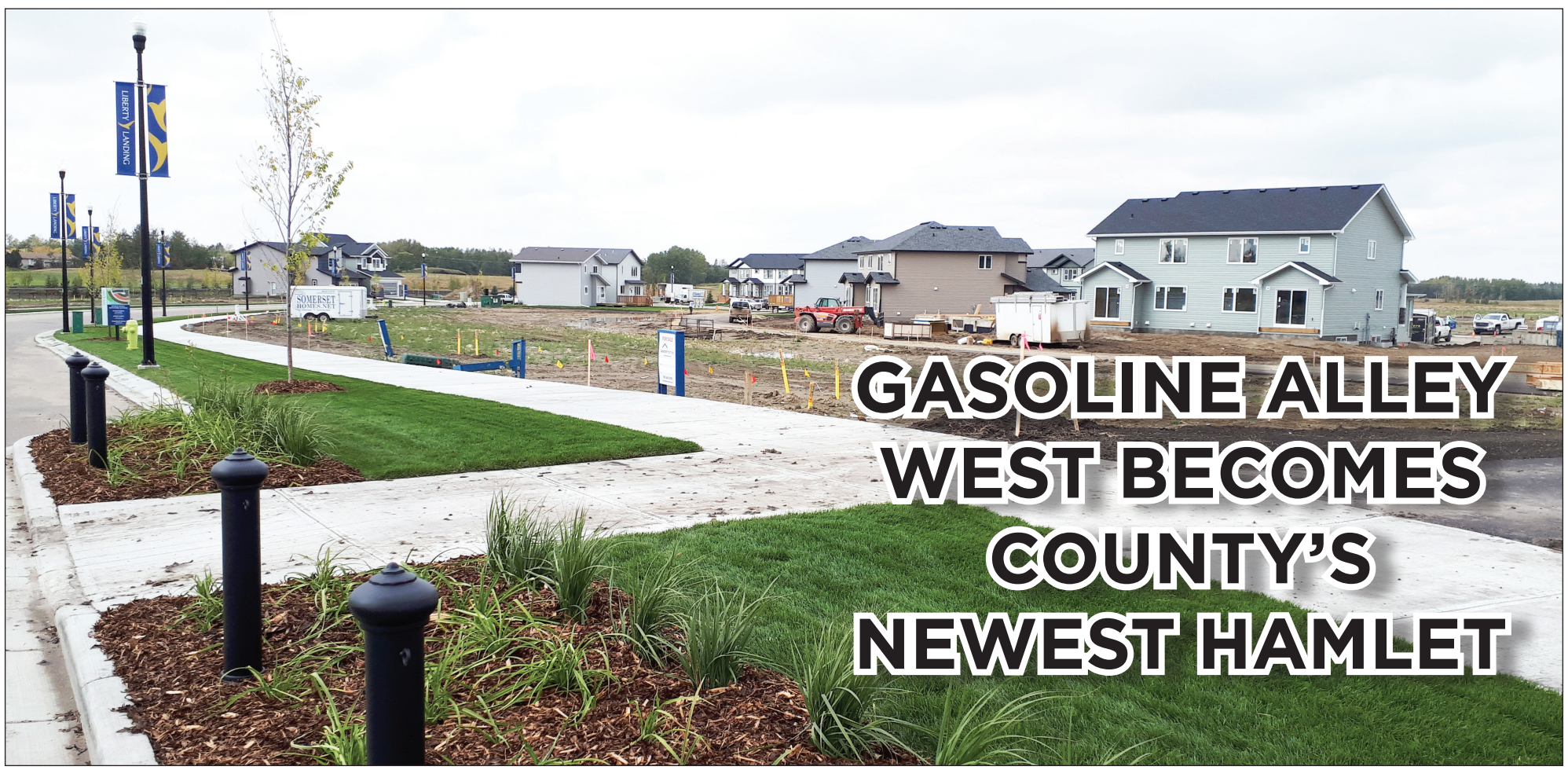
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GASOLINE ALLEY WEST BECOMES COUNTY'S NEWEST HAMLET

After a recent Council decision, Gasoline Alley has gone from a business park to its own hamlet after Council approved the creation of the community.

The hamlet will be administered by Red Deer County. Red Deer County Director of Planning and Development Dave Dittrick, said the biggest benefit to becoming a hamlet is the reduction of costs for natural gas.

"Rural residents and businesses face higher utility service connection fees than their urban neighbours," said Dittrick. "Creating a hamlet will enable the County to enter into franchise utility agreements, which will level the playing field for developers in Gasoline Alley West."

Council gave unanimous approval to the new hamlet at their Oct. 2 council meeting.

The boundaries of the new hamlet are Hwy 2 to the east, McKenzie Road to the south, Range Road 275 in the west and Waskasoo and Laura Avenues to the north.

With the approval, Gasoline Alley becomes the eighth hamlet in Red Deer County, joining Lousana, Ardley, Dickson, Spruce View, Markerville, Benalto and Springbrook.

Developers in both Springbrook and Gasoline Alley West had sent a request to the County to enter into franchise agreements for utility connections. By becoming a hamlet, the franchise agreement with a natural gas distributor allows the fees for connections decrease significantly for developers.

Evidence of Gasoline Alley's growth can be found in many new developments in the community. The Hamlets at Red Deer is an independent seniors' living community that is set to open this fall. The community will have 184 living spaces. In addition, Liberty Landing is planned to have 700 homes built in Gasoline Alley. Show homes for Liberty Landing opened for viewing in September.

Work also continues on an $80 million realignment of the QEII and its path through Gasoline Alley. When completed it will have collector-distributor roads through the Gasoline Alley corridor and three reconstructed bridges and two new bridges.

In the future, the boundaries could be expanded as new subdivisions are created and services are expanded.

Gasoline Alley West is a community that includes a mix of residential, commercial and industrial uses. It is a connected community, which accommodates a variety of transportation options including biking, walking, vehicle and transit to serve residents and business. It is a complete community that promotes the efficient use of land, healthy environments, job growth and business diversity.

The area included within the hamlets boundaries are zoned for residential, commercial and some industrial.

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COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

COUNTY BUSINESS HONOURED

Martial arts studio wins business of the year award



“Thrilled” is how Seoungmin Rim described winning the Red Deer and District Chamber of Commerce business of the year award.

Rim, who owns Master Rim’s Taekwondo located in Gasoline Alley, won the Business of the Year award for businesses with one to 10 employees at the Oct. 17 business of the year awards ceremony in Red Deer.

Rim said they were nominated as a finalist in 2016 and didn’t win, but he was excited and honoured to win this year.

“When our name was called out, of course we were thrilled,” said Rim, who took the stage, shook some hands and said a few words.

“I came to Red Deer with pretty much nothing except being tall, dark and handsome. I expressed our gratitude, from the bottom of our hearts, for welcoming us. They gave us an opportunity to share our passion and our culture.”

Rim came to Canada from South Korea 10 years ago and started his taekwondo business to share his passion for the martial art.

“Gasoline Alley is a hot bed of economic activity and it’s great to see one of the successful businesses who calls it home be honoured,” said Jim Wood, Red Deer County Mayor. “Red Deer County is very pleased to be working on a new area where businesses can thrive. The Junction 42 rest area will allow highway traffic a new place to find services. I know it will grow to become an exciting new location for many businesses.”



Taylor Venuti; Ervana Griffiths; Dallas Campbell, County Municipal Maintenance Coordinator; Syliva Bolkowy, County Community and Protective Services Assistant; Sandra Badry, County Economic Development Officer; and Lyn Radford, 2019 Canada Winter Games Host Society chair.

2019 CANADA WINTER GAMES

LEAVING A GREEN LEGACY

Red Deer County is getting a little greener thanks to the Canada Winter Games.

Of the 2,019 trees donated as part of the CWG legacy project, 500 were donated to the County.

Those 500 trees were then planted at community halls throughout the County. Of the trees donated, 350 were white spruce, 55 were poplar and 35 were bur oak. They were planted at Antler Hill Hall, Centreville Hall, Cumberland Hall, Elnora Hall, Ridgewood Hall, Spruce View Agricultural Society for Dickson Arena, Trenville Park and the Valley Centre Hall.

The plaque presented by Lyn Radford to Sandra Badry read “As a legacy of the 2019 Canada Winter Games, 2,019 trees were planted in fall in an effort to mitigate climate change.”

Red Deer County

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What's Happening
in Red Deer County

Red Deer County Council, MPC, and Public Hearings: Tuesday, Nov. 13 and Tuesday, Nov. 27. MPC commences at 9:30 AM, followed by Council, at the County Centre. Public Hearings are held at 1:30 PM.

Markerville's Historic Fensala Hall is proud to present The Douglas Brothers on Friday, Nov. 16. The Brothers are veterans of folk festivals and concert stages, but are most at home in small intimate settings like house concerts and coffeehouses, where they find that the snacks are often quite good. A perfect fit for our intimate little historic hall. Opening for The Douglas Brothers are two young locals, Kate and Mitch, finalists in the Calgary Stampede Talent Search Contest. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Show at 7:30 PM. Tickets $25.00 available on line at historicmarkerville.com or call 403.304.2717.

Sew and So's: Quilting the first Tuesday of every month, at Valley Centre Community Hall. Contact Donna Reay at 403.347.7198 for more information.

Daddy & Me – Nov. 17 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in the Library. Joint program with Penhold Library and Parent Link.

Water and Agriculture Conference: At Crossfield and District Community Hall on Nov. 22 from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Agenda includes: Farming through the Change - David Sauchyn, Univeristy of Regina, Prairie Adaptation Research Collaborative Wetlands on an Agricultural Landscape - John K. Pattison-Williams, University of Alberta Working with the Wetland Policy - Alberta Environment & Parks Ducks Unlimited Producer Programs - Warren Robb Agriculture Water Footprint and Social License - Dr. Reynold Bergen, Beef Cattle Research. For more information contact Daniela at Mountain View County Agricultural Services Phone: 403-335-3311 Ext 204 email: darcher@mvcounty.com Event Day Contact: Lorelee Grattidge 403.994.0837 Register on Eventbrite by November 16: http://agwater2018.event.

Working Well Workshop: Nov. 22 5:30 PM to 9 PM at Bowden Community Hall. Water Well Management for Well Owners A Red Deer County hosted event for well owners to learn what they can do to protect their well. To attend the working well workshop please pre-register on eventbrite by Nov. 15 and provide the requested well info so we can help you look up drilling reports for your well. Register at: https://workingwell2018.eventbrite.ca

Up to No Good: The Dickson Store Museum puts on dinner or dessert theatre performances at the Spruce View Hall. A comedy, with a little bit of history about the suspicions of some museum volunteers have about two newcomers. Dinner theatre takes place on Nov. 23, doors open at 5:00 PM with a supper buffet at 6:00 PM. Tickets are $50 each or a table of six for $270. Dessert theatre is on Nov. 24, doors open at 12:30 PM and the performance starts at 1:00 PM. Tickets cost $30 each or a table of si for $150. For more information or tickets call 403.728.3355 or visit www.dicksonstormuseum.com.

Balmoral Community Christmas Party and Supper – Sunday Dec. 2. Two sittings – 4:30 PM and 6:30 PM. Call 403.347.6688 to reserve your spots.

TRANSIT NOTICE - REMEMBRANCE DAY HOURS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10
- Transit Administration Offices and Transit information phone lines will be closed.
- Transit information is available on-line at www.reddeer.ca/transit
- Transit Services will operate on a regular Saturday schedule.
- Red Deer Transit Action Bus phone lines will be open.
- Regular Action Bus services will be in place today.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11
- Transit Administration Offices &Transit information phone lines will be closed.
- Transit information is available on-line at www.reddeer.ca/transit
- Transit Services will operate on a regular Sunday schedule.
- First departure from the City Centre Terminal will be at 8:45 AM
- Last departure from the City Centre Terminal will be at 6:45 PM
- Red Deer Transit Action Bus phone lines will be open.
- Regular Action Bus services will be in place today.



REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES AT SERVUS ARENA
- Regular Transit: Customers wishing to attend Remembrance Day Services at Servus Arena, can do so by accessing Route 7 buses. Regular transit rates apply.
- Action Bus: Registered Action Bus customers wishing to attend Remembrance Day Services can book a trip within regular two-week window through Action Bus Dispatch, 403.309.8400. Regular rates apply.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12
- Transit Administration Offices and Transit information phone lines will be closed.
- Transit information is available on-line at www.reddeer.ca/transit
- Transit Services will operate on a regular Holiday schedule, including Routes 12 and 12A to Gasoline Alley and Springbrook.
- First departure from the City Centre Terminal will be at 8:45 AM
- Last departure from the City Centre Terminal will be at 6:45 PM
- There is NO SERVICE on Route 100/101 (BOLT).
- Action Bus phone lines will be closed. Pre-Booked Action Bus service only.

COUNCIL MEETING ATTENDANCE AND EXPENSE CLAIMS

This is the third quarterly report for the Mayor and Councillors for the November 2017 to October 2018 year. The report includes the number of meetings that members of Council were scheduled to attend and the actual attendance at the meetings, as well as a reporting of Mayor/Councillor expense claims for May to July 2018.

Scheduled meetings include County Council and Municipal Planning Commission meetings as well as meetings for the Committees/Board/Commissions that members of Council are appointed to as representatives of the County. A listing of the Council appointments to these Committees/Board/Commissions is posted on the County's website (www.rdcounty.ca).

Councillors may encounter circumstances where more than one meeting is scheduled within the same time period. As a result, there can be instances when these scheduling conflicts result in Councillors not being available to attend all required regularly scheduled meeting.

Meeting Attendance

- Mayor Jim Wood attended 15 of 15 scheduled meetings (100% attendance)
- Councillor Philip Massier attended 15 of 15 scheduled meetings (100% attendance)
- Councillor Jean Bota attended 19 of 21 scheduled meetings (90.5% attendance) *Councillor Bota was absent from the May 8, 2018, MPC and Council Meetings due to her participation in the Canadian Network for Crime Prevention at the Alberta Community Crime Prevention Conference in Edmonton.*
- Councillor Dana Depalme attended 18 of 20 scheduled meetings (89.5% attendance) *Councillor Depalme was unable to attend an Innisfail Chamber of Commerce meeting as she participated in the Westerner Parade with Council.*
- Councillor Connie Huelsman attended 14 of 14 scheduled meetings (100% attendance)
- Councillor Richard Lorenz attended 20 of 20 scheduled meetings (100% attendance)
- Councillor Christine Moore attended 14 of 14 scheduled meetings (100% attendance)

In addition to the regular scheduled meetings, members of Council were kept busy during the third quarter participating in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Convention and many community meetings such as local crime watch, recreation board meetings, meetings with provincial government officials and meetings with residents.

HONORARIUMS AND EXPENSE CLAIMS – the amounts members of Council are entitled to claim under the terms of the Councillor Remuneration Policy are as follows:

- Mayor annual honorarium - $85,439.77
- Councillor annual honorarium - $59,967.04

For out-of-County travel for attendance at County-related meetings, conferences, workshops, seminars, Councillors are entitled to claim a per diem rate of $210 per day.

Councillors are entitled to claim for mileage travelled to County-related meetings/events at a rate of 55 cents per kilometre for the first 5,000 kilometres annually and then at a rate of 49 cents per kilometre (the provincial rate as set by the Canada Revenue Agency). Due to the large geographic area covered within the County's municipal boundaries, the mileage claims vary substantially as they are dependent on where the Mayor/Councillor resides.

The Councillor Remuneration Policy in its entirety is posted on the County's website (www.rdcounty.ca) or a copy is available by contacting the County office at 403.350.2152.

Following is the listing of the Mayor's/Councillors' honorariums and expense claims for the third quarter from May 1 to July 31, 2018 (total claims since November 1, 2017).

Mayor Wood -	$ 22,066.28 ($70,330.79)
Councillor Massier -	$ 15,266.75 ($45,758.90)
Councillor Bota -	$ 14,565.39 ($46,207.03)
Councillor Depalme -	$ 15,458.15 ($49,116.49)
Councillor Huelsman -	$ 13,698.76 ($45,530.14)
Councillor Lorenz -	$ 15,707.85 ($46,788.09)
Councillor Moore -	$ 13,067.24 ($43,678.24)

Individual Councillors are allotted an annual amount of $6,500 each with the Mayor being allotted $8,500 for attendance at conferences / seminars / professional development sessions / workshops. This fee includes all expenses related to the conference attendance or participation in the other sessions – registration fees, hotel accommodations, travel costs, mileage, per diems (if claimed) and any expenses (i.e. parking, meals). The policy provides that a member of Council may exceed his/her allotted budget, provided the overall conference budget of $55,000 is not exceeded, by receiving authorization for such overage by way of a Council motion. This approval was given allowing Mayor Wood, Councillor Bota, Councillor Huelsman and Councillor Moore to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in June 2018.

The totals paid for Mayor/Councillor attendance and participation at conferences from November 2017 to July 2018 are as follows:

Mayor Wood -	$9,816.87
Councillor Massier -	$2,226.35
Councillor Bota -	$7,725.54
Councillor Depalme -	$3,533.00
Councillor Huelsman -	$8,079.46
Councillor Lorenz -	$3,719.51
Councillor Moore -	$8,162.44

Copies of Councillors' expense claim sheets are posted on the County's website (www.rdcounty.ca)

Further information in relation to this Council policy is available by contacting Legislative Services at 403.350.2152.

UTILITY SERVICES ACCOUNT CHANGES

At the Oct. 16, 2018, meeting, changes to Red Deer County Utility Service Accounts were approved.

Municipal water, sewer and residential garbage pickup services are provided in some areas of the County. Effective Jan. 1, 2019, an account for any of the utility services offered by the County may be applied for and opened by an Owner only. Renters will no longer be eligible to open an account.

An owner is defined as the registered owner of the property, or in the case of a mobile home located within a mobile home park, the owner as noted on the County's assessment roll.

This change does not apply to current utility service accounts held in the name of a renter; it will only apply when the account is closed and a new one for the property is opened.

In addition to this change, minor increases to the monthly fixed fees and usage charges for both water and sewer services were also approved and will go into effect January 2019. Copies of the both the new Fee Bylaw and the current bylaw are available on the County's website, click on the Bylaws and Policies tab on the left-hand side of the home page (www.rdcounty.ca).

Any questions related to these changes may be directed to the County's Utility Clerk at 403.350.2151.



COUNCIL MINUTES

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION
OCTOBER 2, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 AM with Chairman Councillor P.J.R. Massier, Mayor J.J. Wood, Councillors J.M. Bota, D.J. Depalme, C.R. Huelsman, R.R. Lorenz and C. Moore in attendance.

AGENDA & MINUTES
The agenda and minutes of the Sept. 18, 2018, meeting were approved as submitted.

Development Applications
Jared Hunter and Garilyn Morris – NW 15-36-28-4 (36271 Rge Rd 283 - Division 3)
The property is located approximately 2 miles southwest of the Town of Penhold west of Hwy 2A on Rge Rd 283. Unanimous approval was given to locate a second dwelling (modular home), subject to 7 conditions.

Terence Balgobin – Lot 60, Plan 942-2277, SE 19-38-26-4 (45, 26540 Hwy 11 - Division 2)
The property is located approximately 1 mile east of the City of Red Deer north of Hwy 11 within Balmoral Heights. Unanimous approval was given to refer decision on the application to locate a 12-metre (40') communication tower for further review and communication with the neighbourhood.

Karen Rea – NE 22-37-3-5 (37372 Rge Rd 32 - Division 5)
The property is located approximately 1 mile east of Hwy 766 south of Twp Rd 374 on Rge Rd 32. Unanimous approval was given for a 30.37-metre (99.63') front yard setback relaxation for an existing dwelling and a 3.79-metre (12.43') front yard setback relaxation for an existing detached garage, subject to 1 condition.

ELK Property Development Ltd. – NW 14-38-1-5 (38267 Rge Rd 12 – Division 6)
The property is located approximately 1 mile southeast of the Town of Sylvan Lake south of Hwy 11 on Rge Rd 12. Unanimous approval was given for a warehousing and storage facility limited to 20 selfstorage units, subject to 14 conditions.

Brandon Hollman – NE 10-38-28-4 (38170 A Rge Rd 282 – Division 6)
The property is located approximately 1.5 miles west of the City of Red Deer, south of Burnt Lake Trail on Rge Rd 282. An application to operate a Hydrovac Waste Disposal facility as a Home Business Major was denied, as the proposed traffic on both Rge Rd 282 and the Burnt Lake Trail will negatively impact neighbouring community, there is potential for negative environmental impact to surrounding agricultural lands and the proposed development is more suitable for an industrial location, with Councillors Bota, Depalme, Huelsman and Lorenz being in favor of the denial and Mayor Wood and Councillors Massier and Moore being opposed.

Jamie and Jason Aitchison – Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 4062RS, NW 4-26-38-4 (4, 38349 Rge Rd 270 - Division 2)
The property is located approximately 1 mile east of the City of Red Deer north of Hwy 11 within Hawk Hills. Approval was given to expand an existing gift store operating as a Home Business Major to include a café service, subject to 18 conditions, with Mayor Wood and Councillors Bota, Depalme, Huelsman and Moore being in favor and Councillors Massier and Lorenz being opposed.

SUBDIVISION Applications
734175 Alberta Ltd - Lot 40, Plan 182-2064, NE 29-38-28-4 (38452 Rge Rd 284 – Division 6)
The property is located approximately 1.5 miles west of the City of Red Deer north of Hwy 11 on Rge Rd 284 within Poplar Pointe Estates. Approval was given to subdivide a 3.02-hectare (7.46-acre) parcel to create six additional residential lots, subject to 10 conditions, with Mayor Wood and Councillors Bota, Depalme, Huelsman, Lorenz and Massier being in favor and Councillor Moore being opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:26 AM.

COUNCIL
OCTOBER 2, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 11:38 AM with Mayor J.J. Wood, Deputy Mayor C. Moore, Councillors J.M. Bota, D.J. Depalme, C.R. Huelsman, R.R. Lorenz and P.J.R. Massier in attendance.

Agenda & Minutes
The agenda and minutes of the Sept. 18, 2018, regular meeting of County Council were approved as submitted.

REPORTS
Red Deer County & Town of Sylvan Lake Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework – unanimous approval was given to the bylaw to adopt the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework between Red Deer County and the Town of Sylvan Lake.

Bylaw No. 2018/33 - Red Deer County Fee Bylaw – unanimous approval was given to first reading to the bylaw that sets fees for services to be provided by Red Deer County in 2019 with further consideration of the bylaw to take place at the October 16 meeting.

Gasoline Alley West – Hamlet (Division 2) – unanimous approval was given to designate a portion of Gasoline Alley West as a Hamlet.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS & REPORTS
Bylaw No. 2018/34 – unanimous approval was given to give first reading to the bylaw to adopt the Village of Elnora and Red Deer County Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) 2018 and to set the joint public hearing for November 27, 2018, at 5 PM at the Elnora Community Hall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Council reported on meetings they have attended on behalf Red Deer County since September 19, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 2:19 PM.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION
OCTOBER 16, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM with Chairman Councillor P.J.R. Massier, Mayor J.J. Wood, Councillors J.M. Bota, D.J. Depalme, C.R. Huelsman, R.R. Lorenz and C. Moore in attendance.

AGENDA & MINUTES
The agenda and minutes of the October 2, 2018, meeting were approved as submitted.

Development Applications
Dennis and Ann Carney – Unit 125, Plan 082-7806, SW 13-36-25-5 (6125, 25054 South Pine Lake Road – Division 1)
The property is located on the west side of Pine Lake within the Whispering Pines Golf and Country Club. Unanimous approval for a 0.66-metre (2.16') height relaxation at midpoint of grade allowing a full height of 8.58 metres (28.16') for a partially constructed cabin, subject to 8 conditions.

Gasoline Alley Investments – Lot 17, Block 2, Plan 142-4982, SE 32-37-27-4 (179 Leva Avenue - Division 2)
The property is located within the Hamlet of Gasoline Alley. Unanimous approval was given to the following relaxations for the location of two proposed freestanding signs: a 2-metre height relaxation allowing for an 11-metre (36') high tower pylon sign and a 3m2 (31 ft2) maximum area relaxation allowing for a 15 m2 (161 sq. ft.) tower pylon sign, subject to 13 conditions.

Lora-Leah Andersen – Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 052-2148, SE 7-35-3-5 (354 1 Twp Rd 351 - Division 5)
The property is located approximately 3 miles southwest of Gleniffer Reservoir on Twp Rd 351 east of Rge Rd 40. Unanimous approval was given to locate a second dwelling (manufactured home), subject to 7 conditions.

Terence Balgobin – Lot 60, Plan 942-2277, SE 19-38-26-4 (45, 26540 Hwy 11 – Division 2)
The property is located approximately 1 mile east of the City of Red Deer north of Hwy 11 within Balmoral Heights. Unanimous approval was given to locate a 12-metre (40') communication tower, subject to 7 conditions.

947522 Alberta Ltd. – Unit 49, Plan 002-3846, NE 25-35-3-5 (3049, 35468, Rge Rd 30 – Division 5)
The property is located on the northwest side of the Gleniffer Reservoir within Gleniffer Lake Resort. Unanimous approval was given for the following setback relaxations for an existing park model: 2.59metre (9') front yard and a 0.31-metre (1') side yard, subject to 1 condition.

Timco Quality Builders Ltd. – Unit 11, Plan 022-1116, NE 25-35-3-5 (4011, 35468 Rge Rd 30 - Division 5)
The property is located on the northwest side of the Gleniffer Reservoir within the Gleniffer Lake Resort. Unanimous approval was given to a 0.26-metre (10") side yard setback relaxation for an existing park model, subject to 1 condition.

Glen Wilde – Lot A, Plan 752-0858, SE 20-38-1-5 (38314 Hwy 781 - Division 5)
The property is located south of the Town of Sylvan Lake, south of Hwy 11 on Hwy 781. Unanimous approval was given to locate a second dwelling (manufactured home) with a 26-metre (84.4') front yard setback relaxation, subject to 7 conditions.

Ruby and Rav Sidhu – Pt NW 7-37-27-4 (37147 Rge Rd 280 – Division 3)
The property is located directly southeast of the Hamlet of Springbrook on Rge Rd 280, south of Twp Rd 372 and east of Hwy 2A. Unanimous approval was given for a Recreational Vehicle Storage Major for 247 units, subject to 14 conditions.

Jim Courtney – Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 862-1418, NW 24-35-3-5 (35377 Rge Rd 31 - Division 5)
The property is located on the north side of Gleniffer Reservoir on Rge Rd 31 south of Twp Rd 355 within Dickson Cove. Unanimous approval was given to renovate an existing recreational vehicle shelter and develop a cottage, subject to 7 conditions.

SUBDIVISION Applications
851637 Alberta Ltd. – Block A, Plan 5237AY, SW 31-38-2-5 (Division 5)
The property is located within the Hamlet of Benalto along 50th (Railway) Avenue. Unanimous approval was given to reconfigure this 4.61-hectare 912-acre) parcel (former railway property) to provide a road for an existing access and to create 3 Municipal Reserve parcels, 1 Public Service parcel and 1 Commercial parcel, subject to 3 conditions.

William and Murray Richard – NE 27-37-26-4 (37478 Rge Rd 262 – Division 2)
The property is located approximately 4 miles southeast of the City of Red Deer south of Hwy 595 on Rge Rd 262. Unanimous approval was given to subdivide a 2.02-hectare (5-acre) parcel containing a farmstead, subject to 7 conditions.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM.

COUNCIL
OCTOBER 16, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 10:56 AM with Mayor J.J. Wood, Deputy Mayor C. Moore, Councillors J.M. Bota, D.J. Depalme, C.R. Huelsman, R.R. Lorenz and P.J.R. Massier in attendance.

AGENDA & MINUTES
A closed session item, Negotiations, was added to the agenda and, the agenda, as amended, was approved and the minutes of the Oct. 2, 2018, regular meeting of County Council were approved as submitted.

REPORTS
Bylaw No. 2018/33 - Red Deer County Fee Bylaw – unanimous approval was given to adopt the bylaw that sets fees for services to be provided by Red Deer County with the new fees coming into effect on Jan. 1, 2019. Adoption of this bylaw provides that, effective Jan. 1, 2019, Red Deer County utility service accounts may only be opened by the owners of the property or mobile home.

Gasoline Alley, ATCO Gas Franchise Agreement – unanimous approval was given to first reading of Bylaw No. 2018/35, a bylaw for Red Deer County to enter into this agreement with ATCO Gas to provide gas services to the Hamlet of Gasoline Alley.

Parkland Regional Library 2019 Budget – unanimous approval was given to approve the proposed 2019 budget of the Parkland Regional Library Board.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS & REPORTS
Bylaw No. 2018/2.02 – unanimous approval was given to give first reading to the bylaw to redesignate Pt SE 5-37-27-4 (10.9 ha / 26.8 acres) from Agricultural District "Ag" to Highway Commercial District "C-3" with the public hearing to be held Nov. 13, 2018. These lands are located on the northwest corner of the Hwy 2 and 42 interchange within the Junction 42 Local Area Structure Plan area.

SW & SE 9-37-28-4 (37116 C&E Trail - Division 3) – unanimous approval was given to grant a one-year time extension for a conditionally approved subdivision of 29.3 hectares (72.4 acres) from the SE 9 (including approximately 0.58 hectares (1.43) acres from the SW 9) and consolidation of 25.1 hectares (62.03 acres) from the SE 9 with the SW 9 creating a 75.3 hectare (186 acre) parcel.

NW 16-34-3-5 (34239 Rge Rd 34 - Division 4) – unanimous approval was given to grant a one-year time extension for a conditionally approved subdivision of 2.24 hectares (5.53 acres) containing a farmstead

CLOSED SESSIONS
County Manager's Contract – unanimous approval was given to authorize the Mayor to execute the employment agreement between the County Manager (CAO) and Red Deer County with the terms as agreed to.

Land Purchase – unanimous approval was given to approve the purchase of lands located at SE 5 37 27 4, subject to the terms as presented, and to authorize the County Manager to execute any agreements relative to this transaction on behalf of Red Deer County.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Council reported on meetings they have attended on behalf Red Deer County since Oct. 3, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 12:33 PM.

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE - SYLVAN LAKE IDP

A public open house is scheduled for Nov. 28 to discuss Sylvan Lake's Intermunicipal Development Plan.

The plan includes every neighbouring municipality, including Red Deer County.

The open house will take place from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM at the Nexsource Centre — Seniors Centre in Sylvan Lake, 4823 49th Ave.

What is an Intermunicipal Development Plan?

An Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) is a provincially required plan designed to foster cooperation between municipalities on planning and development. The result of an IDP is that future development occurs in an integrated and efficient manner. The provincial government requires that all municipalities with shared boundaries complete an IDP.

The IDP considers the area surrounding Sylvan Lake and is being jointly developed among:

- Lacombe County
- Red Deer County
- Summer Village of Birchcliff
- Summer Village of Half Moon Bay
- Summer Village of Jarvis Bay
- Summer Village of Norglenwold
- Summer Village of Sunbreaker Cove
- Town of Sylvan Lake

How could this IDP affect you?

Past planning work has been undertaken in the Sylvan Lake area leading up to this IDP, and will be the foundation moving forward. The IDP will result in agreement between the municipalities on how to work together to manage lands related to future land development areas, transportation and infrastructure, environmental considerations, agricultural land use viability, and economic development.

What this means for you is that the project will focus on coordinating the existing land planning policies and expectations in the context of intermunicipal goals.

What is it Not?

The IDP is a new type of policy for some of these municipalities, and so being clear about the project scope is helpful to understand. The IDP is not:

- Annexation or amalgamation process
- A process that can change land uses directly
- A process that will impact taxes
- A plan for the waterbody of Sylvan Lake (it is a plan for the land surrounding Sylvan Lake).

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC HEARING - TUESDAY, Nov. 13, 2018, at 1:30 PM at Red Deer County Centre for

Bylaw No. 2018/2.02 to redesignate Pt SE 5-37-27-4 (10.9 ha / 26.8 acres) from Agricultural District “Ag” to Highway Commercial District “C-3.”

The property is located on the northwest corner of the Hwy 2 and 42 interchange within the Junction 42 Local Area Structure Plan area.

The purpose of the bylaw is accommodate future commercial uses and the proposed subdivision of these lands into four lots.

The permitted and discretionary uses and other matters presently applicable to “Ag” and “C-3” districts are contained in the Red Deer County Land Use Bylaw (LUB) No. 2006/6.

PUBLIC HEARING - TUESDAY, Nov. 27, 2018, at 5:00 PM at the Elnora Community Centre, 425 – 2nd Avenue, Elnora, for

Bylaw No. 2018/34 to adopt the Village of Elnora and Red Deer County Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) 2018.

The purpose of the IDP is to provide a framework for the Village and County to work together to address issues and opportunities of mutual concern as they relate to future land use planning in and around the Village of Elnora.

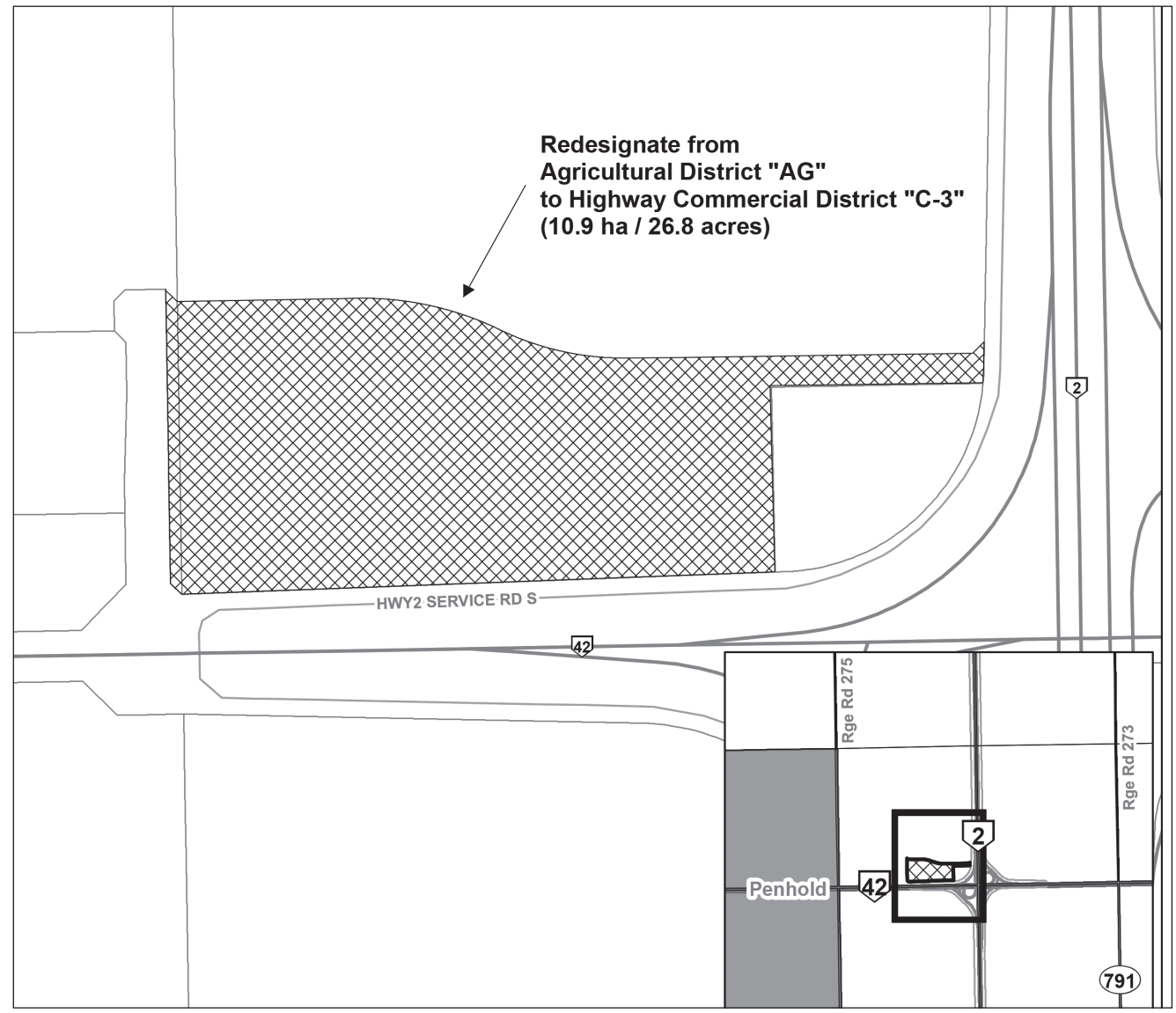
The hearings will be informal and persons wishing to speak will be requested to state their name and address for the record upon being recognized by the Chair.

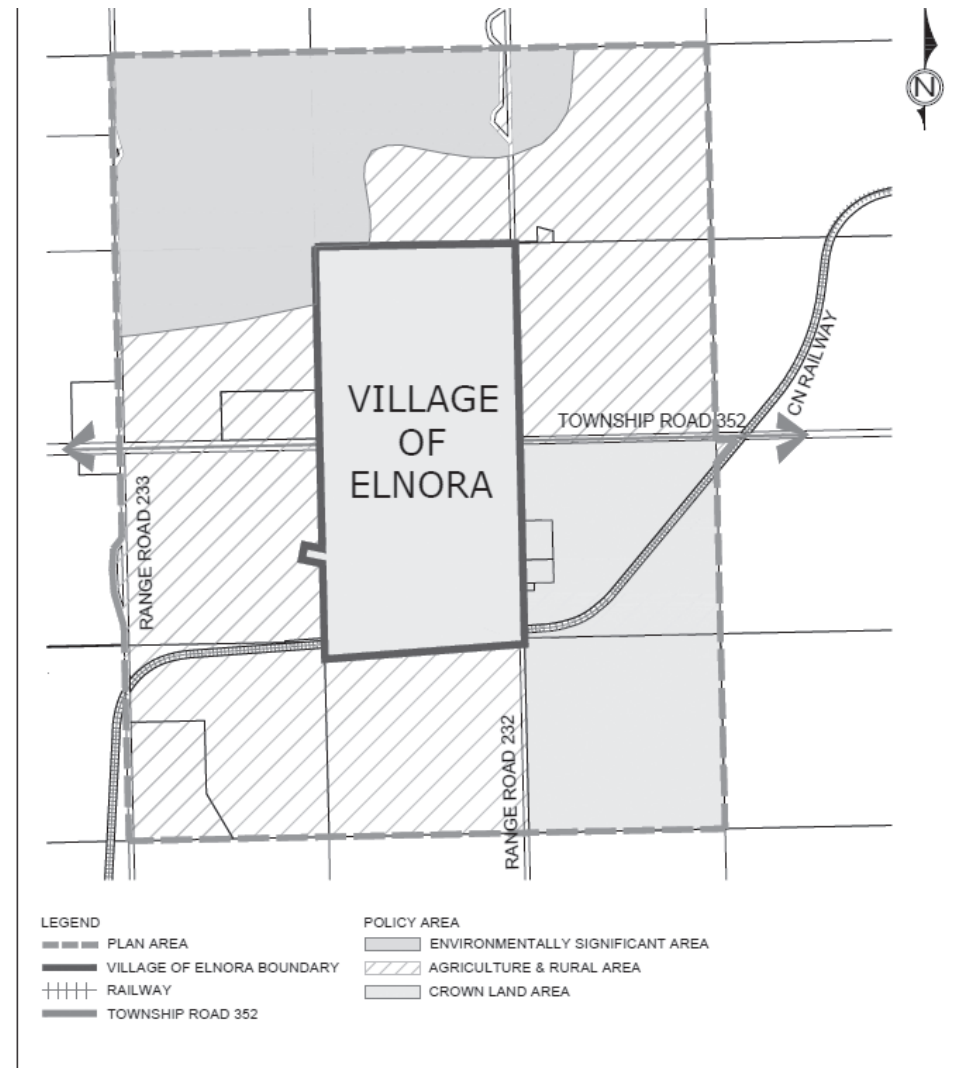
If you prefer to submit comments on the bylaws in writing, the information you provide may be made public, subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Copies of the proposed bylaws, the Land Use Bylaw and the IDP are available on the County’s website www.rdcounty.ca or by visiting the County office during regular office hours, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

UPCOMING MPC AND COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Nov. 13
- Dec. 4 and 18





DICKSON DAM IN LINE FOR MAJOR UPGRADES

Five years after flooding devastated much of Southern Alberta, the federal and provincial governments have invested in some of the provinces' dams, including the Dickson Dam.

Both the federal and provincial governments announced a nearly $14-million investment in upgrades to the Dickson dam.

The announcement was made on Oct. 11 at Bower Ponds in Red Deer by Philipe Francois-Champagne, Federal Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, and two Red Deer MLAs, Barb Miller and Kim Schreiner.

It is one part of a $30 million investment in flood mitigation projects across the province. The funding is in response to the floods of 2013.

The $13.8-million project includes improvements to spillways and increasing the capacity to safely discharge water during extreme floods.

The federal government is contributing half of the project, up to $6.88 million, while the Alberta government will pay the remaining half and any cost overruns.

"The Government of Canada recognizes the importance of investing in disaster mitigation projects that reduce the frequency and severity of impacts, and protect our communities and public infrastructure from extreme natural events. These critical projects will help ensure that communities in and around Red Deer County, Cardston County and Exshaw can function and thrive through any circumstance," said Francois-Philippe Champagne

> 'These are important projects that will ensure communities are better protected against severe weather events.'
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> Shannon Phillips
> Minister of Alberta Environment and Parks

Work on the improvements will start next year.

"The 2013 floods affected many communities in Alberta. That is why we are taking steps to protect Alberta families and the economy against a repeat of this disaster. These are important projects that will ensure communities are better protected against severe weather events," said Shannon Phillips, Minister of Alberta Environment and Parks and minister responsible for the climate change office.

It is hoped the project will better protect nearby residents, businesses, infrastructure, roadways and wildlife habitats.

The Dickson Dam was built in 1983.

ASSESSMENT INSPECTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, as per section 294 of the Municipal Government Act, that the Assessment Department is starting its annual inspection of properties for the 2019 tax year.

All properties within Red Deer County are reviewed on a five year re-inspection cycle to ensure that assessment information remains current. In addition, property inspections may be conducted by Red Deer County Assessors at any time due to circumstances such as development, reported changes to the property and/or a sale of the property to ensure that the assessment information remains current and as accurate as possible. Red Deer County Assessment Department strives to value property as fairly as possible in relation to similar properties, and in accordance with Provincial Legislation, Regulations and guidelines. An inspection ensures that all characteristics affecting the property are considered in its valuation.

Our Assessors will be working throughout Red Deer County reviewing property assessments from now to the end of the year. Inspections will be taking place during our regular office hours of Monday to Friday between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM. They will have identification and they will be driving a Red Deer County marked vehicle, identifying them as employees of Red Deer County.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please contact our office at 403.350.2166, during regular business hours.

Red Deer County

Email of utility bills and property tax notices

In an effort to become more efficient and effective in the processing of tax notices and/or utility bills, Red Deer County is offering residents the opportunity to receive these notices by email as opposed to regular mail. There is no requirement to sign-up for this service. We understand that some residents may not want to take advantage of this service due to limited connectivity. Receiving your property tax notices and/or utility bills by email will allow you to easily file these important documents electronically for future reference. Further, you will be able to access these notices wherever you have access to your email. We see this green initiative as a value added service to residents of Red Deer County.

To sign-up for the email of property tax notices and/or utility bills, please provide the following information and authorization.

If you have multiple roll numbers please attach list.

Please Print Clearly

Roll Number: _____ Utility Number:_____

Owner #: _____

Name:_____

Address:_____

City:_____ Postal Code:_____

Phone Number:_____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Email address to be used:_____

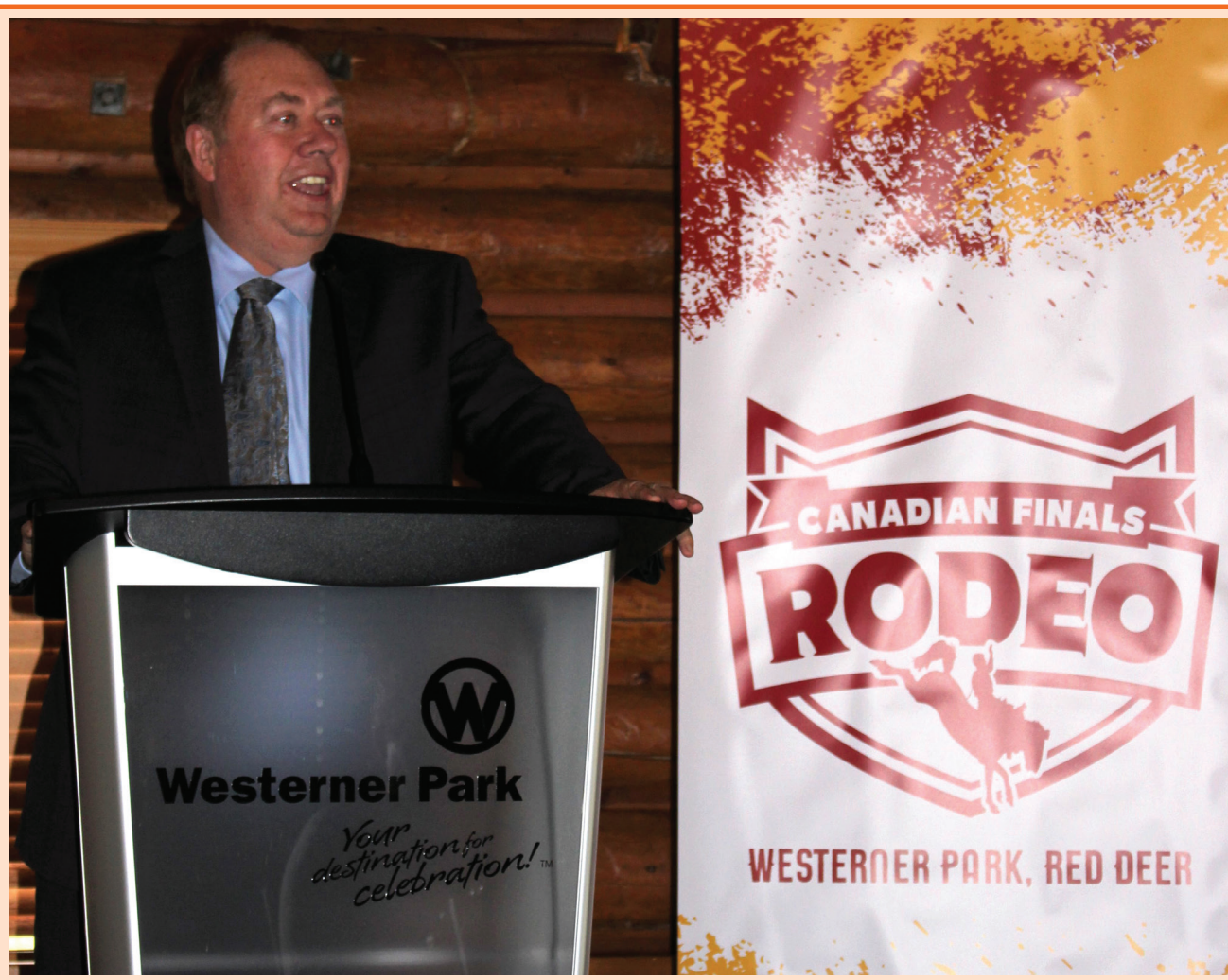
I, _____, authorize the Municipality of Red Deer County to transmit all future property tax notices and/or utility bills to the email address provided above. I understand I will not receive these notices by regular mail and failure to receive a notice does not excuse me from the responsibility of payment nor relieve me from the liability of penalty for late payments. I accept responsibility for contacting the municipality with any future changes in my email address.

Signature: _____

Please mail or email this form to Red Deer County 38106 Rge Road 275, Red Deer County, Alberta, T4S 2L9 or info@rdcounty.ca.

For questions regarding this service please contact 403.350.2150

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



RODEO KICK OFF

Red Deer County Mayor Jim Wood speaks at the Canadian Finals Rodeo media conference two weeks before the start of the show, on Oct. 16.

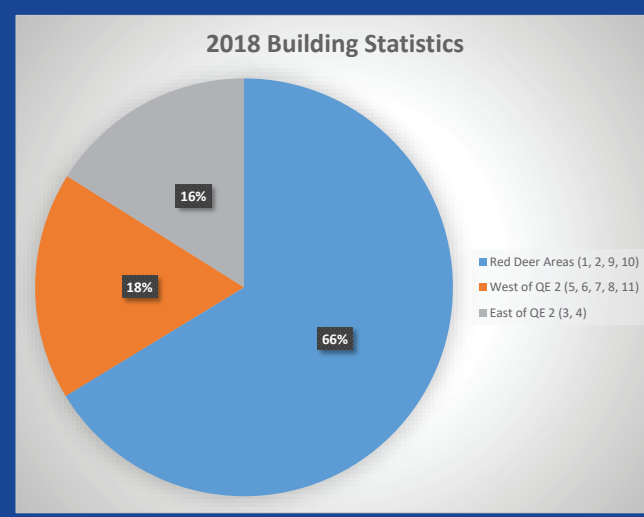
The County has kicked in a one-year $50,000 sponsorship in support of the annual rodeo event. CFR has agreed to hold its annual event in Red Deer for the next 10 years.

Canadian Finals Rodeo runs Oct. 30 to Nov. 4 at the Westerner in Red Deer.

THIRD QUARTER ECONOMIC STATISTICS

2018 BUILDING STATISTICS

	Q1	Q2	Q3	YTD
Dwellings	$ 7,960,799.35	$ 14,418,598.53	$11,929,293.00	$34,308,690.88
Res Other	$ 690,500.00	$ 2,146,550.00	$2,929,47.00	$5,766,097.00
Demolition	$ 12,500.00	-	$12,000.00	$24,500.00
Commercial	$ 11,871,600.00	$ 12,372,993.29	$7,352,00.00	$31,482,856.42
TOTAL	$ 20,535,399.35	$ 28,938,141.82	$22,222.340.00	$71,582,144.30



Q3 - NEW BUSINESSES: 28

INCLUDING NEW HOME-BASED BUSINESSES: 5



ALUS IN RED DEER COUNTY: SHOWCASING THE FIRST FIVE

By Ken Lewis
Conservation Coordinator

Way, way back in 2013, Red Deer County started delivering an ALUS Program. ALUS was relatively unknown back in 2013, when we first started seeking farmers and ranchers to participate in it. To top it off, we had a limited budget as we were just dipping our toes into ALUS waters.

Despite that, five brave souls decided to dip their toes in with us, and they became the "First Five" in ALUS Red Deer County.

These folks signed five-year ALUS Conservation Agreements with us. 2018 is the last year of these agreements. So, the "First Five" also get the distinction of being the first farmers and ranchers who will be given the option of renewing their ALUS Conservation Agreements.

In 2018, ALUS is delivered in communities across the country, in partnership with ALUS Canada. Now national in scope, renewals with agricultural producers help us show the world, that ALUS Farmers and Ranchers are producing ecosystem services for the long term.

In total, the "First Five" enrolled 125 acres in the ALUS Program and installed over 10,000 feet (three kms) of riparian management fencing. These acres are now producing increased ecosystem services like flood and drought mitigation, water filtration, carbon storage, wildlife habitat, and much more. These ecosystem services have real economic value to society. ALUS transfers some of that economic benefit to the people who are producing these services…in this case, the "First Five."

A huge thank you goes out to the Johnson, Burns, Poole, Nicholson and Church families for helping get the ALUS Program started in Red Deer County. Quite literally, we could not have done it without you.

HERE'S A BRIEF LOOK AT THE FIRST FIVE



South end of Nicholson riparian area, photo August 2017. They used wildlife-friendly "barbless barb-wire."

Tom and Faye Nicholson put up a riparian management fence along Ghostpine Creek. Later, they planted willows around some ponds.



Church wetland, photographed on May 2014 by Jim Fisher. 4 different duck species in a 0.3 acre pond.

Don Church put in a fence to manage a wetland and riparian area in a pasture.



One of the Burns plantings, photo June 2017.

Sheldon Burns planted trees in marginal pastures, and shrubs along a stream running through his place. This added to work he'd done a few years earlier, when he put a fence up along that stream and planted trees in another marginal pasture.



One of the Johnson wetlands, photo June 2017.

Keith and Tracy Johnson put up fencing to help them manage their wetlands, riparian areas and woodlands. They also put in a pasture pipeline as an alternative water source for their livestock.



Poole wetlands and seeded area, photo July 2017.

Margot and Dave Poole planted native grasses in marginal cropland beside a wetland.

Red Deer County

ALUS Canada
A Weston Family Initiative

DIGITAL STORYTELLING

Combining storytelling and digital media, here are some great new videos online with a quick view.

The videos focus on stewardship of land and water and are intended to educate and promote social change.

“Connections between Central Albertans and the land run deep,” said Ken Lewis, Red Deer County conservation coordinator. “These stories are about the connection told in the words and pictures of the farmers, ranchers and landowners themselves. We invite everyone to hear and see these stories.”

Adrienne Herron calls herself a steward in her video *Lucky Cows*. The video profiles a year in her life as she runs her cattle operation.

Tyler Goertzen offers the perspective of a new farming family who left office jobs to farm the land based on their ideals and values.

Tiffany Sigurdson shares her family’s long history working the land and their commitment to continue on the farm.

Stephen Smith’s video talks about the hardship his grandmother faced after the First World War, when her husband died and the roof blew off. And then pivoted to his family’s own farming challenges including the Pine Lake tornado of 2000 and how they’ve worked to sustain their land.

Funding for the project came from EPCOR, ATCO and the Government of Alberta.









VIDEOS AVAILABLE AT:

www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLmgphavt-3YM4tyVXtiOpXZSQHB1frad3
www.rdcounty.ca/207/conservation

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

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INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK

The approval of Red Deer County's Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework with Sylvan Lake is an example of how well the municipalities work together, according to Red Deer County Mayor Jim Wood.

County council unanimously approved the ICF at their Oct. 2 meeting.

Wood said it was exciting to have a great working relationship with Sylvan Lake.

> 'Sylvan Lake has always been a great partner'
>
> Jim Wood
> Red Deer County Mayor

"Sylvan Lake has always been a great partner," said Wood. "We work together on many aspects and I think we can be an example to many other municipalities. We're doing the things most important to our residents, providing services in the most economical way we can and doing it in cooperation with our neighbours and sharing our facilities."

The ICF outlines municipal services provided to residents on an intermunicipal basis such as transportation, wastewater, water, recreation, the Parkland Regional Library, assessment services, emergency services, weed control and the Intermunicipal Development Plan.

The ICF also outlines a dispute resolution mechanism. It aims to resolve disputes in a non-adversarial, informal and cost-efficient manner.



Red Deer County Mayor shakes hands with Sylvan Lake Mayor Sean McIntyre after County Council approved the intermunicipal collaboration framework agreement between the two municipalities on Oct. 2.

Sylvan Lake Mayor Sean McIyntre was in attendance at the County's Oct. 2 council meeting to see the final vote, approving the ICF.

"We've had a great working relationship with the county over the last several years," said McIntyre. "In that timeframe we've developed these agreements such as recreation and mutual aid for emergency services. We're really just formalizing those agreements."

The County is developing ICFs and IDPs with all municipalities it shares a border with due to provisions within the Alberta Municipal Government Act.

BYLAWS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

Following the publication of the October 2018 County News, it was noted that some of the information included in the Public Hearings article was not up to date as some of the processes noted in that article have changed.

Public hearings are required for all Planning-related bylaws whether it is a proposed new bylaw or an amendment to an existing bylaw. (Pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, there are other types of bylaws that do not require advertising or a public hearing. As a result, in most of these instances, a public hearing is not held. However, there are times when Council does schedule a public hearing as they want to hear opinions from the public relative to that topic.)

All bylaws require three readings. When a public hearing is required, the proposed bylaw (frequently an external application that has been received) is tabled with Council with a recommendation to give first reading to the bylaw and to set a public hearing date. This does not mean that Council is in favor of or opposed to the proposed bylaw (application); it is merely the process in place to provide the public with the opportunity to contribute to the discussion by expressing their comments and/or concerns with regard to the application (bylaw) before Council.

In accordance with County policy, notice of the public hearing is published in the County News, posted on the County's website, posted on the bulletin board in the foyer of Red Deer County Centre, and, when it is a matter related to a specific property, notices are also mailed to adjacent landowners.

Public hearings are open to the public and all interested parties are given the opportunity to speak. The public hearing is the only time that the public is to speak to Council on the application that is before them. A public hearing is not a forum for debate or a question-and-answer session; it is the opportunity for the public to share their views with Council.

When interested parties are not able to attend a public hearing, they can submit letters (e-mails) to County administration expressing their comments and/or concerns. These letters will be shared with Council either prior to the hearing as part of the Council report that is published with the agenda or, if the letters are received after the publication of the agenda, the letters are circulated to Council at the time of the public hearing.

Once second and third readings are granted to the bylaw, the bylaw is deemed adopted and will come into effect (i.e. the application is approved).

A copy of Red Deer County's public hearing process is posted on the Council, MPC and Public Notices page on the County's website at www.rdcounty.ca

STEPPING BACK FROM THE WATER

The Provincial government released a document entitled *Stepping Back from the Water* to provide developers with a best management practices guide on minimizing the impacts and risks associated with development near water bodies. Within Red Deer County, there are several significant water bodies such as the Red Deer River, Sylvan Lake and Gleniffer Lake. In addition to these large bodies of water, there are many riparian areas that need to be conserved as well. This document outlines additional information developers may find useful in terms of legislated requirements, environmental impact and additional buffer information.

Currently, Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development mandates that development must not occur within the 1:100 flood plain. In Red Deer County, development occurring near a water body is required to have a setback of 30 metres (100 feet) from the high water mark or highest valley break. If a lesser setback is required, a slope stability assessment must be submitted by a licensed Geotechnical Engineer.

If you are interested in conservation of riparian areas and are looking to develop, please contact Red Deer County's Planning and Development department at 403.350.2170 or our Conservation Coordinator, Ken Lewis at 403.342.8653.

For a detailed look at the document, follow this link:

https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/1c70eb43-a211-4e9c-82c3-9ffd07f64932/resource/6e524f7c-0c19-4253-a0f6-62a0e2166b04/download/2012-steppingbackfromwater-guide-2012.pdf



A view of the Red Deer River

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

Permit Number	Applicant Name	Parcel	Permit Type	Valuation
D-18-197	OPTIMUM HOMES LTD.	NE8-35-28-W4M	AG ACCESSORY BUILDING	$105,000.00
D-18-217	BLOCKSOM, JEREMY & JILL	NE19-36-28-W4M	AG SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING	$200,000.00
D-18-230	BEACH, JAMES NORMAN & ANNE LOUISE	SE1-39-27-W4M	R1 ACCESSORY BLDG 2150+	$10,000.00
D-18-233	PELLETIER, MICHAEL	SE6-39-27-W4M	R1 ACCESSORY BLDG UNDER 2150	$120,000.00
D-18-246	HEATON, BRUCE D & GWEN H	NE13-35-1-W5M	AG SECOND DWELLING	$26,000.00
D-18-250	JANKE, NORMAN TERRY & DIANE L	NW15-39-27-W4M	R1 ACCESSORY BLDG 2150+	$75,000.00
D-18-251	TWETEN, LORNA MARIE	SE35-36-25-W4M	RELAXATION/ VARIANCE REQUIRED	$0.00
D-18-256	PLANNING PROTOCOL 3 INC.	SW35-37-27-W4M	AG SIGNS	$500.00
D-18-259	2060225 ALBERTA LTD.	NW12-36-25-W4M	C5 SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING	$360,000.00
D-18-260	SNELL & OSLUND SURVEYS(1979)	NE25-35-3-W5M	RELAXATION/ VARIANCE REQUIRED	$0.00
D-18-261	C & S CUSTOM HOMES LTD.	SE13-37-28-W4M	RELAXATION/ VARIANCE REQUIRED	$480,000.00
D-18-261	C & S CUSTOM HOMES LTD.	SE13-37-28-W4M	DC 8 MULTI ATTACHED DWELLING	$480,000.00
D-18-264	SUNROOMS AND AWNINGS LTD	N12-36-25-W4M	CT ADDITION/COVERED DECK/SOLAR	$36,000.00
D-18-271	DUSTER CONSTRUCTION	SW8-35-2-W5M	R6 ACCESSORY BLDG UNDER 2150	$300.00
D-18-272	HOUSE, DOMINIC & MURPHY-HOUSE,	SW13-36-25-W4M	R7 RECREATION VEHICLE PARK MOD	$69,000.00
D-18-275	2046879 ALBERTA LTD	NE20-37-27-W4M	C2 SIGNS	$30,000.00
D-18-279	COLISEUM CORPORATION LTD	NW27-37-27-W4M	OTHER DEVELOPMENT REQUIRING	$0.00
D-18-280	WESTERGAARD, CURT RYAN	NE25-35-3-W5M	AG ACCESSORY BUILDING	$80,000.00
D-18-286	1217080 ALBERTA LTD.	NE24-38-28-W4M	C2 SIGNS	$100.00
D-18-287	ALBERTA NEON	NW28-37-27-W4M	BT SIGNS	$12,000.00
D-18-289	ELK PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT LTD.	NW14-38-1-W5M	GARDEN SUITE	$600,000.00
D-18-292	MACKAY'S CONTRACTING LTD.	N12-36-25-W4M	R7 COVERED DECK/ADDITION/SOLAR	$25,000.00
D-18-294	VOIT, ALFRED & ERIKA	SW25-35-3-W5M	AG ACCESSORY BUILDING	$60,000.00
D-18-295	FALCON HOMES	SW29-37-27-W4M	DC GASOLINE ALLEY WEST & LIBER	$10,890.00
D-18-296	FALCON HOMES	SW29-37-27-W4M	DC GASOLINE ALLEY WEST & LIBER	$16,000.00
D-18-297	BENDER, GERHARD H & JULIE A	SE26-34-4-W5M	DC RED RIVER RETREAT ASSOC/WES	$25,000.00
D-18-303	HALSEY, DONALD & KRISTIN	SW6-39-1-W5M	AG ADDITION/COV DECK/SOLARIUM	$10,000.00
D-18-306	INFINITY DOWNS CORPORATION	SE33-37-27-W4M	BS APPROVAL OF USE - PERMITTED	$0.00
D-18-308	SILVERSTONE CUSTOM HOMES CORP	SE25-35-3-W5M	R7 COTTAGE	$396,000.00
D-18-309	BIETZ, PHILIP & NICOLE	NE19-35-26-W4M	AG SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING	$190,000.00
D-18-310	TIMCO QUALITY BUILDERS	E25-35-3-W5M	R7 COVERED DECK/ADDITION/SOLAR	$17,000.00
D-18-313	FALCON HOMES	SW29-37-27-W4M	R4 MULTI ATTACHED DWELLING	$480,000.00
D-18-315	MOREAU, JUSTIN & SAMANTHA	NE12-38-23-W4M	AG ACCESSORY BUILDING	$50,000.00

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Red Deer County PATROL BY THE NUMBERS

AUGUST 2018

In the month of August 2018 Red Deer County Patrol continued to facilitate safe vehicular movement on roadways, identifying 268 traffic infractions. Some of the more notable violations include:

- **17** Unregistered Motor Vehicle
- **153** Speeding
- **2** Use of handheld device or cell phone
- **3** Failure to wear seatbelt
- **5** Failure to stop at stop sign
- **2** Driving without licence
- **3** Liquor related
- **2** Crossing double solid line

There were a total of 7 violators stopped for driving at least 51 km/hr above the posted speed limit, one was in a construction zone.

The highest speed apprehended was driving 170 km/h in 80 zone (90 above the speed limit).



GET READY FOR WINTER DRIVING

Like it or not winter is just around the corner.

In the past few weeks, Red Deer County residents have already been given the frosty reminder of what winter conditions we can expect. Icy roads, and blowing snow are nothing new to Red Deer County, even if they did begin a little earlier than expected.

As unusual as it may be for Red Deer County Protective Services to have winter incidents so early in the year, the fact is that they have already begun. Due to the impending winter, Red Deer County would like to offer County residents some winter suggestions to assist them in arriving at their destinations safely.

All motoring public travelling in winter conditions should;

- Monitor weather and road forecasts for conditions.
- Ensure your vehicles are maintained in good working condition with adequate tires for expected road conditions.
- Supply yourself with a travel kit, for your own safety, including food, water, a cell phone and a flashlight and warm clothing or blankets.
- Pre-plan your trips. Ensure you give yourself enough time to arrive at your destination safely.
- Ensure that you communicate your travel plans so that others know your route.

In the event that motorists become stranded or have their vehicle break down, it is imperative that they stay with their vehicles. Staying with your vehicle enables



you to be found much easier and reduces your exposure to the winter weather that may occur if you decide to walk.

Along with the deterioration of driving conditions, there is a higher probability of being involved in a collision. When involved in a collision in a high traffic area, drivers are encouraged to stay inside their vehicles for their own safety, until help arrives.

The last and possibly one of the most important considerations is if there is a need to travel in severe weather. If the trip is not necessary or can be postponed, perhaps the best option would be to stay indoors until the storm has passed.

Red Deer County Fire understands that travelling, even during poor weather, may be essential but our departments wants to see everyone get to their destinations safely regardless of whatever the winter season has in store.

DISASTERS CAN HAPPEN - IS YOUR BUSINESS PREPARED?

Every organization is at risk from potential disasters that include:

- Natural disasters such as tornadoes, floods, blizzards, earthquakes and fire
- Accidents
- Sabotage
- Power and energy disruptions
- Communications, transportation, safety and service sector failure
- Environmental disasters such as pollution and hazardous materials spills
- Cyber-attacks and hacker activity

Having a Business Continuity Plan (BCP) enhances an organization's image with employees, shareholders and customers by demonstrating a proactive attitude. Additional benefits include improvement in overall organizational efficiency and identifying the relationship of assets and human and financial resources to critical services and deliverables.

Creating and maintaining a BCP helps ensure that an institution has the resources and information needed to deal with these emergencies.

The objectives of a BCP are:

1. Provide a level of security and safety for employees and families
2. Protect the assets of the business
3. Ensure continuation of services to customers
4. Minimize the risk of delay in setting up an alternate business location
5. Provide standard testing for the BCP
6. Minimize the decision making process during a disaster
7. Receive positive media coverage as a result of advanced planning

Critical services or products are those that must be delivered to ensure survival, avoid causing injury, and meet legal or other obligations of an organization. Business Continuity Planning is a proactive planning process that ensures critical services or products are delivered during a disruption.

A BCP includes:

- Plans, measures and arrangements to ensure the continuous delivery of critical services and products, which permits the organization to recover its facility, data and assets.
- Identification of necessary resources to support business continuity, including personnel, information, equipment, financial allocations, legal counsel, infrastructure protection and accommodations.

For further Information provided by Public Safety Canada "A Guide to Business Continuity Planning" visit https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/rsrcs/pblctns/bsnss-cntnt-plnnng/index-en.aspx

AGRICULTURE SERVICES

10 YEARS of WORKING WELL

Clean water.
Well protected.

WORKING WELL WORKSHOP

Working Well and Red Deer County presents Working Well Workshop.

On Thursday, Nov. 22 at Bowden Community Hall from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM, the event includes a light supper.

Consider how your life would change if you lost your water supply.

Did you know that a poorly maintained water well can put your water supply at risk of contamination and reduce your well yield?

If you are one of 450,000 Albertans who use their water well for household purposes, the key to ensuring your water supply is safe and secure is knowing how groundwater works, learning about your well and understanding how to properly maintain it.

Proper water well siting, construction, maintenance and plugging will help protect your well from biofouling and contamination, save you costly repairs, and ensure your well water yields are sustained over many years.

Find out what you can do to protect your well. Attend the FREE water well management workshop being hosted by Red Deer County, and presented by the Working Well Program, with technical expertise provided by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Alberta Environment and Parks, Alberta Health Services and licensed water well drillers.

During the workshop we will cover:

- Groundwater – how it works
- Water quality and quantity testing
- Well protection – protecting your well from contamination
- Basic well maintenance
- Water sampling – how to do it

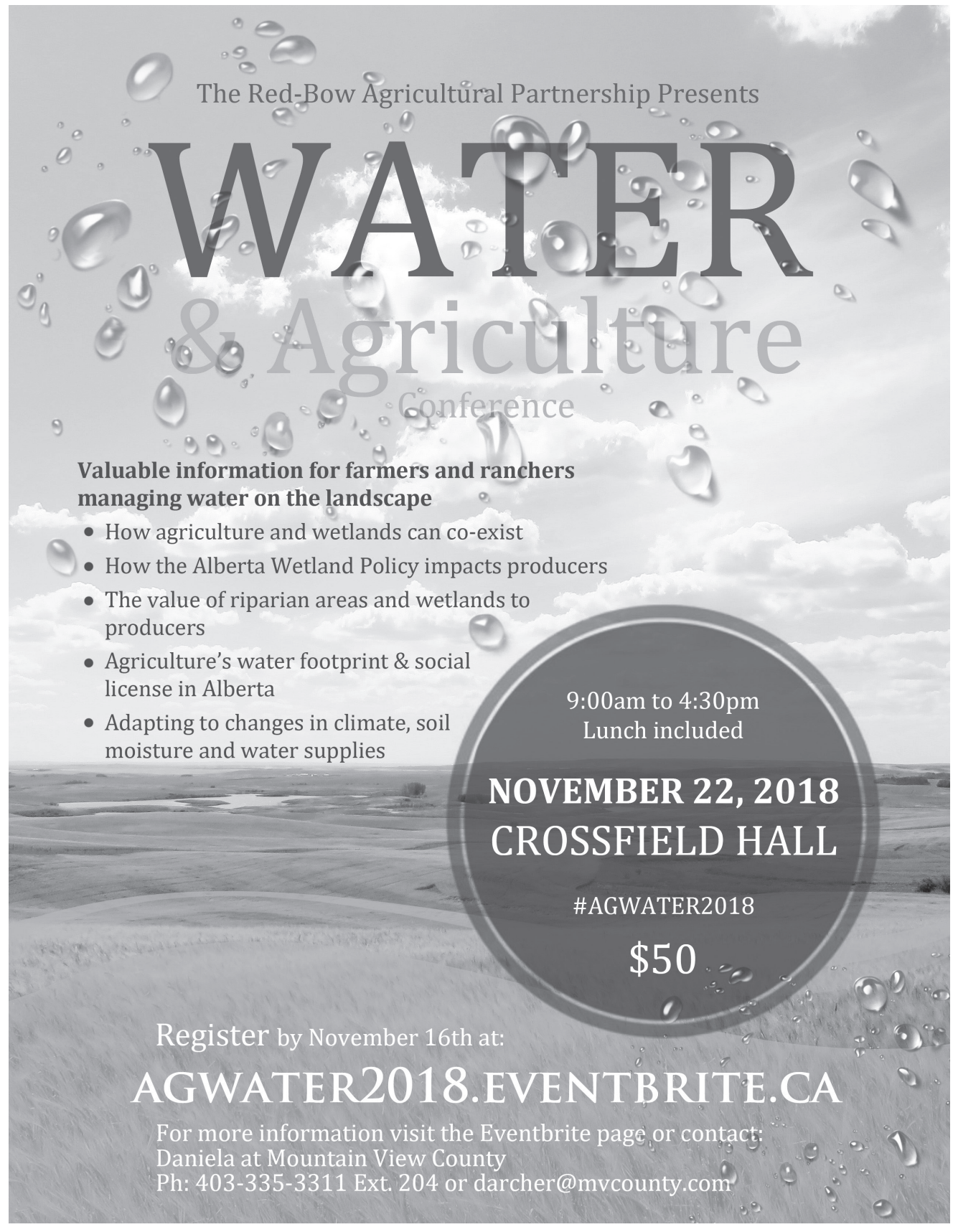
To attend the workshop, please pre-register by Nov. 15 by calling Red Deer County's Agriculture Services at 403.342.8654 or agriculture@rdcounty.ca or online at https://workingwell2018.eventbrite.ca. Register by Nov. 6 to be entered into a prize draw

ASB Agricultural Training Sponsorship

Are you looking to increase your knowledge on agricultural subjects this winter? Maybe you'd like to attend an upcoming agricultural conference, like FarmTech in Edmonton in January 2019 or the Western Canadian Dairy Seminar in Red Deer in March 2019.

Agriculture education and awareness is a primary focus for Red Deer County's Agricultural Service Board, and is delivered to residents through various programs, events and initiatives. The Agricultural Training Sponsorship is one such initiative and reimburses Red Deer County residents for 50 per cent of fees ($200 max) for agriculture courses or conferences. Looking to take first aid or a forklift safety course? Safety courses are eligible too!

Some restrictions apply, eligibility is subject to board approval. Funds are limited and will be allocated on a first come/first served basis. Visit the website at rdcounty.ca/agriculture for more information on how to apply for reimbursement, or contact Agriculture Services at 403.342.8654 or agriculture@rdcounty.ca



Agricultural Plastics Recycling Program

A partnership between Lacombe County, Red Deer County & Ponoka County





Questions?

Dion Burlock (Lacombe County)
403.782.8959
Justin Babcock (Ponoka County)
403.783.3333
Red Deer County Agriculture Office
403.342.8654

This program is offered to ensure the proper recycling of plastic grain bags. **This service will begin in November 2018 and is offered free of charge to agriculture producers operating within Lacombe County, Ponoka County and Red Deer County.**

Lacombe County will be responsible for providing grain bag collection services. The grain bags will be processed with a grain bag roller on site and collected for eventual delivery to a plastic recycling center in Alberta.

Requirements:

- Agriculture producers who request grain bag recycling services, must have one individual on site, capable of assisting the rolling and collection operation.
- Grain bags **MUST BE FREE** of grain, mud, dirt debris, and vermin.
- To ensure used grain bags are eligible for recycling, grain bag collection services should be **scheduled within one week of grain extraction.**

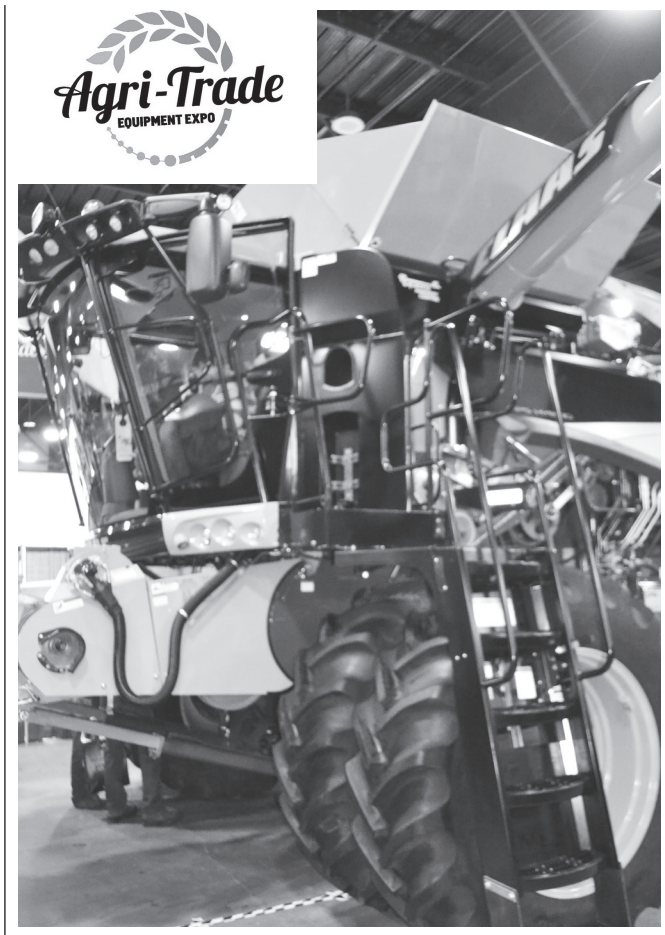
To book, please contact Krista Pannenbecker
403-782-8959 / kpannenbecker@lacombecounty.com



Remembrance Day - Sunday, November 11

Lest We Forget

Honouring the brave men and women who have given everything in defence of their country; fighting tyranny around the world.
Remember with your local Royal Canadian Legion
www.legion.ca



Farm equipment at the 2017 Agri-Trade Equipment Exposition at the Westerner.

Agri-Trade showcases the latest and greatest

For three days in November, farmers have a chance to see the newest of the agricultural industry as the annual Agri-Trade Equipment Exposition returns to Red Deer.

From Nov. 7 to 9 at the Westerner in Red Deer, 4847A 19th St., the annual showcase of the newest in agriculture will take place.

More than 470 exhibitors will be open for business over the three days.

The trade show also showcases some of the innovation occurring in the agricultural sector. The winners of the 2018 Ag Innovation award include:

- Northern Strands' grain bin fall protection system, which is designed to protect farm workers from a fall while climbing or accessing a bin for repairs or inspections.
- IntraGrain Technologies Fuel Lock, a fuel management system that allows owners to lock their fuel, view employee usage and monitor tank levels from the palm of their hand.
- GranViz, a grain bin monitoring system that provides real time insights, detection and traceability into every bushel.

The event runs from Nov. 7 to 9 from 9 AM to 5 PM every day. Tickets cost $15 and children aged 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult.

NEW TREE PLANTING REQUIREMENTS

By Aimee Delaney
Green Acreages Coordinator

Even with all its weather extremes, this year has proven to be a great year for Green Acreages landowners to get some projects complete. Whether planting for an ecobuffer, shelterbelt, or a garden haven designed for pollinators, enhancing the environment and producing ecosystem services seems to be of increasing importance to our landowners.

We learn more about the needs for pollinators and trees every year. New to this years' Green Acreages program tree planting or pollinator habitat projects (eco-buffers, shelterbelts, pollinator gardens, etc.) will have certain requirements in order to have a successful application. These include:

- Site prep must be complete prior to all plantings
- All plant species must be native
- Minimum two rows, three plant species for shelterbelts
- Minimum of three species, six plants per species in mass plantings for pollinator habitat
- A sketch or aerial map and estimate of cost for whole project (site prep included)
- There will be no cost-share for any plantings within 25m from the center of any public road

Green Acreages
Stewardship for Small Acreages

Following suit from past years, these projects will continue to be funded for up to $2,000, however an additional $1,000 may be eligible for site preparation costs – which is one of, if not THE most important step in a successful planting.

Any folks interested in planting trees, shrubs or grasses, or other projects to increase ecosystem services are welcome to contact me, Aimee, for more information or to get a Green Acreages application at 403.342.7367 or adelaney@rdcounty.ca

WATER SOURCE VS. WATER BODY

Environmental Farm Planning FAQ #8 – Water Source vs. Water Body?

I am working on my Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) and I have to list all my water sources and all my water bodies. What's the difference?

ANSWER:

A water source, is any water you use as part of your farm / ranch business. Each well you have, is a water source. Your dugouts, are water sources. Any springs, wetlands, creeks or rivers that your livestock drink from, are water sources.

A water body is any naturally occurring water on your farm or ranch. Wetlands, creeks, rivers, lakes are water bodies. A water body is a water body, whether or not there's water there permanently or temporarily. Also, a water body is a water body, whether or not livestock drink from it.

This means that the creek or wetland your cows drink from, will be both a water source and a water body.

When you are doing up your inventory of water sources and water bodies, you don't always have to list every single one separately (except water wells). You can lump together, water sources or water bodies that have similar natural characteristics, and similar management.

Please remember that your EFP Technician (Aimee Delaney and Ken Lewis in Red Deer County) can help you with figuring this out, along with any other help you might need with preparing your EFP.

BUILDING ON A SOLID FOUNDATION
Alberta EFP
ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLAN

Workshop Details: Red Deer County Farmers and Ranchers are invited to join us for FREE Online Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) Workshops.

This is a chance to start, complete or update your EFP.

Date: Second Thursday of each Month

Time: 10 AM – 2 PM

Where: Red Deer County – Council Chambers

Cost: FREE – Lunch Included

Note: Please bring a laptop as this is an Online EFP Workshop (via internet).

For More Information and to Register: Contact Agriculture Services at 403.342.8654 or agriculture@rdcounty.ca

Registration Deadline: First Thursday of each Month

For more information on Environmental Farm Planning, visit www.albertaefp.com

YOUTH FOR AGRICULTURE AWARD

RED DEER COUNTY RESIDENTS AGED 13 TO 18 ARE INVITED TO ENTER OUR NEW AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD YOUTH FOR AGRICULTURE AWARD CONTEST.

Entering is easy! Simply use your investigative skills and creativity to write an article or create a video on the ASB Youth for Agriculture Award topic of the year and submit your entry by the deadline: December 1, 2018.

2018 ASB Youth for Agriculture Award Topic: *The Future of Agriculture in Red Deer County*

Prizes will be awarded in two categories: Senior (ages 16 to 18) and Junior (ages 13 to 15); 1st place in each category is $1000.00! Visit our website for complete entry requirements and contest guidelines: www.rdcounty.ca

Prize winners' article or video will be featured in the Red Deer County News, the Red Deer County website and social media accounts, and in promotional materials. One entry per eligible person. There is no fee to enter the contest.

FAMILY & COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES (FCSS)

Red Deer County Council participates in a 10 year FCSS Multi-Municipal Agreement. For decades, Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) has been working as a provincial-municipal government initiative to enhance the social wellbeing of individuals, families and community in an effort to keep people resilient, well, and from falling into crisis.

FCSS Red Deer & District FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

BENALTO FCSS

Contact Camille Box, Phone, 403.597.8074 or email, cbox@rdcounty.ca. Office hours available on drop-in basis: Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Benalto Leisure Club meets every Thursday at 1:00 PM at the Leisure Centre. Great way to get out and meet new people. Play some games, eat some food, and have fun. Everyone is welcome!

Benalto Play Group - every Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM at the County Building (former school). Free play and crafts for children ages 0 to 6 years. Grand opportunity to meet other Benalto families.

Benalto Agricultural Society meets third Tuesday every month at 7:00 PM at Benalto Leisure Centre.

Benalto Booster Club meets second Tuesday every month at 7:30 PM. This club is responsible for many community activities and events. Come out and get involved!

Centre for Positive Relationships is available to residents of Benalto and area. The Centre offers a variety of resources regarding all manners of relationships, including domestic violence, childhood trauma, death and grief, bullying, suicide and much more. There are also many children's resources available as well.

Collective Kitchen will be running once a month. Please check the Benalto Community Facebook page for details.

SEEDS – An Early Literacy Program for children aged 0 to 6. Children are introduced to the wonderful world of reading through storytelling and activities. The program will run every Friday morning from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Parent participation is required. To register, please contact Camille Box, 403.597.8074 or email cbox@rdcounty.ca

BOWDEN FCSS

Contact Jade Prefontaine, Phone, 403.224.2207, email, fcss@town.bowden.ab.ca and Facebook, FCSS Bowden.
Check Town of Bowden website at www.town.bowden.ab.ca to find all the current events.

DELBURNE FCSS

Melanie Timms filling in until mid-November for Carol Kihn, Delburne FCSS Community Worker at 403.749.3654, Monday to Thursday from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM or email at delbfcss@delburne.ca.

Delburne Interagency Meeting – Nov. 28th from 12:00 NOON to 1:30 PM, at Delburne Drop-In Centre. Lunch is provided. Representatives from agencies, organizations, businesses, and interested individuals are welcome to attend. Please RSVP by November 26 by contacting FCSS at 403.749.3654 or delbfcss@delburne.ca

Cooking with Seniors 55+ -- Final Fall Cooking Sessions is Tuesday, Nov. 6 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Delburne Community Hall. Cost is $5 per person. Please register in advance by calling Donna, 403.749.2100 or Delburne FCSS at 403.749.3654. We would like to thank the following people for their generous donations to our collection kitchen: Klein Farms, Diane Gunter, Kathy Faulk, and Donna Inkin. Stay tuned for Winter/Spring Session Dates.

ELNORA FCSS

For information on any Elnora FCSS program, please call Sheila Gongaware or Janina Jewell at 403.773.3920 or elnorafcss@gmail.com Like us on Facebook @ 'Elnora and District FCSS'

Elnora Play School – Wednesdays and alternating Mondays and Fridays from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM at Elnora School in the Kindergarten Room. Brittany Swanson is new teacher. If you are interested in signing up your child or would like more information, please call Tina, 403.773.3171 or the Elnora School at 403.773.3624.

Elnora Youth Center – Is your child, youth or teen looking for some great after-school activities? The Elnora Youth Center has received an additional 3 years of funding which goes to year 2020 so our youth have a wonderful opportunity close to home. For more information, call 403.773.3920.

Elnora Lifeline administered by Elnora FCSS. For a minimal monthly fee, residents can access help 24 hours a day. Simply push the Lifeline Help Button to connect to a Response Centre. For more information, please call 403.773.3920.

Little Free Libraries – Elnora has 3 Little Libraries, all full of books for all ages. This has been a huge success. For more information, please call FCSS, 403.773.3920.

PENHOLD FCSS

Contact Teresa Ainscough, Phone: 403.886.3288. Email: tainscough@townofpenhhold.ca

Charity Check Stop – Nov. 3, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Highway 2A going through Penhold. Money collected will go to support Christmas charities, and the fee assistance program in Penhold.

Babysitter's Course – Nov. 17 from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM at Penhold Multiplex in the Subway Club Room. Cost is $50. Register today at http://app.bookking.ca/bkpenholdpub/

Community Christmas – Nov. 23, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

True Colour of Your Child's Personalilty Workshop – Nov. 17 from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM at Meeting Room 1 in the Penhold Multiplex. Free lunch to follow. Please register by calling Jamie, 403.886.3250.

Daddy & Me – Saturday, Nov. 17 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in the Library. Joint program with Penhold Library and Parent Link.

Early Years Festival – Tuesday, Nov. 20. Call 403.886.3288 for more details.

SPRINGBROOK FCSS

To register or for information on any Springbrook FCSS program, call Adrian at 403.350.9533 or search Adrian Pidhirney FCSS on Facebook.

Springbrook Archery Club – Thursdays, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, Fridays 7:00 to 9:00 PM and Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Club available for private bookings and parties. Located downstairs through south entrance of Springbrook Multiplex. 2019 memberships now available. New archers welcome! Call Donna, 403.573.4451 for information.

Springbrook Community Skatepark Committee (SC2) – Corporate Sponsorship Packages now available. SC2 has permanent bottle donation bin on skatepark land behind Springbrook Multiplex, all money raised goes to skatepark construction. Next meeting is November 7 at 7:00 PM, Springbrook Fire Hall. Everyone welcome!

WEST COUNTY FCSS

Pam Hetu, 403.505.9091 or phetu@rdcounty.ca

Spruce View Playgroup/Spruce View Parent Link – Program runs Thursdays from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM, at Spruce View Hall. No charge, but parent supervision is a must. This program helps decrease isolations, helps build relationships, and also helps families become aware of all the available community events and programs. Come join us, have a coffee, and meet local families from the area!

Spruce View Boys and Girls Club – Mondays at Spruce View School. Kids Club for ages 6 to 9, from 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM. Torch Club for ages 10 to 14 years, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Spruce View Seniors Drop in Centre – Wednesday Coffee, 10:00 AM to 12:00 NOON. Contact Ruth Lemke 403.728-3482

Volunteer Opportunities – If you are looking at volunteering in our community, please contact FCSS.

Spruce View Community Directory – In process of updating the West County Community Directory. Please contact FCSS to update your information on community groups/organizations.

Community Kitchen Program – Community members gather once a month to make affordable freezer meals. Some examples are meals for the grill, soups and stews, casseroles, and Christmas baking. This program helps socialization, decreases isolation, builds community relationships, and increases awareness of programs and services offered in our community. Looking at November for first date – stay tuned!

Spruce View Community Welcomers Program – Still a very active program where new community members are welcomed by volunteers with a basket full of information. This program helps increase awareness of community programs/services/businesses, and reduces isolation for new families. Please contact FCSS if you are new or know of someone who is new to Spruce View and area.

COMMUNITY SERVICES



NEW BENALTO PLAYGROUND

The new Benalto playground was officially opened with a community party on Aug. 26. The community enjoyed face painting, a barbecue, outdoor games, and a bouncy castle, all sponsored by Red Deer County. The new playground is much safer and more accessible for younger children than the old school play structure.



OPERATIONAL GRANT APPLICATIONS

Friendly reminder: there is still time to submit 2018 Operational Grant Applications for Cemeteries and Community Facilities.

Any questions, please contact Sylvia with Community Services at 403.350.2150.

Fillable Grant Application forms are available on Red Deer County website at www.rdcounty.ca

Public Open House:

Sylvan Lake Intermunicipal Development Plan

A collaborative project with all 8 municipalities surrounding Sylvan Lake

November 28, 2018 | 4:30pm - 7:30 pm
NexSource Centre – Seniors Centre, Sylvan Lake

Join us on November 28, 2018 to provide input on the vision and direction for the **Sylvan Lake Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP).** An IDP is a provincially required plan designed to foster cooperation between municipalities on planning and development.

The plan will result in agreement between the municipalities on how to work together to manage lands related to future land development areas, transportation and infrastructure, environmental considerations, agricultural land use viability, and economic development.

What this means for you is that the project will focus on coordinating the existing land planning policies and expectations in the context of intermunicipal goals.



Please note, the Intermunicipal Development Plan is NOT:

- **An annexation or amalgamation process;**
- **A process that can change land uses directly;**
- **A process that will impact taxes; or**
- **A plan for the waterbody of Sylvan Lake**

It is a plan for the land surrounding Sylvan Lake.

Central Alberta Falls Prevention Coalition

Proclamation 2018

WHEREAS seniors are a vital part of our families and communities, giving generously of their wisdom, experience and love; and

WHEREAS one in three seniors will fall each year, with 50% of them falling repeatedly; and

WHEREAS seniors have 9 times more falls than other groups in Alberta making falls the leading cause of injury for seniors; and

WHEREAS falls among our seniors will result in over 8,000 hospital admissions and over 24,000 emergency visits each year; and

WHEREAS falling, and the fear of falling often leads to social isolation, which then leads to depression and hopelessness, loss of mobility, and loss of independence; and

WHEREAS individuals and organizations from a multitude of disciplines across Alberta are working together to increase awareness of this issue and encourage Albertans to be more physically active and take steps to prevent falling; and

WHEREAS the greatest health risk for an older adult is living an inactive life; and

WHEREAS the quality of life is improved for Alberta seniors who remain healthy, physically active and engaged in their community;

NOW THEREFORE, I Jim Wood, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2018 to be Seniors' Falls Prevention month in (community).

Jim Wood	Red Deer County	October 9, 2018
Mayor Name	**Municipality**	**Date**

Signature Jim Wood

COMMUNITY SERVICES REVIEW PROVES BENEFICIAL

As part of the 2018 Red Deer County strategic plan, various departments are undergoing service level reviews. The purpose of the reviews is to gain insight into the quantity and quality of services performed by a County departments as compared to similar departments in other Counties around Alberta.

Community Services performs important functions that increase the quality of life of County residents. Their functions include transit management, recreation, family and community support services (FCSS), heritage management, facility grants, libraries and cemeteries.

The County compared Red Deer County Community Services with municipalities similar in land base, land use, population and overall resources. After extensive research, Council found the results to be very positive.

Mayor Jim Wood commented, “We are always looking to be a leader in providing services to our businesses and residents. This process ensures that we are among the best counties in the Province to live, work, and grow. I am fully confident that our Community Services department are providing a top-notch group of services to our residents.”

According to Community Services Manager Jo-Ann Symington, “By comparing services and program delivery to similar municipalities, we can determine if we are providing a leading level of service to our ratepayers. The process was a great confirmation in the direction we are heading with the new Community Services strategic plan approved by Council.”

Red Deer County has determined to undertake reviews of several other departments over the coming year. Stay tuned for more information on this program as results become available.





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