

# VILLAGE OF LOUGHEED NEWSLETTER



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will be in the  
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## Mayor's Report

As I sit writing this I realize my viewpoint depends on which window I look out.

We have had a very mild winter with little moisture which is very hard on plant life but is very good for the snow removal budget.

Budget and finances have a great impact on decisions made by Council. We worked very hard in 2011 to build a strategic plan for the Village. Focus is maintaining and strengthening the infrastructure that we have while looking for growth to build our

future. Council has started the budget process for 2012 that focuses on maintaining and upgrading our Village amenities.

We are planning an open meeting March 22, 2012 at the Lion's Den. All members of our community (rural and urban) are welcome to come and give us feedback about how they would like to see the Village go forward.

As a small municipality we do not have the funds to make everything happen and depend upon the volunteers that give their time so willingly for the

betterment of the Village and its facilities. The people of Lougheed have proven over and over that we will work together to enhance and improve our community. Together with a positive attitude we can make Lougheed the best little Village it can be.

## NOMINATION DAY

Nomination Day is Wednesday, March 7, 2012.

Nominations will be accepted from 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM (noon).

Nomination forms can be picked up at the Village Office.

## When Do I Need a Building Permit?

When do you require a permit?

A building permit is required anytime you undertake major construction project. These projects can include: new buildings, additions, renovations, alterations, repairs, relocations, demolitions or a change in use of an existing building.

Along with the building permit you may also require an electrical permit, plumbing permit, gas permit, heating and ventilation permit, or a private sewage permit. All of these permits forms

are available at the Village Office. Once filled out they can be submitted to Superior Safety Codes for approval.

You will also be required to fill out a development permit for the Village if you are within the Village limits.

Don't forget when obtaining your permits you may be asked to produce plans for the work being done. These plans may be kept by the Development Officer.

When in doubt if you need a permit, call the Village Office and we will be happy to assist.

## !!!WANTED!!!

The Lougheed Fire Department is looking for a new Fire Chief.

Chief Greg Rarick is stepping down and we need a new Fire Chief.

If you are interested in the position, please contact Alan Parkin at 780-386-3970 or via e-mail at alanparkin@hardisty.ca



## MLA Doug Griffith Stopped by Lougheed

On January 30, 2012 Battle River -Wainwright MLA Doug Griffith stopped by the Village of Lougheed Office.

MLA Griffith presented the Village with a plaque commemorating Lougheed's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



Pictured about is MLA Doug Griffiths, Councillor Sherri Cherowka, Mayor Deb Smith, Councillor Joe Cameron and CAO Alan Parkin.

## Hey You!

Does your organization have an event that is coming up and want some **FREE ADVERTISING.**



The Village is always looking for ways to assist groups in the Community with promotion of events.

If your organization would like to put in an ad for an event, please contact the Village Office at 780-386-3970 or e-mail [lougheedassist@xplornet.com](mailto:lougheedassist@xplornet.com) to get it in the newsletter and on the Village website.

Only thing is that the organization **MUST** provide all information required. This includes: Event Name, Contact Information, Date of Event, and any other pertinent Information.

The newsletter goes out with the utility bills every two months, so get your event in early.

## Are You Energy Wise??

Here are some helpful suggestions to assist you in saving a few dollars on your next electrical bill.

1. Get a programmable thermostat. Have the thermostat programmed to turn down the heat when you are way or at night when you are sleeping. Also in the summer, if you have an air conditioner do the same.
2. If you have an electric hot water heater, insulate the hot water pipes to keep the water warmer. Also, insulate the hot water tank to prevent heat loss. It is also suggested to put aerating attachments on faucets to reduce the amount of water used.
3. Change your light bulbs from the conventional incandescent bulbs to compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL). Remember before changing the CFL bulbs to make sure you get the right wattage.
4. One of the easiest things to do help lower the cost of the electrical bill is to **TURN OFF THE LIGHTS!** This, of course is when you are not in a room.
5. If you are purchasing a new appliance for your home, look at the Energy Star Rating. The higher the rating the more energy efficient the appliance will be.
6. If you wish to spend money on major upgrades to your home. Replacing windows will help

save money on heating in the winter and cooling in the summer.

Check out [www.fortisalberta.com](http://www.fortisalberta.com) or call 310-WIRE (9473) for more information. Also, check out [www.nrcan.gc.ca](http://www.nrcan.gc.ca).

Hopefully these points will give you some ideas on how to save a few dollars on your next and future electrical bills.



## Development Permits Issued

In an effort to keep people informed the following Development Permits for the Village of Lougheed have been issued:

**Permit No. 2012-01 — Denham —** Basement development at Lot 46, Block 15, Plan 828305.



**Permit No. 2012001—Neufeld—** 80' X 120' Shop Construction at Lots 21, 22, 23, Block 16, Plan 8022334.

**Permit No. 2012002 —** Bovencamp—Garage Addition at Lot 3, Block 6, Plan RN69.

# WANTED!

## Summer Student

The Village of Lougheed is seeking applications for summer staff.

You must be returning to school in the fall of 2012 in order to apply.

Please drop off resumes at the Village Office or e-mail to [villageoflougheed@xplornet.com](mailto:villageoflougheed@xplornet.com)

## Battle River Community Foundation Donation

On January 19, 2012 members from the Battle River Community Foundation stopped by to make a donation to the Lougheed Arena.

CAO for Lougheed.

Pictured to the right is Battle River Community Foundation Secretary, Dana Andreassen presenting a cheque for \$600.00. Accepting the donation is Alan Parkin,



On January 30, 2012 Mayor Smith and CAO Alan Parkin presented a cheque to Bud Ness on behalf of the Battle River Community Foundation. The cheque was for \$600.00 for the Lougheed Arena.



## New By-laws—Your Input is Requested



Village Council is currently working on two new By-laws.

The first Bylaw is the Master Rates Bylaw will have all Village charges accessible in one document. This will enable staff to accurately bill for services offered by the Village of Lougheed. This Bylaw will also show

projected increases (if any) over a three year period. These projections will allow rate payers to budget for any increases.

The second Bylaw is the Wastewater Disposal Bylaw. The key concept of this bylaw is to regulate the discharge of products into the Village's

wastewater system given that the Village is responsible for the wastewater system and all products discharged into that system. The Province has strict regulations that must be followed. This Bylaw will have a list of prohibited waste and any requirements such as grease or sand intercep-

tors that may be required.

The Bylaws are still in the process of being developed and Council appreciates any input that you may have. Drafts of the Bylaws may be viewed on the Village website in the February 8, 2012 council agenda package or by dropping in at the Village Office.

# March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## Regular Events

Garbage pick—Monday (unless holiday then Tuesday)  
 Floor Curling—Monday & Wednesday (March)  
 Seniors Bingo—Friday

# April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

## Schedule of Events

- March 4<sup>th</sup>
- 1:00 PM—Lion's Crib Tourney
- March 5<sup>th</sup>
- 7:30 PM—Hall Board
- March 7<sup>th</sup>
- 10:00 AM—12:00 PM—Nomination Day
- March 8<sup>th</sup>
- 7:00 PM—Village Council Meeting
- March 12<sup>th</sup>
- Seniors Meeting
- March 13<sup>th</sup>
- Women's Institute
  - Arena Board
- March 14<sup>th</sup>
- Lion's Club
- March 17<sup>th</sup>
- St. Patrick's Day
- March 19<sup>th</sup>
- 7:00 PM—Ag Society
- March 21<sup>st</sup>
- Iron Creek Museum
- March 22<sup>nd</sup>
- 7:00 PM—Council Open House—Lion's Den
- March 26<sup>th</sup>
- Senior's Pot Luck Supper
- April 1<sup>st</sup>
- 1:00 PM Lion's Crib Tourney
- April 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 7:30 PM—Hall Board
- April 6<sup>th</sup>
- Good Friday
- April 9<sup>th</sup>
- Easter Monday
  - Senior's Meeting
- April 10<sup>th</sup>
- Women's Institute
  - Arena Board
- April 12<sup>th</sup>
- 7:00 PM—Village Council Meeting
- April 11<sup>th</sup>
- Lion's Club
- April 16<sup>th</sup>
- 7:00 PM—Ag Society
- April 17<sup>th</sup>
- Legion
- April 18<sup>th</sup>
- Iron Creek Museum
- April 25<sup>th</sup>
- Lion's Club
- April 30<sup>th</sup>
- Senior's Pot Luck Supper