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additional NEWS ITEMS and **COMMUNITY EVENTS**.

BULLETIN NO. 579

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.

2017 Mill Rate Bylaw 651-17 – Council received a copy of the Proposed/Draft Bylaw to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessable property within the County for the 2017 taxation year based on last year's mill rates. All readings plus third and final reading were given to the Bylaw.

RFD – Purchase of Two 2500 Series Quad Cab Pickup Trucks – Council was advised the three tenders were all close in their tender price. The lowest tender price was from Stettler Dodge at \$43,022.00 excluding the GST per truck. Units #8002 and #8010 which are over the 10 years of useful life would be sold at an upcoming public auction. W. Weber moved to purchase two 2500 series pickup trucks at \$86,044.00 with funds from restricted surplus and that Unit #8002 and Unit #8010 pickups be sold at an upcoming auction.

RFD – Purchase of Grader Mounted Packer – Administration is recommending purchasing a new Handy Hitch grader mounted packer to help extend the longevity of the MG 30 roads between blading times by a period of three to four weeks longer before it starts to deteriorate when the roads are bladed. T. Hewitt moved to purchase a new Handy Hitch grader mounted packer from Tom Cat Sales and Rentals for the price of \$31,361.00 with funds from the MSI Capital Budget.

RFD – Purchase of Rock Rake – Administration is recommending purchasing a rock rake that would be able to leave a well-groomed surface ready for seeding when reclamation is undertaken on gravel pits. This would eliminate the large amount of small rocks resurfacing after the topsoil has settled over a season or two. Four quotes were received from local dealers with the lowest quote from Cervus Ag Equipment Coronation at \$23,644.71. D. Elliott moved to purchase a Degelman RR1500 Rock Rake from Cervus Ag Equipment Coronation for a price of \$23,644.71 with funds from the MSI Capital Budget.

RFD – Additional Funding Road Gravelling Program – Due to the record amount of moisture this spring and the condition of our roads, Administration is recommending to add an additional 50,000 tonne of gravel to the gravelling program and additional funding for two contract gravel trucks to assist with the gravelling program. Discussion took place on reshaping, rebuilding and stabilizing the base on some of the roads within the County. T. Hewitt moved funds from Restricted Surplus be used for an additional 50,000 tonne of gravel for the gravelling program (stockpile reductions GL) and for two contract gravel trucks to assist with the summer gravelling program at a cost of \$1,330,000.00.

RFD – Gravel Purchase – A gravel source has been found and Administration is recommending entering into an agreement to purchase 30,000 tonne of AT 4-20 spec road gravel per year. The contractor would start supplying 30,000 tonne of gravel in 2018 and finish in 2020. County sources would be utilized to deliver the gravel to the desired stockpile sites. B. Bunbury moved the County of Paintearth No. 18 enter into an agreement with the contractor to supply 30,000 tonnes of AR 4-20 spec road gravel in 2018, 2019 and 2020 at a price of \$11.78 per tonne with funds from Restricted Surplus.

RFD – UTV – Contractors and the use of County equipment have increased the amount of brushing over the previous years. Agricultural Services has discussed the possibility of using a UTV to spray the hard to reach, as well as, rough terrain areas where mechanical brushing has taken place. R. Dahmer moved to purchase a Polaris Ranger from Heartland Marine & Motorsports in Erskine at \$18,113.92 with funds from Restricted Surplus.

RFD – UTV Sprayer – Administration is recommending the purchase of a UTV sprayer to expand the area an applicator can access, increase daily efficiency, maximize budgets, and have less impact on soil and vegetation. R. Dahmer moved to purchase a Pro-Tec 325L UTV sprayer from Univar at \$7,304.00 with funds from Restricted Surplus.

Schedule A - Land Use Bylaw - Council discussed the pros and cons of having the following, (5) The raising or farming of Wild Boar on either a temporary or permanent basis in the County is PROHIBITED in all districts under Section 45. Intensive Agriculture, Raising, and the Confinement of Livestock of the Land Use Bylaw. The consensus was for wild boar to be removed from Schedule A - Land Use Bylaw and that it continue to be governed under the Ag Pest Act. D. Blumhagen moved removal of (5) The raising or farming of Wild Boar on either a temporary or permanent basis in the County is PROHIBITED in all districts under Section 45. Intensive Agriculture, Raising, and the Confinement of Livestock from Schedule A - Land Use Bylaw. D. Elliott moved acceptance of Schedule A – Land Use Bylaw Updates and be presented for 2nd and 3rd readings at an upcoming Council Meeting.

Bylaw 652-17 Burning of Stubble – Council received a copy of the Proposed/Draft Bylaw to establish a system of permits to control the burning of stubble on land in the County of Paintearth No. 18. The current Bylaw 416-90 would be rescinded and the proposed Bylaw would then be compliant with the Soil Conservation Act. Bylaw 652-17 received all readings plus third and final reading was carried unanimously.

Upcoming County Council Meetings – June 20, 2017, July 18, 2017, August 22, 2017 (AAMDC Visit), September 12, 2017, October 3, 2017, October 19, 2017 (Orientation Day) and October 24, 2017 (Organizational Meeting).

PAINT EARTH REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT LTD.

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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ROUND-UP - A successful Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up was held on May 27th. With the assistance of the Halkirk, Castor and Coronation Fire Departments there were 4,000 litres of paint, 205 litres of aerosol paint and 9 barrels of toxic and hazardous waste materials collected and also collected a large number of electronic devices brought in for proper recycling. This was one of the best round-ups ever held and Paintearth Regional Waste Management Ltd. would like to thank the Fire Departments for their assistance and also the residents for continuing to support this environmental event.

TARPING AND TYING DOWN LOADS - One of the biggest problems faced with operating Transfer Stations is that people do not cover and tie down their loads or properly bag their loose garbage. In checking access roads to the transfer stations you see all types of garbage and materials scattered on the roads, ditches and on private property. Please do not take any type of loose materials to the transfer stations without first making sure that the load is covered or tied down. Make sure that garbage bags are tied up so nothing loose can blow off. Have respect for landowners and neighbors so that your garbage does not end up on their property, because you are negligent in how you handle the material on your vehicle. Remember, someone has to end up cleaning or picking up the mess. FYI – Unsecure loads can be deemed as offensive under the Highway Traffic Act and you may be charged.

PAINT EARTH ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP SOCIETY

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Carol Thomson, PEPS Economic Development Officer

The Tourism booth is now open for the season! The hours Sunday through Saturday are:
May and June 9:00AM to 5:00 P.M.
July and August 9:00AM to 7:00 P.M.

You are welcome to stop by with your material if you wish to have it displayed in the booth.

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 (you will be contacted if your name is drawn).

MEDIA RELEASE

For Immediate Release

May 26, 2017

**Successes – Economic Future Needs Citizen Input and Engagement
Our Region Needs Your Help, Thoughts and Forward Thinking**

The Economic Opportunities Taskforce (Counties of Paintearth and Flagstaff, Villages of Forestburg and Halkirk, and the Towns of Coronation and Castor) have retained the consulting services of Urban Systems Ltd. to undertake a review and analysis of the social and economic impacts expected to accrue from the potential closures of the Battle River Generating Station and Paintearth Mine. The Opportunities and Impact Study will also include thoughts and recommendations for economic revitalization and transition.

A series of town hall meetings and one on one interviews were held in Forestburg and Castor during the week of May 15 -18. There were many things learned from the over 80 participants at the town hall meeting and the 35 one on one interviews. The Economic Opportunities Taskforce extends a sincere thank you to everyone that participated in these sessions.

Town Hall meetings and one on one sessions were open discussion and focusing on the following:

- Identification/exploration of community/regional and family impacts re: closure(s);
- Identification/confirmation of community/regional assets for moving forward; and
- Investigation of economic opportunities and best fit.

NEXT STEPS

What are the next steps that the Economic Opportunities Taskforce will be undertaking:

- 1) Continued opportunity for citizens to provide forward thinking ideas to strengthen our region by way of conducting additional one on one interviews; and
- 2) SURVEY - to be released on line and paper copy available. Will be release June 1, 2017 with a deadline of June 30, 2017. The on line survey can be found on your municipality’s website and the paper copies are available for pick up at your municipal administration office.

The Opportunities and Impact Study is on schedule with the Final Report Presentation due in September 2017. For any questions, please contact your respective municipality.



The Province of Alberta is working in partnership with the Government of Canada to provide employment support programs and services.

The CHC Foundation will hold their Annual General Meeting on Thursday, June 22, 2017, at 12:00 p.m., Coronation Hospital, Conference Room B. Everyone welcome.