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CURRENT NEWS AND EVENTS – June 16, 2020

Municipal Office Re-Opening

The MD office will re-open on Thursday, July 2, 2020 with Covid-19 protocols in place, including the need for 6 foot distancing at all times. Public attendance will be limited to one person at a time. A hand sanitization station is in place for use before and after attending the office. A designated waiting area will be indicated on the sidewalk outside.

Please Note: The Public Works Shop and Yard remain CLOSED to the Public.

Maples Park and Pratt's Landing Re-Opening

We were happy to finally re-open our parks on June 5, 2020. We recognize that it took some time to get clarification of Public Health Orders and to put safety requirements in place and thank our park users for their patience. Users are reminded to acquaint themselves with the Public Code of Conduct on our website related to park use.

Note: Installation of the playground at The Maples Park has been delayed to June 25, 2020 and will be completed as weather permits. Many THANKS to Fort Dunvegan Historical Society for donation of the playground equipment and volunteer hours to install it.

2020 Spring Runoff Flooding

Once again this spring, the MD suffered extensive road damage due to the spring runoff. As in 2018, the flooding came fast and furious with the worst lasting about 7 days. Our administration and Public Works staff worked hard to submit Part 1 of our provincial assistance application through the Disaster Recovery Program within their 30 day from start of event deadline. We have been notified to complete the Part 2 information but a provincial government decision as to whether funding assistance will be provided will not be made for several months. In the meantime, the estimated \$1.1 million worth of road repairs are ongoing. Please be patient as we work our way through the repairs and rebuilds. PLEASE, for your safety and the safety of our crews, slow down and do not cross barricades at work sites.

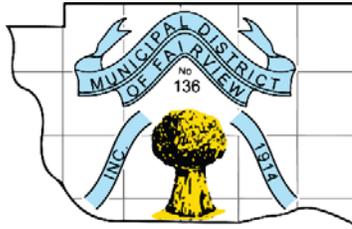
Fire near Airport

On May 5, 2020 a grass fire took place on land southeast of the airport. Fortunately, the Fairview Volunteer Fire Dept, along with the assistance of the Berwyn and Brownvale Volunteer Fire Depts, Peace River Wildfire Division and local farmers, were able to extinguish the fire without any property losses. THANK YOU to everyone who assisted in keeping this fire contained.

Community Summer Events

Although COVID-19 has required changes to the way community events take place, Town of Fairview staff and the MD have been working together to provide events and entertainment in a new way. Please visit the events website at fairviewevents.ca to keep up to date with local events, including Canada Day Celebrations and the annual Summer's End Festival.

Another good source of interesting local destinations to visit can be found on the Mighty Peace Tourism website at mightypeace.com. Let's do what we can to not let COVID-19 get us down by embracing the opportunities for socializing within the safety parameters of the Alberta Relaunch Strategy.



Municipal Staff Unavailable

Administration staff will be unavailable to answer the phone or address the public on Monday June 29, 2020 from 1:00 to 4:30 pm due to a staff training session. During this time, please utilize our email address to be in touch. mdinfo@mdfairview.ab.ca Sorry for any inconvenience.

Community Organization Funding Program from UFA

UFA Rural Communities Foundation - \$100,000 Community Grant Program

On Friday, June 12 - Farmer's Day - the UFA Rural Communities Foundation (RCF) is opening this year's program to applications. The RCF encourages communities to apply for up to \$100,000 for projects that enrich education, recreation and culture.

The mandate of the foundation is to improve the sustainability of farmers and ranchers in Alberta by improving access to funding for educational, recreational and cultural facilities and programs in Alberta. [Find more information and the application form](#)

2020 Combined Assessment and Property Notices

Following adoption of the 2020 Municipal Budget in late May, 2020 Tax Notices will be mailed on June 19, 2020. With municipal taxable assessment values having decreased by over \$10 million dollars, after much discussion and many difficult decisions, Council approved the following municipal tax rates:

Residential 9.00 – increased from 8.50 in 2019
Farmland 18.00 – increased from 15.00 in 2019
Non-Residential 21.50 – increased from 20.50 in 2019

More information will be provided with your Tax Notice.

Property taxes are due July 31, 2020 as usual. Council has approved deferral of outstanding tax penalties to Nov. 1, 2020, however, we encourage payment as soon as possible in order to maintain sufficient cash flow to provide services and complete planned projects in 2020.

Payment Options will be indicated on your Tax Notice.

Stay Informed

We remind our residents to stay informed of municipal news and events by visiting our website and Facebook page regularly.

We also encourage everyone to sign up for our Constant Contact Email list. We use this engagement tool to inform of important events and information directly to your email address. Once subscribed, if you do not wish to receive information by email, you may unsubscribe at any time.

Visit our website to sign up for this service or contact our office anytime.

STAY WELL, STAY SAFE AND STAY CONNECTED