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Vermilion River
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COUNTY COUNCIL

GREETINGS FROM THE REEVE

After a severe cold snap over Christmas it has been nice to have the temperatures back into a normal range, and for those of you who are calving right now, I am sure you are very happy with the warmer temperatures.

Council has been meeting with our CAO, Director's and staff to discuss financial direction and strategies for the 2023 budget. The current financial situation has put Council in a position where it is looking at possible reductions in service levels. The 2023 Corporate Plan, which is now available on the County Website and at the County office, has helped to guide Council through some of the complicated issues we are facing in our economy.

At its Regular Meeting of Council on February 14, 2023 Council received recognition for the County of Vermilion River's support of STARS. The County's support of STARS spans over 25 years. As a Council we are very pleased to not only continue our support of STARS but to let our residents know emergency services remains important to us all.

Council conducts its Regular Meetings and Policy and Priorities Committee Meetings in person and through ZOOM webinars. We encourage residents to register (see the link on our webpage) to attend these meetings. It is encouraging to note some residents have adjusted to the virtual council meetings and are participating and becoming accustomed to the ability of joining a meeting at your convenience.

Should you have any concerns or compliments, please let us know via office@county24.com.

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COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS (December—January—February)

COUNCIL

- Council held a Town Hall meeting with ratepayers on March 2, 2023 at the Kitscoty Hall.
- Council approved Year End reports for Departments
- Council received the 2022 Safety Audit
- Approved Policies – PD 004 Land Management, PD 014 General Municipal Servicing Standards (GMSS), PE 024 Employee Long Service/Retirement Recognition, Policy LE 001 Councillor Remuneration and Expenses, Policy AD 008 English 30-1 and English 30-2 Awards, Policy AD015 Post-Secondary Education Award, Policy PE 024 Employee Long Service/Retirement Recognition, Policy PE 034 Emergency Disaster On-Call.
- Approved Bylaws – Bylaw 22-14 Split Assessment, Bylaw 22-18 Gas Utility Rate, Bylaw 23-02 Fees for Goods and Services, Bylaw 21-22 Schedule A Amended Water and Sewer Rates, Bylaw 23-03 Subdivision Authority
- Council met with Kitscoty and Vermilion RCMP for Quarter Report
- Letter to Government of Alberta regarding exemption for new wells and pipelines.
- Meetings with Government Officials at Rural Municipalities of Alberta conferences
- Meeting with Vermilion Airport Advisory Committee
- Discussion regarding snowmobile trail
- County of Vermilion River declined plan for new Administration Building
- Vermilion and District Housing Foundation Requisition \$587,250.00.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

- 2023 Interim Capital Budgets
- Communications Plan and Corporate Identity Guideline
- Municipal Services and Compatibility Agreement

AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

- Quarterly Report
- Agriculture and Environment budgets
- Resolutions for Ag Services Board Convention

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

- Fire and Protective Services year end report
- 2022 Census - Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs
- Inclusion of the Blackfoot Industrial Fire Response Plan to the County of Vermilion River Emergency Response Plan
- Fire and Protective Services budgets

PUBLIC WORKS

- 2023 Gravel Report
- Public Works Budgets
- Backhoe Loader Replacement purchase
- Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program grant approval

PLANNING & COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Planning and Community Services Plan
- Sale list of Hamlet Properties
- County of Vermilion River to assist the Village of Kitscoty with FCSS responsibilities.
- Approval of funding for furnace repair to Dewberry Seniors Centre
- Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw Review
- Village of Marwayne Special Capital Grant for Marwayne Splash Park Project

NATURAL GAS UTILITY

- 2023 Quality Management Plan
- 2023 Fleet Truck Purchase of five trucks from WEBB's Ford

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings begin at 9:00 a.m.

Council Meetings

April 11	April 25
May 9	May 23
June 13	June 27

Policy & Priorities Committee

Meetings

April 18	May 16
June 20	

In addition to attending in person, the public can access Council Meetings via ZOOM. Please access the link on our website should you wish to attend the meetings.

*This is a tentative schedule. Any changes to meetings are posted on our website on the **Events Calendar**.

GOPHERS, AND MORE GOPHERS

Spring brings warmer weather, longer days, new calves, and new crops. It also brings the problematic Richardson Ground Squirrels (aka Gophers). With the removal of strychnine as an option for gopher control, farmers may need to rethink control options. Knowing the gopher's life cycle helps make better control decisions. Below is a chart that shows typical timing of gopher's life cycle to help make better control decisions. Note that males emerge about 2 weeks before the females. During this time, they don't eat very much and are busy fighting for territory. When females emerge, they breed immediately. It generally takes about two weeks after emergence before the females to start eating much. This is the best time to put out poison for gopher control because the adults are looking for high energy foods (new litters have not been born yet and ideally plant green-up has not yet occurred). This makes bait more appealing food source, and provides the most effective control, before the gopher can do much crop damage. The best way to determine this window of opportunity is to actively monitor gopher emergence. Once the gophers have been spotted, plan to start baiting 4 to 6 weeks later.

	Richardson Ground Squirrels Emerge Above Ground	Richardson Ground Squirrels Enter Hibernation
Adult Males	Mid-February to Early March	Mid-June to Early July
Adult Females	Early to Mid-March	Early to Late July
Juvenile Females	Early to Mid-May	Early to Mid-August
Juvenile Males	Early to Mid-May	Mid-September to October

Timelines are based on Southern Alberta. Gopher emergence is dependent on weather, so active monitoring is needed.

Bait Options

Current bait options for Richardson Ground Squirrels include Rozol RTU (chlorophacinone), a multi feeding anticoagulant bait. Rozol RTU is available at many farm supply stores. It requires baiting at least twice over a 2-day period. Results of baiting will be seen 10 to 12 days later.

Alternatively, farmers may want to consider Burrow Oat Bait (or another zinc phosphide bait). Zinc phosphide is similar in toxicity to strychnine and competitive in price. It also has a very limited risk of secondary poisoning. Availability can be limited. You will likely need to arrange in advance to get a supply. Burrow oat bait is used in Manitoba, but limited Alberta retailers are carrying it. Viceroy Distributors carries Burrow Oat Bait and can ship to Alberta. Inquire with them, or your local farm supply store for more information on this product.

Always read and follow label directions when working with any pesticides.

The County of Vermilion River does NOT have an strychnine available.



AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

2023 ROADSIDE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Roadside Mowing	The County will be mowing regularly maintained roadsides this summer starting on July 15 . Priority will be given to high traffic roads and school bus routes.
Haying Municipal Roadsides	If landowners want to harvest hay along a County road they can do so, but all haying must be completed before July 15, 2023 .
Roadside Hay Agreement	If you want the County to delay herbicide application along a portion of roadside by your property so it can be hayed, landowners can apply for a hay agreement by May 31 . With a signed Hay Agreement, the County will delay spraying the designated roadside until July 15. All haying along County roadsides, with or without a Hay Agreement, must be completed before July 15 to allow for roadside mowing. Hay Permits are available for download on the County website .
Roadside Spraying	The County will be blanket spraying roadsides in Spray Area 2 (the western third of the County) in 2023. Roadsides will be sprayed to control weeds, brush, tall vegetation (including sweet clover) and volunteer canola and brassicas (for clubroot management). Other roadside areas within the County may be spot sprayed for noxious weed or brush control when necessary.

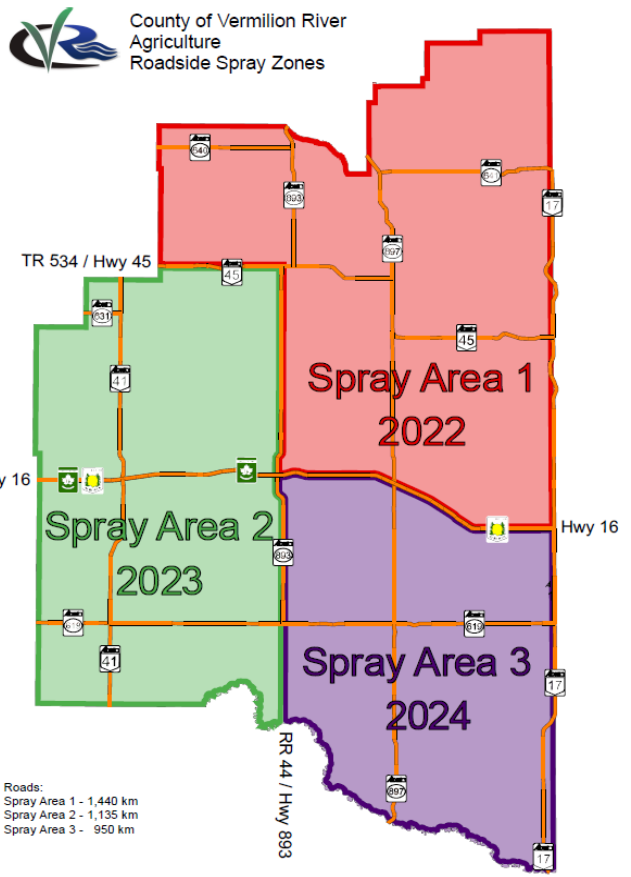
Please note that the County will not spray municipal road ditches within 30m (100 ft) adjacent to obviously maintained yard sites, tame shelterbelts or dugouts. (Obvious means that the operator can see the maintained area in time to stop spraying before they get to the driveway or maintained area).



If weed issues arise in these areas, we will obtain written permission from the owner/occupant maintaining the area. If you are mowing or trimming your driveway or yard site, you no longer need to apply for a No Spray Agreement for that area.

NO SPRAY AGREEMENTS

The County recognizes that some landowners do not want herbicides applied to the municipal road right of ways adjacent to their property, so No Spray Agreements are available to those ratepayers who agree to themselves control weeds and vegetation with the County ROW to meet the County's vegetation management standards. **Complete the No Spray Agreement before May 31 annually.** The No Spray Agreement form is available for download on the [County website](#).



PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Nuisance and Unsightly Property Notice

The County of Vermilion River Community Peace Officers would like to remind all residents of the Nuisance and Unsightly Premises bylaw. Any concerns received regarding unsightly properties will be responded to starting **JUNE 1**.

Please take advantage of the warmer spring weather to ensure your property is maintained and cleaned up.

Complaints

Our Community Peace Officers are responsible for enforcing certain Provincial legislations and County Bylaws.

Any inquiries or concerns can be directed to Public Safety at 780-846-3313.

We **DO NOT** respond to concerns regarding criminal activity. Please contact your local RCMP detachment or in an emergency, **call 911**

Emergency Preparedness Week

May 7-13

Emergency Preparedness Week encourages Canadians to take actions to be better prepared to protect themselves and their families during emergencies.

If an emergency happens, it may take emergency workers time to reach you. Use [this guide](#) to build a 72-hour emergency kit for your family.

These basic steps will help take care of your loved ones during an emergency.

Are you prepared?

Know the risks

Get a kit

Make a plan

Canada

Passing Emergency Vehicles



LAW ENFORCEMENT



FIRE



AMBULANCE



TOWING

Flashing lights from emergency vehicles will warn you of a problem ahead. When you see flashing lights:

- 1 Reduce Speed to 60 km/hr or the posted speed, whichever is lower.
- 2 Carefully Change Lanes if Necessary
- 3 Be prepared to stop.
- 4 Follow directions given by emergency personnel

PUBLIC WORKS

Spring Is Almost Here!



Road Bans Will Be In Place Soon

Road Bans are dependant on the weather. Usually Road Bans are in place starting mid March or early April. Once in place, the Road Bans remain until conditions allow for heavy traffic to be on the roads without causing damage. County roads are monitored closely and the Road Bans are removed as soon as conditions allow. When a Road Ban is in place, a list of affected roads will be posted on our website and on Social Media.

The County of Vermilion River places Road Bans to protect the County infrastructure, so our roads don't end up looking like this.



Culverts



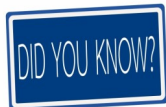
Please report any concerns of blocked or frozen culverts to Public Works by phone at 780-846-3309, through the County website under Report a Concern or email: publicworks@county24.com. Please provide as much information as possible when calling or submitting your concern.

Does Your Permit Say 2022?

All County Heavy Vehicle Permits expire on December 31. To renew your permit, contact Public Works. All vehicles with a registered weight of 22,500 kg and over require a permit to travel on County roads as per the Traffic Bylaw (Bylaw 21-04).

Is There A Sign Missing? Does A Road Need Grading? Is there a blocked culvert?

You can report a concern by calling Public Works at **780-846-3309** Monday to Friday 8:30 to 4:30 or by using the **Report a Concern** available on our website 24/7 (The Report a Concern is **not** monitored after hours) or you can email: publicworks@county24.com
If you need to report an emergency after hours please call the emergency line at 780-846-2929



The Public Works Team received and responded to 1321 concerns out of 1373 total concerns received in 2022.
516 Industry, Commercial, and Agricultural Permits were issued in 2022

Spring Maintenance Tips

1. Check your sump pump and make sure the pit is free of debris. Make sure the pump is working properly by activating the switch or by pouring water into the pit. Pour in a water and vinegar mix to kill any mold or mildew. Check the discharge line for blockages.
2. Check the outside faucets and hose bibs to make sure water is flowing freely. If you notice any drips outside or leakage inside, you may have a pipe that froze during the Winter and has cracked.
3. If you have a drippy tap, hear the toilet running constantly, have a tough time with your toilet flushing or you have to jiggle or hold the handle down for it to flush, you probably have some worn out parts that need replacing. These repairs are not usually expensive to fix and will help reduce your water bill.

Have You Signed Up for eBilling?



In 2020 the County Mailed out 3376 Water & Sewer Bills and Emailed 309

In 2021 the County Mailed out 4781 Water & Sewer Bills and Emailed 931

In 2022 The County sent out a **total of 5860** Water & Sewer Bills, 4481 were mailed and 1379 were emailed

PLANNING & COMMUNITY SERVICES

SNAPSHOT OF 2023 FCSS FUNDING

Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) is a partnership between the Province and County that develops locally driven, preventative social initiatives to enhance the well-being of individuals, families and communities. Thirty two organizations received funding for 2023. The community organizations below received provincial funding of \$298,098.25 that is invested into our region.

- Blackfoot & District Golden Slippers Association
- Buffalo Trail Public School
- Catholic Social Services
- Dewberry Community Newsletter
- Dewberry & District Agricultural Society
- Dewberry Early Childhood Parent Society
- Dewberry Senior Citizens Society
- East Central Catholic Schools
- Friends of the Vermilion Centre Society
- Inclusion Lloydminster
- Islay Health Auxiliary
- Kitscoty & District Community & Senior Association
- Kitscoty Community Cabin 4 Kids
- Kitscoty Library
- Kitscoty Rug Rats Play School Association
- Lloydminster & Area Brain Injury Society
- Lloydminster Interval Home: Youth Centre
- Lloydminster Interval Home: Community
- Lloydminster Sexual Assault Services
- Marwayne Lil' Critters Playschool
- Paradise Valley & District Senior Citizens
- Pioneer Lodge
- Rural Mental Health Project
- Senior Support Program
- The Nest Project
- Vermilion & Area Brighter Beginnings –Community Outreach
- VIBE (Vermilion is Being Empowered)
- Vermilion Chamber of Commerce
- Vermilion Elementary School
- Vermilion & District Housing Foundation
- Vermilion Play Development Program
- Walking Through Grief Society

EASEMENT FAQs?

What is an Easement?

The Right to use land, generally for access to other Property or as a right-of-way for a Public Utility.

What is an Environmental Reserve?

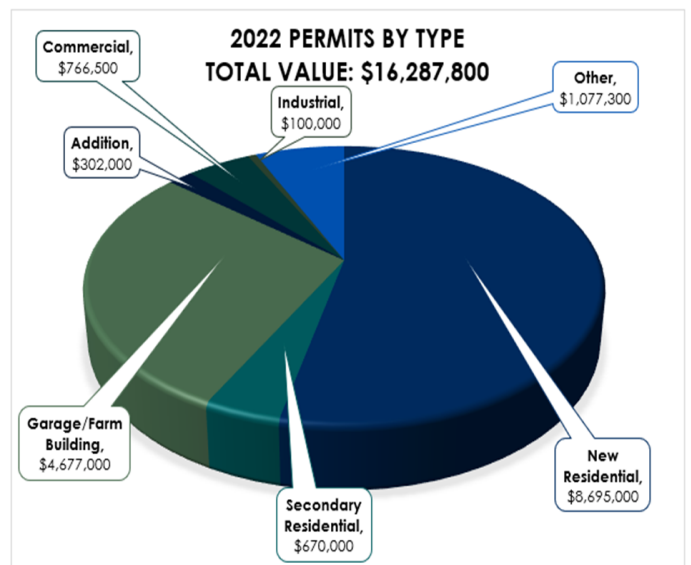
Environmental Reserves (ER) are used to preserve natural features of land, prevent pollution, ensure public access, and prevent the development of land that is subject to flooding or unstable.

What is an Environmental Reserve Easement?

Environmental Reserve Easements (ERE) are regulatory tools used during subdivision for various environmental and safety purposes.

What is a Conservation Easement?

A Conservation Easement is legally recorded agreement by which landowners voluntarily restrict the use of their land to protect its natural and cultural heritage.



PLANNING & COMMUNITY SERVICES

WHY DO WE HAVE A LAND USE BYLAW?

The Land Use Bylaw is one of the main tools that municipalities use to implement the objectives and goals of our Municipal Development Plan. The rules and requirements in the Land Use Bylaw are legally enforceable. The Land Use Bylaw sets out a set of rules everyone has to follow and protects citizens from conflicting land uses in their community.

The Land Use Bylaw helps balance rural and urban growth. This takes into consideration access to roads, parks, schools, residential, commercial and industrial uses that make our County a great place to live and work.

Who makes decisions under the Land Use Bylaw?

Municipalities are allowed to place lands into districts for different uses because of the Municipal Government Act (MGA), which is Alberta legislation that tells local government how they can operate. The MGA outlines a number of things when it comes to control and development of land and buildings in a municipality.



County Council

Council is the authority that decides what should or should not go into a MDP & LUB. Council also decides where zones can go in the County, and where land can be re-districted.



Subdivision Authority

The Subdivision Authority or SA uses the planning and land use bylaws and policies to guide decisions about the subdivision of land.



Development Authority

The Development Authority uses the planning and land use bylaws and policies to make development permit decisions. They can also choose to vary some of the rules in the Land Use Bylaw – but only some. The Development Authority cannot vary height, for instance.



Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB)

The Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) is an administrative tribunal consisting of a group of citizens appointed by County Council. If someone challenges a decision made by the Subdivision Authority or the Development Authority, the SDAB will schedule a hearing to review the appeal and will make a decision after concluding the hearing.

DID YOU KNOW?

Safety codes regulations are necessary for all construction and additions.

Obtaining Safety Codes Permits are required by Alberta legislation and provide the applicant the benefit of knowing that the construction, installation, design, use, operation, or occupancy will conform to the safety standards that have been adopted under the *Safety Codes Act*, and that inspections will be provided by a certified Safety Codes Officer. It is important for owners to obtain Safety Codes Permits for insurance and safety reasons.

The *Safety Codes Act* applies to fire protection, barrier-free design and the design, manufacture, construction, installation, use, operation, occupancy and maintenance of:

Buildings

Electrical systems

Elevating devices

Gas systems

Plumbing systems

Pressure equipment

Private sewage disposal systems

The County employs two (2) accredited Safety Codes Agencies:

Superior Safety Codes Inc.

The Inspections Group Inc.

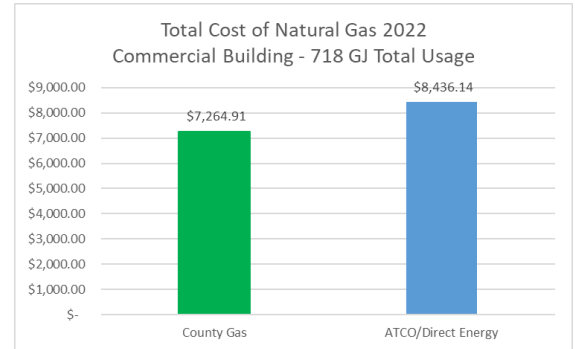
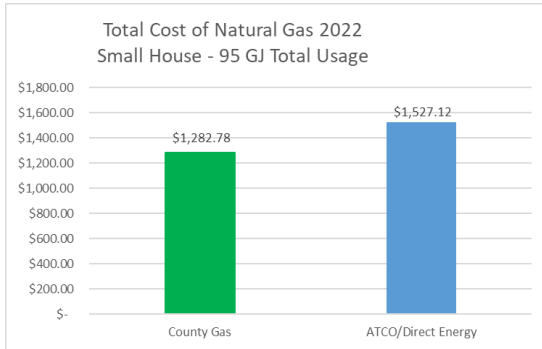
Regulations regarding the keeping of animals such as chickens, horses, swine, etc.

The regulations on the keeping of animals is based on Livestock Capacity calculations from the Province of Alberta and the Natural Resources Conservation Board; these are governed by the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act*. The regulations in the Land Use Bylaw look at several factors such as the capacity calculations, the environmental impact to the land, the health and welfare of the animals, manure management, the impact to neighboring properties, etc.

NATURAL GAS UTILITY

COUNTY GAS SAVES YOU \$\$\$

Each year to measure our rate strategy performance, the County performs direct comparisons on properties in ATCO Franchise Area.



Although the Government of Alberta has announced the extension of the Natural Gas Price Protection program, we do not expect that program to come into effect in 2023. It is important to understand that this program, rolled out in October 2022, is based on the major Regulated Retailers (ATCO/Direct Energy & Apex) monthly Cost of Gas, excluding any retailer charges, distributor charges, franchise fees, rate riders or taxes. The gas rate (cost of gas) is submitted by Direct Energy and monthly rebate amount based on the difference, the Utility/Retailer will issue a corresponding rebate on the customer's monthly gas bill, and the Government will refund the total amount of rebate to the Utility/Retailer. The monthly cost of gas has not (since October 2022), and is not projected to, exceed \$6.50/GJ. As such the Government of Alberta has not set a rebate or released any funding for reduction of natural gas heating costs and we project that to remain the case for 2023.

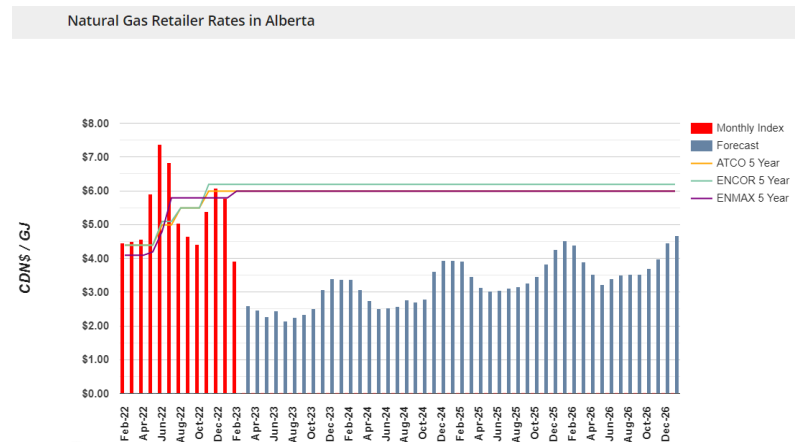
2023 Gas Utility Budget Highlights

The Gas Utility Budget has been approved by Council. Here are some of the key highlights for 2023:

- Implementation of a Gas System—Safety and Loss Management System as mandated by the Energy Regulator
- 8% Gas Sales Revenue Increase from oilfield gas supply and gathering
- 8% Billable Services Revenue increase largely for external construction services
- 14% increase in contribution to Municipal Budget to offset taxation increases
- Completion of the Household Meter Replacement Program
- \$1.5 Million in Capital Improvements including the following projects to increase system reliability, and improve capacity to purchase and transport excess local gas:
 - Tap 10-20 High Pressure Connection
 - Christopher Lake Pipeline Acquisition
 - System Hydraulic Modelling

2023 Gas Rate Projections

Throughout 2022 many customers inquired about the possibility of 'locking in' a fixed natural gas rate due to extraordinarily high monthly gas rates. The County assured customers that reacting to a spike in rates by contracting gas has historically not been beneficial to customers. Based on current rate projections this will prove to be correct. Wholesale Gas rates are projected at approximately \$3/GJ for a majority of 2023, which represent a substantial savings vs. current 5 year fixed rates of \$6/GJ or even previously offered fixed rates of \$4-5/GJ.



NOTICES & UPDATES

STAY UP TO DATE ON NEWS AND INFORMATION

Have you signed up to receive information emails from the County? When you [subscribe](#) and choose specific topics you should only receive the information that you are interested in.

The topics you can choose to receive information about:

- Agriculture & Environment
- Emergency Alerts
- Fire Bans
- Planning & Development
- Public Works
- County News
- Services Alerts (covers Gas Utility, Water & Sewer or Administration service disruptions)



NEW WEBSITE ANNOUNCEMENT

Over the coming months you will notice a new look to the website. The website address and information will be the same.

You will see an updated user friendly format. If you have questions or need assistance finding something please contact our office.

SENIOR'S WEEK

The County of Vermilion River Council has proclaimed June 5-11, 2023 as Seniors Week. Seniors week is celebrated to honor and recognize seniors for the many contributions to the community. Watch for Senior's Week celebrations happening in your community.

Save the date for a Senior's Week BBQ in Kitscoty on June 7, 2023 starting at 11:00 am at the Kitscoty Senior Centre.



National Volunteer Week is April 16 - 22, 2023 which highlights volunteers and the work they do around the community, promoting volunteerism and creating engagement for recruitment. This year's theme is "Volunteering Weaves us Together" #NVM2023 #WeavingUsTogether The County of Vermilion River would like to thank all volunteers for their tireless contributions to our communities.

Volunteering Weaves Us Together

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
APRIL 16 - 22, 2023
#NVW2023 #WEAVINGUSTOGETHER

VOLUNTEER BÉNÉVOLES CANADA

The banner features a collage of photos showing diverse groups of people volunteering together, such as preparing food and socializing. The text is overlaid on the collage in various fonts and colors.

NOTICES & UPDATES

BYLAW 19-07 DOG CONTROL BYLAW –RESCINDED

The County of Vermilion no longer has a dog bylaw and will no longer respond to complaints regarding dogs.

If you find stray dog, there a few things you can do:

- Check with your neighbors, someone may recognize the dog
- Check local missing animal Facebook pages—some may have posted they are missing a dog or you could create a post
- Transport the dog to Border Paws Animal Shelter (formerly the Lloydminster SPCA)

ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS

The 2022 Annual Highlights conveys to residents, businesses, community members and the public throughout how municipal tax dollars were invested to deliver projects, programs and services that create “a safe and diversified community and opportunities for all”. The Annual Highlights can be found on our [website](#).

New County Maps are Available

New County maps are available for purchase at the Administration office.

Rolled Map—\$25.00

Folded Map—\$15.00

If you are unable to come into the office, maps can be mailed for an additional cost.

Rolled Map—\$45.00

Folded Map—\$20.00



Phase 7

ACE (Alberta Central East) Water Corporation phase 7 will see the water transmission line go from Blackfoot to Paradise Valley. This phase is scheduled to start at the beginning of March 2023 (weather dependant) and will continue for the next several months.



Bring 'em all back

Don't forget to ask if your retailer is collecting used ag jugs now.

Empty ag jug recycling is moving to retail collection sites in Alberta.

Recycling empty <23L ag chemical jugs keeps plastics out of landfills and off farms; it goes into new items like ag drain tile and fenceposts. Empty <23L ag chemical jug recycling is moving from municipal transfer sites to retail collection sites in Alberta between now and the end of 2024. This change will align collection with other provinces, enabling farmers to bring empty, rinsed containers back to their local agricultural retail outlets.

Within the County of Vermilion River, the Tulliby Lake and Preston transfer sites have stopped accepting ag containers for recycling. The Clondonald transfer site will stop accepting ag containers on December 31, 2023. Other County transfer sites will stop accepting empty, rinsed and bagged containers for recycling effective December 31, 2024.

cleanfarms

cleanfarms.ca/mb-ab-jug-transition

cleanfarms

**Effective January 1, 2025
This Pesticide & Fertilizer Container Depot is
CLOSED**



Please do not leave here

Effective January 1, 2025, please return your empty, triple-rinsed and bagged jugs to your local ag dealer. Please call ahead to confirm materials collected at your local site.

Bag seed treatment containers separately, with caps on. Rinse when possible.



SCAN TO LOCATE A CLEANFARMS CONTAINER COLLECTION SITE

Contact Cleanfarms for more info:
1-877-622-4460 or cleanfarms.ca

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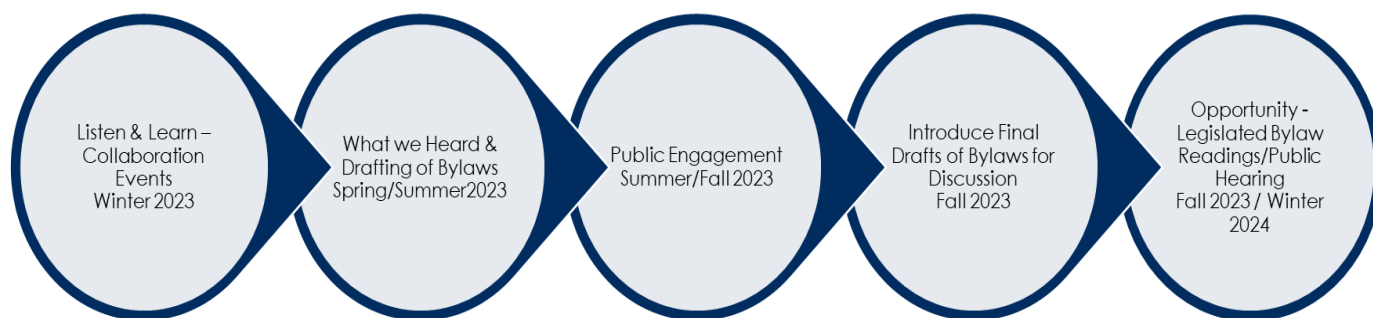
THE MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND LAND USE BYLAW

The Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw are undergoing a comprehensive review and rewrite to ensure that bylaws meet the land use and development need of the County of Vermilion River.

The Municipal Government Act (MGA) requires every municipality to pass a Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw and gives authority to prohibit or regulate and control the use and development of land and buildings within its jurisdiction.

The Municipal Development Plan—or MDP—is a long-range plan that establishes a vision for land management and development through high-level policy statements and mapping.

The Land Use Bylaw—or LUB—essentially controls and regulates what can and cannot occur on a parcel of land and how buildings can be placed and constructed on that parcel.

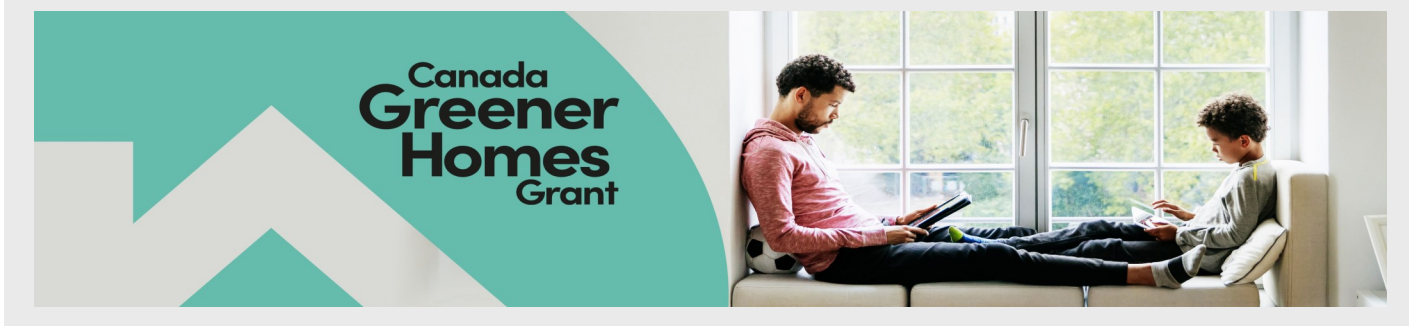


This is an approximate timeline of the process for reviewing the MDP and LUB.

Visit our [website](#) to stay up to date on information regarding the review process.

The [Canada Greener Homes Initiative](#) will help homeowners save money, create new jobs across Canada for energy advisors and fight climate change.

- **Grants from \$125 to \$5,000** To get back a portion of your costs for eligible home retrofits
- **Up to \$600** As a maximum contribution toward the total costs of your pre- and post retrofit EnerGuide evaluations



WASTE MANAGEMENT

TRANSFER STATION OPERATION HOURS

Summer Hours: May 1—September 30 & Winter Hours: October 1—April 30

DEWBERRY/CLANDONALD TRANSFER STATION (NE 11-53-5 W4)		PARADISE VALLEY TRANSFER STATION (NW 7-47-2 W4)	
Thursday	12:00pm—4:00pm (year round)	Wednesday	10:00am—12:00pm (year round)
Saturday	9:00am—2:00pm (year round)	Saturday	9:00am—2:00pm (year round)
KITSCOTY TRANSFER STATION (SE 35-50-3 W4)		MARWAYNE TRANSFER STATION (SE 34-52-3 W4)	
Wednesday	2:00pm—5:00pm (winter) 2:00pm—7:00pm (summer)	Wednesday	2:00pm—5:00pm (winter) 2:00pm—7:00pm (summer)
Thursday	1:00pm—5:00pm (summer)		
Saturday	10:00am—4:00pm (year round)	Saturday	10:00am—2:00pm (year round)
TULLIBY LAKE TRANSFER STATION (NW 6-55-1 W4)		PRESTON TRANSFER STATION (SW 30-48-6 W4)	
Wednesday	5:00pm—9:00pm (summer)	Wednesday	4:00pm—8:00pm (summer)
Saturday	10:00am—2:00pm (winter)	Saturday	10:00am—2:00pm (year round)
If you require further information contact the Vermilion River Waste Management Services Commission (VRRWMS) during regular office hours at 780-853-5561.		VERMILION TRANSFER STATION (SW 5-51-6 W4)	
		Monday thru Saturday	9:00am—4:45pm (year round) Closed on Sunday and all Statutory Holidays

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OFFICE HOURS

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Upcoming Office Closures:

April 7—10
May 22

Easter Break
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*For your convenience and safety, please contact the Main Office prior to visiting our maintenance yard and work sites.

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