



# County of VERMILION River

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### A.S.B

#### PEST CONTROL



Fall is a common time for issues with pests such as coyotes, skunks magpies, etc.

Any questions or concerns relating to the control of pests may be directed to the ASB Pest Control Officers at the County Office.

### STRYCHNINE

Just a reminder to those that purchased the 2% Liquid Strychnine Concentrate from the County this spring and summer:

- If you have not already filled out the product evaluation you were provided with upon purchase, please do so as it may strengthen the opportunities to access this product in the future.
- If you have misplaced the product evaluation that you were given, you may pick one up at the County office or if you call, we can fax you one.
- If you have completed the evaluation, but have not sent it in, you may drop it off at the office, mail it to Box 69, Kitscoty, AB T0B 2P0, or fax it to 780-846-2716.
- If you have returned the evaluation already, THANK YOU.

### CLUBROOT

The 2008 survey of Canola for Clubroot is underway. The ASB is sampling approximately 105 canola fields within the County at a density of 15 fields per electoral division. It is anticipated that the survey will be complete by the end of August. Any positive cases will result in the landowner being contacted.

### ADMINISTRATION / TAXES

#### \*\*\*TAX DEADLINE REMINDER\*\*\*

The County of Vermilion River Tax *Deadline* is 4:30 p.m. **September 30, 2008**

Payment must be received at the County Office on or before the deadline; mail must be postmarked on or before

**September 30, 2008**

In order to avoid the penalty, we suggest that you send us a post-dated cheque.

Deadline is **FIRM**, penalty applies after deadline.

**Senior Citizens Take Note:** You must pay your total taxes and apply to the Alberta Education Property Tax Assistance for Seniors Program for any rebate. For more information, please call

Shirley McRobert at 780-853-5358

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

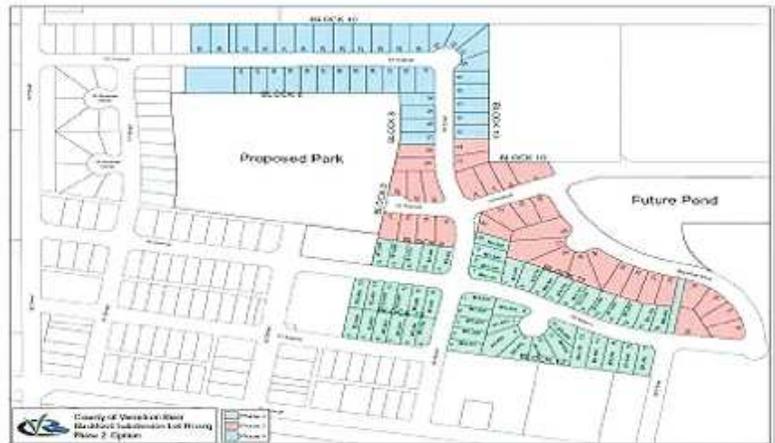
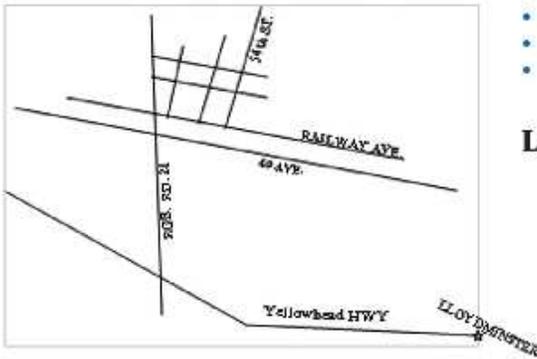
# BLACKFOOT PHASE 2

## LOTS NOW ON SALE



- Large Lots for Single Family Dwellings
- Small Community
- 10 minutes from the City of Lloydminster
- Choose from ~~49~~ NOW 47 lots
- Proposed Home of the Reapers Rugby Club, Playground, Soccer Field, and Hockey Rink in 10 Acre Park Area

**LOTS AT \$60,100 TO \$90,800 PLUS G.S.T.**



**PURCHASE OF LOTS CAN BE MADE AT  
THE COUNTY OF VERMILION RIVER OFFICE  
4912 - 50 AVENUE, KITSICOTY, AB**

**CONTACT PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
AT (780) 846-2244 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.**

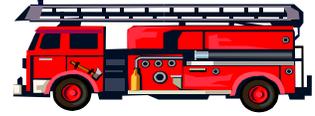
**Proposed building start date: September 2, 2008**



## PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Fact 1 Volunteer firefighters protect well over 90 % of Alberta communities

In Alberta, approximately 77% of the estimated firefighters are volunteer and these individuals provide protection to well over 90% of Alberta communities.



Fact 2 Volunteers prevent drain on municipal budgets.

Volunteerism is a fundamental value across Canada and all such work is very important to our society. However, firefighting is essential to protect lives, homes and businesses. It is becoming increasingly difficult to recruit volunteers and the County is always looking for dedicated individuals to join our fire departments.

President of the Alberta Fire Chiefs, Brian McEvoy stated “These are not service clubs but essential services to our communities. If no one shows up for an Elks meeting they reschedule the meeting, you can’t reschedule an emergency, this is why recruitment and retention was a focal point at our annual conference.”

Fact 3 Volunteers must meet basic firefighting training standards.

Volunteer firefighters have to meet, on their own time, all the training demanded by this dangerous business. Volunteer departments typically devote 2 evenings per month to train and volunteers are obliged to attend a set percentage of these sessions to remain members of the department. Weekend and evening training sessions are also held to teach a series of accredited courses which allows our volunteers to acquire the skill and knowledge to better perform their duties in emergency situations.

## PUBLIC WORKS

The County of Vermilion River wishes to advise the public that we will be changing our snowplowing methods to reflect the need to conserve gravel in the County and neighboring municipalities.

In the past, County graders have removed as much snow as possible off the County roadways, some gravel has, therefore, been exposed. The public will see some snow on the roadways this winter as a cover to protect the gravel.



Speaking of Snow, the County would like to remind residents to pick up their snowplow flags prior to the first snowfall in order to avoid being ‘unexpectedly’ caught in your driveway. Snowplow flags are available at the County office at a cost of \$ 30/ flag if paid for up front and \$40 / flag if invoiced out



In 2009, two more graders will be added to the fleet to deal with the increased demands in order to maintain our standard level of service

The Public Works Department would like to remind everyone to drive accordingly to the road conditions.

**Please slow down, drive safely and be courteous.**

## GAS UTILITY

### Why We Need You To Read Your Gas Meter?

Monthly meter readings are required for proper balancing of our gas system. Improper balances mean there is a chance of gas loss in the system, and at present gas rates, the value of the loss could be high. Losses can be the result of a failed customer meter, high pressure relief venting, line cut or line failure, fusion failure, rodent chew damage to pipeline, and faulty purchase meter off of a supplier line. Without your reads it is extremely difficult / almost impossible to determine the location of any existing gas loss. These losses result in additional costs to our Gas Utility.

Actual meter readings and reporting problems promptly (such as stopped meters, leaks, hit lines, etc.) allows us to investigate and resolve problems faster, which may in turn offer higher rewards to you, the customer.

Other alternatives for collecting meter reads, such as hiring people to read all meters monthly or installing Automated Meter Reading devices (AMR), are costly. With the assistance of all customers, we can accomplish our goals without any increased costs.

The County of Vermilion River Gas Utility has one of the largest customer bases in the province with over 2900 customers, and is the largest mover of gas volumes of all rural utilities with this volume. On a monthly basis, **approximately 25% of our customers do not read their meters**, which jeopardizes our ability to detect gas losses and pin point the location of a leak. Estimates are processed through our billing program, but these are not always accurate.

**We are depending on you. Please read your meter by the 5th of every month, in order to help us balance our system more accurately.**

**In 2009, Council is considering implementing penalties for non compliance of the system, and non meter readers may lose their rebate.**

### New Method of Sending In Meter Readings

Due to problems receiving emails, a new method of sending in meter readings has been developed. Effective immediately, customers can enter their meter reads on-line. Go to [www.vermilion-river.ab.ca](http://www.vermilion-river.ab.ca) and at the bottom of the screen is **Meter Reads**, [Click Here](#) for more information. This brings up **Submit Meter Read**, then click on **Meter Read Form** and enter the required information.



*Thanks for Your Cooperation!!*

## WATER AND SEWER

### Water Conservation Tips

Follow our Water Conservation Tips and reduce the amount of water you use ( and the amount you waste!)

Water supplies are not endless. Everyone can play a part, at home, at school or in the community, to protect and to conserve our water so that it will be sustained for future generations.

Here are some ideas on how you can save water in the home:



#### Kitchen Tips

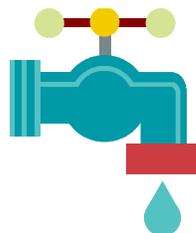
1. Install a low-flow faucet aerator, which can cut water use in half.
2. Soak pots and pans before washing. When washing dishes by hand, fill one sink or basin with soapy water.
3. Fill a basin or a pan with water to wash fruits and vegetables
4. Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator rather than running tap water until it is cool enough to drink.
5. When buying a new dishwasher, consider purchasing a water-saving model. Newer models can cut water use by 25 percent and are no more expensive than non-conserving models.
6. Wash only full loads in the dishwasher.

#### Bathroom Tips

1. Bathroom use accounts for about 65 percent of the water used inside the home.
2. Check regularly for any leaks and fix them. Most common bathroom leaks are found in faucets and in and around toilets.
3. Replace older, larger-use toilets with the newer ultra-low flush models. Standard toilets manufactured prior to the 1980s usually require 15 to 20 litres per flush. Toilets sold during the 80s and early 90s use 13 litres per flush.
4. Do NOT use the toilet to dispose of paper, facial tissues, or cigarettes.
5. Take a five-minute shower.
6. Use the minimum amount of water needed for a bath by closing the drain and then filling the tub only 1/3 full.
7. Install a low-flow showerhead. It can save about half the amount of water you typically use in the shower, while still providing a refreshing, cleansing shower.
8. Turn the tap water off while brushing your teeth, shaving, or washing your face.
9. If the toilet flush handle frequently sticks in the flush position, letting water run constantly, replace or adjust it.

#### Laundry Room Tips

1. When buying a new clothes washer, consider purchasing a water-saving model. New horizontal axis models can save up to 40 percent of the water used by a conventional model. Check with your municipality to see if they provide rebates on the purchase of water-saving clothes washers.
2. Wash only full loads in the clothes washer.
3. Insulate your water pipes. You'll get hot water faster plus avoid wasting water while it heats up.



## **FAMILY & COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES (FCSS)**

### **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES (F.C.S.S.)**

#### **GRANT PROGRAM**

The Family and Community Support Services Grant Program is a source of funding provided through a partnership between the County of Vermilion River and Alberta Childrens' Services. The funds are designed to be used to enhance and enrich preventative programs and services offered to the citizens of the County.

This grant funds projects and programs of a preventative nature that enhance the social well being of individuals and families through promotion or intervention strategies provided at the earliest opportunity. Programs should help people to develop independence, strengthen coping skills, become more resistant to crisis, develop an awareness of social needs, develop interpersonal and group skills which enhance constructive relationships among people, assume responsibility for decisions and actions which affect them, and provide supports that help sustain people as active participants in their community.

Grants may not be used for projects or programs that are primarily rehabilitative in nature, duplicate services that are ordinarily provided by a government or government agency, must not offer financial assistance to sustain an individual or family, and must not provide primarily for the recreational needs or leisure-time pursuits of individuals.

In 2008 the County allocated grants to the following organizations and agencies, providing a wide variety of programs to children, youth, adults, seniors and families within our municipality:

Battle River Victims Assistance Society	Blackfoot Golden Slippers Association
BTPS Family School Liaison Program	Clandonald School Volunteer Appreciation
Catholic Social Services – Premura Counselling	Kitscoty Safe & Caring Community Committee
Dewberry Senior Citizens Society	Islay 50 – 100 Club
Islay Health Care Auxiliary	Kitscoty & District Seniors Centre
Kitscoty Rugrats Playschool	Kitscoty Community Cabin For Kids
Kitscoty Scouts	Lloydminster Community Youth Centre
Lloydminster & Area Brain Injury Society	Lloydminster Sexual Assault & Information
Lloydminster Interval Home	Marwayne Lil' Critters Playschool
Marwayne Moms 'n Tots	Marwayne Seniors Centre
Pioneer Lodge	Paradise Valley & District Senior Citizens
Seniors Support Program Coordinator	Tulliby Lake Friendship Club
Vermilion & Area Brighter Beginnings	Vermilion & District Housing Foundation
Vermilion Play Development	Walking Through Grief Society
CVR Fire Fighter Appreciation	CVR Senior Snow Plow Flag Program

## **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

### **2009 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES**

**The County is now accepting applications for 2009 Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) grants.**

The County is transitioning towards the ministry requirement for standardized data collection and outcomes reporting. This has resulted in the creation of new applications forms for 2009. The FCSS application forms and guidelines are available at the County office or can be downloaded from the County website at [www.vermilion-river.ab.ca](http://www.vermilion-river.ab.ca).

**Applications must be received at the County Office by SEPTEMBER 26, 2008 in order to be considered for this round of grant allocations.**

Inquiries regarding the grant can be directed to Sharon Williams, FCSS Coordinator, by calling (780) 846-2244 or (780) 853-5492. Please mark envelopes to the attention of the FCSS Coordinator and mail, fax or drop them off at the County Administration Office.

## CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES—LLOYDMINSTER



SERVING PEOPLE OF ALL FAITHS AND  
CULTURES

### *Gold Wrapping Paper*

The story goes that some time ago a mother punished her 5 year old daughter for wasting a roll of expensive gold wrapping paper. Money was tight and she became even more upset when the child used the gold paper to decorate a box to put under the Christmas tree. Nevertheless, the little girl brought the gift box to her mother the next morning and said, "This is for you, Momma." The mother was embarrassed by her earlier over reaction, but her anger flared again when she opened the box and found it was empty. She spoke to her daughter in a harsh manner. "Don't you know, young lady, when you give someone a present there's supposed to be something inside the package?" She had tears in her eyes and said, "Oh, Momma, it's not empty! I blew kisses into it until it was full." The mother was crushed. She fell on her knees and put her arms around her little girl, and she begged her forgiveness for her thoughtless anger.

An accident took the life of the child only a short time later, and it is told that the mother kept that gold box by her bed for all the years of her life. Whenever she was discouraged or faced difficult problems she would open the box and take out an imaginary kiss and remember the love of the child who had put it there. In a very real sense, each of us, as human beings, have been given a Golden box filled with unconditional love and kisses from our children, family, friends and GOD. There is no more precious possession anyone could hold.

*Submitted by, Premura Counselling Program - Child & Family Counselling Services*



## When you need support, we're here for you ...



Premura Counselling is a professional therapeutic counselling service for individuals, couples and families. We currently employ a Registered Psychologist, Bachelor's degree in Psychology currently registered in Masters of Counselling, and a Registered Social Worker. Our ultimate goal is that you practice prevention to ensure happy and healthy lifestyles in order to help you reach your personal and collective potential. Many of us face a variety of difficulties in our daily lives, some of these difficulties may not be our own, but rather those of a family member. We are here to help!

- **COUNTY OF VERMILION RESIDENTS:** Residents of the County can access our counselling program IN Vermilion and/or Lloydminster.
- **TOWN OF VERMILION RESIDENTS:** With the support of the Town of Vermilion FCSS, we have a counsellor readily available to provide counselling services *IN* the Town of Vermilion for your convenience. These services are also available in Lloydminster, should you choose to have your session there. Your Town FCSS has subsidized this service to provide you with ten counselling sessions per contract year, at no cost to you.
- **WAINWRIGHT MILITARY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE:** With the support of Wainwright MFRC, we provide counselling services to families of the Wainwright base IN Wainwright. This service provides TEN counselling sessions per year, at no cost to you. The sessions are available at the CSS Wainwright office on Tuesdays. Call our Lloydminster office for more information or to book your appointment.

WE'RE ON THE WEB! [WWW.CATHOLICSOCIALSERVICES.AB.CA](http://WWW.CATHOLICSOCIALSERVICES.AB.CA)

**For more information contact:**

Shauna Godin, Program Manager

Email: [shauna.godin@catholicsocialservices.ab.ca](mailto:shauna.godin@catholicsocialservices.ab.ca)

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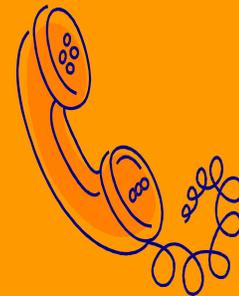
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For Children And Family  
Services

## PLEASE REMEMBER.....

All dog owners are responsible to obtain a dog license.. The one-time cost is \$25 and a “Mug Shot” of the dog is also needed. Please contact our office for further information

### Important Numbers to Remember

<b>Ambulance, Fire, Police</b>	<b>911</b>
Alberta Alcohol & Drug Abuse Commission	1-866-332-2322
Alberta Seniors Information Line	1-800-642-3853
Battle River Victims Assistance	780-853-2839 (Vermilion)
	780-846-2870 (Kitscoty)
Bullying Help Line	1-888-456-2323
Child Abuse Hotline	1-800-387-5437
Crisis Line	1-800-661-4606
Family Violence Information Line	310-1818
Gambling Help Line	1-866-332-2322
Kids Help Line	1-800-668-6868
Lloydminster Interval Home (call collect)	780-875-0966
Lloydminster Sexual Assault Centre (24 hour)	306-825-8255
Mental Health Line	1-877-303-2642
Safe Kids Help Line	1-877-385-5437
Senior's Distress Line	1-800-232-7288
Social Service Emergency Assistance Line	1-800-638-0715
STD / AIDS Information Line	1-800-772-2437



### Transfer Station Hours

**VERMILION RIVER REGIONAL  
WASTE MANAGEMENT  
SERVICES COMMISSION**

**Manager: Shirley Schwartz**  
**Phone: (780) 853-5561**  
**Fax: (780) 853-4532**  
**E-mail: vrrwmsc@telus.net**

<u>Kitscoty:</u> (SE 35-50-3 W4)	Wed: 2:00—5:00 p.m. Wed: 2:00—7:00 p.m.	Sat: 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. (Nov 1-Apr 30) Sat: 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. (May 1-Oct 31)
<u>Marwayne:</u> (SE 34-52-3 W4)	Wed: 2:00—5:00 p.m. Wed: 2:00—7:00 p.m.	Sat: 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. (Nov 1-Apr 30) Sat: 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. (May 1-Oct 31)
<u>Clandonald/Dewberry:</u> (NE 11-53-5 W4)	Thurs: 12:00— 5:00 p.m.	Sat: 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
<u>Paradise Valley:</u> (NW 7-47-2 W4)	Wed: 10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.	Sat: 9:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.
<u>Tulliby Lake:</u> (NW 6-55-1 W4)	10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.	2nd & 4th Sat and 1st and 3rd Wed
<u>Preston:</u> (SW 30-48-6 W4)	Sat: 10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.	
<u>Vermilion:</u> (SW 5-51-6 W4)	Monday through Saturday (except Stat Hol)	9:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

### COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

<b>Street Address:</b>	4912-50 Ave Kitscoty, AB	<b>Mailing Address:</b>	Box 69 Kitscoty, AB T0B 2P0
<b>Phone:</b>	(780)846-2244	<b>E-mail:</b>	county24@telusplanet.net
<b>Vermilion Line:</b>	(780)853-5492	<b>Website:</b>	www.vermilion-river.ab.ca
<b>Fax:</b>	(780)846-2716		