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ASK YOUR PARAMEDIC

It's Your Right to Ask

Who needs to ask questions?

- You do. Everyone has questions about their health.
- You are not the only one who may find things confusing.
- Ask questions to understand your treatment plan with EMS.

What if I ask and I still do not understand?

- Say, "This is new to me. Please explain again."
- Don't be embarrassed if you still do not understand.
- Ask more questions if you want to.

Can I bring someone with me?

Yes, a friend, family member or someone you can trust can:

- Provide emotional support.

- Remind you what to say.
- Take notes and get information.
- Help you understand your health condition and health concerns.

Please tell us how we did

Please fill out the Client Satisfaction Survey on our website <http://www.stettlerambulance.com> or the ambulance section on the County of Stettler No. 6 website: www.stettlercounty.ca.

We encourage feedback from clients and family members in regards to letting us know about the quality of service you received from our Paramedics.

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INTRO

Emergency Management is one of the many hats we wear as County staff. If or when disaster strikes, we may be called to manage the emergency or disaster. Our Protective Services Officers are the Director and Deputy Directors of the Stettler Regional Emergency Management Agency. County staff are trained to support. In the event of an emergency in our region we would work as a team, alongside other community members and groups, managing the incident.

In February, we had a meeting with most of the stakeholders involved in our Regional Emergency Management Plan. This list includes the Summer Villages, the Town of Stettler, the Villages of Gadsby, Donalda and Big Valley and the hamlets within our borders. Also attending this meeting were representatives from ATCO Electric, EMCON (our new highway maintenance contractor), Family & Community Social Services, Clearview School Division, Stettler Ambulance, Stettler Regional Fire, RCMP and field officers from the Central Alberta Emergency Management Agency.

Relationships are constantly being fostered and built, plans are being updated and made, and systems are being tested. When you meet with these agencies, deficiencies are examined, systems get tested, reworked and tested again. At the end of the day it's pretty hard to simulate an actual disaster and how individually we may react. However practice helps us prepare, and knowing who might stand beside us, who we can call, and where our support will come from removes some of the fear of the unknown. It helps me sleep at night. I hope it helps you too.

Niki Thorsteinsson
Director of Communications



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Reeve Clarke welcoming Central Alberta Municipalities to the Rural Municipality of Alberta (RMA) Central Region Zone Meeting hosted by Stettler County in February.

REEVE'S RAMBLINGS

As I look out the window at another day of cold weather I sympathize with the livestock producers who are calving and producers whose feed supplies are being taxed when metabolisms are running at full speed. All producers and residents have had a difficult February with snowy road and yard conditions and unseasonable temperatures to commute and get produce to market. March has come in like a lion so optimism would say it should go out as a lamb.

Looking back on 2018 I think of what we accomplished as a County and how we have performed as your elected council. I am happy to be elected as your Reeve again this year and to report on our past years accomplishments and challenges.

As Council and Administration, we worked very hard to get an approved budget in place and work through 2018 projects. Some of the key projects were:

- Waterline and paving completion in the Hamlet of Erskine
- Botha infrastructure updates as it transitioned from village to hamlet status
- Installation through Shirley McClellan Regional Water Services Commission of the waterline and truck loading facility to the Summer Village of White Sands. This installation now offers us the opportunity, depending on future grants, to run water service to county subdivisions, the Summer Village of Rochon Sands and Rochon Sands Provincial Park which guarantees safe reliable drinking water to these end-users.

From a planning process we worked on Inter-Municipal Development Plans (IDPs) with the villages of Big Valley, Donalda and Gadsby. Approved IDPs are required with urban and rural adjacent municipalities by April 1, 2020. The planning department is working diligently to ensure these are complete to meet the municipal government requirements. Building and subdivision and development permits were on track with previous years with one large development at Buffalo Lake called Paradise Shores.

The Paradise Shores development was worked extensively through 2018 with a 1000 unit site being initially applied for and after hearings and meetings with the summer villages the density was dropped to 750 sites, at which time a development permit was issued. This development permit was appealed and went in front of the Subdivision Appeal Board (SDAB) and was heard, reviewed and a decision was made to limit the development to 168 leased sites with a list of original conditions to be met. The SDAB's decision was appealed by the developer to the Court of Appeal and was heard in court in January. At time of publishing, a decision had not been handed down.

We, as the County of Stettler, will continue to work with all parties involved to ensure the proper process is followed. We will continue to respect the decisions of what the process creates. We, as all other municipalities, had to create new bylaws and hold public hearings for the consumption and retail sales of cannabis, as so kindly passed down to us by the federal government.

We have reviewed and updated our Strategic plan laid out in 2018. Yvette Cassidy as our CAO has proven Council made the proper choice as she is

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working closely with Council, her Directors and staff to ensure we are meeting the goals Council laid out in this plan. This plan is visualized and displayed to ensure all staff are aware of progression and reviewed regularly to monitor progress, identify new challenges and ensure plans are proceeding to schedule.

Staffing numbers have been reduced by attrition and department heads have been reviewing levels to ensure we have adequate staffing in the right areas, to provide the level of service to be delivered to residents.

The 2019 budget was prepared and reviewed numerous times to ensure we had a balanced budget and that our proposed revenue would cover the expenses each department identified. This budget had a public review meeting and was passed in January 2019. As discussed previously, with declining oil and gas revenue and questionable Alberta MSI grant amounts after March 31, 2022, we have to look at what and how services are supplied.

In order to maintain existing, or increase service levels, we will have to increase taxes overall, apply tax levies or introduce more of a user pay system on certain non-essential services. Staff has the habit of giving ratepayers top service and in my one plus years as Councillor and Reeve I have watched the progress of requests on our ratepayer request form to attest that this level is achievable, but may not be the easiest to plan or the most cost-effective.

All Councillors along with ratepayers have ideas on what the best projects could be for them or their area but we must look at what is best for the overall County of Stettler, and where assistance

from grants is available. Costs of road building, paving and recycling (to name a few) have escalated and all must be reviewed to ensure every project is money well spent. In 10 years the tax revenue collected from oil companies has decreased 10% (\$1,561,250) of our total revenue or approximately 14.5% of oil and gas revenue. If department expenses and project costs do not drop accordingly ways of collecting this shortfall will need to be implemented.

One of the most discussed items of budget 2019 was the increase in expenditure of Councillor remuneration. Councillors are paid a monthly fee of \$800 to cover time spent plus mileage to meet and work with residents in our wards and to prepare for monthly and committee meetings. A per-diem is paid to each Councillor for each half or full day spent in meetings, conventions or training. Mileage is paid at the approved Canada Revenue Agency rates.

The Federal government had implemented a 1/3 tax exemption for elected officials to help cover out of pocket expenses in 1947 and this current government removed the exemption in 2019, once again leaving it to all municipalities on how this would be addressed. Most municipalities have struggled with handling this as this exemption has been a part of how remuneration has been calculated for 72 years. Members of the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA), the association that represents 69 rural municipalities in Alberta including ours, voted 72% in favour in increasing our elected board remuneration in order to have their take home pay equal 2018 amounts based on days worked.

A resolution was also passed to take this to the 2019 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)



spring meeting to request the Federal government re-instate this tax exemption. The majority of our Council voted to increase rates of council fees to equalize take home rates to previous years.

Administration reviewed what effect the proposed changes would have on Council's take-home, then calculated what rates would be required to equalize this.

If the FCM could have the federal government re-instate this exemption the councillor fee would be taken back to 2018 rates. We have Councillors in some wards that would be approaching the minimum wage due to the sheer volume of phone calls, meeting preparation, and area visits. The time demands on Council are increasing with municipal government training requirements, increased meeting requests, downloads from the provincial and federal governments and public hearings and consultations. This schedule is up to Council and Administration to regulate but ensure we have the proper time and coverage on projects/issues. Councillor monthly remuneration is very transparent and is shown on the county website. This is not only fair to this Council but to other future Councils and may help attract younger individuals to Council in future elections.

As we look at the past, present and future we need to ensure we protect our massive transportation system by maintaining what is in place and consider some road rebuilds. We are making sure we have gravel supplies for today and purchasing additional pits to secure cost-effective supplies well into the future to ensure the safe transportation of our residents. We will be reviewing area needs for water services to build a plan of supplying resident's safe reliable water in our rural areas. We need to review all services that are offered to our

residents to ensure they meet today's standards of required service and cost.

This past year I have learned the power or lack thereof and politics of both written and social media. Please if you have questions or concerns or require clarity please contact your area Councillor, myself or County staff, ask to be a delegation at a Council meeting or attend and give your ideas and recommendations at one of the many public engagement meetings our staff put on. We appreciate input and constructive criticism. Please don't hide behind a keyboard as you comment negatively on friends and neighbors.

In closing I would like to thank my fellow Councillors, Yvette and staff for the hard work and diligence in creating the 2019 budget and ensuring we meet future requirements in our Strategic Plan. I would also like to thank our volunteers who work tirelessly at making our community the best it can be, our brave volunteer fire department and our community peace officers who give all they have to provide protection to our communities, and to the staff who maintain our services regardless of weather conditions, ensuring our safe supply of services and roads.

Keep warm and safe.

Thank you,

Larry Clarke - REEVE

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DUST REDUCTION PROGRAM GRAVEL ROADS=DUST

Deadline to apply: Friday, April 26

If you live on a busy gravel road and are bothered by gravel dust, you may want to consider purchasing seasonal dust reduction. Applications for the Gravel Road Dust Reduction program will be received at the Public Works Facility located at 19561 Twp Rd 384 during regular office hours (8:30 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday), ending Friday, April 26, 2019 at 4:30 pm.

Application forms are available on the County's website at www.stettlercounty.ca.

Two products will be offered for purchase in 2019:

- Calcium Chloride Brine (32%)
- Asphalt Emulsion DL10 Special (or similar product)

For further information regarding product choice, please contact:

Rick Green, Director of Engineering & Public Works at (403) 742-4441.

Once supply tenders are closed and program size for each product is calculated, applicants will be provided costs. Payment will be due prior to the start of any work.



ROADSIDE MOWING SPRING=GRASS (WE HOPE)

Deadline to apply in writing: Friday, June 14

The County of Stettler No. 6 Public Works Department will manage the vegetation along all County roads subject to the following:

- The County of Stettler reserves the right to manage the vegetation along the road slopes.
- Residents will be permitted to hay the remainder of the road allowance under the following conditions:
 1. Haying must be completed by August 1 of the year the hay was cut.
 2. Bales are to be removed within 48 hours of baling.

Residents must notify the Public Works Department of their intentions to cut the hay, in writing, by June 14, 2019 before commencing any work.

Please direct your questions to Public Works Administration at 19561 Twp Rd 384 or call the Public Works Department at (403) 742-4441.

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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SITE INSPECTION SCHEDULE

When you make an application for a development permit or a subdivision, the County's development officers need to do a site inspection so we are able to make informed recommendations to the subdivision and development authorities and referral agencies.

A site inspection helps to confirm that there are no potential issues with future development. We need to evaluate the roads leading to the land, the approaches, the slope of the land, and that it does not infringe on any wetlands, as well as any other concerns that we might have in regards to a specific application. As a result, the processing of your application is not complete until we do an inspection.

In order to be as efficient as possible, the County's Planning and Development department has 'Site Inspection' days twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. To ensure your application gets a site inspection as soon as possible after you submit it, and is not delayed too much pending the site inspection, it would be prudent to submit your application by the Friday previous to these scheduled site inspection dates. Please note sometimes we have to move the scheduled site inspection

days around to meet other commitments, or due to the weather.

In order to provide you with the benefit of submitting your application in time for the next scheduled site inspection (which could reduce your waiting time), please review the schedule below:

The upcoming Site Inspection dates in 2019 are:

- March 12 and 26
- April 9 and 23
- May 14 and 28
- June 11 and 25
- July 9 and 23
- August 13 and 27
- September 10 and 24
- October 8 and 22
- November 12 and 26
- December 10

DEVELOPMENT SETBACKS

Please remember that you do not need a development permit from the County for any agricultural operation as long as any structures such as hay sheds, granaries, dugouts, livestock shelters and barns meet the 125 feet setback from the center line of the County road.

Shelterbelts must be set back 75 feet from the center line of the road. If you wished to vary from these setbacks for any agricultural operation, you would require a development permit.

You may need a license/permit from the Natural Resources Conservation Board if your agricultural operation includes a confined feeding operation (please call the NRCB at 1-340-5241).

If development is proposed along a provincial highway a Roadside Development Permit issued by Alberta Transportation is required. Please contact Alberta Transportation at 403-854-5550 or visit their website at <http://www.transportation.alberta.ca>.

For more information regarding development please contact the County's Planning & Development Department at 403-742-4441.

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We encourage you to contact Cara McKenzie or Jacinta Donovan at (403) 742-4441 with any concerns you may have. We will be happy to answer your questions and provide whatever assistance we can with your development permit or subdivision.

2019 MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) Meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of each month. Meetings for 2019 are currently scheduled for:

- March 27
- April 24
- May 22
- June 26
- July 24
- August 28
- September 25
- October 23
- November 27

Please note the public is welcome to attend MPC meetings. Sometimes meetings are rescheduled so please call ahead to check.



The transmission system in your area needs improvement

- The **Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO)** plans and operates Alberta’s electric transmission system. We study the transmission system to determine what future upgrades and expansions will be needed to continue to serve the province’s growing power demands and enable access to generators and other qualified customers. The AESO is regulated by, and must apply to, the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) for approval of our Needs Identification Document (NID) application, in which we must demonstrate the need for an expansion or enhancement to the transmission system, and propose a transmission solution to meet that need.

TRANSMISSION DEVELOPMENT NEEDED IN CENTRAL EAST ALBERTA

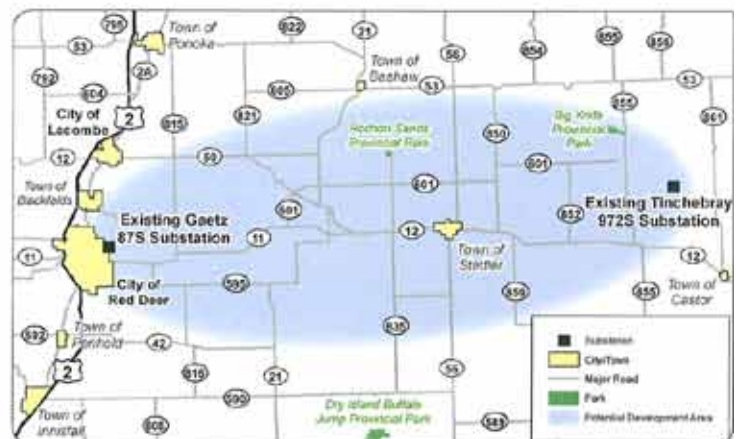
The existing transmission system in the central east area of the province is reaching its capability limits. The AESO has identified the need for the Central East Transfer-out Transmission Development (CETO) to enable additional renewable generation integration capability, and to enhance transmission system reliability.

New and enhanced transmission system infrastructure provides expanded options to connect new generation as it continues to develop in this renewable-resource rich area of the province. It also addresses demand for power, which is projected to rise over the coming years.

WHAT IS THE PROPOSED SOLUTION?

Our studies show that the best option to meet the transmission development need includes adding two staged 240 kilovolt (kV) transmission lines between the existing Gaetz substation near the City of Red Deer and the Tinchebray substation near the Town of Castor, and adding or modifying associated equipment as needed. The AESO is proposing to have CETO developed in two stages to align closer to when additional transmission capability is required, with the first stage anticipated to be in service in 2023.

Based on current information and consistent with the AESO’s commitment to ensuring that the right amount of transmission is built at the right time, we anticipate the second stage of CETO will be in service in the 2027-2029 timeframe. However, this could change as the development of a second circuit/line will be tied to a construction milestone based on the actual pace of renewable generation projects, and the coal-fired generation replacement schedule in the central east area.



PREVIOUS TRANSMISSION PLANS IN THE AREA

In July 2014, the AESO informed stakeholders of the need for transmission development referred to as the Vermilion to Red Deer, Edgerton to Provost Transmission Development (VREP). As part of our ongoing planning process, the AESO subsequently informed stakeholders in October 2016 that the Provost to Edgerton and Nilrem to Vermilion Transmission Development (PENV) would replace parts of VREP. At that time, we had also advised that developments west of PENV may be required in the future.

We have determined that transmission development west of PENV is now required, and we are moving forward with plans in the area, which we now refer to as CETO.

OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES IN THE CENTRAL EAST AREA

CETO and PENV are described in the AESO's 2017 Long-term Transmission Plan. These projects will address growth in electricity demand, improve reliability, and significantly enhance new generation integration capability in the central east area of the province.

The PENV Needs Identification Document (NID) application is currently with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) for consideration. As well, engagement on a potential enhancement of ATCO's Nevis substation, which is located in the County of Stettler, is currently planned for sometime in 2019.

AESO AND TFO ROLES

The AESO operates the provincial transmission system so that all Albertans can count on safe and reliable electricity to power our homes and businesses each and every day. We carefully plan transmission upgrades and expansions to keep up with Alberta's growing demand for power.

Transmission facility owners (TFOs) are companies that build, operate and maintain the transmission system in our province. While the AESO is responsible for identifying the need for transmission development and the proposed transmission development to meet that need, TFOs are responsible for detailed siting and routing, constructing, operating and maintaining the associated transmission facilities within their service territories.

The two TFOs in the central east area, AltaLink Management Ltd. (AltaLink) and ATCO Electric Ltd. (ATCO), own and operate the proposed CETO end-points, the existing Gaetz and Tinchebray substations, respectively. They will each be responsible for applying to the AUC for approval of the section of the 240 kV transmission line within their service territory from their substation to the shared boundary.

In preparing their facility applications, AltaLink and ATCO will be consulting with stakeholders about the locations and structure type for the new 240 kV transmission line and related upgrades. They will work collaboratively to align their proposed plans based on public input.

WILL YOU BE AFFECTED?

If you are receiving this newsletter, you:

- have previously received information about VREP from the AESO;
- have been identified as potentially having an interest in CETO, and/or,
- live in an area where transmission facilities related to CETO could potentially be located (please refer to the map for the CETO potential development area).

AltaLink and ATCO will be consulting with stakeholders who reside or have land interests in the CETO area in the coming months to develop and determine potential solutions, routes and sites for the required facilities previously described. Please view the TFOs' information about the CETO Transmission Development on their websites at www.altalink.ca/projects and www.atcoelectric.com/projects.

NEXT STEPS

The AESO anticipates filing a NID application for the CETO Transmission Development to the AUC in late 2019. Once the NID application has been filed, it will be shared on our website at [www.aeso.ca/grid/projects/CETO Transmission Development](http://www.aeso.ca/grid/projects/CETO%20Transmission%20Development). AltaLink and ATCO will file their facility applications for CETO to the AUC concurrent with the AESO's NID application.

QUESTIONS?

At the AESO, we operate on behalf of you and all Albertans. We value the opportunity to listen to your comments and answer your questions about the need, or the AESO's proposed solution to meet the need. Please contact us at:

AESO Stakeholder Relations
stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca or 1-888-866-2959

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NEW* AG PLASTICS RECYCLING PROGRAM

Program commences in March

In order to better and more responsibly dispose of plastic grain bags, the County of Stettler Agricultural Service Board has created a grain bag rolling and recycling program.

This program begins in March 2019, and the agricultural plastic rolling unit will be picking up grain bags in your field or on your farm.

Management of plastics is an important issue to many Albertans. Recycling of these items has traditionally been difficult, with few options that are feasible to most producers.

In a report produced by the Province of Alberta, some of the most common difficulties associated with recycling agricultural plastics for producers is the lack of access to facilities, time spent travelling, and access to equipment. This program will address each of those concerns, and will reduce the impact of agricultural plastics on both the environment and our landfill.

Through the program, an agricultural services staff member will be available to attend farms and assist producers in the cleaning and rolling of grain bags, before hauling them to a recycling facility.

This program is free of charge, and will be partially funded through payment from the recycling facility. Our plastic rolling unit has a self-contained power system, eliminating the need for an external power source. All that is required from the producer is clear access for both truck and trailer to enter and exit the field, and assistance ensuring the bags are clean of debris.

To request this service or for more information, contact the Agricultural Services department at asb@stettlercounty.ca or call 403-742-4441.



County of Stettler No. 6 2019 Agricultural Service Board \$1000 Bursary

TO QUALIFY

- Applicant must be enrolled into a post-secondary institution and a resident of the County of Stettler No. 6
- Applicant must supply the Director of Agricultural Services with:
 - proof of enrollment in a college or university
 - proof of High School Diploma or eligibility
 - two personal references of no relation to applicant

DEADLINE
April 15

Download Application Form and List of
Submission Requirements
www.stettlercounty.ca/AgriculturalServices

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VEGETATION CONTROL PROGRAM 2019

Deadline to submit spray exemption forms is Thursday, May 2 at 4:00 PM.

As legislated under the Alberta Weed Control Act, the County of Stettler Agricultural Service Board will be conducting roadside vegetation control for invasive species in the north third of the County (north of Township 400 to the County of Camrose Border, and west of Range Road 164 to Buffalo Lake and the Red Deer River).

Adhering to Industrial Vegetation Management Association of Alberta standards, we will carry out the program for these reasons:

- Ease snow removal in the winter.
- Reduce the risk of hitting wildlife by increasing the visibility and sightline.
- The roots of trees and shrubs and do damage to roads, by removing them, the road will last longer.

- After heavy rainfall, the road will dry faster with less vegetation in the ditch to hold moisture.
- Control and Destroy Prohibited and Noxious weeds.

If you would prefer to control weeds and brush, using methods that differ from the County's program, you are required to fill out a spray exemption form annually, the deadline of acceptance of these forms is Thursday, May 2 at 4:00 pm. Our program already states that there is to be not any vegetation control performed within 30 meters of your yard.

For any questions regarding this program, or to fill out a Spray Exemption Form, please call the Director of Agricultural Services Quinton Beaumont 403-742-4441.

Stettler County Rural Crime Map

Go to our website at www.stettlercounty.ca and check out the RCMP's *Stettler County Rural Crime Map* by clicking on the 'Rural Crime Map' link in the 'blue menu bar' on the left hand side of our home page.

This link will show you on a map, where crime activity is taking place in our region, as well as what 'types' of criminal activities are occurring. For example: Mischief; Break & Enter; Theft from Motor Vehicle; Theft of Motor Vehicles etc.

Stay informed. Don't make it easy for criminals. Lock it up.

REPORT SMART MAGNETS

Rural Crime Committee launches new tool for citizens.

County of Stettler Protective Services in partnership with the Rural Crime Committee and the Stettler RCMP would like to unveil the 'Report Smart Magnet'.

The purpose of this magnet is to assist you in when and how to report incidents occurring in our community to Emergency Services. The information provided on the magnet should provide you with a quick easy reference tool in times of emergency.

Three numbers are provided on the magnet. One of the three numbers included is the emergency phone number **'911'** utilized to quickly access Police, Fire and Ambulance. This phone number is only to be utilized in times of an **EMERGENCY**.

The second number on the magnet is for the **RCMP's Complaint Line**. This number is

directed to the RCMP call center in Red Deer and can be utilized by all residents in the County of Stettler. This number is to be utilized at times where calling '911' is not appropriate for the circumstances. This includes incidences that are still of vital importance however usually the incident is not occurring at the time. An example of this would be an item stolen on your property a few days ago.

This matter still requires RCMP to investigate, however it is not an appropriate use for '911'.

Another example to call the RCMP's Complaint Line is for a suspicious vehicle.

The third number on the magnet is for the **County of Stettler Peace Officers**. This number is utilized for any non-criminal issue. Examples include speeding, bylaw issues, road damage, trespassing, suspicious vehicle etc.

At the top of the magnet you will notice a large blank box. This box is specifically meant for you

Emergency

Police - Fire - Ambulance

call **911**



Blue Sign Rural Address

Non-emergency numbers below.



RCMP
Complaint Line

403-742-3381



County of Stettler
Peace Officers

403-741-6133



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to write your municipal address inside (your blue rural address sign). This information will aid first responders in effectively locating your house in times of crisis.

We urge you to call to report any suspicious activity to the non-emergency RCMP Complaint Line or to our Protective Services Department. Combatting Rural Crime is a responsibility for all of us. Help us, help you.

The magnets included in this issue are also be available at the front desk at the County of Stettler Administration Building and Public Works Facility, at the Stettler RCMP Detachment or by contacting Protective Services at (403) 741-6133.

Magnet numbers:

911

RCMP Complaint Line: (403) 742-3381

Protective Services: (403) 741-6133

911

Call this number only when urgent police, fire or ambulance service is needed (24 hours).

RCMP Complaint Line

403-742-3381: Either visit the RCMP office during business hours or call this number 24 hours a day for non-urgent situations where immediate police attendance is not crucial. Example of this includes a suspicious vehicle, person or activity.

County of Stettler Peace Officers

403-741-6133: Call this line for any Bylaw or Provincial Statute concerns including: speeding, commercial vehicle safety, OHV use, stray animals, dog complaints, or trespassing etc.



CANNABIS WASTE DISPOSAL OPTIONS

With the legalization of cannabis, comes the responsibility to properly dispose of its waste.

Solid and liquid cannabis waste must be stored, managed and disposed of in accordance with relevant legislation.

LIQUID WASTE

Hazardous

Liquid cannabis waste concentrate or extract classified or characterized as hazardous waste, can be disposed of in a deepwell or sent to a hazardous waste treatment facility.

Non-Hazardous

Non-hazardous liquid cannabis waste may be either sent to a local wastewater treatment plant for treatment or disposed of via a deepwell.

SOLID CANNABIS WASTE

Non-hazardous solid cannabis waste generated from homegrown cannabis, medical cannabis, retail cannabis and cannabis products must be made unusable and unrecognizable by grinding the cannabis solid waste and mixing it with at least an equal amount of other non-cannabis material prior to disposal. The decision on what material to mix with the waste should be based on where the cannabis waste will be disposed.

Making Solid Cannabis Waste Unusable and Unrecognizable

Materials used to make cannabis waste unusable and unrecognizable fall into two categories: compostable waste and non-compostable waste.



COMPOSTABLE MIXED WASTE

Grinding, mixing and incorporating cannabis waste with any non-consumable, solid waste listed below such that the resulting mixture is at least 50 per cent non-cannabis waste:

- Leaf and yard waste;
- Food waste;
- Animal manure;
- Wood chips;
- Grease or other compostable oil waste; or
- Wastes approved by Alberta Environment and Parks.

The resulting compostable cannabis waste mixture must be disposed of at an authorized Class I or II compost facility or anaerobic digester for processing.

NON-COMPOSTABLE MIXED WASTE

Mixing cannabis waste with any of the following non-cannabis waste materials listed below such that the resulting mixture is at least 50 per cent non-cannabis waste:

- Cat litter;
- Plastic waste;
- Sand;
- Saw dust; or
- Wastes approved by Alberta Environment and Parks



2019 VIP FARM TOURS & TASTE OF THE HEARTLAND

County of Stettler teams up with Stettler Board of Trade for August 10 event.

The County of Stettler has teamed-up with the Stettler Board of Trade to bring you the 2019 Taste of the Heartland Long Table Supper and Farm to Fork VIP Bus Tour.

Mark Saturday, August 10, 2019 on your calendars and prepare to be immersed in the rural lifestyle with delectable farm to fork food and rural hospitality right here in the Heart of Alberta.

This year we have three events planned:

1. Farm to Fork VIP Bus Tour - Meet at the County of Stettler Public Works Facility and board our VIP Bus Tour that will take participants through the countryside to

experience what life on a farm really looks like.

2. Taste of the Heartland Long Table Dinner - Pull up a chair at our LONG table on historic Main Street Stettler, where chefs will delight you with farm to fork delectable dishes, using locally sourced food.
3. Main Street Dance - Make sure you have your dancing shoes on! Following dinner we'll be kicking up our heels and celebrating summer - Stettler-Style.

Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased separately or together. Tickets are available at: farmtoforkstettler.eventbrite.ca.

For more information about these events, or to join us as a volunteer, please contact Stettler Board of Trade or visit www.tasteoftheheartland.ca.



Taste of the **HEARTLAND**

Be immersed in the agricultural lifestyle with
delectable food and rural hospitality
right in the Heart of Alberta.



**FARM TO FORK
VIP BUS TOURS**

**LONG TABLE
DINNER**

**AUGUST
10
2019**



Schedule

Farm to Fork VIP Bus Tours

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Long Table Dinner

4:30 pm Cocktails
6:00 pm Dinner

Main Street Dance

9:00 pm – 12:00 pm

Ticket Price

Farm to Fork VIP Bus Tours

\$25 (includes lunch)

Long Table Dinner

\$60 (includes Main Street Dance)

Package Deal

\$75

Visit www.tasteoftheheartland.ca



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REGIONAL BOARD OF TRADE

PICTURE CREDIT TO JOEL HALL



G3 CONSIDERS COUNTY OF STETTLER

G3 looks to Erskine to build new facility.

On February 28, G3 Canada invited County residents to an Open House at Erskine I.O.O.F. Hall to discuss the idea of putting their next grain handling facility in Erskine, Alberta, at the intersection of Highway 12 and Highway 835 on the south west corner of this intersection.

Several local residents and farmers attended the event to hear what G3 could bring to our community, and to ask questions about their business and intentions.

Currently they are still working on the permitting process and design plans, and investigating the viability of this site.

Here are a few of the facts from their presentation:

- This facility could load 16 rail cars per hour
- They reduce the number of grain trucks coming to off-load on train-loading day
- Generally they start loading a train at around 6 AM, it takes 10-12 hours to load
- Facility hours of operation are 7 AM-7 PM Monday-Friday

- They work weekends during harvest and busy periods, but try to shut down Sundays whenever possible.
- They handle all commodities except mustard currently
- Generally looking at one train turnaround per week
- G3 has a culture of cleanliness and keeping their grounds clean and has streamlined designs to deter bird nesting
- Once operational, this facility would support 12-14 full time positions
- FWS is G3's project manager and they are open to hiring local
- There would be opportunities for trade contracts, material supply etc.
- At any given time there are 20-40 people on-site during the construction period
- It takes approximately 16 months to construct a G3, \$40M facility

Going forward, we will keep you informed of the status of this proposed project as well as any further public engagement opportunities and permitting if it moves forward.



We look forward to joining *your community.*

Our vision is to build a smarter path from farmers' fields to global markets, from the moment a farmer contacts G3 to the moment grain is delivered to its destination. Every day, we do our part to keep the supply chain flowing on road, rail, or by sea. Our unique network of grain handling and logistics assets is designed for speed and efficiency, and operated with a strong commitment to the safety of our employees and customers. That translates to competitive pricing, more opportunities for delivery, and the confidence that your delivery experience will be a good one.

Quick facts

- 42,000 T storage
- 17,700 T main house
- 8,300 T steel bins
- 150 car loop track
- Rail shipping at 1,600 T/hr
- Super-B receiving in less than five minutes

Learn more: www.g3.ca



Don't miss out! Download your eligibility certificate today. - www.g3.ca/fep

For every tonne you deliver to G3, we will deliver \$5/tonne in Trust Units through the G3 Farmers Equity Plan, at no cost to you. The G3 Farmers Equity Plan provides eligible farmers with a long-term ownership interest in the supply chain. It is the only opportunity of its kind in Western Canada. Farmers must be deemed eligible by the Farmers Equity Trust to receive any potential cash distributions from the Trust.



BYLAWS & POLICIES UPDATES AND CHANGES

Water and Wastewater Bylaw

The water rate for potable water, both delivered to your home and through the bulk water stations, has increased by \$0.10 per cubic meter, effective April 1, 2019.

The increase is a result of an increase approved by the Shirley McClellan Regional Water Services Commission, from whom the County of Stettler purchases water. The proposed bylaw reflects this rate change directly. It is anticipated that the SMRWSC rate will stay relatively stable for the next few years. Residents will see the increase on their April billings, and notifications are being delivered in your current utility bills.

Crop Damages Policy

Council recently increased the rates it will pay for any crop damages that occur during road construction and other County activities. The policy had not been reviewed in many years, and

the values did not reflect current market values. The updated compensation values are now as follows:

- \$250/acre – pasture
- \$500/acre – cereals and conventional crops
- \$700/acre – oilseeds and pulse
- \$375/acre – subsequent years or unseeded cropland

Recreation Funding Policy Changes

Council reviewed the criteria for both the Operational Assistance Grants and the Recreation Special Project Funding. Council has updated the criteria to include pieces to the application form that ask community organizations to demonstrate how they contribute back to the community, outside of their main purpose.

Council would like to see community organizations who receive a great amount of community support, give back to other parts of the community. For example, does your community hall offer discounts

PREVENT FREEZE UPS

- Make sure heat tape is plugged in and working (mobile homes/trailers).
- Ensure your skirting is secure with no openings of any kind.
- Insulate water lines.
- Open up cabinet doors to let warm air circulate.
- Seal up cracks and holes where pipes run through.
- If leaving for a long time period of time make sure heat is left on.

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or free rentals to certain fundraisers? Or does your group fundraise for another local group? These changes are in place for the upcoming funding cycle, so community groups should read through their application packages very carefully.

Members at Large and Committee Member Remuneration

Council also reviewed the rates that are paid for mileage and per diem to community members who represent the County of Stettler on various boards and committees. This rate was increased slightly to match the rest of our remuneration policies.

Texas Gate Maintenance

If a landowner, purchaser or lessee of land requests the installation of a Texas Gate or farm access roads, the County does have a policy outlining the criteria needed to be met in order for a Texas Gate to be installed.

The policy has been updated to include that not only is the installation the responsibility of the applicant, but also the ongoing maintenance.

Land Compensation Rates

In the event the County must use private land for construction purposes, either through purchasing or borrowing, this policy insures a fair rate to landowners for road Right-of-Way and/or landscape/burrows areas.

The policy used to outline a set price for each type of land, but it was recently changed to be market value, based on recent land sales around the area of construction. This allows for a rate that will change with the market, and won't become obsolete. Council also added a mechanism for landowners to appeal the amount determined by the County by allowing them to present their own evidence as to market value to Council to mutually determine a fair price.



SPRING INTO SOMETHING AWESOME AT SPL

Stettler Public Library

With spring comes thoughts of warmth, growth and good times ahead. At the Stettler Public Library we want to help you make the most of this new season. If you haven't been to the library in a while, you might not know that memberships are now free to residents of Stettler and Stettler County. Drop by and pick up your new library card and check out some of our services listed below. Do you have ideas to share with us? We'd love to hear them. We hope to see you at the Library soon.

1. Find information: We will connect you with the information you need. Read the latest newspapers or check out Consumer Reports. Research your family tree with Ancestry.com or search for grant funding using Grant Connect. Library staff will point you toward great resources for any research you are doing.

2. Catch up on your favorite magazines: Love magazines but watching your bottom line? We have a number of print magazines in the library

to browse and borrow. Or check out RBDigital Magazines which lets you download popular magazines to your device for free.

3. Read great books: Pick up a book, audio book or e-book worth reading. A provincial network of libraries allows you to request books from anywhere in Alberta. E-books and e-audiobooks are a great way to connect with books 24/7. Learn more at spl.prl.ab.ca/elibrary. Schedule an appointment for assistance (call 403-742-2292), we will get you started with all the best apps.

4. Learn a new language: Want to learn a new language in 2019? Pronunciator, our online language learning platform, offers learning materials for 98 different languages and also contains ESL materials for speakers of 59 non-English languages.

5. Take a test: Looking for someone to invigilate your exam? The Library has a room that can be booked for exams or to work on licences, tickets and certifications (courses and testing). Stop by the library or call us for more information.



6. Spend quality time with your children: Drop in for Read and Rhyme, offered Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:30-11:30 am. We'll read a story, sing some songs, rhyme and play games together. Afterward, chat with others while the little ones play. We offer other family friendly programs too, follow us on Facebook or check our website to see upcoming programs.

7. Have fun and explore your interests with others: We are adding new programming for adults! We offer crafting, cooking, book clubs, ukuleles, beer tasting, meditation and more. Like and follow us on Facebook or check the events listing on the Stettler Library website to stay in the loop. Interested in something different or have a passion you would like to share with the community? We want to talk to you, contact Rhonda at 403-742-2292.

8. Homework help: Stettler Public Library offers tutoring for students wanting a boost. Our programmer, a certified educator, offers drop-in tutoring sessions on Mondays from 4-6 pm and

on Tuesdays from 6-8 pm. Our newest online resource, SOLARO, offers homework help and tests in support of Alberta's grade 3-12 curriculum. We can also connect you with Alberta's Online Reference Centre (a collection of electronic resources for students in grades K-12).

9. Use the computers, printer, fax machine: Need access to high speed internet and virus protected computers? Our computers are set up to erase memory of your personal information from the computer when you end your computer session. Print or make copies on our machine for \$0.35 (black & white) or \$0.50 (color). Fax your documents for \$0.35/page or scan documents to your email or a USB stick for free.



L-R: John Schofer presenting Rhett Walker with the Endmoor Youth Community Service Award with Doreen Nixon.



L-R: Lorraine Hankins presenting Aubrey Ross with the Botha School Youth Service Award



Gordon Nitschke presenting Raymond Meston with the Stettler Dodge Community Service Award with Darren Benson (Stettler Dodge Sponsor)



L-R: John Pearson presenting Lane Damberger with the Atco Electric Arts, Heritage and Culture Award with Tracy Volker (ATCO Sponsor)

2019 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS NIGHT

Congratulations to all of our AMAZING volunteers!

The 42nd Annual County of Stettler Community Service Awards took place and were hosted by Linda Hall on Thursday, February 21. Pictured on these two pages are the faces of our priceless volunteers, whose contributions to their communities makes our small corner of the world a better place to live, work and play. They do it with one helping hand at a time. Please take a minute to recognize these great community members, and if you see one while you're out and about, take a minute to thank them and congratulate them.

This evening of recognition would not be possible without our fabulous sponsors.

Thank You to:

- **STETTLER DODGE**
- **ATCO ELECTRIC**
- **ATB FINANCIAL**
- **COUNTY OF STETTLER AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARD**
- **LINDA HALL SOCIETY**
- **ROYAL BANK**
- **TD CANADA TRUST**
- **VISION CREDIT UNION**



L-R: Lorraine Hankins presenting Connor Nixon with the Botha Community Centre Youth Service Award with Aleta Nichols (ATB Sponsor).



L-R: Jenna Watson, President for Stettler Agricultural Society presenting Jerry Sinclair with the SDAS Community Service Award with Dwayne Grover (Vision Credit Union Sponsor)



Botha Old Tyme Dance Club receiving the Botha Community Centre Lifetime Achievement Award. L-R: Doug Haustein (President), Bernadette Haustein, Fran Clark and John Bolonski presented by Lorraine Hankins (Director of Recreation)



L-R: Ron Borchuk, President Donalda Ag Society, presenting the Donalda & District Ag Society Community Service Award to Beth, Roy and Wyatt Fulton.



L-R: Doreen Nixon presenting Winnie Paulsen with the Sullivan Lake West Agricultural Society Community Service Award with Scott McKenzie (TD Canada Trust Sponsor)



L-R: Dan Webster representing Big Valley Ag Society presenting Val Erickson with the Big Valley Agricultural Society Community Service Award with Terry O'Malley (Royal Bank Sponsor)

Save a Tree

Sign up for e-versions of County Connection magazine by contacting nthorsteinsson@stettlercounty.ca or by calling 403-742-4441.

It's also available on our website at www.stettlercounty.ca.



RECYCLING

"Where do I Take it? A-Z Guide"

Not sure where to recycle, re-use or responsibly dispose of an item locally?

Consult our "Where do I Take it? A-Z Guide" of over 600 items at www.stettlercounty.ca



Idling...Did you know?

- Idling more than 10 seconds takes more fuel than re-starting your engine?
- Idling concentrates pollution around your car from CO2, carbon monoxide, benzene, nitrogen dioxide and adds ground level ozone, all known to have adverse health effects.
- **Children are more susceptible to the chemicals in exhaust since their brains are developing.**
- Idling is unnecessary with today's fuel-injected engines and can actually decrease engine life?
- Vehicles warm the best by being driven slowly for one block? Idling does not warm moving parts.

Source: National Resources Canada
<https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/energy/efficiency/communities-infrastructure/transportation/idling/4459>

Remember the 10 second rule!

Idling more than 10 seconds takes more fuel than re-starting your engine. Idle no longer than 10 seconds.

Idle longer only to clear the vehicle windows.

Idling is a habit we don't need.
 We can change that habit to protect our health... especially our children's health.

Avoid idling when:
 waiting for passengers
 unloading goods
 stopping to chat
 waiting in drive-thrus
 stopped for a train or construction

Remote starters often lead to excessive idling. Use them sparingly. Instead, drive one block slowly.

Try to Be Idle-Free...it saves fuel, money, our air, and our planet!

COMMUNITY EVENTS



**ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS
LUNCHEON**
CELEBRATING WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM STETTLER LEGION HALL, 5010 - 51 STREET

GUEST SPEAKER BRENDA ROBINSON

WHAT MOTIVATES US TO STAY ON
TASK AND DO MORE THAN 'JUST OUR JOB'?
LEARN KEY POINTS AND STRATEGIES IN ORDER
TO CELEBRATE US MORE OFTEN.



TICKETS: \$40/PERSON
AVAILABLE UNTIL APRIL 12.

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Stettler
RECEPTION BOARD OF TRADE

Pilot Knob Father's Day Pancake Breakfast

Mark your calendars for the Pilot Knob Father's Day Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, June 16, 2019

9:00 AM - Noon

Pilot Knob School

Six miles north of Stettler on Highway 56 and
1/2 Mile west on Highway 601.

The 112 year old school house will be open for viewing.

Take it Off

Did you register your Ice Fishing Hut on our website at www.stettlercounty.ca/142/Agriculture?

The deadline to remove your Ice Fishing Hut from Buffalo Lake is March 31. Registration is required to identify the owner of an ice hut in the event of a problem, or if the ice hut is not removed from the ice by the deadline or before ice break-up. Help us to protect the environment and ensure the safety of anglers and boaters.



Celtic Pub Night - Stettler Kinettes

April 6 at 7:30 PM

Stettler Community Hall

Come out and dance to a lively Celtic Band in support of upcoming community events.

Tickets: \$40/person available at Bond-O Communications or from any Kinetite member.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



25th Annual Byemoor Bull-a-Rama

Friday, April 19, 2019
Byemoor Arena
Doors open at 6:00 PM
Bull Riding begins at 7:00 PM
Dance to follow!



Bee Health Workshop - May 30 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Megan Evans – President of the Alberta Native Bee Council will be speaking about native bees in Alberta, and participants will have the chance to build bee boxes for their yards. Megan discusses gardening with native bee health in mind, hive design, bee health, and actions and equipment needed to provide a healthy environment for bees in your area. In this interactive workshop, participants will require a cordless drill, bit set, and gloves. All other equipment will be provided to build your hive. This event will be hosted at the Stettler Ag Society.

Cost will be twenty dollars to cover the cost of your bee boxes. Lunch is provided.

Go to www.stettlercounty.ca and register through the link in our County Calendar.



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