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## BULLETIN NO. 610

The following information is to provide a summary of Council meetings from April 2020 and upcoming activities. Further explanations or details can be obtained by contacting the County Administration Office at 403.882.3211.

**Bylaw 685-20 Borrowing Bylaw** – Council gave first to third and final reading to Bylaw 685-20 being the Borrowing Bylaw.

**Donations to Rodeo Events** - MOVED by Councillor Blumhagen that Administration advise the rodeo events to retain the County donation for use on next year's event.

**Public Tender – Plan 0924620 B1 L1 of SW 25-38-17 W4** – MOVED by Councillor Wiat the bid to purchase the 10 acres of land described as Plan 0924620 B1 L1 of SW 25-38-17 W4 in the County of Stettler for the total amount of \$15,000.00 submitted by Jason and Kyilee Turre be accepted.

**Bylaw 686-20 2020 Mill Rate Bylaw** – Council gave first to third and final reading to Bylaw 686-20 being the 2020 Mill Rate Bylaw.

**Bylaw 687-20 Penalties for Non-Payment of Property Taxes Bylaw** – Council gave first to third and final reading to Bylaw 687-20 being the Penalties for Non-Payment of Property Taxes Bylaw.

**RFD – County SmartPhone App** – MOVED by Councillor Hewitt that Council approve entering into an agreement with ICEsoft Technologies to develop the Voyent Alert App for the County of Paintearth as per the County of Paintearth Strategic Plan, estimated to cost \$2,900 annually.

**Upcoming Council Meetings** – ~~May 5 CANCELLED~~, May 20 (Wednesday), June 2 and June 16, 2020 and subject to individual change and commencing at 9:00 a.m. Meetings are open to the public and delegations are always welcome. To request a time allotment, please call the office of the CAO. All requests must clearly identify the reason or purpose of the appointment and follow the guidelines as per Section 21 - Delegations of the County's Procedure Bylaw 681-19.

**THANK YOU ...** From the Director of Emergency Management, Todd Pawsey: The County of Paintearth would like to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to the Fire Departments and their volunteers for their efforts on two separate but difficult fires in the north end of the County. Fire Departments from Castor, Coronation, Galahad, Flagstaff County, Veteran, Hardisty and MANY local farmers and area Hutterites with tractors and implements all played a tremendous role in controlling these fires, despite the tremendous winds fanning them along rapidly. Our residents and Council thank you immensely! As well as those residents who delivered water bottles and refreshments to our FD personnel. Thank you!

On that note, due to high winds and their fanning up previously extinguished burnt brush piles... PLEASE ensure that any previous burning that you have done in MONTHS previous is spread out, extinguished, watered, and COVERED. High winds have been known to re-ignite embers that have smoldered under cover for months, and we frequently experience high winds in this area. Combined with the dry conditions and dead grassy surfaces, we are in a perilous situation until things green up. We do not need a repeat of Saturday. Thank you!

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR'S DESK**

Todd Pawsey, Director

**Development** - 2 Recent development permits have been approved for the following:  
DP2003 Braden Ganzer New RTM residence on SE 4-37-10 W4  
DP2005 Tucker Bagshaw Detached Garage with variance to road setback  
Anyone claiming to be affected can see the appeal period and process on the County Website as well as the advertisements in the weekly papers.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Community Engagement for the LUB and MDP updates will be postponed until the fall when we are able to host gatherings larger than 15 people. The summary reports of the first round will be presented to Council in the coming months and will be posted publicly on the website at that time. Please watch the website or here in the bulletin for further updates.

**County Parks** - Huber Dam Campground and Burma Park Updates Re: Covid19 - The County parks will be operational this season, however under strict Covid19 guidelines until otherwise notified. Please contact the parks caretakers at the numbers on the County website and see the C19 operational guidelines posted there for your information. Until the Province changes or relaxes the status of park operations these guidelines will be in place as well as all public facilities (outhouses, playgrounds, and showers) will also remain closed.

**Emergency Management Awareness Day – May 6 – HAS BEEN CANCELLED** - Due to the restrictions on gatherings, the event planned for May 6 at the Castor Community Hall has been canceled. The County would like to thank everyone for doing their part in helping "Prevent the Spread" ... from those social distancing in businesses, as well as the returned snowbirds. We look forward to a return to a regular pattern of doing our daily business and visiting with our neighbours!

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DIRECTOR'S DESK**

Jeff Cosens, Director

**The County's Roadside Mowing Program** will commence on June 1, 2020. ASB staff will be mowing the paved roads first and then moving into Division 4 and rotating counterclockwise. This year due to the Alberta Governments reduction in the ASB Grant by 27% the roads that are not regularly maintained (backroads) and full cuts (30' cuts) on arterial roads will be reduced. Every division will have some roads that will not receive a full cut and those in Division 1, 2, 3 and 7 will not have their backroads cut. **Landowners are asked to call the Director of Environmental Services, Jeff Cosens at 403-882-3211 for anyone who does not want their roadside mowed.**

**The County's Roadside Spraying Program** will commence on June 1, 2020. The County sprays a third each year and this year ASB staff will be spot spraying in Division 4, 5 and the west half of 6. All prohibited and noxious weeds are targeted but depending on populations other weeds may be targeted as well. As per policy ASB staff do not spray 30 metres on either side of a residence, this area is to be the responsibility of the landowner or occupant. They do not spray in front of shelterbelts or sensitive crops unless the wind direction is favorable. Also, they do not spray alongside greenhouse operations, tree nurseries and gardens or within 30 metres of an open body of water unless in accordance the Environmental Code of Practise for Pesticides. The UTV will also be spraying for absinthe wormwood and trees in those divisions as well but will reduce from 300 to 200 miles.

**FROM THE BYLAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICE**

Colm Fitz-Gerald, Community Peace Officer

Good Day ... the agricultural industry within the County of Paintearth is essential for food production. Seeding is about to start, and calving is in full swing. This can be a trying time on its own without the addition of pandemic restrictions, but we shall overcome. We have done it before in trying times and will do it again!

Farming is an essential service hence supplies via trucking are in full swing (seeding, harvesting and cattle). There are no road bans on County roads (other than those that are posted). Having said that, you still must use legal loads. Provincial designated highways Hwy 855 (from Hwy 589 to Twp Rd 404) is banned at 90%, Hwy 599 (from Hwy 36 to 872) is banned at 90% and Hwy 872 is banned at 75% (from Hwy 599 to Twp Rd 394). These are the normal breakup bans. Commercial enforcement is out weekly in our area and I will be doing random checks on our County roads with new portable weight scales. The frost is starting to come out of the ground, so County roads are starting to soften up. When possible do more loads with less weight and start early in the morning for heavier loads.

**By the way, posted speed signs are not effected by the pandemic so please SLOW DOWN! The Speed Limit of eighty (80) kilometers is for all vehicles travelling on all other roads, that are not posted with restricted speed limits, within the County of Paintearth No. 18. No need to dust out your neighbours! If you have any questions on our roads, please call the County at 403-882-3211.**

One more thing, there is an old saying "that in chaos there is profit". I believe these are words our would-be thieves live by, so on top of everything else be vigilant and report suspicious activity to the RCMP. Stay safe, keep in contact with friends and loved ones, together (taking in social distancing 😊) we will all get through this!

**PAINTEARTH REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT LTD.**Email: [prwm@countypaintearth.ca](mailto:prwm@countypaintearth.ca)

Michael Yakielashek, Supervisor

**Household Hazardous Waste Roundup**

The Household Hazardous Waste Roundup which was scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 has been **P O S T P O N E D** until a later date. Watch the bulletins and newspapers for when the Roundup will take place.

**Transfer Station Supervisor**

Paintearth Regional Waste Management Ltd. is pleased to announce that Kevin McDougall has been hired for the position of Transfer Station Supervisor. Kevin started his position April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**Remember to Tarp Your Loads**

People are still not tarping or even tying down their loads. Remember that any material which is loose will and can blow out while travelling to the transfer stations.

**Physical Distancing**

We ask that customers using the Transfer Station to practise physical distancing for their protection and the protection of others. There is ample space at the sites so that no one must come in close contact with each other and we ask that everyone keep at least a 2-metre separation space them.

**PAINTEARTH ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP SOCIETY**Email: [cthomson@countypaintearth.ca](mailto:cthomson@countypaintearth.ca)

Carol Thomson, Economic Development Officer

**Businesses within the County of Paintearth are still open for business.** It is as important as ever to shop local and support our local businesses. For a list of which businesses are open, and the services that they offer, please go to <http://www.paintearth.ab.ca/essential-services.html>. If you know of any businesses that could be included on this list, please reach out to us with any relevant information, and we will add them accordingly.

**Business Supports** - We can offer business coaching and consulting services that are one-on-one and uniquely tailored to your business needs, all of which are **FREE** and easily accessible. This is direct access to expert coaching/consulting to support your business with any challenges that may arise. Some key program aspects are as follows:

- a. Completely confidential one on one conversation to address your business' individual needs;
- b. Access to and financial assistance for professional consulting and coaching services (examples of professionals include, but are not limited to: Lawyers, Accountants, HR Professionals, Marketing Professionals, etc.); and
- c. Flexibility to use your business' current contacts, while still accessing some financial assistance for supports.