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MONDAY— FRIDAY 8:00 TO 4:00

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# PROPERTY TAXES ARE DUE!!

The 2020 Combined Assessment and Tax Notices were mailed out June 26, 2020 to all ratepayers of the MD

## TAXES ARE DUE BY OCTOBER 31, 2020

A **10% penalty** will be levied on any taxes **postmarked** after October 31 and an additional **2% penalty** will be added after January 1, 2021

### PAYING TAXES THROUGH YOUR BANK?

Tax Notices from the MD of Willow Creek can be paid through your bank. Please input only SEVEN DIGITS— i.e. if using your Roll Number, omit the decimal point. If using a Customer Number and it begins with a "0" please omit it. If you experience difficulties please contact your financial institution

### What is TIPP's??

- The Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP's) is a popular program that allows you to pay your property tax on a monthly basis instead of a one-time payment.
- The payment automatically comes out of your bank account every month. TIPP's makes budgeting easier and eliminates the risk of a late payment penalty.

For any Tax questions check out our website or contact the Tax Clerk: (403) 625-3351 ext. 226 or email [taxes@mdwillowcreek.com](mailto:taxes@mdwillowcreek.com)

### RCMP DETACHMENT (NON EMERGENCY)

CLARESHOLM: (403) 625-4445

FORT MACLEOD: (403) 553-7200

NANTON: (403) 646-5722

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### SEPTEMBER

7th—Office CLOSED

9th—Council & MPC Meeting

23rd—Council & ASB Meeting

#### OCTOBER

12th—Office CLOSED

14th—Council & MPC Meeting

28th—Council & ASB Meeting

31st—MUNICIPAL TAXES DUE!

#### NOVEMBER

11th—Office CLOSED

18th—Council & MPC Meeting

25th—Council & ASB Meeting

**FOR TIMES & LOCATIONS OF  
EVENTS CHECK OUR WEBSITE  
OR CALL THE OFFICE**

### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Bullying Helpline: 1-888-456-2323

Child Abuse Line (24hrs): 403-297-2995

Crimestoppers (24hrs): 1-800-222-8477

Distress Centre: 403-266-HELP (4357)

Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868

# FALL 2020 COUNCIL MESSAGE

As this is being written, one can definitely feel and smell Fall in the air – some leaves are changing color, the crickets are here, and swathers and combines are on the move with harvest under way. With lots of moisture and in those areas where there was no hail, the pastures and crops are looking to be the best many of us have seen in a long time! Let's hope that calf prices will be good also.

Updates on some topics covered in the last newsletter:

- **Willow Creek Regional ICF ("Intermunicipal Collaborative Framework") Agreement**
  1. The **Intermunicipal Emergency Services Agreement** is complete between the MD and all the Towns – assuring that everyone has the same quality and level of emergency service regardless of where a citizen resides in the MD of Willow Creek.
  2. The ICF Committee met for the first time – outcomes were:
    - > a meeting arranged and held with the RCMP discussing and keeping the dialogue open with regards to policing in the MD and the Towns, AND
    - > a **Recreation** subcommittee was created with negotiations/discussions underway looking at recreation services between the Towns and the MD.
- **COVID 19** - The MD of Willow Creek is not immune – we have had and currently do have cases. This nasty virus certainly does not seem to want to disappear. Therefore, we cannot be complacent – we must be ever mindful of our own little cohorts (bubbles), washing our hands, wearing a mask where required and where social distancing may not be possible, and if sick or exhibiting symptoms, stay home and self-isolate. Please remember that this virus knows no boundaries when it comes to who we are as individuals, and we are all in this together – avoid discrimination and if someone is sick, sympathy, kindness and consideration can go a long way in recovery. The MD, like everyone else, has adapted to the new norm and continues to provide the necessary services required. Thank you to all the administration and staff.

## Changes to Assessment of Oil and Gas Properties and Impact on the MD

In case you are not aware, the Government of Alberta is considering changes to the assessment model on how Machinery and Equipment and Linear Property are assessed. The review stated that all of the changes are intended to enhance the viability of the oil and gas industry in Alberta while ensuring the ongoing viability of municipalities".

Quite the opposite is true – any of the four options currently being considered will impact the operations of rural municipalities across the Province. Depending on the option selected, the changes will reduce the overall assessed value of oil and gas property in rural Alberta by between \$8.9 billion and \$26 billion, and result in rural municipalities losing a combined total of between \$108.7 million and \$26.7 million in property tax revenue in the first year in which the changes are implemented. The impacts vary widely in different regions of the province – some could lose as much as 49% of their current non-residential assessment value and 40% of their overall revenue in the first year of the proposed changes.

While the municipalities are losing revenue, the oil and gas companies are getting a break that no one else is – this is totally unfair – this approach includes no incentives or requirements that industry use the property tax savings to invest in Alberta or to create jobs. A few large companies will take their savings elsewhere – likely out of the province and country. We have made it clear to our MLA and the Government, that we do not see this as a viable solution to the oil and gas industry woes.

**For the MD of Willow Creek, in the first year of the proposed changes, the worst scenario would be a total assessment base loss of \$131.4 million and total property taxes of \$1.034 million - a 7% reduction in revenue.** Compounding the tax burden are increasing police costs, loss of assessment due to annexation, and potential increased costs that may arise due to intermunicipal agreements.



Our towns within the MD will not escape the effects of these changes in the assessment model either – As School and Seniors Housing requisitions are based on equalized assessment, the assessment model change - reducing the total assessment of MD will result in the Town property tax payers paying a larger percentage of costs associated with those requisitioning bodies as compared to the current model.

Also, the loss of assessment will impact the ability of the MD to participate in cost sharing of shared services provided by the Towns.

Be assured that Council and Administration continues to weigh all available information to ensure that we will be able deliver the necessary services for our ratepayers in 2021 and the future.

Part of those options may have to be cuts to our workforce of up to 21% (2 FTE).

Also, due to the dependency of the MD on the Non-residential property (62% currently), even a small reduction (7 %) in assessment in this class **may** require a dramatic shift in the tax burden to the Farmland (11% currently to 21.6% excluding 5:1 limits) and Residential (27% currently to 31.4%) tax classes. At the present time, the MD of Willow Creek has no set policy on how the farmland, residential and non-residential tax rates should relate to one another. Therefore, Council may take this opportunity to consider developing a Property Tax Policy which would provide guidance on how the annual cost of municipal services is distributed among the property classes.

Derrick Krizsan - Congratulations on your one-year anniversary September 1<sup>st</sup> as CAO for the MD. Thank you for your guidance, dedication and hard work.

Everyone be safe.

The Council of the M.D. of Willow Creek No. 26

## MUNICIPAL BUSINESS LICENCE RENEWAL

**RENEW YOUR LICENCE BY JANUARY 30TH, 2021**

Please submit your business licence fee to the MD office

### *Municipal 2021 Business Licence fees:*

**MD Residents— \$25.00/yr.**

**Regional— \$80.00/yr.**

(for MD Residents only, that hold a valid MD Business Licence)

**Non-Resident— \$50.00/yr.**

A licence is required under Bylaw No. 1603, which imposes a penalty in default of prompt payment

Please remember to send in your updated information and ask for your business information to be added to the **MD Business Directory at no charge.**

Contact: Brenda (403) 625-3351 Ext 230

### Public Libraries in the MD

Nanton— (403) 646-5535

Stavely— (403) 549-2190

Claresholm— (403) 625-4168

Granum— (403) 687-3912

Fort Macleod— (403) 553-3880

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

**October 4th—October 10th**

In a fire, seconds count. Seconds can mean the difference between residents of our community escaping safely from a fire or having their lives end in tragedy.

**ADDRESS CHANGE:** Please remember to inform the MD Office if your current address has changed so we can make adjustments to your account(s). It's your responsibility to contact Land Titles to change your address when you relocate.



# SCHOOL'S BACK!



THE MAXIMUM SPEED  
LIMIT IN SCHOOL ZONES  
IS 30 KM

Important safety tips to remember when driving around school property:

- 1. Always stop for a school bus when its lights are flashing.** When approaching a school bus, ensure that you stop well behind it and well in front of it.
- 2. Observe the appropriate speed limits.**
- 3. Obey the crossing guard at all times.** Crossing guards are responsible to help children cross the roadway safely.
- 4. Do not pass other vehicles in a school zone.** Passing almost always involves traveling faster than the posted school speed limit, and lowers your reaction time. Children do not expect cars to pass in the area and it is prohibited.
- 5. Respect "No parking" and "No stopping" zones.**
- 6. Teach your children the rules of traffic safety and school bus rules.**
- 7. Children are unpredictable and can dart into traffic at any time.** This goes as well for teenagers. As a driver, you are responsible to have control of your vehicle at all times.

REMEMBER TO WASH YOUR HANDS &  
USE HAND SANITIZER FREQUENTLY.  
PRACTICE PHYSICAL DISTANCING AND  
WEAR A MASK WHEN YOU CAN'T.



## Did you know...

- Council meetings are open to the public and are held the second and fourth Wednesday of each month—meetings typically begin at 9:00 am
- All individuals or groups requesting an opportunity to make a presentation to Council must contact our CAO at (403) 625-3351 at least two weeks prior in order to be added to the Council meeting agenda.
- Council meeting agendas are ready for distribution on the Municipal website: [www.mdwillowcreek.com](http://www.mdwillowcreek.com) or pick-up in person the day of each meeting.

## BE A DONOR!

There is a constant need for Blood, Plasma, Stem Cells, Organs & Tissues in Canada. Every minute of everyday someone in Canada needs one of these.

Please consider donating. More information can be found at [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca), phone 1-888-236-6283 or email [feedback@blood.ca](mailto:feedback@blood.ca)

**Please remember to call the Planning and Development Department to arrange for an appointment.**

You can reach Cindy Chisholm at (403) 625-3351 X 235 or [Chisholm@mdwillowcreek.com](mailto:Chisholm@mdwillowcreek.com)

You can reach Brenda Stockton at (403) 625-3351 X 230 or [Brenda@mdwillowcreek.com](mailto:Brenda@mdwillowcreek.com)

**ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW #1869:** Please be a responsible pet owner and keep your animals at home or on a leash when you take them off your property. Fines can be issued if animals are not properly contained. You can register a complaint with our Bylaw Complaint Line by calling: (403) 625-2248

Follow us on:





**Alberta Onsite Wastewater  
MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION**

21115—108 Ave NW  
Edmonton, AB T5S 1X3

www.aowma.com  
1-877-489-7471

## **SEPTIC AWARENESS WEEK SEPTEMBER 14—18, 2020**

Save money—maintaining your system can help avoid costly repairs or replacement

# **WHY SHOULD I MAINTAIN MY WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM?**

Reduce or eliminate risks to human health—unmaintained systems can cause exposure to pathogens which are a risk to public health

Protect the environment—proper system operation and maintenance ensures we aren't negatively impacting source and surface waters

Recycle water—wastewater is cleaned through the soil and returned to underground aquifers

**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT THE  
HOMEOWNER SECTION ON OUR WEBSITE:  
[HTTP://WWW.WCOWMA.COM/HOME-OWNERS/](http://www.wcowma.com/home-owners/)**

We invite you to Use Your Septic Sense. Fall is a great time to have your septic system assessed and maintained.

### **Participate in a No-Cost Septic Sense Webinar**

Sept 14, 2020 or Sept 16, 2020

Learn more: [www.wcowma.com/blog/septicsense2020/](http://www.wcowma.com/blog/septicsense2020/)

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# On-Farm Slaughter

## What you need to know

### Background

Agriculture and Forestry has completed a review of the *Meat Inspection Regulation* that will enable an additional option – Uninspected Slaughter Operation Licence. Amendments to the Regulation focused on increasing access to locally produced meat and meat by-products, allowing for innovation in the meat inspection system, responding to industry requests, and reducing red-tape.

### What has changed

#### New Licence

- There is a new licence now available under the Regulation to enable additional on-farm slaughter activities.
- The Uninspected Slaughter Operation Licence is a new category of licence granted to a person who owns the land where the on-farm slaughter occurs.
- This will enable a livestock producer to sell a live animal to a customer and the customer can have the animal slaughtered on the farm.
- An individual can also apply for this licence if they own land and want to enable on-farm slaughter activities on their property.
- The meat from the animal is uninspected and is for the consumption of the customer and the customer's household only. The meat is not for sale or further distribution.

#### Licensing Considerations for an Uninspected Slaughter Operation

- 1) Register with the Premises Identification Program or currently have a valid PID number.
  - 2) Confirm zoning restrictions. Slaughter activities are limited in some areas such as municipalities, on the premises of a licensed meat facility, and on the premises of a licensed mobile butcher facility. The licence holder is responsible to ensure that the operation complies with municipal bylaws.
  - 3) The Uninspected Slaughter Operation Licence holder is responsible to ensure that the slaughter is being performed humanely, that safe food handling practices are being followed, and that all legislative requirements are being adhered to.
  - 4) Apply for a licence. The licensee will be required to sign a declaration that they have read, understand, and will meet the requirements of the Regulation and other applicable legislation
- e.g. *Disposal of Dead Animals Regulation*.
- 5) Licence holders are required to submit a quarterly report of all activities. This includes ensuring customers do not exceed the allowable limit of animals they can have slaughtered annually. A reporting schedule will be issued once you receive your licence.
  - 6) Licences are \$100 and valid for five years.

**REMINDER** The sale of uninspected meat products is prohibited. Individual cuts of meat cannot be sold to anyone, including commercial food establishments (retail, wholesale, and restaurants), to individuals, or at Farmers Markets. Also, uninspected meat cannot be served in commercial food establishments (retail, wholesale, and restaurants) or at Farmers Markets.

### What it means for mobile butchers

- The existing Mobile Butcher Licence enables the slaughter of an individual's animal on the individual's land. The meat is uninspected and is only for consumption by the individual and members of their household. The meat is not for sale or further distribution. There have been no changes to the Mobile Butcher Licence except for a revised reporting schedule and the allowable limit of animals that can be slaughtered for an individual's household consumption.
- An Uninspected Slaughter Operation may request a mobile butcher's slaughter services for their operation.

### What it means for livestock producers

- Livestock producers can continue to have animals slaughtered and processed in a licensed abattoir to enable the sale of inspected meat products to retail, wholesale, and foodservice.
- Livestock producers can apply for an Uninspected Slaughter Operation Licence and sell (direct-market) animals to a customer, offering on-farm slaughter services and meat processing services of the uninspected carcass to the owner of the animal.

### What it means for abattoir owners

- There is and will continue to be a market for local, inspected meat products. Under the Alberta Food Regulation, the sale of uninspected meat products is prohibited. Continued access to provincially inspected meat products is important to Albertans.
- Abattoir owners will continue to have the ability to process uninspected carcasses for customers who have chosen to have their animals slaughtered on-farm.

### What it means for Albertans

- Albertans can now buy an animal directly from a producer and slaughter the animal on-farm or hire someone to perform the slaughter.
- Albertans have greater access to local uninspected meat products for their own consumption and their household's consumption.

For more information, contact:

The Food Safety Branch at:  
[af.foodsafety@gov.ab.ca](mailto:af.foodsafety@gov.ab.ca)

## Winter Road Safety

Winter is coming soon! The weather can be unpredictable. Being prepared can be as easy as a few simple steps before planning a journey on the road:

Check the weather forecast and road conditions and if the weather is poor or the road surface is dangerous, consider whether you need to travel right now or if your travel plans can wait.

- Allow extra time for your journey.
- Drive according to conditions, not the speed limit
- Let people know where you are going and when you expect to arrive.
- Give your full attention to the road.



**IT'S NOT A RACE—GIVE PLOWS THE SPACE.**

*They can't see you & you can't see the road ahead.*

### **TEXTING AND DRIVING FACTS:**

- Over 90% of Canada's licensed drivers are subject to distracted driving legislation in their home province or territory. It is illegal to use a hand-held phone to call or text.
- Drivers who use hand-held devices are four times more likely to get into crashes serious enough to cause injury.
- Even when drivers use a hands-free phone, they are less aware of the traffic around them. They tend to react more slowly to a critical event or worse—they may not detect the danger at all.
- Accidents can happen in the blink of an eye. 80% of collisions, the driver had looked away from the road 3 seconds prior to the crash.

The number of vehicle collision-related deaths and injuries for the past number of years relating to phone use, have surpassed those resulting from impaired-related collisions. Those numbers continue to grow each year. There isn't a single call or text message that is more important than a life. See more facts and take the pledge at [leavethephonealone.ca](http://leavethephonealone.ca)

**RETHINK THE WAY YOU DRIVE TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE.**



### **PARKS/CAMPGROUNDS**

*\*Dates are estimated & depend on the weather\**

**Willow Creek — CLOSED end of October**

**Pine Coulee — CLOSED end of October**

**Clear Lake — CLOSED end of September**

## **HARVEST & SHARING THE ROAD**

To the traveling public, please be extra cautious and aware that farm equipment may be around every corner and behind every hill, as our farmers work diligently to bring in their crops.

If Mother Nature cooperates, combining and grain hauling will take place day and night.

Drivers, please obey the speed limit, slow down at intersections & pay special attention to areas where visibility may be limited.

To the farm community, the MD of Willow Creek wishes you a safe and bountiful harvest.

Taking time to use a pilot vehicle to warn of slow moving equipment better ensures your safety and that of the other drivers on the road.

**WILLOW CREEK REGIONAL LANDFILL:**  
**(403) 687-2603**

**(5.5 miles S of Claresholm, when traveling on Hwy 2 & 2.5 miles E on TWP RD 114)**

# INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

With autumn just around the corner and a delay to construction startups as a result of the Covid|19 Pandemic the coming months will resemble an anthill. Numerous projects are scheduled to commence in September and October and continue until completion or mother nature will not allow us to continue. The municipality has successfully completed projects on time and on budget. Projects and major operations completed within the 2020 season include:

- Basin Road – Range Road 29-0A North of Township Road 16-0
  - Reconstruction of 1 mile of high-grade gravel roadway
- Pine Coulee Reservoir Road and Staging Area (Township Road 14-0 east of Highway 527)
  - 50% funding provided through the Government of Alberta Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP)
  - Grading, base, pave to better accommodate recreational traffic to utilize the campground and boat launch
- Gravelled 200 km of roadway throughout the municipality
- Replaced numerous cattle guards and culverts throughout the municipality
- Oil overlay renewal of 6 kilometers of existing oiled roadway
- Pothole filling on roads as required throughout the municipality
- Numerous potable water repairs in the Hamlet of Granum
- Application of 25 miles of dust suppression/road stabilization (MG30)

Projects scheduled to be constructed soon include:

- Bridge File 7358 Replacement
  - Construction is scheduled to start in October
  - This bridge sized culvert is located along Township Road 16-0 west of Nanton
  - Traffic will be detoured where appropriate for land and residential access
  - This project is 75% funded by the Government of Alberta STIP
- Bridge File 2463 Replacement
  - Construction is scheduled to start in October
  - This bridge sized culvert is located along Township Road 10-4 west of Granum
  - Traffic will be detoured where appropriate for land and residential access
  - This project is 75% funded by the Government of Alberta STIP
- Bridge File 7326 Replacement
  - Construction is scheduled to start in October
  - This bridge sized culvert is located along Township Road 16-2A west of Nanton
  - Traffic will be detoured where appropriate for land and residential access
  - This project is 75% funded by the Government of Alberta STIP
- Claresholm Industrial Park Fire Water Distribution System
  - This project is currently under construction and will provide adequate water flows for emergency services use.
- Claresholm Airport Runway Maintenance
  - Scheduled to begin in the second week of September
  - This project will provide a maintenance seal on the main taxiway and runway, crack sealing of the runway, and new paint.
- Township Road 11-4 from Highway 2 to Willow Creek (Meadow Creek Road)
  - Construction is scheduled to commence in October
  - Reconstruction of approximately 3.5 miles of high-grade gravel roadway
- Range Road 25-2 south of Highway 519 – Haze Road
  - Construction is scheduled to commence in October
  - Reconstruction of approximately 3.5 miles of high-grade gravel roadway
- Granum Potable Water Maintenance



- Construction is scheduled for the first week of September
- Repair and replacement of select valves, curb stops, and hydrants
- Granum Supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) Project
  - Construction and programming to begin in September
  - Communication and control of sanitary sewer lift stations and water plant to minimize risk and ensure operational efficiency
  - Water plant pump configuration and programming to optimize performance
- Granum Main Lift Station Upgrade
  - Construction is currently underway and will be completed in late October
  - Replacement of deteriorated components, installation of VFD's and a backup generator to minimize risk and increase pump efficiency

Projects currently scheduled for construction in 2021.

- Granum Stormwater Management
  - Conceptual options are being considered
  - Design work will continue into the winter
  - Regulatory approvals are required
  - Anticipated project completion is October 31, 2021
- Other capital projects that are yet to be determined by Council through the budgeting process

We realize that there is nothing convenient about construction, especially while it is occurring in your neighborhood or along "your road". We are working diligently to repair, replace, and/or enhance the function and safety of the infrastructure that provides the community services. Please continue to exercise caution while passing through a construction zone. The quicker we can safely complete the project the more quickly life can return to normal, whatever that happens to be for you.



Pine Coulee Reservoir Road



Pine Coulee Reservoir Parking Area



Basin Road Completion

# CAMPFIRE SAFETY

Campfires are a feature of many camping, motorized and non-motorized adventures. However, campfires can and do leave long lasting impacts.

Before starting a fire, check to see if your community has a fire ban in place at [albertafirebans.ca](http://albertafirebans.ca)

Impact of careless campfire use:

Many of the wildfires that the Government of Alberta puts out each summer are started by campfires. These fires not only impact you as a tax payer but also the wildlife, their habitat, other public land users, the safety of Albertans and your future recreational opportunities.

Responsible campfire use:

**If there is a campfire facility nearby, use it.**

If there are no facilities, do the following:

1. Select a site away from:

- Dry grass
- Heavy bush
- Leaves
- Logs
- Trees and overhanging branches

2. Clear the vegetation away.

3. Dig or scrape down to the mineral soil approximately one metre (3.28 feet) in diameter.

4. Put stones, gravel or sand around the pit to contain the embers.

5. Clear dry leaves, grass and twigs for one metre (3 feet) around the pit.

**Use downed and dead wood as fuel for your fire.**

**Use kindling or small branches to start your fire.**

**NEVER USE lighter fluid or gasoline!**

**Keep your fire small.**

**Keep water nearby in case your fire gets out of control.**

**When leaving the site, ensure the fire is completely out.**

1. Let the fire burn down.

2. Once the fire is burned down, spread out the remains evenly within the pit and slowly add water or loose dirt and stir.

3. Continue adding water or dirt until you can no longer see smoke or steam.

4. The fire is out and it is safe to leave once you can put your hand over the remains and you feel no heat or you can touch the ashes.

## SMOKE ALARMS CAN SAVE LIVES

**MAKE SURE YOUR SMOKE ALARMS PERFORM AS INTENDED— WHEN YOU NEED THEM THE MOST**

- **TEST** smoke alarms monthly
- Change the **BATTERIES** every year
- **REPLACE** alarms that are more than 10 years old

## \*NEW\*

### Granum Bulk Water Dispensing Station Use:

*Users must supply their own extension hose as required*

*Payment Option: Credit Card, Debit Tap, Wallet Pay (Apple and Android)*

*Notice: If you push the **Stop Reset Button** no refund will be given*

*Operating Instructions:*

**Important:** *Make sure extension hose is connected prior to Pressing Yellow Button*

- *After Hose is connected*
- *Press Yellow Button to Scroll thru 8 Different \$ options*
- *Options:*

*\$ 1.00 = 500 litres*

*\$ 2.00 = 1000 litres*

*\$ 4.00 = 2000 litres*

*\$ 5.00 = 2500 litres*

*\$ 6.00 = 3000 litres*

*\$ 10.00 = 5000 litres*

*\$ 20.00 = 10000 litres*

*\$ 40.00 = 20000 litres*

- *After selection tap/swipe credit card or device*
- *After authorization water will start dispensing immediately*

*Please note the amount that is the selected will appear on your credit card statement*

**Bulk Water Rates: \$ 2.00 per cubic meter**

**Rates subject to change without notice**



# Asset Management

Council has continued commitment to Asset Management through its Strategic Plan and by providing resources to Administration Staff to develop and maintain a comprehensive Asset Management System.

Asset management is the process of making decisions about the use and care of infrastructure to deliver services in a way that considers current and future needs, manages risk and opportunities, and makes the best use of resources. The infrastructure in our communities is the legacy of a multi-generational investment, made by local, provincial, and federal governments. Increasingly, we are recognizing the value of the investment that has been made in our community infrastructure, and the risks we face by not managing for the long term.

Residents and businesses in our community trust and expect government to be good stewards of the services and infrastructure that they rely on every day. Building resilient communities, with sustainable services, is the ultimate goal of asset management.

## Benefits of Asset Management

- Helps to confidently evaluate and communicate trade-offs between service, cost, and risk.
- Provides a defensible method of prioritizing projects and resources.
- Aligns the organization to focus on the things that matter most.
- Helps to decide what infrastructure needs to be replaced or renewed and what the expected useful life is.
- Helps establish how much revenue should be placed in reserve for future infrastructure renewal.
- Helps demonstrate accountability to residents and businesses in the community.

## Key Terms

- **Level of Service** is a measure of the quality, quantity, and/or reliability of a service from the perspective of residents, businesses, and customers in the community.

How wide should the roads be? How short should the grass be? How often should potable water be available? Which roads should be paved/gravelled? How quickly should snow be cleared? Is a bridge required? Response times and adequacy of emergency services?

- **Risk(s)** are events or occurrences that will have undesired impacts on services. Risk = Impact x Likelihood.
- **Costs** are the financial and human resources required through the lifecycle of the asset.
- **Funding** is determining how to pay for the services delivered.

Property taxes, Debt, Exchange of assets, User fees and charges, Development charges, Grants, other...

Below is an example of different levels of Service.



### THE BICYCLE.

*Costs basically nothing. Gets you moving, but not that fast.*



### THE CAR.

*More options for going where you want, but costs more.*



### THE BUS.

*Entry level option that gets you where you need to go.*



### THE HELICOPTER.

*Gets you wherever you want, quickly. Really expensive and special operations skills required. May be excessive if your needs are basic.*

## Evaluating Trade-offs and Making Good Decisions

Service, risk, and cost cannot be fully understood in isolation.

### Service and Risk Trade-offs

- Accepting greater risk may result in assets not performing as intended. An example is a water main that is allowed to deteriorate, resulting in more breaks, and a lower service level to the community.

### Service and Cost Trade-offs

- What level of service can we afford to provide, now and into the future? Naturally, we all want the best, until we understand the associated costs.

### Risk and Cost Trade-offs

- Actions required to mitigate asset risks have costs, and decisions need to be made about whether the costs are worth it or whether the risk should be tolerated.