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# Clear Hills County

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Fire Prevention Week is observed in both the United States and Canada, and it was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire in 1871, a tragic conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871.

On the 40th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire the

Fire Marshals Association of North America decided that the anniversary should be observed in a way that would keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention. In 1920, the President, Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation. Since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed. According to the National Archives and Records Administration Library Information Centre, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running pub-

lic health and safety observance on record.

In Canada, the first national Fire Prevention Day proclamation was issued by the Government in 1919.

Fire Prevention Week is an ideal time to talk about fire safety with your family and do the planning and practicing it takes to safely escape within three minutes. However, don't wait until Fire Prevention Week for fire safety—practice it year round.



**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016**

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<b>PRESENT</b>	Jason Ruecker Charlie Johnson Miron Croy Dan Fletcher Lee Svederus Peter Frixel David Janzen	Reeve Deputy Reeve Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor
<b>ABSENT</b>		
<b>ATTENDING</b>	Allan Rowe Audrey Bjorklund Bonnie Morgan Ron Jensen	Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Community Development Manager (CDM) Executive Assistant (EA) Public Works Manager (PWM)
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Reeve Ruecker called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.	
<b><u>ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA</u></b> C474-16(09/13/16)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Svederus to adopt the agenda governing September 13, 2016, Regular Council Meeting, with the following changes Deletion of 7.c.6. At the request of Burnt Lee Park Project, and the addition of 11. b. Labour, as presented.	CARRIED.
<b><u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u></b> Previous Meeting Minutes C475-16(09/13/16)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Fletcher to adopt the minutes of August 17, 2016, Regular Council Meeting, as presented.	CARRIED.
C476-16(09/13/16)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to adopt the minutes of August 17, 2016, Organizational Meeting, as presented.	CARRIED.
<b><u>NEW BUSINESS: COUNCIL</u></b> Management Team Activity Report	Council reviewed the most recent Management Team Activity Report.	
C477-16(09/13/16)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Frixel to accept the August 17, 2016, Management Team Activity Report, as presented.	CARRIED.
<b><u>TENDER OPENINGS</u></b> Tender 2016-16 NW 3-83-4-W6M		

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Access Road	Council is presented with Tender 2016-16, NW 3-83-4-W6M Access Road.																		
C478-16(09/13/16)	<b>RESOLUTION</b> by Councillor Croy to open Tender 2016-16, NW-3-83-4-W6M Access Road, analyze and bring back a recommendation later in today's meeting. <b>CARRIED.</b>																		
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Biomass Feasibility Study	Council is presented with results from the Biomass Feasibility study performed by Harry Welling of H&W Biogenics Ltd.																		
C479-16(09/13/16)	<b>RESOLUTION</b> by Councillor Fletcher to receive the cost and revenue calculation models for the Biomass Feasibility study performed by Harry Welling of H&W Biogenics Ltd. for information and table for more discussion later in today's meeting. <b>CARRIED.</b>																		
	Reeve Ruecker recessed the meeting at 10:42 a.m. Reeve Ruecker reconvened the meeting at 10:51 a.m.																		
<b><u>DELEGATION:</u></b> Cherry Canyon Agricultural Society	Representatives of the Cherry Canyon Agricultural Society will be in attendance at 11:00 a.m. to present two projects they are seeking Capital Grant funding for.																		
C480-16(09/13/16)	<b>RESOLUTION</b> by Deputy Reeve Johnson to accept for information the delegation from the Cherry Canyon Agricultural Society presenting the two projects they are seeking Capital Grant Funding for, Get Fit – Fitness Equipment and Renovations to the Cherry Canyon hall and playground. <b>CARRIED.</b>																		
North Peace Housing Foundation	Council tabled discussion about staffing cutbacks at the Homesteader Lodge at the August 17, 2016, meeting until after September 7, 2016, North Peace Housing Foundation when Councillor Fletcher would have the opportunity to get more information on the matter.																		
C481-16(09/13/16)	<b>RESOLUTION</b> by Councillor Fletcher to table the discussion regarding the Homesteader Lodge until the October 11, 2016, Regular Council Meeting. <b>CARRIED.</b>																		

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The Village of Hines Creek	Council requested a follow-up discussion after attending a joint meeting with the Village of Hines Creek on Monday, August 29, 2016. With discussions regarding the Villages budget.
C482-16(09/13/16)	<b>RESOLUTION</b> by Councillor Svederus to proceed with the drilling of a new water well for the Village of Hines Creek with funding to be allocated from Hines Creek Truck Fill project. CARRIED.
C483-16(09/13/16)	<b>RESOLUTION</b> by Deputy Reeve Johnson to include in the 2017 Operating budget a grant for the Village of Hines Creek in the amount of \$200,000.00 (two hundred thousand dollars). CARRIED.
	Reeve Ruecker recessed the meeting at 11:39 a.m. Reeve Ruecker reconvened the meeting at 12:11 p.m.
Secondary Highway 717	Council is presented with a reply to the May 11, 2016, letter that was sent to the Honorable Minister of Transportation, Brian Mason regarding the next portion of paving on Secondary Highway 717 from the Bear Canyon hall intersection to the BC Border.
C484-16(09/13/16)	<b>RESOLUTION</b> by Deputy Reeve Johnson accepts the letter from Honorable Minister of Transportation, Brian Mason regarding the next portion of paving on Secondary Highway 717 from the Bear Canyon hall intersection to the BC Border for information. Moreover, bring back for more discussion after a meeting with Brian Mason at the AAMDC Convention in November. CARRIED.
Access Approach	Council is presented with correspondence from Mr. Max Kurz, with regards to having an access approach off of Highway 732 to SW-22-83-3-W6M constructed by Alberta Transportation.
C485-16(09/13/16)	<b>RESOLUTION</b> by Councillor Croy to receive for information the correspondence from Mr. Max Kurz, and proceed with the construction of an access approach off of Highway 732 to SW-22-83-3-W6M with funds to be allocated from the Road Construction reserve. CARRIED.
Continuing Education Scholarship	Council is provided with a revised Policy 6801-Continuing Education Scholarships for consideration
C486-16(09/13/16)	<b>RESOLUTION</b> by Councillor Fletcher to adopt Continuing Education Scholarships Policy 6801- with the following amended: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 2.1: increase the annual budget amount from \$20,000.00 to \$40,000.00 as presented.</li> <li>• Section 3.2 A: Level 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Increase Level 1 to \$15,000.00 from \$5,000.00 and increase the annually amount released from \$2,500.00</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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C487-16(09/13/16)  Biomass Feasibility Study	RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to raise the discussion regarding the Biomass Feasibility study off the table.  CARRIED.  Council was presented earlier in the meeting with results from the Biomass Feasibility study performed by Harry Welling of H&W Biogenics Ltd.
C488-16(09/13/16)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Johnson to accept for information the discussion on the Biomass Feasibility study and table until Harry Welling of H&W Biogenics Ltd has a meeting with senior Provincial officials regarding funding opportunities for a biomass project of this nature.  CARRIED.
C489-16(09/13/16)  <u>CORPORATE SERVICES</u> Accounts Payable (August 17, 2016, to September 13, 2016)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Svederus to invite Chris Warkentin to a future Council meeting to discuss pertinent items such as the Biomass Feasibility Study being done in Clear Hills County.  CARRIED.  A list of expenditures for Clear Hills County for the period of August 17, 2016, to September 13, 2016, is provided for Council's review.
C490-16(09/13/16)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy that Council receives for information the Accounts Payable report for Clear Hills County for the period of August 17, 2016, to September 13, 2016, for a total of \$2,451,503.56 (two million four hundred and fifty-one thousand five hundred and three dollars and fifty-six cents).  CARRIED.
<u>COMMUNITY SERVICES</u> Off Highway, Vehicles	Council is presented with a draft Off-Highway Vehicle bylaw to allow off-highway vehicles to drive on Clear Hills County local roads and right of ways, including in hamlets as directed.
C491-16(09/13/16)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Svederus to give first reading to Bylaw 212-16, a bylaw for the purpose of regulating the operation of Off-Highway Vehicles.  CARRIED.
C492-16(09/13/16)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to give second reading to Bylaw 212-16, a bylaw for the purpose of regulating the operation of Off-Highway Vehicles.  CARRIED.

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C493-16(09/13/16)	<b>RESOLUTION</b> by Deputy Reeve Johnson to proceed to third and final reading of Bylaw 212-16, a bylaw for the purpose of regulating the operation of Off-Highway Vehicles. <b>CARRIED UNANUMOUSLY.</b>
C494-16(09/13/16)	<b>RESOLUTION</b> by Councillor Fletcher to give third reading to Bylaw 212-16, a bylaw for the purpose of regulating the operation of Off-Highway Vehicles. <b>CARRIED.</b>
Cherry Point Cemetery	The Cherry Canyon Agricultural Society has been looking after the Cherry Point Cemetery for many years and is now trying to purchase the site from the Diocese. When filing for the title transfer they were informed that as they were not a religious group, the municipality would have to decline taking over the cemetery for the transfer to occur.
C495-16(09/13/16)	<b>RESOLUTION</b> by Deputy Reeve Johnson to send a letter to the Cherry Canyon Agricultural Society, declining taking over ownership of the Cherry Point Cemetery. With a recommendation that the Cherry Canyon Agricultural Society be allowed to purchase the site, as they have been faithfully and diligently maintaining the cemetery on behalf of the community and the Anglican Diocese of Peace River for at least 50 years. <b>CARRIED.</b>
Agricultural Fieldmen	Agricultural Fieldmen are required to be appointed by Council as per Section 8 of the Agricultural Service Board Act. By appointment, an Agricultural Fieldman is a municipal inspector under the Weed Control Act and Agricultural Pest Act and a soil conservation officer under the Soil Conservation Act. Council is requested to appoint Audrey Bjorklund as an Agricultural Fieldman for Clear Hills County.
C496-16(09/13/16)	<b>RESOLUTION</b> by Councillor Fletcher to appoint Community Development Manager Audrey Bjorklund as an Agricultural Fieldman for Clear Hills County as per Section 8 of the Agricultural Service Board Act. <b>CARRIED.</b>
Fees and Charges Bylaw No 209-16	Council is presented with Fees & Charges Bylaw 209-16 for third and final reading.
C497-16(09/13/16)	<b>RESOLUTION</b> by Councillor Croy that Council gives third and final reading of Bylaw 209-16 a bylaw for the purpose of establishing and revising fees and charges and repealing Bylaw 205-16. <b>CARRIED.</b>
Capital Grant Application- GET FIT	The Cherry Canyon Agricultural Society has submitted a Capital Grant Application for \$12,469.50 for purchasing fitness equipment.
C498-16(09/13/16)	<b>RESOLUTION</b> by Deputy Reeve Johnson to approve a Capital Grant of \$12,479.50 to the Cherry Canyon Agricultural Society for



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**MANAGERS**

Council Reports

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

C503-16(09/13/16)

Community Development Manager's Report

C504-16(09/13/16)

Corporate Service Manager's Report

Public Works Manager's Report

C505-16(09/13/16)

**COUNCIL INFORMATION**

C506-16(09/13/16)

**CALENDARS**

C507-16(09/13/16)

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

Chief Administrative Officer gave a verbal report.

**RESOLUTION** by Councillor Croy to receive the information provided in the Chief Administrative Officer verbal report on September 13, 2016, for information, as presented. **CARRIED.**

The Community Development Managers report was reviewed.

**RESOLUTION** by Deputy Reeve Johnson to receive the information provided in the Community Development Managers report on September 13, 2016, for information, as presented.

**CARRIED.**

There was nothing to report.

The Public Works Managers report was reviewed.

**RESOLUTION** by Councillor Janzen to receive the information provided in the Public Works Managers report on September 13, 2016, for information, as presented.

**CARRIED.**

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

**RESOLUTION** by Councillor Svederus to receive for information the correspondence presented at the September 13, 2016, Regular Council Meeting.

**CARRIED.**

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.

**RESOLUTION** by Councillor Croy to receive for information the September, October and November 2016, calendars, as presented.

Meeting	Date	Member
FRACC	Sept 14	JR
NPHF	Sept 29	DF
NPRL	Sept 29	DF
		<b>CARRIED.</b>

	REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING      Page 8 of 8 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016 One legal and one labor items were discussed in camera.
Legal and Labour	
C508-16(09/13/16)	<b>RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen to go in camera at 1:53 a.m.</b> <b>CARRIED.</b>
C509-16(09/13/16)	<b>RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to come out of camera at 2:17 p.m.</b> <b>CARRIED.</b>
C510-16(09/13/16)	<b>RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Johnson to absorb the weed enforcement costs of \$20,685.83 with the funds to be allocated from the 2016 weed control operating budget.</b> <b>CARRIED.</b>
C511-16(09/13/16)	<b>RESOLUTION by Councillor Svederus to accept for information the discussion around grader performance.</b> <b>CARRIED.</b>
<b><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></b>	Reeve Ruecker adjourned the September 13, 2016, Regular Council Meeting at 2:21 p.m.
	_____ <b>DATE</b> <b>REEVE</b>
	_____ <b>DATE</b> <b>CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER</b>

#### Clear Hills County Adopts Off-Highway Vehicle Bylaw.

Effective September 14, 2016 Clear Hills County has an Off-highway vehicle (OHV) bylaw that permits OHV's to drive on all County roads, including streets in the hamlets of Cleardale and Worsley. All rules of the road as set out in the Traffic Safety Act and Off-Highway Vehicle Regulation apply to using OHV's on county roads and streets.

This bylaw does NOT apply to Highway 64 and Secondary Highways 685, 717, 726, 729, 730, 732 because these are under the control and management of the Province.

What is an OHV? "Off-highway vehicle (OHV)" – Means any motorized mode of transportation built for cross-country travel on land, snow, ice, or on other natural terrain and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, includes, when specifically designed for such travel:

4-wheel drive vehicles,  
low pressure tire vehicles,  
motorcycles and related 2-wheel vehicles,  
all-terrain vehicles,  
miniature motor vehicles,  
snow vehicles,  
minibikes, and  
motor

any other means of transportation that is propelled by any power other than muscular power or wind.

But does not include:

motor boats, or

any other vehicle exempted from all of the provisions of this Act by the regulations.

For any questions about this bylaw contact the County office at 780-685-3925. Also, additional information has been included in this month's newsletter to assist in determining if your OHV is compliant for use on County roads and streets.

### Know the law

- Off-highway vehicle operators should check municipal bylaws/laws where they plan to operate.
- An off-highway vehicle driver cannot ride on any portion of a highway, which includes the roadway and the ditches along the roadway. Exceptions are when crossing a road and with permission for highway right-of-way (including ditches). In these cases, an operator's licence is required.
- Vehicle registration and insurance are mandatory when operating on public lands or municipal roadways, bylaws permitting.
- Under the *Traffic Safety Act*, children younger than 14 years of age must be supervised by an adult when operating an off-highway vehicle on public land.
- Off-highway vehicle drivers can be charged under the *Criminal Code of Canada* with impaired driving or for having a breath or blood sample over 0.08 mg or refusing a demand.
- A driver of an off-highway vehicle must comply with Alberta's traffic laws.



### Stay safe

- Off-highway vehicles are powerful machines and should not be operated without the appropriate training and skill. Training courses are available.
- Always wear a helmet with face and/or eye protection and protective boots and clothing.
- Follow the manufacturer's recommendation regarding the minimum age for operating the vehicle. Children should not operate an off-highway vehicle designed for an adult.
- Never carry a passenger on an off-highway vehicle designed for a driver only – it can affect the vehicle's balance, causing the driver to lose control.
- Drive sober - alcohol, drugs and off-highway vehicles don't mix.

Visit our website for more information about off-highway vehicle safety,

**www.saferoads.com**

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# Owning and Operating a Small Vehicle

*in Alberta*

## Rules and regulations applying to power bicycles, mopeds, off-highway vehicles, motorcycles, mobility aids and prohibited miniature vehicles

Operating a small vehicle is a high-risk activity. These vehicles are lighter, less stable, and more vulnerable in a crash than other vehicles on the road. New riders are at the greatest risk of having a collision because they are unfamiliar with the controls and handling characteristics of small vehicles.

This fact sheet highlights the rules and regulations applying to small vehicles - power bicycles, mopeds, off-highway vehicles, motorcycles, mobility aids and prohibited miniature vehicles. In Alberta, the rules of the road are contained in the *Traffic Safety Act* (*TSA*) and regulations under the Act such as the *Use of Highway and Rules of the Road Regulation* (*UHRRR*). Licensing requirements are contained in the *Operator Licensing and Vehicle Control Regulation*. Driver guides and additional information on road safety and low risk driving can be found online at <http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/DriversVehicles.htm> or at any Alberta Registry Agent office.

### SMALL VEHICLE DEFINITIONS

**Mobility Aid:** a device used to facilitate the transport, in a normal seated orientation, of a person with a physical disability.

**\*Moped:** includes a vehicle with an electric motor or one that is propelled by an engine that has a displacement of not more than 50 cc. It has a top speed of 70 km/h and no weight restrictions.

**Motorcycle:** a motor vehicle, other than a moped, that is mounted on two or three wheels and includes those motor vehicles known in the automotive trade as motorcycles and scooters.

**Off-Highway Vehicle:** any motorized mode of transportation built for cross-country travel on land, water, snow, ice, marsh or swamp lands, or on other natural terrain.

**\*Power Bicycle:** has an electric motor with a maximum power of 500 watts, a top speed of 32 km/h, and no weight restriction or allowance to be engine-driven.

**Prohibited Miniature Vehicles:** motor vehicles as defined in the *Traffic Safety Act*, but are considered "miniature vehicles", which are not permitted on a highway in Alberta, including sidewalks along the roadway. They may only be operated on private property.

The definitions of a moped and a power bicycle have been updated within the *UHRRR* to be consistent with federal regulations that define them as a limited speed motorcycle and a power-assisted bicycle (however, they will still be called mopeds and power bicycles in Alberta). The updated regulation came into effect on **July 1, 2009**.

### REFERENCE GUIDE FOR SMALL VEHICLES

Small Vehicle	Driver's Licence Required	Minimum Driving Age	Registration Required	Insurance Required	Helmet Required
Power Bicycles	No	12	No	No	Yes
Mopeds	Minimum Class 7	14	Yes	Yes	Yes
Motorcycles	Class 6	16	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mobility Aids	No	N/A	No	No	No
Off-Highway Vehicles	Yes/No (Off-Highway)	14	Yes	Yes	No
Prohibited Miniature Vehicles	<b>IT IS PROHIBITED TO OPERATE THESE VEHICLES ON ROADWAYS OR SIDEWALKS</b>				

## OPERATING SMALL VEHICLES

### Power Bicycles & Mopeds:



- You must ride on the far right side of a road, unless making a left-hand turn.
- When riding on a one-way street in an urban area, you may operate as near as possible to either curb or edge of the road.
- If you are under the age of 16, you are prohibited from carrying any passengers on a power bicycle or moped.

- A power bicycle or moped must be equipped with the following gear: headlamp, tail lamp, brake lamp, reflectors, brakes, horn, muffler, and mirror.
- Please also see [Owning and Operating a Power Bicycle or Moped in Alberta](#).

### Mobility Aids:

- A mobility aid user is, by definition, considered a pedestrian.
- All rules that apply to pedestrians also apply to individuals operating a mobility aid.
- It is recommended that a mobility aid be operated on sidewalks or pathways, not a roadway.



### Prohibited Miniature Vehicles:



- These vehicles are motor vehicles as defined in the *Traffic Safety Act*, however they also meet the definition of "miniature vehicles" which **are not permitted on a highway in Alberta**, including sidewalks alongside the roadway.
- Miniature vehicles may only be operated on private property.
- The only exception to this prohibition is a special permit granting authority to operate on a highway.
- In law, these vehicles meet the definition of a motor vehicle, but they do not fit the definitions of mobility aid, motorcycle, or pedestrian.
- While many of these motorized vehicles will be used in a pedestrian-like manner, the operators of these vehicles do not meet the legal definition of "pedestrian".
- Prohibited miniature vehicles include: personal transporter, pocket bikes, go carts, electric scooters and golf carts.

### Motorcycles:



- You may only carry as many passengers as the motorcycle is designed for.
- Passengers must ride on the seat designed for passengers and use foot rests.
- A motorcycle is not permitted to ride beside another cycle in the same lane, except when passing. Motorcycles can't be operated adjacent to another cycle travelling in the same direction.
- Motorcycles must meet the requirements of the *Vehicle Equipment Regulation*.

### Off-Highway Vehicles:

- Off-highway vehicles include: 4-wheel drive vehicles, low pressure tire vehicles, motorcycles and related 2-wheel vehicles, amphibious vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, miniature motor vehicles, snow vehicles, minibikes, and any other means of transportation that is propelled by any power other than muscular power or wind (but does not include motorboats).
- An off-highway vehicle may not be operated on a highway, a road or in a ditch unless permission has been expressly granted.
- Off-highway vehicles must be equipped with a headlamp, tail lamp, and muffler.



### Helmets:

- Motorcycle helmets are required by riders of power bicycles, mopeds, and motorcycles.
- The rider and passenger must wear an approved motorcycle safety helmet. Helmets must have the mark or label stating it meets one of the following standards: CSA, DOT, BSI or the Snell Memorial Foundation M2000.
- No person shall buy, sell or offer for sale a safety helmet intended for the use of operators or passengers of cycles unless it complies with one of the standards.



### Resources for Safely Operating Small Vehicles

- Traffic Safety Act:* <http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/525.htm>
- Driver's Guide to Operation, Safety and Licensing:* <http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/531.htm>
- Rider's Guide to Operation, Safety and Licensing:* <http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/531.htm>
- Traffic Safety in Alberta web site:* [www.saferoads.com](http://www.saferoads.com)

## Don't Wait - Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years!



Keep your family safe with a working smoke alarm in every bedroom.

Did you know that roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., when most people are asleep.

Smoke alarms save lives. If there is a fire in your home, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out. In fact, having a working smoke alarm cuts the chances of dying in a fire in

half.

Why focus on smoke alarms three years in a row? Because National Fire Protection Association survey data shows that the public has many misconceptions about smoke alarms, which may put them at increased risk in the event of a home fire. For example, only a small percentage of people know how old their smoke alarms are, or how often they need to be replaced.

As a result of those and relat-

ed findings, we're addressing smoke alarm replacement this year with a focus on these key messages:

- Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years.
- Make sure you know how old all the smoke alarms are in your home.
- To find out how old a smoke alarm is, look at the date of manufacture on the back of the alarm; the alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date.

## 72 Hours - Are you prepared?

In a major disaster, it might be several days before vital services are restored.

**How to Prepare:** Plan to be on your own for at least the first 72 hours.

- Make a plan:**
- Designate an out of area contact person
  - Inventory valuables, in writing and with photographs or video
  - Make a household/family plan
  - Make your home safe
  - Put together a disaster supply kit
  - When planning, consider the special needs of children, senior or family members with disabilities, or those that don't speak English and pets.

For more information check out [www.GetPrepared.ca](http://www.GetPrepared.ca) or pick up a copy of the printed information at the County office.

### Clear Hills County Council Expenditure Report For the Year to Date Period Ending August 31, 2016

	Employer	Membership						Totals
		Honorariums	Contributions	Training	Travel & Subsistence	Fees	Internet	
Ward 1	17,657	3,077	0	7,307	2,108	315	255	<b>30,719</b>
Ward 2	16,498	3,020	0	3,870	883	620	263	<b>25,153</b>
Ward 3	16,167	1,626	0	2,120	585	0	193	<b>20,691</b>
Ward 4	17,305	3,088	0	2,577	460	625	208	<b>24,263</b>
Ward 5	15,939	2,692	0	4,697	1,658	355	433	<b>25,774</b>
Ward 6	20,141	2,254	0	5,878	1,533	0	396	<b>30,203</b>
Ward 7	<u>15,939</u>	<u>2,692</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,166</u>	<u>460</u>	<u>615</u>	<u>208</u>	<b><u>26,079</u></b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>119,646</b>	<b>18,448</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32,615</b>	<b>7,687</b>	<b>2,529</b>	<b>1,955</b>	<b>182,881</b>

# Whole Farm Design Workshop

With Takota Coen of Grassroots Family Farm

Dates: Friday, Oct. 21 – Sunday, Oct. 23 Time: 9 am - 4 pm each day

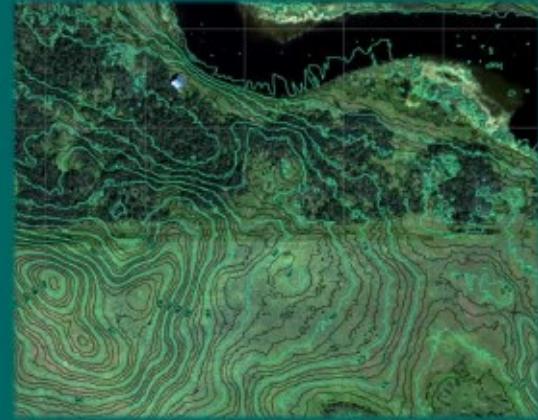
Location: Webster Hall, north of Sexsmith Cost: \$200/couple or \$150/single

Whole farm planning resource package included. Lunch, coffee/tea, refreshments and snacks provided

To REGISTER call Takota at (780) 781-5929, email  
[grassrootsfamilyfarm@gmail.com](mailto:grassrootsfamilyfarm@gmail.com)  
or visit  
[www.grassrootsfamilyfarm/events--workshops](http://www.grassrootsfamilyfarm/events--workshops)

This workshop is grounded in the principles and processes of **Permaculture Design** and **Holistic Management**. Over the course of 3 days participants will be lead through a series of hands on exercises that will focus on **how to create an integrated farm design** from scratch, or how to **successfully diversify your existing operation**. At the end of the course participants will have the opportunity of creating a management club to continue to learn and grow together as a community.

Come learn how to design for **healthier land, more prosperity, and the time to enjoy it.**



Takota Coen, along with his family, are the stewards of the Grass Roots Family Farm located near Ferintosh, Alberta. The Coen family has a strong tradition of using organic farming principles which are applied to a range of old and new endeavors on their diversified 250-acre organic farm, such as beekeeping, cattle, pigs, grains, market garden, fruit trees, and their "food forest". Takota Coen holds a Permaculture Design Certificate through PRI, a Holistic Management Certificate through HMI and a Red Seal Certification for Carpentry.



# Moldy water bottles make kids sick...



Dangerous mold forms in 24 hours! \*\*Clean bottles in dishwasher or in a sink with dish soap and hot water. Disinfect by soaking in a bleach solution (1 tablespoon of bleach in 2 liters of water) for 2 minutes and let air dry. This will kill any germs inside the spout or bottle. For more information contact Health Link at 1-866-408-5465

M. Johnson RN MSN, Worsley Public Health

# Farmers' Advocate Office



The Farmers' Advocate Office (FAO) is advising landowners to be diligent when incurring expenses related to Surface Rights Board (SRB) processes.

"Landowners will often recruit professional assistance in filing their applications to the SRB," says Jeana Les, rural engagement and communications specialist with the FAO. "While the board has the power to require the industry operator to cover these costs award is not a simple reimbursement. A SRB panel will use discretion to examine the costs incurred by landowners in preparation for their hearing."

The SRB may consider a variety of factors in making cost decisions including:

- The reasons for incurring costs

- The complexity of the proceeding
- The contribution of the representatives retained
- The conduct of a party in the proceeding
- Whether a party has unreasonably delayed or lengthened a proceeding
- The degree of success in the outcome of a process
- The reasonableness of any costs incurred

Les says that, based on these factors, a landowner may receive a smaller cost award than requested. "For example, the SRB could deem a lawyer's per hour charge of \$550 per hour is too high based on his or her expertise or contribution, and may award costs of \$350 per hour

instead. Costs could also be reduced in situations where the SRB deems that unnecessary work has been undertaken by an agent or lawyer," explains Les.

"If you are seeking professional assistance with an SRB approval, you should consider the possibility of a reduced costs award in your arrangements with agents or lawyers. It is important to read the contract fully and keep in mind that the costs not covered by the SRB award may come out of your pocket."

For more information, call the FAO through the Ag Info Centre at 310-FARM (3276) or email [farmers.advocate@gov.ab.ca](mailto:farmers.advocate@gov.ab.ca)



## Business Advice & Economic Development Services: Community Futures

Entrepreneurs are the key to fueling economic growth. Small businesses help create economic diversity and they play an important role in ensuring long term sustainability for Alberta's rural communities. We call it ePower and its what we are all about. For over 20 years, Community

Futures organizations have been helping businesses and communities in Alberta with business advisory and economic development services.

Website: <http://www.cfna.ca> or <http://cfpeacecountry.com>.

Community Futures Peace Country: 780-624-1161.

## Community Futures

Growing communities one idea at a time.



## Wanting to Subdivide?

Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency (MMSA) provides subdivision services and is the subdivision approval authority for Clear Hills County. The processing of the subdivision applications is mainly legislated by the Municipal Government Act and the Subdivision Regulations. The agency provides clients with a streamlined process thus ensuring that all facets of the subdivision process are completed in a timely manner. Subdivision applications are available at the County office, or on the MMSA website, [www.msmsa.ca](http://www.msmsa.ca)

Phone: 780-338-3862 Fax: 780-338-3811

Email: [info@msmsa.ca](mailto:info@msmsa.ca)

## November is Family Violence Prevention Month and Bullying Awareness Week

"You can tell you ate too much for Thanksgiving when you have to let your bathrobe out." Jay Leno



*A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store, but couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked the stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?"*

*The stock boy answered, "No ma'am, they're dead."*



### Transfer Station Cold Weather Policy

When the temperature is -40 or below and it has not warmed up by 9:30 a.m., Transfer Stations will be closed for the day. Please call the office before travelling to Transfer Stations to be informed of a closure.

November marks the 30th anniversary of Family Violence Prevention Month in Alberta and the 14th year of National Bullying Awareness Week (November 13th– 19, 2016).

This year's theme "Reach Out. Speak Out." encourages Albertans to focus on family violence prevention and building healthy relationships. These words inspire all of us to take ac-

tion now and in the future while recognizing those who have worked tirelessly over the years to make a difference in their communities.

In the spirit of moving forward, what highlights are you and your organization most proud of and how will you tell your story during Family Violence Prevention Month?

Take up the challenge to put an end to bullying and family violence by showcasing your efforts and events during this month. Send the details of your event to [hs.familyandcommunitysafety@gov.ab.ca](mailto:hs.familyandcommunitysafety@gov.ab.ca)

### FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH

REACH OUT. SPEAK OUT.

### BULLYING AWARENESS WEEK

November 13–19, 2016

## Thanksgiving Day October 10, 2016

Thanksgiving Day in Canada has been a holiday on the second Monday of October since 1957. It is a chance for people to give thanks for a good harvest and other fortunes in their life.

Many people have a day off work in the second Monday of October. They often use the three-day Thanksgiving

weekend to visit family.

From the end of the First World War until 1930, both Armistice Day and Thanksgiving Day were celebrated on the Monday closest to November 11, the anniversary of the official end of the hostilities in World War I. In 1931, Armistice Day was re-

named to Remembrance Day and Thanksgiving Day was moved to a Monday in October. Since 1957, Thanksgiving Day has always been held on the second Monday in October.



## Driveway Snowplowing Program

Clear Hills County provides Driveway Snowplowing for senior citizens, special needs persons and fulltime bus drivers.

If you did not sign up last season & qualify, please contact the County office.

All senior citizens requesting snowplow services are

required to provide proof of age. Special needs persons are required to provide proof of possession of a provincial handicap sticker. Fulltime bus drivers are required to provide proof of fulltime employment.



See back page for winter Transfer Station hours.



## Clear Hills County Shelterbelt Program – ORDER FORM 2017

First Name	Company/Business Name				
Last Name	Legal Land Description Qtr - Sec - Twp - Rng - W6M				
Address	Town/City				
Postal Code	Phone Number				

<u>Deciduous Trees</u>	<u>Seedlings per bundle</u>	<u>Cost per bundle</u>	<u># of bundles</u>	<u>Total Cost (Cost per x bundles)</u>	<u>Initial Quantities available</u>
Manitoba Maple	10	\$4.00			300
Chokecherry	10	\$4.00			300
Northwest Poplar	10	\$4.00			700
Paper Birch	10	\$5.00			100
<u>Deciduous Shrubs</u>					
Lilac	15	\$4.00			500
Saskatoon	10	\$6.00			100
Cranberry	10	\$6.00			200
<u>Coniferous Trees</u>					
Colorado Spruce	15	\$4.00			Unlimited
Lodgepole Pine	15	\$4.00			Unlimited
<b>Plastic Mulch roll (1500' X 4')</b>		\$150.00			
		<b>Subtotal</b>			
		<b>GST(5%)</b>			
		<b>Total</b>			

Tree orders with payment may be received up to May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Payment can be made by cheque or money order and mailed with order form to:

Clear Hills County

Box 240

Worsley, AB

T0H 3W0

Information on species, planting, and tree care can be obtained by visiting the website: [www1.agric.gov.ab.ca](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca) and search for "shelterbelt trees" or visit the County Office.

**Trees will be available for pickup near the end of May 2017.**



## Return your unwanted or obsolete pesticides and livestock medications

Farmers: safely dispose of your unwanted agricultural pesticides and livestock/equine medications from **September 21-23, 2016** at one of the following locations, for no charge.

### Wednesday, September 21

Fort St John	Crop Production Services 250-785-3445
Rycroft	Dunvegan Ag Solutions 780-765-2865

### Thursday, September 22

Dawson Creek	Richardson Pioneer 250-782-9264
Manning	Richardson Pioneer 780-836-2771

### Friday, September 23

Fairview	UFA 780-835-2288
High Prairie	Crop Production Services 780-523-3266

\* Obsolete pesticides and livestock/equine medications will be accepted from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at each site on the date indicated.

Program supported by:



For more information, please call CleanFARMS  
at 877-622-4460 or visit [www.cleanfarms.ca](http://www.cleanfarms.ca)



# WRITE A SPARKY POEM

**DIRECTIONS:** Use the letters in Sparky's name to write a poem. Try to include some fire-safety ideas in your writing.

S \_\_\_\_\_  
 P \_\_\_\_\_  
 A \_\_\_\_\_  
 R \_\_\_\_\_  
 K \_\_\_\_\_  
 Y \_\_\_\_\_

**SAMPLE POEM:**

**S**moke alarms save lives  
**P**eople get to safety when the smoke  
**A**larm makes a "Beep! Beep! Beep!" sound  
**R**emember to have grown-ups test smoke alarms every month  
**K**now two ways out of every room  
**Y**ou can be a hero for fire safety!

**WORD BANK**

Feeling stuck? Try using some of these words and phrases:

- Smoke alarm
- Fire safety
- Fire truck

- Escape Plan
- Fire drill
- Beep! Beep! Beep!

- Outside Meeting Place
- Get outside, stay outside

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Compose your poem and mail to the Clear Hills County office by October 15th.

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★ Winner of the September contest was

★ Bethany Driedger

★ CONGRATULATIONS!

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# Community Bulletin Board

## Events & Announcements

### Cleardale Cemetery Clean-Up

October 14, 2016

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

- Please bring shovels, chainsaws, hammers, etc. for clean-up.
- Supper will be provided by the Cleardale Ag. Society
- If you are interested in bringing some soil for flowerbeds or have questions, please phone Patty McLarty at 780-772-0243



HINES CREEK & DISTRICT ARTS & CRAFTS

### *Christmas Craft Sale*

Saturday, November 12, 2016

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dave Shaw Memorial Complex

Vendors selling a variety of crafts and other items

**Everyone Welcome**

For more information or to book tables phone

Lucille at 780-835-5008

### Cleardale Harvest Supper

October 29, 2016

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Held at the Menno Simons Community School Gym

Supper is provided by the Cleardale Ag. Society



**The Eureka River Ag. Society is hosting:**

Kids Halloween Party

7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

October 29, 2016

\$5.00/each

Family Dance

12 years & up

\$20.00/each

# Community Groups & Organizations, Facilities & Contacts

## Church Services

### Worsley & District Library

780-685-3842

[www.worsleylibrary.ab.ca](http://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](https://www.facebook.com/worsleylibrary)

### Bear Point Community

#### Library Hours

Monday through Thursday

10:00 am–3:00 pm

### Worsley Pioneer Club

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 Golf

#### & Country Club

- \* 9 Hole Green Grass
- \* Rental Carts/ Full Kitchen/ Mini Pro Shop
- \* Private Campsites & Public Campsites
- \* Open Tee Times Every day from May to September
- \* Book Tee Times for Private Functions: Company staff parties, family reunions, etc.

Clubhouse: 780-494-2217

Email: [hinescreekgolf@gmail.com](mailto:hinescreekgolf@gmail.com)

### Worsley Baptist Church

Sunday School - 10:00 am

Sunday Services - 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Wednesday Night Service - 7:00 pm

### Worsley United Church

No Regular Services

Contact: Delores Hudak 780-685-3862

### 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

### Hines Creek Municipal Library

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday

10:00 am–6:00 pm

Located in the Village of Hines Creek office building.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	Hines Creek Fire Dept. mtg. 7:00	3	4	5	6	7
9	10 Thanksgiving Office Closed	11 Council Mtg. 9:30 a.m.	12 Mommy & Me Worsley Fire Hall	13	14	15
16	17 ASB Mtg. 10:00 a.m.	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Worsley Fire Dept. mtg. 7:00	25 Council Mtg. 9:30 a.m.	26	27	28	29
30	31				August 17 cont. Hines Creek Fire Dept. Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	



Box 240  
Worsley, AB T0H 3W0  
  
Phone: 780-685-3925  
Fax: 780-685-3960  
Email: nfo@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](mailto: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

#### County Transfer Site Hours—October 1st—April 30

All Transfer Sites are closed on Sunday

Transfer Site	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Bear Canyon</b>	10:00 am 5:00 pm	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed
<b>Clear Prairie</b>	closed	closed	closed	1:00 pm 5:00 pm	closed	closed
<b>Cleardale</b>	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed	10:00 am 5:00 pm
<b>David Thompson</b>	closed	closed	closed	closed	10:00 am 5:00 pm	closed
<b>Eureka River</b>	closed	closed	10:00 am 5:00 pm	closed	closed	closed
<b>Hines Creek</b>	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed	10:00 am 5:00 pm
<b>Royce</b>	closed	closed	closed	10:00 am 5:00 pm	closed	closed
<b>Whitelaw</b>	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed	10:00 am 5:00 pm
<b>Worsley</b>	closed	closed	closed	closed	10:00 am 5:00 pm	closed