

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2024

COUNTY CURRENTS

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We are entering into the last two months of 2024, with them comes warmer clothes, a time of remembrance and the jingling of holiday bells. As we wrap up another year we take the time to reflect on this year's events, celebrate the season's joys, and look forward to what the new year has in store.

Organizational Meeting of Council

The County of Vermilion River is pleased to announce the election of Councillor Marty Baker as Reeve and Councillor Leslie Cusack as Deputy Reeve at the Organizational Meeting of Council on October 22, 2024.

Reeve Baker was elected to Council for a second term in 2021 as Councillor for Division 1, which is the south east corner of the County in the Rivercourse/McLaughlin & Paradise Valley region. Deputy Reeve Cusack was elected as Councillor for a second term in 2021 for Division 7, which covers the north west corner of the County in the Dewberry/Clandonald region.

Please join us in extending congratulations to Reeve Baker and Deputy Reeve Cusack as they embark on this journey of leadership within the County of Vermilion River.

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Events Calendar

**Dewberry Fall
Supper**
NOVEMBER 16

**Kitscoty RCMP Town
Hall Meeting**
DECEMBER 3

Office Closed
DECEMBER 25 & 26

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

Council Corner

Fall is a busy time for us all. It has been nice to have an extended period of nice weather to get the fall work completed.

On September 30 and October 1 Council and staff met to discuss priorities for 2025 and lay out some strategic plans to reach the goals discussed. With the continued downloading from the Provincial Government in the area of policing cost and the continued tax holiday for oil and gas companies the government continues to put financial strains on municipal budgets across the province. This makes it even more important to attend the Rural Municipalities of Alberta Fall Conference from November 4 to 7. During the conference Council will be meeting with Municipal Affairs Minister Ric McIver to discuss needed improvements with assessment and other important issues facing the County of Vermilion River.

The County of Vermilion River have recently negotiated a new four-year recreation agreement with the Town of Vermilion. This agreement ensures that there is equal access for County of Vermilion River residents to Town of Vermilion recreation facilities.

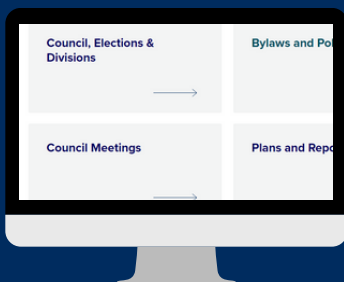
Council recently approved the 2025 Family and Community Support Services Funding Allocation. The Alberta Government provides 80 per cent of the funding for this program with the County of Vermilion River funds the remaining 20 per cent. A total of 33 applications were received for 2025 and funds will be distributed in February of 2025.

High on the priority list for Council has been the County of Vermilion River Land Use Bylaw. The County will be scheduling an open house with the draft Land Use Bylaw for the public to take a look at this fall/winter. Please watch for advertisements as we hope that many of our residents will take the opportunity to attend.

With the move of the Administration Office we want to extend our appreciation to everyone who have made their way out to the new trailer locations at the Natural Gas Utility and Public Works yard location. The renovations are expected to be completed in the fall of 2025 so until then please continue to drive out to our temporary location and follow the signs to the Reception Trailer.

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 hope you have a safe fall and we look forward to seeing you at our Land Use Bylaw Open House.

Reeve Marty Baker



Visit our website to view Council highlights and register for upcoming Council meetings

Regular Meeting of Council

NOV 19 & DEC 10

Grain Bag & Bailer Twine Recycling



The County is making it easier to manage your ag plastics the right way.

Did you know that you can borrow a grain bag roller from the County of Vermilion River to help you recycle your grain bags as you empty them? Producers can borrow one of two available grain bag rollers from the County to get bags tightly rolled.

Clean, tightly rolled and tied grain bags can be dropped off at the Vermilion Waste Transfer Site. The collected plastic is taken by CleanFarms to recycling depots across Alberta where it is melted and made into new products such as pallets, fence posts and planter pots.

Clean and bagged baler twine can also be dropped off at the Vermilion Waste Transfer Site.

*Unfortunately, bale net wrap **cannot** be recycled. Please **do not include** it with your baler twine.*

To pick up twine bags or borrow grain bag rollers contact Kendall in the Agriculture Department at 780-846-2244

ACCESS SNOW CLEARING



The County of Vermilion River provides access snow clearing on residential property to those that qualifying, at a fee as set out in the Fee Bylaw. Clearing of residential laneways will be provided only after all County roads are opened (as per Policy PW 015).

NEW FOR THE 2024-2025 WINTER SEASON

Application Period : September 1 until November 1 OR until the first snowfall of the winter season

Snow Plow Flags: The County is utilizing digital mapping in conjunction with the completed applications to identify those receiving service. No snow plow flags will be provided.

To fill out an application or learn more about the snow clearing service clearing visit the Public Works [webpage](#).



UPCOMING PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Stay tuned for more details on the [upcoming draft of the LUB and MDP public engagement opportunity](#), scheduled for late fall to early winter 2024.

Don't miss this opportunity to have your voice heard and contribute to important planning sessions.

Kitscoty RCMP Town Hall Meeting

December 3, 2024

2:00 pm

Paradise Valley Senior Centre

There will be a presentation on current crime trends and statistics for the area and an opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide valuable feedback.

This meeting is open to all residents of the Kitscoty RCMP Detachment area.

Explore the County

Get ready to explore the vibrancy of the County! In the coming weeks, we're excited to be unveiling our newly updated "Explore the County" section of our website. This enhanced online hub will provide you with all the latest information on local events, businesses, and attractions.

Stay informed about upcoming events, like community celebrations and events, with our [events calendar](#). We encourage all community organizations to submit their events. Additionally, our interactive map will help you discover local businesses, from cafes and shops to industrial services.

If you're a business owner, you can submit information through our [online form](#) for approval to be featured on the map.

COUNTY FEATURED IN BUSINESS VIEW MAGAZINE



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The County of Vermilion River was recently featured as a feature Municipality in Business View Magazine. The article highlights the County of Vermilion River's readiness for growth, highlights our tourism opportunities and expands on our sustainability programs. The County of Vermilion Article is from page 215-222