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Train Whistle Cessation Funding

At the June 16, 2021 meeting of County Council, Council agreed to fund the necessary improvements to enable train whistle cessation at 4 crossings in the County.

The locations and costs of improvements are as follows:

- Mile 196.7 (Main Street in Bruce) with improvement costs of \$26,384
- Mile 197.16 (SH 857) with improvement costs of \$17,984
- Mile 232.39 (SH 630) with improvement costs of \$20,295
- Mile 204.44 (Twp Rd 492) with improvement costs of \$0 (nil)

The County will be responsible for 50% of the annual maintenance fees at the above crossings once the improvements are complete.

Council withdrew its train whistle cessation request at Mile 205.14 (Rge Rd 161) because the cost of improvements exceeded \$500,000.

The next step in the process is to sign funding agreements with CN. The agreements are being prepared by CN and if they are submitted to the County in a timely manner, the improvements may be completed this Fall.

ASB Scholarship

To help promote agriculture as a career choice among our youth, the Beaver County Agricultural Service Board sponsors an annual scholarship for students who are pursuing a field of study related to the Agriculture Industry. The scholarship is open to all students graduating from Tofield, Ryley, and Viking High schools that are enrolled in a post secondary agriculture or agriculture related program, of two or more years in length. Proof of enrollment will be required.

The scholarship awarded is in the amount of \$ 500.00.
Deadline for application submissions is September 1, 2021.

Students who are interested in applying can go to www.beaver.ab.ca to download the application form or can contact Aimee Boese, Agricultural Fieldman at (780) 663-3730.

AAAF Memorial Bursary

The Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldman, as an ongoing tribute to active or retired AAAF members who pass away, and in the spirit of continuing education valued by our Association, created the AAAF Memorial Bursary.

The bursary is intended for students continuing their education in a College or University program that focuses on Agriculture or Environmental Science. One \$ 1000.00 bursary is available annually for each of the 5 Provincial regions of the AAAF.

Application submissions must be received by September 1, 2021.

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Blowdown Notice

The County has received notification from TC Energy that it intends to conduct "blowdowns" on its natural gas pipeline in SE 2-49-13-W4. The blowdowns are necessary to release natural gas so that maintenance work can be performed on TC Energy's facilities.

The timeframe for the blowdowns and maintenance activities is August 11 – 24, 2021. If you live near the blowdown area, you may hear a loud roaring sound for approximately 15 minutes each time natural gas is released.

Questions or concerns should be directed to David Jacobs (blowdown coordinator) at 780-721-1304.

Workers Needed!

2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The County is seeking to fill the following positions on Election Day, October 18, 2021:

- Deputy Returning Officers (*Viking and Kinsella voting stations*)
- Stand-by workers (*all areas of the County*)

For more information and an application form, go to www.beaver.ab.ca. Applications will be accepted until 4:30 pm, August 31, 2021.

Construction Update

Over the next few weeks, Range Road 132 from Parrish & Heimbecker to Township Road 482 and Township Road 482 from Range Road 132 to Highway 36 will be having spot repairs done.

During this construction phase, portions of the road may be closed to allow crews to work safely. Please use another route. Detours will be posted 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.

There are potential hazards to the public and vehicles during the construction process. This can include heavy machinery, dust or mud, road material such as gravel, asphalt coatings and rock chips.

We apologize for the inconvenience that road maintenance and upgrading causes, but the same roads that receive the most traffic also need the most maintenance. Thank-you for your patience and understanding during construction. If you have any questions, please call the Beaver County Service centre at 780-663-3730.

Public Hearing: Surface Drainage Bylaw

Beaver County Council has given first reading to a Surface Drainage Bylaw and is now inviting public input.

The Surface Drainage Bylaw will enable the County to investigate drainage-related complaints wherever the County has jurisdiction over drainage and waterbodies. This applies primarily to the registered subdivisions in Divisions One and Two. Surface water diversions on agricultural lands remain under the jurisdiction of Alberta Environment and Parks and may require an authorization from Alberta Environment and Parks.

The County's Surface Drainage Bylaw prohibits the alteration of the surface elevation or grade of any property (public or private) if such work creates a nuisance or danger, adversely affects the stability of a slope, alters an on-site storm water management system, or alters the elevation of an adjacent property. The Bylaw also restricts naturally occurring drainage features or easements from being filled, drained, or redirected.

Enforcement of the Bylaw includes the power of a County Designated Officer to enter onto the property (after reasonable notice is given) to carry out an inspection and obtain information. The Designated Officer may issue a fine for contravention of the Bylaw and/or may issue an Order to a person to return the property to its original state. The costs incurred for the remediation action are the responsibility of the landowner or the person who caused the contravention.

To view the proposed Surface Drainage Bylaw, go to www.beaver.ab.ca and choose Council and Public Hearings from the drop-down menu. Public input is welcome and Council has scheduled the following public hearings to accommodate virtual and in-person presentations:

Virtual presentations	9 am, Wednesday, August 18, 2021 via Zoom
In-person presentations	9 am, Wednesday, September 1, 2021, Ryley Community Hall

To view the notice of the public hearings and for information regarding the various methods of participation at the public hearings, please go to the County's website at www.beaver.ab.ca or contact Cindy Cox, Executive Assistant, at 825-385-0067.