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| DEPARTMENT: | |
|  | TOPIC: Crankmasters – Priddis Road Race |
| REPORT PRESENTED BY: Sherri Barrett | |

PURPOSE OF REQUEST

For Council to consider authorizing the use of municipal roads for the Crankmasters – Priddis Road Race cycling event.

BACKGROUND

The Crankmasters Priddis Road Race is scheduled for May 14, 2025 and July 9, 2025.

This request was circulated to Foothills County Director of Community and Emergency Services, Director of Planning, Emergency Services Coordinator, Manager of Enforcement Services, Manager of Planning Applications, Manager of Operations, Public Works, Senior Engineering Technologist and Engineering Technologist. Administration had no concerns with the proposed route, the number of participants, or the staggered start for this event. However, they do recommend additional caution, cyclist ahead signage for motorists at the following locations:

- Priddis Valley Road at 186 Ave W
- 186 Ave W at 240 St W
- 240 St W at 210 Ave W
- 240 St W at Coalmine Rd
- 240 St W at Plummers Rd
- Plummers Rd at 1240 Dr W
- 240 St W at 290 Ave W
- 240 St W at HWY 549

Administration expressed concerns regarding parking and staging for this event as the race start/finish line is in Priddis.

Parking

The applicant provided a letter of support from the Red Deer Lake United Church for use of their parking lot for this event. The applicant advised that many cyclists would ride their bikes from the city and/or Red Deer Lake United Church Parking lot as a “warm up” before their event and advised that they would be utilizing Hwy 22X to travel from the parking lot to Priddis. Administration recommended that the

warmup be included as part of the event, which would require a permit from ATEC for use of Hwy 22X / 22, and additional signage approaching Priddis Valley Road. There is great concern with cyclists making a left hand turn off west bound Hwy 22 onto Priddis Valley Rd.

The applicant responded indicating that they spoke with the Priddis Community Association who advised that there is some street parking available on 186 Ave in Priddis. The applicant advised they would not have more than 6 vehicles on site, and the remainder of cyclists would ride from the city, so parking was not a concern and indicated that they were not required to obtain a permit from ATEC for use of Hwy 22/22X.

Staging

The applicant has not provided a suitable location for cyclists to stage in Priddis near the start/finish. Administration advised that congregating on a roadway is not permitted, and if private land is utilized, obtaining written permission from the land or business owner is required. Administration made the recommendation to the applicant to possibly consider using the Pioneer Park Day-use area or the County's MR lot as a staging area to prevent congregating on the roads, however, they don't seem to be interested. The applicant advised they would not be using the Priddis Community Association lot.

All additional information, documents and permits as requested by Administration have been received.

This is the first year for the Priddis Road Race.

REQUEST OF COUNCIL

Proposed Motion:

Moved that Council authorize the use of municipal roads during the Crankmasters Priddis Road Race on May 14, 2025 and July 9, 2025, subject to the following:

- identification of an approved staging area that is not the start/finish area at the side of the roadway and a route to and from the staging area to the satisfaction of the County's Emergency Management Coordinator;
- submission of permits issued by Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors allowing the use of any provincial highways utilized as part of the event, including before, during and after the event (to and from the staging areas);
- placement of caution, cyclist ahead signage is to be placed in the following locations:
 - Priddis Valley Road at 186 Ave W
 - 186 Ave W at 240 St W
 - 240 St W at 210 Ave W
 - 240 St W at Coalmine Rd
 - 240 St W at Plummers Rd
 - Plummers Rd at 1240 Dr W
 - 240 St W at 290 Ave W
 - 240 St W at HWY 549
- Cyclists must ride single file, as close to the right edge of the road as possible;
- all provisions of the Traffic Safety Act are complied with;
- advanced signage is placed at the start and finish locations advising of the date and time of the event;
- the County shall not be held liable for loss or injury resulting from the event; and
- all appropriate insurance policies are in effect;

Or

That Council deny the request for the use of municipal roads during the Crankmasters Priddis Road Race scheduled for May 14, 2025 and July 9, 2025.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: Road Event Applications (May 14, 2025 and July 9, 2025)

APPENDIX B: Crankmasters - Emergency Action Plan

APPENDIX C: Cycle Course Proposal