



PHOTO TAKEN MAY 21, 2013 AT THE BIG PRARIE BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION SITE

# 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)

It has been a busy and exciting month. We have had several workshop meetings at the county such as a review of the Land Use By-law. Our goal is to make this document more users friendly and easier for residents to apply for development. I have also been attending our local committee meetings which I will have updates for in my Committee Updates.

On May 14, 2013 our Cremona Library held a community needs assessment which will assist the Library Board in writing their Plan of Service which is due every 5 years. Our Library Board selected members from all the local organizations to represent their groups. There were some individuals who wore more than one hat at the table. This meeting brought out a lot of ideas that the governments, community groups and library can all work together or individually to achieve the needs that the group felt were important. Eric McGahn (the new Official Administrator for Cremona) and I are going to work together to utilize this group to continue on the progress that we all made that evening. It was wonderful to see the community work together and all seemed to

have the same goals and vision for the community.

**Road Renaming Celebration!**

Join Mountain View County and the Water Valley Community for the unveiling of **Laveck Lane** and the celebration of the pioneering Water Valley family for whom a portion of Rge Rd 52 - from Highway 579 to Winchell Lake - has been renamed.

**When:** Saturday, July 6; 11:30 a.m.  
**What:** Road Renaming Celebration with lunch to follow.  
**Where:** Water Valley Community Hall.  
**Cost:** \$5 for the lunch; unveiling celebration is free!

The renaming is in recognition of Samuel and Harriet Laveck, who settled in Water Valley in March 2010. Through the years, the Lavecks donated land for many facilities in the Water Valley area.

On May 13, 2013 I attended a Sustainable Community Symposium in Three Hills that was put on by ATCO. It was a series of speakers presenting on community involvement by volunteers and how to retain and attract new volunteers. I enjoyed this symposium and received a lot of valuable information out of it.

With the dry season we have had and the high risk of fire please be sure to watch for the Fire Bans set by Mountain View County as well make sure to obtain a fire permit from

our local fire guardians: Lorne & Leanne Patmore (Water Valley Area) 403-637-2209 as well when you burn contact the Fire Dispatch line at 1-877-507-7011 to report all fires.

If you are concerned with haul roads in regards to condition or dust please contact our complaints line to have this investigated at 403-994-0822. Also please understand that this assists us and we do appreciate the concerns and calls.

Our Administration has met with the OA from Cremona, Eric McGahn, to negotiate the fire services agreement. We are very hopeful that this process will be done very soon. Unfortunately there is no official update yet on the negotiations.

May 28-30 we attended a Council Workshop in Canmore. It consisted of early mornings and late nights but we were very productive and we were able to make plans on many things going forward. We have worked on our Strategic Goals and they are as follows:

### Agricultural

Goal #1: Provide an environment in which traditional and new forms of agriculture along with innovative, value-added agricultural industry can thrive.

### Infrastructure

**Goal #1:** Provide an effective road network that meets the need of Mountain View County's people and business.

**Goal #2:** Provide infrastructure that serves the public's service needs responsibly and effectively.

**Goal #3:** Maintain Mountain View County's infrastructure efficiently, effectively and in an environmentally responsible way.

**Environment**

**Goal #1:** Exert maximum influence to protect and preserve the Region's unique and precious natural environment.

**Community / Quality of Life**

**Goal #1:** Maintain safe communities.

**Goal #2:** Support local communities in providing cultural and recreational opportunities that contribute to people's quality of life.

**Goal #3:** Support initiatives that create the opportunity for people to remain in their communities as they age.

**Goal #4:** Encourage a vibrant, rural culture in Mountain View County.

**Economy / Financial Health**

**Goal #1:** Diversify to increase Mountain View County's taxable asset base and mitigate revenue risk.

**Goal #2:** Ensure adequate revenue to meet Council approved service levels.

**Goal #3:** Programs and Services are delivered efficiently, economically, equitable and remain relevant.

**Governance**

**Goal #1:** Mountain View County will have a culture of open, responsive and effective governance.

**Goal #2:** Promote respectful, positive and productive relationships with other municipalities and orders of government.

**Goal #3:** Communicate openly and effectively with the public.

**Construction update:**

**Big Prairie Bridge**

I personally made a stop by the bridge site on May 21 and viewed the progress of the construction. They are waiting to do the final

deck pour. Which will require 14 days of curing after it is done. They also have the approaches, road work, guard rail and fencing to complete. They are projecting a final project completion date of June 20, 2013.

**Acme Road**

Richardson Bros. has been making good progress on the construction project on the Acme road. There is beginning to be limited access to the road as the project moves towards work on the actual road base. It will be a nuisance for the summer until construction is complete but once it is it will have been well worth it! A lot of the fencing work has been done on the West end of the project and they will keep making their way East. As well, the construction will also work towards the East.

# 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**

- At this meeting we officially made motion to decline the workshop area for expansion of the library. Our building focus group is looking for different options; from building new to purchasing a property that is already established. We look forward to the future of the library.

**Cremona and District Fire Authority**

- We had a very positive meeting on May 15, 2013 at the Cremona Fire Hall. Eric McGahn from Cremona assured the board he will be working with the County to negotiate a fire services agreement to ensure that Fire Services will be carrying forward. We also had the Chief's report presented to us and I am happy with the hard work of our Fire Chief and all the volunteers.

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 contact Chief John Newberry at [jnewberry@cremonafire.com](mailto:jnewberry@cremonafire.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 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.**



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