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City of Airdrie Annexation Update

AIRDRIE, ALBERTA – Rocky View County and the City of Airdrie hosted two annexation open houses this past month with over 250 people attending. The City of Airdrie and Rocky View County are in the middle of annexation negotiations, which started in July and collaboratively hosted the open houses to seek feedback and answer the questions of affected landowners and businesses. The City of Airdrie is proposing to annex approximately 12,600 acres of land to the west, north and east of Airdrie’s current city limits.

“We were pleased with the number of attendees from the community and rural area and we received very good feedback,” says Naren Garg, Senior Planner, City of Airdrie. “Affected stakeholders had good questions about how the annexation would impact them and we were able to clarify and address their concerns.”

Based on the feedback from the open houses, the City of Airdrie and Rocky View County will be holding community specific engagement sessions in the next couple of months.

“We have also received feedback and inquiries from phone calls and emails. The City of Airdrie and Rocky View County wants to thank everyone that attended the open houses and took the time to give us feedback,” says Garg. “Engaging all the stakeholders is essential to the success of the annexation. The City of Airdrie and Rocky View County are working collaboratively for the common interests of all the residents.”

The ongoing negotiation process includes discussions on feedback from residents, taxation, assessment and service delivery. After the negotiations are completed, an application will be submitted to the Province’s Municipal Government Board for consideration. The new boundaries will be finalized in late 2011 or early 2012.

Residents still have opportunities to ask questions and provide feedback about the annexation process by contacting Naren Garg at 403-948-8800 ext 8774. More information is also available at www.airdrieannex.ca.

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