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## BULLETIN NO. 576

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 – Battle River Ride for STARS** – Council received information on sponsorship for the Battle River Ride for STARS being held on July 15, 2017. D. Blumhagen moved the County of Paintearth No. 18 send a letter to the Battle River Ride For STARS outlining the County's current commitment to STARS until 2018 and that the County will provide two door prizes for their ride.

**Recreation & Community Service Grants – Atom “C” Hockey Alberta Provincials** – An application was received from Castor Atom Cyclones hockey team who will be participating at the Category 'C' Atom Provincials in Provost on March 16-19, 2017. D. Blumhagen moved the County of Paintearth No. 18 provide \$500.00 to the Castor Atom Cyclones hockey team who will be participating at the Category 'C' Atom Provincials in Provost on March 16-19, 2017 as per County Policy 480 Recreation & Community Service Grants.

**Annual Mutual Aid Fire Control Plan – 2017** – Council received a copy of the Annual Mutual Aid Fire Control Plan – 2017 to be entered into by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Forestry Division and the Municipality. An updated agreement will need to be completed. R. Dahmer moved the County of Paintearth No. 18 enter into the Annual Mutual Aid Fire Control Plan – 2017 to be entered into by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Forestry Division and the Municipality.

**Coronation Music Festival** – Councillor D. Elliott spoke on the Coronation Music Festival and the benefit to the region. Council received a copy of the list of 2017 Coronation Music Festival Statistics and of the Contributors. R. Dahmer moved Policy 435 Grants to Local Organizations be updated to \$500.00 annually for the Coronation Music Festival.

**Burning Stubble** – There has been discussion taking place regarding concerns with the burning of stubble among the Fire Commissioners Office and some municipalities. Currently the County has a Bylaw in place that does not allow for the burning of stubble that may need to be amended due to last year's weather and the crops not removed from the fields. There are several municipalities that have thousands of acres of 2016 crop still out. A notice will be placed in the County Bulletin requesting that anyone that may have to burn stubble to please contact the County Office.

**Final Budget Discussions** – Budget Discussions will be at a Committee of the Whole (after Council meeting on March 28) and the presentation of the budget will be at the Council meeting on April 19. The Mill Rate Tax Bylaw will be discussed at the May 2 Council meeting.

**Protection of Property Workshop** – Community Peace Officer, C. Fitz-Gerald will be speaking on what can be done to protect the property, rural crime watch and someone to share different security systems. It was also suggested to invite someone to speak on insurance coverage. The timeframe of April 10-12, 2017 was suggested to host the workshop.

**RFD – Tender Crushing Horn Pit 2017** – In 2016 the County entered into a new 20 year agreement at the Horn Pit. In the agreement the landowner was informed the remaining material left in the pit would be crushed in 2017. The crushing would take place in the fall of 2017. R. Dahmer moved the County of Paintearth No. 18 put out a Request for Proposal for Crushing at the Horn Pit on the Alberta Purchasing Connection with a closing date of March 24, 2017.

**RFD – Bridge Replacement/Repairs – BF 70101 (Ganzly) and BF 75705 (Bulwark)** – Currently BF 70101 and BF 75705 are posted at 3 ton. These bridges are in need of replacements or repair for use by ratepayers and other users within the County to move heavy loads and farm equipment. Council was given options for repairs, culvert installations and replacement with an 18 ft. Jimbob bridge with abutments. Replacing with a culvert was the most cost effective over the life span of the structures and the most user friendly option to our rate payers for moving farm equipment and cattle, also to the County for snow removal, ditch mowing and maintenance. B. Bunbury moved the County of Paintearth No. 18 retain the services of WSP for culvert design, wetlands and environmental assessments for bridge files BF 70101 (Ganzly) and BF 75705 (Bulwark).

**RFD – Tender Tandem Cross Gate Gravel Trailer and Tandem Axle** – In accordance with Policy 407 Accounting -Tangible Capital Assets it is requested to let out a Request for Proposal to supply a new Tandem Cross Gate Gravel Trailer with a Tandem Axle Converter. This new trailer would allow for an extra 8 tonne of gravel to be hauled per trip. The estimated cost for the trailer is \$55,000.00 and \$32,000.00 for the converter and would be funded from Restricted Surplus. D. Elliott moved the County of Paintearth No. 18 put out a Request for Proposal for the supply of a Tandem Cross Gate Gravel Trailer with a Tandem Axle Converter.

**STARS** - STARS representative, Glenda Farnden, entered the meeting at 11:35 a.m. Introductions were then completed. G. Farnden then reviewed her presentation and update on the Red Patient Referral System, Caring for the Patient with the latest technology equipment available in all 11 units across the province, Universal Blood on Board, Types of Missions Flown (need and demand), Funding and Expenditures, Mission Breakdown for the County and one with the neighbour Municipalities. Council was advised that 1/3 of their funding comes from their STARS Lottery Ticket Sales. Currently with the economic times, they are not receiving the funding as in the past from the industry. The County currently provides \$2.00 per capita and is committed for funding for 2016, 2017 and 2018.

G. Farnden presented the County with a framed photo for the County’s steadfast commitment to the STARS Municipal Initiative over the years. R. Dahmer moved to give STARS \$3.00 per capita for fiscal year 2017 and that the County’s contribution be revisited for next year.

**County Council Meetings** – Council Meetings are scheduled for March 7, 2017, March 28, 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.

**STRYCHNINE LIQUID CONCENTRATE**

2% liquid strychnine concentrate will be available for purchase starting March 21, 2017 through the ASB for the 2017 season. Product will be sold in 250mL bottles at a cost of \$10.50 each. One bottle will treat 1kg of grain (e.g. a 5 gallon or 12kg pail would require 12 bottles). A min. order of 6, 250mL bottles is required to a maximum of 72 (there are 24 bottles/case).

**PRE-ORDERS WILL NOT BE TAKEN.** Pickup at the County shop will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-9:00 a.m., at which time payment will be collected (**please bring a cheque**). Feel free to call ahead to Trevor Kerr at 403.740.9182 for availability.

When picking up product, please come prepared with the following information:

- Mailing address of purchaser
- Telephone number of purchaser
- Home quarter LLD
- LLD(s) where product will be used
- Type of field(s) to be treated (crop, forage, or pasture)
- Approximate infested area of each field type
- Approximate farm size

If you are picking up product for more than one landowner, please bring the above mentioned information for all landowners.

**SAFETY ON COUNTY ROADS**

**JUST A REMINDER ... for the safety of our employees and your own, please stay back 15 metres from equipment while following them. Please slow down to 50km/hr or slower when going through work areas where graders are windrowing, plowing, etc. Thank you for your consideration.**

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**PAINTEARTH REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT LTD.**

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**Michael Yakielashek, Supervisor**

**TARPING AND COVERING LOADS** – All access roads to the Transfer Stations have garbage, tree branches and other materials lying in the ditches along these roads from people not being careful about tarping and covering their loads. Please make sure that your loads are tarped, covered or bagged. The materials end up in ditches, farmer’s fields and private property.

**FRIDGES AND FREEZERS** – All transfer stations accept fridges and freezers at no cost to you. Please do not cut the refrigerant lines prior to bringing them to the transfer stations. By cutting the refrigerant lines you allow the material to evaporate into the atmosphere causing the depletion of the ozone layer. Paintearth Regional Management Ltd. hires a qualified technician to remove and capture the refrigerant prior to them being recycled.

**SUMMER HOURS**

Effective Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017

The Castor, Coronation and Halkirk Transfer Station

Summer Hours of Operation will be as follows:

Wednesdays 1:00 P.M. to 7:00 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, Town of Castor Office,

County of Paintearth No. 18 Office and Coronation Transfer Station