

Barrhead & District FCSS



Do you know what your local Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) do?

Their Mission: “That ALL people have the opportunity to live a safe and healthy life as valued members of our community.” Barrhead & District FCSS provides preventative programs and services that strive to enhance and strengthen individuals, families and the community.

Funding provided by: Child & Family Services Authority (CFSA), Town and County of Barrhead, and residents with donations (both cash and in-kind). FCSS is involved in direct service programs as well as community planning.

Did you know? During the past year to summarize, FCSS has: used 350 volunteer hours, assisted 2054 individuals with emergency food supplies, provided hot lunches to an average of 151 students in the elementary school, provided 65 families with Christmas hampers, and 57 with Christmas gifts (116 children), provided 29 children with recreational funding through the CARE program, provided 380 counseling sessions, 320 child visits through the school liaison program, 61 clients (totaling 2532 hours) received home support services, 20 Meals on Wheels drivers and 128 meals per month, monthly seniors dinners as well as weekly coffee outings, seniors exercise classes, 228 income tax returns completed, 37 newcomer bags, Parent Link Centre operation with 253 participating in sessions, 75 participated in Early Childhood Development Initiatives, 80 childhood developmental kits delivered, 80 advocacy and support appointments, 7 FASD educational workshops delivered, various programs touched 278 youth at 61 events, and 22 families served by the Family Outreach Worker. 2226 clients were served at the front desk, with a total of 4163 phone calls received!

Wow! That is a lot of community building, thanks FCSS for all you do!



DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Resource Extraction Strategy: Recognizing the need to plan for the safe, efficient and environmentally responsible extraction and transportation of aggregate resources in the County, the Development Department and Council continue to work towards its Resource Extraction Strategy. A committee was formed which includes members of the community, Provincial representatives, Aggregate industry representatives and County Council and staff. Recently, two open houses were held for ratepayers to provide input on the plan. Together we hope to complete the project by the end of 2014, which will provide us with a tool moving forward.

Development Permits: Remember - permits for development are required in the County. Working together, these permits are a first step in making sure your development fits within both your parcel and the surrounding neighborhood and land uses.

New Home Warranty: On February 1, 2014, the *New Home Buyer Protection Act* under Alberta Municipal Affairs came into force. Under this Act all new homes require a warranty. Builders will be required to provide this warranty coverage prior to a Safety Code Building Permit being issued, and the Province will keep record under the Alberta’s Home Warranty Registry.

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KRAFT 2014 CELEBRATION TOUR WINNER!

Congratulations to the Barrhead Curling Club for being a Top Ten finalist in the 2014 Kraft Celebration Tour!

This is a program that helps cities and towns build better places to play. **We need your vote to win another \$75,000!** Visit www.kraftcelebrationtour.ca to vote for Barrhead Curling Club on July 21 and 22nd. **Vote as many times as you can** during this window and don't forget to tell your friends and family!! We are representing all of Alberta so think big!



Promoting the Community!

The County of Barrhead Economic & Community Development Committee, in partnership with the Town of Barrhead, have created a promotional video for all organizations in the community to use. It is available to link to your website free of charge, and the footage can also be re-edited for a small cost to suit your individual needs.

The link can be found on both the Town and County websites or the YouTube site, by searching 'Community of Barrhead'. Let's get the word out about everything Barrhead has to offer!

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Upcoming Events & Notices

- **Ag Service Board (County) Summer Tour** - July 29, 2014
- **Lac La Nonne Boat Regala** - August 16, 2014
- **Recycling** - Home Hardware accepting **used paint cans**.
- **Henry Battenfelder Memorial Golf Tournament** - July 2014
- **Batt Traps Golf Tournament**, 2 person Best Ball – Sept 2014
- **Batt Traps Fall Quad Rodeo** - September 20 & 21, 2014
- **Halloween Family Dance Bloomsbury** - October 25, 2014
- **Gardenview Annual Fall Supper** - October 26th, 2014
- **LEPA Fall Outreach Social and Silent Auction** - Sept 13, 2014
- **Barrhead Golf Tournaments** - TBA! Ladies Open, Men's Open and Mixed.
- * **Check out our 2014 Events Listing** online at www.countybarrhead.ab.ca for details as they are updated.

Reeve's Message

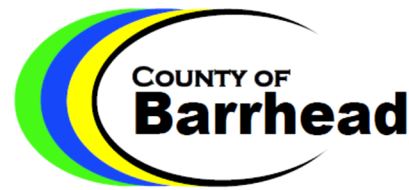
We all like to be recognized and have a good image, and the County of Barrhead is no different. Over the years we have been recognized by the County crest, which is very similar to the Town of Barrhead. Side by side there is barely a difference. The Crest is difficult to digitally transfer and was complicated to replicate on clothing and promotional material.

Our economic and community development committee had brought up the idea of getting a new symbol that people would recognize as the County of Barrhead. Hiring a firm to create a new insignia would have been costly but our own staff decided to put their creative talents to together and with Nikki McKeand, Municipal Clerk at the office, they created the new logo we will be using.

The colors and the expanded letter 'C' represent our rural community. Green for our beautiful environment, Blue for our Rivers and Lakes, Yellow for our Agricultural Lands, Black for our Resources.

The County has also just completed a strategic plan for the next three years. On top of our agricultural, infrastructure, administration and governance strategies we've also included regional cooperation and economic and community development. The strategic plan is a measuring tool that we can use to check our progress towards our goals - and to serve you and our community better.

We are often asked questions of our operations. To answer them we have included in the table to the right a breakdown of statistics and infrastructure we provide. I think you'll find this very interesting, both the size and scope of our County *and* what is available here. Enjoy! ~ Reeve Bill Lee



Public Works Department Update

What is Allowed in Public Roadways and Ditches?

Prior approval is required from the Public Works Department before ANY work can be done in County right-of-ways. This includes, but is not limited to: ditching, approaches, tree removal, etc.

It is an offense to remove gravel from County of Barrhead roadways for personal use. Please contact the Public Works Department to purchase gravel.

Please obey all construction and speed limit signs, and watch for our County workers on roadways.

Road Construction Update - Project on Range Road 40 to Township Road 604. If you need more information on schedules, please call 780.674.2619.



Fire Department News - Agricultural Purpose Fire Permits

"Annual Agricultural Purpose Fire Permit" means a permit issued to remove an immediate obstacle or nuisance in an agricultural or farming practice by burning such obstacle or nuisance.

Permits are to be issued no longer than one period at a time. Any fire lit under the authority of an Annual Agricultural Purpose Fire Permit shall not burn longer than a continuous 24 hour period of time, and **the holder of the fire permit must report when they start and stop the burn to a Fire Guardian.**

Reminder: Fire Permits are required YEAR ROUND. Call the Fire Chief at 780.674.2087 or the County office at 780.674.3331 for a listing of Fire Guardians that can assist you in making sure your next burn is a safe one!

STATISTICS		
Population	6,096	
Area (hectares)	246,969	
Area (acres)	610,274	
Number of Permanent Employees	30	
Number of Seasonal & Casual Employees	27	
Hamlets	2	Manola and Neerlandia
Multi- Parcel County Residential Subdivisions	20	Bloomsbury, Lac La Nonne, Redwood, Greendale, Moonlight Bay, Thunder Lake, Whiterock, Idle Hours, Murray's Beach, Tozer, Moonlight Bay Estates, Summerlea, Parc La Nonne, Campsie, Cambarr Estates, Tiger Lake, Lightning Bay, Campsie Cove, McGill Estates, Greendale Acres
Number of Assessed Residences		
Residences	1950	
Manufactured Homes	380	
Cottages	482	
Total Residences	2812	(Includes 1373 Farm Residences)
Number of Assessed Farmland Parcels	4085	
Commercial & Industrial Businesses	149	(Examples include: Stores, Restaurant, Offices, Hair Salon, Garages, Warehouses, Internet Towers, Airport Hangars, Woodwork, Sand & Gravel, Fertilizer, Vet, Processing Mill, Manufacturing)
Community Halls	15	
Cemeteries	34	
INFRASTRUCTURE		
County Owned Land (Acres)	2,779	153 Different parcels
Local County Roads (Developed)		
Gravel (km)	1,343	
Oiled (km)	98	Roads annually need reconstruction, oiling, gravelling, right-of-ways need mowing and sprayed for weeds, roadside seeding
Paved (km)	53	
Total Developed Roads	1,494	
Local County Bridge Structures	148	
County Gravel Pits	3	Fort Pit, Vega Pit, Moose Wallow Pit
Water Level Control Structures (Water Gates)	30	Monitored throughout the County
Water Resource Drainage Ditches	170	Monitored throughout the County
Waste Transfer Stations	6	Tiger Lily, Meadowview, Manola, Vega/Neerlandia, Thunder Lake, Dunstable
Wastewater Lagoons	4	Manola, Neerlandia, Dunstable, Thunder Lake
Water (Potable) & Sewer Distribution Systems	3	Manola, Neerlandia, MacGill Estates
Water (Potable) Main Length (46 km)	2	Manola, Neerlandia, MacGill Estates
Wastewater Main Length (13 km)	3	Manola, Neerlandia, MacGill Estates
Barrhead & District Seed Plant	1	(Located in Town) County dissolution obligation
Truck Fill Stations	2	Manola (Neerlandia Truck Fill is operated by Neerlandia Coop)
Parks & Campgrounds (County Operated)	7	Holmes Crossing, Dolberg Lake, Peanut Lake, Wallace Centennial Park, Klondike Park (Lac La Nonne), Lac La Nonne South, Klondike Ferry
Misty Ridge Ski Hill	1	County owns and leases land from Province
Barrhead Golf & Recreation Area	1	Land jointly owned with Town - lease to Barrhead Golf
Barrhead Johnson Airport	1	Jointly owned with Town
Barrhead Regional Landfill	1	Jointly owned with Town
Barrhead Emergency Response Building	1	Jointly owned with Town