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## BULLETIN NO. 621

The following information is to provide a summary of Council meetings from June-July 2021 and upcoming activities. Further explanations or details can be obtained by contacting the County Administration Office at 403.882.3211.

**DECLARATION OF AGRICULTURAL DISASTER...COUNCIL** held a Special Council Meeting on July 28, 2021 and declared the County of Paintearth No. 18 an **AGRICULTURAL DISASTER**. This declaration was made to address and draw attention to the significant widespread drought conditions that is impacting the County's agricultural producers. Contact information for agricultural supports to assist agricultural producers is available on the County Website, Facebook or please call the Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) at 1.877.899.2372.

**Bylaw No. 701-21 Municipal Development Plan** – MOVED by Councillor Glazier that Bylaw No. 701-21 Municipal Development Plan be given First Reading.

A Public Hearing on Bylaw 701-21 Municipal Development Plan Bylaw was held on June 15<sup>th</sup> from 11:03 a.m. to 12:04 p.m. providing an opportunity for public input. The Municipal Development Plan remained open for comments until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Request – Town of Castor – Airport Crack Filling** - MOVED by Councillor Blumhagen the County proceed with providing crack fill and labour for the Castor Airport runway maintenance for 2021 as requested by the Town of Castor.

**Castor Team Roping Club - Castor Rodeo Grounds Improvement** – MOVED by Councillor Blumhagen the County donate the use of the County trucks for the volunteer drivers to haul in sand to the Castor Rodeo grounds.

**Funding Application – 15U AA Provincial Ball, Castor Boys** – MOVED by Councillor Norton the County of Paintearth No. 18 provide \$500.00 to the 15U AA Provincial Ball, Castor Boys Team playing provincial ball with final weekend of play being August 27-30, 2021, as per County Policy AD 018 Recreation & Community Service Grants.

**Hon. Ric McIver, Minister Alberta Municipal Affairs – 2021 MSI Capital & MSI Operating Allocations** – MOVED by Councillor Blumhagen the correspondence received from the Hon. Ric McIver, Minister Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the 2021 MSI Capital allocation of \$1,709,542 and the MSI Operating allocation of \$130,502 be received as information and filed.

**Chair, Luana Smith, CLGM – Society of Local Government Managers of Alberta** – MOVED by Councillor Hewitt that congratulations be extended to Michael Simpson, CLGM, on his successful application for designation as a Certified Local Government Manager as stated in the correspondence received from Chair, Luana Smith, CLGM, Society of Local Government Managers of Alberta.

**Upcoming Council Meetings** – August 17, September 14, October 5, 2021, subject to individual change and commencing at 9:00 a.m. Orientation Training is scheduled for October 21 and the Organizational Meeting for October 26. 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 692-20.

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### **FROM THE BYLAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICE**

**Colm Fitz-Gerald, Community Peace Officer**

The County Fire Ban is in force until further notice. Our rate payers are aware of the fire hazard and fire ban. My concern is the person who throws the cigarette out the window with little or no regard of the consequences. Our 3 Fire Departments have been busy already and all have done outstanding work fighting fires...keep up the great work!!! Enjoy your summer, stay safe, be fire smart and keep smiling 😊".

**Do you have adequate Insurance Coverage should a fire occur on your property?**

Contact your insurance agent/broker to guarantee you have adequate **FIRE INSURANCE COVERAGE** that will cover fire fighting costs and protect your property in the event you have a fire.



Under COUNTY BYLAW 675-19 the **RESPONSIBILITY** for the costs of fire protection fees lies with you.

**2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION** - Interested in being a County Councillor for your division within the County of Paintearth? The nomination period for the 2021 general election is open and nominations will be accepted till 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Nomination Day, Monday, September 20, 2021. The term of office is four-years and Election Day is on Monday, October 18, 2021. Nomination packages are available by calling Brenda Hepp, Returning Officer at 403.882.3211 or via email [bhepp@countypaintearth.ca](mailto:bhepp@countypaintearth.ca). Completed nomination papers and forms along with a deposit of \$100.00 paid by cash, certified cheque, money order, debit and credit card payments will be accepted by appointment only.

**Get connected to the County's Voyent Alert App** – a free app available for download to receive important notifications that matter to you, such as road and bridge repairs, emergency alerts for the region, etc. Register at: <https://register.voyent-alert.com>

**COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR'S DESK**

**Todd Pawsey, Director**

**Community Services and Planning** – A new windfarm in the works for the Garden Plain area – the County recently reviewed the application for a joint windfarm project at the south end of the County in conjunction with Special Areas in the community of Garden Plain. The County has 11 of 25 turbines slated for the area, with the remaining 14 in Special Areas. This project has already received their license from the Alberta Utilities Commission and the County permits are the final step before construction commences. The project is expected to be in operation in late 2022.

A new subdivision in the Hamlet of Fleet will soon be ready for sale of lots... the County has developed a multi-lot subdivision in the old rail lands to the south side of Railway Ave... with each lot being approximately 1.2 ac. The County will be reviewing potential water sources and once all servicing costs are known, the sale price will be set for cost recovery. Look for these lots to become available for sale later this fall.

**Emergency Management** - With the recent bout of grass and field fires due to extremely dry and windy conditions, farmers and operators are reminded and encouraged to carry fire extinguishers or water sprayers on all field equipment to help nip little fires in the bud before they become large fires. Even with fire bans in place, the prevalence of fires in recent weeks appear to be from malfunctioning vehicles or equipment that cause sparks or fires, along with electrical lines and occasional lightning strikes. While we have no control over some of those causes, we can help reduce with the equipment ones. Thanks for all our rural Fire Department's that respond to the many calls at all hours of the day and night! We appreciate all the efforts that you do!

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DIRECTOR'S DESK**

**Jeff Cosens, Director**

**Public Tender** - The County has a 1985 Hoof Trimming Table for sale. The unit is operating as it should be and can be inspected by appointment at the County of Paintearth Public Works Yard, located at Hwy 12 & RR 143. Please call to arrange an appointment time. Sealed bids on the unit will be accepted until 3:00 pm Monday, August 16, 2021. Please specify the Unit A-30 on your bid envelope. The highest, or any bid, may not be accepted. For further information please contact Jeff Cosens, Director of Environmental Services at 403.882.3211.

**Roadside Mowing Program** - The County commenced mowing on Monday, July 12. With the dry and hot weather, we have been experiencing it has forced the ASB Staff to alter their hours of work. With the total fire ban being put in place on July 19 Roadside mowing will end at 1:00 pm at the latest until the fire ban is lifted. If its hot outside the mowing will end earlier. Please avoid piling rocks or any other objects in the ditch as they are sometimes not visible and are a fire hazard.

ASB would also ask that any gates that you would like to leave open please have leaning up against the fence. **New this year, in accordance with Policy ESA 005, the ASB Board has made it the responsibility of the landowner should the landowner's gate be entangled in the mower from being left in the County ditch.**

ASB staff will be mowing the paved roads first, and then moving into Division 7, and rotating counterclockwise. As in past years, the roads that are not regularly maintained (backroads) and full cuts (30' cuts) on arterial roads will be reduced. Once they move into Division 3, ASB staff will start cutting backroads and continue into Division 2 and part of 1, following the roadside spraying program. 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.

**2022 STARS CALENDARS**

**The 2022 STARS Calendars are available for purchase at the County Office for \$30 each.**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, STARS has teamed up with local municipalities to provide an easily accessible, trustworthy option for rural residents who want to support STARS and purchase an annual calendar.

**The STARS Calendar campaign runs from July – December**