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BULLETIN NO. 570

The following information is to provide a summary of County activities. Further explanations or details can be obtained by contacting the County Administration Office at 403.882.3211.

Request for Sponsorship – Stettler Bantam Scorpion Baseball Team – Council received a request for sponsorship from the Stettler Bantam Scorpion baseball team that hosted provincials in Stettler for Tier 5 as there were four players from the County on the team. Following the August long weekend a note was received they won provincials. T. Hewitt moved the County sponsor the Stettler Bantam Scorpion Baseball Team for \$500.00 as per County Policy 480 for participation in provincial play and that County Policy 480 Recreation & Community Service Grants be brought back for review.

Cancellation of Property Tax Penalties – A request was received from Rally Canada Resources Ltd. for an exemption of \$634.14 in penalties they received July 1, 2016. Rally Canada Resources mailed their cheque to the County on July 29, 2016. R. Dahmer moved the request be denied and they be supplied with information on alternative methods of payment, such as the Tax Instalment Payment Plan, for next year.

Energy East Pipeline Project – A request was received for a letter of support from the County of Paintearth in support of the Energy East Pipeline Project. D. Blumhagen moved the County of Paintearth No. 18 supply a letter of support for the Energy East Pipeline Project and that it be copied to government representatives.

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry – The County was advised that Agricultural Service Board was approved for an allocation of \$183,359.46 for the 2016 grant year. This amount includes \$168,359.46 for the Legislative Funding Stream and \$15,000.00 for the Environmental Funding Stream.

Upcoming County Council Meetings – Council Meetings are scheduled for September 13, 2016, October 4, 2016, October 18, 2016 (Organizational Meeting), October 25, 2016, November 8, 2016, November 22, 2016, December 6, 2016 and December 13, 2016 commencing at 9:00 a.m. and are open to the public. Delegations are always welcome. To request a time allotment, please call the office of the CAO. All requests must state the nature and subject you wish to discuss as per Section X of the County's Procedural Bylaw 605-11.

Why does the County utilize MG 30? MG 30 is a product produced by Ward Chemical, and is a 50/50 blend of magnesium hydroxide and calcium chloride. During the blending process the introduction of magnesium hydroxide to the calcium chloride acts as a corrosion inhibitor. The outcome is a non-corrosive product that is a non-hazardous material. MG 30 is listed as an approved product for road sprays by Alberta Transportation.

The County applies this product to our roads with the highest traffic volumes. These roads are classified as Arterial Roads. The County has approximately 50 miles of MG 30 throughout the County.

Benefits are:

- Surface stabilization that binds aggregate materials which increase grade strength thus keeping aggregate on the roads.
- Reduced frequency of re-gravelling to help lower cost and extend the life of our gravel sources. The County does not have gravel resources within your municipality.
- Reduce routine maintenance costs.
- Improved dust control.
- 25% - 75% cost reduction depending on the applications / years on road.

MG 30 is the most cost effective way to stabilize a road surface, reduce maintenance cost, and save our gravel. There has been discussion that utilizing oil as a road surfacing agent would be better. The following are reasons why the County chooses MG 30 instead of oil products.

Cost for oiled road top is almost 2½ times higher per mile over a 3 year period than MG 30 over the same length of time. Oiled road surfaces have a limited life span before they start to deteriorate, and maintenance can be very difficult once the road starts to develop pot holes and a soft shoulder. Oiled roads must have a 50% - 75% road ban year round to help protect our investment. This type of road would defeat our purpose of having Arterial roads to help funnel heavy loads throughout your County, and this in return protects your overall infrastructure system. The County continues to research alternative products to ensure your infrastructure remains safe for the travelling public.

AGGREGATE SEAL COAT AND LINE PAINTING

Starting approximately September 6-9th the County will have contracted crews working. Expect delays, wet oil, loose chips, and equipment working.

Roads that will be affected are:

- Rge Rd 142 from the Town of Castor to Twp Rd 372
- Twp Rd 372 between Rge Rd 142 and Rge Rd 145
- Twp Rd 352 (Lake Thelma Road) from Hi way 36 east to Rge Rd 123

Please follow posted speed limits and drive carefully through our construction areas. Thank you

TAX INSTALMENT PAYMENT PLAN

This plan allows rate payers, whose property taxes are paid in full as of December 31st, to enter into an agreement with the County of Paintearth to have their property taxes directly withdrawn from their bank account monthly. Rate payers who have filled in their applications and are approved by County of Paintearth administration by December 15th of the previous year are also provided with an exemption of property tax penalties on the July 1 and October 1 penalty dates. The rate payer can continue on the Tax Instalment Payment Plan each year as long as their property tax balance remains paid in full by December each year.

The County of Paintearth also accepts post-dated cheques as another alternative to the Tax Instalment Payment Plan. If you have any questions about the TIPP's plan, please contact Lana Roth, Director of Corporate Services.

FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Todd Pawsey, Development Officer

The County's Municipal Planning Commission recently approved the following development permit:

DP1626	Silver Spring Colony	NW 2-38-15 W4	40x44' extension to processing plant for storage
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For more information on this process please contact the Development Officer at the County office.

FROM THE COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICE

Colm Fitz-Gerald, Community Peace Officer

The leaves are changing colour which means it's time for the harvest. It is already busy and lots of hauling has begun. There are no road bans on gravel roads, therefore full loads can be hauled. Please take care in loading your loads to conform to the legal weights. The County of Paintearth will be monitoring your county roads and conducting random weight checks.

We will all need to work together to ensure your infrastructure remains safe and reliable. Wishing you all a great harvest.

PAINTEARTH REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT LTD.

Email: prwm@countypaintearth.ca

Michael Yakielashek, Supervisor

Winter Hours

Effective Wednesday, October 19th, 2016
 The Halkirk, Coronation and Castor Transfer Stations
 Hours of Operation Will Be As Follows
 Wednesdays: 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. & Saturdays: 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
 If you do not have an access card, they are available at the
 Halkirk Village Office, Castor Town Office,
 County of Paintearth No. 18 Office and the Coronation Transfer Station

Driving in Transfer Stations - We ask that everyone coming to the Transfer Stations to deliver materials to please drive with caution and within the posted speed limits.

Metal Recycling - For resident information, this year over 117 metric tonnes of metal has been recycled by ProMetal. This in itself shows we are doing a good job of recycling materials which otherwise would be landfilled.

Please contact Mike at Paintearth Regional Waste Management Ltd. at 403.882.3211 if you have any questions.

PAINTEARTH ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP SOCIETY

Carol Thomson, PEPS Economic Development Officer

Paintearth Economic Partnerhsip Society Celebrates "Local" A FESTIVAL OF FOOD – *Thursday, September 15, 2016, Coronation Community Hall, Supper served at 6:00 p.m. - \$10.00 per ticket (only 100 tickets available – all proceeds going towards Local Food Banks).* Tickets available at the following locations: Coronation Town Office, Coronation Library, County Administration Office – only until September 1, 2016.



Town of Castor - Request for Proposals: 2016-2017 Castor Arena Concession

The Town of Castor is requesting proposals from individuals/companies interested in providing concession services at the Castor Arena. Proposals should include number of years in business, size of staff and ability to manage concurrent projects, Workers Compensation Number, three references, a proposed menu, certification, and remuneration to the Town for kitchen rental. The proposed contract period is for October 2016 to March 2017. For further information regarding this RFP please visit the Town website at www.castor.ca or contact Natasha Bozek at 403-882-3225 or castorrec@townofcastor.ca. **Submissions must be received before September 16, 2016.**