



MARCH 27, 2013 CREMONA DISCOVERY NIGHT PUT ON BY CREMONA FCSS

Division 2

Mountain View County



April 2013

Division 2 News

Thank you taking the time to read my newsletter. With the elimination of the Hitching Post in our area, I was without a way to contact the residents of Division 2, so I have created this newsletter in hopes that you will enjoy it each month and find out valuable information regarding our community. 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 want to thank everyone for attending our Fire Information Open House we held March 15, 2013. I have heard very positive feedback from it and appreciate the support that the residents have shown. The information that we shared at that meeting was the history of meetings and fire-related items that the county has been working on with other towns as well as the Village of Cremona administration and council. Also, we shared the plans going forward for the county and the breakdown of the funding splits for capital and operating costs. Despite some of the negative comments and speculation in the community and in the media, our Council remains committed to providing a well-trained, well-equipped and cost-effective fire department for all the area's residents – whether they be village or county residents. We will now wait to negotiate again with Cremona once a new council is established. I

will report any new information as it becomes available.

It saddens me with all the events taking place in our community right now. I hope this is a fresh start and Municipal Affairs can assist Cremona in rebuilding and getting back on its feet. I have heard rumours in the community that if the village ever dissolved into the county there would be no fire services and no library. There has been no discussion from a county stand-point as we are focused on ensuring that Cremona remains a viable municipality with which we can partner in offering joint services to the community.

It has also been stated that the county has interfered in Cremona's situation and my response to that is I am elected by the people and when decisions are being made that affect all Mountain View County ratepayers, I will ensure I am involved to protect the needs and wishes of all our ratepayers.

I want to thank Tanya Shand at FCSS for the organization of the Discover Night. It was very good to see the entire community group in our community and the support for them from the residents. I enjoyed speaking and answer questions for ratepayers.

I will be holding an open house on April 17, 2013 at the Big Prairie Community Hall at 7:00pm. I invite anyone to come to this

meeting that has questions, concerns or would like to discuss any issues that pertains to Mountain View County.

I have been speaking to the contractors and the engineers for the Big Prairie Bridge and they have stated that they would begin work again on the bridge on or before April 15, 2013. The information they provided for what they are waiting for to commence work includes:

- The air temperature for concrete delivery must be at 5 degrees Celsius or above
- The ground should be frost free
- The most critical temperature consideration has to do with the fourteen day wet curing.

1	Little Red Deer R. Bridge	35 days	15 Apr '13	27 May '13
2	Re-mobilization	2 days	15 Apr '13	16 Apr '13
3	Rip Rap	2 days	08 May '13	09 May '13
4	Abutments	16 days	17 Apr '13	07 May '13
5	Bridgerail	2 days	18 May '13	19 May '13
6	Guardrail	2 days	16 May '13	17 May '13
7	Signs/Delineators	1 day	18 May '13	18 May '13
8	Culverts	4 days	01 May '13	05 May '13
9	Grading Work	5 days	08 May '13	13 May '13
10	Asphalt	5 days	14 May '13	18 May '13
11	Fencing	2 days	19 May '13	20 May '13
12	Topsoil	2 days	21 May '13	22 May '13
13	Sedding	1 day	23 May '13	23 May '13
14	Turf Matting	2 days	24 May '13	27 May '13
15	Willows	1 day	22 May '13	22 May '13



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

- Our meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month. The building focus group has been established and has gone and viewed other new libraries to get an idea of what we would be looking for in Cremona. We have approved a needs assessment survey to have available for residents attending the Discovery Night. If you did not have a chance to complete one at that event they are available at the Cremona Library and we encourage everyone to have their say.

Cremona and District Fire Authority

- We held our meeting on March 13, 2013 and spent time working on the 2013 budget changes and accounting practices at the Fire Authority. We elected the chair for the 2013 year to be Greg Harris. We also had a review of the proposed new purchase for the pumper truck for the Water Valley Hall. The chair and a volunteer representative will be present at the April 3rd County Council P & P meeting to review the quotes and look for approval for purchase. The hope of the authority is that this new truck would be in the Water Valley Hall in spring of 2014.

AAMDC convention

- I was present at the AAMDC Spring convention March 18-20 and gained great information for our residents. We were able to have meetings with Minister Griffiths, Horne and the Transportation department. With Minister Griffiths we brought up changes we would like to see for the MGA review, the discussion for the berm project at Sundre, the studies and changes being made to the current Well Drilling Tax program and the issues and costs related to our volunteer fire departments with EMS calls. With Minister Horne we discussed the plans for a new hospital in Sundre and they stated that a needs assessment would need to be done in the community to determine a priority level. We also discussed with him the situation where our volunteer fire fighters are spending a large amount of time responding to EMS calls. He indicated a study was done and this was one of the outcomes so he has transferred this issue to Minister Weadick's office whom is Associate Minister of Municipal Affairs. We also brought up the idea of our regional approach to the health care needs in Mountain View County. This would be a regional funding model with the County, Town and Health Committee benefiting from the same facilities. This would provide items for the region such as doctor retention, a new helipad at Didsbury or other items our region sees as priorities that the province

is not funding. When we met with AT our concern was the zero funding for the Local Bridge Program and they have now downloaded this to the municipalities. In Mountain View County we have a total of 236 bridges that were built in the 60's to 80's with a 50 year life span. Now that these bridges need replacement and major work done to them and the province has not allocated any funding for this. So Mountain View County now needs to establish long term plans to have funding in place for this infrastructure. It was a very good conference and we were able to receive a lot of information and had questions answered.

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 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.

Cremona Community Engagement Site

Located at Cremona School
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"A Campus Alberta Central Learning Site"

**SOCIAL EVENING &
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Monday, April 15th
4:30—7:30pm

Travel presentations, post-secondary information,
meet the current Board members and
be a voice in shaping learning opportunities in our community.

We are looking for members to participate in the future direction of local learning.
If you are interested, please attend the annual general meeting.
As well, people who are interested in working with the board may put forward
their names prior to the meeting with the position for which
you wish your name to stand.

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4:30pm-4:45pm
*Information & demonstration session on
technology & resources available at the site

4:45pm-5:30pm
*Polar Bears of Churchill presented by Keltie Masters
Light supper provided.

5:30pm-6:30 pm
*Annual General Meeting

6:30pm-7:15pm
*Travel Tidbit Presentation—TBA



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