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Greeting from the Reeve

Hello everyone,

Council held its annual organization meeting on October 22, 2019 where we chose a Reeve, Deputy Reeve and assigned the various boards and committees we sit on. As a result of that it is my pleasure to bring greetings as your Reeve for the upcoming year. With the current economic conditions in our region and the whole province, 2020 looks to be a year filled with both challenges and opportunities for growth. Our Council is ready to meet those challenges and will be working hard to build up our community.

I'd like to take a moment to say thank you to community members who have stepped forward to serve on a variety of boards and committees. Your passion for this community and time commitments helps us get closer to achieving a prosperous vision.

In October, our Public Works department was busy wrapping up road and bridge construction projects. With unpredictable weather conditions, some projects will likely have to be carried over to next year's construction season.

Our Council had the opportunity to meet with the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General Doug Schweitzer during the province-wide town hall tour on rural crime that took place in Rocky Mountain House on November 7, 2019. We will continue to lobby as the province works on a new plan to combat rural crime such as the new RAPID Force, strengthening property owners and cracking down on metal theft.

Council recently attended the annual RMA convention where Councillor John Vandermeer and



Timothy Hoven,
Reeve

Jim Duncan received 9-year service pins on Council. Their knowledge and commitment have been integral to our success today. Furthermore, at these conventions, there is also opportunity to lobby the province about programs and services they may or may not be providing.

On another high note, the grand opening of the new Condor Public Services Build-

ing took place on November 19, 2019, thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate even with the cold and snowy weather. See pages 18 and 19 for pictures.

Clearwater County is in the process of finalizing various Intermunicipal Development Plans (IDP) with adjacent municipalities. Next month, Clearwater County and the County of Wetaskiwin No. 9 will review and adopt the IDP and Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF). See page 10 for a list of Council's 180 Day Priorities Tracker and more information.

Each year Council reviews programs and service levels and sets the direction for future years with a three-year operating and ten-year capital budget. For the 2020-2022 budget, Council's deliberations took place December 11-13, these meetings were open to the public.

All the best to you and yours in the upcoming Holiday Season as we close out this year and look forward to 2020.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Sincerely,
Reeve Timothy Hoven



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2020 Budget Deliberations

December 11-13, 2019, in Council Chambers from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. These meetings are open to the public, and Council will also review a three-year operating and ten-year capital plan.

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.

- December 10
- December 24 - Cancelled
- January 14
- January 28

Holiday Office Closures

During the holiday season, all Clearwater County offices will be closed on December 24, 25, 26 and January 1.



September 24

Post-Secondary Scholarship Policy

Council approved the Post-Secondary Scholarship Policy and appointed Councillors to attend St. Dominic's, West Central, Caroline, and David Thompson high school awards ceremonies. Council approved that an additional scholarship of \$1,000 be made available solely for home schooled students, to be included in the 2020 budget.

Tax Collection Statistics

An update on outstanding property taxes and the number of registrants for the Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP) was provided to Council as information.

Town of Rocky Mountain House Lagoon Summary Report

Council received the Town of Rocky Mountain House Lagoon Summary Report dated September 2019 as information.

Clearwater Trail Initiative (CTI)

Council approves adding CTI as another named insured to Clearwater County's general liability insurance policy.

Township Road 39-0 (Speight Road) Base Pave Project

Council approved the removal of \$60,000.00 from the 2019 Capital Plan North Saskatchewan River Park (NSRP) and added to the NSRP Reserve for future considerations.

Council also approved the transfer of \$60,000.00 from contingency towards the 2019 Capital Plan for complete detailed design and tender development of Township Road 39-0 (Speight Road).

Clearwater Regional Fire Rescue Services (CRFRS) Obsolete Policy Clean-Up

Council tabled rescinding 22 obsolete policies for Clearwater Regional Fire Rescue Services (CRFRS) pending completion of a workshop.

DRAFT Fire Rescue Services and Fire Control Bylaw #1069/19

Council directed Administration to bring back a revised Fire Rescue Services and Fire Control Bylaw #1069/19 to a future meeting.

Request for Secorder on Central RMA Resolutions

Council seconded two resolutions for the Rural Municipalities of Alberta Central District meeting, to take place on October 4.

Village of Caroline's Request

Council directed administration to draft a letter of response to the Village of Caroline's letter regarding the termination of the regional fire agreement.

Land Acquisition

Council directed Administration to commence land purchase negotiations.

Connect to Innovate Grant funding

Council directed Administration to proceed with the acquisition of a Connect to Innovate Grant.

October 8

Residents' Concerns with Range Road 7-3A (River Road)

Council received information from concerned residents living along Range Road 7-3A (River Road) for information and that they are going to consider a request for dust control in the 2020 budget discussions.



Council Highlights



Clearwater County Council met with Honourable Doug Schweitzer, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, and Honourable Jason Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks to talk about rural crime ahead of the province's Talking Rural Crime meeting.

Alberta First Responder Radio Communications System (AFRRCS)

Council received the AFFRCS delegation's presentation as information.

Parkland Regional Library (PRL) 2020 Proposed Budget

Council reviewed and approved the Parkland Regional Library's proposed budget for 2020.

Recovery of Taxes

Council reviewed arrears for four properties and that all attempts to collect outstanding taxes have been made and the properties are scheduled for public auction November 1, 2019. Council set reserve bids ranging from \$12,500 to \$430,000 and the following terms for property sale; cash or certified

cheque, deposit of 10% at time of bid/sale and balance of payment to be paid within 90 days.

Tax Collection Statistics for Council Information

Council received the Tax Collection Statistics Report as of October 7 for information.

Shallow Gas Tax Relief Initiative Program Resolution

Council authorized the reduction of tax levies associated with the 2019 property taxes as per the Province's 'Shallow Gas Tax Relief Initiative Program.'

Comprehensive Community Profile

Council received the Draft Clearwater County 2019 Community Profile for information as presented.

Council Highlights

Council Committee Appointments List

Council reviewed and updated Council's Board and Committee appointments in advance of their Organizational Meeting to focus on good governance and efficiencies.

CAO Report

Council authorized Councillors attendance to Elected Official Education Program (EOEP) and University of Alberta - Augustana Campus upcoming 'Certificate in Rural Municipal Leadership' should their schedules allow.

Public Works Report

Council delayed purchase of streetlights for the Nordegg Manufactured Home Park pending a review of alternative less costly style to fit within Nordegg Design Guidelines.

October 22 Organizational Meeting

Council's 2019 Organizational Meeting was held October 22, appointing Council and community members to local boards. Timothy Hoven was elected Reeve, Michelle Swanson was elected Deputy Reeve.

October 22

Land Use Amendment Bylaw 1072/19 & Public Hearing

Following public hearing proceedings, Council granted second and third reading to Bylaw 1072/19 to rezone +/-29.97 acres from Agriculture District "A" to Light Industrial District "LI" with the intent of operating an oilfield rental business from the property located at NW 32-38-06-W5M.

Land Use Amendment Bylaw 1073/19

Council granted first reading to Bylaw 1073/19 to redesignate +/-4.40 acres from the Country Residence Agriculture District "CRA" to the Intensive Agricul-



Pictured left to right: John Vandermeer, Jim Duncan, Kara Westerlund (Vice President of RMA), and Al Kemmere (President of RMA). Kara and Al presented Jim and John their 9 year service pins on Council on November 5, 2019.

ture District "IA" and 16.80 acres from the Agriculture District "A" to the Intensive Agriculture District "IA" located at NW 31-38-07 W5M, and directed Administration to proceed to Public Hearing process.

Bylaw 1074/19 - Wetaskiwin County and Clearwater County Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP)

Council granted first reading to Bylaw 1074/19 to adopt the Wetaskiwin County and Clearwater County Intermunicipal Development Plan established as a statutory/policy plan to guide planning decision for lands within one (1) mile of each side of the common boundary between the two municipalities. Council directed Administration to proceed to Public Hearing process.



Bylaw 1075/19 - Wetaskiwin County and Clearwater County Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF)

Council granted first reading to Bylaw 1075/19 to adopt the Wetaskiwin County and Clearwater County Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework, required to be completed by April 1, 2020 as outlined the modernized Municipal Government Act (MGA).

Bylaw 1078/19 - Brazeau County and Clearwater County Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework

Council granted first reading of Bylaw 1078/19 to adopt the Brazeau County and Clearwater County Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework, required to be completed by April 1, 2020 as outlined the modernized Municipal Government Act (MGA).

Bylaw 1079/19 - Summer Village of Burnstick Lake and Clearwater County Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework

Council granted first reading to Bylaw 1079/19 to adopt the Summer Village of Burnstick Lake and Clearwater County Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework, required to be completed by April 1, 2020 as outlined the modernized Municipal Government Act (MGA).

Signage Request for Clearwater Estates and Cougar Ridge

Council approved the placement of "Caution Children Playing" signs in two locations, east bound lane leading into the Clearwater Estates subdivision, and the entrance of the County right-of-way to the South of #14 Hidden Valley Close. Exact location is dependent on terrain and existing signage.

Recovery of Taxes

Council revised the reserve bid for one property eligi-

ble for public auction, Roll # 3904061022 from \$125,000 to \$103,000, reflecting updated appraisal value.

Delegation – Request for Letter of Support for Cap on Mobile Home Sites Rent Increase

Council heard concerns from a resident of Leslieville with rent increases to mobile home sites and requested a letter of support from Council to encourage the Provincial Government to limit or cap rental pad increases.

November 5

Demolition of Faraway Hall and Skating Rink

Council discussed a request from Faraway Community Society to demolish and remove the abandoned Faraway Hall and skating rink, Council will consider the request during 2020 budget deliberations scheduled December 10-13, 2019.

Third Quarter Financial Reports

Council reviewed and accepted as information Clearwater County's third quarter capital and operating financial report.

Updated Meeting Procedures Bylaw

Council reviewed, amended and granted first reading to the Meeting Procedures Bylaw 1080/19, which includes the addition of Items 4.14 through 4.22 under the 'Recording and Livestreaming of Meetings' section. Second and third reading will be provided at a subsequent meeting to allow time for public review.

Updated Council Committees Bylaw

Council reviewed, amended and granted first reading to the Council Committees Bylaw 1081/19, which includes an updated list of committees and a committee name change. Second and third reading will be provided at a subsequent meeting to allow time for public review.



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Results of Audit Services Request for Proposal

Council appointed Metrix Group LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants as auditors for Clearwater County for the 2019, 2020 and 2021 fiscal years.

November 26

Consideration of Second Reading – Bylaw 1074/19 Clearwater County – County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 Intermunicipal Development Plan

Following public hearing proceedings Council granted second reading of Bylaw 1074/19 to adopt the Clearwater County and County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP).

Bylaw 1075/19 – Clearwater County and Wetaskiwin County No. 10 Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework

Council granted second reading of Bylaw 1075/19 to adopt the Clearwater County and Wetaskiwin County No. 10 Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF).

Bylaw 1078/19 – Brazeau County and Clearwater County Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework

Council granted second and third reading of Bylaw 1078/19 to adopt the Brazeau County and Clearwater County Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF). The Framework was developed in accordance with Municipal Government Act (MGA) legislation, to identify services provided by each municipality; services that are provided on an intermunicipal basis; and, how intermunicipal services are delivered and funded.

Telecommunication Tower Policy

Council reviewed and directed Administration to draft a Telecommunication Tower Policy as recommended by Innovation, Science and Economic De-

velopment (ISED) Canada to guide the location of telecommunication towers within Clearwater County, and reflecting exemptions as stated in ISED.

Alberta Community Partnership Grant Application

Council authorizes Ponoka County to be the managing partner to complete the Ponoka County-Clearwater County Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) and Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) and fully supports Ponoka County's Alberta Community Partnership Grant application for IDP and ICF creation.

Draft Small Business Sub-Class Bylaw

Council reviewed and granted first reading of Bylaw 1082/19 to create a small business sub-class in accordance with new legislation (see page 14).

Council Christmas Greeting Advertising 2019

Council directed Administration to advertise a Christmas greeting on their behalf, with Councillors splitting the total cost of the greetings.

Council Meeting Live Streaming Update

Council accepted the live streaming update as information and directed Administration to start public live streaming in 2020 at the first regular Council meeting on January 14, 2020.

Communications Update

Council accepted the communications update as information and directed Administration to draft a Strategic Communications Plan for presentation at an upcoming Strategic Planning Council Committee meeting.

Updated Meeting Procedures Bylaw

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Council Highlights / Nordegg Open House

dition of a 'Recording and Livestreaming of Meetings' section.

Updated Council Committees Bylaw

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Âsokêwin Friendship Centre Request for Funding

Council approved contributing one-third of funding, up to \$5,000, to Âsokêwin Friendship Centre (formerly Rocky Native Friendship Centre) to cover costs of installing a new furnace/AC unit.

Sunchild Road Asphalt Overlay Tender Award

Council awarded the Sunchild Road Asphalt Overlay and Other Work project to Border Paving Ltd.

Agriculture / Recreational Facility

Council will consider development of an Agriculture / Recreational Facility at a future Strategic Planning Committee meeting.

Nordegg Open House

On November 29, 2019, a public open house was held at the Nordegg Community Centre where residents had the opportunity to hear directly from Administration with updates on:

- The process required to amend the Land Use Bylaw 1070/19 (Nordegg Manufactured Home District "NMH")
- Status update on the Nordegg Development Plan
- Nordegg Fire Services and Recruitment drive.

Over 30 residents attended the open house. Watch the next newsletter edition for frequently asked questions and answers, or check the County website.



Council's Strategic Plan & 180 Days Priorities' Tracker

From the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan, Council wanted to have a tool to provide the community an update on their priorities and the governance tasks associated with moving forward. Below is Council's last 180 Day Priority Activity Tracker and as resources allow, deadlines near, or priority goals are achieved, priorities will be moved up accordingly.

Council's priority tracker template will be updated bi-annually and reported on in the County Highlights Newsletter, online and discussed at the next Council's Strategic Planning session January 20, 2020.



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Council's Strategic Plan & 180 Days Priorities' Tracker

PRIORITIES	LAST 180 DAYS April 6, 2019 – Oct. 4, 2019	NEXT 180 DAYS Oct. 5, 2019 – April 5, 2020
Create a broadband/internet business plan and community-wide infrastructure masterplan concurrently.	Council to weigh options and review new technologies. Consultation with local ISPs.	Additional consultation with local ISPs. Business plan discussions in progress.
Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) and Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) with Village of Caroline.	Third reading completed for both bylaws in May 2019.	
ICF/IDP with MD of Bighorn	Draft ICF/IDP documents in progress.	Third reading completed for both bylaws
ICF with Brazeau County	Draft ICF documents in progress.	Third reading completed for both bylaws
ICF/IDP with County of Wetaskiwin	Draft ICF/IDP documents in progress.	Third reading completed for both bylaws
ICF with ID 9	Preliminary administrative discussions under-way	Third reading completed for both bylaws
ICF/IDP with Summer Village of Burnstick Lake	Draft ICF/IDP documents in progress.	Third reading completed for both bylaws
ICF with ID 12	Preliminary administrative discussions under-way	Third reading completed for both bylaws
ICF with Yellowhead County	Preliminary administrative discussions under-way	Third reading completed for both bylaws
ICF with Town of Rocky Mountain House	ICF framework in progress.	Third reading completed for both bylaws
ICF/IDP with Ponoka County	Draft ICF/IDP documents in progress.	Third reading completed for both bylaws
ICF/IDP with Red Deer County	Draft ICF/IDP documents in progress.	Third reading completed for both bylaws
ICF/IDP with Lacombe County	Draft ICF/IDP documents in progress.	Third reading completed for both bylaws
ICF/IDP with Mountain View County	Draft ICF/IDP documents in progress.	Third reading completed for both bylaws
Review eastern fire hall(s) decision and conduct additional consultation.	Construction of Condor Public Services Building anticipated to be complete by Dec 2019.	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.
Ten-year Capital planning	Council to review Ten-Year Capital Plan for 2020-2029 in September.	Budget deliberations scheduled for Dec 11 -13, 2019.
Regional Strategic Planning	Modernized agreements for Solid Waste and Fire Rescue service provision completed by Dec 2019.	In progress.
Policy Review	Review of County's employment policies to meet new federal and provincial legislation underway. Review of Council approved the revised Councillor, Board & Committee Remuneration Policy, Conferences and Training for Councillors Policy and Travel & Subsistence Policy. Revised Community Hall Funding Policy approved.	Review of Council, Board and Committee remuneration policy.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

From All of Us to All of You:

*We wish you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year*



from Clearwater County Council

May the Christmas season bring
much happiness, good health and good
fortune to you and your loved ones.

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ADDITIONAL TAX PENALTY APPLIED DECEMBER 16, 2019

Reminder that on December 16, 2019 an additional 4% penalty was applied to all outstanding tax balances. Payments can be made online-keeping in mind online payments often take 3-5 days to process, by mail or in person at the County office. The County office hours are Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Also, an afterhours drop box is located at the front door of the County building. Reminder that if payments are returned from the bank for any reason, taxes are considered unpaid.



Make your property tax payment simple!

Sign up today for our monthly tax payment plan.

To learn more, call 403-845-4444 or visit
www.clearwatercounty.ca/p/tax-installment-payment-plan

The Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP) is an efficient program which allows you to pay your property taxes on a monthly basis instead of one annual payment.

Each year property taxes are billed in May but cover the period from January 1 to December 31.

If you take advantage of the TIPP programs you don't need to worry about the payment deadline or

- : late payment penalties. Your taxes are spread over 12
- : months, starting in January, with the account being
- : paid in full after your December installment. TIPP au-
- : tomatically continues from year to year, or until you
- : chose to discontinue the payment schedule.
- : If you are interested in participating in the Plan or
- : require more information, please contact the County
- : at 403-845-4444.



Live Streaming Coming in 2020



Background:

At the regular meeting of Council held November 28, 2017, discussion of live streaming options for Council meetings was tabled pending more information and additional quotes on alternative live video feed systems.

Following the April 10, 2018 regular meeting of Council, Administration was directed to proceed upgrading audio equipment to be funded by capital budget previously approved for live streaming.

Since then, Administration has been working hard to finalize the upgrade of the audio/video equipment

in Council Chambers, train staff in the new online platform for generating the new agenda format, and has performed several successful tests.

During the November 26, 2019, regular meeting of Council, the updates to the Meeting Procedures Bylaw 1080/19 were approved following second and third reading. This updated bylaw will enable the recording and live streaming of regular meetings of Council as well as Strategic Planning Council Committee meetings. At the same meeting, Council approved the first live streaming session to take place at the first regular meeting of Council in 2020 (January 14, 2020).

Steps to View the Live Stream

Option A	Option B
1.) Open Clearwater County's new CivicWeb Portal, https://clearwatercounty.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx , which enables our residents to learn more about meetings, search and view minutes, agendas and all agenda documents and reports!	1.) Visit Clearwater County's YouTube Page, www.youtube.com/ClearwaterCounty
2.) Under the MEETINGS tab, click on the meeting that you wish to watch.	2.) Click on the meeting that you wish to watch.



New Small Business Property Tax Sub-Class

On November 26, 2019, Council granted first reading of Bylaw 1082/19, Small Business Sub-Class, which would enable Clearwater County to create a small business property tax sub-class, allowing small businesses to be taxed at a rate of up to 25 per cent less than other non-residential properties.

Once second and third readings of the bylaw are passed, Clearwater County will begin accepting applications from business owners to confirm eligibility. Applications that are received by the middle of February 2020 will take effect for 2020 property tax year.

The information collected from small businesses will help Clearwater County establish a database to better identify the needs in the region to support and advance rural economic development.



Applications for Senior Subsidized Housing for Independent Seniors

Rocky Senior Housing Council manages five senior subsidized self-contained buildings in Clearwater County and Rocky Mountain House. There is one location in Caroline (Mountain Sunset Manor), one in Leslieville (McLeod Manor) and three locations in Rocky Mountain House (Columbus Place, Acton House and Day Manor). The units in these buildings are:

- one-bedroom;
- self-contained apartments;
- complete with a kitchen;
- living room;
- washroom; and,
- shared laundry facilities.



These units are for low income seniors, and the monthly rent is based on 30% of Line 150 on your Notice of Assessment. The preferred age is 65+, but depending on vacancy, low income applicants may be accepted that are age 60+ on a case-by-case basis.

Applications are currently being accepted for Columbus Place, Day Manor and Acton House. Please call Westview Lodge at 403-845-3588 to inquire, or stop by the office Monday to Friday during regular office hours (8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)

More information and applications are available online at www.rockyseniors.com.



Bridge Construction

Construction is now complete on the bridge structure spanning over Horseguard Creek immediately south of Withrow on Rge. Rd. 4-3 (Withrow Road) between Twp. Rd. 39-4 and Twp. Rd. 39-4A.



Snow Issues

A snow windrow is the ridge of snow left behind after a plow truck has cleared the road. Within Clearwater County, windrows of snow along the roadside and across approaches and/or driveways will not be removed by the municipality as this is the responsibility of the landowner.



Figure 1: photo courtesy of Jeff Desjarlais – Clearwater County



Figure 2: <https://land-corpinc.com/2016/01/01/snow-removal-weve-got-this/>



Snow Issues

Please remember not to push snow across a County road when clearing snow from an approach. Moving snow across a road may leave ridges or ruts that can be considered dangerous and pose a hazard to the travelling public or damage the surface of the road. According to Clearwater County Highway Management Bylaw Part 3, Section 19:

No Person shall permit any structure, object, or thing on or forming part of property that they own or occupy to:

- (a) Cause a drifting or accumulation of snow on a highway;
- (b) Damage a highway;
- (c) Obstruct the vision of pedestrians or drivers of vehicles on a highway; or
- (d) Create a hazard or obstruction to vehicular or pedestrian traffic on the highway.

The minimum penalty for an offence under Section 19 is \$200.00.



Figure 3: photo courtesy of Katie Erickson - Clearwater County



Figure 4: https://www.lamontcounty.ca/blogs/show_entry/9213/Reminder-Don-t-Push-Snow-Across-the-Roadway-

Condor Public Services Building Grand Opening



The grand opening of the Condor Public Services Building took place on November 19, 2019. Approximately 200 people attended the building tours, meet and greet with a beef on bun dinner, followed by formal speeches, ribbon cutting, and ceremonial fire truck push in.

Features

- Facility is constructed for 80 year lifespan
- Approximately 16,160 square feet; where 10,000 square feet is shop space (one bay for Public Works, one bay for Agricultural and Community Services, and three bays for the Condor Fire Station)
- Administrative office space for Fire members
- Multi-purpose training and meeting room space for all Clearwater County departments

Will the building be “open to the public”?

No, currently the Condor Fire Station is not staffed 24/7 and Public Works and Agricultural crews will be

utilizing the bays for material and equipment storage for offsite service provision.

Why are the training rooms and locker rooms scaled for more than the existing # of firefighters in Condor?

As fire is a regional service, Stations 10 (Leslieville), Station 20 (Condor) and Station 30 (Caroline) perform combined practices once per week and rotate amongst the stations. Condor previously could not host firefighter training due to size limitations.

What is the fire apparatus that will be stored in Condor?

- 201 – Wildland Urban Interface Engine
- 202 – Water Tender
- 203 – Rescue Unit
- 203T – Heavy Rescue Trailer
- 1206 – UTV with wildland and rescue skid
- 1206T – UTV Trailer



Condor Public Services Building Grand Opening



Family Farm Award 2019

The Farm Family of the year received their provincial recognition from Northlands. The ceremony took place during Farmfair International at the Edmonton Expo Centre on November 9, 2019.

Wayne & Sharyn Terpsma Family

Wayne and Sharyn farm with the help of their four children—Jim, Brady, Don, and Chantel—and their families. Together, they run 225 cow/calf pairs and

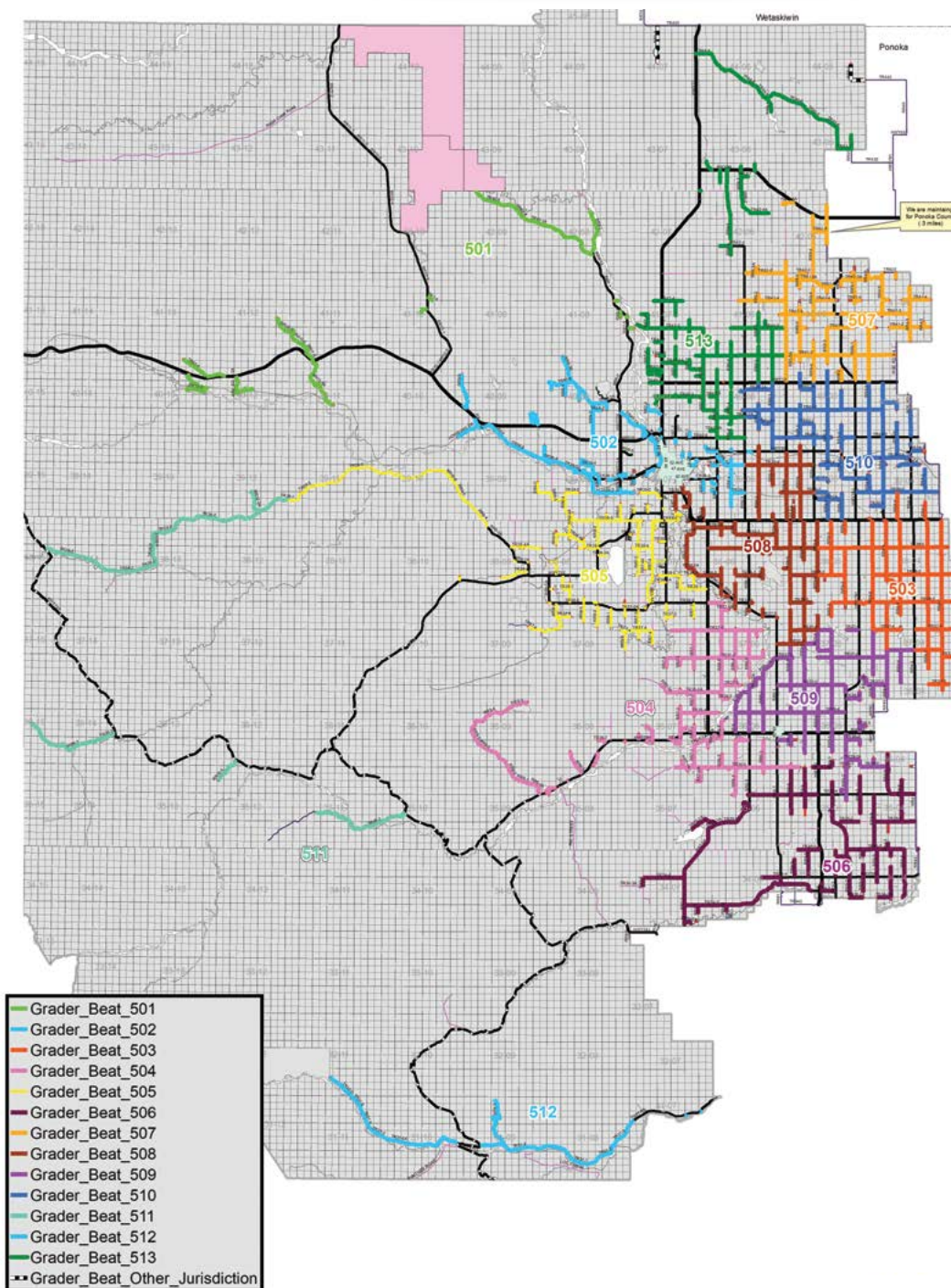
farm over 1100 acres. Their operation consists of cow/calf pairs, backgrounding calves, and selling bred heifers. Wayne has always had a love of horses and was instrumental in bringing the sport of team roping to the area. Wayne & Sharyn are both musically inclined and regularly donate their talents to local seniors' homes. They spent many years volunteering for sports teams in the area and have also served on the boards of the Leslieville and Alhambra Community Halls.



Reminder: The Farm Family Award is presented every other year. The next family will be honoured in 2021. We will be looking for nominations in November of 2020. Please take the time to think of a deserving family who contributes meaningfully to both agriculture and their community. Nomination forms will be available at Agriculture and Community office building.



Map of Grader Beats



Clearwater County has 13 grader beats, with each grader beat averaging approximately 162 kilometres in length. Eleven of these beats are contracted graders and two are County-owned. One of the County-owned graders floats between construction and the west country roads as required.

Clearwater County strives to have all roads open within 96 hours after a snow storm or series of storms. Road maintenance will only occur when conditions warrant (e.g.: more than four inches of snow) in order to prevent the loss of gravel into the ditch.



Protecting our Professionals Conference

The 3rd Annual Protecting our Professionals conference was successfully held in early November. This conference is a great training opportunity for members of our service and is open to Fire Departments across Canada. Starting off with a Hands-on Training Session (H.O.T.S.) for IAFF Fire Ground Survival for Firefighter self-rescue and rapid intervention training.

This year's speakers talked about leadership, men-

torship, survival, cancer, and facts based on Underwriters Laboratories studies.

With each year expanding in attendance along with very positive feedback from all of our participants, many of the attendees look forward to next year and will be promoting our conference to other fire departments. Planning of next year's events are already underway.



Save the Date – Ladies Livestock Lessons

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Ladies

LIVESTOCK LESSONS

JANUARY 18TH
2020-CREMONA

Thank you to our Sponsors:

REGISTER TODAY
The Heritage Centre (Mountain View Events)
8:50 AM (8:30 Registration)
\$50 (Includes lunch, coffee, & snacks)
View the current agenda & pre-register at
www.redbowag.com
Registration Deadline: January 14th, 2020

Topics include: Breaking Barriers in Ag; Mental Health on the Ranch, Animal Health: Preventative Medicine & Pain Management, Canadian Beef Centre of Excellence: Culinary Demonstration & Tasting, Female Producer Panel – Highlighting Stewardship & Best Management in Agriculture, Species At Risk & Grazing Management, Livestock Nutrition & Alternative Feeds, Online Tools & Agriculture Apps, Grazing Basics for Success (topics subject to change).

For more information, registration details & current agenda visit www.redbowag.com or contact Daniela Archur at Mountain View County Agricultural Services
Ph: 403-335-3311 Ext 204 Email: darcher@mvcounty.com



5th Annual Plein Air Painting and Photography day on the Medicine River

Once again, the Medicine River Plein Air Painting and Photography day was a great success. The 5th annual event was held on Sept 15th on the Medicine river near the Gilby Hall in Lacombe County. Twelve artists ventured out from near and far with their paints, brushes, and easel to paint the river and its surrounding natural areas.

‘En Plein Air’ is simply painting outdoors, leaving the walls and comforts of a studio space behind and experiencing painting in the great outdoors. The artists were treated to a beautiful warm and sunny September day, which was a nice change from the predicted forecast. For some artists, this was their first time attending, while most others have attended the event since the beginning.

The paintings were displayed at the Gilby Hall later in the afternoon, and a free beef on a bun supper was held for the artists and local community members. The Medicine River Watershed Society hopes to bring positive attention to the river and watershed with the event, showcasing the beauty to be found there and the many ways it can be used and appreciated.

The Society would like to thank the attendees, the



landowners, the community members, and the volunteers, for once again making it a wonderful event.

Clearwater County is privileged to support the Plein Air day and, more broadly, the Medicine River Watershed Society, reminding people of the beauty of our important watersheds. The Medicine River finds its origins in Medicine lake and surrounding drainage in the far north of Clearwater County. Along its meander, the river picks up significant contributions from the eastern half of our county from the Oras, Beaver Flat, Bingley, Withrow, Leslieville, Centerview, Aurora, Gimlet, Alhambra, Condor areas. Water in creeks named Lobstick, Lasthill, Blueberry, Horseguard, Welch, and Block all become part of the Medicine river.

The Medicine River Watershed Society exists to bring awareness of the importance of the Medicine river including its water quality, function and beauty. The Society are always looking for people to join them in efforts like Plein Air. To find out more, contact Society chairman Ward Nelson at 780-679-2113.



What is Rural Address?

Rural addressing is a system where all developed properties in the County are assigned an address. The primary purpose of rural addressing is to assist emergency responders – police, fire and ambulance – to easily and quickly find your home or business. It is also an easy method for other parties such as service/delivery companies, residents and non-residents to locate your property.

Your rural address is not your mailing address, nor does it replace your legal description.

What are the benefits of using rural addressing over a legal land location?

A rural address is a much more accurate way to locate your property than a legal land location. While a legal land location can identify a specific quarter section, a rural address will pinpoint the access to your home or business off of a range road, township road or highway, which is critical in emergency response situations.

All residents have a rural addressing sign. If it's faded or significantly damaged, then it's time for a new one! Contact the County office to have a new sign installed.



How are rural addresses created?

Rural addresses are based on the location of the access (driveway) along Township Roads, Range Roads and Highways. (For the purpose of Rural Addressing, virtual township roads exist between all section whether an actual road exists or not.)

The address of the residence/ business is determined by the location of the driveway as it intersects the grid road (Twp/Rge Rd).

Address numbers increase from South to North and from East to West.

Odd numbers are on the South and East side of the road and even numbers are on the North and West side of the road.

The grid is derived from Township and Range Roads; and, is based on 40-meter intervals starting in the far Southeaster Section corner.

Example: New Condor Public Services Building
390017 RGE RD 4-5.

Who assigns rural addresses?

Rural addressing is assign and maintained by Clearwater County's GIS department, and are in charge of maintaining all current addresses and assign new ones when development required it.

Bylaw 880/07

“Mandatory Display of Civic Address – All developed parcels shall display their assigned civic address.”

**Call Clearwater County at 403-845-4444
if you have any questions or concerns.**



Local Businesses and Economic Development

During difficult financial times consumers pinch pennies and eliminate most luxuries. In such an unpredictable environment, small local businesses count on your patronage in order to stay afloat, every transaction counts. When choosing where to spend your dollars on tonight's dinner or a gift for a friend, consider the benefits of turning to local businesses within your community.

There are far-reaching advantages to deciding to "shop local." By supporting local businesses, you are supporting your local economy; more money stays in a community when purchases are made at local businesses. Below are a few facts about the benefits local businesses make in a community:

- While many communities try to attract large investors from abroad, research has shown that up to 80% of job growth and capital investment within a community is generated by existing businesses rather than new business ventures
- For every \$100 spent at a locally owned business about \$68 stays in the community, at a local chain about \$48, and online or in another community \$0
- Local businesses employ local people and support local community organizations. Have you ever tried to get support for the local hospital or sports team from a company from outside the community?
- Locally owned and operated businesses can respond to customer requests more innovatively than large national or international companies
- Local companies can adapt to the needs and wants of the community
- Local businesses help make a community unique and contribute to the culture of the place

It isn't always the easiest or most convenient option to visit a local business rather than going online or to a larger retailer, there are many ways you can help support your local economy in Clearwater County and area by thinking local first:

- Visit a Farmer's Market that is usually full of goods



made or grown by local business

- Try the menu at a local restaurant for lunch or dinner
- Purchase a birthday present at a local shop
- Visit a local nursery or hardware store for your lawn and garden needs
- Get your car serviced at a local mechanic

Sources from Economic Developers Association of Canada, the U.S. Small Business Association, and the Canadian Federation for Independent Business.



Fall & Winter Program Schedule

Recreation & Community Services
Town of Rocky Mountain House

Fall & Winter Fitness
Programs

FALL & WINTER CLASS SCHEDULE

MORNING	M	Tu	W	Th	F
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM					Strong 30
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM				Gentle Fitness	
11:45 AM - 12:45 PM		Low-Impact Zumba			
AFTERNOON	M	Tu	W	Th	F
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Chair Yoga		Chair Yoga		Chair Yoga
EVENING	M	Tu	W	Th	F
5:15 PM - 6:15 PM		Synergy Circuit		Synergy Circuit	
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Strong		Strong		Strong
5:45 PM - 7:00 PM		Kundalini Yoga			
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM				Full-bodied Yoga	
6:30 PM - 7:15 PM		Spin (45 min)			
7:00 PM - 7:45 PM	Spin (45 min)		Spin (45 min)		
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM			Zumba		
7:15 PM - 7:45 PM				Barre (30 min)	
7:15 PM - 8:15 PM		Yoga for Every Body			
YOUTH (8-weeks)	M	Tu	W	Th	F
3:45 PM - 4:15 PM		Have a Ball (ages 3-5)			Superhero Training (ages 6-9)
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM		Kids in Motion (ages 3-6)			Learn to Train (ages 10-14)
5:15 PM - 6:00 PM		Kids in Motion (ages 6-9)			

▪ 403.845.3720 ▪ guestservices@rockymtnhouse.com ▪



A Fall to Remember

Local farmers have struggled to harvest and save cereal crops while facing the added challenge of living along the eastern slopes where the harvest window is narrower than that of their prairie cohorts.

That said, the fertilizer, fuel, seed and spray bills must be paid, whatever condition the crop is in.

Fortunately, both technology and knowledge have improved considerably over the last 25 years and the ability of farmers to manage difficult drops has become more sophisticated than in the distant past.

The storage of higher moisture grains has been a real concern for some local farmers wanting to prevent spoilage and potential grain loss. Whether it be through blending, aeration fans, aeration fans with heat added or grain dryers and a variety of other methods to save the crop, farmer ingenuity will get the job done.

Moisture content and temperature are the main factors that determine the length of time grain can be safely stored. Enzyme activity and microbial growth will increase dramatically as the moisture content in the storage bin increases.

For wheat, a moisture content of 14.6% is generally considered dry enough for safe storage and can be sold with no discount. When moisture is between 14.6 and 17% the grain will be graded tough because it will need to be dried down to 14.6% to reach a safe storage and processing level.

Heating results from the respiration of grain as well as microorganisms, insects and mites during storage, leading to the development of hot spots within the grain.

Spoilage issues may be compounded as the temperatures within a bin vary. Moisture will naturally migrate from warm to cold areas, especially in large, poorly ventilated bins where there is not enough air movement.

Differences between grain temperature and outside air temperature can also create high moisture areas.



Condensation may occur when moist warm air meets cold objects like the bin wall. Some local producers may initially place higher-moisture grain in older wooden bins to allow for more initial ventilation and moisture absorption.

Cooling the grain should be a top priority when dealing with high moisture levels. If storage facilities are set up for aeration, they can be used to cool tough grains, delaying or preventing high moisture areas and hot spots. The recommended temperature of cooled grain is 21°C in warmer months and 2°C to 5°C in cooler months.

Be prepared to make quick decisions about grain storage problems as soon as they are detected. Most heating problems can be easily resolved with quick action.

For questions about grain management or to have your grain tested for moisture and bushel weight feel free to give us a call at Clearwater County Agriculture and Community Services at 403-845-4444.



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Recreation & Community Services
Town of Rocky Mountain House



Alberta Government to Change Grazing Lease Fees

When recently introduced legislation is passed, Alberta cattle producers will be paying more for grazing leases on crown land. Introduced October 15, 2019, the new bill will allow the province to collect more money from grazing leaseholders, beginning with a 20 percent increase in 2020.

Bill 16, The Public Lands Modernization (Grazing Lease and Obsolete Provisions) Amendment Act, will phase in higher lease rates, based on the price of cattle. In order to ease the burden of higher fees the increased cost will be spread over the next five years.

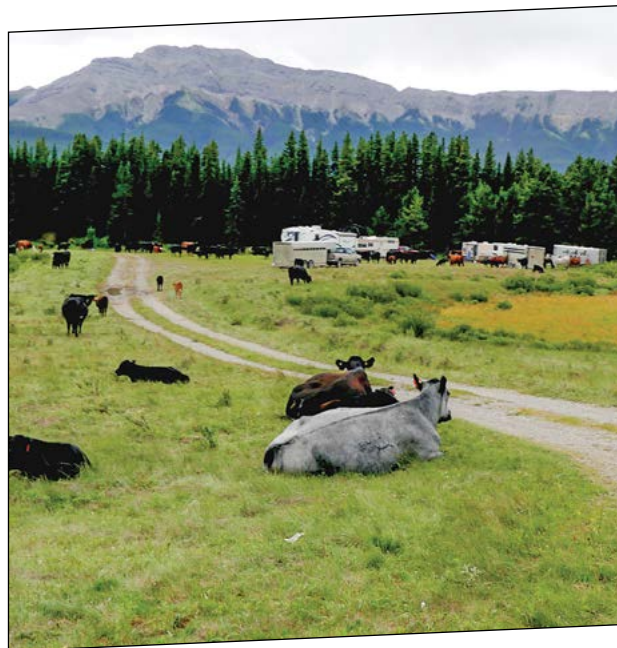
The current system of three different rate structures will be streamlined. Recognizing that input costs are greater in the northern areas of the province, rates in the south will be set higher than those in the north.

The new legislation was created partly in response to some blistering criticisms of the current system in a 2015 auditor general's report, as well as a 1999 U.S. commerce department countervailing duty investigation, which pointed to frozen grazing lease rates as a potential subsidy to ranchers.

The history of grazing leases in Alberta dates to 1881, when the Canadian Pacific Railway reached the prairies and interest in cattle ranching grew along with an expanding British market for beef. Huge grazing leases were granted by the Dominion to English "gentlemen" with enough capital to establish ranches.

Over the years much has changed since the demise of the great cattle companies, like the Cochrane, BarU, Oxley and Walrond. The tradition however, lives on and goes beyond simply grazing cattle. Most grazing leases are located on marginal land along the rugged east slopes of the Rockies, an area not suited to conventional farming.

Third and fourth generation cattle ranchers know the lay of the land and have managed their grazing



leases as good stewards, maintaining a steady security and presence for the past 140 years.

Modern day lease rates have not changed since the Thurber report was released in 1994 and the formula to calculate them dates to the 1960s.

Beef industry representatives and ranchers have thrown their support behind the changes, recognizing that by being at the forefront, they are better able to provide input that reflects the needs of the industry.

There are 6,500 grazing leases in Alberta, covering more than six million acres, or about 5 percent of total public land. The leased land produces about 14 percent of total cattle forage each year.

The new amendments will not change recreational access to public lands or affect existing treaty rights for Indigenous Peoples.



Frequently Requested Numbers

Clearwater County Office	403-845-4444
Clearwater County Office Fax	403-845-7330
Clearwater County After Hours Emergency Number	403-844-8500
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

Rocky Mountain Regional Solid Waste Authority

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Christmas
and a Happy New Year*

From all of us at the Rocky Mountain Regional
Solid Waste Authority, we extend our appreciation
for everyone's recycling efforts this past year.

**CHRISTMAS
HOURS**



Rocky Mountain Regional Solid Waste Authority

Ph. 403-845-4121

Any questions, please refer to our website: www.myrockywaste.com

Monday, December 23

Regular Town garbage collections from Wednesday
South of Hwy. 11A will be moved to Monday

Tuesday, December 24

Regular Town normal collections North of
Hwy. 11A will remain the same.
Town & landfill will be closing at 3 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25

All Stations and Landfill CLOSED.

Thursday, December 26

All Stations and Landfill CLOSED.
Village of Caroline & Kilian Trailer Park
Will move to Friday, Dec. 27.

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

Garbage collections south of Hwy. 11A
will be move to Monday, Dec. 30
All Stations and Landfill CLOSED



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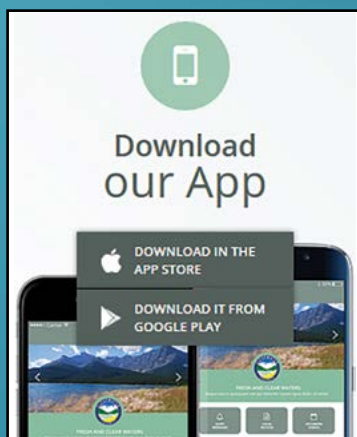
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