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Village of Strome



Strome Village Office

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Board Leadership 2010

A variety of sessions and networking opportunities addressing **not-for-profit** board fundamentals and new trends.

Saturday, March 20, 2010

Grant MacEwan University

For more info: www.rcvo.org

Village Office:

- Open Thursdays Only
- Hours: 9:00—4:00
- Phone call-forwarded to Flagstaff County when office is closed.
- Phone: 780-376-3558
- Public Works: 385-4775
- Fax: 780-376-3557
- Email: strome@syban.net
- Website: www.villageofstrome.com
- Council Meetings: every 2nd Thursday of the month, at 1:00 pm

Water Meters

The first readings on the water meters have been taken and some households contacted regarding continuous leaks.

We will continue monitoring water usage, without charging the new rates until June 1, 2010.

You will see **an extra line on your next few utility bills** indicating the amount of water used by your household for a specific period of time.

Consumption: The average household uses 18 cubic meters of water per month.

Compare: One toilet constantly running can use over 13 cubic meters of **extra** water a month.

If you have a high reading, check the following:

- Hot Water Tank—may be leaking even if you can't see it. *Check for a drain underneath.*
- Toilets (faulty flush valves or leaking waterline to the tank)
- Sinks (leaking taps or waterlines)
- Waterlines to dishwashers or fridges with plumbing for water/ice cubes.
- Outside Hose Bib—may have cracked due to cold weather and is now dripping.

If you have any questions, feel free to call the office.

Welcome!

Welcome to the two new business owners in town!

- **Flour Mill Foods**—now operating under new management.
Open Mon-Saturday 10:00—6:00 temporarily until a new schedule is decided.
- **Strome Hotel**—operating under new management.
Mon-Wednesday 1pm—12:00
Tues-Saturday 1pm—2:30am

We wish you all the best in your new venture.

Opportunities!



Community Futures Small Business Seminars

The following are being offered:

- 12 Steps of Succession Planning - March 31st
- Financing Your Business - Are You Ready-March 17
- Record Keeping & Accting for Small Busn - Feb 24th
- Developing a Marketing Plan - Feb. 17th
- Preparing A Business Plan - March 10th
- Starting Your Business - March 3rd
- Understanding Business Financial Statements - April 7th
- Basic Market Research - April 21st

- Do-It-Yourself Incorporation - May 19th

Wednesday afternoons, via conference call or in Viking.
Call 1-877-336-3497 for more information.



Flagstaff Intermunicipal Assessment Review Board

We are looking for two adults willing to be part of our new Joint Assessment Review Board committee for the municipalities in Flagstaff County.

Training costs will be paid for, as well as a fee for each time you are called to attend an Appeal board meeting, which should only a few times a year.



Subdivision & Development Appeal Board

This is a similar Board, but is only for Strome and does not require training. If someone should make an appeal under this heading, you would attend a meeting as one of the board members in order to decide the outcome of the appeal.

Please contact the office if you are interested. Again, you would be paid a fee to attend each Appeal (likely not more than once a year - probably less!)

Do you or your organization have an article of interest for the Village of Strome residents? If so, please contact the Village office so that it can be included in the next newsletter!!

Seedling Give-Away

We are able, once again, to take part in Tree Canada Foundation's Annual **Seedling Give-Away!** The seedlings will be available early May 2010.

**First Come, First Serve
Two Per Family**

If you would like a seedling, please call the Village office. If you get Voice Mail, leave your **name & number** and what it's regarding. We will then put you on the list and contact you when we have the delivery date for the seedlings.

Handling the give-away in this manner will help in making sure everyone that wants one (or two) gets one.

Council Highlights

Your council recently passed resolutions on the following:

- to approve the Registration fee of \$200 for Communities in Bloom 2010;
- to renew annual borrowing bylaws (to be used only in extreme emergencies);
- to legally acquire the 2009 Tax Sale properties that did not sell at the Public Auction and have the properties cleaned up ASAP;
- to have Flagstaff County fund and supervise the Regional Emergency Services Coordinator position for 2010, as recommended by the Flagstaff Intermunicipal Partnership Committee;
- that the Emergency Services Committee be given responsibility to draft a new Fire Agreement with the intent to receive possible funding through the Flagstaff Intermunicipal Partnership Committee;
- that Flagstaff Intermunicipal Partnership Committee apply for an exploration grant for Regional Emergency Management & Fire Services;
- to approve the Flagstaff Regional Housing Group 2010 requisition in the amount of \$2,229.93;

- to donate \$750.00 towards Flagstaff's Initiative to Relationship & Spousal Trauma's silent auction;
- to delay setting in motion water meter rates until residents have a chance to view their consumption and make corrections if needed.

Reviews and Projects that are being worked on:

- A review of all Village policies has been completed. Revisions and new policies to be made active soon.
- 2010 Budget Items

**Next Council Meeting:
March 11, 2010 @ 1:00 PM**

Important Info

Emergency Contacts

911 (for any emergency)

780-385-3502 Killam RCMP

780-390-0117 County Issues

1-780-373-3773 Ankeron Gas

24 Hour Line—for if you smell natural gas or hit a gas line, etc.

1-800-567-9111 Atco Electric

24 Hour Line for power line down

1-800-668-2248 Atco Electric

24 Hour Line for power outages

780-310-9473 Fortis/Epcor

24 Hour Line for power outages

877-943-2876 Viterra if Ammonia Leak

780-608-8167 Fire Department

Garbage Pick Up

Every Thursday morning, starting at 8:00 AM.

Transfer Station Hours

Summer Hours:

Tues: 1:00PM to 6:30PM

Sat: 8:30AM to 12:00AM

Winter Hours:

Tues: 1:00PM to 4:30PM

Sat: 8:30AM to 12:00AM

Recycling

Bins for **cardboard** and **plastic** are located by the Town Shop.

Recycling of **tires?** Recycling of old **batteries** and **cell phones?**

Information regarding recycling of tires, old batteries and old cell phones can be found in the village office.

Blue Boxes—Call Jennifer Kowalchuk at 376-2271 for more info on pick up of newspapers, glass, tin cans, cardboard, and #2 plastics.

Your Thoughts on Policing

Your local police committee would like your input as to what you would like to see more of in your community. For instance, do you feel there is a huge gap in police service in a specific area? Any suggestions on what could be done better?

If you have any comments or requests that you would like passed on to this committee, please contact Tina Pfeffer **before February 23rd** at 780-376-2278.

