

New Senior Transportation Bus in Wildwood

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The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #149, acting as the Administrator, and on behalf of the surrounding communities and area groups and clubs is pleased to announce the arrival of the new Seniors Transportation Bus. Financial support

for the new unit comes from MLA George Vanderburg, through the CIP grant from the Province of Alberta for \$33,932, from Yellowhead County for \$52,374 and from the RCL Branch # 149 for \$5,000. The Evansburg Lions van and the previous RCL Branch #149 van sales will go towards the purchase as well. The seniors clubs from Peers, MacKay, Wildwood, Evansburg and Entwistle are also planning to contribute financial support. The Evansburg Lions Club and the Seniors groups have worked with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #149 to ensure that this bus became a reality. A member from each group will form the advisory committee to assist the legion with the operational aspects of running the bus. They will help develop policy, and have input into the scheduling and fee structure.

This bus will provide service primarily for seniors but all will have the opportunity to ride on the bus. This service will be provided from Peers through to Seba Beach with trips running a

minimum of five days a week to various locations. To see continued success, ridership of all ages, including children with an adult, are encouraged to enjoy this service. Private tours on the weekends will be available. Please watch the local newspapers for further details.

Family Barbecue

**McLeod Valley Grounds
June 14**

Meet your neighbours.

Share some fun and laughter.

Everyone Welcome!

Read more on page 7.



Yellowhead County kids Gage and Alyson Kendall were hard at work last fall helping to clean up their community. The annual Marlboro Raking Party was a great success once again with residents pitching in to make their community look great!

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Development Permits

If you are considering any type of development on your property, please contact the Development Authority for Yellowhead County. They will be able to help you with your application form as well as answer any questions that you may have.

According to the Yellowhead County Land Use bylaw, Development means:

- excavation or stockpiling of materials
- constructing, adding onto or replacing any building or structure
- changing the land use or the intensity of the land use

Almost all development within Yellowhead County requires a Development Permit (for exceptions please call the Development Authority).

Development Permit Application Process

Once the Development Authority has received a complete application form they will review it. By using the Land Use Bylaw the Development Authority is able to assess whether the permit may or may not be approved.

If the development is approved the applicant will be notified in writing. The permit does not become valid until all development permit conditions have been met and there has been a

fourteen day appeal period in which the proposed development is advertised in the local newspaper. If there are no appeals against the development at the end of the fourteen day appeal period and all conditions have been met, the Development Permit is considered valid and development may commence.

If the Development Permit Application is refused, the applicant will be notified in writing. The decision will outline the specific reasons for the refusal. The applicant has fourteen days to appeal the decision of the Development Authority to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB). For more information on the SDAB please contact the Development Authority for Yellowhead County.

For all developments, residents are strongly encouraged to contact the Planning Department at Yellowhead County for the most up-to-date information and to ensure that all developments are in compliance with county bylaws.

Important Information

- If you live within ½ mile of a Provincial Highway, a Roadside Development Application is required from Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation
- You need both legal and physical access to your development
- Development Permits are separate from Building Permits. Yellowhead County does not issue Building Permits. There are four accredited companies in the area who are authorized to issue building permits. Please contact the county or call Municipal Affairs Safety Services at 1-866-421-6929
- Other permits may be required for buildings: these may include permits for plumbing, private sewage systems, gas and/or electrical systems. These permits are usually issued by the same company that does the building permits (see contact information above)
- For electrical service to your property, contact FortisAlberta at 310-WIRE (9473)
- For natural gas service to properties located from Range 13 and west, contact Yellowhead Gas Co-op at 780-723-4214; from Range 12 and east, contact TRL Gas Co-op at 780-727-3732

Evansburg lots still available

- ***Fully serviced lots from \$30,000 to 65,000***
- ***Thriving community with all amenities***
- ***Excellent tax rate***
- ***Architectural controls***
- ***lots back onto green space***
- ***7 lots still available***
- ***Multi-family development potential***

For more info call the Planning Department at Yellowhead County





Budget Dollars for 2008

Yellowhead County Council has once again approved the interim operating and capital budgets for 2008. The operating expenditures of \$70.7 million and the capital expenditures of \$14.8 million for a total of \$85.5 million. The final budget will be passed by council in May, although the numbers are expected to remain similar to those of the interim budget. Each year the majority of Yellowhead County funds are spent on infrastructure, and this holds true for 2008. The county maintains over 2,279 km of gravel and paved roads throughout the county, which is very costly to maintain.

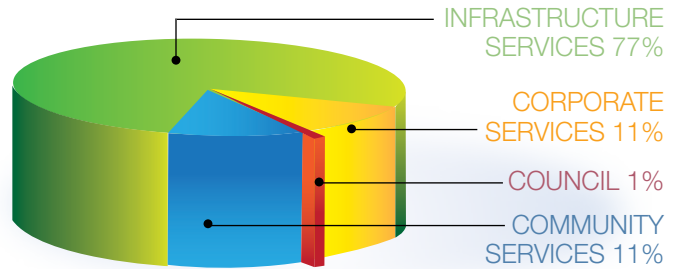
There are also many service costs in all of the hamlets, including water and sewer. The county has been very active in trying to provide

servicing within hamlets. However, with the rising costs of construction, this has been difficult. Council remains committed to developing services in hamlets where the residents have indicated their approval and agreed to contribute their share.

In addition to the county mill rates there are also school taxes. In 2007 provincial school requisitions and housing foundation levies were \$16.7 million, and the funding amounts are expected to increase in 2008.

Yellowhead County has three main sources of funding for its budget: federal and provincial grants, tax levies, and service fees. The county is always focused on remaining fiscally responsible to its ratepayers while maintaining the highest level of service possible. In the coming year, Yellowhead County has budgeted for many major projects that will continue to improve and maintain the communities in our area.

Yellowhead County has made a concerted effort to improve partnerships and cost-sharing with the municipalities of Hinton and Edson, as well as the surrounding counties, including Woodlands and Parkland in order to avoid unnecessary duplication of services. In 2008, the county will cost-share at least \$2.8 million with surrounding municipalities. This includes cost-sharing of recreational services, where the county has specified funds for the recreation facilities of Edson and Hinton. County residents should know that these facilities are funded through their taxes and are for their use.



Yellowhead County supports seniors housing through Evergreen Foundation

Yellowhead County is a member of the Evergreens Foundation. The foundation is made up of member municipalities who combine their resources in order to provide affordable senior care home's throughout the region. The foundation currently operates five senior lodges: Sunshine Place (Evansburg), Parkland Lodge (Edson), Pine Valley Lodge (Hinton), Whispering Pines Lodge (Grande Cache), and Alpine Summit Lodge (Jasper).

The Evergreens foundation is made of a partnership between six municipalities: Yellowhead County, the Town of Hinton, the Municipal District of Greenview, the Municipality of Jasper, the Town of Grande Cache and the Town of Edson. Representatives from each municipality sit on an executive board of directors.

Each municipality's contribution to the foundation is determined by the property assessment in the region. Since Yellowhead County has such a large industrial tax base, the county's share of the contributions is approximately 55 per cent.

In 2007, the annual operating payment from the county was \$438,000. Due to increased operating costs and an additional lodge the 2008 annual operating requisition from the county will be \$723,444.

Most recently, the foundation has begun construction on a new 37 unit in Jasper, the Alpine Summit Lodge. Yellowhead County will pay capital requisitions to the Evergreens Foundation in the amount of 1,053,586 per year over the next three years.

Yellowhead County continues to work with the Foundation to ensure that county senior citizens have viable options when they are no longer able or no longer choose to live in their own home.

Major Projects budgeted for 2008 in Yellowhead County

Water and Sewer Systems:

- Peers water system \$8.07 million
- Evansburg water treatment plant temperature controls \$300,000
- Cadomin sewer lagoon \$2 million
- Marlboro engineering for water and sewer \$250,000
- Evansburg lift station \$270,000

- Wolf Creek Bridge \$300,000
- Carrot Creek Tower Road Phase 1 \$600,000
- Wolf Creek Road Overlay \$3.4 million
- Long Lake Road \$6.6 million
- Elk River Road \$2 million
- Road surfacing on Two Rivers Estates and Pinedale Estates \$1.4 million

Road and Bridge Projects:

- Pembina River Bridge \$7.1 million
- Wildwood North Bridge \$1.6 million

Community Services:

- Evansburg Arena Upgrades \$300,000
- Niton Pool Repairs and Improvements \$115,000



Spring Cleaning with FireSmart in mind

If you live in or near a forested area, sooner or later you may have to contend with the spread of a wildfire. The best way to protect yourself against loss, damage or injury is to practice FireSmart principles on your property.

Any kind of vegetation is fuel for the fire. Mature trees, shrubs, grass and even your woodpile can easily ignite and increase the chance of a

wildfire damaging your home and property. This is why managing the space around your home and out-buildings is of utmost importance.

First Priority

The 10 m (30 feet) around your house is Priority One. Making this a fuel-free space will give firefighters a chance to save your home from an advancing wildfire.

- Remove flammable trees and shrubs from this area, such as pine, spruce and juniper.
- Replace with species such as aspen, poplar and birch, which are less combustible.
- Remove deadfall or wood-piles from this 30 ft. circle.
- Keep your grass mowed and watered.

FireSmart Spring Burning

Wildfires often start as small accidental ignitions. By using FireSmart standards around your property you can help prevent an accidental wildfire from starting.

- The safest method of disposal is taking your debris to a local transfer site.
- Burn barrels and fire pits should be located away from buildings and at least 30m/100ft away from other combustibles.
- Clear away any debris and expose the soil for at least 3m/10ft around your burn barrel.
- Always ensure your burn barrel is properly ventilated and is covered with a screen.
- Never leave your burning barrel or fire pit unattended while in use.
- You should have shovels, rakes, axes, garden hoses and water pails on site, to reduce the chance of a fire getting out of control.

All burning must have a Fire Permit during the fire season (April 1 - October 31). Fire Permits are available from your local Alberta Sustainable Resource Development office.

Edson	780-723-8931
Cold Creek	
(Nojack)	780-795-3940
Hinton	780-865-8267

To learn more about how to FireSmart your home and property, visit the SRD website: www.srd.alberta.ca/wildfires/firesmart

Fire and Ice - Reducing the risk of winter burning

When snow blankets the ground, residents may assume there's enough moisture to eliminate the chances of starting a wildfire. While the risk of starting fires is low, there may still be holdover fires.

Holdover fires often start during the fall and winter months as a result of improperly extinguished fires. These fires smoulder underground for a number of months and come to the surface in the spring as a wildfire after the snow pack has melted and fuel such as dry grass and wood becomes more abundant.

To avoid accidentally starting a holdover fire, it's important to make sure any winter burning is completely extinguished. To properly extinguish a fire, completely soak the area with water, stir up the ashes and soak the area again. Checking your winter burn sites early in the spring for any hot spots will also help reduce the risk.

About 40 per cent of wildfires in Alberta are caused by human activity...it's important we all do our part to help prevent wildfires and protect our forests. Remember, to report a wildfire, call 310-FIRE (3473).

Water Well Management Program

Yellowhead County, Brazeau County, Alberta Agriculture and Food, Alberta Environment and the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration started the WWEG (Water Well Extension Group) in the fall of 2006. The vision of this group is to work in partnership to provide rural Albertans with the knowledge and support they need to properly construct and maintain water wells; such that their wells and aquifers are protected from contamination and biofouling, and water yields are sustained over many years.

Approximately 600,000 rural Albertans (one out of every four Albertans) rely on groundwater as a domestic water supply. Never has there been more demand for groundwater and well-related information, as rural subdivisions and acreages continue to multiply. All government agencies that work with private wells are experiencing increasing requests for information from well owners. The WWEG has recognized that by joining together, government agencies can reduce the overall drain on time and resources while providing better service to Alberta's rural well owners.

Through this program there has been a great deal of progress with both Yellowhead County and the province. There have been multiple workshops offered within the county as a pilot project. These workshops have now expanded throughout the province.

For more information on how to attend or schedule a well water workshop within the county, contact Yellowhead County Agricultural Services at the Wildwood Administration Building.



Enhanced 911 system will better serve emergency needs throughout Yellowhead area

Yellowhead County recently upgraded to an Enhanced 911 system to better serve their residents. A 911 system is considered Enhanced when a citizen dials 911, is routed to the PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) and the caller's address and telephone number are displayed on a computer screen for the dispatcher's reference. All residents and businesses in Yellowhead County are served by 911. This includes the fire stations of Brule, Robb, Cadomin, Hinton, Marlboro, Edson, Peers, Niton, Wildwood and Pembina as well as the Hinton and Edson EMS departments. The 911 centre also acts as a call answering point for some areas of Woodlands and Brazeau Counties.

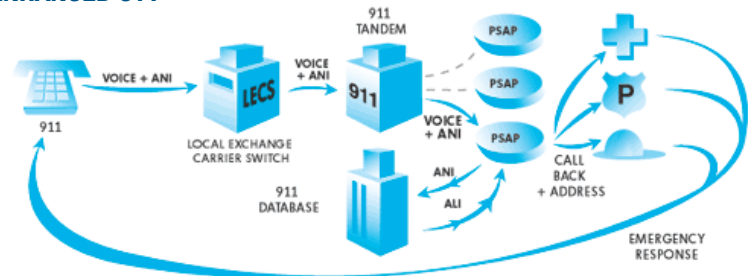
Yellowhead County also uses an automatic number identification and automatic location identification system (ANI/ALI). This system is engaged whenever a call comes in from a business, residential line or pay phone. However, ANI/ALI will not be displayed when a 911 call comes from a wireless or cellular phone. Only the number of the cell phone will be obtained. A caller will have to have their location known in order to pass the information on to dispatch.

Residents and travellers should call 911 when they need an emergency response from police, fire, or emergency medical personnel. In a rural area, residents should be sure to have their rural address and driving directions posted close to the phone.

Residents should not call 911 for public information. If 911 is dialed by mistake, the caller should stay on the line until the 911 dispatcher answers and explain that they have misdialed. If the caller hangs up, the dispatcher will try to call them back and if they cannot reach the caller, an alert will be sent to the RCMP and an officer may be sent to the place where the call originated.

Each household or business pays a small monthly fee for 911 services on each telephone line that appears on their phone bill. There is no charge for making a 911 call; however, EMS ambulances dispatched through 911 may charge for taking someone to the hospital. This is a separate charge, not connected with 911 dispatch.

ENHANCED 911



What to do when calling 911

Stay calm and state the emergency.

Explain what service is needed: police, fire or ambulance

Speak loud and clearly. Verify the name, address/driving directions and the phone number with the 911 dispatcher as to where help is needed.

Stay on the phone with the dispatcher and answer any questions that the dispatcher has so that the dispatcher can obtain more information for the units responding to the 911 call. Do not hang up the phone until the dispatcher tells you to do so, as they will have instructions to give the caller until the proper unit arrives.

What Is FCSS?

FCSS stands for Family and Community Support Services. Family and Community Support Services is:

- a legal partnership between the Province of Alberta and municipalities or Metis Settlements;
- an agreement under which locally-driven preventive initiatives can be developed, to enhance the well-being of individuals, families and communities;
- a funding arrangement through which the province provides a pre-determined grant for locally-driven initiatives, and municipalities match that grant by providing at least 20 percent of the funding;
- a philosophy under which:
 - local people can influence things that affect them;
 - communities can be innovative and creative;
 - citizen participation, self-help and volunteerism are encouraged;
 - human growth and potential are enhanced;
- a continually evolving program that encourages communities to strengthen themselves.

FCSS does not provide solutions, but assists both individuals and groups to find solutions that fit their particular situation or culture. Yellowhead County FCSS promotes the social development of children and their families by supporting preschool programs, after school programs, and summer day camps, either directly, or by providing funding and information to groups who are offering these programs. They provide services that enrich and strengthen family life by offering workshops, and one-on-one information and referrals, on a wide range of concerns. Yellowhead County also maintains a cost sharing agreement with the Town of Hinton and the Town of Edson to enable County residents seamless access to FCSS programs offered by Edson and Hinton.

Yellowhead County FCSS enhances the quality of life of senior citizens by offering assistance in completing government forms, providing information and referrals to

programs such as the Volunteer Income Tax preparation service for low income earners, and offering workshops. Workshops are based on requests from the public, and have included such topics as; living with diabetes, preventing fraud, understanding nutrition, and planning for retirement.

Yellowhead County FCSS encourages, and supports volunteer work in the community by providing free advertising for volunteer groups on the county page of the Edson Leader Town and Country, providing information and assistance on grant applications available to volunteer groups, and holding an annual Volunteer Appreciation Conference which gives groups an opportunity to get new information and share information on past activities. There is also a Community Services Resource Directory that lists all volunteer groups in the county, which may be obtained by contacting the County office in Wildwood.





Family Bar-B-Que

McLeod Valley Grounds – June 14th, 2008

Rural living and family barbeques just seem to naturally go together. A family barbeque provides an opportunity to talk to neighbors, share some fun and laughter, and pick up current information. Yellowhead County is planning a Family Barbeque on June 14, at MacLeod Valley, so whether you have just moved to an acreage, or you have been actively farming for years, you and your family are invited to attend.

The barbeque will start at 2 p.m. with a welcome from elected officials. There will be some short presentations on topics of concern to adult rural residents while children move through a series of rural safety information stations. Mid afternoon will be a time for some good old-fashioned games that can be enjoyed by all ages. Throughout the day there will be a variety of displays related to health, safety and Yellowhead County programs. By 5 p.m. your Agricultural Services Board will have

the hamburgers and hotdogs sizzling, so everyone can line up for simple old-fashioned fare. After supper ice cream and entertainment will round out the day.

All branches of Yellowhead County Community Services are working together to present this event in appreciation of our rural residents. In addition to expressing appreciation of families in the county it is hoped that the event will provide people with information and skills that will help them to maintain their health and safety while they enjoy Yellowhead County rural living.

So everyone plan to come down have some fun with your family, meet the new neighbors, and greet the old. For more information please contact Jennifer Benson or Sarah Leach at the Wildwood Office 1-800-814-3935 and watch the county pages in the paper for more details as planning progresses.



Agricultural Services Bursary

Yellowhead County hosted a very successful 2007 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Summer tour in July of 2007. Because of the increased number of registrants that attended and the generous donations that we received, the County generated a balance of \$29,000 from the event. Yellowhead County Council, upon recommendation from their Agricultural Services Board, agreed to set up a reserve so this money could be used for a bursary program for post-secondary students.

The agricultural community makes a huge contribution to the economy, the community and Yellowhead County. Establishing a bursary with the funds generated by the Provincial ASB tour is a way for Yellowhead County Council and the Yellowhead County Agricultural Service Board to acknowledge this contribution. The bursary program will support the profession of agriculture by offering some financial support to individuals pursuing a post-secondary education in an agriculturally or environmentally related field.

The Agricultural Services Bursary will be advertised in August of each calendar year and applications will be available on our website or from either of our Yellowhead County administration offices. For additional information on the Bursary program please call the Agricultural Services Department in Wildwood.

Clubroot of Canola

Clubroot of Canola is a serious disease of the Cabbage family. The primary agricultural crops that are directly affected by this disease are Canola, mustards, turnips and rutabagas. These are not the only crops that are affected in the cabbage (Cole) family but they are the ones that producers in Yellowhead County grow. This pathogen (the disease) is spreading rapidly through the fields in the Edmonton area and from the 2007 survey results it is moving to other areas of the province. Once a field is exposed to this disease and if appropriate control measures or crop rotations are not utilized, it diminishes yields significantly. These soil borne resting spores (the disease) can remain in our soil for 20 years if a host plant is present (which can also include weeds in the Brassicac family such as volunteer canola, Shepherd's purse) and if the environment is conducive.

This Agricultural pest was named to the Provincial Agricultural Pest Act in the spring of 2007 and under this Act, the Agricultural Service Board of a municipality is legislated to inform residents, inspect fields that are growing the above species and, if necessary, enforce the Act to minimize the impact of this disease on the industry.

In 2007, random inspections were completed in Yellowhead County. To date we have no confirmed cases of Clubroot in our municipality which is encouraging. We are developing a municipal policy which will give our department and our municipality direction on this issue and how to guard against it.

For residents in our municipality, whether you are an agricultural producer or not, we are encouraging you to be aware of this disease and consider the following proactive control measures:

Eliminate the introduction.

For example: If you buy equipment that is used to disturb the soil from any area of the province, please thoroughly wash it off prior to using it on your property.

Know what is happening on your property and restrict access if necessary.

For example: The equipment that contractors use to disturb the soil should be cleaned prior to entry.

Specific to producers:

- Use long rotations between Canola crops. Using a 4 year rotation or more does not prevent the introduction of the disease but it will restrict its development within the field.
- Avoid the use of straw, hay, green feed, silage and manure from infected or suspicious areas. Clubroot will survive through the digestive system of animals.
- Scout your fields regularly and carefully. Identify causes of wilting, stunting, yellowing and premature ripening.
- Avoid seeding common untreated seed.
- Practice good sanitation especially on equipment coming from unknown areas.

(The Alberta Clubroot Management Plan, AGDEX 140/638-2, was referenced in making these points)

If you are looking for additional information about Clubroot of Canola and the management of this disease please contact Yellowhead County Agricultural Services Department or reference the Alberta Clubroot Management Plan (AGDEX 140/638-2).

ASB Rental Equipment

Agents: Carrot Creek Store Phone (780) 795-2400 or Ditner's Feed Service & Supply Ltd. Phone: (780) 325-3828

Equipment Available	Damage Deposit	Rental Per Day
Cattle Squeeze Chute	\$50.00	\$20.00
Corral Panels (13 panels - 10 ft. ea.)	\$50.00	\$20.00
Cattle Weigh Scale	\$50.00	\$20.00
Boomless Pull-type Sprayer (300 ga) with handgun	\$150.00	\$15.00
Boomless Slip In Truck Sprayer (125 ga) with handgun	\$100.00	\$20.00
A.T.V. Sprayer (15 ga) with handgun	\$50.00	\$10.00
Backpack Weed Sprayer (3 ga)	\$50.00	\$5.00
Post Pounders	\$150.00	\$60.00
Cattle Loading Chute (c/w panels)	\$50.00	\$20.00
Calf Cradle	\$50.00	\$20.00
Wire Coyote Traps	\$50.00	\$10.00/wk
Grasshopper Bait Applicator	\$50.00	\$10.00

Please phone for location of these units.

All towable equipment is equipped with a 2-inch ball hitch, with the exception of the post pounder and the 300ga boomless type sprayers which have pin hitches.

Cattle Hoof Trimming Chute (motor driven)	\$50.00	\$20.00
240 Gallon Water Tank for Shock Chlorinating	\$50.00	\$5.00
Munks Cowlifter	\$100.00	\$5.00
Seeder Spreader (3 pt hitch, PTO driven)	\$75.00	\$20.00

Rental Equipment Rules

1. Equipment is to be returned by 10 am the following day of rental.
2. Equipment is to be washed before returning. A \$15.00 charge will be imposed for equipment returned unwashed.
3. A \$15.00 fee will be imposed for equipment booked, but not picked up.
4. Equipment will be returned to the rental agent where it was picked up.
5. Please call either rental agent or Yellowhead County Office in Wildwood at 780-325-3782 or toll free 1-800-814-3935 for location of equipment.



Weed Control Program

The Agricultural Services Department would like to thank all of the residents who have responded to the county's weed control requests. In the fall of 2007 it was estimated that 1/3 of requests were completed and the county is planning for more in 2008. However, as all rural residents know, there is much more to weed control than simply pulling or spraying the visible weeds. A large part of weed control is prevention through awareness and education. In the spring of 2008 Agricultural Services is planning six Weed Control Information sessions throughout Yellowhead County that will discuss various weed species listed under the Weed Control Act as well as viable solutions. The information sessions will also cover effective control measures and some hands-on practice with calibration and herbicide safety training with Yellowhead County's rental spray equipment. These information sessions will be advertised in the Yellowhead County advertising pages in the Town and Country, or residents can contact the county for more information and finalized dates.

No Spray Agreement Reminder

The program changed in 2007 and Yellowhead County would like to remind those residents who do not want herbicides applied adjacent to their property to renew their agreement annually prior to May 1st of each year. Landowners will be notified in writing that the agreement needs to be renewed. There are two main reasons for having an annual renewal process:

- Many times there have been occasions where the landowner/occupant has moved and sold their property without notifying the county. This leaves the new landowners assuming that the county placed the signs along their property and are to be left untouched.
- Another big reason for the program change is non-compliance of the agreement. Some of the agreement holders are not fulfilling their obligations. Many areas are being neglected and the weeds and brush continue to spread which in turn increases the eventual costs of control.

Yellowhead County hopes that these changes will motivate agreement holders to commit to their vegetation management adjacent to their property.

Road bans in place to protect county roads

Yellowhead County will once again be strictly enforcing the Road Ban Policy on all county roads in 2008.

The policy states that weight restrictions on all gravel/dirt and oiled roads will be 75 per cent unless specified otherwise. All industrial subdivisions within the county will remain ban free during road ban season. Currently the two industrial subdivisions exempted from the road ban are the Simms Industrial subdivision on Rodeo Road and the Mizera Industrial Subdivision east of Edson. One hundred per cent of legal axle weight will be permitted on these roads.

Road bans typically last from March to the beginning of June, although exact dates are determined by the weather and how soon the spring thaw occurs. Yellowhead County announces the start and end of the bans in the local newspapers and on the

local radio stations, as well as erects signage on all banned roads. All commercial vehicle operators should contact the county in order to determine exact dates.

It's the responsibility of the vehicle operator to comply with all road bans. County staff will be monitoring frost levels on the roads to ensure bans are put in place at the right time in order to prevent damage to county roads. Road bans typically end by June 1.

Community Peace Officers will be enforcing road bans throughout the county. Heavy vehicle operators can expect to face fines of \$25 for every 100 kg over the limit, to a maximum of 5,000 kg. If the truck is more than 5,000 kg over the limit the fine increases to \$35 per 100 kg. Companies or individuals can apply for a road bond agreement to take overweight vehicles on county roads. The bond holder shall accept full

responsibility for all damages to the road and shall post a bond with the county in the amount of \$5,000 per km of road used for a maximum of four loads per day or a bond in the amount of \$25,000 per km of road used for over four loads per day.

Road bans protect county roads from severe damage during the spring thaw when infrastructure is most vulnerable. For more information on road bans, please contact the transportation department at Yellowhead County.

Animal and Dog ownership in Yellowhead County



A reminder to all county residents that they must keep their pets confined to their property or leashed at all times. No owner is allowed to let their pets roam free or become a nuisance to other landowners and passersby.

The Yellowhead County Animal Bylaw 03.06 has laid out specific regulations for owners in caring for their pets. Section 8 of the bylaw lays out the regulations for dog owners.

Dog owners are required to prevent their dogs from:

- Running at large
- Howling excessively or disturbing the peace of others
- Causing damage to public or private property
- Biting, attacking, threatening, harassing, chasing, killing or injuring any person or other animal
- Biting or chasing any vehicle

Yellowhead County residents are also responsible for any other domestic animal or livestock in their ownership. The entire bylaw may be viewed at www.yellowheadcounty.ab.ca

Community Peace Officers will be patrolling the county this summer, enforcing the animal bylaw and all other Yellowhead County bylaws. Animals may be impounded for infractions and owners may face impound fees and or fines in that circumstance.

Yellowhead County strongly urges its residents to properly care for their animals and ensure that they are not a threat to any surrounding neighbours.

CN Rail Crossings



Do you have problems crossing the rails due to trains blocking the tracks?

All CN trains run on tight schedules which are designed to ensure that trains do not block crossings for extended periods of time. However, if you see trains lingering on crossings, you are invited to contact CN directly to report the problem at 1-800-465-9239.

Stay safe on your OHV

Did you know that Off Highway Vehicles (OHV) are only allowed in certain areas? Both county and provincial regulations restrict the use of OHV in order to protect wildlife and wilderness areas as well as to maintain safety.

Provincial Regulations

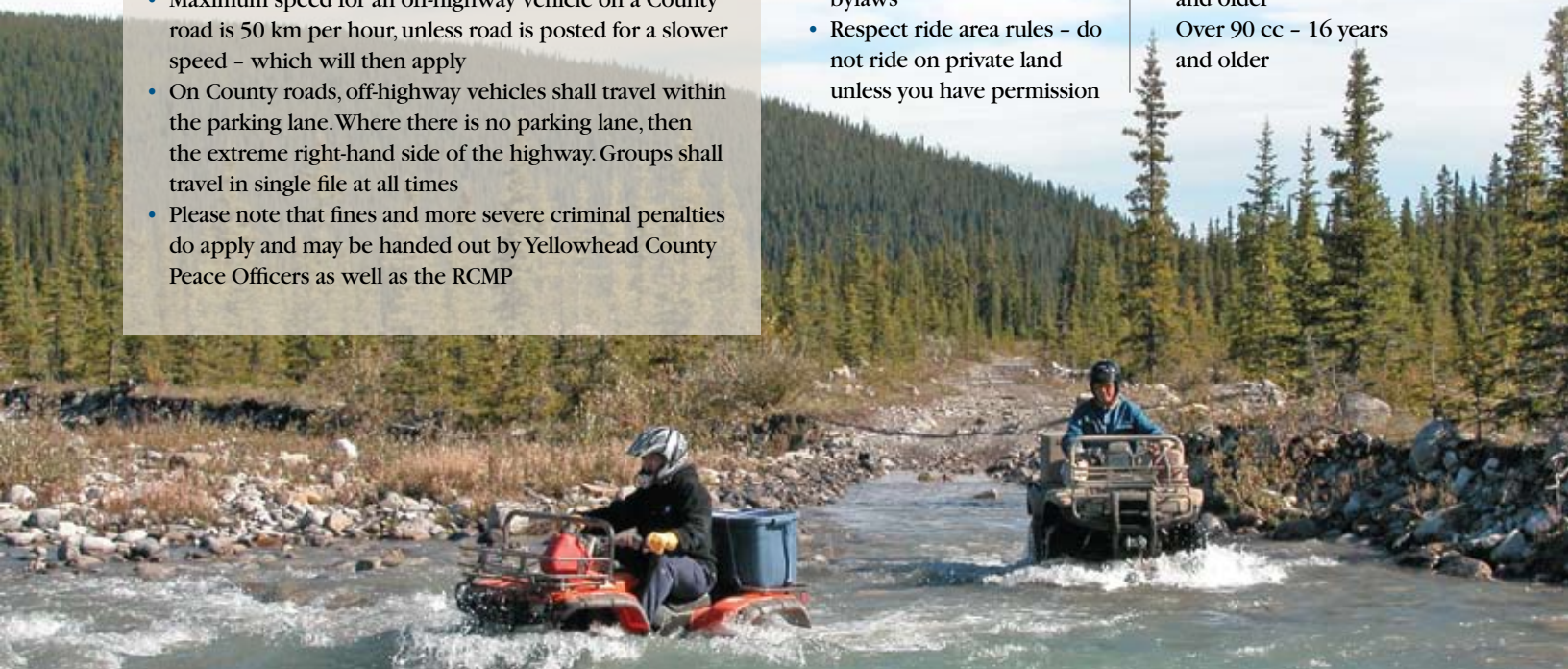
- No person shall drive an off-highway vehicle on a boulevard, ditch or on the median of a divided highway
- Alberta owners of off-highway vehicles must have registration and insurance
- License plates must be securely fastened to the rear of an off-highway vehicle so that it is clearly visible
- Headlamps must be of sufficient intensity to reveal a person, another vehicle or a thing that is at least 60 metres ahead
- Tail lamps must be capable of emitting a red light that is visible from at least 60 metres to the rear

County Regulations

- No person shall operate an off-highway vehicle on public property such as parks, playgrounds and school yards
- Off-highway vehicles shall not be operated on County roads within a hamlet except for the purposes of exiting and entering the hamlet, using the most direct route possible to and from their residence
- Off-highway vehicles can enter and exit County hamlets from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Operation of off-highway vehicles in County hamlets is prohibited from 11 p.m. to 8 a.m.
- Maximum speed for an off-highway vehicle within a county hamlet is 30 km per hour
- Maximum speed for an off-highway vehicle on a County road is 50 km per hour, unless road is posted for a slower speed - which will then apply
- On County roads, off-highway vehicles shall travel within the parking lane. Where there is no parking lane, then the extreme right-hand side of the highway. Groups shall travel in single file at all times
- Please note that fines and more severe criminal penalties do apply and may be handed out by Yellowhead County Peace Officers as well as the RCMP



- Always let a responsible person know where you are going and when you plan to return
- Keep your all-terrain vehicle properly maintained
- Be familiar with the terrain you travel
- Use extra caution when riding after daylight fades
- Carry emergency supplies and learn first aid and survival skills
- Wear protective gear, including a proper helmet
- Ride off-road only, never on County roads except in accordance with County bylaws
- Respect ride area rules - do not ride on private land unless you have permission
- Vehicle registration and minimum insurance is required on public land
- Respect the rights of others on trails
- Leave property as you found it
- Ride within your skills
- Ride with others, never alone
- Double only if your OHV is designed to carry two riders
- Abide by engine cc size and age restrictions:
 - Under 70 cc - six years and older
 - 70 cc to 90 cc - 12 years and older
 - Over 90 cc - 16 years and older



Get Involved! Volunteer with your local Fire Detachment



Yellowhead County residents depend on volunteer firefighters to defend their homes and families in case of emergency. Men and women of all ages commit their time and expertise to ensuring that everything possible is done to help out residents and visitors whenever there is a fire, vehicle collision or other emergency.

Yellowhead County maintains fire stations in Brule, Cadomin, Robb, Marlboro, Peers, Niton, Wildwood and Evansburg (Pembina). We also partner with the municipalities of Edson and Hinton.

Volunteers are trained in First Aid, firefighting and rescue techniques, as well as dealing with hazardous materials. This extensive training ensures not only the best rescue techniques possible, but also gives volunteers skills to use in their professional and personal lives.

New volunteers are always welcome at our fire stations throughout the county. Become a volunteer firefighter today! Contact Fire Chief Cory Chegwyn or Deputy Fire Chief Russell Smith at the Edson Yellowhead County Administration Building.



Feel free to contact Yellowhead County's Chief Administrative Officer or Directors with questions, concerns or comments.

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– Chief Administrative Officer

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