



HIGHLIGHTS

June 9, 2015 Council Meeting

Fire Restriction – Residents are only allowed supervised campfires in approved fire pits. No open fires are allowed within the County until conditions change. Residents are advised to use extreme caution and ATV users are reminded to be mindful of debris collecting on the exhaust which could result in igniting surface fuels. fires.

2015 Property Tax Notices - Have been mailed out. If you do not receive your notice, contact Carolyn at 645-3301, ext 215 to ensure that we have your correct mailing address on file. Deadline to pay taxes without penalty is June 30th. **The County Office will be open during the lunch hour until July 3rd to accommodate ratepayers during property tax season.**

July Council Meeting – has been rescheduled to **Wednesday**, July 8th as the regularly scheduled date conflict with the annual Agricultural Service Board Conference that Council will be attending.

Planning and Development – Council approved Bylaw No. 2015-14 to amend Land Use Bylaw No. 2013-50 to include a notwithstanding clause under Section 7.30 to allow the installation of an onsite sewage treatment system on Lot 10, Block 1, Plan 8122184. The County will be entering into a lease agreement to lease Lot 19MR, Block 2, Plan 8020988 at Laurier Lake for a two year period.

Road Allowances – Council has been dealing with a wide range of requests from ratepayers to purchase road allowances. Although there is a policy in place which states that the County will not sell undeveloped road allowances, Council reviews each application based on its own merits. In almost all circumstances, the request is denied or it is suggested to the landowner that they consider leasing the road allowance. However council is currently considering selling a portion of a road allowance between SE 6-60-11-W4 and NE 31-59-11-W4 as Council feels this application is ~~a unique situation~~. The applicant owns the property on both sides of the road allowance and he has licensed water management infrastructure situated on the road allowance, which were approved by the government and County years ago and serve as an integral part of his farming operation.

Regional Emergency Management Plan (REMP) - The County has been working with the Town of St. Paul, Town of Elk Point and Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay to establish an REMP. Staff have been assigned duties within the plan and will receive the necessary training. A half ton truck will be purchased for the Regional Director of Emergency Management which will be cost shared between the partners in the plan. A Mass Notification System is currently being rolled out and will be available for the public to sign up later this summer. The plan is 85% complete.

FCSS - The FCSS department hosted barbeques in Heinsburg, Ashmont and Mallaig during Senior's week. The events were well attended and the FCSS department is looking forward to holding them again next year. The Pickle Ball Courts at the Westcove Municipal Campgrounds opened on June 1 and a tournament was held on June 5th with 25 participants. The Co-op Community trailer has been extremely busy.

~~**St. Paul Royal Canadian Legion** – Council approved 40 yards of gravel for the St. Paul Legion to be used to make a base for their parking lot and sidewalk. Council also agreed to provide the St. Paul Legion with a 4 yard lockable bin on a monthly pick up schedule at a reduced rate of \$37.80.~~

Funding:

- \$200 Mallaig School – Culinary Arts Skills Competition
- \$500 Regional High School, Mallaig School for Provincial Track & Field Championship
- \$5,000 – St. Paul and Elk Point Chambers of Commerce
- \$1,500 – Mallaig Chamber of Commerce
- \$10,000 – Camp Whitney to assist with completion of dormitories

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