

## **2012-09-29 Div. 4 M.D. of Foothills Summer-y**

Greetings! Hope you are all enjoying these beautiful days!

### **Roads & Infrastructure**

We've had a busy summer of road work in the M.D. of Foothills (MDF) Northwest with: road maintenance & repairs, dust control applications, brushing of the ditches, solving drainage concerns & beaver activity, adding chipseal surfaces to 160 St. W., Aspen Creek Drive and Pineridge Estates... Our thanks go out to the residents of Priddis Creek Estates for their patience with a gravel operation which will help supply a more cost-effective source to our projects in the NW!

### **Fire Ban is still on**

With the dry warm weather in the late summer and fall, the conditions are still dry even though we've recently had some rain. So, until the cooler forecasted weather descends upon us, we continue to have the Fire Ban on. Should you be concerned about a fire incident, please call 911. If you require further information, call our MDF Protective Services department during office hours at 403.652.2341, or in case of emergency after hours - call the MDF emergency number 1.888.808.3722.

### **Some of my Current Projects**

- awaiting the Ground Ambulance Review results and continuing to communicate on this (participated in the Health Quality Council of Alberta review on June 20),
- looking into enhancements to our work-alone monitoring program, operated by our Foothills 911, which will assist the 26 municipalities and 32 Fire Departments that our Foothills Regional Emergency Commission serves,
- bringing forward the concerns of residents about road safety due to an increase in recreational cycling and events held on MDF roads and provincial highways in our area (I am in discussions with our Council, MDF Protective Services, area Alberta Transportation Traffic Safety advisor, City of Calgary aldermen & administration, provincial representatives, our rural neighbour Rockyview County, and Turner Valley RCMP to bring awareness, compare strategies, learn and find & implement solutions.),
- participating in water studies and management groups to help with planning,
- continuing to work on recreation plans for the MDF NW,
- communicating with the City of Calgary and drafting new MDF bylaws to help stop dumping of garbage, unwanted animals and wildlife in MDF,
- meeting with our local RCMP to help support your concerns of traffic and safety issues,
- shortly, I will be bringing up issues of concern with our new Transportation Minister about the Priddis intersection, Calgary ring road questions and looking into noise enforcement under the provincial Traffic Safety Act (This summer, we just added some new clauses into our MDF Traffic Safety Bylaw to address objectionable noise, and are watching the developments of other Alberta municipalities who are trying out various measures.),
- bringing forward municipal issues and communicating with our MP Ted Menzies on federal matters, such as: the second round of the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund, extending the eco-gift tax credit program from 5 to 10 years in order to support conservation and farm succession, assistance to municipalities with the change in federal regulations for waste-water, etc.,
- supporting projects at the Ann & Sandy Cross Conservation Area, such as the new beaver project, stewardship and education programs, etc.,
- meeting with residents and community groups, and more...

Best wishes!

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