

# Bittern Lake Viability Review Support Group Key messages: October 18, 2024.

**In Attendance:**

Bittern Lake Admin  
 Bittern Lake Council  
 Camrose County Admin  
 Camrose County Council  
 RMA Staff

Jill Tinson  
 James Lorente  
 Teresa Gratrix  
 Don Simpson  
 Jared Shaigec

MA lead  
 MA support

Sharlene Brown  
 Linda Reynolds

**Regrets:**

LGAA	Adam Kozakiweicz
AB Munis	Tara Elwood
	Kylie Hill observer
ARMA RMA appointed Bittern Lake Council Bittern Lake Council	Mike Haugen Kevin Wirsta Jayden Brandt Reay Gibson

**Key Message** to share with respective organization and stakeholders (public)

- Viability Review Processes usually take 12-18 months,
- The Minister initiated the Bittern Lake Viability Review in October 2023; it is in the 12<sup>th</sup> month now,
- Throughout a viability review council and administration continue to govern and manage the village,
- Bittern Lake Council accepted for information Infrastructure Audit at the October 7, 2024 council meeting; an integral part of the Viability Review Process,
  - The infrastructure Audit will be analyzed and the information included in Viability Report,
  - The full audit is a public document and will be available on the village website,
- Minister of Municipal Affairs sets the vote through Ministerial Order, including the vote date, wording on the ballot and appointment of returning officers,
- The viability review report will be reviewed by the Viability Support Group and the ministry prior to distribution to the residents of Bittern Lake.

**Proposed Timeline:**

December 2024	Distribution of the VR report to residents
Mid January 2025	Pre-vote public information session
Late January 2025	Vote of Bittern Lake electors

- Concerns were raised about the governance and the operations of Bittern Lake as the village continues through the Viability Review Process.
- The viability review support group explored ideas, suggestions, and strategies to deal with misinformation that is causing community divisions.