

October 2, 2017

Municipal Government Board
1229 91 Street SW
Edmonton, Alberta
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MD of Foothills 31
Heather Hemingway
Director of Planning
Box 5605
High River, Alberta
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Dear Sir/Madam;

RE: Formal Initiation of the Town of Black Diamond Annexation Application

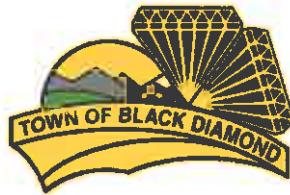
In accordance with Section 116 of the Municipal Government Act and pursuant to a motion of the Town of Black Diamond Council dated September 20, 2017, the Town of Black Diamond is giving written notice to the Municipal District of Foothills and the Municipal Government Board of the initiation of the proposed annexation of lands into the Town of Black Diamond.

Within the Town's current boundaries there are approximately 65 lots available for residential development and at the current rate of development it is estimated that the inventory will be exhausted within 3 years. There is a 29 acre parcel of undeveloped lands within the NW of 9-20-2-W5M forming part of the Kaiser Area Structure Plan however cost of servicing has been an economic barrier for developers. The annexation of lands as proposed will facilitate the efficient and cost effective growth of the community and is in alignment with statutory plans, alternate transportation routes and satisfy the Town's growth projections.

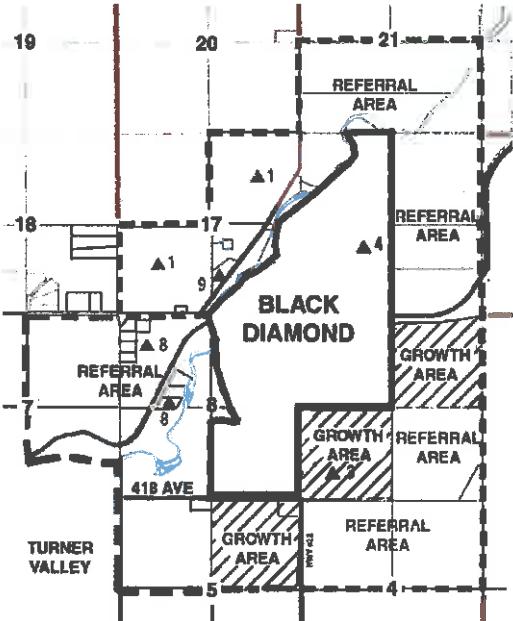
The lands intended for annexation are those as listed in the table below and includes the three quarter sections that are identified in the MD of Foothills, Town of Turner Valley, Town of Black Diamond Intermunicipal Development Plan, adopted by Town of Black Diamond Council as Bylaw 02-05 on June 5, 2002. Excerpt from the Intermunicipal Development Plan (Black Diamond Urban Future Growth) has been inserted below.

Legal Description						
Quarter	Plan	Title #	Ha	Ac	Owner	
Ptn NE 5-20-2-W5M		001110623003	60.749	150.23	David Hocking & Diana Hocking	
Ptn NE 5-20-2-W5M	LK465, OT	121275486004	2.323	5.74	Volker Stevin Highways Ltd.	
Ptn SW 9-20-2-W5M		101216209	59.379	146.85	Jaygee Farms Ltd.	
Ptn SW 9-20-2-W5M		001110623002	4.167	10.30	Lilyfer Poultry Farms (Black Diamond) Ltd.	
NE 9-20-2-W5M		101236396001	61.04	150.98	386809 Alberta Ltd.	
Total			187.658	464.10		

The annexation proposes to include approximately 464 acres of land encompassing three quarter sections which are contiguous to the shared boundary with the Town of Black Diamond. The proposed annexation lands do not contain established residential subdivisions. There is one residence and cultivation farmland located on the NE of 5 and another four residences on the SW of 9 with the balance lands under cultivation. The NE of 9-20-2-5 is a bare quarter under cultivation. None of the lands contemplated for annexation are within the designated Flood Risk Area.



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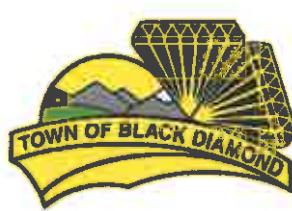
The strategy proposed for the annexation procedure is to facilitate meetings of an Annexation Committee consisting of Council members of the Town of Black Diamond and the MD of Foothills with respective staff assistance. A concurrent referral circulation and public consultation process will be undertaken in order to determine what concerns or objections may exist with respect to the annexation proposal.

In conclusion, we look forward to working collaboratively with all parties to proceed with the annexation.

Sincerely

Denice Stewart
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
Town of Black Diamond

Attachments: Copy of Council Resolution



REGULAR COUNCIL
September 20, 2017

Core Strategy: Provide Safe and Effective Service

Annexation - Letter of Intent

Mayor Glen Fagan requested a recorded vote on this matter.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mike Ross that Council agree to send a **Res. 2017-411** letter of intent to the Municipal government Board and the MD of Foothills for the annexation of lands as identified in the Intermunicipal Development Plan (2002).

IN FAVOUR:

Mayor Glen Fagan
Deputy Mayor Mike Ross
Councillor Jim Deacon
Councillor Ruth Goodwin
Councillor Jackie Stickel
Councillor Judy Thomson
Councillor Brian Marconi

AGAINST:

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

