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BULLETIN NO. 584

The following information is to provide a summary of County activities for October 2017. Further explanations or details can be obtained by contacting the County Administration Office at 403.882.3211.

2017 MUNICIPAL ELECTION UPDATE

The Election was held on October 16, 2017 in accordance with the regulations in the Local Authorities Election Act May 14, 2014. Polling stations were at the County Administration Office for Divisions 2, 3 and 5. A polling station was also held in Halkirk for Division 4. Congratulations to Dale Norton elected in Division 2, Stan Schulmeister elected in Division 3, Doreen Blumhagen (incumbent) elected in Division 4 and Maurice Wiart elected in Division 5. Thank you to Brian Bunbury, Rocky Dahmer and Walter Weber for their dedicated service to the County on behalf of County Ratepayers and welcome back to Diane Elliott, George Glazier and Tyrill Hewitt who were acclaimed on September 18, 2017.

2017 COUNTY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

County Council held their Organization Meeting on October 24, 2017 and subscribed to the Councillors Oath of Office. Stan Schulmeister was elected Reeve and Doreen Blumhagen as Deputy Reeve. Council Members were then appointed to Council Committees and appointments were then made to represent the County on various Committees and Boards within the region. The appointments are listed under the individual Councillors on the County Website – www.countypaintearth.ca Council reaffirmed by resolution for Council meetings to be held on the first and third Tuesdays of every month, with the meeting to be held on the Wednesday following a holiday Monday, commencing at 9:00 a.m. subject to individual change.

Emergency 2018 Exercise Training Grant – It was discussed to have the exercise on November 9, 2017 in order to take advantage of the learnings from the recent snow storm that recently hit our region. The County would need to provide the funding for the exercise as it was not in the budget and the funding would not be allocated till 2018 from the grant. T. Hewitt moved the County of Paintearth provide funding for the training exercise to be held this fall. B. Bunbury moved the County request an appointment with the Minister of Alberta Transportation during the fall convention.

Federal Gas Tax Fund Allocation 2017 – Council approved during the 2017 final budget funding a portion of the cost of BF 70101 (Gansley) with the Federal Gas Tax Fund. However, we will now be applying for STIP funding for this bridge file. The County's allocation for 2017 is \$109,747.00. D. Blumhagen moved to defer the use of the County's 2017 Federal Gas Tax Fund allocation until 2018 and use it to help fund the new Public Works Shop at Brownfield.

Clubroot - Clubroot was detected in the County in an entry way to a field. Council's consideration was requested to send the sample to a lab in Edmonton for testing to determine the pathotype. The legal land location of the field cannot be released until the appeal period of seventeen days has been completed. D. Elliott moved the Clubroot sample be sent away for testing on the pathotype. An information day on Clubroot is being held by Meadowland Ag Chem Sales and the Agricultural Service Board will extend their assistance for the workshop. R. Dahmer moved the County of Paintearth release the pathotype to neighbouring landowners within a mile and Policy 1100 Control of Clubroot Disease in Canola be referred back to the Agricultural Service Board for review.

Builder Licensing Program Proposal – Feedback is being solicited on an enhancement to the New Home Buyer Protection Act whereby now the Province is proposing to license home builders further to support the new home warranty program. This additional licensing step would possibly be another barrier to our smaller builder/framer contractors in rural Alberta. D. Blumhagen moved that Development Officer, T. Pawsey develop a resolution for the upcoming CAAMDC Zone Meeting on October 13, 2017.

Bylaw 654-17 Fire Permit and Bylaw 655-17 Fire Ban – Council passed the required readings for revised Bylaw 654-17 Fire Permit and Bylaw 655-17 Fire Ban. The following was added to both Bylaws for clarification "All County of Paintearth fires will be invoiced. The first \$1,000.00 of firefighting costs will be covered by the County of Paintearth, unless the fire has contravened Bylaw 654-17 and Bylaw 655-17."

Fire Permits are required when not using an approved incinerator, fire pit or burning barrel. Fire permits are free and can be obtained through the County of Paintearth office. The Fire permits are a maximum of 5 days. Failure to obtain a Fire Permit could result in a fine and paying fire department costs (to put said fire out).

Fire Bans are issued by the CAO of the County of Paintearth. The CAO consults the local Fire Chiefs and Councillors in all areas of the County before making the decision to issue a Fire Ban. A Fire Ban encompasses the entire County, not just parts of it, and is not made lightly. Conditions for a Fire Ban can be and are usually dry conditions and windy (unpredictable) conditions. Once a Total Fire Ban is issued there is absolutely no burning whatsoever, except for propane stoves. Burning during a Fire Ban will result in charges under provincial jurisdiction and/or County Bylaws.

The Fire Permits and Fire Bans are in place for the protection of the ratepayers and the people who reside in the County. If you have any questions you can contact the County at 403-882-3211 or Colm Fitz-Gerald, Community Peace Officer at 403-740-2997.

Upcoming County Council Meetings – November 7, 2017, November 21, December 5, 2017 and December 19, 2017 (if required) 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

Recent Development Permits and Subdivisions Issued:

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| Tower Associates Canada | SW6-37-12 | 60m Met Tower |
| Circle Square Ranch | SW9-39-15 | Replacement Residence |
| Daniel & Denise Schwenk | NE32-37-11 | New Farmsite and Manufactured Home |
| Colin McKenzie | SE36-35-11 | Replacement Manufactured Trailer Res |
| Ewald and Rhonda Steinwand | NW36-37-14 | 10.33 ac Acreage |
| Dwayne Felzein/Tyler Smith | NE6-40-14 | 51.1 ac Farmsite Development |

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Hearing - The Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Hearing for 10 of Capital Power’s Halkirk 2 Wind Project turbines was adjourned on October 20, 2017 until December 6, 2017.

Director of Emergency Management’s Desk - The events of the October 2nd winter storm were a reminder that we always need to be prepared ... and that Old Man Winter is fast approaching. A big thank you to our residents that assisted stranded travellers. The County is leading a regional debrief of the event, combined with a Disaster Preparedness Exercise to deal with a similar event but much more severe weather over a lengthy duration. We were VERY lucky that the stranded motorists had very palatable weather at -1 C or Zero!

When dealing with winter travelling in Alberta, all residents are encouraged to follow the 3 Golden Rules for Winter Travel:

- 1) Unless travel is absolutely necessary and unavoidable – STAY HOME!
- 2) IF you must travel – ALWAYS have a winter survival kit in your vehicle (blankets, boots, warm head/hands wear, shovel, tow strap, snacks, water, etc.) you never know when you will be camping overnight!
- 3) Keep your vehicle fueled up! Top half of tank allows your engine to idle longer and provide heat to occupants. Crack a window in this event, for access to fresh air.

The County encourages all rural residents to take precautions that in the event of power outages, you have the ability to heat your home, and provide alternate (eg. Generator) sources of electricity. Battery backup chargers for phones and electronic devices are also great ideas to have on hand. A further note.... when weather becomes too dangerous or road conditions too unsafe for our emergency responders they may not be able to respond to emergency 911 calls – we all need to be prepared! Are you?

FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE ...

Bryce Cooke, Director Public Works

A reminder to all County of Paintearth residents... **the County of Paintearth does not maintain any of the Secondary Highways within the County boundaries.** All maintenance on the Secondary Highways is performed by Carillion. All stop signs entering Primary and Secondary Highways off any County Twp Rd or Rge Rd are also maintained by Carillion @ 1-800-390-2242.

In the case of extreme winter events, such as the storm that occurred October 2, 2017, the priority of the County of Paintearth is to high blade the road network. The practice of using the high blade technique on the road network allows the gravel to remain on the road and not be pushed off into the ditches as gravel is scarce and costly for you the ratepayers in the County. After the road network is opened, winter lane plowing will occur. County residents are required to fill out the Hold Harmless Agreement before winter lane plowing may begin. These forms can be signed at the County Office or found on the County Website (www.countypaintearth.ca) under Public Works. Ratepayers are reminded to not pile snow along the ditch slope at the end of your lane. This is a serious safety issue to the traveling public and can damage County equipment removing snow. Thank you for your cooperation.

PAINTEARTH REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT LTD.

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Michael Yakielashek, Supervisor

Coronation Transfer Station - On October 11th, 2017 the Alberta Recycling Management Authority presented Paintearth Regional Waste Management Ltd. and the Coronation Transfer Station with the “Collection Site Award of Excellence.” This award was given for dedication in providing Electronics, Paint and Tire Collection Sites that are organized, convenient and safe for residents and businesses to use. Congratulations to Ron and the residents of Coronation and area who use the site and keep it clean and organized.

Household Hazardous Waste Roundup - The 2018 Household Hazardous Waste Roundup is scheduled for Saturday, May 26th, 2018. Start collecting and putting together your hazardous materials. Further information will be provided as we get closer to the roundup.

Hazardous Materials – We continue to find all types of hazardous materials being placed in paint collection areas, in the Ag Chemical Sheds as well as other areas in all of the Transfer Stations. Materials such as WD40, brake cleaners, all types of garden chemicals and other hazardous materials. These are not acceptable at Transfer Stations. If you are not sure, please ask the Attendant. These materials can be handled during at waste roundup events. By putting such materials at the transfer stations the possibility exists that an injury can take place to a resident, the attendant or whoever may be working on the site. For those people who do this deliberately we ask that they please stop and think of the possible consequences of their actions.