

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

Public works will be gearing up this spring for their 2007 road program, which will include four main construction projects and many smaller 'maintenance' projects throughout the County. The four main projects are: South of 17-59-3-W5 and 18-59-3-W5, West of 26-60-3-W5 and 35-60-3-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. (All expected to be completing 2 miles of road construction). These are planned to start in the spring, weather permitting. Please 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.

Listed below are some of the current or upcoming programs that are also administered by the Public Works Department:

Snow Removal & Grading of Driveways: \$25.00/flag or \$100.00/hr.

*Hold harmless agreements must be signed at County office prior to work being completed.

Road Bans: will be in effect on oiled roads this spring, call for details during the spring thaw.

Dust Control: Minimum 300' at \$1.50 per foot, maximum 1000'. *Applications are to be made at County office prior to May 31, 2007. No dust control will be applied until the application is made and payment secured.

COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS...

Development - Growth versus Sustainability

With the increased growth pressures facing Alberta, land use planning is fast becoming one of the hottest topics around the Council table. The County's current planning documents allow for only one parcel to be subdivided out of a quarter of land for residential or agricultural purposes. Applications by Bylaw and Public Hearing must be made to amend these documents to allow for more than one parcel out per quarter. When Council reviews these potential amendment applications, they consider various planning policies and goals that include such objectives as protection of the better agricultural lands, market demand, suitable building sites, accessibility, land use conflicts, and potential infrastructure strains.

The County looks for balance in ensuring every affected stakeholder is treated fairly, that the municipality and residents have a chance to grow and prosper, and that the development is sustainable in three facets: economically, socially, and financially.

Local Roads - Determining Treatment, Time, Place and Priority

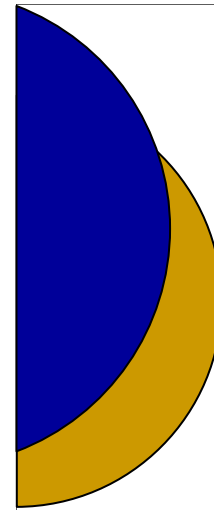
Road infrastructure continues to dominate the largest portion of the County budget. Determining the top projects and completing the regular maintenance required are an ongoing challenge for the Council and staff.

Every road in the County gets gravel on a three to five year rotation, however roads are also assessed every year based on traffic usage, so gravel applications may vary from road to road.

Oiling is maintained yearly, on the roads historically treated as such.

Reconstruction, such as the Correction Line, (Township Road #590), is determined based on funding viability, condition of the road, usage. Road bans are enforced on oiled roads, and damage to oil-treated roads are of course much more expensive than gravel alone, so other considerations may include whether or not industry/farm traffic is high. We always strive to take the public input and put the best interests of all parties first, making sound decisions based on all of the above variables.

The County continues to use its own forces on projects, and will also use contractors if required, always trying to keep costs to a minimum for the ratepayers. Infrastructure is our lifeline to sustaining the local economy and encouraging development! The County will continue to work hard to keep our roads in the best possible condition while keeping in mind the resources available!



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County News & Views

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

Reeve's Message

Greetings from the County of Barrhead, it is my pleasure to present to you the first newsletter for our ratepayers and residents!

Barrhead is a wonderful place to call home. The rural community atmosphere and friendly people are refreshing, and make us proud to be members of the community!

The County Council, administration and staff have worked hard over the last year to provide an exceptional quality of life for our residents and ratepayers.

This past years accomplishments will be highlighted at our Annual Meeting at Glenreagh Hall on March 28th, 7:00 p.m.

The County is currently working on such projects as a rural addressing system to be implemented in 2007, road construction projects & upgrades via the Public Works department, conservation efforts via the Agriculture Service Board, and the Neerlandia Regional Water System study, with the possibility of a pipeline route from the Town of Barrhead to the Hamlet of Neerlandia!

Other challenges keeping us busy are the continued development and economic boom in Alberta, and with that the land use planning issues locally impacting our residents.

Please let us know your thoughts on any of the issues listed, we invite public participation in all of these endeavors. We continue to strive towards building and maintaining a healthy and sustainable municipality!

Reeve Lawrence Miller

Upcoming Events

Annual Ratepayers Meeting March 28 at Glenreagh Hall. Bring your questions and comments!

Farm Women's Day held April 11 at the United Church - contact the County for your ticket!

Tax Assessment and Notices will be mailed out end of May.

Local Ag Service Board Tour, coming July 31, watch for details in the Barrhead Leader.

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

Please contact the County for further information relating to your rural address. (780) 674-3331

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 | | |

NOXIOUS WEEDS - IDENTIFICATION & CONTROL

The Agriculture department will be out scouting for potential weed control areas for their 2007 spray program. Certain weeds have the potential to corrupt crop production and are a nuisance to all when out of control. Some to be on the lookout are listed below. If you see these weeds, call the Service Board at 674-3331. We are here to help, and always strive to work in partnership with land owners to control potential weed problems.

The Ag Service Board uses various methods of control, from spraying to brushing, mowing, biological controls, and even hand pulling. They use controls that are environmentally considerate, with the least amount of residual effect on the soil as possible.

There is also a "No-Spray" program available for those who wish, where the landowner assumes responsibility for controlling weeds near their property. Agreements can be administered at the County office.

TANSY



SCENTLESS CHAMOMILE



PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE



OXE EYE DAISY



TOURISM

FEATURE DESTINATION:

This season's feature destination is the Misty Ridge Ski Hill. Located on the Athabasca River banks, it is operated by an active and very enthusiastic volunteer group.

Directions: Just head north on highway 769, (towards Neerlandia) turn left on

township road 622, travel 4 miles, then go north 1/2 mile, then west another 2 miles.

The ski hill opened December of 2006 and offers a tow rope, t-bar, clubhouse & snack bar, ski rentals, lessons, certified ski patrol, and snowboard hills. For bookings and hours, call 674-4242.

SKIING FOR ALL AGES AND STAGES, FROM BUNNY HILL TO THE "SUICIDE" RUN, A THRILL A MINUTE!

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE BARRHEAD AIRPORT?

Barrhead Johnson Industrial Airport

The airport is vital to the region as it services government travel, municipal (medical evacuations, search and rescue, and RCMP transfers), training (flight school), industry, agriculture and recreational purposes. It accommodates an estimated 300 annual aircraft movements, anticipating more with Alberta's economic boom. We welcome all newcomers!

Located within a few minutes of the Town of Barrhead (less than 3 miles) with its many services, it is also adjacent to an 18 hole championship golf course.

The airport also offers on sight a terminal with phone, water and sewer services, restroom, fridge and microwave, hangar facilities, parking, a keylock aviation fuel tank (100LL), and a newly resurfaced tarmac (2004)... bringing economic & recreational benefits to our community.

The airport, with 24 hour access, is

designed for light commercial & recreational aircraft operation, with the asphalt runway being 3500 feet long and 100 feet wide.

Hangars: There are 9 hangars developed, with an additional 9 hangar plots available and room for future development as well.

Logistics: Airport Name is Barrhead (Code C-EP3), Elevation is 2121, Latitude 54.06N, Longitude 114.26 W, Magnetic Deviation 21.

RURAL BEAUTY SHINES IN THE COUNTY

2007 Rural Beautification Winners:

- Division One: Ernie & Doreen Hunt
Randy & Maureen Teha
- Division Two: Clarence & Laurie Assenheimer
Cliff & Diane Sanderson
- Division Three: Marvin & Gladys Kublik
Wallace & Ruth Signer
- Division Four: Roy & Katherine Zuk
- Division Five: Doug & Carol Goertz
Rick & Vivian Ellwein
- Division Six: Helmut & Darlene Ehrenholz
Jack & Lynda Daly
- Division Seven: Manfred & Shirley Blum
Carol Elgersma

THE ANNUAL BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS ARE PRESENTED IN JANUARY, AND RECOGNIZES LANDOWNERS WHO'S HARD WORK CONTRIBUTES TO THE BEAUTY OF OUR COUNTY. COUNCIL HAS A HARD CHOICE EVERY YEAR DETERMINING THE NOMINEES, AS THERE ARE SO MANY TO CHOOSE FROM!

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