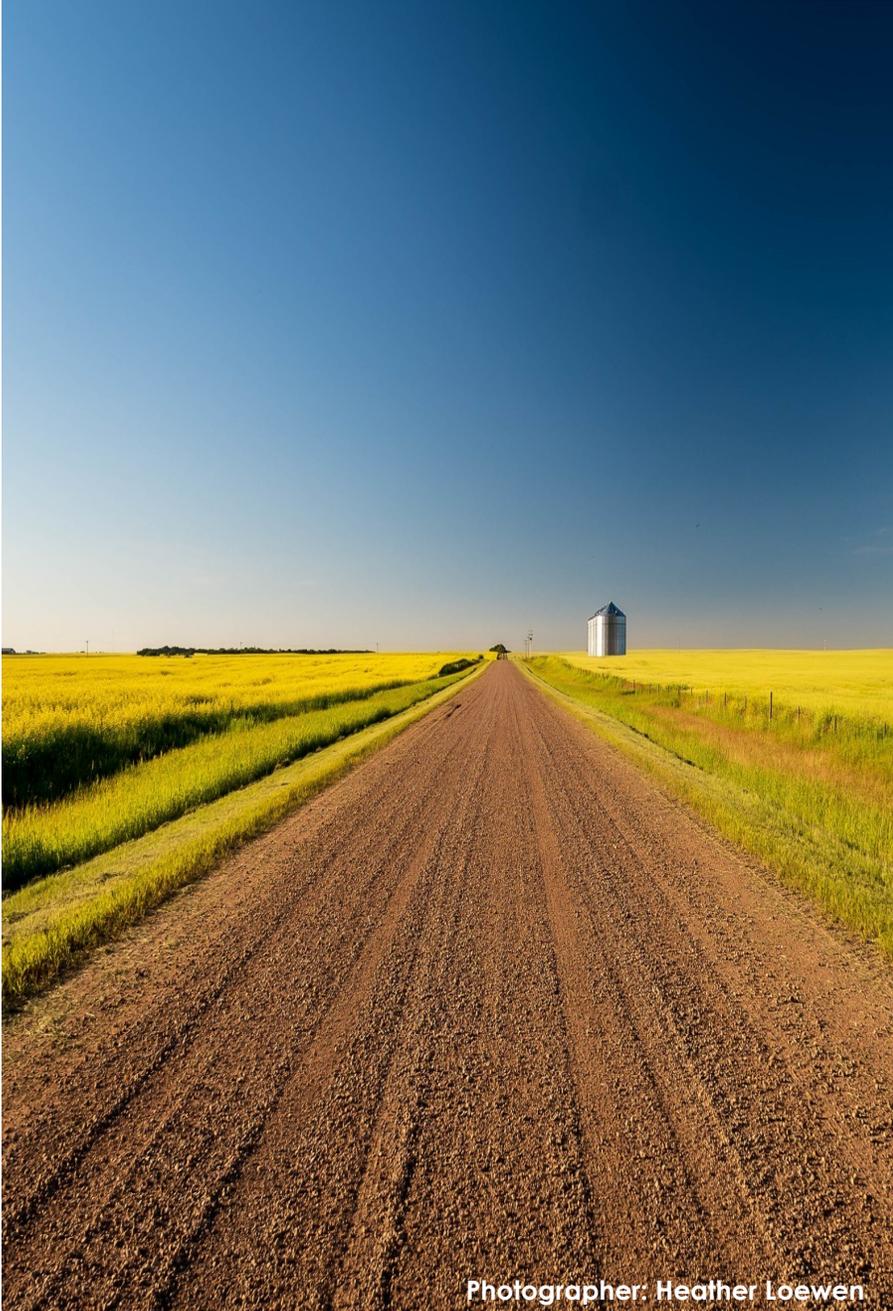




**SUMMER
2022**

COUNTY CURRENTS

**County of
Vermilion River
Newsletter**



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COUNTY COUNCIL

GREETINGS FROM THE REEVE

It cannot be said enough that we are all looking forward to the rain in the forecast to bring our crops, hay and pastures along.

Staff are currently busy working on Tax Notices as they will be going out in the mail by the end of June. It was with full consideration and many sessions to deliberate the budget to be able to provide the current level of service to County ratepayers.

It has been great to see the return of events across the County—Senior's Week events and the Lea Park Rodeo were all very well attended, and it was nice to see the smiles on everyone's faces. We look forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming events including the Dewberry Chuckwagon Races, the multiple fairs and the many other annual events throughout the County we have all missed over the past couple years.

The public is encouraged to visit the many tourism locations throughout the County of Vermilion River as well as the various other attractions throughout the County and our hamlets, villages, town and city has to offer.

Council Meetings have returned to the Council Chambers at the Administration Building in Kitscoty. The public will continue to join the meetings via ZOOM webinar. We encourage residents to register (see the link on our webpage) to attend both the Regular Meeting of Council and the Policy and priorities Committee Meetings.

We wish you a safe and enjoyable summer season!

Our Administration Office is open, and we welcome your feedback. Should you have any concerns or compliments, please let us know via office@county24.com.

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COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS (March—April—May) COUNCIL

- Council met with Kitscoty RCMP and Vermilion RCMP for quarterly reports and provided 2022 priority lists to the RCMP
- Reviewed progress with all departments
- Council approved reports for all departments
- Approved Policies—Policy PD 021 Community Enhancement Funding and Policy PD 006 Dust Suppression
- Approved Bylaws—BYLAW 22-03 Amend County LUB Redesignation of SW-13-51-5W4M from Country Res-Ag to Ag, BYLAW 22-08 Electronic Transmission, BYLAW 22-04 Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, BYLAW 22-05 Amend Land Use Bylaw to Incorporate District Changes in the Vermilion Intermunicipal Development Plan Area, BYLAW 22-06 Amend Bylaw 19-03 Municipal Development Plan to Remove Area Structure Plan Overlays in the Vermilion Intermunicipal Development Plan, BYLAW 22-09 Tax Levy, BYLAW 22-10 Vermilion Recreation Levy, BYLAW 22-11 Dewberry Recreation Levy, BYLAW 22-12 Supplementary Tax
- Council provided a letter of support to keep RCMP in Alberta
- Meeting with Battle River Watershed Alliance
- Meeting with group regarding former Clandonald School property

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

- Budget and Mill Rate presentations
- First Quarter Financial Statement presented
- Overall Municipal Budget went up 4.99% due to cost pressure from policing cost and inflation
- County will be collecting \$182,900 (for 2021—\$231,416) to support VRRHF's seniors' requisition for 2022
- County budgeted \$183,650 capital contribution for ACE water line
- Provincial policing cost for 2022 is \$464,356 (2021 cost was \$348,517)
- Council approved 5% discount for Small Business taxes

AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

- 2023—2025 Agriculture and Environment Department three-year business plan
- 2021 ASB field visit report
- 2022 Appointment of Weed Pest and Soil Conservation Inspectors

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

- Sale of the Dewberry Church to the Dewberry Valley Museum Society
- Community Funding Grants for Spring 2022
- Blackfoot Lions Club Special Capital Grant for \$3,600 for renovations to the Outdoor Rink

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

- Memorandum of Understanding R.M. of Wilton (Saskatchewan)

PUBLIC WORKS

- Asphalt Crack Sealing Services 2022—2024 awarded in June

NATURAL GAS UTILITY

- CNG Fueling Station Rates approved
- Natural Gas Utility First Quarter Report

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings begin at 9:00a.m.

Council Meetings

June 28 July 19

August 23 September 13

Policy & Priorities Committee

Meetings

June 21

September 20

Due to COVID-19, the public can access Council Meetings via ZOOM. Please access the link on our website should you wish to attend the meetings.

*This is a tentative schedule. Any changes to meetings are posted on our website on the **Events Calendar**.

PROCLAMATIONS

SENIOR'S WEEK

June 6—12, 2022

CORPORATE SERVICES

TIPS ON READING YOUR ASSESSMENT & EFFICIENT PAYMENT OF YOUR TAXES:

- FOR ONLINE PAYMENTS:** Please ensure you are using the correct billing payee and that you are paying County Taxes not County Gas or Water. Each bank is different, but it is likely you can find us by searching for Vermilion River.
- FOR ONLINE PAYMENTS:** Your **ROLL #** will be the payee account number. You will have a different Roll # for every property you own so it is best for tracking payments for each one.
- The amount you need to pay is found in the **AMOUNT DUE box**, as long as you are paying before the deadline of September 30.
- FOR MAILED PAYMENTS:** The postmark will determine date of payment for anything that is mailed.

REMITTANCE			
ROLL	NAME	TAX YEAR	NOTICE DATE
AMOUNT DUE		DUE DATE	ENTER AMOUNT OF PAYMENT \$

Taxes are due September 30, 2022. All taxes remaining unpaid after the due date of September 30, 2022 will have a penalty of 8% imposed the day after the due date. A further 12% penalty will be imposed on outstanding balances not paid by January 16, 2023.

2022 MILLRATES

Description	General Municipal	General Recreation	Vermilion Recreation Area	Dewberry Recreation Area	Fire	Waste Management Authority	Northern Lights Library	Designated Industrial Properties	Senior's Housing	School Requisition	Total Milrate	2021 Mill Rate	2021-2022
Base Residential	2.7343	0.4291			0.4798	0.2878	0.0377		0.0793	2.6909	6.7389	6.6862	0.0527
Multi-Lot Subdivisions Divisions 3,4 & 5	3.0883	0.4291			0.4798	0.2878	0.0377		0.0793	2.6909	7.0929	7.0402	0.0527
Islay	7.1442	0.4291			0.4798	0.2878	0.0377		0.0793	2.6909	11.1488	11.6256	(0.4768)
Tully Lake	3.5883	0.4291			0.4798	0.2878	0.0377		0.0793	2.6909	7.5929	7.0402	0.5527
Streamstown	3.5883	0.4291			0.4798	0.2878	0.0377		0.0793	2.6909	7.5929	7.0402	0.5527
Clandonald	7.1442	0.4291		0.2080	0.4798	0.2878	0.0377		0.0793	2.6909	11.3568	11.8348	(0.4780)
McLaughlin	4.6837	0.4291			0.4798	0.2878	0.0377		0.0793	2.6909	8.6883	8.8326	(0.1443)
RiverCourse	4.6837	0.4291			0.4798	0.2878	0.0377		0.0793	2.6909	8.6883	8.8326	(0.1443)
Blackfoot	6.3441	0.4291			0.4798	0.2878	0.0377		0.0793	2.6909	10.3487	10.5857	(0.2370)
Dewberry	16.0000	0.4291		0.2080	0.4798	0.2878	0.0377		0.0793	2.6909	20.2126	20.7438	(0.5312)
Rural Vermilion Recreation Area	2.7606	0.4291	0.2198		0.4798	0.2878	0.0377		0.0793	2.6909	6.9850	6.6862	0.2988
Rural Dewberry Recreation Area	2.7606	0.4291		0.2080	0.4798	0.2878	0.0377		0.0793	2.6909	6.9732	6.8954	0.0778
Base Farm	17.1459	0.4291			0.4798	0.2878	0.0377		0.0793	2.6909	21.1505	20.1426	1.0079
Farm - Vermilion Recreation Area	17.1459	0.4291	0.2198		0.4798	0.2878	0.0377		0.0793	2.6909	21.3703	20.3636	1.0067
Farm - Dewberry Recreation Area	17.1459	0.4291		0.2080	0.4798	0.2878	0.0377		0.0793	2.6909	21.3585	20.3518	1.0067
Base Commercial Small Business	16.2887	0.4291			0.4798	0.2878	0.0377		0.0793	3.9118	21.5142	20.4183	1.0959
Small Business - Vermilion Recreation Area	16.2887	0.4291	0.2198		0.4798	0.2878	0.0377		0.0793	3.9118	21.7340	20.6393	1.0947
Small Business Dewberry Recreation Area	16.2887	0.4291		0.2080	0.4798	0.2878	0.0377		0.0793	3.9118	21.7222	20.6275	1.0947
Base Commercial	17.1686	0.4291			0.4798	0.2878	0.0377	0.0766	0.0793	3.9118	22.4707	22.1571	0.3136
Commercial - Vermilion Recreation Area	17.1686	0.4291	0.2198		0.4798	0.2878	0.0377		0.0793	3.9118	22.6139	22.3015	0.3124
Commercial - Dewberry Recreation Area	17.1686	0.4291		0.2080	0.4798	0.2878	0.0377		0.0793	3.9118	22.6021	22.2897	0.3124
Base Machinery & Equipment (M&E)	17.1686	0.4291			0.4798	0.2878	0.0377	0.0766	0.0793		18.5589	17.9467	0.6122
M&E - Vermilion Rec Area	17.1686	0.4291	0.2198		0.4798	0.2878	0.0377		0.0793		18.7021	18.0911	0.6110
M&E - Dewberry Rec Area	17.1686	0.4291		0.2080	0.4798	0.2878	0.0377		0.0793		18.6903	18.0793	0.6110
Linear	17.1686	0.4291			0.4798	0.2878	0.0377	0.0766	0.0793	3.9118	22.4707	22.1571	0.3136

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Payable to the County of Vermilion River by cheque, bank draft or money order (payable in Canadian dollars). A drop box is available at the County office for after-hour payments (no cash please). Payments can also be made through online banking and telebanking at most major banks. The County also offers OPTION PAY — an online credit card payment system (additional fees apply). If you have signed onto the County Pre-Authorization Payment Plan, you will not need to pay your taxes separately.

PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENT PLANS

If you are interested in signing up for the Pre-Authorized Payment Plan, contact the Tax Clerk at the office or download the registration form from the Taxes and Assessment page on our [website](http://www.vermilion-river.com).

AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

SQUEAL ON PIGS

We bet you've heard about Alberta's wild boar bounty program. The County of Vermilion River is not currently participating in the wild boar bounty program. Here's why not:

- Alberta Pork and the Alberta Government are running active "whole sounder" trapping programs to help eradicate wild boar. A municipality with active sounder trapping is NOT eligible to participate in the Provincial bounty program. Also, if a municipality participates in the bounty program, it is NOT eligible for any help in whole sounder trapping at that time. The County of Vermilion River would like to retain the option of whole sounder trapping assistance for our residents.
- Many places, including Saskatchewan and Texas have shown that recreational and bounty hunting is not effective in controlling wild boar, and certainly does not eradicate them. Pigs are very intelligent and adaptable. They become increasingly elusive and dispersed when exposed to hunting. Ideally, the County of Vermilion River would like to eradicate any wild boar sounders found in the County.

If you see wild boar/feral pigs or signs of their presence you are encouraged to "Squeal on Pigs" by emailing AF.wildboar@gov.ab.ca, calling 310-FARM, or contacting the County of Vermilion River Agriculture & Environment Department.

Wild boar, when at large, are a declared pest in Alberta. This means landowners have the right to hunt them at any time on their own property. However, you can also "Squeal on Pigs" and get help eradicating the whole herd.

New this year, farmers can claim wild boar damage under AFSC's Wildlife Damage Compensation Program.

Wild boar at large are a threat to many sectors of agriculture and the environment. They:

- Put hog producers at risk of disease spreading into their herds, including African swine fever.
- Tear into crops, root up forage crops and root through pastures.
- May spread tuberculosis, brucellosis and other diseases to livestock and people.
- Pose a physical threat to farmers, hikers, pets, livestock, and wildlife. Wild pigs are aggressive, tusked, weigh hundreds of pounds and will eat almost anything.
- Cause environmental damage by destroying wetlands and riparian areas, rooting up forests, destroying bird nests, and killing fawns and other young wildlife.

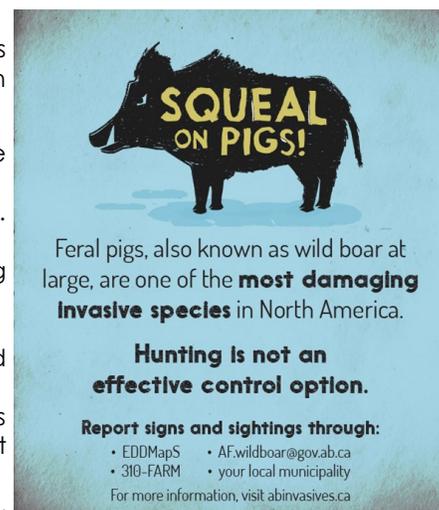


PHOTO CONTEST—AROUND THE COUNTY

Join the County of Vermilion River for our third annual photo contest! This year our calendar theme is "Around the County". To enter the contest, email a photo to photocontest@county24.com along with the photo permission form.

Winning photos will be featured in the 2023 "Around the County" Calendar.

Photo Contest Rules & Regulations:

- Submission Deadline is September 1, 2022
- Photos must be submitted by emailing photocontest@county24.com
- Where applicable, the County will provide photo credit
- Photos must capture the contest theme "Around the County" within or associated with the County of Vermilion River
- The Contest is open to all photographers. You do not need to be a resident of the County of Vermilion River
- Each photographer may enter up to 10 photos but no more than two photos may win



AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

AVIAN INFLUENZA (H5N1)

On April 28, 2022, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) confirmed the presence of Avian Influenza in a small poultry flock in the County of Vermilion River. Avian Influenza is not a significant human health risk and poses no risk to food safety.

Avian Influenza, subtype H5N1, is highly pathogenic and is spreading in the wild bird population around the world. Wild bird migration puts domestic poultry at risk of getting sick. Avian Influenza is a reportable disease and if found in your flock you must report it to CFIA.

There are good resources available on the CFIA website for poultry producers and backyard flock owners. Key to managing this disease is strict biosecurity measures and knowing early signs of Avian Influenza.

The County of Vermilion River will provide updates for information purposes to residents and producers on the County website as they are available. The County is not directly involved in managing Avian Influenza and any questions should be directed to CFIA at 403-629-1728 or Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development at 310-FARM. For concerns about sick or dead wild birds, contact your local Fish and Wildlife Office.



Follow these 5 tips to protect your flock from Avian Influenza (Bird Flu):



More information on how to protect your birds can be found at:
inspection.canada.ca/flock-protection

P1040E-02
A104-010/2022E-PDF
978-0-660-41799-8

Canadian Food Inspection Agency Agence canadienne d'inspection des aliments



The ALUS Vermilion River Project Showcase celebrates the accomplishments of our farmers and ranchers

- See amazing stewardship projects from across the County
- Meet the ALUS producers and hear their stories
- Watch videos and explore maps from the comfort of your home on your computer or mobile phone
- Learn more about the ALUS program and how you can get involved



JOIN THE TOUR NOW

Head to the **ALUS** page on the **CVR** website to start exploring

https://vermilion-river.com/living_here/ag_and_environment/alus.html

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

FIRE RECRUITMENT

The County of Vermilion River Fire Service consists of 8 fire stations located across the region. These volunteer firefighters train to respond to emergency situations that affect their communities, safeguard our County by attending training and lectures to keep their skills sharp, and build a strong bond with one another in order to work seamlessly at the fire ground.

Our County Fire Service is supported by full-time staff working at the CVR Administrative Building, but the foundation of our departments are the volunteers.

The following stations are looking for additional members:

- 1) Blackfoot
- 2) Dewberry
- 3) Clondonald
- 4) Islay
- 5) Kitscoty
- 6) Paradise Valley
- 7) Marwayne



In addition to joining a great group of people, volunteers are compensated annually for their time and are provided specialized training and equipment free of charge. Interested candidates living within 10 – 12 minutes away from a County station are invited to apply by sending an email to fire@county24.com.

FIRE CALLS

January—April 2022	# of Incidents	2021
Structure Fires	8	22
Wildland Fires	13	70
MVC	32	47
Plane/Train Crash	1	2
Medical/Standby	40	120
Alarms	8	28
Smoke Investigation	3	13
Rescue	1	4
Vehicle Fire	9	22
Gas/Electrical	5	11
Explosions	1	1
Mutual Aid	13	73
Provincial	1	6
Regional	7	7
Fire Investigation	15	37
Public Assistance	16	41
TOTAL	171	523

PUBLIC SAFETY WELCOMES NEW PEACE OFFICER

On March 14th, 2022, the County of Vermilion River said hello to Peace Officer Level 1 Dana Butler, a seasoned law enforcement officer and well rounded community minded person. Officer Butler comes to the County from the Town of Penhold, where he served as a patrol officer. Prior to that posting, Officer Butler was a key component in the creation of the M.D. of Taber's Regional Peace Officer Program, working on tasks such as; school liaison programs, railroad safety initiatives and anti-bullying campaigns.

Dana originally comes from Ontario, where he volunteered as an Auxiliary Constable while working for the Ontario Provincial Police. In 2016, Officer Butler attended the RCMP Depot Academy and graduated as a Regular Member being posted to the Taber/Vauxhall RCMP.

In addition to his career, Dana is also a "youth specialist" with the Canadian Forces, serving nearly 20 years, and currently holding the rank of Captain. He is also a qualified and experienced firefighter/first responder having served in a dual role with the Taber Regional Fire Service. We welcome Officer Butler to the County.



Director Kirk Hughes presenting Peace Officer Level 1 Dana Butler with his Solicitor General Appointment Card and Badge of Office (April 2022)

PUBLIC WORKS

2022 ROAD PROJECTS

Crews will be working on several projects throughout the County this summer. Please slow down and obey all posted signage.

Monitor our website, Facebook and Twitter for up to date information on projects and road conditions.

Projects planned for the 2022 season and work to be done by CVR Rehabilitation Crews:

- RR 21 between TWP 460 to TWP 464 (total 6.4km)
- TWP 532A from HWY 17 to RR 13 (total of 4.8km)
- RR 13 from TWP 512 to TWP 514 (total 3.2km)
- TWP 500 from RR 54 to RR 62 (total 4.8km)

Contracted Projects:

- Lakeview Estates by Knelson
- TWP 510 by ASL milling up culverts and filling

Road Improvements for 2022 by Border Paving:

- TWP 503 from RR 70 to HWY 41 (total 1.6km)
- RR 70 from TWP 503 to HWY 16 (total 1.6km)
- TWP 500 from RR 71 to HWY 41 (total 3.2km)
- Hamlet of Blackfoot North to TWP 502 (total 1.98km)
- RR 12 from TWP 502A to TWP 504 (total 2.4km)

Minor bridge maintenance on RR 80 and TWP 511 scheduled for Fall 2022.

Keep an eye out for the two patching crews that will be out working on various oiled surfaces within the County.

6 WAYS TO SAVE WATER THIS SUMMER

1. **Water your yard in the morning or evening.** Water evaporates quickly when the sun is high, so water your yard when it's more likely to stay in the soil.
2. **Check for leaks with the toilet test.** Put a few drops of food colouring or a dye tablet into your toilet tank. If the colour shows up in the bowl, your tank is leaking, silently wasting up to 100 gallons of water a day.
3. **Go to the car wash.** Washing a car at home can easily use 100 gallons of water, not to mention an awful lot of time and effort; commercial car washes often use only 40 gallons or less of fresh water.
4. **Shorten your shower.** Trimming just two minutes off your shower can save up to 1,750 gallons of water per person in your household each year. You can also capture the water that's normally wasted while you wait for the shower to warm up by collecting it in a bucket—use it for watering plants.
5. **Use the dishwasher.** Hand washing your dishes can use up to 27 gallons of water compared to just 3 gallons for a new Energy Star-rated dishwasher.

DUST SUPPRESSION

There has been recent changes to the Dust Suppression Program. In an effort to provide reduced amount of dust on gravel roads, the County will provide an option to apply Dust Suppression materials to roads utilized by residents and industry at a cost that will be set annually. For more details or to complete an application, please visit our [Dust Suppression webpage](#).

Residential Dust Suppression will be based on industrial truck traffic or when requested from the resident.

- The County will apply a maximum of 200 meters of Dust Suppression to be applied at an occupied residence on a primary yard site at no cost to the resident.
- Any additional length of Dust Suppression requested by the resident over the initial 200 meter application per Primary Yard Site will be at their sole cost.
- Residents that request Dust Suppression for Residential Properties that are 250 meters or more from a municipal road will be applied at the sole cost of the Resident.
- Residents who request more than 200 meters of Dust Suppression for a Primary Yard Site or who live 250 meters or more from a municipal road will pay a predetermined rate set by Council, reviewed annually, as per the County's Goods and Services Fee Schedule Bylaw
- Residents may request to not have Dust Suppression applied in front of their yard site. Requests must be received by June 1 of each year and will be reviewed on an individual basis.

Dust Control applications will be received until June 30. Please contact the Public Works team at 780-846-3309 or publicworks@county24.com to sign up.

6. **Get a rain barrel.** Collect the water that streams off your roof when it rains by setting up a rain barrel underneath your gutter's downspout. Reuse that water in your garden.



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

NUISANCE & UNSIGHTLY PREMISES

The Nuisance and Unsightly Premises Bylaw is in place for the purposes of controlling and reducing nuisances, unsightly and dangerous premises within the County of Vermilion River in the Hamlets, multi-lot subdivision, country residential, industrial, and commercial areas.

NUISANCE

Owners or occupants of a property cannot cause, permit, or allow their property to constitute a Nuisance or become a danger to public safety. This may include, but is not limited to:

- Accumulation of refuse
- Grass >25cm in length; Excessive noxious weeds or vegetation
- Accumulation of animal, yard or building materials, or ashes
- Accumulation of abandoned vehicles or equipment on property or parked/stored/left in driveway or yard
- Presence of animal carcasses, hazardous materials, noxious fumes, manure, or sewage
- Vegetation (shrubs, trees, weeds, etc.) that is causing damage or is a potential threat to adjacent properties, sidewalks, vehicle sightlines, or public property
- Failure to dispose of waste from temporary storage containers
- Failure to keep property in a reasonable state of repair (deterioration of buildings, broken/missing windows, siding, shingles, shutters, eaves, or other building material)

OFFENSES FEES & PROCESS

\$200	1st Offense
\$400	2nd Offense (within 2 year period)
\$800	3rd Offense (within 2 year period)
\$10,000	4th Offense (within 2 year period)

THINGS TO WATCH FOR

- Must take reasonable steps to prevent attracting, sustaining, or breeding of pests on the property
- Monitor water output from hoses and rainwater downspouts, as well as outdoor lighting to ensure it is not interfering with adjacent properties
- Vehicles are NOT to be used for storage of refuse

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT FUNDING

There are a variety of grants available from the County of Vermilion River. These grants include operational, project and capital funding options for facilities and community halls along with programs and events funding. Applications can be found on our website: https://www.vermilion-river.com/living_here/community_services/recreation.html

RECENTLY PURCHASED PROPERTY

It is currently taking Alberta Land Titles **3—4 months** for the title change to take effect. If you have recently purchased a property, the County may not have the correct information to issue and mail out your 2022 Notice of Assessment. Taxes will be mailed out by the end of June 2022. Please contact the County at 780-846-2244 to provide evidence of ownership and to get a copy of your 2022 Notice of Assessment, should you not receive anything in the mail.

APPLICATION FORMS

Community Halls
Facilities
Programs & Events

DEADLINE

October 7, 2022
October 7, 2022
October 7, 2022

Priority will be given to those programs/facilities focused on:



FCSS FUNDING

Programs supporting youth, seniors, at-risk groups, education, quality of life and volunteers may receive funding through the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) funding program.



Community groups interested in applying for FCSS funding need to apply by the **September 30, 2022 deadline**. Applications can be found on our website: https://www.vermilion-river.com/living_here/community_services/fcss.html

ALTERNATIVE LAND USE SERVICES

WETLANDS ADVENTURE



In the summer of 2017, the Ag department joined forces with the ALUS program to create the first ever Wetland Adventure Day. Between kids, parents, grandparents, and friends we had almost 100 people come out to Lindsay A. Evans Regional Park that first year to learn about wetlands and have fun. There was a scavenger hunt, dip netting for aquatic bugs, games and activities, and more than enough free hot dogs for everyone. The kids loved to discover the intriguing new creatures living in the water and it was a great opportunity to teach them about the important functions of wetlands, the plants that clean our water, wildlife habitats, and the things we can do to help make wetlands healthier. The first event worked so well, we did it again the next year with equal success and expanded to a second location at Vermilion Provincial Park in 2019.



Fun at Lindsay A. Evans Regional Park in 2017



Vermilion Provincial Park and Lindsay A. Evans Regional Park in 2019

Now that life is somewhat returning to normal, we are very excited to say that our Wetland Adventure will be returning for the summer of 2022. We will be back at Lindsay A. Evans Regional Park and are making plans for a second location at Hazeldine Campground on HWY 45 between Marwayne and Dewberry. Our new adventures will occur in the evening in early August and will be sure to be a lot of fun for the whole family. Watch the County website, Facebook, and Twitter for dates and more information. Hope to see you there!



COMMUNITY EVENTS



VERMILION AGRICULTURAL

Celebrating 116 Years!

Fair

Thursday, Friday, Saturday
July 28, 29 & 30

For more information call
Vermilion Agricultural Society

780-853-4108

vermilionag.ca

- PARADE • MIDWAY
- HEAVY HORSE SHOW
- EQUINE SHOW
- SHEEP, CATTLE & POULTRY SHOWS
- STOCK DOG TRIALS
- MODIFIED TRACTOR PULLS
- ANTIQUE TRACTOR PULLS
- CHUCKWAGON RACES
- GRANDSTAND SHOWS
- TRADE SHOW
- EXHIBIT HALL
- FIREWORKS...AND MORE!

VIBE's FREE Drop-In Summer Programming in the County of Vermilion July 2022

ALL AGES WELCOME!

TUESDAY JULY 5TH
WHERE: MARWAYNE MAIN ST.
TIME: 12:00-3:00 P.M.
ACTIVITY: BALLOON CARS & BUBBLE SOCKS

TUESDAY JULY 12TH
WHERE: KITSCOTY MAIN ST.
TIME: 12:00-3:00 P.M.
ACTIVITY: BALLOON CARS & BUBBLE SOCKS

TUESDAY JULY 19TH
WHERE: DEWBERRY AT THE CO-OP
TIME: 9:30-12:00
ACTIVITY: SLIME & STRESS BALLS

TUESDAY JULY 26TH
WHERE: MARWAYNE MAIN ST.
TIME: 1:00-3:30 P.M.
ACTIVITY: SLIME & STRESS BALLS

TUESDAY JULY 26TH
WHERE: KITSCOTY MAIN ST.
TIME: 12:00-3:30 P.M.
ACTIVITY: SLIME & STRESS BALLS

Check VIBE's Facebook page for alternative locations in the communities if raining and for activities in Vermilion!

In partnership with FCSS: County of Vermilion, Village of Marwayne and Village of Kitscoty

DEWBERRY COMMUNITY EVENTS

JUNE 22 - 26 2022

WED

- 11AM - 2PM - BBQ, Driver Meet-and-Greet & autograph session at the Dewberry Co-op Parking Lot

FRI

- 7PM Start - Chuckwagon Races
- 9PM Start - Street Dance at the Dewberry Hotel

UFA Gas Station Open All Weekend!!
Museum open Friday & Saturday 10AM - 3PM

SAT

- 8AM to 11AM - Pancake Breakfast - Dewberry Fire Hall
- 12 to 1PM - Spirit of Country Parade
- 1 to 3PM - Cake, Bouncy House, BBQ, Indoor Market, & Ball Hockey - Dewberry Arena
- 2 to 4PM - Dewberry Heritage Scavenger Hunt - start at the Arena
- 1 to 4PM - Main Street Fun
- 7PM Start - Chuckwagon Races
- 9PM Start - Street Dance at the Dewberry Hotel

SUN

- 2PM Start - Chuckwagon Races
- 4:30PM - Supper Dewberry Hall

DEWBERRY WELCOMES YOU

Clandonald Country Fair

FRIDAY & SATURDAY AUGUST 5 & 6
August 5~Receive Exhibits for Bench Show
AUGUST 6, 2022

- Bench Show
- Pancake Breakfast
- Parade
- Goldmine
- Children's Races
- Bingo

- Pipes & Drum Band
- Tractor Pedal Pushers
- Mutton Bustin'
- Family Entertainment
- Laser Tag
- Golf Ball Draw

FREE ADMISSION

www.clandonaldagsociety.ca

For more information contact Ron 780-853-7863 or Susanne 780-853-2084

DEWBERRY CHUCKWAGON RACES

Presented by the World Professional Chuckwagon Association

14+ - \$20
13 and under FREE

7pm Friday/Saturday
2pm Sunday
June 24-26 2022

Beer Gardens Open
Midnight Nightly

\$25 000 Dash for Cash Shellie Scott

NATURAL GAS UTILITY

RETIREMENTS

In March the Gas Utility celebrated the retirements of Charlotte O'Hare and Bryan Fanthorpe.

Bryan served as a Line Locator for over 18 years, he was a well-respected and trusted locator with many long term relationships with customers.

Charlotte worked in Gas Billing and Administration for over 33 years. Charlotte was well known both within our County for the tremendous service and relationships made with our customers, and across the Province as a source of knowledge and support on Gas billing, balancing and the Rural Utilities Billing and Information System.

We wish both Bryan and Charlotte all the best in retirement.



Councillor Dale Swyripa, Councillor Leslie Cusack and Reeve Stacey Hryciuk congratulate Charlotte O'Hare on her retirement.

BILL PAYMENTS

The County now offers several convenient options to view and pay Gas Bills, including Online Billing, Preauthorized Payments and Equalized Billing Plans. If you wish to sign up for any of these services, please contact the Gas Utility at GasBill@county24.com or 780-846-2222.

NATURAL GAS SERVICES

In addition to supplying natural gas for home heating, we also:

- Supply/Install Secondary Gas Lines for:
 - ◊ Prime and Backup Power Generation
 - ◊ Gas BBQ's
 - ◊ Shop/Barn Heaters
 - ◊ Grain Bin Aeration
- Supply/Install Grain Dryer Services
- Supply/Install Conduit & Water Line
- Utility Plowing and Trenching
- Pipefitting
- Oilfield Fuel Supply & Gas Gathering

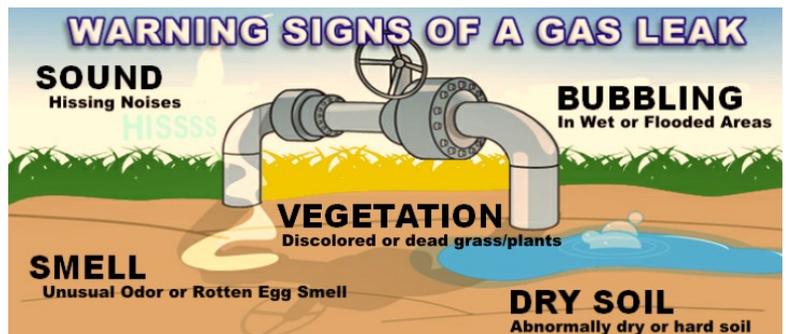


Call us for a free quote!



LEAK DETECTION/CUSTOMER SERVICE INSPECTIONS

As a part of our ongoing work to provide safe and reliable service, customers will see Gas Utility staff and contractors around the County performing annual leak detection and customer service inspections throughout the summer. Customer service inspections will be focused on the western portion of the County. As always, staff will have identification and do our best to notify customers when we're in yards. Customers can assist in minimizing gas loss by reporting suspected leaks on your property to the Gas Utility.



NOTICES & UPDATES

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES—SENIORS WEEK 2022

The Kitscoty & District Senior Centre became alive with chatter, laughter and “it’s been so long” on Wednesday, June 8th. Family and Community Support Services (FCSS), Senior Support Program, hosted the Annual Seniors Week 2022 event.

Seniors have been waiting for this opportunity to get out and connect with others they have missed over the past couple of years. Just listening to the chatter in the centre was enough to make a person smile. Seniors from all seven divisions of the County of Vermilion River were among the 120 in attendance, who all commented that “it was great to get out”.

Reeve Stacey Hryciuk and Councillors Dale Swyripa and George Kuneff were in attendance. Reeve Hryciuk and Councillor Swyripa addressed the gathering, followed by door prizes for some lucky winners. Thank you to the County Natural Gas Utility for supplying the barbecue and cooking burgers for the large crowd!

Connecting seniors from all communities during Senior Week 2022 is now in the books. Next year will be bigger and better! Remember if you have questions about services for seniors, contact Shirley McRobert, Senior Coordinator at 780-581-2414.



VERMILION RIVER REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES COMMISSION

Spring is the season of flowers blooming, grass growing, and gardens coming up, but it is also a season for disposal of yard waste as we all try to get our yards in order for the summer months. The following is a breakdown of acceptable and not-acceptable burnable waste that we are accepting at our transfer sites. It is the responsibility of the operators at the transfer site to follow all board-approved burn procedures.

PROHIBITED MATERIALS:

- Bulk material such as grain or soil;
- Unidentified liquids;
- Metal, glass, organic animal waste, insulation, drywall;
- Wood with other material attached such as flooring, etc.

POSSIBILITY OF HARMFUL EMISSIONS:

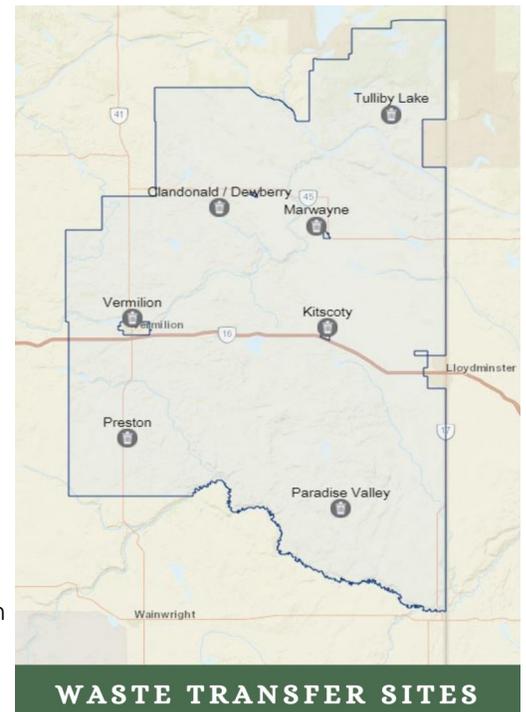
- Treated or pressure-treated wood such as railroad ties
- Plastics;
- Shingles;
- Rubber tires;
- Mattresses or couches.

POTENTIAL FIRE HAZARD:

- Cardboard and paper;
- Highly combustible material
- Oil, fluids or chemicals;
- Propane tanks.

Our fire pits are not designed to be incinerators, as the pits do not reach a high enough heat.

Click on the map or visit our [website](#) for an interactive map of our Waste Transfer Site locations.



WASTE TRANSFER SITES

WASTE MANAGEMENT

TRANSFER STATION OPERATION HOURS

Summer Hours: May 1—September 30 & Winter Hours: October 1—April 30

DEWBERRY/CLANDONALD TRANSFER STATION (NE 11-53-5 W4)		PARADISE VALLEY TRANSFER STATION (NW 7-47-2 W4)	
Thursday	12:00pm—4:00pm (year round)	Wednesday	10:00am—12:00pm (year round)
Saturday	9:00am—2:00pm (year round)	Saturday	9:00am—2:00pm (year round)
KITSCOTY TRANSFER STATION (SE 35-50-3 W4)		MARWAYNE TRANSFER STATION (SE 34-52-3 W4)	
Wednesday	2:00pm—5:00pm (winter) 2:00pm—7:00pm (summer)	Wednesday	2:00pm—5:00pm (winter) 2:00pm—7:00pm (summer)
Thursday	1:00pm—5:00pm (summer)		
Saturday	10:00am—4:00pm (year round)	Saturday	10:00am—2:00pm (year round)
TULLIBY LAKE TRANSFER STATION (NW 6-55-1 W4)		PRESTON TRANSFER STATION (SW 30-48-6 W4)	
Wednesday	5:00pm—9:00pm (summer)	Wednesday	4:00pm—8:00pm (summer)
Saturday	10:00am—2:00pm (winter)	Saturday	10:00am—2:00pm (year round)
If you require further information contact the Vermilion River Waste Management Services Commission (VRRWMS) during regular office hours at 780-853-5561 .		VERMILION TRANSFER STATION (SW 5-51-6 W4)	
		Monday thru Saturday	9:00am—4:45pm (year round) Closed on Sunday and all Statutory Holidays

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AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY

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OFFICE HOURS

Regular Hours: Monday—Friday, 8:30a.m.—4:30p.m. Closed Holidays

Upcoming Office Closures:

July 1	Canada Day
August 1	Heritage Day
September 5	Labour Day

*For your convenience and safety, please contact the Main Office prior to visiting our maintenance yard and work sites.