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of opportunity”

Clear Hills County

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The County office will
be closed November
11, 2016 for Remem-
brance Day.

Remembrance Day

11 NOVEMBER

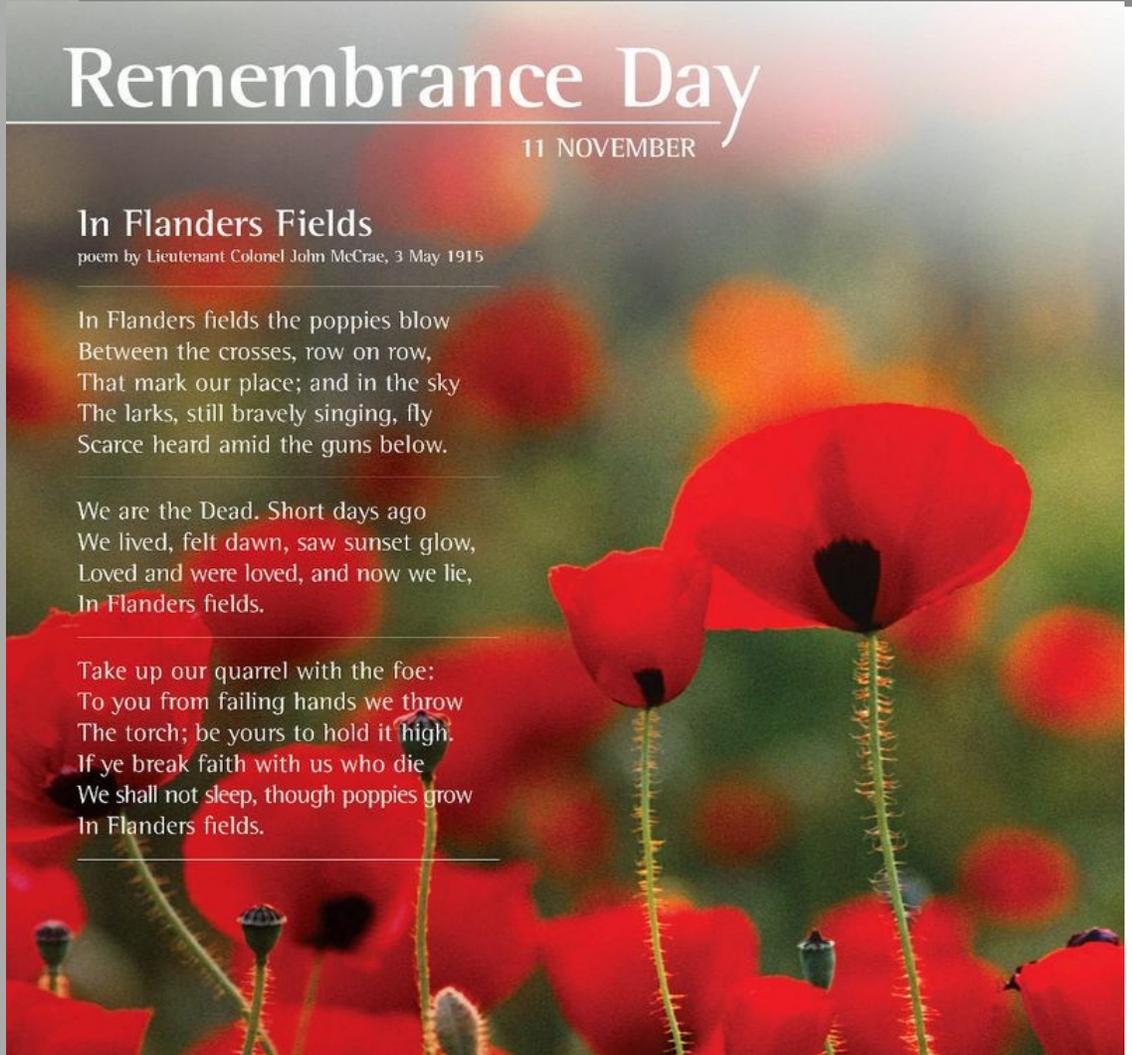
In Flanders Fields

poem by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, 3 May 1915

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016**

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

ATTENDING

Allan Rowe	Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
Audrey Bjorklund	Community Development Manager (CDM)
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**

C512-16(09/127/16)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to adopt the agenda governing September 27, 2016, Regular Council Meeting, with the following additions: 7.a.4. Economic Environment and 7.a.5. AAMDC visit, as presented. **CARRIED.**

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Previous Meeting Minutes
C513-16(09/13/16)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Fletcher to adopt the minutes of September 13, 2016, Regular Council Meeting, as presented. **CARRIED.**

**NEW BUSINESS:
COUNCIL**

Management Team Activity Report

Council reviewed the most recent Management Team Activity Report.

C514-16(09/27/16)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Svederus to accept the September 13, 2016, Management Team Activity Report, as presented. **CARRIED.**

Organizational Meeting date

Council to set a date for the Organizational Meeting as per Section 192 of the Municipal Government Act, Council is required to hold an organizational meeting annually not later than 2 weeks after the 3rd Monday in October.

C515-16(09/27/16)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to set the Organizational Meeting date for Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

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CARRIED.

Canada Post Request Council is presented with correspondence from Ellen Bowles, the Vice President for Grande Prairie, local Canada Post Cupw Local 744.

C516-16(09/27/16) **RESOLUTION** by Councillor Fletcher to receive the request from Ellen Bowles, the Vice President for Grande Prairie, local Canada Post Cupw Local 744 for information. CARRIED.

C517-16(09/27/16) **RESOLUTION** by Deputy Reeve Johnson to write a letter to the Local Manager for Canada Post on the concerns of keeping local postal outlets open. CARRIED.

Alberta's Economic Environment Councillor Svederus requested a general discussion regarding the recent changes that have been occurring in today's Alberta economic environment.

C518-16(09/27/16) **RESOLUTION** by Councillor Fletcher to receive the discussion regarding the recent changes that have been occurring in today's Alberta economic environment for information. CARRIED.

AAMDC Member Visit Meeting date Council is presented with a date that AAMDC Executive Members would be available to have a meeting with Council.

C519-16(09/27/16) **RESOLUTION** by Councillor Svederus to set a Special Council meeting date for October 31, 2016, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to meet with the AAMDC Executive Members. Items to add to the agenda include: Media Campaign, previous resolutions, AAMDC reaction to the working of the new MGA. CARRIED.

CORPORATE SERVICES

Accounts Payable (September 14, 2016, to September 27, 2016)

A list of expenditures for Clear Hills County for the period of September 14, 2016, to September 27, 2016, is provided for Council's review.

C520-16(09/27/16) **RESOLUTION** by Councillor Croy that Council receives for information the Accounts Payable report for Clear Hills County for the period of September 14, 2016, to September 27, 2016, for a total of \$796,722.03. (seven hundred and ninety six thousand seven hundred and twenty two dollars and three cents). CARRIED.

Cost of Living Clear Hills County reviews the cost of living consumer price index annually in an effort to set the salary grid and gravel haul rates for the upcoming year.

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C521-16(09/27/16) RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to authorize a cost of living increase to the salary grid of 0.7% effective January 1, 2017. CARRIED.

C522-16(09/27/16) RESOLUTION by Councillor Fletcher to authorize an increase to the gravel haul rates and the basic loading factor of 0.7% effective January 1, 2017. CARRIED.

Reeve Ruecker recessed the meeting at 10:29 a.m.
 Reeve Ruecker reconvened the meeting at 10:39 p.m.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Funding Request
 Cross walk Lighting

Council is presented with a requesting for \$500.00 in funding support towards lighting the crosswalk at 113 street and the provincial secondary highway 732 in Fairview for E.E.Oliver and STM students that have to cross the highway to get to and from school.

C523-16(09/27/16) RESOLUTION by Councillor Fletcher to approve a general grant of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) for the lighted crosswalk project at 113 street on Secondary Highway 732 in Fairview, Alberta. CARRIED.

Agricultural Service Board Vacancy

Two applications for the Agricultural Service Board Member at Large vacancy are presented for Council's consideration.

C524-16(09/27/16) RESOLUTION by Councillor Fletcher to appoint Julie Watchorn to the Agricultural Service Board Member at Large position. CARRIED.

Land Use Bylaw Amendment

Council is presented with Bylaw 213-16, a proposed bylaw amendment to Land Use Bylaw 189-16, for a technical amendment at the Worsley Museum on part of Plan 112 3866.

C525-16(09/27/16) RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Johnson to give first reading to Bylaw 213-16. A Bylaw to amend Land Use Bylaw 189-16 by rezoning part of Plan 112 3866, within the Hamlet of Worsley from Hamlet Residential District 1 (HR-1) to Hamlet Public/Institutional District (HP) for a technical amendment. CARRIED.

C526-16(09/27/16) RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to give second reading to Bylaw 213-16. A Bylaw to amend Land Use Bylaw 189-16 by rezoning part of Plan 112 3866, within the Hamlet of Worsley from Hamlet Residential District 1 (HR-1) to Hamlet Public/Institutional District (HP) for a technical amendment. CARRIED.

C527-16(09/27/16) RESOLUTION by Councillor Svederus to proceed to third and final reading of Bylaw 213-16, a bylaw for the purpose of amending Land Use Bylaw 189-16. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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C528-16(09/27/16)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen to give third reading to Bylaw 213-16. A Bylaw to amend Land Use Bylaw 189-16 by rezoning part of Plan 112 3866, within the Hamlet of Worsley from Hamlet Residential District 1 (HR-1) to Hamlet Public/Institutional District (HP) for a technical amendment. **CARRIED.**

PUBLIC WORKS

Road Closure

Request 2018EU

At the September 13, 2016 Council Meeting, Council directed administration to develop a bylaw to close Road Plan 2018EU and have it absorbed into the quarter(s) it was originally excluded from, because the road has been abandoned and is not in use. As per Council direction, Bylaw 210-16 has been prepared for the closing of a public road (Road Plan 2018EU).

C529-16(09/27/16)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Svederus that Council gives first reading to Bylaw 210-16. A Bylaw of Clear Hills County, in the Province of Alberta, For the Purpose of Closing Road Plan 2018EU and consolidating back into the property the road was originally surveyed from. **CARRIED.**

C530-16(09/27/16)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy that Council approves Public Hearing date of October 25, 2016 at 11:00 am during the regular Council meeting for the proposed Bylaw 210-16. **CARRIED.**

Road Closure

Request 1170EU

At the September 13, 2016 Council Meeting, Council directed administration to develop a bylaw to close Road Plan 1170EU and have it absorbed into the quarter(s) it was originally excluded from, because the road has been abandoned and is not in use. As per Council direction, Bylaw 211-16 has been prepared for the closing of a public road (Road Plan 1170EU).

C531-16(09/27/16)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that Council gives first reading to Bylaw 211-16. A Bylaw of Clear Hills County, in the Province of Alberta, For the Purpose of Closing Road Plan 1170EU and consolidating back into the property the road was originally surveyed from. **CARRIED.**

C532-16(09/27/16)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Fletcher that Council approves Public Hearing date of October 25, 2016 at 11:00 am during the regular Council meeting for the proposed Bylaw 211-16. **CARRIED.**

Dust Control Along
Secondary Highways

Council wishes to request authorization from Alberta Transportation to allow Clear Hills County to apply dust control for residents living along Secondary Highways.

C533-16(09/27/16)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Svederus to enter into an agreement each year with Alberta Transportation to allow Clear Hills County to apply dust control for residents living along Secondary

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Highways under our current dust control policy 3221.

CARRIED.

Log Haul Route Request

Council is presented with correspondence from companies requesting approval to use local roads for log haul routes within Clear Hills County.

C534-16(09/27/16)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Johnson to not approve the request for log haul routes within Clear Hills County received from Canadian Forest Products Ltd., and Zavisha Sawmills. Requesting new log haul routes that will impact local roads less by using their own roads whenever possible and direct routes to highway 64 when not possible.

CARRIED.

C535-16(09/27/16)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Johnson to approve the request for log haul routes within Clear Hills County received from and Manning Forest Products, as presented.

CARRIED.

Policy No. 3211 Annual Equipment Registry

Council is presented with a revised draft Policy 3211 Annual Equipment Registry.

C536-16(09/27/16)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Fletcher to approve the revision's made in Policy No. 3211 Annual Equipment Registry, as presented.

CARRIED.

Reeve Ruecker recessed the meeting at 11:31 a.m.
Reeve Ruecker reconvened the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

WRITTEN REPORTS
COUNCIL,
COMMITTEE &
MANAGERS

Council Reports

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

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

The Chief Administrative Officer report was reviewed.

C537-16(09/27/16)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Fletcher to receive the information provided in the Chief Administrative Officer report on September 27, 2016, for information, as presented.

CARRIED.

Community Development Manager's Report

The Community Development Managers report was reviewed.

There was nothing to report.

Corporate Service Manager's Report

There was nothing to report.

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Public Works
Manager's Report

The Public Works Managers report was reviewed.

C538-16(09/27/16)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Johnson to receive the information provided in the Public Works Managers report on September 27, 2016, for information, as presented. **CARRIED.**

COUNCIL
INFORMATION

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

C539-16(09/27/16)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Johnson to receive for information the correspondence presented at the September 27, 2016, 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.

C540-16(09/27/16)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Johnson to receive for information the September, October and November 2016, calendars, as presented.

Meeting	Date	Member
NPHF	Sept 29	DF
NPRL	Sept 29	DF
Menno Meeting	Oct 3, 2016	DF
Organizational Mtg	Oct 25	All
AAMDC	Oct 31	All
AG Meeting	Oct 17	CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Reeve Ruecker adjourned the September 27, 2016, Regular Council Meeting at 12:19 p.m.

DATE REEVE

DATE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Ron Jensen	Public Works Manager (PWM)

CALL TO ORDER

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF
AGENDA
C541-16(10/11/16)**

RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to adopt the agenda governing October 11, 2016, Regular Council Meeting with the addition of 7.a.5 ATV Farm use, as presented. **CARRIED.**

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
Previous
Meeting Minutes
C542-16(10/11/16)**

RESOLUTION by Councillor Svederus to adopt the minutes of September 27, 2016, Regular Council Meeting, as presented. **CARRIED.**

**NEW BUSINESS:
COUNCIL
Management
Team Activity Report**

Council reviewed the most recent Management Team Activity Report.

C543-16(10/11/16)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Frixel to accept the September 27, 2016, Management Team Activity Report, as presented. **CARRIED.**

**Mighty Peace
Wireless**

Mighty Peace Wireless is requesting a revision to their taxation for small Communications Relay Towers within the county.

C544-16(10/11/16)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to receive the discussion and information regarding Mighty Peace Wireless request for a

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revision to their taxation for small Communications Relay Towers within the county for information. CARRIED.

North peace
Housing Foundation

Council tabled discussion about staffing cutbacks at the Homesteader Lodge at the September 13, 2016 meeting after the North Peace Housing Foundation when Councillor Fletcher would have the opportunity to get more information on the matter.

C545-16(10/11/16)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Frixel to table the discussion regarding staffing cutbacks at the Homesteader Lodge until the next Regular Council meeting. CARRIED.

AAMDC Advocacy
Report

Council is presented with the fall 2016 AAMDC Advocacy Report Card

C546-16(10/11/16)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Frixel to receive for information the fall 2016 AAMDC Advocacy Report Card, as presented. CARRIED.

ATV Farm Use

Councillor Frixel requested a discussion regarding ATV Farm use at today's meeting.

C547-16(10/11/16)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen to receive the discussion regarding ATV Farm use for information. CARRIED.

CORPORATE
SERVICES

Accounts Payable
(September 28, 2016,
to October 11,
2016)

A list of expenditures for Clear Hills County for the period of September 28, 2016, to October 11, 2016, is provided for Council's review.

C548-16(10/11/16)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Fletcher that Council receives for information the Accounts Payable report for Clear Hills County for the period of September 28, 2016, to October 11, 2016, for a total of \$887,868.44. (Eight hundred and eighty seven thousand eight hundred and sixty eight dollars and forty four cents). CARRIED.

COMMUNITY
SERVICES

MMSA Contract
Services 2017

Council is presented with information from Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency (MMSA) that the annual contract fee for their services will be reduced due a number of membership changes since the contract was originally negotiated in 2015. For Clear Hills County this equals a savings of \$7,000.00.

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C549-16(10/11/16)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to accept for information the decrease in the County's annual fee for Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency services, which is the result of a number of membership changes amongst the partnering municipalities since the contract was originally negotiated in 2015. **CARRIED.**

Internet Request
 Worsley EMS Staff
 House

Council is presented with a request from the Worsley EMS Staff to have the County cover the cost of having Internet dish and modem installed at the Modular Home that Alberta Health Services rents for housing the EMS staff, with the EMS staff being responsible for the monthly subscription.

C550-16(10/11/16)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Fletcher to approve \$450.00 (four Hundred and fifty dollars) plus GST to install internet equipment at the Worsley EMS staff house (Unit 31-61-07), with the funds to be allocated from the Repairs & Maintenance budget for that building, with the occupants responsible for the monthly subscription for internet service. **CARRIED.**

Peace Library
 System (PLS)

Council is presented with information from the Peace Library System (PLS) informing that they will no longer fund shortfalls that libraries may experience, and that this will now fall to the municipalities to cover. In 2015 and 2016 the five local libraries had an annual shortfall of \$449.18 each for a total of \$2,245.90 annually. Further, forming a Municipal Library Board would increase the annual operating grant by \$949.00 per year, and eliminate the board service fee (in 2016 this was \$1962.00)

C551-16(10/11/16)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Frixel to continue the contract with Peace Library System (PLS) to provide Library Board services, and approve an annual increase of \$2,500.00 (two thousand five hundred dollars) to the Peace Library System to fully cover the operating costs of the five libraries. **CARRIED.**

PUBLIC WORKS
 Revised Log Haul
 Request

Council is presented with a revised log haul route request.

C552-16(10/11/16)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Johnson to approve the revised log haul routes within Clear Hills County, from Canadian Forest Products Ltd. (Canfor). **CARRIED.**

Policy 3203 Approach
 Construction and
 Maintenance

Councillor Svederus has requested a discussion regarding an amendment to Policy 3203 Approach Construction and Maintenance.

C553-16(10/11/16)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen to receive the discussion regarding an amendment to Policy 3203 Approach Construction and Maintenance for information **CARRIED.**

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COUNCIL INFORMATION

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

C558-16(10/11/16)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Johnson to receive for information the correspondence presented at the October 11, 2016, 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.

C559-16(10/11/16)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Fletcher to receive for information the October, November, and December 2016, calendars, as presented.

Meeting	Date	Member
Mighty Peace Tourism	Nov 5 th	Frixel
		CARRIED.

C559-16(10/11/16)

RESOLUTION by Reeve Ruecker to approve the attendance of all Council to attend the Menno Simons Construction Meeting and Community Meeting on October 17, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Menno Simons Community School. **CARRIED.**

Legal

Two legal item were discussed in camera.

C560-16(10/11/16)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen to go in camera at 12:20 **CARRIED**

C561-16(10/11/16)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to come out of camera at 12:32. **CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT

Reeve Ruecker adjourned the October 11, 2016, Regular Council Meeting at 12:33 p.m.

DATE REEVE

DATE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Development Permits

On residential parcels, any buildings that are larger than 100 square feet, including a building on skids, requires a development permit approval.

On agricultural parcels, farming and non-residential farm buildings are “deemed approved” and do not require a development permit. Example of these buildings are pole sheds, Quonsets and shops that are used for the storage and/or repair of farm equipment and livestock. However,

these buildings will still require building permits and it is still necessary to ensure that you are meeting the County’s yard setback requirements for the placement of your buildings.

All residents, including mobile homes and any buildings used for non-agricultural purposes, require a development permit.

For development of commercial and industrial parcels, please make an appointment with the Development officer, Dallas Logan.

Most development permits take approximately 4 weeks for approval. If your development application must go to the Municipal Planning Commission for a decision, it make take up to 6-8 weeks to receive your development permit.

Development permit applications (and other forms) are available on the County website or contact the County at 780-685-3925.



Change your clock change your batteries

Daylight Saving Time ends officially on Sunday, November 6, 2016 at 2:00 a.m., when it will fall back 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.



Sparky Poem-Written by Sarah Zacharias

Sparky saves lives
Parents don't let your children play with fire.
Alarms give warnings
Remember to check your fire alarms
Know where to go if there is a fire
You could live safe if you chose “safe”



Veterans' Week, Remember Them



What should I know about the impacts to my water well?

Alberta Environment and Parks has required setback distances for water wells, but reduced distances may be used with landowner consent. Pre and post activity water testing is the best practice, but it is not an industry requirement. "We always recommend that landowners take the Working Well Workshop," says Schuurman. "This can help you better understand your well and its ability to withstand geophysical exploration."

To view the new *Geophysical Exploration and Landowners' Rights* publication go to www.farmersadvocate.gov.ab.ca.

They are grandfathers, fathers, brothers, grandmothers, mothers, sisters, neighbors and heroes. Canada's veterans-their courage, service and sacrifice have kept us strong, proud and free.

Each year, in November, hundred of commemorative ceremonies and events take place across the country to commem-

orate Veterans' Week and Remembrance Day.

These are opportunities for all Canadians to recognize the contribution our veterans have made and to honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of Canada.

There are many ways to remember and honour our Veterans by; wearing a poppy or attending your

local Remembrance Day Ceremony.

However you choose to remember Canada's veterans, be sure to share it with everyone you know. Together, it is our duty to pass our gratitude and keep their legacy and memories alive. This Veterans' Week, remember them.

The Five Most Common Questions About Geophysical Exploration

The Farmers' Advocate Office (FAO) has updated one of its flagship publications to help landowners understand their rights relating to geophysical exploration. Previously published under the title *Seismic Operations and Landowners' Rights*, the new publication is called *Geophysical Exploration and Landowners' Rights*. "Geophysical exploration is the process of determining if valuable mineral deposits are located beneath the earth's surface," says Jeana Schuurman, rural engagement and communications specialist with the FAO. "This new publication helps equip landowners to engage in negotiations relating to their land, and answers the five most common questions about geophysical exploration." Noted Below.

The five questions are:

Am I obligated to allow entry?

A landowner can refuse geophysical exploration. There is no expropriation for geophysical exploration, and the right of entry process that exists for oil and gas developments does not apply. If landowner permission to private land is not granted, geophysical exploration cannot occur.

How much should I be compensated?

"There is no legislated amount of compensation for geophysical exploration, so it is entirely dependent on negotiations between the landowner and the permit agent," says Schuurman. "Landowners will also receive compensation for damages caused by exploration." The FAO does not advertise landowners on compensation amounts.

What type of notification will I receive?

Any residents within 400m of a seismic line must be notified 48 hours before geophysical exploration will occur. Landowners can also request to be notified before a permittee enters the property.

How are damages addressed?

"Damages should be discussed with the permit agent after the program completes," explain Schuurman. "This may include things such as broken fences, crop damage or rutting. The landowner and permit agent should inspect the land together and specifically document each of the damages. Details is important as the company will want to compensate for damages and then be released from that damage. A company will remain responsible for unforeseen damages such as flowing holes."



Farmers' Advocate Office Panel Echoes Farmers' Advocate Office Advisory on Rental Reduction

A recent Surface Rights Board (SRB) decision makes an important statement about the unilateral reduction of surface lease rentals in Alberta.

On August 15, 2016, the SRB issued the decision **Duel Energy Inc. v Gallagher, 2016 ABSRB 688 (CanLII)**. In this case, the operator had submitted that they "only pay for leases with active wells on them." The panel disagreed, stating: "Payment of compensation is not at the discretion of the operator. The Panel directs the parties to Section 27

of the Surface Rights Act. When lessors and operators enter into surface lease agreements, lessors are entitled to five-year reviews. Compensation is to be negotiated—and if the parties cannot agree, "the party desiring to have the compensation reviewed or fixed may make an application to the Board for proceedings to be held..."

"This decisions echoes a warning we issued earlier this year," says Jeana Les, rural engagement and communications specialist with the Farmer's Advocate office (FAO). "In March, the FAO issued an advisory to Alberta landowners about

surface lease rental reductions. One of our biggest concerns was that changes were made unilaterally. The Surface Rights Act provides an opportunity for landowners and operators to negotiate in good faith on the five-year anniversary. Good faith assumes that the negotiations are going to be honest, fair, and engage both parties."

For more information, visit the FAO website at www.farmersadvocate.gov.ab.ca or contact the FAO through the Ag info Centre at 310-FARM (3276)



Worsley Agricultural Society

Turkey Shoot

Thursday, November 17th
doors open at 4:30 p.m.

Bingo



Shooting



Darts

Door Prizes

Dice

**Santa will visit around
6:30 p.m. with goodie
bags for the kids**



AFSC Benefit Eligibility for Unharvested Crops

Highlights:

- Producers who cannot harvest a crop due to snow cover must detail unharvested acres on their Crop Harvest Production Report.
- Crop Harvest Production Reports are due on November 15, 2016.
- Depending on eligibility, insured clients may receive Basic Unharvested Acreage Benefit and/or Supplementary Unharvested Acreage Benefit.

Wet weather conditions throughout the 2016 harvest season are challenging the ability of producers to get crops off the field. If you have Annual Crop Insurance with Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC), you may be eligible for an Unharvested Acreage Benefit. Any clients who hold Annual Crop Insurance with AFSC must detail unharvested acres on their Crop Harvest Production Reports, must be filed by November 15, 2016.

There are two types of Unharvested Acreage Benefits that a producer may be eligible to receive—the Basic Unharvested Acreage Benefit and the Supplementary Unharvested Acreage Benefit. When calculated, these advances are deducted from the final post-harvest indemnity. Insured producers may be liable to repay some or all the Supplementary Unharvested Acreage Benefit if sum exceeds the post-harvest indemnity.

Basic Unharvested Acreage Benefit

The Basic Unharvested Acreage Benefit provides a payment of 25 per cent of the producer's coverage on a per-acre basis for unharvested acres. The unharvested acres must be in excess of 20 per cent of the total insured acres for that crop. The advance covers the difference between the total harvested acres and the number of the eligible unharvested acres.

Eligibility:

- Crop Harvest Production Reports (including details of unharvested acres) must be filed by November 15, 2016.
- The Harvest Production Report must show confirmation that a minimum of 20 per cent of insured crop acres were left unharvested.
- Adjusted production, excluding unharvested acres, must be less than the total coverage for all insured crop acres.
- AFSC must determine that unharvested acres were not a result of management practices.
- AFSC must consider it impractical for the producer to have harvested the crop.

Supplementary Unharvested Acreage Benefit

If the Basic Unharvested Acreage Benefit is less than 50 per cent of the estimated Post Harvest Indemnity, a Supplementary Unharvested Acreage Benefit will be calculated and issued.

Eligibility:

- Crop Harvest Production Reports must be filed by November 15, 2016 (including details of unharvested acres).
- The Basic Unharvested Acreage Benefit is less than 50 per cent of the estimated Post Harvest Indemnity.

Note: An insured producer may be eligible for the Supplementary Unharvested Acreage Benefit without receiving a Basic Unharvested Acreage Benefit. Contact your local Branch Office for more details.

For more information about the Unharvested Acreage Benefit, call the client contact centre at 1.877.899.2372, email info@afsc.ca or visit your local Branch Office.



UPCOMING INVITATION TO TENDER

2017 ANNUAL EQUIPMENT REGISTRY

Tender packages will be available for pick up on November 21, 2016 during regular office hours at Clear Hills County Office, 313 Alberta Avenue, Worsley, Alberta.

Available for pickup: November 21, 2016

Closes: 4:00 p.m. MST January 6, 2017

For more information contact Ron Jensen; Public Works Manager at (780) 685-3925.

PhoneTree System



The PhoneTree system provides FREE quick, accurate information over the phone lines in the event of:

- Natural Disasters
- Evacuations
- Disaster Recovery
- Rural Crime Watch Alerts

- Municipal Emergencies such as water advisories etc.

If you live in the County and have not been receiving the Rural Crime Watch alert phone calls and want to be added to the contact list, or if you receive call and want to be removed from the contact list please

contact the County at 780-685-3925



Transfer Station Cold Weather Policy

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

Driveway Snow Plowing 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 and 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.



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
Plastic Mulch roll (1500' X 4')		\$150.00			
		Subtotal			
		GST(5%)			
		Total			

<p>Tree orders with payment may be received up to May 15th, 2017. Payment can be made by cheque or money order and mailed with order form to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clear Hills County Box 240 Worsley, AB T0H 3W0</p>	<p>Information on species, planting, and tree care can be obtained by visiting the website: www1.agric.gov.ab.ca and search for "shelterbelt trees" or visit the County Office.</p>
	<p>Trees will be available for pickup near the end of May 2017.</p>



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 frosts.



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



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.



PHOTOS: Alberta Sustainable Resource Development

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:¹ 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.



Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Phone: _____

Category: Preschool K-1st grade 2nd-3rd grade 4th-5th grade 6th grade & over

Color the picture and mail to the Clear Hills County office by November 15th.

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☆ Winner of the September ☆
☆ contest was ☆
☆ Sarah Zacharias ☆
☆ CONGRATULATIONS! ☆
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Community

Bulletin Board

Events & Announcements

Christmas Craft Sale

Everyone Welcome

Saturday, November 12, 2016
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Dave Shaw Memorial Complex

Vendors selling a variety of crafts and other items

For more information or to book tables phone
Lucille at 780-835-5008
Pat at 780-835-3778
Hines Creek Arts & Crafts



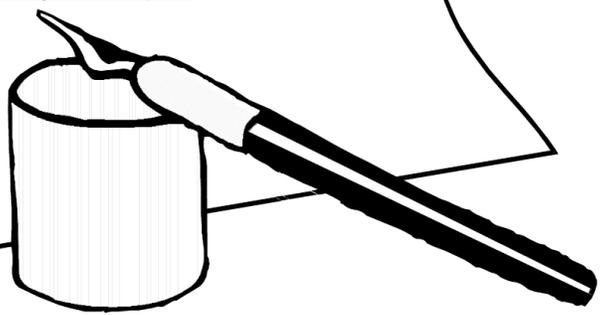
WANTED
WORKS OF ART
MAY 1st, 2017

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 p.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.

Box 240, Worsley, Alberta, T0H 3W0
Telephone-780-685-3925 Fax 780- 685-3960
Email bonnie@clearhillscountry.ab.ca



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

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 Municipal Library

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday

10:00 am—6:00 pm

Located in the Village of Hines Creek office building.

780-494-3879

Church Services

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

Bear Point Community

Library Hours

Monday through Thursday

10:00 am—3:00 pm



November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Hines Creek Fire Dept. mtg. 7:00	8 Council Mtg. 9:30 a.m.	9	10 Mommy & Me Worsley Fire Hall	11 Remembrance Day County office Closed	12
13	14 ASB Mtg. 10:00 a.m.	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Hines Creek Fire Dept. mtg. 7:00	22 Council Mtg. 9:30 a.m.	23	24	25	26
27	28 Worsley Fire Dept. mtg. 7:00	29	30			November 14 cont. Worsley Fire Dept. Mtg. 7:00 p.m



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Manager

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—Councillor
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

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

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