

Councillors' Corner

Notes from the January 14, 2020 Council Meeting

Lamont Station Fire Engine Replacement

At the December 2019 Council Meeting, Lamont County Council approved the replacement of engine #5210 for Lamont Station #4. A request for proposal (RFP) was developed and two vendors met the RFP requirements. Emergency Services requested to purchase the engine from Rocky Mountain Phoenix of Red Deer for \$398,863.00 + GST, with funds to be taken from the 2019 and 2020 Emergency Services budget, for delivery in January of 2021. Council approved the purchase.

Municipal Asset Management Program

Lamont County currently does not have an infrastructure asset management program. As a result, it does not understand its infrastructure Level of Service (LOS), optimal spending levels, and treatment strategies well enough to deliver an effective maintenance and capital program.

While creating and executing the program may require a short-term financial commitment, after an appropriate LOS is reached, it is expected that the County would have an improved level of service noticed by the ratepayers, executed at a lower cost than exists today. The net benefit to taxpayers could be in excess of a million dollars annually.

There is currently funding available from the FCM Municipal Asset Management Program up to a maximum of \$50,000, which may be used for external costs or internal salaries. The program funds 80% of costs; the County component would be \$12,500. Council directed Administration to begin an infrastructure asset management program and to apply to the FCS Municipal Management Program for funding.

Right-of-Way Purchase – Twp Rd 550 & Hwy 831

Twp Rd 550 is currently undergoing a grading design to address sight-line issues with risk to traffic safety; the design will require a right-of-way (ROW) purchase. Lamont County Policy #5103 - Construction Compensation sets a price of \$3000/acre for the purchase of land; however, market value for smaller sized parcels is higher and will cost approximately \$15,000 above the policy limit. Council agreed to deviate from Policy #5103 for this road grading construction project in order to offer affected landowners fair market value for the required ROW.

Village of Chipman Road Maintenance Invoice

Lamont County uses a portion of the Village of Chipman's municipal road (RR 185 south of Hwy 15) to stock material at the Chipman Grader Shop. The County has a Maintenance Service Agreement with the Village where the County provides occasional maintenance on rural roads within Chipman's annexed area. In 2018/19, gravel hauling during the spring thaw left RR 185 in need of surface repair and 371.79 tonnes of gravel was placed on the road and the Village was invoiced. The Village has requested the invoice be cancelled as they believe the County damaged the road and the gravel was used for repairs. Council agreed to cancel the invoice and to revise the Road Maintenance Agreement to include a road use agreement that will cover possible County gravel haul damages.

Temporary Road Closure Effective Immediately

Range Road 204 (828 meters) between SE 8-57-20-W4, SW 9-57-20-W4, NE 5-57-20-W4 and NW 4-57-20-W4 (properties owned by 543077 Alberta Ltd c/o Sil Industrial Minerals).

This road is temporarily closed for maintenance, operational efficiencies, and to improve safety at the plant site.

Access to Emergency Services and Sil Industrial personnel only.

To view a map of the closure, visit www.lamontcounty.ca. For more information please contact Lamont County Director of Public Works, Gordon Molnar, at 780-895-2547.

Septic Sense Workshop

Septic Sense
solutions for rural living

January 29, 2020
Lamont Hall Meeting Room
6:00 p.m.

Topics to be Covered Include:

- What a septic system is and how it works
- Regulations
- Design and installation
- Appropriate use of your septic system
- Maintaining your septic system
- Troubleshooting

For more information or to register call Bonnie at 780-895-2585.
www.lamontcounty.ca/ASB

Business License Renewals



A friendly reminder that business licenses issued in 2019 expired on December 31 and need to be renewed!

A business license is only \$30, and all Lamont County business license holders are entitled to inclusion in the online business directory, as well as free advertising in the inFocus on request.

For more information contact the Planning & Development Department at 780-895-2233.

Get Your Environmental Farm Plan!

Environmental stewardship is important in agriculture and to the end-user of agricultural products. Therefore, in order to be eligible for some grant funding through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) programs, an updated Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) is required.

An EFP is a voluntary, whole farm, self-assessment tool that helps producers identify and mitigate their environmental risks.

If you are interested in completing an EFP, Lamont County Agricultural Services can help. Please call Lindsay at 780-895-2585 or email lindsay.b@lamontcounty.ca.



For more information contact Lamont County Agricultural Services Department or go to www.albertaefp.com.

Development Permit Issued Discretionary Use

Take notice that the following permits for proposed development as described below have been issued in accordance with the Lamont County Land Use Bylaw No. 675/07:

Appeal by February 12, 2020

1. Legal Description: **ENE 12-55-20-W4**
Land Use: **Agricultural (A)**
Proposal: **To erect a 150 ft Internet Tower to provide high speed internet and VOIP services to surrounding residents, plus a variance to the front yard setback.**
Permit No.: **DP 054/19**

Additional Information

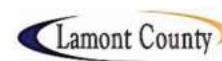
For additional information regarding these permits, please contact the Planning and Development Department at (780) 895-2233.

Appeal

The Land Use Bylaw provides that the person applying for the permit or affected by the order, or any other person affected by an order, decision or development permit of a Development Authority may appeal to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board within twenty-one (21) days after the date of notice.

Appeal Fee - \$200.00

Clubroom Management Strategies Workshop



Lamont County and County of Two Hills present:

Clubroot Management Strategies Workshop

Wednesday, February 19

Willingdon Hall, Willingdon AB

Supper 5:00 p.m.

Presentations 5:30 p.m.

Presentations by:

- Tom Ernst, Corteva
- Krista Zuzack, Alberta Agriculture & Forestry
- Brittany Hennig, Canola Council of Canada

Please RSVP by Friday February 14, 2020.

Contact Bonnie Chudyk in the Agricultural Services department.
Phone 780-895-2585 or email bonnie.c@lamontcounty.ca.



Rural Address Sign Survey

PLEASE NOTE: Lamont County is currently conducting surveys on rural address signs throughout the County. Staff will be stopping at the entrances of driveways in a marked Lamont County vehicle and taking pictures.

This project will be on-going for several months. Please contact the Agricultural Services department at 780-895-2585 with any questions.

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