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Greeting from the Reeve

Hello everyone,

Spring arrived later this year, many of you are likely finishing up calving, or preparing equipment for a busy harvest season. The County is also preparing for a busy time of year as new seasonal crews and contractors have begun to help with road maintenance and construction projects, in an effort to maintain and improve the County's road network. When you are travelling on the roads, please watch out for road crews working throughout the County this summer.

Due to mass gathering restrictions of COVID-19, on May 12, Council held an audio only public hearing regarding Land Use Bylaw 1083/20, to rescind and replace Land Use Bylaw 714/01 (see page 5 for more details). Unfortunately, following technical difficulties and a high volume of concerns from ratepayers, Council recessed and tabled the public hearing until such a time allows for an in person public hearing to take place.

With immense uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the crash in world oil prices, Clearwater County Council approved a 0% increase in municipal tax rates for all property classes in addition to the extension of the first penalty date from September 15, 2020 to November 6, 2020. These are unprecedented times that we are living in, and Council did not want to increase taxes when many of our ratepayers are unsure about the future. The County has always strived to maintain service levels and Council will continue to be focused on both reduced spending and smarter spending. We are fortunate to have reserves in place, to help offset any increases that may have been needed for the 2020 budget year to ensure that no changes in service levels are felt.

Also, in May Council directed Administration to move forward with contract negotiations with Lite



Timothy Hoven
Reeve

Access Technologies Inc. and partners (IBI Group and O-NET/OLDS Fiber Limited) for the Design Build/Network Operation Request for Proposal (RFP) - Broadband Service Delivery Near Ferrier Acres. Eight firms responded to the RFP issued on March 12, 2020, with the purpose to complete a pilot project to support the Connect to Innovate (CTI) grant for a fibre-optic backbone build of approximately 13 km segment starting from Supernet POP (vicinity of 4703 - 49th Avenue) in Rocky Mountain

House and extending to Ferrier Acres. The project is estimated to cost under \$1M which includes the CTI funding of \$371,288. Council is eagerly awaiting this connection to be lit by the end of this year.

Following this pilot project, further enhanced connectivity and increased internet speed will be explored for other areas in Clearwater County. Project details are still in the development phase and updates will be provided to the community as they become available.

In June, students will be finishing off the school year in a different format with no in person ceremonies like traditionally experienced, instead there will be virtual ceremonies taking place. The County also provides four annual scholarships of \$1,000 to residents in addition to home schooling students (see page 17 for more information). Students should speak with school guidance counsellors for more information about the many scholarships available for rural students.

Residents are encouraged to continue following public health guidelines to continue preventing the spread of COVID-19 (see page 23 for the County's Municipal Relaunch Strategy).

Until the next newsletter issue, on behalf of Council and staff, we wish you a safe summer.

Timothy Hoven, Reeve



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Upcoming Council Meetings

Council meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 9:00 a.m. at Clearwater County's Council Chambers.

- June 9
- July 14
- August 11 - Cancelled
- June 23
- July 28
- August 25

Strategic Planning Meetings

- June 15
- September 14

Strategic Planning Council Committee of the Whole Meetings happen in January, April, June, September and December (budget deliberation talks).

These meetings serve as check-in points with Council and Administration to ensure operating and capital budgets are in alignment with project planning priorities.



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Consideration of First Reading - Bylaw 1092/20 for Application No. 09/19 to Amend the Land Use Bylaw

Council granted first reading to redesignate +/-40 acres on NW 03-37-06 W5M containing 80.31 acres of land from the Agriculture District “A” to the Recreational Facility District “RF” for the construction and operation of a 300-site campground; and directed Administration to proceed to public hearing.

Town of Rocky Mountain House Lagoon Report

Council received the Town of Rocky Mountain House Lagoon Summary Report, dated March 2020.

Clearwater County - Village of Caroline CRFRS Quality Management Plan

Council endorsed the draft Clearwater County & Village of Caroline Clearwater Regional Fire Rescue Services (CRFRS) Quality Management Plan as amended and authorized the CAO to sign and submit to Safety Codes Council.

Remote Council Meetings

Council approved electronic submissions from any public member(s) who are entitled to make submissions at a public meeting, in accordance with recent changes to the Municipal Government Act (MGA) Meeting Procedures (COVID-19 Suppression) Regulation, if the meeting were being held in person before and during the meeting, by email, phone-in or both.

Strategic Broadband Project Planning

Council considered discussing the potential broadband projects at the Strategic Planning Committee meeting on April 20, 2020.

Direction for 2020 Tax Rate Bylaw

Council directed Administration to draft the 2020 Tax Rate Bylaw 1093/20 to be brought to a future Council meeting.

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Draft 2020 Tax Rate Bylaw

Council reviewed, amended and granted first reading to Bylaw 1093/20, second and third readings to be brought back at a future Council meeting.

Direction on Broadband Priority Projects

Council directed Administration to develop a Broadband Project Public Engagement Plan for Council’s consideration.

Council directed Administration to bring additional core internet backbone projects to Council for consideration.

Council directed Administration to draft a Request for Proposal for access service from the Condor Public Services Building to enhance internet service in the Condor area.

CRFRS Obsolete Policy Clean-Up

Council lifted from the table the CRFRS Obsolete Policy Clean-Up Review, tabled September 24, 2019, and bulk rescinded 18 CRFRS Clearwater County Council approved policies.

DRAFT Fire Rescue Services and Fire Control Bylaw

Council granted three readings for Clearwater County’s municipal Fire Rescue Services and Fire Control Bylaw 1069/19.

Clearwater County Post-Secondary Scholarship for Home School Students

Council directed Administration to bring back a



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revised Post-Secondary Scholarship Policy at a future meeting to allow the Agricultural Services Board to present the Home School Scholarship on an annual basis.

Request for Support - David Thompson Play School Relocation

Council granted the Condor Playschool \$10,000 to fund the relocation of the Condor Playschool to the Condor Community Hall property and donated up to \$2,000 in gravel/clay including delivery for school site preparation to be funded from contingency.

West Country Random Camping Access Management

Council directed Administration to send a letter to the Minister of Alberta Environment and Parks regarding residents' concerns with West Country access during the COVID-19 pandemic and, local campground operators' concerns with the impact of the fire ban on campground operations.

May 12

Consideration of Second and Third Readings - Clearwater County Land Use Bylaw 1083/20

Council granted first reading of Bylaw 1083/20 on February 11, 2020. As required by legislation, notice of the May 12 Public hearing was advertised and comments were invited from referral agencies and any landowner who claims to be affected by the proposed bylaw.

Following technical difficulties during the audio only remote public hearing proceedings, Council recessed the public hearing and tabled second and third reading of Bylaw 1083/20 to rescind and replace Land Use Bylaw 714/01 and all associated amendments, until a rescheduled public hearing can take place.

Delegation - Community Homelessness Coalition

Council received a presentation from the Community Homelessness Coalition regarding the need to develop a homeless shelter, as well as transitional and affordable housing in the region.

Wild Rose School Division's Request for Funding

Council directed Administration to send a letter of commitment to provide additional funding to the Wild Rose School Division, up to a maximum of \$200,000, for project upgrades to increase functionality within the new Leslieville High School and Condor Elementary School.

Municipal Emergency Management Bylaw 1094/20

Council reviewed, amended and granted first reading of Bylaw 1094/20 - Municipal Emergency Management Bylaw, to bring the bylaw in line with the new Local Authorities Emergency Management Regulation (LEMR), and as well to clean up the bylaw to cover only its intended purpose, which is to establish a municipal emergency advisory committee and municipal emergency management agency, as prescribed in the Alberta Emergency Management Act and LEMR.

Clearwater Regional Fire Rescue Services 2020 Operating and Capital Budget Amendments

Council approved 2020 budget adjustments to reflect the new allocation proportions for operating and capital costs as outlined in Schedule "A" of the 2020 Intermunicipal Regional Fires Rescue Services Agreement.

Town of Rocky Mountain House Eco Centre Project Proposal

Council reviewed the Town of Rocky Mountain House's 'Eco Centre Design and Development Project Proposal' based on the Town's 'Waste Reduction



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Strategy' study completed by Sonnevera International Corporation, which recommends transforming the Rocky Transfer Station into a diversion focused Eco Centre.

Town of Rocky Mountain House - Clearwater County Negotiating Committee Appointments

Council appointed Reeve Hoven, Councillors Vandermeer and Laing, Councillor Duncan as alternate, and the CAO as Clearwater County Negotiating Team representatives to the Town of Rocky Mountain House - Clearwater County Negotiating Committee, effective May 12, 2020, until negotiation of agreements for solid waste services, revenue sharing and the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework are complete, or April 1, 2021, whichever occurs first.

Municipal Entrance Welcome Signs

Council approved a final design concept, Option "I", for development and installation of seven municipal entrance welcome signs on the provincial highways into Clearwater County.

Support for Private Member's Bill C-221, The Environmental Restoration Incentive Act

Council requested more information from Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) on the Private Member's Bill C-221.

Property Tax Rate Bylaw 1093/20

Council approved the 2020 Tax Rate Bylaw with a 0% municipal tax rate increase following a discussion on COVID-19 impacts and extension of the first penalty date from September 15 to November 6, 2020. See pages 10 and 11 for more information and new payment options now available.

Alberta Community Partnership Municipal Restructuring Study Stream Grant

Council directed Administration to send a joint letter with the Village of Caroline to Municipal Affairs requesting a status update on 'Alberta Community Partnership Municipal Restructuring Study Stream Grant' for Village of Caroline – Clearwater County Amalgamation Study & Action Plan.

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Delegation - Âsokêwin Friendship Centre

Council received a presentation from Âsokêwin Friendship Centre regarding an update on the Centre's receipt of Family and Community Support Services grant funding.

Weed and Pest Inspectors

Council appointed five weed inspectors as per the Weed Control Act and five pest inspectors as per the Agricultural Pest Act – for seasonal staff positions.

Delegation – Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP)

Council received a presentation from CAPP regarding an industry update on current economic conditions, provincial and federal government actions, major projects proceeding such as LNG Canada and Coastal Gas Link, TransMountain Expansion, Keystone XL, and Enbridge Line 3.

Canadian Heritage River Designation

Council defeated the motion to send a letter of support for the nomination of the remainder of the North Saskatchewan River to be designated a Canadian Heritage River.

Revised Clearwater County Post-Secondary Scholarships Policy

Council approved a revised Post-Secondary Scholarship Policy amended to include the review and



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selection process of home-schooled applicants to be delegated to the Clearwater County Agricultural Services Board to avoid any perceived conflict of interest. See page 17.

Municipal Emergency and Regional Emergency Management Bylaws

Council granted second and third readings of Bylaw 1094/20 – Municipal Emergency Management, and Council also granted three readings of Bylaw 1095/20 – Regional Emergency Management.

Surplus Allocation and 2019 Carry Forwards

Council approved allocation of additional surplus funds in the amount of \$2,347,256, as included in appendix A attached to the May 26, 2020 meeting minutes with distribution to Wildland Fire Deployment Training Reserve, North Saskatchewan River Park Reserve, Airport Reserve, Tax Rate Stabilization Funds, and Broadband Reserve.

CAO Performance Evaluation

Council accepted the June 2019 - May 2020 Chief Administrative Officer Performance Evaluation.

Negotiating Committee

Council directed County Negotiating Committee representatives to request a Negotiating Committee Meeting by June 15, 2020 to address the Committee's action items from the May 21, 2020 meeting.

Town of Rocky Mountain House – Clearwater County Airport Agreement

Council directed County Negotiation Committee Representatives to negotiate an Airport Agreement with the Town of Rocky Mountain House representatives, as per the November 21st, 2019 Airport Commission motion whereby Airport Commission member Councillor Laird moved “that the Board recommend to

each Council that the Airport Agreement be reviewed,” and that Council directs County Representatives to request that Airport Stakeholders are consulted on the terms of the agreement.

Broadband Award of Design Build/Network Operation RFP

Council directed Administration to pursue contract negotiations with the successful proponent for the Design Build/Network Operation Request for Proposal - Broadband Service Delivery Near Ferrier Acres.

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Council's 180 Days Priorities Tracker

PRIORITIES	LAST 180 DAYS Oct 5, 2019 – Apr 5, 2020	NEXT 180 DAYS Apr 6, 2020 – Oct 4, 2020
Create a broadband/internet business plan and community-wide infrastructure masterplan concurrently.	Additional consultation with local ISPs. Pilot project request for proposal (RFP) compiled and released.	Begin pilot project contract negotiations. Business plan discussions in progress. Public Participation/Engagement Plan in progress.
ICF/IDP with MD of Bighorn	Three readings completed for bylaws	
ICF with Brazeau County		
ICF/IDP with County of Wetaskiwin		
ICF with ID 9		
ICF/IDP with Summer Village of Burnstick Lake		
ICF with ID 12		
ICF with Yellowhead County		
ICF with Town of Rocky Mountain House		
ICF/IDP with Ponoka County		
ICF/IDP with Red Deer County		
ICF/IDP with Lacombe County		
ICF/IDP with Mountain View County		
Review eastern fire hall(s) decision and conduct additional consultation.	Grand opening of the Condor Public Services Building took place Nov 19, 2019. Planning underway for new Leslieville Public Services Building, with target for Q4 2020 completion.	Leslieville Public Services Building grading and site development for approximately 19 acres, construction of the storm/ fire pond, west access road and the majority of the chain link fencing (see page 19).
Ten-year Capital planning	Budget deliberations scheduled for Dec 11 -13, 2019.	Preparation for 2021 budget deliberations.
Regional Strategic Planning	In progress.	In progress.
Policy Review	Review of Council, Board and Committee remuneration policy.	
Nordegg Historic Commercial Core	Planning in progress.	Work commenced on the sanitary and water service installations and is continuing when weather permits.
Rural Policing		Council to discuss new provincial model and impact to Clearwater County prior to 2021 budget discussions.



Demonstration Site Needed for Summer 2020

If you are a landowner or land manager with ongoing beaver issues related to beaver land-flooding, we are seeking a demonstration site to showcase the proper installation and maintenance of a beaver co-existence structure. Namely, the installation of beaver flooding prevention structures around culverts and a pond-leveller to control water level incorporated into a culvert fence or into free-standing beaver dams. These non-lethal installations are comparatively long-term and proactive rather than the short-term, reactive cycle of identifying beaver problems, problem beaver removals, only to have another beaver move in to cause that same problem again.

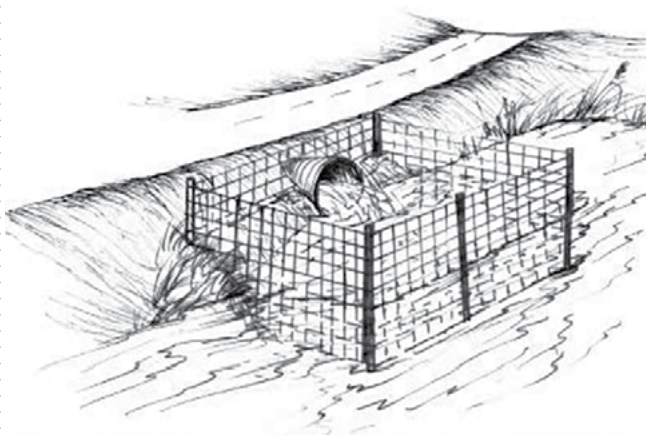
For these installations, You Betula Environmental will provide to the landowner, municipality, or local government all required materials and labour for the 2020 field season as well as maintenance on this one particular installation. Depending on the scope of the beaver problems at the site, materials and time provided in-kind could total between \$500 and \$1000, so there is a clear benefit to the project partner. In exchange for our materials, time, and expertise we will require access to the site for monitoring and documenting the ongoing success of the beaver co-existence tool. Also, ongoing maintenance of these projects is fairly simple and we are willing to train landowners or staff and volunteers in the upkeep of the beaver co-existence installation. Only one demonstration site will be selected for 2020, but we will be able to provide additional installations while in the project area as a cost-effective solution to beaver flooding issues.

Depending on the stream or waterbody selected for this project, there may be a requirement to seek approval for the installation of co-existence struc-

tures with Alberta Environment and Parks and/or the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans. You Betula Environmental has received Water Act approval for beaver co-existence projects in the past and these installations are still properly functioning.

If you are interested in more information on this possible project or have any questions related to the above, please contact me using the contact information below. Thank you for considering alternative beaver management options and we look forward to hearing from you soon. As you likely know, beavers are dispersing to form new colonies at this time of year and the sooner these sorts of structures are installed the better.

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2020 Combined Property Assessment & Tax Rates

On May 12, 2020, Council adopted the 2020 Tax Rate Bylaw 1093/20 reflecting a 0% municipal tax rate increase for all assessment classes following a discussion on COVID-19 impacts and an extension on the first penalty date from September 15 to November 6, 2020.

Clearwater County Council has made some difficult decisions regarding the tax rate bylaw including the extension of the first penalty which will provide an additional seven and a half weeks to pay all outstanding taxes without penalty. An 8% penalty will be added to outstanding taxes on November 6, 2020 at 4:30 pm and additional 4% added on December 15, 2020 at 4:30 pm for any still outstanding at that time.

Given that Clearwater County's original penalty date covered the requirements for the six-month deferral of the provincial school requisition for the non-residential class, this provides additional time on top of that deferral for all classes of assessment within Clearwater County. Each year, the school tax requisition is set by the province and that may vary year to year based on assessment values.

A new change is the creation of a sub-class for rural non-residential small businesses, for which the tax rate has been set 25 per cent less than other non-residential properties for 2020. Information collected from small businesses will help the County establish a database to better identify the needs in the region to support and advance rural economic development. Lowering the tax rate for the small business sub-class and keeping municipal tax rates unchanged leaves a shortfall of \$84,271 from the approximate \$47,000,000 of budgeted tax revenue, this amount will be compensated through various departmental savings.

The senior's foundation requisition has increased from \$605,919 to \$625,301 for an increase of \$19,382, making that levy 0.0889 per \$1,000 of assessment and the percentage increase 3.2%.

Clearwater County Reeve, Timothy Hoven, noted, "Giving property owners longer to pay if they need will help to ease financial burdens for individuals, families and businesses in our community. With the long practiced responsible fiscal management strategy by current and previous Council's, we were able to offset reduced municipal tax revenue this year and achieve a tax rate bylaw with a zero per cent increase."

2020 Combined Assessment and Tax Notices will be mailed on June 12, 2020.

All taxes are due upon receipt of tax notices, and penalties will apply if not paid before 4:30 pm on November 6, 2020. Clearwater County also offers a Tax Instalment Payment Plan (TIPP) allowing taxpayers to pay property taxes on a monthly basis.

It is important to note that while Clearwater County is responsible for collecting taxes from properties within the County; tax notices include amounts collected for four separate organizations: Clearwater County (municipal portion); Alberta Education (school portion); Alberta Municipal Affairs (Designated Industrial Property assessment portion); and the Westview Lodge Foundation (seniors' foundation).

Education Property Tax questions can be directed to the Government of Alberta Education Property Tax Line at 780-422-7125. For more information on Clearwater County property assessments or Tax Installment Payment Plan, visit www.clearwatercounty.ca or call 403-845-4444.



PAYMENT OPTIONS

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Drop Box

A drop box is located at the main Clearwater County building for your convenience to deliver your payment.



By Mail

Cheques can be sent by mail to:
Clearwater County
PO Box 550, 4340 - 47 Avenue
Rocky Mountain House, AB, T4T 1A4



Online Banking

Make payments online through your financial institution (bank). Applicable fees may apply.



Electronic Funds Transfer

Payments can be made online with your financial institution using your financial software. Please contact us for more details and allow 2-3 business days for processing.



In Person

You may also come in person during regular business hours to pay by cash, cheque, or debit.



CONTACT US 403-845-4444



Spring Road Flooding



Overland flooding NE of Caroline

The recent weather has brought winter frost to come up to the ground surface at a rapid rate resulting in overland flooding and washouts. Often the aftermath is surface conditions that pose a risk to the driving public and in some circumstances road closures until the required repairs are complete.

Spring road assessments are approximately 60% complete and are showing weak areas due to quick snow thaw.



Overland flooding on Leedale Road



Washout on Wapiabi Road (Northwest of Nordegg)



Be Prepared for Flooding

As the weather gets warmer, flooding can occur due to spring runoff and changing river conditions.

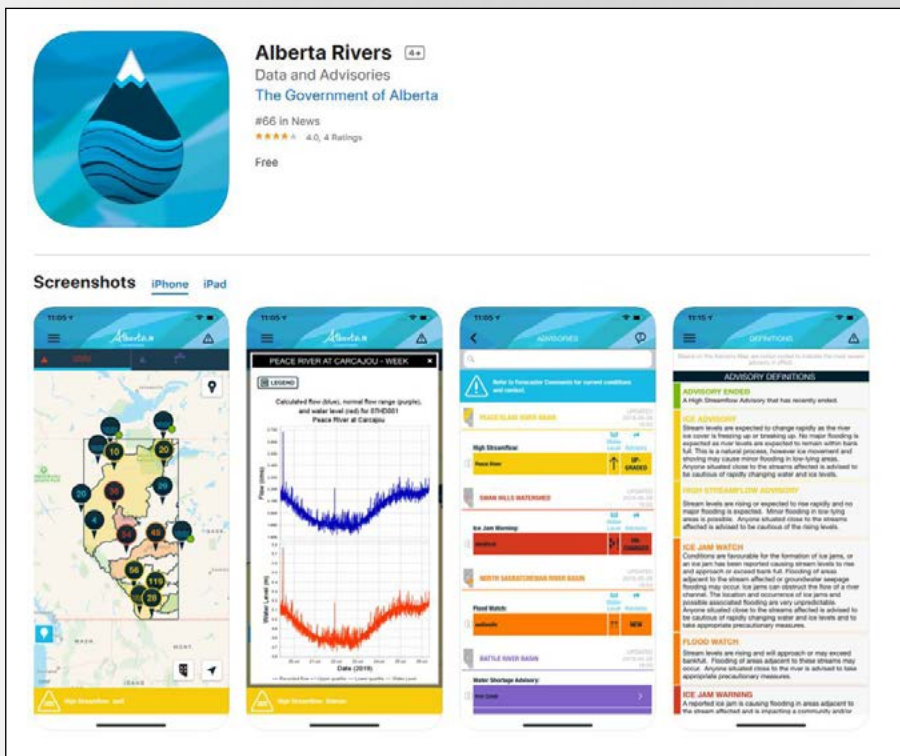
Here are a few simple tips you and your loved ones can follow to be prepared in case of flooding in your area:

- Download the Alberta Rivers app (https://open.alberta.ca/blog/?page_id=197) or visit rivers.alberta.ca for more information about potential flooding in areas near you;
- Maintain an emergency kit stocked with at least 72 hours of supplies such as water, food, battery-powered or crank radio and flashlight with extra batteries;

- Store important documents such as passports, birth certificates, banking information and insurance papers in a safe place in an above ground location;
- If you have a vehicle, keep the tank full in case fuel stations lose power or close down; and,
- Don't forget about an emergency kit for your vehicle and your pets.

If you are in a flood situation, stay informed at all times by listening to updates from authorities. Be sure to follow all directions and instructions and have your emergency kit and important documents ready to go.

Learn more: <https://www.alberta.ca/floods.aspx>



Alberta Rivers: Data and Advisories

Obtain the latest information about Alberta's rivers, including flood advisories and comments issued by Alberta's River Forecast Centre. View all current surface water data for Alberta - download the Alberta Rivers app or visit www.rivers.alberta.ca



Condor Sanitary Main & Service Replacements

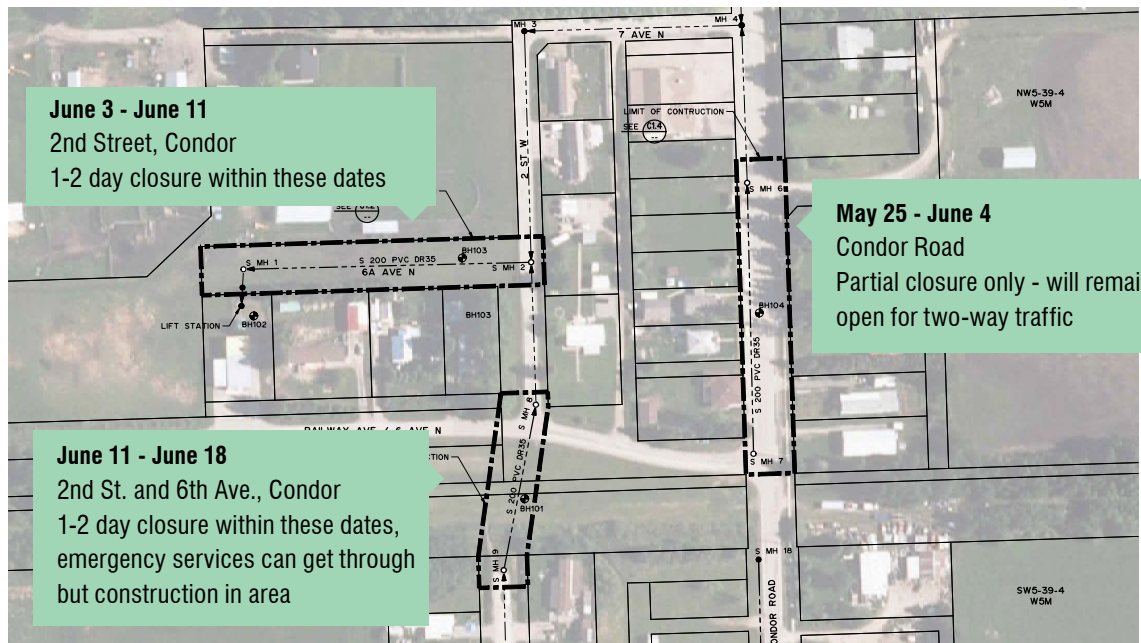
Clearwater County has received temporary road closure notification from our contractors performing sanitary main and service replacements within the

hamlet of Condor.

The below dates are subject to change depending on weather and completion of other phases of the project.

May 25-June 4, 2020	Condor Road	Partial closure with open two-way traffic
June 3-11, 2020	2nd Street	Full closure lasting one or two days during this time. All affected residents will be notified 24hr prior to the actual day of the closure.
June 11-18, 2020	2nd St. and 6th Ave. Intersection	Full closure lasting one or two days during this time. All affected residents will be notified 24hr prior to the actual day of the closure.

For more information please call 403-845-4444 or visit www.clearwatercounty.ca



A contractor is scheduled to start the Condor Lagoon Upgrades in late May, weather dependent. Work to be completed, but not limited to, the installation of the new liner within the lagoon storage cell and landscaping. Work expected to be completed by end of July.



OHV Use in Clearwater County



Using Off Highway Vehicles (OHVs) for recreational purposes can be a great way to spend the weekend with your family, but OHVs have potential dangers that can result in personal injury or even death. Clearwater County is one of the largest OHV destinations for visitors and residents. It is essential OHV users follow municipal bylaws and provincial acts relating to proper OHV use and safety precautions.

Respect Private Property

OHVs should not be operated on other people's property unless they have received permission from the property owner.

Clearwater County Bylaws:

- Allows operation of OHV on municipal roads, right side of road, under 50 km/hr.
- OHVs MUST be registered and insured with licence plate attached and visible.
- OHVs/Dirtbikes must have head lights/tail lights

and muffler.

- Riding on 1, 2 or 3 digit Provincial Highways or in the rights-of-way is not allowed.
- Helmets are mandatory
- Fines for offences under Municipal Bylaw or Provincial Legislation range from \$250 to \$1000.
- A copy of the bylaws can be obtained by calling 403-845-4444 or is available online at www.clearwater-county.ca.
- For more information please visit:
www.clearwatercounty.ca or
AB Gov't Parks & Protected areas.
Facebook: Clearwater County Highway Patrol



Public Works Projects



Base Pave

Speight Road (Twp. 39-0)

Brush removal on road right of way and private property has been mostly completed with minor hand falling along some fence lines remaining. There will be a significant grade improvement on the east end of this road.

Taimi Road

The base pave was originally scheduled to commence August 20, 2020. The contractor has indicated that they may commence as early as June 2020.

Asphalt Overlay

Sunchild Road

Contractors have begun operations at the Brewster

Pit adjacent to the Sunchild Road. Crushing operations are expected to last until June 1, 2020. Pidherney's has begun crushing pit run on the east side of the Sunchild road across from the Brewster Pit and has approximately 50% completed. Paving is tentatively scheduled to begin at the end of June.

Leslieville Public Services Building

County staff and a contracted consultant are currently reviewing responses submitted for the building construction Request for Proposal which closed May 12, 2020. Construction is scheduled to commence this summer with completion by end of this year.

The grading tender was advertised April 21, 2020. This work includes grading and site development for approximately 19 acres, construction of the storm/ fire pond, west access road and the majority of the chain link fencing.



Public Works Projects - continued



Nordegg Street Lights

The remaining work on the streetlights in Nordegg, including the placement of an additional three streetlight poles and fixtures, at the intersection of Highway 11 and Stuart Street, along with the energization of all streetlights, is anticipated to start next month.

Nordegg Historic Commercial Core

Work has commenced on the sanitary and water service installations along Tillie Avenue. The water main has passed pressure testing, and the fire hydrant on Center Street has been relocated.

Clearwater County Post-Secondary Scholarships



Clearwater County's annual post-secondary scholarship program is awarded through the four local high schools. Recent revisions approved by Council now offer the same \$1,000 award to a home schooled student graduating in Clearwater County that is planning to pursue post-secondary education.

Details of the original high school student award are available through the scholarship process at the high schools only. Details of the new home school student award can be found on the County's website, as well as through direct communication with your home school liaison contact. Alternatively, you may email abertagnolli@clearwatercounty.ca for an application and further information.

Clearwater County would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all 2020 graduates and wish you every success in the future.



Importance of Burn Notifications & FAQ's

What is a burn notification?

A burn notification is used to inform Clearwater Regional Fire Rescue Services (CRFRS) of a controlled burn, to prevent the unnecessary dispatching of resources.

How do I complete a burn notification?

You can call the burn notification line at 403-845-7711, CRFRS at 403-845-4444 or you can complete the burn notification form at www.crfrs.ca. Burn notifications are free of charge.

What information is required in a burn notification?

- Legal Land Description
- Contact Name
- Contact Number
- Anticipated Begin and End Dates
- Substance Being Burned
- Forestry Permit Number (if burning within the FPA March – October)

How do burn notifications work?

Once a burn notification is complete the information is sent to our emergency dispatching agency. This is done so that if a 9-1-1 call is received for an outside fire, CRFRS is aware that there is a controlled burn in the area and do not dispatch resources unnecessarily.

When/where is a burn notification required?

A burn notification is required any time of the year when a resident is planning a controlled burn within Clearwater County.

I live in the Forest Protection Area (FPA) within Clearwater County; do I need to complete a burn notification?

Yes. Also be advised, if you are planning a burn in the FPA between March – October you will also



require a permit which is free of charge. Contact the provincial Rocky Mountain House Forest Area office at 403-845-8250 for more information.

Will I be penalized if I do not complete a burn notification and the fire department is dispatched?

There is no direct cost to the resident, however there can be substantial cost to Clearwater County should crews be required to respond to a controlled fire. If you are having a controlled burn and do not notify CRFRS using the methods listed above, crews may be dispatched by a passerby to your location. CRFRS responds to a wide variety of calls ranging from structure fires, motor vehicle incidents, medical calls, wildland fires, water rescues, etc. each of these calls are associated with an operating cost.



2020 Fire Ban System Approved Activities List

Activity	Normal Fire Precautions	Fire Advisory	Fire Restriction	Fire Ban	Forest Closure
Fire Permits	As issued by a forest officer or fire guardian	May be restricted or suspended	Restricted, suspended or cancelled	Suspended or cancelled	Suspended or cancelled
Safe wood campfires ¹ on public lands	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Safe wood campfires ¹ on private land and provincial campgrounds	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Backyard firepits	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Barbeque - Charcoal briquette	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Propane / natural gas powered appliances	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Indoor wood fire ²	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Open flame oil devices ³	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Fireworks	Prohibited without written permission of a Forest Officer	Prohibited without written permission of a Forest Officer	Prohibited without written permission of a Forest Officer	No	No
Exploding targets	Prohibited without written permission of a Forest Officer	Prohibited without written permission of a Forest Officer	No	No	No

1) Safe wood campfires - should be within a metal, brick, or rock fire ring. They are required to:

- be on rock, gravel, sand, or another non combustible surface that extends at least one metre around the fire
- have a responsible person in attendance to keep fire under control at all times and extinguish before leaving
- have on hand enough water on site to extinguish the fire. Safe wood campfires on private lands include private land campgrounds and private land recreation areas. Municipalities, Parks and protected areas may have additional fire safety requirements.

Please note - Municipalities, campgrounds, and parks (federal and provincial), may have additional fire safety requirements.

2 - An indoor wood fire is a fire inside a structure (such as facility, building, tent, or RV) and contained within a device with a chimney and spark arrestor.

3 - Open flame oil devices: all devices (such as turkey deep fryers and tiki torches) must be used as per manufacturer standards.

Users are still responsible for care and attendance of all devices and should reduce their use during fire restrictions and bans. Approved activities or devices will not prevent potential prosecution or litigation if the user or device starts a wildfire.

What type of wood burning fire pit is allowed during a fire ban?

During a fire ban, “wood fires in an enclosed facility or device, which have a chimney with a spark arrestor” are permitted but their use should be reduced. An enclosed facility or device refers to every side is made of a solid material such as metal or glass (i.e. an indoor stove). Any mesh type surfaces that are used outside could pose a risk for sparks to fly and could potentially start a fire.

This means you are permitted to use your indoor wood burning fireplace/stove. All campfires on public, private, provincial (including campgrounds and random camping areas) are prohibited as are barbeques that use charcoal briquettes. Any violations could result in a fine ranging from \$300-\$1,200+.



All Things Boreal

According to Natural Resources Canada (NRCan), our counties boreal region is unique and vital in many ways. That's worth exploring considering some of the southern reaches of this vast zone are part of Clearwater County.

The name Boreal comes from the Greek name given to the mythical Boreas, the so-called god of the North Wind. That's our first hint at the untamed nature of this land mass stretching from Newfoundland to the Yukon. The boreal is massive. The boreal zone rings an upper portion of the entire northern hemisphere just south of the Arctic Circle. The Canadian portion amounts to 28 percent or about 1.5 billion acres. 75 percent of all the forested land in Canada is found in this zone

The boreal is misunderstood. It's not 100 percent treed. Yes, there are many trees, including birch, poplar, larch, lodgepole and jack pine and white and black spruce plus a host of shrubby species.

There are tracts of treeless land where you find wetlands, lakes, rivers and streams and higher elevation areas mostly void of trees. There is an estimated 200 million acres of surface fresh water in Canada's boreal. Its non-human population includes a wide variety of wild inhabitants. Some are permanent citizens and others transient.

About half the approximate 300 bird species found in Canada reside there. Some migratory birds rely on the boreal for their journey to and from the Arctic while others make it their summer home.

There are 85 species of mammals that thrive in the boreal. Large animals like moose, bison, elk and deer, along with another majestic resident, the woodland caribou call this place home. Then there are the smaller species, like otter, muskrat, beaver, hares, squirrels. In between these are foxes, martin, lynx and wolverines.

The boreal is multi-purpose. Most of its permanent inhabitants live in remote communities making up



only 13 percent of Canada's population. For Aboriginal residents, the land is tied to many traditional lifestyle purposes. For other permanent citizens, it provides a way of life in blue- or white-collar ways.

It's also a region of economic change as natural values, sometimes described as environmental and social amenities, are sought after. Discussions are ongoing as to what intact land does for water filtration, water storage, air quality, for other industries such as eco-tourism and for rural quality of life.

The boreal has been called the "lungs of the earth", taking in carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen. Maybe that trip to the forest to take a deep breath is more than a psychological lift.

For more info, check out "Hinterland Who's Who" for an audio visual journey to the boreal: <https://www.hww.ca/en/wild-spaces/boreal-forest.html>



Drone Pilot Project

Clearwater Regional Fire Rescue Services Wildland Urban Interface Crew conducted a drone pilot project to develop an Emergency Response Strategy. Crews mapped the area with drones during the week of May 4, 2020.

Drones can provide accurate information about buildings and landscapes, thus making rescue efforts safer and less time consuming. Volunteer and agencies time is effectively used during disaster management by producing a common and complete picture for emergency operations to aid in allocation of resources.

Clearwater Regional Fire Rescue Services along with Agriculture & Forestry completed a large Ferrier Fire Smart project between November 2018 – April 2019 with the objective of treating high hazard areas previously identified in the Ferrier FireSmart Fuel Mitigation Plan. Piling and burning of selected black spruce stands within close proximity to the Ferrier Community Zone was used to reduce the risk of highly volatile fuel.

Within this pilot project, CRFRS will be capturing the data for the Fire Smart Treatment program as well.

If you have any questions, please contact the County office at (403) 845-4444.



Report Impaired Boaters

Clearwater County Highway Patrol Manager/Sergeant, Terri Miller, and Community Peace Officer, Ron McIvor, pictured in front of new “report an impaired boater” signs installed at Cow Lake last year.



Nordegg Discovery Center Update for Summer 2020

Alberta's Relaunch Strategy to relax public health measures is divided into Three Phases. The province has indicated that moving forward requires careful monitoring and respecting all guidelines outlined by the chief medical officer of health. Each stage of relaunch will depend on the provinces' ability to keep infection numbers low. At this point in time, both the Brazeau Collieries Historic Mine Site Tours and Visitor Information Services are considered in Phase Three with a TBD start date. Phase One beginning as soon as May 14, includes The Miners Café, which means the Nordegg Discovery Centre will be open exclusively for their operation. For more details, please contact the Miners Café.

Residents and visitors will notice some recent renovations took place this past winter, in which for security purposes the Nordegg Artifact Collection was temporarily relocated to secure storage in Nordegg. The space for a new heritage exhibit (located on the second floor) has been prepared and is ready for exhibit development and installation; however, the budget for the exhibit has been deferred by Council to the 2021 budget deliberations which means that until then, there will not be a heritage exhibit (museum) on display.

To improve the buildings' functionality, a new 'Mine Entrance' into the Visitor Services Room has been



constructed which no longer includes a reception desk in the foyer, in addition to other renovations. When the province announces the date for Phase Three of their Relaunch Strategy, the new Visitor Information Room will be open to the public.

Each year in the spring brings seasonal municipal staff, please take the time to introduce yourself! However, at the same time we ask that you continue to take steps to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 by practicing good hygiene, social distancing and monitoring for symptoms. Staff will take this opportunity, while waiting for Phase Three announcement, to complete maintenance work on the Brazeau Historic Mine Site, in addition to other projects such as a new interpretive program.

If you have any questions, suggestions or if you'd like to take this opportunity to better acquaint the staff with your business, please email heritage@clearwatercounty.ca

Heritage Grant Application Deadline Extended

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Clearwater County is extending the Heritage Grant application deadline until further notice.

Please be advised that the second Heritage Grant run for 2020 scheduled for June 1st will be extended until the province's public service announcements and

recommendations for the general public deems large social gatherings are safe for community groups. This extension will reduce the pressure on our community organizations to meet in person to get their grant applications completed.

Groups are encouraged to take this time to prepare and plan their next grant application(s), and to call our office at 403-845-4444 if they have any questions or need criteria clarification.



COVID-19 County Relaunch Strategy

Clearwater County's enhanced safety measures for County facilities have enabled the County to re-open to public access and in person transaction on May 25, 2020, in accordance the Provincial Relaunch Strategy and workplace recommendations.

The County will continue the process of evaluating Provincial updates to confirm any additional restrictions that may be required or those that can be lifted, along with other operational considerations.

Current	County Phase 1 (May 25)	County Phase 2 TBD	County Phase 3 TBD
<p>County facilities closed to public access (open by appointment only).</p> <p>Transfer station and recycle drop off open.</p> <p>Non-essential meetings, events and staff travel restrictions.</p> <p>Contractor, visitor and new hire screening.</p> <p>No in person Council meetings or public hearings.</p>	<p>County facilities open to in person transactions.</p> <p>Limited number of public in building(s).</p> <p>Phone & online transactions encouraged.</p> <p>Staff travel limited to essential service requirements only.</p> <p>Meetings up to 15 people as space allows.</p>	<p>Timing and conditions will be determined by the Province.</p> <p>Limited number of public in building(s).</p> <p>Phone & online transactions encouraged.</p> <p>Public events limited to mass gathering restrictions.</p>	<p>Timing and conditions will be determined by the Province.</p> <p>Restriction for public events lifted.</p> <p>Council meetings and public hearings open to in person attendance.</p>
<p>ONGOING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share and encourage the public to follow AHS recommendations Enhanced sanitization of County facilities Continue monitoring Provincial recommendations / restrictions 			

Visit www.alberta.ca/covid19 for the most current information and resources for COVID-19.



Additional COVID-19 Resources

Businesses

When reopening, businesses should:

- become familiar with the workplace guidance and relevant sector-specific guidance documents
- identify and implement measures to comply with public health requirements and workplace guidance to reduce the risk of COVID-19 among staff and customers

Visit Alberta Biz Connect at www.alberta.ca/biz-connect for workplace guidance and supports to help businesses and non-profits affected by COVID-19 begin to reopen and resume operations safely.

All Clearwater County businesses and entrepreneurs are encouraged to participate in the COVID-19 Alberta Business Impact Survey to help gather con-

sistent, high level data on the impact of COVID-19 pandemic to Alberta businesses, specifically to help identify immediate and emerging business needs and trends. This information is anonymous and will help Economic Development Officers working with municipalities across Alberta analyze the current impacts and prepare to assist with recovery. Survey link: www.edaalberta.wufoo.com/forms/r19ded0919ea64b

Individuals

Anyone looking for financial support, mental health resources or other family and community support services can find information and resource link at www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans



Regional Business Support Hotline During COVID-19

Businesses can call the Hotline to speak to a live person from each municipality's respective economic development officer for information about available provincial and federal support programs:

Town of Sundre - extension 1
Town of Carstairs - extension 2
Town of Didsbury - extension 3
Village of Cremona - extension 4
Mountain View County - extension 5
Clearwater County - extension 6

HOTLINE 403-556-3130

Monday - Friday (10am - 3pm)



Jump Start to Control Invasive Plants

Unfortunately, when conditions are good, then everything grows, even the weeds. It is the time of year when landowners are faced with the distasteful, often costly job of controlling foreign invaders bent on taking over the landscape. But it must be done.

The alternative is to leave the hardy aggressors to their own devices, allowing them to alter our ecosystem, reduce biodiversity, eliminate native species, and ultimately change the way we live. Some things in life we must settle for, but invasive species are not one of them.

The first piece of legislation ever introduced in the Alberta legislature was the Provincial Weed Act (1907) in which invasive weed species are designated as either noxious or prohibited noxious. By law, noxious weeds are required to be controlled by landowners while prohibited noxious weeds must be eliminated altogether.

Clearwater County Agriculture and Community Services has had a long-term mandate to assist residents and landowners in their effort to comply with legislation and control or eliminate invasive species as required. In that regard Ag Services has developed a variety of services and programs, many of which are free, or available at a nominal charge such as retailing competitively priced herbicides appropriate for use by both acreage owners and agricultural producers.

In the past, attendance at a weed workshop guaranteed a 10 percent discount on selected herbicides purchased through the county. Since all public events were cancelled due to COVID-19, today's option is to watch a short video and answer a few questions to receive the discount.

Discount link: <http://www.clearwatercounty.ca/p/herbicide-discount>

A complete line of rental spray equipment is also available at our local shop for a nominal fee. Seven large boom-less pasture sprayers are available for use at no charge by local farmers and are located at vari-



ous locations throughout the county.

Agriculture and Community Services continues to sponsor the Eradicable Weeds Program. Believing that some invasive species are at low enough numbers that it is possible to eradicate them entirely, county staff will control these weeds at no cost to the landowner. The program has proven very successful with residents having identified many of the invaders themselves.

We are all stewards of the land, playing an important role in the healthy evolution of our environment. Our diligence in dealing with invasive species helps assure environmental diversity while fostering the continuation of native species, providing for wildlife habitat as well as agricultural productivity. The decisions we make today will help determine the future for generations to come.

Agriculture and Community Services provides a tremendous amount of material, equipment, and education to Clearwater County residents, to support agricultural producers while aiding in the protection of our shared environment. Feel free to give us a call about your weed concerns at 403-845-4444.



Public Input Required: Municipal Development Plan Review

MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

together shaping the future of our county



Who is leading the Process?

Clearwater County Council is leading the process with assistance from Clearwater County's Planning & Development department staff and a consultant firm, Parkland Community Planning Services. As the steering committee for the process, Council will review materials and provide direction throughout the process. This includes seeking public input on issues

that should be looked at and any proposed changes to the Municipal Development Plan (MDP).

How can I be involved?

There are several ways for you to participate in the MDP Review. Please take advantage of the following opportunities:

- Review materials on the County website and submit comments (you can email, call or visit); and,
- Attend future open house sessions expected to take place in 2020 (details will be shared on the County's website and newsletter as it becomes available)

Input Opportunity 1

The MDP covers a broad range of topics related to how we use land and what activities are allowed to take place in various parts of the county.

- From your own experience or having read the cur-

rent MDP, are there topics or issues that you think the review process should look into?

- Do you have any other comments/questions regarding the MDP review process?

Input Opportunity 2

A vision statement describes the desired future of a community. It is something the community strives to be or become over many years. The vision in the current MDP was based on many public workshops and sessions to gather ideas and thoughts about the desired future of Clearwater County. As part of the review process, we wish to see if the current vision, guiding principles and anticipated outcomes still reflect what the community wants to be in the future. Read the content on the County's website at [www.clearwatercounty.ca/p/municipal-development-plan-](http://www.clearwatercounty.ca/p/municipal-development-plan-review)

[review](#) to answer the below questions:

- Does the combined text of the vision, guiding principles and anticipated outcomes describe what you would like to see for Clearwater County's future? Would you like to live there?
- Are there any ideas you think are missing from the vision, guiding principles or anticipated outcomes? If yes, what are they?
- Is there anything you think should be removed from or clarified in the vision, guiding principles or anticipated outcomes? If yes, what are they?

For further information or to share your thoughts/comments please contact Kim Gilham, Senior Planner, at MDPReview@clearwatercounty.ca or call 403-845-4444.



Seasonal Summer Pest & Weed Staff

Weed season is upon us and Clearwater County's seasonal pest and weed staff have begun their summer employment assisting County residents to control invasive species through inspections and delivery of weed notices.



Brooklyn Smith - Weed Management (South)

WSouth@clearwatercounty.ca | Phone 403-845-9183

I grew up on a cattle farm just outside of Alhambra. I just completed the first year in the Land and Water Resources at Olds College. Sports has always been a big part of my life and I have played just about everything from co-ed fastball to college basketball. In my free time I enjoy hiking and camping in the mountains. I am grateful for the opportunity to work at Clearwater County as a weed inspector because we are working to solve environmental issues and my job relates closely to the type of work I hope to do when I complete my schooling.



Laeken Kinch - Community Weed Control Coordinator

WCommunity@clearwatercounty.ca | Phone 403-845-8623

I live on a hobby farm south of the Arbutus hall. During the fall and winter semesters I study Biological Sciences at the University of Alberta. I hope to apply my undergraduate degree towards a Masters in Physiotherapy or an MD. Outside of work and the classroom I enjoy playing rugby and other fitness related activities. In my spare time, I also like riding my horse and assisting my dad in animal husbandry around the farm.



Bailey Eklund - Eradicable Weed Coordinator

WAssistant@clearwatercounty.ca | 403-846-6990

This is my third summer working at Clearwater County. I grew up in Rocky Mountain House and have just completed my second year studying Education at the University of Alberta with a major in physical education and a minor in French. Outside of work and school I enjoy playing sports and being outdoors. My position as the Eradicable Weed Coordinator is exciting and informative. I am looking forward to meeting and learning from county residents as well as the agriculture staff at Clearwater County.



Edith van Ginkle - Weed Management Coordinator (Central)

WCentral@clearwatercounty.ca | 403-845-8963

This is my second year at Clearwater County. I grew up on a farm in the Leslieville area and this past year I finished my third year of education at Dordt University in Iowa. I am looking forward to meeting and working with the residents in my area to help resolve their weed problems. When not working, I enjoy the challenge of hiking and camping in the mountains.



Ryan Jeffery - Weed Management Coordinator (North)

WNorth@clearwatercounty.ca | Phone 403-845-8926

I am a local Rocky resident and have just completed my third year of a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology. In the fall I will travel to New Zealand to study Chiropractic. This will be my third consecutive summer working as the North Weed Management Coordinator with Clearwater County. My interest in science has come in handy helping residents identify invasive weed species and how to control them. In my spare time I like working out, hanging out with friends and enjoying the outdoors.



2020 Conifer Tree Seedling Program: Now Accepting Applications



County landowners can order affordable tree seedlings for white spruce or lodgepine suitable for starting/renovating a shelterbelt or rejuvenating a natural area.

The Tree Seedling Program, in partnership with West Fraser, provides purchasers with options to purchase bundled seedlings of fifteen spruce or fifteen pine at \$4.50 per bundle (min. order five bundles).

Trees must be planted on the property applied for and not sold or given away. Please provide verification of land ownership in Clearwater County (example: property tax notice). Applications are subject to Clearwater County approval. Planting sites may be subject to verification.

Application forms are available on the County website. At this time, only email applications will be accepted.

Each year, between 8,000 – 10,000 seedlings are distributed to County landowners through this program.

For more info clearwatercounty.ca/p/programs-and-services.

Application deadline has been extended to June 19, 2020 with a seedling delivery in mid-July.

Hemp Fiber Mats for Purchase

Available 12-inch and 18-inch square hemp fiber mats to help maximize your tree seedling investment. Great for helping seedlings access light, nutrients and moisture that other vegetation otherwise robs. Only \$0.40/12-inch and \$0.50/18-inch plus GST.

Hemp fiber products also come in rolls for custom applications like slope protection, row planting where plants are closer together, lining swales or low areas, culvert inlets or outlets, and even pond banks. This is an alternative to straw or coconut matting.

Call 403-845-4444 for more info.





Mountain Pine Beetle – a growing worry for Clearwater pine

Private landowners are responsible for their own trees therefore monitoring existing pine stands is critically important. Clearwater County staff will provide information on identification of the mountain pine beetle, so control measures can be put in place. Early detection and control by residents play an important role in managing Alberta's MPB infestation and preventing further spread.

- For questions about MPB on public (crown) land contact Alberta Agriculture and Forestry.
- For questions about MPB on private land contact Clearwater County Agriculture and Community Services.
- For more information visit Alberta Agriculture & Forestry website.



NEW Verbenone Repellent Pouch for purchase

Available in April at the Agriculture and Community Services office. To protect hi-valued pine trees over a small area, the pouches give off a pheromone letting beetle know "this tree is full" to ward off attack. Hang one pouch per tree between June 15 and July 1 at a 5-metre radius to the next pouch.

While verbenone has been shown to be effective at low to moderate beetle population pressure, it is not very effective when the pressure is high. Even under low and moderate beetle pressure, complete protection may not be achieved.

Pouches will be sold in packages of 10 at a cost of \$100 plus GST. Packages are to be stored in a sealed freezer bag in a freezer. For more information call 845-4444.



A Message from Sasquatch and Partners

Clearwater County wishes to acknowledge the financial assistance of TD Friends of the Environment Foundation Grant, funded by TD Bank Group, toward Clearwater's portion of the cost for new Sasquatch brochures.



WELCOME TO OUR BACKYARD!

Please enjoy it with respect.

Random camping and trail use in the west country is a unique opportunity unheard of in many parts of North America.

Visitors enjoy unparalleled scenery and diverse recreation experiences. The benefits brought to the local economy are greatly appreciated.

Areas west of Sundre and Caroline are part of the headwaters of the Red Deer River supplying water to a large part of Alberta's population.

Our recreational choices are important as natural landscapes are easily damaged, especially in wet conditions. Whatever you enjoy doing in the outdoors use good judgment.

Treat forests, foothills and mountains, rivers, streams and lakes and creatures that live among them with respect today so others may experience them tomorrow.

For more information visit:
www.clearwatercounty.ca
www.mountainviewcounty.com



Sasquatch and Partners is a multi-county initiative encouraging responsible recreation on public land.



Clearwater County and Mountain View County thank you for treading carefully while enjoying Sasquatch's backyard.

SASQUATCH APPROVED RECREATION



- ◆ Control your campfire and make sure it is out when you leave.
- ◆ Keep campsites a minimum 100 meters from oil and gas facilities.
- ◆ Stay on existing trails and share trails with others.
- ◆ Respect wildlife and the upland and low-land areas where they live.
- ◆ Respect livestock such as cattle and horses.
- ◆ Pack out ALL garbage and recyclables.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

911

Oil and Gas / Energy and Environmental Response

1-800-222-6514



Frequently Requested Numbers

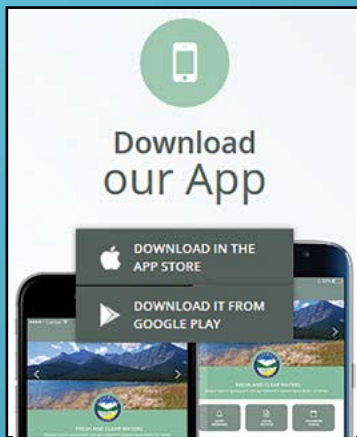
Clearwater County Office	403-845-4444
Clearwater County Office Fax	403-845-7330
Clearwater Mutual Aid Co-op (CMAC) - Oil & Gas Emergency	1-866-950-CMAC (2622)
24 Hour Burn Notification Line	403-845-7711
Alberta One Call	1-800-242-3447
Alberta Environment	403-845-8240
Alberta Highway Service	403-845-7899
Alberta Land Titles	780-427-2742
Chamber of Commerce - Serving Clearwater County and Town of Rocky Mountain House	403-845-5450
Family and Community Support Services	403-845-3720
Fish and Wildlife	403-845-8230
Health Unit	403-845-3030
MLA Jason Nixon	403-871-0701
Rocky Mountain House Regional Solid Waste Authority	403-845-4121
Town of Rocky Mountain House	403-845-2866
Village of Caroline	403-722-3781
Fire Ban Information	www.albertafirebans.ca

10% Discount on Herbicide Purchases

Traditionally, Clearwater County offers an herbicide discount to landowners who attend a spring weed workshop. Due to COVID-19, the scheduled weed workshops for May and June have been cancelled. To ensure continuation of the program, Agriculture and Community Services will offer an online discount form and questionnaire (available on the County's website) that once completed, will qualify the user for a 10% discount on range and pasture herbicides purchased through Clearwater County.

To receive the 10% discount on your next herbicide product, watch three videos and submit the form found on the County's website at www.clearwater-county.ca/p/herbicide-discount.





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