



County of Paintearth
No. 18



2019 Annual Report

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County Council

Division 1: George Glazier

Division 2: Dale Norton

Division 3: Doreen Blumhagen (Deputy Reeve)

Division 4: Stan Schulmeister (Reeve)

Division 5: Maurice Wiart

Division 6: Tyrrill Hewitt

Division 7: Diane Elliott

Chief Administrative Officer – Michael Simpson

Council Meetings

Regular County Council Meetings are scheduled to be held every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month commencing at 9:00 a.m. The adopted Council Meeting Minutes are available on the County's Website or photocopies are available to the public for a nominal fee.

Message from Reeve Stan Schulmeister

Thank you for taking time to review our annual report. This report includes a description of the activities, programs and projects that occurred in the County of Paintearth during 2019.

As the challenges of 2020 unfold, Council continues to grow an open, inclusive environment for all citizens. The Public Input Summary Report from phase one of public consultations on the Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw updates provided a wealth of great input (and a few excited comments!).

Administration will work to incorporate input received during public consultations into the new documents. To request a copy of the Public Input Summary Report, please email County Chief Administrative Officer, Michael Simpson, at msimpson@countypaintearth.ca or contact the County front desk at 403 882 3211.

The information provided in our annual report is part of the County's ongoing culture of transparency to help build trust between local government and the community it serves. If you have any questions regarding the information in this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

County Council continues to follow a three-year operating plan, aligned with Council's priorities for 2020 which are outlined in the County of Paintearth Strategic Plan. The results of the survey to ratepayers that was completed prior to our Strategic Planning session is also available for public viewing.

Copies of public documents, including the County of Paintearth Strategic Plan, annual Audited Financial Statements, Public Input Surveys and policies and bylaws are always available for download on the County website, www.countypaintearth.ca

In closing I would like to thank my Council colleagues and staff on the continued dedication to our municipality and ratepayers.

Respectfully yours,

Stan Schulmeister, Reeve
County of Paintearth No. 18

Administration Office

Office Hours

The County Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday except statutory holidays. The Office is closed daily from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Website

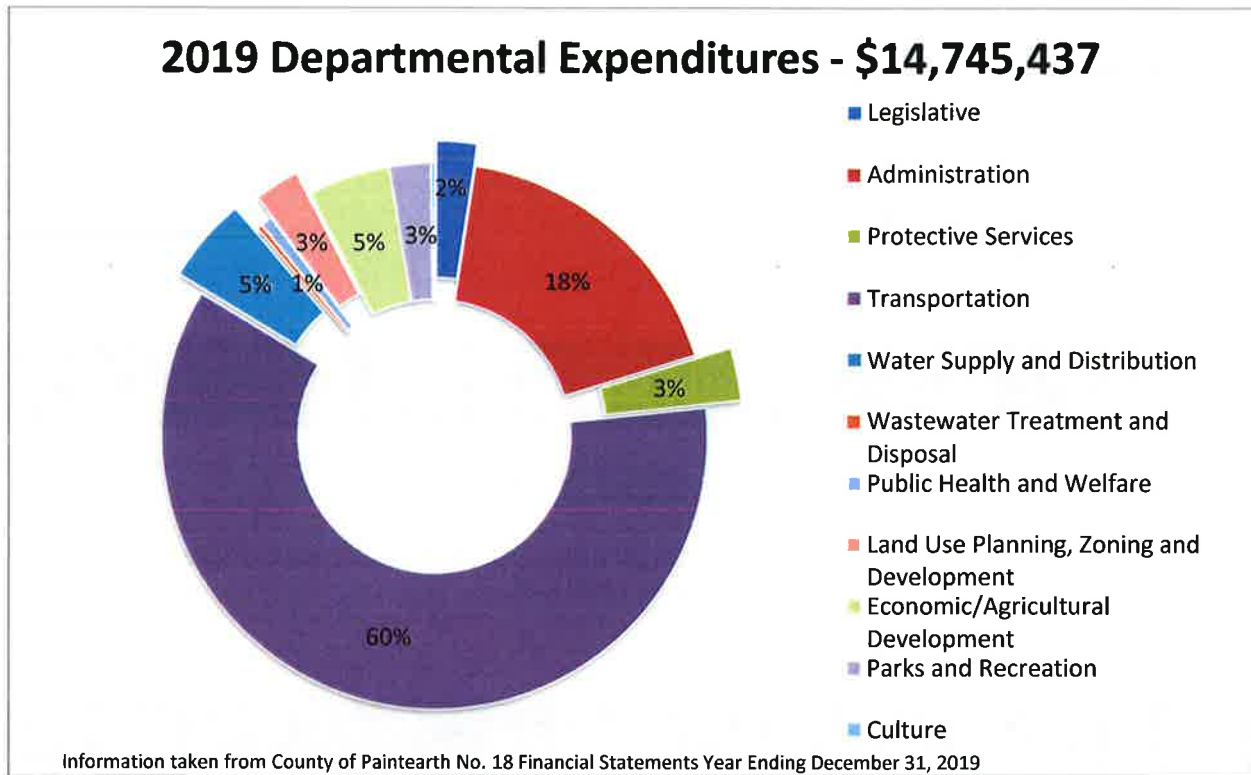
For information regarding the County of Paintearth No. 18 please visit our website at www.countypaintearth.ca

Department of Corporate Services

The Corporate Services department is responsible for the overall management of the financial affairs of the County. This includes assessment, property taxes, accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, capital project financing and tracking, utilities and other general administrative functions.

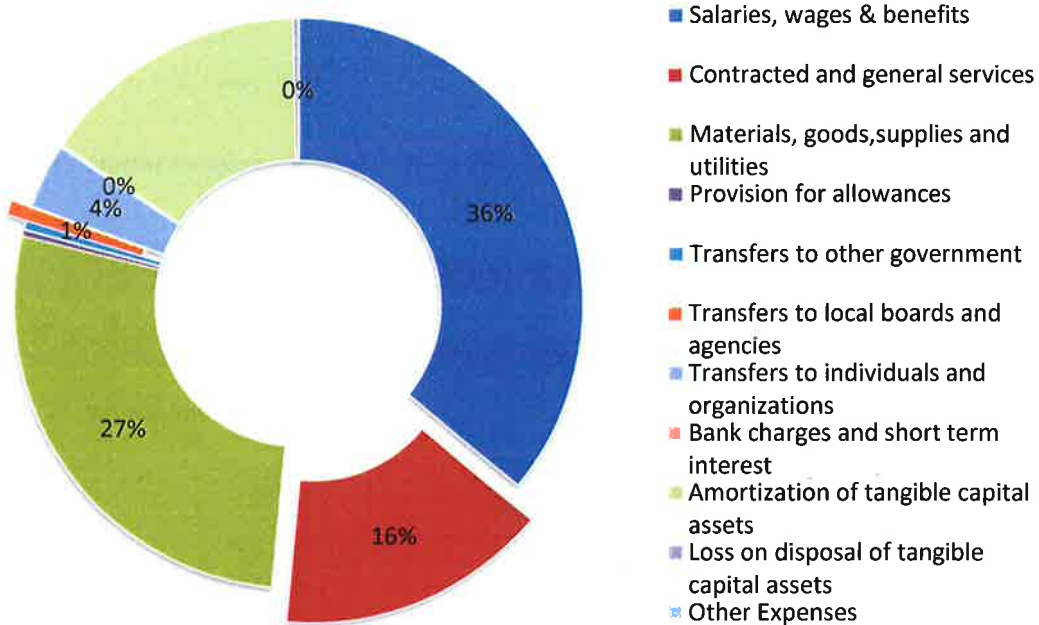
The department is responsible for accounting and financial reporting services with our annual audited financial statements as well as other interim reporting. The 2019 Financial Statement is available to the public and can be obtained on the County's website (www.countypaintearth.ca) or by contacting the administration office at 403-882-3211.

2019 Financial Synopsis



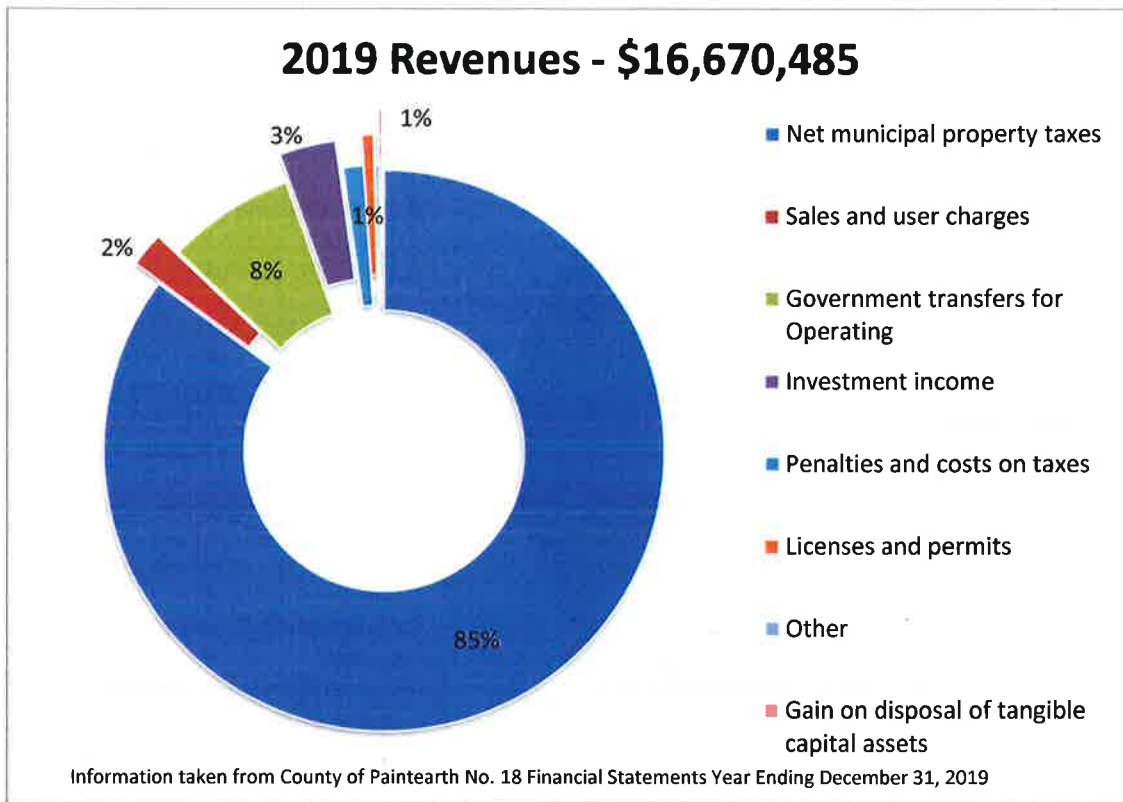
EXPENDITURES	2019 Budget	2019	2018
Legislative	\$454,800.00	\$353,862.00	\$285,470.00
Administration	\$2,219,001.00	\$2,621,625.00	\$2,278,799.00
Protective Services	\$473,215.00	\$462,483.00	\$457,500.00
Transportation	\$11,021,925.00	\$8,903,933.00	\$8,794,033.00
Water Supply and Distribution	\$728,520.00	\$743,615.00	\$706,844.00
Wastewater Treatment and Disposal	\$35,975.00	\$41,296.00	\$37,760.00
Public Health and Welfare	\$102,000.00	\$98,708.00	\$98,708.00
Land Use Planning, Zoning and Development	\$370,150.00	\$399,388.00	\$427,690.00
Economic/Agricultural Development	\$735,750.00	\$722,881.00	\$679,956.00
Parks and Recreation	\$467,280.00	\$365,010.00	\$396,408.00
Culture	\$40,000.00	\$32,636.00	\$32,363.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$16,648,616.00	\$14,745,437.00	\$14,195,531.00

2019 Expenditures by Object - \$14,745,437



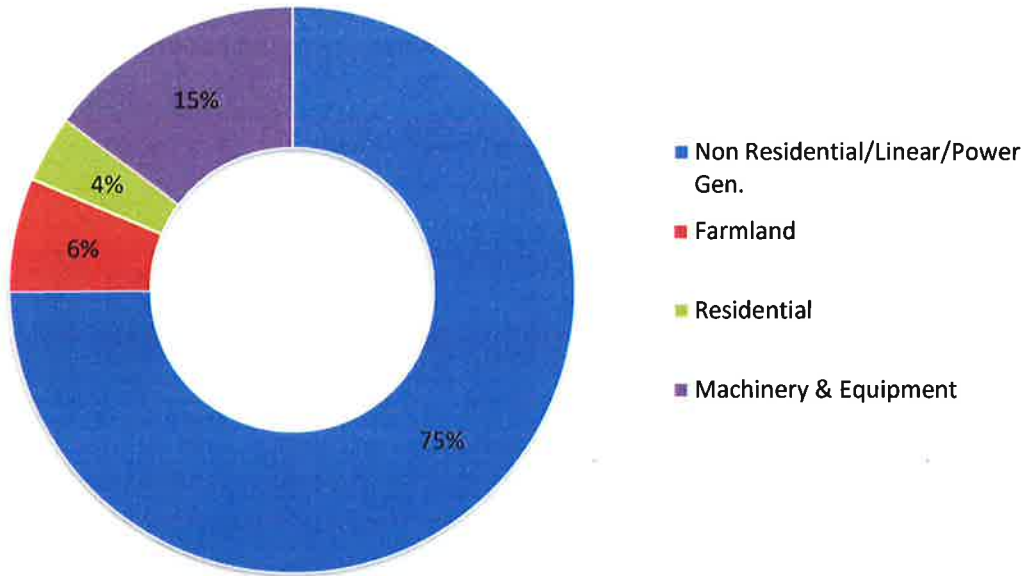
Information taken from County of Paintearth No. 18 Financial Statements Year Ending December 31, 2019

EXPENDITURES	2019 Budget	2019	2018
Salaries, wages & benefits	\$5,886,056.00	\$5,304,647.00	\$5,039,376.00
Contracted and general services	\$1,797,267.00	\$2,285,466.00	\$2,160,721.00
Materials, goods, supplies and utilities	\$5,430,318.00	\$4,028,342.00	\$3,913,497.00
Provision for allowances	\$101,500.00	\$53,389.00	-\$98,358.00
Transfers to other government	\$1,200.00	\$74,462.00	\$4,198.00
Transfers to local boards and agencies	\$158,000.00	\$126,195.00	\$169,698.00
Transfers to individuals and organizations	\$683,900.00	\$548,757.00	\$612,838.00
Bank charges and short term interest	\$76,000.00	\$19,436.00	\$45,969.00
Amortization of tangible capital assets	\$2,454,375.00	\$2,254,409.00	\$2,233,971.00
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	\$60,000.00	\$50,334.00	\$113,621.00
Other Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$16,648,616.00	\$14,745,437.00	\$14,195,531.00



REVENUE	2019 Budget	2019	2018
Net municipal property taxes	\$14,227,641.00	\$14,194,805.00	\$13,806,008.00
Sales and user charges	\$515,075.00	\$331,870.00	\$398,121.00
Government transfers for Operating	\$134,200.00	\$1,218,408.00	\$1,117,347.00
Investment income	\$200,000.00	\$543,703.00	\$448,298.00
Penalties and costs on taxes	\$100,000.00	\$198,711.00	\$125,858.00
Licenses and permits	\$97,000.00	\$112,249.00	\$148,456.00
Other	\$15,000.00	\$34,455.00	\$20,724.00
Gain on disposal of tangible capital assets	\$14,700.00	\$36,284.00	\$24,590.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$15,303,616.00	\$16,670,485.00	\$16,089,402.00

2019 Property Tax Revenue



Information taken from County of Paintearth No. 18 Bylaw No.676-19

Department of Environmental Services

Industrial Vegetation Management

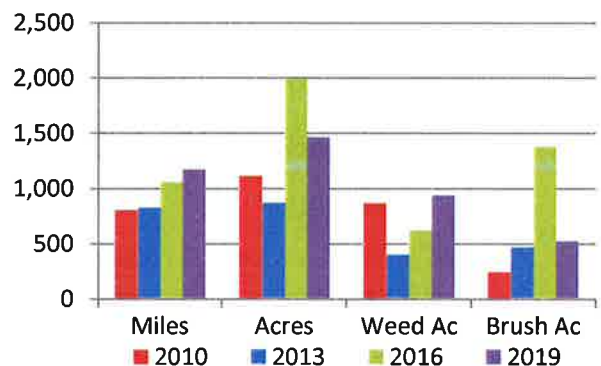
Roadside Spraying

Roadside spraying is completed in a three-year rotation with the majority being spot sprayed.

In 2019 ASB staff blanket sprayed Division 7 and spot sprayed Division 1 and 2.

Across the entire County 1,170 miles were sprayed for a total of 1,463 acres. 65% of the spraying done was for weed control. About 43% of the right-of-way's were sprayed in the rotation.

Total program cost was \$130,230 or \$89/acre. The Ultra Terrain Vehicle (UTV) sprayed 317 miles or 45 acres for mostly brush.



Private Land Spraying

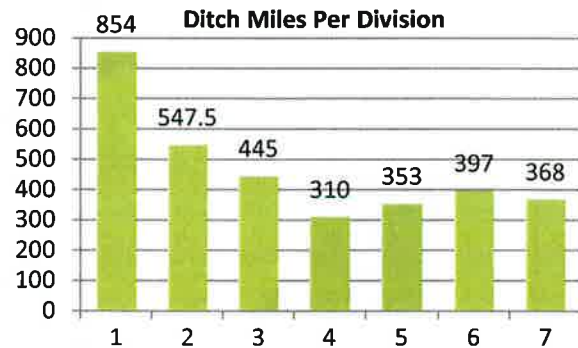
The County provides custom spraying on private land for control of small patches of persistent prohibited noxious or noxious weeds. The ASB is equipped with an ATV sprayer and a UTV boomless sprayer.

In 2019 the ASB custom sprayed for 7 individuals for about 19 acres for the control of noxious weeds and sprayed about 12 miles or 30 acres of the old rail line (PRWM).

Roadside Mowing

Our goal is to complete a minimum of one 15' pass on all roads within our County. Second cut roads are identified by those ditches receiving another pass and a full cut are identified by those ditches that receive two passes or 30'.

The ASB staff completed 1,550 miles with 1,016 mi of gravel, 57.5 mi of pavement, and 228.25 mi of backroads with 161 mi of second cut and 87.25 mi of full cuts. ASB staff start in June in order to complete the work as weather and mechanical conditions can play a role. The ASB realizes that areas mowed in the beginning of the year will have regrowth that may require a second pass and if time allows, ASB staff will do so. In 2019 the ASB mowed Division 1 twice and will continue to try and rotate the Divisions.



ASB staff picks the rocks that have been marked in the previous cutting seasons. Please avoid piling rocks or any other objects in the ditch as they are sometimes not visible. ASB would also ask that any gates that you would like to leave open please have leaning up against the fence.

Total program cost for mowing was \$130,575 or \$39.88/mile or \$79.75 a road mile. The rotary mowers are the preferred method as it allows for mowing of smaller brush, increased visibility, less grass on road surface, and less risk of creating fires.

Weed Inspections

Weed inspections have always been a part of ASB duties, but we also rely on the public. If you are concerned or are aware of a weed problem, please call the ASB staff or you can go to the website and Report A Weed under the Agriculture and Utilities web page.

Conservation

Tree Program

In 2019 there were no trees planted by the ASB. The County has always held this program in high priority and landowners who order 200 or more trees can request assistance in the planting of the trees at no charge.

Any resident or business can order trees. There are no longer restrictions on who can apply. Those who order trees are responsible for the cost as set by the nursery. The ASB will continue to help in the planning and design of tree shelterbelts and assist in the form of a tree planter and staff.

Environmental Program Funding

On March 22, the ASB sponsored the Battle River Watershed Alliance's "Signs of Life" Battle River Biodiversity forum held in Heisler. Attendees learned about the diversity of life in the Battle River watershed, as well as how volunteers are helping to monitor water quality and biodiversity across the region.

The ASB also partnered with the Battle River Research Group (BRRG) on April 18 to hold an Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) workshop which had 5 participants. The participants were guided through the online processes to begin or update their individual EFP's.

On July 15, the ASB partnered with the BRRG and the Agroforestry & Woodlot Extension Society (AWES) to hold a "Shelterbelt and Eco-Buffer Health" field day. Topics included the design and establishment of shelterbelts and eco-buffers, their environmental impact, and tree planting site assessments. There were 13 participants in the field day.

On November 20, the ASB partnered with the BRRG to present a workshop focusing on mental health in the agriculture industry to 67 attendees. Presenters included the Do More Agriculture Foundation, as well as local mental health professionals and producers.

On December 5, the BRRG and the ASB partnered to hold a Calving Clinic with 95 participants. Topics included pre-calving preparation, evaluating herd breeding characteristics, and cattle nutrition, as well as a trade show of local agricultural businesses.

An informal meeting was also held with the Town of Castor to discuss pest and environmental issues affecting both municipalities.

Pest Control

2% Liquid Strychnine Concentrate

The County has been involved in the sale of 2% LSC ever since the province has been able to receive an emergency registration from the Pest Management Regulatory Agency. Although the delivery has changed over the years the registration has restricted the sale of the liquid strychnine through the ASB's only. The ASB sold product to 95 unique producers in 2019, which is more than any other year!

Coyote Predation Management

The County recognizes that predation of livestock by coyotes can be a serious problem, which are a declared nuisance pest under the Agricultural Pests Act. Livestock producers can request assistance in the control of coyotes where predation is confirmed. One producer received help with coyote predation in 2019.

Surveys

The ASB has again surveyed for Clubroot in 2019. Inspectors follow a protocol for proper sampling techniques before entering the land. Five fields per division are surveyed at a minimum for each, for a total of 35. Another 15 fields were surveyed with the University of Alberta for a total of 50 fields, with no Clubroot fields identified.

ASB staff conducts a grasshopper survey every year and in 2019 ASB staff surveyed 36 fields and the numbers were still found to be at low levels but seeing a slight increase.

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry also conducts insect surveys and is summarized as follows:

- Pea leaf weevil damage was low in the survey Alberta Ag conducted in late May – early June. Until the pea leaf weevil population bounces back producers will not need to be using insecticide seed treatment.
- Wheat midge numbers remain low in your area. Despite this it would be a good idea for producers and agronomists to monitor fields in 2020 as the wheat heads out. This is especially true if seeding is delayed and/or wet conditions prevail.
- Again, this year we found a single cabbage seedpod weevil in one field in your area. The population in central Alberta seems to have been very reduced. Numbers are certainly nowhere near threshold.
- Alberta Ag looked at 3 fields in your area in our survey for canola flower midge. We did find the distinctive flower damage in all three fields. The insect is present, but it is certainly not at damaging levels.
- Alberta Ag have been following a wheat stem sawfly population in the east part of your county, but it appears to have completely collapsed as we found no evidence of sawfly in our survey last fall.
- Bertha armyworm traps were both below the first warning level of 300 moths, but the numbers are higher than previous years. It will be important to continue with the trapping to understand which way the trend will go.
- Diamondback moth was low in 2019 as well.

Beaver Dam Removal

The Board recognizes that beaver dams need to be removed or breached periodically to protect, maintain or construct infrastructure or to avoid the flooding of private and public land. The Director of Environmental Services is a licensed blaster and is available for the removal of beaver dams. Prior to the start of the blasting, the landholder must sign a Beaver Dam Blasting Agreement.

2019 ASB EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES AVAILABLE

Rental Equipment Available

Back Pack Sprayer	\$50.00 Ref. Deposit
Hand Broadcast Seeder	\$50.00 Ref. Deposit
Cattle Scale	\$40.00/half day or \$75.00/ full day
Hay Probes	no charge
Gallagher Tag Reader	\$250.00 Ref. Deposit

Pest Control Products Available

Magpie Traps	\$50.00 Ref. Deposit
Skunk Traps	\$50.00 Ref. Deposit
Coyote Control Materials	no charge
Beaver Dam Removal	\$100 for 1 st dam & \$50 for each additional

Vegetation Management

1. Private Land Spraying - \$50.00/hr plus the cost of the chemical per L applied at cost plus GST, where applicable, will be charged. One follow-up treatment will be included in the initial call out fee if needed. Subsequent call outs will be charged at the discretion of the applicator.
2. Industry Spraying - \$50.00/hr and chemical cost plus 10% and any GST applicable.
3. Weed Picking - \$35/hr plus GST.

Tree Planting

Tree planter and staff are provided free of charge for tree orders over 200. Shipping charges for the trees shall be paid for by the ASB. Plastic mulch will be available for sale to producers with a minimum purchase of a roll (1500').

Pesticide Container Sites

Castor Waste Transfer Site	SW 03-38-14 W4
Coronation Waste Management	SW 36-36-11 W4

Rural Water Distribution

Rural Water Distribution

In 2019 the County agreed to enter into an agreement with the Shirley McClellan Regional Water Services Commission (SMRWSC) that leaves the Brownfield Transmission Line and the Brownfield Truck Fill with the SMRWSC and everything else belongs to the County.

The Coronation Reservoir serves the Town of Coronation and residents along Secondary Highway 872 to Brownfield including the Hamlet of Brownfield. The County owns all the water distribution to rural properties that come off the line and is ready to serve 12 residences.

There has been approximately 22.5 miles of rural water line constructed off the Halkirk Reservoir that is ready to serve 21 users currently. The Crowfoot Reservoir currently only serves the Crowfoot Subdivision.

Water is brought to the property line where a meter vault is installed. Water is charged based on actual use and in 2019 it was \$3.10/cubic metre (m3).

The County is invested in three reservoirs strategically placed in Halkirk, Crowfoot Crossing, and west of Coronation.

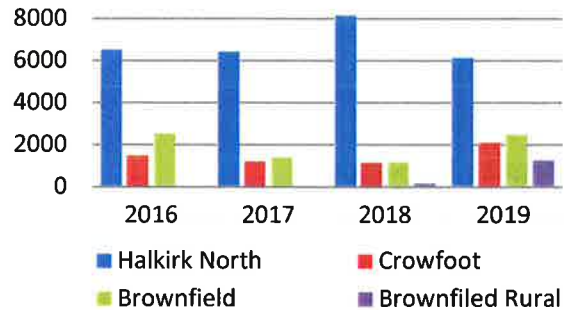
Truck Fill Facilities

The County operates two types of truckfills. The Halkirk and Crowfoot Reservoirs have drinking water that is open to everyone and Hamilton (NE-32-35-10) and Veldt (NW-12-38-15) are wells that are for agricultural, firefighting, and County use only.

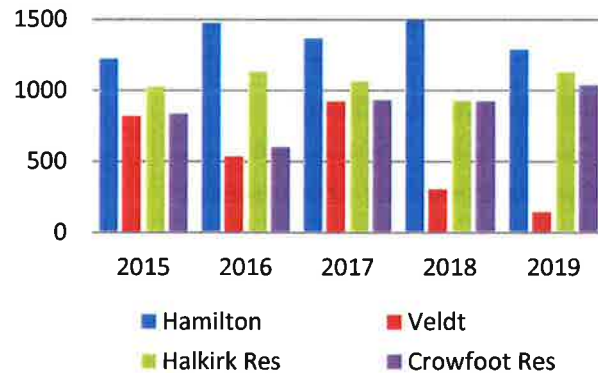
All are coin box operated and accept loonies and toonies. Water rates for reservoirs are \$5/m3; Hamilton and Veldt are \$2.20/m3. The Village of Halkirk receives the proceeds from the Halkirk Reservoir. The graph shows the annual use of each. In comparison the average 4-person family household uses 87,600 gallons (400 m3) per year.

The water wells are also used in a groundwater monitoring program. The static water level in both facilities has not changed. The wells are also shock chlorinated in the spring.

Water Use (m3)



Water Use (m3)



Parks & Recreation

In 2019, the operation of the Huber Dam Campground was handed over to the County, along with a small reserve fund for park improvements. Huber saw an additional tiger trout stocking in the fall and added an aerator to assist with oxygenation of the water during winter months to aid the fish habitat. Both Huber and Burma Park were operated by contract caretakers in 2019. Both parks saw solid camping revenues, a great camping season, and several park improvement projects have been identified and budgeted for in 2020.

Department of Planning and Development

Through the development permit process, the County of Paintearth safeguards and ensures its ratepayers a safe and effective building and planning process for all developments, buildings, and subdivisions. A comparison of 2019 activity levels with the previous year is found below.

Development Permits	2019	Value \$\$	2018	Value \$\$
Residential Homes (incl mobile)	4	1,800,000	17	3,429,500
Residential – accessory, additions	6	235,000	7	438,000
Agricultural uses	1	12,000	1	250,000
Industrial/Commercial	1	15,000,000	6	72,000
Recreational	1			
Totals	13	17,232,000	31	4,189,500

2019 was a slower year in terms of total permits; however, there was one large industrial permit for AshCorp that tipped the scales upwards with their concrete additive plant north of Halkirk.

There were only 2 subdivision applications started in the County during 2019. One of these was completed, which was a farmstead separation. Most subdivisions take approximately 3-4 months to complete with the most common determining factor of size being the limitation of septic systems being 90 m from property lines. The County recommends an initial discussion or review prior to the process, in order to aid in a smooth process and avoid any obstacles.

Development Permit fees, applications and related forms can all be found on the County website. The Director of Community Services is available for questions, inquiries, and is

willing to assist and guide all residents through the subdivision or development permit process.

Palliser Regional Municipal Services is the agency responsible for all planning and subdivision review within the County. PRMS also handles all safety codes permits and applications for building, electrical, gas, plumbing and private sewage disposal. For more information detailing the development and safety code requirements of your project please contact the Director of Community Services at the office or visit www.palliserservices.ca.

The County's Municipal Planning Commission – MPC – presides over all discretionary or sensitive development permits and subdivision requests. In 2019 the MPC was comprised of Councilors Diane Elliott (Chair), George Glazier, Maurice Wiart and Reeve Stan Schulmeister.

Economic Development

In 2019 a new website (WWW.CROWFOOTCROSSING.CA) and promotional material were created due to a need to market the County's industrial subdivision at the corner of Hwy's 12 and 36. This site is used in conjunction with the County developing and fostering leads for increased value-added agricultural and industrial developments contemplating locating to the County. Please assist us with passing along this information to industry who would benefit from the advantages our rural area offers.

Industry

2019 was another slow but rebound year for the Oil and Gas industry in the County. There were approximately 100+ oil and gas projects requiring approach accesses – however the Inter Pipeline Ltd Throne to Halkirk pipeline project was responsible for nearly 80 of those. There were only 6 new pipeline crossings of our road network from industry which was down from the year prior. 2019 was the year of “clean up” from the oil and gas companies books as 105 project notifications were received but only 23 were new or expanded drilling or pipeline operations. There were 12 reclamation certificates issued, with another 11 wellsites reclaimed or abandoned, and 51 pipeline abandonments within the County.

Assessments (HIRA's). The event continues to draw a wide range of area municipal staff so that we may serve to increase our readiness in dire events.

Disaster Services

The County continues to update its emergency preparedness, and its ability to coordinate responses in the Emergency Operations Center. In our County, the threat of wildfires in the dry grassy season is the largest threat and we encourage all residents to be ever vigilant in the use of fires, when so allowed.

The County held its annual learning workshop session in May 2019 regarding our area's Hazard Identification and Risk Assessments (HIRA's). The event continues to draw a wide range of municipal staff from multiple towns and villages so that we may increase our readiness in dire events.

Community Peace Officer

The contact person for the Peace Officer program in the County of Paintearth is Mr. Michael Simpson, the CAO for the County of Paintearth #18.

The county has one Peace Officer; Colm Fitz-Gerald. The nature of duties performed by Officer Fitz-Gerald include, but are not limited to, administration and enforcement of county bylaws, traffic laws, consultation duties with RCMP and other county groups. Education continues to be the main thrust with the major oil companies, energy companies and local landowners with regards to use of county roads.

The economic slowdown and COVID-19 can still be felt in the county and as well as globally. This has reduced the amount of road permits in the county; however, county road use was still busy with local traffic. The County Peace Officer now has portable scales which are being used extensively. So far there has been no issues with over weights. As we continue work our way through the COVID-19 pandemic, our Council, staff and our residents have shown great adaptability. A brighter economic upswing after relaunch will bring more traffic in the county. This in turn will require the continued pre and post patrol of our roads. Officer Fitz-Gerald continues to work closely with the RCMP, Commercial Enforcement and local fire departments.

Officer Fitz-Gerald is also in charge of running our fire permit program and is part of upgrading the County fire bylaw, including enforcement. There were 287 permits issued in 2019.

File investigations included RUAs(road use agreements), fire calls, bylaw files, assist files with RCMP and other files. Officer Fitz-Gerald is also part of the Emergency

Management Team in planning as well as peace officer duties. He also assists other departments in the scope of his duties.

Department of Public Works

Road Bans

The County places bans on the roads throughout the year to protect them from damage, such as deep ruts and potholes, that overweight vehicles can cause. Traffic sign(s) are posted when a road is banned, indicating the percentage of axle weights that are permitted to travel on the road. All our paved roads are banned all year round at 50% or 75% ban.

All Secondary Highways located in the County are under Provincial jurisdiction. For information on roads under Provincial jurisdiction, visit, www.transportation.alberta.ca, or call toll free 1-877-236-6445.

Overweight & Over Dimensional Permit Approval Services

To improve the availability of service to Industry, to better track the movement of heavy loads, and to improve the ability to recover cost for any damages that may occur, the County of Paintearth has partnered with Roadata Services Ltd. (RDS) to provide approval services for the movement of heavy loads on County roadways.

RDS will provide all approval services as per the guidelines established by the County. This service will be available 24 hours per day at (888) 830-7623 (toll free).

Allowable Weights: When movement is not restricted due to road bans, adverse weather or individual roadway limitations, the County follows Alberta "Allowable Permit Weight" guidelines. Please remember that any municipality has the authorization to limit weights below provincially defined weights.

Gravel Program

The County graveled approximately 312 miles of roads in 2019. The County applied approximately 80,500 tonne of ¾ inch, and 3,500 tonne of 1½ inch gravel in 2019 to the roads. The summer road gravelling is completed with 4 county owned trucks. We use 3 super-b belly dumps and 1 tandem truck with a tandem belly dump.

The County stockpiles approximately 30,000 tonne of ¾ inch and 10,000 tonne of 1½ inch gravel from County owned gravel pits to various stockpile sites using our own gravel

trucks. In 2019, the County also purchased approximately 30,000 tonne supplied of 4-20 Alberta Transportation spec ¾ inch gravel from outside sources. We haul and stockpile this gravel with county trucks.

Our gravel inventory consists of approximately 580,000 tonne of ¾ road gravel and 1,700,000 tonne of gravel in reserves. The County has about a 30-year supply of gravel with the current gravel inventory and materials in reserves.

Road Network

The County is divided into 10 grader divisions with each grader operator maintaining approximately 160 km of local gravel roads and approximately 40 km of field access roads. The County's grader fleet consists of 2 Caterpillar 14H motor graders, and 11 Caterpillar 160M / AWD motor graders. The County buys new graders on a 5-year buyback program and sells the used graders on the open market at the end of 5 years. This enables the County to have sustainable and reliable equipment to maintain our roads.

The road system is comprised of:

Regularly Maintained Roads	1762 km
Non-Regularly Maintained Roads	408 km
Undeveloped Roads	756 km
Paved Roads	<u>45 km</u>
Total:	2971 km

We also own one plow truck for our winter sanding & plowing needs.

Road Approaches/Culverts

The Public Works Department built 29 new approaches of which 22 required culverts and widened 14 old approaches which 4 needed new culverts. The Public Works Department replaced 37 culverts across rural roads. We also replace two bridge file culverts one 5 ft culvert and two 4 ft culverts.

Road Signage

The Public Works Department is responsible for looking after approximately 1,036 different signs throughout the County. In 2019, 38 signs were installed or replaced and 21 new sign posts were installed. If you notice a sign missing or knocked down, please contact the County Office immediately.

Bridge Program

The County has 110 bridges and bridge size culverts. We are responsible for all maintenance on these structures, due to the Provincial Government cutting all bridge funding in 2013. Through a tendering process, major repairs to these structures are contracted out. We have staff trained in minor bridge maintenance on all the bridges size structures. Maintenance on these bridges is scheduled throughout the winter or rain days. The County contracts all the bridge inspections out to WSP Engineering.

Fenceline Brushing

The Public Works Department brushed approximately 6 miles of fence line and ditch bottoms.

Back Sloping

The Public Works Department back sloped 8 miles of ditches and fence lines. This service is considered on a request and priority basis. Requests are to be submitted on a hold harmless application, which can be found on the County Website, and landowners must remove their fence. There is no charge for this service.

Mulching

The Public Works Department mulched approximately 23 miles of road ditches.

Road Stabilization

The Public Works Department applied MG30 on 54 miles of gravel roads using approximately 1,846,061 liters at a cost of \$0.27 per liter. The County will be using this product for farm and other road stabilization projects in the future. The biggest advantage to using this product is that it is non-corrosive. The County of Flagstaff did an independent study on the corrosiveness of MG 30. The results came back that rain water was more corrosive than MG 30. We also save on the amount and frequency that gravel is applied to the road once the base has been established with MG 30.

Safety Program

The County of Paintearth is committed to a strong safety and loss program that protects its staff, its property, and the public from accidents. In 2019, the County passed the external safety audit with a score of 89%. The safety program is ongoing and will always be a big part of the County's daily operations.