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BIRCH HILLS COUNTY UPDATE ON WHAT'S HAPPENING

Birch Hills County

Home of rivers, heritage and opportunity

County looks at economic opportunities

Birch Hills County is looking at opportunities for the County and wants your input. County Council has begun the process of looking at what community economic opportunities are out there that the County can benefit from.

“As a council we wanted to ensure that our ratepayers can retain the quality of life we have come to enjoy, but also look at opportunities to ensure we retain our communities and our youth” said County Reeve Warren Smith.

County Council agreed that input from the County’s ratepayers was a priority and so they are hosting three community open

houses to bring in ratepayers and get feedback on what people enjoy about the County and where they feel improvements or opportunities are out there.

The open houses are planned for:

Wanham—April 10, Eaglesham—April 11 and Tangent April 15. All open houses are at the community hall and run from 6pm until 8pm. Snacks will be available as will administration and council members to answer questions and get your input.

Other initiatives to open the communication with ratepayers include the new newsletter and a ratepayer survey included with this newsletter.



County office building update

Renovations to the County office are well underway and projected to be completed by May 1, 2013. The renovation will help improve service delivery to ratepayers of Birch Hills as well as create a friendlier work environment for County staff. The renovations include new flooring, painting, and a stair lift.

The renovations to the County office, make the building more accessible and bring the building up-to-date.



Beautification of hamlets builds community pride

A pleasant community appearance adds to community pride and attracts business

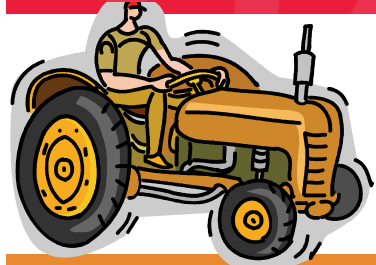
Simple community beautification projects such as planting flowers, new park benches, and tidying up yards can generate community spirit and pride. You want your neighborhood to look good, don't you? A pleasant community appearance adds to home values, helps attract business investment, and improves a communities reputation. And it makes community members proud to call it home.

"I moved to Birch Hills County because I saw a community filled with beauty, opportunity and potential," said Harold Northcott, Birch Hills County CAO and Rocky Mountain House transplant. "I live in Eaglesham and can see great opportunity to spruce up the community and build community pride," added Northcott. And now Birch Hills County Council are asking you what you think. As the County enters into the process of developing a community economic strategy, they are looking at what rate-payers would like to see happen

in the County's hamlets. While they are looking at economic opportunities they are also looking at what can be done to revitalize and energize the hamlets. Plan to attend an open house and let council know what you think.

"Studies show that an attractive community builds community pride, attracts newcomers and increases property values."
Harold Northcott, CAO

WANHAM PROVINCIAL PLOWING MATCH



Mark your calendars for June 14, 15 & 16 for the Wanham Provincial Plowing Match at the Alberta Leriger Community Sportsground in Wanham. Tractor plowing, Bull riding, children's activities, trade show and beer gardens and entertainment are all on the menu. For more information go to www.wanham.org

Mark your calendar for Birch Hills County Open Houses

April 10, 2013 Wanham Community Hall
April 11, 2013 Eaglesham Community Hall
April 15, 2013 Tangent—Big Buck Meeting Room
All meetings are from 6:00 pm—8:00 pm

Come on out and tell us about your vision for Birch Hills County



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Plan to be in Eaglesham for the **Eaglesham Fair** July 27, 2013 at the Eaglesham Agricultural Grounds

Watch the Rycroft Signal and check the County website for updates.

Welcome to the first edition of the Birch Hills County Courier, a County newsletter to help keep our ratepayers informed. We have also included in this mail out a community questionnaire, complete with a return envelope. We hope you will take the time to fill it out and let us know what you think.