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Apical Forestry Consulting Ltd. (FRIAA's service provider) is proposing a stand tending program on burned forest areas to release planted conifer seedlings from competition. The program is part of the Enhanced Reforestation of Legacy Disturbance (EnRLD), which aims to enhance natural regeneration, enhance carbon sequestration and create jobs in rural areas. The proposed program is a backpack herbicide application. Herbicide used will be glyphosate based (Vision Max). The program will take place between August 15 and September 15, 2020. **The proposed program will occur in the following areas: W6M: Twp88Rge4; Twp90Rge4; Twp88Rge5; Twp88Rge12; Twp87Rge12; Twp86Rge12; Twp86Rge13; Twp87Rge13. A maximum of 492.0 ha will be treated.** Anyone wishing more information about this program or wishing to express a concern with it is asked to contact **Duncan Gish**, Operations Forester at Apical Forestry Consulting Ltd., Grande Prairie Or phone 780-538-1953 **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. There will be an Open House held at the Worsley Fire Hall/Community Centre from 1pm-3pm on Saturday July 11th.

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020**

PRESENT	Miron Croy Raymond Wetmore Jason Ruecker David Janzen Peter Frixel Amber Bean	Reeve Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor Deputy Reeve
ABSENT	Dan Fletcher	Councillor
ATTENDING	Allan Rowe Audrey Bjorklund Bonnie Morgan	Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Community Development Manager (CDM) Executive Assistant (EA)
CALL TO ORDER	Reeve Croy called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.	
<u>ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA</u> C232-20(05-26-20)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen to adopt the agenda governing May 26, 2020, Special Council Meeting, with addition 7.a.7 Peace Region, 7.a.8 Vet services, as presented. CARRIED.	
<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> Previous Meeting Minutes C233-20(05-26-20)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Ruecker to adopt the minutes of the May 8, 2020 Special Council Meeting as presented. CARRIED.	
<u>NEW BUSINESS: COUNCIL</u> Management Team Activity Report C234-20(05-26-20)	Council reviewed the most recent Management Team Activity Report. RESOLUTION by Councillor Frixel to accept the May 8, 2020, Management Team Activity Report, as presented. CARRIED.	
Councillor Reports C235-20(05-26-20)	Councillors submit written or verbal reports for meetings attended. RESOLUTION by Councillor Frixel to receive the written and verbal Councillor reports for information, as presented. CARRIED.	
4-H Beef C236-20(05-26-20)	Councillors have requested consideration of purchasing a 4H beef in 2020. RESOLUTION by Councillor Frixel that due to the Covid-19 pandemic and cancellation of the Clear Hills County BBQ Clear Hills County will not purchase a 4-H beef this year. DEFEATED. Deputy Reeve Bean requested a reconsidering vote on the purchase of 4-H beef.	

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C237-20(05-26-20) RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Bean that C236-20(05-26-20) motion be reconsidered, and not purchase a 4-H beef due to the Covid-19 pandemic cancellation of the Clear Hills County 2020 Community BBQ. CARRIED.

Business Sustainability

As a follow up Councillor Frixel would like more discussion regarding the sustainability of businesses within Clear Hills County and the Village of Hines Creek.

C238-20(05-26-20) RESOLUTION by Councillor Frixel to bring back to a future Policy and Priority Meeting to discuss business retention and sustainability incentives within the boundaries of Clear Hills County. CARRIED.

C239-20(05-26-20) RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Bean to schedule a Policy and Priority Meeting for Tuesday, June 2, 2020. CARRIED.

Reeve Croy recessed the meeting at 10:47 a.m.
 Reeve Croy reconvened the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Reject Gravel

Council has requested a discussion on Reject Gravel.

C240-20(05-26-20) RESOLUTION by Councillor Wetmore to receive the Reject gravel discussion for information. CARRIED.

Dan Fletcher- Ward 6 Resignation

Councillor Dan Fletcher has resigned effective Tuesday, May 19, 2020 from his Ward 6 Clear Hills County Councillor position.

In accordance with the MGA and the Local Authorities Election Act Council may choose to by resolution hold a By-Election for the vacant position within 120 days or leave the position vacant until the October 18, 2021 Municipal Election.

C241-20(05-26-20) RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen to approve a motion to hold a By-Election for the vacant ward 6 Councillor position. CARRIED.

C242-20(05-26-20) RESOLUTION by Reeve Croy to appoint Allan Rowe as the Returning officer. CARRIED.

C243-20(05-26-20) RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Bean to appoint Audrey Bjorklund as the substitute returning officer. CARRIED.

Peace Region

Councillor Frixel requested a discussion regarding the Peace Region.

C244-20(05-26-20) RESOLUTION by Councillor Frixel to inquire about a future inter-provincial/Municipal meeting date. CARRIED.

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Reeve Croy recessed the meeting at 11:24 a.m.
 Reeve Croy reconvened the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Vet Services

Councillor Ruecker requested a discussion regarding vet services.

C245-20(05-26-20)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen to receive the discussion regarding vet services for information. **CARRIED.**

CORPORATE SERVICES

Accounts Payable
 (April 15, 2020 to
 May 26, 2020)

A list of expenditures for Clear Hills County for the period of April 15, 2020 to May 26, 2020 is provided for Council's review.

C246-20(05-26-20)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Wetmore that Council receives for information the Accounts Payable report for Clear Hills County for the period of April 15, 2020 to April 28, 2020 for a total of \$123,389.95. **CARRIED.**

C247-20(05-26-20)

RESOLUTION by Reeve Croy that Council receives for information the Accounts Payable report for Clear Hills County for the period of April 29, 2020 to May 12, 2020 for a total of \$681,474.70, with funds to be transferred from Long Term Investments. **CARRIED.**

C248-20(05-26-20)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that Council receives for information the Accounts Payable report for Clear Hills County for the period of May 13, 2020 to May 26, 2020 for a total of \$236,700.67, with funds to be transferred from Long Term Investments. **CARRIED.**

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Weed Inspection
 Appointment

Weed Control inspectors are required to be appointed as per Section 7 of the Weed Control Act. Council is requested to appoint Cindy Campbell, Crystal Dei, and Roxanne Lefebvre as inspectors to administer the Weed Control Act for Clear Hills County in 2019:

C249-20(05-26-20)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Bean to appoint Cindy Campbell, Crystal Dei and Roxanne Lefebvre as weed inspectors for Clear Hills County for 2020 as per Section 7 of the Weed Control Act. **CARRIED.**

Pest Inspector
 Appointments

Pest Control inspectors are required to be appointed as per Section 10 of the Agricultural Pests Act. Council is requested to appoint Cindy Campbell, Crystal Dei, and Roxanne Lefebvre as inspectors to administer the Agricultural Pests Act for Clear Hills County in 2020

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C250-20(05-26-20) **RESOLUTION** by Reeve Croy to appoint Cindy Campbell, Crystal Dei, and Roxanne Lefebvre as pest inspectors for the Clear Hills County for 2020 as per Section 10 of the Agricultural Pests Act. **CARRIED.**

Annual Students Ski Trip Policy 7008
 Council is presented with the analysis of the 2020 Students Ski Trip program as requested.

C251-20(05-26-20) **RESOLUTION** by Councillor Ruecker to bring back the amended Annual Students Ski Trip Policy 7008 covering the costs for Students only. **CARRIED.**

Rezoning Application RZ01-20
 Council is presented with a rezoning application for a proposed Hamlet Institutional subdivision out of NW 36-86-8-W6M in the Hamlet of Worsley. It is the developer's intent to subdivide the parcel and construct a church on the site.

C252-20(05-26-20) **RESOLUTION** by Councillor Janzen to direct administration to develop a bylaw to rezone part of NW 36-86-8-W6M in the Hamlet of Worsley from Hamlet Residential to Hamlet Institutional and bring it to the next Council meeting for first reading and to set the public hearing date. **CARRIED.**

Fire Truck Garage – Cleardale
 Council is presented with the fire truck garage drawings and site plan for review.

C253-20(05-26-20) **RESOLUTION** by Councillor Janzen to approve the drawings for the Cleardale Fire Truck garage and direct administration to proceed to tender. **CARRIED.**

General Grant Request – End of Steel Heritage Society
 Council is presented with a general grant request for \$120,000 from the End of Steel Heritage Society for setting up a Men/Ladies Lavatory skid trailer and water & sewer at the Society's museum in Hines Creek.

C254-20(05-26-20) **RESOLUTION** by Councillor Ruecker to table the general grant request from the End of Steel Heritage Society group until a future Regular Council Meeting. **CARRIED.**

PUBLIC WORKS:
 Access Road – SE 32-85-8-W6M
 Council is presented with information regarding proceeding to tender for approximately ¼ mile of road construction along SE 32-85-8-W6M.

C255-20(05-26-20) **RESOLUTION** by Reeve Croy to proceed to tender for approximately ¼ mile of road construction along SE 32-85-8-W6M. **CARRIED.**

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Upgrade on
 Undeveloped Road
 Allowance Request
 for 834008 Range
 Road 31 north of
 Highway 685

Council is presented with a request from a subdivision landowner to have upgrades done on the undeveloped road allowance on Range Road 31 north of highway 685 to driveway (834008 RR31).

C256-20(05-26-20)

RESOLUTION by Reeve Croy not approve the request for road upgrades on the undeveloped road allowance on Range Road 31 north of highway 685 to driveway (834008 RR31), as it does not meet the current policy. **CARRIED.**

Reeve Croy recessed the meeting at 12:58 p.m.
 Reeve Croy reconvened the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

WRITTEN REPORTS
 MANAGERS

Chief Administrative
 Officer's Report

Chief Administrative Officers report was reviewed.

C257-20(05-26-20)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Wetmore to receive the May 26, 2020, Chief Administrative Officer's report for information. **CARRIED.**

Community
 Development
 Manager's Report

Nothing to report

Corporate Services
 Manager's Report

nothing to report

Public Works
 Manager's Report

Public Works Managers report was reviewed.

C258-20(05-26-20)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen to receive the May 26, 2020, Public Works Managers report for information. **CARRIED.**

COUNCIL
 INFORMATION

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

C259-20(05-26-20)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Ruecker to receive the correspondence on May 26, 2020, for information, as presented. **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.

C260-20(05-26-20)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Bean to receive for information the May, June, and July 2020 calendars.

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Date	Meeting	Councillor
June 2	P&P Meeting	All
June 16	ASB	DJ, JR
June 3	NPHF	AB
June 8	MPTA Executive	AB
June 22	MPTA	AB
June 22	HPEC	AB
June 4	NWSAR	AB, PF, AR
		CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Reeve Croy adjourned the May 26, 2020 Special Council Meeting at 1:26 p.m.

DATE REEVE

DATE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
POLICY AND PRIORITY MEETING
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2020**

PRESENT	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Miron Croy</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Reeve</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Raymond Wetmore</td> <td>Councillor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jason Ruecker</td> <td>Councillor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>David Janzen</td> <td>Councillor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Peter Frixel</td> <td>Councillor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amber Bean</td> <td>Deputy Reeve</td> </tr> </table>	Miron Croy	Reeve	Raymond Wetmore	Councillor	Jason Ruecker	Councillor	David Janzen	Councillor	Peter Frixel	Councillor	Amber Bean	Deputy Reeve
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CALL TO ORDER	Reeve Croy called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.												
<u>ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA</u> P261-20(06-2-20)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Bean to adopt the agenda governing June 2, 2020, Policy and Priority Meeting. CARRIED.												
<u>NEW BUSINESS:</u> <u>COUNCIL</u> Boards & Committees	<p>Council is presented with a list of current boards and Committees, to review and determine the importance and value.</p> <p>Policy and Priority Meetings are a good time to discuss and review these boards and Committees that continue to benefit or no longer serve to benefit Clear Hills County.</p> <p>Councillor Janzen entered the meeting at 9:33 a.m.</p>												
P262-20(06-2-20)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Frixel to receive the discussion on the boards and Committees for information, as presented. CARRIED.												
Business Sustainability & Economic Development	Council requested Business Sustainability & Economic Development be added to the Policy and Priority meeting to have more discussion.												
P263-20(06-2-20)	RESOLUTION by Reeve Croy to table the discussion regarding business sustainability until later in the meeting. CARRIED.												
<u>DELEGATION:</u> End of Steel Heritage Society	A delegation from the End of Steel Heritage Society will attend 10:00 a.m. to present the Committee with a general grant request for setting up a Men/Ladies Lavatory trailer with water & sewer at the Society's museum in Hines Creek.												

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POLICY & PRIORITY MEETING
Tuesday, June 2, 2020

Councillor Ruecker entered the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

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

P264-20(06-2-20) RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Bean to receive the delegation from the End of Steel Heritage Society to request a general grant for a lavatory trailer at the society's museum in Hines Creek and bring back to the next regular Council Meeting. CARRIED.

P265-20(06-2-20) RESOLUTION by Reeve Croy to raise the business sustainability discussion off the table. CARRIED.

P266-20(06-2-20) RESOLUTION by Councillor Frixel to invite Zavisha Sawmills to a future Council meeting to discuss business sustainability. CARRIED.

P267-20(06-2-20) RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen to invite Margaret's Greenhouse to a future Council meeting. CARRIED.

Reeve Croy recessed the meeting at 11:47 a.m.
Reeve Croy reconvened the meeting at 12:24 p.m.

Recreation Boards Council requested that the topic of Recreation Boards be brought to a P & P meeting to consider potential amendments to the policy or agreements.

P268-20(06-2-20) RESOLUTION by Councillor Ruecker to bring back to a future Regular Council Meeting a draft amendment for the Recreation Boards agreements stating that each Recreation Board must have a separate bank account and that each Recreation Board will hold no more than 4 meetings annually, 1 organizational meeting and 3 regular meetings to review applications and disperse funding. CARRIED.

Recreational Signage The Committee is presented with the Signage inventory that was collected, showing the locations of directional signage for recreation sites and community facilities in the County.

P269-20(06-2-20) RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Bean to accept the signage inventory for information as presented. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Reeve Croy adjourned the June 2, 2020 Policy and Priority Meeting at 1:09 p.m.

DATE REEVE

DATE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



CLEAR HILLS COUNTY

Notice of By-Election

Local Authorities Election Act
(Section 12, 35, 46, 53)

LOCAL JURISDICTION: WARD 6 - Clear Hills County, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held for the filling of the following offices.

Office(s)	Number of Vacancies	Ward or Electoral Division Number (If Applicable)
Councillor	1	6

Voting will take place on the 10 day of August, 2020, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Voting stations will be located at:

Start Time Closing Time

Due to Covid-19 Pandemic

Location to be determined within
Cleardale, Alberta

DATED at the Hamlet of Worsley, in the Province of Alberta, this 9 day of June, 2020

Returning Officer

*For more information contact Allan Rowe,
Chief Administrative Officer, at 780-685-3925*

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES *Wildfire Prevention Tips*

Off-highway vehicles (OHVs) include all-terrain vehicles, quads, trikes and other vehicles designed for travelling off public roads and on unpaved trails and rough terrain. Debris falling from these vehicles can start a wildfire. You can reduce the risk of your vehicle causing a wildfire with a few simple precautions.

How OHVs can start wildfires

- ⇒ Exhaust systems heat up to temperatures in excess of 204°C - hot enough to fry an egg and start a wildfire.
- ⇒ All these temperatures, grass, muskeg, moss or other debris that has built up on your machine can heat up, smoulder and ignite.
- ⇒ The smouldering debris can drop to the ground as you're riding, starting a wildfire.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
wildfire.alberta.ca
 PFFC.WFIO@gov.ab.ca
 1-866-FYI-FIRE

How you can prevent wildfires

- ⇒ Before you ride, clean out hot spots and remove debris from your machine.
- ⇒ After riding through muskeg, or tall grass, stop and remove any build-up from your machine.
- ⇒ Carry a small shovel, collapsible pail or fire extinguisher.
- ⇒ Wash your quad and keep it clean; do not wash in streams or creeks.
- ⇒ Make sure your muffler and spark arrestor are working properly.
- ⇒ Stop frequently. Take the time to knock debris from your machine's hot spots. If the debris is smouldering soak it, stir it, and soak it again to make sure it's out.

CHECK THESE HOT SPOTS

- 1** Exhaust and muffler
- 2** Under the seat
- 3** Wheel wells
- 4** Engine and manifold



Forest Protection Area of Alberta

Alberta's Forest Protection Area (FPA) covers approximately 60 per cent of the province's landmass. The province is responsible for managing wildfires in this area. Wildfire protection in Alberta is shared between Alberta Wildfire (inside the FPA) and the municipalities and counties outside the FPA.

Forest and Prairie Protection Act

If you're responsible for starting a wildfire, you can be charged under the Forest and Prairie Protection Act (FPPA), fined and held liable for all costs associated with fighting wildfire. All Alberta legislation, including the FPPA, can be found at the Queen's Printer— qp.alberta.ca



Property Line Spray Program

To better manage noxious weeds, prohibited noxious weeds and brush in the right-of-way ditches that cannot be effectively controlled from the roadway the County has implemented the Property Line Spray Program.

Agricultural Services will

provide a Property Line Spray Request agreement where landowners agree to:

- Allow the County to spray herbicide onto their land that is adjacent to a road ditch.
- Allow the County to enter their land to spray herbicides

outwards into the road ditches, if necessary.

- Allow the County to spray brush up to 1.5 meters in height when adjacent to a road ditch.



Weed Report vs. Weed Notice

Should a Weed Inspector discover a noxious weed, they will write up a Weed Report and inform the landowner of the weed infestation. This is not a Weed Notice. A Weed Report is offered as an informational tool to encourage landowners to control the weeds in question or to contact the Agricultural Services Department to learn more about plant management.

A Weed Notice, on the other hand, is a legal document under the Alberta Weed Control Act. A Notice will be issued if a landowner has repeatedly failed to control the weeds identified in the Weed Report. A Weed Notice is a document that, if not complied with, will lead to Clear Hills County taking control/eradicating the weeds in question with the landowner still responsible for

the costs of the control.

Under the Act, Weed Inspections, “may enter at any reasonable hour on land premises, and inspect the land or any crops, hay, etc., on the premises.”

For more information contact Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman at 780-685-3925 or email greg@clearhillscounty.ab.ca.

Mowing For Community

Organizations

Once again, the County will offer to mow outfields and large grassed areas once annually in conjunction with the roadside mowing program.

Organizations requesting the service will be required to complete and submit a Waiver Agreement. For further details of the Community Mowing Program contact the Public Works Department at 780-685-3925.



Summer Grading

Clear Hills County provides Summer Driveway Grading for senior citizens, once per season, during the summer months. Once signed up, you must contact the County to request the service. To qualify you must be 65 years of age or over, sign a waiver and provide proof of age. For more information contact the Public Works Department.



Do you need a Development Permit?

Contact the County's Development Officer should require assistance in completing a Development Permit Application.

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

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

*All Development located within 0.8km of a Provincial Highway requires a Roadside Development Permit from Alberta Transportation.
For more information contact 780-427-2731.*

If you have questions about the Land Use Bylaw regulations and how they apply to your development contact the Development Officer at 780-685-3925

Development Permit Application

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

For Development applications, the following information is required but not limited to:

- ⇒ Property owners signature
- ⇒ Development type, start date, completion date and construction costs
- ⇒ Site Plan
- ⇒ Floor Plan
- ⇒ Signed right of entry form

Additional Permits

In addition to a Development Permit, you may also require:

- ⇒ Building Permit
- ⇒ Gas Permit
- ⇒ Electrical Permit
- ⇒ Plumbing Permit
- ⇒ Private Sewage Treatment System

For further information on these permits or regulatory information, contact one of the agencies authorized by Alberta Municipal Affairs to issue these permits at <http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/permits>

Development continued...

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

- ⇒ Any farm use building, shed, dugout (located as least 40.8m/134 feet from the road right-of-way or minor accessory use must otherwise conform to the provisions of the Land Use Bylaw.
- ⇒ Minor repair or maintenance to a building (providing there are no structural changes)
- ⇒ The construction or repair of a fence that is less then 1 meter (3 feet) in height in front yards and 2 meters (6 feet) in height in rear and side yards.
- ⇒ Decks (provided they have no walls or roof and are less then .6 meters (2 feet) from the ground level.
- ⇒ Accessory buildings (shed etc.) under 9.29² (100m²) that do not have a foundation.



Proper Mulching Techniques

Mulching is one of the most beneficial practices a homeowner can use for better tree health.

Mulches are materials placed over the soil surface to maintain moisture and improve soil conditions. Mulching is one of the most beneficial acts a homeowner can do for the health of a tree. However, improper mulching materials and practices may have little, or even negative, impact on the trees in your landscape.



Benefits of Proper Mulching

- Helps reduce soil moisture loss through evaporation
- Helps control weed germination and growth
- Insulates soil, protecting roots from extreme summer and winter temperatures
- Can improve soil biology, aeration, structure (aggregation of soil particles), and drainage over time
- Can improve soil fertility as certain mulch types decompose
- Inhibits certain plant diseases
- Reduces the likelihood of tree damage from “weed whackers” or the dreaded “lawn mower blight”
- Gives planting beds a uniform, well-cared-for look

Trees growing in a natural forest environment have their roots anchored in a rich, well-aerated soil full of essential nutrients and soil microorganisms. The soil is blanketed by leaves, organic materials, and living organisms that replenish and recycle nutrients. This environment is optimal for root growth and mineral uptake. Urban landscapes and new developments, however, are typically harsher environments with poor quality soils, reduced organic matter, and large fluctuations in soil temperature and moisture. Applying a 2- to 4-inch (5- to 10-cm) layer of organic mulch can mimic a more natural environment and improve plant health.

Types of Mulch

Mulches are available in many forms. The two major types of mulch are inorganic and organic. Inorganic mulches include various types of stone, lava rock, pulverized rubber, geotextile fabrics, and other materials. Inorganic mulches do not decompose and do not need to be replenished often. On the other hand, they do not improve soil structure, add organic materials, or provide nutrients. For these reasons, most horticulturists and arborists prefer organic mulches.

Organic mulches include wood chips, pine needles, hardwood and softwood bark, cocoa hulls, leaves, compost mixes, and a variety of other products usually derived from plants. Organic mulches decompose in the landscape at different rates depending on the material, climate, and soil microorganisms present. Those that decompose faster must be replenished more often. Because the decomposition process improves soil quality and fertility, many arborists and other landscape professionals consider that characteristic a positive one, despite the added maintenance.



Not Too Much!

As beneficial as mulch is, too much can be harmful. The generally recommended mulching depth is 2 to 4 inches (5 to 10 cm). Unfortunately, many landscapes are falling victim to a plague of overmulching. “Mulch volcanoes” are excessive piles of mulch materials applied around the base of trees. While organic mulches must be replenished over time, buildup can occur if reapplication outpaces decomposition or if new material is added simply to refresh color. Deep mulch can be effective in suppressing weeds and reducing maintenance, but it often causes additional problems.

Problems Associated with Improper Mulching

- On wet soils, deep mulch can lead to excess moisture in the root zone, which can stress the plant and cause root rot.
- Piling mulch against the trunk or stems of plants can stress stem tissues and may lead to the development of insect and disease problems or stem girdling roots.

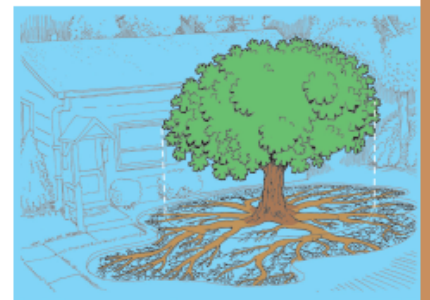
- Some mulches, especially those containing fresh grass clippings, can affect soil pH and may eventually lead to nutrient deficiencies or toxic buildups.
- Mulch piled high against the trunks of young trees may create habitats for rodents that chew the bark and can girdle the trees.
- Thick blankets of fine mulch can become matted and may reduce the penetration of water and air.
- Anaerobic “sour” mulch may give off pungent odors, and the alcohols and organic acids that build up may be toxic to young plants.



Proper Mulching

The choice of mulch and the method of application can be important to the health of landscape plants. The following are some guidelines to use when applying mulch:

- Determine whether soil drainage is adequate and if there are plants that may be affected by the choice of mulch. Most commonly available mulches work well in most landscapes. Some plants may benefit from the use of slightly acidifying mulch, such as pine bark.
- For well-drained sites, apply a 2- to 4-inch (5- to 10-cm) layer of mulch (less if poorly drained). Coarse mulches can be applied slightly deeper without harm. Place mulch out to the edge of a tree’s crown or beyond. Remember, if a tree had a say in the matter, its entire root system (which usually extends well beyond the drip line) would be mulched.
- If mulch is already present, check the depth. If sufficient mulch is present, break up any matted layers and refresh the appearance with a rake. Some landscape maintenance companies spray mulch with a water-soluble, vegetable-based dye to add color to faded material.
- If mulch is piled against the stems or tree trunks, pull it back several inches/centimeters so that the base of the trunk is exposed. Composted wood chips can make good mulch, especially when they include some bark and leaves. Fresh wood chips also may be used around established trees and shrubs. Avoid using fine, non-composted wood chips, as soil nitrogen may be taken up by the roots as the wood chips decompose.



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For Immediate Release
Monday June 8, 2020

The UFA Rural Communities Foundation Continues \$100,000 Community Grant Program

Calgary – Monday June 8, 2020: While the world and our communities may be going through uncertain times, the UFA Rural Communities Foundation (RCF) would like to share a little certainty this upcoming Farmer's Day.

Last year, the UFA Rural Communities Foundation announced a \$500,000 commitment over five years to rural communities.

This Friday, on Farmer's Day, the RCF is opening this year's program to applications and encourages communities to apply for up to \$100,000 for projects that enrich education, recreation and culture.

"Farmer's Day is a day to recognize farmers and their important work at home and in their communities. We know the importance of rural communities and with a \$100,000 grant a year for five years, the foundation wants to ensure our farmers and rural communities remain strong," said RCF board chair, Harvey Hagman.

The mandate of the foundation is to improve the sustainability of farmers and ranchers in Alberta by improving access to funding for educational, recreational and cultural facilities and programs in Alberta.

Groups who are eligible to apply include registered charities under the Canada Revenue Agency, registered non-profit organizations who are registered with either their provincial or municipal government and community service co-operatives. The project must be located within 200 kilometres of a UFA location and must be completed within two years.

Application forms are available on-line now from our website www.rcfufa.com. The application can be submitted between June 12 and August 31, 2020. Winners will be announced in October, during Co-operative week.

In 2019, the winning projects were in Paradise Valley, Delia and Onoway. Information and photos of these projects are on the website.

For more information on how to apply for the RCF grant, please go to our website or email info@rcfufa.com.

Follow us on our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for updates, tips on filling out the application form and highlights from the previous winners.

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Media Contact:
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RCF Co-ordinator





Peace Region

Family Resource Network

Home Visitation (0-6 years)

With this program, we work together with families that have young children (0-6). We focus on parent/children interactions that support child development, growth and exploration with a tailor made program that is unique to each family.

Parent Education (0-18 years)

- Triple P Positive Parenting
- Circle of Security
- Kids Have Stress Too!
- One-on-One Support

For more information and to be added to one of our Parent Education interest lists please call 780-624-0770

Developmental Screening (0-6 years)

Ages and Stages Questionnaires. Screening tools for caregivers to complete with children ages 0-6 years. ASQ and ASQ-SE measure 5 key areas of development as well as social/emotional development. To fill out an online Ages and Stages Questionnaire visit:

www.asqonline.com/family/c84c2b

Community Connection & Referral

We can help connect you with community services, agencies and family referrals.



Phone: 780-624-0770 / Email: frn@peacriver.ca

www.peacriver.ca/frn

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Serving Peace River and area including

Berwyn, Birch Hills County, Clear Hills, Fairview, Fairview No. 136, Grimshaw, Hines Creek, Little Buffalo, Manning, Nampa, Northern Lights, Northern Sunrise County, Peace No.135

Main Office Location:

Baytex Energy Centre (upstairs)
9810 73rd Ave. Peace River, Alberta

Mailing Address:

Box 6600 Peace River, Alberta, T8S 1S4





2020 Biggest Vegetable Contest

Contest categories:

Beets	Carrots	Corn
Onions	Potatoes	Pumpkins
Tomatoes	Turnip	Zucchini
Other Squash	Most Unique	Cabbage

2 entry groups: Adults 13 & over

Kids: 12 & under

First Place: \$50 each group & category

The Biggest Vegetable Contest weighing stations will be set up at each of the following locations over a one week period in September: Bear Canyon, Cleardale, David Thompson, Hines Creek & Worsley.


Winners will be announced at the end of the contest, and the pictures of winners with their entries will be published in the October County newsletter and the following April at the Agricultural Trade Show.

Worsley Health Centre

July

2020

Our hours of operation are 8:30 -4:30 Closed from 12:00 – 1:00 for lunch

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 closed 	2	3	4
5	6 <i>Nurse Practitioner</i> Call for appointment	7 <i>Nurse Practitioner</i> Immunization Clinics Call for appointment	8 <i>Nurse Practitioner</i> Call for appointment	9 <i>Nurse Practitioner</i> Call for appointment	10 <i>Nurse Practitioner</i> Call for appointment	11
12	13 <i>Nurse Practitioner</i> Call for appointment	14 <i>Nurse Practitioner</i> Call for appointment	15 <i>Nurse Practitioner</i> Call for appointment	16 <i>Nurse Practitioner</i> Call for appointment	17 <i>Nurse Practitioner</i> Call for appointment	18
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26	27 <i>Nurse Practitioner</i> Call for appointment	28 <i>Nurse Practitioner</i> Call for appointment	29 <i>Nurse Practitioner</i> Call for appointment	30	31	

Please call the Health Centre to book immunization and Nurse Practitioner appointments.

Please call Fairview Medical Clinic to schedule Dr. Appointments.

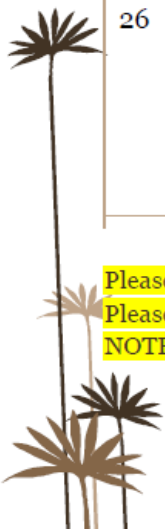
NOTE DR.'S ARE NO LONGER COMING TO WORSLEY FOR CLINIC.

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

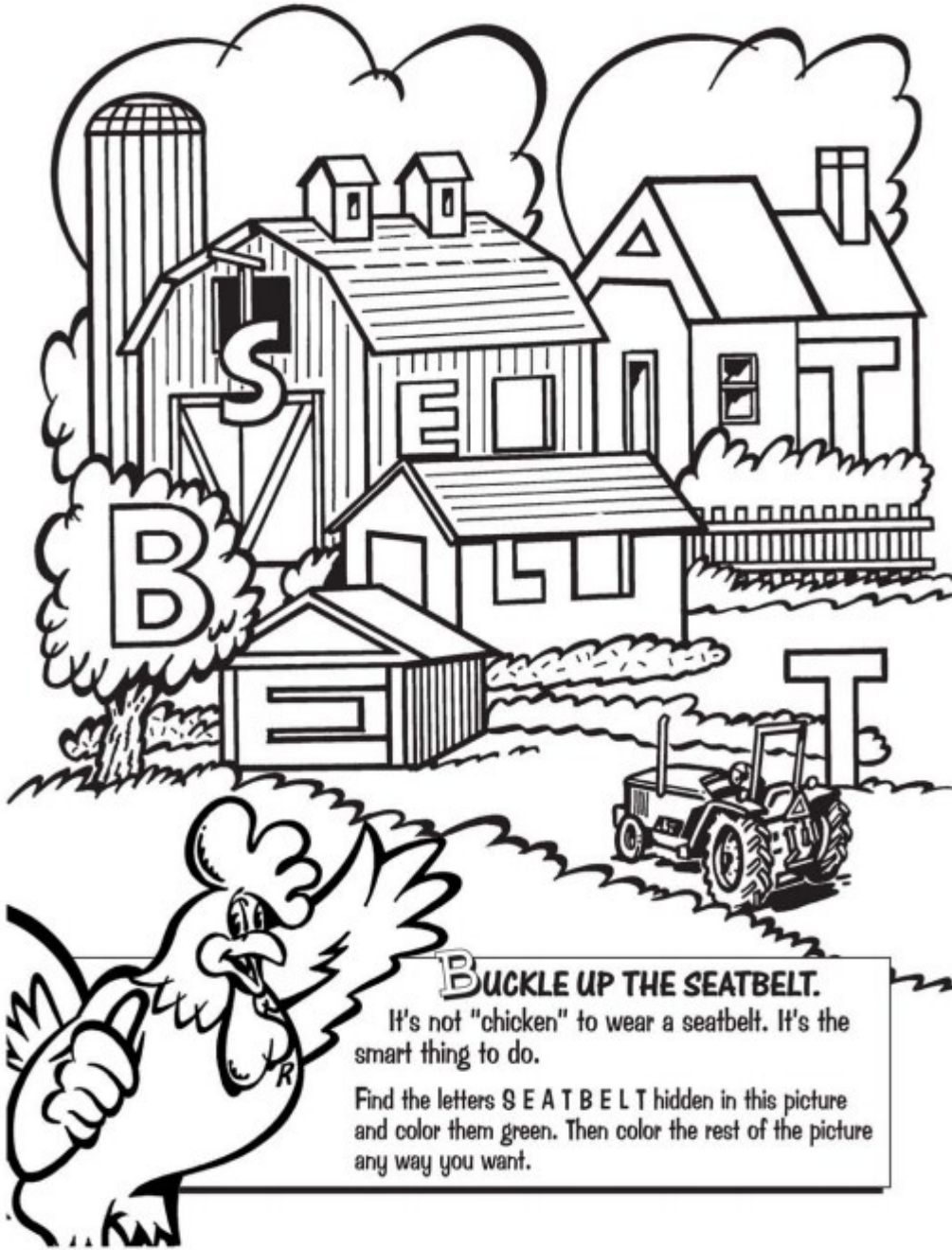
Worsley Health Centre 780-685-3752
Fairview Medical Clinic 780-835-4255

Fairview Public Health 780-835-4951
Fairview Hospital 780-835-6100

Emergency 911
Health Link 811



HELP READY ROOSTER ...



Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Phone: _____

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

Color the poster and mail to the Clear Hills County office by July 15th.

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 ☆ Winner of the June coloring ☆
 ☆ contest was ☆
 ☆ Kezia Joy Fehr ☆
 ☆ CONGRATULATIONS! ☆
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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 www.worsleycentralschool.ca/Library.php as well as on our Facebook page at

www.facebook.com/worsleylibrary

We gratefully accept donations of gently used books and magazines.

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

Bear Point Community

Library Hours

Monday through Thursday

10:00 am—3:00 pm

Worsley Pioneer Club

New Members Welcome

Cards Wednesday 1:00 p.m.—

4:00 p.m. at the Worsley Pioneer Club Hall

For rental information call:

Margaret: 780-685-3793

Olive: 780-685-3774

Hall: 780-685-2078

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

NOTE:

Due to the current public gather restrictions and self distancing due to COVID-19, hours and availability of the facilities listed on this page may not be as advertised.

July 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 <i>Canada Day</i> <i>County office Closed</i>	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 <i>Council Mtg.</i> <i>9:30 a.m.</i>	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 <i>ASB Mtg.</i> <i>10:00 a.m.</i>	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 <i>Council Mtg.</i> <i>9:30 a.m.</i>	29	30	31	



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Phone: 780-494-2467

Division #3— Amber Bean Deputy Reeve
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Phone: 780-834-8871

Division #4—Jason Ruecker
Box 205 Worsley, AB T0H 3W0
Phone: 780-835-0398

Division #5—David Janzen
Box 179 Cleardale, AB T0H 3Y0
Phone: 780-834-0197

Division #6—Vacant

Division #7—Raymond Wetmore
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Phone/Fax: 780-595-2188

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780-494-2231

Baldur Ruecker – Deputy Chair
780-685-2546

David Janzen —Councillor
780-834-0197

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
Jim Stephenson yard
SE 36 85 5 W6M
Jim 780-494-2458

County Transfer Site Hours—May 1st to September 30th

All Transfer Sites are closed on Sunday

Transfer Site	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Bear Canyon	12:00 pm 8:00 pm	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed
Clear Prairie	closed	closed	closed	4:00 pm 8:00 pm	closed	closed
Cleardale	closed	11:00 am 3:00 pm	closed	closed	closed	12:00 pm 8:00 pm
David Thompson	closed	closed	closed	closed	12:00 pm 8:00 pm	closed
Eureka River	closed	closed	12:00 pm 8:00 pm	closed	closed	closed
Hines Creek	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed	8:00 am 5:00 pm
Royce	closed	closed	closed	12:00 pm 8:00 pm	closed	closed
Whitelaw	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed	12:00 pm 8:00 pm
Worsley	closed	4:00 pm 8:00 pm	closed	closed	12:00 pm 8:00 pm	closed