

## VILLAGE OF CREMONA NEWSLETTER

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### **Council Meeting Highlights — February 21, 2017**

#### **DELEGATION—RED DEER RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE**

Mr. Jeff Hanger gave a presentation to Council on the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance to explain the purpose of the Alliance and how Cremona will benefit by being a member.

#### **BYLAW 471-17 ELECTION PROCEDURES**

The Village of Cremona does not have an Election Procedures bylaw which establishes election procedures. If Council passed Election Bylaw 471-17 with amendments to remove a nomination deposit fee and the hours of voting on Election Day polls will be open at 7:00 a.m. rather than 10:00 a.m. as is listed in the *Local Authorities Election Act*.

#### **NO PARKING SIGNAGE ON HIGHWAY 580**

At the January 19, 2017 Municipal Planning Commission meeting, the members asked Councillor Bigelow bring back to Council a request to have no parking signs placed on Hwy. 580 from First Street East to end of municipal boundary. Council accepted this request as information only.

#### **APPOINTMENT TO CAPITAL REGION ASSESSMENT SERVICE COMMISSION**

To deal with Assessment Appeals, the Village of Cremona is a member of the Capital Region Assessment Services Commission. Council is required to appoint the qualified members to the CRASC to hear assessment complaints for the Village of Cremona. Council appointed 11 members to this commission.

#### **2017 FCSS FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Cremona FCSS Advisory Board met on Feb. 7, 2017 to review the 2017 FCSS Funding Applications and make recommendations to Council for allocations of these funds. 12 requests were made totaling \$24,915.73 however \$9,954.73 was approved with funds going to 11 groups or organizations.

#### **2017 UTILITY RATES**

At the Budget Meeting on February 13, 2017; Administration recommended a slight increase to water rates so that tax dollars are not subsidizing water and wastewater usage. Council approved to increase the water consumption rate from \$3.36/m<sup>3</sup> to \$3.60/m<sup>3</sup> beginning April 1, 2017.

#### **APPOINTMENT INTER-MUNICIPAL COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE (ICI) COMMITTEE**

Mountain View County has asked that a Kick Off meeting of the Inter-Municipal Collaborative Initiative (ICI) Committee take place in April. The committee will consist of 4 members which are to be appointed by Council. Council appointed Mayor Tim Hagen; Deputy Mayor Sonia Temple; Councillor Robert Reid and CAO, Luana Smith.

**The Next Village of Cremona  
Council Meeting will be held  
on Tuesday, March 21, 2017  
beginning at 7:00 p.m. at  
the historic Cremona United  
Church Hall  
105 First Avenue.**

*A casual coffee time is held  
from 6:30 to 7:00 pm if you  
wish to speak or visit with  
Council in a casual manner.*

If you wish to make a formal presentation to Council at any Council meeting, please contact CAO Luana Smith at 403.637.3103 or email [cao@cremona.ca](mailto:cao@cremona.ca) one week prior to the Council meeting.

## Council Remuneration Review Committee Volunteers Required!

The Village of Cremona Council is seeking four (4) residents of the Village of Cremona to sit on a committee to review the fee structure for council remuneration.

This committee will be provided with information comparing various village's in Alberta.

The committee will be asked to make a recommendation to Council for consideration for the 2017-2021 Village of Cremona Council remuneration.

If you are interested please



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## WATER UTILITY RATE INCREASE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2017

A small increase to the water consumption rate of \$3.36/m<sup>3</sup> is being increased to \$3.60/m<sup>3</sup> beginning April 1, 2017.

Depending upon usage the average home will see an increase of approximately \$2 to \$3 per month on their water consumption billing.

If you have any questions, please contact the Village of Cremona at 403.637.3762 or email [finances@cremona.ca](mailto:finances@cremona.ca).

## CITIZEN SATISFACTION SURVEY

### NOW AVAILABLE ON-LINE & IN PAPER FORMAT

Council has developed a survey comprised of 11 questions with room for comment as a tool to see how the Council and employees of the Village of Cremona are doing. The survey is confidential and available in 2 formats (on-line) and hard copy which will be mailed out in March.

Please take the time to fill it out and return the hard copy surveys to the Village Office 205 1st Street East. The on-line survey can be found on the website at <http://www.cremona.ca/cgi-bin/survey>.



## 2017 ASSESSMENT NOTICES WERE MAILED ON MARCH 1, 2017

Your property assessment is based on the Village of Cremona's estimate of your market value of your property on July 1, 2016 and characteristic and physical condition on December 31, 2016.

### **THIS IS NOT A TAX NOTICE**

If you wish to discuss your assessment or appeal your assessment please review the backside of your Assessment Notice for Complaint Procedures.

Deadline for Complaints is May 1, 2017.