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Vegetation Management Program Update

2018 Vegetation Management Program Update

As part of Beaver County's roadside maintenance program, the removal of trees, brush, and regulated weed species within Beaver County road allowances will be running from May 2018 through October 2018.

- Herbicide applications for control of Noxious and Prohibited Noxious weeds, as well as, brush and trees within County road allowances will be conducted in Division 5 (Viking and Kinsella areas) and will occur on all developed County road allowances within Division 5.
- Spot herbicide applications will also be conducted within Divisions 3 and 4 to control tree and brush regrowth within County road allowances.
- Mechanical roadside brush control efforts will be focused within Divisions 3 and 4 (Holden and Bruce areas). The mechanical removal and clearing of trees from County road allowances is targeted at improving traffic safety and machinery movement, eliminating areas prone to the snow trapping in the winter months and improving sightlines at intersections and yard sites.
- Roadside mowing operations will commence in late June/early July, depending on growing conditions. Roadside mowing will be conducted on all County roads west of Secondary Highway 834, and only hard surfaced roads east of Secondary Highway 834.
- For information regarding weed control, brush control, mowing, and haying along provincial primary and secondary highways please contact Alberta Transportation at 310-0000.

For more information regarding the 2018 Beaver County Vegetation Management Program, or to submit service requests related to vegetation management, please contact Mike Bates, Agricultural Fieldman, or Aimee Boese, Agricultural Fieldman, at 780-663-3730.

Beaver County Notice

BEAVER COUNTY NOTICE

Beaver County, under Section 311 of the Municipal Government Act, chapter M-26.1, and this publication, advise that the property assessment notices of the municipality have been sent. All assessed persons are deemed to have received their Combined Property Assessment and Tax Notice as a result of this publication.

As per chapter M-26.1, Section 336 of the Municipal Government Act, I do hereby certify that the Combined Property Assessment and Tax Notices for Beaver County were sent on May 18, 2018.

Robert Beck
Chief Administrative Officer

ATTENTION RESIDENTS

If your MAILING address has changed and you have not notified Beaver County, you may not receive your Tax Notice, however, you are still responsible for payment of your property taxes. It is your responsibility to advise Beaver County of your new mailing address. The County is NOT responsible for any returned tax notices due to incorrect postal addresses.

If you have not changed your mailing address with Beaver County already, please do so as soon as possible. You may send us your new mailing address via Canada Post addressed to Box 140, Ryley, Alberta, T0B 4A0. Alternatively, you may complete an online form on the County's website at www.beaver.ab.ca. Please note that Beaver County will not accept address changes over the phone.

2018 County Budget

On April 30, 2018, Council approved the Beaver County operating and capital budget for 2018. The budget meets all legislated requirements and reflects the priorities of Council as identified during budget and strategic planning discussions, and considers what Council heard from County residents.

The budget also reflects Council's desire for no municipal mill rate increase. *"During the election campaign, Council heard loud and clear that ratepayers wanted us to hold the line on taxes. We have worked hard to leverage expected revenue from grants, reserves, and user fees to fund services to the level expected by our residents, while keeping tax rates the same as last year," says Reeve Jim Kallal. "Any increase in taxes is due to factors beyond the County's control, such as property assessment increases and increases in the school and Beaver Foundation requisitions. The school board has been significantly impacted by the carbon levy. The major reasons for the Beaver Foundation's increase in 2018 were the carbon levy and loss of government grants."*

The \$25 million budget includes funding for energy upgrades at three County facilities, a rural crime prevention forum, continued development in the Equity Industrial Park, and two new bridges. Roadside mowing will be carried out in the west end only. Roadside brushing will continue on an as-needed basis.

Other new initiatives include intermunicipal collaboration frameworks (required by the Provincial Government), an asset management plan, and a bounty on beaver in problem areas.

Road maintenance and upgrades are always front and center for Council. In 2018, the quality of gravel has been carefully reviewed and adjusted to reflect a lower sand content and larger stone size on some of the roads. Council also approved the realignment of road maintenance areas to allow for 2 additional grader areas. This change will allow the operators to focus on timely maintenance and minor rebuilding so that the County can avoid costly upgrades later.

12 miles of hard-surfacing (soil cement/chip seal) and re-oiling are included in the 2018 budget. Council has reduced dust control on roads that are not partially funded by residents.

The unused Beaver Municipal Solutions' grant from 2017 will enable Council to fund recreation facility infrastructure, including our municipal partners of Ryley and Holden who are impacted the most by the location of this operation.

Tax notices will be mailed on May 18, 2018 with a deadline for payment of October 31, 2018. Beaver County residents can find out more about the budget and mill rates at www.beaver.ab.ca.

Congratulations, Graduates



Beaver County Council and staff wish to congratulate graduates across the County. We recognize that Graduation is an important milestone in a student's life. You strived. You achieved. Now believe. The future is yours! We hope you enjoy this special time. Have a wonderful and safe grad.