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### HANNA COUNCIL

## Hanna downtown project awaits essential meeting

*Stu Salkeld  
Local Journalism  
Initiative reporter  
ECA Review*

Hanna town council heard that the downtown redevelopment project awaits an important meeting linked to the project's start date.

Councillors heard an update for the project at their April 9 regular meeting of council.

Town Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Kim Neill gave a verbal update to councillors on the downtown redevelopment project; he stated engineers are currently working on bonding and insurance certificates and it's hoped a project start-up meeting will be held soon.

Neill added he really didn't have anything more to report and no timelines would be known until after

the start-up meeting was held.

#### Budget overview

Councillors examined the budget overview report submitted by the CAO.

Coun. Kyle Olsen asked if "the skate park stuff" had been ordered, to which Neill answered yes, the skate park project is moving ahead. Olsen asked if the school group remains involved to which the CAO also answered yes.

Neil further added the Town of Hanna will speak to a paving company about placing a new layer on the existing pad.

#### Capital budget

While providing an update on the current capital budget the CAO noted the Town of Hanna ordered a new loader April 9, while adding information about the skate park work.

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Pincombe's daughter, Betty Ann Moench (left) presented Judy Scoville of Spondin, Alta. with the second annual Gordon and Bernice Pincombe Memorial Community Volunteerism Award at a Volunteer Appreciation Evening held Thurs. Apr. 18 at the Hanna Provincial Building. Scoville lives in Special Areas 2 northeast of Hanna and has volunteered for years with organizations in Hanna, Coronation and Spondin. Along with the award, the evening included several presentations by various organizations who depend on volunteers. Light snacks and refreshments were served.

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BIG VALLEY COUNCIL

# Council cuts minimum tax on 'land-locked' parcel

Stu Salkeld  
Local Journalism Initiative reporter  
ECA Review

The Village of Big Valley council cut the minimum tax rate for a vacant lot after the owner claimed the full rate was unfair and complicating possible sale. The decision was made at the April 15 regular meeting of council.

Councillors read a letter from property owners Lorne and Pat Parkin regarding a parcel described as lot 22 block 18 near 5th Ave. who noted the parcel in question was purchased along with other property and because it's vacant is being charged the village's minimum property tax of \$600 per year despite having no access or services.

"Village planning in the 2006-07 timeframe included 5th Ave. road closure and in fact allowed a house to be built on the only viable way to get a road frontage, water and sewer to lot 22," stated the Parkin letter.

"This resulted in a significant devaluation of the property and rendering it hard to sell.

"When I was on council from 1995 to 2005 we started raising the minimum tax to encourage development of empty lots and this has morphed into a rather significant amount in taxes.

"We also at the time decreed that lots with no water and sewer available would be taxed at half minimum tax which would be fair treatment.

"I don't know when this policy changed but respectfully ask that you revert back to that policy as it would make the lot more viable for sale."

The Parkins noted \$600 a year in taxes for a vacant lot without any access or services is too much.

The Parkins added that trying to sell the lot isn't easy. "At this time I will try to sell it as-is and if not sold by end (of) May my intention will be to let it revert back to the village for a future tax sale," stated the Parkin's letter.

The Parkins also noted they keep the lot in

question well-kept and plan to continue doing so.

Village Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Colleen Mayne noted the lot in question is located in the southeast part of town and was sold as part of a package with a residence which is located across the back alley. She summarized that the new owner of lot 22 block 18 is trying to sell it but feels the minimum tax charge of \$600 per year is unreasonable.

The CAO pointed out the Parkins' letter states that if the minimum tax charge on lot 22 block 18 isn't lowered the owners will not pay the taxes on it, with the parcel eventually becoming village property through the tax recovery process.

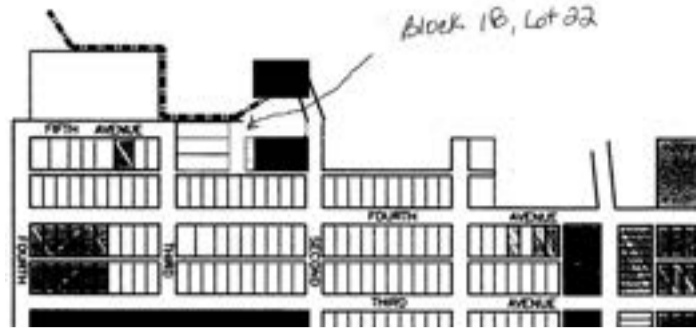
Coun. Dan Houle described the lot in question as "land-locked," and said that if the village has to take possession of the lot and services were to be added it would cost the village money. Houle noted he agreed with the Parkins' concerns.

The CAO noted that cutting the minimum tax charge for this parcel is something councillors would have to approve every year.

Councillors unanimously agreed to cut the minimum tax charge for the lot in question in half as requested by the owner.

Answer to puzzle on pg 10

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The Village of Big Valley council cut the minimum tax rate for block 18, lot 22 from \$600 to \$300 per year at their regular meeting April 15.  
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The office will continue to have the same phone number (403-578-3131) and email address /corlaw@xplornet.ca). I will be available from time to time after May 1st to help wrap up some existing files.

Thank You

I extend a **heart-felt thank you** to all of my clients and loyal staff who have supported my law practice over the many years and wish you all the very best as I transition into retirement.

Sincerely, **Roger Spady**



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ELNORA COUNCIL

# Council requested further negotiations on equipment offers

*Stu Salkeld  
Local Journalism Initiative reporter  
ECA Review*

Elnora village council instructed its staff to negotiate with a business after equipment prices were presented at the April 9 regular meeting of council.

Village Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Sharon Wesgate presented councillors with the results of staff investigation into pricing for two pieces of equipment the Public Works department will use: a pick-up sweeper and a wood chipper.

Included in the agenda package were offers from two vendors for both pieces of equipment; the offers were made through email, not a closed tender process. The vendors were listed as Trochu Motors and Wildcat Equipment.

For the pick-up sweeper, which is a skid-steer attachment that sweeps debris, Trochu Motors offered an HLA 84 inch hydraulic pick-up broom for \$9,100 plus tax while Wildcat Equipment offered a Martach 84 inch pick-up sweeper for \$6,200 plus tax.

Looking at the wood chipper, Wildcat Equipment offered a Wallenstein BXH42 wood chipper for \$6,800 plus tax while Trochu Motors offered the same make and model for

\$6,700 plus tax.

In her report Wesgate noted these items could be paid for with the \$18,370 recently generated by the sale of a surplus village garbage truck.

Mayor Jul Bissell stated he felt the wood chipper was a good investment that will save money for the village for years to come.

As discussion progressed, councillors agreed they'd prefer to buy both pieces of

equipment from the same vendor to save time and effort.

Councillors agreed in discussion to purchasing the lower-priced pick-up sweeper from Wildcat Equipment.

However, councillors stated they'd prefer to also buy the wood chipper from Wildcat Equipment despite Trochu Motors' offer being somewhat lower.

Councillors passed a

resolution to buy both pieces of equipment from Wildcat Equipment if Wildcat was willing to sell them the wood chipper for the Trochu Motor's price.



The Village of Elnora is considering purchasing this Martach 84 inch pick-up sweeper attachment for \$6,200 plus tax.

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PAINTEARTH COUNCIL

# Solar, wind projects forge ahead

*Cheryl Bowman  
Multimedia reporter  
ECA Review*

A public hearing regarding the Paintearth County's land-use bylaw (LUB) rezoning amendment for the Canwest solar project was held during the regular council meeting April 16.

According to Canwest Solar, the project is to be located approximately two kilometres (km.) west of the Town of Castor and is to be situated on privately-owned land. This proposed solar energy facility will generate enough energy to power over 14,000 homes, using 93,000 solar panels to generate 47 MW of energy. The project developers are Sky Sustainable and Green Energy Co (Sky).

Public submissions were received prior to the hearing for the project.

General questions raised by the public focused on roads, fencing and setback requirements.

In response to a public submission inquiry regarding setbacks and roads, it was noted that "a perimeter road would not be needed but space for large trucks would be required."

According to Schedule A, Emergency Response Planning & Access, setbacks and separation distances would have to meet minimum standards to aid the access of emergency

vehicles and to keep hazards at a distance from residences.

Internal access roads would need to be spaced at intervals to allow for adequate firefighting apparatus.

Also mentioned as a concern were fencing and screening of the solar project.

According to Schedule A, Site Security, all lands hosting macro solar farm installations shall be perimeter fenced with a minimum of four foot high barbed wire fence and all equipment collection points and substation facilities are to be enclosed with a chain link security fence of at least six feet.

It was noted in a response to the concern that the "Clause gives discretion to [the] County on fencing and screening. [It would] be a rare case to ever screen [an] entire quarter, but we do want them fenced for security."

Six members of the public were in attendance for the public hearing. General questions were raised which council noted for consideration. A second or possibly third reading will be scheduled after the amended bylaw is received.

**Craig Lake wind project**  
 The Craig Lake wind project,

an ATCO EnPower and ATCO Renewables Ltd. wind project, will be located approximately 6.3 km. east of the Town of Castor.

The project will include up to 43 wind turbines that will generate more than 6 MW of electricity, with a total output of 246 MW. The project will consist of wind turbines, a collector system, a substation, access roads and a transmission line interconnection.

An informational slide show will be presented during an open house scheduled for April 25 at the Legion in Castor.

**Public works solar installation**

The PEG racking system for the Crowfoot site ground mount array has arrived at the Terralta yard, the CAO reported.

Further outlined in the report was that the first shipment of panels have arrived with the full shipment expected within two weeks. Once all panels are received the rooftop installation will begin at the Crowfoot site with an installation time expected of under two weeks.

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CORONATION COUNCIL

# Talks of increased property tax, reduced funding

*Cheryl Bowman*  
Multimedia reporter  
ECA Review

Coronation town council held operating budget talks at their regular council meeting April 15 with discussions centred around increased property taxes and reduced funding for community requests.

After deliberations for the 2024 draft budget, council proposed that the minimum municipal property tax, previously set at \$650 be increased to \$700.

An analysis utilizing the 2024 assessment values of \$113,869,780 was presented to council by administration. As a result of increased assessment the revenue would increase by

\$15,050 for the year.

Coun. Mark Stannard made a motion to pass first reading of the proposed bylaw 2024-702.

Coun. Cody Hillmer moved to raise the minimum tax rate by \$50 in 2024.

### Community funding concerns

A lively discussion was had as council members discussed several items in the operating budget with a focus on community funding.

Concern was raised by Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Quinton Flint regarding money set aside for community funding requests in the 2024 operating budget.

Included in the budget are Coronation arena of \$15,000,

Coronation Curling Association of \$16,000, communities in bloom of \$14,000, Coronations Golf Club of \$30,000 and Community Events Guild of \$1,200.

Mayor Matthew Peacock expressed that he would no longer head up the Community Events Guild and it was suggested that money be removed from the budget.

CAO Flint suggested that money currently allocated in the budget for community funding could instead be used for infrastructure costs. Also noted by other council members was that Coronation funds boards that are not typically funded in other communities.

It was mentioned that the golf course buildings have had a lot

of work done and therefore would be good for a couple of years, but the curling and skating rink need some repairs, with the curling rink needing immediate attention.

It was agreed that the curling rink association is doing as much as possible to help with costs by fundraising and renting out the facilities.

CAO Flint noted that the challenge involves balancing dollars and the needs that the council is expected to deal with, adding that the curling rink needs hundreds of thousands of dollars in work, the skating rink needs a new ice plant, ground structures such as water and sewer lines need attention and the rising replacement costs for sidewalks.

Deputy Mayor Ron Checkel suggested if funding was reduced by half, in two years these community services would be gone.

CAO Flint remarked that

he was "aware that it does hurt community groups," noting that there may be a loss of volunteers and services but "if we don't have the facilities to work in we will not be able to help in any way. So it's a double-edged sword."

Cutting back on community funding a little bit is "not an attack on the community groups, it's just we have a lot of obligations as a municipality, that we seem to be not prioritizing those issues as much as we should be," said the CAO.

It was suggested by Coun. Stannard that the decision be left for this year and that associations should be given notice about these talks so they don't get caught off-guard.

Checkel agreed, suggesting that council wait for the master plan before pondering cuts.

A motion was passed to table budget discussions until the next council meeting.



Not common at all was the two-headed calf born dead on the Brett Twa farm near Talbot, Alta. A rare phenomenon, research indicates that two-headed offspring is directly related to the formation of identical twin embryos early in pregnancy where two identical embryos did not fully divide.

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# Fees for false alarms noted

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### Ice Season is Over

Councillors perused Community Services Facilities Manager Kevin Olsen's report, which noted several major ice facilities, such as the curling rink and arena, had their ice taken out. It was noted the arena was being prepared for the lacrosse group to start up.

It was also noted town staff are preparing for a drought summer, including irrigation systems and planting; all summer staffing is in place.

Staff were hoping that within a week the baseball diamonds would be ready for use; minor ball was already active indoors. Staff noted there's been talk of a major upgrade for the Triplex diamonds.

It was noted the community centre kitchen project hasn't gone according to plan as some necessary parts haven't arrived yet. Groups using the kitchen have adapted to the issues though and the CAO noted the Town of Hanna is recognizing this.

### Public Works report

Councillors read the regular report of Brent Olesen, director of public works, illustrating his department is fully preparing for spring and summer. Olesen stated Public Works has been filling potholes and working on road patches.

One of the first spring jobs usually performed by Public Works, street sweeping of

the winter sand and dust build-up, will be somewhat delayed reported Olesen.

He noted the street sweeper was currently in Calgary getting inspected; he hoped the vehicle would be back soon and sweeping could be started within two weeks.

### Fire Department update

Fire Chief Dave Mohl presented his regular report to councillors, noting the first quarter of the year was relatively quiet, which he said was unusual.

It was noted in Mohl's report that in the quarter Hanna Fire Department responded to nine calls in town, with five of them being medical assist.

During discussion Coun. Angie Warwick noted the five false alarms the fire department responded to; she wondered what caused these and what could be done to prevent them.

As councillors discussed the issue, it was pointed out some of the false alarms are security systems; or smoke alarms going off because of somebody's cooking.

The CAO noted some municipalities

actually have fees for false alarms, but the Town of Hanna doesn't have that in its bylaw.

Councillors accepted all senior management reports as information.

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MAIL BAG

# Proposed wind farm stretches to viewscapes of Battle River valley and Huber Dam

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed Craig Lake wind farm project sponsored by ATCO. The proper name might be the Huber dam project. Project details and ATCO contacts are on the County of Paintearth website.

The project location can be described as follows: Huber Dam is at the north end of the project and Fleet is at the south end. It extends east and west, approximately three miles. The project is partially in the broad deep Battle River watershed/valley on the north and in the south, the shallow flat Sounding Creek watershed.

Communities value their river views for their beauty. The visual impact of wind turbines in the Battle River Valley Watershed would have far reaching implications beyond immediate landowners, affecting panoramic views and disrupting natural landscapes for generations.

The Battle River valley houses unobstructed, large scale, vistas in our county as well as the County of Flagstaff across the river. Across the valley I can see Alliance's elevators 40 miles away. They will certainly be able to see our wind towers as will Fleet, Federal, Castor, Coronation, Brownfield and beyond.

Huber Dam is a well-known camping and fishing campsite. Towers are close and in the line of sight for both the sunset and sunrise. It will not enhance its attractiveness to be inside a wind farm.

The provincial government has specified pristine viewscapes, specifically those close to the Canadian Rockies or foothills, should be protected.

While pristine viewscapes are hard to define, one that obviously gets an A+ value is the Battle River Valley in the County of Paintearth.

Perhaps we should declare locally that the Battle River Valley has the

same consideration and protection and inform the province of this. Affected only by mixed farming operations, I would consider the valley to be a pristine viewscape.

A public meeting with ATCO is scheduled for Thurs. April 25, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. with followup questions from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m., at the Castor Legion.

As this publication prints the next edition on that day, people learning of this for the first time may not have an opportunity to attend so I will write a further letter to the editor following the meeting.

I am a non-participating landowner in the project area.

From my point of view, the project will decrease my land values as well as destroying a magnificent view.

I realize there are many wind projects in the county, too many! Many unique viewscapes have been ruined.

Personally, I don't want it to happen to this one. I do not want to look into the valley and have my view screened by wind towers.

L. Wetter  
Fleet, Alta.

## MAIL BAG — Relief found

Dear Editor,

• RE: Howard Helton – Village of Morrin – RCMP (2)

For quite some time I have not bothered to become involved in Village business. Lynn and I have resigned ourselves to the fact that the Village has no intention of repairing our sewer.

This year the sewer will celebrate a birthday of some 60-plus years. As caregivers, we are very gentle and understanding. We provide relief in the form of using other sewer facilities as often as possible to lessen the burden on this ageing infrastructure.

Turn to Tread, Pg 7



# Sunshine Club hosts last bingo after 52 years

Submitted

Coronation Designated Supportive Living (DSL), formerly called Assisted Living, held a Volunteer Tea on Wed. April 17 together with the local Sunshine Ladies Club holding their last bingo at DSL after 52 years!

DSL residents, Long Term Care (LTC) residents and volunteers participated.

The Sunshine club originated in 1962/64. Bubbles Bullick is the remaining charter member with other members being Marie Woody, Pat Watson, Teresa Gerber and Terry Perry.

In 1972 the club started doing monthly bingos at DSL, providing lunch and welcome visits for our residents and Long Term Care residents.

The Sunshine Club members are thankful for Marie Woody for faithfully carrying on with bingo during COVID times when few helpers were available.

Residents and staff are thankful for the years of commitment to their facility.

The meaning of the metaphor 'You are my Sunshine'...the person makes you feel warm, bringing light to your life and puts you in a better mood!

This was accomplished during the time the Sunshine Club served DSL and LTC residents in Coronation.



Fifty-two years hosting regular bingos at Coronation Designated Supportive Living (DSL) formerly known as Assisted Living, by the Sunshine Club came to an end on Wed. April 17. Members, from the left, special helper, Linda Bossert, Marie Woody and Pat Watson and seated, Bubbles Bullick. Missing were Teresa Gerber and Terry Perry.

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# Construction on Crowfoot sanitary force main

Cont'd from Pg 3

Attention will then shift to the ground mount and panel work, which is expected to take three to four weeks, weather depending.

The report states that electricians will begin work once electrical components are received, and there will be some power shutdowns at the site while connection is done at various buildings.

“Terralta’s electrical foreman will coordinate with county personnel to minimize downtime and operational impacts” noted the CAO report as each building is expected to take approximately four hours to connect.

Shutdown of power for a full day at the PW site is anticipated and as noted “Terralta will coordinate with ATCO on this, with a two week notice to schedule the transformer swap and new service tie-in.”

the process for a four to six hour shutdown that will be required to tie in the electrical components to the solar system.

### Sanitary force main project

Construction started on the Crowfoot directional bore sanitary force main project on April 15.

A force main is a pressurized sewer pipe that transports wastewater from a lower to a higher elevation. In contrast to ‘gravity sewers’ force mains are used in areas where the pipes

are too low to rely on gravity, requiring a pump to move the material. The county has granted permission for work crews to reside on-site at Crowfoot industrial subdivision for the project which is expected to take six to eight weeks.

It was noted in the CAO report that “part of the benefit in allowing this presence onsite, where materials are being stored is to discourage theft, by way of having multiple workers present at all times.”

## ‘Tread lightly’ advice

Cont'd from Pg 6

Morrin council received a complaint about a CCAN on our property and subsequently passed a resolution in the December 2023 meeting that I Howard Helton violated the Land Use Bylaw.

In January 2024 I received a letter advising that a tarp-covered CCAN was to be removed in 90 days or the RCMP would enforce the bylaw. I was invited to respond which I did.

I informed council that the structure was similar to several structures in the Village and had been in place since September 2005. Also, I invited council to come and observe the structure or allow me to present in a council meeting.

CAO Plachner denied both requests.

Subsequently, I requested a copy of the letter of complaint presented to council which formed the basis of their resolution of non-compliance. Again, I was refused this request.

I responded, in part, by expressing my disappointment with their continued disregard for procedures and my access to council and would have to see council at places such as coffee or church if I had questions regarding Village activities.

Fast forward to the regular council meeting Wed. April 17, 2024. Lynn and I attended as there had been several suggestions, one at the behest of Mayor Hall’s wife on Facebook that if folks want to know what is going on in the Village – attend meetings.

All went well until council moved into the closed session portion of the agenda. Subsequently, Lynn and I left the council chambers and closed the door. The four other attendees left the building and went their separate ways. As was the protocol, when I served as councillor and mayor,

attendees usually waited in the public area of the Village office if they intended to re-enter the meeting when recalled after council moved out of closed session.

Shortly, Deputy Mayor MacArthur came out and inquired, “Why are you still here”? I explained we were waiting to return to the regular portion of the meeting. She said it was over and, as council was in closed session, we had to leave the building so as not to be able to eavesdrop through the wall of council chambers. I refused her demand. This led to Mayor Hall and CAO Plachner entering to reinforce Deputy MacArthur’s demand. I did not feel they had the authority to eject us from the Village office. (Wednesday evening at this time was cold and windy).

In my view, if council has a problem with porous walls, it is their responsibility to deal with it more appropriately than tossing the public into the cold. Council then decided to adjourn the meeting and we left.

The next day, April 18, 2024, I was visited by the RCMP enquiring as to my recollection of the above experience. I was under the impression that they had been notified by the Village.

The RCMP also informed me they had received a 911 call reporting that some persons in the Village were feeling threatened and afraid as a result of my actions.

Although the officer was not specific, the only event I could think of was my conversation earlier in the day, April 18, at the Seniors’, with a Village councillor where I had asked for an explanation as to why I was being refused the letter of complaint I have requested.

I have been advised to ‘tread lightly’.

*Howard Helton,  
Morrin, Alta.*

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MORRIN COUNCIL

# Village council may fine former mayor over CCAN

Stu Salkeld  
Local Journalism  
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Morrin village council may send a peace officer to a former mayor's home over a metal storage container that's forbidden in the municipality's residential areas. The resolution to enforce CCAN rules was made at the April 17 regular meeting of council.

Councillors heard a verbal report from village Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Annette Plachner regarding a public complaint about a trans-modal shipping container, a large metal storage unit commonly referred to as a CCAN, located on the residential property of former Morrin mayor Howard Helton.

Plachner presented a copy of the village's Land-Use Bylaw (LUB) which was read aloud by Coun. Lorraine MacArthur; the LUB states CCANs are not permanently permitted in residential areas, only temporarily while construction is underway.

MacArthur stated Helton was previously sent a letter warning him his CCAN must be removed.

Plachner added that it's been over 90 days since the letter was sent and the CCAN is still sitting there.

In a phone interview April 18 Plachner told the ECA Review several months ago the village received a complaint from the public that Helton had a tarp-covered CCAN on his residential property; the CAO noted a warning letter sent to Helton gave him 90 days to move the storage container.

Plachner also stated it appears no effort has been made to remove the container.

The CAO stated that when Helton was on village council he voted in favour of having two other village residents remove CCANs from their residential property; councillors also conducted a survey at that time and the majority of Morrin residents opposed CCANs in residential areas.

Plachner pointed out even if a CCAN is covered by a tarp it's still not allowed to be there and added there are other storage options such as wooden sheds that residents can use.

Helton attended the April 17

meeting in person but wasn't on the agenda as a delegation.

Contacted April 18 by phone, he confirmed he received a warning letter months ago from the Village of Morrin informing him the CCAN on his property must be removed. The former mayor requested a copy of the original complaint against him but he never received it.

Helton noted there has been no enforcement so far but the village's letter did suggest if the CCAN wasn't removed, fines may be involved.

### Confrontation

A confrontation occurred near the end of the Village of Morrin council meeting related to one of the final business items that night: a closed session.

Readers should note closed session is a private part of the meeting protected by privacy laws where only the CAO, councillors and invited guests may attend. All others, including media, are required to leave the meeting; a resolution must be passed to enter closed session, no other resolutions may be passed unless closed session is ended and councillors re-enter the regular meeting.

Morrin councillors voted to enter closed session at about 8 p.m.

Helton stated in a phone interview April 18 he left the council chambers as expected and stepped into the front entrance area of the village office; readers should note the council chambers and front entrance are adjacent each other separated by a door.

Helton noted he stayed in that area because the council meeting wasn't over yet.

Helton stated Coun. MacArthur came out of the council chambers and told

him councillors were in closed session and that he should leave because the meeting was over.

Helton, however, disagreed, noting the council meeting was not over. Helton stated he told MacArthur the front entrance was a public place to which he was entitled.

At this point Helton stated Mayor Chris Hall and the CAO came out of the council chambers and said much the same thing MacArthur had said to him.

In an April 18 phone call Plachner told the ECA Review Helton was asked to leave the village office for privacy reasons.

"Lorraine asked him very nicely to leave," said Plachner. She explained the council chamber walls are thin and someone standing in the front entrance area may be able to hear closed session discussions.

Helton disputes that he was eavesdropping but rather waiting in the public area for closed session to end.

When asked if he was eavesdropping Helton said, "Of course not. That's the public area." He added that if the public is waiting for closed session to end they shouldn't be asked to wait on the street.

The CAO confirmed councillors went back into their chambers, exited closed session without discussing anything and adjourned the meeting.

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# Audited 2023 financial statement approved

*Stu Salkeld  
Local Journalism Initiative reporter  
ECA Review*

Stettler county council approved their 2023 financial statements after a presentation by the official auditor. The presentation was made at the April 9 regular meeting of council.

Gitzel & Co. representative Peggy Weinzierl presented the results of the audit which it was noted was conducted under accepted accounting practices and with the help of municipal staff.

Near the beginning of her presentation the auditor predicted there wouldn't be much in the audit that came as a surprise to councillors.

The auditor stated the County of Stettler's cash was up a bit in 2023 and surplus was up a bit too then added that taxes receivable, or unpaid taxes, were down considerably. She explained that was partly due to writing off uncollectable debts.

As she gave her report councillors were invited to ask questions but only a few were asked. One of the questions that generated the most discussion came from Coun. James Nibourg when the auditor discussed taxes receivable.

Nibourg asked the auditor about dividing taxes receivable into unpaid taxes from the oil and gas industry from everybody else.

The auditor acknowledged the County of Stettler has very little unpaid tax that isn't oil and gas industry.

Nibourg continued that he feels the County of Stettler does a good job of collecting its taxes but if a few large oil and gas taxpayers don't pay their bill it skews the results.

The County Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Yvette Cassidy stated that she also feels the municipality does a good job of collecting taxes but that, due to certain Government of Alberta rules, there is only so far a municipality can go to collect such unpaid debts.

The auditor pointed out the importance of oil and gas property taxes to the County of Stettler. "Linear taxes is still a big part of your revenue," said Weinzierl. Readers may be aware "linear" generally refers to oil and gas pipelines plus associated structures.

Reeve Larry Clarke observed that unpaid oil and gas industry property taxes isn't a problem unique to the County of Stettler; a number of other municipalities also face this issue.

After presenting the financial statements councillors elected to move into closed session to discuss private matters with the auditor. After about 20 minutes, councillors left closed session and re-opened the public meeting.

The councillors had no problems

with the 2023 audited financial statements, as after re-opening the public meeting they immediately and

unanimously approved the documents as they were presented by the auditor.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 only once.

Each 3x3 box is outlined with a darker line. You already have a few numbers to get you started. Remember: you must not repeat the numbers 1 through 9 in the same line, column or 3x3 box.

Answer to puzzle is on page 2.

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### Paintearth Gas Co-op Ltd.

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Service Person Position

Paintearth Gas Coop Ltd. is seeking to add to our team to fill a full-time Service Person position. Seeking an individual with any of the following training as a preference; certification as a Gas Utility Operator, Apprentice or Licensed Gas Fitter. We are willing to train the right candidate.

Our office is in Castor, Alberta and we provide natural gas service to a large surrounding area.

Our Coop is a mix of industrial, commercial, agricultural, rural and urban residential customers.

If you are looking for a challenging career working with modern day technology and willing to attend training courses this could be the opportunity for you.

Candidates should have good written and oral communication skills and enjoy working with the public. Preference will be given to individuals who have knowledge of software applications for GPS/GIS, Utility Billing, gas utility operation, equipment operation and General Office computer applications. General current safety tickets will be considered an asset. After a successful probation period you will be required to be on call on a rotational basis.

Our Coop offers a competitive salary, which is dependent on the qualifications and training of the applicant, along with a benefit and pension plan. Applicants must hold at a minimum a valid Class 5 driver's license. The successful applicant must provide a current Driver License abstract.

Resumes and salary expectation may be submitted by email to Paintearth Gas Coop Ltd., Att. General Manager at [scott@paintgas.ca](mailto:scott@paintgas.ca) or drop off in person at our office.

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Deadline for Application: Tuesday April 30, 2024

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### Administrative position

in our team. This would be the first Administrative position so flexibility will be key. Duties are likely to include:

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Must take initiative and be able to work unsupervised. Be confident in Google and/or Word platforms, especially spreadsheets. Competitive wages based on experience and ability.

Forward your resume & references to us: [durabullprojects@gmail.com](mailto:durabullprojects@gmail.com)

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

### ESTATE OF Gary Allen Jensen who died on March 26, 2024

If you have a claim against this estate, you must file your claim with the undersigned by June 1, 2024 and provide details of your claim to: Schnell Hardy Jones LLP, Barristers and Solicitors, Attention: Trista D. Carey at 504, 4909 49th Street, Red Deer, AB T4N 1V1.

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### DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY NOTICE OF DECISION

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED BY THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

DEVELOPMENT AREA	APPLICATION NUMBER	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF PROJECT	DECISION	APPEAL PROCESS
Special Area No.2	SA2-01-24	SE-35-21-09-W4	Remove Existing Kitchen Building & Build 52' x 270' Kitchen Building (AMENDED)	APPROVED	Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (Note 1)

Persons claiming to be affected by decisions of the Development Authority may appeal within twenty-one (21) days after notice of decision.

Note 1: Appeal by serving written notice to the Secretary of the Special Areas Subdivision and Development Appeal Board.  
Note 2: Appeal to the Land and Property Rights Tribunal by submitting the **Notice of Appeal Form** found at [alberta.ca/subdivision-appeals.aspx](http://alberta.ca/subdivision-appeals.aspx)

Further information regarding the above may be obtained from the Special Area No. 2 District Office, Hanna, Alberta.

Brett Richards, Development Officer

OBITUARIES

# A man full of ideas, community projects

John Wesley Oberg was born Jan. 26, 1947 at Galahad Hospital to Wilmer and Donna (Bish) Oberg. He passed away from cancer, aged 77, on Feb. 27, 2024 at Daysland Hospital.

A memorial was held on March 24 at the Forestburg Community Centre.

He leaves to mourn his passing his children Carla Oberg Yorke and Pierre (Kristina) Oberg, his granddaughter Winter Oberg, the mother of his children René Neumann, his siblings Dianne Oberg (Marty Taylor), Gerry (Gloria) Oberg, Allen Oberg (Mariette Forseille), Marion Oberg Riise (Ken Riise), dear friend Colleen Brodyk, a large extended family and friends far and wide.

John was the second child in a family of five and grew up on the family farm east of Forestburg, Alta. The three oldest children, Dianne, John and Gerry were very close in age. They rode the Merlyne Baird bus to Forestburg School, taking lunches in their jam cans until they proved they could be trusted to move up to "regulation" lunch kits.

The family lived in a lot of places in those early days. In the late 1950s their Oberg grandparents retired to town and the family, now including a baby brother Allen, moved into their residence on the farm – finally a house with power and running water!

John and Gerry began helping out on the farm when quite young with

chores and operating trucks and equipment.

In high school they did most activities together – participating in school sports, curling competitively, 4-H, attending dances and parties. They were "those Beatles boys" – John altered some jackets and jeans in Beatle style, and the two of them wore their outfits, complete with the boots and the haircuts, pretty much every weekend to dances in the area.



Oberg

After high school, John trained as a power engineer. He married René

Neumann in 1965, and they had two children, Carla and Pierre.

The family moved to Edmonton where John worked for Edmonton Power and René took her Education degree. In 1973, they came back to Forestburg to join his dad on their cattle and grain operation.

John began farming with his brother Allen in 1980; their partnership in Prairie Hall Farms endured for more than 40 years. The past few years John was taking more time for interests outside of the farm, but he was still actively farming.

John worked to make things better, whether it was improvements on the farm or contributing his time and resources to organizations. This included serving as provincial co-ordinator of the National Farmers Union; being a founding board member of

Battle River Producer Car Group and subsequently Battle River Railway; and volunteering on train excursions with the Friends of the Railway. He was a long-time member of the Masonic Lodge.

He was a man full of ideas; he loved to design and work on projects in the community. This included the Community Centre gazebo, converting the former Youth Centre to a train station and office space for the Battle River Railway, and preserving the former Alberta Wheat Pool/Agricore elevators that still grace the village skyline.

Family and friends were very important to John. He was a kind and thoughtful dad to Carla and Pierre, grandad to Winter, and a supportive son, brother, uncle and cousin.

John had many interests in life, such as ballroom dancing, classical and choral music, playing piano, and collecting art. He loved to socialize; he

renovated and added to his home to accommodate entertaining. He hosted the Oberg clan for Christmas Eve lute-fisk for 39 years running, helped organize Bish reunions, and in summertime, he offered his garage, complete with chandelier, for barbecues.

He and Colleen loved to travel in Europe, the U.S. and Canada, often visiting friends and relatives along the way.

**Card of Thanks**

The family would like to thank the Daysland Hospital staff for their attentive care of Dad and Grandad; the community for the many kindnesses shown to John and his family throughout his illness and after his passing; all those who assisted with the memorial; and everyone who attended the memorial, sent cards, flowers or food, called, shared hugs, or made a donation in John's memory.

# Great supporter of community

**Malcolm Ian Sinclair**

**April 12, 1926 – April 10, 2024**

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Mac, loving husband of 75 plus years to Jeanne.

Mac will be deeply missed by son Doug (Maryanne), daughter Bonnie (Norm), granddaughter Krista (Nik), grandsons: Brent, Matthew, Mackenzie (Kirsten), great granddaughter Katarina and loyal caregiver Shawna.

Mac was a favourite brother, brother-in-law, uncle and friend to all who knew and loved him.



Sinclair

Mac was a great community supporter involved in many community organizations including his lifetime membership in the Masonic Fraternity and Order of the Eastern Star.

Mac was an excellent athlete; playing and coaching baseball, hockey, curling and later golf, and as the years progressed, he became an avid arm-chair athlete enjoying those sports and more on TV.

He enjoyed travelling, spending winters in Arizona, camping and people. He always had a good story and a joke to share.

A celebration of Mac's life will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations are gratefully accepted to the Stettler United Church c/o P.O. Box 1027, Stettler, AB T0C 2L0, S.T.A.R.S. c/o 570-1441 Aviation Park NE, Calgary, Alta. T2E 9Z9 or a charity of the

donor's choice. To send condolences to the family, please visit [www.stettlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.stettlerfuneralhome.com).

Stettler Funeral Home & Crematorium were entrusted with the care and arrangements. For further information please contact 403-742-3422.

Please join in a Celebration of Life  
**Redford "Red" Peoples**  
**Friday, May 3, 2024 at 2:00 pm**  
 Followed by a light luncheon  
 Stettler Funeral Home, Stettler Alberta

*In Memory of*  
 Redford William  
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Redford passed peacefully on March 27, 2024 at the age of 90 and was laid to rest in the Stettler cemetery on April 4, 2024 after a private service attended by his loving family.

He is survived by his wife Noreen; daughters Crystal Selk, Angela Sosnowski, Juliette (Brent) Rosiechuk and Anita Merritt; grandchildren Darius (Beth) Selk, Scott Sosnowski and Gina Sosnowski; great grandchildren Havana Selk and Carson Selk.

Memorial donations may be made to Home Support Stettler and District Association, Box 2097, Stettler, AB T0C 2L0 or a charity of your choice.

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