infrastructure Master Plan - Bridge & Culvert Assessments	8,400.00
EFT001062	Pincher Creek Co-op Association	Ag shop supplies	336.91
EFT001063	Canoe Procurement Group of Canada	Grader filters, grease & parts; March cell phone bill	2,357.16
EFT001064	Wilson Laycraft Barristers & Solicitor	Reconsideration file; Appeal of MO Interpretation Decision file	2,361.45
EFT001065	Receiver General	Second 1/2 March Payroll deduction remittance	18,371.87
EFT001066	Workers' Compensation Board	Installment Payment	2,693.50
EFT001067	Cochrane Toyota	New Tundra Pick-up	75,551.69
EFT001068	LAPP Corporation	Pension Remittance	6,083.50
EFT001069	Telus Communications Ltd.	Ag Shop phone lines (2)	139.94
EFT001070	Telus Communications Ltd.	Office phone lines (2)	219.74
EFT001071	Telus Communications Ltd.	Fax Line	69.97
EFT001072	Telus Communications Ltd.	Roads shop phone line	106.72
EFT001073	Telus Communications Ltd.	Ag office phone line	106.80
EFT001074	Alberta Municipal Insurance Services	Monthly Group Benefits & March Health Spending Account activity	8,916.53
EFT001075	Bell Canada	April Supernet Services	754.94
EFT001076	Burke Creek Ranch Ltd.	Deadstock Pick-up Program	630.00
EFT001077	Carscallen LLP	Court of Appeal Matter; Coal Exploration Permits; Alberta Judicial Review Application	18,918.34
EFT001078	Certified Commercial & Fleet Services	Special Light Bar for Motor Grader x 2	1,224.02
EFT001079	Praba Dodds	Admin bldg Janitorial (April) services & supplies	1,671.54
EFT001080	LAPP Corporation	Pension Remittance	5,357.11
EFT001081	Philip Porth	Annual Office & PW shop alarm inspection (2024)	525.00
EFT001082	RMA Insurance Ltd.	Insurance on new motor grader	749.84
EFT001083	Storage Vault Canada Inc.	Document Shredding	120.17
EFT001084	UFA Co-operative Limited	Fuel; Windshield Washer fluid	11,792.46
EFT001085	Receiver General	First 1/2 April Payroll deduction remittance	18,832.01
EFT001086	CIBC Credit Card Services	Starlink Internet for shops; Ag Crown Conference registration fees; workshop fees; course fees; Hotel rooms; Ag truck service; Meal receipts; Website costs; Postage; Garmin GPS costs; Office supplies; Public Relations; Retail Fuel; truck wash; electronic safety forms; chest freezer for Park concession	9,578.85
EFT001087	EPCOR Energy Services (Alberta)	All Power & Natural Gas bill (March)	2,921.03
			Total Amount of April Payments: <u>\$ 1,058,604.35</u>

Total Payments Issued: 45

**M.D. OF RANGLAND NO. 66
REPORT TO COUNCIL
Request for Guidance (RFG)**

<u>Title:</u>	Fire Services Review Town Hall
<u>Meeting Date:</u>	Tuesday, May 21, 2024
<u>Originated By:</u>	Kelly Starling, Director of Emergency Services
<u>Background:</u>	<p>The Ministry (Municipal Affairs) contracted KPMG LLP to engage stakeholders to seek input from municipalities, Indigenous communities, and fire services on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Fire Commissioner’s role and mandate.• Provincial legislation and training standards (including firefighting testing and certification).• Recognition for fire services.• Management of wildland fires outside of the Forest Protection Area. <p>An in-person session was attended on May 14, 2024, in Lethbridge wherein the above noted objectives were discussed to gather feedback and information on local needs to enable the government to develop solutions to improve the fire service in the province.</p>
<u>Benefits:</u>	A chance to identify challenges and opportunities and to have a say on the future of fire services in Alberta.
<u>Disadvantages:</u>	None identified
<u>Strategic Pillar:</u>	3: Public Safety & Emergency Services
<u>Options for Action:</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To accept the update from the attendance at the Fire Services Review Town Hall as information.2. To provide administration with an alternate course of action.
<u>Financial Considerations:</u>	None resulting from this discussion

CAO's Initials



**CAO's Review/
Comments/:**

We await further direction from Council regarding any next steps to this process.

Attachments:

Email from RMA and Alberta Fire Town Hall Participant Package

CAO's Initials



Nikki Funk

From: Robert Strauss
Sent: May 6, 2024 11:39 AM
To: Nikki Funk
Subject: FW: Fire Service Review Town Halls

Hi Nikki,

Please put this on the May 21 Council agenda.

Thanks,

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From: Robert Strauss
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 11:38 AM
To: Ron Davis <rdavis@ranchland66.com>; Harry Streeter <hstreeter@ranchland66.com>; Cam Gardner <cgardner@ranchland66.com>
Cc: Kelly Starling <kelly@mdwillowcreek.com>; Kathy Wiebe <kathy@mdwillowcreek.com>
Subject: FW: Fire Service Review Town Halls

Council,

I have circulated this to Kelly Starling for potential comment back to Council and myself.

Thanks,

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From: Karrina Jung <Karrina@rmbalberta.com>
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 10:29 AM
Subject: Fire Service Review Town Halls

Good morning RMA Mayors/Reeves and CAOs,

****Please distribute to any relevant staff****

KPMG is currently scheduling Fire Service Review Town halls in collaboration with Municipal Affairs. KPMG has asked RMA to send this information directly to municipality so that interested participants can register using the links below. Virtual sessions will be added to the registration form by May 8 once new dates for these sessions have been confirmed.

The Ministry is seeking input from municipalities, Indigenous communities, and fire services on:

- The Fire Commissioner's role and mandate.
- Provincial legislation and training standards (including firefighting testing and certification).
- Recognition for fire services.
- Management of wildland fires outside of the Forest Protection Area.

The Review seeks to gather feedback and information on local needs and enable government to develop solutions to improve the fire service in the province.

As part of this review, KPMG is conducting Town Hall meetings to collect insights on the delivery of fire service programs and the role of the Fire Commissioner, and to identify challenges and opportunities. Four in-person sessions are scheduled throughout the province. In addition, KPMG will be providing dates for virtual town hall sessions to be held later in May.

In person sessions: Registration for in-person sessions closes May 10. A participant package with additional information will be provided then. Please register using the following link:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=uyT_3okgAESMjvceaAN4svJgYtQzNu1DtB5muR6DJQpUN0dXR_FoxTOU5VEICVU5ORDJUSDFXMUNIMi4u

Virtual sessions: Registration for virtual sessions will be available on May 8 using this link:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=uyT_3okgAESMjvceaAN4svJgYtQzNu1DtB5muR6DJQpUN0dXR_FoxTOU5VEICVU5ORDJUSDFXMUNIMi4u

Should you have any questions about the interview, please contact Matt McLean at matthewmclean@kpmg.ca.

Thank you,

Karrina Jung

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Fire Services Review – Alberta Municipal Affairs

Town Hall Participant Package

May 2024

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Introduction

Alberta Municipal Affairs (the Ministry) is undertaking a Fire Service Review and has contracted KPMG LLP (KPMG) to engage stakeholders. The Ministry is seeking input from, municipalities, Indigenous communities, and fire services on:

- the Fire Commissioner's role and mandate.
- provincial legislation and training standards (including firefighting testing and certification).
- recognition for fire services.
- management of wildland fires outside of the Forest Protection Area.

The Review seeks to gather feedback and information on local needs and enable government to develop solutions to improve the fire service in the province. As part of this review, KPMG consultants are conducting town hall meetings with representatives from municipalities, Indigenous communities and fire services. The meetings aim to collect insights and to identify challenges and opportunities related to the role of the Fire Commissioner, provincial legislation and training standards, delivery of fire service and recognition programs, and the management of wildland fires outside of the Forest Protection Area.

The meetings aim to collect insights on the delivery of fire service programs and the role of the Fire Commissioner, and to identify challenges and opportunities.

Leaders from municipalities, Indigenous communities and fire services are encouraged to attend the Town Halls. Registration is limited to two representatives per community - one representative from administration and one from fire service.

Townhall Locations and Agenda

Townhall meetings will be conducted at the locations and times shown below. Virtual townhall sessions are available for stakeholders that are not able to attend an in-person session.

Townhall Location	Date/ Time
Calgary	Monday May 13 th
Lethbridge	Tuesday May 14 th
Edmonton	Wednesday May 15 th
Grand Prairie	Thursday May 16 th
Virtual Town Hall 1 – Teams	Thursday May 23 rd

Discussion will focus on the relevance and effectiveness of fire service programs. The interactive session will follow the agenda below:

Session Agenda
Introduction
Your Priorities for Fire Services
Doing the Right Things (Relevance of Programs)
Doing Things Well (Effectiveness of Programs)
Wrap Up

Preparing for the Town Hall

To prepare for the session, participants are encouraged to consider the following topics and questions:

Community Priorities for Fire Services

What are your community's priorities for fire services (as may be articulated by Council)?

- What challenges is your community experiencing related to fire?
- Has your community articulated a level of service for the fire service?
- Are your citizens satisfied with the level of fire service they are receiving?

Doing the Right Things (Relevance of Programs)

What is required to address the priorities identified? What is the gap that needs to be addressed?

Which of your Council's priorities for fire services would require changes to:

- the Fire Commissioner's role and mandate.

- provincial legislation and training standards (including firefighting testing and certification).
- recognition for fire services.
- management of wildland fires outside of the Forest Protection Area.

Why are suggested changes necessary? What difference would they make?

Could the gap be partially closed by changing or articulating a service level for fire services?

Doing Things Well (Effectiveness of Programs)

How well does the province deliver fire services, specifically in relation to:

- communication and sharing information
- collection and analysis of fire data
- recognition for fire services
- wildfire protection and support for communities



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**M.D. OF RANCLAND NO. 66
REPORT TO COUNCIL
Information Update (IU)**

Title: Fire Near AltaLink Line Discussion

Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Originated By: Robert Strauss, CAO

Background: DEM Kelly Starling will brief Council of the recent fires near the Alta Link Lines in the vicinity of Saddle Mountain/Chimney Rock Road.

Strategic Pillar:

1. Environmental Stewardship
2. Infrastructure and Service Delivery
3. Public Safety & Emergency Services
4. Financial Sustainability
5. Collaborative Partnership
6. Community

Options for Action: 1.) Accept the briefing and determine a course of action.

**CAO's Review/
Comments/:** Council may wish to consider inviting Alberta Forestry Officials to a subsequent Council meeting once the relevant fire investigations are completed, if Council has further questions or concerns that remain unresolved.

Attachments: None

CAO's Initials



**M.D. OF RANGLAND NO. 66
REPORT TO COUNCIL
Information Update (IU)**

Title: **Emergency/Protective Services Update**

Meeting Date: **May 21, 2024**

Originated By: **Robert Strauss, CAO**

Background: Kelly Starling will be giving an update of events that have transpired since the last meeting he attended.

Strategic Pillar: 3: Public Safety & Emergency Services
5: Collaborative Partnership

**CAO's Review/
Comments/:** As per DEM/Fire Chief Kelly Starling's Report

Attachments: Emergency Services Report April 2024.

CAO's Initials



EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT – MAY 2024

Emergency Services

Key Action Items:

Fire Services:

1. WCES had one call for service within the MD of Ranchland; a motor vehicle accident that required a response from three stations and multiple agencies.
2. WCES staff and the DEM from the Town of Claresholm attended and provided a FireSmart and Emergency Management booth at the Drought Preparedness & Mitigation Forum for ratepayers at the Claresholm Community Centre.
3. WCES staff attended an executive meeting for the Willow Creek Rural Crime Watch Association.
4. As part of the Multi-Year Capital Plan project, 19 new MSA G1 SCBAs were put into service for the Nanton Fire Department. 12 were purchased by the MD and 7 were purchased by the Town of Nanton.
5. WCES organized and hosted a Fire Chiefs Committee meeting.
6. WCES organized and instructed a NFPA 470 Hazmat Operations course that had three members from three stations attending.
7. WCES staff attended the Advanced FireSmart Home Assessment training hosted by FireSmart Alberta in Pincher Creek.
8. WCES staff attended meetings with AHS regarding delays in dispatch times.

Community Peace Officers:

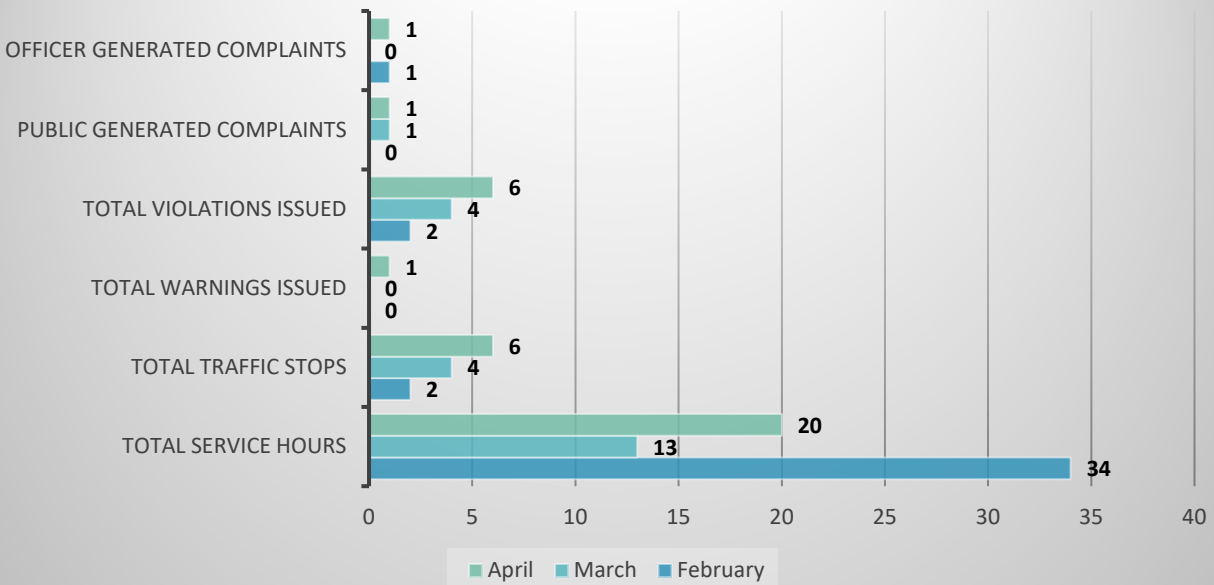
9. Abandoned dogs continue to be an issue within the MD. Three more were reported at-large and taken to a shelter by CPOs.
10. CPOs found a damaged abandoned vehicle in the ditch along Highway 22. The vehicle was determined to be stolen, so the file was shared with RCMP, and the vehicle towed.
11. Noteworthy charges in April: *150 km/h in a 100 km/h zone on Highway 22; Complaints were received for the Connemara area northwest of Nanton in relation to a specific vehicle blowing stop signs and travelling at high rates of speed. Patrols were made and the subject vehicle was observed travelling at 123 km/h in a 60 km/h zone, resulting in the driver being charged.*
12. Six violation tickets were issued within the MD in April, along with one warning. One public generated complaint report was received and investigated, as well as one officer generated complaint report was observed and investigated.

Emergency Management:

13. Members of the regional AHIMT attended the following training in the month of April: Planning Section Chief, Strike Team/Task Force Leader, and ICS 300.
14. Members of the regional AHIMT attended the following workshops in the month of April: DEM, Incident Commander, Planning Section Chief, Logistics Section Chief, and Finance/Admin Section Chief.
15. Members of the regional AHIMT attended a meeting with an Alberta Wildfire Information Officer to review and discuss procedures for messaging for fires within the Forest Protection Area. The same staff also attended an Information Officer workshop organized and hosted by the MDWC.
16. Members of the regional AHIMT, and outside agencies attended a Joint Emergency Management Agency meeting and wildfire TTX. Outside agencies included Alberta Wildfire, AHS EMS, RCMP, Volker Stevin and AEMA. The DEM from the Town of Claresholm also attended for participation with respect to ESS/Reception Centre services.

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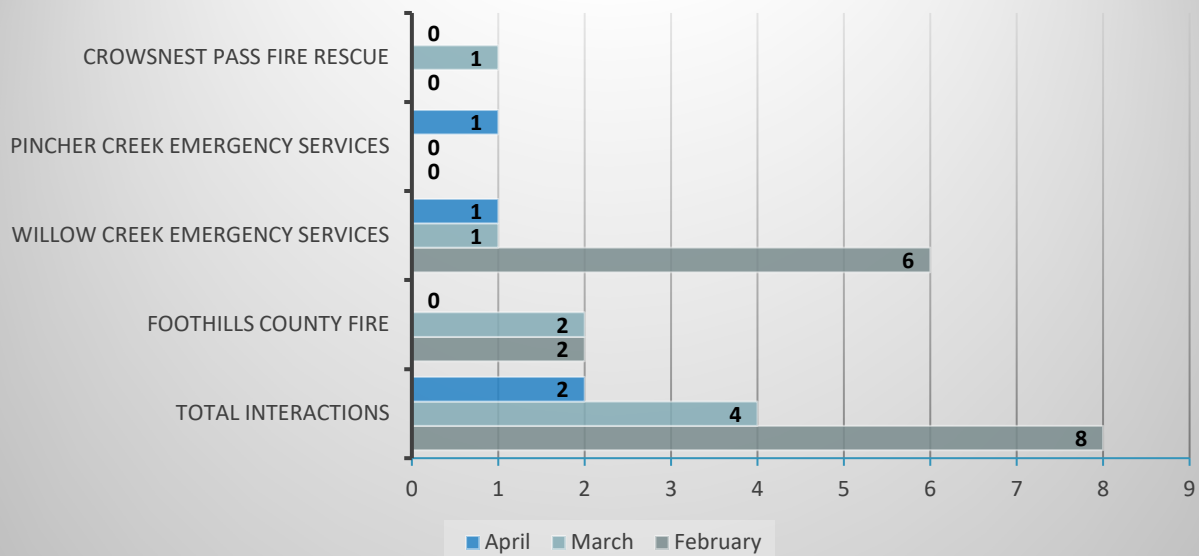
MD of Willow Creek Peace Officer (Ranchland)



Priorities	Percentage Complete	Change from Last Month
Patrols – to be a presence in the community and to identify problem areas	40%	10%
Collaboration with other agencies serving the Ranchland area	50%	10%
Traffic Safety – rules of the road infractions and assist the Ag Dept. with invasive species checks	30%	10%
Implementation of Regional Emergency Management Program	60%	20%
Completion of Mutual Aid Agreements with neighboring municipalities for fire and rescue services	30%	10%

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT – MAY 2024

Emergency Events by Fire Station



**M.D. OF RANCHLAND NO. 66
REPORT TO COUNCIL
Information Update (IU)**

Title: RMA presentation to FCM conference

Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Originated By: Robert Strauss, CAO

Background: This year the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) conference is being held in Calgary, AB. Our municipal organization, RMA, is hosting an exhibit at the conference and has asked its members to provide 3 Powerpoint slides (each) to build a RMA presentation that is representative of its membership.

Administration has put together a sample of 3 slides based on some of the slides we presented at the RMA executive visit to the MD of Ranchland.

Strategic Pillar:
5: Collaborative Partnership
6: Community

Options for Action: 1.) Proceed to submit these 3 slides to the RMA presentation
2.) Proceed with an alternative course of action.

Financial Considerations: None that is significant

CAO's Review/ Comments/: Council's input to this process would be greatly appreciated.

Attachments: Power point presentation – 3 slides

CAO's Initials



Nikki Funk

From: Robert Strauss
Sent: May 2, 2024 2:41 PM
To: Nikki Funk
Subject: FW: Input Requested – Member Features for RMA Hospitality Suite at FCM Conference
Attachments: RMA Uniquely Rural FCM Hospitality Powerpoint Template.potx

Hi Nikki,

How would you like a project?

I am looking to ask staff members to submit possible pictures/slides/etc., Council can pick three of them and we send them off.

If you can coordinate this (I can send an email out from the CAO requesting ideas from staff). The end result is that we need to submit up to three slides in any of the formats provided in the RMA attachment Power Point sample.

Lets discuss.

Thanks,

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Subject: Input Requested – Member Features for RMA Hospitality Suite at FCM Conference

Good afternoon,

The RMA is hosting a hospitality suite on June 6, 2024 during the Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference that is being held in Calgary, AB. Our hope is that we can meet delegates from across the country and highlight what makes Rural Alberta unique.

The theme of the night is “Uniquely Rural”, and we want to highlight our members! We would like for you to supply us with a maximum of 3 slides from your municipality depicting something that makes your area unique. Examples could be municipal projects you are working on, good news stories or fun facts about your municipality. We hope that this presentation will demonstrate what Rural Alberta brings to the table and promote it as the place to be. This deck will be running throughout the venue during our hospitality event, so it is a great opportunity to create a strong visual representation of the innovation and opportunity that exists in rural Alberta.

To keep the presentation consistent, we ask that you develop 3 the slides using the template provided. (Slides may be edited after submission to keep a cohesive look). If you wish to submit slides, please send them in by **May 26, 2024**, to cindy@RMAAlberta.com.

More information about the hospitality suite will be sent our as we move closer to the date, we hope you will help us promote our strong province. We hope that if you are attending FCM, that you will join us that evening. There will be no formal opportunity to speak, but we anticipate lots of great informal dialogue amongst attendees.

Cindy Carstairs

Administrative and Convention Coordinator

P.S. My working hours may be different than yours, please do not feel the need to respond to this message outside of your working hours.



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The Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66

The M.D. of Ranchland is unique in that it actively discourages significant residential development. It contains no urban centers, and encompasses an incredible landscape used extensively for livestock ranching, as well as limited recreation.

The rugged foothills terrain is ideally suited to livestock production and thus contains numerous generational ranches; ranching is the livelihood of most of Ranchland's population

Municipal District of Ranchland No.66

The geography encompasses several provincial parks and 3 large public land use zones; making it available for environmentally friendly recreation while attempting to preserve this incredible landscape



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“PRESERVING OUR RANCHING HERITAGE”

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF RANCLAND NO. 66

**M.D. OF RANGLAND NO. 66
REPORT TO COUNCIL
Information Update (IU)**

Title: **Bill 20 Discussion**

Meeting Date: **Tuesday, May 21, 2024**

Originated By: **Robert Strauss, CAO**

Background: On April 25, 2024, Bill 20: Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 was introduced in the Legislative Assembly. Bill 20 makes significant amendments to both the Municipal Government Act (MGA) and the Local Authorities Elections Act (LAEA).

The bulletin from RMA with the major changes outlined in Bill 20 was circulated to Council via email on April 26, 2024.

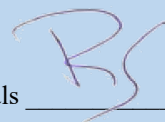
Strategic Pillar: 1. Environmental Stewardship
 2. Infrastructure and Service Delivery
 3: Public Safety & Emergency Services
 4. Financial Sustainability
 5: Collaborative Partnership

Options for Action: 1.) At this stage to accept for information and confirm with administration whether a more detailed briefing would be beneficial.

**CAO's Review/
Comments/:** The purpose of this Information update was to just formally introduce the matter to Council and to invite Council's feedback about having a brief information session at one of the June Council meetings to "walk-through" these changes with Council, in more detail.

Attachments: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

CAO's Initials



April 26, 2024

Government of Alberta Tables Bill with Major Municipal Impacts

Bill 20: Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, makes significant changes to both the MGA and LAEA

On April 25, 2024, [Bill 20: Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024](#) was introduced in the Legislative Assembly. Bill 20 makes significant amendments to both the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA) and the *Local Authorities Elections Act* (LAEA). While the RMA has not yet had time to conduct a detailed review of Bill 20, the following is a summary of notable changes to the MGA and LAEA:

MGA

- ◆ Councillor's seat automatically becomes vacant upon disqualification.
 - ◇ Previously, councillors could not be forced to vacate their seat upon disqualification unless directed by the Courts.
- ◆ Councillor orientation training is mandatory following elections or by-elections.
 - ◇ Previously, municipalities were required to offer training, but it was not mandatory for councillors to attend.
- ◆ Cabinet can remove a councillor if in public interest.
 - ◇ Previously, the Minister could only remove a councillor under very specific circumstances linked to a municipal inspection.
- ◆ Councillors can now recuse themselves from a decision for non-financial conflict of interest.
 - ◇ Previously, recusal was only permitted if a councillor had a pecuniary interest in a decision.
- ◆ Non-profit subsidized affordable housing fully exempt from property taxation.
 - ◇ Previously, the legislation was silent on exemptions for non-profit subsidized affordable housing.
- ◆ Multi-year residential property tax incentives allowed.
 - ◇ Previously, incentives were only permitted for non-residential properties.

LAEA

- ◆ Political party involvement will be permitted at the municipal level. Note that details and rules will be developed through a regulation. This change will be piloted in **Calgary and Edmonton only** in 2025 and may be expanded to all municipalities in 2029.
 - ◇ Previously, the legislation was silent on political party affiliation or involvement in municipal elections.
- ◆ Limits on campaign donations outside of the election year are removed. Candidates can collect unlimited donations beginning immediately after the previous election.
 - ◇ Previously, donations outside the campaign period were limited to \$5,000 per year.
- ◆ Union and corporate donations are allowed. Each corporate or union donor is limited to \$5,000 in donations per municipality.
 - ◇ Previously, corporate and union donations were not permitted.

- ◆ Third-party advertisers focused on a specific issue, rather than candidate, are required to register and abide by third-party reporting and contribution requirements.
 - ◇ Previously, only third-party advertisers promoting or opposing candidates were required to register.
- ◆ Municipalities must prepare a permanent electors register in alignment with Elections Alberta information.
 - ◇ Previously, preparation of an electors register was optional.
- ◆ The Minister will be authorized to postpone local elections during emergencies. The details of this authority will be determined through a regulation.
 - ◇ Previously, this authority did not exist.
- ◆ Automated voting equipment is prohibited.
 - ◇ Previously, municipalities were permitted, by bylaw, to use automated voting equipment.

The list above is not exhaustive, as the RMA continues to review Bill 20 to identify and understand the full range of changes. The RMA is concerned that some of the changes will infringe on municipal or councillor autonomy and add unnecessary politicization and complexity to the local election process. RMA is specifically concerned with proposals to allow Cabinet to remove councillors if it is in the “public interest,” and to override municipal bylaws. If these changes move forward, it is crucial that limits be put around both processes to ensure they are not misused. RMA will provide members with more information and analysis in the coming weeks.

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**M.D. OF RANCHLAND NO. 66
REPORT TO COUNCIL
Information Update (IU)**

Title: AB SW REDAS meeting and upcoming ABSW AGM

Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Originated By: Robert Strauss, CAO

Background: CAO Strauss attended the previous meeting of the ABSW REDA.

The annual ABSW AGM will be held on June 3 at “Head- Smashed-In Buffalo Jump World Heritage Site. Up to 4 Councillors/staff are invited to attend the ABSW AGM.

Strategic Pillar:

1. Environmental Stewardship
2. Infrastructure and Service Delivery
3. Public Safety & Emergency Services
4. Financial Sustainability
5. Collaborative Partnership
6. Community

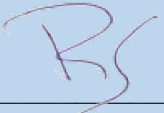
Options for Action: 1.) Accept the update for information and for administration to follow up on any questions and to provide an official RSVP as to how many will be attending the AGM

Financial Considerations: Covered under the M.D. of Ranchland requisition (on a per capita basis).

CAO’s Review/ Comments/: I will update Council of the past meeting highlights with a verbal report at the Council meeting.

Attachments: ABSW agenda and AGM invitation

CAO’s Initials



Nikki Funk

From: Robert Strauss
Sent: May 10, 2024 9:45 AM
To: Nikki Funk
Subject: FW: **REPLY PLEASE - YOU ARE INVITED-AlbertaSW AGM - Wednesday June 5, 2024

Importance: High

Hi Nikki,

Please put this on the May 21st council agenda. Guess we can put it under legislative, if you think that works?

Thanks,

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From: Bev Thornton <bev@albertasouthwest.com>
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 9:43 AM
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Subject: **REPLY PLEASE - YOU ARE INVITED-AlbertaSW AGM - Wednesday June 5, 2024
Importance: High

Dear AlbertaSW Board and CAOs,

Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance

Annual General Meeting
Wednesday June 5, 2024
Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump World Heritage Site

- ❖ **3:15 (OPTIONAL) complimentary tour of HSIBJ WHS**
- ❖ **4:45** Meet and Greet in the Main Foyer
- ❖ **5:15** Seating for Dinner Welcome and introductions
- ❖ **6:30** Program, Presentations and Business Meeting
- ❖ **8:00** Adjourn

We are inviting **UP TO 4 ATTENDEES FROM YOUR STAFF AND COUNCIL.**

Please RSVP before Friday, May 24, 2024, indicating:

- 1) Name of attendee/title**
- 2) If attending Tour (yes/no)**

Once we have the initial guest list confirmed, we may be able to accommodate some additions, and will send more details for the event!

Thank you to staff at HSIBJWHS for all their help with this plan.

We look forward to celebrating the successes of our amazing group of communities!

Call if you have questions or suggestions! bev@albertasouthwest.com or 403-627-0244 (cell)

Bev
AlbertaSW

**M.D. OF RANCHLAND NO. 66
REPORT TO COUNCIL
Information Update (IU)**

Title: RMA Research Project on Rural Volunteerism

Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Originated By: Robert Strauss, CAO

Background: Meredith Jevne has reached out to the MD of Ranchland seeking assistance in the form of a 30–45-minute interview to provide information for a study of recent trends in rural volunteerism.

This study is being conducted in conjunction with the University of Alberta.

Strategic Pillar:
5: Collaborative Partnership
6: Community

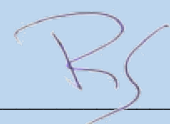
Options for Action: 1.) Agree to offer an interview(s) to assist with the study.
2.) Thank Meredith Jevne for her time and decline to participate.

Financial Considerations: Ranging from insignificant to none.

CAO's Review/ Comments/: If Council wishes to proceed with assisting with the interview, discussion to determine whether it would be a Councillor, and/or a member of the community, perhaps a member of RCEC.

Attachments: email from Meredith Jevne requesting assistance

CAO's Initials



Nikki Funk

From: Robert Strauss
Sent: May 10, 2024 10:10 AM
To: Nikki Funk
Subject: FW: RMA Research Project on Rural Volunteerism

Hi Nikki,

Please put this on the May 21st agenda as well.

I guess it can go under “other” because I think that is where we have put “external committees and organizations” material in the past that was not directly linked to Council projects or planning and development matters.

Thanks,

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From: Meredith Jevne <mjevne@ualberta.ca>
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 10:02 AM
To: Robert Strauss <CAO@ranchland66.com>; Ron Davis <rdavis@ranchland66.com>
Cc: Clark Banack <csbanack@ualberta.ca>
Subject: RMA Research Project on Rural Volunteerism

Greetings CAO Strauss and Reeve Davis,

My name is Meredith Jevne and I work at the [Alberta Centre for Sustainable Rural Communities](#) at the University of Alberta with our Director, Dr. Clark Banack.

On behalf of the Rural Municipalities of Alberta, we are conducting an academic research study that explores recent trends in volunteerism in rural Alberta and their impacts on rural municipalities (University of Alberta research ethics ID number: Pro00137231). We are the same group that wrote this recent report on the [challenges facing rural FCSS offices in Alberta](#).

The RMA is well aware that volunteer rates in rural communities have been declining for some time. They are particularly interested in better understanding the perspective of rural municipalities on the impacts this decline is having not just on their communities but on their own operations. For instance – rural municipalities often work closely with rural voluntary organizations and provide support in the form of grants or other financial subsidization, capacity-building training, sharing of resources or municipal spaces, etc. Given these connections, how are declining volunteer rates impacting what services rural municipalities can either offer or support?

Anyway, we are writing today to inquire as to whether either of you, or someone else from your municipality who is suitable to speak to these issues, would be willing to participate in our study. The interview will take approximately 30-45 minutes, can be conducted online via Zoom, and can be scheduled at a time that is convenient for you. All information you supply during the research process will be held in confidence and your name or the location of your office will not appear in any report or publication of the research.

I hope you are willing to assist on this important project.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing back from you. You may also reply directly to Dr. Banack, the Director of the Alberta Centre for Sustainable Rural Communities – he is cc'ed on this email.

Sincerely

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