



NEWSLETTER TO DIVISION 6 RESIDENTS

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Larry Spilak, Division 6 Councillor

Greetings. I hope this letter finds you well, and looking forward to the holiday season. There have been several developments in the past few months that you may find of interest.

Dunbow Recreation Board

The conceptual plans for recreational facilities at Heritage Heights School, Heritage Pointe and Davisburg are completed. Council approved the plans in principal on Oct.22. We will now be going forward with an open house to present the plans to you and to listen to your comments. We have also completed the purchase of an additional 4 acre parcel adjacent to the Davisburg Hall for future expansion and parking. I would like to thank Larry Herr, a long standing resident of the MD for assisting in facilitating this sale. **It is important to note**, these recreational facilities will be constructed **only** as funds become available from sources such as local sponsorship, fundraising and lotteries and grants from the Provincial and Federal governments. It is **not** to be an additional tax burden on residents.

Fire Hall

Many of you have inquired about the proposed new fire hall in our area. We have secured continuance of first response from Calgary at a cost substantially less than what was originally presented. By accepting this agreement the 2009/10 savings to taxpayers would be approximately \$1,600,000 as compared to operating a new fire hall. This is a temporary agreement and we will continue discussions on construction of a MD fire hall in our area.

Range Patrol

Over the past year we have had many situations that could have potentially harmed one or more persons in our community. Range Patrol has a communication system in place that can assist in getting the information to others in the area. When an incident is reported to them, a recorded telephone message goes out to all members informing them of the impending danger. I would encourage everyone to take the time to join this organization. Your contact is Dave Heintz at 403-995-9598 or the website www.oarpcwa.org.

Heritage Heights School

Paving of the Heritage Heights School parking lot and roadway is now completed. This was a joint venture between the MD and the Foothills School Board.

Calgary Regional Plan

As many of you are aware, on Sept. 8, 2009 the MD of Foothills formally withdrew from the CRP. However, this is not the end of the matter. The decision on what happens next is in the control of the province. On Sept.18, the Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs [Ray Danyluk] attended a CRP executive meeting to provide his response. To summarize in point form he said:

- There **will** be a plan for the Calgary region
- He accepts the reality that none of the rural municipalities have signed on
- He respects the need for municipal independence
- He will not force the rural municipalities to sign on at this time

He will be forming a 'Cross Ministerial Committee' to review the CRP and the rural concerns. Completion of this review is expected in early 2010 at which time the province will decide what it will do. I would consider this information good news for now, but our council remains committed to defending the rights of MD residents.

I hope you find some of this helpful. I would appreciate any feedback and also any questions on these or any other MD matters of interest in your area.

Wishing you a Safe and Happy Holiday Season

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