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BULLETIN NO. 572

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.

Organizational Meeting - Council held their Organizational Meeting on October 18, 2016. George Glazier was elected Reeve and Diane Elliott was elected Deputy Reeve. Walter Weber was elected Chairman, Agricultural Service Board and Doreen Blumhagen, Vice Chairman, Agricultural Service Board. Please check the County Website for the 2016/2017 appointments under the individual Councillors.

Appointment of Auditor - D. Elliott moved the County of Paintearth No. 18 retain the auditing services of Endeavour Chartered Accountants for fiscal year-end 2016.

Assessors - R. Dahmer moved to reaffirm the appointment of Assessors Terry Willoughby, AMAA of Municipal Property Consultants (2009) Ltd. and Ray Fortin, AMAA of Accurate Assessment Group Ltd. as Designated Officers of the County of Paintearth No. 18.

Schedule of Meetings - D. Blumhagen moved that County Council meetings be held on the first and third Tuesdays of every month, with the meeting being held on Wednesday following a holiday Monday, commencing at 9:00 a.m. subject to individual change.

Council Remuneration/Time Sheets - B. Bunbury moved Council Remuneration remain the same as last year. D. Blumhagen moved the Councillor Time Sheets be posted monthly on the County Website.

RFD – County Policy 480 Recreation & Community Service Grants – The policy was revised to read as follows:

The County of Paintearth supports youth (18 years or younger) that participate in recreation and culture. A yearly budget amount of \$5,000.00 will be retained for distribution. The County will provide \$50 per individual or up to a maximum of \$500.00 per team or club per application that is participating at a provincial, national or international level. An application form must be submitted for approval by County Council.

Additionally, the County may support provincial, national and international events that are being hosted in the Paintearth Region. The request for sponsorship will be submitted to County Council for their consideration. W. Weber moved County Policy 480 Recreation & Community Service Grants be adopted as amended and dated October 4, 2016.

RFD – County Policy 485 Schedule of Fees – As per County Policy 485 Schedule of Fees, the schedule is to be reviewed in the fall of every year for Council's ratification. Administration reviewed the Schedule and the 300 gallon sprayer for insect control under the Agricultural Service Board – Rental Equipment was deleted as it is no longer in service. R. Dahmer moved the Schedule of Fees – Schedule "A" as presented and dated October 4, 2016 be adopted.

Unanimous Consent Resolution - Paintearth Regional Waste Management Ltd. – As per the Part Nine Agreement all parties must have a Unanimous Agreement to transfer funds for the operation of the Paintearth Economic Partnership Society. D. Elliott moved Council authorize the signing of the Unanimous Consent Resolution authorizing Paintearth Regional Waste Management Ltd. to provide a donation of \$100,000.00 to the Paintearth Economic Partnership Society.

Funding Application Koryn Duncan – An application for funding was received from Koryn Duncan who participated in the provincial cross country run for Council's consideration. T. Hewitt moved that Koryn Duncan's application for funding be approved for \$50 as per County policy.

RFD – Alberta Royal Canadian Legion – Recognition Book – Council received information on advertising in the Commemorate History Book. The books are available free of charge for citizens at the Local Legion Branches, school students and public facilities in Castor. D. Blumhagen moved the County of Paintearth sponsor a quarter page advertisement in the Legion's Military Service Recognition Book at the cost of \$545.00.

Christmas Hours – As per policy, the hours for the Christmas season are as follows: Closed – Monday, December 26, 2016 and Tuesday, December 27, 2016 and Monday, January 2, 2017

RFD – Requested Road Closure Rge Rd 110 North Twp Rd 394 – Council was advised the landowner has requested to have a portion of the road allowance on Rge Rd 110 North of Twp Rd 394 closed to stop trespassing on their deeded land. This portion of road is an undeveloped grass trail which is fenced only on one side. Access to the road allowance has a gated Texas gate and a wire gate across it coming off of Twp Rd 394 that is not locked. Administration is reviewing possible options for accessibility for landowners. T. Hewitt moved Administration continues to work with landowners to come up with the best possible solution.

Parkland Regional Library – Proposed 2017 Budget – Mr. R. Sheppard, Director, Parkland Regional Library was unable to attend but will be invited to attend an upcoming meeting. The increase in the budget was due to salary increases to support the current market and will cost the County from \$300-\$600. T. Hewitt moved the County send a letter approving the Parkland Regional Library Proposed 2017 Budget as received.

County Council Meetings – Council Meetings are scheduled for November 8, 2016, November 22, 2016, December 6, 2016, December 13, 2016, January 4 (Wednesday), 2017, January 17, 2017, February 7, 2017, February 22 (Wednesday), 2017, March 7, 2017 and March 28, 2017 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.

FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE ...

Todd Pawsey, Development Officer

Have had a few calls lately inquiring about Development Permits required for farm shops or storage buildings to which the good news was tendered out that Farm or Agricultural Buildings that are 100% for agricultural purposes do not require County Development Permits. The one qualifier is that they still must meet the required setbacks for the land use district that they are in however. Also, Farm or Agricultural buildings are exempt also from requiring building permits from Palliser, HOWEVER if you plan on installing gas heat or any electrical facilities – those relevant safety code permits must be applied for and received. Those are simply to maintain the inspections that will ensure the jobs are completed to the required code, and are for your protection.

Recently, there have been two open houses in Halkirk regarding upcoming proposed wind energy projects and various sections and quarters of land have been subject to lease agreements for developments and planning required for turbines. Landowners are reminded to pay close attention to the details of their agreements, and that any structures/turbines planned for their lands are done so according to their wishes and consents. Once the turbines are constructed, there will be significant restrictions for future residential developments in proximity to these. The County will be completing rigorous checks to ensure that each tower location is approved and signed off by the landowners during the development permit review process.

Director of Emergency Management – Winter is Here!

Just a reminder that as winter conditions are now upon us, prepare for unforeseen circumstances that could leave residents either without access to travel or utilities. The County website has 72 Hr Emergency Kit ideas, as well as tips on preparing to handle winter storms, and various supplies you may want on hand. In the event of power outages for a day or two, are you prepared? It is so much easier to look after these solutions ahead of time in good weather and conditions, than when that nasty Old Man Winter drops in unexpectedly. But on the positive side... Spring is but 150 days away!!

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Michael Yakielashek, Supervisor

Coronation Transfer Station – Furniture - The Board of Directors has approved the Coronation Transfer Station to start taking furniture for disposal at the site. Residents will be allowed to bring mattresses, couches, chairs, bedroom furniture, coffee and end tables. Some furniture which contains metal framing will still need to be placed in the metal recycling pile. The Attendant will assist residents to make that decision. This service will be available effective November 2, 2016.

Tire Recycling – Alberta Recycling Management Authority has advised a significant milestone has been reached of 100 million tires recycled since the program was initiated in 1992. Recycled tires are now used for sidewalks, roof tiles as well as playground surfaces. All these tires would have been landfilled without the program. All three of our transfer stations accept tires. They have to be sorted by size being passenger and light truck tires, farm implement and large truck tires and tires which have rims. In 2016 two semi-trailer loads of tires were removed from the transfer stations.

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

PAINTEARTH COMMUNITY ADULT LEARNING COUNCIL – NOVEMBER UPDATE

Cindy Heidecker, Program Coordinator

Get ready for winter by signing up for a class. Paintearth Adult Learning offers some great in person or on-line learning options.

Courses Starting Soon

- Power of Attorney Nov. 16 \$10
- Emergency First Aid Nov. 21 \$150
- Standard First Aid Nov. 21 & 22 \$180
- Traditional Mennonite Cooking Nov. 26 \$40
- Coping With Loss Nov. 28 \$7
- H2S Alive Dec. 5 \$218
- Farming with Solar Dec. 5 \$10

Check out the website at www.paintearthlearning.ca for additional information and upcoming courses.

Did you complete the **Community Feedback form** that is available on the Paintearth Learning website and social media pages? This is a great opportunity for you to share your course and instructor suggestions with us.

Are you looking for a career change? Perhaps you would like to take some post-secondary courses from the comforts of your home. Visit www.campusalbertacentral.com to check out the on-line post-secondary learning opportunities available to you.

Free Career Transition Workshops are available. Each set of workshops consists of 5 days of classroom training and the opportunity to schedule follow up one on one training on the topics of your choice. Register for the next New Futures Workshops starting Nov. 14 & 28 today!

The Castor Recreation Office is offering a variety of fitness classes for all ages with Personal Training Specialist Leanne Lougheed. For the monthly schedule, class descriptions, cost and location, please visit <http://castor.ca/fitness-classes.html>.

The Coronation Health Centre Foundation is seeking volunteers to become a member of the foundation board. Meetings are held once every other month. Every dollar raised in Coronation stays in Coronation and directly benefits Coronation health services. For more information about this opportunity contact Barbie at 403.578.5302.