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BULLETIN NO. 573

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.

Kurt Cole, Development – K. Cole entered the meeting at 9:20 a.m. to discuss development of an undeveloped road allowance, Rge Rd 100 North of Twp Rd 384, to a future development.

K. Cole advised Council that one of his daughters and son-in-law are looking at building a house as they would like to live in the Brownfield area. The area they are looking at is approximately 300 yards off of Twp Rd 384 and North of Rge Rd 100. The road would have to be built as it is currently a road allowance used for access into an oil lease and has a couple of hills that would need to be removed.

The County's policy on Development on Undeveloped Road Allowances was reviewed. K. Cole requested clarification on the policy as it has never been used for residential development. The development of a road and required specifications were also discussed.

D. Elliott moved the developer builds the road to a 100% funding up to a maximum of \$40,000.00 subject to entering into a road development agreement and providence of a bond up to \$20,000.00 and that the bond be released once the road is built to standards and residential site construction has commenced and upon settlement of the account.

Clearwater County – Carbon Tax Study Needed - D. Blumhagen moved the County support Clearwater County's request to the AAMDC Board to strike a committee, comprised of members from the five districts, for the purpose of studying and reporting on the economic impacts of carbon taxes on rural Alberta and rural municipalities.

Village of Forestburg – Council was advised that a Request for Proposals for Consulting Services for an Opportunities and Impact Study will be released. The intent is to identify economic opportunities that can be pursued which will make significant contributions to the economy of the region and complete an economic and society impact analysis of the effects of the closure of the power generating station and coal mine. The proposed timeline for completion is the end of April.

Safety Days – Safety Days will be held over two days, with half the staff receiving defensive driver training on one of those days and participating at 5 different safety stations set up at the County shop.

Parkland Regional Library – R. Sheppard, Executive Director, Parkland Regional Library entered the meeting and provided an overview and update to Council on the Parkland Regional Library.

The library system was founded in 1959 and now serves over 210,092 people. There are 49 public member libraries, 45 library boards and 64 member municipalities.

The Budget for 2017 was then reviewed with Council. The cost for providing services available through the library was reviewed and the inherent costs with the current dollar values. Salaries were reviewed and the grids were adjusted so the grids are now in the bottom third of the average salaries.

R. Sheppard then entertained questions from Councillors on the budget, the building, salaries, etc.

County Council Meetings – Council Meetings are scheduled for January 4, 2017 (Wednesday), January 17, 2017, February 7, 2017, February 22, 2017 (Wednesday), March 7, 2017, March 28, 2017, April 4, 2017, April 19, 2017 (Wednesday), May 2, 2017, May 16, 2017, June 6, 2017 and June 20, 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

Recently approved development permits include 2 meteorological towers for weather monitoring.

DP1629	Tower Associates Canada	NW13-37-13-W4	60 m met tower
DP1630	Paintearth Wind Project	SE20-37-15-W4	110 m met tower

Advertisements will be in the Castor Advance for Dec 15 and 22, 2016 containing details for anyone wishing to appeal.

COUNTY'S HOLIDAY HOURS

The County Administration Office and the Public Works Shop will be closed on the following statutory holidays for the Holiday Season:

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2016; TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2016
and MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2017.**

In case of an emergency, please contact Tarolyn Aaserud, CAO at 403.741.6203.

***BEST WISHES FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON AND NEW YEAR
FROM REEVE, COUNCIL AND STAFF***

PAINTEARTH REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT LTD.

Email: prwm@countypaintearth.ca

Michael Yakielashek, Supervisor

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

**The Halkirk, Castor and Coronation Transfer Stations
Will be OPENED ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23RD, 2016
FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.**

**ALL TRANSFER STATIONS WILL BE
CLOSED ON CHRISTMAS EVE, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 2016**

TARPING LOADS - We continue to see garbage laying on access roads, or in ditches or on private fields from people hauling to the transfer stations. There is no reason that any garbage should be laying along these roads. Please properly tarp and secure your loads and make sure that any loose garbage is contained or bagged. If any item blows out of your vehicle, stop and pick it up.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS - People continue to place Hazardous Materials at the transfer stations. We find all types of cleaning chemicals, various types of poisons, oxygen tanks and acetylene tanks. As transfer stations these materials are unacceptable. They pose a real environmental and safety hazard. Just because they are left for someone to find, they are just as dangerous. Items which are hidden pose a higher risk to people working at the sites and site contamination. PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TO THE TRANSFER STATIONS. THEY CAN BE STORED AND HANDLED AT THE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ROUND-UP SCHEDULED FOR MAY, 2017.

The Board of Directors and staff of Paintearth Regional Waste Management Ltd. wish everyone a Merry Christmas and all the best in health, happiness and success in the New Year.

PAINTEARTH COMMUNITY ADULT LEARNING COUNCIL – DECEMBER UPDATE

Cindy Heidecker, Program Coordinator

The holiday season is fast approaching. Consider giving the **gift of learning** to your friends and family this Christmas. Paintearth Adult Learning sells gift certificates of any value.

Magic Carpet Ride will break for the holiday season as well. The last sessions before the break will be the week of Dec. 12. The programs will resume again in the New Year.

- Brownfield School January 9 10 am – Noon
- Paintearth Lodge – Castor January 10 9:30 am – 11:30 am
- Coronation Memorial Library January 10 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Win a **Free Ed2go** course! Complete the **Community Feedback form** that is available on the Paintearth Learning website and social media pages for your chance to win a Free on-line course with Ed2go. This is a great opportunity for you to share your course and instructor suggestions with us. Help us provide better programming.

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 Dec. 12 & Jan. 16 today!

Are you taking a College or University course and needing an exam invigilated? Paintearth Adult Learning offers **invigilation services** for \$20 / exam.

Courses Starting Soon

- First Aid Re-certification Jan. 23 \$150

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

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.