

DISTRICT DIALOGUE



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REEVE'S MESSAGE

Ernie Newman, Reeve

Fall has arrived after a cool, wet summer, with the multi year drought finally ending. The highlight for our communities this summer was the successful hosting of the 55+ Summer Games this past July. A tremendous effort by all the volunteers and local participants! 2011 has also marked the 100 year farm family award for the Kramer family. This is the second 100 year award in our municipality and the only two awards in this constituency.

A lot of our infrastructure projects were delayed due to the weather and are underway now. Our culvert and bridge replacement program continued with repairs to the Little Burnt River bridge and a multiple replacement at Woodlawn road off Secondary Highway 64. Another 6 km of road rebuild was tendered out west of the Little Burnt River bridge and is underway now.

Work is being done on drainage in Whitelaw and we will be starting on two truck loading facilities in Whitelaw and Bluesky for water. Some major slide activity occurred at the Spillman Coulee and we have applied for flood disaster assistance from the Provincial Government to repair the problem.

After several years of planning and budgeting the construction of a new joint fire hall by the Town and Municipal District will be cost shared 50/50. The fire hall has been tendered out and is set to begin soon.

On behalf of Council and myself we hope the harvest is successful and the fall a long and open one.



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Visit our website at www.mdfairview.com

DISASTER FUNDING AVAILABLE

The MD of Fairview residents, whose property was damaged in this summer's torrential rains, can now apply for provincial government assistance.

The Disaster Recovery Program assists residents, small businesses, institutions and not-for-profit organizations recover from non insurable damages caused by the heavy rainfall that occurred between June 23 to 25. Application forms may be picked up at the office.

NORTH PEACE REGIONAL LANDFILL WINTER HOURS

Effective October 1, 2011

**Tuesday • Wednesday •
Thursday
Friday • Saturday**
9am-5pm
(Last load must be in by 4:45 p.m.)

**CLOSED SUNDAY &
MONDAYS**



From the Ag Fieldman's Desk

A cool and wet summer has made for what seems a short summer as there were not too many warm days. Crops and forages throughout our M.D. have suffered various conditions due to the weather conditions. Yields in forages were lower than expected for most producers as pollination was hampered by the rains. Peas suffered immensely in most areas although some good quantities were had by some. The cereal crops varied also with some held back due to extreme moisture where as others have done well. Our inspectors had noticed quite a bit of Ergot in many fields also. Canola throughout our M.D. was a mixed bag of growth stages. It seems that we are presently about 2.5 – 3 weeks behind in harvest and as I write this today, it has rained off and on for the last few days, which does not help matters. Frost recently has been had by most everyone here in the M.D. also.

Various insects seemed to thrive well this year also with grasshoppers probably being one of the worst. Hay crops in the northeast area of our M.D. had been attacked early in the year before hay cutting was to be done. Due to large amounts of the hoppers, some had cut hay before it's time or the hopper's would have done it for them!

As many of you producers know, several items were tendered out from the M.D. yard including 2 scrapers. The scrapers were public works equipment. The rental scraper we have always had is still available as that one was NOT sold. It remains available for rent only in our municipality. Among the rental equipment, we have also purchased a 80 gallon skid mount herbicide sprayer that fits in a full size pick-up box or flatbed truck. It has a 12 volt pump so no gas engine, and also has no booms. It is a boom-less sprayer so that makes it very handy for spraying fence lines etc. It is also equipped with a hand gun if needed. Of course, we have the rest of the rental equipment that some of you producers have utilized over the years so if you need them,

please call ahead and reserve available days ahead of time.

One other item to note is that you may order your PFRA shelterbelt trees for 2012. Orders could be placed from June 1st , 2011 until March 31st 2012. They are usually delivered here in mid May for your pick up. The earlier your orders go in, the better chances you have of getting what you order. We here at the municipality pay for all freight charges on your behalf so basically, it is free to you for the trees and shipping. You can order on line at www.agr.ca/pfra/shelterbelt.htm or pick up application forms here at the M.D. office.

In closing, we here at the M.D. wish all of you a bountiful harvest with many warm days ahead.

NOTICE

WHITELAW HAMLET RESIDENTS

Please note that the Municipal District of Fairview NO. 136 will be replacing all residential water meters in the hamlet of Whitelaw. Municipal utility staff will be contacting all residents in order to access the current water meter and to install the new one.

IF YOU WISH TO SET UP SPECIFIC APPOINTMENT TIMES THAT WORK BEST IN YOUR SCHEDULE, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (780) 835-4903.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience as we make this transition.

MD of Fairview Utility Department



FROM THE CAO'S PERSPECTIVE

Ben Boettcher

Although we have not yet completed all the scheduled projects for 2011 our thoughts, administratively, have turned to 2012. We are into actively planning the work load, and new general projects; as well as financing formulas thereto for the New Year.

We would invite our residents and ratepayers to come forward as soon as possible to acquaint us with their service needs for 2012, and any other good projects that may have crossed their horizon.

Also please don't forget to come in and line up your driveway snowplowing flags for the imminent winter. May you have a rewarding and stress free harvest season.

Farm Women's Conference

November 17th & 18th, 2011

Grande Prairie Inn, Grande Prairie Alberta

Need to get off the farm? Did harvest make you crazy? The Farm Women's Conference is just the break you need. Join like-minded, innovative farm women from across Alberta and British Columbia who value the learning and sharing from industry experts and one another. Keynote speaker is Wendy Morrow, speaking on small changes you can make to boost your happiness. This year's variety of select-a-sessions promises something for everyone. Small Engine Maintenance, 365 days Grazing for Health and Wealth, Zumba Gold Fitness, Creating a Vision, Getting Help for Seniors, Government Initiatives – AgriStability, Crafts and Composing are just a few of these sessions.

Relax in the evening as you enjoy Samira, voted best celebrity impersonator by Discover 2011 for her "Tina Turner" performance. Ditch your overalls and gum boots and take in the 34th Annual Farm Women's Conference.

Early bird deadline is October 21 cost of \$75. After October 21 cost is \$90. Registration deadline is November 4th. Brochures are available at your local Alberta Agriculture Office, AFSC and MD offices or call Tracy at 780-524-2987 (evening) or Cindy Cuthbert at toll free 310-0000 then 780-538-5287 (day). See you there!

PARDA Fall Report

In 2011, PARDA has conducted several variety and spray trials for various seed and chemical companies. We have also made a strong attempt this year to include more demonstrations than previous years. It is nice to be able to take a producer or group to view the plots and give them something to ponder and discuss. This year some of our demonstrations included a canola diagnostic clinic, forage demonstration plots including warm season varieties and corn in both Worsley and Fairview, Dupont herbicide and fungicide treatment demonstration and Stoller products demo. We highlighted our Pioneer canola variety plots in a tour and luncheon organized by Pioneer Hi-Bred and also at the PARDA open house held in August.

This fall we have begun our compaction studies with other Peace research associations and Agropow. For starters, we will be looking at tillage radishes and subsoiling to break up compaction. PARDA has purchased a digital soil penetrometer which measures compaction and we hope to find a producer who would like to assist with some larger scale compaction studies. This will be ongoing for 5 or more years. Data and findings will be available in our annual reports which can be acquired at our Annual General Meeting every spring.

This fall, Calvin Yoder was kind enough to assist with the planning stages and spraying of some old alfalfa to determine effectiveness of various herbicides on the crop. We will seed annuals across the sprayed out plots in the spring of 2012 and results will be made available through 2012 tours and reports. Our fall vs. spring seeding demonstration with Peace Country Beef and Forage Association will begin in October as well.

Harvest is well underway, albeit slow and trying on the patience. Excess moisture this year has created a new set of unexpected problems. Crops are tall and bountiful and lodging makes for slow combining and plugged machinery. With the recent wind and warmer afternoons, canola plots are finally starting to mature. Many of our cereal plots have already been removed and we are in the process of cleaning and weighing samples.

All in all, it has been a great year full of ideas and new learning curves. I would like to extend my thanks to my dedicated summer staff and rouging crew. The research farm is looking good and I am impressed by the amount of support I have had this year from local producers and industry, other Peace associations, and of course, my directors. The amount I have received this year in local donations of time, product and land far surpasses what I'd expected and I thank everyone who has made this year a success.

Happy harvesting!

Michelle

As the Winter Season is fast approaching remember to check out the Fairview Ski Hill for your local recreation.

Visit the website to see what the Fairview Ski Hill has to offer.

www.SkiFairview.com



MEMBERS AT LARGE NEEDED

The MD is currently seeking applications from individuals who are interested in serving as a member at large on the following boards and/or committees:

- **FCSS Board**
(3 positions available)
- **Library Board**
(2 positions available)
- **Development Appeal Board**
(2 positions available)
- **Community Services Committee**
(1 position available)

Applicants must be MD residents. If you are interested in any of the above positions please contact the Chief Administrative Officer, Ben Boettcher at 780-835-4903.

Heritage Advisory Committee Seeking 5 Members at Large

A Heritage Advisory Committee is established by bylaw and members are appointed by municipal council.

The role of a Heritage Advisory Committee consists of:

- Representation of residents and community interests
- Provides public input and expertise on heritage conservation decision-making
- Advises council on heritage issues
- Oversees the implementation of heritage initiatives
- Makes recommendations to Council regarding Municipal Historic Resource designations

If this is something that would be of interest to you, please send or fax a letter of intent to the MD office. For further information you may contact Ben Boettcher or Carmen Enns at 780-835-4903.