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BULLETIN NO. 590

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

Bylaw 661-18 Mill Rate Bylaw – Bylaw 661-18 being the Mill Rate Bylaw was given First to Third and Final Readings.

RFD – County Member at Large - Coronation & District Family Support Services Board - MOVED by Councillor Glazier that Brian Bunbury be appointed as the County Member at Large for the Coronation & District Family Support Services Board.

RFD – Purchase of Angle Power Brush - MOVED by Councillor Elliott to purchase a 84 inch Angle Power Broom from Bobcat Red Deer for a cost of \$6,992.00 to be funded out of restricted surplus

Tenders - BF 70101 & BF 75705 - MOVED by Councillor Hewitt to accept the tender from In-Line Contracting for bridge replacement for BF 70101 (SSW 6-37-13 W4) and BF 75705 (WNW 12-38-12 W4) for \$533,600.00 and engineering costs of \$130,000.00.

Interim Chief Administrative Officer - MOVED by Councillor Glazier that effective May 9, 2018 Brenda Hepp, Director of Legislative Services is appointed as Interim Chief Administrative Officer and that Reeve Schulmeister, on behalf of Council, is authorized to negotiate an appropriate compensation.

Davies Consulting Group - MOVED by Councillor Norton the Davies Consulting Group be used for the recruitment of a new Chief Administrative Officer for the County of Paintearth No.18.

Bylaw 660-18 Procedure Bylaw (repealing Bylaw 605-11) – MOVED by Councillor Hewitt to consider the changes discussed as information.

Bylaw 662-18 Borrowing Bylaw – Bylaw 662-18 being the Borrowing Bylaw, was given First and Third and Final Reading.

RFD - Purchase 100kW Portable Generator - MOVED by Councillor Glazier to purchase a portable generator to a maximum of \$21,000.00 from restricted surplus.

RFD - Bridge Closure BF 09238 (SW 17-38-8 W4) - MOVED by Councillor Norton that Bridge BF09238 (SW 17-38-8 W4) be permanently closed with concrete barricades placed on each side of the bridge and the rotten treated timber bridge be removed during the winter months.

RFD - Water Connection - MOVED by Councillor Wiart the services of Action Plumbing be retained for the water connections along the Brownfield Water Line.

Upcoming Meetings – Council Meetings - 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

Spring and Summer are the times for building projects, so a few quick tips to help the processes move along... 1) Agricultural accessory buildings are exempt from requiring a development permit ONLY IF – they meet the required setbacks for the Ag District that they are in – the most important one being 150' from the centerline of a County road. Now, they can be located closer – however as that is a discretionary use there must be an application for a development permit submitted stating the requested variance for the setback in question. Those apps go to the Planning Commission for review. 2) Residences – while the County development permit application deals primarily with the siting of the building on the property and access to the land or parcel, the more onerous process is getting the required Alberta Safety Codes permits that are handled through Palliser Regional Municipal Services. The largest hurdle is the building permit and recent changes to Provincial Legislation require the “builder” or “contractor” to be licensed by Alberta Municipal Affairs, as well as the New Home Warranty conditions being met. These processes take time, and therefore residents are encouraged to START EARLY in completing these requirements, even perhaps prior or concurrent to applying for the County Dev Permit. Good luck with the projects this summer!

Director of Emergency Management - Our Emergency Planning Form Questionnaires have been sent out with the tax notices, and there are a number of them coming back into the office – to which we say “Thank You”! They are a voluntary emergency planning document that we honestly hope WILL NEVER BE USED! But, in the event of major emergencies they may prove to be invaluable for 2 reasons: 1) The questions asked may have spurred residents to pre-plan and think about the “what ifs” prior to them happening, and 2) The county knows where/how people will relocate in the event of forced evacuations as well as potential equipment in the areas that may be of assistance in our responses.

Speaking of major events, the second emergency planning and debrief session completing the review of last fall’s Oct 2 storm event occurred on Thursday May 31 in Castor, and with the plans put in place since our initial Nov 9 debrief it appears the County and related emergency partners, first responders and neighbour jurisdictions are better prepared for anything Old Man Winter can throw at us! Also the day detailed wildfire happenings from 2017 in Special Areas and Waterton/Pincher Creek so by learning from other incidents, we hope to be better prepared for this season’s fires. Always ask yourself – are you prepared in the event of..... ?

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

Good day, I trust seeding and calving is almost complete. It’s an important but busy time for all.

If you have been able to watch the news, of late, you’ve notice the many wildfires and high risk areas in the province (and there is a lot of them). The County is presently in a “Fire Advisory” which allows use of campfires and burning barrels. We can’t stress enough to use extreme caution when having a campfire or using a burning barrel. The top grass is still very dry and our ever changing winds don’t help when planning burns. SO PLEASE use caution when burning. A reminder there will be no burn permits issued or the use of any fireworks. Note that weather will be the determining factor if and when we go back to a total fire ban. The fire crews of Coronation, Castor and Halkirk are very good at what they do but they don’t want to be fighting a wildfire any more than we want a wildfire. So enjoy the season and be safe!

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

Roadside Spraying - This year ASB Staff will commence spraying in Division 3 with two trucks. They will be blanketing the Division to get the absinth wormwood and the scentless chamomile under control. They will then move to Division 2 and spot spray and move into part of Division 1 if time allows. The UTV sprayer will be going out after some of the absinth wormwood and along the rail line in Division 4. After it gets too late to spray for absinth, spraying will go back to brush and any other private land that needs spraying for prohibited noxious and noxious weeds.

Roadside Mowing - This year ASB staff will be starting along the pavement and moving to Division 6 and work counter-clockwise. The roadside along the pavement will get a second cut later in the year and likely Division 6 will as well. There will be three mowers running again this year starting in June and ending in September.

For more information, please contact Jeff Cosens, Director Environmental Services at 403.740.9183.

COUNTY COME & GO LUNCHEON - Mark your calendars – the County will be hosting a come and go luncheon at the County office on Thursday, June 21st 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).

PAINTEARTH ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP SOCIETY

www.paintearth.ab.ca **Carol Thomson, PEPS Economic Development Officer**

The Paintearth Regional Tourism Booth is now open, stop by and check it out!

Hours are: May and June 9:00AM to 5:00 P.M.
July and August 9:00AM to 7:00 P.M.

PEPS Scholarships - All grade 12 students at Gus Wetter and Coronation are eligible for the PEPS scholarship of \$1,000. Write a 750-1000 word essay on the benefits of growing up in rural Alberta. All entries must be submitted by Friday June 8, 2018. Entries can be submitted by email to cthomson@countypaintearth.ca or can be dropped off at the County of Paintearth Administrative Office (Attention: Carol Thomson). For information on the scholarship check out the Paintearth Economic Partnership Society Facebook page.

REACH Program Information Sessions - The PEPS REACH Program is designed to support the efforts of entrepreneurs start a successful new business or grow an existing one. The PEPS REACH Program will provide entrepreneurs, over the 11 month term of the Program, with:

- One on one coaching
- Training on various business topics
- Access to specialized services
- Networking opportunities with other entrepreneurs and business service providers

The PEPS Reach Program is of value to all entrepreneurs considering starting or growing their existing enterprise. The Program will be offered at NO COST to the participants.

FREE INFORMATION SESSIONS

June 6 from 6-8PM at the Lions Recreational Center, Coronation

June 7 from 6-8PM at the Castor Legion Hall, Castor

Pre-registration is required. Call or Text 780-994-7459 or email reach.program.alberta@gmail.com