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BULLETIN NO. 578

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.

MADD Advertisement – The County received a request to advertise in their publication that is made available to the public free of charge in high traffic locations. D. Elliott moved the County sponsor an “Honour Roll” advertisement for \$149.00 in their publication for 2017.

Unightly Premise - Council was advised of the unsightly premise in the Hamlet of Brownfield. Council was advised of the procedures the County would have to follow when acting on an unsightly premise. The cost was undetermined at this time and Council will be kept apprised on this file. D. Elliott moved the County support the process for the clean-up of the unsightly premise in the Hamlet of Brownfield.

Sevec Exchange Program – A request was received from N. Fletcher, Gus Wetter School to ascertain if the County would partner with the Town of Castor to purchase take-away items for the Sevec exchange students that are coming to Castor May 24-31, 2017. T. Hewitt moved the County partner with the Town of Castor to purchase promotional take- way items at an approximate cost of \$300.00.

ATCO Electric – K. Ouellette, ATCO Electric entered the meeting at 9:58 a.m. ATCO received two invoices. IVC000555 for \$900 was for a broken wire on May 1, 2016 and IVC000554 for \$375.00 was for a pole hit by lightning. They have paid Invoice for \$900 and are asking Council's consideration to cancel IVC000554 for \$375.00 plus the interest charges. R. Dahmer moved IVC000554 in the amount of \$375.00 along with interest changes be forgiven.

Animal and Livestock Care Policy - Council was advised there were no submissions or responses received to the posted draft. Administration is now requesting that the policy be approved and added to the Emergency Management policy section. R. Dahmer moved the Animal and Livestock Care be approved and added to the Emergency Management policy section.

2017 County Budget - Director of Corporate Services, L. Roth presented the balanced 2017 Budget as directed by Council in preliminary discussions. Changes made were to share the \$12,000 cost of E911 services between Fire Protective Services and Ambulance Services on the Expenditures by Function listing and to remove \$8,000 for the Auto Greaser for Dolly and Belly Dump from the Capital Projects listing.

The following 2017 Council Considerations were then reviewed.

Tank Loader Location – The consensus was if a grant is available for the Shirley McClellan Regional Water Services Commission to extend the waterline to Brownfield there would then be an opportunity for a tank loader site in the Brownfield area. The tank loader will be discussed in June during discussions on rural water distribution.

MG30 – Twp Rd 400 – The application of MG30 on an additional 5 miles of Twp Rd 400 off of SH 855 at a cost of \$108,000.00 was discussed. Consensus was to apply MG30 to the first mile on Twp Rd 400 off of SH855 provided that CAPE Mfg. Ltd. was in agreement. R. Dahmer moved the County apply two applications of MG30 on the first mile of Twp Rd 400 off of SH55 provided that CAPE Mfg. Ltd. is in agreement.

Divisional Grading – Discussed reducing the 10 grader beats to 9 grader beats as one operator is retiring at the end of May. This would then be evaluated in the fall to determine if 10 grader beats are needed for road maintenance. D. Blumhagen moved the County proceed with the reduction to 9 grader beats and that it be under the evaluation of Public Works on a month to month trial basis.

Acquisition of Land for Gravel Extraction and Acquisition of Gravel – The consensus was that if opportunities arise for the acquisition of land with gravel or for the acquisition of gravel they will be discussed at that time.

B. Bunbury moved the 2017 Operating and Capital Budget as presented, attached to and forming part of these minutes, be approved.

The Mill Rate Bylaw will be presented at the next Council Meeting scheduled for May 2, 2017 using the same mill rate as last year.

Upcoming County Council Meetings – May 16, 2017, June 6, 2017, June 20, 2017, July 18, 2017, August 22, 2017 (AAMDC Visit), September 12, 2017, October 3, 2017, October 19, 2017 (Orientation Day), October 24, 2017 (Organizational Meeting), November 7, 2017, November 21, December 5, 2017 and December 12, 2017 commencing at 9:00 a.m.

FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE ...

Todd Pawsey, Development Officer

Emergency Preparedness Week - May 7-13, 2017

The County of Paintearth continues to promote a public awareness campaign entitled "Preparedness Begins at Home" and is making available the following resources:

- 1) Emergency Preparedness Guide
- 2) 72 Hour Emergency Kit Checklist
- 3) Family Emergency Planning – 5 Step Guide

These documents are available in a booklet at the County office for no charge, or may be downloaded from our website: www.countypaintearth.ca and printed at home. Families are also encouraged to check out www.getprepared.gc.ca for more information on family preparedness planning.

The County will also be sending out to rural residences a planning form to be used in the event of rural emergencies and disasters. All rural residents are encouraged to complete it and return to the County for use in emergencies only. Also, the County recently adopted a policy on Animal and Livestock Owner's Responsibilities during natural disaster events please see the website or pick up a copy at the County office.

For more information feel free to contact the County office and ask for the Director of Emergency Management.

STRYCHNINE LIQUID CONCENTRATE

2% liquid strychnine concentrate will be available for purchase for the 2017 season starting March 21, 2017 through the ASB. 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 minimum 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.

PAINTEARTH REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT LTD.

Email: prwm@countypaintearth.ca

Michael Yakielashek, Supervisor

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ROUND-UP

CORONATION RESIDENTS

**CORONATION FIRE HALL - 4425 VICTORIA AVENUE
SATURDAY, MAY 27TH, 2016 - 11:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.**

HALKIRK RESIDENTS

**Halkirk Fire Hall - 302 Railway Avenue
SATURDAY, MAY 27TH, 2016 - Between 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.**

CASTOR RESIDENTS

**Castor Fire Hall - 5310 – 50th Avenue
SATURDAY, MAY 27TH, 2016 - Between 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.**

PRODUCTS ACCEPTED

Household Cleaners and Disinfectants, Aerosol Paints and Sprays, Paints, Paint Thinners and Strippers, Bleach, Muriatic Acid, Liquid Cleaners, Stain Removers, T.V.'s, Printers, Computers, and Laptops.

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

COUNTY COME & GO LUNCHEON - Mark your calendars – the County will be hosting a come and go luncheon at the County office on Tuesday, June 27th from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Please join us for beef-on-a-bun and enter in the draw for one of the door prizes (no need to be present - you will be contacted if your name is drawn).