

MAY/JUNE 2024

COUNTY CURRENTS

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Sunshine's peeking through the clouds, the days are getting longer, and the smell of barbeque is starting to fill the air – summer is just around the corner! In this edition of our newsletter, we've got details of the County of Vermilion River's 60th Anniversary Celebration, new programs being offered by the Agriculture and Environment Department, links to current land opportunities, information about Alberta Emergency Preparedness Week and more!

Let's Celebrate

Help us celebrate 60 years of the County of Vermilion River & 45 years of Natural Gas Utility

June 11, 2024

3:30 - 7:00 PM

Kitscoty Community Hall

Beef on a Bun - Games - Prizes & More

Follow us on our social media pages or visit our website for more details

Help us Plan!
Click here to RSVP

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Events Calendar

Emergency Preparedness Week

MAY 5 - 11

Office Closed

MAY 20

Deadline for No Spray & Haying Agreements

MAY 31

Seniors Week BBQ

JUNE 5

Anniversary Celebration

JUNE 11

Dust Suppression Applications due

JUNE 28

If you would like your community event highlighted in the newsletter, please email communications@county24.com

Council Corner

With seeding preparations in full swing, we were happy to see spring rains come sooner rather than later.

On March 5, 2024, Council hosted a Spring Open House at the Kitscoty Community Hall. We had positive feedback with the Agriculture and Environment Department hosting an information session on agriculture funding opportunities (Resilient Agriculture Landscape Program and ALUS-Vermilion River) as well the Vermilion and Kitscoty RCMP Detachments and Rural Crime Watch attended to provide information.

Rural crime and the safety of the County remains a top concern of Council. Council meets with RCMP officials during the RMA conferences to discuss the importance and the valuable roles the Vermilion, Kitscoty and Onion Lake RCMP detachments provide to the County and region.

Council continues to lobby the Provincial government to provide better accuracy on oil and gas assessment. Council is actively seeking out and exploring solutions, including meeting with government officials on a regular basis to keep this issue in the forefront. The 2024 County of Vermilion River Corporate Plan, which is 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. As Council continues to strategically look for ways to meet the current financial crunch, it does so with all of our friends and neighbours in mind as we know everyone is feeling the financial pressures of our current realities.

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 joining in on a regular basis.

Should you have any concerns or compliments, please let us know via office@county24.com or by phone at 780-846-2244.

On behalf of the County of Vermilion River Council - Deputy Reeve Leslie Cusack, Councillor Dale Swyripa, Councillor Stacey Hryciuk, Councillor George Kuneff, Councillor Jason Stelmaschuk and Councillor Clinton Murray we ask that you work safely during this seeding and calving season.

Reeve Marty Baker



[Visit our website to view Council highlights and register for upcoming Council meetings](#)

Regular Meeting of Council

MAY 14 & 28
JUNE 11 & 25

**Policy & Priorities
Committee Meeting**

MAY 21 & JUNE 18

EQUAL MONTHLY BILLING BUDGET PLAN

May is settle-up month for equal monthly billing for Natural Gas Accounts. Please check your outstanding balance. If your account has a credit balance, your credit will remain on your account. Please notify us if you would like us to issue a refund cheque.

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 1-800-2424-3447 or visit utilityafety.ca



Waste Transfer Site Summer Hours Begin May 1

Marwayne

Wednesday 2:00pm—5:00pm (winter)
2:00pm—7:00pm (summer)
Saturday 10:00am—2:00pm
(year round)

Kitscoty

Wednesday 2:00pm—5:00pm (winter)
2:00pm—7:00pm (summer)
Thursday 1:00pm—5:00pm (summer)
Saturday 10:00am—4:00pm (year round)

Preston

Wednesday 4:00pm—8:00pm (summer)
Saturday 10:00am—2:00pm (year round)

Tulliby Lake

Wednesday 5:00pm—9:00pm (summer)
Saturday 10:00am—2:00pm (winter)

Dewberry/Clandonald, Paradise Valley & Vermilion hours remain the same all year round

CURRENT LAND OPPORTUNITIES

The County of Vermilion River has a number of land listings for sale.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW ALL OF THE LAND LISTING](#)



REGULATED WEED HERBICIDE REBATE PROGRAM

This program is an incentive to assist landowners in controlling specified noxious weeds on range and pasture lands and headlands/fence lines within the Municipality



To qualify for the herbicide rebate, CVR landowners must be controlling specified noxious weeds with approved on-label herbicides registered to control that weed. Specified weeds for this Rebate include:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yellow toadflax | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Common tansy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ox-eye daisy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Knapweeds |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leafy spurge | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White cockle |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scentless chamomile | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hoary alyssum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Field bindweed | |

To access the rebate, landowners must apply in advance to the Agriculture and Environment Department who will determine program eligibility. Upon completion, submit a copy of the herbicide receipts to the Agriculture Department. The rebate covers 50% of the herbicide purchase cost to a maximum of \$1000 per landowner per year. Agriculture Department staff have discretion to approve or deny applications within budget limits set by Council.

Contact Cathie for more information:

- 📞 780-846-2244 or 780-808-6163
- ✉️ carychuk@county24.com

WEED WARRIORS PROGRAM

This is an opportunity for non-profit and community groups in our municipality to help combat noxious weeds like scentless chamomile or burdock. A \$500 donation to each group for their assistance will be provided. We will also offer two bonus incentives: \$100 for the group that picks the most weeds by weight and \$100 for the group with the most team spirit. Opportunities may be limited by scheduling and budget.

The Agriculture and Environment department have discretion to approve or deny applications with in budget limits set by Council.

Contact Cathie to participate or for more info
carychuk@county24.com
780-846-3301 or 780-808-6163



Requirements:

- Must be at least 9 years old
- Minors must be supervised by an adult
- Must include at least 6 participants
- Must wear sturdy foot wear
- Agree to wear gloves & "Weed Warrior" t-shirt (provided by the County)

NATURAL GAS SERVICES

In addition to supplying natural gas for home heating, we also:

- Supply/Install Secondary Gas Lines for:
 - Prime and Backup Power Generation
 - Shop/Barn Heaters
 - Gas BBO's
 - Grain Bin Areation
- Supply/Install Grain Dryer Services
- Utility Plowing & Trenching
- Pipefitting
- Oilfield Fuel Supply & Gas Gathering



Call us at 780-846-2222 for a free quote or visit our webpage for more information!

Know Before you Burn: Fire Safety in the County of Vermilion River

Visit our website to check the most current Fire Ban Status

Stay Informed: Visit the Alberta Fire Bans website for the latest information on fire restrictions in our area and throughout the province.

Remember: By following fire restrictions and practicing safe burning habits, we can all help prevent wildfires and keep our community safe.

If you see smoke or flames call 911 IMMEDIATELY

Be Prepared! Emergency Preparedness Week is May 5th-11th

The theme for 2024 is "Be Prepared. Know Your Risks." Knowing the potential hazards in our area is the first step to staying safe during an emergency. Visit the Alberta Emergency Preparedness Week website for more information.