

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS UPDATE

Public works are currently working on the 2007 road program: South of 17-59-3-W5 and 18-59-3-W5, West of 14-60-6-W5 and 23-60-6-W5, and also through 19-61-3-W5, and West and South of SW 20-61-3-W5. Be reminded to slow down for construction crews, for your safety and ours!! For more details, feel free to contact the Public Works Department at 674-2619.

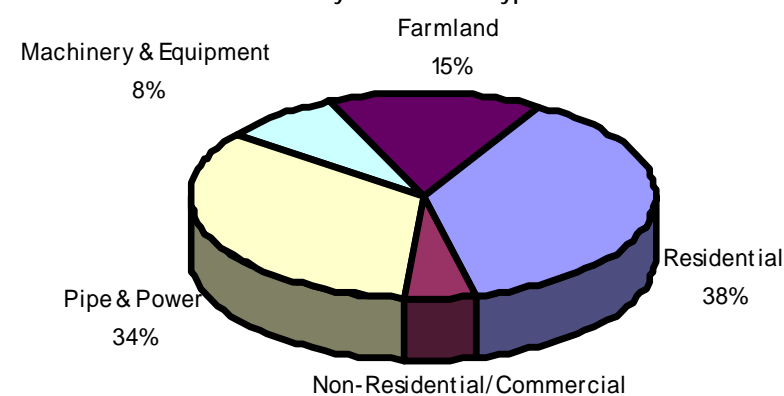
Upcoming Programs: Grading of Driveways: \$25.00/flag or \$100.00/hr. *Hold harmless agreements must be signed at County office prior to work being completed. Gravel Hauling: Please call our Public Works Department for rates and eligibility.

PHOTOS NEEDED! We have a beautiful community to enjoy, and the County is currently looking for new photos to add to our collection, for use in promotional and tourism publications as well as on our website. If you have any photos you would like to share, please forward them with a brief description and contact information to jbruns@phrd.ab.ca. or drop them off at the County office! Thanks!

COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS...

Where are your municipal tax dollars collected from and where are they expended?

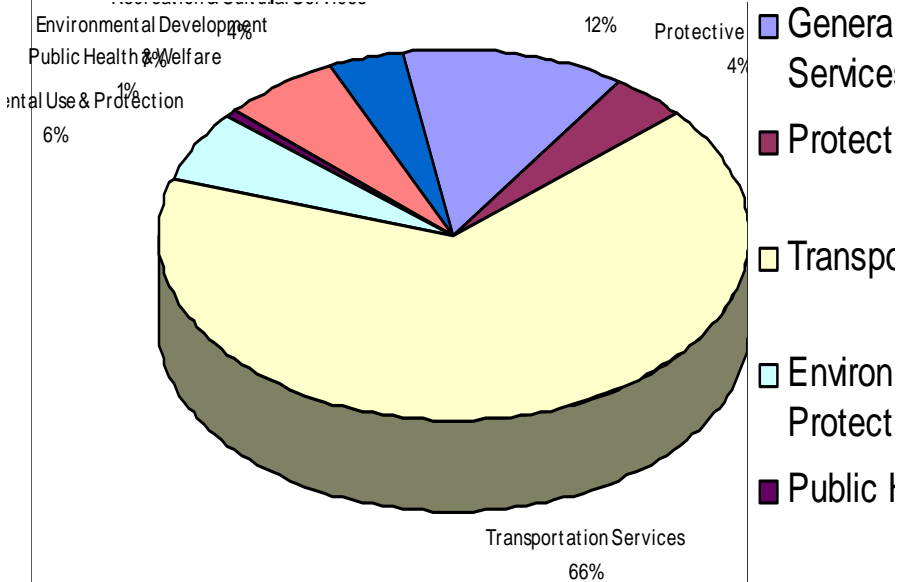
Tax Dollars Collected - Sorted by Assessment Type:



Legend

	Residential: This includes homes, cottages, and all buildings and land used for residential purposes.
	Non-Residential: This includes all land and buildings used in relation to commercial, industrial and oilfield production.
	Pipe & Power: This includes pipelines and wells, cable lines, telephone and power transmission lines and plants.
	Machinery & Equipment: This is machinery and/or equipment related to commercial, industrial & oilfield production.
	Farmland: Includes pasture, crop, land set for use in the farm industry.

Where Dollars are Spent:



Legend

	General Service: Includes Election, Council and Administration costs, Legal fees, Auditor fees, and Assessor and Tax Collection costs.
	Protective Services: Regional Fire Department, Emergency Response Centre, Special Constable, Disaster Services, Ambulance Services & Dog Control.
	Transportation Services: Road and Bridge Construction and Maintenance, Rural Road and Addressing Signage, and Airport Services.
	Environmental Use and Protection: Water & Sewer Utilities for Neerlandia, Manola, MacGill Estates and BarrCana Site, Wastewater & Lagoon Facilities, Regional Landfill and Transfer Stations.
	Public Health & Welfare: Barrhead & District Family & Community Support Services contributions.
	Environmental Development: Land Use Planning, Development and Subdivision services, Agricultural Service Board and Economic Development.
	Recreation & Cultural Services: Contributions to the Barrhead Pool, Agrena and Joint Recreation programs, Splash Park, Regional and Local Libraries, Parks and Camping Facilities, Ski Hill, School Resource Officer, Museum and Local Cultural Events and Programs.

County News & Views

VOLUME TWO, SUMMER 2007

A Bi-Annual Newsletter Published for the Residents of the County of Barrhead

Reeve's Message

Hello residents of the County of Barrhead! Though the rain delayed our growing season this spring, the July heat wave has both crops and gardens coming in strong. The first cut of hay was nice, and canola and wheat crops look promising.

the paving projects scheduled for this year. Elks Beach Road is one example, with the tender stretch too high to consider feasible to the ratepayer. The County is currently looking at a lower cost alternative to this endeavor.

continues to be very busy with development and subdivision applications, with numbers well exceeding comparisons to previous years, indicating that Barrhead is still growing and continues to be a popular place for both family and industry to settle and call home.

Road construction was also delayed due to the wet spring, however we are catching up with the dry, sunny weather. The high price of oil has influenced Council decisions in relation to continuance of the road oiling program, and also

Council was pleased to see the Pork Processing Plant be retrofitted for use as a Modular Home Construction Plant, and that the building is no longer vacant. It is great to see the community benefit and grow.

The County of Barrhead staff, administration and Council wish you and your family a safe and happy summer!

Reeve Lawrence Miller

The development department

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Upcoming Events & Notices

Local Agricultural Service Board Tour: Coming July 31, watch for details in the Barrhead Leader.

Reminder of 2007 Tax Due Date: Please be reminded that the 2007 tax levy is due and payable without penalty by August 31, 2007. A penalty of 8% will be added to all taxes unpaid after August 31, 2007. Also, please ensure that your mailing address is correct, and contact the County immediately should you have any changes, or haven't yet received your 2007 Tax and Assessment Notice.

Directory

COUNCIL			ADMINISTRATION		PUBLIC WORKS	
Division	Name	Phone	674-3331		674-2619	
1	Marcel Gauthier	967-5908	Dale Uhrbach	County Manager	Cal Fischer	Superintendent
2	Marvin Brade	674-6545	Diane Begert	Director of Finance	Ken Hove	Asst. Superintendent
3	Lawrence Miller	674-4202	Rick Neumann	Development		
4	Bill Lane	674-3847	Barry Billey	Utilities		
5	Darrell Troock	674-4404	Doug Smith	Assessor		
6	Bill Lee	584-2323				
7	Gerald Nanninga	674-5803				
AG SERVICE BOARD						
674-3331						
			Marilyn Flock	Ag. Fieldman		
			Kyle Meunier	Asst. Fieldman		

RURAL ADDRESSING

The Rural Addressing system was initiated as a means to help Emergency services respond quickly to incidences in the rural areas of the County. Every residence will have a rural address that identifies a precise location. Emergency services, utilities personnel and delivery services can reach their destinations quickly and efficiently, and with the 911 system, Telus has a telephone identifier that will provide a precise address, for a safer rural community! So how will it work?

GENERAL RULES & GUIDELINES

- System is Access based
- If two accesses fall within the same 100 meter zone the second will be given a letter designation (i.e. 51205A Rge. Rd.22)
- Numbers increase going North & West
- Odd numbers are on the South & East
- Even numbers are on the North & West of roads (with the exception of subdivisions)
- There are generally 32 addresses per mile broken down to 16 on each side of a Range or a Township road, one address for each 100 meters of road
- Subdivision lots identified by a 3 digit number
- Abbreviations can be used i.e.
Range Road = Rge. Rd.
Township Road = Twp. Rd.
Highway = Hwy.
- In subdivisions where duplicate lot numbers exist, new numbers are assigned

Samples:

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| #1: Single Country Residence
5025 Twp. Rd 600 | #3: Two residences share one access
#10, 59508 Rge Rd 50
and
#20, 59508 Rge Rd 50 | #4: Single Country Residence
59509 Rge Rd 51 |
| #2: Subdivision
59526 Rge Rd 50 | | |

FIRE PREVENTION & INSURANCE COVERAGE

The County of Barrhead, in an effort to keep costs for ratepayers to a minimum, has a policy in place to charge landowners for firefighting costs incurred on their property. It is wise to contact your insurance company to clarify what kind of coverage you would receive in the tragic event a fire occurs on your property. Fire fighting charges can range from a few hundred to a few thousand dollars depending on the severity of fire and the time it takes to bring the fire under control. Many insurance policies limit a maximum amount of firefighting costs, yet have the option to be increased should you feel you require it. Please contact your individual agency to review this information.

The fire permitting program is still in effect, and permits, though free of charge, are still required year round. Fire Guardians are appointed to each Division and will come to your location to quickly deliver this service. Just give the Guardian in your division a call to arrange an appointment. (See below) This service is free as a part of our Fire Prevention program.

Also feel welcome to call our Regional Fire Department for more information on its services, as well as fire safety tips on preparing evacuation plans for your family, and how to safeguard your rural property to minimize damage in the event of a fire. The Barrhead department focuses on prevention and will do all they can to assist in preventing losses due to fire damage. The local number to contact your fire chief, Bill Graham is (780) 674-2087!

DIVISION	FIRE GUARDIAN	LAND LOCATION	PHONE NUMBER
1	Ken Zarowny	Lot 3, Blk 3, Idle Hours	967-5318
2	Terry Breitreitz	SE 17-58-3-W5	674-6269
3	Norman Semler	SE 33-58-1-W5	349-2001
4	Rill Reitsma	SE 28-59-4-W5	674-5740 or 674-0058
5	Vern Kalmbach	SW 36-60-3-W5	674-5604
6	Dorise Cole	SE 24-61-5-W5	674-5419
7	Vern Kalmbach (East of Rg Road 40) Dorise Cole (West of Rg Road 40)	SW 36-60-3-W5 SE 24-61-5-W5	674-5604 674-5419

TOURISM

FEATURE DESTINATIONS:

This season's feature destinations in the County of Barrhead are our four local County-maintained camping facilities. Each contains their own special set of features, and will make for a peaceful getaway this summer! All campgrounds are first come—first served, with self-registration at \$7.00 per night.

Peanut Lake:

Located 14 km southeast of Barrhead on Highway 33 & Highway 654

This lake and campground is well attended by fishing enthusiasts and canoe lovers alike! It offers 18 well-treed sites with a water well, boat launch (for smaller boats) and dock. It also has a large day use area, walking trails, bird watching and a fish cleaning station.

Dolberg Lake:

Located 45 km northwest of Barrhead on Highway 18 & Highway 655

This lake provides a quiet, secluded, beautiful area to get away to, with 12 well treed camping sites, a water well, trout fishing, fish cleaning station, boat launch (for small boats), dock, privies, and walking trails. Ideal for canoeing, quiet walks, enjoying birds & wildlife!

Holme's Crossing:

Located 6 km south of Fort Assiniboine on Highway 33

Holmes Crossing has 15 treed camping sites near Holmes Crossing Ecological Reserve. A historical site, it provides a quiet retreat to enjoy natural areas & wildlife. Extensive trails cross throughout, and also offers a central cooking shelter, privies, and natural water springs.

Klondyke Ferry Crossing:

Located 8 km West of Vega along Highway 661.

The Klondyke Ferry campground offers 10 camping sites, sheltered cooking site, water well & privies, a large group area, & attractions close by: the Klondyke Ferry crossing the picturesque Athabasca River, the Provincial Sandhills, a preserved natural and historic area with hiking & bike trails, scenic vistas & wildlife!

AGRICULTURE

Keep an Eye Out for These Hit List Weeds: White Cockle and Tall Buttercup are becoming more prevalent in our County, being transported by animals or coming in tame seed. Be sure to ask for a "contents" certificate or ingredient list before purchasing seed, and if it contains a weed uncommon to you or your field, do not buy it until you get advice on potential concerns. Call the County's Agricultural Service Board, we'll give you the advice you need. There is no need to cause yourself lost time and money by introducing potentially harmful weeds. Remember: most weeds are pretty, But don't take them home!



Tall Buttercup is highly unpalatable due to the presence of a bitter juice throughout the plant. If grazed, the juice can cause blistering and inflammation of the mouth and digestive system. Found in pasture and hayfields, it has bright yellow flowers with five rounded petals are located on long stalks at the top of the plant. It is very difficult to get under control.



Leafy Spurge is poisonous to most livestock, but not sheep. All parts of the plant contain a sticky white latex. The flowers lack petals, the pair of greenish yellow bracts under each group of flowers are almost round with pointy tips. Capsules explode at maturity, ejecting the seed a few meters from the plant. Found in pasture and hayfields, it is difficult to control.



White Cockle has a fleshy tap root and forms a rosette in the 1st year. Stems are erect, covered with hair and swollen at nodes. Flowers are large & showy, each with 5 notched white petals. Commonly confused with night flowering catchfly. However, white cockle is easily distinguished as it does not have sticky stems or leaves. Found in fields and pasture, it is expensive to control. It is not a favorite of cattle.



Before flowering, toadflax can be distinguished from leafy spurge by breaking the stem. Leafy spurge is milky white inside, while toadflax is not. Toadflax contains some toxic compounds, but is usually avoided by grazing livestock. Flowers are like snapdragons, yellow with orange centers, grouped at the ends of stems. Very difficult to control, it is found in pastures and fields.