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Mayor's Report

In March, I attended the Big Sky Summit - a conference put on by the Alberta Rural Development network. The conference explored the potential of rural communities within an increasingly urbanized world. The world runs by the 3 E's – Economy, Energy and Environment

- **Economy** – Perpetual growth is a requirement of our economic system & debt is growing faster than income.
- **Energy** – Global integrated economy depends on energy to move goods needed. It takes energy to find energy. The energy system has limits to its growth. Today's energy is basically fossil fuels that with world growth will be depleted quickly.
- **Environment** - We are destroying the planet with garbage. Not only are we filling landfills, we are contaminating our water

sources. People must learn to reduce, reuse and recycle. It is garbage that will destroy our planet faster than economic strife or energy shortages. This is the one area where we can all make a huge difference by making a genuine effort to reduce, reuse and recycle.

Rural Alberta is at a crisis point. To survive we need hope, ideas, opportunity, and leadership. Farmers are less than 3% of the rural population. Rural Alberta needs connectivity to urban centers with people collaborating naturally.

Successful community infrastructure building requires: People – the most important asset, Long term thinking when making decisions – we need to know what we want our future to look like. Must be resilient and not be dependent on only one source to keep the community thriving less dependent on the increased cost of energy so funds can be used elsewhere.

Use what we have more effectively- lowering our standard of living will give a

better quality of life.

By comparing ourselves globally not just locally we will find the ways to redefine Village life and bring the global movement back to local and community.

Social capital builds financial capital. What makes our community unlike any other? We need to make people want what we have and sell a way of life. Great ideas come from hardship. We must realize what we can do with what we already have and come up with creative ideas that will make projects work to add to our assets. To be a successful community we need a balance between the community's social, economic and environmental management.

Balance + Biodiversity + Resilience = Sustainable.

It was a very informative day and conversing with others there is a realization most communities have economic hardships. We need to collaborate and work together to arrive at solutions that will not only help Lougheed remain sustainable but will retain the essential elements of a vibrant, vital community.

Paper Recycling

Did you know that Flagstaff Regional Solid Waste is offering paper recycling?

There are bins located in Daysland, Killam, Forestburg, Sedgewick and Hardisty.

The bins are located with the other recycling bins in the communities. The paper recycling bins are split into two compartments. One compartment is for newspaper only and the other compartment is for all other paper. This includes office paper, magazines, glossy paper, etc.



Village Clean Up

The Village has rented a bin from Flagstaff Waste for 2 weeks beginning May 14, 2012.

This bin will be located with the recycling bins near Lougheed Gift & Garden.

The bin is for yard debris. This includes leaves, branches and other types of plant waste.

Please do not put other items in the bin. Please take to the transfer site.

Transfer site hours are:

- Monday 1:00—6:30 PM
- Friday 8:00 AM—Noon.



When Do I Need a Development Permit?

Development Permits promote the health, safety and community standards for the citizens of Lougheed. For most forms of development, the Village requires the issuance of a development permit prior to any development commencing. A Development Permit approves the location, size and use of a building. Development Permits and approvals need to be obtained for new construction, renovations, businesses, and changes to how a building is being used. The Land Use Bylaw outlines the types of development allowed in each land use district and the rules and regulations governing those uses. Not all proposed development requires the issuance of a Development Permit. Smaller sheds, fences on certain lots and some decks MAY be exempt from the requirement for a Development Permit. Before commencing any construction, and preferably at the design concept stage, Village staff should be consulted to determine if a Development Permit is required for the development you are considering.

By obtaining a development permit, you will have assurance that your development complies with the rules and regulations of the Land Use Bylaw. In addition, should

you ever require a Compliance Certificate, you will know that the improvements on your property have the proper permits in place. If the proper permits are not in place and construction commences a Stop Work Order may be enforced.

Development applications are filed at the Village Office. An application form must be completed. Information to be provided includes the property address, legal description of the site, owner information, tenant information and purpose of the proposed development. This must be accompanied by drawings that graphically illustrate the proposed development and payment of an application fee. New buildings usually require more documentation than existing ones. Development Permit applications may be approved, with or without conditions, or refused. If approved, a development permit will be issued when all conditions of approval have been met.

Building Permits While Development Permits regulate your property's appearance and use in the context of your neighbourhood, Building Permits make sure that what you build is actually safe. A Development Permit only approves the use of

a building, all or in part, or gives permission for the ability to develop a site. Any physical improvement to the site, including, but not limited to, new buildings, additions, alterations or renovations require separate approvals and permits. Building Permits make sure that development on your property is up to the standards of the *Alberta Building Code*. Plumbing, electrical, gas and other related permits are also required if such work is contemplated.

The Village Staff is very willing to assist everyone with obtaining required Development Permits and will also provide advice in acquiring all other necessary permits. Doing it right the first time can save dollars but more importantly protects the health and safety of all Village residents.



New Bylaws for the Village

At the March 8, 2012. Village Council approved two new bylaws.

The first new Bylaw is Bylaw 720/12 the Master Rates Bylaw. This Bylaw is to have a record of how much to charge for Village services. Some of the charges are for office work (such as photocopying and faxing), Water rates, Village Operator & Equipment, Dog License fees, plus more.

New rates will be put in place on May 1, 2012. This Bylaw will be reviewed and revised every 3 years by Council and Administration.

The second Bylaw 721/12 is the Wastewater Disposal Bylaw. This Bylaw is in regards to the Village's

Wastewater disposal system which includes the Village lagoon and all piping that collects wastewater from homes and businesses.

This Bylaw has been developed to ensure that everyone that uses the wastewater facilities are aware of what is allowed and not allowed. A lot of this Bylaw is in regards to what government agencies are allowing and not allowing to enter the wastewater system.

When something enters the wastewater facilities that is not allowed, the Village could incur fines from various government agencies.

To view the new Bylaws, please visit the Village website.

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.



Recreation Grant Cheque Presentation

On April 18, 2012, Several groups in the Village received a Recreation Grant from the Lougheed Recreation Board.



Pictured below is Mayor Smith presenting a cheque for \$5,000 to the Curling Club. Ken Skoberg excepted the donation on behalf of the Curling Club.



Pictured above is Mayor Smith presenting cheques to Janice Bishop for \$2,000 for the Lougheed & District Library and \$2,000 to the Iron Creek Museum.

Pictured to the right is Mayor Smith presenting cheques to Lorna Boven-camp for \$10,000 for the furnace replacement at the Community Hall, \$5,000 to the Community Hall and \$1,500 to the Metropolitan Community Society.



Missing is Eric Skoberg. The Lougheed Parent Council will be receiving a \$5,000 donation for computer equipment.

Lougheed Ag Society Profile

The Lougheed agricultural Society started out as the Goose Creek Agricultural Society and they started the Fair which was moved into Lougheed in 1947. The Society renamed in 1962, by a group of members made up from the rural and Municipal Village of Lougheed. These individuals believed in the agricultural development in the area and wanted to display the products created. Through the years the many volunteers and members have come through with valuable ideas and hours of work that have made a strong community proud of its

achievements and its heritage.

The society is always willing to look at helping any agriculture based event or anyone participating in any training for agriculture. Over the years, a large number of events have been held. These range from BBQ'S, suppers, horticulture event, guest speakers, 4-H events, conventions, community builders, training and of course the financial help to maintain the Lougheed Arena we still use for many of these events.

The Lougheed Arena is operated by an Arena maintenance committee

and they over take the daily activities and maintenance of the Arena. They have had suppers and raffles over the years to help keep the Arena running for the surrounding communities to use. The support from volunteers doing many hours of labor in the building has been outstanding and the pride that we take in having a building that has been able to keep costs down for all users is appreciated. This new young group is always looking at new innovative ideas to bring activity to the building.

As the Society receives most of its financial help through grants and donations the help of volunteers is a valuable asset. Over the years, we have honored our members with

presentations for considerable years of service and we would like to extend an invitation everyone, we are always hoping that new members will come to the Society and bring the ideas needed to support the new agricultural experience that today's challenges are presenting.

Please feel free to contact any of the Executive with any comments or questions you have. We appreciate feedback and would love to hear from you.

Scott Mackinnon, John Snethun, Carl (Bud) Ness, John Routledge, Craig Tanton, Lisa Burgess, Kim Martin and Iris Williams.

What Causes Coffee Scum???

That is a question that only a dedicated coffee connoisseur would ask.

Well here is one possible answer... hard water. That's right, hard water may be the culprit of the scum on your morning cup of Joe.

Hard water minerals such as calcium bonds with the fatty acids in the coffee therefore causing the scum to form. Also, being the water is hot is helps in the bonding process.

The type of roasting of the coffee bean may also contribute to the scum. If coffee beans are flame roasted, it is more likely that scum will form. If the coffee beans are

slow roasted are less likely to produce a scum. How can you tell the difference in the beans? Flame roasted have a burnt and bitter taste and the slow roasted have a smoother taste with no burnt or bitter taste.

Another way to reduce scum in your coffee is to put water through an activated carbon filter (such as a Brita filter) which takes out some of the organic contaminants which may cause the hard water. Also, having a water softener can help with removing the hardness from the water and therefore lessening the scum.



St. Andrew's United Church

St. Andrew's Untied Church Community Worship Service will be May 27, 2012 at 10:00 AM. Following the service there will be a potluck lunch at the Lion's Camp-ground.

Everyone Welcome!

























Worship services for May—July at St. Andrew's United Church

- May 13th—9:30 AM
- May 27th—10:00 AM at Lion's Camp-ground
- July 15th—7:00 PM—Communion Service

All other Sunday services to be held at the Sedgewick United Church.

May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 	7 Hall 	8 W.I. Arena	9 Lion's	10 	11 	12 
13 	14 Senior's 	15 Legion 	16 Museum 	17 	18 	19 
20 	21 	22 	23 Lion's 	24 	25 	26 
27 	28 	29 	30	31		

Regular Events

Garbage pick—Monday (unless holiday then Tuesday)
Senior Club is Open Monday and Thursday's at 2:00 PM
Seniors Bingo—Friday

June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 	4 Senior Week Hall 	5	6	7	8 	9
10	11 Senior's 	12 W.I. Arena	13 Lion's	14 	15 	16
17	18 Ag Society 	19 Legion	20 Museum	21	22 	23
24	25 	26	27 Lion's	28	29 	30

Schedule of Events

- May 5th
 - Highway Clean Up!
- May 6th
 - 1:00 PM—Lion's Crib Tournament
- May 7th
 - 7:30 PM—Hall Board
- May 8th
 - Women's Institute
 - Arena Board
- May 9th
 - Lion's Club
- May 10th
 - 7:00 PM—Village Council Meeting
- May 12th
 - Cemetery Clean Up!
- May 13th
 - Mother's Day
- May 14th
 - Senior's Meeting
- May 14th—28th
 - Village Wide Clean Up
- May 15th
 - Legion
- May 16th
 - Iron Creek Museum
- May 21st
 - Victoria Day
- May 23rd
 - Lion's Club
- May 27th
 - 10:00 SM—St. Andrew's—Service & Potluck Lunch
- May 28th
 - Senior's Potluck
- June 3rd
 - 1:00 PM—Lion's Crib Tournament
- June 4th
 - 7:30 PM—Hall Board
- June 4th—10th
 - Seniors' Week
- June 11th
 - Seniors Meeting
- June 12th
 - Women's Institute
 - Arena Board
- June 13th
 - Lion's Club
- June 14th
 - 7:00 PM—Village Council
- June 18th
 - 7:00 PM—Ag Society
- June 19th
 - Legion
- June 20th
 - Iron Creek Museum
- June 25th
 - Seniors Potluck Supper
- June 27th
 - Lion's Club