

AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER

CLEAR HILLS COUNTY

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VEGGIE GROWING CONTEST RETURNS!

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THINKING ABOUT **RUNNING FOR COUNCIL?**

The 2025 Municipal Election is NOW OPEN

WATER PUMP RENTALS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT RESIDENTS DURING DROUGHT **CONDITIONS**

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WHAT'S INSIDE

Dear Residents,

Welcome to the July 2025 edition of the Clear Hills County Newsletter. Inside, you'll find important updates, key dates, grant opportunities, and upcoming community events. We look forward to seeing many of you at our annual County BBQ and encourage everyone to participate in this year's growing contest!

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ATTENTION

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Clear Hills County Newsletter Distribution Update

Clear Hills County is exploring alternate ways to distribute our monthly newsletter to improve overall efficiency and service to residents. In the past, a printed copy of the newsletter was mailed to every household. Going forward, we are asking residents to sign up if they wish to continue receiving the newsletter, either by Canada Post or by email. The newsletter will continue to be available online at www.clearhillscounty.ab.ca.

TO SIGN UP

to receive the newsletter, please contact:
Bonnie Morgan Phone: **780-685-3925 ext. 120 Email: bonnie@clearhillscounty.ab.ca**

An online sign-up form is also available on our website see link below!

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Clear Hills County Council

Clear Hills County Meetings

- Council meetings are held on the second and the forth Tuesday of each month at 9:30am at the Clear Hills County office.
- Policy and Priority Committee (Council as a whole) meetings are held as required.
- Municipal Planning Commission meeting's are scheduled in the second and forth Tuesday of each month, as required.
- Agriculture Service Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of most months

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Want to book a delegation with Council? Contact Bonnie at 780-685-3925 ext: 120 or email bonnie@clearhillscounty.ab.ca

MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING CLEAR HILLS COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2025

Amber Bean Reeve

David JanzenDeputy ReeveJason RueckerCouncillorDanae WalmsleyCouncillorSusan HansenCouncillor

ATTENDING

Allan Rowe Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

Bonnie Morgan Executive Assistant (EA)

Lori Jobson Corporate Services Manager (CSM)

ABSENT Abe Giesbrecht Councillor

CALL TO ORDER Reeve Bean called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

AGENDA C345-25(6-24-25) RESOLUT

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen to adopt the agenda governing the June 24, 2025 Regular Council Meeting, as presented. CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Previous Council Meeting Minutes

C346-25(6-24-25) RESOLUTION by Councillor Hansen to adopt the minutes of the June 17, 2025, Policy & Priority Meeting, as presented. CARRIED.

C347-25(6-24-25)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Walmsley to adopt the minutes of the June 10, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, as presented. CARRIED.

NEW BUISNESS: COUNCIL

Management Team Activity Report

Management activity report was reviewed.

C348-25(6-24-25)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen that the management activity report for June 17, 2025, be accepted, as presented. CARRIED.

TENDER OPENING
Tender No.
CA0048031.3419 –
Range Road 75

WSP Canda Inc. will be in attendance to open Tenders for Range Road 75 Tender No. CA0048031.3419.

C349-25(6-24-25)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Hansen to open tenders at 9:35 a.m. for Range Road 75 Tender No. CA0048031.3419. WSP Canda Inc. will analyze the results and bring back a recommendation to a future council meeting.

CARRIED.

Company	Amount
Mainline Construction 2014 Ltd.	\$653,542.19
MDP Oilfield Services Ltd.	\$715,087.20
Newgen Projects Ltd.	\$506,380.00
1666321 Alberta Ltd.	\$470,678.37

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Tender 2025-11 4 New Roof Top Air Conditioner Units

Council is presented with tenders to open for Tender 2025-11 Supply and Install 4 New Roof Top AC Units.

C350-25(6-24-25)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Ruecker to open tenders for Tender 2025-11 Supply and Install 4 New AC units, analyze the results and bring a recommendation to a future Regular Council Meeting. CARRIED.

Company	Amount
Zee Jay Mechanical	Opened
Pro West	Opened
AGS Ltd.	Opened
Renyolds Plumbing & Heating	Opened

Tender 2025-12 Metal Cladding – Shop Wall

Council is presented with tenders to open for Tender 2025-12 Supply and Install Metal Cladding Over South Shop Wall.

C351-25(6-24-25)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen to open tenders for Tender 2025-12 Supply and Install Metal Cladding Over South Shop Wall, analyze the results and bring a recommendation to a future Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED.

No tenders received

Councillor Reports

Council submits the meetings attended in the previous month and a report, if applicable.

C352-25(6-24-25)

RESOLUTION by Reeve Bean to table the Councillor Reports until later in the meeting. CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS: Town of Fairview Reeve Bean recessed the meeting at 10:04 a.m. Reeve Bean reconvened the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Representatives from the Town of Fairview Council were in attendance to discuss funding for the Fairview Aquatic Centre.

C353-25(6-24-25)

RESOLUTION by Reeve Bean to receive the delegation from the Town of Fairview Council and approve a General Grant in the amount of \$30,000.00 to the Town of Fairview to assist in the HVAC 2025 project at the Fairview Regional Aquatic Centre, funds to be allocated from the Recreation Reserve.

CARRIED.

Alberta Counsel

Alberta Counsel representatives were in attendance to present to Council.

Reeve Bean recessed the meeting at 11:27 a.m. Reeve Bean reconvened the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

C354-25(6-24-25)

RESOLUTION by Reeve Bean to receive the delegation from Alberta Counsel for information, as presented. CARRIED.

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C355-25(6-24-25)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Hansen to raise the Councillor reports off the table.

CARRIED.

C356-25(6-24-25)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen to receive the Councillor reports for information, as presented. CARRIED.

C357-25(6-24-25)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Hansen to approve 2 days honorarium and mileage for Reeve Bean for coordinating the 2025 Seniors Tribute Video.

CARRIED.

Reeve Bean recessed the meeting at 12:03 p.m. Reeve Bean reconvened the meeting at 12:29 p.m.

Highway 64 Alignment (Clear River Valley)

Council reviewed the update regarding the Highway 64 Alignment (Clear River Valley).

C358-25(6-24-25)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen to approve the proposed plan from Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors on the Highway 64 Alignment of the Clear River Valley.

CARRIED.

CORPORATE
SERVICES
Accounts Payable
June 11, 2025 to
June 24, 2025

A list of expenditures for Clear Hills County for the period of June 11, 2025 to June 24, 2025 is provided for Council's review.

C359-25(6-24-25)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Ruecker that Council receives for information the Accounts Payable report for Clear Hills County for the period of June 11, 2025 to June 24, 2025, for a total of \$425,677.40, with funds to be transferred from Long Term Investments.

CARRIED.

Bylaw 300-25 Lending of Funds to The Worsley Clear Hills Ski Club

Council is presented with draft Bylaw 300-25 – Lending of Funds to the Worsley Clear Hills Ski Club for second and third reading.

C360-25(6-24-25)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen that second reading be given to Bylaw No. 300-25, a Bylaw of Clear Hills County, in the Province of Alberta, for the purpose of authorizing the lending of funds to the Worsley Clear Hills Ski Club.

CARRIED.

C361-25(6-24-25)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Ruecker that third reading be given to Bylaw No. 300-25, a Bylaw of Clear Hills County, in the Province of Alberta, for the purpose of authorizing the lending of funds to the Worsley Clear Hills Ski Club.

CARRIED.

Policy 7011 Community Support Services Grant Program

Council is provided with a draft Policy 7011 – Community Support Services Grant for review.

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C362-25(6-24-25)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Hansen that Council adopt Policy 7011 – Community Support Services Grant, as presented. CARRIED.

Funding Request Village of Hines Creek

The Village of Hines Creek has sent a letter requesting additional funding for "25% tax incentives for the village ratepayers for 2025."

C363-25(6-24-25)

RESOLUTION by Reeve Bean to approve a Conditional Grant to the Village of Hines Creek, to be used toward a 25% tax rebate incentive applicable to the Commercial Assessment Codes for the Municipal portion of the Village of Hines Creek property taxes in 2025, in the amount of \$71,734.34, with funds to be allocated from the Rate Stabilization Reserve.

C364-25(6-24-25)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Hansen to approve a 2-year funding commitment of \$300,000.00 for 2026, and 2027, to the Village of Hines Creek to assist with operating expenses.

CARRIED.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Municipal Emergency Management Plan Risk Assessment

Annually, Council reviews the Municipal Emergency Management Plan Risk Assessment to consider if the probability of occurrence or degree of severity has changed for potential disasters that could affect the County.

C365-25(6-24-25)

RESOLUTION by Reeve Bean to table and bring back the Municipal Emergency Management Plan Risk Assessment to a future Policy & Priority Meeting.

CARRIED.

Bylaw No. 285-24 Fire Ban

Council is presented with Bylaw No. 285-24 Fire Ban.

C366-25(6-24-25)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen to remove the Clear Hills County Fire Ban as per Bylaw 285-24, effective June 25, 2025, at 12:01 a.m. CARRIED.

PUBLIC WORKS
Proceed to Proposal2025 Bridge
Inspections &
Engineering of
Maintenance

Council is presented with a request to proceed to Proposal for the 2025 Bridge Inspections and Engineering of Maintenance.

C367-25(6-24-25)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Hansen to proceed to proposal for the 2025 Bridge Inspections and Engineering of Maintenance. CARRIED.

WRITTEN REPORTS
Chief Administrative
Officer's Report

Chief Administrative Officers Report

C368-25(6-24-25)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Walmsley to receive the Chief Administrative Officers report for information, as presented. CARRIED.

Corporate Services Manager's Report

nothing to report.

Public Works Manager's Report

Public Works Manager's Report

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C370-25(6-24-25)	July and Augu	· .	Councillor meetings for D.
	Date	Meeting	Attendee
	June 30	HPEC	Hansen
	June 28	Hines Creek Graduation	Walmsley
	August 8	Zone 4	All
	July 15/16	Wetlands workshop	Walmsley
	July 14	NWSAR	Bean, Walmsley
			CARRIED.
C371-25(6-24-25) C372-25(6-24-25)	Reeve Janzen and Conference RESOLUTION Councillor Wal	by Reeve Bean to approve to attend the Alberta Forest Pe, September 24-26, 2025, in Jaby Councillor Hansen to apmsley to attend the Wetlands in 15-16, 2025, in Grimshaw, Albe	roducts Association AGM sper, Alberta. CARRIED prove the attendance of in Alberta's Peace Region
	Deputy Reeve J	anzen left the meeting at 1:12 p.n	n.
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<u>CLOSED:</u> C373-25(6-24-25)		by Reeve Bean that Council o ection 27, of FOIP at 1:12p.m.	closes the meeting to the CARRIED.
C374-25(6-24-25)		y Councillor Walmsley that Cou er Section 27, of FOIP at 1:20 p.	
<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	Reeve Bean ad p.m.	journed the June 24, 2025 Regu	llar Council Meeting at 1:20
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	DATE	CHIFF ADMINISTRA	ATIVE OFFICER



MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING CLEAR HILLS COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS **TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025**

PRESENT Amber Bean Reeve David Janzen Deputy Reeve Jason Ruecker Councillor Councillor Danae Walmsley Susan Hansen Councillor Abe Giesbrecht Councillor **ATTENDING** Allan Rowe Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Bonnie Morgan Executive Assistant (EA) **ABSENT** CALL TO ORDER Reeve Bean called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. ACCEPTANCE OF **AGENDA** C375-25(7-08-25) RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen to adopt the agenda governing the July 8, 2025 Regular Council Meeting, as presented. CARRIED. APPROVAL OF **MINUTES** Previous Council Meeting Minutes C376-25(7-08-25) **RESOLUTION** by Councillor Walmsley to adopt the minutes of the June

24, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, as presented. CARRIED.

TENDER OPENING Tender 2025-13 Hard Surface Snow & Ice Removal

Council is presented with Tenders for RFT 2025-13 Hard Surface Snow and Ice Removal.

C377-25(7-08-25)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Giesbrecht to open tenders at 9:35 a.m. for RFT 2025-13 Hard Surface Snow and Ice Removal, administration will analyze the results and bring back a recommendation to a future Regular Council Meeting. CARRIED.

No tenders received

Tender 2025-14 Chinchaga Road Management

Council is presented with Tenders for RFP 2025-P14 Chinchaga Road Management.

C378-25(7-08-25)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Hansen to open tenders at 9:35 a.m. for RFP 2025-14 Chinchaga Road Management, administration will analyze the results and bring back a recommendation to a future Regular Council Meeting. CARRIED.

Company	Amount
Chinchaga Road Management Ltd.	Opened

NEW BUISNESS: COUNCIL Management Team Activity Report

Management activity report was reviewed.

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C379-25(7-08-25)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen that the management activity report for June 24, 2025, be accepted, as presented. CARRIED.

Councillor Reports

Council submits the meetings attended in the previous month and a report, if applicable.

C380-25(7-08-25)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Giesbrecht to approve a premier viewing of the Seniors Tribute Video at Eureka River Hall. CARRIED.

Councillor Ruecker entered the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

C381-25(7-08-25)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Walmsley to receive the Councillor Reports for information, as presented. CARRIED.

Road Tour Overview

On June 23, 2025, Council conducted their annual road tour, focusing this year on locations on the east side of the County.

C382-25(7-08-25)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen to receive the Road Tour overview for information, as presented. CARRIED.

Tender Award 2025-11 New AC Units

Council is presented with the analysis of Tender 2025-11 4 New AC Units.

C383-25(7-08-25)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Giesbrecht to award Tender 2025-11 New AC Units to Pro-West Refrigeration for \$32,995.00 plus GST. Funds including the \$2,995.00 budget overage to be allocated from the Office & Shop Building Reserve. CARRIED.

CORPORATE SERVICES Accounts Payable June 25, 2025 to July 8, 2025

A list of expenditures for Clear Hills County for the period of June 25, 2025, to July 8, 2025 is provided for Council's review.

C384-25(7-08-25)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Janzen that Council receives for information the Accounts Payable report for Clear Hills County for the period of June 25, 2025, to July 8, 2025, for a total of \$273,680.03 with funds to be transferred from Long Term Investments.

CARRIED.

COMMUNITY
SERVICES
Worsley Pioneer Days
Parade

Council is presented with information regarding the Annual Worsley Pioneer Days parade that is being held Saturday, August 9, 2025.

C385-25(7-08-25)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Walmsley to authorize the attendance of all Councillor's to the Annual Worsley Pioneer Days that is being held Saturday, August 9, 2025, to participate in the parade. CARRIED.

Reeve Bean recessed the meeting at 10:43 a.m. Reeve Bean reconvened the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

Bylaw No. 285-24 Fire Ban

Council is presented with Bylaw No. 285-24 Fire Ban.

No action taken

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PUBLIC WORKS
Tender Award
Range Road 75
Tender
CA0048031.3419

Council is presented with WSP Canda Inc.'s analysis of the Tenders for Range Road 75 Tender No. CA0048031.3419 for review and awarding.

C386-25(7-08-25)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Hansen to award Tender No. CA0048031.3419 Range Road 75 Construction and Grading to NewGen Projects Ltd. for the amount of \$506,380.00, funds to be allocated from the Road Construction Reserve.

WRITTEN REPORTS
Chief Administrative
Officer's Report

Chief Administrative Officers Report

C387-25(7-08-25)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Hansen to receive the Chief Administrative Officers report for information, as presented. CARRIED.

Corporate Services Manager's Report

nothing to report.

Public Works Manager's Report

Public Works Manager's Report

C388-25(7-08-25)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Giesbrecht to receive the Public Works Manager's report for information, as presented. CARRIED.

COUNCIL INFORMATION

Information for Councils review.

C389-25(7-08-25)

RESOLUTION by Reeve Bean to receive the Council information for information, as presented. CARRIED.

CALENDARS

Council is presented with a calendar of upcoming meetings. This will aid administration in maintaining records and serve as a reminder for upcoming meetings for both the Council and administration.

C390-25(7-08-25)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Ruecker to accept for information July, August and September 2025 calendar updates of Councillor meetings for information, as presented.

Date	Meeting	Attendee
August 18	HPEC Planning Session	Hansen
August 18	NWSAR	Bean, Walmsley
Sept 8	HPEC Planning Session	Hansen
August 25	MPTA	Bean
		CARRIED.

C391-25(7-08-25)

RESOLUTION by Reeve Bean to approve the attendance of all Council to attend the Wetlands in Alberta's Peace Region workshop July 15-16, 2025, in Grimshaw, Alberta.

CARRIED.

CLOSED:

C392-25(7-08-25)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Hansen that Council closes the meeting to the public as per Section 27, of FOIP at 1134 a.m. CARRIED.

C393-25(7-08-25)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Giesbrecht that Council opens the meeting to the public as per Section 27, of FOIP at 12:05 p.m. CARRIED.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Reeve Bean adjourned the July 8, 2025 Regular Council Meeting at 12:05 p.m.



The Nomination Period for the 2025 Municipal Election is NOW OPEN and runs until noon on September 22, 2025!

If you're passionate about making a difference in Clear Hills County, this is your opportunity to step up and represent your community.

Important to Know: For all the details and to find out how to book your appointment, visit https://www.clearhillscounty.ab.ca/government/elections.

Take the first step today and shape the future of Clear Hills County! Contact Bonnie Morgan for more information @ 780-685-3925 Ext:120

Why Run for Council?

- Make a positive impact on local issues.
- Help guide county planning and services.
- Represent your neighbors and local priorities.
- Be part of shaping Clear Hills County's future.

"The future depends on what you do today." — Mahatma Gandhi











Northwestern Alberta Foundation Grants & Awards Reimagining Community Together

The Northwestern Alberta Foundation (NAF) supports local students, charitable organizations, and community projects that make a lasting impact across our region. Through the generosity of donors, NAF invests in building vibrant, resilient communities throughout Northwestern Alberta.

Student Awards - Apply Now

Are you a post-secondary student needing help with tuition, textbooks, or other expenses? The NAF Student Award Portal is now open. These awards are here to help you focus on your education—not your budget.

Deadline to Apply: August 15, 2025

Apply online: grantinterface.ca/Home/Logon?urlkey=cfnwascholar

Community Grants - Supporting Local Projects

NAF also offers annual grants for charitable projects that improve quality of life in our region. In 2024, the Foundation invested over \$1 million into initiatives that matter—thanks to contributions from donors through endowed and flow-through funds.

Applications Open: May 12, 2025

Deadline: September 25, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.

To learn more about eligibility or how to apply, visit the Northwestern Alberta Foundation website and click "More Info" on the granting portal.

From helping students reach their goals to funding meaningful community work, the Northwestern Alberta Foundation is making a real difference across the region.

Public Works Programs & Services

Driveway Snow Removal

Clear Hills County provides Driveway Snow Removal to:

- Senior Citizens: Must provide one item for proof of age, i.e., birth certificate, driver's license or other document which includes date of birth.
- Special Needs: must be in possession and provide proof of a current Provincial Handicap Sticker.
- Full Time Bus Drivers: Must provide proof of full-time employment, annually letter from employer.

Regional Water Line Tie-In

Clear Hills County has a Regional waterline that transfers water from the Hamlet of Worsley Water Treatment Plant to the Hamlet of Cleardale Water Distribution Facility. Clear Hills County is committed to allowing residents to connect to the Regional potable Water Line for potable residential water supply.

- Clear Hills County will install the Waterline tie-in and the curb stop valve to the edge of the County Right of Way or the entry point to private land.
- The County will contribute a maximum of \$2000.00 (two thousand dollars) towards the installation of each approved Regional waterline tie-in and curb stop valve installation.
- Water Rates and Meters prices are set out as in current Bylaw: Water Works
 Distribution and Waste Water Collection System bylaw

For more information on this contact 780-685-3925

Annual Equipment Registry

The intent of the equipment registry is to obtain an annual working list of available equipment and attachments to perform work on short-term projects.

Annually the County will advertise for contractors wishing to be included in the 'Annual Equipment Registry.' The packages are to be returned to the County office on the first Friday the office is open for business, after the New Year.

Any trucks wishing to be on the list for hauling gravel must submit their truck information with the 'Annual Equipment Registry' by the deadline.

SENIORS SUMMER DRIVEWAY GRADING

Clear Hills County offers to grade driveways for senior citizens and/or surviving spouse, as county operations permit, at no charge once per summer season.

Once signed up, you must contact the county to request the service. To qualify you must be 65 years of age or older. sign a waiver and provide proof of age. For more information or to request a form, call the clear hills county office at 780-685-3928 ext. 108

Fire Permits

Fire permits are required for all burning activities, except campfire, in the Forest Protection Area of Alberta during wildfire season, from March 1 to October 31.

To get your FREE fire permit please call the Peace River Forest Area Office at 780-624-6190 or go to https://www.alberta.ca/get-a-fire-permit and request a permit.

To know which area you are planning to burn is, you can call the county office at 780-685-3925.

When burning in the Non-Permit area, please call the County office with the location, date, and contact information related to the burn so that a Burn Notice can be sent out informing correct people of the burn



NOTICE: Hines Creek Transfer Station Hours The Hines Creek Transfer Station will be open for an additional day, Tuesdays from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. during the summer months from August 5, 2025, to

NOTICE: Continuing
Education Scholarship
Clear Hills County
recognizes the value of
continued education and
trades training among its
residents and offers the
Continuing Education
Scholarship.

September 30, 2025.

Each approved scholarship is to assist with education fees, to a maximum of \$3,000.00.

Deadlines: **February 1st** and **October 1st**.

Contact Bonnie Morgan 780-685-3925 ext:120

REPORT A WILDFIRE

Calling 310-FIRE (3473) is quick and easy and is available toll free, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



THE ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLAN (EFP)

WHAT IS AN EFP? The Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) is a free, voluntary, whole farm, self-assessment tool that helps producers identify their environmental risks and develop plans to mitigate identified risks.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS TO COMPLETING AN EFP? Maintaining a healthy environment is essential to the success of Alberta's agricultural producers. The Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) program helps you identify and address environmental risks* in your operation. It will also increase your understanding of legal requirements related to environmental issues. *The risks are environmental but many relate to personal health (e.g. wells).

WHEN/WHY AM I REQUIRED TO DO AN EFP? An EFP is a prerequisite for certain Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (SCAP) grants. It may also be a requirement if you wish to sell to some purchasers who have decided to use EFP as a sustainable sourcing tool.

IS AEFP RUN BY THE GOVERNMENT? No, EFP is run by the non-profit organization, Agricultural Research & Extension Council of Alberta (ARECA). The program is grantfunded by the provincial government.

HOW DO I START? You can register to start an EFP by filling out this form: https://webbook.albertaefp.com/register/

DO I COMPLETE AN EFP FOR THE LAND I RENT OR OWN? The EFP is a whole-farm assessment, so it should include all land that you manage. It should include both owned and rented land.



CLEAR HILLS COUNTY WILDFIRE INFORMATION

PLANNED BURNS

Fire Permits are required for all burning activities, except campfires, in the Forest Protection Area of Alberta during wildfire season, from March 1st to October 31st.

Clear Hills County has designated areas that are classified as non-permit zones. When planning a burn in these areas or if you are planning to burn between November 1st and February 28th, we ask you to notify the County office in order for a notification to be sent to relevant emergency services.

A map of the Clear Hills County permit and non-permit zones can be found on the County website!

1,088 wildfires 61% human caused 35% lightning 4% under investigation 67% human caused 24% under investigation 67% human caused 23% lightning caused 24% under investigation

Top wildfire causes













176 125 97 85 4 g resident incendiary* recreation power lines agric

* A wildfire that has been intentionally lit, which includes but is not limited to arson.

BE SURE IT'S OUT!

Alberta's wildfire season is starting early this year. Drought conditions could lead to elevated fire danger.

Brush Piles

As with all burning, it's important to get a fire permit, if required, and follow the conditions when burning piles. Pile burning is particularly tricky since it can result in a deep ground fire that lasts long after the surface burning is out. Here are some guidelines for effective pile burning:

- When possible, burn piles when there is snow cover and frozen ground conditions.
- Never leave a burn unattended.
- Re-pile and reburn if necessary, until the pile is gone.
- Check piles for hotspots that may be smoldering long after the surface burn appears to be out. Use a metal rod to probe the piles. If it feels warm to the touch, your fire is still burning.
- Check your piles in early spring to make sure they are completely extinguished. Winter burns that are not properly extinguished can smolder underground for months and reignite as a wildfire in the spring.

Winter Burn Safety

A surprising number of wildfires start in the winter. A lack of snow cover can leave brown, dry grass exposed and ready to ignite. Sparks from controlled fires like campfires, burn barrels or agricultural burning can inadvertently cause winter wildfires. Winter burning can also cause dangerous driving conditions when smoke lingers in the air, since smoke can stay close to the ground and travel great distances on cold days. The ideal conditions for burning are typically days with average temperatures and minimal wind.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

FOREST AND PROTECTION ACT

The Forest and Protection Act can be found at

https://open.alberta.ca/publications/fig

ALBERTA WILDFIRE STATUS

Find a map with active wildfires and the latest forest area updates at https://www.alberta.ca/wildfirestatus

ALBERTA FIRE DANGER

Maps forecasting how conditions are expected to influence fire behavior in the Forest Protection Area of Alberta at https://www.alberta.ca/firedanger

ALBERTA FIRESMART

Visit <u>www.firesmartalberta.ca</u> for access to resources and information to help build wildfire resilience in Alberta.

PRACE RIVER FOREST AREA OFFICE

9621 96 Ave, Suite 208 Peace River, AB T8S 1T4 Phone: 780-624-6190



CONTACT US

Clear Hills County
Box 240

Worsley, AB ToH 3Wo Phone: 780-685-3925

Email: <u>info@clearhillscounty.ab.ca</u>
Website: Clearhillscounty.ab.ca

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OR MORE When burning during winter:

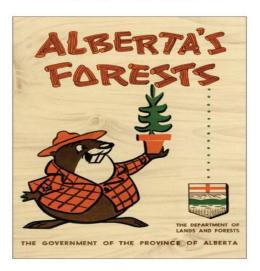
- listen to the weather forecast for snow conditions and wind predictions before you set your fire.
- refrain from burning when an inversion is in place or is forecasted.
- Contact the County office for inquiries regarding how to mitigate impacts when undertaking larger winter burning projects near communities or roads.
- actively manage burn projects to reduce total burning time and smoke impacts.
- burn debris in stages so that you can adapt to changing weather conditions and reduce smoke.
- ensure good snow cover in the burn area (more than 15 cm)

If you have done any burning over the last few months please remember to continuously revisit the site to make sure the fire is completely out. Fires that are not properly extinguished can smolder underground and reignite as a wildfire.

Forest and Prairie Protection Act

The Forest and Prairie Protection Act states that the responsibility for fire fighting expenditures is the person(s) who caused and was responsible for the fire. The total costs and expenses for fighting the fire will be owed to the Alberta Government, the municipality or both, depeding on the location of the fire.

PLEASE BE RESPONSIBLE!



Water Pump Rentals Available to Support Residents During Drought Conditions

Due to ongoing drought conditions, Clear Hills County and neighbouring municipalities are offering water pump rentals to assist farmers, commercial operations, and community groups with water shortages. These pump systems can help move water from alternate sources for use in agricultural and emergency needs.

Clear Hills County Water Pump Trailers

Clear Hills County has two trailer-mounted water pump units available for rent. Each unit includes:

4" PTO-powered pump

½ mile of 4" layflat hose (manual reel)

30 ft. of 6" suction hose

Maximum pumping range: ½ mile Rental Rates (April – September):

Deposit: \$100.00

Agricultural Use: \$75.00/day Commercial Use: \$300.00/day

Community Groups: Free for up to 2 days

To book: Call Clear Hills County at 780-685-3925

MD of Fairview Water Pump

The Municipal District of Fairview offers a 5.5 HP 3" trash pump with:

1500 ft. of 4" discharge hose

35 ft. of 3" suction hose

Pumps 266 gallons per minute

2" ball hitch required

Rental Rates: Deposit: \$200.00 Daily: \$100.00

Weekend Rate: \$150.00

To rent: Contact the MD of Fairview at 780-835-4903

Alberta Government Water Pumping Program

The Government of Alberta offers additional support through the Water Pumping Program, designed to help move large volumes of water in emergency or drought conditions. Equipment available includes high-capacity pumps and pipeline systems. This program is ideal for agricultural producers facing severe shortages.

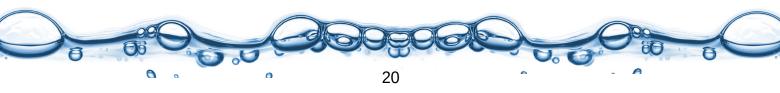
Applications are required and approval is based on availability and need.

Example Costs Using Alberta's Program:

To pump a distance of 1 mile: Approx. \$500.00 To pump a distance of 2 miles: Approx. \$750.00

Learn more and apply: www.alberta.ca/water-pumping-program

Contact: Alberta Ag Info Centre at 310-FARM (3276)



Water Pump Rentals Available to Support Residents During Drought Conditions - Continued

Rentco Equipment Ltd. - Peace River

Rentco offers a variety of gas-powered water pumps, suited to different needs. Hoses rented separately.

Туре	Discharge	Flow Rate Rate	(Daily/Weekly/Monthly)
Honda WH15 High Pressure	1.5"	88 GPM	\$34 / \$110 / \$275
Honda WB20XT4C Transfer	2"	156 GPM	\$39 / \$110 / \$275
Honda WT30XK4C Trash	3"	266 GPM	\$77 / \$275 / \$649
Honda WT40XK3C Trash	4"	361 GPM	\$121 / \$429 / \$1210

Note: Hoses must be rented separately. Larger pump units also available upon request.

Contact: Rentco Equipment Ltd., Peace River

Email: ken@rentcoequipment.com

Phone: 780-624-4646

Plan Ahead and Conserve

These programs are designed to help mitigate the impacts of drought, but planning early and using water wisely remains essential. If you anticipate needing assistance, please don't delay in contacting the appropriate provider.

Need Help Pumping Water? You're Not Alone!

With drought conditions affecting many areas in Clear Hills County, we know that not everyone has the equipment, manpower, or ability to move water on their own. If you or someone you know needs help with pumping water, here are some practical ways to access support:

Reach Out to Friends, Family & Neighbours

Sometimes the best help is right next door. Don't hesitate to ask family members, neighbours, or friends to lend a hand with setting up equipment or hauling hose.

Hire a Summer Student

Clear Hills County supports the hiring of summer students through local programs. If you need reliable help with pumping water, consider hiring a local youth—many are eager to help and gain experience.

Support Local Youth & Community Groups

Consider contacting:

- 4-H Clubs
- School youth groups
- · Church or service clubs

They may be able to assist for a small fee or donation toward their group's fundraising goals.

Work Together

If you're renting a pump or equipment with neighbours, consider sharing the workload and splitting rental fees—teamwork can go a long way!

Let's continue to support one another and keep our community strong through this dry season.

Navigate Your Adventure Along Peace River

Explore the Peace River with confidence using the Peace River Boat Guide—a full-color, waterproof, and tear-proof publication packed with everything you need to plan the perfect outing. Whether you're boating, paddling, or simply enjoying the views, this guide is your essential tool for discovering northern Alberta's natural beauty.

What's Inside the Guide?

- Scenic points of interest
- Historical landmarks
- Wildlife spotting locations
- Boat launch sites and travel tips
- Interactive itinerary planning ideas
- Insider recommendations from locals

Perfect for outdoor lovers, families, and anyone looking to explore the Peace Region.

Get Yours Today

Now available at the Clear Hills County office for just \$30. Call 780-685-3925 or visit in person to pick up your copy.



Clear Hills County has a variety of agricultural equipment and other items available for rent.

Advance booking is required.

Rental deposit is due at the time of pickup and must be paid before the item can be transported.

A return day and time **must** be arranged prior to the return rental items. Failure to do so may result in delay in drop off or may cause the renter to have to take the item back home.

Payment of the rental fee is due when item(s) are returned.

Rental Equipment						
EQUIPMENT	DEPOSIT	AG RATE	COMMERCIAL RATE	COMMUNITY RATE		
Extra Hose - ASBHS	\$50.00 (if by itself)	\$1.00	\$5.00	No Charge 2 Days		
Grain Bag Extractor - GBE	\$700.00	\$350.00	\$700.00	No Charge 2 days		
Grain Bag Roller - GBR	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge		
Grain Bagger - GBTU	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$700.00	No Charge 2 days		
Grain Vac - GVAC	\$600.00	\$300.00	\$400.00	No Charge		
Grills - GRILL	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$25.00	No Charge 2 days		
Land Leveller - LEVEL	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$300.00	No Charge 2 days		
Loading Chute - CHUTE	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	No Charge 2 days		
Manure Spreader - ASBMS	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$400.00	No Charge 2 days		
Mulch Applicator - MULCH	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge		
Post Pounder - POST	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$300.00	No Charge for 2 days		
Roller Mill - ROLL	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$40.00	No Charge 2 days		
BBQ Trailer - BBQ	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$150.00	No Charge 2 days		
Chem Wipe Applicators						
Quad Mount	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 Days		
Hand Held	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 Days		
Roller Applicator	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 Days		
Rotowiper	\$150.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days		
Community Centre - COMR	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	No Charge 2 days		
Corral Panels - ASBPC	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	No Charge 2 days		
Eco Bran Applicator	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days		
Scales						
Bale Spear - BALE	\$100.00	\$30.00	\$150.00	No Charge 2 days		
Scare Cannon	\$50.00	No Charge	\$50.00	No Charge		
Signs	\$60.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge		
Sprayers						
Backpack	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge		
Quad Mounted	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge		
Quad Pull Type	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge		
Skidmount	\$50.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge		
Truck Mount	\$200.00	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge 2 days		
Steam Table	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$25.00	No Charge 2 days		
Tables & Chairs	\$50.00	\$1.00/table& \$.50/Chair	\$1.00/table& \$.50/Chair	No Charge 2 days		
Toilets	\$100.00	\$40.00	\$100.00	No Charge 2 days		
Wash Station	\$50.00	\$10.00	\$25.00	No Charge 2 days		
Water Pumps						
Summer(APR-SEPT) - ASBW1	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$300.00	No Charge 2 days		
Winter (OCT-MAR) - ASBW2	\$1,000.00	\$200.00	\$500.00	No Charge 2 days		
Wire Roller - WROLL	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	No Charge 2 days		

Round Plastic Tables: 12 Rectangle Plastic Tables: 22 Wooden Rectangular Tables: 31 Folding Chairs: 150



911 Fire, Ambulance & RCMP

Forest Fires Call 427-FIRE (3473)

FIRE TRAILER LOCATIONS

Line 1: AREA & PLACE

Line 2: LEGAL LOCATION & PHONE

Bear Canyon Bear Canyon Water Plant

NW 22-83-12-W6M

Cleardale Water Plant

SW 11-85-10-W6M 780-685-3670

Clear Prairie Kade Helgesen SW 34-87-10-W6M 780-835-9569

Deerhill Ken Knoepfli NW 9-84-02-W6M 780-596-2259

Eureka River Eureka River Truck Fill NW-12-86-6 W6M 780-685-3925

Royce Melvin Worobetz SE 16-83-06-W6M 780-494-3420

Whitelaw Bill Wald SW 28-83-01-W6M 780-596-2121

Montagneuse Valley Jim Stephenson SE 36-85-05-W6M 780-494-2458

Rural Fire Trailers

For More information contact:

Clear Hills County Box 240 WORSLEY, Alberta T0H 3W0

Phone: (780) 685-3925 Fax: (780) 685-3960

e-mail: info@clearhillscounty.ab.ca

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- □ 2 x 50-foot lengths of hose
 - □ 1 gated Y with seals
 - ☐ Honda 2" pump
- ☐ 2 x 10 ft lengths of hard suction hose
 - check valve
 - 2 hose wrenches
 - ☐ 1 tool bag
 - ☐ 1 fire axe
 - 1 fire shovel
 - 2-gallon fuel tank
 - canvas bucket
 - □ 2 1½ inch nozzles
 - □ 2 extra hose seals
 - ☐ 4-litre antifreeze
 - ☐ 2" x 3" camlock adaptor
 - 2 wajax Spray Bags
 - 1 pipe wrench
 - 1 crescent wrench

Requires 2 5/16 ball.



Is your organization working to empower individuals and build a stronger community? Clear Hills County is now accepting applications for the 2025 Community Support Services Grant!

Complete the fillable application form on our website here:

2025 Community Support Services Grant Application https://www.clearhillscounty.ab.ca/.../download/files/2
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and submit it to Lori@clearhillscounty.ab.ca.

"Strong communities are built by individuals who care, act, and empower one another."

Eligible programs should aim to:

- Foster independence, strengthen coping skills, and promote crisis resilience.
- Increase awareness of social needs in the community.
- Develop interpersonal and group skills for better connections.
- Support community members in taking responsibility for impactful decisions and actions.
- Provide resources that encourage active community participation.

NOMINATE NOW! **Clear Hills County Awards**

Deadline: December 1st

Clear Hills County believes it is important to recognize and celebrate individuals and groups who make considerable contributions within the County. An appreciation banquet is planned annually for the first weekend in February to show appreciation to all of the individuals within the County as well as present and honor the following awards.

Business Awards:

- Community Service / Involvement:
 - Contributed in a significant way financially or by means of volunteerism.
- Innovation: New Business, Product, Service or Work System: Been in business for three years or less OR to a business that has introduced a new product/service or has adopted a new work system.
- Investment: Job Creation, Growth & Expansion: Demonstrated long-term success and growth of their company in addition to exceptional service to the community.

Volunteer of the Year Award:

Recognizes and honors an outstanding individual who is volunteering their time and talent in the non-profit sector. The individual is making a significant contribution to the community through commitment, service, creativity, cooperation, and leadership in their volunteer role(s).

Outstanding Youth Award:

Recognizes a youth that through volunteerism, make considerable contributions to the community.

Outstanding Recreation Facility Award:

Recognizes a recreation facility that demonstrates outstanding or unique innovations in efficiency or accessibility.

Recognition of the above award winners will include:

- An award plaque
- Two tickets the Annual Awards & Appreciation Banquet
- Donation of \$1,000.00 to local non-profit organization of their choice that operates within Clear Hills County.

Farm Family Award:

A farming family deserving of recognition for both agriculture and community involvement.

Recognition will include:

- An award plaque
- Four tickets to the Annual Awards & Appreciation Banquet
- Farm Family yard sign

Awards will be presented at the Annual Clear Hills County Awards & Appreciation Banquet the first weekend in February!

The Awards & Appreciation Banquet switches between each Ward every year, so keep an eye for this year's location!

Agricultural Service Board (ASB)

The Agricultural Service Board (ASB) of Clear Hills County consists of four community members-atlarge and two Councillors. Representing the agricultural interests of the county, the ASB leverages years of sector experience to advise the Council on how best to serve our producers. Their from providing pesticide services range recommendations helping ranchers with to veterinary costs, all aimed at supporting and enhancing our agricultural community.

Meeting approximately ten times a year, ASB members also attend tours and educational conferences to stay updated on industry developments. Members serve four-year terms, and those interested in contributing to the Agricultural Service Board are encouraged to complete a Member-at-Large Application.

The ASB is tasked with implementing and enforcing legislative requirements under various acts, including the Agricultural Service Board Act, the Weed Control Act, the Agricultural Pests Act, the Soil Conservation Act, and the Animal Health Act. Their work involves managing weeds and pests, conserving soil and water, promoting sustainable agricultural practices, controlling animal diseases, and developing municipal policies to support these initiatives.



Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Members

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Jason Ruecker DEPUTY CHAIR

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DO YOU HAVE LIVESTOCK?





VSI **PROGRAM**



ARE YOU AWARE OF THE VSI (VETERINARIAN SERVICES INCORPORATED) PROGRAM?

- · Aids in the development of livestock expansion with a long term goal of the producer and veterinarian services sustainability.
- The VSI program supplies a cost-share support to livestock producers, whereby Clear Hills County covers 50% of the cost eligible veterinary procedures.
- Membership is \$52.50 for a five year term.

DO YOU KNOW THE COUNTY HAS A BSE TESTING INCENTIVE PROGRAM? <



The BSE testing program is to encourage producers to participate in BST Testing and assist in realizing the target of 30,000 beef cattle annually being tested to keep Canada's status as a controlled BSE risk country.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 780-685-3925 EXT. 116

extensionservices@clearhillscounty.ab.ca

Eligibility: must be a VSI member and resident/landowner in Clear Hills County with livestock. Restrictions: Only Veterinarian Clinics (and livestock owners) will have access to the BSE test results.

Process: VSI services provides the County with a list of members that had beef cattle tested in the quarterly report. The County then pays the member. The 2022/2023 incentive is \$125/animal.

Measles - General Information

• Measles can be dangerous, especially for babies and young children. It can cause serious health complications like pneumonia, encephalitis and even death.

Measles symptoms typically include

- High fever (may spike to more than 104°F)
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Red, watery eyes
- Rash breaks out 3-5 days after symptoms begin





Measles is very contagious.

Measles spreads through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes. You can get measles just by being in a room where a person with measles has been. This can happen even up to 2 hours after that person has left the room.

If one person has it, up to 9 out of 10 people nearby will become infected if they are not protected. An infected person can spread measles to others even before knowing they have the disease. You can spread measles to others from 4 days before through 4 days after the rash appears.

Protect yourself with the vaccine.

The best way to protect against measles is with the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine. MMR is safe and effective. Two doses of MMR vaccine are about 97% effective at preventing measles; one dose is about 93% effective.

Possible exposure:

If you think that you have measles or have been exposed to someone with measles, isolate yourself from others and call your healthcare provider, urgent care, or emergency room before arriving to be tested. Do not arrive at a health care facility without giving advance notice.

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Respect Our Lakes

Cyanobacteria / Blue-Green Algae











What is blue-green algae?



Also known as cyanobacteria, a naturally occurring bacteria



Found in majority of Alberta lakes



Wide variety of shapes and colours, may look like tiny specs, grass clippings, globs, or spheres!



Can produce toxins which are harmful to human health

What causes blooms



Large concentrations of cyanobacteria are known as a bloom



Intensified along shorelines and bays by wind and waves



Influenced by temperature, sunlight, and nutrients



Phosphorus is a key nutrient promoting excessive growth

What to do if you see a bloom



Do not swim where cyanobacteria is visible



If contact occurs, wash with tap water as soon as possible.



Limit consumption of whole fish and fish trimmings



Keep pets away from the water when cyanobacteria is visible



Report it! Call Health Link 811

Alberta Health Services Cyanobacteria bloom advisories: www.albertahealthservices.ca/news/bga.aspx

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Ready to grow something big?

Ready to grow something big? The Clear Hills County Biggest Vegetable Contest is back — and now's the perfect time to start your garden!

Plant your seeds, tend your soil, and get growing for your shot at \$50 prizes.

Participants will have the opportunity to compete in various categories, including:

- Beets
- Cabbage
- Carrots
- Corn
- Onions
- Potatoes
- Pumpkins
- Tomatoes
- Turnip
- Zucchini
- Other Squash
- Most Unique





With categories for both kids (12 & under) and adults (13 & over), there's something for everyone. Gardening is a great way to get outside, learn something new, and be part of a fun community challenge.

For details, call 780-685-3925, ext. 116

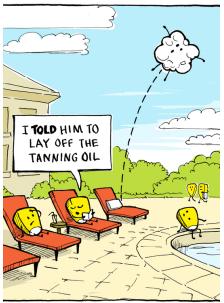
Hines Creek Golf & Country Club

See us in Person!
Join us for a round of golf!
Enjoy food at our clubhouse!
Call 780-494-2217 to Book a Tee Time!

Couples Tournament- Aug 16, 2025
Watch our Facebook for details!
Glowball - Sept 6, 2025
Late Evening Golf







INFORMATIVE SESSION ON BIO-AGTIVE EMISSIONS FARMING



Join us for an overview of the Bio-Agtive Emissions Farming system. Followed by a field walk of 2 local farms implementing this innovative system.

Event Details:



Date: August 6, 2025
Time: 10:30am - 4:30pm
Location: Worsley Community Centre
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

(REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED)

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This Presentation Will Cover:

- An overview of Bio-Agtive's carbon capture innovations
- An in the field look at how this technology is being utilized and working for two local producers

Guest Speaker:

Gary Lewis - Bio-Agtive Emissions Farming

Contact Info:

Craig Donnelly

Phone: (780) 685-3925 ext. 116 or

Email: extensionservices@clearhillscounty.ab.ca

MUST REGISTER BY CALLING THE COUNTY OFFICE TALK TO CRAIG DONNELLY OR GREG COON

780-685-3925 - CRAIG EXT. 116 / GREG EXT. 115

(REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JULY 30TH)

"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning to dance in the rain." — Vivian Greene







MANY ISLANDS CAMPGROUND

RIVER FUN DAYS

AUGUST 1-3, 2025

FRIDAY

Corn Hole Tournament
Pre-buy Poker Hands and
Boat Poker Rally Pre-Registration

Face Painting & Loonie Pit

Wood Carving Demo by Carving Wood Designs (all day Friday)

SATURDAY

BOAT POKER RALLY

REGISTRATION: 10:30 AM - RALLY
START: 11:00 AM

LOONIE PIT

KIDS ITEM RAFFLE TABLE - TICKET \$2/EACH

SILENT AUCTION 10:30 AM - 10:00 PM

DANCE - 10PM-2AM

LIVE MUSIC

SATURDAY WITH BIG GUITAR 10PM -2AM



SUNDAY

Golf Cart and Bike Parade at 12:00 PM

Norm McLachlan Memorial Horseshoe Tournament at 2:00 PM (To register, contact Marcel 780-835-1747)

Face Painting and Loonie Pit throughout the day

Bouncy Castle and Foam Pit

·GRUB HUB FOOD TRUCK — SATURDAY EVENING
CAMPING AVAILABLE — \$30/NIGHT PER UNIT, FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED

Thank you to all our sponsors: TC Energy, Cal R Contracting, Swartzy Welding, Carter's Camp, Dunvegan River Rats, Reynolds, Plumbing, Bieg-A-Hoe Backhoe & Hecks Welding

Want to advertise your Community Event? Email Bonnie at bonnie@clearhillscounty.ab.ca



Green Living in Clear Hills

Recycling bins and waste transfer sites are all part of the County's ongoing environmental initiatives. Residents are encouraged to make use of our free recycling stations located throughout the County. Together, small changes make a big impact!











"Clean communities start with conscious choices."



https://www.clearhillscounty.ab.ca/livehere/transfer-stations-recycling/transferstation-hours

Harvest Safety Tips



Working together for a safe and successful season in Clear Hills County

Harvest season is a time of long hours, big equipment, and busy roads. Whether you're in the field or behind the wheel, keeping safety top of mind helps protect our farmers, families, and neighbours.

For Farmers & Operators:

Inspect equipment daily – Check lights, brakes, reflectors, and slow-moving vehicle signs.

Rest and hydrate – Fatigue is one of the leading causes of farm accidents.

Watch overhead – Stay aware of power lines, especially when moving tall augers or combines.

Carry safety supplies – Keep a first aid kit and fire extinguisher in your equipment.

For Drivers on Rural Roads:

Slow down near machinery – Farm equipment may travel under 40 km/h.

Pass with caution – Only pass when it's clearly safe; many machines make wide turns.

Stay patient – A few extra minutes on the road helps prevent serious accidents.

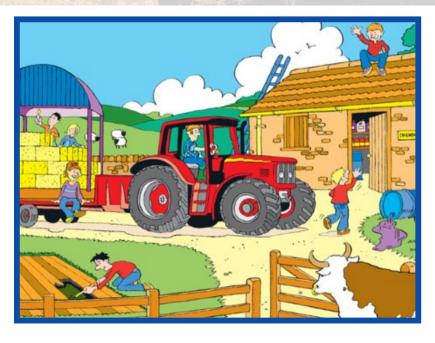
For Families & Bystanders:

Keep kids clear – Never allow children near running equipment or active work zones.

Stay connected – Use radios or cell phones to keep in touch with crew members in large fields.

Let's work together to ensure a safe, productive harvest season across Clear Hills County.

Can you spot the hazards in this busy farm?



Free Exercise Program

Alberta Healthy Living Program

Education that supports your health and your life

Upcoming Sessions:

Aug 18-Sept 29 Mon/Wed 6:00pm-7:30pm

Tue/Thurs 10:00am-11:30am Sept 9-Oct 21

Sept 9-Oct 21 **Tue/Thurs** 1:00pm-2:30pm

- Tailored to your fitness level
- Twice per week for 6 weeks
- No equipment needed
- Learn to exercise safely
- Use Zoom in your own home

If you are an adult living with one or more chronic health conditions, join this FREE, safe, fun and interactive small-group setting.

Experience the Health Benefits

Free

Virtual Exercise Program

www.healthylivingprogram.ca





For more information: Call 1-877-349-5711





What does the sun drink out of? Sunglasses!

Why did the ice cream truck break down? Because of the rocky road!





Sign up for Clear Hills County's FREE communication tool to stay informed about emergencies and upcoming events via text or automated voice recording to your landlines

Forms can be accessed on our website or by contacting Bonnie Morgan at the Clear Hills County office - bonnie@clearhillscounty.ab.ca





Clear Hills County offers E-Transfer for all your payment needs!

Please remember when using this method, make sure to include the following:

> Account/Invoice number if applicable Name of Account holder

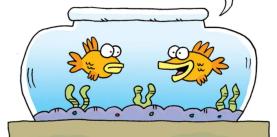
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The email address to set up and send an

E-transfer is payments@clearhillscounty.ab.ca

> I'D LIKE TO VACATION SOMEPLACE WARM ... MAYBE THE BATHTUB.



Classic Strawberry Jam Recipe

Makes about 6 half-pint jars

Ingredients:

- 4 cups fresh strawberries, hulled and crushed
- 3 cups granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice

Instructions:

Prepare strawberries: Wash and hull fresh strawberries. Crush them with a potato masher or fork until you reach desired consistency.

Combine ingredients: In a large pot, mix crushed strawberries, sugar, and lemon juice. Stir well.

Cook the mixture:

Bring the mixture to a boil over medium-high heat, stirring frequently.

Boil hard for 1-2 minutes until jam thickens (test by placing a spoonful on a cold plate—if it gels, it's ready).

Jar the jam:

Remove from heat and skim off any foam.

Pour jam into sterilized jars, leaving about ¼ inch headspace.

Seal with lids and bands.

Process (optional for longer storage):

Process jars in boiling water bath for 10 minutes.

Remove and cool on a towel.

Store: Keep in a cool, dark place. Refrigerate after opening.

Tips:

Use fresh, ripe strawberries for the best flavor.

Adjust sugar to taste but remember it helps with preservation.

Experiment by adding a splash of vanilla or a pinch of cinnamon for a twist!



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Looking for the perfect piece of land to call your own? Look no further! We have an incredible selection of lots available.

To inquire call Lori at 780-685-3925 ext. 105



Alberta Heritage Day Celebrating Our Shared History

Date: First Monday in August

This Year: Monday, August 5, 2025

Alberta Heritage Day is a time to recognize and celebrate the rich cultural tapestry and diverse heritage that shape our province. Many communities observe the day with events, family gatherings, and moments of reflection.

From the traditions of Indigenous peoples to the stories of early settlers, Alberta's history is built on resilience, community spirit, and innovation. Clear Hills County is proud to be part of that story, with generations of families who have contributed to agriculture, forestry, and northern development in meaningful ways.

Ways to Celebrate Alberta Heritage Day:

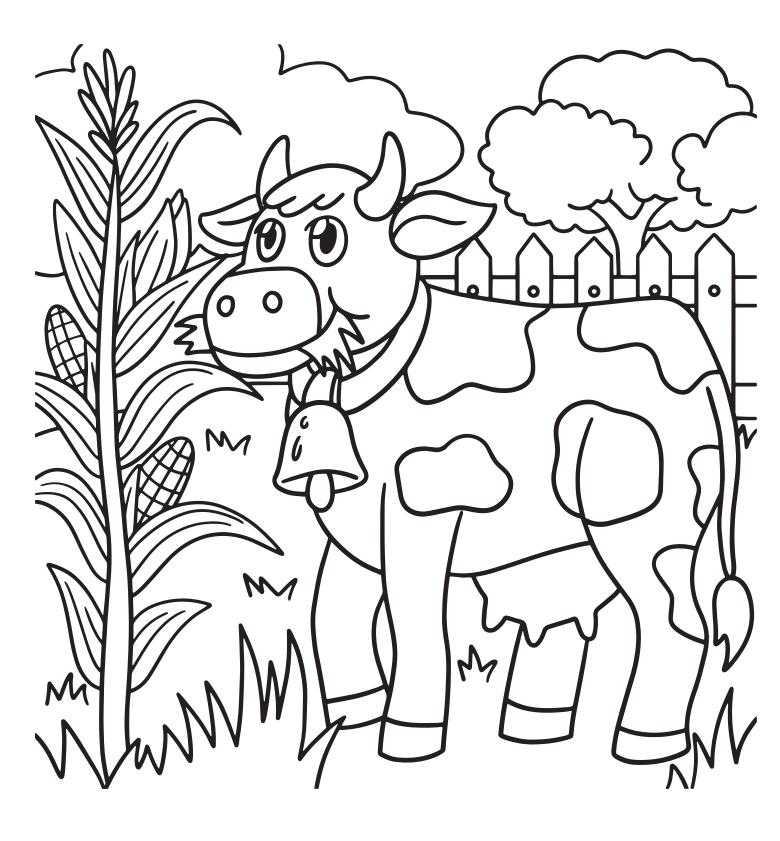
Visit a local museum: Learn about the unique history of our region and the pioneers who helped build it.

Explore the outdoors: Hike, camp, or picnic at local spots like Many Islands Campground or Carter Camp.

Share your story: Talk with family members about their heritage and what makes your family's roots special.

Attend or host a cultural potluck: Celebrate diversity by sharing food and traditions from different backgrounds.

Clear Hills County is proud of its heritage—past and present. On Alberta Heritage Day, take a moment to reflect on the stories, values, and communities that make our region such a special place to call home.



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Parent's Name	2:	 ·
Phone:		

Mailing Address:

Category: __Preschool __K-1st grade __2nd-3rd grade __4th-5th grade __6th grade & over

Search for Words



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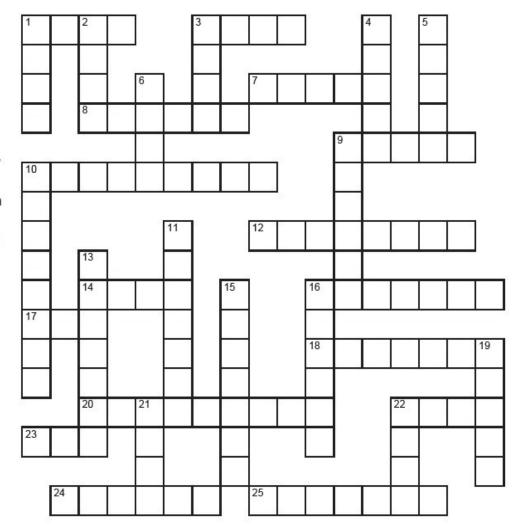
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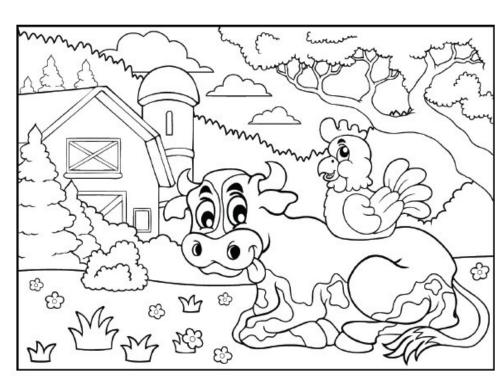
- 1. Baby cow.
- 3. Might be used to make cheese.
- 7. Used for irrigation.
- Could be used for carrying water.
- 9. More than one goose.
- 10. Used to frighten birds away from crops.
- 12. Structure that makes energy from wind.
- 14. What you find in the chicken coop.
- 16. Slow moving vehicle used to tow things.
- 17. A female sheep.
- 18. A male chicken.
- 20. Colorful plant grown for food.
- 22. Shelter for many farm animals.
- 23. Tool for weeding.
- 24. Group of animals on a dairy farm.
- 25. She lays eggs.

Down

- 1. Grain that grows on a cob.
- 2. Baby sheep.
- 3. Offspring of a donkey and a horse.
- 4. Animal you can ride.
- 5. Barley, wheat, corn, etc.
- 6. 43560 square feet.
- 9. Male goose.
- 10. They watch over a flock of sheep.
- 11. Where animals graze.
- 13. Where honey is made.
- 15. Where fruit trees grow.
- 16. Poultry raised for Thanksgiving Day.
- 19. A large cattle farm.
- 21. It might be a billy or a nanny.
- 22. Large, tied bundle of straw.

Down on the Farm





Experiencing Drought? Five Things You Can Do To Help Manage Your Herd, Pastures and Health.

Dry conditions continue across much of Canada. If you're facing another tough season, here are five key strategies to help manage your operation and protect your wellbeing:

1. Assess Your Feed & Forage

- Inventory feed and water supplies now.
- Test feed and water quality—especially important during drought.
- Plan short- and long-term feeding options.
- Consider early weaning and herd size reduction if needed.

2. Improve Grazing Management

- Use rotational grazing and smaller paddocks to allow pasture recovery.
- Leave plant residue to protect soil and trap moisture.
- Watch for toxic plants as cattle may eat unusual forage.

3. Don't Guess Feed & Water Quality

- Test dugouts and ponds regularly—drought affects water quality.
- Watch for nitrates and sulfates in feed.
- Fence off water sources and pump to troughs to improve safety.

4. Use Alternative Feeding Strategies

- Explore confinement or supplemental feeding.
- Build cost-effective rations with tools like CowBytes or a nutritionist.
- Early weaning can ease pasture pressure and improve cow condition.

5. Look After Yourself

- Drought is hard—acknowledge the stress.
- Practice good sleep habits and check in with your mental health.
- Use tools like AgKnow's self-check-in and reach out for support.
- Stay connected—talk to neighbours and ask for help when needed.

Remember: Success may look different this year. Focus on what's in your control. You're not alone.

For more info and resources:

Visit the Beef Cattle Research Council's Drought Resource Hub

Article Credit: July 11, 2025 - Beef Cattle Research Council www.BeefResearch.ca















Fairview RCMP Hours & Contact Information

The Fairview RCMP detachment is now open to the public between 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Formerly closed for lunch)

New administration hours are:

Monday thru Friday 8:00am to 4:00PM Closed on federal statutory holidays.

Phone numbers:

Administration: 780-835-4031

Complaints/Incidents: 780-835-2211

Did you know...

In Alberta, 310-RCMP (7267) a new, additional non-emergency number for reporting crimes and contacting the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)

Hunting Safety

Tell someone where you will be hunting.

Avoid outings alone. If you go alone, be careful and hunt in familiar areas.

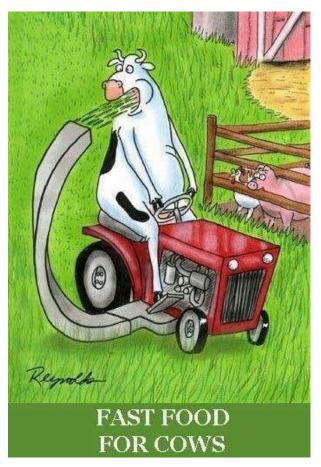
Check the weather forecast before going into the woods.

Dress properly and be prepared for the worst possible conditions. Protect against hypothermia.

Identify your target before shooting.

Check hunting equipment before and after each outing, and maintain it properly. Familiarize yourself with its operation before using it in the field.

Always wear blaze orange to be highly visible to other hunters.



Clear Hills County Business Directory

There are numerous business gems hidden within the boarders of Clear Hills County. The County requests your assistance as business owners in aiding in the development of a business directory that will promote awareness of local businesses.

If you would like your business advertised in the Clear Hills County Business Directory please contact

Bonnie at 780-685-3925 ext. 120 or bonnie@clearhillscounty.ab.ca



As farmers, we hear a lot of jokes about sheep. We'd tell them to the dog, but he's herd them all!

Local School Contact Numbers

Worsley Central School 780-685-3842

Hines Creek Composite 780-494-3510

Menno Simons Community School

780-685-2340

All have a full school program from kindergarten to grade 12. The schools are operated under the jurisdiction of the Peace River School Division. For more information contact 780-624-3601 or visit www.prsd.ab.ca

Clear Hills County Box 240, Worsley, AB T0H 3W0

Email: info@clearhillscounty.ab.ca

Phone: 1-780-685-3925 Fax: 1-780-685-3960 Office Hours:

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Monday to Friday

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Emergency Contact Phone Numbers

Police, Fire, Ambulance- 911 Health link (non-emergency)- 811 Report-A- Poacher- 1-800-642-3800 Wildfire-310-FIRE (3473)

Clear Hills County Administration Extension Directory

Accounts Payable- Dawn Morgan		Corporate Services Manager– Lori Jobson			
Agricultural Fieldman — Greg Coon	115	Executive Assistant– Bonnie Morgan	120		
Chief Administrative Officer– Allan Rowe	121	Public Works Manager- Terry Shewchuk	119		
Community Services Clerk- Natasha Gillett	108	Utility Operator -Sandra Luka	111		
Community & Agricultural Extension Services Clerk	116	Road Foreman- Martin Schmidt	110		
Payroll Clerk, Development & Subdivisions, Taxation– Kelsey Lund	103	WTP Operator- Catherine Cox	107		

Community Groups & Organizations, Facilities & Contacts

Menno Simons Community Library

Tuesday
8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Wednesday & Thursday
8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Closed Monday & Friday
Contact the librarian at
780-685-2340 during Public
Hours for more information

Church Services Worsley Baptist Church

Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Sunday Services
11 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service
7 p.m.

Cleardale Gospel Chapel

Sunday Service 11 a.m.

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Parish Catholic Church

Sunday Service 1 p.m.

All Saints Ukrainian

Catholic Church

Every second Sunday 2:00 p.m.

Lighthouse

Christian Fellowship

Sunday Service 11 a.m.

Hines Creek Municipal Library

Monday 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Tuesday & Wednesday 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Thursday 1:00 p.m. - 6 p.m. Located in the Village of Hines Creek office building. 780-494-3879

Worsley Pioneer Club

New Members Welcome

Cards Wednesday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.at the Worsley Pioneer Club Hall For rental information call:

> Sandra Wasylciw: 780-834-7363 Come and enjoy an afternoon of visiting.

Hines Creek Senior's Drop in Rental

For bookings call: 780-835-0729

Bear Point Community

Library

Monday-Friday 10:30 a.m. -2 p.m.

Worsley & District Library

www.worsleylibrary.ab.ca 780-685-3842 Facebook:

www.facebook.com/ WorsleyLibrary

Located in the Worsley
Central School, we offer
library services to the public
by appointment Monday to
Friday

1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

We offer free library
memberships that gives
access to books, movies,
audiobooks, and computers
in the library, plus access
to books and eBooks from
around the province through
www.tracpac.ab.ca as well
as eBooks, audiobooks,
movies, etc. from online
apps (Overdrive, Hoopla,
etc.)

Hines Creek Arts & Craft Meeting Room

To book the room call Olive Hrab 780-494-2255 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Heritage Day County Office Closed	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Council Meeting	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 ASB Meeting	22	23
24	25	26 Council Meeting	27	28	29	30
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CLEAR HILLS COUNTY CALENDARS

TO GET YOUR PICTURE INCLUDED IN
THE 2026 CALENDAR, ENTER THE
COUNTY PHOTO CONTEST BY
EMAILING YOUR PHOTOS TO
BONNIE@CLEARHILLSCOUNTY.AB.CA



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County Transfer Site Hours

May 1st—September 30
All Transfer Sites are closed on Sunday

Transfer Site	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	County Inform Office	nation Hours
Bear	12 p.m 8 p.m.	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed	8:00 a.m. to an 1:00 p.m. to	d
Clear Prairie	closed	closed	closed	4 p.m 8 p.m.	closed	closed	313 Alberta Ave Box 240 Worsley, Alberta T0H 3W0 Phone: 780-685-3925 Fax: 780-685-3960	
Cleardale	closed	11 a.m 3 p.m.	closed	closed	closed	12 p.m 8 p.m.		
David	closed	closed	closed	closed	12 p.m 8 p.m.	closed		
Eureka River	closed	closed	12 p.m 8 p.m.	closed	closed	closed	info@clearhills county.ab.ca	
Hines Creek	closed	NEW! 4pm-8-pm	closed	closed	closed	8 a.m 5 p.m.	Whitelaw	SW 12-84- 02-W6M
Royce	closed	closed	closed	12 p.m 8 p.m.	closed	closed	Cleardale David	SE 13-85- 10-W6M SW 12-84-
Whitelaw	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed	12 p.m 8 p.m.	Thompson Royce	03-W6M SE 11-83- 06-W6M
Worsley	closed	4 p.m 8 p.m.	closed	closed	12 p.m 8 p.m.	closed	Eureka River Worsley	SW 17-86- 05-W6M SE 25-87- 08-W6M