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OCTOBER 31 IS YOUR TAX PAYMENT DEADLINE

The 2022 County of Stettler Tax Payment Deadline is Monday, October 31, 2022 (the last working day in October).

A 10% penalty is applied on November 1 to all unpaid 2022 taxes.

Accepted methods of payment:

- Cash
- Cheque
- Interac
- Online Banking
(Please choose 'Tax' and use Roll Number or Customer ID)
- At most financial institutions

Another method of payment to consider is setting up an ONLINE BANKING PRE-AUTHORIZED – Autopay, through our Tax Installment Payment Program (TIPP). This program will spread tax payments out over 12 months.

In order to qualify for the TIPPS program, your taxes have to be at a zero balance. Application forms must be received prior to December 15. The

amount of the monthly tax payment is determined from your previous years taxes. For example, a tax bill of \$1,200 would be divided by 12 payments of \$100 per month. The payment of \$100 would begin in January and continue until the current year's taxes are levied. The balance of the year would be recalculated to equal what is left owing, to come to a zero balance at the end of the year. We typically try to take payments on the first of each month. If you happen to miss two payments, you will be taken off the TIPPS program. Please contact our office for an application.

Tax payments continue to be collected at the County Administration Building at 6602 – 44 Avenue, Stettler, Alberta.

Please consider receiving your tax notices by email/electronic means. Visit page 13 to find out more and to fill out the applicable forms.



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INTRO

“To all those who work in acres, not in hours - we thank you.”

In August we were excited and proud to host staff from Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) to Stettler County as part of their ‘Uniquely Rural’ communications campaign.

The RMA is producing this campaign to share how rural municipalities, like the County of Stettler are unique. They are making stops throughout our province to interview those who can speak about our municipalities, our communities, our history and agriculture.

We spent a beautiful afternoon down in the south west corner of Stettler County discussing farming, looking at crops, visiting livestock and learning a little more about the unique history of Byemoor and Endiang. Thank you to Les, Rosemary and Carol Stulberg for welcoming the filming crew to your very beautiful neck of the woods, and for your hospitality and willingness to share your stories. We look forward to viewing the RMA’s ‘Uniquely Rural’ campaign when it is released.

Visit page 24 and check out more fantastic agricultural operators who opened their farms and operations up to guests during the Taste of the Heartland VIP Farm Tour on August 13. We have so much to be proud of and thankful for in Stettler County. There are so many hidden gems to discover, tucked away in the beautiful countryside.

Take a drive. Take a picture with your phone or your camera and enter our photo contest. Take a picture in your mind and add it to your Thanksgiving memories. And take a moment to thank a farmer.

Niki Thorsteinsson,
Director of Communications

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Reeve Clarke presenting the 4H Beef Intermediate Excellence Awards at Achievement Day.

REEVE'S RAMBLINGS

As I look out the window; the ground has a heavy dew, there is a crispness to the breeze, coolness and flocks of migrating birds letting us know that fall is here again. After the beautiful summer it is time for the crops to be harvested and for the calves to be weaned. I am happy to see better looking feed stocks after last year's drought.

It has been a very busy year at the County of Stettler. As discussed in the spring's Reeve's Ramblings; our Advanced Life Support (ALS) Ambulance Service is in jeopardy due to rising costs that have not been met with a rise in funding from Alberta Health Services. The last round of contracts, signed 10-12 years ago, are no longer serving the needs of our residents.

Quite simply, maintaining the current ambulance service is essential for the health and safety for our residents, those within the Town of Stettler and those in neighbouring communities. This requires an ALS service with a paramedic on board, along with an Emergency Medical Technician. These individuals have high level training and can provide life-saving medications, cardiac life support, cardiac monitors, and IV drips that save valuable time for ambulance patients in our region. A Basic Life Support (BLS) service cannot provide those medications, or simply, any procedure that breaks the skin. This means for those relying on BLS service, precious moments are lost while patients are transferred great distances in rural Alberta. Losing our ambulance service to Alberta Health Services (AHS) would remove our ALS service in favour of a cost-effective BLS service.

We have been working hard to negotiate with AHS and are lobbying with the Rural Municipalities

of Alberta (RMA) to maintain this service. Members have taken opportunities to meet with the Minister of Health, Drumheller-Stettler MLA Nate Horner and MLA RJ Sigurdson, to further express concerns. These discussions are ongoing. We encourage people to get into contact with provincial government officials; including leadership candidates, MLAs and Ministers to emphasize the importance of rural healthcare and ambulance services.

In terms of gravel roads this year, we've heard your concerns. With the early summer rains and the follow-up of dry heat, we're happy with how the roads are holding up as harvest traffic increases. Coming into budget season we will continue to prioritize roads; through equipment, training and product selection. Council has directed Administration to look into designated haul routes for heavy hauling and to invest in new ideas to continue to build up and maintain our roadways. Please be patient as our staff continue to upgrade and rejuvenate roads for the betterment of County residents.

We have had an interesting year in public works with the director Rick Green leaving us to take a position in British Columbia. Council wishes Rick all the best and thanks him for his service to the County of Stettler. We will miss Rick's 'outside the box thinking' when it came to supplying more cost-effective ways to tackle an old problem. With 2700 kms of road grading, road rejuvenation, mowing and rebuilding are always front and center throughout the year and particularly at budget time. Rick focused on gravel quality, size, and proper placement and experimented in using

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Gracie Morbeck, recipient of the 2022 Agricultural Services Board Bursary was recognized this summer by her area Councillor, Justin Stevens, and our Agricultural Services Board Chair, Councillor Les Stulberg. Proud to support our County of Stettler students with post secondary education. All the best to Gracie as she furthers her post secondary education.

REEVE'S RAMBLINGS CONTINUED...

larger 1 ½ rock as surface gravel and to open the roads up and firm up the road bases over the past two years.

This method received a lot of criticism and complaints but this year has proven the success of this experiment as this year's summer rains came and our roads held up very well. We will be discussing gravel budgets in upcoming months and how to build on these successes. Proper grader blade selection and ongoing operator training has also helped in shaping and maintaining roads but dry fall weather and heavy harvest traffic are creating or increasing dreaded washboard and public works is trying new methods to reduce this as much as they can. New equipment was purchased this year to reshape shoulders to assist in the proper crowning of roads. You will soon see this equipment on our gravel roads as this is completed.

Council has directed Administration to look at designated haul routes for heavy haul routes. This allows us to better prepare and maintain these routes to handle these heavy loads and with total CAP aggregate levy compliance these routes will have designated funding to help upkeep these roads. Some roads are being banned and existing

historic road bans will be enforced ensuring all County of Stettler rate payers' assets are being protected to avoid future major rejuvenations are required.

CAO Cassidy is interviewing possible candidates now and change management will be part of the role. Please be patient as new ideas are tried, roads are being rejuvenated, backroads upgraded as this is being done for by the County of Stettler Staff as directed by CAO Cassidy and Council for the betterment of all ratepayers.

I could go on and on about our ambulance service, rural healthcare and the great work being completed by the County of Stettler staff. We are doing our best to keep this County full of the vibrant communities that we are proud to call home.

Please remember to treat everyone with respect and kindness. As we head towards Thanksgiving, it is important to remember all that we have to be thankful for. Best wishes for the fall.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry Clarke".

Larry Clarke, REEVE

Photo Contest '22

ENTRIES CLOSE NOVEMBER 1



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HAPPY AT HOME PHOTO CONTEST 2022

November 1: Photo Contest Deadline

With fall upon us yet again, it's time for the County of Stettler photo contest. And with the change of the season, there's more reasons to stay home - the kids are back in school, harvest, and camping season coming to a close. This year's photo contest theme is 'Happy at Home'. Submit your photos that showcase what makes the County of Stettler your home.

This year's photo contest is open for entries until November 1, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. A maximum of three photo entries per person will be eligible. Amateur photographers only. Photos must be taken within the County of Stettler to be considered for prizes. Questions? Email us at info@stettlercounty.ca.

All entries should be uploaded to the Photo Contest link on our website at www.StettlerCounty.ca. Please note, landscape photos (photos that are wider than tall) are preferred for calendar layout. Any photo entries that are submitted may be used for future promotional or visual material.

COMMUNITY



CHAMPIONING CHANGE FOR OUR REGION

When it comes to advocating with the provincial government, there is never any better time than the present. The County of Stettler Council is dedicated to best serving the County and its ratepayers.

With the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Fall Convention coming soon, resolutions are high priority. Resolutions are crucial to advocacy efforts for municipalities. Resolutions allow members, like Stettler County, to have a direct role in the advocacy process by identifying priority issues that require actions, by other levels of government.

Stettler County Council held a Special Council Meeting, called into session on August 24, 2022, to prepare and review three proposed resolutions to be brought forward to the RMA for consideration by all RMA members at the Fall Conference.

Gravel Pit Reclamation

Gravel pit reclamation is an important issue for the County of Stettler. Currently, the process is slow-moving with long wait times and a shortage of Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (EPEA) designated inspectors. We are advocating for the ability to access third-party qualified inspectors for the purposes of speeding up the reclamation process.

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

Council was recently presented with information about staffing issues with the Alberta Sheriffs' department. With the consolidation of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement into the

Alberta Sheriffs' department, there were already shortages beginning to emerge. These shortages leave the County of Stettler patrol region with minimal staffing. Reduced patrols also add to the workload of our Protective Services Offices. We are advocating for increased funding to be put towards Commercial Vehicle Enforcement/more resources for the Alberta Sheriff's Branch, to better combat shortages.

Community Aggregate Payment Levy Bylaws

A Community Aggregate Payment (CAP) Levy Bylaw is a measure put into place by many rural counties, including the County of Stettler, to recapture some of the natural resource value from gravel and other aggregate operations and re-invest the funds into infrastructure (roads) that receive heavy wear from these types of operations. The current system, however, does not have a clear cut auditing process. This allows producers to self-report, but can lead to improper reporting. We are advocating for government implementation of a standardized framework, including regular auditing.

The County of Stettler assigns great importance and priority to advocating for the needs of our community, and for rural Albertans. If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact your area Councillor.



NOW ACCEPTING 2022/2023 SNOWPLOWING AGREEMENTS

Please have your signed agreement into our office prior to October 31, 2022.

The County of Stettler is pleased to continue to offer the service of snowplowing residential lanes and driveways, to qualifying residents within the County. **Please apply as soon as possible, before October 31.**

The process is as follows:

1. Complete the Hold Harmless Agreement for Grading/Snowplow Private Laneways – which can be found on at www.StettlerCounty.ca or at the County Administration Building or the Public Works Facility.
2. Please ensure all of the information on the application is filled in correctly.
3. If you are renting your residence, please ensure that both yourself and the landowner have signed the agreement.
4. Submit your application with the administration fee of \$100.00 (including GST). An application is required for each address requesting snowplowing.

5. Your address will then be put on the list for an inspection to determine if it is suitable for equipment and to identify any hazards/safety concerns (if there is heavy snowfall, the inspection may not be able to be completed, please submit prior to snowfall). If appropriate, County staff may ask that you to rectify the issue and then re-inspect once complete.

6. If approved, you will receive a ‘flag’ to be displayed visible to the grader operator and your laneway will be added to the snow removal list for future snow falls of 2022/2023.

7. The County is unable to provide snowplowing services to bins, haystacks or corrals.

8. The County is unable to provide snowplowing services within Hamlets or Multi-lot Subdivisions.

Remember, the application deadline is October 31, 2022. Thank you very much for your timely cooperation. See you when the snow flies.



BYLAW AND POLICY UPDATES

Botha and Gadsby Traffic Plans

At the July 13 Council Meeting, County of Stettler Council approved the updated Botha and Gadsby traffic plans. This was followed by a vote to amend the General Traffic Bylaw. Signage is now updated within the two communities. This included the expansion of school and playground zones to meet provincial standards and other signage changes.

The Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Development Review Steering Committee

Administrative Policy CN 1.6 and the Procedural Bylaw were updated for the addition of the Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Development Plan Review Steering Committee. These modifications were passed in order to begin the review of the Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Development Plan. Meetings for the steering committee has not yet began.

Animal Health Act - Policy AG 3.12

This policy was passed during the August Council meeting, as deemed necessary by provincial

standards and the Alberta Animal Health Act. This policy authorizes the Manager of Agriculture Operations, or another designate as appointed, to assist in animal welfare events. These events can include motor vehicle collisions, or disease outbreak.

This authorization allows the Manager of Operations to assist in reducing outbreak spreads or other remedial actions as set out in the Alberta Animal Health Act.

Modifying the Municipal Development Plan - Bylaw 1683-22

The Bylaw 1683-22 was passed during August's Council meeting, after a public hearing was held during the meeting. This bylaw modifies the current County of Stettler Municipal Development Plan in regards to the dedications and easements of Environmental reserves on private lands.

For a look at any of these bylaws, policies or others in effect within the County of Stettler, visit our website at www.StettlerCounty.ca.



THE SCOOP ON POOP... AND OTHER SMOULDERING TOPICS

County of Stettler Lagoons

Recently, the County of Stettler was forced to limit the amount of sewage being hauled to County of Stettler Lagoons. The issue began with the Red Willow Lagoon having drainage problems, rendering it unable to be drained as we typically do. We are working with the affected landowners and Alberta Environment to rectify issues, however there is no quick fix. We were hopeful we would be able to drain the Red Willow Lagoon by this fall, however we expect now it may be another year.

With this closure, the Erskine Lagoon became the backup location. However, it soon became evident, the amount of effluent being hauled into County lagoons from Summer Villages exceeded all estimates. In order to be able to continue to service County of Stettler residences whose taxes support this infrastructure, it became necessary to limit the acceptance of effluent to only County of Stettler taxpayers. The County of Stettler has a responsibility to look after the needs of those who fund this infrastructure, first and foremost. We have been hearing comments that Summer Village residents believe they helped fund or were partners in creating County of Stettler lagoons, but we can confirm this is not the case. Summer Villages have not funded or obtained funding for the lagoons, or contributed to the lagoons, nor do they pay tax dollars towards maintaining these lagoons.

Prior to cancelling all drainage from the Red Willow Lagoon, we were able to handle the effluent from the Summer Villages. Unfortunately this is no longer the case. Discussions were held between Councils for the sake of problem solving. Councils for the Summer Villages communicated to us that they would haul Summer Village sewage to Mirror or other locations.

To clarify, Summer Villages collect their own taxes from Summer Village residents, and they currently do not provide water and sewer service. As Summer Villages, they do have a responsibility to plan and prepare and handle the infrastructure needs of their communities. While for many years, they have been utilizing County infrastructure at no cost, volumes are no longer sustainable for us and it is no longer possible. We would encourage residents of Summer Villages to become involved with their local government to solve the problem of how their infrastructure needs like septic disposal, can be met, today and for their future. It is not up to County taxpayers to bear the costs of carrying Summer Villages. The Summer Village of White Sands (SWWS) population increased 45% from the 2016 census to the 2021 census. We don't expect these numbers to go down, and in fact they will likely continue to increase.

Road Bans

County of Stettler Council through our Inter-Collaboration Framework (ICF) with the Summer Village of White Sands, was hoping to have a scheduled discussion to talk about joint road maintenance issues for the past few years. County roads leading into the village are taking a beating, requiring more and more maintenance due to usage. Our Council's position is that the Summer Villages should enter into an Agreement with the County, to share in the maintenance and repairs needed from sewage haulers, water haulers, and construction equipment. The only other way to save our road network in these areas is to reduce weight allowances, and then reduce speed. Until an Agreement can be reached with the SWWS, the County reduced weight allowances in order to reduce the wear and tear on the County's infrastructure. Again, it is not up to County residents to bear all the costs of infrastructure that supports the Summer Village communities.

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ANNUAL



Stettler
PHEASANT FESTIVAL
- SINCE 2014 -

OCTOBER 14-16 2022

REGISTER FOR OUR 2022 HUNTS ONLINE

Friday Night Social at the Canalta Town Pump

Saturday Night Banquet is BACK! Tickets available for purchase on the website.

NEW THIS YEAR –SHOTGUN DEMO DAY AT THE TRAP CLUB SATURADAY with Vendors on site and Food Truck 9am-4pm

If you are interested in Sponsoring the Pheasant Festival Please contact Logan 403-916-4680 or visit the sponsorship page on the website.

WWW.STETTLERPHEASANTFESTIVAL.COM

Find us on:  **facebook**  **Instagram**

Don't forget to check out the [Merchandise online tool!](#)

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS

Applications accepted annually.
Deadline for the next round is
December 31.

The County of Stettler recognizes in principle that community organizations should be supported with resources when it comes to assisting with the increasing costs of putting on community events.

The Community Investment Program manages these ongoing requests. Funding under this program is one-time and is not to be relied upon as a continuing source of income. Council expects community organizations to be self-sustaining and to develop working relationships with contributing partners.

There are two intakes per year, December 31 and May 31.

Eligibility criteria include:

- Applicants can only submit one application annually
- Must benefit the community
- Provide community involvement and support
- Have long term viability

- Program or event must be open to the public
- County of Stettler will be recognized as a source of funding

We awarded funds to the following organizations during our first year which included:

- Stettler and District Music Festival
- Canadian Northern Railway
- Donalda and District Museum Society
- Endmoor Minor Ball Association
- Canadian Junior Gelbvieh Show
- Big Valley Bust Out Rodeo
- East Bound and Down Poker Rally
- Stettler Pheasant Festival Society
- Stettler Steel Wheel Stampede

Application forms can be found at www.StettlerCounty.ca then click on Community Investment Program. If you have questions, please call the County of Stettler at 403.742.4441.



HOW TO BEST FILL YOUR WATER TRUCKS AND JUGS

The County of Stettler and the Shirley McClellan Regional Water Services Commission (SMRWSC) operate several truck fill stations throughout the County of Stettler. These truck fills supply clean, fresh, potable water to those who need it for agriculture operations, to fill cisterns or drinking jugs.

You can find these potable water truck and bucket fill stations in the following locations:

- Nevis Truck Fill NE 36-38-21 W4M
- Byemoor Truck Fill NW 06-35-16 W4M
- Endiang Truck Fill SW 36-34-16 W4M
- Erskine Truck Fill SW 06-39-20 W4M
- Gadsby Truck Fill N1/2 of 27-38-17 W4M
- Red Willow Truck Fill NW 19-40-18 W4M
- White Sands Truck Fill SW 27-40-20 W4M

Some of these truck fills are heavily-used during certain times of the year.

The best and most reliable way of getting water from these truck fills, is to obtain a Personal

Identification Number (PIN) that you can utilize at all these stations.

At times the 'coin' operation at these stations can fail due to a 'coin jam', which renders the coin operation useless until it can be serviced. On particularly busy weekends, the coin receptacle can also fill up from heavy use, also rendering it out of service until it can be serviced. Again, obtaining a PIN alleviates the need to find and carry coins, or be inconvenienced by 'coin jams'.

You can find a Bulk Water Application at StettlerCounty.ca/149/Utilities. Once completed, simply submit to ar@stettlercounty.ca and await receipt of your account number and your access code. You will be billed quarterly for your water consumption on this account.

Coming Soon

We are also busy continuing the Phase 6 extension of our SMRWSC waterline. Phase 6 of the waterline begins at the White Sands Truck Fill and heads west to a new Bucket Fill Station at Rochon Sands.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

These last few months have brought change to the County of Stettler's Emergency Management front.

During the June Council meeting, Bylaw 1676-22: Emergency Management Regionalization was passed. This bylaw will be changing the board structures within the County of Stettler and partner municipalities and organizations.

Regional business partners can expect to be contacted by Emergency Management Logistics

Canada to create business profiles, these profiles will allow their businesses to be added on preferred vendors' lists.



This helps ensure, that if a disaster were to occur, our region would be able to contact vendors for supplies and items to protect our communities.

All across Canada, local municipalities are responsible for emergency management planning, preparation, response and recovery efforts. And when it comes to emergencies, an efficient

Emergency Management Logistics

Being better prepared for the next emergency or disaster situation is something the Stettler Regional Emergency Management Agency (SREMA) can do during daytime hours, but we never know when the next situation will occur.

We have teamed up with the EMLCanada.ca Platform which connects emergency management organizations like ours here in the Stettler region, with businesses and farming operations like yours, that have the products and services we may need in the event of an emergency or disaster in our area. That could be 3:00 p.m. on a Tuesday afternoon or 3:00 am on a Sunday morning. Help us find and access products and services available locally through your business or operation - promote your products and services, and connect with emergency management organizations in our area, throughout Alberta, and across the Country.

When we need you, will you answer the call?

We invite you to consider building and maintaining a free* local listing on the EMLCanada.ca Platform so we can find you quickly and easily, when we need to call on you.

Visit www.emlcanada.ca to get started. You can list your 24/7 contact information **or** indicate that you only take calls during business hours, your choice.

**Local businesses can take advantage of a free subscription. A small one time set-up fee is charged to verify your listing.*



response with access to necessary purchases, is the best course of action.

Creating and updating profiles on the www.EMLCanada.ca platform, will assist with this.

We are also pleased to announce that we are partnering with the Canadian Red Cross (CRC) for our Emergency Social Services. If a disaster were to affect our communities, the CRC has the means to vet, train, engage, deploy and recognize volunteer personnel.



The County of Stettler would like to engage with volunteers who are interested in participating in emergency exercises with us, and expanding our emergency preparedness levels.

The CRC volunteer portal launched on September 17.

For more information or to volunteer visit www.redcross.ca/volunteer or reach out to the Director of Emergency Management, Clint Sime, via email at csime@stettlercounty.ca.

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**Save
the Trees**
Switch to
e-bill



MAKE THE SWITCH TO ELECTRONIC TAX BILLS

Consider receiving your tax notices by email.

The Municipal Government Act now allows a municipality to send Property related documents electronically. By signing up to receive your tax notices by email, the County of Stettler will save on postage, paper, envelopes, office supplies and time.

We are looking to gather email information from any ratepayer's who are willing to receive their tax/assessment notices by email. If you have more than one property, the notices will be sent individually to you.

Those who are interested in receiving their Property Tax/Assessment Notice by email will need to fill out the form on page 15 and return it to the County Administration building, 6602-44 Avenue or email it to tax@stettlercounty.ca before November 30, 2022.

Bylaw 1641-20 is available for viewing at www.StettlerCounty.ca which outlines how we have established a process to send assessment, taxation and assessment review board notices and other documents by electronic means as per the Municipal Government Act Chapter M-26 revised under section 603 (1).



County of Stettler No. 6
Box 1270, Stettler AB T0C 2L0
Phone: 1-403-742-4441

eSEND – PAPERLESS TAX/ASSESSMENT NOTICES

County of Stettler No. 6 is now able to send annual Combined Assessment & Tax Notices by email. To sign up for the eSEND service, fill out the registration form below and email it to tax@stettlercounty.ca, mail or deliver to the County of Stettler administration office (address above) or fax it to 1-403-742-1277. Contact the Property Tax Department if you have any questions about the eSEND Service. **Please note, every Notice/Invoice is sent in an individual email.**

PERSONAL INFORMATION: please print clearly

Account Holder Name: _____ Customer ID # _____

Contact Name- if different from above: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

911/Rural Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

ACCOUNT INFORMATION – Please include all Roll Numbers Property Tax Roll Number(s) – if you have more than three roll numbers, include your Customer ID # and the number of parcels of land that you own:

By signing the below, I signify that I, the subscriber, have read and agree to the terms as follows:

- The e-statements for notices will be provided to the subscriber via email, as a PDF attachment, to the email address listed above
- It is the subscribers' responsibility to provide the correct email address to County of Stettler and to inform the County of Stettler in writing of any changes to this address. Non-receipt is not justification for late payment and penalties will not be waived as a result.
- When you agree to the terms and conditions of this service you will no longer receive a paper version of the Combined Assessment & Tax Notice.

I, _____ have read and agree to the present terms and conditions as stated above and I acknowledge that the information provided on this form is complete and accurate.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

The personal information requested on this form is being collected under the authority of the Municipal Government Act and will be used for the purpose of administering municipal systems. It is protected by the privacy provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP). If you have any questions regarding the collection and use of your personal information, please contact the County of Stettler administration office.



Erskine Service Award

Mark Higgins for 18 years of service on the Regional Recreation Board and the Erskine Social Recreation Society Presented by Lorraine Hankins and Marc Hougestol.



Community Angel Award

Karyn Tateson for many community minded acts of kindness during the pandemic in the Byemoor and Endiang area. Presented by Doreen Nixon.



Stettler Dodge Community Service Award

Betty Campbell. Presented by Eric George (Stettler Dodge), and Doreen Nixon.



ATCO Arts, Culture and Heritage Award

Jean MacDonald. Presented by Tracy Volker (ATCO), granddaughters Marci Jo Spady and Janelle Robinson.



Botha Community Centre Youth Service Award

Hayley Walgenbach. Presented by Lorraine Hankins at the Botha School at their year end ceremony.

44TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

The 44th Annual County of Stettler Community Service Awards were held at the Byemoor Community Hall on June 16, 2022. This event celebrated the outstanding contributions of our volunteers in agriculture, recreation and culture.

We recognized 13 volunteers from all areas of the County of Stettler including two youth who have shown outstanding commitment to their community.



Sullivan Lake West Agricultural Society Community Service Award: Richard Dabell. Presented by Scott McKenzie (TD Canada Trust) and Lenard Schofer.



Donalda and District Ag Society Community Service Award Cheryl Malin. Presented by Beth Fulton and accepted by Byron Norman on Cheryl's behalf.



Big Valley Agricultural Society Community Service Award Allen Jacobson. Presented by Dan Webster and Charles Firth (Royal Bank). Accepted by Andrea Webster on Allen's behalf.



Rochon Sands Hall and Recreation Community Service Award Brian Buck. Presented by Carrie Resch and Dwayne Grover (Vision Credit Union).



Stettler and District Agricultural Society Community Service Award: Rocky, Christine Ross and family. Presented by Jenna Watson and Brandi Page with Chris Hunter (Scotiabank).



Endmoor Youth Community Service Award Cash Buchwitz. Presented by John Fletcher (ATB) and Lenard Schofer.

Botha School Lifetime Service Award Shaun Derr. Presented and accepted by Lorraine Hankins in Shaun's absence.

If you have someone you would like to nominate for the Stettler Dodge Community Service Award or the ATCO Arts, Culture and Heritage Award, please submit your nomination to Lorraine Hankins, Manager of Recreation and Insurance, at the County of Stettler.

The 2023 County of Stettler Awards will be held in Red Willow. Date and time are still to be determined.



G3 FIELD TRIP

Exceptional Community Partners

G3 Canada were gracious hosts giving members of our Agricultural Services Board (ASB) a tour of their facility earlier this summer. Due to the pandemic, G3 was unable to hold grand opening events for six Alberta facilities which all opened in 2020 and 2021. Instead they donated the funds budgeted for those events to charity, including those championing mental health and food insecurity. G3 is a great community supporter and we are thankful for their presence in Stettler County.

Some facts from our ASB tour:

- G3 is only 7 years old
- The first train ran through this facility in October of 2020
- Engine never unhooks
- There are 130-147 cars to a train
- Takes 10 hours to load a train/4 minutes per car
- 40,000 m tonne in total storage
- 2 silos equals 1 train
- 9000 feet of track - 2 miles
- Stettler County G3 Facility employs 14 full time and 2 part time employees

DEVELOPMENT SETBACKS

Please remember that you do not need a development permit from the County for agricultural operations as long as any structures such as hay sheds, granaries, dugouts, livestock shelters and barns meet the 125 foot 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 would like 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 in the County of Stettler, please call and set up an appointment with the County's Planning & Development Department at 403-742-4441.

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NO PERMIT? ZERO TOLERANCE

Please contact our Planning and Development Department by setting up an appointment at 403.742.4441, when you start planning your development in order to ensure you obtain the required development permit and other approvals in good time.

Anyone who intends to undertake a non-agricultural development in the County of Stettler No. 6 is required to first obtain a development permit.

This could also help you avoid any unforeseen expenses you may incur if your idea for your development does not comply with the County's policies and bylaws (e.g. yard setbacks, road upgrades, etc.), so you may make the necessary adjustments before you start digging or laying down concrete.

The County does not want to penalize anyone. We want to work with ratepayers to ensure the proper development approvals are issued in order to comply with municipal, provincial and federal regulations. The County's Fee Bylaw states a penalty of \$1,000 for residential developments or \$2,000 for commercial developments that are started without the benefit of a development permit.

The County of Stettler No. 6 has adopted a zero tolerance approach to persons who start construction without the benefit of a development permit.

All relevant penalties required pursuant to the County's Fee Schedule and other actions under the Municipal Government Act (MGA) for such a contravention will be strictly imposed on anyone who fails to obtain a development permit prior to construction start. This information has been made widely available and no exceptions will be made.



RESPONSIBLE PLANNING MEANS REVIEWS

REVIEW OF THE MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND LAND USE BYLAW

The County of Stettler is launching a review of the County's Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw in Fall 2022. The Municipal Development Plan was last reviewed in 2008-2009 and the Land Use Bylaw was last reviewed in 2010-2011. These two documents provide a significant amount of guidance on the planning and development decisions and approvals made by the County.

What is the Municipal Development Plan (MDP)?

The MDP is the overall “blueprint” for making decisions about future development, growth patterns and land use in the County of Stettler. It seeks to ensure that growth is orderly, economical and beneficial while balancing the environmental, social and economic needs and desires of the community.

The MDP is visionary, strategic and long-term in its outlook and application. It reflects the vision of County residents for the future (20 to 30 years from now) and identifies ways to achieve this vision. Many topics are covered in the Municipal Development Plan and some include:

- Preservation of farmland for agricultural purposes and support for agricultural uses;
- Subdivision of land (ie. number of private titles, multi-lot subdivisions, land dedication, fragmented parcels, rural development fund);
- Identification and protection of environmentally sensitive areas;
- Compatibility of land uses and necessary mitigation of impacts;
- Infrastructure expansion such as roads, railways, water and wastewater systems, storm water management, modern telecommunications; and
- Promotion of the diversification of the local economy.

You can view a copy of the current Municipal Development Plan here:
<https://www.stettlercounty.ca/DocumentCenter/View/424/Municipal-Development-Plan>.



What is the Land Use Bylaw (LUB)?

The LUB regulates and controls the use and development of land and buildings within the County. It is more detailed than the MDP and is the main tool used to make decisions on development permits. Some of the topics covered in the Land Use Bylaw include:

- Decision making authority – who decides on each type of permit;
- Permitted and discretionary land uses that may be allowed in different parts of the County;
- Parcel size requirements; and
- Yard and setback distances.

You can view a copy of the current Land Use Bylaw here:

<https://www.stettlercounty.ca/DocumentCenter/View/506/Land-Use-Bylaw>.

Opportunities to Participate

The review process will provide several ways for you to participate. This will include the opportunity to review materials posted online, and attend open houses and public workshops.

Please check the County website for updates and opportunities to provide your input and feedback. Sign up under the 'Notify Me' button on our website to receive alerts when new 'News Flashes' and 'General Public Notices' and 'Planning and Development Notices' are published.



ANNUAL SERVICES OFFERED BY OPERATIONS

The County of Stettler is pleased to be able to offer a variety of services to landowners. Please be aware that a hold harmless agreement accompanied by the applicable fee is required prior to services being rendered.

Grading Laneways: Having your laneway graded will require a signed agreement with the County of Stettler No. 6 as well as an approved inspection and payment of \$50.00 per quarter mile. This is a one time service, a new agreement will be required each time grading is requested. This service is offered from spring to fall.

Snowplowing Laneways: A completed hold harmless agreement and approved inspection will be required prior to any snow removal. Upon approval you will receive a “flag” visible to the grader operator. An administrative fee of \$100.00 is charged per address, each season. In order to ensure timely service (in the event of an early snowfall) application deadline is October 31 of each year. Late applications are processed,

although there may be a delay in service once the snow starts to fly and our inspection people are busy running snow removal equipment, or a service refusal if the laneway is snow covered and not able to be properly inspected.

Dust Reduction: If dust reduction is desired, participation in the County offered program is required. Landowners are not permitted to apply any form of dust reduction products to County roads. Products currently offered are Calcium and the DL10 Special (Oil), in a medium or a heavy application. Product chosen, length and width of the individual road will determine the cost to the applicant. The application deadline is April 15 of each year. Watch for advertisements on the County website and local newspapers.

Mowing Road Slopes: While the County of Stettler reserves the right to manage the vegetation along the road slopes, residents may be permitted to hay the remainder of the road allowance. Completed agreements and consent from adjacent

Blast from the Past Festival

**STETTLER
TOWN & COUNTRY
MUSEUM**

**Pumpkin
Chuckin'!**

ACTIVITIES

FOOD

HAY RIDES

FAMILY FUN

NOVEMBER 5 2022

11AM - 3PM

Phone: 403-742-4534
www.stettlermuseum.com
for more details
6502 44 AVE.
STETTLER, AB

\$10.00
Bring your own pumpkin to chuck!

\$15.00
Buy a pumpkin to chuck!

Find us on 

Light the Night

5:30 to 9pm

**STETTLER MUSEUM'S
6502-44 AVENUE**

1/2 KM OF LIGHTED DISPLAY

December Friday's & Saturdays until Christmas
Plus December 21, 22, 23 & 24
5:30 pm - 9pm

ANNUAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST

landowners must be received in writing by June 15 of each year. Haying is to be completed and all bales removed by September 1 of the year the hay was cut. Haying may not be done if the possibility of damage to the road slopes or shoulders may occur.

Access Approaches and/or Culverts: Approaches are located within the road allowance and are the property of the County of Stettler No. 6. Therefore, these improvements must not be constructed or upgraded/widened by anyone without prior consent from the County. Approach applications are required when an additional approach is desired, above the "one approach per one-half mile" at the cost of the County. Be prepared to include a diagram of the quarter section in your site plan on page two of the application. Indicate the proposed location, including all roads and/or road allowances. An application must first be inspected and approved, followed by the submission of the appropriate fees and/or deposits.

Agricultural approaches do not require the

\$200.00 application fee. If the County is constructing a new approach on your behalf the fee is \$500.00, a modification is \$250.00. The work will be completed (if approved) dependent on the Operations Department work schedule. If you choose to do the work yourself there are conditions attached, as well as a \$2000.00 deposit which is returned once the approach/culvert is inspected and deemed satisfactory. Each additional inspection, subsequent to the initial inspection and second inspection (to determine completion) will deduct \$50.00 from the collected deposit.

Please contact the County of Stettler administration office at 403.742.4441 for further details, questions or to prepare your agreement.



VIP FARM TOURS SHOW IT OFF!

Beautiful day to show off Stettler County Agriculture in action.

On Saturday, August 13 the County of Stettler was able to team up again with the Stettler Board of Trade to be immersed in the 'agriculture life-style'...for a day, with the Taste of the Heartland - VIP Farm Tours and Long Table Dinner.

The County of Stettler Agricultural Services Department kicked off the day at 9:00 AM with a bus full of VIP Farm Tourists. We were excited and thankful to have four spectacular stops on this year's tour: Benjamin Lawson Farms, Heartland Alpacas, Fireside Winery, and Wetaskiwyn Aerial Applicators.

We'd like to thank Wetaskiwyn Aerial Spraying for sponsoring the lunch and to Detention Brewing Co. for joining us and wetting everyone's whistle on a spectacularly warm day.

Would you like to show off your agriculture operation? We'd love to add you to a future tour stop. We are always surprised and delighted at the diverse and innovative farming, ranching and agriculture operations at work in our own back yards. Email info@stettlercounty.ca to get involved in a future farm tour, or call 403-742-4441 X110.

A huge thank you to all our 2022 hosts for sharing their time, their talents, their farms and their information:

- Benjamin Lawson Farms: 5th Generation Farmer; home of Moonshine Simmentals and producing their own grain, silage cereal and corn, greenfeed, forage blends, canola, oats and barley.
- Heartland Alpacas: Murray and Karen Wahlund, raising llamas and alpacas and knitting soft, beautiful and unique products which are offered for sale.
- Fireside Winery - Larry and Marci Heck own and operate, and grew from scratch, their own winery in Stettler County, and are most proud of their no grape wines, with flavours true to prairie-grown fruits. With 12-15% alcohol content this wine contains no sulphurs or sulphites.
- Wetaskiwin Aerial Applicators: This family owned and operated aerial application business has been proudly serving central Alberta since 1981. Their diverse fleet of airplanes and helicopters offer spraying of fungicides, insecticides and preharvest herbicides as well as range and pasture spraying and more.





ONE ROUTINE THAT WILL HELP YOU GROW **ALL YEAR**

Connect, Explore, and Flex your Noggin' at the Stettler Public Library

As we settle into the season of pumpkin spice, flannel shirts and routines, have you thought about routines you could add to your current line-up, that will protect and strengthen your brain? Did you know that reading for just 20 minutes a day has numerous benefits, including to your mental health? Reading helps people of all ages relax, sleep better, build brain matter, and slow cognitive decline as we age. Reading also helps us to develop greater empathy, through exploring the experiences of others. Not only that, but you learn so much through books, you can develop your vocabulary and be entertained all at the same time.

Why not visit us and explore the resources, services and activities available to you for FREE at the Stettler Public Library? If we don't have what you are looking for we can find it at another library and bring it in for you.

Library of Things

The libraries today lend a lot more than books. Are you aware that the Stettler Public Library has a growing equipment and toy library with different things to borrow, including:

- A Family Fitness Pass to the Stettler Recreation Centre: We have two passes that have been sponsored by the local FCSS and Stettler KidSport. Sign one out to enjoy a swim with the family, or have a great workout in the gym.
- Children's Go Kits: Each kit has a variety of activities and books. We have kits focusing on sleep, music, emotions, school, farm, toddler time and sound and light.
- Cognitive Care Kits: Each of our three kits contains a simple music player and an assortment of activities and books for community members experiencing cognitive decline and/or dementia. If you are a caregiver, give us a call at 403-742-2292 to learn more.
- Toy Library: We have a variety of toys that can be booked for birthday parties, events, or just to try out at home.
- Specialized Equipment: We have a variety of other devices that can be borrowed at the library including a radon screening device, projector and screen, Chromebook, Smart Hub (portable WiFi) and more. Drop by and learn more.

New and Returning Programs

We hope you had a chance to take in some of



the Culture Days activities in September. We are pleased to announce a few new programs starting at the Stettler Public Library in October:

- **Minds in Motion®:** This new 9-week program starts on Wednesday, October 12 and goes until December 7. Minds in Motion is a physical activity and brain stimulation program for people experiencing cognitive decline or dementia, and their care partners. The program has been developed by the Alzheimer's Society and is meant to help improve physical and mental health while building a stronger social network with fellow participants and recreation facilities. Call 403-742-2292 for more information or to register.
- **Adult's Game Night:** Monday, October 24 at 6:00 p.m. Looking for something fun to do in town on a Monday night? Join us at the library for a variety of online and board games.
- **Film Circuit and Doc Talks** are back at the Stettler Public Library starting in October. Watch for titles and dates on our website or Facebook or subscribe to our monthly newsletter.
- Regular adult programs are continuing,

including: Crystal's Crafting Club, Crystal's Crochet, Reader's Circle, Afternoon Friends, Conversation Café, Writer's Club, Fantasy Writer's Club, Genealogy Club, Stettler v. Rocky online gaming, Employment Resource Help, Tutoring, and Mindfulness with Alicia Tate.

- For children, our regular programming will include: Read and Rhyme (ages 0-5) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m.; Something Cool after School (ages 6+) on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.
- Teen Scene (ages 10+) is moving back to Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.
- On Saturdays we will host LEGO Club and Chess Club on alternating weeks at 11:00 a.m. Then at 1:00 p.m. we will alternate Smash Brothers tournaments and Computer Help with Shaunzy.

Today's libraries are not just about books and other materials we have for people, but what we do with and for people. What can we do for you?

Submitted by Stettler Public Library

Save a Tree

Sign up for e-versions of County Connection magazine by contacting info@stettlercounty.ca or by calling 403.742.4441.

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



STYROFOAM RECYCLING NOW NEAR YOU!

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✓ **White block styrofoam packaging (Grade #6) from electronics, appliances & furniture**



NO
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Tape, staples or contaminants
Food/take-out containers, cups & plates
Coloured or dirty styrofoam
Packaging peanuts/popcorn

All styrofoam must be clean.

Stettler Transfer Site is now accepting clean, white styrofoam packaging (Grade #6) from electronics, appliances and furniture, for recycling.

Thank you to Grace Fix and the Stettler Waste Management Authority for this new recycling opportunity.



COMMUNITY NEWS

THE STETTLER MUSEUM PRESENTS:
NIGHT OF TERROR AT THE BOOSEUM!

HAUNTED HOUSE DATES & TIMES:

THURSDAY OCTOBER 20 7PM - 9PM
FRIDAY OCTOBER 21 8PM - 11PM
SATURDAY OCTOBER 22 8PM - 11PM
THURSDAY OCTOBER 27 7PM - 9PM
FRIDAY OCTOBER 28 8PM - MIDNIGHT
SATURDAY OCTOBER 29 8PM - MIDNIGHT

\$10 PER PERSON CASH ONLY
RECOMMENDED FOR 13 YEARS AND UP

For more information please contact the Stettler Museum **403-742-4534**
6502 44 Ave Stettler , AB

STETTLER Festival of Lights
 CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 3, 2022
 Silent auction open to the public for bidding: Tuesday to Thursday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. and Friday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 Bidding Closes December 2nd at 1 p.m. Admission: Cash Donation

ARTISAN CHRISTMAS MARKET
 Open during public hours as listed & during all special events. The market features local handmade items including sweets, quilted items, home decor, furniture, paintings and much, much, more.

Special Events
 Tickets go on sale: October 1st at Grate Kitchen

Tuesday, November 29th
ATCO PANCAKE BREAKFAST
 Served: 7- 9 a.m. Advance tickets: Adults: \$15
 Kids: \$10 (ages 5-10) (4 & under are free) ☺

CHRISTMAS SPIRITS 7-9 P.M.
 Advance tickets- \$35
 Seasonal drinks, snacks and entertainment featuring: The Jazz Guys

Wednesday, November 30th
SENIORS TEA
 1:30- 3:30 p.m. Admission: \$5 at the door

ART & CHEER
 7- 9 p.m. Advance Tickets \$40
 Create your own art project with Stephanie Hadley

Thursday, December 1st
CANALTA A&W BURGERS & BEER FAMILY NIGHT
 5- 7 p.m. Advance tickets or at the door
 Adults: \$15 Kids: \$10 (ages 5-10) (4 & under are free) ☺

Friday, December 2nd
HOLLY JOLLY LUNCH
 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. - \$15 a person ☺
 Join friends & co-workers for a hot lunch, market & final bidding on silent auction items

Saturday, December 3rd
DINE, DANCE & AUCTION CHRISTMAS GALA
 Advance tickets: \$65
 (\$5/ ticket discount if you buy 8+)
 Cocktails: 5:30 p.m. Dinner: 6:30 p.m. ☺
 Silent & Live Auction
 Live Entertainment by: Dirt Road Angels

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 DIRT ROAD ANGELS

All Proceeds Support The Stettler Health Care Centre
www.stettlerhealthfoundation.com

Byemoor Annual Community Fall Roast

Saturday, October 22, 2022
 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 Byemoor Community Hall

P & H Elevator: Harvest BBQ

Come out for some great hamburgers, hotdogs and side salads - By Donation
 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Threshing, flour making, wood stove baking and other demonstrations to keep you entertained.
 Everyone welcome!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

2022 Stettler Pheasant Festival

Oct 14, 15 & 16 2022

Friday night social at the Town Pump Lounge

Sat Night Banquet is Back!

Tickets available to purchase on the website

NEW THIS YEAR - SHOTGUN DEMO DAY

9am-4pm at the Trap Club Vendors and

Food Truck on-site www.stettlerpheasantfestival.com



Community Libraries in Botha and Erskine!

Through a partnership with Family & Community Support Services - Rural Mental Health Project, Heartland Youth Centre and the Stettler Public Library, community libraries have been placed in the Hamlet of Botha by the Botha Community Hall, and in the Hamlet of Erskine by the playground.

The Stettler Public Library will be stocking them with the initial books and anyone is able to "take one or leave one" at anytime.



Public Mail Agreement #41398593
Return Undeliverable Canadian Addresses to:
County of Stettler No. 6
Box 1270
Stettler, AB T0C 2L0