



# COUNTY CONNECTION

COUNTY OF LETHBRIDGE NEWSLETTER ★ SUMMER 2013



Monitoring the flood in the EOC  
L-R: Kevin Viergutz, Director of Municipal Services; Tom White, Councillor, Div. 6; Michael Bly, GIS Technologist



June 21 - 1:30 p.m. – Looking from Monarch

## A message from the Reeve

### Regional flooding impacts all of southern Alberta

Hello everyone, and welcome to the summer edition of the County Connection newsletter.

Due to the major flood incident and subsequent State of Local Emergency that occurred on June 20-22, 2013, normal operations were put on hold during this very high profile event and we are later than normal in getting this edition out to you. While we resumed normal business practices on Monday morning, July 23rd, there was much follow up work to be completed and in fact some staff continues to deal with the aftermath. Thank you to our citizens for their full cooperation during the evacuations, and to our staff and surrounding municipalities and government agencies for their joint efforts in managing and mitigating this large scale disaster incident. (please see article on pages 6 and 7).

Focusing on the future, in the coming months the County is excited at the



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prospect of hosting members of the Chinese Consulate in an ongoing effort to strengthen relations to our region. We will be highlighting our agricultural industry and the possibility of moving forward to discuss and bring economic growth and mutually beneficial trade opportunities.

In other news, following up from the 60 kilometre an hour by-law issue (which was defeated by Council) an independent facilitator, Jack Hayden, was contracted to conduct interviews with 15 County citizens-at-large, representing a broad cross section of various businesses and residents. Mr. Hayden subsequently held a roundtable discussion to gather further inputs from this group concerning possible solutions to address both safety and preservation of infrastructure. He will reveal his findings in a report to County Council in early fall.

The Lethbridge County Airport was once again proud to host the 22nd Alberta International Air Show this past weekend. Acts from the Snow Birds, Sky Hawks, Super Dave (Dave Mathieson) the #1 aerobatic pilot in Canada, and many more acts and attractions thrilled audiences with daring stunts and graceful maneuvers. Our economy is boosted tremendously with this world class event, and the County is proud to be a part of its success. We commend the Air Show and its dedicated group of volunteers for putting on a world class caliber event.



Council is close to completing the final Land Use By-Law review and we anticipate this coming forward to a Council agenda in the fall of this year. It is our hope that the revisions will address our global approach to development and planning in the County and incorporate our strategic plan goal of ensuring a high quality of living for our citizens through managed growth and focus on infrastructure.

Crops are looking good throughout the County but unfortunately hail has occurred in some areas and that is a shame to see a year's work destroyed – our thoughts are with everyone who may have suffered any damage.

Thank you to all of our County residents for continuing to keep us informed of what is important to you. It is our pleasure and honour to serve the community in this capacity as we move forward in these exciting times.

Please feel free to contact us with any stories or events that you know are happening in your community as we love to report on them.

Have a safe and happy summer!

Thank you.

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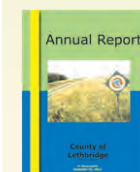
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<http://lethbridgearport.ca/>



The 2012 County of Lethbridge Annual Report and 2012 County of Lethbridge Budget are now available on our website.

