

## Minister rules against administrative inquiry of County

*Council commits to conduct independent review to identify strengths, areas for improvement*

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs will not be conducting an inquiry into the affairs of Mountain View County. In correspondence received on February 16, Minister of Municipal Affairs Hector Goudreau found a petition for an inquiry submitted by the Rural Roots Association "to be insufficient under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act."

"There is no legal obligation for me to conduct an inquiry", stated Minister Goudreau in a letter dated February 4, 2010. "[H]owever, I suggest that the municipality consider engaging a third party to conduct a review of the administrative, planning and governance processes in place."

Goudreau added that a review presents an opportunity to evaluate the municipality's strengths and to identify potential areas for improvement. "This evaluation should be a co-operative effort of council, administration and the community."

At the Minister's suggestion, Council directed the Chief Administrative Officer at the February 17 meeting of Regular Council to obtain proposals from experienced, qualified consultants on a review of the issues raised by petitioners, up to the date of the presentation of the petition to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Council have requested the review include necessary interviews and report:

- If administration has acted illegally or inappropriately
- If planning has acted illegally or inappropriately
- If operations has acted illegally or inappropriately
- If Council has acted illegally or inappropriately

As a part of the consultant's mandate, a telephone survey of residents of Mountain View County will also take place to garner feedback on the municipality's strengths and opportunities for improvement, with the consultant's final report to be delivered to Council and the public simultaneously.

"Our Council stated last year that we have nothing to hide and that it is time to clear the air," said Reeve Kemmere. "We are committed to conducting our affairs in an open and transparent manner, and we believe a review of the administrative, planning and governance processes in place is further evidence of that commitment."

In the meantime, Council has agreed to move forward with new Land Use Bylaw and the Off-site Levy Bylaw, fulfilling a pledge made on November 4, 2009 to delay both processes until the Minister had made a decision on the Rural Roots Association's request for an administrative review. A Public Open House and Discussion Forum on the revised Land Use Bylaw has been scheduled for April 19, 2010, with first reading of the bylaw expected to take place on May 26, 2010

Special Council Meetings for public hearings on the new Land Use Bylaw have been scheduled for Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at 5 p.m. and Saturday, June 19, 2010 at 9 a.m. First reading of the Off-site Levy Bylaw is expected to take place in the Spring, with a phone survey and legal review to occur over the following months.

## Attention Spring Developers

*Developing? Expanding? Building?*

Thinking about constructing a house, garage or an addition to your house? Or maybe you would like to develop your basement, or start a home occupation? Here's your chance to learn more about where to start and what's all involved in getting permits for development.

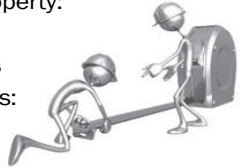
Mountain View County will be hosting a public workshop for anyone wanting to learn about what is involved when developing property:

**When: March 2, 2010 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.**

**Where: Mountain View County Council Chambers**

Information will be focussed on the following processes:

- Development Permit
- Building Permit
- Electrical, Plumbing, Gas and Private Sewage Permits



## We offer Superior service!

**As of March 1, Superior Safety Codes Inc. are moving their County Office hours to Mondays to serve you better!**

As of March 1, 2010 representatives of Superior Safety Codes Inc. will be available at the County Office on Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons each week to answer your permitting questions. Services previously offered on Tuesday will no longer be available.

Permits for all your gas, electrical, plumbing, building and development needs are available Monday to Friday of each week at the County Office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (excepting holidays).

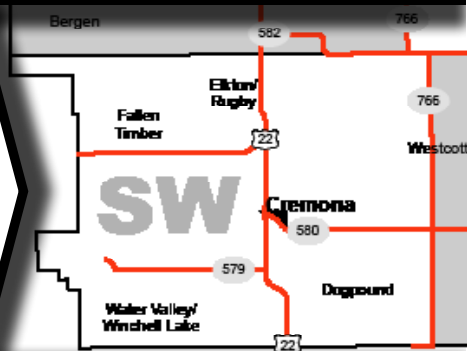
Applications for permits are also available for download on our website- [www.mountainviewcounty.com/applications](http://www.mountainviewcounty.com/applications)

For more information please contact Planning & Development Services at 403-335-3311

## Road Watch - - - - - February, 2010

### Southwest Quadrant

- Sign maintenance/delineator replacement
- Site line brushing/tree removal - multiple locations
- Snow plowing/winging/sanding
- Brush burning



ATTENTION: Watch for roads with year - round weight restrictions.

## Spring 2010 County Councillor Open Houses

**March 18**



Div. 2 Councillor  
Lana Yakimchuk  
Dogpound  
Community Centre  
(Acme Road)  
7-9 p.m.

**March 19**



Div. 6 Councillor  
Liz Negropontes  
Harmattan  
Community Centre  
7-9 p.m.

**March 22**



Div. 5 Councillor  
Gerald Ingeveld  
James River  
Community Hall  
7-9 p.m.

**March 23**



Div. 1 Councillor  
Gwen Day  
Carstairs Half  
Century Club  
7-9 p.m.

**March 30**



Div. 4 Councillor  
Kathy Blain  
Fallentimber  
Community Hall  
7-9 p.m.

**March 31**



Div. 3 Councillor  
Everett Page  
Didsbury 50 Club  
7-9 p.m.

**April 6**



Div. 7 Councillor &  
Reeve Al Kemmere  
Reed Ranch School  
7-9 p.m.

Throughout the months of March and April, Mountain View County Councillors will be hosting a series of Public Open Houses in your area. Members of Mountain View County's Senior Management Team will also be on hand to answer your questions.