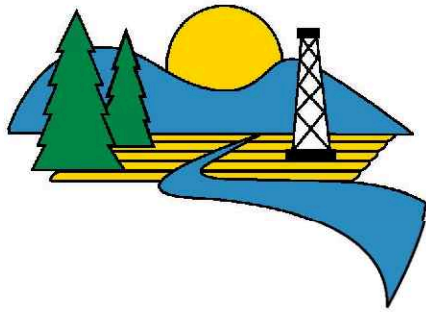


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May/June 2008

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Brazeau County

Open Houses:

June 25 Breton Community Hall
June 26 Rocky Rapids Community Hall

Time: 4pm-8pm

The Reeve and County Council members will be in attendance to hear your concerns and to provide up to date information about the Annexation Process.

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God's Mighty Giants Help To Clean Up Brazeau County



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Annexation Update

"Our last issue discussed the Town of Drayton Valley's proposed annexation of land from the County, and many folks have expressed an interest. This page will provide current information to ratepayers and interested individuals to answer questions that have been asked most frequently. We on Council are always looking out for the people of Brazeau, and making sure your interests are being protected. The Reeve and Council have created an internal Moving Forward Committee to deal with this matter. As well we will be holding Open Houses soon. The specific info is on the next page. If you have any questions or concerns, be sure to contact myself, or County Manager Ken Porter."

-Wes Tweedle, Reeve

FACTS

1. The Town currently has 20 ¼ sections (3,200 acres) within its boundary. It is seeking to annex 69 ¼ sections, an additional 11,040 acres arguing the Town needs land for growth. This means the Town is seeking to annex an area 3 ½ times its current size.
2. Preliminary studies reveal that the annexation would result in a loss of almost \$200 million of assessment, which is equal to 8.2% of the County's assessment base. As a result of this decline in the County's tax base, property taxes in the County will increase to levels above what they would be without annexation. Taxes in the County will have to increase to make up a loss of almost \$1.4 million in tax revenues (based on 2007 tax rates).
3. Based on 2007 property tax rates, the Town's proposed annexation would have the effect of increasing residential and farm tax rates in the County by 12.6%. Commercial and other non-residential property owners in the County would face a tax increase of 7.2% as a result of the proposed annexation.

BOTTOM LINE

The most important question that the Town has failed to address is WHY? The Town has not yet developed the 7.3 quarter sections it annexed in 2002 from Brazeau.

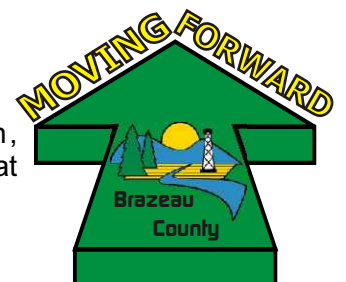
To date, the Town has not provided the County with any information supporting its population projections or its alleged need for land to grow. To fully use the lands being proposed for annexation, the Town would need to grow to a population of 80,000 or more. At today's densities, the Town could double its current population of 6,893 within its existing boundaries. In the last 50 years, the Town grew by 4,300 people.

The Town claims it needs to address its "increasing population and shrinking land base". However, the annexation proposal includes all of Poplar Ridge and the Ring Road area, home to a significant number of County residents and 6.5% of the County's assessment base. If this annexation is about Town growth, why grow into an already developed area?

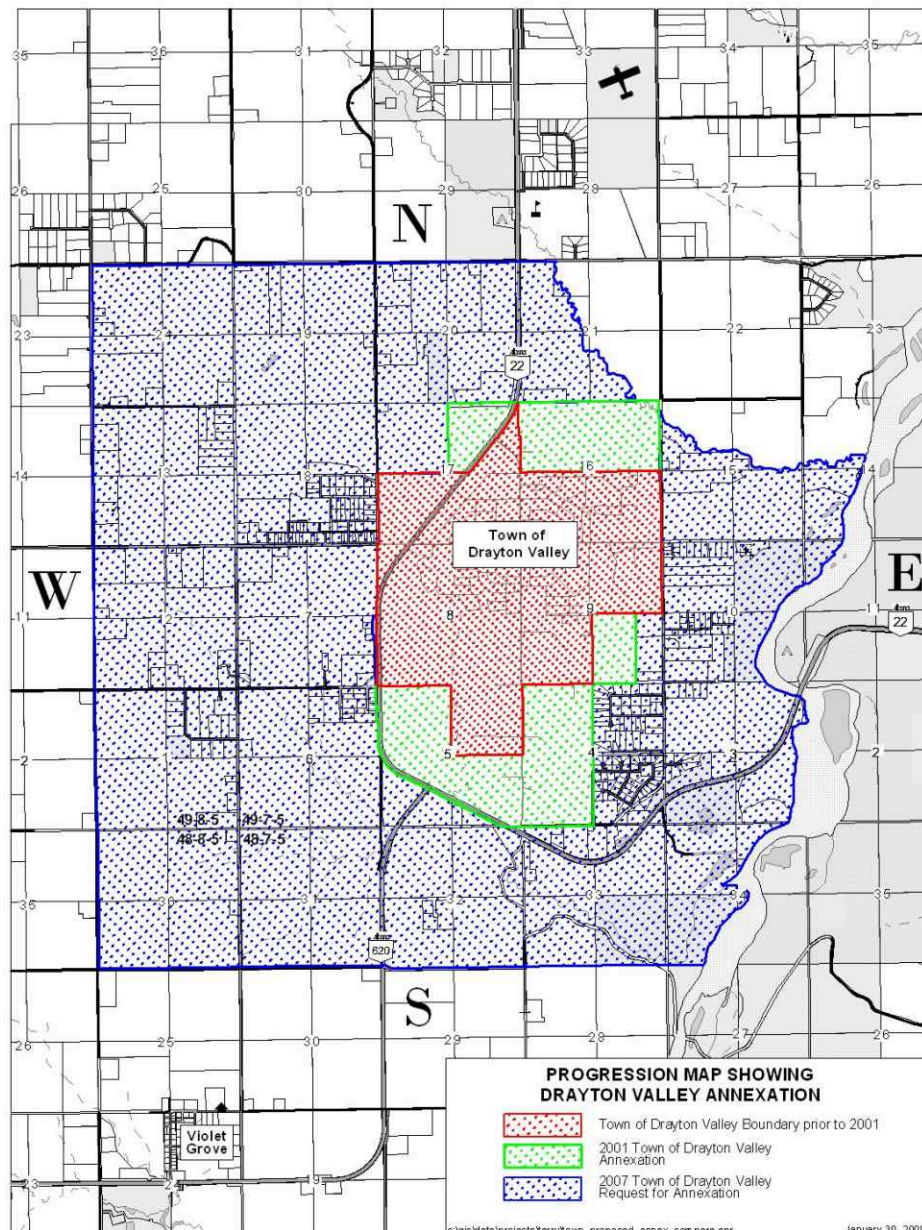
We will continue to press the Town for answers to our questions, many of which are shaped by what we hear from the public as we look out for their interests.

The Town has now held its public meetings on the matter, and we trust that interested landowners and stakeholders did attend. Brazeau County will be examining the information put forward by the Town at its public meetings. We will keep you posted on our findings.

For more information,
Please visit our website at
www.brazeau.ab.ca



The Moving Forward Committee is gathering details and meeting regularly in order to represent your interests as County residents. Representing you is our first priority!



"I've always said a picture is worth a thousand words"

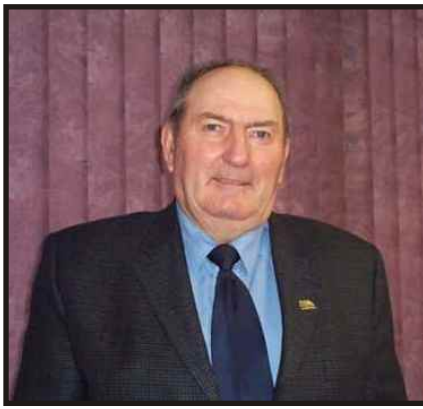
**Wes Tweedle,
Reeve**

**Brazeau County
is pleased to announce it will be holding two
Open Houses:**

**June 25 at Breton Community Hall 4pm-8pm
&
June 26 at Rocky Rapids Community Hall 4pm-8pm**

The Reeve and County Council members will be in attendance to hear your concerns and to provide up to date information about this very important matter. As your representatives, it is our duty to provide you this opportunity To meet with your Council.

Reeve's Report



Here it is May already! The leaves are coming out and the crops are going in. Brazeau County's Finance Department has been kept busy with the collection of tax dollars. Remember to avoid penalty, your

taxes must be paid by May 31st, 2008.

Rick Emmons has taken over as the Director of Public Works. Rick is busy getting his crews lined up for a full plate of construction and road maintenance projects. Rick is also working to continue to improve the services at all of the transfer stations. Rick Evans has been appointed as the Assistant Director of Public Works working with staff and crews to improve services throughout the County.

It may seem to be a prerequisite to have the name Rick to work at Brazeau County. Having said that, we welcome a new Assistant Ag Fieldman; Rick Ennis. Welcome Rick and we look forward to working with you to help serve the Agricultural needs of Brazeau County. Agriculture is ploughing full steam ahead with several projects. Conny Kappler, the Director of Agriculture has her crews lined up for road side mowing, and weed control and management for this season.

Planning & Development continue to receive a lot of new subdivision application and development applications. P & D will be busy working to process these applications as they arrive.

The Annual Meeting held earlier this month at Lindale Community Centre was a great success. It was good to visit with ratepayers from all different areas of the County. Thanks to Karen Robinson for all of her work looking after all of the details for our meeting.

Annexation proceedings are ongoing. Pages 2 & 3 of this month's issue of our newsletter provides more information on this matter. As well, you can check out our website for updates and ongoing information, or as always, contact me or Ken Porter and we will try to answer any questions you may have.

With so much going on at Brazeau County and throughout the community, try to remember to stop and enjoy a little recreational time. Remember, we have some great parks and recreational areas right here in our Municipality!

Sincerely,

Wes Tweedle

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Finance

TAXATION NOTICES:

If you have not received your 2008 Annual Property Assessment and Tax Notice,
Please contact the Administration Office at 780-542-7777.
All Taxation Payments are required by May 31st, 2008.

Failure to receive a tax notice is not sufficient reason for late payment.

PLEASE NOTE:

There is a 1% penalty per month on unpaid balances.

Brazeau County MAPS FOR SALE

Colour Folded County Maps
28" x 30" Double Sided
\$10 + GST
Drop by our office &
purchase your
Map today!

**Brazeau County
Will be
CLOSED
May 19, 2008**

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Next County Council Meeting:

May 20th & June 10th

Ratepayer's concerns are always addressed at 11:00am.
Copies of the minutes of each meeting are available on our
Website at www.brazeau.ab.ca

HIGH SPEED INTERNET


is now available in most areas of Brazeau County!

- High Speed Internet from only \$34.95 per month!
- Satisfaction guaranteed or your money back!
- No long term contracts
- Services available to both rural and urban Customers
- Exceptional Customer service
- Proven track record (we are operational in 12 counties)
- Superior Internet services delivered via the Alberta SuperNet and a network of towers.
- This network was made possible with funding from Brazeau County

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pay for monthly services by way of auto-debit)

Call Wild Rose Internet today!

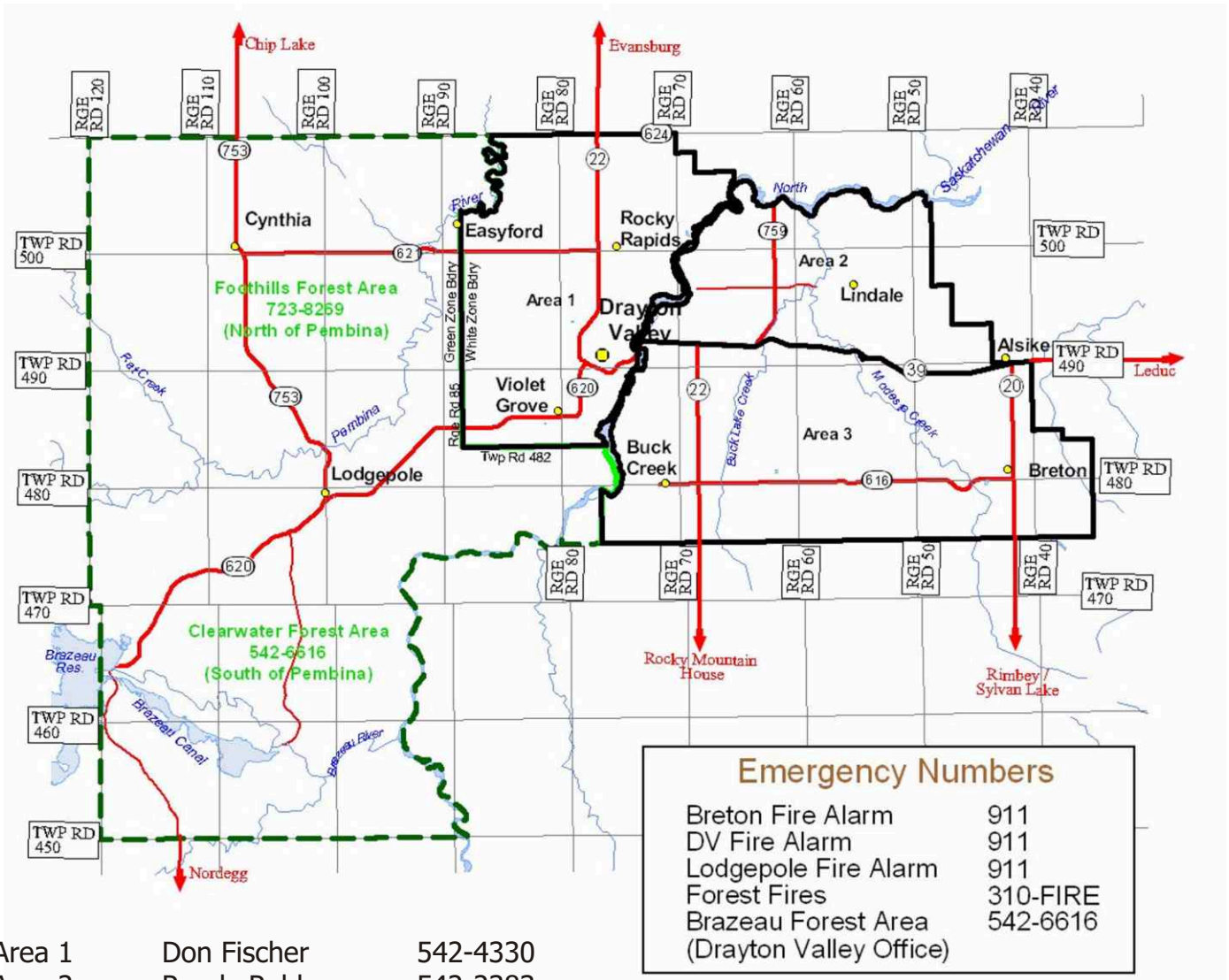
Toll Free 1-888-NEED-WRI (633-3974)

 visit www.wildroseinternet.ca

I N T E R N E T

**For more information about
Eagle Point & Blue Rapids parks
visit: www.draytonvalley/parks.ca**

Fire Guardian Map



Area 1	Don Fischer	542-4330
Area 2	Randy Robb	542-2383
Area 3	Mark/Lynn Raines	696-2454/542-0637

By obtaining a fire permit, you have simply indicated your wish to burn. You are not absolved of any responsibility for conducting a safe burn. Contravention of the Forest and Prairie Protection Act by refusing or neglecting to comply with the regulations, or a permit condition, may result in prosecution. You may be liable to a fine of up to \$1000 and in addition, you could be liable for all resulting damage and suppression costs.

All burning; including stubble, brush, grass and debris must be conducted with an approved burning permit. Permits must be requested a minimum of 72 hours prior to intended burning and cannot commence prior to the Fire Guardian's issuance of a permit.

If you use a barrel for burning garbage, or if you are clearing land and burning brush piles or windrows, please follow the minimum safety and equipment requirements.

Fire Permits Are Required YEAR ROUND!

BRAZEAU COUNTY EQUIPMENT RENTAL

Cattle Scale	\$30/day	*\$50 D/D
Cattle Squeeze	\$30/day	*\$50 D/D
Calf Tipping Table	\$30/day	*\$50 D/D
Loading Chute	\$30/day	*\$50 D/D
Corral Panels	\$30/day	*\$50 D/D
Electronic Bale Scale	\$30/day	*\$50 D/D
Brillion Seeder	\$80/day	*\$100 D/D
Soil Sampler	No Charge	*\$30 D/D
Hand Grass Seeder	No Charge	*\$30 D/D
Feed Probe	No Charge	*\$30 D/D
Bran Bait Applicator	\$15/day	*\$100 D/D
Skunk Trap	\$10/day	*\$50 D/D
Cattle Drive Signs	No Charge for 3 Days	
	\$25 after 3rd Day	*\$100 D/D
Ag Haul Route Signs	No Charge	*\$110 D/D/sign
Backpack	\$5/day	*\$50 D/D
Sprayer	\$35/day	*\$50 D/D
Slip-in 65 gallon		
Pull Type Sprayer	\$35/day	*\$100 D/D
300 gallon (boomless)		

Agricultural Educational Video Library

The Brazeau County Agricultural Department has a sizable video collection that contains topics ranging from agricultural marketing to the diagnosis of soil and crop problems. The following list has videos that relate to issues or matters in Brazeau County:

- Advancing Agriculture Through Technology
- Cattle Marketing
- Farm Diversification
- Forage and Grain Feed Testing
- The Effect of Livestock and Water Quality
- Managing Our Rangelands
- Pasture Management
- Making the Most of Moisture
- Woodlot Management
- The Business of Agriculture
- Water Wells That Last

For more info regarding these videos, or to obtain them for viewing, please contact the Brazeau Country Agricultural Department.

Soil Sampling

Why sample your soil? Simply put, soil sample results aid in assessing fertility and can align fertilizer recommendations. Agricultural Service employees will take samples for area producers on a first come, first serve basis and will be subsidized by 50% for a maximum of two samples. Call today to book for the 2008 season!

No Spray Agreements

Ratepayers may request that Agricultural Services refrain from applying herbicides to control brush, restricted/noxious weeds within the road right-of-way. The applicant then takes on the responsibility of destroying restricted weed and controlling noxious weeds and brush themselves. To sign up for this program, please visit the Brazeau County Office or call 780-542-7777.

Fence Line Agreements

This herbicide application program includes the area of approximately 1 meter from the fence line to developed road allowances to control restricted/noxious weeds and deciduous trees under 2 meters. Please call Agricultural Services at 542-7777 if you are interested in participating in this program.

CAUTION

Watch out for summer staff on the roadside, in the parks, gravel pits, and other county areas.

Please slow down when you see them working and proceed with CAUTION!

Weed inspectors will be out inspecting for weeds in the next couple of weeks. Please be courteous to them. They are performing duties under the Alberta Weed Control Act

When it rains, why don't sheep shrink?

WELCOME

Welcome Rick Ennis to the position of Assistant Ag fieldman.
Rick joins Brazeau County with many years experience from Thorhild County and Lac La Biche County.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED HERBICIDE APPLICATIONS

Herbicide treatments for the purpose of weed and brush control will be undertaken between May 10, 2008 and October 31, 2008. This treatment will be throughout the County and on County road allowances.

Herbicides that may be used are:

Dycleer (Dicamba), Garlon 4 (Triclopyr), Garlon Ultra; Round-Up (Glyphosphate), Tordon 101 (Picloram and 2,4-D), Escort (Metsulfuron methyl), MCPA Amine (Dimethyl amine), Milestone (Aminopyralid), Trillion P (2,4-D, Mecoprop-P, Dicamba) and Transline (Clopyralid). In park sandboxes and non-grassed areas we will be trying a new product EcoClear. This is a non-selective natural product with acetic acid (vinegar) as the active ingredient.

Herbicide selection will be based on weed species, stage of growth, present land use, proximity to water bodies, soil type, and safety for the applicator and the public.

Please contact the Agricultural Department
At 542-7777 for further information or call:

Pesticide Toxicology	1-800-267-6315
Pollution Emerg Response Team	1-800-222-6514 (24 hrs)
Poison Control Centre	1-800-332-1414

Invasive Plant Information Source

Often mistaken for wildflowers, invasive plants are spreading through our ecosystems at an alarming rate.

Why are these plants such a threat?

The World Conservation Union has identified invasive alien species as the second most significant threat to biodiversity, after habitat loss. More than simply "plants out of place" as many weeds are referred to, these invaders are much more far-reaching in their impacts.

Invasive alien plants are species introduced deliberately or unintentionally outside of their natural habitats. In this new environment, free from their natural 'enemies', non-native plants have an advantage that allows them to out-compete native plants and agricultural crops for space, moisture and nutrients.

The first step in managing invasive plants is **recognizing them.**

Invasive plants affect us all. As native plants are replaced by invasives, biodiversity declines and habitats change. These impacts are like a ripple on a pond - affecting wildlife, ecosystem functions, natural resources, recreation and industry.

The costs of invasive plant management include prevention, control and mitigation. The indirect costs are reflected in the loss of natural resources and aesthetic values, right on through to the consumer level.

For More Information about Invasive Plants, please visit:
www.invasiveplants.ab.ca



AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING DATES:

May 22 & June 18, 2008

All meetings are held in the Brazeau County Council Chambers.

Meetings begin at 9:00am

County Hires Groups to Clean up our Community!

With the spring thaw, and the melting of our snow cover, comes the reality of humanities inconsideration for nature and our surrounding community. It is unbelievable how much garbage there is in our ditches! We can all make a difference by simply making a conscious effort to NEVER LITTER!

Thank you to God's Mighty Giants from the Work of Life Church that cleaned up three pick up truck loads of garbage along twp road 492 along 62nd street to RR 82. With over 40 kids and parents dedicating their time to cleaning up our ditches, the group will be putting their \$500 towards supporting an orphanage in Mexico. (If you would like to donate to their cause, please call the church at 621-0277).

As well, hats off to Marion Floden and the Lindale Playschool group for cleaning up the Lindale neighbourhood from RR 54 to RR 52 up Twp Rd 494.

The Drayton Valley Horse Club worked to clean up a 4 mile stretch in the Rocky Rapids area. That busy road had a lot of litter in the ditches and the club worked hard, making it look great!

The Lodgepole Community banded together to clean up their community on May 10th. With the many bags of garbage collected there, the community received a great facelift!

Thanks to all of the groups and individuals that have taken the initiative to clean up our County. Several groups stepped forward to help in the Pitch In Program.

Brazeau County Agricultural staff worked with groups to facilitate the program, striving to improve the look of our roadways.



Thank you to **Arc Resources Ltd.** for their contribution to the hiring of a summer student for the Eagle Point Provincial and Blue Rapids Provincial Recreation Area. This student will be looking after picking weeds and general grounds maintenance.



Volunteers cleaning our County roadsides.

Cleaning Rental Equipment



In efforts to avoid contamination and the spread of noxious weeds; we ask that anyone renting County equipment thoroughly (triple) rinse the equipment before bringing it back after use. Thank you.



PUBLIC WORKS... WORKING FOR YOU!

Staffing Changes

Please Note:

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Assistant Director of Public Works:

Rick Evans

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2008 Dust Control Program

Brazeau County is accepting applications for the year 2008 Dust Control Program. Applications may be acquired at the County office between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm Monday through Friday.

You will need your rural address (blue sign) to complete the application.

The cost for this service is

\$150 + GST for Rural Road Residents (200 m)

\$75 + GST for Country Res. Subdivisions (100 m)

Submissions made after the deadline date of May 5th, 2008 will be responded to only after other applications preceding the deadline have been dealt with.

For further information, please contact the Public Works Department at 542-7711

Please Note:

Dust Control Products are very corrosive. To prevent damage to your vehicle, be sure to thoroughly wash your vehicle on a regular basis.

Key to Proper Application of Dust Control Products

Dust Control Products cannot be properly applied until the frost is out of the ground. Dust Control is very costly and we must work to ensure the maximum benefit of the product including proper application.

Know Your First Aid

Hopefully, we will see warm temperatures and green grass, in the not so distant future. With summer on the horizon comes a new set of possible hazards to the public. We will not have to worry about frostbite, but now must be concerned with maladies because of the sun, insects and allergies from different plants and flowers.

Sometimes, in an emergency or for other reasons beyond our control, we must rely on others for assistance. In these situations, it is reassuring to know that most people, whether a friend or stranger, will extend a helping hand. Although we all have a natural desire to help anyone in distress or difficulty, some may be concerned about the consequences of "getting involved", even to point of not offering assistance. You don't need to worry. If you act in a "reasonable" manner, you will not become legally liable at a later date. The law is quite clear that, whether you have medical training or not, the courts expect you to only do what is reasonable, based on the pressure of the moment and your own skills. No one is expecting efforts beyond your ability.

You could be driving home one evening and run across a car accident. There is a possibility that you walk into your garage and see your father slumped over, clutching his chest. A runner could be lying on the grass, pale and sweating, gasping for air. Do you know what to do?

The employees of Brazeau County should know. All employees of the County have been invited to attend a First Aid course that covers Basic First Aid and C. P. R. (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). After course completion, the Certificate is valid for three years, at which time re-certification should take place. We all hope that this education will never have to be used, but is invaluable, should we come across a situation that calls for assistance of a person or persons that need help, due to medical problems or injury. Not all people have the capacity or capability of assisting, but with First Aid training, we would like to think that the chances of the person requiring assistance, has just got better.

It is highly recommended that you take a course in First Aid. As stated before, we hope that you never have to use it, but being knowledgeable in case of an accident or an emergency can definitely save a life whether it be friend, stranger or family.

**Public Works After Hours
Emergency Telephone 780-542-8770**



Brazeau County Waste Transfer Station Permanent Hours

Rick Emmons 542-7777
www.brazeau.ab.ca

Transfer Station	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Violet Grove		9:00am - 7:00pm		9:00am - 7:00pm		9:00am - 5:00pm	
Easyford	1:00pm-6:00pm		9:00am - 6:00pm			9:00am - 5:00pm	
Lindale			9:00am - 6:00pm			9:00am - 5:00pm	
Buck Creek		2:00pm - 7:00pm		9:00am - 6:00pm		9:00am - 5:00pm	
Rocky Rapids		4:00pm - 8:00pm		8:30am - 6:00pm		9:00am - 5:00pm	
Cynthia			11:00am - 6:00pm			9:00am - 5:00pm	
Breton		9:00am - 2:00pm		9:00am - 6:00pm		9:00am - 5:00pm	
Lodgepole		11:00am - 8:00pm				9:00am - 5:00pm	

Please bring your *household* garbage to the site nearest to you during the scheduled hours of operation. To leave waste outside the locked gates of a transfer station is illegal and violators will be prosecuted. Waste transfer stations do not accept tires, liquid, concrete, demolition, scrap metal, appliances, animal carcasses or hazardous waste.

**Blue Bags may be dropped off at the Landfill Location at Drayton Valley
or at the Recycling Depot on Industrial Road in Drayton Valley.**

ORGANIC MATERIAL RECYCLING

County Residents can take grass clippings and leaves to the Rocky Rapids Transfer Station during their regular hours of operation.



Brazeau County is currently working to place recycling bins at the remaining four transfer sites.

We are pleased to announce that recycling bins will now be available at all 8 transfer sites, accessible during the sites regular hours of operation.

Library Hours



Drayton Valley Library
Telephone: 514-2228
Mon - Thurs 10:am - 8:pm
Friday: 10:am - 5:pm
Saturday: Noon - 4:pm
Sunday : CLOSED



Breton Library
Telephone: 696-3740
Mon- Thurs.: 10:am - 5:pm
Friday: 10:am - 8:pm
Saturday: 9:am- 2:pm
Sunday: CLOSED
Story Time 11-11:30 am

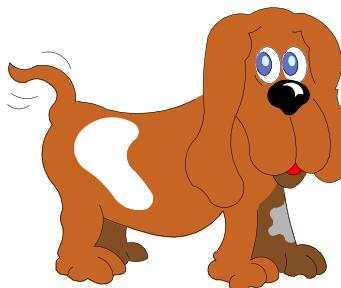
ROAD BANS

Historically road bans run from March to August. The County normally bans the hamlets and all cold-mix surfaced roads first at 90%.

Gravel and paved roads will be banned as required, depending upon the spring thaw. All ban percentages are based on legal axle weights.

For Information try: 542-9388 Road Ban Information Line
www.brazeau.ab.ca

542-7711 Request to be put on our road ban fax list!



**Make Sure Your Dog
is a Pet and Not a PEST!**

**Animal Control Officer
At 542-3265.**

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Outline Plan Policy Revised

What Is An Outline Plan?

When considering a complex development, it is a tool that developers can use to:

- 1) realize their dreams;
- 2) streamline their thought process;
- 3) proactively identify problems and hurdles to overcome, and 4) use as a sales mechanism to "sell" their dream to the decision making authorities and potential buyers.

- It is a valuable decision making tool for Council.
- An Outline ensures that land is suitable for development and that services can be provided.

What's New?

- The revised policy is easier to follow and understand than the original one.
 - It provides clarity regarding the steps the developer needs to take and the process and support that the developer can expect from the County.
 - It streamlines the process and provides detailed timelines so that the developer can plan accordingly.
 - If you are considering developing a multi-lot subdivision on your land you may be required to complete an Outline Plan.

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Please contact us if you have any questions regarding development in Brazeau County. General information, application forms, and development guidelines are available on Brazeau County's website at:
www.brazeau.ab.ca

Upcoming MPC & IMPC Meeting Dates:

May 15, 2008 June 5, 2008
July 31, 2008

All Meeting Dates are subject to change.

Further information can be obtained by contacting P&D at 780-542-2667.

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

John Quincy Adams

Steps & Tips on establishing a Tourism Operation

1. Strive for maximum success by doing your homework. Ensure that your perceptions of a market opening are indeed viable. Confirm with our Economic Development Officer if there is a market for what you are contemplating doing. These officers have lots of information, statistics and other data to draw from to guide your decision making process. Based on the outcome of your research you might need to slightly adapt the visions and dreams of your tourism supported ideas.

2. Note that no development of your land should start until you are confident that you have met all the local planning and development rules and regulations.

3. In accordance with the Land Use Bylaw of the municipality where your land is located, each portion of land has a designation/land use district. Visit our Planning and Development Department to determine:

- the land use designation of your land; and
- under the specific land use designation that applies to your property, which land uses you may apply for and the development specifications for these uses. Note that the Land Use Bylaw can be amended and that you can apply for such an amendment to accommodate your specific Tourism operation.

4. Depending on the outcome of your findings, you will have two choices:

- if the current or existing land use designation of your land makes provision for the development you are striving for, then you can proceed to apply for a development permit to establish the tourism operation on your land; or
- you may need to first apply for the redesignation of your land that makes provision for the tourism operation you are striving to establish before you can apply for a development permit. On Brazeau County's website (www.brazeau.ab.ca) you can find a brochure explaining the process of redesignation and application forms for both redesignation and development permits.

5. In some cases you may consider applying for the subdivision of your land, to create an independent title for the area where you are contemplating establishing your tourism operation. For budget purposes it is sometimes useful to register the proposed new title of your tourism operation under the company responsible for running the tourism operation. If subdivision is a step that you need to take, the local Planning and Development Department will guide you through this process. On Brazeau County's website you can find a brochure explaining the process of subdivision and a subdivision application form.

6. In some cases you may consider designing a Business Plan before you take any steps for getting the required land use designation or a loan at the bank. A Business Plan will assist you in many ways, and you could use it as:

- a sales mechanism to communicate to the Council,

Board or Development Officer of your municipality how you will realize your dream;

- a tool of communication and insight when you need to apply for a bank loan; and
- a guiding resource for yourself, to assist you in taking the necessary steps in the right order to get to the desired end result.

7. A visit to our Economic Development Officer will be beneficial, to find pointers or direction on how to proceed in writing a Business Plan. Note that it is not the Economic Development Officer's job to design this Plan for you, but to provide you with guidance and advice.

8. Once you have completed all of the above, and you established a successful tourism operation on your land, you will once again benefit from a visit to our Economic Development Officer who will provide you with guidance and advice how to market your operation effectively.

9. In closing, please note that eco-tourism is becoming more and more prominent; there is great possibility that you will readily find a grant to support your proposal if the environment will benefit from your methods of Operation. The market is busy developing methods to promote and encourage eco-tourism and to prevent "green washing" (where operations use merely use words and titles reflecting sustainability rather than proving that they are practicing what they are preach). With society becoming more environmentally conscientious, a greater number of people tend to support those tourism operations that have a proven track record of being environmentally friendly through the methods, procedures and construction applied in their tourism operations.

10. The International Ecotourism Society (www.ecotourism.org) gives tips on eco-travel and lists ecotourism events and operators. More options are available at:

www.nationalgeographic.com/travel/sustainable.

11. For additional tips also surf the web and consult the many brochures we published in our Tourism Development Series, which you can pick-up at the front desk of the County Office:

- How to Start a Guest Ranch;
- How to Start a Hunting Guide Operation; and
- How to Open a Camp Ground.

12. For your convenience, we shall soon have this information available in a brochure format as part of our Tourism Development Series.

Breton FCSS NEWS

Creative Connections is a partnership between Evergreen Parent Link Centre, Breton FCSS, D.V. Read and Learn and the Breton Library to offer caregivers an opportunity to have some creative fun in the company of other caregivers. Children will receive structured childcare from Parent Link staff while caregivers are creating. A small fee of \$5.00 / caregiver is required upon registration to cover the cost of materials. Fee can be waived if required.

Babysitters Certificate Course

- Based on the Alberta Safety Council's Program. Participants must be 11^{1/2} years old at the time of the course. This course will be held if there is enough interest. Please call for more information. Cost \$20/participant. Please call 696-3636 for more information

Direct Services

Home Support Services

Home support services are available to assist with routine light housekeeping, shopping, letter writing, appointments, childcare, meal preparation and companionship. Rates are determined upon income level, ranging from \$5.50-\$8.50/hour. Service available in the Berrymoor, Lindale, Carnwood, Buck Creek and Breton areas.

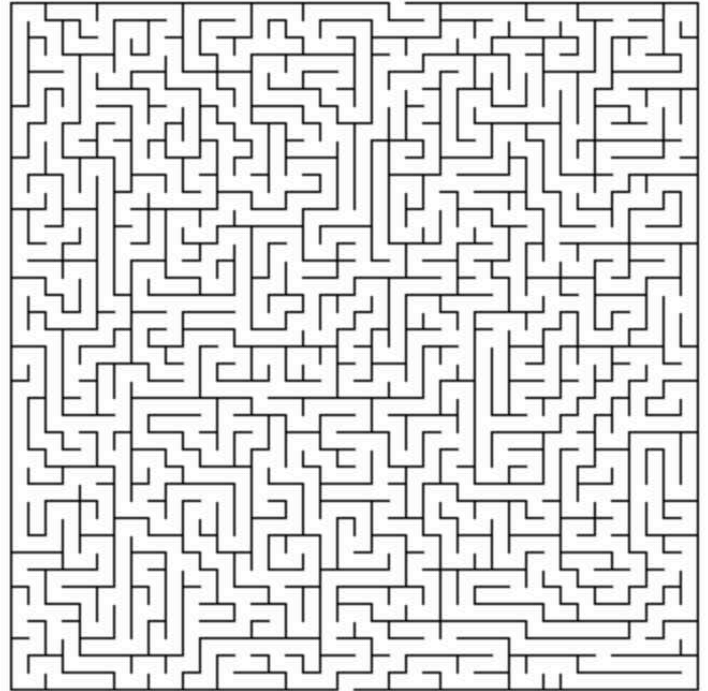
Additional Services

- ✍ Seniors Snow Removal and Grass Cutting
- ✍ Food Bank and Christmas Wishes Referral
- ✍ Subsidy Application Assistance
(OAS, CPP, GIS, GST ect.)

**For more information contact
Deanne Young, Director FCSS**

Box 480 Breton, AB T0C 0P0
Phone 780-696-3636 Fax: 780-696-3590
Email: bfcss@telus.net

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Modeste Creek Campground

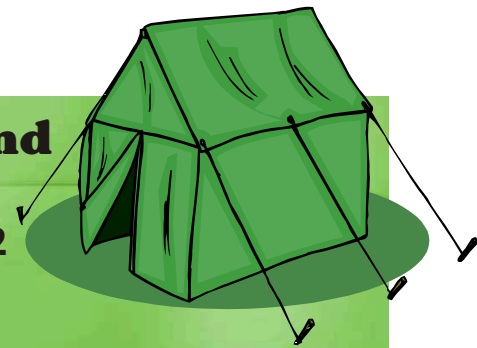
**Opening
May Long
Weekend!**

Mile North of Hwy 39 on RR 52
3/4 Mile West on Twp Rd 490A

31 Non-Serviced Camping Sites

Please contact
Jessica at 696-6545 or 514-4830 or Deanne at 696-3829
for bookings or more info.

**Come and be with nature in the pristine surroundings
on the banks of the Modeste Creek.**



**Water Well
On Site!**

Berrymoore Centre

Call Delene VanEmber 542-6179.

Buck Creek Community Association

Call Gordon Steffenson 542-2459

Carnwood Country Hall Society

Call Vicky Jorgensen 542-6245

Cynthia Recreation Association

Call Sharon Middlemiss 894-2230.

Easyford Community Centre Society

Call Shawna Turner 542-7740

Funnell Community Hall Association

Call Margaret Fenneman 696-2386

Lindale Community Hall Association

Call Wes Tweedle at 542-3324 to book

Lodgepole Recreational Society

Call Audrey Erickson 894-2404

The Lodgepole Curling Club

Call Lawrence Warman 894-3592

New Moose Hill Community Club

Call Christie Movald 696-3907

Rocky Rapids Community League

Call Jean Woloszyn at 542-3083

Violet Grove Community Club

Call Paula Mahan at 542-7864

Whitby Community League

Call Shawna McGinn 339-2504

Visit Our Community Web Calendar

Brazeau County's website now includes an interactive Community Calendar. If you'd like to post your event on our calendar, please visit our Web Calendar and add your organization to our participant list.

www.brazeau.ab.ca

Drayton Valley and District Family and Community Support Services

Some of the programs and services currently being provided and / or supported by Drayton Valley & District FCSS include:

SENIORS' WELLNESS PROGRAM: providing older adults with opportunities to connect with other seniors while engaging in activities focused on reducing isolation, increasing community and resource awareness, and promoting aging-in-place.

PARENTING AFTER SEPARATION: offered four times a year, is a course which provides separating and divorcing parents with the necessary tools for creating a positive relationship with each other and with the children once the separation has occurred.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM: a tax preparation service which is available free of charge to individuals in the community who qualify for the assistance.

MAKING FINANCIAL CENTS PROGRAM: financial literacy workshops facilitated by local professionals which provides tools and resources to assist in attaining a secure financial future.

COMMUNITY BUILDING INITIATIVE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACE: increasing community awareness of events and programming available to families in the community in order to increase resiliency and promote the well-being of children, youth and families.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT and LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: To provide local volunteer groups and agencies with training opportunities which will increase effectiveness of services offered in our community.

CLEAN COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN: encouraging community pride and increasing interest in creating a greener and cleaner community.

THE HOME PROGRAM: providing residents with resources available to assist them in achieving home ownership.

RESOURCE DIRECTORIES: easy access to resources, services, and information that is available in our community.

SPECIAL EVENTS: opportunities for children, youth, families and seniors to come together to enjoy community minded, cultural activities while having access to information about local resources and organizations. These events include: Senior's Week, Canada Day, Halloween Haunted House, and the non-denominational Christmas Remembrance Service.



Contact Names & Numbers



BRAZEAU COUNTY EMERGENCY ON CALL.... 780-542-8770

Brazeau County Office	542-7777	Planning & Development	542-2667
Fax Line	542-7770	Public Works	542-7711
Shop (Maintenance)	542-7778	Road Ban Information	542-9388
Agriculture	542-7779	Constable Ed Hees	202-0722

Communications: Denise Thompson Email: dthompson@brazeau.ab.ca

BRAZEAU FIRE SERVICES

Drayton Valley Fire Alarm	911
Breton Fire Alarm	911
Lodgepole Fire Alarm	911
Forest Fires	310-FIRE

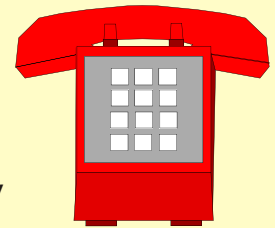


OTHER EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Ambulance	911 or 780-542-5211
Police	911 or 780-542-4456
Drayton Valley Hospital	780-542-5321
Alberta Highways Call Centre	1-888-255-5554
Crime Stoppers	1-800-922-8477
Distress Line	1-800-232-7288
Poison Centre	1-800-332-1414
Fish & Wildlife	780-542-6616
Sustainable Resources	780-542-6616

Other Numbers...

- Parent to Parent
780-621-2849
- FCSS Drayton Valley
780-514-2204
- FCSS Breton
780-696-3636
- Town of Drayton Valley
780-514-2200
- Village of Breton
780-696-3636
- Drayton Valley Municipal Library
514-2228
- Breton Library
780-696-3740
- Omniplex
514-2234
- Park Valley Pool
514-2225
- Brazeau Senior's Foundation
542-2712
- 55+ Recreation Centre
542-4737
- Senior's Wellness Program
542-4737
- Meals on Wheels
542-3216
- Drayton Area Food Bank
514-3777
- Beehive Support Services
542-3113
- David Thompson Health Region
542-4415
- Brazeau Regional Tourism
542-7529



SCHOOL CONTACT NUMBERS

Breton Schools:	Grades K - 6
Breton Elementary	780-542-5535
Grades K - 6	Frank Maddock High
780-696-3555	Grades 10 -12
Breton High School	780-542-4401
Grades 7 - 12	H.W. Pickup Junior High
780-696-3633	Grades 7 -9
Drayton Valley Schools:	780-542-4495
Aurora Elementary I	St. Anthony I
Grades K - 6	Grades K - 12
780-542-9355	780-542-4396
Drayton Christian	Wildrose School Division
Grades K - 9	1-800-771-0537
780-542-7066	Pembina Educational
Eldorado Elementary	Consortium
Grades K - 6	542-5400
780-542-5544	Powerhouse Learning
F. Maddock Outreach	542-3373
780-542-1551	Lindale Playschool
Evergreen Elementary	542-2959

