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BULLETIN NO. 587

The following information is to provide a summary of County activities for February 2018. Further explanations or details can be obtained by contacting the County Administration Office at 403.882.3211.

Councillor Code of Conduct Bylaw 659-17 and Schedule "A" - MOVED by Councillor Glazier Second Reading of Bylaw No. 659-17. MOVED by Councillor Hewitt Third and Final Reading of Bylaw No. 659-17.

County Policy 565 Social Media – MOVED by Councillor Blumhagen County Policy 565 Social Media be approved as presented to Council and re-evaluated in October 2018.

Coronation RCMP Detachment - MOVED by Councillor Wiart to accept the presentation by Sgt. D. McGunigal on policing and the policing priorities of property crime, traffic safety and substance abuse as information.

RFD – Pumper Purchase – MOVED by Councillor Hewitt to purchase a 4 man triple combination pumper with wildland rear-end with a 2019 chassis for the cost of \$440,000.00 from Fort Garry funded from restricted surplus.

Request for Road Allowance Right of Way Usage from Capital Power – MOVED by Councillor Wiart the approval for Capital Power to include and use additional Right of Way space along a small portion of Rge Rd 144 south of Twp Rd 400 for collector lines.

Castor & District Museum – MOVED by Councillor Blumhagen that Administration obtain further information from the Castor Museum and Public Works on disposal requirements of the current structure.

Hon. S. Anderson, Municipal Affairs – Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence - MOVED by Councillor Wiart that Administration forward a submission to the Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence on behalf of the municipalities participating on the Battle River Economic Opportunities Committee.

Dwayne Felzien – Resident Petition on Wind Tower Setback & ESA Presentation - MOVED by Councillor Elliott the Petition received for the amendment of Section 49(1)(a)(iv) b) of Land Use Bylaw #593-09 minimum separation distances be accepted as information.

MOVED by Councillor Glazier the County reply is that the County's Municipal Planning Commission followed the Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Development Plan statutory documents in approving the development permits of the Halkirk 2 Capital Power Windfarm.

2017 Assessment Appeal - MOVED by Councillor Norton the County retain the services of Brian Gettel, an experienced appraiser if warranted, to prepare a witness report, review the rebuttal, prepare for and attend the hearing at an estimated cost of \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00.

RFD – 2018/2500 Series Pick-up - MOVED by Councillor Wiart the County purchase a new 2018/2500 Dodge series pick-up from Drumheller Chrysler at a cost of \$33,780.25 from restricted surplus. MOVED by Councillor Norton Unit A-17 a 2008 Dodge 2500 4x4 regular cab be sold at an upcoming auction sale.

RFD - Removal of Stop Sign Twp Rd 370 and Rge Rd 133 - MOVED by Councillor Hewitt the County remove the stop sign located at Twp Rd 370 and Rge Rd 133 due to improved sightlines.

RFD – Farm & Residential Emergency Planning – MOVED by Councillor Blumhagen the County proceed and implement the Emergency Planning Survey.

Request – Women in Ag Sponsorship – MOVED by Councillor Glazier the County proceed with a donation of \$250.00 towards the "Women in Agriculture" event being held in Edmonton on March 16, 2018.

Request – Municipality Support to sit on Charitable Gaming Committee – MOVED by Councillor Glazier the request from Councillor Blumhagen to sit on the Charitable Gaming Committee be approved and the County cover the associated per diems and expenses.

Request – 3C's Bantam A Team – MOVED by Councillor Elliott the County of Paintearth No. 18 provide \$500.00 to the 3C's Bantam A team participating in the Provincial Championship Tournament on March 15 - 18, 2018 as per County Policy 480 Recreation & Community Service Grants.

Upcoming Meetings – Council Meetings - March 13, 2018, March 27, 2018, April 4, 2018 (Wednesday), April 17, 2018, May 1, 2018, May 15, 2018, June 5, 2018, June 19, 2018, July 24, 2018 and August 14, 2018 commencing at 9:00 a.m. and are always 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.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S DESK ...**Todd Pawsey**

Please be advised the following development permit has been issued, and subject to 14 day advertisement: DP1803 Betty Rath Lot 1 Plan 9422951 within NW18-37-13-W4 12x60' Manufactured trailer for Dog Kennel Please see the website for details regarding the process should anyone wish to appeal this permit.

DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT'S DESK ...**Todd Pawsey**

In the aftermath of some recent Alberta major disaster events (Waterton and Bindloss fires, Oct 2 snowstorm and power outage) the County is endeavouring to prepare ourselves and our residents to be able to handle such events. To that extent, the County recently approved a program whereby we will be requesting landowners to voluntarily complete an Emergency Planning Questionnaire.

This questionnaire has a number of benefits for the residents and the County (which we hope we never have to use!) in the event of a major disastrous event:

- It allows us to better notify and keep track of residents in the event of an evacuation from your farm or acreage; and
- It presents a number of emergency planning questions that you and your family may wish to address in the peace and quiet of a non-emergent time; and
- Allows County and First Responders to know what resources are in the rural areas from residents that will aid in major event responses.

This questionnaire will come inserted with the County tax notices in early May, as part of Canada's National Emergency Preparedness Week. Please watch for it, complete and return to the County office.

FROM THE BYLAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICE ...**Colm Fitz-Gerald, Community Peace Officer**

Rural Crime Watch Hint for the Month – Marking Equipment: Farming and Cattle operations have a lot of equipment. So is it worthwhile marking every piece of equipment, YES. However time wise, it would be argued, NO. We all agree that equipment should be marked in some fashion as extra identification. Remember the thieves are looking for the serial numbers and obvious other identification marks.

The planned marking of your equipment can be as slow or fast as you want but start with your most valued items. Pick a mark, number or word that will have significance only to you. Then place it, permanently, in hidden spots on the equipment. The bigger the equipment the more hidden spots. We hope you don't become a victim of this type of theft but if you have made a mark or other identification in a hidden place that could be (and it has been) the difference in getting your equipment back. The more information you can give the police the better. Help yourself protect your equipment.

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD Recently, the Agricultural Service Board has been examining the idea of elevating absinth wormwood to *Noxious* status under the *Alberta Weed Control Act*. The Board has decided to move forward with an aggressive education strategy in an effort to avoid this. If absinth persists as a major problem within the county, the Board may re-examine this possibility.

Absinth wormwood is a semi-woody, clump-forming perennial that is most easily recognized by its lacy, olive/silvery-green foliage covered with fine gray hairs. The stem can reach up to 2.5m tall, and will grow to be woody as they age. The entire plant has a very strong, sage-like odour. Each plant can produce over 50,000 seeds.

Absinth is a highly aggressive invader in disturbed areas and stressed forage/grass stands. Absinth is toxic to humans, and the pollen may be an irritant to the respiratory system. Small amounts of absinth in harvested grain have caused export shipments to be rejected. Control options are limited to hand-removal and a small number of registered herbicides.

For more information on absinth wormwood, contact Agricultural Service Board staff.

PAINTEARTH REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT LTD.

Email: prwm@countypaintearth.ca**Michael Yakielashek, Supervisor**

Household Hazardous Waste, Paint and Electronics Round-up - Start putting together your household hazardous waste, old paint, oil aerosol paints and electronics. The Round-up is scheduled for **Saturday, May 26th, 2018**. The host community for this year is Castor with pickups scheduled for Coronation and Halkirk. Further details will be posted in future bulletins and advertisements.

Non-Paint Aerosols - People have been putting in non-paint aerosols such as WD40, break cleaner, aerosol foam applicators, hairspray cans and other types of aerosols in the recycled aerosol paint bins. These materials have to be removed as they are considered hazardous materials and need to be taken to the Household Hazardous Waste Roundup.

Transfer Site Conditions - When getting out of your vehicles and walking around the sites, please be cautious as the sites are very slippery.

Please remember to tarp and cover your loads – thank you.