

BRAZEAU COUNTY

NEWS

January/February, 2010



This mulcher is working just outside of the hamlet of Cynthia. Work is about 30% complete in the Cynthia FireSmart Plan; a complex and very intricate project that involves adjusting the natural forest area around the community to reduce the risk of fire while preserving as much of the wildlife habitat as possible. Cynthia was touted as the 6th community in all of the province that needed a FireSmart Plan. All the work surrounding this project is being completed by local companies and individuals - good news in these harsh economic times.

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Keeping The Residents of Brazeau County Informed

Reeve's Report



Happy New Year to everyone. With 2009 behind us, looking forward into 2010, I hope we can see improvement in the economy, continued prosperity and growth throughout the County and goodness and well being to all of our citizens.

Construction of the new Administration Building and Shop facility continues on schedule. Crews are still targeting fall of this year for completion. Staff is full of anticipation and all are looking forward to the move.

Breton Fire Hall is fully operational now. Grand Opening celebrations are scheduled for January 18. Everyone is welcome. Plan to attend and take a tour of the newly constructed hall.

On December 15, 2009, Council passed a balanced Interim Operating and Capital budget. Thank you to all departments for their commitment to fiscal restraint to pull together a budget without a tax rate increase. The County will continue with a few necessary projects but overall, Council has directed Administration to maintain services to the ratepayers and refrain from any new costly projects. Administration and Council gave careful consideration to the fact that the Federal and Provincial budgets will tighten up, and grant funding may become more difficult to acquire. More about the Interim Budget can be reviewed on page 3 of this issue of the Brazeau County News.

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your divisional councilor or myself.

Sincerely,

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**Next County Council Meeting:
Jan. 12, Feb. 23,
March 16, 2010**

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

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2010 Interim Budget

On December 15, 2009 Brazeau County Council passed the 2010 Interim Operating & Capital Budget. This budget was centered on fiscal restraint in these harsh economic times. Maintaining the level of service to the ratepayers, incurring no additional tax rate increases, the 2010 budgets are based on a 0% assessment increase.

County staff will see a 4% increase for 2010 under the final year of the collective bargaining agreement. Council did not approve an increase for Council and members-at-large remuneration for the coming year.

Public works projects will include a few large projects, keeping with the long term plan for the municipality. Phase 3, completion of the Powerhouse Road is set for 2010 at an estimated cost of \$1.3 million. \$650,000 of this will be funded through the Resource Road Grant. A bridge/culvert project in the Lindale area will require \$1.5 million 50% of which will come from a provincial grant under the Local Road/Bridge Program. Overlay for Range Road 52 will carry a \$1.8 million price tag. Desludging of three lagoons for 2010 will carry a price tag of approximately \$150,000 each.

The largest project tagged for 2010 is the Administration Building and Shop facility. \$9.5 million is ear marked for this project; \$3.7 million of which will come to the County in the form of grant money from the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI). Although the County will incur short-term borrowing for \$2.8 million dollars for the project, future money from MSI funding will quickly repay this loan. Completion of this project is expected for fall of 2010.

This interim budget includes an estimated \$8.5 million for school requisition, which captures a large portion of our tax revenue annually.

In holding true to the fiscal restraint for the 2010 budgets, all other departments will be maintaining their programs and projects as they have in the past. No new, large undertakings are being planned for 2010. Council and staff are working together to move forward in the coming year with balanced, fiscally responsible Interim Operating & Capital Budgets.

You may pick up a copy of the 2010 Budget at the County Office.

Council Highlights

Council Highlights November 24, 2009

A presentation was made to Dave Cadwell for his twenty years of service to the County.

Brenda Jabs was present from Brazeau Tourism to update Council on the tourism activities undertaken for 2009 and the proposed events for 2010. Council thanked Brenda for her efforts on behalf of the community.

Council approved a letter of support for the City of Edmonton for their bid to host the 2017 World Expo.

Council approved response letters to three concerned ratepayers and also to industry regarding safety issued over potential sour gas releases.

Council appointed Bob Kitching to the Composite Assessment Review Board and tabled appointments to the Assessment Review Board until additional public applications could be obtained.

Council expressed continued concern over the County's access to gravel supplies and directed Administration to arrange appointments with several provincial ministers to discuss these concerns.

Council approved a Memorandum of Agreement between the County and Angler Resources Management Corp., to implement the Cynthia Community Zone and Wildland Urban Interface Fire Smart Plans. This project was funded by a Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) Grant.

Council has set budget meeting dates with Administration for Wednesday, December 2nd and Friday, December 4, 2009 from 9:00 am to noon both days. The public is welcome to attend.

The next Council meeting is December 15, 2009 at 9:00 am. Ratepayer concerns are heard at 11:am.



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Council Highlights December 15, 2009

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Director of Public Works, Marco Schoeninger presented an update on the Breton Fire Hall project. With completion near, the final finishing touches such as signage, final inspections and physical move in are underway. Mr. Schoeninger announced that the final project cost is estimated to be \$1,364,248.00. A Grand Opening is scheduled for January 18, 2010. Staff will be sending out invitations and publishing notices to the general public, encouraging everyone to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony and tour of the new facility.

Director of Public Works, Marco Schoeninger presented an update on the construction of the Administration Building and Shop facility. Despite the harsh temperatures of the last several weeks, the project remains on schedule with much of the concrete work complete.

Lodgepole recreation Facility thanked Brazeau County for their assistance during the restoration of their recreation facility. Council

directed Administration to pass on this recognition to the Public Works Department. Council received a letter from a ratepayer recognizing the great efforts for snow removal over the past several weeks. Council dually acknowledged the efforts of the Public Works Department for their timely delivery of services throughout this recent blast of winter.

Council passed a motion to put \$1,000 towards a scholarship through the Community Scholarship Trust Fund just as they have contributed in the past.

MP, Blaine Calkins gave a brief update on federal programming, planning and future initiatives. Mr. Calkins explained that his government will be working on fiscal restraint and warned that new initiatives will not be as plentiful as the Federal Government has a prudent fiscal plan to reduce the Country's debt and work towards a more stable economy.

Fire Chief, Tom Thompson gave an update on fire services. Including the number of responses to calls, Mr. Thompson also updated Council on the delivery of the donated county tank truck to Guatemala. He presented photos of a parade that celebrated the arrival of the tanker to San Pablo and explained the gratitude that the residents have for this generous donation.

Brazeau County's next regular Council Meeting is scheduled for January 12th at 9:00 am. Ratepayer concerns are always addressed at 11:00 am.



Breton Fire Hall GRAND OPENING



Brazeau County invites you to join us for ribbon cutting and refreshments to celebrate the grand opening of the new Breton Fire Hall.



Monday, January 18, 2010

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

5620 47th Street Breton, AB

Everyone Welcome!



For more information please contact the County Office
at 780-542-7777

100^{km} KITCHEN PARTY

FARMING INTO THE FUTURE

*A Conference for Farmers
and Future Farmers*

Topics Featured:

- * So you want to be a Farmer?*
- * Catching more of the food dollar by going local*
- * Is Growing Organic for you?*
- * A third generation family farm transistions
from a "Price Taker to a Price Setter"*
- * Picking Winners and Losers
in herb and essential oil crops.*
- * Co-operative Marketing success*
- * Regulations on selling into local Markets*

February 17, 2010

For more information
and to register, visit the site
www.brazeaukitchenparty.ca

*Registration Forms also available
at the Brazeau County Office*

**Cost \$ 25.00
Includes buffet
breakfast and lunch**



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Economic Development



www.brazeaukitchenparty.ca

Course Schedule January – April 2010

International Cooking

<u>Date</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Cost</u>
January 23 1-5 pm	Indian Vegetarian Cooking	\$100
January 27 6-9 pm	Spanish Night	\$60
February 13 1-5pm	Persian Cooking	\$100
February 16 6 -9 pm	Persian Meatloaf(with white rice & saffron)	\$100
February 27 1 -5 pm	Leg of Lamb(with rice and salad)	\$100
March 6 1- 5pm	Osh Soup and Cotlets	\$100
March 16 6 - 9pm	Lebanese Cooking	\$60
March 20 1- 5pm	Indian Cooking 2	\$100

Traditional Cooking

<u>Date</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Cost</u>
February 3 6 -9pm	Apple Butter	\$60
March 10 6- 9pm	Crabapple Jelly	\$60
March 24 6 - 9pm	Saskatoon Jam	\$60
April 7 6 - 9pm	Principles of Pressure Canning	\$60

Gardening/Farming

<u>Date</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Cost</u>
February 17 8 -5:30	Farming into the Future(MacKenzie Centre)	\$25
March 9 6-10	Gardening Essentials	\$15

Please be aware that in the spirit of this program most courses require you to purchase some of the food from within the 100km area. This is done to promote awareness of our growers. You will be provided with a list of suppliers.

Please check our website www.brazeaukitchenparty.ca for more information and to register for these classes or call 780 542 7777. All courses are held at the Easyford Community Centre unless otherwise noted.

SAFE WINTER DRIVING

This is the time of year that many people fear, driving in the ice and snow. Even though the County does its utmost to keep the roads clear and free of snow and ice, the traction can be terrible. It takes several days of work before the County can clean or plow ALL of its County roads. As is happening this year, the County has not yet finished its cycle of road cleaning and sanding and Mother Nature has dumped on us again. Care must be taken while winter driving. If the roads are too deeply covered and it is not absolutely necessary to venture onto the roads, please try to stay off them until there has been some traffic or the road has been plowed. As this is not always possible, drive to the road conditions. Drive only as quickly as road conditions will allow, up to the speed limit. If equipment is working, plowing and sanding, please respect the fact that the drivers are trying to do the roads as quickly and SAFELY as possible. Stop or slow down if you are meeting up with a plow truck or grader. If following a snow clearing machine, please give the machine lots of room to maneuver, slow down or stop. It may take you a little more time to reach your destination, but you, the machine operator and any on-coming traffic will NOT BE INVOLVED IN A COLLISION. It is wise to be especially careful if equipment is working at a

corner or cross-roads. You may not be entirely visible to the operator and if they are maneuvering, clearing the corner or cross section, you may be putting yourself in danger by pulling out at an inopportune moment.



After the roads have been cleared, a freeze-thaw cycle could occur. As there is a great deal of traffic on the roads and if there is some melting, dangerous ice can be created on the roads and especially on the corners, at stop signs. Give yourself more time and distance to stop. The County tries to keep these areas sanded but this is not always possible, immediately after a snow fall.

Please remember that it is winter and road conditions, visibility and traction are limited. Motor vehicle accidents can be avoided if everyone WOULD JUST SLOW DOWN AND DRIVE TO THE CONDITIONS OF THE ROAD.

Community Hall Highlight

Take a short drive north west of Drayton Valley to Cynthia; a community snuggled into a picturesque woodland oasis.

Cynthia Recreation Centre will comfortably accommodate over 100 guests. With a fully equipped kitchen, wheel chair accessibility and plenty of parking, the Cynthia Rec Centre is perfect for all types of gatherings. In close proximity to the Cynthia RV Park, and a short drive from Easyford Park, Cynthia can accommodate small weddings, anniversary parties and family reunions. Companies looking to host meetings, employee

appreciation nights or any other business event, the Cynthia Rec Centre may be the perfect facility.

If you would like to play host to an event that is a bit off the beaten path, give the Cynthia Recreation Centre your consideration.

Rental fees are \$100/day and a damage deposit is required.

For more information, please call Judy Bennett at 780-894-2100.

Government of Canada Helps Alberta Livestock Producers Affected by Drought

OTTAWA, Ontario, December 24, 2009

The Government of Canada announced today that more Alberta livestock producers affected by drought will be eligible for a federal tax deferral.

"The Government of Canada continues to deliver real results for farmers and ranchers by offering tax deferrals to the producers whose operations are suffering due to the hot, dry season," said Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz. "These tax deferrals are just another way in which we are working to make sure our livestock producers can remain competitive and profitable."

The tax deferral allows eligible producers in designated areas to defer income tax on the sale of breeding livestock for one year to help replenish breeding stock in the following year. In the case of consecutive years of drought designation, producers may defer sales income to the first year in which the area is no longer designated.

"Earlier this year the Government acted quickly to assist producers who are struggling due to drought conditions," said the Honourable Jean-Pierre Blackburn, Minister of National Revenue and Minister of State (Agriculture). "The designation of these additional areas is a result of our continued monitoring of the impacts of the weather on our farmland as well as our hands-on approach to supporting Alberta

farmers and ranchers."

Producers who reduced their breeding herds by at least 15 per cent are eligible. Thirty per cent of income from net sales can be deferred if the herd has been reduced by at least 15 per cent, but less than 30 per cent. Where the herd has been reduced by 30 per cent or more, 90 per cent of income from net sales can be deferred.

"A number of regions in Alberta experienced very dry conditions this year," said Agriculture and Rural Development Minister George Groeneveld. "Our provincial and federal governments remain committed to working with Alberta's cattle producers. We continue to monitor soil moisture levels and are watching what is coming next year."

Eligible producers will be able to request this deferral when filing their 2009 income tax returns. Livestock producers are advised to contact their local Canada Revenue Agency Tax Services Office for details on the income tax provisions.

Additional designations are a result of the continuous assessment of the drought situation throughout the fall.

For more information on the extent of the drought or programs to assist farmers, see the AAFC Drought Watch site at <http://www.agr.gc.ca/drought>.

What's Your Sign?

Brazeau County residents need to know their Civic Address (the numbers on their blue driveway/gate sign). During an emergency, contact with 911 dispatchers, and emergency personnel and location information is referenced by civic addresses. This address is key for emergency personnel to respond accurately and quickly to an emergency in rural settings.



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Understanding Privacy Legislation: How It Enables Information Sharing

Provided by: Information Sharing Training Initiative
(Formerly Information Sharing Training)

Coming to the Community of Drayton Valley

Date: **February 4, 2010; 9:00 am-4:00 pm**

Location: Provincial Building, 5136 – 51 Avenue,
Drayton Valley AB

Scheduled Dates

Website: <http://infosharing.gov.ab.ca/>

Registration

On-line: <https://enroll.gov.ab.ca/index.cfm?rid=5> or

Email: info.sharing@gov.ab.ca

One day sessions held at no cost.

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Education & Training Unit,
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County Tank Truck Arrives in Guatemala

The Brazeau County Tank truck unit 321 that served the residents of Brazeau County for over 10 years has finally arrived in San Pablo Guatemala. The tanker which was part of the Brazeau County station 3 fleet was retired last year and was donated to CAFSA (Canadian Aid for Fire Services Abroad), an organization that donates used fire equipment and trucks to third world countries. The delivery of the tank truck to San Pablo was a huge event. The tank truck not only means that water can be delivered to the scene of a fire in a short period of time, but can also be used to deliver water to the residents who up until this delivery was made, had to walk miles to get water.



The fire department members that will be using the tank truck.



Tank truck sitting in front of fire hall after just arriving at its new home in San Pablo.



Water being delivered to the residents of San Pablo.



Citizens of San Pablo showing appreciation for the new tank truck coming to their community. People were crying tears of joy for the new truck.



The Rotary Club of Drayton Valley assisted CAFSA in getting the truck transported to Vancouver so it could be shipped to Guatemala.



Victor Fernandez (light blue shirt) the President of CAFSA and also a St. Albert firefighter is shown helping deliver water to the residents of San Pablo.



The town of San Pablo has a population of approximately 6 to 10 thousand people.



A big thank-you to the County of Brazeau, the Rotary Club of Drayton Valley and everyone else that made this project a huge success.

Sincerely,

Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services

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.

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)		

2010 Agricultural Service Board



Standing (l to r): Charlie Martin- Member at Large, Rick Ennis -Dir. of Ag, Maureen Schwab -Councillor, Lisa Murphy-Ass. Ag Fieldman, Mark Raines -Member At Large. Bottom (l to r): Allan Goddard -Member at Large, Anthony Heinrich-Councillor, Pat Monteith -Councillor & Chairperson, Tennie McCracken-Recording Secretary.

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING DATES

Jan. 20th & Feb. 16th, 2010

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



Brazeau County Agricultural Service Board

Upcoming Events:

Rural Landowners Workshop

February 25, 2010 at the Whitby Community Hall
from 7-9 pm

Melissa Orr will be speaking on Water Wells
and Keith Gylander will presenting about Septic Systems.

No Cost

Please Call 780-542-7777 to register.



Farm Safety Day

March 20, 2010 at the West Winds Hotel
From 10-3 pm

Bring the kids out to learn about Farm, ATV, Wildlife, Fire and
Horse safety.

There is a \$10 cost for lunch.

Please call 780-542-7777 to register.

Crop Pest and Pasture Management Workshop

April 14, 2010 at the Breton Community Center
from 7-9 pm

Jim Broatch will be speaking about crop pests and grasshoppers, and
Grant Lastiwka will be presenting about pasture management.

No Cost

Please call 780-542-7777 to register.



Mark these dates on your calendar!

If you have any questions, please call the Agricultural Services
at 780-542-7777.

Farmer's Advocate Office

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The Farmers' Advocate Office (FAO) is embarking on a series of 26 energy information sessions, scheduled for the winter and spring of 2009/2010. This educational project is intended to help landowners understand the life cycle of energy activity as it relates to their surface land base and be proactive in managing risk associated with energy activity. This project is supported under the Growing Forward initiative which is a new commitment from Canada's Federal, Provincial and Territorial Ministers of Agriculture to develop an Agricultural Policy Framework that better positions the agriculture industry for success.

The FAO is partnering with local landowner groups in each location to host the upcoming sessions. Locations were determined by the FAO as areas that we have not had recent presentations or where we felt we could provide useful and prudent information to a wide variety of landowners. The content is developed and delivered by the FAO in two sessions: a one day general information session followed by a full day detailed interactive session a week later. The advanced interactive sessions are intended for those who have attended the general information

session and wish to expand that knowledge to consider risk mitigation specific to their land (maps will be provided).

The Pembina Agricultural Protection Association (PAPA) has been chosen to host the sessions in the Drayton Valley area. PAPA is a group of landowners that have worked collaboratively with industry over the last 21 years to devise agreeable solutions to make sure that industrial development in the Pembina area proceeds in a manner that does not negatively affect the rural environment and ensures a continuing, healthy and viable agricultural industry. PAPA is committed to finding ways in which agriculture, petroleum and other industries can co-exist while ensuring a sound future for farming and the rural community.

The Drayton Valley information sessions will be held on February 11 and 17th, 2010 at the Scout's Hall. For more detailed information or to find out how to register please contact Jolene Shannon with PAPA at 780-514-2855 or visit the Farmers' Advocate website at www.farmersadvocate.gov.ab.ca for more detailed information.

The Society for the Responsible Management of the North Saskatchewan River Valley

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The Society for the Responsible Management of the North Saskatchewan River Valley is a non-profit, non-government, membership funded society formed by concerned citizens.

Our goal is to assure that development in Eagle Point - Blue Rapids Parks is of a sustainable nature with minimal damage to the environment, wildlife, neighbors and all who have the privilege to use the parks.

The purpose of our Society is to work with members of Parks Council to accommodate all parties having a vested interest in developing the parks with as little adverse affect to everyone and everything involved. The development of designated ATV trails in the Blue Rapids Provincial Recreation Area agrees with our Society's mandate.

A commercial motocross track is currently being proposed to be built in the Blue Rapids Provincial Recreation Area south of Highway 22 between the North Saskatchewan River and R.R. 71. We object to this location because of noise generation by the bikes, the close proximity of the neighbors, the fragile environmental nature of the river watershed, and it is a wildlife corridor.

Once race events start, there would be hundreds of people camping in this confined area, not to mention the spectators that come to enjoy the races.

The volume of traffic generated on race day would be a major safety concern at the junction of Highway 22 and R.R. 71.

To contact us, please visit our website at www.draytonvalleyprovincialparks.com

With a focus on its founding principle of establishing a community based approach to innovative park planning, the Eagle Point Blue Rapids Parks Council is proud to announce an additional avenue for public feedback.

Join us, throughout February and March, as we host informal information gathering sessions. This is another opportunity for public input on the draft management strategies currently being developed. After collected feedback is analyzed and incorporated into the draft management plan, the document will be professionally edited for verbiage and grammar. The final version of the draft management plan will go through a formal 'Public Consultation' in the summer of 2010, wherein all Albertans can once again voice their opinions on this draft management document. With extended office hours, slide show presentations and readily available information



**Eagle Point-Blue Rapids
Parks Council**

on the current state of draft management strategies, the Parks Council is hoping for feedback and identification of any gaps in this developing methodology. Your knowledge of the local area is valuable, and the opportunity to incorporate constructive criticisms is monumental for any draft management plan. Please stay tuned to our website (www.epbrparksCouncil.org) or stop by the office for further information and specifics about this additional period of public information gathering.

50 YEARS IN BUSINESS

Rene' and Eileen Belva purchased Rocky Rapids Store from Mr. Glass on October 1, 1959, Rene' also became the Postmaster for Rocky Rapids. The Belva Family grew to include, Rene', Eileen, Bradley, Laurel and Glenn. Rocky Rapids Store was a two story building and the Belva family resided in the store until their children were grown. All three Belva children worked in the store at one time or another, and son Glenn and his wife Catherine purchased the store from Rene' and Eileen in July of 1997. Glenn and Catherine built a new store which opened in 2004, their daughters, Erin and Marci both worked in the store while they were growing up and still spend time helping when they are home from University. The original Rocky Rapids Store is part of the Drayton Valley Historical Society Museum, and has truly earned its' place in the history of our community.



Maureen Schwab

On December 16th, 2009, Councilor Maureen Schwab presented the Belva Family with a framed area photo in recognition of 50 years in business for the Belva Family.

Public Works

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.

20 Years of Service



Reeve Tweedle congratulated Dave Cadwell on his 20 years of service at the Nov. 24th Council Meeting.

Brazeau County residents now can recycle HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES at:

**Rocky Rapids, Violet Grove and Breton transfer stations
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
W/ VALVES REMOVED
Steel
Cast Iron
Stainless Steel
Aluminum
Brass
Copper
Lead
Metal Alloys
Electrical Wire

Unacceptable Items:

Debris (dirt, concrete, tar, etc.)
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

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



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.

**Let us love
winter, for it is
the spring of
genius.**

Pietro Aretino

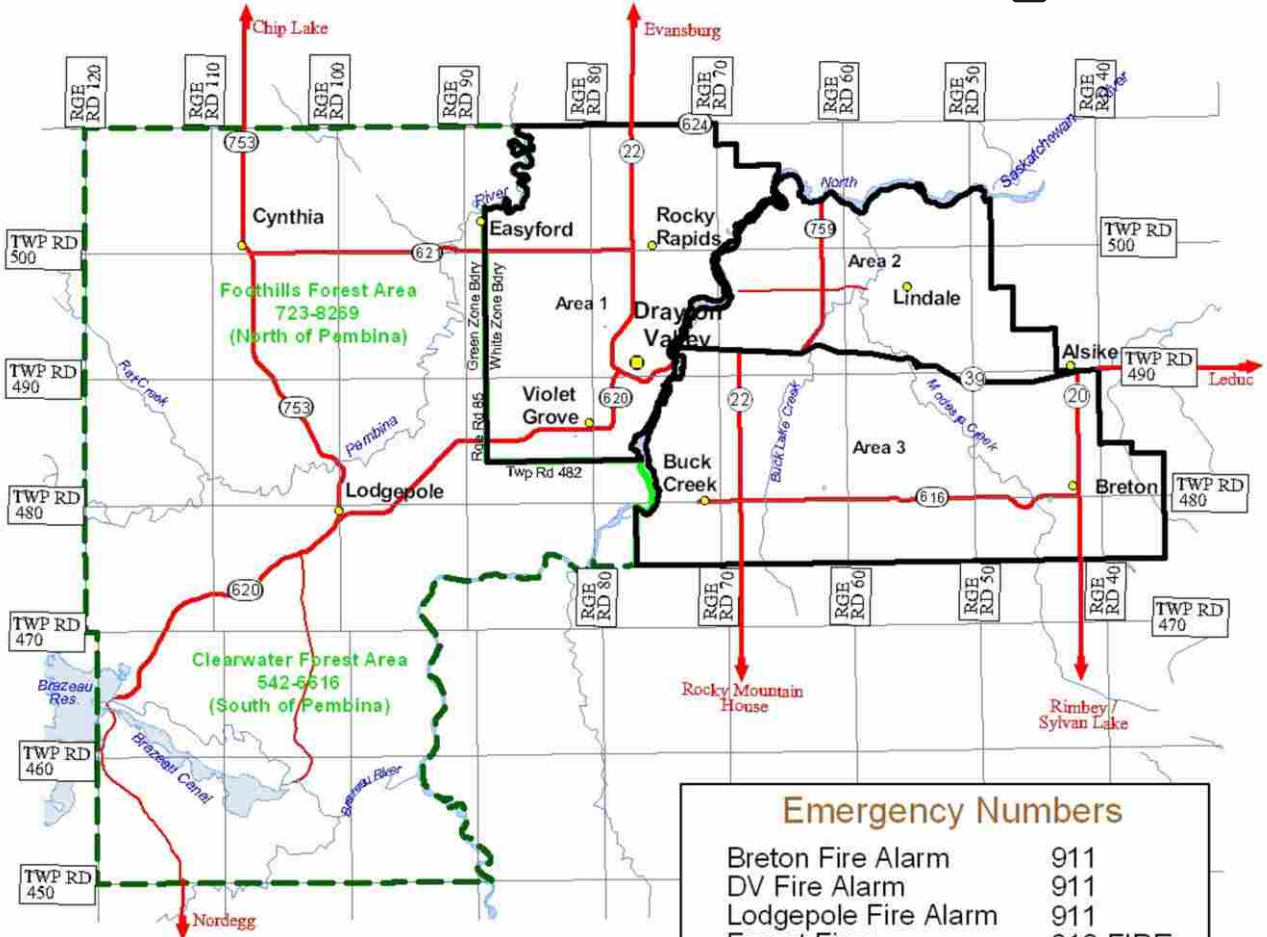


CELL PHONES & RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES

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.



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

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!

Planning & Development

Lodgepole Community Fire Smart Plan Review

In the summer of 2003, Sustainable Resource Development, with input from the County completed a Fire Smart Plan for Lodgepole. The plan is designed to identify and reduce the threat of wildfire to the citizens of the community. The plan included key recommendations for fuel management and water source development. Recently the County contracted Angler Resource Management to review progress to date. The review has determined that although progress has been made, there is much work yet to do. There is a significant stand of flammable black spruce north of the community and some of the clearing recommended immediately west and north east of the community has not been completed.

Brazeau County has submitted an application to the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) to pursue funding to implement the Fire Smart plan for Lodgepole. FRIAA was established by industry and government to promote and initiate projects that enhance Alberta's forest resources.

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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:

Jan. 19th, Feb. 9th & March 3rd, 2010

Meeting are held in the

Council Chambers at
Brazeau County's
Administration Building

All Meeting Dates subject to change.

Please Call 780-542-2667 to Confirm Dates

If a building looks better under construction than it does when finished, then it's a failure.
Doug Coupland

Youth Mentor

The opportunity for mentoring youth is NOW!

If you are interested in mentoring or want more information on the Youth Mentor Connector contact Curtis @ 780-898-6037, or email @ mentor@draytonvalley.ca.

Mentors Being The Difference!

Cynthia Fire Smart Plan

In a collaborated effort between Brazeau County, Alberta Sustainable Resources Development (ARSD) and Angler Resource Management Corporation (ARMCO), Brazeau County was awarded a grant for \$931,761.00 from the Forest Resource



Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) in order to FireSmart the Hamlet of Cynthia. The FireSmart objective is to focus on mitigating the likelihood of large, high-intensity fires and the risks associated with fire in order to reduce the risk of fire hazard to the community and its residents. Work to implement the Fire Smart plan for Cynthia began in the second week of December. The results of this work will help

protect the residents of Cynthia from potential wildfire and it will also help employ our local workforce. The completion date of the project is expected to be on or around March 15, 2010.

Brazeau County would like to thank everyone for taking the time to attend the recent Open Houses in Cynthia on October 15, 2009 and December 9, 2009.

Strengthening Volunteer Boards

**FREE
Workshop!**

Would you like to enhance your skills as a Board Member?

As a board member of a not-for-profit organization, have you ever wondered...

- what are my legal and ethical responsibilities?
- what role do I play in governing our organization?
- how can our board organize its work and fairly and efficiently to avoid volunteer and staff burnout?
- how can we develop policies that will help us make consistent decisions?
- how can we encourage teamwork between the board and staff?

If you're a new board member wanting to learn more about your role, or an experienced board member wishing to enhance your skills and work effectively as a team member then..... this workshop is for you.

Attend by yourself or with another member of the board.

(Please note that workshop content will focus on incorporated not-for-profit organizations.)

Limit of 3 board members per organization please.

Saturday, January 30, 2010 9:30 am - 5:30 pm

Contact Lola @ 514-2204 to Register
Please register by January 18.

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 Judy Bennett 894-2100.

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

PYP Promoting Youth Potential

The PYP group is dedicated to making Drayton Valley the best place in the world for youth.

Contact Lola McGhie at FCSS
780-514-2204

We Are Here To Back You!

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



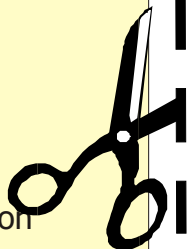
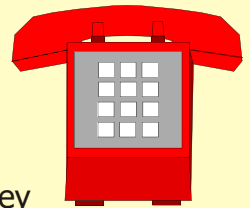
Drayton Valley Fire Alarm	911
Breton Fire Alarm	911
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Forest Fires	310-FIRE

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
- Breton Library
780-696-3740
- Drayton Valley Municipal Library
514-2228
- 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

<u>Breton Schools:</u>	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
<u>Drayton Valley</u>	780-542-4401
<u>Schools:</u>	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