



The Clear Hills County office will be closed from December 22, 2023, to January 2, 2024.

#### **Clear Hills County Meetings**

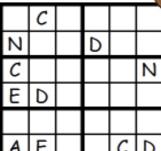
- **Council meetings** are held on the second and the forth Tuesday of each month at 9:30am at the Clear Hills County office.
- Policy and Priority Committee (Council as a whole) meetings are held as required.
- Municipal Planning Commission meeting's are scheduled in the second and forth Tuesday of each month, as required.
- Agriculture Service Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of most months.

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# Clear Hills County Council Expenditure Report For the Year to Date Period Ending October 31, 2023

	Membership							
		Employer		Travel &	& Conference			
	Honorariums	Contributions	Training	Subsistence	Fees	Internet	Other Costs	Totals
Ward 1	33,979	5,269	0	7,901	1,892	1,340	154	50,535
Ward 2	31,470	5,558	0	8,964	1,667	1,340	154	49,153
Ward 3	47,451	4,149	0	8,478	1,453	1,440	166	63,136 *
Ward 4	29,413	4,934	0	3,697	578	1,290	154	40,065
Ward 5	42,871	5,029	0	10,763	728	1,390	154	60,934
Ward 6	24,572	4,721	0	2,361	0	975	154	32,783
Ward 7	16,154	883	<u>0</u>	778	<u>0</u>	375	<u>154</u>	18,344
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	225,910	30,543	0	42,941	6,317	8,150	1,090	314,951

<sup>\*</sup> Please note: The County has been reimbursed \$2,073.47 from Alberta Environment & Parks.

# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023

**PRESENT** 

Amber Bean Abe Giesbrecht Danae Walmsley David Janzen Jason Ruecker Nathan Stevenson Reeve Councillor Councillor Deputy Reeve Councillor Councillor

Councillor

**ATTENDING** 

Allan Rowe Terry Shewchuk Bonnie Morgan

Susan Hansen

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Public Works Manager (PWM) Executive Assistant (EA)

**ABSENT** 

**CALL TO ORDER** 

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

ACCEPTANCE OF

**AGENDA** 

C612-23(11-14-23)

RESOLUTION by Reeve Bean to adopt the agenda governing the November 14, 2023 Regular Council Meeting with the addition of 6.a. Tender Opening Proposal 2023-P14 Multi-Function Devices, as presented.

CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Previous
Council

Meeting Minutes

C613-23(11-14-23)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Giesbrecht to adopt the minutes of the October 24, 2023, Organizational Meeting, as presented.

CARRIED

C614-23(11-14-23)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Hansen to adopt the minutes of the October 24, 2023, Regular Council Meeting, as Presented.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

COUNCIL
Management Team
Activity Report

Management activity report was reviewed.

Councillor Ruecker entered the meeting at 9:44

C615-23(11-14-23)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Walmsley that the management activity reports for October 24, 2023, be accepted, as presented.

CARRIED.

TENDER OPENING
Proposal 2023-P14
Multi-Function

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Devices

Council is presented with Proposal 2023-P14 Multi-Function Devices for the County office to open and have recommendations brought back to a future Council meeting.

#### C616-23(11-14-23)

RESOLUTION by Reeve Bean to open proposals received for Proposal 2023-P14 Multi-Function Devices for the County office and bring recommendations back to a future Council meeting.

CARRIED.

Company	Amount
Xerox Canada	Opened
Ideal Office Solutions	Opened
Hi Tech Building Systems/Solutions	Opened
Hi Tech Building Systems/Solutions	Opened

Councillor Reports

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

C617-23(11-14-23)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Hansen to receive the Council verbal and written reports for information, as presented. CARRIED.

Deputy Reeve Janzen recessed the meeting at 10:19 a.m. Deputy Reeve Janzen reconvened the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

Municipal Affairs-Municipal Government Act – 5:1 Ratio

Council has received correspondence from Municipal Affairs regarding the amendment of property tax rates for Residential and Non-Residential properties under the Municipal Government Act, section 358.

C618-23(11-14-23)

RESOLUTION by Reeve Bean to bring back recommendations for a 10 year plan to come in line with the Municipal Affairs directed 5:1 ratio on the property tax rates for Residential and Non-Residential properties.

CARRIED.

Village of Hines Creek Joint Meeting Request

Council is presented with a request from the Village of Hines Creek for a Joint Meeting to discuss funding requests as well as other pertinent information.

C619-23(11-14-23)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen to approve the attendance of all Council to a joint meeting with the Village of Hines Creek, date to be determined. CARRIED.

Bylaw 282-23 Poultry

Council is presented with Bylaw 282-23 for the purpose of governing the keeping of poultry in hamlet residential districts.

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023

C620-23(11-14-23)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Giesbrecht that Council gives first reading to Bylaw No.282-23 a bylaw to regulate the keeping of poultry in hamlet residential districts.

CARRIED.

C621-23(11-14-23)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen that Council gives second reading to Bylaw No.282-23 a bylaw to regulate the keeping of poultry in hamlet residential districts. CARRIED.

C622-23(11-14-23)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Walmsley that Council proceeds to third and final reading to Bylaw No.282-23 a bylaw to regulate the keeping of poultry in hamlet residential districts.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** 

C623-23(11-14-23)

RESOLUTION by Reeve Bean that Council gives third and final reading to Bylaw No.282-23 a bylaw to regulate the keeping of poultry in hamlet residential districts. CARRIED.

RMA Convention Review

Councillors attended the Rural Municipalities of Alberta Convention the week of November 6-9, 2023. Council met with the following ministers.

Deputy Reeve Janzen recessed the meeting at 11:47 a.m. Deputy Reeve Janzen reconvened the meeting at 12:14 p.m.

CORPORATE
SERVICES
Accounts Payable
October 25, 2023,
to November 14, 2023

A list of expenditures for Clear Hills County for the period of October 25, 2023 to November 14, 2023 is provided for Council's review.

C624-23(11-14-23)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Giesbrecht that Council receives for information the Accounts Payable report for Clear Hills County for the period of October 25, 2023 to November 14, 2023 for a total of \$341,769.27. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY Appreciation Banquet

Council is presented with a draft policy for the Clear Hills County Appreciation Banquet from the recommendations from the Policy and Priority meeting held on Monday, October 16, 2023 regarding the Clear Hills County Appreciation Banquet.

C625-23(11-14-23)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen to bring back the Draft Policy 6804 Appreciation Banquet with the following amendments: setting an annual budget of \$20,000.00. CARRIED.

<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u> North Peace Regional Landfill

Council is presented with the financial history for the North Peace Regional Landfill from 2002-current.

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C626-23(11-14-23)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Hansen to accept the North Peace Regional Landfill financial history for information, as presented. CARRIED.

Range Road 64

Council is presented with an engineering estimate from WSP Canada Inc. for the design and tender of the construction, as well as an estimated construction cost for the approximately 900 meters of a new local road on Range Road 64 North of Township Road 872.

C627-23(11-14-23)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Giesbrecht to approve WSP Canada Inc.'s engineering estimate of \$91,734.00 for the construction of approximately 900 meters of a new local road on Range Road 64 North of Township Road 872, with the funds to be allocated from the road reserve, as presented.

CARRIED.

WRITTEN REPORTS
Chief Administrative
Officer's Report

Chief Administrative Officer's report.

C628-23(11-14-23)

RESOLUTION by Reeve Bean to receive the Chief Administrative Officers report for information, as presented. CARRIED.

Corporate Services Manager's Report

Corporate Services Report. No report.

Public Works Manager's Report

Public Works Manager's Report

C629-23(11-14-23)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Walmsley to receive the Public Works Manager's report for information, as presented. CARRIED.

COUNCIL INFORMATION

Council is presented with correspondence, for information. Nothing to report.

**CALENDARS** 

Council and administration shall review the upcoming months' calendars for Councillor Committee meetings to attend or that were attended, to assist Administration with record keeping and Council with reminders of upcoming meetings.

C630-23(11-14-23)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen to accept for information the November, December 2023 and January 2024 calendar updates of Councillor Committee meetings and important dates, for information as presented.

Date	Meeting	Attendee
Nov 21	CCF	Hansen, Walmsley
Nov 30	PCBF	Janzen, Ruecker
Dec 6	NPHF	Walmsley
		CARRIED.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Reeve Bean adjourned the, November 14, 2023 Regular Council Meeting 1:57 p.m.

DATE	REEVE
DATE	CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

# MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY POLICY & PRIORITY MEETING CLEAR HILLS COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2023

PRESENT	Amber Bean David Janzen Danae Walmsley Susan Hansen	Reeve Deputy Reeve Councillor Councillor	
ABSENT	Abe Giesbrecht Jason Ruecker Nathan Stevenson	Councillor Councillor Councillor	
ATTENDING	Allan Rowe Bonnie Morgan	Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Executive Assistant (EA)	
CALL TO ORDER	Reeve Bean called the me	eeting to order at 9:30 a.m.	
ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA P631-23(11-16-23)	governing the Novemb	ty Reeve Janzen to adopt the agenda per 16, 2023 Policy & Priority Meeting neeting item, as presented. CARRIED.	
P632-23(11-16-23)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Walmsley that Council close the meeting to the public as per Section 27, of FOIP at 9:35 a.m.  CARRIED.		
		GARRIED.	
P633-23(11-16-23)		Reeve Janzen to reconvene the meeting ion 27, of FOIP at 10:18 a.m. CARRIED.	
P633-23(11-16-23)  NEW BUSINESS: COUNCIL		Reeve Janzen to reconvene the meeting	
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P636-23(11-16-23)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Hansen to receive the information regarding public meeting for information as presented and bring back to a future meeting.

CARRIED.

Transfer Stations Council requested a review of the combined costs associated with the 9 Clear Hills County Transfer Stations and Recycling Stations.

P637-23(11-16-23)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen to table the discussion regarding Transfer Stations until the next Policy & Priority Meeting.

CARRIED.

Re-Branding Council is presented with proposals for the re-branding of Clear Hills County for their review and discussion.

ADJOURNMENT Reeve Bean adjourned the October 16, 2023 Policy & Priority Meeting at 12:08 p.m.

DATE REEVE

DATE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

#### North Peace Regional Landfill Commission

The North Peace Regional Landfill Commission is currently inviting tenders for the lease of approximately 205 acres of farmland located on the eastern half of section 27-82-3-W6, adjacent to the eastern boundary of the NPRL landfill. Please be informed of the following lease requirements and pertinent information:

Lease Duration: The lease will be for a four-year term, commencing on January 1, 2024, and concluding on December 31, 2027.

Tenders for this opportunity should be submitted to the North Peace Regional Landfill Commission, Box 2654, Fairview, AB T0H LLO, in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Land Rent Proposal" no later than 3:00 pm on December 15, 2023. It is important to note that the Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

For any additional information or inquiries, please contact Douglas Luck, Manager, at 780-835-2576 or reach out to the North Peace Regional Landfill Commission at Box 2654, Fairview, AB T0H 1L0.

#### **REMINDER!**

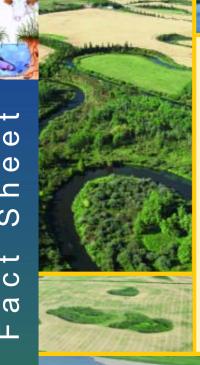


Please remember when sending E-Transfers to the County that you must include an account number or description of where the funds are to be put towards! Failure to do so may result in delay in processing and finance charges.

payments@clearhillscounty.ab.ca

# Crops, Creeks & Sloughs

managing riparian areas in and around cropland







## What is a Riparian Area?

Riparian areas are portions of the landscape strongly influenced by water. You can recognize them by the water-loving plants along rivers, streams, lakes, springs, wetlands, sloughs and seeps. The plants growing in riparian areas are usually very different from the adjacent cropland and pastureland. Lush growth of grasses, sedges, cattails, shrubs and trees characterize riparian areas. The kinds of plants growing in a riparian area vary depending on whether the riparian area is surrounding a wetland, lake, large river or small creek. As the surrounding photos demonstrate, riparian areas also look different depending on what part of the province they are found in.

Riparian areas make up only 2 - 5% of the total land base. However, they are very important ecologically, socially and economically.



## Why are Riparian Areas Important?

Healthy riparian areas perform many important functions in our landscape. They:

- Trap and store water, thus recharging groundwater
- Decrease the magnitude of floods and reduce damage from high water levels
- Filter runoff water as it moves towards the water body, thereby improving water quality
- Trap and store sediments as well as protect banks and shorelines from erosion
- Provide habitat for fish, wildlife and plants
- Offer shelter and forage for livestock production
- Slowly release water from shallow groundwater to add moisture to adjacent crops and forage.

areas provide
important benefits to
surrounding croplands. Read
on to find out how riparian
areas enhance cropping systems
and how you can manage your
riparian area and croplands
to maximize these
benefits.

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# The Links Between Crops and Riparian Areas

### How do Riparian Areas Help Me and My Crops?

- Water in riparian areas infiltrates through the ground and spreads both outwards and downwards.
  This does two things; it recharges the local groundwater reserves and creates increased soil
  moisture in the surrounding area. This has direct benefits for the surrounding crops, resulting in
  higher crop yields.
- Riparian areas, along with grassed waterways (natural drainage paths in fields), can reduce soil and bank erosion. This adds to the stability of croplands.
- The deep fertile soils in river valleys were originally created by riparian areas. The lush vegetation traps sediment and nutrients to build a highly productive soil for crops.
- Riparian areas trap nutrients and agricultural chemicals found in runoff from fields, and reduce the risk of contamination of water sources, especially for downstream neighbours.
- Intact wetlands and riparian areas reduce the spread of salinity problems. When a wetland is drained and cultivated, it can act as a source of minerals and salts to adjacent areas, making the adjacent area less suitable for crop production.

However, riparian areas can only deal with so much. Sensible cropping practices should avoid overloading riparian areas so that they can continue to function and provide benefits to surrounding crops.



A healthy, well-functioning riparian area provides many more benefits than an unhealthy one. Riparian areas vary in their health for a variety of reasons.

Is your riparian area healthy? If it is, you should see:

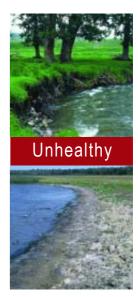
- Lush vegetation including a variety of native plants such as grasses, sedges, cattails, and layers of shrubs and trees
- Stable, well-vegetated bank and/or shorelines
- ✓ Very little or no bare soil
- ✓ Few or no weeds

#### What is a Buffer?

Think of a buffer as the "filling" that is sandwiched between your crop and the adjacent riparian area. Buffers can greatly increase the effectiveness of riparian areas. There are many different types of vegetation that make effective buffers. For example a buffer could be a strip of native grasses, a non-native grass/legume mix or even a shelterbelt of berry-producing shrubs or trees. In addition to protecting the riparian area, buffers usually trap snow, adding further moisture to your croplands. Buffers of 30 m wide are adequate in most situations, but wider strips may be needed in steep areas.







Increased soil moisture

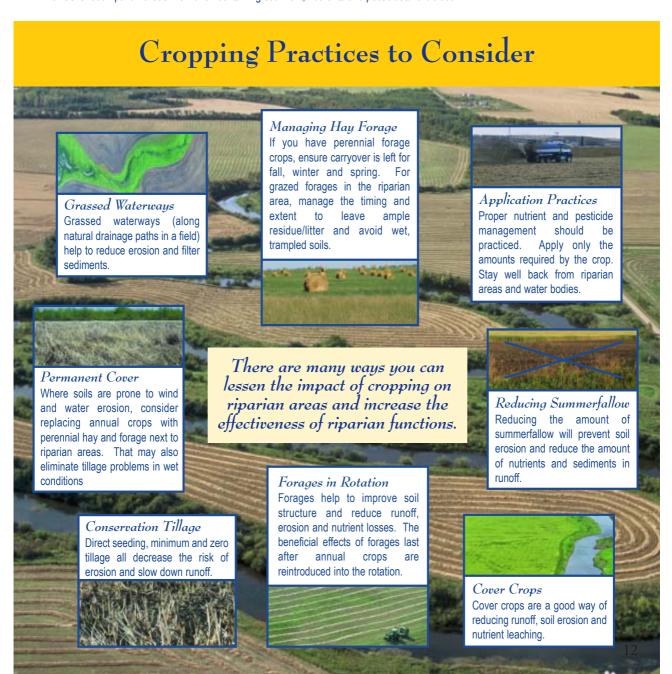




## How Can You Help Riparian Areas Do Their Job?

Here are some tips to help you maintain a healthy riparian area:

- Keep the riparian area in as natural a state as possible. Retain the native plants that are adapted to living in riparian areas. A thick tangle
  of shrubs, cattails, sedges and trees is highly effective at removing nutrients, trapping sediment and stabilizing shorelines and banks.
- Minimize compaction of riparian soils by livestock, vehicles and equipment. Compaction means that less water can infiltrate through the
  riparian soils. This reduces the amount of water entering groundwater reserves and increases runoff.
- Leave wetlands intact rather than draining and/or cropping them. See our "Value of Wetlands" fact sheet for more information on how
  wetlands benefit croplands, improve local climate and improve water quality.
- Retain the full width of the riparian area AND add a buffer between it and your crop.
- Don't overload riparian areas with runoff containing sediment, nutrients and pesticides/herbicides.



## Resources

## about Riparian Areas & Croplands

#### Cows and Fish

Cows and Fish is a non-government program that fosters a better understanding of how improvements in management of riparian areas can enhance landscape health and productivity for the benefit of ranchers, farmers and others who use and value riparian areas. Cows and Fish helps landowners. producer municipalities and local communities address riparian management issues on a watershed basis. We do this by increasing awareness through education and the use of a number of "tools" such as demonstration sites and health assessment of riparian areas. Riparian health assessments provide baseline information about riparian health and function and help develop plans to address specific land use issues.

#### Materials Available from Cows and Fish

- Caring for the Green Zone Riparian Areas and Grazing Management
- ◆ Riparian Areas: A User's Guide to Health
- Riparian Health Assessment for Streams and Small Rivers - Field Workbook
- Riparian Health Assessment for Lakes, Sloughs and Wetlands - Field Workbook
- Fact Sheets Series, including: Value of Wetlands, Facing the Issues, Tools for Riparian Management, Water Quality, Lakes and Wetlands, Biodiversity, Invasive and Disturbance-caused Plants in Riparian Areas
- Other material is available on our website (see below).

#### Other Organizations

#### Alberta Reduced Tillage LINKAGES (RTL)

This partnership of industry, conservation and education organizations and government works in conjunction with local organizations and helps to sponsor field days and demonstrations of reduced tillage. The partnership also initiated a Direct Seeding Factsheet Series, published by Alberta Agriculture - Conservation and Development.

J. G. O'Donoghue Bldg. 206, 7000 - 113 Street Edmonton, AB T6H 5T6 Phone: (780) 422-7922 www.reducedtillage.ca

#### Alberta Conservation Tillage Society

This non-profit society promotes the importance of soil conservation to farmers, agriculture extension personnel, and the general public.

Box 41029 114 Street 40 Avenue Edmonton, AB, T6J 6M7 Phone: 780-842-2225 Fax: (403) 227-1925

#### Soil & Water Conservation Society Alberta Chapter

This group promotes public awareness and education in Alberta concerning the conservation of soil, water and related natural resources

c/o Alberta Agriculture-Conservation and Development Branch 206, 7000 - 113 Street Edmonton, AB, T6H 5T6 Phone: 780-427-3588 Fax: 780-422-0474



#### Government Resources

## Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:

Riparian Areas: An Undervalued Saskatchewan Resource available from:

www.agr.gc.ca/pfra/land/riparea.htm

#### Alberta Sustainable Resource Development

Managing Riparian Areas available from: www3.gov.ab.ca/srd/land/publicland s/publan22.html

## Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Water Quality and Riparian Areas on Your Land available from:

www.agric.gov.ab.ca/sustain/water/waterways/cen97-1.html



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# Working with producers and communities on riparian awareness

Program Manager 403-381-5538 North/Central Alberta Coordinator 780-679-1289 Southern Alberta Coordinator 403-381-5377 Fax 403-381-5723 ◆E-mail riparian@telusplanet.net

www.cowsandfish.org

Cows and Fish Partners

Producers & Community Groups, Alberta Beef Producers, Trout Unlimited Canada, Canadian Cattlemen's Association, Alberta Agriculture, Food & Rural Development, Alberta Sustainable Resource Development, Alberta Environment, Fisheries & Oceans Canada, Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration, Alberta Conservation Association

Funding Associates include Canada AESA, CARDF, CABIDF, Habitat Stewardship Program



#### The Gray wolf (Canis lupus)

The **Gray wolf** (*Canis lupus*) is an intelligent and resourceful predator found throughout Alberta's foothills, mountains and boreal forest. It is the largest member of the wild dog species (*Canis*) and can weigh up to **60+ kgs**. Typical prey includes moose, elk, deer, bison and smaller animals. They typically hunt at night as a pack, which can range from 2 - 20+ wolves. Populations in Alberta are considered stable.

#### **Wolves and People**

Myths and stories have been told throughout history about wolves. While some have been positive many have negatively portrayed wolves, often as a result of conflict with people. Livestock depredation is one such example. Normally, wolves are wary of people and will generally keep their distance and stay hidden. However, wolves that have been directly or indirectly fed by people (i.e. garbage, carcasses, etc.) and become food conditioned, or have learned to hunt livestock, are more likely to become problematic and pose livelihood and safety risks.

#### Be WolfSmart and adopt best management practices on your farm!

Reducing and preventing conflict between wolves, people and livestock can be achieved by being **WolfSmart.** Best management practices include:

- Removing and properly storing attractants such as dead carcasses, other food sources and garbage.
- Plan your breeding season, as the scent of birthing mothers and new born calves are strong attractants for wolves. Also remove afterbirth or still borns, and time castration and branding so calves can heal, thereby reducing smells, before they are released into pastures.
- Use defined storage areas at least 200m from calving or feeding areas to reduce hiding cover. Also, plan your pasture sites, avoiding areas of thick vegetation, creek beds, etc.
- Using pens, electric fencing, or guard dogs (e.g. Anatolians or Great Pyrenees) for livestock. Also increase the routine presence of people checking on livestock, at various hours.
- Using hazing or scaring devices, such as fladry, strobe lights, or sirens to scare wolves away or alert people. Fladry combined with electric fencing has been particularly effective—use a series of bright cloth flags (red or orange) tied at 18-inch intervals on fencing to deter wolves.

Some resources that may be helpful include:

http://www.watertonbiosphere.com/projects/carnivores-communities/

http://www.ablamb.ca/images/documents/management-modules/Predation-Management.pdf

https://www.bcac.bc.ca/sites/bcac.localhost/files/WPLP%20Best%20Management%20Practices%20for%20Cattle.pdf

http://www.albertatrappers.com/

Wolves can also be hunted or trapped in Alberta, subject to provincial regulations. Further information is available at MyWildAlberta.com

#### If a wolf approaches, growls or snarls:

- Show the wolf you are not easy prey—make yourself look bigger by waving your arms, and gather children or others close to form one large body.
- Always leave the wolf an escape route—never corner it.
- Back away slowly, looking for a safe place, and never turn your back.
- Carry and use <u>bear spray</u>. This is also advantageous for other species (i.e. bears, cougars).
- Make lots of noise and throw rocks, sticks or other objects if the wolf approaches.

Report wolf encounters by calling a local Fish and Wildlife at 310-000. After regular business hours use the Report A Poacher line at 1-800-642-3800.

Environment and Parks 1





The month of December brings the winter solstice in the Northern Hemisphere. This is the shortest day of the year (the day with the least amount of daylight).

#### Best Christmas Crack Recipe

- 35-40 saltine crackers
- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans/or other nuts or toppings.

#### Instructions

- Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Line a 10×15 inch baking sheet with aluminum foil and spray with cooking spray.
- Place your saltine crackers in even rows and set aside.
- In a saucepan over medium high heat melt the butter and brown sugar and whisk and let it boil for a few minutes.
- Pour. over the. saltines and spread out and bake in the oven for 5 minutes. Remove from the oven and sprinkle with chocolate chips and let it sit.
- Spread the chocolate over the Saltines and sprinkle with chopped toppings and let it harden. Cut into pieces and serve.

# **Basic December Facts:**

- "Decem" is Latin for tenth. The month of December was originally 10th in the Roman Calendar until January and February were added.
- December has 31 days and is the 12th month of the year.
- Birthstone: Turquoise, zircon, or tanzanite.
- Flower: Holly or Narcissus
- Zodiac signs: Capricorn or Sagittarius





# Christmas in Clear Hills County

Christmas in Clear Hills County is a magical time that transforms our already incredible community into a place of warmth, kindness, and shared joy. While the holiday season is undoubtedly a time of celebration, it's important to acknowledge that it can also be challenging for some of our neighbors, whether emotionally or financially.

In the midst of the festivities, let's remember the power of small gestures that can make a big difference in the lives of those around us. If you find yourself with the time and means, consider becoming someone's secret Santa this year. It doesn't have to be extravagant – a simple homemade card, a plate of cookies, or even the gift of your time can go a long way in brightening someone's day.

The possibilities for spreading cheer in Clear Hills County are endless. Perhaps you can contribute to purchasing a Christmas meal for a family in need, ensuring that they can gather around a festive table and create lasting memories.

The essence of Christmas lies in the spirit of giving, and in our community, that spirit is alive and well. Take a moment to connect with your neighbors, share stories, and create a sense of togetherness. The true magic of the season is not just in the decorations or the presents under the tree, but in the love and compassion we extend to one another.

So, let's make this Christmas in Clear Hills County special by embracing the true meaning of the season – the joy of giving, the warmth of community, and the spirit of love. Whether through a small gesture or a grand initiative, let's come together and make this holiday season unforget-table for everyone in our county.

#### **Christmas FEEL GOOD Movies - You Have To See These Films!**

It's a Wonderful Life (1946), Miracle on 34th Street (1947), Christmas with the Kranks (2004) A Christmas Carol (1951), White Christmas (1954), The Christmas Chronicles (2018) The Bells of St. Mary's (1945), National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (1989), National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (1989), The Santa Clause (1994), Dolly Parton's Christmas of Many Colors: Circle of Love (2016 TV Movie), Home Alone (1990), Spirited (2022), The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey (2007), The Original Christmas Classics (1965–), A Bramble House Christmas (2017 TV Movie), The Man Who Invented Christmas (2017), The Christmas Train (2017 TV Movie), The Polar Express (2004), Deck the Halls (2006), Elf (2003), A Boy Called Christmas (2021), The Grinch (2008)

## TENDER 2023-15 2024 ANNUAL EQUIPMENT REGISTRY

Tender packages will be available for pick up during regular business hours, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Clear Hills County Office, 313 Alberta Avenue, Worsley, Alberta.

Tender 2023-15 Closes: Friday, January 5, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m. MST Tender 2023-15 Opening: Monday, January 8, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m. MST

For more information contact: Terry Shewchuk, Public Works Manager 780-685-3925 ext. 119.

Or

email community@clearhillscounty.ab.ca

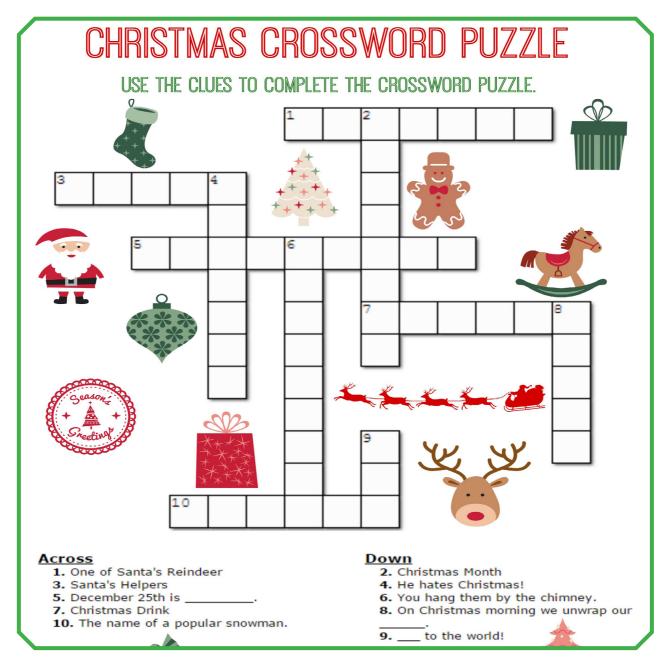




Auroras look like moving curtains of light because the particles of plasma are moving in response to the earth's magnetic field.



Did you know that the tradition of hanging stockings by the fireplace comes from a legend about St. Nicholas? According to the story, St. Nicholas heard of a family in need and wanted to help anonymously. He climbed down their chimney and left gold coins in the stockings that were hung by the fire to dry. This is believed to be the origin of the Christmas stocking tradition, where children hang stockings in the hope that they will be filled with gifts from Santa Claus on Christmas Eve.



"Elf on the Shelf" is a popular Christmas tradition that originated from a children's book of the same name. The book, written by Carol Aebersold and her daughter Chanda Bell, was first published in 2005. The book comes with a small elf figurine, and the concept is that the elf is Santa's scout who watches over children and reports back to Santa on their behavior.

World's Largest Snowman: The Guinness World Record for the tallest snowman is held by a giant snowwoman named Olympia. Built in 2008 in Bethel, Maine, Olympia stood at an impressive 122 feet 1 inch (37.21 meters).



# 911 Fire, Ambulance & RCMP

Forest Fires Call 427-FIRE (3473)

#### FIRE TRAILER LOCATIONS

Line 1: AREA & PLACE

**Line 2: LEGAL LOCATION & PHONE** 

**Bear Canyon** Bear Canyon Water Plant NW 22-83-12-W6M

Cleardale

SW 11-85-10-W6M

Clear Prairie SW 34-87-10-W6M

Deerhill

NW 9-84-02-W6M

Eureka River NW-12-86-6 W6M

Royce

SE 16-83-06-W6M

Whitelaw SW 28-83-01-W6M

Montagneuse Valley SE 36-85-05-W6M

Cleardale Water Plant 780-685-3670

Kade Helgesen 780-835-9569

Ken Knoepfli 780-596-2259

Eureka River Truck Fill 780-685-3925

> Melvin Worobetz 780-494-3420

> > Bill Wald 780-596-2121

Jim Stephenson 780-494-2458

# Rural Fire Trailers

For More information contact:

Clear Hills County
Box 240
WORSLEY, Alberta
T0H 3W0

Phone: (780) 685-3925 Fax: (780) 685-3960

e-mail: info@clearhillscounty.ab.ca

#### Each fire trailer contains:

- 9 x 100-foot lengths of hose
- □ 2 x 50-foot lengths of hose
  - □ 1 gated Y with seals
    - ☐ Honda 2" pump
- 2 x 10 ft lengths of hard suction hose
  - check valve
  - ☐ 2 hose wrenches
    - □ 1 tool bag
    - □ 1 fire axe
    - □ 1 fire shovel
  - ☐ 2-gallon fuel tank
  - canvas bucket
  - $\Box$  2 1 ½ inch nozzles
  - ☐ 2 extra hose seals
  - □ 4-litre antifreeze
  - □ 2" x 3" camlock adaptor
    - □ 2 wajax Spray Bags
      - ☐ 1 pipe wrench
    - □ 1 crescent wrench

Requires 2 5/16 ball.

# Public Works Programs & Services

## **Driveway Snow Removal**

Clear Hills County provides Driveway Snow Removal to:
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- □ **Senior Citizens:** Must provide one item for proof of age, i.e., birth certificate, driver's license or other document which includes date of birth.
- □ **Special Needs:** must be in possession and provide proof of a current Provincial Handicap Sticker.
- ☐ **Full Time Bus Drivers:** Must provide proof of full-time employment, annually letter from employer.

#### Regional Water Line Tie-In

Clear Hills County has a Regional waterline that transfers water from the Hamlet of Worsley Water Treatment Plant to the Hamlet of Cleardale Water Distribution Facility. Clear Hills County is committed to allowing residents to connect to the Regional potable Water Line for potable residential water supply.

- Clear Hills County will install the Waterline tie-in and the curb stop valve to the edge of the County Right of Way or the entry point to private land.
- The County will contribute a maximum of \$2000.00 (two thousand dollars) towards the installation of each approved Regional waterline tie-in and curb stop valve installation.
- Water Rates and Meters prices are set out as in current Bylaw: Water Works Distribution and Waste Water Collection System bylaw

For more information on this contact 780-685-3925

#### Annual Equipment Registry- Available Mid November

The intent of the equipment registry is to obtain an annual working list of available equipment and attachments to perform work on short-term projects.

Annually the County will advertise for contractors wishing to be included in the 'Annual Equipment Registry.' The packages are to be returned to the County office on the first Friday the office is open for business, after the New Year.

Any trucks wishing to be on the list for hauling gravel must submit their truck information with the 'Annual Equipment Registry' by the deadline.





## **Agricultural Service Board Members**

Baldur Ruecker – 780-835-7785	Jason Ruecker-780-835-0398
Garry Candy—780-834-6407	Julie Watchorn—780-835-0550
Ron Jensen—780-835-0020	David Janzen-780-834-0197
Julie Lemoine—780-835-9257	











What did Santa say on Christmas morning?
That's a wrap!

Under mistletoe, Rudolph, Cindy Lou Who, My two front teeth, A button, The North Pole, must be kissed, cookies milk & a carrot, Feliz Navidad, Ebenezer.

# 2024 Clear Hills County Tree Seedling Order Form

Name:	
Mailing Address:	
Phone Number:	

**ORDER DEADLINE: JANUARY 5, 2024** 

Some species may have limited quantities due to problems with seedling uptake. When the quantities are sold these seedlings will no longer be available.

We reserve the right to substitute species (ie. Lilac may be either Common Lilac or Vilosa Lilac) due to potential availability issues.

Species	Seedlings Per	Cost per	# of Bundles
	Bundle	Bundle	
White Spruce	15	\$4.50	
Lodgepole Pine	15	\$4.50	
Hybrid Spruce	15	\$4.50	
Siberian Larch	10	\$3.00	
Lilac	10	\$3.00	
Manitoba Maple	10	\$3.00	
Hybrid Poplar	10	\$7.50	
Golden Willow	10	\$7.50	
Plastic Mulch Roll		\$197.50	
(1500'x4')			
*Transportation Cost	·	\$10.00	·

#### **Terms and Conditions:**

If the tree seedling order is not picked up within three (3) days of notification, an invoice for the total order amount will be sent to the undersigned and the tree seedlings will be disbursed of in any matter the County sees fit.

Date:		
Print Name:	Signature:	

#### **Completed forms can be:**

- Mailed to Clear Hills County, Box 240 Worsley AB, T0H 3W0
- Dropped off at the County office
- Emailed to Community@clearhillscounty.ab.ca

## **Gingerbread Waffles**

Get ready to eat all the perfect flavors for this time of year all in these tasty Gingerbread Waffles. With this homemade waffle batter, you will get the best gingerbread flavor.

Prep Time: 10 mins Cook Time: 10 min Total Time: 20 mins

#### Ingredients

- 1½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1½ teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¾ teaspoon ground ginger
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg
- pinch ground cloves
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- 1/3 cup white sugar
- ¾ cup milk
- ½ cup molasses
- ¼ butter melted



#### Directions

- preheat waffle iron.
- in a large bowl, combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, cloves, and salt.
- in a separate bowl, beat the eggs and sugar together until thick and foamy.
   stir in the milk and molasses. add liquid mixture to the dry ingredients and stir until well-combined. slow fold in the melted butter.
- spray hot waffle iron with nonstick cooking spray. follow the manufacturer's directions for your waffle maker to measure batter and cook waffles until finished.
- top waffles with powdered sugar, whipped cream, and fresh fruit or your
   favorite syrup.

# **DO YOU HAVE LIVESTOCK?**





## VSI Program



# ARE YOU AWARE OF THE VSI (VETERINARIAN SERVICES INCORPORATED) PROGRAM?

- Aids in the development of livestock expansion with a long term goal of the producer and veterinarian services sustainability.
- The VSI program supplies a cost-share support to livestock producers, whereby Clear Hills County covers 50% of the cost eligible veterinary procedures.
- Membership is \$52.50 for a five year term.

#### DO YOU KNOW THE COUNTY HAS A BSE TESTING INCENTIVE PROGRAM? <

The BSE testing program is to encourage producers to participate in BST Testing and assist in realizing the target of 30,000 beef cattle annually being tested to keep Canada's status as a controlled BSE risk country.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 780-685-3925 EXT.

community@clearhillscounty.ab.ca

Eligibility: must be a VSI member and resident/landowner in Clear Hills County with livestock. Restrictions: Only Veterinarian Clinics (and livestock owners) will have access to the BSE test results.

Process: VSI services provides the County with a list of members that had beef cattle tested in the quarterly report. The County then pays the member. The 2022/2023 incentive is \$125/animal.

RINSE

# **CHEMICAL AND OIL JUGS**



RETURN



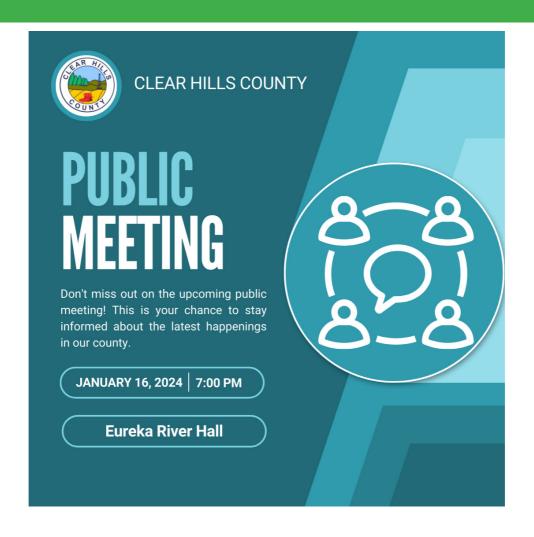
IMPORTANT NOTICE: Clear Hills County Transfer Stations will NO longer be accepting Chemical or Oil Jugs.

Follow these 3Rs to ensure that your containers are accepted and can be recycled:

**Rinse** – Triple or pressure rinse to ensure no product is wasted. Review our container rinsing procedures for details\*.

**Remove** – Remove caps and booklets (place in garbage); leave the glued-on label. Remove metal handle from fertilizer pails.

**Return** to your local collection site – For more information visit Cleanfarms.ca



# AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD RETING MINUTE

#### MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY **AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING** COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WORSLEY, ALBERTA **NOVEMBER 21, 2023**

<u>PRESENT</u>	Baldur Ruecker	Member	

Member David Janzen Deputy Reeve Julie Lemoine Member Julie Watchorn Member Ron Jensen Member

Jason Ruecker Council Representative **ABSENT** 

Garry Candy Member

Greg Coon IN ATTENDANCE Agricultural Fieldman

Natasha Gillett Community Services Clerk

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Janzen called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

O94-23(11/21/23) RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the November 21, 2023, Organizational Meeting with the amendment of 3.a Voting Procedure and the deletion of 3.b Election of Chairperson and CARRIED.

3.c Election of Deputy Chair, as amended.

**VOTING PROCEDURE** By resolution the Board shall determine if they wish to vote by secret ballot or show of hands, at the organizational meeting.

O95-23(11/21/23) **RESOLUTION** by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board determine the voting of board appointed voting members for the Agricultural Service Board Provincial and Regional

Conferences by show of hands. CARRIED. **ELECTION OF CHAIR** As per Bylaw 277-23, Chair and Deputy Chair of the Agriculture

serving on the board.

APPOINTMENT OF **VOTING MEMBERS**  Deputy Reeve Janzen will serve as Chair of the Agriculture Service Board for 2023/2024.

Councillor Ruecker will serve as Deputy Chair of the Agriculture Service Board for 2023/2024.

Service Board be filled by a Council appointed Council member

As per Agricultural Service Board Administration Procedure 6301-01, annually, at the first meeting following the Council Organizational Meeting, the Agricultural Service Board selects voting delegates for the annual Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference.

	AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD Page 2 of 2 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 21, 2023
O96-23(11/21/23)	RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board appoint Chairman Janzen and Member Watchorn as voting members and Member Jensen as the alternate voting member for the Agricultural Service Board Provincial and Regional Conferences.
Signing Authorities	As per Agricultural Service Board Administration Procedure 6301-01(2.4) annually at the first meeting, following the Council Organizational Meeting, the Agricultural Service Board will appoint signing authority for grant applications.
O97-23(11/21/23)	RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board appoint Chairman Janzen and Member Watchorn as the Agricultural Service Board grant signing authorities for 2023/2024. CARRIED.
DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF BOARD MEETINGS	The Agricultural Service Board (ASB) currently meets every third Tuesday of most months and first Tuesday of May. There are no meetings held in April or August. All members of the board must be present when setting the day of the month and the commencement time for regular ASB meetings.
ADJOURNMENT	Not all members were present.  Chairman Janzen adjourned the Agricultural Service Board Organizational meeting at 10:21 a.m.
II	Answers on page 23







Answers on page 23 **Test your Christmas** knowledge!







2. Who is the lead reindeer on Santa's sleigh?



3. Which Who in Whoville visits the Grinch?



4. All I want for Christmas is



5. What is Frosty's nose made of?



6. Where does Santa live?



7. What happens in you stand under mistletoe?



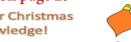
8. What should you leave for Santa and his reindeer?



9. How do you say Merry Christmas in Spanish?



10. What is Scrooge's first name?

















#### MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WORSLEY, AB TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023

RE		

David Janzen
Julie Watchorn
Baldur Ruecker
Ron Jensen
Julie Lemoine

Chairman
Deputy Chair
Member
Member
Member

**ABSENT** 

Jason Ruecker Council Representative Garry Candy Member

**ATTENDING** 

Greg Coon Agricultural Fieldman
Natasha Gillett Community Services Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Janzen called the meeting to order at 10:23 a.m.

AGENDA

AG98-23(11/21/23)

RESOLUTION by Member Lemoine that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the November 21, 2023, Agricultural Service Board meeting, as presented. CARRIED.

DELEGATION Mark Heckbert

The Board is presented with a delegation from Mark Heckbert, Provincial Wildlife Conflict Specialist.

Chairman Janzen recessed the meeting at 12:29 p.m. Chairman Janzen reconvened the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

AG99-23(11/21/23)

RESOLUTION by Member Lemoine that this Agricultural Service Board accept the delegation from Mark Heckbert, Provincial Wildlife Conflict Specialist, for information. CARRIED.

MINUTES
Previous Meeting
Minutes

Agricultural Service Board is presented with previous meeting minutes.

AG100-23(11/21/23)

RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the October 23, 2023, Agricultural Service Board Meeting.

CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS Activity Report

The Board is presented with the Agricultural Service Board Activity Report.

AG101-23(11/21/23)

RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the November 21, 2023, Agricultural Service Board Activity Report, as presented. CARRIED.

#### AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023

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**Board Reports** 

At this time the Board members will have an opportunity to present their reports on meetings attended and other agricultural related topics.

AG102-23(11/21/23)

RESOLUTION by Chairman Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' written and verbal reports of November 21, 2023, for information.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS Policy 6317 Biggest Vegetable Contest

The Board has requested the addition of a cucumber category to Policy 6317 Biggest Vegetable Contest.

AG103-23(11/21/23)

RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council adopt the proposed changes to Policy 6317 Biggest Vegetable Contest, the addition of a cucumber category, as presented.

CARRIED.

**Events** 

The Board is presented with a list of upcoming agricultural related events for their information.

AG104-23(11/21/23)

RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Chairman Janzen and Member Ruecker to the Intercropping in the Peace Agriculture Summit on November 23, 2023 in Peace River, AB. CARRIED.

AG105-23(11/21/23)

RESOLUTION by Chairman Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Member Ruecker to the Alberta Pulse Growers Zone 4 Annual Meeting on November 28, 2023 in Grande Prairie, AB.

AG106-23(11/21/23)

RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Member Watchorn and Member Lemoine to the PCBFA Northern Women in Agriculture on January 19, 2024 in Fairview, AB. CARRIED.

REPORTS
Agricultural Fieldman
Report

At this time the Agricultural Fieldman will have an opportunity to present his report.

AG107-23(11/21/23)

RESOLUTION by Member Jensen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the November 21, 2023, Agricultural Fieldman's Report for information, as presented.

CARRIED.

INFORMATION & CORRESPONDENCE

The Board is presented with correspondence for review.

AG108-23(11/21/23)

RESOLUTION by Member Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the November 21, 2023, information and correspondence for information, as presented. CARRIED.

ROUND TABLE:

Members had a chance to have a round table discussion regarding topics of interest.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Janzen adjourned the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

# Clear Hills County has a large variety of Rental Equipment.

Rental Equipment				
EQUIPMENT	DEPOSIT	AG RATE	COMMERCIAL RATE	COMMUNITY RATE
BBQ Trailer	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	No Charge 2 days
Chem Wipe Applicators				
Quad Mount	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days
Hand Held	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 Days
Roller Applicator	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 Days
Rotowiper	\$150.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days
Community Centre	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	No Charge 2 days
Corral Panels	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	No Charge 2 days
Eco Bran Applicator	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days
Extra Hose Grain Bag Extractor	\$50.00 (if rented by itself) \$350.00	\$1.00 \$350.00	\$5.00 \$700.00	\$1.00 No Charge 2 days
Grain Bag Roller	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days
Grain Bagger	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$700.00	No Charge 2 days
Grain Bagger Grain Vac	\$350.00	\$300.00	\$700.00 \$400.00	No Charge 2 days
Grills	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$25.00	No Charge 2 days
Land Leveller	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$300.00	No Charge 2 days
Loading Chute	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	No Charge 2 days
Manure Spreader	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$400.00	No Charge 2 days
Mulch Applicator	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge
Post Pounder	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$300.00	No Charge for 2 days
Roller Mill	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$40.00	No Charge 2 days
Scales	,,,,,,	,	,	J. J. J.
Bale Spear	\$100.00	\$30.00	\$150.00	No Charge 2 days
Scare Cannon	\$50.00	No Charge	\$50.00	No Charge
Signs	\$60.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge
Sprayers				
Backpack	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge
Quad Mounted	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days
Quad Pull Type	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days
Skidmount	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days
Truck Mount	\$200.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days
Steam Table	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$25.00	No Charge 2 days
Tables & Chairs	\$50.00	\$1.00/table& \$.50/Chair	\$1.00/table& \$.50/Chair	No Charge 2 days
Toilets	\$100.00	\$40.00	\$100.00	No Charge 2 days
Wash Station	\$50.00	\$10.00	\$25.00	No Charge 2 days
Water Pumps				
Summer(APR-SEPT)	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$300.00	No Charge 2 days
Winter (OCT-MAR)	\$1,000.00	\$200.00	\$500.00	No Charge 2 days
Wire Roller	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	No Charge 2 days

Round Plastic Tables: 12 Rectangle Plastic Tables: 22 Wooden Rectangular Tables: 31 Folding Chairs: 150

All equipment rentals must be arranged ahead of time by calling the Agricultural Fieldman at the County office 780-685-3925 Ext: 115.

## Agricultural Service Boards Program

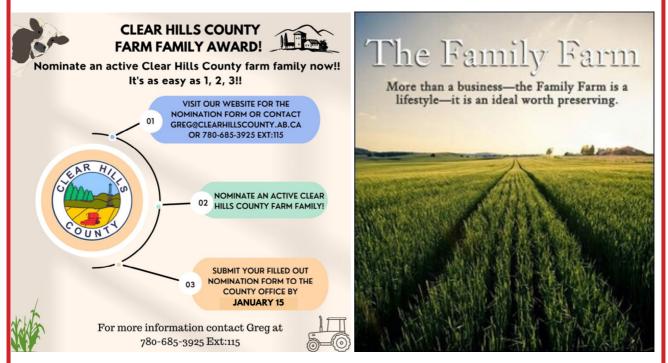
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Unique to North America, Alberta's Agricultural Service Boards (ASBs) have provided over 75 years of continuous service since 1945.

The 69 ASBs in Alberta help nearly 60,000 farms and ranches to protect the over 50 million acres they farm. Across the province, local ASBs work in their communities to help:

- manage agricultural weeds and pests
- conserve soil and water
- enhance and protect viable and sustainable agricultural practices
- control of animal diseases
- develop municipal policies

ASBs are key to Alberta's robust pest surveillance network that helps Albertans maintain market access by mitigating the risk of agricultural pest threats. This in turn enables the industry to provide assurance to trading partners and continue to produce high value crops and livestock.



Nominate a Farm Family today! Contact Clear Hills County for more information!



## Montagneuse 4-H Multi Club

The Montagneuse 4-H Multi-Club started their 2023/2024 year on October 1, with an organizational meeting on October 2, and decided to have their annual weigh-In October 19, and 21.

This year we had lots of our past members join again but also some new members, which we are excited about. It's so cool to see us growing! This year our Club has 24 members, and 8 cleavers.

The weigh-in was a success, and we are all excited to see if this year we can get our calves even more fat and finished than the year before.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Ostrem Family for donating the facility, the snacks and drinks, an event is always better when snacks are involved.

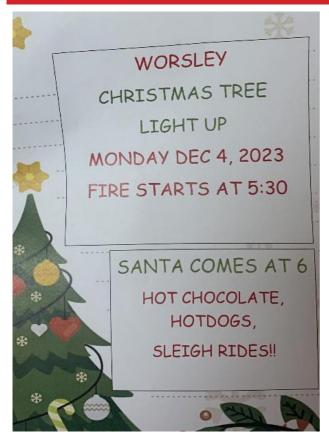
- Grayson Hale, Club reporter

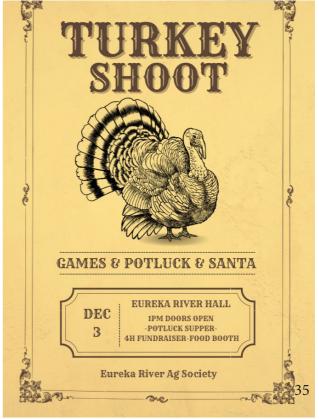














Funding Application Will Be Available In November 2023 please contact Lori for more information 780-685-3925 or lori@clearhillscounty.ab.ca

#### Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) program

The Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) program promotes and enhances the well-being of Albertans, families and communities. FCSS programs are intended to

help individuals adopt healthy lifestyles, improve their quality of life and build capacity to prevent and deal with crisis situations should they arise.

#### Some examples of local FCSS programming are:

- providing information and supporting access to available social supports in the local
- community.
- promoting, encouraging and supporting volunteer work in the community;
- developing the skills of individuals and families for greater resiliency, such as mentoring
- programs;
- supporting the social development of children and their families;
- supporting seniors to remain connected to their communities and providing home supports; and,
- support people in developing skills to have healthy relationships with others

# Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Program FUNDING AVAILABLE!!

Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Program
Attention all community organizations and non-profits! Do you need funding
for a project that will benefit your community? Look no further than the Family
and Community Support Services (FCSS) Grant Funding Program.

You have until December 15, 2023 to prepare and submit your grant application. Don't miss this opportunity to secure funding for your organization's important work. The FCSS Grant Funding program is dedicated to supporting community initiatives that improve social well-being and quality of life. So, whether you're planning a community event, starting a new program, or developing a project that will benefit vulnerable populations, now is the time to apply for FCSS grant funding.

Don't wait any longer – Contact Lori at 780-685-3925 ext. 105 or lori@ clearhillscounty.ab.ca for more information on the FCSS Grant Funding program and submit your application before <u>December 15, 2023.</u>

Let's work together to create positive change in our communities.













#### Clear Hills County 27th Annual Agricultural Tradeshow

Get ready for a day of agricultural excellence at the Clear Hills County 27th Annual Agricultural Tradeshow! Join us on April 13, 2024, at the Dave Shaw Memorial Complex in Hines Creek.

Be a part of this vibrant event by showcasing your products and services. Exhibitor/sponsor packages will be available starting January.

#### **Food Venders Wanted**

#### Clear Hills County 27th Annual Agricultural Tradeshow

Clear Hills County would like to invite local and surrounding food trucks and vendors to attend the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Trade Show on April 13, 2024.

For more information or to reserve a space, please contact Crystal at 780-685-3925 ext. 117 or email <a href="mailto:csc@clearhillscounty.ab.ca">csc@clearhillscounty.ab.ca</a>





Worsley & Hines Creek Volunteer Fire Departments want you!!

Getting involved with a volunteer fire department is an incredibly rewarding way to make a positive contribution to your community. Contact Clear Hills County for more info! 38

# Clear Hills County Awards Nomination Deadline: January 15, 2024

#### **Celebrating Business Award (Three Categories)**

<u>Community Service / Involvement</u>: Contributed in a significant way financially or by means of volunteerism.

<u>Innovation</u>: New Business, Product, Service or Work System– Been in business forthree years or less OR to a business that has introduced a new product/service or has adopted a new work system.

<u>Investment</u>: Job Creation, Growth & Expansion - Demonstrated long-term success and growth of their company in addition to exceptional service to the community.

#### Volunteer of the Year Award

Recognizes and honours an outstanding individual who is volunteering their time and talent in the non-profit sector. The individual is making a significant contribution to the community through commitment, service, creativity, cooperation and leadership in their volunteer role(s).

#### **Outstanding Recreation Facility Award**

Recognizes a recreation facility that demonstrates outstanding or unique innovations in efficiency or accessibility.

#### Recognition of the above award winners will include:

- An award plaque or framed certificate
- Donation of \$1,000.00 to local non-profit organization of their choice that operates within Clear Hills County.

#### **Farm Family Award**

A farming family deserving of recognition for both agriculture and community involvement. Nomination Deadline: January 15, 2024

To inquire call Bonnie at 780-685-3925 ext. 120 or email **bonnie@clearhillscounty.ab.ca** 





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Winner:	Mailing Address:	_
Bella Rossworm	Category:PreschoolK-1st grade2nd-3rd grade4th-5th grade _ grade & over	_6th

Worsley Health Centre

## December

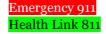
2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Nurse Practitioner Call for appointment	2
3	4 Nurse Practitioner Clinic - By appointment	5 Nurse Practitioner, Immunization & Tinny Teeth clinic - By appointment	6 Public Health Influenza Immunization Clinic – By appointment	7 Nurse Practitioner Clinic - By appointment	8 Nurse Practitioner Clinic - By appointment	9
10	Nurse Practitioner Clinic - By appointment	Nurse Practitioner & Immunization clinic – By appointment	13 Public Health Influenza Immunization Clinic – By appointment	Nurse Practitioner Clinic - By appointment	Nurse Practitioner Clinic - By appointment	16
17	Nurse Practitioner Clinic - By appointment	Nurse Practitioner & Immunization clinic – By appointment	20 Public Health Influenza Immunization Clinic – By appointment	Nurse Practitioner Clinic - By appointment	Nurse Practitioner Clinic - By appointment	23
24	25 Merry Christmas Closed	26 Closed	27 Public Health Influenza Immunization Clinic – By	28	29	30

Please call the Health Centre to book Immunization, Tiny Teeth and Nurse Practitioner appointments.

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





# Healthy Beginnings Home VisitWhat to Expect

A Public Health Nurse will contact your family within 48 hours of going home to offer a Home Visit.

During the Home Visit, the Public Health Nurse will:

- Complete a full health check of mom & baby
- Complete a check and provide information on baby's feeding ie) breast or bottle
- Provide information about taking care of mom & baby
- Encourage Skin-to-Skin contact between mom & baby
- Check your baby for jaundice
- Discuss "Baby Blues" and postpartum depression
- Provide safety information
- Provide information about immunizations for you & your baby
- Connect you with community resources
- Answer any questions you may have about you & your baby

After the Home Visit, the Public Health Nurse will follow up with you by telephone as needed.

#### Questions?

Please contact your local Public Health Office @ 780.685.3752





# Has your child had their annual eye exam? It's important to do before they start school!

#### Eye See...Eye Learn™

is a program that provides kindergarten-aged students with a comprehensive eye exam from an optometrist. There is Alberta Health coverage towards your child's eye exams up to age 19. If required, kindergarten-aged students also receive a free pair of eyeglasses.

# How kindergarten-aged students participate\*

Step 1 Parents can find a participating optometrist at optometrists.ab.ca. Click on Find an Optometrist and Eye See...Eye Learn", then enter your postal code to find a doctor close to you. Call and book an appointment.

Step 2 See your optometrist for the eye exam. Have your health card ready. There is Alberta Health coverage towards your child's eye exams up to age 19.

Step 3 If required, kindergarten-aged students will receive a free pair of eyeglasses. Ask to see the frame selection available. The optometrist will order your glasses for you.

\*Free glasses are covered by a one year manufacturer's warranty.

#### Who can participate?

**Eye See...Eye Learn**™ is available to all **kindergarten-aged students** in Alberta. It's important to address eye health and vision problems before children begin school.

Children are eligible from August until they begin grade one.



#### **Eye exam coverage**

There is Alberta Health coverage towards your child's eye exams up to age 19. It's a painless, non-invasive process that could change their lives!

#### Did you know?

- 80% of learning is visual.
- 1 in 4 school-aged children has a vision problem.
- An eye exam detects health problems such as crossed eyes or lazy eye.
- Children with vision problems are often misdiagnosed as having learning or behavioural disabilities.
- The earlier an eye health or visual problem is identified, the more likely it can be corrected.
- Children often don't know they have a vision problem, as they believe what they are seeing is normal.
- It is not uncommon for parents to believe they would know if their child has a vision problem, because these issues can be hard to spot particularly if there is a problem in only one of the eyes.

#### What is an optometrist?

Your optometrist (doctor of optometry) is a primary source for all your vision, eye health and eyewear needs. They have the knowledge, tools and equipment necessary to diagnose, treat, prescribe medications or refer to a specialist, if needed.





# Discover Your Dream Lot in the Hamlets of Worsley and Cleardale!

Looking for the perfect piece of land to call your own? Look no further! We have an incredible selection of lots available.

To inquire call Lori at 780-685-3925 ext. 105



#### **Clear Hills County Calendars**

To get your picture included in the 2025 calendar, enter the County photo contest by emailing your photos to bonnie@clearhillscounty.ab.ca

#### **Clear Hills County Business Directory**

There are numerous business gems hidden within the boarders of Clear Hills County. The County requests your assistance as business owners in aiding in the development of a business directory that will promote awareness of local businesses.

If you would like your business advertised in the Clear Hills County Business Directory please contact at Bonnie 780-685-3925 ext. 120 or

bonnie@clearhillscounty.ab.ca

#### **Local School Contact Numbers**

Worsley Central School 780-685-3842

Hines Creek Composite 780-494-3510

## Menno Simons Community School 780-685-2340

All have a full school program from kindergarten to grade 12. The schools are operated under the jurisdiction of the Peace River School Division. For more information contact 780-624-3601 or visit www.prsd.ab.ca

Clear Hills County Box 240, Worsley, AB T0H 3W0

Email: info@clearhillscounty.ab.ca Phone: 1-780-685-3925 Fax: 1-780-685-3960

Office Hours: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM

**Monday to Friday** 

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## **Emergency Contact Phone Numbers**

Police, Fire, Ambulance- 911 Health link (non-emergency)- 811 Report-A- Poacher- 1-800-642-3800 Wildfire-310-FIRE (3473)

#### **Clear Hills County Administration Extension Directory**

Accounts Payable – Dawn Morgan	101	Corporate Services Manager– Lori Jobson	105
Agricultural Fieldman– Greg Coon	115	Executive Assistant – Bonnie Morgan	120
Chief Administrative Officer – Allan Rowe	121	Public Works Manager– Terry Shewchuk	119
Community Services Clerk– Natasha Gillett	108	Road Foreman– Mario Drouin	110
Community Services Coordinator— Crystal Dei	117	Road Foreman– Martin Schmidt	111
Corporate Services Clerk– Shelby Janzen	104	WTP Operator– Catherine Cox	107

# December 2023

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1. Office Closed	25 Office Closed	18	11	4		Mon
	26 Office Closed	19 ASB	12 Council	OT		Tue
	27 Office Closed	20	13	9		Wed
	28 Office Closed	21	14	7		Thu
	29 Office Closed	22 Office Closed	15	8	1	Fr.
	30	23	16	9	2	Sat

# Community Groups & Organizations, Facilities & Contacts

# Menno Simons Community Library

Tuesday
8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Wednesday & Thursday
8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Closed Monday & Friday
Contact the librarian at
780-685-2340 during Public
Hours for more information

# **Church Services Worsley Baptist Church**

Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Sunday Services
11 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service
7 p.m.

#### **Cleardale Gospel Chapel**

Sunday Service 11 a.m.

#### **Immaculate Heart of Mary**

#### **Parish Catholic Church**

Sunday Service 1 p.m.

## All Saints Ukrainian Catholic Church

Every second Sunday 2:00 p.m.

Lighthouse

**Christian Fellowship** 

Sunday Service 11 a.m.

# Hines Creek Municipal Library

Monday 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Tuesday & Wednesday 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Thursday 1:00 p.m. - 6 p.m. Located in the Village of Hines Creek office building. 780-494-3879

#### **Worsley Pioneer Club**

New Members Welcome

Cards Wednesday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.at the Worsley Pioneer Club Hall For rental information call:

> Sandra Wasylciw: 780-834-7363 Come and enjoy an afternoon of visiting.

#### Hines Creek Senior's Drop in Rental

For bookings call: 780-494-3879

# **Bear Point Community**

Library

Monday-Friday 10:30 a.m. -2 p.m.

#### Worsley & District Library

www.worsleylibrary.ab.ca 780-685-3842 Facebook: www.facebook.com/ WorsleyLibrary

Located in the Worsley
Central School, we offer
library services to the public
by appointment Monday to
Friday

1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

We offer free library
memberships that gives
access to books, movies,
audiobooks, and computers
in the library, plus access
to books and eBooks from
around the province through
www.tracpac.ab.ca as well
as eBooks, audiobooks,
movies, etc. from online
apps (Overdrive, Hoopla,
etc.)

# Hines Creek Arts & Craft Meeting Room

To book the room call Olive Hrab 780-494-2255

# County Transfer Site Hours October 1—April 30 All Transfer Sites are closed on Sunday

Transfer Site	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Bear	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	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

#### Clear Hills County Office Hours

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8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
&
1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Closed weekends &
Statutory holidays

# We're on the web

www.clearhillscounty. ab.ca Like us on Facebook

TRANSFER STATION LOCATIONS				
Whitelaw- SW 12-84-02-W6M	Eureka River- SW 17-86-05-W6M			
Cleardale- SE 13-85-10-W6M	Worsley- SE 25-87-08-W6M			
Deerhill- SW 12-84-03-W6M	Bear Canyon-NW 15-84-12-W6M			
Royce- SE 11-83-06-W6M	Clear Prairie- NE 24-87-10-W6M			
Hines Creek- SE 12-84-5-W6M				