



CONSTRUCTION WORK ON ACME ROAD

Division 2

Mountain View County



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Division 2 News

Thank you for taking the time to read my newsletter. I encourage you to sign up for the newsletter on a regular basis from my page on the Mountain View County website www.mountainviewcounty.com/division2

I trust everyone has a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. I was able to spend lots of great time with my family. With the break I had I am now fully back into meeting mode.

Currently on Acme Road we have spent close to \$5,000,000 to date. The budget for Acme Road was \$7,000,000 and Operational Services estimated the project to be completed after the tender results for \$6,500,000. We are expecting this job to be completed closer to the \$7,000,000 budgeted. Due to the amount of topsoil encountered on the job we have moved about \$600,000 worth of extra material. Richardson Brothers should begin work as soon as they can as they want to get this job wrapped up as well. They still need to come back and re-prepare and re-pack the road from Hwy 766 to RR 30 and add more gravel to the surface. Also they have a lot of fencing to do and rehab on farmer's fields.

For the 2014 project AMEC is currently working on the tender. The plan is to have this tender advertised by Feb 1. In the 2014 approved capital budget, Council has

approved going with Option 3 – This surfacing strategy comprises 350 mm of granular base course and 60 mm of asphalt concrete pavement; a 90 mm asphalt concrete pavement overlay is placed at service year seven (7) to bring the total pavement structure to 150mm. This surfacing option will not achieve the design structural capacity required under the Major Collector Road classification until service year seven (7). The initial 60 mm asphalt concrete application serves to reduce front end capital expenditure and increase overall service life by delaying installation of the final pavement structure. This scenario achieves the required structural capacity at the lowest overall life cycle cost.

Operations are still working with Fortis to relocate the power lines.

The long term capital plan had RR 35 coming up for a re-build. Council took a road tour in December and felt at this time until we have had a chance to review our local road network plan as a whole we were not comfortable with allotting the funds that were requested for this project. The proposed plan was to re-ditch the road, align the bridge and rebuild the curve. The cost to do this project was set at \$3.9 million.

Alberta Environment has provided the county with \$850,000 in funding to repair the

breakout of the river located West of RR 52. The money from the province will be used to stabilize the banks and construct river training along the Little Red Deer River. The end goal is to keep the river in its banks and not allow it to travel overland across RR 52.

The county has also allocated \$100,000 to the RR 52 rock protection which is to install rip rap along the road near the north water valley campground to prevent the river from eroding and impacting the large cut/fill section of Range Road 52.



Water Valley camp ground North bank before the flood



Water Valley camp ground North bank after the flood

We have received an update on the Cremona and District Emergency Services new pumper truck. The chassis is complete and now work is being done on the pumper portion of the truck. It is estimated that the build will be complete in spring 2014.

At the November AAMDC convention we had an opportunity to meet with various ministers, but one that I feel we did have a very productive meeting was with the Associate Minister of Health. We discussed our concerns with the role our volunteers have taken on in the local fire departments. I also brought a complaint from a resident of Mountain View County with regards to an ambulance dispatch call regarding the routes the ambulance came to get the resident. They responded to the resident on this matter as well as myself quickly and have since used the information to assist them in correcting the errors. The primary error was the call was routed to the Red Deer dispatch center therefore not notifying our local fire department as well not know the closet ambulance that could have been dispatch to this resident.

In October we passed the Water Valley/Winchell Lake Area Structure plan. This can be found on the county website at: http://mountainviewcounty.com/media/docs/WVWL_ASP_Bylaw_10_13.pdf. I would like to personally thank the members at large that assisted us with the development of the plan; Joyce Lobitz, Larry Mizera, Greg Harris and Doug Closter. They volunteered many hours and terrific input into this plan.

Our council will be hosting an information evening for the proposed medical marijuana facility in the area. At this meeting we have extended invites to Alberta Environment, RCMP, Blake Richards's office, Bruce Rowe's office, and the owner of the operation and will have our planning staff and legal comments there. We are having this meeting to address any concerns or questions we have pertaining to this operation. It is on Feb 4th at 6:30pm at the Cremona Community Hall.

I am pleased to announce that the Ag Services board has chosen the winner of the BMO/Calgary Stampede and the Mountain View County Farm Family Award and it is a family from our area. The Gano family will be hosted at a recognition program during the 2014 Calgary Stampede. As special guests, they will enjoy a daylong itinerary of Stampede events, including

brunch and tickets to the rodeo. Congratulations to the Gano family, this is a well-deserved award.

If you have any comments or concerns that you would like to discuss with me please feel free to contact me either at 403-875-2969 or pmckean@mvcounty.com

Council meetings

- Policies and Priorities held the first Wednesday of each month
- Regular council held the second and fourth Wednesday of each month

There will be budget meetings held this month so watch the County website, Facebook, Twitter and pull-out section in the Mountain View Gazette for the upcoming dates.

ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND WE ENCOURAGE ANYONE INTERESTED TO ATTEND AS WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR VIEW AND IDEAS.

commission. We have passed an interim budget and since then the finance committee has investigated the budget further and feels comfortable with approving it as a complete budget with the amendments we are proposing. We have approved a workshop that will take place on Jan 28-29 to begin the planning for the future and hope to have an outcome with policy's and by-laws the commission can work with over time. We have also re-entered into the plastic recycling and just completed shipping our first product to a company in Airdrie that turns it into diesel fuel.

Cremona FCSS

- I was provided a position on the Cremona FCSS board which I feel is valuable for the ratepayers in our division. I also sit on the grant review committee at Mountain View County so I will be able to bring good insight to this committee. Our committee has been provided with applications that the Cremona FCSS has received for 2014 and we will be reviewing them and potentially approving them at the February meeting.

Committee Updates

I wanted to provide you with information and updates from the committees I sit on with Mountain View County:

Cremona Municipal Library Board

- We had our first board meeting in January since the elections that were held in Oct. We are excited to have new members to our board. We have set up a sub-committee to look at options for a new building for the library. We hope to have more work done on this in the upcoming year. The county will be contributing money to the Cremona and Water Valley library as part of the 2014 budget.

Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission (MVRWMC)

- We have had a couple of successful meetings since the election and we have established sub-committees to deal with Finance, Landfill/Recycling and Fleet operations. This will allow the members of the board to work closer on items within the



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