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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 <http://www.mountainviewcounty.com/division2>

We have been working with the Water Valley/Winchell Lake ASP committee for the completion of a new and revised Area Structure Plan for the area. This ASP will determine what the development guidelines will be for land located in the growth center. We have made some minor changes so far, mostly aligning it with the current MDP as well proposing some small changes for the public. We will be hosting a Community Open House at the Water Valley Community Hall on February 25, 2013 from 5pm to 8:30pm with a presentation taking place at 7pm. We hope that many people come out and provide input on the proposed draft plan. To obtain more information on the proposed plan prior to the meeting please visit the website for further details.

Our bridge at Big Prairie road is on hold until the spring for completion. This has been a

very frustrating process and challenge for both administration and me, personally. I have worked with administration and attempted to take this for legal review to see what we could pursue to get this project completed. Unfortunately because we used a provincial contract (we had to because the funding came 50% from them) it leaves the time frame up to the contractor on days they worked.

This is not the outcome I had hoped for as I was anticipating the completion date to be Nov 30, 2013, so I was as surprised as anyone to find out two weeks prior this was not going to be the case. I will be working with administration closely in the spring to ensure this project gets done. I am suggesting that we have a site supervisor daily on site to ensure work is being done. As well I will be making visits myself and if I find nothing being done I will call the contractor myself for updates. I apologize that this has happened and will do everything I can to ensure it is completed promptly.

We were granted the budget approval for the construction upgrades to the Acme Road for Spring 2013. I am very excited about this and want to personally thank all the community members who assisted me with pointing out to council just how important this project is. Because we all worked together we were successful in obtaining the approval.

Construction will begin on this project in the spring and this year it will be rebuilt and rebased in areas. It will be left to gravel until 2014 at which time the surface looks like it will be chip seal.

As some of you may have heard Mountain View County has received notice from the Cremona Council that they have given one year's notice to terminate our fire agreement. For the time being, as long as both sides comply with the current agreement in place, we will work together with the Fire Authority to ensure we have safe fire protection for our residents. When our years' time is up we will have negotiated buyouts of equipment and splitting of assets and at that time Water Valley will run our own fire department out of the Water Valley fire hall.

I am so excited to be a part of the Canadian Framelines community group that is working on a documentary of the Cremona community. Our area was lucky enough to be nominated as the only town in Alberta. There will be 12 done across the country and then they will all be used at film events. We will be working with small groups and using 8mm film to record places, people and things that remind us of our Cremona community. Each of our films will be 3 minutes and 18 seconds long, and will be put together and shown at a community screening which the

date is still to be determined. It is exciting to be a part of this and I feel this will be a valuable tool for our children in school to learn about the history of Cremona. There is a dedicated group of volunteers working on this but if you think you may be interested and would like more information please be sure to call.

Again thank you for taking the time to read my newsletter and I hope it provides you with information your find informative. I look forward to bringing you more exciting news from Division 2 next month. Until then I invite you to contact me on anything you would like to discuss.

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. We have had approval for our 2013 budget from Cremona Council. We are looking at a project to expand the library into the Cremona Shop space located directly behind the current library. It is still in the initial stage of review to determine if it would be feasible to renovate that space or build new. After having Parkland Regional Library doing an assessment of the site the board has decided to bring all options to the table, new build/reno & expansion. We formed a building committee to work on this.



Water Valley outdoor skating rink. This has been such a great project and thank you to all the volunteers who have made it so enjoyable.

Cremona and District Fire Authority

- As stated above, the fire authority will be running as is while we are still bound to the current agreement. We have had approval from County Council to obtain quotes for a new pumper truck to be purchased for the Water Valley Hall. This should be coming forward for council approval in the next few months. With the hopes of having a new truck for 2014.

Cremona Engagement Site

- It is so exciting we have such a valuable technology tool in our area. I have been fortunate enough to have participated in this for the past 2.5 years and it is performing above expectations for us. We will be hosting our AGM meeting in March watch for the dates and come and see for yourself what exciting things we are working on for the future.

MAP (Municipal Area Partnership)

- This is a committee that is attended with representatives from each municipality within Mountain View County. We work together on governance of commissions we all hold together, capital recreation funding plans and anything we can partner together on.

Campus Learning Center - CLC

- This is a committee at Olds College and it is a partnership with the college, the Town of Olds and Mountain View County. There are many initiatives that the CLC is working on such as dual crediting which we are a leader in Alberta for this project.

Tri-Community Transit (TCT)

- This is a partnership with Didsbury, Carstairs, Cremona and Mountain View County. It is presently a pilot project to determine the requirement for transportation for residents to attend doctor appointments and any other requirements in the city. This service is provided by Rocky View Handi-Bus. This has been a project initiated by our local FCSS organizations.

Central Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and County's - CAAMDC

- We had our semi-annual zone meeting in Three Hills in January and this was a directors meeting to prepare for our upcoming division meeting which will be held in Caroline in Feb. At this directors meeting we discussed some of the issues we all face and can work together on to come provide the province with some solutions. At the division meeting we will be discussing and preparing resolutions to being forward to the Spring AAMDC convention that is held in Edmonton.



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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 in the next couple of months 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.