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BLACK DIAMOND AND TURNER VALLEY COUNCILS AMALGAMATION VOTE PASSED

Today, Black Diamond and Turner Valley Councils re-confirmed their support for the application to amalgamate.

The vote is part of a [requirement set out by the Honourable Ric McIver](#), Minister of Municipal Affairs, who directed both Councils, who are newly elected since the last vote, to individually re-confirm support of the proposed amalgamation by a formal resolution prior to the end of February 2022. Initially agreed to by previous Councils, the [joint amalgamation application](#) submitted to the Minister on September 14, 2021 indicated support for amalgamation.

Minister McIver acknowledged the work and dedication of both towns and said he is prepared to recommend the amalgamation to Cabinet.

In response to the vote, Black Diamond Mayor Brendan Kelly commented. *'After lots of reading, consulting the public and collecting all information available, I'm happy to see the hard work of this Council and the previous one, being recognized. I support most of the amalgamation application that was submitted to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, but there is still lots of work to be done. We look forward to the work ahead with Turner Valley, the Minister and his team.'*

Turner Valley Mayor Barry Crane said, *'This result allows the two communities to set a path forward, together. If approved by Cabinet, which I expect it will be, it will start the process of formally joining the municipalities. While there is a lot of work ahead, I'm extremely excited about the future and the efficiencies and opportunities which lie ahead, we are stronger together, and may we thrive as we grow. Thank you to everyone for your input and support.'*

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