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## June Flooding

Beginning June 19, 2013 Southern Alberta experienced some of the worst flooding in memory. Vulcan County did not escape this disaster with around 30 properties and two County roads situated along the Bow River in the northwest corner of the County being flooded. To a lesser degree, there was also flooding along the Little Bow River, the bridge at the south end of Range Road 270 was mostly washed away as was a low level crossing just east of Carmangay. An Emergency Operations Centre was set up the morning of Friday June 21st, and Vulcan County staff went into action registering a state of local emergency and coordinating staff, fire departments, volunteers and provincial agencies to evacuate homes where necessary and monitor the flow of water around bridges and roadways.

Vulcan County crews worked diligently to rebuild and repair the damaged roads and they were fully reopened to the local residents by Friday, June 28th. Work will continue in the area to address silted-in ditches and culverts. Engineer design work has started for the new bridge that will need to be constructed on Range Road 270.

Application for Disaster Recovery funding has been submitted to the Province for the work required to repair the damaged public infrastructure.

We would like to thank all of our ratepayers for your patience while we deal with these vital repairs. Also a big thank you to the volunteers and staff who helped out and to the Town of Vulcan and Village of Carmangay for opening up evacuation and reception centres during the crisis. The Town of Vulcan continued with the reception centre long after the initial crisis, helping out County residents and many folks from High River. These are the actions that build community and make it so great to live in this part of our world.

We continue to work with the Province on the recovery program and in the discussions on floodway and flood fringe mapping that the Province is updating, along with details on how development will be impacted by the changes in Provincial policy. Updates will be posted on the County's website as new information is received. The County's website address is

[www.vulcancounty.ab.ca](http://www.vulcancounty.ab.ca)



## www.vulcancounty.ab.ca Navigating our website.

Vulcan County would like to take this opportunity to provide our residents and visitors to the site tips on how to navigate. Vulcan County's website can be found at this address [www.vulcancounty.ab.ca](http://www.vulcancounty.ab.ca).

There are a few notable ways to navigate through the website. I would like to start with the Site Map button. You can click the Site Map text located in the bottom right hand corner. Alphabetically you will be presented with information Vulcan County currently has on the site. Next I'll suggest, hovering over the Your Government, Departments, Residents, Visitors and Regional Services menu

options and selecting the information of interest presented in the drop down menu. In addition, another way to navigate and find information is to use the Search feature which is located near the top right.

Other noteworthy information available on the site are the Calendar, Newsletter, What's New and Quick Links buttons available in the right pane of the site.

Hopefully these navigation tips help you to navigate through Vulcan County's website efficiently.



## 2013 Municipal Election

The General Election for County Council will be held on October 21, 2013. There have been a few changes since the 2010 election: there are seven electoral divisions, down from nine, maps are available on our website to view the electoral division your home is in; the term of office for Council is now four years, up from three. Nomination day is September 23, 2013, if you are interested in running for Council, view our website, or call our Returning Officer, Kathy Howe, at 403-485-2241 or by email at [ro@vulcancounty.ab.ca](mailto:ro@vulcancounty.ab.ca) for more information. Website information for the 2013 Election is under the "Your Government" tab on our home page.

## Municipal Heritage Partnership Project proceeds

The Municipal Heritage Planning Project, Phase II, is a process being undertaken by the Village of Champion, Town of Vulcan, and Vulcan County



intended to identify historic resources in these municipalities and to develop a plan, including appropriate by-laws, to protect these resources for future

generations.

Though the project is being managed by the Vulcan Business Development Society, a consultant has been retained to properly guide our communities through this process. A Heritage Advisory Board, consisting of members from each of the participating communities, including from the Vulcan Historical Society, will advise the consultant and VBDS on matters of historic importance.

Donald Luxton & Associates of Calgary, who are experienced in devising heritage management plans for communities in multiple provinces, will ensure the plan is completed and delivered by March 27th, 2014. During this period, the consultant will assist the participating

municipalities to develop bylaws which will allow them to designate Municipal Historic Resources from pre-1950. The consultant will also help devise a five to ten year plan to include policy recommendations, incentives, and guidance through provincial granting models. Some government grants will provide funding of up to \$100,000 per year and per resource, to help owners protect and maintain their heritage resource properties.

Citizens are invited to attend public consultations that will occur during the summer and into late fall.

For further information contact Jonathan Allan MHPP Project Manager and Economic Development Officer, Vulcan Business Development Society on 403-485-4100 or email [jonathan@vulcanbusiness.ca](mailto:jonathan@vulcanbusiness.ca)

## Update to Emergency Contact Information

Vulcan County is starting an initiative this year to ensure we have contact information for everyone currently residing within the county. This information will enable us to contact everyone possibly affected during a state of emergency (i.e. wild fires, flooding).

It is for everyone's benefit and safety that we maintain up-to-date contact information for both owners and tenants within our county, so we

are able to help during those critical moments we all ward against.

We encourage everyone receiving this newsletter to fill out the enclosed Emergency Contact Information form. For those of you with tenants residing on your land, please ask them to fill out the Emergency Contact Information form which will be available on our website, or call 403-485-2241 for additional copies.



## 2013 Tax Notices

Vulcan County Tax and Assessment notices were mailed to ratepayers on June 28, 2013. The assessment appeal deadline is August 27, 2013.

All taxes are due September 30, 2013. You will notice a different format for the notices in 2013, we would appreciate your feedback.

For any questions regarding your tax notices or assessment, please call 403-485-2241

## Taylor Cemetery - Permanent Marker

Vulcan County has recently received notice that our application for a grant from the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation to erect a permanent marker at the Taylor Cemetery has been successful. With the recent transfer of lands from the Province of Alberta, Vulcan County became responsible for this cemetery. During the budget process in 2013

Vulcan County Council allocated matching funding for the grant. You can expect to see the marker in late summer 2013. The cemetery is located on grazing land in the SW quarter of 14-17-18-W4. The plaque is intended to honour the early pioneers and educate passers-by of the difficulties the first homesteaders had to face.



The marker in place waiting for the plaque

## Agricultural Services

The County as well as most of Southern Alberta have received timely rainfall which was much needed on grain fields, hay and pasture. Prospects of good production are a possibility now. This moisture will also contribute to an increased population of weeds and insect pests.

The weed spraying program is well underway and we anticipate covering all of the roads in the county. Our

target weeds for the rest of the summer will be Canada Thistle, Perennial Sow Thistle and Scentsless



Chamomile. This spring large areas of new road allowance have been seeded as well as the reclaimed areas used for building roads. The timing of rain was excellent and a good catch of grass has been established. There has also been a huge increase of individuals renting the grass seeding equipment to establish their own yards and pastures Call 403-485-3103 to find out about the rental program.

The tree planting program was an enormous success with more trees supplied this year than ever and it is

an unfortunate decision for the federal government to cancel this much needed and beneficial program. We at Agricultural Services would like to thank the 4H clubs for handing out the trees and helping us with this endeavour.

Our annual gathering for beef-on-a-bun was a total success and a nice chance for everyone to enjoy good food and a visit. Approximately 800 people attended this event.

The summer is the busy season and we at Agricultural Services wish everyone a happy and safe summer as they engage in the most important and renewable industry, that of food production.



## 2014 Recreation & Culture Funding Requests

This is a friendly reminder to all the recreation & culture groups to encourage you to submit your funding requests for 2014 to your area Recreation Board/Committee as soon as possible.

The Recreation Boards/Committees need to review your submission and then present their recommendations and requests to the County no later than September 30th, 2013.

This deadline is in effect as the County builds the draft budgets in September and October for the upcoming year and presents the drafts to Council in early November for budget discussion and approval in November and December.

Ensuring your request gets in on time means that your area Recreation

Board/Committee has time to review it and include it in their submission to the County, and County staff has time to include the requests from the six area boards/committees in the draft budget documents presented to County Council.

Funding request forms can be obtained by calling 403-485-2241 or on the County's website at [www.vulcancounty.ab.ca](http://www.vulcancounty.ab.ca)



## Development: It's a Girl!

Our Development Officer, Anne Erickson, recently added a precious baby girl to her family.

Before her maternity leave started, Anne brought our interim Development Officer, Perry Stein, up to speed on the latest Vulcan County Developments. Perry will be in the office two to three days a week. Perry has a background in planning and came highly recommended by our planning commission. We believe he will fit nicely into the Vulcan County team and have no doubt he will be able to fill Anne's shoes while she's on leave. If you have any concerns about development please contact Perry at the office on 403-485-2241 or [development@vulcancounty.ab.ca](mailto:development@vulcancounty.ab.ca).

## Equipment for Emergency Services

### VULCAN COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES RECEIVES FUNDING FOR TURN OUT GEAR.

During the process of putting together the Vulcan County fire 5 year plan it was recognized that some of the equipment used by firefighters is outdated. Using grant funding 49 units of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) have been purchased as part of a roll-out to all fire departments. As fire-fighting is one of the most hazardous professions we must ensure our members have the proper protection needed while fulfilling their duties. Vulcan County has recently received notice that they have been awarded Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) grant funding to purchase Personal Protective Equipment for members of the Vulcan County Emergency Services.

It is anticipated that within the next three to five years equipment will be standardized throughout the County, making us one of the best prepared in Southern Alberta.



**FDXR100 Fire Dex**

**Rubber Boots**

**Fire Dex G1**

**Knitwrist Gloves**

**PXTL Fire Dome**

**Helmet w/LED**

**lighting, black in colour.**

**Nomex double**

**layer seamless bib balaclava**

**Fire Dex FX Blaze Coat**

**Fire Dex FX Blaze Pant**



### CARMANGAY FIRE APPARATUS

In conjunction with the MD of Willow Creek, AB, and with grant funding through MSI, Vulcan County has purchased a new fire apparatus for Carmangay Fire Department. The apparatus is being built and we are hoping for delivery early August 2013.

The Director of Protective Services Bill Graham can be contacted at 403-485-3115.



## Blackspring Ridge Project

Construction has begun on the 300 MW Blackspring Ridge Wind Project which is jointly owned by EDF EN Canada and Enbridge Inc. As construction activities escalate, the site is quickly approaching a labor force of 100+, with peak construction expected to employ 180+ workers.

Currently, Mortenson Construction has started to create access roads to the southwest of the project, with foundation excavation commencing in the same area. Turbine blades, nacelles, hubs and the main transformers have already been delivered. Additionally, directional boring and underground collection cable deliveries are underway.

Since the acquisition of the Blackspring Ridge Wind Project, EDF EN Canada and Enbridge Inc. have reached out to the project landowners, local and provincial governmental

authorities through various meetings, presentations, letters and newsletters. We value our relationship with the project host community and aim to continue building relationships with Vulcan County and all surrounding communities.

EDF EN Canada has recently hired a Liaison Agent, Leslie Warren. Leslie will be the onsite main point of contact for the community and project landowners during the construction process.

For any project related inquiries, please contact Leslie at 403-671-4000 or at [Leslie.Warren@edf-en.ca](mailto:Leslie.Warren@edf-en.ca) or pass by the office location: 220036 TWP Rd 140.

If you are interested in employment opportunities, please contact Matthew Berry from Mortenson Construction at 612-581-0526.



**Bolt Cage**

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