



A message from the Reeve

Lethbridge County unveils new logo



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Reeve

2014 has gotten off to a dynamic start here at the County! We have hit the ground running with our new name, Lethbridge County, our new logo, and our new CAO Rick Robinson. This is Lethbridge County's 50th Anniversary and we are excited to make this a banner year. We are very happy to begin the next 50 years as Lethbridge County!

In January Council attended Strategic Planning sessions with all members of Council and senior management. Council

reconfirmed the core values of the County: Our Citizens; Our Staff; Accountability; Agriculture and Managed Growth. We discussed in depth the priorities that will help see Lethbridge County committing itself to continuing a leadership role in our region; ensuring a high quality of living for residents through managed growth and our focus on infrastructure, with more information to follow in upcoming issues. Council also attended the Agriculture Service Board Conference in January, as well as a workshop to review the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan hosted by the Oldman River Regional Services Commission.

In January we were fortunate to have Mr. Larry Randle join our team in the role of Director of Community Services. Larry comes to us from Chase B.C. where for the past eight years he acted as the Corporate Officer for the Village of Chase. He will lead a dynamic team of staff, including: Planning; Communications; Economic Development and Emergency Services.

We are continuing to meet with our neighbouring communities in an ongoing climate of building upon our strong intermunicipal relations. Council recognizes the benefits of a regional approach with regard to the interests of the County and fostering an environment



that explores issues of mutual interest. The County is proactively exploring innovative economic development opportunities with our regional partners that will provide tangible benefits to the County.

A major priority of Council is to continue working with Mr. Jack Hayden of Hayden and Associates who advocates to the Provincial Ministers on our behalf in an effort to bring the message of our distinct infrastructure challenges and to increase our presence with different provincial departments in an attempt to gain funding for our infrastructure.

At the January 16, 2014 Council meeting, Council passed both the operating and capital budgets. Once again the County has been awarded two prestigious awards. For the eleventh consecutive year the County has been presented with the Canadian Award for Financial Reporting which recognizes excellence in governmental accounting and financial reporting for our Annual Report. For the third consecutive year we have been bestowed the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget

Presentation Award for its 2013-2015 budget. Congratulations to staff who worked so diligently on putting these documents together and to such a high standard!

Our team here at the County is extremely honoured and pleased to invite you to be part of this year's 50th Anniversary celebrations. We have a lot to be thankful for here in this region, our pride is as big as our landscape and we hope you will join us as we navigate into the next 50 years!

You will find details on the back page of this newsletter about our 50th Anniversary Celebration scheduled for July 19, 2014 at the Prairie Tractor and Engine Museum Society. We invite all of our citizens to 'Save the Date' and plan on attending what is sure to be a great experience! Trevor Panczak will be performing, along with a day full of fun events for the whole family.

Thank you.

Lorne Hickey
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LARRY RANDLE
Director of
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