

# Municipal Matters

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## MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL

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Welcome to another edition of Municipal Matters. The past year was extremely busy with special projects and additional work resulting from new grant programs.

In the upcoming year, Council will undertake the construction of the Peavine/McLennan road, increase the mowing program and implement the tangible capital assets project. Council will also be working towards the construction of a new fire hall and obtaining grants to provide potable water to rate payers.

In addition, we'd like to thank the Alberta Government and the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation for awarding our municipality with a \$12,000 grant in support of upgrades to the Little Smoky Ski Area.

In closing, I would like to thank members of Council, Administration and our ratepayers for their continued support.

Donald Dumont, Reeve

### DID YOU KNOW...?

Our local libraries are about more than just books! The following are new services offered in the M.D. of Smoky River and many can be accessed from your home computer.

#### FROM HOME OR AT THE LIBRARY

- ◆ Databases on Science, Business, Car Repair, Health, Medical, History, Arts & Literature, etc.
- ◆ Auralog Language Learning Software
- ◆ Computer Training Software
- ◆ Ask a Question
- ◆ Easily order books from other libraries
- ◆ Book renewal online or by phone

#### AT THE LIBRARY

- ◆ Wireless access
- ◆ Free internet & printing
- ◆ Audio and Large Print Books
- ◆ Adult Exercise & Children's Educational Videos
- ◆ Author Readings
- ◆ Summer Reading Program
- ◆ Seasonal Crafts
- ◆ Research Assistance
- ◆ French Books for Adults or Children
- ◆ Board Books for Toddlers
- ◆ Magazines
- ◆ Books in other languages can be requested

### LIBRARY HOURS OF OPERATION

#### Falher

Tuesday  
10:00 am - 5:30 pm

Wednesday - Friday  
Noon - 5:00 pm

#### McLennan

Tuesday - Friday 1:00 pm - 5:30 pm  
Tues. Evenings 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
Thurs. Mornings 10:00 am - noon  
Saturday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

## HELLO & GOOD-BYE

June 2008 saw us bid a fond farewell to long-time Director of Corporate Affairs, Lynn Pelé, after 15 years of service. Replacing Lynn is Rita Therriault, former Administrator for the Village of Donnelly.

Welcome Rita!

Five year Fire Chief and Director of Protective Services, Ian Fox, stepped down as of December 31, 2008. We wish him well in his new position as Manager of Protective Services with the M.D. of Greenview. Taking over the reins on April 1, 2009 is John McDermott who has spent the last few years as volunteer Deputy Fire Chief for the High Prairie Fire Department.

Welcome to John & his wife Marcia!

### WAYS TO PAY YOUR TAXES

Taxes are due by July 31st.

Cash or Cheques accepted.

You may send us a post-dated cheque along with your tax notice. Your notice will be returned with the receipt after processing.

If you have any questions, please contact the office or visit our website at [www.mdsmokyriver.com](http://www.mdsmokyriver.com) and click on "Council & Departments", "Administration" and lastly, "Tax Assessment"

## **LANDFILL HOURS:**

**MD LANDFILLS:**  
**780-837-2221**

### **GUY & JEAN COTE**

Wednesday: 4 pm—9 pm (*April-October*)  
Saturday: 11 am—4 pm (*Year Round*)

### **WHITEMUD**

Tuesday: 11 am—4 pm (*Year Round*)

**WASTE COMMISSION LANDFILL:**  
**FALHER—780-837-2247**

*Summer Hours (May 1—September 30)*

Tuesday & Saturday: 10 am—6 pm

*Winter Hours (October 1—April 30)*

Tuesday & Saturday: 10 am—5 pm

**PLEASE SORT YOUR  
GARBAGE!**

## 2009 Public Works Happenings

- ◆ Approximately \$260,000 of additional road improvements in various locations was completed in 2008 under the Alberta Municipal Infrastructure Program (AMIP). This is above and beyond our normal maintenance program. If you receive any right of entry or back sloping agreements, please sign and return them promptly to expedite the process.
- ◆ Bridge File 71271 (locally known as Lucas's Bridge) was repaired in 2008.
- ◆ Bridge File 74385 (locally known as Mencke's culvert) will be repaired this year.
- ◆ The M.D. has scheduled the gravelling of 323 km of road this season.
- ◆ Approximately \$500,000 of additional road improvements will possibly be undertaken this year under the AMIP grant and New Deal Programs.
- ◆ Fourteen kilometres of clearing and timber salvage have been completed to date on the McLennan to Peavine Connector road. If all permits are in place, construction could start in late fall or early next year.
- ◆ We are anticipating grants for completion of the Whitemud community water supply.

## **TREATED GRAIN COLLECTION**



**Jean Cote & Guy Landfills**

**Date : June 17th, 2009**

**Time: 4:00 to 8:00 pm**

***Please call Norm at 780-837-2221 if you have a large amount of seed to dispose of or for more information***

### **Farmer Pesticide Training Certificate Course**

Home study course NOW available online at:

[www.agriculture.alberta.ca/fpcp](http://www.agriculture.alberta.ca/fpcp)

CD-ROMs also available at the M.D. of Smoky River office

- ◆ Excellent general information on the safe and proper application of pesticides.
- ◆ Successful completion allows access to restricted products like fumigants to treat stored grain insects.
- ◆ Once the course is completed a supervised, written exam must be passed to acquire the Certificate.
- ◆ **Contact Norm Boulet, Ag Fieldman, for more info or to have him request and proctor the exam.**

780-837-2222  
[asb@mdsmokyriver.com](mailto:asb@mdsmokyriver.com)

## **CHECK OUT OUR NEW & IMPROVED WEBSITE**

**[www.mdsmokyriver.com](http://www.mdsmokyriver.com)**

Little Smoky Ski Area information  
Meeting Minutes  
Smoky River Fire & Rescue  
Council announcements & info  
Tax & Assessment  
Plus much more

## **Find Your Way to the Games...**

In March 2010, Grande Prairie, Alberta will open its arms and its heart, welcoming and providing a showcase for young competitors and performers at the 2010 Arctic Winter Games.

Success will be due in no small measure to some 2,500 enthusiastic volunteers and the many sponsors and donors like you that will bring this international event to life.

Please take the time to learn more about these truly unique Games and about the opportunities that exist for your participation and contribution by visiting our website at [www.awg2010.org](http://www.awg2010.org) or contact us at 780-538-4777.

Thank you for your support!



# Smoky River Fire & Rescue

For information or general inquiries, call 780-837-2455.



**Thank You to Our Firefighters** - *I'd like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the Firefighters and First Responders for their hard work and dedication to making our communities a safer place to be. Your continuous dedication to training and providing coverage in times of emergencies are a testament to the professionals you are. I am proud to have the distinct privilege of leading you to the future.*

- R.A. John McDermott, Regional Fire Chief

**SRFR Recruiting** - Are you looking to take an active role in your community? Are you looking for an adventure? Excitement? BECOME A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER! The greatest experiences of your life are waiting for you here with us! Smoky River Fire & Rescue is looking for men and women to train as firefighters in Falher, Donnelly and McLennan. You can become involved in one or many different areas relating to the fire services offered by SRFR. These services include:

- Structural Firefighting
- Wildland Firefighting
- Vehicle and Agricultural Extrication (using the "Jaws-of-Life")
- Dangerous Goods / Hazardous Materials Response
- Ice Rescue
- High Angle, Low Slope and Confined Space Rescue (Technical Rescue)
- Fire Inspection / Investigation Services
- Fire Prevention & Life Safety Education
- Medical Response (First Responder Program)

A firefighter with SRFR may become involved in one or all of the services provided to our communities.

**The choice is yours.**

Personal protective gear, training and equipment are all supplied at no expense to you so that we may provide a quality service to our communities in a timely and efficient manner.

For more information or to get your application package, contact Fire Chief John McDermott at 780-837-2455. Application packages may also be picked up at the Municipal Office, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays.

**Junior Firefighter Program** - The Junior Firefighter program is underway for youth between the ages of 14 and their 18th birthday. This program offers the benefit of training with experienced firefighters while acquiring valuable hands-on experience. Jr. Firefighters also have the unique opportunity to gain significant insight into a potential career in emergency services. Inquire today!

**Fire Season** - April 1st to October 31st is Fire Season! This means that in order for you to burn, you may be required to obtain a fire permit. If you are unsure whether you require a permit, please contact Mr. Dave Gervais at the Municipal Office at 780-837-2221 or Fire Chief John McDermott at the Smoky River Fire Hall at 780-837-2455. It would be appreciated if you would contact Smoky River Fire & Rescue for any planned fires, even if you are in a zone where a permit is not required.

**Fire Prevention & Life Safety Education** - Would you like to meet a Firefighter and explore a fire engine right at your school? How about a Firefighter giving your class a tour of the fire hall in Falher, Donnelly or McLennan? For more information on how to get *your* class involved, contact Fire Chief John McDermott at 780-837-2455 today!

