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Attention Groups!

**Great Fundraising
Opportunity!**

Clear Hills County is seeking a partnership to provide the dance & bar service at the annual Clear Hills County Agricultural Trade Show.

If your group or organization is interested in this fundraising opportunity please contact the County office at 780-685-3925.

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017**

PRESENT	Jason Ruecker Charlie Johnson David Janzen Lee Svederus Miron Croy Peter Frixel	Reeve Deputy-Reeve Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor
ABSENT	Dan Fletcher	Councillor
ATTENDING	Allan Rowe Audrey Bjorklund Lori Jobson Bonnie Morgan Ron Jensen	Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Community Development Manager (CDM) Corporate Service Manager (CSM) Executive Assistant (EA) Public Works Manager (PWM)
CALL TO ORDER	Reeve Ruecker called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.	
<u>ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA</u> C1-17(01/10/17)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to adopt the agenda governing the January 10, 2017, Regular Council Meeting, with the removal of 5.a. Mildred White delegation and the addition of 7.a.6 Spring vs Summer gravel haul. CARRIED.	
<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> Previous Meeting Minutes C2-17(01/10/17)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen to adopt the minutes of Regular Council Meeting December 13, 2016, as presented. CARRIED.	
<u>NEW BUSINESS: COUNCIL</u> Management Team Activity Report C3-17(01/10/17)	Council reviewed the most recent Management Team Activity Report. RESOLUTION by Councillor Svederus to accept the December 13, 2017, Management Team Activity Report, as presented. CARRIED.	
Rumble Strips	Reeve Ruecker requested a discussion regarding the possible installation of rumble strips in the school zones for traffic control be added to today's meeting.	
C4-17(01/10/17)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen to bring back information on having digital speed signs installed in the Worsley and Cleardale school Zones and request the RCMP do more speed monitoring in Worsley and Cleardale school zones. CARRIED.	

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TENDER OPENING
Proposal 2016-P04

Council is presented with Proposal 2016-P04 Snow & Ice Removal Worsley Walking Path to open, analyze results and bring back to a future Council meeting.

C5-17(01/10/17)

RESOLUTION by Reeve Ruecker to open Proposal 2016-P04 Snow & Ice Removal Worsley Walking Path, analyze results and bring back to a future regular Council meeting. **CARRIED.**

Company	Amount
One-eyed Disposal	\$50/per hour, plus cost of salt

Proposal 2016-P05

Council is presented with Proposal 2016-P05 Snow & Ice Removal Cleardale Walking Path to open, analyze results and bring back to a future Council meeting.

C6-17(01/10/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to open Proposal 2016-P05 Snow & Ice Removal Cleardale Walking Path, analyze results and bring back to a future regular Council meeting. **CARRIED**

Company	Amount
RUCO	\$60/per hour

Tender 2016-18 –
½ Ton Truck

Council is presented with Tender 2016-18 - ½ Ton Truck to open, analyze results and bring back to a future Council meeting.

C7-17(01/10/17)

RESOLUTION by Reeve Ruecker to open Tender 2016-18 - ½ Ton Truck to open and analyze results, and bring back to a future Council meeting. **CARRIED.**

Company	Amount
Adventure Automotive	\$34,116.25
Campbell Chrysler	\$33,865.25

Tender 2016-20
Mower

Council is presented with Tender 2016-20 - Mower to open, analyze results and bring back to a future Council meeting.

C8-17(01/10/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Svederus to open Tender 2016-20 - Mower to open and analyze results and bring back to a future Council meeting. **CARRIED.**

Company	Amount
Rocky Mountain Equipment	\$25,000 including trade
Dunvegan Fab	\$30,600 trade of \$11,700 net of \$18,900
Prairie Coast Equipment	\$34,000 trade of \$12,000

	net of \$22,000
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Producer Difficulties
with unharvested
crops

Councillor Frixel has requested a discussion on County producer difficulties with unharvested crops, Crop Advances and AFSC Crop Insurance as well as to what extent the County should be involved in matters of Agricultural policies.

C9-17(01/10/17)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Johnson to draft a letter to Honourable Lawrence MacAulay Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food regarding the Canadian Canola Growers Association, Advance Payment Program (APP) requesting review of repayment measures and copy the letter to Member of Parliament, Chris Warkentin. **CARRIED.**

Reeve Ruecker recessed the meeting at 10:20 a.m.
Reeve Ruecker reconvened the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Alberta Electoral
Boundary Commission

Councillor Svederus requested a discussion regarding the Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission.

C10-17(01/10/17)

RESOLUTION by Reeve Ruecker to approve the attendance of all Councillors to one of the two Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission public hearing. Being held at 9:30 a.m., January 19th, 2017, Peace River, Sawridge Inn and Conference Centre, or 7:00 p.m., January 19th, 2017, Grande Prairie, Sandman Hotel, 9805 - 100 Street. **CARRIED.**

Growing the North
Conference

Council is presented with the Growing North Conference schedule and a list of guest speakers. Council is asked to approve the attendance of selected Councillors that choose to attend the 2017 Growing North Conference in Grande Prairie, Alberta Tuesday, February 21-23, 2017.

C11-17(01/10/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to approve the attendance of all Councillors to the 2017 Growing North Conference in Grande Prairie, Alberta Tuesday, February 21-23, 2017. **CARRIED.**

Spring vs. summer
Gravel Haul

Councillor Frixel requested a discussion regarding spring versus summer gravel haul.

C12-17(01/10/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Frixel to proceed with the summer gravel haul and cancel the spring gravel haul for 2017. **DEFEATED.**

CORPORATE
SERVICES
Accounts Payable

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(December 14, 2016, to January 10, 2017)

A list of expenditures for Clear Hills County for the period of December 14, 2016, to January 10, 2017, is provided for Council's review.

C13-17(01/10/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Svederus that Council receives for information the Accounts Payable report for Clear Hills County for the period of December 14, 2016, to January 10, 2017, for a total of \$1,043,361.61 (one million forty-three thousand three hundred and sixty-one dollars and sixty-one cents). **CARRIED.**

Bylaw No. 214-17

Bylaw No. 214-17 governs the usage of water and waste water in Worsley, Cleardale, and Bear Canyon.

C14-17(01/10/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Frixel that first reading be given to Bylaw No. 214-17, a Bylaw of Clear Hills County, in the Province of Alberta, for the purpose of governing the usage of water and waste water in Worsley, Cleardale, and Bear Canyon. **CARRIED.**

C15-17(01/10/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy that second reading be given to Bylaw No. 214-17, a Bylaw of Clear Hills County, in the Province of Alberta, for the purpose of governing the usage of water and waste water in Worsley, Cleardale, and Bear Canyon. **CARRIED.**

C16-17(01/10/17)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Johnson to proceed to the third and final reading of Bylaw No. 214-17, a Bylaw of Clear Hills County, in the Province of Alberta, for the purpose of governing the usage of water and waste water in Worsley, Cleardale, and Bear Canyon. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C17-17(01/10/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Svederus that third reading be given to Bylaw No. 214-17, a Bylaw of Clear Hills County, in the Province of Alberta, for the purpose of governing the usage of water and waste water in Worsley, Cleardale, and Bear Canyon. **CARRIED.**

Policy No 1202-
 Revenue

Policy 1202 – Revenue provides guidelines for revenue collection and recording.

C18-17(01/10/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that Council adopts the draft Policy 1202 – Revenue, as presented. **CARRIED.**

COMMUNITY SERVICES
 Agricultural Service Board Roles

The matter of the Agricultural Service Board's role, authority to attend various functions, value of attending these functions to the County as a whole, as well as the selection process and term of office have been brought up to at least one Council member and this information is being included for Council's information and review.

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C19-17(01/10/17)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Johnson to bring the Policy 1127 Travel and Expense back to a future Council meeting removing County vehicle use by Council and Board members and accept the information on the role of the Agricultural Service Board for information. **CARRIED.**

Reeve Ruecker recessed the meeting at 11:37 a.m.
Reeve Ruecker reconvened the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

Municipal Weed Control

Council is provided with a draft reply to Minister Carlier response regarding the spread of noxious and prohibited noxious weeds, pointing out concerns are not with immediate area, rather traffic, equipment and people, coming from outside the region and province.

C20-17(01/10/17)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Johnson to send the letter of response to Minister Carlier regarding the spread of noxious and prohibited noxious weeds, pointing out concerns are not with immediate area, rather traffic, equipment and people, coming from outside the region and province, as presented. **CARRIED.**

Veterinary Incentive Program

Council is requested to review the Veterinary Incentive Program.

C21-17(01/10/17)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Johnson to table the discussion regarding the Veterinary Incentive Program to a future Council meeting. **CARRIED.**

PUBLIC WORKS
2017 Bridge Maintenance

Council is requested to proceed to tender for the 2017 Bridge Maintenance for 18 bridges within Clear Hills County.

C22-17(01/10/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to proceed to tender for the 2017 Bridge Maintenance for 18 bridges within Clear Hills County. **CARRIED.**

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's report was reviewed.

C23-17(01/10/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to receive the information provided in the Chief Administrative Officer's report on January 10, 2017, for information, as presented. **CARRIED.**

Community Development

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Manager's Report

The Community Development Manager's report was reviewed.

C24-17(01/10/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen to receive the information provided in the Community Development Manager's report on January 10, 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.

C25-17(01/10/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to receive the information provided in the Public Works Manager's report on January 10, 2017, for information, as presented. **CARRIED.**

COUNCIL INFORMATION

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

C26-17(01/10/17)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Johnson to receive for information the correspondence presented at the January 10, 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.

C27-17(01/10/17)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen to receive for information the January, February and March 2017 calendars.

Meeting	Date	Member
Mighty Peace Tourism strategic meeting	Jan 21	Frixel
Mighty Peace Tourism Board meeting	Jan 30	Frixel
Hines Creek Rec Board	Jan 11	Frixel
AEBC	Jan 19	All
Worsley Rec	Jan 26	Ruecker
ASB Convention	Jan 24-27	Johnson
		CARRIED.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM(S)

ADJOURNMENT

Reeve Ruecker adjourned the January 10, 2017, Regular Council Meeting at 12:55 p.m.

DATE REEVE

DATE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Practice the Four D's to help you get through a craving.



Delay

Wait out the urge to smoke. It will pass in a few minutes.



Drink water

Sip the water slowly and hold it in your mouth awhile.

Deep breathing



Breathe in slowly and as deeply as you can, then breathe out slowly. Repeat this five times.

Distract

Talk to a friend, focus on the task you are doing, or get up and move around. Do something that takes your mind off smoking for a few minutes.



The Four D's

Make smoking history.



presented by the Massachusetts Tobacco Cessation & Prevention Program, MA Dept. of Public Health

A TIMELINE

15 Years

What Happens When A Smoker Quits

20 Minutes after quitting

The heart rate and blood pressure drop back to normal levels.

1-2 Weeks after quitting

Circulation and lung function improve.

1 Year after quitting

The risk of getting coronary heart disease is half as high as a smoker's.

10 Years after quitting

The risk of dying from lung cancer is half that of smokers'. Risk of getting pancreatic and larynx cancer also decreases.



12 Hours after quitting

The level of carbon monoxide in the blood drops to normal.

1-9 Weeks after quitting

Smoker "norms" (like a constant cough and shortness of breath) become less pronounced. The tiny hairs lining the lungs (aka "cilia") work normally again and clean the lungs to reduce risk of infection.

5 Years after quitting

The risk of contracting mouth, throat, esophagus, and bladder cancers is half of what it is for smokers. Risk of cervical cancer and stroke fall, too.

15 Years after quitting

The risk of heart disease is equivalent to non-smokers' risk.

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Invitation to the Grand Opening of the Smith Mills Trail

The Peace Valley Snow Riders snowmobile club invites you to the Grand Opening of their 3rd trail, the Smith Mills Trail. The Club has provided formal trails in the Peace area since their first trail was officially opened in March 2011. The Smith Mills Trail is the longest of the Club's existing trails at approximately 60 km, in addition to offering the most diverse riding experience. Come and join us on **Saturday March 11, 2017** and experience it for yourself!!

- ✚ Ribbon Cutting – **11 am sharp**, at both the East and West End Staging Areas
 - East End Staging area is located 2 miles north and 1 mile west of highway 737, just east of the Figure Eight Lake Recreation area which is north of Grimshaw. Direction signage is displayed on the highway and the municipal road.
 - West End Staging area is located 40 km north of Hines Creek (at kilometre 30 of the Canfor P-100 road) on the north side of the Stoney Lake Recreation area. Direction signage is displayed on highways 64 and 685 as well as on municipal roads and the Canfor P-100 road. As the Canfor P-100 road is a private road which may have significant log truck traffic, all vehicles accessing the staging area are reminded to use caution and provide the right of way to such traffic.
- ✚ Complimentary Wiener Roast – Starting at approximately 12:30 pm at the rest area located near the midpoint of the trail. Guests will be required to provide their own snowmobile transportation to access this area.
 - **Sponsored by Scanalta Power Sales Ltd. from Hines Creek**
- ✚ Free Door Prize – To be drawn at the Wiener Roast at 1 pm.
 - **Sponsored by Scanalta Power Sales Ltd. from Hines Creek**
- ✚ Guided Trail Tours – Club members will be available to provide those with snowmobiles guided end to end tours of the trail.

Each snowmobile utilizing the trail must be in possession of a current Alberta Snowmobile Association Annual Trail Pass or Day Pass for trail liability purposes. Day Passes can be purchased at the staging areas for \$20. For trail maps or other Club information go to <http://www.northernsunrise.net/recreation-and-leisure#> or contact Dwayne Buchholtz – Director/Stakeholder Liaison at 780-618-1504 or amen@telus.net.

“Peace Valley Snow Riders – Part of the Solution”



Meet the Montagneuse Multi Club 4-H Leaders!

The cleaver Leader is Wendy Schmaltz,

Wendy grew up in Worsley and got a university degree in Business Administration and then became an accountant. She currently owns Schmaltz and Co. She is a mother of 3 kids and lives on a farm here they raise 320 cow calf pairs. Her main goal through 4-H is to teach her kids responsibility. Wendy has been on multiple groups and organizations where she has learned skills that she is happy to pass on to members.



The beef leader is Andrea Hale. Andrea is part of Maverick Livestock where they currently care for 300 head of cattle. Andrea is a part of feeding, calving, and vaccinating the Cows, as well as home schooling her four children. Andrea grew up east of Hines Creek. In school she achieved the Leaders of tomorrow award. She also completed her teachers' aid Certificate. Andrea has the ability to assist 4-H members with working with animals, feeding, taking care of animals, and helping with record books. Her ultimate 4-H goal is to teach kids that hard work pays off and you have to be diligent while working and you will have a reward in the end. She also wants to help youth learn to take care of something other than themselves.



The sheep leader is Julie lemoine. She grew up in Clear-dale

where she was in 4-H for year 6 years. Her projects were Market Steers and Sewing. She keeps busy by Teaching and being a mother to 3 boys. Julie and her family lives on a farm east of Worsley where they raise cattle, sheep, pigs. Julie was awarded the Governor General award, full Rutherford Scholarship, Valedictorian, BA with Honours from U of A, where she got her teaching degree. Julie was also a member of Pre-professional Ukrainian Shumka Dancers. Her goal in 4-H as a leader is to help the sheep members learn how to take care of their sheep and to be able to answer members' questions.



The Leader is Krista Lund, Her current job is working at Worsley Central School. She is the school based technician and an educational assistant. Krista grew up in Worsley and was in 4-H as a Youth for 12 years, some of her projects were light horse, market steer, pen of 3, heifer, and cow calf pair. Krista earned the Platinum award at age 20. Krista went to selections where she won a trip to California and became the Peace Region 4-H ambassador. Krista has a diploma in Business Administration and completed a certificate in equine studies. She is also a CHA - Certified Horsemanship Association qualified instructor. Working at the school has helped her to learn to teach and mentor youth.



The assistant horse leader is Candace Thorson. Candace grew up in Montagneuse Valley and now her and her family live west of Worsley on a farm where they have 2 horses and 2 donkeys. Her goal as a leader is to encourage kids to not be afraid to try new things and to help set kids up for success and learn more about animals.



The general leader is Sandy Richardson. She was in 4-H for 11 years. Her projects were Market Steer, Heifer, Cow Calf Pen of Three, and crafts. As a 4-h member she took opportunities to go to camp and become a Councilor. Sandy also went to Selections where she earned a agriculture Development trip through Northern Alberta and the Northwest Territories, she also became the Peace Regional 4-H Ambassador for 2000-2002. In the year of 2000 she earned her Platinum Award and competed at District and Regional Public Speaking multiple times. She also started the Fairview Canine club 13 years ago. Sandy has a Diploma in Esthetics from Marvell College, and currently runs an out of home business doing artificial nails. Sandy's goal as the General Leader is to engage youth and help them take advantage of the learning opportunities through the 4-H program, and the motto "Learn to do by doing."



Written by Bailee Richardson



Farm Family Award



Do you know a farm family that demonstrates exceptional farming practices?

Clear Hills County Agricultural Service Board is accepting nominations for the 2017 Farm Family Award.

The winning family will be presented with a gate sign and a plaque at the Farmer's Appreciation Banquet on April 8, 2017. They will receive up to eight banquet tickets to attend the Grande Prairie Peace Country Classic Region Farm

Family award night and the family will be nominated to Northlands for consideration of the 2017 AMA Farm Family Award.

The Farm Family Award will be selected from Clear Hills County, Ward 4 (Worsley). They must be actively farming and residing on the farm. Selection of the 2017 Farm Family is based on farming and community involvement.

Nomination forms are available at the County Office.

Please submit all nominations in writing to the County office by 1:00 p.m. on March 3, 2017.



Driveway Snowplowing

Clear Hills County provides Driveway Snow Plowing to Senior Citizens, Special Needs Persons and Fulltime Bus Drivers.

If you did not sign up last season and qualify contact the County office.

All senior citizens requesting snowplowing services are required to provide proof of age. Special Needs persons are required to provide provincial handicap sticker and a fulltime bus driver is required to provide proof of fulltime employments.



Free Annual Ski Trip

Annually the County funds a one day ski trip to the Whispering Pines Ski Hill Near Worsley, Alberta for kindergarten to Grade 12 Students that reside in the County.

For more information contact the County office at 780-685-3925 or audrey@clearhillscounty.ab.ca



Clear Hills County Presents...

YOUTH TALENT SHOW

23rd Annual Clear Hills County Agricultural Trade 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



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 grant application to receive funds each year.

FCSS Grant—Deadline June 15th

The Family and Community Support Services grant is intended to provide funding 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 ordeal with crisis situations should they arise.

General Grant— Applications accepted until the funds are fully allocated

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

We Welcome your Feedback

You can contact us with questions or comments at info@clearhillscounty.ab.ca

Clear Hills County newsletter is a free publication available to ratepayers. Current issues of the newsletter are availa-

ble free of charge at the County office or can be viewed online at www.clearhillscounty.ab.ca

Deadline for March submissions is February 15, 2017.

We are happy to list festivals, fairs, fundraisers, reunions and other community events.



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

	Honorariums	Employer Contributions	Training	Travel & Subsistence	Membership & Conference Fees	Internet	Other Costs	Totals
Ward 1	27,014	4,799	0	10,443	2,108	540	277	45,180
Ward 2	26,848	4,791	0	8,132	883	1,094	285	42,032
Ward 3	25,192	2,544	0	4,258	635	0	215	32,844
Ward 4	28,400	4,896	0	4,295	460	1,044	229	39,326
Ward 5	24,964	3,665	0	6,046	1,658	717	469	37,520
Ward 6	29,663	3,543	0	6,835	1,533	0	427	42,001
Ward 7	<u>28,748</u>	<u>4,928</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>10,314</u>	<u>460</u>	<u>1,096</u>	<u>229</u>	<u>45,800</u>

National Flag Day of Canada

The Canadian national flag, also known as the “maple leaf flag”, is flown on many buildings, including private homes on National Flag Day of Canada. Some people wear pins in the form of the flag. Many schools hold special lessons on the Canadian national flag and its history around this time of year.

The Royal Union Flag, which is also the flag of the United Kingdom, was used as the official flag of Canada until

1965. Various designs of the Canadian Red Ensign were used between 1868 and 1965 but Canada’s Parliament never officially adopted them. The National Flag of Canada’s current design results from a period of discussion, debate and political maneuvering in the early 1960s.

Many people were involved in the design. However, Lord Stanley is often miscredited as the sole designer. While Stanley had a small part, John Ross

Matheson is the person most responsible for the flag being what it is today.

The House of Commons passed the design on December 15, 1964. Queen Elizabeth II proclaimed the new flag on January 28, 1965, and it was inaugurated on February 15, 1965.



The love in our family flows strong and deep, leaving us memories to treasure and keep

“I got my first full time job, but I could have sworn I was making more money in college, working for my parents as their daughter.”



Family Day

Family day was first held in Canada in the province of Alberta in 1990. It is supposed to reflect the values of family and home that were important to the pioneers who founded Alberta, and give workers the opportunity to spend more time with their families. Family Day was introduced in Saskatchewan in 2007 and Ontario in 2008. British Columbia

observes Family Day as a statutory holiday for the first time in 2013. One of the reasons for introducing Family Day was that there was a long period of time when there were no holidays from New Year’s Day until Good Friday.

In provinces of Alberta, Ontario, Saskatchewan and British Columbia many people have the day off work and schools

are generally closed on Family Day.



A Love Story to Warm the Heart

Alan and Sandra lived on a cove at Gull Lake, Alberta.

It was early winter and the lower portion of the cove had frozen over.

Allan asked Sandra if she would walk across the frozen part of the cove to the general store and get him some smokes and beer.

She asked him for some money, but he told her, “Nah, just put it on the tab. Old man Stacey won’t mind.”

So Sandra, being the good wife and Alan’s true love walked across the ice, got the smokes and beer at the store and walked back home across the cove.

When she got home with the items she said, “ Alan, you always tell me not to run up the tab at Stacy’s store. Why didn’t you give me some money?”

Alan replied, “Well, Sandra, I didn’t want to send you out there with cash when I wasn’t sure how thick the ice was!”

Agricultural Event Reimbursement

Clear Hills County Agricultural Service Board encourages the adoption of innovative, appropriate technologies and practices that may be of economic benefit to the County agricultural producers. The County may provide reimbursement to agricultural producers operating in the County for costs associated with attending eligible out-of-County events, such as workshops, seminars, or conferences that provide infor-

mation and education related to the agriculture business.

Interested Producers should apply in writing to the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) prior to attending the event. If approved, reimbursement will only be given after the Producer's written and verbal reports have been presented to the Board at a regular Agricultural Service Board meeting. The Board has the discretion to

determine the maximum amount of reimbursement for eligible expenses per approved application. Applications will be accepted throughout the year and be dealt with on a first come, first approved basis as the annual budget allows. Approval will be to a maximum of two per year per producer or farm unit.

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



Peace Country Beef & Forage Association Upcoming Events

- ⇒ Peace Agronomy Update—January 18, 2017 @ the Dunvegan Motor Inn in Fairview, Alberta
- ⇒ Farm Transition—January 19, 2017 & February 16, 2016 & the Holiday Inn & Suites Conference Centre in Grande Prairie, Alberta
- ⇒ Holistic Management Course—January 26-28, 2017 & February 2-4, 2017 @ the Rycroft Ag. Society Hall
- ⇒ Peace Country Beef Cattle Day—February 7, 2017 @ the Dunvegan Motor Inn in Fairview, Alberta
- ⇒ Peace Country Beef & Forage Association Annual General Meeting— February 24, 2017 at the Dunvegan Motor Inn in Fairview, Alberta.
- ⇒ Carbon Sequestration & Soil Health Day—February 21, 2017 details to be announced
- ⇒ Solar Workshop—March 15, 2017 @ the Westmark Hall, 13km west of Woking.

For more information on these events, please call the Fairview Peace Country Beef & Forage Association office @ 780-835-6799

Public Safety Announcement

Attention Landowners:
If you are planning to burn within 1 mile of a primary or secondary highway, post "SMOKE AHEAD" signage at each end of the potential smoke corridor on the highway.

Signs are available at County. Be sure to call the County to ensure signage is available.

Thank you for making our highways safer!



The Canadian Farm Learning Centre



2016 was a big year for The Canadian Farm Learning Centre!

They launched new courses and began a partnership with Farm Management Canada.

For more information contact, 1-888-306-3327 or info@CanadianFarmLearningCentre.com

Available Courses:

Farm Structures

The best chosen business structure for a farm can help the farm business owner capture the best return on investment and allow it to operate at its most efficient level.

Financial Planning

Financial planning is comprehensive analysis and evaluation of an individual's current and future financial affairs. It starts by understanding "What's important to You,"

Succession Planning

Succession planning is a process for identifying and mentoring family members with the potential and desire to assume key farming and business leadership responsibilities of the farm family.

Risk Management

Risk Management is the process of identifying, evaluating & understanding risk in a manner that helps achieve the goals of an enterprise. It's designed to reduce or eliminate the risk of certain events from occurring or having undesirable impact.

"People coming together as a community can make things happen."

Jacob Rees-Mogg



Fairview Programs & Services Guide Description & Costs

The In and Around Fairview Spring/Summer guide is slated to have a middle of March 2017 launch. Those that are interested in promoting in the guide will need to have their information in by February 27, 2017. We are planning on printing 3000 copies for this addition. Below is a description of the options and pricing available.

Find the guide online at www.fairview.ca. Go to the Community Guide link.

10 pages are full colour

2 issues per year—Spring/Summer & Fall/Winter

RATES per Issue

Non-Profit Group

Back Page Colour	\$500
Colour Page	\$300
1/4 Page Black and White	\$40
1/2 Page (B&W)	\$75
Full Page (B&W)	\$140

All prices + GST

Page Size 8"x10"

One line NO CHARGE for Non-Profit organizations that wish to just have their contact information available.

If you are interested in promoting your organization in the "In and Around Fairview" Programs and Services Guide please contact:

Caroline Cleave
 Director of Community Services
 Work: 780-835-5461
 Fax: 780-835-3576
community@fairview.ca

On Farm Water Management

Program Purpose Statement

This program provides technical assistance to agricultural producers to complete a Long-Term Water Management Plan (LTWMP), and shares the cost of related enhancements of their on-farm water supply management.

The Growing Forward 2 On-Farm Water Management Program (2013-2018) addresses two key industry priorities.

1. Improved resource management. The program helps producers achieve greater water security and more effective and efficient management of their on-farm water resources, enhancing the sustainability of those resources.
2. Improved Production capacity. Producers who improve their water management capability advance the long-term competitiveness of their operation, making them better to be able to embrace business opportunities.

Problem Highlights

The On-Farm Water Management Program shares costs relating to enhancements of a producer's on-farm water supply management, arising from a Long-Term Water Management Plan (LTWMP). These eligible costs are offered through Standard and Special Incentive projects described in detail in the On-Farm Water Management Program factsheet.

- *Standard Incentive projects* include construction of water sources such as wells, dugouts, spring developments, dams and pipelines. These projects are eligible for reimbursement of up to one-third of expenses, to a maximum of \$5,000 per applicant.
- *Special Incentive projects* include well decommissioning, well pit conversions, water meters, water well depth measurement equipment, and connections to multi-user water supply in pipelines. These projects are eligible for reimbursement of up to 50% of expenses, to a specified maximum per applicant or project.

There is no cost to producers for technical assistance provided by Agriculture and Forestry (AF) Water Specialists, relating to the completion and required prior approval of a Long-Term Water Management Plan.

Grants are available on a first-come, first-served basis for a variety of water sourcing, conservation and protection projects if they are previously identified in the producer's approved LTWMP and meet the program's Terms and Conditions.

Submission of a completed Grant Application Form to AF does not guarantee that the Applicant will receive payment under this Program.

No advance payments will be made. Applicants can only receive a grant payment for eligible expenses incurred and documented with the application form.

The On-Farm Water Management is not an emergency program. To be eligible for funding, projects must be identified in a LTWMP approved by an AF Water Specialist **prior** to starting the project.

Am I Eligible for this Program?

Producers, corporations and not-for-profit organizations with an active agricultural business in Alberta and a minimum of \$10,000 of farm commodity production income are eligible. An eligible on-farm water project can be located on private land, rented land, and certain types of Crown land subject to prior written approval from the landowner.

All participants must have completed a Long-Term Water Management Plan (new or amended) and have it approved by an AF Water Specialist **before** starting a water project for their application to be considered eligible. LTWMPs that were approved during GF1 are still valid if they are accurate and identify the eligible water project you are interested in completing.

For more information on this Program contact Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman at 780-685-3925.

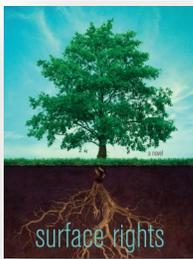
Need Information on Service Rights?

Plan to attend a Surface Rights Information Session!

Featuring Michele Del Colle, Energy, Utilities, and Policy Specialist with the Farmer's Advocate Office

Hosted BY:

Peace Country Beef & Forage Association &
Clear Hills County



Where: Worsley Community Centre

When: March 29, 2017

Times: to be announced



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 72 hours.

Make a Plan:

- ~ Designate an out of area contact person
- ~ Duplicate important

documents and keep copies off site.

~Inventory valuables in writing and with photographs or video.

~ Make a household/family plan

~Put together a disaster supply kit

~When planning, consider the special needs of

children, seniors or family members with disabilities, or that don't speak English and pets.

For more information go to <http://www.getprepared.gc.ca>



IS YOUR FAMILY PREPARED?



February Worsley Health Centre 2017

Sun Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Sat

			1 <i>Dr. Clinic</i> U-walk 4-6	2 EMS 9-12 if available U-walk 4-6	3 EMS 9-12 if available U-walk 4-6	4
5	6 EMS 9-12 if available U-walk 4-6	7 Immunization clinic U-walk 4-6	8 EMS 9-12 if available U-walk 4-6	9 EMS 9-12 if available U-walk 4-6	10 <i>Dr. Clinic</i> U-walk 4-6	11
12	13 EMS 9-12 if available U-walk 4-6	14 Immunization clinic U-walk 4-6  Happy Valentine's Day	15 <i>Dr. Clinic</i> U-walk 4-6	16 EMS 9-12 if available	17 EMS 9-12 if available	18
19	20 CLOSED <i>Family Day</i>	21 Immunization clinic U-walk 4-6 Tiny Teeth	22 <i>Dr. Clinic</i> U-walk 4-6	23 EMS 9-12 if available U-walk 4-6	24 EMS 9-12 if available U-walk 4-6	25
26	27 EMS 9-12 if available U-walk 4-6	28 Immunization clinic U-walk 4-6	<p>*Please call the Health Centre to book an appointment for Immunization Clinics and Nurse Practitioner appointments Please call Fairview Medical clinic to schedule Dr. appointments</p> <p>FLU vaccinations available at Worsley Health Centre -call for details.</p>			

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

Worsley Health Centre 780-685-3752

Fairview Public Health 780-835-4951

Fairview Medical Clinic 780-835-4255

Fairview Hospital 780-835-6100

EMERGENCY 911

U-walk for more information call 780-685-3752

HELP READY ROOSTER ...



FIND THE SAFETY WORDS.

Circle the 12 farm safety words or phrases that are hidden in these letters. The words may be listed up-and-down, sideways, or on a slant, as shown.

- | | |
|-----------|--------------|
| ANIMALS | READYROOSTER |
| CHEMICALS | RIDEINSIDE |
| FALLS | ROPS |
| GRAIN | RUNOVER |
| NORIDERS | SHARP |
| ✓PTO | SWIMMING |

R	I	D	E	I	N	S	I	D	E	A	B
C	E	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	A	C	H	E	M	I	C	A	L	S
S	P	N	D	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	H
W	X	I	Y	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	A
I	F	M	N	O	R	I	D	E	R	S	R
M	G	A	H	I	J	O	K	L	M	O	P
M	N	L	O	P	Q	R	O	S	P	T	U
I	V	S	X	F	A	L	L	S	W	Y	Z
N	A	B	C	D	E	P	F	G	T	H	I
G	R	A	I	N	J	K	T	L	M	E	N
O	P	Q	R	S	R	U	N	O	V	E	R

Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Phone: _____

Category: __Preschool __K-1st grade __2nd-3rd grade __4th-5th grade __6th grade & over

Unscramble the letters and mail to the Clear Hills County office by February 15th.

Community

Bulletin Board

Events & Announcements



Fire Wood Suppliers

Do you cut/sell fire wood



Want to advertise this in the County Newsletter?

If so please forward your contact information to Sarah at the County office at 780-685-3925.



CLEAR HILLS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SERVICES



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



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

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

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



February 2017

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



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 info@clearhillscounty.ab.ca

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

**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