



TOWN OF CLARESHOLM
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 11, 2013
AGENDA

Time: 7:00 P.M.
Place: Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

AGENDA: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 25, 2013

ACTION ITEMS:

1. CORRES: Learn-a-lot Playschool
RE: Letter of Support
2. CORRES: Trisha Carleton, Museum Executive Director
RE: Bursary for CMA Conference
3. 2013 EDUCATION PROPERTY TAX REQUISITION
4. POLICY #GA 03-13: Health and Safety Policy
5. ADOPTION OF INFORMATION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Cheque Listing for Accounts Payable – February 2013
2. West Meadow Elementary School Newsletter – March 2013
3. West Meadow Elementary School Council Meeting Minutes – January 15, 2013
4. WCCHS Navigator – March 4, 2013
5. WCCHS Modernization Update – February 28, 2013
6. WCCHS Council Minutes – January 17, 2013
7. Oldman River Regional Services Commission Executive Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2012
8. Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance Board Meeting Minutes – December 5, 2012
9. Alberta SouthWest Bulletin – February 2013
10. Alberta SouthWest Bulletin – March 2012
11. Oldman Watershed Council Newsletter – February 2013
12. Porcupine Hills Lodge Board Meeting Minutes – February 5, 2013

ADJOURNMENT



**TOWN OF CLARESHOLM
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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 25, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor David Moore.

PRESENT: Mayor David Moore; Councillors: Betty Fieguth, Doug MacPherson, David Hubka, Connie Quayle, Daryl Sutter and Judy Van Amerongen; Chief Administrative Officer: Kris Holbeck

ABSENT: Secretary-Treasurer: Karine Wilhauk

AGENDA: Moved by Councillor Hubka that the Agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES: **REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 11, 2013**

Moved by Councillor Van Amerongen that the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2013 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

FINANCES: **JANUARY 2013 BANK STATEMENT**

Moved by Councillor Quayle that the January 2013 bank statement be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS:

1. DELEGATION RESPONSE – Jas Schmirler
RE: Fair Days

Moved by Councillor Sutter to support a Fair Days Committee by proposing a terms of reference for how the Committee will operate and to appoint Councillor Fieguth as the Town's representative.

CARRIED

2. DELEGATION RESPONSE – Claresholm Kraken Swim Club
RE: Starting Blocks at Claresholm Aquatic Centre

Moved by Councillor Fieguth to write letters of support for the Kraken Swim Club's CFEP grant application for new starting blocks at the Claresholm Aquatic Centre and to financially support the project for 25% of the estimated cost or \$9,950.00.

CARRIED

3. CORRES: Porcupine Hills Lodge
RE: 2013 Requisition

Moved by Councillor Van Amerongen that the Porcupine Hills Lodge 2013 Requisition be referred to budget.

CARRIED

4. CORRES: Sunset Memorial & Stone Ltd.
RE: Revenue Building Opportunity

Received for information.

CARRIED

5. CORRES: Sharon Duncan
RE: Municipal Planning Commission Member at Large

Moved by Councillor Quayle that Sharon Duncan be appointed to the Municipal Planning Commission as a member-at-large.

CARRIED

6. CORRES: Claresholm Seniors Drop In Centre
RE: 2013 General Liability Insurance Policy

Moved by Councillor Sutter to pay the Claresholm Seniors Drop In Centre's commercial general liability insurance for the 2013 year only in the amount of \$825.00.

CARRIED

7. STAFF REPORT – Community Organization Property Tax Exemption Renewals

Moved by Councillor Van Amerongen to approve the Community Organization Property Tax Exemptions for the Claresholm Curling Club, The Bridges at the Claresholm Golf Course and the Prairie Winds Clubhouse Society for the calendar years 2013 through 2015.

CARRIED

8. STAFF REPORT – Tax Recovery Sale Property @ 410 – 56 Ave West

Moved by Councillor Quayle to maintain the purchase price on the residential lot located at 410 – 56th Avenue West at \$35,000 plus GST and Council is open to purchase offers.

CARRIED

9. STAFF REPORT – Revised Quality Management Plan

Moved by Councillor Fieguth that the Town of Claresholm agrees with and will adhere to the requirements outlined in the Uniform Quality Management Plan that pertains to the Safety Codes Disciplines of Building, Electrical, Plumbing and Gas.

CARRIED

10. 2012 YEAR TO DATE REVENUE & EXPENDITURE REPORT

Received for information.

11. ADOPTION OF INFORMATION ITEMS

Moved by Councillor Quayle to accept the information items as presented.

CARRIED

12. IN CAMERA

Moved by Councillor Fieguth to go In Camera.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Fieguth to come out of In Camera.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Councillor Quayle that this meeting adjourn at 8:15pm.

CARRIED

Mayor – David Moore

Chief Administrative Officer – Kris Holbeck

ACTION ITEMS



Learn-a-lot Playschool
Box 1777
Claresholm, AB
T0L 0T0
February 27, 2013

Town Council - ATTN: Kris Holbeck
Town of Claresholm
Box 1000
Claresholm, AB
T0L 0T0

Dear Town of Claresholm Council,

I am writing in order to ask you to write a letter of support for the Playschool to send along with my proposal for an operating grant from the Community Initiatives Program.


The Playschool is operating very successfully, thanks in large part to the support we receive from the Town in the form of a wonderful space, which we love. We are so grateful to have this space! Thank you!!

In recent years, we have hired a teacher assistant, and have been providing programming for students who receive PUF funding for early intervention. While we have increased fees and have a good fundraiser in place, we still find our budget is short each year. We had a surplus to draw from for a few years, but this is now gone.

Some money from the CIP grant would allow us to keep up the excellent programs we provide while easing the burden on our families by keeping fees reasonable and reducing the pressure for fundraising.

We did apply for and receive a CIP grant 3 years ago. It was a project grant, which we used for technology upgrades.

Thanks so much for all your help. Please feel free to call if you need more information. 403-625-4551

Sincerely,

Carol van Rootselaar
Playschool Teacher

Note: The Grant Application deadline is March 15. Thanks!

From: Trisha Carleton
Sent: March-01-13 1:13 PM
To: Kris Holbeck; Doug Macpherson
Subject: Letter of support

Hi Kris and Doug,

A new bursary (Dr. Yosef Wosk) for the Canadian Museums Association Conference has come out so I'm going to apply to try and get an extra \$500 towards my attending that conference. I've attached the information about the bursary for you and it requires a letter of support, so I'd like to put in a request for the Town council to write me a letter of support. The cost of this conference is already covered by the AMA staffing grant, but if we can get more funds, all the better.

I've also attached the program for the conference. I have registered for the full conference to attend all the speakers and sessions, as well as the study tour to Kluane on May 27, the Storage Reorganization workshop on May 28, the Yukon en plein air excursion May 27, and the Ride the Rails, See the Trails Study tour May 31. I think the theme of cultural collaborations is really relevant to the Claresholm Museum, so really looking forward to it!

The conference is in Whitehorse, YT this year from May 27 – 31. I will also be speaking at the conference, presenting on the important of partnerships in community museums, speaking to the Claresholm Museum as an example.

My deadline to submit the application is March 22 so if council is able to look at this for their next meeting that would be great.

Let me know if you need any other information.

Thanks,

Trisha Carleton, BA, MA
Executive Director
Claresholm & District Museum
5126 1st St. E (HWY 2) & 5115 2nd St. E, Box 1000
Claresholm, AB T0L 0T0

403-625-1742

trisha.carleton@townofclaresholm.com
www.claresholmmuseum.com

Full conference package is available to view should any member of Council wish to.
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THE DR. YOSEF WOSK YUKON BURSARY PROGRAM

Five (5) bursaries of up to \$500 each for individuals attending the CMA 2013 National Conference in Whitehorse, Yukon.

This Bursary Program is generously supported by philanthropist Dr. Yosef Wosk.

Eligibility:

Open to individuals working (paid or volunteer) in a museum, art gallery or related heritage institution in Canada who will attend the CMA 2013 National Conference. Either the applicant or his/her institution must have a valid CMA membership.

If you wish to apply for this bursary, please submit the following supporting documentation:

- A résumé/curriculum vitae
- A short personal statement, not to exceed 500 words, indicating how you and/or your institution will benefit from participation at the CMA 2013 National Conference.
- One (1) letter of support

Deadline:

The deadline for applications is **March 22, 2013**.

The bursary cheque will be sent to successful applicants upon submission of original receipts as proof of attendance to the CMA 2013 National Conference.

For more information, please contact:

Véronique Chikuru
Program Coordinator, Bursaries and Awards
Tel (613) 567-0099 ext. 228
vchikuru@museums.ca



Kris Holbeck

From: municipalservicesbranch@gov.ab.ca
Sent: March-07-13 4:28 PM
To: Kris Holbeck
Subject: 2013 Education Property Tax Requisitions

Attention: All CAOs

Subject: 2013 Education Property Tax Requisitions

Following today's provincial budget announcement, your municipality's 2013 education requisition is now available on MERO (Municipal Education Requisition Online) through the *milenet* portal at www.milenet.ca.

On this website you will find:

- your municipality's 2013 education property tax requisition;
- forms for preparing local education property tax rates and property tax bylaws;
- information regarding property tax assistance for seniors; and
- information on ordering the *Education Property Tax: Facts and Information* brochure.

Requisition Highlights

In 2013/14, Alberta will collect about \$2.06 billion in education property taxes. This represents an increase of \$79 million, or about four per cent, from the 2012/13 fiscal year.

Commencing in 2013, two significant improvements have been made to the provincial education property tax system.

Alberta is linking education property tax revenues to 32 per cent of the target operating costs for funding Kindergarten to Grade 12 education. Using target operating costs means that the amount of education property tax revenue will be known one year in advance, which will increase predictability and allow for more effective local budget planning.

Alberta is also discontinuing the mitigation formula (capping and averaging) which reallocated the education tax requisition among municipalities. Eliminating the mitigation formula will achieve equity in the distribution of the education requisition. Now taxpayers with similar types of properties, with comparable values, will be paying similar education taxes.

The provincial uniform education property tax rates for 2013 are 2.65 mills for residential and farmland property and 3.90 mills for property classed as non-residential.

If you have any questions regarding your 2013 education property tax requisition, please contact the Grants and Education Property Tax Branch at 780-422-7125. Dial 310-0000 first for toll-free access in Alberta.

Yours truly,

Michael Merritt

Assistant Deputy Minister

Local Government Services

**2013 EDUCATION PROPERTY TAX REQUISITION
FOR
TOWN OF CLARESHOLM**

PAYMENT TO ALBERTA SCHOOL FOUNDATION FUND (ASFF)

Assessment Class	Basic Rate (1)	Equalized Assessment (2)	ASFF Requisition (1) x (2) / 1,000
Residential and Farmland	\$ 2.65	\$ 351,297,090	\$ 930,937.29
Non-Residential	\$ 3.90	\$ 70,365,173	\$ 274,424.17
Machinery & Equipment	\$ 0.00	\$ 680,230	\$ 0.00
Total			\$ 1,205,361.46

Total 2013 Property Taxes for Education:	\$ 1,205,361.46
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Report created on Mar 08, 2013.

<p>Amount paid in 2012 was \$1,194,747.51. Difference is \$10,613.95.</p>



Policy #GA 03-13

Health and Safety Policy

PURPOSE: To ensure that the Town of Claresholm complies with the *Occupational Health and Safety Act, RSA 2000, Chapter O-2*, and relevant provincial legislation. To provide guidelines for establishing and implementing programs that will reduce workplace hazards, protect lives and promote employee health.

POLICY:

The Town of Claresholm Councillors, Management and Employees:

1. are committed to promoting the health, safety and well-being of the community, its employees and contractors;
2. strive to eliminate foreseeable hazards which may result in property damage, personal injury or illness;
3. recognize that responsibility is shared. All persons engaged or employed to perform duties for the Town are responsible to comply with applicable Legislation set out in the *Alberta Occupational Health and Safety Act*, Regulations and Codes, and
4. continually strive to provide a safe and healthy work environment through commitment, communication and co-operation.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

INFORMATION ITEMS



TOWN OF CLARESHOLM

Cheque Listing For Account Payable

2013-Mar-8

11:59:12AM

Cheque #	Cheque Date	CEO	CAO	Vendor #	Vendor Name	Amount
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46824	2013-02-06			786325	ALBERTA WATER & WASTEWATER, OPERATORS ASSOCIATION	2,908.50
46825	2013-02-06			786285	ALTALIS JV	132.30
46826	2013-02-06			786195	Benchmark Assessment Consultants Inc.	4,021.50
46827	2013-02-06			786427	BOUNDARY EQUIPMENT (CALGARY) LTD.	2,106.28
46828	2013-02-06			786250	CARLETON, TRISHA	1,415.66
46829	2013-02-06			12190	CHAMCO INDUSTRIES LTD.	1,578.01
46830	2013-02-06			12325	CHINOOK ARCH REGIONAL LIBRARY	12,683.88
46831	2013-02-06			56100	CIMCO REFRIGERATION	92,218.63
46832	2013-02-06			13250	CLARESHOLM CHILD CARE SOCIETY	2,183.50
46833	2013-02-06			787507	CLARESHOLM GENERAL HOSPITAL	267.90
46834	2013-02-06			14085	CLARESHOLM NAPA AUTO	94.49
46835	2013-02-06			786950	CLARESHOLM SELF STORAGE	598.50
46836	2013-02-06			786141	CLARESHOLM TAXI	1,379.70
46837	2013-02-06			14150	CLARESHOLM WELDING &	1,606.50
46838	2013-02-06			14205	CLEAN BRITE CHEMICAL SERVICES LTD.	382.15
46839	2013-02-06			786743	DRC COMMUNICATIONS INC.	330.75
46840	2013-02-06			786202	EXOVA	2,213.52
46841	2013-02-06			26201	FERG'S SEPTIC SERVICE	294.00
46842	2013-02-06			786000	FLOWERS ON 49th	97.23
46843	2013-02-06			786800	GDM ELECTRIC LTD.	1,380.11
46844	2013-02-06			786480	GERTO CABINETS & FURNITURE LTD.	214.41
46845	2013-02-06			786880	HEITRICH, TRACEY	132.28
46846	2013-02-06			56155	LIFESAVING SOCIETY	85.00
46847	2013-02-06			56200	LOCAL AUTHORITIES PENSION PLAN	26,537.71
46848	2013-02-06			58000	LOOMIS EXPRESS	78.04
46849	2013-02-06			786812	MCGREGOR FILTERING EQUIPMENT	42.00
46850	2013-02-06			786704	MINISTER OF FINANCE (LT)	485.00
46851	2013-02-06			66100	NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER	1,189.97
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46853	2013-02-06			76300	PEDERSEN TRANSPORT LTD.	434.99
46854	2013-02-06			786453	PRAXAIR CANADA INC.	868.22
46855	2013-02-06			786156	Q.E.D. ENTERPRISES LTD.	881.49
46856	2013-02-06			86153	RANCLAND EMBROIDERY	967.21
46857	2013-02-06			86300	RECEIVER GENERAL FOR CANADA	47,227.76
46858	2013-02-06			14265	SAVARIA LIFTS LTD.	250.00
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46860	2013-02-06			91377	SOUTHERN AB RECREATION ASSOC.	100.00
46861	2013-02-06			91700	STARLINE SIGNS	342.30
46862	2013-02-06			900	TELUS	2,846.24
46863	2013-02-06			4090	WARNACO SWIMWEAR GROUP	330.94
46864	2013-02-06			787503	Western Materials Handling & Equipment Ltd.	27,399.75
46865	2013-02-06			900000	A. DEES ELECTRIC LTD.	1,882.49
46866	2013-02-06			900000	ALLEN, IRIS	250.00
46867	2013-02-06			900000	ATTRILL, ALYSSA	37.50
46868	2013-02-06			900000	WALKER, SHERI	50.00
46869	2013-02-06			900000	Wallah Fairway Markers	420.00
						241,460.05



TOWN OF CLARESHOLM

Cheque Listing For Account Payable

2013-Mar-8
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Claresholm

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46872	2013-02-14			786189	BIG SKY DODGE CHRYSLER 2008 LTD		64.59	
46873	2013-02-14			6390	BISHOFF AUTO & AG CENTRE		545.76	
46874	2013-02-14			787508	BRANDT TRACTOR LTD.		3,293.85	
46875	2013-02-14			11250	CANADIAN LINEN SUPPLY		650.11	
46876	2013-02-14			786578	CENTRAL SHARPENING LTD.		84.00	
46877	2013-02-14			56100	CIMCO REFRIGERATION		2,558.39	
46878	2013-02-14			786568	CLARESHOLM CURLING CLUB		1,200.00	
46879	2013-02-14			13400	CLARESHOLM GLASS '88' LTD		255.15	
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46884	2013-02-14			26201	FERG'S SEPTIC SERVICE		1,212.76	
46885	2013-02-14			49980	HARRY'S TIRE SALES (1984) LTD.		166.45	
46886	2013-02-14			36800	HOME HARDWARE		485.67	
46887	2013-02-14			850	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL		364.63	
46888	2013-02-14			786218	JOHN'S HEATING		47.25	
46889	2013-02-14			87012	KLEIN AUTO SALES		18,375.00	
46890	2013-02-14			786619	LATTE-DA ESPRESSO & PASTRY BAR		80.00	
46891	2013-02-14			56155	LIFESAVING SOCIETY		225.00	
46892	2013-02-14			786659	LIVINGSTONE RANGE SCHOOL DIVISION		479.76	
46893	2013-02-14			786766	MCCANCE PLUMBING & HEATING		39.38	
46894	2013-02-14			786533	MCGILL'S INDUSTRIAL SERVICES		8,919.75	
46895	2013-02-14			76400	PITNEYWORKS		418.95	
46896	2013-02-14			786180	RICOH CANADA INC.		652.26	
46897	2013-02-14			900	TELUS		86.13	
46898	2013-02-14			786437	THE WRITE SOURCE		1,393.48	
46899	2013-02-14			786849	TJ'S TREE TRIMMING		204.75	
46900	2013-02-14			101400	UNITED FARMERS OF ALBERTA		202.66	
46901	2013-02-14			111705	WC CLASS II REGIONAL LANDFILL		8,799.33	
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46903	2013-02-14			900000	A. DEES ELECTRIC LTD.		8,904.61	
46904	2013-02-14			900000	PINNACLE SECURITY LTD.		3,471.30	
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							Batch #	16477
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							19,301.27	
							Batch #	16482
46909	2013-02-27			2000	ATCO GAS		6,427.05	
							6,427.05	

Principal
Mrs. Kathy Charchun

Assistant Principal
Mrs. Dana Burrows

Office Admin
Mrs. Bev McLeod

Ph: (403) 625-4464
Fax: (403) 625-4283

The Claresholm school community works to develop literate, life-long learners who are:

- ♦ *Creative and critical thinkers*
- ♦ *Responsible and self-directed*
- ♦ *Ethical and involved citizens*
- ♦ *Able to adapt to change*
- ♦ *Team-oriented*
- ♦ *Effective communicators*

while achieving the provincially defined outcomes.



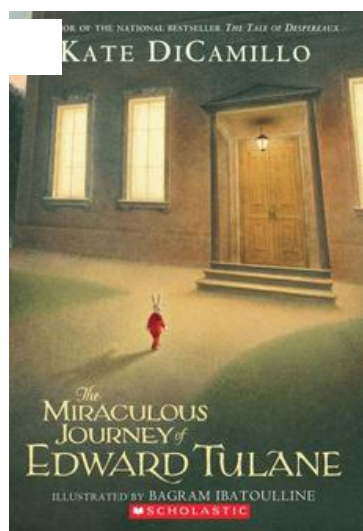
5613 – 8th St. W., Box 130

Claresholm, AB

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P: 403-625-4464

F: 403-625-4283



ONE SCHOOL ONE BOOK!

Be part of the WMES journey with Edward Tulane!

Follow the schedule, read with your family, answer the weekly discussion questions and be eligible for prizes!



Thank you!

Once again we are reminded of the amazing community that we live in and the support that WMES receives from so many people!

Thank you to:



- School Council and all parent volunteers for providing lunch, supervision and treats during Staff Appreciation Week! We often don't get a lunch break, so this was a real treat!



- *Bake Sale* Everyone who donated and bought items at the Grade 6 Student Leadership bake sale.



- Harrison Hockley for sharing the rules of soccer with our students!

- Natalie Toone for teaching us about Autism and our different brains!



Claresholm Schools
CREATE Success!

Report Card Time Again!

March 18

Three-Way Conferences

March 20 & 21

4:00 – 7:00 pm

Computers will be set up in the school to complete your satisfaction survey!

We will be hosting our 2nd Annual Resource Fair during 3-Way Conferences. This will be an opportunity for children to sign up for various activities! Watch the website for updates of organizations attending!

Fundraising Society will be selling Easter Chocolates \$3, cookie dough \$15, WMES t-shirts \$10 and will have a large variety of FundScrip Gift Cards available for purchase at 3 Way Conferences!

Please contact the office starting March 11 to book an appointment with your child's teacher.

Book Fair

Our Spring Book Fair will start March 18. It will be open Monday & Tuesday from 3:30 – 4:00pm. and on Wednesday & Thursday from 4:00 – 7:00 during Three-Way Conferences.



LRSD Parent Satisfaction Surveys

It is that time of year again to ask you to complete our school satisfaction surveys. This information is very valuable for our future planning and we would appreciate you taking 5 minutes to complete the survey! An access code can be received by phoning or emailing Mrs. McLeod at mcleodb@lrsd.ab.ca or stopping by the school. Print copies are also available from Mrs. McLeod.

One survey should be completed for each child.

Surveys must be completed by Thursday, March 28

<http://lrsd.netscaffold.com>



Thank-you

To Mrs. Linderman for organizing and supervising the lunch time Cribbage Club for Gr. 5 & 6's. This is an awesome game to enhance Math facts and the kids are enjoying it too!!

Following is a list of confirmed organizations that will have tables set up for our 2nd. Annual Resource Fair at 3 Way Conferences on March 20-21 from 4:00 – 7:00

Claresholm Lacrosse
Minor Baseball
Kidszone
Kraken Swim Club
Claresholm Public Library
Claresholm Health Unit
Learn a Lot Playschool
Soccer
Fine Arts Society
Art Classes
Project Read
Porcupine Hills Early Childhood Coalition
Body Integral

These organizations have lots to offer our kids and our community so make sure you check them out.



Fundraising Society
next meeting **Monday,**
March 25 at 7:00 pm
School Council is
Tuesday, March 19 at
6:30 pm



Monies raised helps to enrich the learning experiences of West Meadow Elementary School students

Lots that's Found!

Parents – please check the “Lost and Found” box in the foyer. It is overflowing with jackets, gloves, toques, T-shirts, hoodies, ball caps, boots etc. Check before you buy more. All unclaimed clothing items will be donated during the Easter Holidays so please check the box before then.



Cookie Dough

Has your Christmas stash of cookie dough run out? Need some more? We are clearing out our remaining product on a “first come, first flavor choices” basis. Boxes are \$15.00 each.



Stock up for school lunches and/or Easter!

FundScrip Gift Cards

FundScrip gift cards are available each month. Orders will be submitted the last Wednesday of each month with orders following about 1 week later. Please see the website for more details. The proceeds support student field trips and special events! A great way to support WMES students without costing you anything extra - groceries, gas, gifts, etc!

Please ensure that you participate in the Hot Lunch Program by pre-ordering monthly, or provide your child with an appropriate lunch and snacks. We have limited food to provide to students who forget their lunch!

Kindergarten Registration

Do you know of anyone who missed the registration deadline? Please have them come into the office to register.

Students entering Kindergarten must be 5 years of age on or before December 31, 2013.

We also require a copy of your child's Birth Certificate and Alberta Health Care card.



Easter Chocolate Fundraiser WMES students are selling LaMontagne milk chocolates!

- Chocolate coated almonds
- Milk chocolates with caramel centre
- Milk chocolate bars with roasted almonds
- Solid milk chocolate bunnies

All items are \$3

Chocolates will arrive in time for Easter!
All orders due by March 13, 2013.

Payment by Cash or Cheque to Claresholm
Schools Fundraising Society

This month's Special Day...

Backwards/Inside out day – Thursday, March 20

Wear your clothes backwards.



Claresholm Minor Baseball Registration

@Claresholm Community Center
March 4, 5, 6th
5:30 – 8:00pm

For more info. Contact:
Chris @ 403-625-0296
Mike @ 403-625-2575

March at a glance....

Please check the school website for the latest calendar updates and events happening at the school



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5 2 nd Ski Trip for Gr. 5 & 6	6	7 Gr 6 Swim 2:00	8	9
10	11	12 Gr 3 O'Neill Swim To Survive 2:00	13 Subway lunch Day	14	15 LRSD PD Day – school is closed for students.	16
17	18 Grade 5 Swim 2:00 Report Cards	19 Gr 3 McDowell Swim to Survive 2:00	20 3 Way Conferences & Resource Fair 4:00 – 7:00	21 3 Way Conferences & Resource Fair 4:00 – 7:00	22	23
24	25	26	27 Grade 4 Swim 2:00	28 Grade 2 Swim 9:00 Grade 4-6 Author Visit	29 Good Friday No School	30

MARCH BIRTHDAYS...Happy Birthday to you...

Mar. 1	Raymond C.	Mar. 15	Cassidy S.	Mar. 22	Cohen C.	Mar. 27	Jeremy S.
Mar. 2	Kiera F.	Mar. 16	Samantha Mc	Mar. 22	Kacey K.	Mar. 28	Hailyn Z.
Mar. 7	Justin D.	Mar. 17	Leeyah E.	Mar. 22	Sierra P.	Mar. 31	Bradley E.
Mar. 7	Jesse L.	Mar.17	Shayna O'	Mar. 22	Cal S.		
Mar. 7	Avery T.	Mar. 18	Sarah S.	Mar. 23	Travis H.		
Mar.12	Sarah F.	Mar. 21	Lane K.	Mar. 23	Paige V.		
Mar. 14	Liam Mc	Mar. 21	Ethan S.	Mar. 27	Samantha L		



The Willow Creek Composite High School Navigator

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Claresholm, AB

What do you get when you cross poison ivy with a four-leaf clover? A rash of good luck.

The Navigator is produced and written by WCCHS staff, students and parents. We will strive to provide information to parents of our students on what is happening in our school, and to share with the community.

MODERNIZATION UPDATE

It is getting closer all the time when WCCHS 2.0 opens its doors! This will truly be a state of the art facility to meet learning needs of 21st century learner.

Some of the areas with significant upgrades are the fine arts areas, learning support programs, video conference suite, CTS, and Phys. Ed. areas. There will be new equipment and facilities for students' learning.

Our goal is to have this facility complete and fully functional for September 2013. Some equipment and materials which are not in use this semester will be moved in May and June. Please see the pictures of our progress to date on the divisional website. Some of the work is:

- Ongoing installation of ventilation ducting, electrical systems, domestic water and heating systems continues throughout the building.
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The next update will be posted to www.lrsd.ab.ca on March 28, 2013.



SPORTS UPDATE

The WCCHS Boys Curling team went to Provincials in Bonneville this past weekend.

The Grade 9 Girls Basketball team won their league banner and was at Zones this past weekend, March 1 and 2, in Lethbridge. The Grade 7/8 Boys Basketball team went undefeated in league play and at the post-season tournament, bringing home the league banner.

Thanks to the coaches of all of our teams and congratulations on a great season!

High School Basketball is winding up. Junior Varsity League Championships were this past weekend at F.P. Walshe.

Senior Varsity Zone playoffs are next week at Lethbridge College. The Boys play Tuesday, March 5 at 8:30 pm and the Girls play Thurs., March 7 at 5:00 pm. The complete tournament draw is posted at www.southzonebasketball.com

Junior and Senior High Badminton practices have started and we look forward to a great season!

GRAD UPDATES

WCCHS Grad 2013 is coming together nicely as the committee has been working hard to select the theme, music, decorations, and a multitude of other details for the day.

Graduation will be Friday, June 28, with the ceremonies in the afternoon and the banquet to follow. Graduation ceremonies and banquet is a costly venture that requires each grad to earn 5 checkmarks or pay \$25 per checkmark. Grads can check their progress

towards this goal on the sheets hanging in the office window. The current checkmark opportunity has grads selling "value cards" for The Bridges Golf Club which offer a variety of great deals. Grads can contact Scott for further details and tickets to sell. This Spring, there will be a bottle drive where additional funds and checkmarks can be earned. An advertisement in the Local Press will announce the date of the bottle drive. The final fundraiser and checkmark opportunity will be occurring in the near future and details will be posted in the announcements. Grad pictures have all been taken, packages ordered, and delivered as of this week.

FINE ARTS ALIVE AT WCCHS

Friday afternoons are exciting for artists in the school and community. Local artists have volunteered their time to teach students about different visual arts from approximately 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. The students have time to explore and try different techniques from painting to Manga Art. If you are interested in attending this session or dropping in, please register at the front desk or speak with Bella D. There was a good turn out so far and would like to see this continue in the future. This program will run from now until the end of the school year.

Claresholm Society for the Arts

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

- Margaret Mead

A group of committed supporters of the Arts has been meeting for the last three months to get the message out that Claresholm is an Arts supporting community. Any club or organization which supports arts (painting,

News and information for the parents of Willow Creek Composite High School students, and the communities which make our school successful!

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

- Modernization Update
- Fine Arts Update
- NEW SYSTEM for booking P/T Interview Appointments!
- Sports Update
- March 2013 Calendar



sculpting, singing, music, acting) is welcome to attend our meetings to get updates, promote events and have input into our mission and vision.

You can find us on Facebook, Twitter and the Local Press. At our next meeting, we will conclude the steps to organizing an executive and filing our papers for becoming a society. Our objectives are:

- a) To support and stimulate activities in all arts and provide the vehicle to make students and artists visible in the community.
- b) To encourage and promote exhibitions, shows and to create workshops to heighten the awareness of the Arts.



Inside the gym... a clean slate!

COBRA WEAR

Next Order Date:
MARCH 22, 2013

Get your gear in preparation
for the new school!

Order forms in the office for t-shirts, shorts, sweats, tear-aways, jackets & more!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:
Ian Stewardson



I had the opportunity to observe diploma exam writing by our students in the last month and it was heartening to see our Grade 11 and 12's take learning so seriously.

They were intent in demonstrating their knowledge of the topics. Students focused for sometimes up to 3 hours to complete work to a high level. Students even had a smile on their face when I asked how they thought they did on the exam.

In the next month, we have the chance to share successes with parents at Parent Teacher Conferences. Some ideas to make the most of the time (15 minutes) with teachers are:

- a) Discuss with your child things that are going well in classes, as well as some of the challenges. This will give you perspective when talking with their teachers.
- b) Review the Pinnacle data which is available on line. You may have specific questions about completed or incomplete assignments.
- c) Review work with your child that is in the binders for subjects.
- d) Book your appointments with our new system for setting these times.

By coming prepared to interviews, the student can get the support they need to be successful.

As we begin the second semester, we are starting to work on our plans for the 2013-14 school year. School culture is our whole focus for the 2012 – 2015 plans. Our AISI goal is to bring excitement and a renewed pride and support for the school by the whole community. When we move into the new facility, we want this to be a special celebration where students feel safe and supported in their learning.

NEW WAY TO BOOK PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

We are excited about offering a new registration system for Parent Teacher conferences. This will assist in making the evenings work for parents, students and staff. All of the staff are listed on the website and it is a first come first served booking system so please logon to the website and book your appointments. Appointments are 15 minutes long and these will be followed to the clock in respect for people's time. If you need more time, we can arrange for an after school meeting on another date. Here is how you will access the website to book your appointments:

--- NEW! ---

1. At www.schoolappointments.com,
2. click on "Schools using the System" at the top of the page.
3. Scroll to the bottom and click on our school link. (under: Canada -

Willow Creek Composite High)
4. Follow the directions on the page to set up an account and book your appointment.
If you have any problems, please contact the school at 403-625-3387.

PROM 2013

Mark your calendars! The big day is only 8 weeks away! The candidates are working hard on their dance lessons and on production. The Prom Fashion Show was a huge success. A special thank you to all the families, friends and local businesses who helped make this event so fun! Prom speeches will be on April 11, 2013, at a location to be announced.



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Battle of the Sexes, Round One - Girl Hush Day was won by the Girls by a close 52 % on February 14. Round Two will be Friday, MARCH 8: JERSEY DAY! During Block 1, all students who are wearing a team jersey will be counted. The group (boys/girls) with the most jerseys on will win the round for showing spirit! On Jersey Day, any shirt which bears the logo or name of your favorite sports team, from our own WCCHS cobra insignia to a professional sports team in any sport, counts.

Round Three will be Thursday, March 14: BOY HUSH DAY. WCCHS boys must not talk to the girls during breaks or lunch in order to hang onto the shamrocks they will be given in Block 1 classes. If they

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE

- Junior High Ski Day March 5
- Next Year Grade 10 Parent/Student Info Night 7:00 p.m. . . . March 6
- Spring Forward! Change your clocks March 10
- Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews (4:30 - 7:30 p.m.) . . March 12 & 14
- Professional Development Day – No school for students . . . March 15
- Parent Council Meeting - 7 pm March 21
- Last day of school before Easter Break March 28
- Easter Holidays March 29 - April 5
- PROM 2013 April 26, 2013

talk to a girl, they must give that girl one of their shamrocks, the girl then turns the shamrock into the school office for the final tally and the chance to win individual prizes.

During the last week of March, there will be events (Girls vs Boys) during each lunch leading up to the finale on March 28.

yours from the office). We will have computers set up on Parent Teacher Conference evenings. If you would rather fill it out at home, pick yours up at the office and return it there. One lucky person who fills out this survey will win a great prize!

2013 YEARBOOK SALES

To order and pay for your school yearbook, please contact the WCCHS Office. Cost is \$40 each. Yearbooks must be paid for ahead of time, as very few extras are ordered. Yearbooks arrive in the fall for distribution.

A yearbook is a wonderful moment for any WCCHS student, but especially for our 2013 Graduates!

WE CARE ABOUT YOUR OPINIONS!

It is spring and a school's mind turns to SURVEYS. We need to hear from parents in our yearly survey. This year is a shortened version of only 12 questions completed on paper or online with an access code (get

VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

The Yearbook Committee is looking for a Volunteer Adult to help with some of the organizational work involved with yearbook production.

- Attend meetings on Mondays from 3:30- 5:00 p.m. @ WCCHS.
 - Help with yearbook sales, soliciting for sponsorship from area businesses, and
 - Collecting photos electronically from parents who attend after-school events like sports, prom events, etc. and may have taken photos.

CONTACT MYRNA NEWMAN •403-625-3387

HOW TO REACH US

Main Phone 403-625-3387
website: www.lrsd.ab.ca/schools/willowcreek
email: stewardsoni@lrsd.ab.ca
News to add? dofstee@shaw.ca

March 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> IS YOUR CHILD ABSENT FROM SCHOOL? Call the school 403-625-3387 to let us know! </div>					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Junior High Ski Day OR Bowling in Leth	Next Year's Grade 10 Parents Info Night 7 pm			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Sunday, March 10, 2013 at 2 a.m. spring forward as daylight saving time begins		PT Interviews 4:30 - 7:30 pm BOOK ONLINE!!		PT Interviews 4:30 - 7:30 pm BOOK ONLINE!!	No School For Students Staff PD Day	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
St. Patrick's Day				School Council Meeting 7 pm Sports Society Meeting 8 pm	COBRA WEAR Orders due!	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
					Good Friday No School	
No School for Students Easter Break from March 29 through April 7						
31						

WCCHS Modernization Update

February 28, 2013

It may not be evident from the outside, however significant progress continues on the interior of the building. Major progress to date:

- ➔ Ongoing installation of ventilation ducting, electrical systems, domestic water and heating systems continues throughout the building.
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- ➔ Replacement of existing stucco work continues.
- ➔ All roofing is complete. Cap flashing and fascia work remains

Students, Staff and School Council of WCCHS have been kept informed by way of viewing photographs of the modernization progress to date.

The Administration of WCCHS will continue to be involved in the process, attending site meetings to provide a school operational perspective and to serve as a conduit to communicate to school staff and School Council.

Due to the nature of the construction process, as well as for safety and insurance purposes, the general contractor will not allow unauthorized individuals on-site.

Site meetings occur every two weeks throughout the duration of the construction process involving representatives from LRSD, AB Infrastructure, the General Contractor and Consultants.

Following are photos of the work underway at WCCHS.

The next modernization update will be posted on March 28, 2013.



Common area completely drywalled and taped



Gym walls have been painted and heating lines are being installed



Lighting and lavatories install in washrooms



Multi Media area has been drywalled and taping is underway



Science room mill work is in place and gas supply and sinks are being installed



Whiteboards installed in all classrooms



Mechanical installations ongoing in CTS areas



Roofing is completed. Cap Flashing and fascia work remains

WCCHS Council Minutes

January 17, 2013

In attendance: Louise Nelson, Colleen Edwards, Kathy Harder, Ian Stewardson, Deb Lozeman, Jodi Dunlop, Ruth Lindquist, Karen Linderman

Approval of Agenda: Ruth made a change that the meeting in Fort Macleod (item 8) is actually a Video Conference and is available in Claresholm. Karen approved the agenda, Colleen second.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were not available. Deb wanted to note that she was in the minutes as being part of the Mission/Vision committee and couldn't remember volunteering for that. After further discussion, it was Colleen who had volunteered, not Deb. (November 2012 minutes).

Secretary for a Day: Deb Lozeman

Important Dates: Dates were quickly reviewed. *Note:* Calendars all say that report cards come out for grade 10-12 on Feb 1st and grade 7-9 on Feb 4th. ALL REPORT CARDS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON FEB 4TH.

Old Business:

Mission/Vision Creation Committee: It was agreed that Ian and Ruth could get together and create a mission and vision and bring it back to council for approval.

Modernization Update: Ian showed some photos taken recently of the modernization site.

Naming of WCCHS: Jeff Perry informed Ruth that since the Council had put forth a motion to keep the name the same, the process for naming the modernized site will now come to an end. The name of the modernized site is Willow Creek Composite High School.

Business Arising:

Staff Appreciation: Feb 11-15. It was decided to phone parents to bring baked goods during the week. Ruth will also contact Carmelle to see who she phoned last year and to see if she would be willing to help this year.

4 Questions re: Declining Enrollment: At the Regional School Council meeting we were asked to bring questions of declining enrollment to our School Councils.

2. What are your greatest fears about how declining enrollment will impact students, schools and communities?

- Reduction of course options and choices – how can we provide “options” when we don't have qualified staff to teach them?
- Class choices – Physics 30, Math 31, with a teacher
- Reduction of staff – This would include support staff (teacher assistants) as well as teachers
- Lack of funding/money

4. What are some things we should sustain in our schools in order to increase achievement in a time of declining enrollment?

- Continue to find ways to keep current funding or increase funding.
- Maintain core courses (at High School level)
- Have enough staff that courses are taught with a teacher – While courses are available as Distance Learning or by Video Conference, this is not how every child learns best. We need to continue to provide opportunities for students that match their learning style.

6. What are some examples of things you feel we could potentially develop in our schools in order to increase achievement in a time of declining enrollment?

- Pairing capital and programming with community – For example, when building or modernizing a school, the fine arts community needs to be in partnership with the school so that a theater could be built with the school. Some other examples are a community center or a public library could be built within the school.

We omitted the question: What are some examples of things we should cease doing altogether in our schools in order to increase achievement in a time of declining enrollment? While we answered: Cease cutting funding, this is applied more to the provincial government than to the school division, so it was not submitted.

LRSD Trustee Report: No trustees available

Correspondence: Regional School Council Meeting (by VC) Monday, Jan 21st at WMES. Minister's Teleconference January 22nd. West Meadow is going to register a phone line. Ruth wondered if it was okay if WCCHS went with them and would contact Kathy. Kathy said it was okay.

Next Meeting: Feb 28th 7 pm

Staffing Update: New band teacher. He is a Lethbridge graduate who has a minor in science and will stay until the end of June.

Adjourn at 7:55.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ruth Lindquist and Deb Lozeman

Please circulate to Mayor/Reeve and Council for information



OLDMAN RIVER REGIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION

MINUTES - 8 (2012)
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, November 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
ORRSC Boardroom (3105 - 16 Avenue North, Lethbridge)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Terry Michaelis - Chair
Gordon Wolstenholme - Vice-Chair
Henry Van Hierden (absent)
Doug MacPherson

Dick Fenton
Anne Marie Philipsen
Walter Gripping

STAFF:

Lenze Kuiper - Director

Barb Johnson - Executive Secretary

AGENDA:

- 1. Approval of Agenda - November 15, 2012
2. Approval of Minutes - October 11, 2012 (attachment)
3. Business Arising from the Minutes
4. New Business
(a) 2013 Draft Budget (attachment & handout)
(b) Draft Updated Membership Contract (handout)
(c) New Finance Committee - Board Members and CAOs
(d) Municipal Affairs Requirements to Amend the ORRSC Regulation (attachment)
(e) ERCB Directive for Subdivision and Development Processing (attachment)
(f) ORRSC Contribution for Staff Retirements
(g) Christmas Social Following Annual Organizational Meeting - December 6, 2012
(h) Closing of Office Between Christmas and New Year's
5. Accounts
(a) Office Accounts - September 2012 (attachment)
(b) Financial Statement - January 1 - September 30, 2012 (attachment)
6. Director's Report
7. Executive Report
8. Adjournment

CHAIR TERRY MICHAELIS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:05 P.M.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by: Gordon Wolstenholme

THAT the Executive Committee approves the agenda, as presented.

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by: Walter Gripping

THAT the Executive Committee approves the minutes of October 11, 2012, as presented. **CARRIED**

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

4. NEW BUSINESS

(a) 2013 Draft Budget

- Director Lenze Kuiper handed out and reviewed a revised Draft Budget. Highlights include:

REVENUE:

- Membership Fees – reflects increases approved by the Board
- GIS Fees – 5% increase as approved by the Board
- (Subdivision) Approval Fees – reduced to \$300,000
- Grant Revenue – seeking Regional Collaboration Grant of \$125,000 (possibility of other grants as well)

EXPENSE:

- Permanent Employees – includes a 3% cost of living allowance
- Temporary Employees – \$20,000 possibly for IT assistance or contract work
- Staff Benefits – approximately 17% of staff salaries
- Renovations – \$10,000 to replace GIS flooring partially using insurance money received for water damage earlier this year
- Equipment & Furniture Purchases – \$25,000 to replace 4 GIS units / new platform
- Based on current year-to-date subdivision revenue of \$246,000 the Committee requested Approval Fees be reduced to \$250,000. They also asked the Director to pinpoint more accurate Staff Benefits figures in consultation with the bookkeeper.

Moved by: Doug MacPherson

THAT the Executive Committee approves the 2013 Draft Budget, as amended, and refers it to the Board of Directors for ratification at their meeting on December 6, 2012. **CARRIED**

(b) Draft Updated Membership Contract

- One of the Finance Committee recommendations approved at the October 11, 2012 Board of Directors' Meeting directed Administration to update, standardize, and finalize member contracts for 2013. The Director has prepared a Draft Planning Services Agreement incorporating these recommendations which was handed out and discussed. Members suggested an effective date of January 1, 2013 be added as well as a statement that the agreement is an update to the present contract. They also felt the document should be reviewed by ORRSC legal advisors before proceeding further.

Moved by: Dick Fenton

THAT the Draft Planning Services Agreement be forwarded to ORRSC legal advisors for review prior to Executive Committee approval. **CARRIED**

(c) New Finance Committee – Board Members and CAOs

- At the October 11, 2012 Board of Directors' meeting the following motion was passed: *“THAT ORRSC strike a Finance Committee to generate a 5-year financial plan, Committee members to be drawn from the Board and Chief Administrative Officers of member communities.”* Following discussion it was agreed that the new Finance Committee consist of four members:
 - 1 - Chair
 - 1 - Executive Committee Member
 - 2 - Chief Administrative Officers
- All Member CAOs will be contacted and given the opportunity to submit their name along with financial qualifications for a position on the Committee. The Executive Committee will then choose two of the interested CAOs and one Executive Committee member to join the Chair to complete the new Finance Committee. Terms of Reference will be established at the first meeting.

(d) Municipal Affairs Requirements to Amend the ORRSC Regulation

- Municipal Affairs sent an e-mail listing the paperwork they must receive before proceeding with the amendment to the Oldman River Regional Services Commission Regulation. Board resolutions approving the new municipalities' membership to the Commission and provision of services by the Commission to the non-member municipalities are required.

Moved by: Walter Gripping

THAT the Executive Committee approves the addition of the following municipalities as members of the Oldman River Regional Services Commission:

1. County of Newell
2. Town of Bassano
3. Town of Raymond
4. Village of Glenwood
5. Village of Hill Spring
6. Village of Stirling

AND THAT the Executive Committee approves the provision of Geographical Information System Services (web-delivered) outside of the Commission's membership boundaries to the following municipalities:

1. Town of Bow Island
2. Town of Taber (inside our boundary / non-member)
3. Town of Innisfail
4. Town of Olds
5. Town of Penhold
6. Town of Rocky Mountain House
7. Town of Sundre
8. Village of Alix
9. Village of Rosemary (inside our boundary / non-member)

CARRIED

- The above motion will also be presented to the Board for approval at the December 6, 2012 Board meeting. In addition, Municipal Affairs has requested council resolutions from each new municipality approving their membership to ORRSC, and from each non-member municipality approving ORRSC as a provider of services. A copy of a sample agreement between ORRSC and a municipality that is receiving Assessment Review Board services will be forwarded so they can review it and identify next steps.

(e) ERCB Directive for Subdivision and Development Processing

- The Subdivision and Development Amendment Regulation (Alberta Regulation 160/2012) effective November 1, 2012 now requires municipalities to ensure that applicants include abandoned well information from the ERCB in applications for both subdivisions and development permits. ORRSC notified all member CAOs and Development Officers of this and has also sent out new subdivision application packages reflecting the new requirements.

(f) ORRSC Contribution for Staff Retirements

- Cal Kembel (35+ years of service) is retiring at the end of this year and several others are nearing retirement within the next few years. No policy currently exists regarding ORRSC contributions toward staff retirement functions or gifts; therefore, the Social Committee is asking the Executive Committee to consider establishing such a policy.

Moved by: Gordon Wolstenholme

THAT the Executive Committee approves an ORRSC contribution of \$25 per year of full-time equivalent service for retiring employees with a minimum of five years of service toward a retirement function or gift.

CARRIED

(g) Christmas Social following Annual Organizational Meeting - December 6, 2012

- Last year the Christmas Social was changed from a meal prior to the Annual Organizational Meeting to a Wine and Cheese Social following the meeting, but this was not formally adopted by resolution for subsequent years. The Executive Committee agreed that this practice should be continued and passed the following:

Moved by: Anne Marie Philipsen

THAT the Annual Organizational Meeting be immediately followed each year by a Christmas Wine and Cheese Social (spouse/guest welcome), at which light refreshments and drinks are provided.

CARRIED

(h) Closing of Office Between Christmas and New Year's

- Since 1994 the Executive has approved the closing of the ORRSC office between Christmas and New Year's, which is two or three days in addition to regular Christmas holidays. This

has not caused any problems in the past, therefore the Executive decided to approve an annual closing so it would not have to be dealt with every year.

Moved by: Doug MacPherson

THAT the ORRSC office close annually between Christmas and New Year's. **CARRIED**

5. ACCOUNTS

(a) Office Accounts – September 2012

5150	Staff Mileage	S. Harty (April - September)	\$ 98.00
5160	Staff Field Expense	S. Harty (April - September)	17.01
5160	Staff Field Expense	J. Schmidt	27.25
5151	Vehicle Gas & Maintenance	Imperial Oil	283.42
5170	Staff Conference & Area	University of Lethbridge	200.00
	Lethbridge - Jaime Thomas - "Career Fair 2012" - Sept. 26/12 - registration fee		
5170	Staff Conference & Area	University of Lethbridge	20.00
	Lethbridge - Jordan Thomas & Steven Ellert - "Career Fair 2012" - Sept. 26/12 - meals		
4140	Approval Fees	David Paton	800.00
4140	Approval Fees	Midwest Surveys	150.00
4210	Grant Revenue	Pacific Alliance Technologies	2,400.00
5280	Janitorial Services	Madison Ave Business Services	475.00
5310	Telephone	Bell Mobility	586.90
5310	Telephone	Telus	375.97
5580	Equipment & Furniture Rental	Telus	222.48
5320	General Office Supplies	Desjardins	96.52
5320	General Office Supplies	Corporate Express	70.33
5330	Dues & Subscriptions	Macleod Gazette	40.00
5350	Postage & Petty Cash	Postage by Phone	1,500.00
5380	Printing & Printing Supplies	Graphcom Printers	270.00
5420	Accounting & Audit Fees	KPMG	1,500.00
5430	Aerial Photos & Maps	M.D. of Willow Creek	240.00
5440	Land Titles Office	Government of Alberta	376.00
5490	Consultants	Stacey Olsen	282.00
5500	Subdivision Notification	Lethbridge Herald	138.32
5500	Subdivision Notification	Claresholm Local Press	195.75
5500	Subdivision Notification	Lethbridge Herald	975.86
5570	Equipment Repairs & Maintenance	Xerox Canada	855.27
5580	Equipment & Furniture Rental	Xerox Canada	668.64
5580	Equipment & Furniture Rental	Pitney Bowes	292.03
1160	GST Receivable	GST Receivable	549.63
		TOTAL	<u>\$13,754.56</u>

Moved by: Anne Marie Philipsen

THAT the Executive Committee approves the Office Accounts of September 2012 (\$13,754.56), as presented. **CARRIED**

(b) Financial Statements – January 1 - September 30, 2012

- Dick Fenton would like to see the budget tracked on a monthly basis for a clearer picture and trend of when peak spending periods occur.

Moved by: Dick Fenton

THAT the Executive Committee approves the unaudited Financial Statement for January 1 - September 30, 2012, as presented. **CARRIED**

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Update on Regional Assessment Review Board Hearings.
- ORRSC hosted GIS DAY 2012 in our Conference Room November 14 - approx. 50 people.
- College Geomatics students came in today (November 15) for a lecture by Steve Harty.
- Are meeting with Vulcan County CAO on November 27 re Request for Proposal and GIS service.
- Staff are planning to attend all 15 SSRP open houses in our area – these are 4-hour working sessions with a moderator going over a series of questions.
- Invited to a private SSRP session on December 6 for about 3 hours – will use our “Municipal Perspectives” report and “Response to RAC Advice”. Also invited to attend same thing with Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resources regarding surface water and air quality.

7. EXECUTIVE REPORT

- None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Anne Marie

THAT we adjourn the regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Oldman River Regional Services Commission at 9:10 p.m. until Thursday, December 13, 2012. **CARRIED**

/bj

CHAIR: _____





School Council Minutes

Date	January 15, 2013
In Attendance	Kathy Charchun, Jeanne White, Dana Burrows, Darla Slovak, Morgan Rosendal, Judy VanAmerongen, Karen Linderman
General Business	
Start Time	6:35 pm
Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additions – Change agenda date to Jan 15, no trustee report • Approved by: Judy Seconded by: Karen
Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Errors/Omissions - None • Approved by: Darla Seconded by: Jeanne
Discussion Items	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustees Dunlop & Hall send their regrets for not being able to attend tonight.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School improvement plan presented by Dana and Morgan.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One School One Book Michele Dimnik will present to staff on Feb 1st at Staff Planning Day how to roll out the program. Jeanne/Jaz may attend.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher appreciation week, Feb 11th to 15th. Possibilities: Classroom reps call parents to make lunch throughout week or supervise recess one day during the whole week. Could we ask if food be supplied by local restaurant for one day and supplied by fundraising committee. Make sure supervision covered for sure, check with Latte Da for baking, include bus drivers again this year. Wednesday Feb 13 for teacher appreciation day. Jeanne will organize.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community rep report – No report from Judy
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal Report: Alberta School Council Assoc. having a teleconference Tues Jan 22nd from 7 – 9pm. Kathy will register the school for teleconference and email information out to school council members if they are interested. • Feb 11th – 15th Anti Bullying Week, challenge for students each day of week, all students encouraged to participate, names will go into a draw for principal & vice principal for a day. On Jan 29th will read the book The Bucket Filler, buckets lined up for classes and staff to fill each others buckets. Grade 6 leadership will have good behavior tickets, lunch sharing, play with reading buddy day, wear pink day. Natalie Toone will come on Feb 13th to speak to K-6 about compassion/kindness/differences related to autism. • Jeanne & Kathy will compose an email to send to parents at the beginning of Anti-bullying week to share resources and bring awareness to the topic. • Bill Belsey - Kathy has sent message to FCSS no answer about getting Bill Belsey. Kathy will look into "It's Cool To Care" program for K-3. Cost of \$500. Possibly for September start of school year. Kathy will take proposal to fundraising society for funding for Bill Belsey. • Crib club – Mon/Wed/Thurs lunch hours. It is time to incorporate grade 4's into crib club? Kathy will find out who knows how to play crib and include them first. • Odering 4 Way Countdown game for use at the school.
Adjournment	
Next Meeting	Tues February 26 th at 6:30
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjourned by Judy Time – 8:40 pm

Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday December 5, 2012
Heritage Inn, Pincher Creek



Board Representatives

Phil Wakelin, MD Willow Creek
Bruce Decoux, Crowsnest Pass
Dick Fenton, Nanton
Ben Goetz, Glenwood
Walter Gripping, Granum
Shane Hansen, Cardston County
Dennis Gillespie, Stavely
Born Berg, MD Pincher Creek
Mary Kittlaus, Cowley
David Moore, Claresholm
Ernie Olsen, Pincher Creek

Guest Councillors

Murray Lauder

Livingstone Range School Division

Clara Yagos, Trustee
Shannon Scherger, Trustee

Resource Persons

Holly Fausett, Waterton
Bev Thornton, Executive Director, AlbertaSW
Bob Dyrda, Communications Coordinator, AlbertaSW
Linda Erickson, Regional Director, AEAE

1. Welcome and Introductions
Secretary Treasurer Phil Wakelin called the meeting to order

2. Approval of Agenda
Moved by Bjorn Berg THAT in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Election of Officers be deferred to the end of the meeting.
Carried. [2012-12-287]

3. Approval of Minutes
Moved by Walter Gripping THAT the minutes of November 7, 2012 be approved as presented.
Carried. [2012-12-288]

4. Approval of Cheque register
Moved by Shane Hansen THAT cheques #1134 - #1157 be approved as presented.
Carried. [2012-12-289]

5. REDA Chairs and Managers Meeting-
January 16-17, 2013
Bob Dyrda will attend this event, representing AlbertaSW management, in place of the Executive Director.
Board representative to be determined.

6. Lease agreement
Moved by Walter Gripping THAT Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance Ltd enter into the no-cost lease agreement with Alberta Infrastructure, according to the terms provided, for the period of October 01, 2012 to September 30, 2015.
Carried. [2012-12-290]

7. AlbertaSW third quarter update
Report accepted as information.

8. Tourism Investment Opportunity Investment
This project, funded by Alberta Tourism Parks and Recreation will begin in the new year.

- Bruce Decoux will represent the Board on the Advisory Committee for the project.
Bev will contact other recommended individuals from the region to complete regional participation.
9. Board Planning Survey
First draft suggestions will be incorporated into a new format and re-circulated to the Board for final input.
 10. Cowboy Trail AGM-December 14, 2012
Moved by Ernie Olsen THAT Walter Gripping attend, on behalf of AlbertaSW, and indicate our support for the initiative to continue.
Carried [2012-12-091]
 11. Communications Coordinator Report
Accepted as information.
Web stats will be provided via e-mail as well as in hard copy.
 12. Executive Director Report
Accepted as information.
List of upcoming events and conferences will be circulated..
 13. Round Table Updates
 14. Next Board Meetings
Wednesday January 2, 2013 –no meeting
Wednesday February 6, 2013-Claresholm
Wednesday March 6,, 2013-Crowsnest Pass
Wednesday April 3, 2013-Hill Spring
 15. Election of Executive
Bruce Decoux nominated Shawn Patience (aka The Deerslayer) to be Chair of AlbertaSW.
Moved by Bjorn Berg THAT nominations cease.
Carried. [2012-12-092]
The Chair will conduct the remaining elections at the next Board meeting.
 16. Adjournment
Moved by David Moore THAT the meeting be adjourned.
Carried. [2012-12-293]

Chair

Date

Approved February 6, 2013

Secretary/Treasurer

Date

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Regional Economic Development Alliance (REDA) Update

- Please encourage businesses to check their listings on the www.albertasouthwest.com Regional Business Directory. Thank you to the Chambers, communities and individuals who have been using the site, letting us know what works, and what doesn't. This input helps tremendously to tweak the functionality and make it a great resource for all users.
- Regional newspapers will begin to feature ads and stories about the "SouthWest Connect" Wi-Fi network as signage is installed in each community. Bob Dyrda is involved in continued collaboration with community representatives to position and install Wi-Fi signage in each community.
- New AlbertaSW Executive Committee 2013:
Chair: Mayor Shawn Patience, Fort Macleod
Vice Chair: Dr. Brian "Barney" Reeves, Waterton
Secretary-Treasurer: Mayor David Moore, Claresholm
Additional designated signing authority: Mayor Ernie Olsen, Pincher Creek
- Alberta Tourism Parks and Recreation is in phase one of conducting a "Tourism Investment Opportunity Study" in the AlbertaSW region. Local councils, chambers, economic development committees and tourism operators are invited to provide input via surveys, meetings and phone interviews. Call AlbertaSW for more information.



UPCOMING

- **Montana Governor's Conference on Tourism**
Sunday March 24 - Tuesday, March 26, 2013 – Helena MT
Single registrant: \$140 before March 1, 2013 Exhibitor: \$350; includes one registration
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Wednesday March 27 - Thursday March 28, 2013 – Medicine Hat
Registration \$105; AGM starts 10:00am on Wednesday; Conference starts at noon, ending after lunch Thursday
- **Growing Rural Tourism Conference: "13 Reasons Why"**
Monday April 8 - Wednesday April 10, 2013 – Camrose www.GrowingRuralTourism.ca
Early Bird registration: \$275 before March 1, 2013; \$315 up until April 5 deadline. One day \$185
Delegate Booth Fee \$75; Non-Delegate Booth Fee \$150
- **Economic Developers Alberta (EDA) Conference**
Wednesday April 10 - Friday April 12, 2013 – Kananaskis
Information and registration at www.edaalberta.ca Registration \$490
- **Chinook Country Tourism Association AGM (free) and Conference (\$75.00)**
Wednesday April 17, 2013 and Thursday April 18, 2013 – Lethbridge; RSVP by April 12. 2013
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Business leaders, start-up entrepreneurs, advisors, investors, mentors and students will converge to expand and support the entrepreneurial eco-system thriving in the region. Registration is \$30. Website launched February 4, 2013
- **4th Annual Crown Round Table Conference**
Wednesday September 11 - Friday September 13, 2013 – Glacier Park Lodge, East Glacier MT



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Regional Economic Development Alliance (REDA) Update

- Travel Alberta presented two successful “Partnering, Packaging and Programming” workshops in the region. This reinforces collaboration and partnerships by looking at new approaches to regional promotion.
- Of interest: A new economic impact report for Glacier Park reports that 1.85 million visitors in 2011 spent almost \$98M in the Park and surrounding communities (within a radius of 60 miles) and supported 1,386 jobs in the local area. Those jobs are in lodging, food, beverage (63%) followed by recreation/entertainment (17%); retail (11%); transportation/fuel (7%); wholesale/manufacturing (2%).
- AlbertaSW Annual General Meeting will be held June 6, 2013 in Waterton; we are tentatively planning to also hold the unveiling of the kiosk panel display, which includes an AlbertaSW feature.
- Alberta Tourism Parks and Recreation has completed phase one of a “Tourism Investment Opportunity Study” in the AlbertaSW region. Through primary and secondary research, interviews and surveys, over 60 investment opportunities have been identified. This list will be shortened to the “top 10” which will be developed into summaries for potential investors. We really appreciate our Chamber, business and council representatives who have volunteered their time and local knowledge in this process.

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Taken at Twin Butte, Alberta



OWC Photo Calendar Contest 2014

People are asking if we will do another photo calendar contest and the answer is yes!



Eligible photos need to be taken in the Oldman River Watershed. More details in February OWC newsletter.

Wondering what the boundaries of the Oldman River Watershed are? Visit our website at www.oldmanbasin.org and click on watershed info/maps.

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2013 Conferences**RFP's & Job Postings****Volunteer!**

OWC Headwaters Action Plan Update

Source to Tap Community Conversations Update**(see dates and locations below for next round of headwaters community conversations)**

Thanks!

Water Matters, the Oldman Watershed Council and SASCI* wish to thank everyone who participated in the first round of Source to Tap community conversations in November and December, 2012. Your contributions to the dialogue about the importance of the Oldman headwaters and the issues affecting headwaters health and integrity are appreciated, and the key themes have been captured in this [brief report](#).

Our second round of community conversations will be held in the coming weeks. Building on the results of the 2012 meetings, the focus of this important final phase is to gain local input on ways to protect the health of the Oldman watershed, with the goal of generating solutions and building support for necessary stewardship actions in the headwaters. The dialogue will address the following questions:

- What specific stewardship practices or actions are currently happening in the headwaters?
- What else is required? What are the opportunities?
- How can watershed stewardship activities be further fostered and supported to increase their effectiveness over the long term?

We encourage you to attend any of the eight sessions, with dates and times listed below. And please, bring along a friend, neighbour or colleague to join in!

Participants in this second round need not have attended the first round. All are welcome to share their voices.

Round Two 'Source to Tap' Schedule

Wed, Feb 27: Springpoint Hall* 5:30 supper followed at 6:30 by dialogue session
RSVP to Pat Ness: 553-2625

Thurs, Feb 28: Stavelly Community Centre 5:30 supper followed at 6:30 by dialogue session RSVP to jnbeeflady@gmail.com

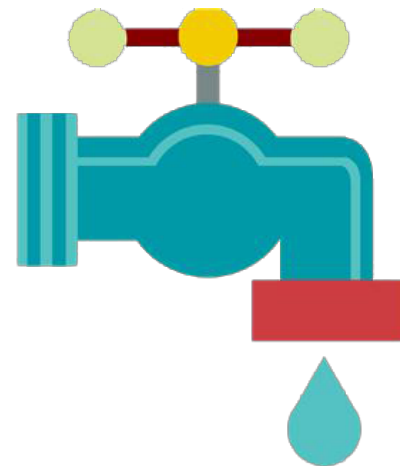
Fri, Mar 1: Lundbreck Hall* 5:30 supper followed at 6:30 by dialogue session to
RSVP to Ted Smith 628-2004

Wed, Mar 6: Pincher Creek,* Heritage Inn 7:00 PM

Thurs, Mar 7: Crowsnest Pass,* Country Encounters 7:00 PM

Tues, Mar 12: Lethbridge, Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre 7:00 PM

Wed, Mar 13: Cardston Seniors Centre 7:00 PM



Thurs, Mar 14: Picture Butte, Warren Kleeman Hall, Prairie Tractor and Engine Museum
7:00 PM

* Sessions Co-Sponsored by Southern Alberta Sustainable Communities Initiative

For more information please contact Jacqueline Nelson at: jnbeeflady@gmail.com

or Carole Stark at (403)538-7785.

OWC Events



**Holding the Reins Landowners Summit:
Fire Impacts and Stewardship in the Watershed
Wednesday, February 13, Fort Macleod & District Community Hall
Hosted by the OWC Rural Team**

IF you haven't had a chance to register, please register now. You can register at the door but when you register by the end of today, February 11, it helps us in our planning. Visit www.oldmanbasin.org , or call 403-381-5801.

Watershed Legacy Program: Deadline to Apply February 28, 2013

The OWC Rural Team's Watershed Legacy Program aims to provide the tools necessary for watershed stewardship groups and landowner cooperatives to take the next steps towards sustainable management of their land, operation, and the watersheds upon which we all rely for our quality of life. These tools include funds for stewardship projects in one of 7 key areas, as well as administrative, technical and communication assistance. For more information or to apply for funding for your project please contact the OWC Program Coordinator, Andrea Vaxvick at 403-381-5801 or andrea@oldmanbasin.org. View the brochure [here](#).

Xeriscape Your Yard Workshop

Saturday, March 2, Cousins Science Centre, Lethbridge College



Get a jump start to your garden design this spring with tips from garden design consultant Steve MacRae of Prairie Xeriscape Designs. Specializing in xeriscape, a method of landscaping that uses drought-tolerant, native plants that thrive in our dry prairie environment, Steve will take you through the 7 principles of xeriscape, assessing your soils and choosing the best plants for your yard.

Cost for the workshop is \$60. [Click here](#) to register.

Do you have a Xeriscape garden in Lethbridge?

If you have a xeriscape garden in Lethbridge that uses drought tolerant and/or native plants and follows the [7 principles of xeriscape](#), the OWC Urban Team would love to profile it on our one day, self-guided Prairie Urban Garden Tour in June (specific date yet to be determined). You aren't required to do anything for the tour if you don't want to or are busy. We will have an Urban Team member host at your garden for the day - it's that easy! Please contact Andrea at 403-381-5801 or andrea@oldmanbasin.org for more details if you're interested.

Thanks to all who have volunteered to help at Ag-Expo.

We will need more volunteers for two-hour shifts on

February 27, 28 or March 1, 9 am - 5 pm

Can you spare a few hours to man the OWC booth at the Ag-Expo this year? We need people for two-hour shifts (or longer works as well) on all three days.



Please send an email to Bev at bev@oldmanbasin.org or phone 403-381-5145 to let me know what hours you could fit into your schedule.

Thanks, we couldn't do it without your support!

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Would you like to volunteer for the Prairie Urban Garden booth at the Home & Garden Show on March 13 - 16?

If yes, please fill out your availability at [this link](#) or contact Andrea 403-381-5801, andrea@oldmanbasin.org.

Watershed Legacy Program Project

Bob and Jen Jenkins of Jenkins Ranche near Twin Butte saw a need for change to their livestock operation. They applied to the Watershed Legacy Program because they had up to 150 cow/calf pairs at different times watering at a single access point on Cottonwood Creek, a tributary of the Waterton River. Recognizing that allowing cattle in the sensitive riparian zone was detrimental to riparian health but not having the necessary resources to make changes, they . . . [read more](#).



Events and Activities in the Basin

Supporting Sustainable Food: Panel & Reception

Tuesday, February 12, Southern Alberta Art Gallery, Lethbridge

This is a great opportunity to learn about our collective roles and build connections between Alberta agricultural producers and food consumers and others who support stewardship efforts that create healthy landscapes and communities. [Click here](#) for more information

Shelterbelt Workshop

Thursday, February 14, 11:30 am - 3:30 pm

Coaldale Community Centre

This workshops will be focused on the rejuvenation of windbreaks and shelterbelts through Alberta and is limited to 30 participants. Includes lunch. [Click here](#) for more information.

Talking To People Workshop - The art and science of making presentations effective, memorable and enjoyable - with Lorne Fitch, P. Biol.

February 14, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

AWA Hillhurst Cottage School, 455-12St NW, Calgary

[Click here](#) for more information.

Albertans invited to participate in water conversation

Albertans from across the province are invited to share their thoughts on water as part of a province-wide conversation. Public sessions are scheduled to take place in 20 communities across the province, beginning February 19. Communities in southern Alberta are:

Lethbridge - Thursday, Feb. 28 at Lethbridge Lodge 5:30-8 pm

Pincher Creek - Tuesday, Feb. 26 at Heritage Inn 5:30-8 pm

Calgary - March 20 at Marriott 5:30-8 pm

Albertans who are unable to take part in the three-hour facilitated sessions can participate in the conversation in a variety of ways, including an online survey that will be available from February 11 to March 29. The survey and other information related to the water conversation are available at www.waterconversation.alberta.ca.

Water Education - Community of Practice

February 28, City of Calgary Water Centre, 12 pm - 4 pm

CoP's Regional Meetings are being being organized to:

- Strengthen relationships with and knowledge of Water Educators in your area.
- Create an action plan to overcoming barriers to Water Education in the province
- Build on work completed at and since the [CoP Launch meeting](#) in November.

Lunch included. [Register here.](#)

Landowners Rights & Energy Information Sessions - Warner

Session 2:

Environmental Considerations, Well Site Selection, Public Safety and Environmental Protection,

Abandonment, Reclamation

Tuesday, February 26, Elks Hall in Warner
Cost is \$10/person, includes lunch.

To register or for more information, call Kerry 403-642-2255.



Alberta Wetlands: From Classification to Policy Course February 27 and 28 - Edmonton

March 12 - Red Deer (CWRA/WPAC Pre-Conference Workshop)

This Alberta-based Wetlands course is arranged in topical modules consisting of theoretical and practical components.

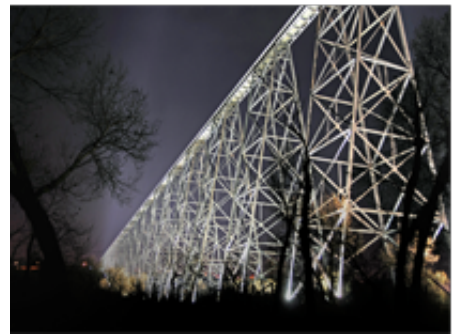
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Working Well Workshop

Thursday, February 21, 10 am - 2:30 pm, Heritage Hall, Milk River

Do you know that a poorly maintained water well can put your water supply at risk of contamination and reduce your well yield? Attend this workshop to learn about your well and how to properly maintain it. [Click here](#) for more information

Crown Managers Forum - Large Landscapes: Working Across Borders

March 5, 6, 7 - Cranbrook, BC

Registration for the 2013 Crown Managers Forum is now open. The title of this year's forum is **Large Landscapes: Working Across Borders**. The forum is being held on March 5, 6 and 7th at the Prestige Rocky Mountain Resort, Cranbrook, British Columbia. To register for the forum please visit the Crown Managers Partnership website at www.crownmanagers.org.

[Forum Poster](#); [Forum Info Sheet](#)

Locally Sourced Dinner & Conversations

Friday, March 8, Lethbridge College

[Click here](#) for more information

Milk River Watershed Council of Canada AGM - April 11, Milk River Civic Centre

[Click here](#) for more information.

Canada Wide Science Fair is coming to Lethbridge and is looking for judges

As some of you may have heard, the University of Lethbridge will be hosting the Canada Wide Science Fair during May 11-18, 2013. More than 400 judges will be needed for the event. Please contact Denis A. Gaudet denis.gaudet@agr.gc.ca for more information.



2013 Water Measurement Workshop August 14 & 15, Alberta Irrigation Technology Center, Lethbridge

[Click here](#) for more information.

2013 Conferences

Prairie Conservation and Endangered Species Conference

February 19 - 22, Red Deer

Bring together decision-makers, researchers, and community and grass-roots groups along with farmers, ranchers, First Nations and other private citizens who have an interest in sustaining prairie ecosystems.

The conference theme, Engaging People In Conservation, recognizes past efforts, supports the identification of current issues, and promotes future work to achieve success with prairie conservation and endangered species management.

For more information on the conference, [click here](#).

Canadian Water and Wastewater Association Conference

March 6 - 8, Hamilton, Ontario

[Click here](#) for more information.

Alberta Chapter - Canadian Water Resources Association Annual Conference "Water and the Environment: Watershed Planning and Management in Alberta"

March 12 - 14, Red Deer

The theme will be "Water and the Environment: Watershed Planning and Management in Alberta," and presentations will range from scientific advances and technical progress to implementation challenges, policy development and stewardship success stories.



Save the date - Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development - Water, Agriculture and the Environment Conference April 16-17, Lethbridge Lodge Hotel and Conference Centre

Agriculture's ability to feed a growing world population will increasingly depend on access to water. Our water resources are under increased pressure, not only from agricultural needs, but from municipalities, industry, recreation and environmental protection needs. This conference will provide a forum to discuss these growing pressures at the global, national and provincial scale, and how these will impact agriculture's future opportunities and challenges. Presentations will focus on water supply, water quality and

water management for agriculture in the context of increasing competition for water. There will be speakers from universities, government and industry, with a broad range of viewpoints to be presented.

Watch for upcoming program and registration information at www.cwra.org

Alberta Council for Environmental Education**Earth Matters - Environmental Education Conference with Richard Louv**

April 25 - 27, Canmore

This conference will provide you with many opportunities to learn, share, celebrate, and develop a community of practice that will support you in your work - because the 'Earth Matters.' To find out more and to register, please visit

<http://abcee.org/conference>

International Association for Impact Assessment**"Impact Assessment: The Next Generation"**

May 13 - 16, Calgary Stampede BMO Centre

For details, [click here](#).

Accelerate SOUTH50 - April 30 and May 1**Coast Lethbridge Hotel and Convention Centre, Lethbridge**

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Don't miss this opportunity to be part of this exciting event. For more information visit

<http://www.south50accelerate.com>

2013 Saskatchewan Pasture School**A joint celebration with the 15th Annual Native Prairie Appreciation Week**

June 18 - 19, Weyburn/Big Muddy, Saskatchewan

[Click here](#) for more information

In the News

Community Supported Agriculture opportunity for Lethbridge families to enjoy delicious, locally grown vegetables. For more information visit [Noble Gardens](#)

**[Lake Winnipeg declared threatened lake of year](#)**

Winnipeg Free Press - February 5th

A global environmental fund has put Lake Winnipeg on the map -- and that's a threat. The Global Nature Fund has declared the world's 10th-largest fresh water lake the "threatened lake of the year" for 2013.

[Wheatland Pushes Fracking Resolution](#)

Drumheller Mail - January 31st

Wheatland County Council is hoping to pressure the government into taking more care in protecting the environment when exploring and developing natural resources.

Grants and Awards

Alberta Emerald Foundation

is accepting nominations for the 22nd annual Emerald Awards. These awards recognize extraordinary achievements by Albertans in protecting, preserving, enhancing and sustaining the

environment. Nominations close on February 28th and finalists are announced in April. To download the nomination information package, please [click here](#).

is administering the Youth Environmental Engagement Grant, which provides up to \$400 to schools, classrooms and youth groups to help underwrite the costs of engaging youth participation in environmental stewardship. To learn more about this grant program, please [click here](#).

Alberta Stewardship Network

2013 Watershed Stewardship Grant (WSG) Program will be accepting applications until February 1. Through the WSG Program, grants of up to \$7,500 are awarded to watershed stewardship groups working in their communities to raise awareness of local watershed issues or improve the condition of their local watershed. To learn more, [click here](#).

Alberta Ecotrust has announced changes to their grant programs, including updates to eligibility, expanded priorities, and changes to criteria. To learn more about these changes, [click here](#).

RFP's and Job Postings

Alberta Lake Management Society requires three energetic individuals with science or environmental backgrounds for their LakeWatch Technician positions. The work term will run for 5-6 months (full-time from May 1 to mid-October). LakeWatch Technicians travel to selected lakes throughout Alberta to collect water quality data. Application deadline is February 22. Please see the [attached job posting](#) for details.

Cows and Fish is currently looking to fill one or two positions to collect and interpret riparian health inventory data. Please see the [attached job posting](#) for details. Application deadline is February 22.

Expression of Interest - Head Gardener, 5 year term period at the Coutts Centre for Western Canadian Heritage in Nanton, Alberta

The University of Lethbridge invites expressions of interest for the services of a Head Gardener for a 5-year term period, commencing April, 2013 or sooner. [Click here](#) for more info.

Tera Environmental Consultants is looking for a [Vegetation Biologist](#) (Medicine Hat or Hanna, Alberta), and an [Intermediate Environmental Planner](#) (Medicine Hat and/or Hanna). Click on the links for more details.

The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) is currently looking for a **2013 Conservation Volunteers (CV) Intern** to help inspire Albertans to get involved in our hands-on conservation work!

Position: Conservation Volunteers Intern
Type: Full-time, 6 month paid position (May - October)
Location: Alberta (Calgary)
Organization: Nature Conservancy of Canada
[Link to Full Posting](#)

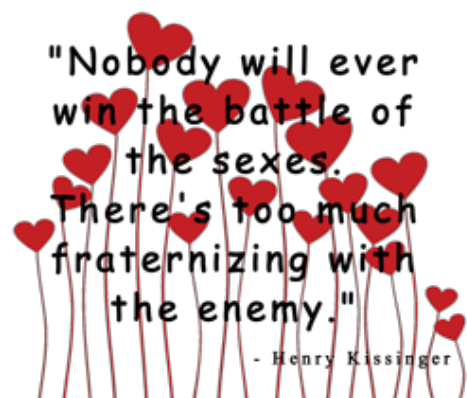
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The **Water Economics, Policy and Governance Network** at Brock University has issued a call for proposals for research projects. The call for proposals is solicited in collaboration with the Canadian Water Network and will consider proposals for research projects with budgets up to a maximum of \$25,000 annually. Project duration may be between 12 to 24 months. Proposals are due on March 1, 2013. For more information, please [click here](#).

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Porcupine Hills Lodge **BOARD**
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 5, 2013

PRESENT: Earl Hemmaway, Linda Todd, Audrey Hoffman, Arlette Heck, Karen Keen
REGRETS: Pam Crone

1. **Meeting Called to Order by Early Hemmaway at 3:40 p.m.**
 2. **Additions to Agenda:**
Policy and Procedure Handbook and Employee Handbook updated and changed.
 3. **Acceptance of Agenda** - Judy moved acceptance with addition. - *Carried.*
 4. **Acceptance of January 8, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes** - Linda moved acceptance - *Carried.*
 5. **Chairman Report** - Earl reported on information from Calgary Handibus Society regarding van.
 - 5a. **Financial Report** - Tabled pending clarification of Net Income amount from Bookkeeper.
 6. **Manager's Report** - Assessment(s) moved acceptance by Karen, using Town CAO's calculations to stay consistent with the other Lodge foundations in the area. - *Carried.*

Audrey moved acceptance of Manager's Report as presented - *Carried.*

Recreation Report - Linda move Acceptance - *Carried.*
 7. **Maintenance Report** - Discussion regarding Maintenance reports and documentation.
Karen moved acceptance of Maintenance Report - *Carried.*
- Items 7.1, 8, 9 10.** - No Reports or issues.
11. **Policy and Procedures and Employee Handbook Updated as per special meetings.**
Judy moved acceptance of updated changes - *Carried.*
 12. **Adjournment** - Linda moved adjournment 5:10 p.m. - All in Favor - *Carried.*