



## **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS** June 22, 2010

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**#1 Presentation and Discussion with MLA Robin Campbell** – Council held their annual discussion with West Yellowhead MLA Robin Campbell. Issues raised were similar to the issues raised with Whitecourt/Drayton Valley MLA George Vanderburg at a previous council session. Council questioned the MLA regarding stalled development on Hwy 16 just west of Edson, road building in the area, water access and protection of watersheds, and medical access (including the potential hospital in Edson). Campbell also stated that the economy in the region was doing much better, especially coal. He said that forestry was doing better, although was still under threat from US housing starts and the Mountain Pine Beetle. The meeting is an opportunity to liaise with the MLA and raise issues for him to bring back to the province on the county or region's behalf.

**#2 Brule Horse Holding Leases** – Yellowhead County accepted for information the Vote on a Question in the Hamlet of Brule on that took place on June 15, 2010. The vote had 91 registrants, with 51 votes in favour of Proposal A and 40 votes against the proposal (approximately a 56 per cent majority). Council had previously stated that the proposal needed a 75 per cent or greater majority to be approved. The next step for retiring the leases (which expire on Aug. 31, 2010) will be discussed at the July 27 council meeting.

**#3 Cadomin Hwy 40 Realignment** – Council accepted a report presented at the previous council meeting outlining Alberta Transportation's plans for realigning Hwy 40 from the Hwy 47 junction west to Cadomin. The report was accepted as information by council with approval in principal to the design.

**#4 Amendment of Road Construction Policy** – Council updated their Road Construction Policy to include manufactured home parks within a hamlet. The policy now requires a developer to ensure that any road going into a manufactured home park or bareland condominium development is built to a local road standard (at least at 8 meter top). Previously the policy was unclear regarding these two development options.

**#5 Planning and Development** – Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 18.10, redistricting a portion of SW 35-55-15-W5M from Rural District to Country Residential Limited District. The developer would like to create two residential parcels for family members. The re-districting to Country Residential Limited is required because this land is considered "Better Agricultural Land" which usually only allows for one 10 acre

subdivision. There were no written or oral objections to the proposed amendment. Council gave the bylaw second and third (final) reading. Council also gave first reading to Bylaw 19.10 and 20.10, redistricting a portion of NE 28-53-18-W5M from Rural District to Country Residential District and to adopt the associated Area Structure Plan. The developer would like to create an internal subdivision road and 11 lots in the Schlick Road area. Council gave the bylaws first reading and sent them to public hearing for July 27, 2010 at 9:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**#6 Briefs** –The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 27, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers. There is only one council meeting per month during July and August, which takes place on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

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