

Wheatland County
Annual Report

2011

Wheatland COUNTY

Wheatland County Annual Report for the year ended: December 31, 2011

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Mission

Wheatland County is committed to provide services that recognize and encourage balanced, sustainable, long term growth and opportunities. We advocate prudent use of our resources and promote a quality of life for our citizens that reflect our agricultural heritage.

Vision

To Provide Responsible, Accountable and Effective Governance

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Reeve's Message

Last October at Wheatland County's organizational meeting our former Reeve Ben Armstrong stepped down as our Reeve. It was during this same meeting that Wheatland County Council elected Glenn Koester as the new Reeve. I would like to thank Ben for his dedication to Wheatland County for the past nine years as Reeve.

This is my first year end report and it was a busy year. We had a wet spring and a slow start to our road maintenance and paving program however we were able to complete the paving of the Rockyford road and keep our Paving Program current and on time. Our road construction was able to make up for the late start with their hard work and the cooperation of the favorable fall weather; it was much appreciated and thank-you again.

The Agricultural Service Board or the "ASB" had a busy year with making available strychnine to our producers for the control of the ever present gopher population in the County. They worked hard on weed inspections and weed control measures including pulling weeds by hand, spraying weeds and mowing them. We all know that it is near impossible to eradicate weeds but through staffs persistent and hard work there are getting close. It is much appreciated.

Our development department has had another busy year and are to be commended for their hard work. The completion of the Growth Management Study has helped Council in the development and future growth in the County. The wind turbines near Dalum are spinning, Paterson Grain Long Plain Terminal at Gleichen and the Co-op fuel storage at Carseland are nearing completion. The staff have worked hard on the ASP's for Rosebud and Nightingale and are preparing for council new ASP's for Cheadle and Namaka. With all growth and demands on our county and staff it is once again time to review our Municipal Development Plan this document gives direction to council, staff and developers for the future development of Wheatland County. It is through participation in the development of this MDP that residents can voice their concerns and make recommendations for the future growth in the county. Please watch the paper in the coming year and attend the open houses and let staff and the councilors know your wishes.

The South Saskatchewan River regional land use plan as well as the Calgary Regional Plan are still being developed. Council has some concerns with these plans and will be working with the Province to have our concerns addressed.

The CN railroad from Lyalta to Hanna is still not determined and we are waiting on CN to move forward and present the participating municipalities with a plan.

We are still working on a potable water supply for Wheatland County and hopefully in the coming year we will have an agreement. On behalf of Council I would like to thank our CAO, Jennifer Deak, and all of the staff for their dedication and hard work in serving our ratepayers and helping to make Wheatland County the great place it is to work, live and raise a family. Our ratepayers are who we serve and if you have and comments or require any information on any programs or policies please contact your local Councillor or the County Office. Together we can make Wheatland County even better.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Council,

Glenn Koester
Reeve Wheatland County



Glenn Koester
Wheatland County Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer

Submitted by Jennifer Deak, CLGM, Chief Administrative Officer

On behalf of Wheatland County staff, I am proud to present the 2011 Annual Report. In addition to providing the 2011 audited financial statement highlights, this report focuses on the activities of each department during the 2011 year along with goals, activities and/or strategies for the upcoming year(s). I invite you all to read these reports – they reflect the directives of Council who set policies and priorities to best meet the needs of the ratepayers they represent.

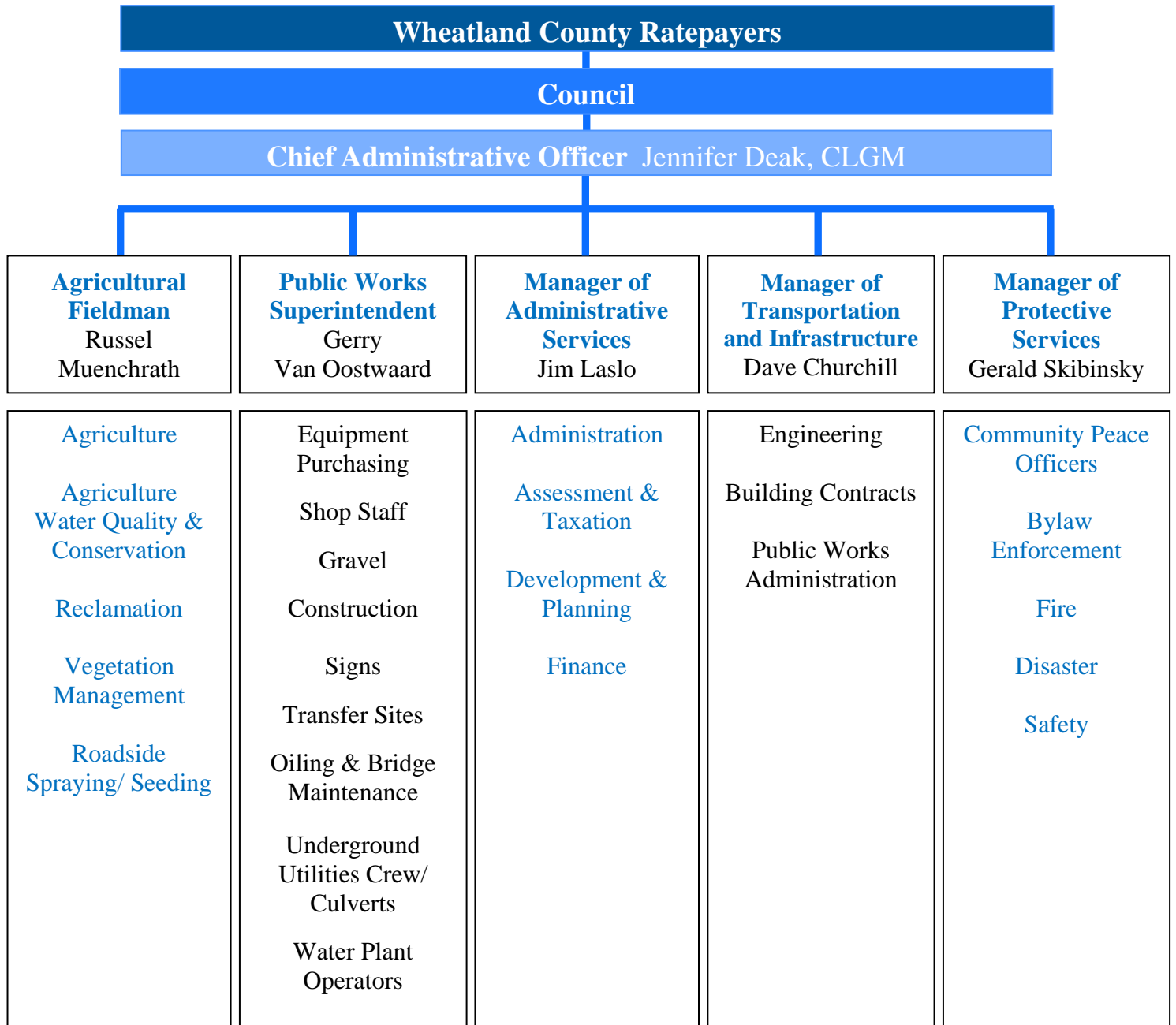
Some highlights of note during 2011 include:

- Council approval of the Regional Growth Management Strategy (RGMS). The RGMS is a planning tool that looks at cumulative effects in developing a strategy along with a set of principles and guidelines for future development in Wheatland County
- Council approval of both the Rosebud and Nightingale Area Structure Plans (ASPs). An ASP is a formal plan that provides a community vision that establishes the foundation for planning principles in the ASP area. Council has also approved budget provisions for undertaking ASPs for all the hamlets in the County and has budgeted for two each year. In 2012, ASPs will be completed for the hamlets of Namaka and Cheadle.
- Budget approval to allocate 0.1 mill/tax levy (\$378,353.00) towards recreation. In doing so Council recognized that its residents utilize various recreational facilities throughout the County and surrounding areas. The County invited twenty-eight rural ratepayers to a facilitated session to “brain storm” the development of this fund. As a result, two members at large from each electoral division in the County have been appointed to a Community Enhancement Regional Board. This Board is charged with making recommendations to Council on the distribution of this funding. The Board will be meeting to determine terms of reference, advertising and application processes to initiate this funding disbursement.
- Major economic developments that impacted our municipality included the Federated Coop Bulk Fuel storage facility west of Carseland; the Paterson Grain, Long Plain Terminal east of Gleichen and the Suncor Energy Wintering Hills Wind Power Project, a 55 wind turbine power facility east of Hussar and Dalum. All these developments are expected to generate employment and revenues for our municipality.
- Wheatland County continues to explore options for the provision of regional water services. The County has entered into an agreement with the Western Irrigation District for the supply and conveyance of 1,000 acre-feet of raw water annually to the County through the WID works. The County is also a participant in a regional water study regarding potable water servicing for the northern and eastern portions of the County.
- Council has committed to a regional initiative involved in a co-operative storm water dialogue process regarding long term solutions for storm water management. This initiative is headed by WaterSmart, a not for profit society whose mandate is to aid in the development of effective and sustainable management of Alberta’s water resources. This initiative will conduct a strategic assessment of options for storm water management.
- The County is a member of the the Southern Alberta Energy From Waste Alliance (SAEWA). This is a coalition of fifty-seven municipal entities, representing a population of approximately 225,000 people in southern Alberta. SAEWA is committed to researching and recommending for implementation; technological applications for recovering energy from non-recyclable waste materials, and reducing reliance on landfills. SAEWA’s goal is to implement the appropriate technology that will meet the requirements of our region, recognizing capital and operating costs, staffing requirements and funding opportunities.
- Communication enhancements through website upgrades, County Connector newsletter and regular news articles.
- Community Centennial Plaques were presented to both the Town of Strathmore and Rosebud Mercentile. In addition, one fiftieth and one sixty-fifth wedding anniversary plaque along with a one hundred and fourth birthday plaque was presented to local residents. Congratulations to all recipients!

The above highlights reflect the commitment and mandate of Council and staff in providing services, programs and policies that deliver on the needs and values of our citizens while spending taxpayer dollars effectively. In closing, I would encourage you to read through our Annual Report, a report that commits the mandate of our citizens. Thank you for allowing us to serve you.

2011/2012 – Committees Wheatland County Organizational Meeting October 18 th , 2011 S - Strathmore St - Standard R - Rosebud Ro – Rockyford H – Hussar C – Cluny/Gleichen A – Alternate * Alternate										Booth (1)	Sauve (2)	Vander Velde (3)	Bland (4)	Knight (5)	Koester (6)	Armstrong (7)	County Manager	Administration	Support Staff
County Council										x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
Signing Authorities													x		x	x	x	x	
Executive Committee															x	x	x		
Machine Allocation															x	A			
Finance Committee										x	x	x		x					
Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Chair – Sauve, Vice-Chair – Vander Velde										x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Seed Plants										H	S	S*			R	H* R*			
Wheatland Foundation And Housing Management Body										A	x		x		x				
Wheatland & District Emergency Medical Services Association W.A.D.E.M.S.A.												A	x		x				
Wheatland Family and Community Support Services (W.F.C.S.S). Committee										A			x		x				
C. A. A. M. D. & C. Director Central Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties											A				x		x		
Drumheller Solid Waste Management														A		x			
Policy Handbook Committee										x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Policy Review Committee (Sub-committee of the Policy Handbook Committee)										x		x	x			A			
Parks Committee										A	x	x			x				
Gravel Pit Committee (and local Councillor)															x	x	x		x
Bow River Basin Council (BRBC) (to include Agricultural Conservation & Communications Coordinator)										A	x	x							x
Red Deer River Watershed Alliance (RDRWA) (to include Agricultural Conservation & Communications Coordinator)										A					x	x			x
Disaster Services Committee										x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
Joint Irrigation Issues											x	A		x					
Fire Protection Committee										Local Councillor(s)									
Handi Bus Association										x			A						
Badlands Ambulance Society											A					x			
Municipal Planning Commission (MPC)										x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
South Region Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Committee											x	A							
Strathmore Chamber of Commerce												A	x						
Hospital Planning Committee												A		x	x				
Rail/Community Advisory Panel - CP (Area Councillors)										x	x	x							
Rail/Community Advisory Panel - CN (Area Councillors)														x	x	x			
Community Futures Wild Rose										x			x						
Marigold Library Committee													x			x			
Courtesy Matters										A	x	x							
Canadian Badlands Ltd.										x			x		x				
Drug Task Force (SWAT)												x	A						
Divisional Meetings										Local Councillor (requires Council approval)									
Regional Water Partnership										A	x			x	x	x	x		
Southern Alberta Energy-from-Waste Alliance (SAEWA)												A	x			x			
CRAZ – (Calgary Region Airshed Zone)												x	A						
Wheatland Regional Partnership Committee										x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Inter-Municipal Committee (Rocky View County)												x	x	x					
Gleichen RCMP (SHOCAP)											x								
Alberta CARE (June 5/12 CM)																x			

Organizational Chart



Left to Right Top: Glenn Koester, Ben Armstrong, Don Vander Velde, Ken Sauve

Left to Right Bottom: Brenda Knight, Jennifer Deak, Berniece Bland, Alice Booth

Report Card Highlights

On April 14 & 15, 2011, Wheatland County Council and Staff joined together to participate in a Strategic Planning Session. Through a process of identifying, evaluating and prioritizing issues and opportunities, a course of action was then charted to achieve defined goals and objectives to the end of 2013. On November 28th the following Report Card on the Strategic Plan was presented to County Council.

The top 3 issues/priorities (in order of importance):

1. Transportation and Infrastructure
2. Regionalization
3. Strategic Balance

Priority 1: Transportation and Infrastructure

Infrastructure objective: Water

Objective: Ensure safe and viable water supply

1) Achieve more water licenses

Results to Date: Applying for new license for Rosebud - Exploring new licenses for Carseland and Cluny

2) Improve water quality in Gleichen:

Results to Date: Applied pre-treatment Shac Ponder to reservoir for algae control - Completing potable water supply study - Study includes sub-regional water system, pipelines and potable water reservoirs

3) Encourage water conservation

Results to Date: Revamping invoicing system to accurately recover costs - Calculating operating rates required by hamlets to achieve full cost recovery - Expanded tiered billing to include 10 year capital plan for water and sewer - Set up funding models to calculate required capital funds and equitable levy - based on assumptions with report presentation to Council Nov. 28, 2011 - Considering rebate programs for hardware that conserves water ie. low flush toilets - Investigating communication and demonstration methods for conservation

Infrastructure objective: Waste Water

Objective: Ensure safe and viable wastewater management meets/exceeds environmental standards

1) Expand Carseland/Speargrass and Rosebud treatment facilities

Results to Date: Working on expansion of Carseland/Speargrass lagoons & emergency overflow - Planning 2012 to 2013 expansion of facultative and main storage lagoons - Exploring alternate ways of disposing of treated effluent to reduce storage volume - Developing an RFP with BSEI assistance to study Bow River for effluent capacity - Finalized purchase of land at Rosebud and determining septic field requirements - BSEI to tender construction of field expansion and controls

2) Standards and innovations

Results to Date: Exploring a system to increase effectiveness of lagoons and treatment facilities and new methods of tertiary treatment at the Carseland/Speargrass site

3) Conservation and education

Results to Date: Investigating methods to recycle and reduce withdrawal from Bow River - 8 Producers are participating in ASB Water Protection Initiative Program - Staff involvement on the Bow River Phosphorus Loading Reduction Committee

Infrastructure Objective: Roads and Bridges

Objective: Ensure adequate road and bridge planning, development & maintenance

Highlights and Achievements

1) Continue road development strategy

Results to Date: Working on 10 yr construction, 10 yr paving & 3 yr bridge replacement/repair program - Regular maintenance on 9 grader divisions, additional roving grader for heavy roads - Shoulder lifting/gravel reclamation includes sideslope restoration and minor ditch work - Graveling program with changes to reflect road usage and traffic volumes - Seal coating, dust abatement, crack filling and patching program on going as required

2) Construction cost comparison

Results to Date: Regular project costing reports presented to Council commencing in July, 2011 - Worktech software purchased for project costing software for cost comparisons, track accomplishments, and report county forces vs. contracted construction work with implementation in progress.

3) Land Reclamation program viability

Results to Date: Initiated pre and post inspections by engineering consultants to assist with reclamation certificate applications. ASB & PW reviewing scope of work to ensure reclamation is completed in conjunction with disturbance work to reduce exposure to liability.

Infrastructure Objective: Rail

Objective: Explore rail acquisition opportunities

1) Investigate regional rail line purchase

Results to Date: Council representative provides reports to Council

2) Finalize CP right-of-way-purchase

Results to Date: Standard to Makepeace CP land purchase completed - Namaka to Gleichen CP land transfers to landowners (two parcels transfer is remaining)

Priority 2: Regionalization

Objective: Explore and assess opportunities and foster a partnership development role on behalf of our regions

1) Support local regional partnership

Results to Date: Council and CAO organizing and attending quarterly meetings

2) Maintain/explore agreements/opportunities

Results to Date: 380 agreements have been logged in a reference binder for efficient access - 18 new agreements developed and entered into including Rosebud campground - Updating service agreements ie. newspaper, website, IT, planning and custodial

3) Explore joint funding opportunities

Results to Date: Grant Coordinator information brought forward at WCRP meetings - FCM organized Siksika/County meeting under CIPP program - Exploring regional water opportunities

4) Work with Regional partners to define recreation; and develop a regional recreation inventory and plan

Results to Date: Organizing facilitated stakeholder meeting in Jan. 2012 to develop Terms of reference - Parks & recreation facilities in the County identified and reported to Council

5) Develop Recreation Distribution Policy

Results to Date: Recreation background information, policy options brought to Council in May, July and October, 2011 for discussion and consideration - Parks Committee has met; exploring opportunities for Severn Dam Park

6) Stay involved with regional coalition of Counties

Results to Date: Quarterly meetings occurring with Wheatland County Regional Partnership - Meetings in 2011 with regional partners re CRP - No meetings with Newell or Rocky View County in 2011

7) Review IDP, consider involvement if invited

Results to Date: No action to date

Highlights and Achievements

Priority 3: Strategic Balance

Agriculture

Objective: Foster activities that strengthen, protect, and enhance agricultural viability

1) Review and follow ASB Strategic Plan

Results to Date: ASB Manager revised 2011-2013 Business Plan, to present to ASB by Dec. 31.11 - County Website being updated to include County statistics under economic development when available in 2012

Economic Development

Objective: Explore economic development function for Wheatland County

1) Proposal to Regional Partnership (WCRP)

Results to Date: Grant Writer Proposal, no specific Economic Development direction

2) Update County website with statistics

Results to Date: Update proposal to Council in September, 2011 - RFP for reconstruction of site in 2012 budget

3) Review equity of shared services ie. Library, FCSS, Handi-bus, etc.

Results to Date: Meetings involving Marigold (2) - Councillor reporting statistics to Council (Handi-bus) - Discussed at WCRP meeting (s)

Protective Services

Objective: Maintain appropriate levels of Protective Services

1) Review service levels per need and budget

Results to Date: PS Manager meets to review budget with CAO - PS Manager attends regular Fire Chief meetings/reports - PS Manager attended Fire Fighter Training meetings in 2011 - First Responders within Rural Communities mtg attended (Reeve and PS Manager)

2) Enhance communications with Sheriffs/RCMP

Results to Date: Council met with Senior RCMP representative in 2011 - Manager and Peace Officers met with RCMP representatives in 2011

3) Update municipal emergency plan on milenet

Results to Date: Emergency Response Plan updated & placed in binders for County Departments - Updating Emergency Response Plan to milenet in December, 2011

Sustainability

Objective: Provide mechanisms for ongoing, sustainable growth and development management

1) Complete two ASP's annually

Results to Date: Council and Planning Staff identified communities requiring ASP's in 2011 - RFP's accepted for development of Cheadle and Namaka in October, 2011 with projected completion December, 2012.

2) Update MDP

Results to Date: Internal review of current MDP to identify required changes progressing - Will be researching other counties to acquire their MDP update process - Ensure compatibility with County Growth Management Strategy

3) Review growth & development to measure against planned strategies

Results to Date: Developing a GIS map layer for zones in Wheatland County- Projected completion of GIS map layer December, 2012

Administration

Submitted by Jim Laslo, CLGM, Manager of Administrative Services

2011 proved to be a busy, challenging, and rewarding year for all personnel in the Administration Department. Administration worked diligently on carrying out priorities directed by the CAO from Council towards the continuous improvement in service efficiency, effectiveness and quality of life for Wheatland County taxpayers and residents.

In addition to the work outlined within the departments of Finance, Assessment, GIS, and IT, and Planning & Development, the following is a brief highlight of work undertaken:

- Coordinated updating the 2011 – 2013 County Strategic Plan involving Council and Senior Staff to establish priorities, agree on actions to achieve objectives and ensure regular reporting;
- Finalized the Standard to Makepeace CP land purchase, commenced processes to complete sale and transfer to adjacent landowners;
- Developed a database including over 380 County agreements for quick access for reference and management of termination/renewals;
- Various service agreements were renewed for supply/services including the County's newspaper of record, custodial services, engineering, planning, safety codes, placing and erecting rural address signs and auditing services. Additional research and development involved IT services, updating the county website and aerial photography;
- Research into acquiring a Grant Coordinator/Writer and efficiencies of Laser fiche Electronic Records Management;
- Prepared reports for Council during the development of the Recreation and Community Enhancement initiative including County recreation and parks facilities, surveys of municipal contributions to recreation and culture, and optional funding distribution models;
- Published two editions of the County Connector News Bulletin as an insert in the Strathmore Standard to update taxpayers on County services and programs;
- Investigated options and costs for Council consideration pertaining to the modernization and improved security in the County Administration Building. Council decision was to delay this matter for consideration in May 2012;
- Supported staff training in matters involving Freedom Of Information, Protection of Privacy, SAIT Supervisory courses, fire permits, Hazard Assessment, new employee safety training, planning, development, computer software & GIS, and records management;
- Participated with Census Canada to increase awareness and participation in the census by placing ads on the County website, newspaper and inserts in utility invoices.



Cindy Ramsay
Wheatland County Receptionist

Agricultural Service Board

Submitted by Russel Muenchrath, Agricultural Fieldman

The 2011 Wheatland County Agricultural Service Board (ASB) included the entire County Council and CAO, Jennifer Deak. Glenn Koester served as Chairman until the organizational meeting in October at which time Ken Sauve took over as chair and Don Vander Velde remained as Vice Chair.

ASB Staff included Agricultural Fieldman, Russ Muenchrath; Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, Jason Regehr; Agricultural Conservation & Communications Coordinator, Sarah Schumacher; Equipment Operator's, David Pinder, Sheldon Roes, Ken Merrells; Agricultural Summer Staff, Jessica Walker and Weed Inspector Ron Bartholow.

Vegetation Management Program

Our vegetation management program involves the use of Integrated Pest Management Techniques. Our Equipment operators spot sprayed approximately 1,444 acres of Noxious weeds while mowing grass on 3,463 km's of road. Our grass cutting graders are equipped with a rotary grass mower, direct injection spray equipment, radiarc and boombuster applicators, and a water tank. A total of 4,726 km of roadside mowing was completed with 2 cuts occurring throughout most of the County

Weed inspection, monitoring and control was a major focus throughout the year on private and public land. The entire CN rail line in Wheatland County was inspected with the discovery of two locations of the Prohibited Noxious weed, Spotted Knapweed was discovered and controlled. These sights will now require monitoring for a number of years to ensure the infestation has been eradicated.

Monitoring continues for the Scentless Chamomile seed weevil and gall midge which are biological control agents for Scentless Chamomile and released in 2007 along the Bow River. In 2010 some new release sites were initiated in co-operation with Hidden Valley Resort within Siksika Nation and continued with more release sites in 2011, the County also provided assistance with releases in Rocky View County and Vulcan County.

Eighteen calls for weed identification and management were received, along with 2 complaints which were dealt with by staff. Weed management meetings were held with Husky, EnCana & the WID as well as on-going communication with all the vegetation management contractors that work in our Municipality.

The Alberta Invasive Plant Identification guide developed by Sarah Schumacher & Ron Bartholow to assist with the introduction of the new Alberta Weed Act in 2010 continues to be very popular throughout the province and is available from our website.

Spraying of the hamlets and dump sites is done on a rotational basis at the end of August and regular weed inspections are carried out in the hamlets throughout the year.

The inter-local municipal agreement between Wheatland County and the Villages of Standard, Hussar and Rockyford for sharing a Weed Inspector continued with the exception of the Town of Strathmore who took over their weed inspection duties in 2011.

Roadside Seeding and Reclamation

ASB staff seeded approximately 23 km's of new road construction right of ways along with 16 acres of borrow areas. Work was also carried out in conjunction with contractors on pre-site assessments on borrow areas. Ppara-tilling of borrow areas to help alleviate compaction was carried out in the fall, but was limited by weather conditions.

Pest Control

Activities included participation with Alberta Agriculture in surveying for Bertha Armyworms, Wheat Midge and the yearly grasshopper survey.

The Richardson's ground squirrel control program provided 2% liquid strychnine available to farmers from March through to mid-June. A total of 59 orders were taken for a total of 94 cases of strychnine. Richardson's ground squirrel control was carried out on specified areas of County owned land by ASB staff.

Surveying for Clubroot & Fusarium Graminearum was continued in 2011 with 87 Canola & Wheat fields being inspected. There was one confirmed Fusarium location and none for Clubroot.

Agricultural Service Board

Shelterbelt Tree Program

Our shelterbelt tree program involved partnering with the Wheatland District 4-H Council in distributing trees supplied by the Agroforestry Development Centre at Indian Head and by Alberta Nurseries. 19,795 trees were distributed for planting in Wheatland County. A total of 960 trees including Green Ash, Chokecherry and Buffaloberry were planted at Severn Dam in an attempt to begin beautification of the park and to provide wildlife habitat.

Seed Cleaning Plants

Seed cleaning plants operating within Wheatland County that were licensed to clean seed include the Strathmore, Rosebud, and Hussar Cooperative stationary plants.

Equipment Rental Program

Wheatland County continued the rental of our tree planter, weed wiper, pasture sprayer, tree sprayer, livestock scale, skunk and magpie traps and RFID tag reader. The magpie and skunk traps are by far the most popular of our items, the livestock scale and rubber mats are used primarily by 4-H clubs.

Extension Program

Assistance was given to producers applying to the Growing Forward Stewardship and Water programs. Applications included: 16 Integrated Crop Management; 6 Farm Water plans; 3 Grazing and Winter Feeding and 2 Manure Management. Assistance was also given on 3 Environmental Farm Plans and 15 Wheatland Water Protection Initiative applications. The Thurn pit site owned by Wheatland County (located near Irricana) is being used as a long term demonstration site showing the benefits of fencing, rotational grazing, offsite watering and how these management practices can impact upland range and riparian health.

Other projects and events included hosting or co-hosting a Working Well workshop, pasture health workshop, small scale energy workshop, Ladies Livestock Lessons, Ranching Opportunities conference, Explore Local workshop, Thurn riparian/range workshop and a Wheat Midge workshop.

The ASB also co-operated with the Cheadle Lions Club on a plastic grain bag round-up hosted in June with proceeds from the Roundup going to 4-H clubs.

The 2011 ASB Agriculture bursary recipients were Louise Laycraft and Brittany Walker of Strathmore. The Dwayne & Mary Marshman Family were nominated as Wheatland County's representative for the 2011 BMO Stampede Farm Family Award.

The ASB is proud of its programs and will continue to strive to meet the needs and improve the level of our services to the ratepayers of Wheatland County.

Vision: The Wheatland County Agricultural Service Board is committed to strengthening; promoting and supporting agriculture and the environment within our municipality with a view to continually improve how we operate in future years.

Mission: The ASB develops and implements programs and policies that focus on the areas of weeds, pests, soil and water conservation and environmental issues for the benefit of all rural residents. We will stay educated and current on new developments in agriculture. We work in partnership through good communication with other government agencies, the agriculture industry and rural residents on agricultural programs and issues.



Assessment

Submitted by Dennis Klem, A.M.A.A., Senior Assessor, IT/GIS Coordinator

Due to some major non-residential development, the 2011 Assessment year experienced an overall change of \$+165.238 million (M) in the assessment roll or approximately +4.38% compared to 2010 Assessment roll which generates a 2011 total taxable assessment of 3,935.04 (M). Below is a chart that shows the change by assessment class and net change separated into Growth or Inflation.

Municipal Tax Rate Class	2010 Assessment	2011 Assessment	% Change	Total Change in Assessment	Growth Change (New)	Inflation Change (market or regulated)
Farm	200,402,880	200,363,700	-0.02%	-39,180	-39,180	0
Residential	939,651,970	957,639,580	1.91%	17,987,610	18,156,650	-169,040
Non-Residential	2,629,749,550	2,777,039,400	5.60%	147,289,850	110,790,770	36,499,080
Total:	\$3,769,804,400	\$3,935,042,680	4.38%	\$165,238,280	\$128,908,240	\$36,330,040

Assessment is the evaluation of all assessable properties on an annual basis with adherence to the Alberta Statute, Municipal Government Act (M.G.A.) and associated regulations. The purpose of assessment is to fairly and equitably establish values allowing for the fair distribution of the property tax burden.

Assessed values are based on establishing either a Market or Regulated Value

- Market Value is defined by the M.G.A. Section 1(n) "means the amount that a property, as defined in section 284(1) (r), might be expected to realize if it is sold on the open market by a willing seller to a willing buyer." The market value date is established as of July 1st, the year proceeding the tax year (i.e., July 1, 2011 Assessment (valuation Date) for 2012 Tax Year).
- Regulated Value is based on rates established annually by Alberta Municipal Affairs, Assessment Services Branch, and published in the Alberta Farmland Assessment Manual, the Alberta Machinery and Equipment Assessment Manual and the Alberta Linear Property Assessment Manual.

Four Classes of Assessment Exist:

Farmland: Land used in the production of an agricultural product: (i.e. crop, hay, pasture, trees, sod, horticulture (shrubs), aviculture (birds), apiculture (bees), aquaculture (fish)) is assessed at a Regulated Value. The current base rate for the agricultural use value of farmland is set at \$350 / Acre for Dry Arable or Pasture Land and is adjusted downwards for any factors that hinder productivity (i.e., type of soil, amount of topsoil, texture of the soil's surface and subsurface, topography, stones, any other productivity impediment).

Non Residential: An industry or commerce or another use takes place, or is permitted to take place, on the property including land, buildings and structures (i.e., stores, mechanical repairs, golf courses, gravel pits, land and structures situated at industrial plants excluding Machinery & Equipment) is assessed at Market Value. **Linear property**, a subclass of non-residential, includes cable distribution, electric transmission lines, telecommunication equipment, pipelines, oil and gas wells, is assessed at a Regulated Value.

Assessment

Four Classes of Assessment (continued)

Machinery and Equipment: Any installation used in the processing or manufacturing of a product (i.e. separators or dehydrators or compressors at gas and oilfield installations, certain components at the large grain elevators) is assessed at a Regulated Value.

Residential: Typically a residence or use of property that has not been classed as any of the above. The assessment for residential parcels less than or equal to 3 acres represents the average market value for land and improvements (any buildings or structures). For parcels greater than 3 acres, the assessment includes a minimum of 3 acres and the residential improvements assessed at market value and any remaining land is assessed at Market Value unless deemed farmland.

2011 Assessment Statistics

Assessment, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Information Technology

- Prepared defense data for 4 assessment appeals involving either residential, non-residential, or agricultural assessments;
- Prepared the general assessment for Wheatland County accepted by the Province of Alberta involving 13,001 parcels of land, 3,456 residences, and 1,893 non-residential properties.

The assessment department consists of 2.5 FTE personnel: Dennis Klem A.M.A.A. Senior Assessor, 1 FTE contracted personnel and .5 FTE Cheryl Klemmensen, Assessment Clerk



Rural Addressing Project - Completed in 2011

Geographic Information System (GIS) Profile

Submitted by Dennis Klem, A.M.A.A., Senior Assessor, IT/GIS Coordinator

Background

In 2004, Wheatland County established a Geographic Information System (G.I.S.) Department. The main purpose of the G.I.S. department is to digitize the County map and link all other digital County related data to the map, thereby allowing quick and easy retrieval of the County's digital information. Some examples of the digital information that is available through the County's GIS include:

- Property features such as: parcel boundaries and dimensions, legal description, location of residence
- Single Line Road Network
- Color ortho aerial photography
- Ownership and contact information
- Assessment data including pictures of all residences and other assessable buildings
- Municipal data showing areas of: Electoral district, Fire Response, Rescue & Ambulance, As-built drawings for the County's underground assets such as water and sewer lines
- Oil & Gas installations including well and pipeline locations
- Rural Address Data Base

2011 GIS Initiatives

Some of the 2011 initiatives have been:

- Hired contractor and co-ordinated the installation of approximately 2,410 Rural Address location signs for all rural residents except those residing in hamlets.
- In June of 2011, created and filled a full time GIS/IT Technician position to assist with updating of the GIS databases.
- Semi-annually, update the ownership wall maps and map book.
- Implementation of a weed inspection workflow using GPS
- Assisted Finance department in validating location of Tangible Capital assets.

Planned future GIS Initiatives

Future projects include the following:

- Public website (WEBMAP) allowing free access to some of the GIS data
- Co-ordinate acquisition of 2012 color ortho aerial photograph, to be completed in spring and accessible August, 2012
- Co-ordinate and employ an efficient, cost effective, and cutting edge technology called Video Data Collection (VDC). This initiative involves travelling approx. 6,950km of County's roads to collect precise Global Positioning Data of the County's road network and roadside infrastructure assets (i.e. signs, culverts, etc.) and to validate the 2011 Rural Address Sign installation project.
- Review and update the civic addresses for all hamlet properties.
- Update Ownership maps on Quarterly Basis
- Implementation of a collection workflow for location of municipal water shut off valves within hamlets using GPS
- Link Land Use and Development information to the WEBMAP for public access

GIS Products for Sale

The following products are for sale in either paper copy or digital copy, please contact Wheatland County for Current prices:

- Ownership wall map 30"X42" (Please note that all County maps are updated on a semi-annual basis)
- Color aerial photography (2000, 2005, and 2007, 2009, 2010) can be printed on letter, legal or tabloid (11"X17") size paper.
- Map Book (approximately 90 pages) that has the County map and hamlet map in one booklet form containing 1 page per township or hamlet

Contacts

Please contact Dennis Klem, Senior Assessor / G.I.S. Coordinator or Reid Konschuch, IT/GIS/GPS Technician at the County office 403-934-3321 with any questions pertaining to the G.I.S. Department.

Planning & Development Services

Submitted by Linda Henrickson, RPP, MCIP, Chief Planning Officer

The Planning and Development Department continues to work at a fast pace with Subdivision and Development applications and issues.

In 2011, Wheatland County approved two new Area Structure Plans (ASP), one for the Hamlet of Rosebud and one for the Hamlet of Nightingale. Also adopted was the Regional Growth Management Strategy (RGMS).

The RGMS is a document that provides a guide to future development in the County over the next 40 years. The RGMS reflects the vision and aspirations of residents, landowners, and other stakeholders, while promoting and maintaining the unique natural and physical qualities of the region.

Area Structure Plans are documents that are approved by a municipality as bylaws. The document is used by the municipality when evaluating applications in the plan area. The ASP is a strategy for future development of a defined area. This reflects the interests of both the residents and stakeholders of the Plan area, as well as the interests of the municipality. The ASP provides long range decision-making guidance to Council and staff along with guidance for subdivision and development decisions. It also provides land owners and developers with a clear vision and understanding of what future development will look like.

These three documents were created in response to the tremendous development pressure, in particular a demand for country residential development and industrial lots. In both cases, open house and workshop sessions were held in various locations in the county which provided the opportunity for public participation and community input.

It is anticipated that the development of these documents will be the catalyst to enhancing community leadership through strategic development and redevelopment. They will also be a model for Area Structure Plans to follow. Six (6) additional small Area Structure Plans were submitted for consideration in 2011 in support of the multi-lot subdivisions that were applied for by various developers.

The development continued to progress at a steady pace in 2011. We also saw some building starts in the Industrial area along Highway 1. Interest has increased applications for the use of wind turbines for both personal and commercial use which has confirmed a growing interest in alternative power generation.

The Planning and Development Department is comprised of 2 Development Officers, Suzanne Hayes and Kim Sandbeck and 2 Planners including Linda Henrickson, Chief Planning Officer and the recent addition of Gareth Webster, Assistant Planner. The tools of the department used to provide Council and ratepayers with sound planning information and recommendations are the statutory documents that have been adopted by Council over the years. They include:

- the Regional Growth Management Strategy
- the Municipal Development Plan
- the Land Use Bylaw, and
- various Area Structure Plans.

Planning & Development Services

All of these documents can be found on the Wheatland County website at www.wheatlandcounty.ca. To assist in the process of applying for Subdivision and Land Use Redesignation, a guide has been prepared and can also be found on our website along with all the forms required to get started.

Statistics

Subdivision and Land Use Re-designation applications

	2011	2010
Subdivisions	39	36
Land Use Re-designations	32	16
Subdivision appeals	1	0

Development Permits

Development Permits	181	153
Development Appeals	3	1

Safety Code Permits Processed *

Building	136	NA
Electrical	225	NA
Gas	110	NA
Plumbing	64	NA
Private Sewage Disposal System	29	NA

* Statistics for 2010 are not available

Kim Sandbeck
Development Officer and
Planning & Development Assistant



Protective Services

Protective Services

Submitted by Jeff Cyr, Senior Community Peace Officer

2011 was a very busy & challenging year for the Wheatland County Protective Services department. The Protective Services Department consisted of 3 - Level 1 Community Peace Officer's working on many diverse files throughout 2011. Overall we saw a decrease in total violations and an increase in the number of case reports from the previous year.

The 2011 statistics for Protective Services are as follows:

- 4,824 overload approvals were processed with the assistance of Roadata Services.
- 279 formal Case Reports were created as a result due to calls for service.
- 781 violation tickets were issued by Protective Services. This includes traffic, by-law & overweight violations.
- 26 TVN notices (warnings) issued to registered owners/operators of vehicles for various motor vehicle infractions.
- 32 Exemption Applications for use of banned County roads.

With the continued increase in traffic flow throughout the County in both commercial & overall vehicle usage on the roads, we will continue to be vigilant in our enforcement protocols to make sure our infrastructure is maintained & protected for years to come.

Emergency Services

Submitted by Gerald Skibinsky, Manager of Protective Services

Fire

- Fire Service Agreement implemented
- New Fire Incident Command Vehicle for Dalum rural fire department
- New bush buggy for Rockyford Rural fire department
- New communication tower to service the hamlets of Gleichen and Cluny
- 6 fire fighting courses were run through Fire Emergency Training Centre for approximately 90 fire fighters paid primarily from a Wheatland county's training grant provided by Alberta Emergency Management Agency
- New fire hall in Rockyford

Safety

- Safety courses completed for 2011: WHMIS and Hazard Control
- Wheatland County passed its external Health and Safety Audit
- Automatic External Defibrillator installed in public works building

Disaster Services

During a severe winter storm event Wheatland County assisted residents and ensured roads were cleared of snow.



Transportation and Infrastructure

Submitted by Dave Churchill, R.E.T, Manager of Transportation and Infrastructure

2011 was a challenging year for the public works department with all the wet weather, flooding and the challenges associated with moisture and soft roads.

Gravel

In 2011 the County gravel crew spread 211,794 tonnes of gravel on various county roads. This includes gravel used on construction projects as well as gravel on local roads. The County's gravel crushing contractor also crushed 234,055 tonnes of gravel at various County owned or operated gravel pits.

The 2012 plans include spreading 220,000 tonnes of gravel on various county roads and crushing an additional 220,000 tonnes of gravel at various County owned or operated gravel pits.

Pavement

In 2011 Wheatland County contracted one large paving project that was 14 miles (22.5 km) in length. This project "finished off" the Rockyford Road which is now paved and ban free from the TransCanada to Highway 9.

The paving Contractor was Central City Asphalt

Rockyford Road – (Range Rd. 232 & 233)

- Range Rd. 233 from Hwy 564 to Twp Rd 270 6.0 miles 9.6 km
- Range Rd. 232 from Twp Rd 270 to Hwy 9 8.0 miles 12.9 km

The 2012 plans include the overlay paving of a 2.0 mile (3.2 km) section of the Acreage Road (Range Rd. 255) from Hwy #1 to Township Rd. 244 and Nightingale Road (Range Rd. 245) from Hwy 564 to Township Rd. 264 6.25 miles (10.1 km) to bring these roads to a non-banned surface. The County is also planning to construct base course and a double seal coat on the 5.0 mile (8.0 km) re-graded section of the Duck Lake Road (Range Rd. 182) in preparation for paving in the near future.

Construction

In 2011 County forces completed:

Construction (Re-grading)

Rockyford Road – (Range Rd. 232)	W 26-27-23-W4M W 35-27-23-W4M W 2-28-23-W4M W 11-28-23-W4M	3.5 miles	5.6 km
Duck Lake Road – (Range Road 182)	W 23-25-18-W4M W 26-25-18-W4M W 35-25-18-W4M	3 miles	4.8 km
Range Rd. 270 (south of Agrium Plant)	W 19-21-26-W4M	1 mile	1.6 km
Range Rd. 221 (north of Highway 261) (slide repair)	W 13-24-22-W4M	0.75 miles	1.0 km
Range Road 225 (slide repair)	W 32-27-22-W4	0.5 miles	0.8 km

The 2012 plans include the completion of the following re-grading projects:

Duck Lake Road – (Range Rd. 182) from Township Rd. 252 to Highway 564 3.0 miles (4.8 km)
Township Rd. 230 – South of 5 & 6-23-21-W4M 2.0 miles (3.2 km)
Range Rd. 221 – West of 25 & 36-23-22-W4M 2.0 miles (3.2 km)
Hammer Hill Rd. – South of 13 & 14-23-23-W4M 2.0 miles (3.2 km)

Transportation and Infrastructure

In 2011 the following culverts were replaced that were washed out (due to overland flooding in the spring)

The work was contracted to Grays Ltd.

Culvert located west of 19-24-23-W4M

Culvert located south of 3-24-21-W4M

Culvert located north of 8-23-21-W4M

Sidewalk, Curb and Gutter

In 2011, in the Hamlet of Gleichen, a section of sidewalk and curb & gutter along the south side of Main Street west of Wickson Avenue was replaced.

Also in 2011, in the Hamlet of Rosebud, a section of sidewalk and curb & gutter along the west side of Main Street south of 1st Avenue was replaced as well as constructing new sidewalk on the north side of 1st Avenue at the west end of the existing sidewalk.

The 2012 plans include replacement of four sections of sidewalk in the Hamlet of Cluny, along 2nd Avenue, 1st Street, and 2nd Street as well as constructing new sidewalk along the north side of the park on 3rd Avenue.

Oiling/Maintenance Crew

2011 Projects include:

- The repair of soft spots and washouts on various roads during the spring and early summer, due to overland flooding in the spring of 2011
- The set-up and running of pumps and hoses to pump out sloughs that were flooding roads from the spring runoff
- Crack filling on paved roads
- Hauling pit run to build up roads across several sloughs (due to high water level caused by flooding)
- Dust control with both calcium chloride and oil
- Re-work & repair a number of old oil dust control locations
- Bridge maintenance including repairing guard rails, hazard markers & bridge decks
- Building and compacting a pad for the new administration garage

2011 Bridge Structures (Replacement)

- B.F. #13338 South of SW 18-25-25-W4M (by contract)
- B.F. #77748 West of SW 15-25-22-W4M (County forces)
- B.F. #74074 South of SW 6-22-26-W4M (Fix bevel end – washout from spring flooding)
- B.F. #75056 West of SW 7-25-26-W4M (Fix bevel end – washout from previous flooding)

Three bridge structure replacements are planned for replacement in 2012. Two of these three projects will be tendered out.

Road Reclamation Program

The road shoulder reclamation crew completed 71.0 miles (114.2 km) in 2011.

- Division 1 17.5 miles 28.2 km
- Division 2 12.5 miles 20.1 km
- Division 3 6.0 miles 9.6 km
- Division 4 18.0 miles 29.0 km
- Division 5 5.0 miles 8.0 km
- Division 7 4.0 miles 6.4 km
- Division 8 8.0 miles 12.9 km

In Division 5, on Range Rd. 252 north of Highway 564 there was extensive reclamation of the shoulders, slopes and ditches. This process was more time consuming but was greatly beneficial to the road. The work performed on the other roads was basically pulling the grassed “curbs” from the shoulder of the road, mulching the material and using it to re-shape the crown of the roads.

In 2011 a water truck and packer were added to the crew to help the grader and sod mulcher, this worked well to improve both the productivity and the quality of the reclamation.

Transportation and Infrastructure

In 2011 the roving grader was reinstated to help the division graders; the additional grader and operator covers for divisional grader operators if they are away, if the gravel crew is working in their grader division, or wherever the roving grader is needed most.

Waste Transfer Sites

In 2011 the transfer sites all seemed to get busier and they are handling an increasing volume of materials including the recycling of materials with the goal of keeping recyclable materials out of the landfill sites. Examples of some of the materials that are presently being recycled are; scrap metal, batteries, electronics, used oil, and cardboard. Please visit the County website for the complete list.

The 2012 plans include the installation of loading ramps for the recycling bins, at several of the waste transfer sites, to assist the transfer of heavy items into these bins. Wheatland County is committed to and is encouraging recycling to decrease the amount of waste that is being buried in the Drumheller landfill site.

Hamlet Crew

In 2011 the Ultraviolet (UV) upgrade in the Speargrass water treatment plant was completed improving the level of treatment to meet the new standards required by Alberta Environment. Work also continued on the Carseland sewage lagoon upgrades, including replacement of the sewage lift station and the replacement of the sanitary sewer main along Railway Avenue from Indus Street to west of Bartstow Street. The over flow lagoon in Carseland was desludged so the construction can begin this year on the lagoon expansion. The water meter change outs (from manual read to remote read) was completed in all of the Hamlets. In order to do the change outs a part time staff member was hired, who worked with the accounting staff to arrange appointments allowing the completion of the meter change outs by the end of September.

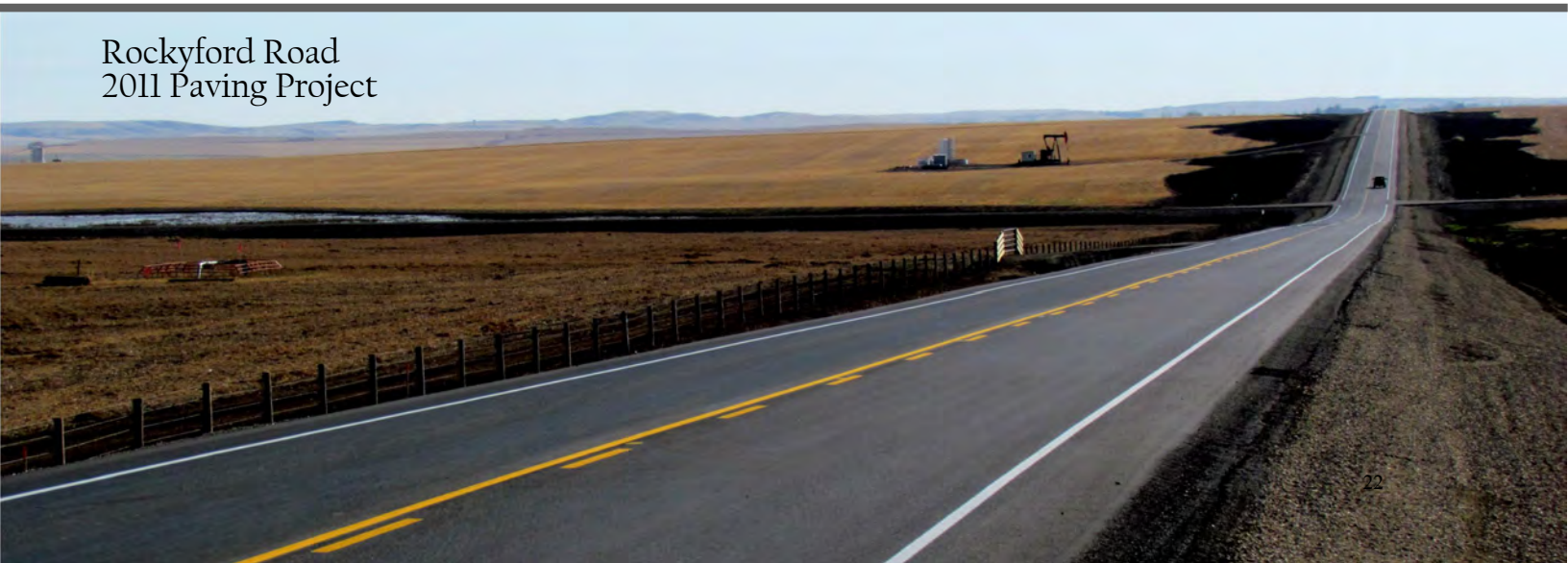
In Gleichen the waterline along Gleichen Street was extended to complete the “loop” at the west end of the street, this to allow for water services along the north side of Gleichen Street west of First Avenue. The completion of the “loop” will also improve the flow of fresh water to the west end of the system. Weather challenges caused problems at the effluent irrigation sites, however County staff managed to pump enough effluent from the lagoons at Cluny and Gleichen to accommodate the winter and spring wastewater volumes.

The 2012 plans include the completion of the connection of the new well in Rosebud and continuing to investigate the expansion of the sewer treatment fields in Rosebud. In Carseland the plans include extending the waterline on Indus Street to complete the “loop” to the waterline on Langdon Avenue. In Gleichen the installation of three phase power to the sewage effluent pivot for the control panel and locomotion is being planned. This power may also be used in the future to power the effluent pump which is presently powered by a propane powered engine.

Underground Utilities Crew

In 2011 a new crew was formed that is responsible for maintaining, repairing and replacing the County operated underground utilities such as potable water lines, sanitary sewer lines, storm sewer lines, drainage ditches, drainage culverts up to 48” (1.2m) in diameter, and small road repairs.

Rockyford Road 2011 Paving Project



Financial Department

Submitted by Pat Leitch, C.G.A., Chief Financial Officer

Summary of accomplishments for 2011:

- Calculated revenue required for hamlet water systems to achieve full cost recovery with incremental rate adjustments approved by Council.
- Developed funding models to calculate required capital funds and an equitable capital levy required for hamlets for water and sewer services.
- Replaced water meters with upgraded automated meters that can be read without entering the property.
- Hired a Tangible Capital Assets/Accounting Clerk in order to be able to meet additional legislated accounting requirements.
- Purchased and commenced implementation of computer software that will:
 - Enhance financial accounting and reporting processes;
 - Provide more detailed project costing for comparisons, tracking and reporting.
 - Implemented improved collection procedures for outstanding accounts receivable accounts that resulted in \$65,636 less in overdue accounts.
- Updated the Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP) forms.
- Implemented program for ratepayers to make automatic monthly payments on outstanding property taxes in arrears (this is in addition to the TIPP program).
- Met with Fire Association Treasurers to develop funding and reporting models and assist with preparing financial reports.
- Commenced preparation of the County 2012 Operating and Capital budget in August in order to adopt the 2012 interim budget by Council on December 22, 2011.
- Developed and presented quarterly reports to Council on special projects.
- The Finance department is committed to accurate, transparent processes that produce efficient & effective services and reporting.

Pat Leitch
Chief Financial Officer



2011 Summary Financial Statements

Report of the Independent Auditor on the Summary Financial Statements

To the Reeve and Members of Council of Wheatland County,

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at December 31, 2011, the summary statement of operations, summary statement of change in net financial assets and summary statement of cash flow for the year then ended, and related schedules, are derived from the audited financial statements of Wheatland County for the year ended December 31, 2011. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated April 17, 2011.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian public sector accounting standards. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of Wheatland County.

Management's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standard (CAS) 810, "Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements."

Opinion

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial statements of Wheatland County for the year ended December 31, 2011 are a fair summary of those financial statements, in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Our auditors' report on the audited financial statements contains an "emphasis of matter" paragraph explaining the adjustment made to the 2010 figures to reduce tangible capital assets by \$483,852, increase accounts receivable by \$66,924 and increase excess revenue over expenses of \$13,775. Our opinion is not qualified in respect of this matter.

April 17, 2012
Young Parkyn McNab LLP
Chartered Accountants
Lethbridge, Alberta

*** Detailed financial statements can be downloaded from our website www.wheatlandcounty.ca or picked up at the County office.**

2011 Summary Financial Statements

Wheatland County Summary Statement of Financial Position As at December 31, 2011

	2011	2010 (restated)
Financial Assets		
Cash and temporary investments	\$ 54,304,071	\$ 48,492,699
Taxes and grants in place of taxes receivable	653,638	777,224
Trade and other receivables	2,984,040	4,729,815
Land held for resale	245,283	245,283
Loan receivable	152,643	150,000
	58,339,675	54,395,021
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	3,220,031	2,995,073
Employee benefit obligations	858,014	742,106
Provision for reclamation	853,987	777,796
Deferred revenue	10,867,537	10,538,497
Long-term debt	641,369	707,207
	16,440,938	15,760,679
Net financial assets	41,898,737	38,634,342
Non-financial assets		
Prepaid expenses	506,237	238,052
Inventory for consumption	9,817,080	9,696,662
Cultural and historical assets	260,399	-
Tangible capital assets	206,482,338	202,434,890
	217,066,054	212,369,604
Accumulated surplus	\$ 258,964,791	\$ 251,003,946

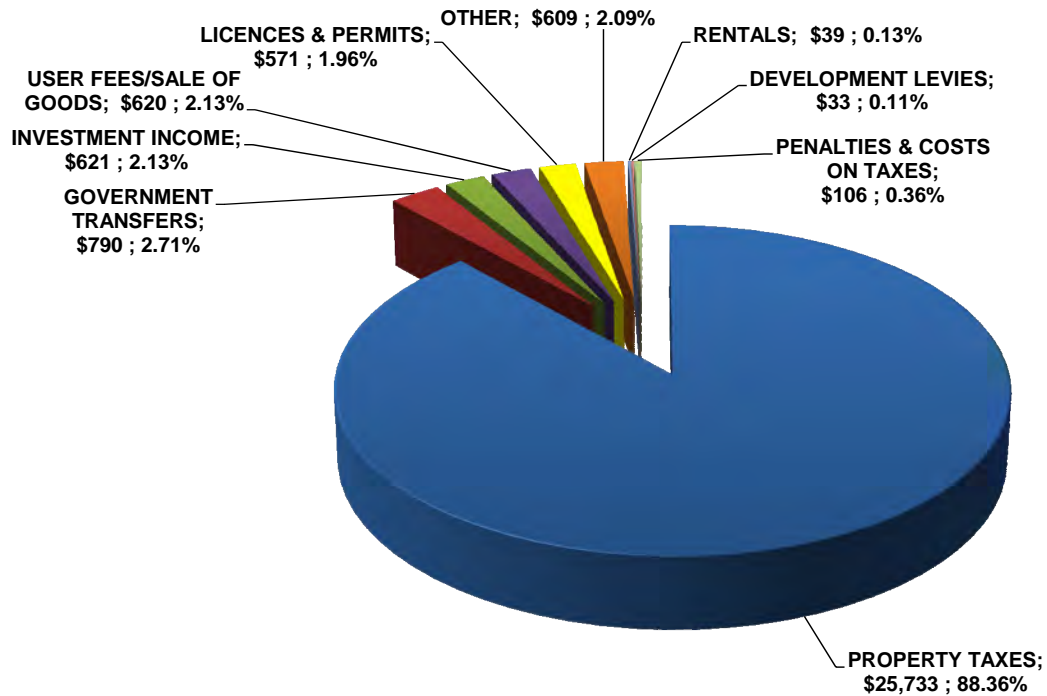
2011 Summary Financial Statements

Wheatland County Summary Statement of Operations For the year ended December 31, 2011

	Budget (Unaudited)	2011	2010 (restated)
Revenues			
Net municipal property taxes	\$ 25,726,552	\$ 25,733,355	\$ 24,477,703
User fees and sale of goods	998,870	619,869	645,218
Government transfers for operating	695,565	790,457	1,192,141
Investment income	352,699	621,175	539,063
Penalties and costs on taxes	105,000	105,763	120,644
Development levies	150,000	33,452	41,556
Licenses and permits	456,739	571,044	476,800
Rentals	30,200	38,886	33,873
Other revenues	602,510	608,732	748,440
	29,118,135	29,122,733	28,275,438
Expenses			
Legislative	436,126	456,164	398,505
Administration	2,663,384	2,340,573	2,429,366
Police	480,124	317,054	466,603
Fire	1,766,889	1,849,910	1,184,664
Emergency measures and disaster services	23,526	24,719	23,729
Bylaw enforcement	121,991	109,414	103,384
Roads, streets, walks and lighting	19,524,781	18,864,455	19,166,312
Water supply and distribution	1,846,280	1,256,870	1,165,268
Wastewater treatment and disposal	511,420	413,894	433,798
Waste management	556,806	543,500	506,693
Public health and welfare services	51,483	46,283	50,045
Economic and agricultural development	923,109	662,014	779,660
Subdivision land and development	599,915	496,114	430,787
Recreation and culture	103,150	78,419	104,142
	29,608,984	27,459,383	27,242,956
Excess of revenue over expenses before other	(490,849)	1,663,350	1,032,482
Other			
Government transfers for capital	7,351,101	6,049,690	3,640,183
Contributed assets	1,120,000	247,805	1,379,032
	8,471,101	6,297,495	5,019,215
Excess of revenue over expenses	7,980,252	7,960,845	6,051,697
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year			
As previously stated	251,421,505	251,421,505	245,383,579
Prior period adjustment	-	(417,559)	(431,330)
As restated	251,421,505	251,003,946	244,952,249
Accumulated surplus, end of year	\$ 259,401,757	\$ 258,964,791	\$ 251,003,946

2011 Summary Financial Statements

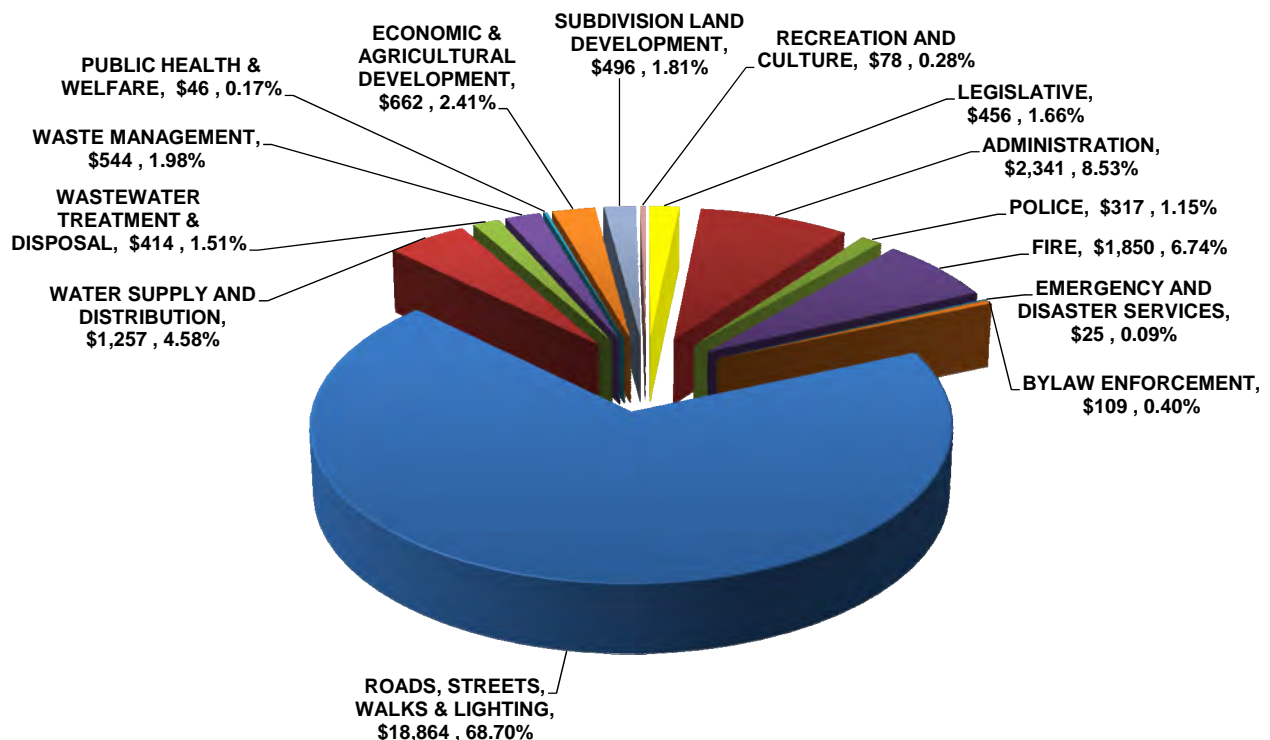
WHEATLAND COUNTY - 2011 OPERATING REVENUE *



* All figures expressed in thousands of dollars

TOTAL MUNICIPAL OPERATING REVENUE \$29,122

WHEATLAND COUNTY - 2011 OPERATING EXPENSES*



* All figures expressed in thousands of dollars

TOTAL MUNICIPAL OPERATING EXPENSES \$27,459

2011 Summary Financial Statements

Wheatland County Summary Statement of Change in Net Financial Assets For the year ended December 31, 2011

	Budget (Unaudited)	2011	2010 (restated)
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 7,980,252	\$ 7,960,845	\$ 6,051,697
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(14,376,572)	(16,950,713)	(10,028,782)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	11,721,672	11,698,081	11,703,820
Contributed assets	(1,120,000)	(247,805)	(1,379,032)
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	(171,382)	541,992	2,088,916
Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	1,028,260	910,997	358,408
	(2,918,022)	(4,047,448)	2,743,330
Acquisition of cultural and historical assets	-	(260,399)	-
Net change in inventory for consumption	-	(120,418)	(34,205)
Net change in prepaid expense	-	(268,185)	(39,119)
	-	(649,002)	(73,324)
Increase in net financial assets	5,062,230	3,264,395	8,721,703
Net financial assets, beginning of year	38,634,342	38,634,342	29,912,639
Net financial assets, end of year	\$ 43,696,572	\$ 41,898,737	\$ 38,634,342

2011 Summary Financial Statements

Wheatland County Summary Statement of Cash Flow For the year ended December 31, 2011

	2011	2010 (restated)
Operating transactions		
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 7,960,845	\$ 6,051,697
Adjustments for items which do not affect cash		
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	541,992	2,088,916
Amortization of tangible capital assets	11,698,081	11,703,820
Contributed assets	(247,805)	(1,379,032)
	19,953,113	18,465,401
Net change in non-cash working capital items		
Taxes and grants in place of taxes receivable	123,586	(193,086)
Trade and other receivables	1,745,775	(3,297,781)
Land held for resale	-	(191,097)
Loan receivable	(2,643)	(150,000)
Inventory for consumption	(120,418)	(34,205)
Prepaid expenses	(268,185)	(39,119)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	224,958	(1,542,762)
Employee benefit obligations	115,908	433,604
Deferred revenue	329,040	4,512,840
Provision for reclamation	76,191	279,442
Cash provided by operating transactions	22,177,325	18,243,237
Capital transactions		
Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	910,997	358,408
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(16,950,713)	(10,028,782)
Acquisition of cultural and historical assets	(260,399)	-
Cash applied to capital transactions	(16,300,115)	(9,670,374)
Financing transactions		
Repayment of long term debt	(65,838)	(61,362)
Increase in cash and temporary investments	5,811,372	8,511,501
Cash and temporary investments, beginning of year	48,492,699	39,981,198
Cash and temporary investments, end of year	\$ 54,304,071	\$ 48,492,699

2011 Summary Financial Statements

Schedule 1

Wheatland County Schedules to the Summarized Financial Statements For the year ended December 31, 2011

Schedule of changes in accumulated surplus

	Unrestricted	Internally Restricted (Reserves)	Equity in tangible capital assets	2011	2010 (restated)
Balance, beginning of year					
As previously stated	\$ 21,211,966	\$ 27,998,004	\$ 202,211,535	\$ 251,421,505	\$ 245,383,579
Prior period adjustment	66,294	-	(483,853)	(417,559)	(431,330)
As restated	21,278,260	27,998,004	201,727,682	251,003,946	244,952,249
Excess of revenue over expenses	7,960,845	-	-	7,960,845	6,051,697
Unrestricted funds designated for future use	(11,919,389)	11,919,389	-	-	-
Restricted funds used for operations	10,421,501	(10,421,501)	-	-	-
Current year funds used for tangible capital assets	(16,950,714)	-	16,950,714	-	-
Contributed tangible capital assets	(247,804)	-	247,804	-	-
Disposal of tangible capital assets	1,452,988	-	(1,452,988)	-	-
Annual amortization expense	11,698,081	-	(11,698,081)	-	-
Long term debt repaid	(65,838)	-	65,838	-	-
Change in accumulated surplus	2,349,670	1,497,888	4,113,287	7,960,845	6,051,697
Balance, end of year	\$ 23,627,930	\$ 29,495,892	\$ 205,840,969	\$ 258,964,791	\$ 251,003,946

Schedule 2

Wheatland County Schedules to the Summarized Financial Statements For the year ended December 31, 2011

Schedule of Tangible Capital Assets									
	Land	Land Improvements	Buildings	Engineered Structures	Machinery and Equipment	Vehicles	Construction in Progress	2011	2010 (restated)
Cost:									
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 12,657,547	\$ 1,095,023	\$ 8,206,039	\$ 444,080,815	\$ 17,273,990	\$ 6,305,292	\$ 2,368,531	\$ 491,987,236	\$ 486,569,774
Acquisitions	296,062	31,019	205,888	10,698,593	3,433,472	401,165	2,132,319	17,198,518	11,407,814
Construction-in-progress	35,009	-	-	95,104	-	-	(130,113)	-	-
Disposals	(64,716)	-	-	(63,009)	(2,619,443)	(255,607)	-	(3,002,775)	(5,990,352)
Balance, end of year	12,923,902	1,126,042	8,411,927	454,811,503	18,088,019	6,450,850	4,370,737	506,182,979	491,987,236
Accumulated Amortization:									
Balance, beginning of year	-	690,038	1,720,220	276,987,157	6,568,338	3,586,593	-	289,552,346	281,391,554
Annual amortization	-	50,930	169,475	9,498,904	1,507,083	471,690	-	11,698,082	11,703,820
Disposals	-	-	-	(63,139)	(1,344,111)	(142,537)	-	(1,549,787)	(3,543,028)
Balance, end of year	-	740,968	1,889,695	286,422,922	6,731,310	3,915,746	-	299,700,641	289,552,346
Net book value	12,923,902	385,074	6,522,232	168,388,581	11,356,709	2,535,104	4,370,737	206,482,338	202,434,890
2010 Net book value (restated)	\$ 12,657,547	\$ 404,985	\$ 6,485,819	\$ 167,093,657	\$ 10,705,651	\$ 2,718,699	\$ 2,368,531	\$ 202,434,890	

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17. Salary and benefits disclosure

Disclosure of salaries and benefits for elected municipal officials, the chief administrative officer and designated officers as required by Alberta Regulation 313/2000 is as follows:

	(1)	(2)		
	Salary	Benefits & allowances	2011	2010
Council				
Armstrong	\$ 28,107	\$ 36,180	\$ 64,287	\$ 54,247
Bland	24,058	28,819	52,877	52,263
Booth	30,132	29,726	59,858	52,587
Knight	24,406	27,578	51,984	7,236
Koester	29,783	30,373	60,156	54,450
Reinhardt	-	-	-	40,146
Sauve	29,605	30,674	60,279	48,793
Vander Velde	18,043	29,413	47,456	44,045
Chief Administrative Officer				
Deak	\$ 150,000	\$ 25,087	\$ 175,087	\$ 154,759

(1) Salary includes regular base pay, bonuses, overtime, lump sum payments, gross honoraria and any other direct cash remuneration.

(2) Benefits and allowances include the employer's share of all employee benefits and contributions or payments made on behalf of employees including pension, health care, dental coverage, vision coverage, group life insurance, accidental disability and dismemberment insurance, long- and short-term disability plans, professional memberships, and tuition.

Benefits and allowances figures also include the employer's share of the costs of additional taxable benefits including special leave with pay, financial planning services, retirement planning services, concessionary loans, travel allowances, car allowances, and club memberships.

The complete version of the 2011 Wheatland County Audited Financial Statement total 21 pages. The above is an abbreviated version of the 2011 Wheatland County Audited Financial Statement that includes revenues, expenses, accumulated surplus, tangible capital assets and selected Note.

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