



# WHAT'S NEW

## In Mountain View

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Mountain View  
COUNTY

### Getting our priorities straight

*Policies and Priorities Committee is all talk- by design*

While their membership is the same, the roles of Policies and Priorities Committee and Regular Council are quite different.

Since its inception in September of 2005, Policies and Priorities Committee (P&P) has provided a forum for County Council to discuss ideas, and to receive information from prospective developers and community partners. As per the guidelines for Policies and Priorities Committee meetings, no motions are presented or voted on during these twice monthly sessions. Instead, P&P Committee- which is chaired by the Deputy Reeve and is comprised of all seven County councillors- can make motions recommending that items be brought forward to future Regular Council meetings, where final decisions on all County policies and priorities are made.

What makes presentations in P&P different from those during Public Hearings is that items brought forward during P&P are solely for the purpose of information. Public Hearings, on the other hand, are held during Regular Council meetings, and are opened once a bylaw is given first reading by Council. Public in support, and in opposition of the bylaw are given the opportunity to address Council, after which Council will close the Public Hearing to discuss and approve, deny or defer second and third reading of the bylaw in question.

Policies and Priorities Committee meetings are held twice monthly: every second Wednesday at 4 p.m. (with public delegations at 6 p.m.); and every fourth Wednesday following the 9 a.m. meeting of Regular Council.

Agendas and minutes for previous P&P and Regular Council meetings are available online at <http://www.mountainviewcounty.com/council.html>

**Did you know that recycle centres are open to all County residents, whether they are rural or urban?**  
*Visit [www.mountainviewcounty.com](http://www.mountainviewcounty.com) for more information.*

### Road Watch *(subject to weather conditions)*

**ATTENTION:** Watch for Road Ban signs throughout the County.

#### Week of September 8 to September 12

ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Pot Hole Patching	Throughout Mountain View County
Rechipping	West of Didsbury
Regravelling	East of Didsbury- Dyck Pit
Grass mowing	Division 6
Gravel Crushing	Harriman Pit - SW 11-34-3 W5
Road Construction (Retaining Wall)	TWP 292 between RR 4.0 and 4.1
Road Construction	RR 2.3, Red Lodge Road from Hwy 27 to TWP 34
Road Construction	TWP 33.4 between RR 2.0 and 1.5
Road Construction	RR 3.2 North of Secondary Highway 766
Tree Clearing	TWP Road 29.0 S 1/2 3-29-5 W5
Spot Spraying for Toad Flax	East half of the County

#### Week of September 15 to September 19

ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Pot Hole Patching	Throughout Mountain View County
Rechipping	West of Carstairs & West of Didsbury
Regravelling	East of Carstairs
Grass mowing	Division 6 & 7
Gravel Crushing	Harriman Pit - SW 11-34-3 W5
Road Construction (Retaining Wall)	TWP 292 between RR 4.0 and 4.1
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**We are looking to fill vacancies on the following committees:**

**MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTY NEEDS YOU!**

- Agricultural Service Board
- Assessment Review Board
- Cremona Recreation Board
- Inter-municipal Subdivision Development and Appeal Board
- MVC Airport Management Committee
- Subdivision Development and Appeal Board
- Weed Appeal Board

*If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, or if you require more information, please contact Joyce King at (403) 335-3311. Application forms are also available online at [www.mountainviewcounty.com](http://www.mountainviewcounty.com)*

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### Restricted/ Noxious Weed Profile

#### Common Toadflax (*Linaria vulgaris*)

**Other names:** Butter and Eggs, Spurred Snapdragon  
**Life cycle:** Simple perennial that does reproduce by seed, but primarily from its extensive creeping root system. Seeds are viable for eight years.

**Where is it found in Mountain View County?**  
Throughout the County, primarily in the east half.

#### Reason for Concern

- Plant is not palatable to livestock, therefore reducing amount of forage in pasture.
- Rouging (hand picking) not effective because roots not removed.
- Difficult to control because only selected herbicides provide effective control. Many broadleaf herbicides provide suppression. Annual application required.
- Tordon 22 K is one of the effective herbicides available for use, however environmental restrictions include water body setbacks.

#### Control Mechanisms

- Thorough hand-pulling where roots can be removed (repetition required in order to deplete the seed bank)
- Cultivation limited effectiveness, in fact spreads because of dragging and chopping up roots
- Chemical application (selected products for native and cropping situations)
- Mowing or grazing are not effective
- Biological control agents have had limited success in establishment in Alberta

View full weed profiles at [http://www.mountainviewcounty.com/agri\\_weedcontrol.html](http://www.mountainviewcounty.com/agri_weedcontrol.html)

