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Climate Change Risk Assessment

Edson, Alberta, October 4th, 2023 – A Climate Vulnerability and Risk Assessment Study has been conducted for the Town of Edson.

The purpose of the report is to expand the Town's understanding on how municipal assets, infrastructure, and operations are vulnerable to climate change and make recommendations on how to mitigate those risks. This initiative was funded through an \$80,000 grant from the Government of Alberta through the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre's Climate Resilience Capacity Building Program. The Municipal Climate Change Action Centre is a partnership of Alberta Municipalities, Rural Municipalities of Alberta, and the Government of Alberta.

A total of 632 risks were identified across the seven asset systems over three climate periods. Administration and operations centres, comprised largely of built assets, had the largest number of risks, followed by ecological assets and parks and recreation and community centres. These three asset systems were also identified as being highly vulnerable.

Recommendations from the report include:

- Incorporate Climate Considerations into Key Levels of Decision-making
- Continually Monitor and Improve Climate Projections and Expectations
- Assess Climate-Resiliency for Infrastructure
- Build and Develop Climate-Based Communication and Collaboration Opportunities
- Develop an Implementation Plan

For the complete report, visit our Green Initiatives website at www.edson.ca/green.

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