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Reeve's Message re: COVID-19

Recently, the Premier of Alberta announced Phase 2 of Alberta's Relaunch Strategy. The changes were effective June 12, 2020.

I share with you a cautious excitement of the relaxation of restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic. We have all felt the impact that the Provincially-mandated limitations placed on our personal lives, social interactions, and workplaces over the last 3 months, but we have weathered this storm together and can now enjoy certain freedoms within a continued framework of proper hygiene and safety protocols.

With respect to County operations, staff have been working in the office from the beginning of the pandemic and will continue to provide the essential services our residents and taxpayers need. For the health and safety of our customers, community, and staff, we are taking all necessary precautions to prevent the spread of the virus and are limiting staff interaction with the public.

For the time being, the County Services Centre remains open to the public with access restrictions. The Services Centre main door is locked, however customers who must conduct business at the Office will be admitted to a maximum capacity of 2 visitors at a time. In-person meetings are limited and must be made by appointment.

On June 12, 2020, the County's campgrounds were opened to both overnight camping and day use. Playgrounds and beaches are available for the public's enjoyment, I am pleased to announce that on July 17 we will begin taking online reservations for group camping with the arrival date of July 24th. Please enjoy the use of these facilities but be mindful of the health risk inherent in high-use areas.

The County will be closely monitoring the success of Phase 2 and we look forward to the day when restrictions can be further relaxed. We appreciate your patience and cooperation.

Until that day comes, I encourage you to explore the County's website for a wealth of information regarding our services and partnerships with other organizations, as well as access to on-line forms, notices, etc. Staff are available and happy to assist you by phone or e-mail during regular business hours.

Be encouraged – keep your chin up – and enjoy the summer in our beautiful region.

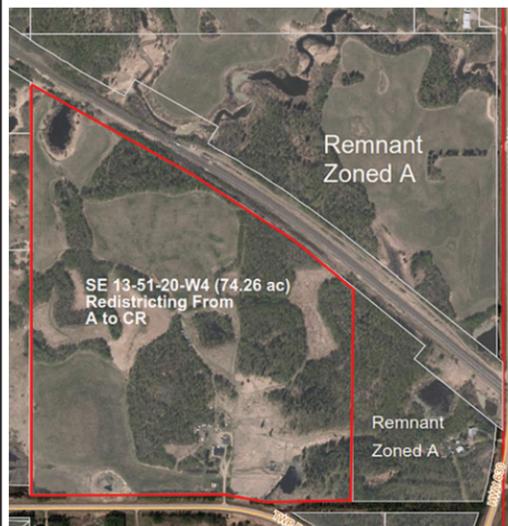
Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BEAVER COUNTY LAND USE BYLAW 98-801 and TO CONSIDER WAIVING BEAVER COUNTY MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 98-800 REGARDING A PROPOSED REDISTRICTING APPLICATION

Beaver County Council is considering the following:

- Bylaw 20-1090 - an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw to redistrict a portion of SE 13-51-20-W4 **from Agricultural District - A to Country Residential District - CR** so that a residential acreage (approximately 20 acres) can be created;
- A waiver of the Municipal Development Plan so that a professionally-prepared Conceptual Scheme and bio-physical assessment does not have to be prepared for the proposed subdivision;
- A waiver of the Municipal Development Plan so that a public meeting does not have to be held to present the Conceptual Scheme and bio-physical assessment to adjacent landowners.

The area under consideration is shown below:



The subject land is located west of Tofield, on Township Road 512, and adjacent to Secondary Highway 630. The municipal address is 20010 Township Road 512.

County Council has scheduled a public hearing to hear arguments for and against the proposed amendment to the Land Use Bylaw and proposed waivers of the Municipal Development Plan.

The public hearing will be held at **9:00 am on Wednesday, August 5, 2020**, at the Ryley Community Hall in Ryley, Alberta.

You are invited to attend the public hearing to express your view.

A copy of Bylaw 20-1090 and information regarding the proposed waivers of the Municipal

SE 13-51-20-W4 = Moraine Residential Policy Area
CR District = Country Residential District
A District = Agricultural District

Development Plan may be obtained at the Beaver County Service Centre in Ryley during regular business hours or on-line at www.beaver.ab.ca.

If you wish to speak at the public hearing, please register in by contacting Beaver County, attention Cindy Cox, Executive Assistant, at 780-663-3730 or at cindy@beaver.ab.ca. Written submissions may be provided to Beaver County Council during the public hearing, however it is requested that a copy of the written submission be delivered to the Beaver County Service Centre on or before 4:00 pm, July 29, 2020.

If you submit comments regarding the bylaw in writing, the information you provide may be made public, subject to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

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National Drowning Week



Despite the downward trend, drowning is still the third leading cause of death in Canada. Drowning is preventable! Join the Lifesaving Society Canada in bringing awareness to the drowning problem during National Drowning Prevent Week from 19-25 July 2020.

The mission of the Lifesaving Society Canada is to prevent drowning - even one drowning is one too many.

Over 400 people drown annually in Canada, making it the second leading cause of unintentional death for children and the third leading cause of unintentional death for adults with Indigenous, northern and new Canadians having a disproportionate mortality burden. During the week of July 19th - 25th, 2020 The Lifesaving Society of Canada will be educating and promoting safety awareness in, on and around the water.

Statistics show that almost 70% of those who did drown never intended to go into the water and were often within 15 metres of safety. Nearly every Canadian has known someone who has drowned or had a near-drowning experience, whether personally or from his or her communities. To help reduce drowning, all Canadians are encouraged to:

- Take the Lifesaving Society Swim to Survive Standard (teaches how to survive an unexpected fall into the water) and participate in a learn-to-swim program.
- Wear a properly fitted lifejacket or pfd when out on a boat.
- Refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages while participating in aquatic activities.
- Ensure that children are under the direct supervision of an adult when around barrier-free bodies of water.

The majority of drownings are preventable in a Water Smart community.

Township Road 514 Construction Update

Very soon our contractor will be applying the first lift of Chip Seal to Township Road 514 between Range Roads 193 - 195 where we have cemented the base. The road may be temporarily closed during the application of the Chip Seal.

Following this application, there will be loose rock chips which can damage vehicles, especially at higher travelling speeds. You are encouraged to drive slowly on the fresh chips until the road can be brushed off, or avoid the road altogether. Please note that these dates are weather dependent and can be affected by changing weather.

During this construction phase, please use another route, or be cautious when you need to drive through construction zones (local traffic only). Beaver County's goal is to provide a healthy, injury free work environment for all employees, contractors, visitors and general public. Already this year we have had people exceeding the posted speed limit through our construction zones, endangering staff, contractors and the public.

Thank you for your support and patience while we improve the road network.