



SUMMER
2023

COUNTY CURRENTS

County of
Vermilion River
Newsletter



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COUNTY COUNCIL

GREETINGS FROM THE REEVE

The relentless wind and dry conditions throughout Spring, had our volunteer fire departments active and continued while our farmers planted. It was nice to see the brown turn green and a little rain, but much more is needed to keep things green and growing. Let's hope the old saying, "Plant in the Dust and your Bins will Bust" has truth to it.

As many of our neighbours and friends to the west and north had to evacuate their homes, the County of Vermilion River Protective Services responded to the call for the need of fire fighters. We thank each one who answered the call to go and help. Words are often not enough, but we also appreciate the many hours of work put in by the volunteers throughout the County.

Tax Notices have taken staffs focus to ensure mailouts can be completed in a timely manner. Tax Notices have been successfully mailed out mid-June. It was another difficult year regarding budget deliberations. There was a lot of time spent on going through the finances and certainly once again we saw significant increases to costs. We have all felt the pressures from the increase in the cost of groceries and fuel and so we looked at every possible area where we could cut our costs.

We are all looking forward to summer and spending time at community events and with our families and friends at gatherings. We waited all winter to get back out to our local campsites, to watch our local chuckwagon drivers, to visit museums and attend fundraiser barbecues to support our local organizations. So much to do, and as we all know, so very little time to do it in!

The County of Vermilion River will be launching our new website and so please take the time to visit it and give us your feedback. It is important to us that we provide easy access to County information, news, and events not only for our residents but also for those moving into or doing business in our County.

Council invites you to attend Council meeting either in person at the Council Chambers at the Administration Building in Kitscoty or via ZOOM webinar. If attending via ZOOM Webinar please register using the link under the *County Government* webpage to attend both the Regular Meeting of Council and the Policy and Priorities Committee meetings.

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

We wish each of you a safe and enjoyable summer season!

Reeve Stacey Hryciuk



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COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS (March—April—May)

Council

- Council approved 2023 Operating and Capital Budget
- Council met with Kitscoty and Vermilion RCMP for quarterly reports and provided 2022 priority lists to RCMP
- Reviewed progress with all departments
- Council approved reports for Departments
- Public Hearings – Robinwood Area Structure Plan
- Rescinded Bylaws – Bylaw 19-07 Dog Control
- Rescinded Policies – PE 019 Authorized Travel Time
- Approved Policies – AD 001 Access to copies of County Records, AD 002 Removal of County Documents, AD 018 Milestones Recognition, NG 013 URW/Access/Crop Damages, PW 006 Dust Suppression as amended, Policy FI 015 Tax Penalty Cancellation.
- Approved Bylaws – Bylaw 23-01 Council Procedural Bylaw, Bylaw 23-04 Supplementary Assessment, Bylaw 23-06 Taxation Rates, Bylaw 23-07 Vermilion Recreation District, Bylaw 23-08 Dewberry Recreation District, Bylaw 23-09 Tax Penalty for unpaid taxes, Bylaw 23-10 Fire Services.
- Trans Canada Yellowhead HWY Association membership \$1,736.07.
- County of Vermilion River Fall Open House will be held November 22, 2023 from 6 PM to 8 PM at the Islay Hall.
- BMP Farm Family Awards Nomination of Westergaard Family for the County of Vermilion River.

Administration and Finance

- Budget and Mill rate presentations
- 2023 Operational and Capital Budgets approved.
- First Quarter Financial Statement presented.

Public Works and Utilities

- 2023 Asphalt Crack Sealing Services awarded to ACP Applied Products for \$82,844.33.
- Dewberry Railway Ave tender to E. Construction, a Division of N.P.A. Ltd for \$2,405,419.70.

Agriculture & Environment

- Sale of 2009 F550 Chemical Spray Truck \$45,010.00
- Appointment of 2023 Weed Inspectors, Pest Inspectors and Soil Conservation Inspectors

Planning & Community Services

- Sale of the Auburndale Hall and Lands for \$40,000.00 plus GST.
- Letter of support for Islay Museum project relocation to Vermilion Heritage Museum
- Community Funding Grants for Spring 2023
- Proclamation of Senior's Week 2023
- 2022-2023 Off-Site Levy Report
- Northern Lights Library levy \$91,123.34

Fire & Protective Services

- 2023 Appointment of Fire Guardians
- Alberta Community Policing Grant
- 2023 Fire Pumper for Vermilion Fire Station \$695,363.55

Natural Gas Utilities

- 2022 Gas Utility Annual Report

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings begin at 9:00a.m.

Council Meetings

June 27 July 18
August 22 September 12

Policy & Priorities Committee

Meetings

June 20
September 19

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**.

CORPORATE SERVICES

TIPS ON READING YOUR ASSESSMENT & EFFICIENT PAYMENT OF YOUR TAXES:

- FOR ONLINE PAYMENTS:** Please ensure you are using the correct billing payee and that you are paying County Taxes not County Gas or Water. Each bank is different, but it is likely you can find us by searching for Vermilion River.
- FOR ONLINE PAYMENTS:** Your **ROLL #** will be the payee account number. You will have a different Roll # for every property you own so it is best for tracking payments for each one.
- The amount you need to pay is found in the **AMOUNT DUE box**, as long as you are paying before the deadline of October 2, 2023. Please allow up to 3 business days for processing.
- FOR MAILED PAYMENTS:** The postmark will determine date of payment for anything that is mailed.

REMITTANCE

| ROLL | NAME | TAX YEAR | NOTICE DATE |
|-------------------|------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| AMOUNT DUE | | DUE DATE | ENTER AMOUNT OF PAYMENT |
| | | | \$ |

Taxes are due October 2, 2023. All taxes remaining unpaid after the due date of October 2, 2023 will have a penalty of 8% imposed the day after the due date. Further penalties of 6 % are applied to all balances that remain on January 16, 2024 and May 2, 2024 respectively.

2023 MILLRATES

| Description | GEN MUNI | GEN RECR | VERM REC AREA | DEWBERRY REC AREA | FIRE | WASTE MGMT AUTH | Northern Lights Library | DIP - DI Properties | Seniors Req | SCHOOL AFSS & OPTED | TOTAL MILL RATE | 2022 Mill Rate | 2023-2022 |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|-------------------|--------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|
| Base Residential | 2.9258 | 0.4054 | | | 0.4765 | 0.2921 | 0.0369 | | 0.2439 | 2.4716 | 6.8522 | 6.7389 | 0.1133 |
| Residential Div 3,4 & 5 | 3.2798 | 0.4054 | | | 0.4765 | 0.2921 | 0.0369 | | 0.2439 | 2.4716 | 7.2062 | 7.0929 | 0.1133 |
| Islay | 7.6443 | 0.4054 | | | 0.4765 | 0.2921 | 0.0369 | | 0.2439 | 2.4716 | 11.5707 | 11.1488 | 0.4219 |
| Tulliby Lake | 3.7798 | 0.4054 | | | 0.4765 | 0.2921 | 0.0369 | | 0.2439 | 2.4716 | 7.7062 | 7.5929 | 0.1133 |
| Streamstown | 3.7798 | 0.4054 | | | 0.4765 | 0.2921 | 0.0369 | | 0.2439 | 2.4716 | 7.7062 | 7.5929 | 0.1133 |
| Clandonald | 7.6443 | 0.4054 | | 0.2080 | 0.4765 | 0.2921 | 0.0369 | | 0.2439 | 2.4716 | 11.7787 | 11.3568 | 0.4219 |
| McLaughlin | 5.0116 | 0.4054 | | | 0.4765 | 0.2921 | 0.0369 | | 0.2439 | 2.4716 | 8.9380 | 8.6883 | 0.2497 |
| Rivercourse | 5.0116 | 0.4054 | | | 0.4765 | 0.2921 | 0.0369 | | 0.2439 | 2.4716 | 8.9380 | 8.6883 | 0.2497 |
| Blackfoot | 6.7882 | 0.4054 | | | 0.4765 | 0.2921 | 0.0369 | | 0.2439 | 2.4716 | 10.7146 | 10.3487 | 0.3659 |
| Dewberry | 16.0000 | 0.4054 | | 0.2080 | 0.4765 | 0.2921 | 0.0369 | | 0.2439 | 2.4716 | 20.1344 | 20.2126 | (0.0782) |
| Res - Rural Vermilion Rec Area | 2.9258 | 0.4054 | 0.2198 | | 0.4765 | 0.2921 | 0.0369 | | 0.2439 | 2.4716 | 7.0720 | 6.9587 | 0.1133 |
| Res - Rural Dewberry Rec Area | 2.9258 | 0.4054 | | 0.2080 | 0.4765 | 0.2921 | 0.0369 | | 0.2439 | 2.4716 | 7.0602 | 6.9469 | 0.1133 |
| Base Farm | 18.3462 | 0.4054 | | | 0.4765 | 0.2921 | 0.0369 | | 0.2439 | 2.4716 | 22.2726 | 21.1505 | 1.1221 |
| Farm - Vermilion Rec Area | 18.3462 | 0.4054 | 0.2198 | | 0.4765 | 0.2921 | 0.0369 | | 0.2439 | 2.4716 | 22.4924 | 21.3703 | 1.1221 |
| Farm - Dewberry Rec Area | 18.3462 | 0.4054 | | 0.2080 | 0.4765 | 0.2921 | 0.0369 | | 0.2439 | 2.4716 | 22.4806 | 21.3585 | 1.1221 |
| Base Commercial | 17.6701 | 0.4054 | | | 0.4765 | 0.2921 | 0.0369 | 0.0746 | 0.2439 | 3.7036 | 22.9031 | 22.4707 | 0.4324 |
| Comm - Vermilion Rec Area | 17.6701 | 0.4054 | 0.2198 | | 0.4765 | 0.2921 | 0.0369 | | 0.2439 | 3.7036 | 23.0483 | 22.6139 | 0.4344 |
| Comm - Dewberry Rec Area | 17.6701 | 0.4054 | | 0.2080 | 0.4765 | 0.2921 | 0.0369 | | 0.2439 | 3.7036 | 23.0365 | 22.6021 | 0.4344 |
| Base M&E | 17.6701 | 0.4054 | | | 0.4765 | 0.2921 | 0.0369 | 0.0746 | 0.2439 | | 19.1995 | 18.5589 | 0.6406 |
| M&E - Vermilion Rec Area | 17.6701 | 0.4054 | 0.2198 | | 0.4765 | 0.2921 | 0.0369 | | 0.2439 | | 19.3447 | 18.7021 | 0.6426 |
| M&E - Dewberry Rec Area | 17.6701 | 0.4054 | | 0.2080 | 0.4765 | 0.2921 | 0.0369 | | 0.2439 | | 19.3329 | 18.6903 | 0.6426 |
| Linear | 17.6701 | 0.4054 | | | 0.4765 | 0.2921 | 0.0369 | 0.0746 | 0.2439 | 3.7036 | 22.9031 | 22.4707 | 0.4324 |

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Payable to the County of Vermilion River by cheque, bank draft or money order (payable in Canadian dollars). A drop box is available at the County office for after-hour payments (no cash please). Payments can also be made through online banking and telebanking at most major banks. The County also offers OPTION PAY — an online credit card payment system (additional fees apply). If you have signed onto the County Pre-Authorization Payment Plan, you will not need to pay your taxes separately.

PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENT PLANS

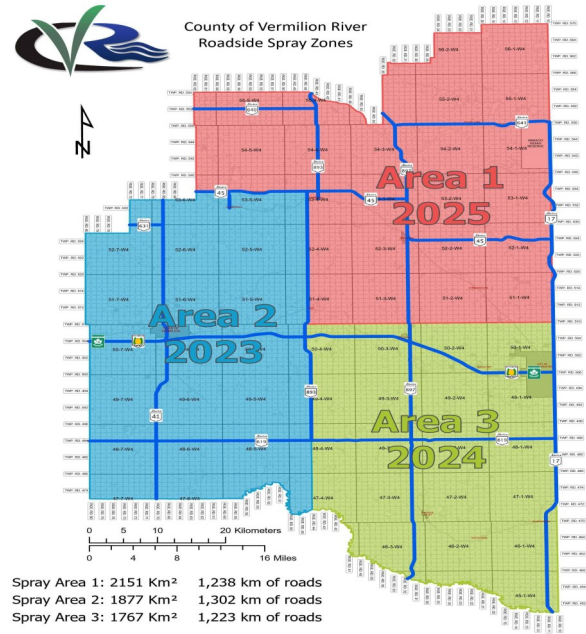
If you are interested in signing up for the Pre-Authorized Payment Plan, contact the Tax Clerk at the office or download the registration form from the Taxes and Assessment page on our [website](http://www.vermilion-river.com).

Roadside Spraying Program

County staff will be spraying weeds and brush along municipal roadsides starting in June 2023. Roadside spraying will focus in Spray Area 2 (west side of the County), but we will also be selectively spraying noxious weeds and brush throughout the County. The Roadside Spray Area map is available on the County [website](#).

Please note that the County does not spray in front of yard sites and tame shelterbelts where the landowner is obviously cutting roadside vegetation.

If you want to control weeds and brush in front of your property rather than have the County spray, complete the annual No Spray Agreement by May 31 (or as soon as possible).



The Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership

Efficient Grain Handling Program (EGHP)

This program funds grain handling equipment that shows a significant energy efficiency improvement over standard practice. Funding of up to \$100,000/applicant is available for approved projects.

Water Program

This program supports agricultural water management by supporting better management of risks to water quality and supply, adaptation to climate variability and the efficient use of water resources. An applicant may apply to one or both of the program streams 1) On-Farm Irrigation Stream or/or 2) On-Farm Water Supply Stream.



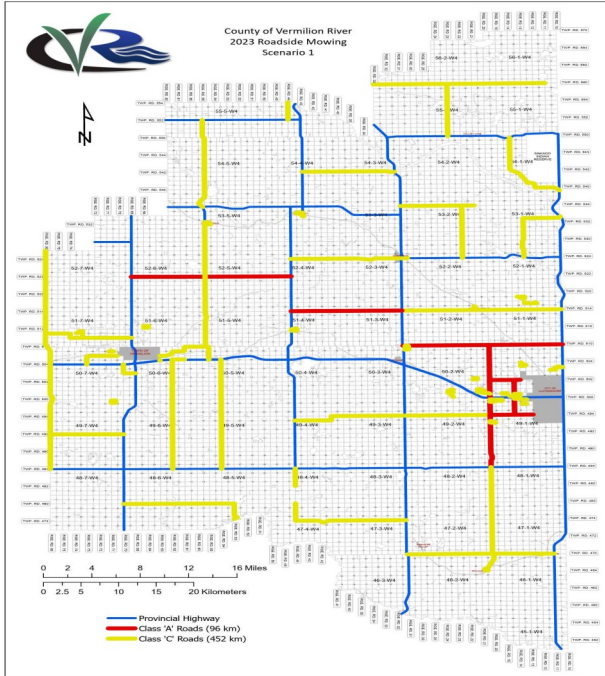


PHOTO CONTEST—CELEBRATING 60 YEARS

Join the County of Vermilion River for our fourth annual photo contest! This year our calendar theme is “Celebrating 60 Years”. To enter the contest, email a photo to photocontest@county24.com along with the photo permission form. Winning photos will be featured in the 2024 “Celebrating 60 Years” Calendar.

Photo Contest Rules & Regulations:

- Submission Deadline is September 1, 2023
- Photos must be submitted by emailing photocontest@county24.com
- Where applicable, the County will provide photo credit
- Photos must capture the contest theme “Celebrating 60 Years” within or associated with the County of Vermilion River
- The Contest is open to all photographers. You do not need to be a resident of the County of Vermilion River
- Each photographer may enter up to 10 photos but no more than two photos may win

Roadside Mowing Program

This summer, the County will be mowing high traffic municipal roads only. Roadside mowing will be completed between July 15 and August 15. Mowing assists with weed control, enhances road maintenance and improves visibility and public safety. The map shows the roads that will be mowed. A PDF of the map is available on our website in the Agriculture section on the Departments webpage.

Ratepayers do not require a permit to hay County roadsides, however, all work must be completed (hay cut, baled and bales removed) before July 15 on high traffic roadsides to allow for roadside mowing.

ALUS/AGRICULTURE SERVICE BOARD SUMMER TOUR

Save The Date:

JULY 14, 2023

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: CLANDONALD AG GROUNDS

FEATURING:

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**VISIT LOCAL ALUS PROJECTS AND VISIT WITH PRODUCERS
LEARN MORE ABOUT AGRICULTURE IN THE COUNTY**



ALTERNATIVE LAND USE SERVICES

The ALUS Advantage

A principle-based farmer-led program you can trust.

Farmer Focused - ALUS is a national, charitable organization that partners with local organizations, farmers and ranchers, and community leaders to deliver the ALUS program at the community level.

Farmer Led - Project decisions are made by Partnership Advisory Committees (or PACs), whose membership is 50% local farmers and/or ranchers, to ensure program delivery respects regional contexts and objectives.

Data Privacy - ALUS respects your privacy and adheres to the highest standards of

data integrity and confidentiality.

Annual Payments - ALUS rewards you with per-acre annual payments for all the ecosystem goods and services produced by your projects and shares project establishment costs.

Not Just Carbon - ALUS recognizes your projects produce a variety of valuable ecosystem goods and services, such as carbon sequestration, improved soil and water quality, and enhanced wildlife habitat and biodiversity. ALUS rewards you for the full suite of services, not just carbon.

Voluntary - Your contract does not include land title restrictions, liens or easements that restrict how you manage your farm now or in the future.

Reasonable Contracts - ALUS contracts reflect realistic time commitments. The participant contract term is typically five or ten years with the possibility of renewal pending available funding. Should things change, you have the right to leave the program.

ALUS Staff Do Most of the Paperwork - There are no administrative fees and ALUS staff do most of the paperwork, including providing ongoing reporting support for your project.

All Farmers and Ranchers - ALUS works with farmers and ranchers from all backgrounds, levels of experience, and operation types. If you have a farming operation, you are eligible to participate.

Access to a Growing Marketplace - ALUS provides access to a growing voluntary marketplace for carbon, water and biodiversity credits produced by your projects. You are automatically enrolled and rewarded through your annual payments.

Community Support - As an ALUS participant, you have access to resources, peer-to-peer learning opportunities, and technical support and expertise when you need it. Your local ALUS coordinator is always available to answer your questions.

For the Long Haul - ALUS has a long history of rewarding farmers and ranchers for producing ecosystem goods and services and intends to continue building that history. We're committed to supporting our communities and our participants for the long haul.



WETLAND ADVENTURE DAYS

AUG 28, 2023
4PM to 7PM
LINDSAY EVANS PARK
South of Kitscoty on 897.
West on TWP 490 for 3.5 miles
and entrance will be on your left.

AUG 29, 2023
4PM to 7PM
HAZELDINE CAMPGROUND
Hwy 45 at the Vermilion River.
7.5 km east of Dewberry or 15.5
km west of Marwayne

Drop in anytime to explore and have some fun!

- *Learn about the critters you can find in a wetland
- *Bring your rubber boots so you can use our dip nets and discover water bug life
- *Try the Wetland Scavenger Hunt and lots of other activities!
- *Have a hot dog hot off the BBQ
- *Bring along lawn chairs if you need a place to sit

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WWW.VERMILION-RIVER.COM

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Provincial Assistance—Alberta Wildfires

May 24-28

Answering the call from the Province, the County of Vermilion River Fire Services dispatched 5x Firefighters and 2x Apparatus to aid in the wildfire fight near High Prairie.

Islay Engine #3-2 and County #9-1 were sent along with members from Blackfoot Fire & Rescue, Clandonald Fire, and Dewberry Fire & Rescue. Members were sent under the command of Deputy Chief, John McGerrigle.

A huge thank you to these volunteers, to Islay Fire for the use of their engine and to surrounding departments for covering while the engine was deployed.

Members deployed were (from left to right):

Lieutenant Tyler Haney (Dewberry), Firefighter Kelsey Appleton (Clandonald), Captain Hugh MacPhee (Blackfoot), Deputy Chief John McGerrigle (Blackfoot), Firefighter Kyle Zorgdrager (Blackfoot)



Fire Services Bylaw 23-10

In May 2023, the County approved the updated Fire Service Bylaw 23-10. Key changes include:

- Authority for a firefighter in charge to direct Peace Officers to humanely destroy an injured or suffering animal.
- Additional provisions for burning vegetation and debris.
- Streamlined fire investigation protocols
- Prohibited burning in Industrial Zones
- Established fines for offenses under the bylaw
- Updated the all-inclusive rate for fire department responses

[VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO VIEW THE FULL BYLAW](#)

Fire Bans

Fire bans restrict burning for the safety of residents and the community. Depending on weather and environmental conditions, the County may issue a Fire Advisory, Restriction or Ban. Check out [ALBERTA FIRE BANS](#) for current bans throughout the province.



FIRE ADVISORIES are issued when the fire danger rating has increased. No restrictions are placed during an advisory.



FIRE RESTRICTIONS (PARTIAL FIRE BANS) restrict most fires. Outdoor fires that do not require a fire permit are permitted.



FIRE BANS (TOTAL FIRE BANS) prohibit all fires except for propane fire pits.

PUBLIC WORKS

2023 Public Works Projects

Crews will be working on various projects in the County this summer.

- CVR Rehabilitation Crew Projects:
 - TWP 544 from HWY 893 to RR 50
 - TWP 474 from HWY 17 to RR 12
 - TWP 540 from HWY 897 to RR 33
 - RR 80 from TWP 520 to TWP 522
- Contracted Projects:
 - RR 20 from HWY 16 to HWY 619 approximately 1 mile of patchwork paving (out for Tender)
 - Crack sealing will start in June with line painting to follow
- Railway Avenue in Dewberry is scheduled to start on July 5, 2023: Underground replacement of infrastructure and paving
- Crew is finishing final clean up of bridge maintenance on RR 80 and TWP 511.
- Crushing at Eidsvik Pit will wrap up in June.
- There will be one patching crew working on various oiled surfaces in the County.
- Graveling of County Roads

Please obey all traffic signs and be courteous of workers present.

Dust Suppression

To qualify for the free 200 meter Dust Suppression you must meet the following criteria:

- An occupied residence on a primary yard site
- Residential property must be within 250 meters of a municipal road way
- Residential property must be on a through road

If you do not meet the criteria for free Dust Suppression, you **can** purchase Dust Suppression for the road

To request Dust Suppression (free or paid) you must fill out a Schedule A & B available on the County Website and email to: publicworks@county24.com by June 30, 2023



WATERING TIPS



- 1 Follow the watering schedule:
June, July and August

On even calendar dates = **EVEN** addresses ending with numbers **0, 2, 4, 6, 8**

On odd calendar dates = **ODD** addresses ending with numbers **1, 3, 5, 7, 9**



- 2 Do not water when it is windy. Wind can blow sprinklers off target and speed up evaporation

3

Water early! When you water on hot, sunny or windy days the majority of water is lost to evaporation. Watering in the morning means less water loss



4

Invest in a rain barrel to collect rain water. Water collected in your rain barrel is actually better for your garden because it doesn't contain any chlorine contaminants and is at ambient temperature

5

Experts say you only need 2.5 cm (1 inch) of water, a week, including rainfall, to maintain a vibrant healthy lawn



Phase 7

ACE (Alberta Central East) Water Corporation phase 7 for the water transmission line from Blackfoot to Paradise Valley is in full swing and will continue for the next several months.

Other Important Information

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

Check the County Website, Facebook or Twitter for up to date information on projects, road conditions, Dust Suppression Program and real time maps.

Make sure you have a County Permit if you are driving on County Roads with a vehicle that has a registered weight of 22,500kg or more. Contact Public Works at **780-846-3309** if you have questions.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Home Occupations or Home Based Businesses

Starting a home-based business within the County of Vermilion River? Let us help you get started:

- An approved Home Occupation Permit is required.
 - When applying for a home occupation permit, the County requires a clear description of the business details to be noted on the application (nature of the business, number of employees, hours/days of operation, number of anticipated business visits per day, parking, signage, storage of materials.
 - Know if your business is considered a Minor or Major Home Occupation:

Contact us if you have any question or need assistance to fill out any of the forms.

| MINOR Home Occupation | MAJOR Home Occupation |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shall not occupy >20% of gross floor area of the main building (dwelling) • No outdoor business activity or storage of business materials • Up to 5 business visits per day • No exterior alterations or additions • No employees other than occupants of the dwelling | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No more than 2 non-resident employees • Up to 10 business visits per day in <i>Agricultural, Industrial & Business Districts</i> • Up to 8 business visits per day in all other Non-Residential Districts |
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- Other forms that may be required include:
 - Business Registration Form: this form allows the County to track the trends as well as to advertise your business in our online Business Directory
 - Business Plan Template Form: this form allows the County to know what type of business you plan to operate
 - Permits are valid for 3 years. If there have been no significant changes to the nature or location of the business, the permit is renewed by simply notifying the County.
 - Signs to advertise your business may be limited in size and number
 - As part of the approval process, your proposed home business will be advertised in the local newspapers & social media and a letter sent to adjacent landowners advising them of the proposed home based business.

Survey Markers

What is a survey marker (or pin)?

Survey markers are typically one meter long "pins" that are inserted at the exact intersection of your property lines.



What if a survey pin is in the way of my landscaping project?

Prior to commencing any construction, ensure that the pins are clearly identified to avoid damage to the survey marker. If a survey pin happens to be where a fence post should be placed, you must try to build AROUND the pin. Do not move or remove the survey evidence!

Can I move or remove a survey pin?

It is ILLEGAL to remove or tamper with an official boundary marker! This can result in a fine up to \$10,000.

How can I have my property surveyed?

An Alberta Land Surveyor must be employed to determine the boundaries of your property. The County of Vermilion River enlists a number of different surveyors in the area, check out our website to find a list.

Who pays for the survey?

It is the landowners expense to obtain an Alberta Land Surveyor to survey their property.



NATURAL GAS UTILITY

Meter Reads

Since 2012, County Gas Utility has been utilizing an Automated Meter Reading (AMR) system to retrieve gas meter readings each month without having

County of Vermilion River Natural Gas Utility

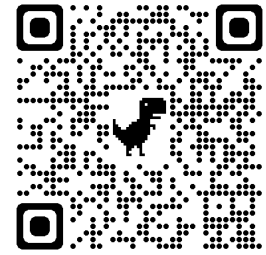
Ph: 780-846-2244 Office
Ph: 780-846-2929 Emergency Only

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES ABOUT THIS BILL, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT ABOVE PHONE NUMBER MON-FRI 8:30 - 4:30

| MAR 2023 | 39333 59999 JOHN SMITH | | | | | |
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to enter yards. Although the original battery life was projected to be 13-18 years, Utilities in regions that see extreme cold temperatures (<-40c) are seeing widespread failures at 8-12 years. The County of Vermilion River has been able to obtain compensation through discounted replacements. But, as this issue has affected Utilities across Canada, supply chain issues have delayed meter deliveries by over 18 months. We expect to have all replacement meters within the next month and will continue our replacement program throughout 2023.

If your AMR device has failed, it will typically be indicated by an 'E' (estimate) next to your read as shown above. We are requesting that our customers with failed AMR devices provide a physical meter read on or as close to the 1st of each month. This will avoid having an estimated gas usage on your bill. The meter read can be sent to us by phoning the office at 780-846-2222 or scanning the QR code.



Whether you're planting trees, installing a fence, or planning an excavation job of any size, you must Call or Click Before You Dig to safely locate your utility lines. Please allow at least 2 full working days before you plan to excavate.

To Submit a request:
Call 1-800-242-3447 or Visit utility-safety.ca



County Gas at the 2023 Try-A-Trade

Gas Utility in the Community



The County of Vermilion River Gas Utility is proud to support numerous community events. In April, we participated in the Lloydminster Construction Try-A-Trade providing students with the opportunity to learn about gas distribution and methane emission reduction fields. You can find us this summer at Kitscoty Seniors Week BBQ, Kitscoty Days, the Vermilion Heavy Horse Show and Kitscoty Community Casseroles. Contact us if you have a community event or initiative you would like to see us support!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SENIORS' WEEK BBQ – HONORING SENIORS

The County of Vermilion Reeve, Stacey Hryciuk welcomed and attended to guests at the senior's barbeque luncheon, alongside County Councillors, Dale Swyripa, Marty Baker, and Leslie Cusack. The staff from the Islay Assisted Living, Village of Kitscoty administration, the County of Vermilion River, volunteers from the Kitscoty and District Senior Centre and Family Community Support Services assisted with the event. There were just over 160 guests at the Kitscoty Senior Centre. The tent supplied and set up from Webb's of Vermilion was most certainly appreciated as many seniors found the comfort of the shade welcoming on a hot day in June. This annual Seniors' Week event has been celebrated in the County of Vermilion River for twenty plus years. It provides an opportunity to recognize the valuable contributions seniors have made and continue to make in our community.

We often hear about the importance of exercise and a healthy diet as a person ages, but did you know that social interaction provides many physical and mental health benefits to seniors? Watching and listening to the chatter among the crowd that gathered to attend was proof that some adventures are truly worth the efforts. New memories were made, reconnecting with old friends and the talk of "can't wait until next time we all get together" were heard.

This was a wonderful show of appreciation in honoring our seniors during Seniors' Week 2023, please remember to reach out to a senior you know during the other weeks of the year. Seniors always enjoy visiting, sharing their family's history, their stories, or just talking about the weather!



SUMMER FUN IN THE COUNTY

There are a number of Community Events happening this Summer throughout the County:

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| 3 Cities Fair Paradise Valley | June 23, 24, & 25 |
| Celebration of Vermilion | June 29, 2023 |
| Vermilion Agricultural Fair | July, 27, 28, & 29 |
| Clandonald Country Fair | August 12 |
| Alberta Open Farm Days | August 19 |
| Dewberry BBQ & Heifer Lottery Draw | August 21 |
| VIBE Free Programming (Dewberry) | July 18 & August 15 |
| VIBE Free Programming (Marwayne) | July 4, 11, 18 & 25 August 1, 8 & 22 |
| VIBE Free Programming (Kitscoty) | July 4, 11, 18 & 25 August 1, 18 & 22 |



NOTICES & UPDATES

NEW WEBSITE

We are excited to announce that our new website has launched. The address for our website remains the same vermilion-river.com

We hope that you find our new website easy to navigate and are able to find the information that you are looking for quickly. If you have any questions or need help finding something on our new website, please contact our office or send us an email at communications@county24.com

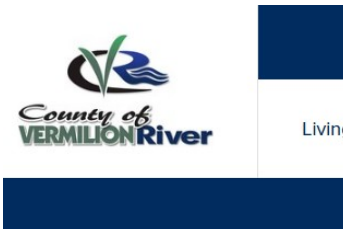


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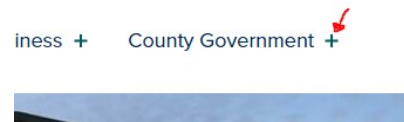


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Looking for the news updates? The news can be found mid-way down the main page, underneath the six "quick links".



COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT FUNDING

There are a variety of grants available from the County of Vermilion River. These grants include operational, project and capital funding options for facilities and community halls along with programs and events funding. Applications can be found on our website under the Planning & Community Services Department.

APPLICATION FORMS

Community Halls
Facilities
Programs & Events

DEADLINE

October 13, 2023
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October 13, 2023

FCSS FUNDING

Programs supporting youth, seniors, at-risk groups, education, quality of life and volunteers may receive funding through the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) funding program.



Community groups interested in applying for FCSS funding can find an application on our website under the Planning & Community Services Department.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

TRANSFER STATION OPERATION HOURS

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

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| 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

Regular Hours: Monday—Friday, 8:30a.m.—4:30p.m. Closed Holidays

Upcoming Office Closures:

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| July 3 (In Lieu of July 1) | Canada Day |
| August 7 | Heritage Day |
| September 4 | Labour Day |

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