

August 7, 2023

District of Chetwynd
Attn: Stephen McLain

Dear Stephen

Please accept this as notice that effective Nov 1, 2023, I will be relinquishing my position of Councillor for the District of Chetwynd. The careers of my family and I have moved us away from Chetwynd and as a result, I will no longer be able to fulfill my duties in this role. I will fulfill my duties remotely until Nov 1, 2023. This hopefully will give time for a by-election.

I feel I'm leaving this position with the district having a strong balance sheet in terms of Cash, Reserves and Borrowing Power. Chetwynd has done a good job upgrading their infrastructure but there are still a lot of old pipes in the ground and the cost of upgrades are always increasing. Roads continue to deteriorate, and the cost of paving continues to increase. A municipalities main source of income is taxes and the cost of providing services continues to rise and the notion of zero tax increases is not realistic or financially responsible. Chetwynd is financially strong in my opinion but is facing reduced tax revenue and uncertain grant securement as well as aging infrastructure. Asset Management and Intense Financial Planning are going to be key moving forward.

I would like to encourage many people in town to consider running for my seat on council and carry on with strong objectives of providing our taxpayers with a safe, productive, and prosperous community to raise families in.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Coun Bassendowski', written in a cursive style.

Coun Bassendowski