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# Clear Hills County

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# Clear Hills County Agricultural Trade Show

Saturday, April 8, 2017

10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

**Dave Shaw Memorial Complex** 

**Hines Creek, Alberta** 

Kids Talent Show

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Breakfast

Farmers' Appreciation Banquet

5:30 p.m.

Featuring: Marquee Pianos

Exhibitor & Sponsorship Opportunities available online www.clearhillscounty.ab.ca

For more information contact the County at 780-685-3925

# MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017

PRESENT

Jason Ruecker Reeve
Lee Svederus Councillor
Miron Croy Councillor
Dan Fletcher Councillor

ABSENT

Charlie Johnson Deputy-Reeve
David Janzen Councillor
Peter Frixel Councillor

ATTENDING

Allan Rowe Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
Audrey Bjorklund Community Development Manager (CDM)
Lori Jobson Corporate Service Manager (CSM)

Bonnie Morgan Executive Assistant (EA)
Ron Jensen Public Works Manager (PWM)

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Ruecker called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

C28-17(01/24/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to adopt the agenda governing the January 24, 2017, Regular Council Meeting, with the additions 11.b. labour, 7.a.5. Pavement Projects, 7.a.6. Rural Crime Incentive/Prevention, as presented.

CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Previous Meeting Minutes C29-17(01/24/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Svederus to adopt the minutes of Regular Council Meeting January 10, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:
COUNCIL
Management
Team Activity
Report

Council reviewed the most recent Management Team Activity Report.

C30-17(01/24/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to accept the January 10, 2017, Management Team Activity Report, as presented. CARRIED.

AAMDC Minister Meetings

The AAMDC Spring Convention will be held at the Shaw Conference Centre in Edmonton, and the dates are March 20-22, 2017. As previously discussed the procedure for scheduling meetings will be as follows:

- Send Letter to Ministers and cc the letter to current MLA.
- Obtain contact information for requested Ministers

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Page 2 of 7 TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017

Schedule date for Reeve to come to County office to make a follow-up phone call to minister office/contact.

C31-17(01/24/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Fletcher to table the discussion on the AAMDC Spring Convention in Edmonton on March 20-22, 2017 to the next Regular Council meeting. CARRIED.

TENDER OPENING 2016-19 TRACTOR

Council is presented with tender 2016-19 TRACTOR, to open, analyze and bring back results later today.

C32-17(01/24/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Svederus to open tender 2016-19 TRACTOR, analyze and bring back results later today.

CARRIED.

Company	Amount
Rocky Mountain Equipment	\$87,150.00
Kubota Country	\$150,500.00
Agriterra Equipment	\$77,925.00
Prairie Coast Equipment	\$84,000.00

Municipalities and Wetlands Forum

Municipalities are being asked to save March 16, for the Alberta NAWMP Partnership's 2017 Wetland Forum on the topic of Wetlands and Municipalities, which will take place in Leduc.

C33-17(01/24/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to receive the information on the Alberta NAWMP Partnership's 2017 Wetland Forum for information.

CARRIED.

Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission

Council is requested to have a discussion regarding the Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission Review.

C34-17(01/24/17)

RESOLUTION by Reeve Ruecker to approve and submit the draft Constituency Boundaries Review Submission to the Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission, as presented. CARRIED.

Pavement Projects

Councillor Fletcher requested a discussion regarding pavement be added to today's agenda.

C35-17(01/24/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Fletcher to bring back a cost of extending the existing Cleardale Hamlet paving project by approximately 200 meters in length to the south end of the Hamlet boundary line, and obtain a quote on paving the Worsley Central School parking lot.

CARRIED.

Rural Crime Incentive/Prevention

Councillor Svederus requested a discussion regarding Rural Crime Incentive/Prevention be added to today's agenda.

C36-17(01/24/17)

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Page 3 of 7 TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017

RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to receive for information the discussion regarding Rural Crime Incentive/Prevention for information.

CARRIED.

Reeve Ruecker recessed the meeting at 10:12 a.m. Reeve Ruecker reconvened the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

CORPORATE SERVICES Accounts Payable (January 11, 2017, to January 24, 2017)

A list of expenditures for Clear Hills County for the period of January 11, 2017, to January 24, 2017, is provided for Council's review.

C37-17(01/24/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Fletcher that Council receives for information the Accounts Payable report for Clear Hills County for the period of January 11, 2017, to January 24, 2017, for a total of \$2,599,914.01 (two million five hundred and ninety nine thousand nine hundred and fourteen dollars and one cent).

CARRIED.

COMMUNITY SERVICES Destruction of Records

Council authorization is requested to destroy temporary records and documents of Clear Hills County as per the Retention and Destruction of Records and Documents Bylaw No. 25

C38-17(01/24/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy that council authorizes the destruction of 2014 monthly reconciliation reports, 2009 temporary files and the confidential personnel files for those individuals that left the employment of the municipality prior to January 1, 2010.

CARRIED.

Manning Municipal Airport Report

The County of Northern Lights, has sent Council a letter of thanks with information on the Manning Airport in acknowledgment of the funding Clear Hills County provided to assist with major lighting upgrades at the airport. The County provided \$10,000 per year for 5 years (2012-2016) for this project.

C39-17(01/24/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Fletcher to accept for information the letter of thanks with information on the Manning Airport that the County of Northern Lights has sent as an acknowledgment of the total of \$50,000.00 Clear Hills County contributed over a period of five years to assist with major light upgrades at the airport.

CARRIED.

Municipal Development Plan Review Process

Council is requested to provide direction on the Municipal Development Plan review process. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017

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C40-17(01/24/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to table the discussion regarding the Municipal development plan review process until the next regular Council meeting.

CARRIED.

Grain Advance Program Letter To the Minister

Council is provided with a draft letter to the Honorable Lawrence MacAulay Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food regarding the Canadian Canola Growers Association, Advance Payment Program (APP) requesting a review of repayment measures, as directed.

C41-17(01/24/17)

RESOLUTION by Reeve Ruecker to approve the letter to the Honourable Lawrence MacAulay Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food regarding the Canadian Canola Growers Association, Advance Payment Program (APP) requesting a review of repayment measures with the amendment to include reference to extending the default deadline.

CARRIED.

Veterinary Employment Incentive Application

Council is presented with an Application for a Veterinary Employment Incentive. The applicant will be working at the Fairview Vet Clinic starting in late April/early May 2017.

C42-17(01/24/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Fletcher to approve a Veterinary Employment Incentive of \$10,000.00 to Evan Lowe and enter into return service agreement. CARRIED.

Veterinary Employment Incentive Program

Council tabled the review of the Veterinary Incentive Program pending information on how new vet clinics join the Veterinary Services (VSI) program that the county participates in.

C43-17(01/24/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Fletcher to table the discussion regarding the Veterinary Incentive Program until a future Council Meeting.

CARRIED.

Capital Grant-David Thompson Hall

Council is presented with a Capital Grant request from the David Thompson Hall Society for assistance with replacing the furnaces, as the old ones are rusting out and are a carbon monoxide concern.

C44-17(01/24/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to approve a Capital Grant of \$17,000.00 to the David Thompson Hall Society to assist with replacement of the furnaces, as the old ones are rusting out and are a carbon monoxide concern, funds to be included in the 2017 operating budget.

CARRIED.

PUBLIC WORKS Award Proposal

PAGE 6	
2016-P04	REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Page 5 of 7 TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017 Council is presented with analyzed results from proposal 2016-P04 Snow & Ice Removal, Worsley Walking Path.
C45-17(01/24/17)	RESOLUTION by Reeve Ruecker to award proposal 2016-P04 Snow & Ice Removal for the Worsley Walking Path to One-eyed Disposal for \$50.00 per hour, plus salt at the cost of \$25.00 per bag, excluding GST.  CARRIED.
Award Proposal 2016-P05	Council is presented with analyzed results from proposal 2016-P05 Snow & Ice Removal, Cleardale Walking Path.
C46-17(01/24/17)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Fletcher to award proposal 2016-P05 Snow & Ice Removal for the Cleardale Walking Path, to RUCO for \$60.00 per hour, excluding GST. CARRIED.
Award Tender 2016-18 ½ ton Truck	Council is presented with analyzed results from Tender 2016-18 - ½ Ton Truck.
C47-17(01/24/17)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Svederus to award Tender 2016-18 - 1/2 Ton Truck for the amount of \$33,865.25 excluding GST to Campbell Chrysler, funds were budgeted in the 2017 Capital plan.  CARRIED.
Award Tender 2016-20 Mower	Council is presented with analyzed results from Tender 2016-20 – Mower.
C48-17(01/24/17)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Svederus to award Tender 2016-20- Mower, in the amount of \$18,900 excluding GST to Dunvegan Fab and Welding, funds were budgeted in the 2017 Capital plan. CARRIED.
Award Tender 2016-19 Tractor	Council is presented with analyzed results from Tender 2016-19 – Tractor.
C49-17(01/24/17)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to award tender 2016-19 Tractor, to Agriterra Equipment for the amount of \$77,925.00 excluding GST, funds were budgeted in the 2017 Capital Plan. CARRIED.
Digital Speed Signs	At January 10, 2017, Regular Council Meeting, Council requested pricing on digital speed signs to be placed at the Worsley and Menno Simons school Zones.
C50-17(01/24/17)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to table the discussion regarding digital speed signs to be placed at the Worsley and Menno Simons school Zones until after AAMDC Trade show.  CARRIED.

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WRITTEN
REPORTS
COUNCIL,
COMMITTEE &
MANAGERS
Council Reports

Council submits the meetings attended in the previous month and a report, if applicable.

There was nothing to report.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

The Chief Administrative Officer's report was reviewed.

C51-17(01/24/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Fletcher to receive the information provided in the Chief Administrative Officer's report on January 24, 2017, for information, as presented.

CARRIED.

Community Development Manager's Report

The Community Development Manager's report was reviewed.

C52-17(01/24/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to receive the information provided in the Community Development Manager's report on January 24, 2017, for information, as presented. CARRIED.

Corporate Service Manager's Report

There was nothing to report.

Public Works Manager's Report

The Public Works Manager's report was reviewed.

C53-17(01/24/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Svederus to receive the information provided in the Public Works Manager's report on January 24, 2017, for information, as presented.

CARRIED.

COUNCIL INFORMATION

Council was presented with the correspondence of pertinent information that has been received.

C54-17(01/24/17)

RESOLUTION by Reeve Ruecker to receive for information the correspondence presented at the January 24, 2017, Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED.

C55-17(01/24/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Svederus to invite the Village of Hines Creek Council to attend the February 14, 2017, Regular Council meeting to provide Council with an update on the water well and operation of the Village of Hines Creek. CARRIED.

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CALENDARS	Council and Administrati for Councillor Boards ar Administration with recor	nd Committee schedu	uled meetings, to assist
C56-17(01/24/17)	RESOLUTION by Cour January, February and		
	Meeting	Date	Member
	Zone 4 Meeting	Feb 10	All
	Worsley Rec	Jan 26	Ruecker
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DELEGATION STARS	Glenda Farnden with ST 2017, Regular Council M		
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C57-17(01/24/17)	RESOLUTION by Coun Glenda Farnden with S		
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Legal/Labor	One legal and one labor	item were discussed i	n camera.
C58-17(01/24/17)	RESOLUTION by Reeve	e Ruecker to go in ca	amera at 12:24 p.m. CARRIED.
C59-17(01/24/17)	RESOLUTION by Cour 12:59 p.m.	ncillor Fletcher to c	ome out of camera at CARRIED.
<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	Reeve Ruecker adjourn Meeting at 1:01 p.m.	ned the January 24,	2017, Regular Council
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MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017

PRESENT Jason Ruecker Reeve

Charlie Johnson Deputy-Reeve
Dan Fletcher Councillor
David Janzen Councillor
Lee Svederus Councillor
Miron Croy Councillor
Peter Frixel Councillor

ABSENT

ATTENDING Allan Rowe Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

Audrey Bjorklund Community Development Manager (CDM)

Lori Jobson Corporate Service Manager (CSM)

Bonnie Morgan Executive Assistant (EA)
Ron Jensen Public Works Manager (PWM)

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Ruecker called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF

AGENDA

C60-17(02/14/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Svederus to adopt the agenda governing the February 14, 2017, Regular Council Meeting, as presented.

CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Previous

Meeting Minutes

C61-17(02/14/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to adopt the minutes of Regular Council Meeting January 24, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS: COUNCIL Management Team Activity Report

Council reviewed the most recent Management Team Activity Report.

C62-17(02/14/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Fletcher to accept the January 24, 2017, Management Team Activity Report, as presented.

CARRIED.

AAMDC Minister Meetings

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Schedule date for Reeve to come to County office to make a follow-up phone call to minister office/contact.

C63-17(02/14/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Frixel to request meetings at the AAMDC Spring Convention in Edmonton on March 20-22, 2017 with the following Ministers and add the following topics for discussion.

CARRIED.

Brian Mason is the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Transportation  Shannon Phillips is the Minister of Environment and Parks  Deron Bilous is the Deputy Government House Leader and Minister of Economic Development and Trade  Sarah Hoffman is the Deputy Premier and Minister of Health.  Kathleen Ganley is the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General.  AAMDC RCMP  Worsley Health Centre Nurse Practitioner recruitment.  Correctional and remand, sentences  More and Review – Linear, Centralization of Designated Industrial Property Electoral Boundaries review  Biomass Species at risk  Worsley Health Centre Nurse Practitioner recruitment.  Correctional and remand, sentences  MGA Review – Linear, Centralization of Designated Industrial Property Electoral Boundaries review  Biomass	Minister	Topic
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Reeve Ruecker recessed the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Reeve Ruecker reconvened the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

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# REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017

# <u>DELEGATION</u> Caribou Range Planning

George Duffy and Jennifer Renton, Caribou Range Planning, Alberta Environment and Parks will be in attendance at 10:00 a.m. to provide an update on caribou range planning. Council had issued the invitation as a result of the pending Range Plan that is to be developed for the P8 area that extends into Clear Hills County in the Chinchaga area.

Reeve Ruecker recessed the meeting at 11:05 a.m.
Reeve Ruecker reconvened the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Worsley Historical Society

Pat Foster with the Worsley Historical & Cultural Association was in attendance at 10:45 a.m. to present Council with details about the historical church building project they are submitting a Capital Grant application for.

Worsley Historical Society

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Village of Hines Creek Council

The Village of Hines Creek Council was present at 11:30 a.m. to give Council an update on the Hines Creek water well and the operation of the Village of Hines Creek.

Reeve Ruecker recessed the meeting at 11:48 a.m.
Reeve Ruecker reconvened the meeting at 12:29 p.m.

Fish and Wildlife

Fish and Wildlife officers, Simon Tatlow and Erik Von Platen were in attendance to introduce themselves and give a brief update.

C64-17(02/14/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Svederus to accept for information the delegation from George Duffy and Jennifer Renton, Caribou Range Planning, Alberta Environment and Parks regarding caribou range planning.

CARRIED.

C65-17(02/14/17)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Johnson to approve a capital grant of \$25,000.00 (twenty-five thousand dollars) for the Worsley Historical & Cultural Association for building a historical United Church building at the Worsley Museum site.

CARRIED.

C66-17(02/14/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Svederus to receive the delegation from the Village of Hines Creek for information and approve an additional unconditional grant of \$150,000.00 (one hundred and fifty dollars) funds to be allocated from the Rate Stabilization Reserve.

CARRIED.

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Biomass Consultant	Councillor Frixel requested a discussion regarding a Biomass Consultant.
C67-17(02/14/17)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Frixel to request the assistance from Dan Dibbelt with Peace Region Economic Development Alliance (PREDA) to research potential grants and funding opportunities for the proposed Clear Hills County Biomass burner. CARRIED.
	Councillor Janzen left the meeting at 1:02 p.m.
Seniors Handi-Bus	Reeve Ruecker requested a discussion regarding the Worsley Seniors Handi-Bus.
C68-17(02/14/17)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Fletcher to receive the discussion regarding the Worsley Seniors Handi bus for information.  CARRIED.
2016 Clear Hills	
County Census Results	Council is presented with the 2016 Census results for Clear Hills County.
C69-17(02/14/17)	RESOLUTION by Reeve Ruecker receive for information the 2016 Census results for Clear Hills County. CARRIED.
CORPORATE SERVICES Accounts Payable (January 25, 2017,	
to February 14, 2017)	A list of expenditures for Clear Hills County for the period of January 25, 2017, to February 14, 2017, is provided for Council's review.
C70-17(02/14/17)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Fletcher that Council receives for information the Accounts Payable report for Clear Hills County. For the period of January 25, 2017, to February 14, 2017, for a total of \$436,848.85 (four hundred and thirty-six thousand eight hundred and forty-eight dollars and eighty-five cents).  CARRIED.
COMMUNITY SERVICES Continuing Education Scholarship	OAIIIIED.
Applications	Council is presented with recommendations for awarding Continuing Education Scholarships for applications received by February 1, 2017, deadline.
C71-17(02/14/17)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Fletcher to approve a Continuing Education Scholarship of up to \$15,000.00 to Kade Lewis for Engineering; \$3,000.00 to be released on proof of acceptance in the upcoming academic year and \$3,000.00 to be released on proof of acceptance into subsequent academic years. CARRIED.

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C72-17(02/14/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to award a Continuing Education Scholarship of \$3,000.00 to Paula Fiorini for Visual Arts; pending proof of acceptance into a classroom driven Visual Arts post-secondary program for the upcoming academic year.

CARRIED.

Municipal Development Plan Review Process

Council tabled the request from administration to provide direction on the Municipal Development Plan review process to today's meeting.

C73-17(02/14/17)

RESOLUTION by Reeve Ruecker to table the Municipal Development Plan review until after the municipal election, and include the Steering Committee on the boards and committee's list.

CARRIED.

Veterinary Employment Incentive Program

Council tabled the review of the Veterinary Incentive Program at the January 24, 2017, until more members of Council were present to debate whether to carry on with the program beyond 2017, as the Doctor Retention and Recruitment program that the county contributes funds to also include veterinarians coming to work in the area.

C74-17(02/14/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Svederus to receive for information the discussion regarding the Veterinary Incentive Program.

CARRIED.

Travel and Expense Policy

Council is presented with Travel and Expense Policy 1127 with Section 3.3 revised by removing the use of county vehicles by Councillors and Board members to attend workshops, conferences, or zone meetings.

C75-17(02/14/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to approve the amendments to section 3.3. of the Travel and Expense Policy 1127 removing the use of county vehicles by Councillors and Board members to attend workshops, conferences, or zone meetings, as presented.

CARRIED.

Grain Advance Program Letter to the Minister

Council is provided the revised draft letter to the Honorable Lawrence MacAulay Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food regarding the Canadian Canola Growers Association, Advance Payment Program (APP) requesting a review of repayment measures, as directed.

C76-17(02/14/17)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Johnson to approve the revised letter to the Honourable Lawrence MacAulay Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food regarding the Canadian Canola Growers Association, Advance Payment Program (APP) requesting a review of repayment measures, as presented.

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CARRIED.

Tree Spade Rental Rates

The Agricultural Service Board is recommending that the rental rate for the tree spade be reduced from \$150.00 to \$50 per day to promote the establishment of shelterbelts by using larger tree stock.

C77-17(02/14/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Fletcher to reduce the rental rate for the tree spade from \$150.00 (one hundred fifty dollars) a day to \$50.00 (fifty dollars) a day. To promote the establishment of shelter belts using larger tree stock and include this rate amendment in an updated Schedule of Fees Bylaw. CARRIED.

PUBLIC WORKS
Cleardale Hamlet
Paving Project
Extension

Council is presented with information regarding their request for a cost to extend the Cleardale Hamlet paving.

C78-17(02/14/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy receive the estimate from WSP for information and request a quote directly from Wapiti Gravel Supply to extend the existing Cleardale Hamlet paving project by approximately 200 meters in length to the south end of the Hamlet boundary line.

CARRIED.

Worsley Central School Parking Lot

Council is presented with information regarding their request for a cost to pave the Worsley School Parking Lot.

C79-17(02/14/17)

RESOLUTION by Reeve Ruecker to receive the estimate from WSP for information, and request a quote on Zone B directly from Wapiti Gravel Supply to pave the Worsley Central School Parking lot.

CARRIED.

Street Lights in Front Of the Cleardale Seniors Centre

On December 13, 2016, Council made a resolution to table the discussion regarding the installation of street lights in front of the Cleardale Seniors Centre.

C80-17(02/14/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Fletcher to contact ATCO to obtain a quote on underground cable and the installation of two street lights in front of the Cleardale Seniors Centre. CARRIED.

SW 1-85-2-W6M Duggan Access Status Update

Council is presented with updated information regarding the construction, servicing SW 1-85-2-W6M, TWP. RD. 850

Page 7 of 9 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017 C81-17(02/14/17) RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to approve the Alberta Environment Protection (AEP) assessment of \$48,449.70 (fortyeight thousand four hundred and forty-nine dollars and seventy cents) for wetlands compensation on the SW 1-85-2-W6M, TWP. RD. 850, and proceed to acquire the Water Act Approval. Funds to be allocated from the Road Reserve. CARRIED. SW 1-85-2-W6M Duggan Access Council is presented with information regarding the construction Design design of township road 850, servicing SW 1-85-2-W6M. C82-17(02/14/17) RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Johnson to authorize WSP to change the road design to a seven meter top at the intersection on Twp. Rd. 850 and Rge. Rd. 21, to minimize permitting requirements and serve as access to SW 1-85-2-W6M, township road 850. CARRIED. WRITTEN REPORTS COUNCIL, COMMITTEE & MANAGERS Council Reports Council submits the meetings attended in the previous month and a report, if applicable. C83-17(02/14/17) RESOLUTION by Councillor Syederus to receive the reports from Councils meetings attended for information, as presented. CARRIED. C84-17(02/14/17) RESOLUTION by Councillor Frixel to approve an advance of \$10,000.00 (ten thousand dollars) to the Hines Creek Recreation board from the 2017 Recreation Board budget. CARRIED. Chief Administrative Officer's Report The Chief Administrative Officer's report was reviewed. C85-17(02/14/17) RESOLUTION by to receive the information provided in the Chief Administrative Officer's report on February 14, 2017, for CARRIED. information, as presented. Community Development Manager's Report The Community Development Manager's report was reviewed. C86-17(02/14/17) RESOLUTION by Councillor Fletcher to receive the information

Corporate Service Manager's Report

There was nothing to report.

provided in the Community Development Manager's report on

CARRIED.

February 14, 2017, for information, as presented.

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Public Works Manager's Report

The Public Works Manager's report was reviewed.

C87-17(02/14/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to receive the information provided in the Public Works Manager's report on February 14, 2017, for information, as presented.

CARRIED.

COUNCIL INFORMATION

Council was presented with the correspondence of pertinent information that has been received.

C88-17(02/14/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to receive for information the correspondence presented at the February 14, 2017, Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED.

CALENDARS

Council and Administration reviewed the upcoming months' calendars for Councillor Boards and Committee scheduled meetings, to assist Administration with record keeping and Council with a reminder.

C89-17(02/14/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Fletcher to receive for information the February, March and April 2017 calendars.

Meeting	Date	Member
NPRL	March 2	Fletcher
Worsley Rec	Feb 2	Ruecker
Cherry Canyon	Feb 9	Johnson
AB service rights	Feb 24	Johnson
Deputy Minister	Feb 8	Johnson
Meeting		
		CARRIED.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM(S) Legal/Labor

One legal item was discussed in camera.

C90-17(02/14/17)

RESOLUTION by Reeve Ruecker to go in camera at 2:23 p.m. CARRIED.

C91-17(02/14/17)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Johnson to come out of camera at 2:40 p.m. CARRIED.

C92-17(02/14/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy that Council authorizes the write-off of the outstanding property tax accounts of \$146,321.40 from the allowance set up for doubtful accounts as discussed and continue with enforcement steps for the remaining outstanding property tax accounts with funds to cover the cost coming from the rate stabilization reserve.

CARRIED.

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BLACKSEA01	\$18,835.68	Avoid any further enforcement costs and proceed with write off
CAYMAN01	\$22,013.45	Avoid any further enforcement costs and proceed with write off
CANADIANROCKIES	\$68,815.17	Avoid any further enforcement costs and proceed with write off
RANCHWEST01	\$36,657.10	Avoid any further enforcement costs and proceed with write off

C93-17(02/14/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Svederus to receive the information provided in the Chief Administrative Officer's report on February 14, 2017, for information, as presented.

CARRIED.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Reeve Ruecker adjourned	the February 14,	2017,	Regular	Council
Meeting at 2:50 p.m.				

DATE	REEVE
DATE	CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

# Alberta Wetland Policy Implementation Fact Sheet Agriculture - Overview

This Fact Sheet provides an overview on implementation of the Alberta Wetland Policy (the Policy) for agricultural producers.

# Wetland Policy Background and Development

The Government of Alberta announced a new Wetland Policy for the province in the fall of 2013. The goal of the Policy is to conserve, restore, protect, and manage Alberta's wetlands to sustain the benefits they provide to the environment, society and the economy.

The Policy represents a significant shift in wetland management and considers not only the physical area of a wetland but also the relative value it provides. Relative wetland value is based on the ability to store and supply water, improve water quality, provide habitat for wetland species, human uses, and the regional abundance of wetlands on the landscape.

Avoidance of any impact to wetlands is always the first priority and where this is not possible minimization of wetland impacts is the second priority. If permanent loss of all or a portion of a wetland is incurred because it cannot be avoided (and is approved), then wetland replacement is required for the portion that is lost

Replacement requirements are established on the basis of wetland area lost and the relative value of that area

For additional information, please visit:

Alberta Wetland Policy Implementation

# Why was the Policy developed?

A new Wetland Policy was required since Alberta has experienced ongoing loss of wetlands throughout the province. It is estimated that Alberta has lost two thirds of the wetlands in the White (Settled) Area of the province. Losses in the Green Area (Crownowned land) are also occuring. Causes of loss include: urban expansion, agriculture, forestry, oil and gas development, and mining (Alberta Wetland Policy, 2013).

This is a go-forward policy in that wetlands approved to be drained in the past will not be subject to replacement requirements.

# What value do wetlands provide?

Wetlands provide many critical functions and benefits, such as water filtration, groundwater recharge, drought and flood reduction, biodiversity support, and opportunities for tourism, boating, bird watching, nature photography, hunting and fishing.

# When will the Policy be implemented?

Starting July 4, 2016, the Policy and its associated tools and processes must be applied to any activities disturbing wetland anywhere in Alberta (excluding federal lands). Wetland is defined by the Alberta Wetland Classification System.

# Fact Sheet - Agriculture

# How will the Policy impact agricultural landowners?

Landowners are able to develop their privately held land however they wish, provided they comply with local, provincial and federal legislation and policies.

All water in Alberta is managed by the Crown and therefore is under provincial jurisdiction. Under the *Water Act* (Section 36), all activities impacting a water body require an Approval, including ephemeral water bodies (a shallow water body that temporarily contains water after spring snowmelt or a heavy rainfall and typically dries up within a matter of days to weeks). Agricultural activities may include infilling, modifications, alterations, and drainage (surface ditches, buried tile, buried slotted

Although ephemeral water bodies are not subject to a replacement requirement under the Policy, avoidance and minimization of impacts to these water bodies are still expected.

pipes) as well as maintenance thereof.

Alteration or occupation of the bed and/or shore of a Crown-owned water body requires a regulatory disposition under the *Public Lands Act* prior to the activity.

These legislated requirements existed prior to implementation of the Policy and remain unchanged. Activities in or near a wetland may also be subject to the Alberta Wetland Policy. Compliance with the Water Act and Public Lands Act is managed through legislated compliance programs.

It is the landowner's responsibility to ensure all regulatory requirements are met prior to commencing work in or near a wetland; approval officers will work with landowners to

ensure all applicable regulatory requirements are considered. For site specific questions.

· Contact us

### Restoration

Wetland restoration on private land is voluntary; landowner interests will not be compromised by the wetland replacement program. The Government of Alberta's priority is to replace wetlands near the point of original wetland loss.

Ducks Unlimited will remain the primary replacement agent for the immediate future while Alberta Environment and Parks establishes an approach to the delivery of wetland replacement in Alberta. It is anticipated that Municipalities, Environmental Non-Governmental Organizations, consultants, and other organizations will be able to deliver the wetland replacement service once a new system has been established.

# Wetland Stewardship

Wetland stewardship is recognized in the Policy as an important component of effective wetland management. The Government of Alberta and its partners will continue to work with landowners to advance wetland stewardship through initiatives including education and awareness, voluntary programs, and/or incentives to encourage wetland conservation, restoration, and protection.

Alberta Environment and Parks is currently working with stakeholders to explore opportunities for enhanced wetland stewardship, including the creation of a wetland banking program. Grants are available from Alberta Agriculture and Forestry for restoring wetlands. A list of available programs can be found at:

Growing Forward 2



# Study of Water Wells on Properties in Rural Alberta



I am a PhD student at the University of Calgary's Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (supervised by Dr. David Hall) investigating perceptions of water quality in rural Alberta associated with livestock. Participants in this study will be asked to answer a questionnaire (approximately 20 min.in length) and submit a private water sample for microbiological testing (i.e., total coliforms and *E. coli*). To be eligible for this study a participant must be at least 18 years old and have a private water source (e.g., a water well, cistern) which they use for domestic purposes (e.g., drinking, washing, and cooking in the household). The questionnaire will address demographic information, private water use, livestock attributes, and questions related to water quality and risk.

A participant may complete the questionnaire in two ways:

- A paper questionnaire mailed to them.
- An online questionnaire at the following link

https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/Bly0Y1

If you are interested and have any further questions, please contact us:

(Email: abraham.munene2@ucalgary.ca, Cell Phone (587) 433 0028)



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Instructor: Christine Plumb

Professional Kinesiologist, RMT.

CanASK Vice - President

Email: body\_connections@hotmail.com

Phone: 403 843 6768

To Register contact Christine Plumb

Hosted by: Ashley Klassen

Phone: 780-772-0125

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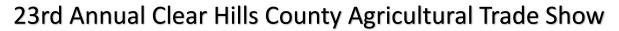


Clear Hills County Presents...

# YOUTH TALENT SHOW







April 8, 2017

One performer will be showcased at the "Farmers' Appreciation Banquet"

Contestants must be 16 years of age or younger

To enter, contact Dawn at the County office at 780-685-3925







# Join us for this one day conference! Century Homesteadin

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Wednesday, April 5, 2017 • 8:30am - 4:30pm **GPRC Fairview** 



Cynthia Pohl

Cynthia Pohl, principal of Living Lands Landscape and Design, is a Professional Journeyman Landscape Gardener and a Certified Green Roof Professional. Cynthia will speak about creating and maintaining restoratibe pollinator habitats and provide you with a basic knowledge of the components of a green roof, green roofing benefits and a plant pallet that works in our climate.

Ron Berezan, founder of The Good Earth Biochar Company and The Urban Farmer. He teaches, designs and facilitates permaculture and organic gardening internationally. Ron will be speaking about how to transform a property into a forest garden including the best species for colder climates. He will also discuss the great benefits of biochar to soil and the environment, and explain how to make biochar at home!



Ron Berezan

Funding for the Conference includes the GPRC Walter Paszkowski Agriculture Legacy Endowment Fund To learn more contact pworonuk@gprc.ab.ca



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Cost \$80/person Includes Lunch

# Mice Cause Poultry Producer Big Losses

A poultry producer in central Alberta found mouse control a real concern when salmonella and E. coli were found in his pullet barn. After depopulating the barn and disinfecting the facility, it was found that mice were the cause of his positive test for bacteria. A close inspection of the older barn found a population of mice under cracked concrete and small crawl spaces

where walls meet the floor and between wall joints. An intense baiting program was set up to eradicate the rodents. Preventative measures of gravel around the outside of the building for several metres, filling cracks with cement and caulking, and an effective, perpetual baiting program with bait stations was set up. Although the program was eliminated fairly quickly, the

stop in production for many months was a substantial loss.





The lower fire hazard in winter is a safer time to consider doing your burns, though there are still some necessary precautions to take before burning, like monitoring the weather to ensure smoke from your burn won't negatively impact surrounding areas.

On particularly cold winter days, inversions and other weather factors can cause smoke from a winter burn to stay close to the ground and travel great distances. An inversion happens when cold air is trapped near the ground by a layer of warmer air above it. Inversions can cause dangerous driving conditions and impact nearby communities.

- Consult local municipalities and authorities on how to mitigate impacts when undertaking larger winter burning projects near communities and road ways.
- Actively manage burn projects to reduce disposal time and smoke impacts.
- Burning debris in stages will allow you to adapt to changing weather conditions and reduce smoke.
- ⇒ Monitor weather conditions: lower temperatures and lighter wind speeds can result in stronger inversions. The ideal conditions for burning are typically days with average temperatures and wind speeds over 5km/h.
- ⇒ Always ensure proper safety precautions are taken when burning and appropriate signage is in place when burning within a mile of a roadway. Always take the safety concerns that may arise from the smoke your burning creates into consideration.



Committed to helping your community become a better place to live, work and play.



# **County Grants and Application Deadlines**

### Cemetery Grant—No deadline, applications accepted throughout the year

Each group maintaining a cemetery or burial site in the County is eligible for an annual \$500 grant. These funds may be used for operating or capital projects, and may be held over for future projects. The operating group must complete a cemetery application to receive funds each year.

# FCSS Grant—Deadline June 15th

The Family and Community Support Services grant is intended to provide funding and support for community organizations and individuals that deliver social programs that are preventative in nature to promote and enhance well being among individuals, families and communities. These programs help individuals to adopt healthy lifestyles, improve quality of life and build the capacity to prevent and deal with crisis situations should they arise.

# General Grant—Applications accepted until the fund is fully allocated

The General Grant is intended to provide funding for the community organizations and individual projects that don't qualify under the criteria for other grants the County may offer and demonstrate a contribution to area residents quality of life.

# Capital Grant—Deadline September 1st

Capital Grants are intended to provide community not-for-profit groups with funds to maintain and build recreation, sports, community, arts and cultural facilities. No funds can be used for the operation of a facility. Groups have two years to complete projects once capital grants are paid to them.

For application forms or additional information contact Audrey at 780-685-3925 or audrey@clearhillscounty.ab.ca

# Seasonal Employment Opportunity

# **Labourers:**

The successful applicants will work under the direction of the Public Works Manager or designate in conducting Public Works programs and related duties. Duties may include road maintenance, construction, signage, drainage, brush control, grass trimming and other related duties. The ability to operate necessary equipment would be an asset.

# **Operators**

The successful applicants will work under the direction of the Public Works Manager or designate in conducting Public Works mowing and brushing programs. Duties include operating equipment with necessary attachments as well as other related tasks.

Preference will be given to the candidates with the following requirements and qualifications:

- Experience in operation of tractors and/or road construction equipment
- Valid driver's license and approved driver's abstract
- Ability to work independently as well as in a team setting
- Physically capable of meeting job demands
- Preference will be given to applicants who are willing to continue employment for the duration of the seasonal program

Interested applicants submit their resume along with a current driver's abstract to Public Works Department, Clear Hills County, Box 240, Worsley, Alberta, T0H 3W0

- In person
- Fax: (780) 685-3925
- Email: ron@clearhillscounty.ab.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest.

# SEASONAL WEED INSPECTORS

Applicants should be familiar with agricultural practices, have great observation skills, excellent communication skills and basic computer skills.

Successful applicants will work under the supervision of the Agricultural Fieldman, to record weed locations and densities, communicate with the land owners, spot spray roadside weeds and other tasks related to weed control throughout the summer.

Must have a valid Class 5 License and able to provide a clean driver's abstract.

Season: starts in May, ending is variable(August to Oct) Wage: starting at \$19.31/hr

Work hours: 8am to 5pm (Monday to Friday)

Submission deadline: March 21st, 2017 Send resumes attention: Greg Coon

780-685-3925

greg@clearhillscounty.ab.ca



# New Publication on Wind & Solar Leases

The Farmer's Advocate Office (FAO) has released a new publication titled Negotiating Renewable Energy Leases.

"The FAO has been seeing an increase in the number of calls negotiating wind and solar leases," says Jeana Schuurman, rural engagement and communications specialist with the FAO. "In response, we've put together this new booklet to help landowners who are negotiating for a developer to lease land for the construction

and operation of a solar or wind farm."

Schuurman says the FAO wants Albertans to understand that a wind and solar lease is different than one for oil and gas. "Our publication explores some of the key differences. It's important to understand that negotiating for a wind and solar lease is 100 per cent voluntary. There is no legislated compensation structure, and developers will offer different compensation structures.

Landowners also need to be aware that the end-of-life considerations for wind and solar are also different than what we see in oil and gas."

Hard copies of the publication are available through Agriculture and Forestry Publication at 310-FARM (3276). As well, a digital version can be downloaded on the FAO website.

www.farmersadvocate.gov. ab.ca

# Robert E Walter Memorial Scholarship

The Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency administers the Robert E Walter Memorial Scholarship to financially assist students from the Mackenzie Region taking post-secondary school programs who plan to utilize their education in a career based in the Mackenzie region of northern Alberta.

One \$500 scholarship per year.

The Applicant:

- Must be a resident of the North Peace or Mackenzie Region in northern Alberta.
- Is a high school graduate who will be attending a post secondary education program or is currently in the work force but will be attending a post secondary education program to up-

grade their skills

 Agrees to obtain employment in the North Peace or Mackenzie Region for at least one year following graduation.

For more information or to download the application package go to:

http://mmsa.ca/scholarship/

# **Daylight Savings Time**

Daylight Savings Time start officially on Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 2:00 a.m., when the clock will "spring ahead" an hour.

Everyone is reminded to change the batteries in their smoke alarms.

Fire fighters encourage everyone to not only have working smoke detectors, but carbon monoxide detectors as well.

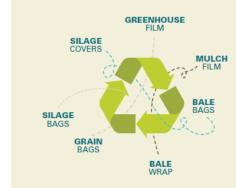




### **Types of Agricultural Plastics**

There are two main types of agricultural plastics commonly used in agriculture, not including pesticide and other rigid plastic containers.

# 1 POLYETHYLENE (PE) RESINS



# 2 **POLYPROPYLENE** RESINS







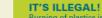
Although agricultural plastics burn easily, open burning usually does not reach high enough temperatures to prevent the release of toxic chemicals.

It's bad for you, your family, and your community.

- Burning plastics releases toxic and potentially cancer causing chemicals into the
- These toxic compounds can accumulate in These toxic compounds can accumulate in the soil, plants and animals and contaminate food and feed crops, eventually making their way up to the food chain and into the food we eat.
  - The smoke and ash can also irritate eyes and lungs, which is especially bad for people with asthma or heart disease
  - Disposal of agricultural plastics on farm either by burning or burying produces hazardous consequences to human and animal health, water and land resources and the environment.

It's pollution. Toxins released into the air during burning can fall on our soils and in our water.

It's dangerous. Burning garbage or brush can lead to wildfires, property damage and sometimes loss of life.



Burning of plastics is prohibited debris under the Substance Release Regulation (AR 124/93) and therefore cannot be burned.



Many municipal landfills and transfer stations will only accept agricultural plastics if rolled and compacted to their requirements.

It is recommended that producers contact their local municipality for further info on requirements.

What else can you recycle? Plastic, paper, cardboard and metal materials, used oil, tires, and beverage containers.















# **GET READY TO RECYCLE:**

You must sort and separate agricultural plastics by resin type for recycling:

- Used agricultural plastics must be as clean as possible for recycling, <10% contamination.</li>
- Remove as much forage, soil, stones and other contaminants as possible before rolling or folding films and bags into bundles.
- · Locate silage bags, bales and grain bags on higher ground or a concrete pad to reduce mud and manure contamination.
- Separate different products and types, keep cleaner film for example separate from dirtier.
   Bag twine to prevent tangling and in units < 1 cubic meter for ease of handling.
   Do not mix twine with any other materials.

- · Twine must be dry.
- Films and wraps can be bagged or baled into 1000-1200 lb bales.
- Label each bag or bale with a permanent marker, type of material, date and contact phone number before delivering to the landfill or collection facility.
- Compaction is necessary for economical transport.



Call the Recycle Info Line at 1-800-463-6326 for local information.

WWW.RECYCLINGHOTLINE.CA

# Agricultural Farm Safety Week

The impact of a farm injury can be devastating—both emotionally and economically—to producers and their families. Yet most injuries are predictable, and thus preventable, if producers, farm managers, and farm hands know what to look for and how to control the hazards on their farms.

That's why the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA) AND CFA team up every year to celebrate Canadian Agricultural Safety Week

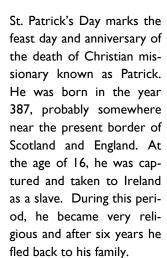
in the third week of March. It's a time to reflect on the importance of farm safety, and empower producers and their families with the information and resources they need to make their farms safer.

"Be an AgSafe Family" is the theme of a three-year program to raise awareness for importance of farm safety. Organizers aim to empower farm families with the information they need to help keep their family members safe on the farm while preserving the farming lifestyle. The program focuses on people of all ages. From the young toddler; to the busy juggling family, farm and work; to the elder farmer with an age-defying drive to keep on farming.

This year Agricultural Farm Safety Week is March 12-18, 2017.







Later in life, he returned to Ireland as a missionary. He said to have played an important role in converting the inhabitants of Ireland to Christianity and in ridding the island of snakes. However, there is no evidence that there have been any snakes in Ireland in the past 10,000 years. The "snakes"

he drove out of Ireland may represent particular groups of pagans or druids. It is believed that St. Patrick died on March 17 probably in the year 461 to 493 (according to different sources). St Patrick is buried under Down Cathedral, a church in Ireland, and is one of three patron saints in Ireland. The other patron saints are St. Brigid of Kildare and St. Columbia.

St. Patrick's Day celebrations were brought to Canada by Irish immigrants. The day is a bank holiday in Northern Ireland and a public holiday in the Republic of Ireland. In the rest of the United Kingdom, the United States, Australia and New Zealand, it is celebrated, but not an official holiday.

In some cities, notably in Toronto and Montreal, large scale of St. Patrick's Day parades are held, often on the Sunday closest to March 17. The parade in Montreal has been held every year since 1824. However, the first recorded celebration of St. Patrick's Day was in 1759 by Irish Soldiers serving with the British army following conquest of part of New France, a French colony in North America. In some places there are Irish Cultural events. For instance. the Irish Association of Manitoba organizes a threeday festival of Irish culture in the week of St. Patrick's Day.



# Register you Site with STARS



# STARS Emergency Contact Centre

### REMOTE SITE REGISTRATION

- Every day, the STARS Emergency Link Centre monitors thousands of remote rural sites, and in doing so, improves emergency preparedness for companies, organizations and individuals living or working in remote locations. In the event of an emergency, one call connects you to a STARS communication specialist who quickly begins to coordinate a medical response
- STARS works in partnership with a range of agencies and first responders to ensure that the most appropriate response is activated.
   During a medical or trauma incident, an oncall STARS Referral Emergency Physician can be consulted to determine the best mode of transport for the patient
- Using a neighbours-helping-neighbours philosophy, our site registration program allows us to be aware of nearby sites that may have resources available to provide immediate medical support until first responders are able to arrive on scene



# How to Register a site

- Call the STARS Emergency Link Centre at 1-888-888-4567 to register your site, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Complete the Site Registration Form located on the "what we do" page of stars.ca and email to industry@stars.ca.



# Need a hand with your income taxes?

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

If you are unable to complete your income tax and benefit return by yourself and are unable to pay for assistance, our Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) may be for you.

The CRA offers training to volunteers who can help you complete your income tax and benefit return if your income is low and your tax situation is simple.

Volunteers do not complete income tax and benefit returns for deceased persons, bankrupt individuals, or individuals who have capital gains or losses, employment expenses, or business or rental income and expenses.

For more information about this free service contact:

Family & Community Support Services FCSS

103116-109 Street Main Floor Fairview, AB

Across from the Arena in the Safety & Audits Building (780)-835-5471

Do you qualify?

Revenue Canada Income thresholds are no more than: Single Adult Maximum \$30,000.00

Couple Maximum \$45,000.00

With one child \$35,000.00

Add \$2,500.00 for each additional child

No one with an interest income of over \$1000.00.

# Alberta Energy Regulator Suspends Over 1,660 Licenses belonging to Lexin Resources Ltd.

The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) recently suspended the licenses for all wells, facilities, and pipelines belonging to Lexin Resources Ltd. The closure will affect 1,380 wells, 81 facilities, and 201 pipeline licenses.

"We have received a high number of calls from landowners who've had concerns about their lease with Lexin Resources Ltd., "explains Jeana Schuurman, rural engagement and communications specialist with the Farmer's Advocate office (FAO).

On February 15, 2017 the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) issued a press release announcing that the licenses for all Lexin Resources Ltd. properties would be suspended to ensure public safety and limit environmental and financial risks. The

press release indicated that a significant amount of AER levies and fees were unpaid and that the company had insufficient staff to adequately manage the sites.

Landowners with a lease belonging to Lexin Resources Ltd. should be aware that:

- Resources for unpaid surface lease rentals is available through the Surface Rights Board.
- Viable sites may be sold to other companies if the license transfer conditions are met.
- Where a Working Interest Participants (WIP) exists on the license, the AER will work with them to shut-in the properties to ensure public safety. Note that the WIP is not responsible for unpaid surface lease rentals.

- The Orphan Well Association (OWA) will have care and custody of the remaining sites. Any licensed site that poses a greater risk to public safety or the environment becomes a high priority.
- The AER has sought a court order to prevent equipment from being removed from AERlicensed sites. Anyone who has information about removal of Lexin equipment over the past six months should contact AER's 24-hour emergency contact and complaint line at 1-800-222-6514.

For more information on the enforcement actions, please visit the AER website at www.aer.ca or contact AER directly at 1-855-297-8311.

# Trade Show Food Services Tender

- 1. Banquet
- 2. Indoor Concession
- 3. Outdoor Concession

Tender packages can be obtained by mail, email or picked up at the County office.

Tenders must be at the County office by 4:00 p.m. on March 10, 2017.

For more information contact Greg at 780-685-3925.



# Community Recognition

Clear Hills County Council will provide a certificate for County residents and businesses for significant birthdays, or anniversary milestones, when we receive written notification.

- ⇒ Birthdays are recognized at 75, 80, 85, 90, 95 and each year thereafter.
- ⇒ Wedding Anniversaries are recognized at 50, 55, 60 and each year thereafter.
- ⇒ Businesses and organization anniversaries are recognized at 25, 50, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, I00 and each year thereafter.

When the County receives written notification of a funeral, flags will be lowered at the County office.

For more information contact Bonnie at 780-685-3925 or bonnie@clearhillscounty.ab.ca.



# Wild Caraway (Carum carvi)

**Provincial Designation:** 

None but elevated to Noxious in several M.D./Counties

# Overview:

Wild caraway is a biennial plant, producing a low growing rosette of leaves in its first year of growth, and then a flowering stalk (bolt) in the second year – it can even bolt and flower a third year before dying. It develops a narrow, parsnip-like taproot with a black skin and white core. This is the same plant that produces the caraway spice used in rye breads and as an ingredient in some liquors. All parts of the plant are edible. Native to Eurasia, it has escaped cultivation as a spice crop in Canada.

# Habitat:

Wild caraway grows in a wide variety of soil types, pH, and climates. It will successfully reproduce under deciduous forest canopy but seems intolerant of complete shade. Bolting plants can tolerate some spring flooding and seedlings can survive light fracts.



# Identification:

Stems: Stems are erect, branched, and grow 60 to 90 cm tall. There can be several stems per plant.

Leaves: Leaves are alternate and very finely divided (very carrot-like). The leaves of first-year rosettes can be very similar to yarrow, a native plant.

Flowers: Flowers are white, but occasionally pinkish, and occur in groups at the top of stems (compound umbels). Flowers hermaphroditic (having both male & female organs) and therefore self-fertile. Fruits (seeds) are crescent-shaped with ridges, and about 2 mm long.

# Prevention:

Wild caraway is very difficult to detect when not in flower. Learn to recognize Wild caraway rosettes – early detection provides the best chances for eradication.

### Control:

Grazing: It is not utilized by livestock and can quickly displace nearly all other vegetation





where infestations go uncontrolled. Infestations in forage crops have led to weed seed dispersal in baled hay. Invasive plants should never be considered as forage.

Cultivation: Repeated cultivation before seed set are be effective. Hand pulling pre-bloom is also effective, especially in soft soils. After flowering the plants are very fragile and seeds are easily scattered – at this stage a plastic bag can be carefully placed over the mature plant, and closed tightly around the stem. Collected seed should be disposed of in landfill-bound garbage or thoroughly burned. Several years' effort is required to deplete the seed bank.

Mechanical: Repeated mowing is not effective, as plants re-bloom below cutting height

Chemical: Picloram, clopyralid, and 2,4-D Ester are very effective. Plants are easier to control in the rosette stage and before bolting. Consult your local Agricultural Fieldman or Certified Pesticide Dispenser for more information.

Biological: None researched to date.

1 Always follow the product labels. The use of pesticides in any manner not published on the label or registered under the Minor Use of Pesticides regulation constitutes an offence under both the Federal Pest Control Products Act and Alberta's Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act





# Wetlands Policy Sessions Additional Information

Thank you to everyone that came out for the Alberta Wetland Policy sessions on January 25, 2017 in Hines Creek and Cleardale.

Here is the contact information to report a compliance concern or for more information.

Alberta Environment and Parks

Website: aep.alberta.ca

 Environmental Emergencies

Toll Free: 1-800-222-6514 Call toll free: 310-0000 After dialing 310-0000, you will have the option to:

- Dial the number you need
- Dial "0" for operator assistance
- Hold for operator assistance

Information Centre

Main Floor, Great West Life Building 9920 108 Street

Edmonton, AB Canada T5K 2M4

Hour of Operation Monday-Friday 8:15 a.m.—4: 30 p.m.

Toll Free in Alberta: 310-ESRD

(3773)

Fax: 780-427-4407

Email: ESRD.Info-

Centre@gov.ab.ca

# Grain Bag Roller

Have Grain bags piling up?

Clear Hills County has a Grain Bag Roller to help farmers dispose of used grain bags. This item is in our rental equipment fleet and it is used to roll up grain bags nice and tight and not too wide for handling.

Once grain bags are rolled properly the Transfer Stations will accept them. The Transfer Stations will not accept grain bags that are not properly rolled.

The Grain Bag Roller is rent FREE with a \$50 refundable deposit.

# Lots for Sale

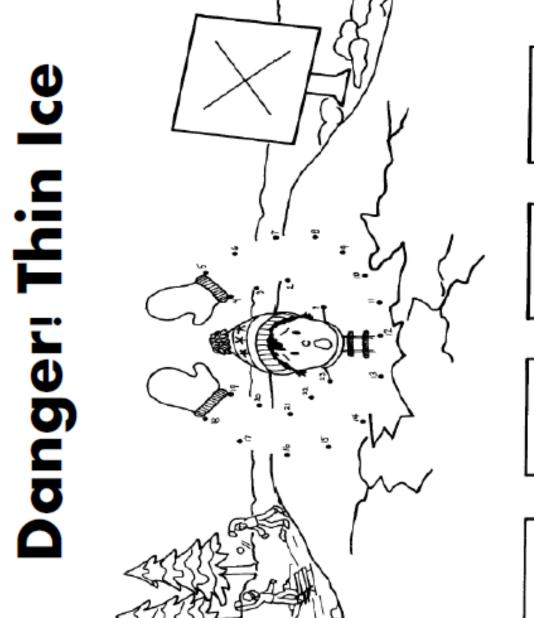
The County has residential and commercial lots for sale in the Hamlets of Worsley and Cleardale.

For more information contact the County at 780-685-3925.

# 911 Reminder

Clear Hills County residents if you are experiencing an emergency, telephone 911 immediately to obtain police, fire or ambulance services.

To save time in a crisis print your land location and contact numbers near the phone. Be sure your babysitters and children know where to find this information.



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Name: Parent's Name: \_

Phone:

Category: \_\_Preschool \_\_K-1st grade \_\_2nd-3rd grade \_\_4th-5th grade \_\_6th grade & over

Connect the numbers to form a picture. Colour the picture and cut out the proper sign that will warn the children, and glue it on the X in the picture, then mail to the Clear Hills County office by March 15, 2017.

Winner of the February contest was: **JASON PETERS** 

CONGRATULATIONS!



# **Do I Need A Development Permit?**

Development permits are required in Clear Hills County pursuant to the Clear Hills County Land Use Bylaw. A development permit ensures that the proposed use of the land does not conflict with surrounding uses and that the proposed development is set back the appropriate distances from the property lines and roadways, located in a safe location (not too close to water bodies or oil & gas facilities, etc).

When you are planning to construct a new building, structurally renovate an existing building, or change the use (or intensity of use) of your property, you will need a development permit.

The Clear Hills County Land Use Bylaw also details development NOT requiring a permit. A few of the common ones are:

- any farm use building, shed, dugout (located at least 40.8m/134 feet from the road rightof-way) or minor accessory use must otherwise conform to the provisions of the Land Use Bylaw.
- Minor repair or maintenance to a building (provided there are no structural changes)
- The erection or repair of a fence that is less than 1 metre (3 feet) in height in front yards and 2 metres (6 feet) in height in rear and side yards. (Note: there are setback requirements on corner lots and where line of sight will be involved on a public road).
- Decks (provided they have no walls or roof and are less than .6 metres (2 feet) from ground level.
- Accessory buildings (sheds, etc.) under 9.29 m² (100 f²) that does not have a foundation.

**Additional Permits!** 

In addition to a Development Permit from Clear Hills County, you may also require:

- Building Permit
- Gas Permit
- Electrical Permit



System Permit



Private Sewage

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For further information on these permits or regulatory information, contact one of the agencies authorized by Alberta Municipal Affairs to issue these permits at www.municipal affairs alberta ca/

cp\_permit\_information or 1-866-421-

All development located within 0.8 km of a provincial highway requires a Roadside Development Permit from Alberta Transportation. For more information call 780-427-2731. -

Contact the County's Development Officer should you require assistance in completing the development permit or have questions with the development permit process.

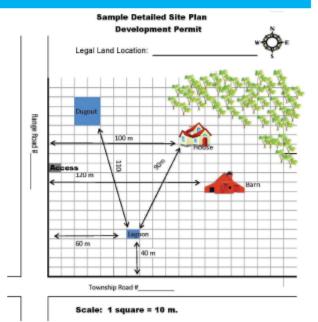
# Development Permit Application

Development permit application forms are available at the County office or on the County website (www.clearhillscounty.ab.ca). There is no charge for agricultural, residential and commercial development permit applications. There is a development penalty should you develop without an approved development permit. Industrial applications are \$100 for every \$100,000 of development.

For most development, the following information is required but not limited to:

- Property owners signature
- Development type, start date, completion date, and construction costs
- Site plan
- Floor plan
- Signed Right of Entry form

Additional information may be required by the Development



The Development Officer will be pleased to explain the Land
Use Bylaw regulations and how they may apply to you.

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Monday

# March

# **Worsley Health Centre**

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Please call the Health Centre to book immunization and Nurse Practitioner appointments.
Please call Fairview Medical Clinic to schedule Dr. Appointments.
Flu vaccines available at Worsley Health Centre – call for details.
U-Walk- for more information call 780-685-3752

Always call the Health Centre before coming: schedule is subject to change

Worsley Health Centre 780-685-3752 Fairview Medical Clinic 780-835-4255 Fairview Public Health 780-835-4951 Fairview Hospital 780-835-6100

EMERGENCY 911

# Bulletin Board Events & Announcements

# Cleardale Riders Event Schedule

### April

8th—Clear Hills County Trade Show 29th—2:00 p.m. Gymkhana

### May

7th-2:00 p.m. Gymkhana

13th-2:00 p.m. Gymkhana

21st-2:00 p.m. Gymkhana

### June

3rd—Gymkhana

10th&11th—HHD with Auction

18th-Gymkhana

# July

1st-2:00 p.m. Gymkhana

4th-9th - TBA Horse Camp

23rd-Gymkhana

29th—Gymkhana

# August

6th-Gymkhana

19—Gymkhana

27-Gymkhana

# September

2nd & 3rd—Final Day

# Clear Hills County Agricultural Trade Show

The 23rd Agricultural Trade Show will be held on April 8th, 2017 at the Dave Shaw Memorial Complex in Hines Creek, Alberta.

We also invite you to attend the Farmers' Appreciation Banquet, following the Trade Show at 5:30 p.m. Banquet entertainment will be Marquee Pianos.

Exhibitor & Sponsorship packages are available at:

- www.clearhillscounty.ab.ca
- County office 780-685-3925 or email sarah@clearhillscounty.ab.ca







# WANTED—WORKS OF ART

Clear Hills County Council is once again looking to purchase works of art, by local talents, for promotional use by the County. Council is seeking framed/finished items.

Bring your works of art to the County office on May 1, 2017 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. The items will be on display May 2nd through May 5th. Items not selected for purchase can be picked up during regular office hours May 10th-May 12th.

For more information contact Bonnie at the County office at 780-685-3925.

# Community Groups & Organizations, Facilities & Contacts

# Worsley & District Library

780-685-3842

www.worsleylibrary.ab.ca

Worsley & District Library, housed in Worsley Central School, offers library services to the public the following days:

Tuesday & Fridays

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

The library is also opened before school and at noon hour on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please call ahead to confirm that the library is open.

As this is a school, we ask that patrons check in at the school office prior to coming into the library.

Your opinion matters to us. If you have read a book that you found particularly interesting and would like to promote it, why not drop us a line and tell us the book title, author, and what was enjoyable about the book. Your comments will be included on our library webpage at the address as well as on our Facebook page at

www.facebook.com/worsleylibrary

# **Bear Point Community Library Hours**

Monday through Thursday 10:00 am-3:00 pm

The Worsley Pioneer Club hosts a Seniors Social every Wednesday afternoon from 1-4 pm.

Activities include: card games, floor curling, and more.

Join us for coffee and conversation!

# Hines Creek Arts & Craft **Meeting Room**

To book the room call Gail at 780-494-3290 or 780-772-1155

# Hines Creek Senior's Drop in Rental

For bookings call: 780-835-1397 or 780-494-2333

# Hines Creek Municipal Library

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday 10:00 am-6:00 pm

Located in the Village of Hines Creek office building.

780-494-3879

# **Worsley Pioneer Club**

**Worsley Baptist Church** Sunday School - 10:00 am Sunday Services -11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Wednesday Night Service - 7:00 pm

Cleardale Gospel Chapel Sunday Service - 11:00 am

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Catholic Church

Sunday Service 1:00 pm

All Saints Ukrainian Catholic Church every second Sunday 2:30 pm

Lighthouse Fellowship Sunday Service 11:00 am Pastor Mike Ansley

Mighty Peace Cowboy Church

Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday Service 7:00 p.m

> At the Eureka River Hall Pastor Gary Henderson

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	Hines Creek Fire Mtg. 7:00 p.m.					
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Worsley Fire Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting 9:30 a.m.				



Box 240

Worsley, AB T0H 3W0 Phone: 780-685-3925 Fax: 780-685-3960

Email:

info@clearhillscounty.ab.ca

### Allan Rowe

Chief Administrative Officer
Lori Jobson
Corporate Services Manager
Ron Jensen
Public Works Manager
Audrey Bjorklund
Community Development
Manager

# **Fire Trailer Locations**

**Bear Canyon**—Water Plant NW 22 83 12 W6M Cleardale—Water Plant SW 11 85 10 W6M 780-685-3670 Clear Prairie-Jim Evans SW 34 87 10 W6M 780-685-2610 Deerhill—Ken Knoepfli NW 9 84 2 W6M 780-596-2259 Eureka River-Lee Franklin NE 24 86 6 W6M 780-834-6080 Royce-Melvin Worobetz SE 16 83 6 W6M 780-494-3420 Whitelaw-Bill Wald SW 28 83 1 W6M 780-596-2121 Montagneuse Valley Percy Stephenson yard SE 36 85 5 W6M

Jim 780-494-2458

# COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION

council@clearhillscounty.ab.ca

# Division #1— Miron Croy

Box 1315, Fairview, AB T0H 1L0

Phone: 780-596-2187

### Division #2—Peter Frixel

Box 552, Hines Creek, AB T0H 2A0

Phone: 780-494-2467

### Division #3—Lee Svederus

Box 37, Eureka River, AB T0H 1K0

Phone:780-685-2117

### Division #4—Jason Ruecker Reeve

Box 205 Worsley, AB T0H 3W0

Phone: 780-685-2144

### Division #5—David Janzen

Box 179 Cleardale, AB T0H 3Y0

Phone: 780-834-0197

### Division #6—Dan Fletcher

Box 53, Cleardale, AB T0H 3Y0

Phone: 780-835-0658

# Division #7—Charles Johnson Deputy Reeve

Box 22, Cherry Point, AB T0H 0T0

Phone: 780-595-2294 Fax: 780-595-2332

# Agricultural Service Board Members

Brian Harcourt—Chairperson 780-494-2231

Baldur Ruecker – Deputy Chair 780-685-2546

Charlie Johnson—Councilor 780-685-2584

Garry Candy—Member at Large 780-494-2055

MacKay Ross—Member at Large 780-835-0356

Julie Watchorn—Member at Large 780-685-3035

County Transfer Site Hours—October 1st—April 30								
All Transfer Sites are closed on Sunday								
Transfer Site	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
Bear Canyon	10:00 am 5:00 pm	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed		
Clear Prairie	closed	closed	closed	1:00 pm 5:00 pm	closed	closed		
Cleardale	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed	10:00 am 5:00 pm		
David Thompson	closed	closed	closed	closed	10:00 am 5:00 pm	closed		
Eureka River	closed	closed	10:00 am 5:00 pm	closed	closed	closed		
Hines Creek	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed	10:00 am 5:00 pm		
Royce	closed	closed	closed	10:00 am 5:00 pm	closed	closed		
Whitelaw	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed	10:00 am 5:00 pm		
Worsley	closed	closed	closed	closed	10:00 am 5:00 pm	closed		