



BIG PRARIE BRIDGE COMPLETED ON JULY 12, 2013

# 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](http://www.mountainviewcounty.com/division2)



On July 6, 2013 we held the celebration for the Laveck Lane road naming on RR 52 south of the 4 way stop in Water Valley. There were

approximately 200 people present at the event both community members as well family members of the Laveck family. A special thank you to Peter and Rene Van Hal for stepping up on behalf of the Water Valley Community association to ensure that the day ran successfully. Your contribution was greatly appreciated. Also special thanks to The Kitchen Witches (Jaymee Shea & Sue Pierson) for supplying the lunch at the event.

The designation is in recognition of the contributions of Samuel and Harriet Laveck to the Water Valley Community. The

Laveck's were not only a pioneering family whose spirit and determination helped build our community after their arrival in 1910, but they also were celebrated for their generosity towards neighbors and the community in general, including donation of land for a new school, for a ball diamond which is now the location of the Water Valley Hall, and for the cemetery where they now rest. They were also instrumental in the construction of the Catholic Church in Water Valley. The family moved to the area with eight children and a further 10 were born locally. For the first few years in Water Valley, Harriet Laveck was the only woman in the area – a true pioneer!

Mountain View County Council believes in celebrating and recognizing the families that helped forge the communities in which we now live and thrive, and our Council is honored to have contributed in a small way towards this recognition and helping keep the spirit of the pioneering families alive.

There were some concerns with the spelling of the last name. The family has shown that there are actually 5 different spellings. Council made the decision based on the spelling in the application submitted by the family that came forward with the request. If at some point in the future the family together wishes to change the sign the county would entertain it at that time.

I attended an EMS workshop in Calgary on July 8, 2013 that was held by Associate Minister of Municipal Affairs Greg Weadick. The meeting's intent was to focus on the concerns that municipalities have in regards to our volunteer fire members performing the duties of the Alberta Health Services job. Also of concern was the cost associated to having volunteers trained and certified for their training level. As well, there's concern with the new system of using the rural ambulances to flex to other departments for patient transports which leaves our communities with no ambulance at all. The municipalities believe that AHS should be able to provide a level of service that all Albertans are comfortable with. However, at this time they don't seem to be able to provide any sort of guarantee. His office will be supplying a report and recommendation to Minister Griffiths by the end of summer.

The Water Valley ASP will be presented to council for first reading on Aug 25 and then second and third readings, and potentially approval, on Sept 11. If you have any concerns or would like to make comments please watch for the advertising and either provide written comments or come to present in person at the public hearing.

I will be away the first two weeks in September and then it is election time, so this will be my last newsletter to you until

after the 21<sup>st</sup> of October if I have to opportunity to represent Division 2 again. 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 [patricia.mckean@mountainviewcounty.com](mailto:patricia.mckean@mountainviewcounty.com)

**Construction update:**

**Big Prairie Bridge**

The wonderful news arrived on Friday July 12, 2013 at 11am that the bridge was complete and passed inspection. We did not have an official ceremony to open the bridge due to the fact that we had waited so long for the bridge to open that the decision was just to open it as soon as possible for public use. I have had very many people approach me with comments on how happy they are that the bridge has been completed. Again I thank everyone for all your patience and understanding through the long construction and approval period.

**Acme Road**

Construction to the Bridge over the Dog Pound Creek is complete and the road is graveled. Top soiling and seeding of the ditches in this section will begin this week. It is expected that construction up to the Dog Pound road will be completed and graveled by the end of the week. The large culvert that is to be installed in the coulee by Veres' will be delivered this week. The road detour around onto Twp Rd 290 over to Hwy 766 will begin this week. This detour will be in effect until mid-august.

Contractor Richardson Brothers Ltd. is making good progress considering how much time they have lost June/July due to inclement weather.

**RR 52 Road repair**

Currently the direction council has provided to the operations department is to only do the amount of work needed to get the temporary bridge re-installed. They had to divert some of the water back into the main channel just to lower the flow. They will remove the brush and burn in place the debris that has piled up around the piles. The long term plans for this road have not been determined as the cost of a berm is approx. 2 million dollars and the proposal of a new bridge in the location of the blown out road would be an approx. cost of 2.5 million. Council did not feel this was viable with the disaster repair program that the Federal and Provincial gov't have available.

# 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**

- There has been no Library meeting due to everyone's summer schedule and we will not have a meeting again until Sept 2013.

**Cremona and District Fire Authority**

If you are looking to contribute to your community maybe becoming a Fire Volunteer is something to consider. This is an essential service that is required in our community and many members on the volunteer department are always required. It is a large commitment on your personal time but a very valuable contribution that you can make. If you would be interested in learning more about this please forward an email to Cremona Fire Chief John Newberry at [jnewberry@cremonafire.com](mailto:jnewberry@cremonafire.com)

**Aggregate Extraction/Processing Committee**

We had our second meeting on July 22<sup>nd</sup> to have discussion on the conflicts with residential and gravel extraction. Our goals and objectives are:

- To bridge the communication gap between industry operators and the community, and
- To create a more streamlined process when handling the files from pre application consultations and initial submission of the application to meeting conditions approved on a Development Permit, and
- Create a consistent and orderly method in processing each application, and
- Where possible to identify future gravel resources and reserves located within Mountain View County for public and private sectors.

- Identify processes to minimize the negative impacts associated with gravel pits within the community and make recommendations to the Municipal Development Plan.

- The Aggregate Committee shall provide comments to Council regarding the Aggregate District Proposal.

## Council meetings

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

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



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