



2012

Wheatland County Annual Report



Wheatland County Annual Report for the year ended: December 31, 2012

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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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Wheatland County is committed to open, transparent and accountable governance. County Council welcomes the opportunity to discuss County operations and encourages interested persons or parties to contact our office and make an appointment to meet with them.



2012 was another busy year for Wheatland County. Our ten year road program is still on track as well as our ten year paving program. During this year the nightingale road was paved making it a ban free road. Council is committed to making the roads in Wheatland County safe by providing a network of high quality gravel roads as well as paved roads that can withstand the heavy traffic volumes as well as the larger payloads of todays trucks.

In Wheatland County the Councillors also sit of the Municipal Planning Commission which usually sits one day a month to make decisions on subdivision and development applications as well as listen to and be part of public hearings. 2012 saw the completion of the Area Structure Plans (ASP) for the hamlets of Cheadle and Namaka and the start of the review of our Municipal Development Plan (MDP). There has been a good turn out by the residents of the County and their input into the future well being of our County is valuable. Thank you for your participation and I know you all can be counted on to see this project through; hopefully by the fall of 2013.

The studies for the regional water have been competed and an application was made to the Provincial Government for help in funding the project we should hopefully hear something by the summer of 2013.

Wheatland County has helped the communities in our County by providing Community Enhancement Grant Funds. These funds are equal to 0.1 mill tax (assessed value/1000 x 0.1). Judging by the applications for these funds this program was much needed in our communities. This year also saw the completion of the Rockyford Fire Hall. This was a cost share between the County and Village of Rockyford.

I would like to thank the staff of Wheatland County for their dedication to their jobs. It is the staff who serve our ratepayers and help to make Wheatland County the best County in Alberta to live and raise a family.

The Councillors of Wheatland County were put there by the ratepayers and its the ratepayers Council tries to serve; if anyone has any concerns or questions please contact your local Councillor or the County office. Together we can continue to build an even better county.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Council,

Glenn Koester
 Reeve Wheatland County

*Submitted by Alan Parkin, RET, CLGM,
Chief Administrative Officer*

On behalf of our team of dedicated staff here at Wheatland County I am pleased to present the 2012 Annual Report. The report provides highlights of the audited financial statement and focuses on each department's activities for 2012. The report also provides the goals, activities and strategies for the coming year. I encourage you to read this report as it reflects Council's directives to best meet the needs of its ratepayers.

My objectives and leadership provides a Vision of Responsible, Accountable and Effective Governance. My role as County Manager (Chief Administrative Officer) is to ensure that Governance decisions approved by Council are implemented in the activities of County operations.

For 2012 we celebrate the successes of our organization for the benefit of the citizens of Wheatland County and those coming to enjoy our wonderful area.

A new water license was obtained for the hamlet of Rosebud to ensure good quality water in sufficient quantities for the residents. A potable water study and a shac ponder for algae control was completed for the hamlet of Gleichen. A tiered invoicing system was implemented to help fund capital costs included in the ten year capital plan as well as encourage water conservation.

The Carseland/Speargrass and Rosebud waste water treatment facilities saw upgrades in 2012. Seventeen producers participated in the agricultural services board water protection initiative program; investigating methods to recycle and reduce withdrawal of water from the Bow River.

The rail line land from Standard to Makepeace was purchased and land transfers from Namaka to Gleichen have been completed to date.

The ten year road construction, paving and three year bridge construction programs have been followed with most projects being completed in 2012. An additional roving grader has been added to aid in maintaining heavy traffic roads. Continued maintenance programs such as shoulder lift, regravelling, seal coating, dust abatement, crack filling and patching programs were undertaken.

The Community Enhancement Regional Board was es-

tablished to support local recreation programs which provide important programs for citizens within the region.

Area structure plans were completed for the hamlets of Cheadle and Namaka. The regional growth management strategy was completed. The geographic information system map layer was completed in December of 2012.

Our organization prides itself on the following principles.

SERVICE PRINCIPLES

Strive to achieve outstanding service in everything that we do at Wheatland County. Support Council and employees in order to allow everyone to provide excellent customer service and achieve great things both professionally and personally.

RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT

Follow Provincial legislation and work in conjunction with all levels of Government to align with Council's directions and policies.

PARTNERSHIP

Build strong partnerships and relationships to maximize the benefit to Wheatland County and its residents in all that we do. Continue to encourage best practices in all that we do.

GROWTH

Effectively plan and build solid infrastructure and processes to ensure positive growth within the County.

CULTURE

Create a culture which fosters environmental stewardship, community pride, and spirit. Promote safe and healthy communities.

As the County continues to become home to more residents we as an organization remain committed to maintaining responsible land use planning, and sustaining the quality of life which our residents have come to expect and enjoy.

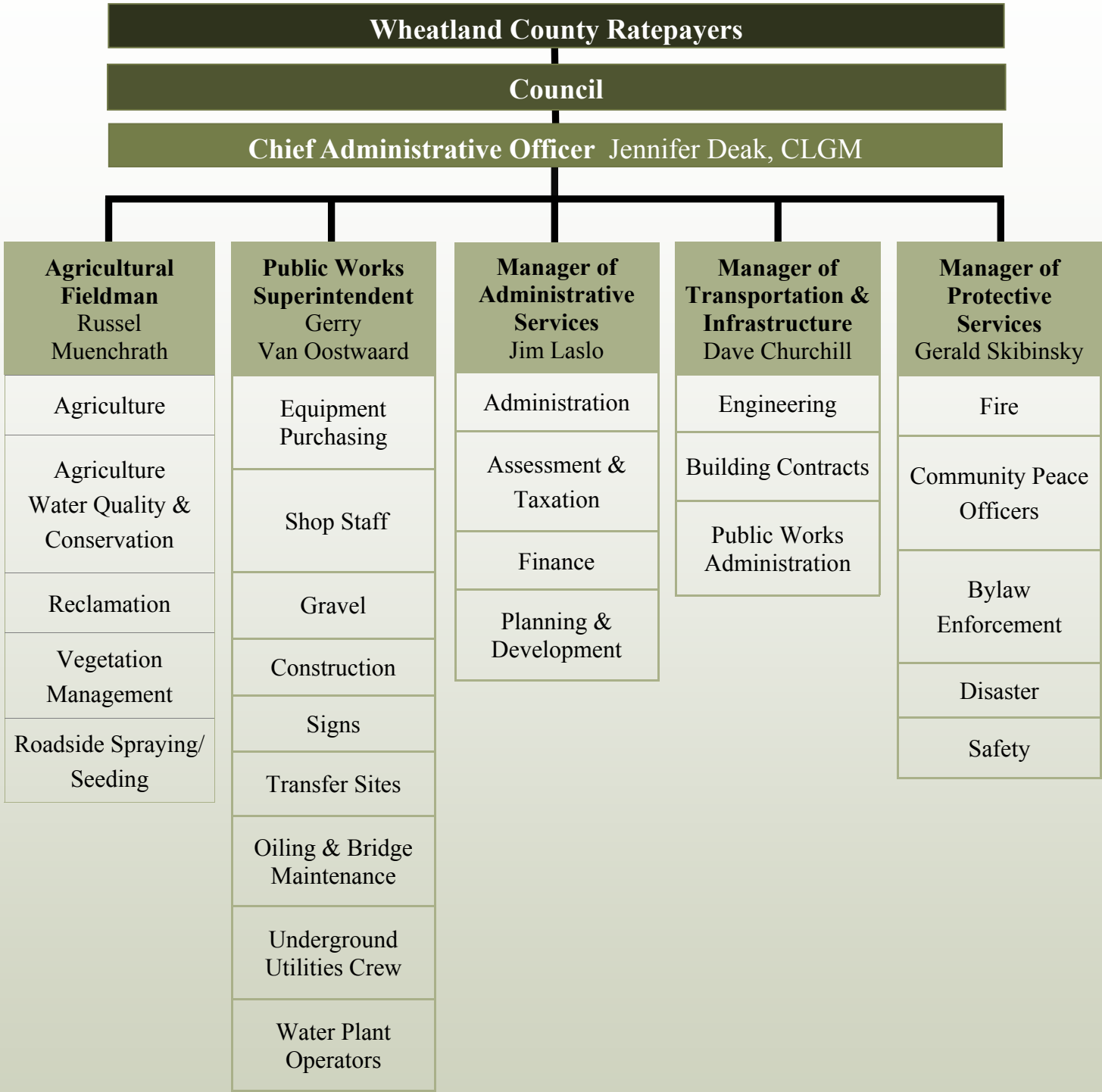
I am pleased to have you read our annual report, visit our website and enjoy our County. On behalf of the entire team here at the County, welcome to Wheatland County.

Alan Parkin, RET, CLGM
County Manager (Chief Administrative Officer)

S - Strathmore
R - Rosebud
H - Hussar
A - Alternate

St - Standard
Ro - Rockyford
C - Cluny/Gleichen
* Alternate

	Booth (1)	Sauve (2)	VanderVelde (3)	Bland (4)	Knight (5)	Koester (6)	Armstrong (7)	CAO	Administrative Services	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 Chair – Sauve Vice-Chair – Vander Velde	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Seed Plants	H	S	S*			R	H*			
Wheatland Foundation & Housing Management Body	A	X		X		X				
W.A.D.E.M.S.A.			A	X		X				
W.F.C.S.S. Committee	A			X		X				
C. A. A. M. D. & CAO		A			X				X	
Drumheller Solid Waste Management					A		X			
Policy Handbook Committee	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Parks Committee	A	X	X			X				
Gravel Pit Committee (& local Councillor)						X	X	X		X
Bow River Basin Council	A	X	X							X
Red Deer River Watershed Alliance	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 Committee	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
South Region ASB Committee		X	A							
Strathmore Chamber of Commerce			A	X						
Hospital / Alberta Health Services			A		X	X				
Rail/Community Advisory Panel - CP	X	X	X							
Community Futures Wild Rose	X			A						
Marigold Library Committee				X			A			
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
SAEWA (Southern Alberta Energy-from-Waste Alliance)			A	X			X			
CRAZ (Calgary Region Airshed Zone)			X	X	A					
Wheatland Regional Partnership	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Inter-Municipal Committee			X	X	X					
Gleichen RCMP (SHOCAP) (Res. 11-831)		X								
Alberta CARE (Res. 12-491)							X			
Fire Service Review Committee					X					



PRIORITY Transportation and Infrastructure

Water

Objective: Ensure safe and viable water supply

Action: Achieve more water licenses

Results: New license acquired for Rosebud, and exploring new licenses for Carseland and Cluny

Action: Improve water quality in Gleichen

Results: Shac Ponder applied for algae control with some success; a potable water study was completed for Gleichen

Action: Encourage water conservation

Results: Tiered invoicing system to include 10 year capital plan for water and sewer with capital levy implemented.

Wastewater

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

Action: Expand Carseland/Speargrass and Rosebud Treatment Facilities

Results: First phase completion of expansion of Carseland/Speargrass Lagoon expansion completion scheduled for 2013 – 2014; exploring alternative methods of disposing of treated effluent; land purchased at Rosebud and determining septic field requirements.

Action: Standards and innovations

Results: Exploration of systems to increase effectiveness of lagoons and treatment facilities.

Action: Conservation and Education

Results: 17 producers have participated in ASB Water Protection Initiative Program; investigating methods to recycle and reduce withdrawal from Bow River; staff participation in Bow River Phosphorus Reduction Committee.

Roads and Bridges

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

Action: Continue road development strategy

Results: 10 year construction, 10 year paving & 3 year bridge replacement/repair program continues; additional roving grader added for heavy roads; 10th grader division added; continuation of shoulder lifting/gravel reclamation, gravelling program, seal coating, dust abatement, crack filling and patching.

Action: Construction cost comparison

Results: Computer software purchased for tracking and reporting costs to Council; staff planned to commence reporting December, 2012.

Action: Land Reclamation program viability

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

Rail

Objective: Explore rail acquisition opportunities

Action: Investigate regional rail line purchase

Results: Purchase of line/land withdrawn

Action: Finalize CP right-of-way-purchase

Results: Standard to Makepeace CP land purchase completed, 87 parcels to be transferred; Namaka to Gleichen CP land transfers to landowners completed.

PRIORITY Regionalization

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

Action: Support local regional partnerships

Results: Wheatland County Regional Partnership (WCRP) meetings occur with Villages of Standard, Rockyford, Hussar and the Town of Strathmore.

Action: Maintain/explore agreements/opportunities

Results: 380 agreements have been logged in a reference binder for efficient access; 18 new agreements developed; updating service agreements upon renewal.

Action: Explore joint funding opportunities

Results: Grant Coordinator information brought forward at WCRP meetings; met with Siksika Nation under CIPP program; exploring regional water opportunities.

Action: Work with Regional Partners to define recreation, develop recreation inventory/plan

Results: Stakeholder meeting held to develop a Terms of Reference; parks and recreation facilities in Wheatland County identified and reported to Council

Action: Develop Recreation Distribution Policy

Results: Community Enhancement Regional Board (CERB) established with 2011 & 2012 funds dispersed out of the 0.1 ml tax collected.

Action: Stay involved with regional coalition

Results: Met with Rocky View County in 2012.

Action: Review IDP, consider involvement if invited

Results: No action to report

PRIORITY Strategic Balance

Agriculture

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

Action: Review and follow ASB Strategic Plan

Results: ASB Manager revised 2011-2013 Business Plan, includes additional measures

Economic Development

Objective: Explore economic development function for Wheatland County

Action: Proposal to Regional Partnership

Results: Grant Writer Proposal, no specific Economic Development direction

Action: Update County website with statistics

Results: Website update scheduled for completion and went live December 22, 2012; further development with statistics, and economic development (Alberta First).

Action: Review equity of shared services

Results: Meetings involving Marigold Library; Councillors provide reports to Council.

Protective Services

Objective: Maintain appropriate levels of Protective Services

Action: Review service levels per need and budget

Results: Meetings attended to maintain service levels with Fire Chiefs, Fire Fighter Training, First Responders and Dispatch services

Action: Enhance communications with RCMP

Results: Council & staff met with Senior RCMP representatives

Action: Update municipal emergency plan (MEP) on milenet

Results: MEP updated and placed in binders for all County Departments for reference.

PRIORITY Strategic Balance

Sustainability

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

Action: Complete two Area Structure Plans (ASP) annually

Results: Rosebud, Nightingale, Cheadle and Namaka ASP's completed in 2011 & 2012; Eagle Lake and West Highway 1 ASP's review and update planned in 2013/2014.

Action: Update the County Municipal Development Plan (MDP)

Results: Internal review to identify changes required including compatibility with County Regional Growth Management Strategy. A draft MDP for Council and community consultation meetings planned with adoption of the MDP in 2013.

Action: Review growth & development to measure against planned strategies

Results: Projected completion of GIS map layer in December, 2012; Regional Growth Management Strategy completed.

Submitted by Jim Laslo, CLGM, Manager of Administrative Services

2012 proved to be a productive, active and challenging year for the Administration Function that includes services involving the Administration Office, Departments of Finance, Assessment, Information Technology and the Geographic Information System, as well as Planning and Development. Annual results of these functions are detailed within their respective reports.

Statistics Canada released the results of the 2011 Census on February 7, 2012. Wheatland County, in 2011 had a population of 8,285 representing a percentage change of 2.2% from the last census in 2006. This compares to the provincial average growth for Alberta of 10.8 % and the national average growth of 5.9% from 2006.

The Wheatland County Community Enhancement Regional Board (CERB), consisting of two representatives from each electoral division, recommended to Council the distribution of the 2011 and 2012 CERB funding of \$599,864.20 for 29 community enhancement projects. Community Enhancement Funding is raised annually from a 0.1 mill tax (assessed value/1000 x 0.1) placed on all classes of assessment for assisting local community groups and organizations that are initiating projects that benefit taxpayers and residents of Wheatland County.

Communication with taxpayers and residents in Wheatland County remains a high priority. The County Connector Newsletter was published in April and November, 2012. The contract with the Strathmore Standard, Wheatland County's newspaper of record, included weekly distribution of the newspaper to all Wheatland County Taxpayers, weekly advertising on page 5, the 2012 Financial Statement Insert, and distribution of the Wheatland County, Strathmore and Area Resources Book and Telephone Directory.

Communication tools utilizing Information Technology (IT) was implemented to improve the efficiency of the legislative function in 2012. iPads with required IT equipment were allocated to each Electoral Division (Councillor) to enable effective electronic communication with each respective Councillor. Access to meeting Agenda Packages, email, and other required information became available to Elected Officials from their residence office to prepare for Council or Council Committee meetings, meeting with constituents and to carry out the daily tasks associated with the work of Wheatland County Elected Officials.

Wheatland County undertook a major upgrading of its Website in order to provide quick and efficient access to information for taxpayers and residents. The new upgraded and interactive Website reflects the personality of Wheatland County while incorporating a host of new and improved features and tools designed to help residents & visitors quickly locate the information and services they need. The new homepage is easy to navigate and search features takes residents directly to specific information while inter- active online forms will allow citizens to complete County business without ever leaving home. Visit www.wheatlandcounty.ca to try it out.

Local history and heritage of Wheatland County was recognized in 2012 with the submission of required documentation to secure the Gleichen St. Andrew's Anglican Church and the Gleichen War Memorial Cenotaph as Municipal Historic Resources. These two important historic resources, together with the Gleichen Water Tower, are part of the Alberta Register of Historic Places recognizing their important role in the settlement of Wheatland County. Visit hermis.alberta.ca to view their information.

With the passing of Bylaw 2012-78, Wheatland County Council secured access to a \$2.5 million dollar loan from the Alberta Capital Finance Authority for on-lending to the Strathmore Seed Cleaning Plant. The Strathmore Seed Cleaning Plant had a "Ground Breaking Ceremony" on October 4th, 2012. The plant will be relocating in 2013 from its current location in Strathmore to the NE 15 24 24 W4 in Wheatland County.

Administrative support of the Fire and Emergency Services Department remains a high priority. Bylaw 2012-104 was drafted as directed by Council in order to authorize and process a loan of \$120,318.90 to the Strathmore Rural Fire Association for the purpose of paying out existing bank loans and to purchase equipment.

Additional County services provided through Administration in 2012 included:

- Issuing safety code permits (building, electrical, plumbing, gas and private sewage disposal).
- Management of all County records.
- Development and renewal of agreements, contracts, leases.
- Legislative services including updating the Wheatland County Strategic Plan.
- Insurance services including support for 21 Additional Named Insured's.
- Staff training including the Supervisors Training program from SAIT.
- Freedom of Information Protection of Privacy Act and Regulations administration.
- Special projects as directed by the CAO and Council.

New Website

The website is our central hub of communications. It allows people to do business online and find the information they need at their convenience. It's an excellent way to build good relationships with residents and to make visitors feel welcome. The new design allows us to present timely information in a smart and efficient way, whether that information is department-based or service-based. Our website also plays an important role in emergency and disaster planning. Alert Center and News Flash features allow us to provide critical information to residents instantly.



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

Due to some major non-residential development, the 2012 Assessment year experienced an overall change of \$+213.771 million (M) in the assessment roll or approximately +5.43% compared to 2012 Assessment roll which generates a 2012 total taxable assessment of 4,147.27 (M). Below is a chart that shows the change by assessment class and net change separated into Growth or Inflation.

Municipal Tax Rate Class	2011 Assessment	2012 Assessment	2012 Assessment (% of total)	% Change	Total Change in Assessment	Growth Change (New)	Inflation Change (market or regulated)
Farm (F)	200,363,710	200,400,160	4.83%	-0.02%	36,450	36,450	0
Residential (R)	957,984,590	915,183,010	22.07%	- 4.47%	- 42,801,580	17,189,660	- 59,991,240
Non-Residential (N)	2,775,153,850	3,031,690, 120	73.10%	9.24%%	256,536,270	204,193,740	52,342,530
Total:	3,933,502,150	4,147,237,290	100.00%	5.43%	213,771,140	221,419,850	-7,648,710

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, 2012 Assessment (valuation Date) for 2013 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

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.

MACHINERY & 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.

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

ADMINISTRATION - GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) PG11

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
- 2010 color ortho aerial photography flown in the spring with a detail resolution of 0.3m pixel for the portion of County south of Township 27
- 2009 color ortho aerial photography flown in the fall with a detail resolution of 0.3m pixel for the only Township 27 & 28 (Balance of County was flown in 2010)
- 2007 color ortho aerial photography flown during the summer and fall with a detail resolution of 0.3m pixel for the entire County except for all of Township 21 and TWP22 Range 25
- 2005 color ortho aerial photography and 2000 ortho black & white aerial photography
- 2006 September black & white aerial photography for Highway No.1 area structure plan
- 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

2012 GIS INITIATIVES

Some of the 2012 year major initiatives have been:

- Wheatland County completed the Video Data Collection (VDC) project in which approximately 6,950 kilometers of Wheatland County roads were driven by a camera equipped and GPS enabled vehicle. Photos and GPS coordinates for approximately 2,400 rural address signs were collected and compared to the rural address database in order to test the accuracy of the rural address sign installation project. Errors in address signs detected in VDC were recorded and corrected by the contractor responsible for the initial rural address sign installation project.
- New color orthorectified aerial photographs were collected for the entire County and integrated into the GIS. The project was conducted in partnership with Rocky View County resulting in cost savings for both parties.
- A mapping GPS was utilized to collect GPS locations and other relevant data for curb stops in the hamlets of Gleichen, Carseland, Speargrass and Rosebud. This data was integrated into the GIS and will allow County personnel to quickly locate underground infrastructure in emergency situations.
- County maps and map books were updated semi-annually and made available for public purchase digitally and in hardcopy.

PLANNED FUTURE GIS INITIATIVES

Future projects include the following:

- The County rural address database will be integrated with the Telus 911 phone number database. Rural addresses will be matched to the corresponding Telus number and the corrected database will be supplied to Telus allowing 911 dispatchers to route emergency personnel to the correct addresses much more efficiently than the current system which utilizes legal land location.
- The rural address database will be updated on an ongoing basis and new signs will be installed and unnecessary signs removed as required.
- Some components of the WebMap GIS application will be made available to public access.
- Ownership maps and map books will updated semi-annually and available for purchase digitally and in hard copy.

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, 2012) can be printed on letter, legal or tabloid (11"X17") size paper.
- Map Book(approx 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.

Submitted by Linda Henrickson, RPP, MCIP, Manager of Planning & Development

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

In 2012, Wheatland County approved two new Area Structure Plans, one for the Hamlet of Cheadle and one for the Hamlet of Namaka. Wheatland County also began the process of updating the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) which will be adopted in the fall of 2013.

The MDP is to provide a broad and general overview of the policies governing land use and development in the County. This plan will provide a general picture of what the County is to look like in the future and will give overall direction on how this can be achieved.

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 which includes opportunity for public involvement through public hearings. 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.

The development continued to progress at a steady pace in 2012. We were busy researching and preparing many amendments to the Land Use Bylaw (LUB). We amended the LUB with a new Recreational District to assist with applications for developments such as campgrounds, golf courses, equestrian/riding facilities, to name a few.

The Wheatland County Safety Codes permit clerk, Cindy Ramsay, was particularly busy this year processing 1200 permit applications and answering many related questions.

The Planning and Development Department is comprised of 2 Development Officers, Suzanne Hayes and Kim Sandbeck and we have 2 Planners including Linda Henrickson, Manager of Planning & Development and Gareth Webster, 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.

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

	2012	2011
Subdivisions Land Use Re-designations	80	71
Subdivision appeals	3	1
Area Structure Plans	6	7
Area Concept Plan	1	0

DEVELOPMENT

Development Permits	161	181
Development Appeals	4	3

SAFETY CODE PERMITS PROCESSED

Building	126	136
Electrical	160	225
Gas	104	110
Plumbing	56	64
Private Sewage Disposal System	25	29

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Submitted by Russel Muenchrath, Agricultural Fieldman & Ken Sauve ASB Chairman

The 2012 Wheatland County Agricultural Service Board (ASB) included the entire County Council and CAO, Jennifer Deak. Ken Sauve served as Chairman and Don Vander Velde 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, Weed Inspector; Ron Bartholow and ASB Labourer; Jess Walker.

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Vegetation Management – A total of 3677 km roadside mowing completed. Spot spraying is carried out during mowing with 643 acres of noxious weeds being sprayed. Spraying completed in 8 municipal hamlets, 7 waste transfer sites, 6 County yard sites, 3 gravel stockpiles, and one cemetery. Brushing and cut stump treatment completed on 3 locations. Spraying of trees in County yard and Gleichen cemetery for insect control.

Weed inspections – contracted services for the Villages of Standard, Rockyford and Hussar with Black Henbane, Leafy Spurge and Common Tansy being dealt with. CN Rail line inspected from Beynon to Lyalta. Contractor sprayed CN for noxious weeds in early October. Received 24 calls for weed identification and management and 2 landowner complaints. Annual spring weed management meeting with Husky Energy. Purple Loosestrife inspection on the Bow River, Eagle Lake and one private land infestation with 76 plants being eradicated. Handpicked 5 bags of Scentless Chamomile, Oxeye Daisy & Dames Rocket at various locations. Carried out two dedicated inspections of all the primary and secondary roads in the County. Weed inspector attended 3 AWRAC- Alberta Weed Regulatory Advisory committee meetings. Also attended 4 Calgary & Area Weed Committee meetings. This committee received the Dow Agro Industrial Vegetation Management Stewardship Award.

ROADSIDE SEEDING AND RECLAMATION

Roadside seeding – Seeding of 19 km's of new construction right of ways and 49 acres of private land borrow areas. Work was also carried out in conjunction with contractors on pre and post site assessments of borrow areas to assist with reclamation efforts. Some para-tilling of borrow areas to help alleviate compaction was carried out in the fall but was limited by unfavourable soil conditions.

PEST CONTROL

Pest Control – Sold 124 cases of 2% liquid strychnine to producers for the control of Richardson's Ground Squirrel. Investigated 3 reported rat sightings with no sign or rats being found. Used bait stations and Rozol for gopher control in hamlets & Waste Transfer sites. Received various calls on animal control including pigeons, starlings, muskrats, beavers, racoons, badgers & skunk. Assistance given to 3 producers with coyote predation problems on 5 separate occasions.

Insect & Disease Surveys – 48 locations inspected for the grasshopper survey, 60 Clubroot inspections and 2 locations of Bertha Armyworm traps. Grasshoppers and Armyworms were at low levels and all sites inspected for clubroot were negative.

SHELTERBELT TREE PROGRAM

Shelterbelt Program – 18,605 trees distributed with the assistance of the Wheatland 4-H District.

SEED CLEANING PLANTS

Inspection and licensing of 3 stationary seed cleaning plants located at Strathmore, Hussar and Rosebud with a minimum of 60 seed samples inspected through the year.

SEVERN DAM

Severn Dam Park Maintenance – planted 180 replacement trees. Numerous watering and weeding and mowing carried out by staff. Installation of new fire pits, floating dock and new outhouses.

PESTICIDE CONTAINER SITES

Pesticide Container Sites – Inspected and cleaned on 4 occasions. Clean Farms hosted an obsolete chemical roundup in southern Alberta with 2 locations in Wheatland County.

EQUIPMENT RENTAL PROGRAM

Weed Wiper, Pasture Sprayer & Tree sprayer	7 renters
Skunk and Magpie traps	14 users
Plastic grain bag roller	12 users
Tree planter	3 renters
RFID tag reader	1 user
Feed Probe	2 users
Livestock scale	2 producers and 2 4-H clubs
4-H Mats	2, 4-H Clubs

EXTENSION PROGRAMS

- County Connector Newsletter - two issues in 2012 sent to all County Ratepayers. ASB articles included information on legislation, strychnine, roadside hay permits, mowing & spraying schedule, ASB Bursary program, seed cleaning plants, Yellow Toadflax, Dames Rocket, Ladies Livestock Lessons, Ranching Opportunities, Farm Ladies Round Table, Growing Forward, Environmental Farm Plans, Red Deer River Watershed Ambassador Award, the Crowfoot Creek & Rosebud River Riparian Health Assessment, the Bow River Phosphorus Management Plan & Wheatland Water Protection Initiative Program.
- Explore workshop held Feb 8th in Strathmore.
- Husky Oil – operator weed meeting April 4th.
- Weed Consensus committee November 7th meeting and open house held Nov 14th.
- Proctored one Farmer Pesticide Applicator license exam.
- Nomination of the Terry Tower family whose family has been farming in the area for over 100 years.
- Four \$500 bursaries awarded to Cole Praeker & Morgan Ramsay of Strathmore and Stephanie Larsen from Hussar and Kirsten Pallesen from Dalum.
- Financial support given to the Alberta Farm Safety Centre, Bow River Basin Council, Red Deer Watershed Alliance, Alberta Invasive Plants Council and the Foothills Forage Association.
- Developed a new Strategic Plan for the Red-Bow Partnership whose goal is to work together for the benefit of Sustainable Agriculture in our rural communities. Partners include the municipalities of Wheatland, Rocky View, Kneehill, Mountain View, Bighorn, Clearwater and Red Deer along with other groups such as Cows and Fish and The Foothills Forage Association.
- Ranching Opportunities Conference in Olds College 200
- Alberta Invasive Weed Id Guide - distributed province wide

CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Riparian Health Assessments were done on 19 sites (16 in Wheatland County) representing the entire reach of the Crowfoot Creek. Upon the completion of the report in the spring of 2013, all landowners will be met with to discuss issues highlighted in the report, best management practices and funding programs such as Growing Forward and the Wheatland Water Protection Initiative and the Environmental Farm Plan. Follow up with landowners who took part in the 2011 Rosebud Riparian Health Project to promote best management practices to mitigate any concerns identified in the report. 2 of the landowners involved receive Red Deer River Watershed Alliance, Watershed Ambassador Awards.

3 Environmental Farm Plans, 14 Growing Forward Applications, Water Protection Initiative (6 surface water, 8 groundwater), Thurn Demonstration, Partnered with Red-Bow Agricultural Partnership (RAP), Contributing in-kind to the Bow River Phosphorus Management Plan.

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.

COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICERS

Submitted by Jeff Cyr, Senior Community Peace Officer

2012 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 until May, at which point (1) member resigned thereby opening a vacant position. In September the Department hired a Level 2 CPO, Ben MENDOZA. This CPO II level was created in preparation to fill the vacant CPO level 1 position. This department has seen a decrease in total violations due to having (1) less CPO 1 however there was an increase in the number of case reports (Responding to public complaints) vs. the previous year.

The 2012 statistics for Protective Services are as follows:

- 2,916 overload approvals were processed with the assistance of Roadata Services.
- 321 formal Case Reports were created as a result of calls for service.
- 734 Violation Tickets were issued by Protective Services. This would include traffic, by-law & overweight violations.
- 37 TVN notices (warnings) issued to registered owners/operators of vehicles for various motor vehicle infractions.
- 11 Exemption Applications for use of banned County roads.

With the continued increase in traffic flow as well as development throughout the county in both commercial & private realms, we will continue to be vigilant in our enforcement protocols to make sure that public safety, County infrastructure, and property within our jurisdiction of operation is maintained & protected for the future.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Submitted by Gerald Skibinsky, Manager of Protective Services

Fire

New tower for fire services located near Cluny

New Fire Hall for the Rockyford Fire department

\$180,000 provided to fire departments for Small Capital items

4 firefighting courses were run through Fire Ect for approx. 70 fire fighters. Paid primarily from a grant to Wheatland County from the Alberta Emergency Management Agency

Safety

- Safety Courses completed for 2012: Transportation of Dangerous and Workplace Hazardous Materials Information Systems.
- Wheatland County Passed its Internal Health and Safety Audit
- AED for the Public Works Shop

Disaster Services

4 Wheatland County employees attended training for Alberta Emergency Alert

New Rockyford Fire Hall



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

The following information is an overview of the projects the Transportation and Infrastructure Departments have completed in 2012.

GRAVEL

In 2012 the County gravel crew spread over two hundred thousand tonnes of gravel on various county roads. This includes gravel used on construction projects as well as gravel on local roads. Our gravel crushing contractor also crushed 177,000 tonnes of gravel at various pits.

In 2013 we expect to spread 220,000 tonnes of gravel on various county roads and crush an additional 160,000 tonnes of gravel.

PAVEMENT

In 2012 Wheatland County contracted two overlay paving projects which equated to a total of just over eight miles of paving.

Lahrmann Construction

- Acreage Road (Range Road 255) 2 miles
- Nightingale Road (Range Road 245) 6.25 miles

The paving of the Nightingale Road also included the portion through the Hamlet as well as extended into the parking lot of the Nightingale Community Centre.

In 2013 we plan to contract the paving of the Lyalta Road (Range Road 264) from Hwy #1 north to the CNR tracks in Lyalta (approx. 6.75 miles).

CONSTRUCTION

In 2012 County crews completed:

Construction (Re-grading)

Duck Lake Road – (Range Road 182)	W 23-25-18-W4M W 14-25-18-W4M S 15-25-18-W4M	3 miles	4.8 km
Range Rd. 221	W 36-23-22-W4M W 25-23-22-W4M	1 mile 1 mile	1.6 km 1.6 km
Twp. Road 230	S-5-23-21-W4M	1 mile	1.6 km
Range Rd. 221 (north of Highway 561) (slide repair)	W 13-24-22-W4M	0.75 miles	1.0 km

The County also entered into a cost sharing agreement with EnCana Corporation to re-construct 1 mile of County road

Twp. Road 240	S-4-24-23-W4M	1 miles	1.6 km
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In 2013 we hope to complete the following re-grading projects:

Twp Rd. 230	South of 6-23-21-W4
Twp Rd. 232	South of 13,14,15,16,17-23-23-W4
Range Rd. 240	W of 18 and 19-24-23-W4

The County also again pursuing cost sharing agreements with EnCana and Cenovus to re-construct 3 miles of County road in 2013.

Range Rd. 233	E-3-24-23-W4M	1 mile	1.6 km
Range Rd. 195	W-8 and W-5-27-19-W4M	2 miles	1.6 km

OILING/MAINTENANCE CREW

2012 Projects include:

- Repair of soft spots and washouts on various roads during the spring and early summer, due to overland flooding in the spring of 2012
- Set-up and run pumps and hoses to pump out sloughs that were flooding roads from the spring runoff
- Crack fill on paved roads
- Haul pit run to build up road across several sloughs (due to high water level caused by flooding)
- Dust control with both calcium chloride and oil
- Re-work and repair a number of old oil dust control locations
- Bridge maintenance including repairing guard rails, hazard markers and bridge decks
- Paving of the parking lot extension at the County Administrative Building.

2012 BRIDGE STRUCTURES (REPLACEMENT)

- B.F. #75850 South of SE 16-23-23-W4M
- B.F. #70238 West of NW 28-27-24-W4M
- B.F. #07918 West of NE 10-27-22-W4M

Due to the removal of provincial funding for bridge projects, we have limited the bridge replacement plans in 2013 to bridges located on current road construction plans. These include:

- B.F. #09386 (extensions) South of 17-23-23-W4M
- B.F. #72418 West of 5-27-19-W4M
- B.F. #84569 West of 5-25-25-W4M

ROAD RECLAMATION PROGRAM

The road shoulder reclamation crew completed 30 km (19 miles) of shoulder work.

This included major side slope and shoulder reconstruction on:

Grader Division #5

- Range Road 253 (from Hwy 564 to north boundary)
- Twp. Road 262 (from RR 252 to west boundary)
- Twp. Road 260 (from RR 255 to west boundary)

Grader Division #8

- Range Road 205 (from Hwy 564 south to Twp 244)

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.

The County had the opportunity to rent a road re-claimer this year. We utilized this re-claimer for various jobs including rehabilitation of existing oiled dust control. The results were quite favorable and we will hopefully be renting this unit again in 2013.

WASTE TRANSFER SITES

In 2012 there were no special projects completed at the waste transfer sites. However, each year the sites get busier and are handling an increasing volume of materials.

In 2013 we plan to install loading ramps at several of the waste transfer sites recycling bins, to assist the transfer of heavy items into these bins.

2012 HAMLET INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIR/REPLACEMENT

In Carseland we contracted the installation of a new sewage lift station. This replaced the existing aging facility as well as providing emergency protection during construction of the new lagoon. The County also substantially completed the reconstruction of the former emergency overflow lagoon in preparation for the expansion of the facultative and main storage cell in 2013.

In Cheadle we reconstructed approximately 350m of Railway Avenue from Hwy. 24 west. This construction included excavating the existing road bed, installing geo-textile cloth and widening the surface to 10m (33 feet). The final surface was the seal coated to prevent dust and moisture.

In 2013 we will be completing the connection of the new well in Rosebud and continuing to investigate the expansion of the sewer treatment fields in Rosebud. In Carseland we will be extending the waterline on Indus Street to complete the “loop” to the waterline on Langdon Avenue as well as replacing the water and sewer mains on Main Street. In Gleichen we will be replacing the water main along 9th Avenue and Adam Street.

SIDEWALK AND CURB & GUTTER

In 2012, in the Hamlet of Cluny, we replaced a section of sidewalk and curb & gutter along 2nd Avenue, 1st Street, and 2nd Street.



Farewell to Gerri Van Oostwaard

Gerri was a staff member at the County for more than 30 years. Wheatland County Council and Staff thank Gerri for his dedication and service and wish him well in his future retirement plans.

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

The finance department works diligently to continually improve processes and accuracy of financial information. The Finance department is committed to accurate, transparent processes that produce efficient and effective services and reporting. In addition to completing financial reporting on time, staff would like to report the following accomplishments for 2012:

- Implemented a capital levy for hamlet utility systems to set aside reserve funds for future utility capital replacements for each hamlet. These funds will only be used for utility capital projects for the hamlets that made the contributions.
- Promoted water conservation by implementing a tiered billing for water and wastewater. The increased utility rates also bring the County closer to a fair and equitable system with full cost recovery for these services.
- Completed implementation of computer software that will:
 - Enhance financial accounting and reporting processes;
 - Accurately allocate costs of wages, benefits and equipment charges through project costing;
 - Provide more detailed project costing reports for comparisons, tracking and reporting;
 - Accurately account for gravel, parts and fuel inventory;
 - Record and amortize tangible capital assets;
 - Record and track equipment operating costs;
 - Record and track completion of service requests through work orders.
- Implemented a five year budget for the County for both Operating and Capital revenue and expenditures (2013 – 2017).
- Working closely with our ratepayers, improved processes on arrears collections, reducing the number of parcels on tax notification from 48 in 2012 to 26 in 2013.
- Worked with fire associations to simplify the financial reporting template used for annual reporting to the County.

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Detailed financial Information
can be downloaded from
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picked up at the County office.



Report of the Independent Auditor on the Summary Financial Statements

To the Reeve and Members of Council and citizens of Wheatland County,

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at December 31, 2012, 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, 2012. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated April 16, 2013.

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, 2012 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 2011 figures to increase inventory by \$68,709, reduce tangible capital assets by \$294,000 and decrease excess revenue over expenses by \$3,906. Our opinion is not qualified in respect of this matter.

Lethbridge, Alberta Young Parkyn McNab LLP

April 16, 2013 Chartered Accountants

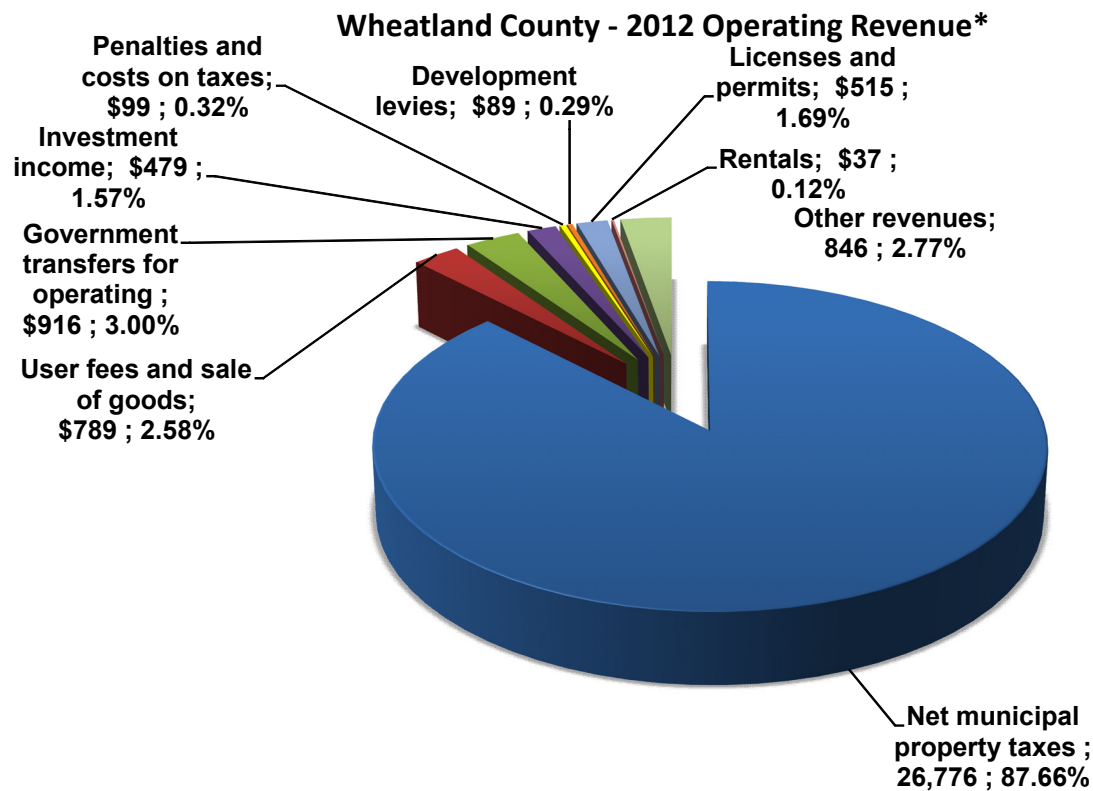
** Detailed financial statements can also be downloaded from our website www.wheatlandcounty.ca or picked up at the County office.*

Wheatland County
Summary Statement of Financial Position
As at December 31, 2012

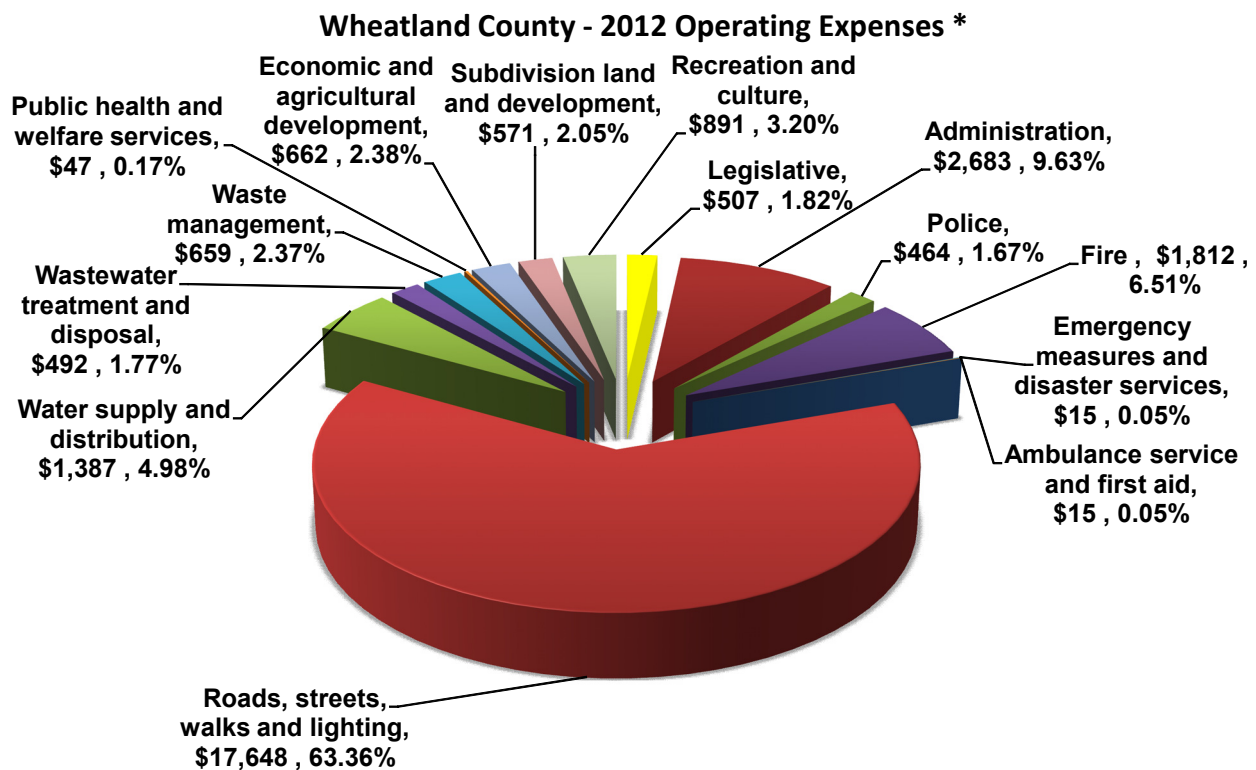
	2012	2011 (restated)
Financial Assets		
Cash and temporary investments	\$ 60,864,468	\$ 54,304,071
Taxes and grants in place of taxes receivable	703,278	653,638
Trade and other receivables	3,962,496	2,984,040
Land held for resale	245,283	245,283
Loan receivable	154,900	152,643
Debt charges recoverable	2,000,000	-
	67,930,425	58,339,675
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	4,918,103	3,237,802
Employee benefit obligations	946,157	858,014
Provision for reclamation	837,715	853,987
Deferred revenue	11,391,545	10,867,537
Long-term debt	2,934,920	641,369
	21,028,440	16,458,709
Net financial assets	46,901,985	41,880,966
Non-financial assets		
Prepaid expenses	250,449	506,237
Inventory for consumption	10,094,078	9,885,790
Cultural and historical assets	395,311	260,399
Tangible capital assets	208,460,831	206,188,339
	219,200,669	216,840,765
Accumulated surplus	\$ 266,102,654	\$ 258,721,731

Wheatland County
Summary Statement of Operations
For the year ended December 31, 2012

	Budget (Unaudited)	2012	2011 (restated)
Revenues			
Net municipal property taxes	\$ 26,771,443	\$ 26,775,874	\$ 25,733,355
User fees and sale of goods	1,082,575	788,825	646,226
Government transfers for operating	2,902,630	916,133	790,457
Investment income	473,699	478,963	621,175
Penalties and costs on taxes	105,000	98,810	105,763
Development levies	30,000	89,397	33,452
Licenses and permits	455,400	514,435	544,686
Rentals	40,500	37,296	38,886
Other revenues	571,186	846,062	608,732
	32,432,433	30,545,795	29,122,732
Expenses			
Legislative	467,500	506,613	456,163
Administration	2,372,386	2,683,423	2,340,573
Police	578,231	463,748	317,054
Fire	1,588,548	1,812,275	1,849,910
Emergency measures and disaster services	15,020	15,322	24,719
Ambulance service and first aid	-	14,682	-
Bylaw enforcement	-	-	109,414
Roads, streets, walks and lighting	23,091,649	17,648,282	18,868,463
Water supply and distribution	1,357,410	1,386,895	1,256,748
Wastewater treatment and disposal	775,742	491,606	413,894
Waste management	606,101	658,552	543,500
Public health and welfare services	51,653	47,186	46,283
Economic and agricultural development	852,652	661,703	662,014
Subdivision land and development	682,472	570,997	496,114
Recreation and culture	163,861	891,012	78,439
	32,603,225	27,852,296	27,463,288
Excess of revenue over expenses before other	(170,792)	2,693,499	1,659,444
Other			
Government transfers for capital	6,008,552	4,544,470	6,049,690
Contributed assets	163,875	142,954	247,805
	6,172,427	4,687,424	6,297,495
Excess of revenue over expenses	6,001,635	7,380,923	7,956,939
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year			
As previously stated	258,964,790	258,964,790	251,003,946
Prior period adjustment	-	(243,059)	(239,154)
As restated	258,964,790	258,721,731	250,764,792
Accumulated surplus, end of year	\$ 264,966,425	\$ 266,102,654	\$ 258,721,731



Total municipal operating revenue in thousands \$30,546

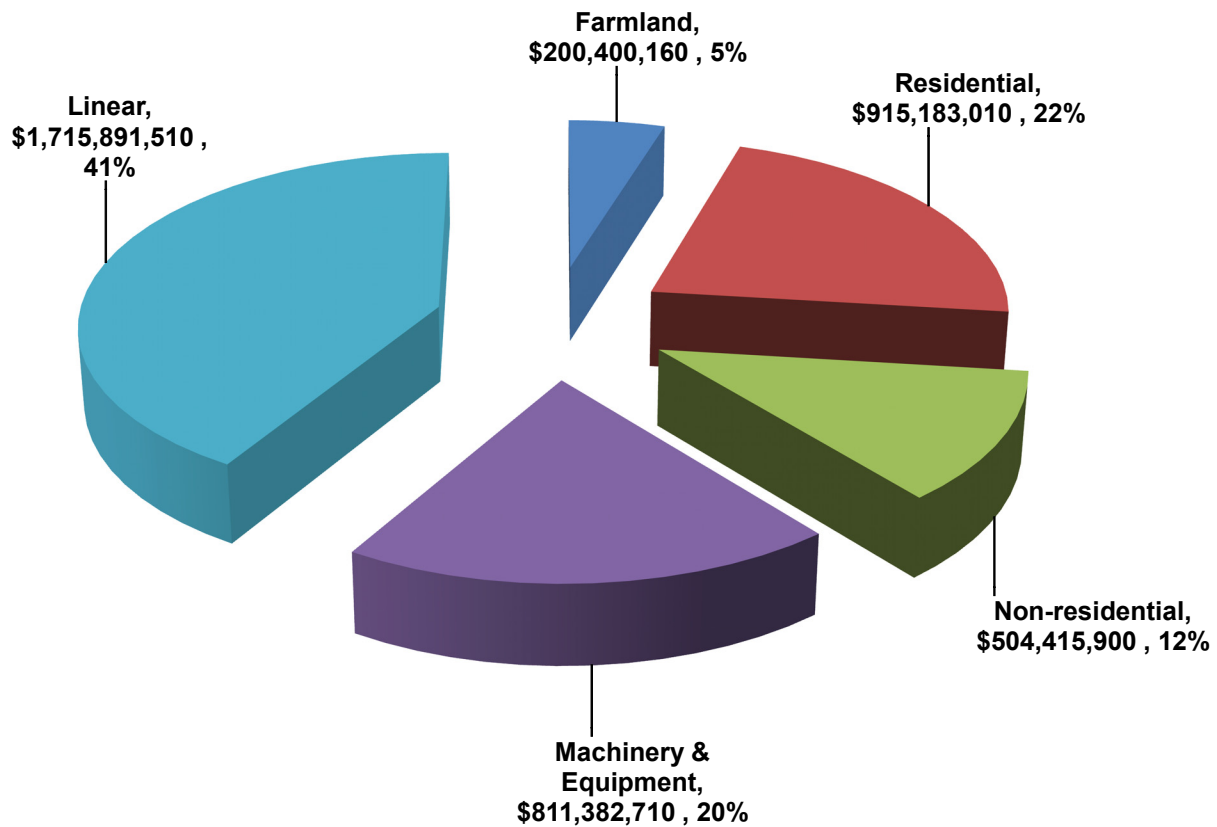


Total Municipal Operating Expenses in thousands \$27,853

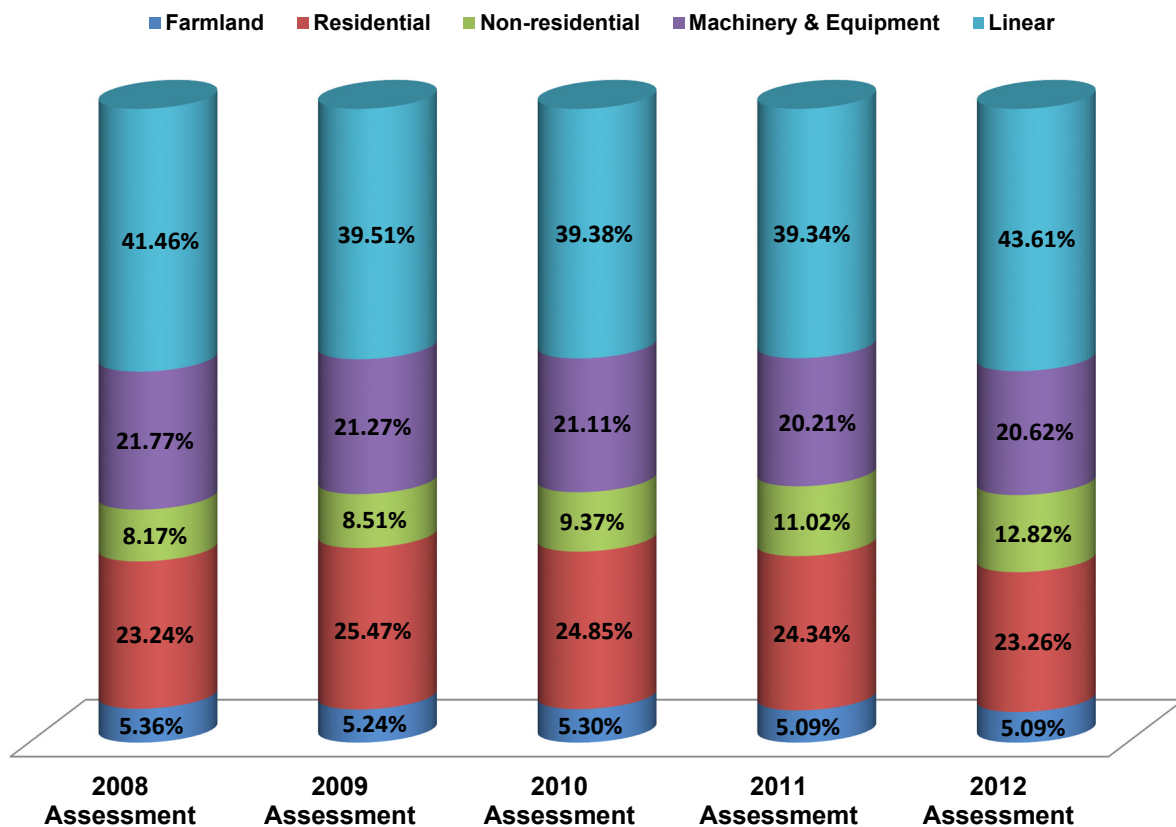
Wheatland County
Summary Statement of Change in Net Financial Assets
For the year ended December 31, 2012

	Budget (Unaudited)	2012	2011 (restated)
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 6,001,635	\$ 7,380,923	\$ 7,956,939
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(23,846,120)	(14,656,224)	(16,950,713)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	11,680,846	12,194,500	11,720,138
Contributed assets	(163,875)	(142,954)	(247,805)
(Gain) Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	(152,801)	(26,340)	592,550
Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	1,190,100	358,526	910,997
	(11,291,850)	(2,272,492)	(3,974,833)
Net change in inventory for consumption	-	(208,288)	(189,129)
Net change in prepaid expense	-	255,788	(268,185)
Acquisition of cultural and historical assets	-	(134,912)	(260,399)
	-	(87,412)	(717,713)
Increase in net financial assets	(5,290,215)	5,021,019	3,264,393
Net financial assets, beginning of year	41,880,966	41,880,966	38,616,573
Net financial assets, end of year	\$ 36,590,751	\$ 46,901,985	\$ 41,880,966

2012 Assessment by Class



2008 to 2012 Assessed Values



Wheatland County
Summary Statement of Cash Flow
For the year ended December 31, 2012

	2012	2011 (restated)
Operating transactions		
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 7,380,923	\$ 7,956,939
Adjustments for items which do not affect cash		
(Gain) Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	(26,340)	592,550
Amortization of tangible capital assets	12,194,500	11,720,138
Contributed assets	(142,954)	(247,805)
	19,406,129	20,021,822
Net change in non-cash working capital items		
Taxes and grants in place of taxes receivable	(49,640)	123,586
Trade and other receivables	(978,456)	1,745,774
Loan receivable	(2,257)	(2,643)
Debt charges recoverable	(2,000,000)	-
Inventory for consumption	(208,288)	(189,129)
Prepaid expenses	255,788	(268,185)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,680,301	224,961
Employee benefit obligations	88,143	115,908
Deferred revenue	524,008	329,040
Provision for reclamation	(16,272)	76,191
Cash provided by operating transactions	18,699,456	22,177,325
Capital transactions		
Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	358,526	910,997
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(14,656,224)	(16,950,713)
Acquisition of cultural and historical assets	(134,912)	(260,399)
Cash applied to capital transactions	(14,432,610)	(16,300,115)
Financing transactions		
Proceeds of long-term debt	2,500,000	-
Repayment of long-term debt	(206,449)	(65,838)
Cash provided by (applied to) financing transactions	2,293,551	(65,838)
Increase in cash and temporary investments	6,560,397	5,811,372
Cash and temporary investments, beginning of year	54,304,071	48,492,699
Cash and temporary investments, end of year	\$ 60,864,468	\$ 54,304,071

Schedule 1

Wheatland County
Schedules to the Summarized Financial Statements
For the year ended December 31, 2012

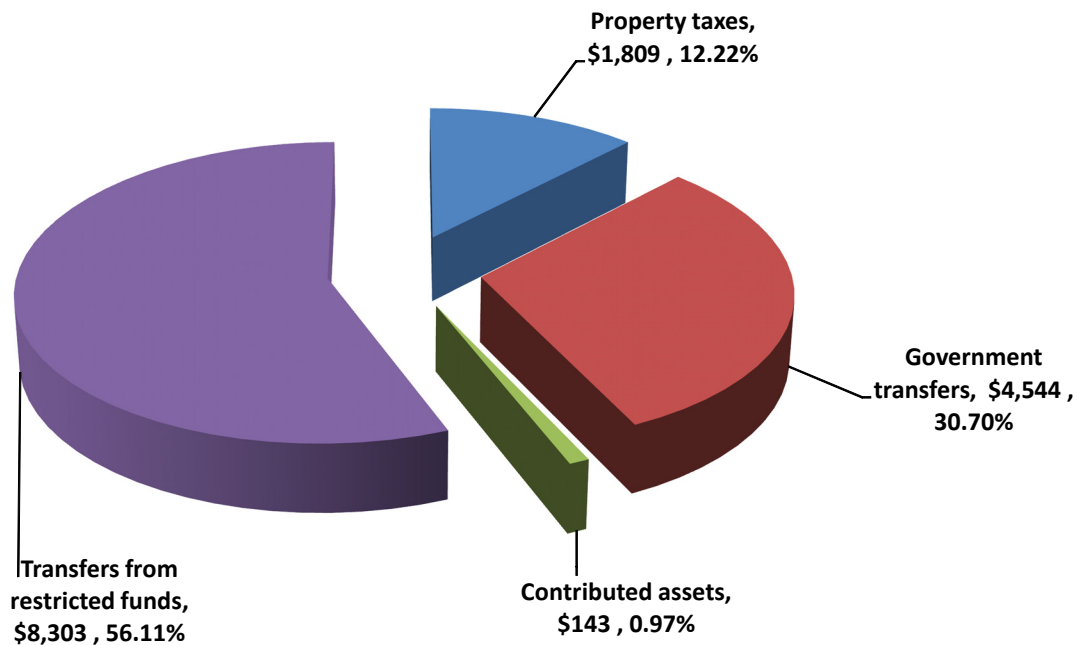
Schedule of changes in accumulated surplus

	Unrestricted	Internally Restricted (Reserves)	Equity in tangible capital assets	2012	2011
Balance, beginning of year					
As previously stated	\$ 23,627,929	\$ 29,495,892	\$ 205,840,969	\$ 258,964,790	\$ 251,003,946
Prior period adjustment	50,941	-	(294,000)	(243,059)	(239,154)
As restated	23,678,870	29,495,892	205,546,969	258,721,731	250,764,792
Excess of revenue over expenses	7,380,923	-	-	7,380,923	7,956,939
Unrestricted funds designated for future use	(10,043,487)	10,043,487	-	-	-
Restricted funds used for operations	10,551,884	(10,551,884)	-	-	-
Current year funds used for tangible capital assets	(14,661,125)	-	14,661,125	-	-
Contributed tangible capital assets	(138,053)	-	138,053	-	-
Disposal of tangible capital assets	332,185	-	(332,185)	-	-
Annual amortization expense	12,194,500	-	(12,194,500)	-	-
Long term debt repaid	(206,449)	-	206,449	-	-
Change in accumulated surplus	5,410,378	(508,397)	2,478,942	7,380,923	7,956,939
Balance, end of year	\$ 29,089,248	\$ 28,987,495	\$ 208,025,911	\$ 266,102,654	\$ 258,721,731

Schedule 2									
Wheatland County									
Schedules to the Summarized Financial Statements									
For the year ended December 31, 2012									
Schedule of Tangible Capital Assets									
	Land	Land Improvements	Buildings	Engineered Structures	Machinery and Equipment	Vehicles	Construction in Progress	2012	2011 (restated)
Cost:									
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 12,923,527	\$ 1,126,042	\$ 8,411,927	\$ 454,811,504	\$ 18,088,019	\$ 6,450,850	\$ 4,149,727	\$ 505,961,595	\$ 491,765,851
Acquisitions	69,915	366,691	145,473	10,095,284	1,475,141	774,327	1,872,346	14,799,177	17,198,518
Construction-in-progress	18,416	1,790	-	1,700,778	66,738	-	(1,787,722)	-	-
Disposals	(31,332)	-	-	(211,195)	(111,966)	(710,692)	-	(1,065,185)	(3,002,775)
Balance, end of year	12,980,526	1,494,523	8,557,400	466,396,371	19,517,932	6,514,485	4,234,351	519,695,587	505,961,594
Accumulated Amortization:									
Balance, beginning of year	-	740,988	1,889,691	286,444,723	6,786,191	3,911,663	-	299,773,256	289,552,346
Annual amortization	-	66,110	180,603	9,839,376	1,642,963	465,448	-	12,194,500	11,720,138
Disposals	-	-	-	(126,901)	(85,582)	(520,517)	-	(733,000)	(1,499,229)
Balance, end of year	-	807,098	2,070,294	296,157,198	8,343,572	3,856,594	-	311,234,756	299,773,255
Net book value	12,980,526	687,425	6,487,106	170,239,173	11,174,360	2,657,891	4,234,351	208,460,831	206,188,339
2011 Net book value (restated)	\$ 12,923,527	\$ 385,053	\$ 6,522,236	\$ 168,366,781	\$ 11,301,828	\$ 2,539,187	\$ 4,149,727	\$ 206,188,339	

Wheatland County - 2012 Capital Funds Acquired *

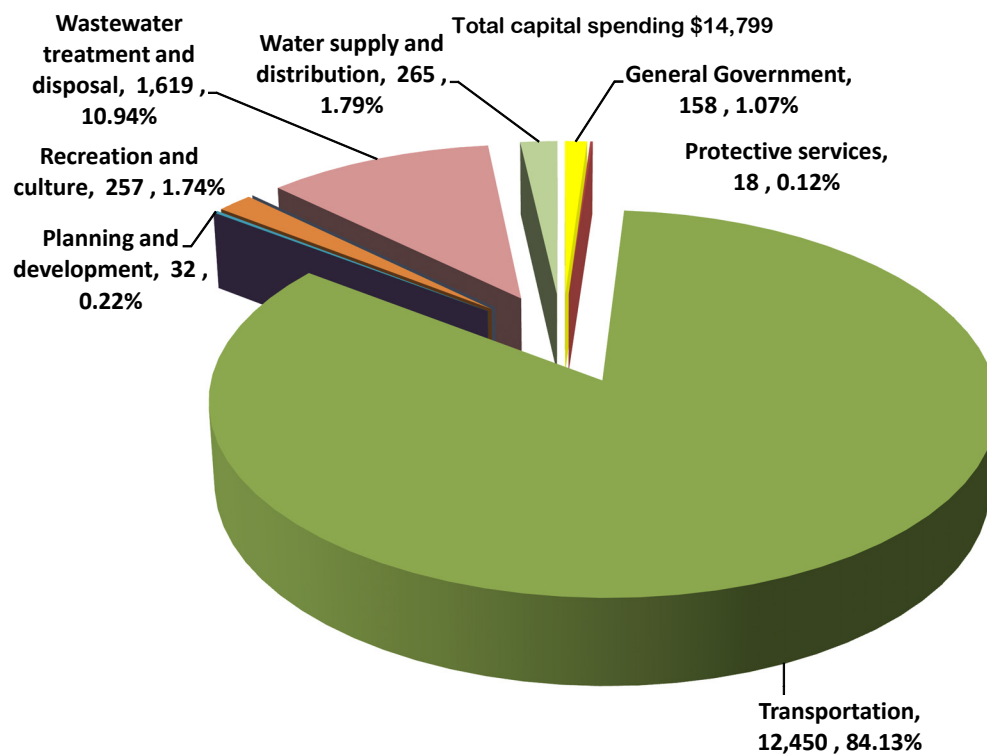
Total capital funding \$14,799



* All figures expressed in thousands of dollars

Wheatland County - 2012 Capital Spending *

Total capital spending \$14,799



* All figures expressed in thousands of dollars

Schedule 3								
Wheatland County								
Schedules to the Summarized Financial Statements								
For the year ended December 31, 2012								
Schedule of segmented disclosure	General government	Protective services	Transportation services	Environmental services	Public health services	Planning and development	Recreation and culture	Total
Revenue								
Net property taxes	\$ 26,775,874	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,775,874
User fees and sales of goods	37,370	2,101	228,424	424,047	170	96,713	-	788,825
Government transfers for operating	152,835	19,365	99,521	279,574	-	314,838	50,000	916,133
Investment income	411,080	19,582	-	8,005	-	40,296	-	478,963
Penalties and costs of taxes	98,810	-	-	-	-	-	-	98,810
Development levies	-	-	-	25,130	-	64,267	-	89,397
Licences and permits	238,295	7,740	-	-	-	268,400	-	514,435
Rental	36,296	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	37,296
Other	171,934	412,369	35,965	196,264	-	-	29,530	846,062
	27,922,494	461,157	363,910	933,020	170	785,514	79,530	30,545,795
Expenses								
Salaries, wages and benefits	1,707,872	430,394	4,386,427	819,032	253	776,995	18,024	8,138,997
Contracted and general services	952,777	210,739	1,422,456	790,752	-	324,892	52,087	3,753,703
Materials, goods, supplies and utilities	253,421	40,913	382,164	224,861	650	114,060	13,640	1,029,709
Bank charges and short term interest	7,665	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,665
Interest on long term debt	2,548	-	-	58,907	-	-	-	61,455
Transfers to organizations and others	124,278	1,623,981	-	27,872	46,283	7,500	797,961	2,627,875
Provisions for allowances	64,879	-	-	(147)	-	-	-	64,732
Amortization of tangible capital assets	122,508	-	11,459,167	594,269	-	9,255	9,301	12,194,500
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	(45,915)	-	(1,932)	21,507	-	-	-	(26,340)
	3,190,033	2,306,027	17,648,282	2,537,053	47,186	1,232,702	891,013	27,852,296
Excess of revenue over expenses before other	24,732,461	(1,844,870)	(17,284,372)	(1,604,033)	(47,016)	(447,188)	(811,483)	2,693,499
Other								
Government transfers for capital	-	-	2,786,576	1,697,854	-	-	60,040	4,544,470
Contributed assets	500	-	88,100	37,103	-	-	17,251	142,954
	500	-	2,874,676	1,734,957	-	-	77,291	4,687,424
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 24,732,961	\$ (1,844,870)	\$ (14,409,696)	\$ 130,924	\$ (47,016)	\$ (447,188)	\$ (734,192)	\$ 7,380,923

Schedule 4

Wheatland County
Schedules to the Summarized Financial Statements
For the year ended December 31, 2012

Schedule of debt limits and long-term debt**Debt limit**

Section 276(2) of the Municipal Government Act requires that debt and debt limits as defined by Alberta Regulation 255/00 for the County be disclosed as follows:

	2012	2011
Total debt limit	\$ 45,818,692	\$ 43,684,100
Total debt	2,934,920	641,369
	\$ 42,883,772	\$ 43,042,731
Debt servicing limit	\$ 7,636,449	\$ 7,280,683
Debt servicing	258,476	109,761
	\$ 7,377,973	\$ 7,170,922

The debt limit is calculated as 1.5 times revenue of the municipality (as defined in Alberta Regulation 255/00) and the debt service limit is calculated as 0.25 times such revenue. Incurring debt beyond these limitations requires approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs. These thresholds are guidelines used by Alberta Municipal Affairs to identify municipalities which could be at financial risk if further debt is acquired. The calculation taken alone does not represent the financial stability of the municipality. Rather, the financial statements must be interpreted as a whole.

Long-term debt	2012	2011
Special levy and utility supported debentures	\$ 434,920	\$ 641,369
Self supported debentures - operating	2,500,000	-
	2,934,920	641,369
Current portion	\$ 168,778	\$ 70,665

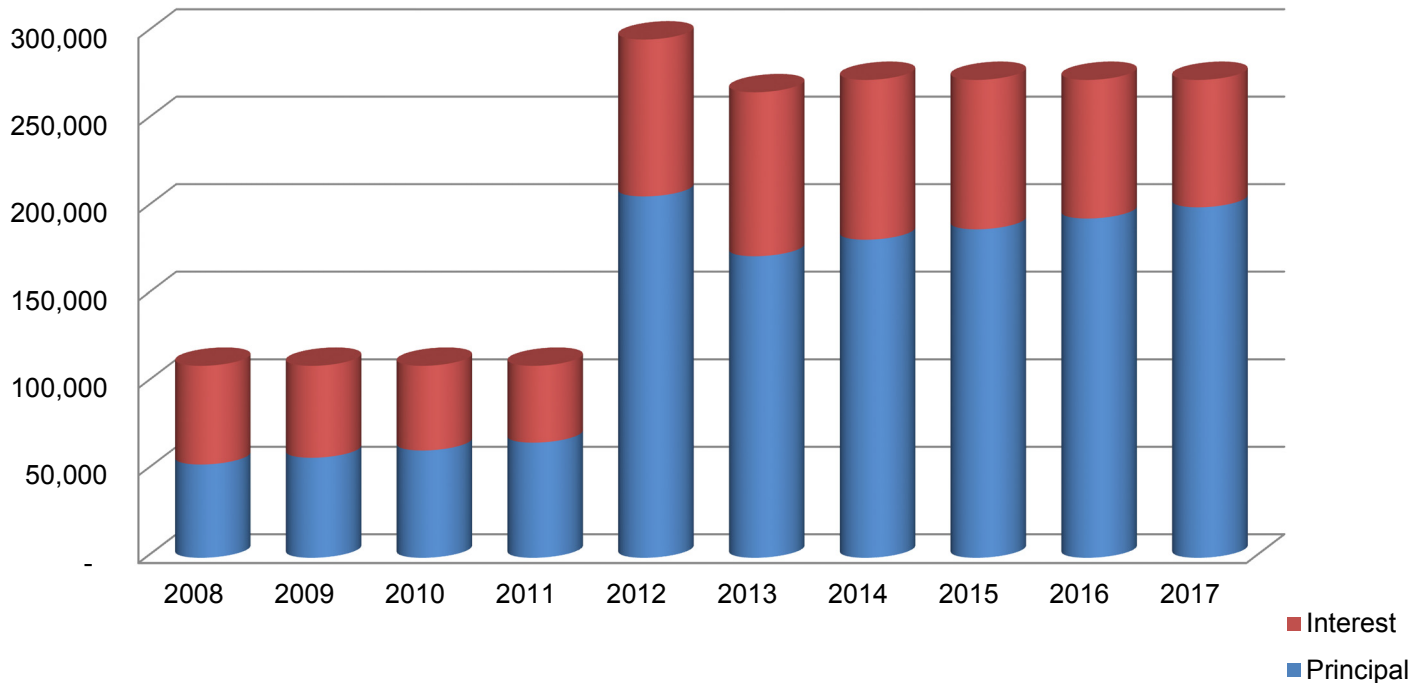
Principal and interest repayments are due as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
2013	\$ 168,778	\$ 89,698	\$ 258,476
2014	174,237	84,239	258,476
2015	179,901	78,575	258,476
2016	185,778	72,698	258,476
2017	191,878	66,598	258,476
Thereafter	2,034,348	308,181	2,342,529
	\$ 2,934,920	\$ 699,989	\$ 3,634,909

Debenture debt is repayable to Alberta Capital Finance Authority and bears interest at rates ranging from 2.658% to 9.125% per annum and matures in periods 2020 to 2027. Debenture debt is issued on the credit and security of the County at large.

Interest on long-term debt amounted to \$61,455 (\$2011 - \$42,274). The County's total cash payments for interest in 2012 were \$65,569 (2011 - \$43,923).

**Wheatland County -
Long-term debt principal and interest payments - 2008 to 2017 ***



* Only includes principal and interest payments on borrowings approved by Council as of April 16th, 2013.

**Wheatland County
Salary and Benefits Disclosure
For the year ending December 31st, 2012**

Councillor	Salary	Mileage	Benefits & Allowance	Total 2012	Total 2011	Variance
Armstrong	\$ 28,292	\$ 8,493	\$ 28,651	\$ 65,435	\$ 64,287	\$ 1,149
Bland	23,949	2,162	27,286	53,398	52,877	521
Booth	30,883	3,761	27,286	61,930	59,857	2,073
Knight	25,192	2,019	27,286	54,498	51,984	2,514
Koester	26,417	2,847	31,215	60,479	60,157	322
Sauve	25,940	3,478	27,286	56,704	60,279	- 3,575
Vander Velde	21,860	2,822	27,286	51,969	47,457	4,512
Total Council	182,533	25,582	196,298	404,413	396,897	7,517
County Manager						-
J. Deak	165,000	185	25,926	191,111	175,087	16,025
Total	\$ 347,533	\$ 25,767	\$ 222,224	\$ 595,525	\$ 571,984	\$ 23,541



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