

BRAZEAU COUNTY



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Right: Winner of the Garden Hat Competition; Elizabeth Kugyelka Above: Mrs. Wheele & Mrs. Rathgeber received honourable mention for their 1890's costumes complete with button-up shoes!

The Breton Library Fund-raising Tea A Huge Success!



On April 18th, 2009 the Breton Tea included 63 participants. The focus was on different natural crafts that included 12 displays.

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Keeping The Residents of Brazeau County Informed

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Reeve's Report



Spring has been a busy time at Brazeau County. Council held a special Council meeting on April 21st, 2009 to pass the final Capital & Operating Budget and set the tax rate. Council is happy to report that in working with Administration, we found creative ways to maintain our level of service, continue with capital projects, and not increase the tax rate in 2009.

In Mid-April, Brazeau County Administration put out the 2008 Annual Report. Mailed by unaddressed admail, if you did not receive one, you can pick one up at the County Office. It is good to review the Municipalities financial picture and this report gives a detailed overview of the financial operations of Brazeau County.

On April 30th, Brazeau County hosted the Annual General Meeting. I'd like to thank staff for all their work putting this meeting together for Council. Highlights of this meeting are on the following page of this newsletter.

Road construction, road-side vegetation management, weed control and the 100K Kitchen Party are all projects that staff is working on now for the coming months.

As always, if you have any questions or comments regarding Brazeau County, please contact your Divisional Councilor or myself.

Sincerely,

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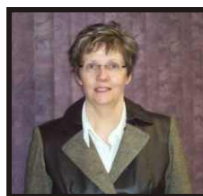
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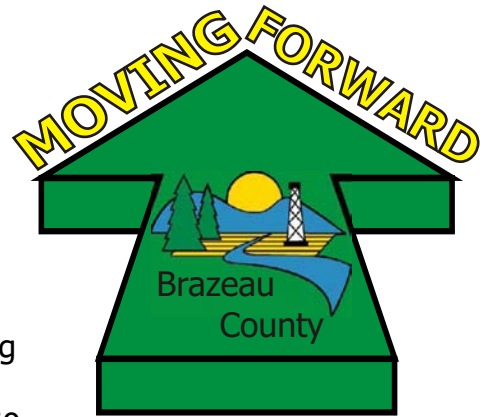
Reeve's Message

During the County's Annual Meeting on April 30, 2009, questions were asked by concerned residents about the Town's annexation application.

One question asked was why the Town wasn't moving forward with its application. It has been 18 months since the Town sent notice of its intention to annex 69 quarter sections of County land. Since that time the County has been attempting to determine why the Town needs such a large amount of land. Until recently the Town has not taken steps to pursue its application. The County put forward the name of a mediator to help the parties move forward in their discussions and the Town agreed to our suggestion. We look forward to this process now that we have the assistance of the mediator.

Another resident asked if the County should just give the Town the land. The County has not seen any evidence from the Town justifying the request for such a large amount of land. If the County gives up jurisdiction of this land the remaining County residents would lose the grants that flow from the population base in this area and the taxes the County collects on this land. The County would have to re-evaluate services it provides to the remainder of the County should this entire area and the tax base it involves be lost to the Town. Despite numerous inquiries, the County has never been given the Town's rationale. Could it be that the Town is looking at the revenue that the area will generate?

The final question asked was how long the annexation process would take. The County would like to conclude the matter as soon as possible. This uncertainty is not helpful to anyone and it makes long-term planning by the County for the annexation area, and indeed the entire County difficult. The County is only one of two parties needed to work to obtain a resolution of this matter.



**For all the latest information about our County,
visit us at www.brazeau.ab.ca**

Summary of Annual Meeting Highlights Held on April 30, 2009

There were 56 County residents on hand at Whitby Hall to enjoy a beef on a bun supper and participate in a question and answer period with Council. There were 26 questions asked by ratepayers that covered a variety of topics. Examples were:

- What is the process for the tenders on the proposed new administration building and shop and would local businesses be able to obtain contracts from the prime contractor?
- What would happen to the County's existing property if the proposed new administration building and shop is proceeded with?
- There were several questions about recycling, toxic round-up and what is allowed at the Landfill and transfer station sites.
- There were several questions about the appeal process on assessment increases in the 2009 Property Tax notices.
- There were opinions expressed about the Breton and Drayton Valley Fire Services.
- There were several questions about roads, the proposed new bridge and enforcement of quads and ATV's by our peace officers.
- There were several questions about the status of the annexation process with the Town of Drayton Valley.
- There was a concern expressed about the County forwarding any further funding for the Eagle Point Provincial Park and Blue Rapids Recreation Area.
- There was a question regarding whether or not an analysis was done on renovating the existing County building versus building a new County administration building and shop.
- There was a question from a ratepayer polling each Councillor on feedback from their divisions regarding residents being in favour or not of the new administration building and shop.
- There was a question on whether Evergreen Gas Co-op paid a franchise fee to the County.
- There was a question about County participation in the Town's proposed new water plant.
- There was a question about utility right's of way being addressed upon subdivision approval.
- There were several questions about the status of the proposed Brazeau Sports Park for soccer and baseball facilities.

Service Awards & Appointments



Deb Nixon received her 10 year service award, presented by Reeve, Wes Tweedle



Karen Robinson received her 15 year service award, presented by Reeve, Wes Tweedle

Welcome!!

Brazeau County welcomes **Marco Schoeninger** as the Director of Public Works. Marco will join our organization as of June 10th, 2009

Welcome!!

Brazeau County would like to extend a warm welcome to **Terry Wagar**, Purchasing Agent & Inventory Control.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Lonny Thompson who received his 5 year service award in April.

(No Photo available)



Left:
Area residents Vant & Ethel Hayes celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary at Funnell Hall on April 18th where Councilor Anthony Heinrich presented the couple with a photo of one of the many beautiful landscapes of our municipality.

Economic Development

It's a Kitchen Party

A 100K Kitchen Party! and it is right here in Brazeau County. Brazeau County, along with the Rural Community Adaptation fund, and sponsorship from Ponoka County and Leduc County (so far, sponsorships keep coming in) are pleased to kick off this exciting program. We started with a Workshop on Cooperatives in March and a Farm Gate Workshop on April 4th. Response to this program has been phenomenal!



The 100K Kitchen Party is focused on the promotion of local food growers within a 100k radius of Drayton Valley. With all the concerns around food safety and the environmental foot print in importing food from far away, the only option that makes any sense is to buy from your neighbor.

The 100K Kitchen Party will also be offering courses in traditional food processing (canning, pickling, preserves) using the foods grown within a 100K Radius along with some international cooking courses.

Future plans include the development of a business incubator for small scale food processors. The project will be promoted via newspapers, radio and at the local farmers markets. We are proud to introduce Margarita Pischke and Mary Gowans as the coordinators for this project.

For more information on the project please contact either Margarita or Mary at 542-7777 or check out our website at www.brazeaukitchenparty.ca

LOCAL FOOD IS THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

The average North American meal travels 2,400 km to get from field to plate and contains ingredients from 5 countries in addition to our own. That's a lot of "food miles" a term coined in 1994 by Britain's 'SUSTAIN' organization. In the past 20 years in North America, the import and export of food has tripled with agriculture and food



now accounting for more than a quarter of the goods transported on our roads. Food is now also the largest component of airfreight, the most polluting form of transportation. What does this mean?

When food is transported lengthy distances, a lot of fossil fuels are burnt, creating greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. This emits a variety of toxic chemicals that contribute to air pollution, acid rain, and climate change (global warming.) What about the distance local food travels?

Studies have shown that local food distribution systems can reduce environmental impacts significantly, as opposed to conventional truck-delivered food systems which can be 4 to 17 times more damaging to our environment. A study by Toronto's 'Food Share' found that a meal produced with ingredients from a local farmers' market travelled a total of 101km while an average imported meal travelled 5,364km creating 100 times more GHGs than the farmers' market meal. Does that sound challenging?

The David Suzuki Foundation's 'Nature's Challenge' lists eating locally as one of the top 10 things you can do to reduce your global footprint. Canada's 'One Tonne Challenge' was asking Canadians to reduce their personal GHG emissions by 20%, by reducing GHG emissions from the average five tonnes per household per year to four tonnes. Studies have shown that replacing enough imported food items with those locally grown can reduce household GHG emissions by a quarter of a tonne one fourth of your One Tonne Challenge! Let's rise up and meet the challenge, deliciously: Let's Get Local!

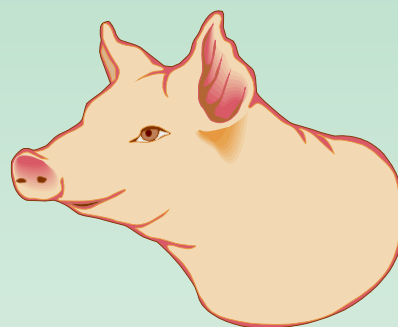
Why Eat Local? 12 Lucky Reasons.

1. Taste the difference.

At a farmers' market, most local produce has been picked inside of 24 hours. It comes to you ripe, fresh, and with its full flavor, unlike supermarket food that may have been picked weeks or months before. Close-to-home foods can also be bred for taste, rather than withstanding the abuse of shipping or industrial harvesting.

2. Know what you're eating.

Buying food today is complicated. What pesticides were used? Is that corn genetically modified? Was that chicken free range or did it grow up in a box? People who eat locally find it easier to get answers. Many build relationships with farmers whom they trust. And when in doubt, they can drive out to the farms and see for themselves.



3. Meet your neighbors.

Local eating is social. Studies show that people shopping at farmers' markets have 10 times more conversations than their counterparts at the supermarket. Join a community garden and you'll actually meet the people you pass on the street.

4. Get in touch with the seasons.

When you eat locally, you eat what's in season. You'll remember that cherries are the taste of summer. Even in winter, comfort foods like squash soup and pancakes just make sense a lot more sense than flavorless cherries from the other side of the world.

5. Explore your home.

Visiting local farms is a way to be a tourist on your own home turf, with plenty of stops for snacks.

6. Save the world.

A study in Iowa found that a regional diet consumed 17 times less oil and gas than a typical diet based on food shipped across the country. The ingredients for a typical British meal, sourced locally, traveled 66 times fewer "food miles." Or we can just keep burning those fossil fuels and learn to live with global climate change, the fiercest hurricane seasons in history, wars over resources...

7. Support small farms.

We discovered that many people from all walks of life dream of working the land maybe you do too. In areas with strong local markets, the family farm is reviving. That's a whole lot better than the jobs at Wal-Mart and fast-food outlets that the globalized economy offers in North American towns.

8. Give back to the local economy.

A British study tracked how much of the money spent at a local food business stayed in the local economy, and how many times it was reinvested. The total value was almost twice the contribution of a dollar spent at a supermarket chain.

9. Be healthy.

Eating fruits and vegetables that haven't been treated with chemicals in order to withstand travel from far away and fewer processed products. Eating foods that are at their nutritional peak, from the Farmer's Market and our neighbors gardens is always the healthiest.



10. Create memories.

Friendship is always found in the kitchen, a night spent making jam or perogies with friends will always be better a time than the latest Hollywood blockbuster.

11. Have more fun while traveling.

Once you're addicted to local eating, you'll want to explore it wherever you go. On a recent trip to Mexico, earth-baked corn and hot-spiced sour oranges led us away from the resorts and into the small towns. Somewhere along the line, a mute magician gave us a free show over bowls of lime soup in a little cantina.



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Breton's Outstanding Treasure

Some of you probably do not know that there is an outstanding library on the main street of Breton. In fact, it takes up almost one half of the Carolyn Strand Civic Centre, which also houses the Village Office.

Since its inception in 1972, the Breton Municipal Library has evolved into a 1000 sq. ft. space and is comprised of a children's themed area, a dedicated teen's area, and a comfy reading room. There are over 15,000 items that may be borrowed out including CD's, magazines, periodicals, large print books, board books, new bestsellers and more. There is high speed internet and wireless access for laptop users. Four public computers and one (non-internet) for young children are also available for use in the library.

The library is a member of the Yellowhead Regional Library System and is also a part of The Regional Automation Consortium (TRAC). This allows library users to borrow books from nearly all libraries in the Province with a Breton Library card (FREE).

So, for friendly, no hassle service, with the ability to access books from almost any library in the Province, come on over and check it out the coffee is on!!

Mon. to Thurs.	10:00 am	5:00 pm
Friday:	10:00 am	8:00 pm
Saturday:	9:00 am	2:00 pm

For further information, check our website at www.bretonlibrary.ab.ca

LOOKING FOR AN OUTDOOR FACILITY TO HOST YOUR NEXT EQUINE EVENT?

Brazeau County owns and operates the Lindale Rodeo Grounds.

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For more information on renting our facility, please contact our administration office at 780-542-7777 or email: dthompson@brazeau.ab.ca

Visit Our Web Site at
www.brazeau.ab.ca

Next County Council Meeting:

May 19th, June 9th & 30th

Meetings begin at 9:00 am

Ratepayer's concerns are addressed at 11:00 am.

Copies of the minutes of each meeting are available on our Website at www.brazeau.ab.ca

TAXATION NOTICES:

If you have not received your 2009 Annual Property Assessment and Tax Notice, please contact the Administration Office at 780-542-7777. All Taxation Payments are required by May 31st, 2009.



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.

Livestock Identification Services Contact Info:

Brand Inspector Area Supervisor:

Alton Wood

Bus: 780-542-3081

Cell: 780-898-2085 24 hrs.

Other Staff Includes:

Lorne Day - Wildwood Area

Call: 780-898-2284

Margo Tucker - Office

Call: 780-542-3081



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Agriculture

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 County Agricultural Department.

PLEASE NOTE:

Brazeau County has purchased 2 Gallagher HR 3 Tag readers for County producers to use for age verification of livestock. This unit will be for rental on a first come basis at the County Office.

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
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 SERVICE BOARD MEETING DATES

May 20th & June 17th
Typically, ASB does not meet during the summer months of July & August

All meetings are held in the Brazeau County Council Chambers.
Meetings begin at 9:00am



Tall Buttercup (*Ranunculus acris*)

Provincial Designation: Noxious

Overview:

Perennial that spreads only by seed. Tall buttercup contains a bitter, irritating oil called protoanemonin that is toxic to livestock (especially cattle) and other grazing animals. While generally avoided by grazers, poisonings can occur when fresh stems and leaves are consumed. Dried plants are no hazard as the toxic oil evaporates quickly. In mild cases, tall buttercup causes irritation or blistering of the skin, mouth and digestive tract. In more severe cases, it can cause paralysis, convulsions and death. Fresh tall buttercup, or hay in some cases, consumed by lactating animals can result in the production of less milk and may turn the milk a tinted red color and give it a bitter taste. Animals tend to avoid grazing tall buttercup if given a choice, but this may also allow it to dominate. Tall buttercup is an alternate host for Anemone Mosaic and Tomato Spotted Wilt virus.

Habitat:

Tall buttercup prefers moist to well-drained humus soils but can survive coarse, gravelly soils given sufficient moisture. Infestations will decrease dramatically in very dry years, but rebound and expand in wet years.



Identification:

Stems: Stems are erect, hollow, and sometimes hairy, highly branched in the upper part of the plant, and grow to 90 cm tall.

Leaves: Leaves on the lower stem are 3-8 cm long, on long stalks, deeply divided into 3-5 lobes and can be softly-hairy on both surfaces. The upper leaves are smaller and are divided into 3-4 narrow segments. Basal leaves have no stalks, 3 simple lobes and are 1-2 cm long. The amount and depth of the leaf lobes is highly variable.

Flowers: Flowers are bright yellow, on long stalks, and have 5 petals, each 10-14 mm long. The upper surface of the petals is waxy, giving them a shiny, lacquered appearance.

Seed: Each plant produces about 250 seeds which can remain viable for 2-4 years. The tiny, brown-black seeds are carried easily by water. Seed clusters are prickly and can attach to hair and clothing.



Prevention:

Use only certified weed-free grass and forage seed. Do not sell or purchase contaminated hay. Good pasture management will help prevent spread.

Control:

Grazing: Not grazed.

Cultivation: Pastures severely infested with tall buttercup can be ploughed and reseeded



to an annual crop for several years to reduce infestations. Tall buttercup does not persist under cultivation.

Mechanical: Close mowing prior to flowering will prevent seed production and limit an infestation's spread. Hand-pulling can be effective on small infestations. Be sure to wear gloves and long sleeves

as the plant's juices can cause blistering and redness.

Chemical:¹ There are a number of herbicides registered for use on tall buttercup for both agricultural and range. Consult your local Agricultural Fieldman or Certified Pesticide Dispenser for more information.

Biological: None researched to date.

¹ Always follow the product labels. The use of pesticides in any manner not published on the label or registered under the Minor Use of Pesticides regulation constitutes an offence under both the Federal Pest Control Products Act and Alberta's Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act.



**Brazeau Tourism's
2009 "Hidden Treasures Garden Tour"
Calling All Gardeners!**

Brazeau Tourism is hosting our first Garden Tour on July 18, 2009 and would like to show off your beautiful and unique gardens. This is a one day event to promote tourism to our area while showcasing our own Hidden Treasures. Gardens will need to be in the Drayton Valley and Brazeau County areas. Surrounding areas close by will also be considered.

No costs are involved for gardeners.

Come on board with your garden. There will be three winning gardens chosen for awards and all are judged by the tour participants.

Entry forms can be downloaded from our website at www.brazeautourism.ca or call us at 780.542.7529 for more information.

We look forward to hearing from you.
Tickets for the Garden Tour can be purchased at
The Visitor Information Center.

Watch Out For Our Flag Persons

Spring has arrived (or it will soon) and that means that road repair and construction season will be starting. Some of our most important people in a construction zone are the flagging people. They are there for several reasons, to control speed and traffic, to advise the drivers of vehicles what to expect ahead, in other words, to protect the driving public, but mostly they protect the people that are working on the road itself.

There will be signage to warn traffic that there is construction ahead, there will be workers on or near the road, that there will be a reduced speed zone ahead and that there will be a flag person that will be controlling traffic. This is usually the minimum signage required, but speed can also be posted, as well as no passing signage. The Flag Person stands to the side of the road, to inform and control traffic. There are different set-ups for traffic regulation, depending on the job and the number of lane closures. Not only will there be signage to indicate there is a Flag Person, but the Flag Person will have a high-visibility vest, personal protective equipment and is holding a sign to inform traffic of when to stop and proceed. Night-time operations are well lit to protect the construction zone.

It is absolutely amazing how people react differently to road construction and a slow-down from their normal routine. The great majority

of the public accept the fact that there has to be repairs to the roads and, even though it can be inconvenient, this is a fact of spring and summer. There are, however, a distinct few that are in such a hurry, or are so inconvenienced, that they must voice their opinion to the Flag Person, or worse, completely ignore the signage or instructions that were given to them by the Flag Person. As stated earlier, the Flag Person is there to protect the workers doing the job, as well as the public, and to protect vehicles and construction equipment as well. They ARE NOT on the job to receive verbal abuse or have their directives to be ignored. There has been many occasions where Flag Persons have had to dive into the ditch or step aside from traffic that refuses to adhere to signage or instructions. This blatant disregard for life and limb is totally UNACCEPTABLE and when caught, the driver will be prosecuted to the greatest extent of the law. The lives of the road construction workers and our Flag Persons depend on all drivers to obey the signage and instructions. PLEASE, let's have a SAFE and ACCIDENT FREE summer.



BETTER HAUL THAT LOAD NOW BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

Road Bans are coming fast and you must be prepared.

Road Bans are placed on sensitive roads to protect them during their weakest point to minimize damage. When the frost comes out of a road, it becomes very soft under its top surface and is more likely to sustain damage.

Below are the axle limits, showing your allowable 100% weight and varying balance percentages and the maximum allowable that they would be required to reduce down to.

Axle Weight Information

The reason for a Ban (Load Restriction) is to protect the roads during the period of weakness. This is usually during the spring thaw, when the frost comes out of the road and makes it soft. Road bans can also be on to limit very large loads, keeping them off of the roads to protect short stretches (across swampy terrain), allowing only smaller vehicle access.

Axle Weight	Drive Axle	GVW	Restrictions
5500 kg	9100 kg	14,600 kg	No Ban - Year Round Legal Weight
5500 kg	8190 kg	13690 kg	90% Road Ban
5500 kg	6825 kg	12325 kg	75% Road Ban



So now that we know what we can have to a maximum, you subtract the tare (empty) weight of your truck. This same unit can haul legally the following loads (if axle weights were legal)

100% 14,600 Kg	Less	5000 Kg Tare	Equals	9600 Kg of Payload
90% 13,690 Kg	Less	5000 Kg Tare	Equals	8690 Kg of Payload
75% 12,325 Kg	Less	5000 Kg Tare	Equals	7325 Kg of Payload



Ban Weights only affect the carrying axle(s) weights. Never the front axle (steering weights).

100%	5500 Kg	17,000 Kg =	22,500 GVW -	9,000 Kg Tare =	13,500 Kg Payload
90%	5500 kg	15,300 Kg =	20,800 GVW -	9,000 Kg Tare =	11,800 Kg Payload
75%	5500 kg	12,750 Kg =	15,750 GVW -	9,000 Kg Tare =	9,250 Kg Payload



100%	5500 Kg	17,000 Kg	21,000 Kg =	43,500 Kg GVW -	20,000 Kg Tare =	23,500 Kg Payload
90%	5500 Kg	15,300 Kg	18,900 Kg =	39,700 Kg GVW -	20,000 Kg Tare =	19,700 Kg Payload
75%	5500 Kg	12,750 Kg	15,750 Kg =	34,000 Kg GVW -	20,000 Kg Tare =	14,000 Kg Payload



100%	5500 Kg	17,000 Kg	24,000 Kg =	46,500 Kg GVW -	20,000 Kg Tare =	26,500 Kg Payload
90%	5500 Kg	15,300 Kg	21,600 Kg =	42,400 Kg GVW -	20,000 Kg Tare =	22,400 Kg Payload
75%	5500 Kg	12,750 Kg	18,000 Kg =	36,250 Kg GVW -	20,000 Kg Tare =	16,250 Kg Payload



Front Axles/Tire Sizes

11 x 20, 22.5, 24.5	5500 Kg
1200 x 20, 22.5, 24.5	6100 Kg
1300 x 20, 22.5, 24.5	6600 Kg
1400 x 20, 22.5, 24.5	7100 Kg
15" - 18" x 20, 22.5, 24.5	7300 Kg Max.

Fines range from \$25/100Kg for minor offences, to \$35/100Kg for more serious overloads (5000 Kg & up), Plus a 15% surcharge.

NOTICE:

Effective Monday February 23, 2009 the Birchwood Village Greens Lagoon will be locked and accessible only by haulers servicing Birchwood residents. All other effluent haulers will be directed to the Rocky Rapids Lagoon.

The Rocky Rapids Lagoon access is only available:

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please Call 780-542-7711 to arrange for entry.

The haulers will be charged a \$40.00 fee per load.

Public Works thanks you for your patience and cooperation in this matter.

ROAD BANS

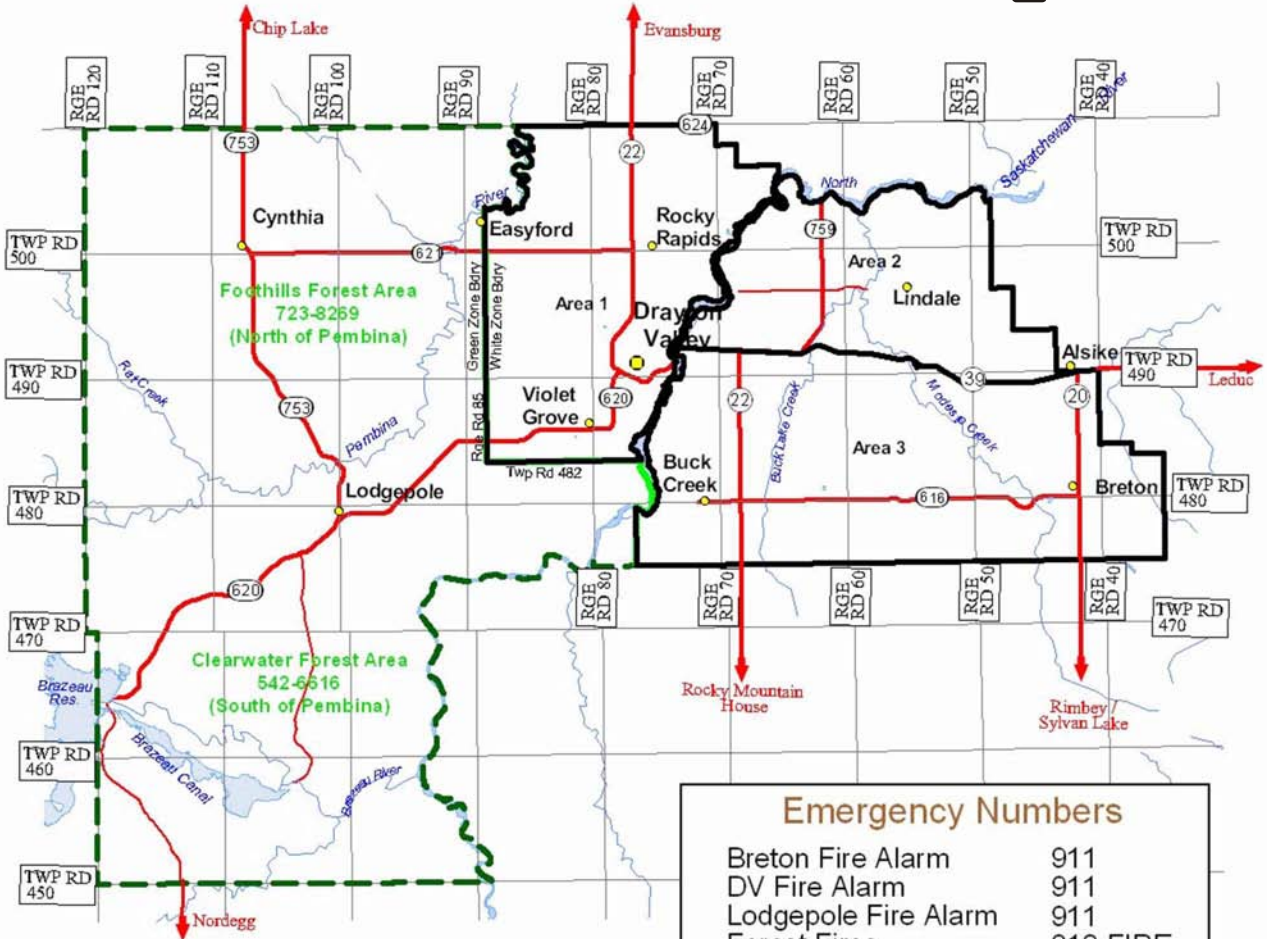
Historically road bans run from March to August. The County normally bans the hamlets and all cold-mix surfaced roads first at 90%.



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 Public Works Department
Request to be put on our road ban fax list!**

Fire Guardian Map



Emergency Numbers	
Breton Fire Alarm	911
DV Fire Alarm	911
Lodgepole Fire Alarm	911
Forest Fires	310-FIRE
Brazeau Forest Area (Drayton Valley Office)	542-6616

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.

Call your Fire Guardian for information and permits.

Fire Permits Are Required YEAR ROUND!



Brazeau County Waste Transfer Station Permanent Hours

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 now has recycling bins at all eight of our transfer sites. Recycling facilities are accessible during the sites regular hours of operation. Recycle all that you can using blue bags available at your local hardware or grocery store.

PLEASE NOTE:

There is now a metal bin at the Violet Grove & Buck Creek transfer sites. Please put your scraps of metal into this bin during regular hours of operation.

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



CELL PHONES & RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES

Brazeau County Administration Building is a drop off location for old cell phones and Rechargeable batteries. Let's work together to keep all of these items out of our landfill sites.

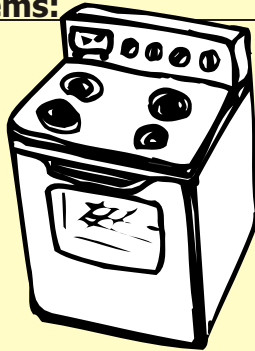


**Brazeau County residents now can recycle HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES at:
Rocky Rapids, Violet Grove and Breton transfer stations (May - September)**

ALL APPLIANCES MUST BE UNLOADED BY HAND

Acceptable Items:

Washers
Dryers
Stoves
Fridges
Freezers
Dishwashers
Light Tin



Unacceptable Items:

Microwaves
Televisions
Electronics

Brazeau County residents recycle SCRAP METAL to the Violet Grove and Buck Creek transfer stations (year round).

ALL SCRAP METAL MUST BE UNLOADED BY HAND

Acceptable Items:

Pressurized containers PUNCTURED or
WITH VALVES REMOVED
Steel
Cast Iron
Stainless Steel
Aluminum
Brass
Copper
Lead
Metal Alloys
Electrical Wire

Unacceptable Items:

Sealed or pressurized containers
Radioactive material
Asbestos or products containing such
Biohazard material
Chemicals or product containers
containing flammable liquids, oily
material, chlorine, caustic soda or
other controlled substances.
Ammunition or ordinance
PCB containing material
Batteries
Scrap containing excess amounts of
Debris (dirt, concrete, tar, etc.)

Please refer to Page 15 for the complete Transfer Station Schedule

Planning & Development

Permit Please!

The frost is retreating and a new construction season is on the horizon. Brazeau County reminds residents and contractors that you require a development permit for most construction projects (contact the County or review PART III of the Land Use Bylaw for more details on when a permit is required).

A Development Permit ensures that the development complies with the Land Use Bylaw and specifies setbacks from property lines, square footage and building height among other things. The Land Use Bylaw is a collection of regulations approved by Council with input from County residents and ensures developments meet a reasonable standard.

The Development Permit also specifies, as a condition, that the applicant is responsible to obtain the relative building, electrical, gas and/or plumbing permit to ensure compliance with the Alberta Building, Electrical, Plumbing and Gas Codes (generally referred to as Safety Codes). This process ensures that construction meets the minimum requirements of the Safety Codes for the protection of occupants of a building.

Proceeding with construction without proper approvals can be costly and can cause your project to be delayed. Therefore, if you plan to develop on your property, please contact the Planning and Development Department to learn more about the Development Permit process.

Planning & Development Contacts:

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If you require assistance, or have any questions regarding
Planning & Development,
please call us at 780-542-2667

MPC Meeting Dates:

June 2 & 23

All Meeting Dates subject to change.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Planning & Development at 780-542-2667.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS LAND USE PLANNING IN BRAZEAU COUNTY

Brazeau County's vision for future land use and development is expressed through the County's Municipal Development Plan and local area structure plans. The Municipal Development Plan is a long-range plan that applies to all of Brazeau County. Area structure plans work in concert with the Municipal Development Plan by providing specific land use policies for particular areas.

Brazeau County is undertaking a comprehensive revision of the current Municipal Development Plan. As well, three new area structure plans are being created to guide future development for areas near the Town of Drayton Valley (see map below). County Council would like to ensure that these plans reflect the current vision of County residents, and are able to respond to changing social, economic and environmental conditions.

In order to achieve this goal, Brazeau County would like to encourage all interested persons to get involved. Brazeau County will be holding a series of meetings in order to gather public input for these plans. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend.

All meetings will begin at 7:00pm.

Municipal Development Plan Meetings

Monday, May 25

Brazeau County Administration Building
5516 Industrial Road, Drayton Valley

and

Thursday, May 28

Carnwood Community Hall
RR #52, Carnwood

East of Drayton Valley ASP Meeting

Tuesday, May 26

Brazeau County Administration Building
5516 Industrial Road, Drayton Valley

South Rocky Rapids ASP Meeting

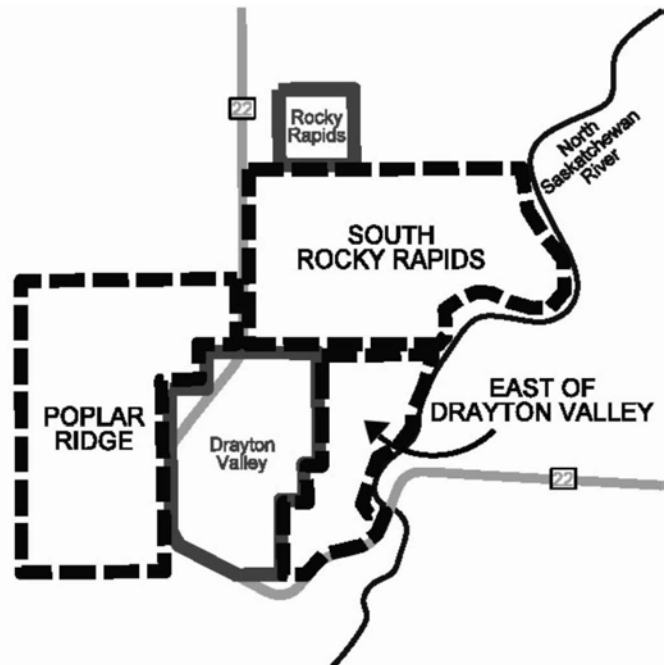
Wednesday, May 27

Brazeau County Administration Building
5516 Industrial Road, Drayton Valley

Poplar Ridge ASP Meeting

Monday, June 1

Brazeau County Administration Building
5516 Industrial Road, Drayton Valley



For more information, please contact:

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Doug Woodliffe, Manager of Development

Brazeau County

Phone: (780) 542-7777

Email: dwoodliffe@brazeau.ab.ca

Community Associations

Berrymoor 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 Tanya Hines 542-6906

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

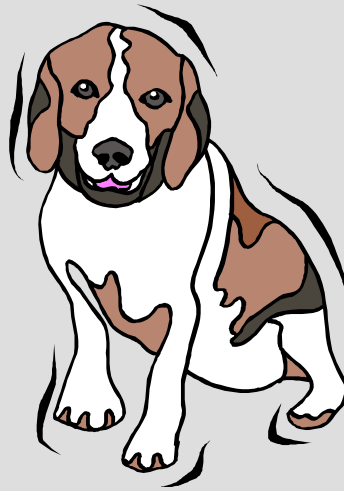
Whitby Community League
Call Shawna McGinn 339-2504

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

If you've lost or found an animal, please call your local Animal Control first.



Brazeau County
Town of Drayton
Valley Animal
Control:

(780) 542-3265
or 514-0372

Contact US at:

**780-898-
PAWS (7297)**

Visit Our
Website At:

www.causeforcritters.ca

Library Hours

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



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 Thursdays



Contact Names & Numbers



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

Brazeau County Office	542-7777	Planning & Dev.	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



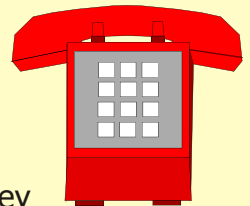
Drayton Valley Fire Alarm	911
Breton Fire Alarm	911
Lodgepole Fire Alarm	911
Forest Fires	310-FIRE

OTHER EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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

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



SCHOOL CONTACT NUMBERS

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

