

**Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI):**

The Municipal Sustainability Initiative, operated by the Province of Alberta, is a commitment by the Province to provide municipalities with conditional funding aimed at projects that will assist a municipality in ensuring sustainability and meeting the demands of new growth. Funding under this program is split into two categories, Capital and Operating. In order to be funded, a project must fit within set criteria, however Lac Ste. Anne County determines which projects are a priority and which will be applied for under this program. Below is a list of the projects that have been funded and completed by the County using MSI funding in 2008 & 2009:

Area Structure Plan—Alberta Beach/Onoway	\$ 55,000	Community Groups—Operating Expenses	\$100,000
Darwell Tank Loader	\$ 12,765	County Cemeteries	\$ 14,500
Emergency Services Generator	\$ 45,990	County Libraries	\$106,242
Gunn Regional Wastewater Force Main	\$ 24,670	Hillcrest Transfer Station	\$195,588
Mayerthorpe Airport Rehabilitation	\$ 6,013	Lessard Lake Campground Upgrades	\$263,387
Multi-Purpose Facility Study	\$ 20,000	Consultant Fees—Facility Projects	\$ 28,703
Public Works Equipment & Facility Upgrades	\$350,103	Off Highway Vehicle Safety Course	\$ 27,500
Sangudo Upgrades & Maintenance	\$128,800	Paddle River Bank Stabilization	\$ 75,000
Solid Waste Contract	\$ 10,000	Playground Inspections	\$ 1,975
Waste Management Vehicle	\$298,159	Protective Services Equipment & Expenses	\$184,488
Wastewater Lagoon Studies & Expansion	\$214,102	Recreation Software & Facility Maintenance	\$ 14,000
Weed & Brush Control Equipment	\$410,268	Road Upgrades	\$ 27,000
WILD Water Commission	\$ 50,988	Sangudo Water Meters	\$ 6,636

**Community Agency Funding Available**

Lac Ste. Anne County administers a variety of grant programs which provide funding to numerous community groups for a range of facilities, programs, services, activities, and events. The ***Lac Ste. Anne Family & Community Support Services (FCSS)*** is a partnership between Alberta Children’s Services, Lac Ste. Anne County, Town of Onoway, Village of Alberta Beach, and Summer Villages of Sunset Point, Sandy Beach, Ross Haven, Val Quentin, Silver Sands, Yellowstone, Sunrise Beach, and South View. The FCSS grant provides funding to programs/services that enhance the social well-being of individuals and families including, but not limited to, parent-child development activities; support services for young school age children; parenting & family life education; retirement planning; programs enhancing self-awareness and personal growth; self-help socialization activities; education & information services; volunteer recruitment and training; and resources to support volunteers, etc. LSAC also provides funding to a variety of community agencies through our ***Lac Ste. Anne County Recreation & Culture Grant***, which primarily assists recreation and culture facilities with operational and maintenance expenses. The ***Community Enhancement Fund*** (available to projects serving ratepayers from Divisions 1&2) is also available. The dollars from this grant program are derived from a portion of accumulated aggregate levy payments for gravel extracted within Divisions 1 and 2 of the County and the funding can be accessed for capital and/or operational projects (however priority will be given to capital projects). The ***Lac Ste. Anne County Library Grant*** is available to area libraries to provide opportunities for increased services and programs within the libraries. LSAC is also a partner with ***Whitecourt/Lac Ste. Anne Support for Adult Learning*** which provides grant dollars to community groups offering adult education opportunities. For more information about how your community group can apply for grants, please contact the Recreation/FCSS Department.



**NEWSLETTER**  
**February 2010**

**Message from the Reeve:**

During the past two years or so, our local newspapers and the Internet have been rife with letters and comments from a self-appointed citizens committee arising from two subdivisions located near a proposed gravel development on Highway 37 just east of Onoway.

Having plentiful, accessible local gravel deposits is by far our most important industrial economic resource in the county. Hauling gravel is becoming increasingly expensive; according to a 10-year-old Provincial study, the cost of gravel doubles for every 35 miles it has to be hauled. (This cost would be even greater with today’s fuel prices.) The County uses as much as 3 million dollars worth of gravel yearly when obtained locally. In addition, the gravel industry supplies a substantial part of the income of approximately 100 families, and we are able to buy our gravel at bargain prices because of its local availability. If we lost this industry, our taxes would likely double or triple. We would no longer be a viable municipality. This citizen committee, of course, denies that shutting down the industry is their aim, but the extreme restrictions on the industry that they are advocating would likely have this effect.

I am not suggesting that County residents should not have a significant say in our land-use policies and how we regulate the gravel industry. Our current land-use policies (established in 2003) are the result of extensive consultation with the public by a committee consisting of elected officials, industry representatives and a substantial group of local residents who conferred for several months, including several public meetings. In addition, the prescribed application process includes continuing public consultation. Our process has been widely admired and imitated by other municipalities, especially as it relates to the gravel industry.

However, the assumption is that the public input will be honest, civil and reasonable, and will follow the rules and procedures of our established land-use framework.

**Responsible** public commentary by our County residents will always be useful.

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**OFFICE HOURS:**

MONDAY to FRIDAY: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
(Closed 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. for lunch)

The office is closed on all Statutory Holidays or the Monday following the Statutory Holiday.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*“To instill in County residents pride in the past, confidence in the present and excitement for the future”*

# Public Works

## Snow Plow Flag Policy

Lac Ste. Anne County will continue to offer driveway snow plowing to rural residents throughout the winter season for **\$25.00** per flag. Note that driveways and approaches must be clear of all obstacles and must be a minimum clearance of 16' wide and 18' high for our equipment to come in. Phone-in requests will only be considered when a grader is in the immediate area and will be provided at a cost of **\$40.00** per clearing. Therefore, please ensure you have purchased a flag at an outlet as the County will **not send a grader back** to plow a driveway on a "phone-in" request. Note that at the end of a major snowfall, opening of roads takes priority and normally will take 3 days; therefore plowing of driveways will not occur until the 4<sup>th</sup> day or later. Other arrangements should be made if you require your driveway plowed sooner. Please check our website for flag sale locations or call our office at 1-866-880-5722.



## Roadway Safety—Important Notice!

Lac Ste. Anne County is responsible for maintaining its' roadways as safely and efficiently as possible. In this regard Public Works personnel work diligently to ensure roadways are kept free of snow and ice in the winter months. To assist in keeping our roadways safe, we request that, if you are clearing your driveways and/or approaches, please ensure that all snow and ice are pushed as far away from the shoulder and roadway as possible and no ridges remain along the road shoulder as these obstructions become very hazardous for vehicles traveling our roadways. As Canadian society has become more litigious lately with more and more liability claims, adherence to this request will assist in preventing legal action should the snow be left on the shoulder or roadway and an accident occurs. Lac Ste. Anne County has a bylaw outlining specific monetary penalties (fines) for those contravening this practice and this bylaw is in place and enforceable. Should you have further questions or concerns regarding this or any other matter, please feel free to contact the Public Works Department at 1-866-880-5722.



## **IMPORTANT:**

**Water is a precious commodity.** Before diverting and using surface water in Alberta, a license must be obtained under the Province's Water Act. Lac Ste. Anne County contracts Mountain View Holdings to ensure safety on County roads by suppressing the dust when we are hauling gravel, applying dust control etc. The County *only* diverts water on a short time basis and all utilized water sources are approved by Alberta Environment where a withdrawal will have minimal impact on the aquatic environment. If you notice the trucks diverting water, please ensure that you are courteous and if you have concerns, please contact our office at 1-866-880-5722. Your cooperation is appreciated.

## Land Access & Approach Concerns

**DID YOU KNOW** that Lac Ste. Anne County has no obligation to provide any property with road access? It is a condition of the subdivision process for a developer to provide approach access to all subdivided parcels in accordance with the requirements set out by the Public Works Department. If you are selling or purchasing a property in the County without access or an approach, please contact the Public Works Department prior to ensure **accurate disclosure** with regard to responsibility and cost.

## Parent Link Network (PLN)/Early Childhood Development Initiative (ECDI)



Lac Ste. Anne County is pleased to welcome Donna Kerr to our team. As your new PLN/ECD Coordinator, Donna will be providing quality, comprehensive, accessible, community-based programs and services for all families within the Lac Ste. Anne area. These services include early childhood development and care, family support, parent and family education, and the provision of information and referral assistance to caregivers. Information/resource kiosks are offered in the County office in Sangudo, the Onoway Public Library, and the Alberta Beach Municipal Library. Watch for our monthly events calendar coming soon! To find out more about PLN/ECD and what programs, activities and events are coming to your area, please contact Donna (office hours are Mon, Wed, Fri 9-3 and Tues 9-11). We hope to see you and your family at one of our events soon!

## CAMPING & DAY USE FACILITIES



Lac Ste. Anne County owns and operates several camping and day use facilities --- right here in our own back yard! The **Lessard Lake Public Campground** and the **Lessard Lake Outdoor Education Centre (OEC)** are located on the shores of Lessard Lake. The Campground has scenic treed and lakeshore sites and offers a combination of serviced and non-serviced sites. The OEC boasts a beautiful setting for family reunions, weddings, company gatherings, youth camps and more! Included in its rental are 8 cabins with a sleeping capacity of 48, main lodge complete with commercial range, fridge and BBQ's, and a stunning new fireplace constructed in 2009 (with the generous support of Galleon Energy). Also included is an open area for camping. These facilities share a new washroom/shower facility (opened in August/09), playground, sani-dump, and nearby boat launch. The **Sangudo Riverside Campground & Day Use Area** is a charming campground situated on the Pembina River within the Hamlet of Sangudo. It is the perfect spot to stay while participating or watching ball tournaments, stock car racing, the rodeo, or if you just want to relax and enjoy a sunny day. Adjacent to the campground are the Arena, Race Track, Ball Diamonds, and new Skateboard Park and Playground (thanks to the community volunteers and Sangudo Economic Development Committee for their dedication to this project!). Contact us to find out more information on County facilities, day use areas, and boat launches! **Other points of interest** to check out within the County include: George Pegg Botanic Garden, Paddle River Dam, Rochfort Bridge Trestle, Sharman Fieldstone House, the many golf courses & museums, as well as numerous community fairs and events that occur throughout the year.



## **PROPERTY TAX DEADLINE:**

Please be reminded that Lac Ste. Anne County's property tax deadline is **June 30<sup>th</sup>**. Watch for your property tax notice to be mailed out in May.

## SURVEY RESULTS:

In late August the County mailed out a four (4) question survey to County ratepayers. We also advertised this survey in all local papers, requesting anyone who did not receive a survey to contact the office to have a survey sent to them, and posted the survey on our website. From August until the end of December 2009, the County received over 1,500 survey responses back from County ratepayers, which is roughly a 27% response rate. That is truly amazing, and we want to thank all of you who provided us with valuable feedback. The table below indicates the results of the survey. For more details on the survey results, please contact the County office or visit our website.



OFFICE			TRAILS		REC. SITES/BUILDINGS			ROAD POLICY		
BUILD	RENO	2nd Opinion	YES	NO	NATURAL	REC	NO	OIL	Upgrade	Gravel
73.6%	17.9%	8.5%	60.3%	39.7%	44.7%	21.5%	33.8%	48.7%	26.2%	25.1%

## KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH THE COUNTY:

Provincial Legislation governs the method by which each municipality must record and preserve landowner information pertaining to the properties within their jurisdiction.

Lac Ste. Anne County uses the information supplied by the Land Titles office on the existing certificate of title for each property within its' boundaries. All ownership changes including land transfers, marital name changes either by marriage or divorce, and survival of joint tenancy **must first be registered with the Land Titles Office** at Box 2380, Edmonton, AB T5J 2T3. The Land Titles Office is then obligated to forward the registered change that must be recorded in the municipality's records to the municipal jurisdiction where the property is located.

Address changes are accepted and recorded upon verbal or written request to the County, however, an address change request with Lac Ste. Anne County does not automatically update the records held by the Land Titles Office. **A formal written request for an address change on their forms is the only method accepted by the Land Titles Office.** These forms are available at Lac Ste. Anne County or on the Land Titles website at [www.servicealberta.gov.ab.ca](http://www.servicealberta.gov.ab.ca). Registering an address change with the Land Titles Office is not mandatory, however, we encourage all landowners to update their mailing address with the Registrar if their current address is different from the one recorded on their certificate of title. This small step will help to avoid the risk of not receiving notification of liens, caveats and other encumbrances that could or may be registered on your certificate of title held by the Registrar.

## Lac Ste. Anne Harbour Committee (formerly the Ste. Anne Recreational Lake Use Committee)

The Ste. Anne Recreational Lake Use Committee (SARLUC) has changed its name to the Lac Ste. Anne Harbour Committee (soon to be a Commission) and is comprised of elected members from Lac Ste. Anne County, the Village of Alberta Beach and the Summer Villages of Sunset Point and Val Quentin.

There have been some recent developments that will involve changes to the pier and boat launch in Alberta Beach. Engineering is currently being completed on a conceptual design, with a public open house to be held in the spring of 2010. Please watch your local papers for details.

## Dust Control

Lac Ste. Anne County will continue to offer calcium as dust control to rural residents in 2010. Requests will be available mid-March with a deadline of April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010. Please ensure that you watch the local papers, contact the County office or visit the County website if you are interested in this program. There is no guarantee that dust control will be available after the deadline.

All County residents are eligible to participate in the Dust Control program; however, in areas where residences are closer than 100 meters, it may be economical for all residents within the 100 meters to cost share the purchase. All applications submitted by neighbouring residents will be the sole responsibility of those involved and the application(s) **must** be accompanied by payment.

Lac Ste. Anne County will guarantee calcium as a dust suppressant for **one season** only, subject to approval by the Public Works Manager or his designate. Applications will be available upon request at the County office or on the County website at [www.gov.lacsteanne.ab.ca](http://www.gov.lacsteanne.ab.ca).

## SOLID WASTE - TRANSFER STATIONS & REGIONAL LANDFILL

Lac Ste. Anne County has a new Transfer Station located, at 54025 RGE RD 30, named Hillcrest Transfer Station. It is located on Range Road 30, about 2 kms (1 ¼ miles) south of secondary Hwy 633. It is open on Fridays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Sundays from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Mondays from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The hours for all other Transfer Stations remain unchanged. The new hours for the Regional Landfill at 55228 RGE RD 35, .04 kms (1/4 mile) south of Hwy 43 on Range Road 35, are Monday to Saturday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.



## AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD (ASB) AWARDS

**100 Year Homesteader Award:** The County recognizes farm families that have farmed on the same parcel of land (within Lac Ste. Anne County) for 100 years or more. We invite community groups or individuals to submit the names of farm families who may qualify for this distinction.

**Farm Family Award Nominations:** The ASB has participated with Edmonton Northlands since 1982 in nominating a Farm Family to receive the NORTHLANDS PARK FARM FAMILY AWARD. The ASB invites community groups or individuals to submit the names of farm families of their choice for consideration in 2010.

**Lac Ste. Anne Bursary Award:** One \$500.00 Bursary will be awarded in 2010. County students who are furthering or planning to further their education are encouraged to apply for same.

**Rural Beautification Contest:** Help keep the County beautiful and recognize the efforts of our residents who do so. Information will be available in June for our contest and our tour of the residences.

Categories include parcels: 2.5 – 20 acres, 21 – 79 acres, and 80+ acres



## 2010 is a Municipal Election Year.

Elections will be held in October 2010 and Nomination Day is 4 weeks prior to election day. If you are interested in being nominated as a candidate for the election, please contact the County office for more information. **Ratepayers are encouraged to participate and cast a vote in the October election!**

Watch the local papers and the County website for more information in the fall of 2010.

# DEVELOPMENT



## DID YOU KNOW?

- A Development Permit is required for any building that is greater than 10 sq. metres (120 sq. feet), except where exempted through Section 12 of the Land Use Bylaw 16-08.
- The development permit is the municipal approval and ensures zoning and setback requirements are met, and that the structure will comply with municipal regulations.
- The project, which is subject to development permit approval, must be completed within one (1) year after the date of issue of said permit.
- You are required to apply & obtain a commercial development permit if your business has any of the following criteria: Client traffic, External storage, or Employees.
- Any signage relating to the business will require a separate development permit (unless applied for with the initial application). Commercial or business license permits are assigned to the property; therefore, if your business relocates, a new business license will be required.
- Setback requirements for Named subdivisions can be found on our Country Residential (CR) schedule of land uses. Subdivisions have various setback requirements so be sure to check these setbacks prior to applying for the permit to build your structure.
- Setbacks for agricultural property are as follows:  
Front 40 m (131.2 ft), Rear 7.5 m (24.6 ft) and Side 6.0 m (19.7 ft)

(These distances are to be measured from the property lines. It is essential to be certain of setbacks for your sewage system as well)

Safety Codes has implemented new setbacks for sewage systems:

	Property Line	Water Source	Building	Septic Tank	Basement	Water Course
<b>Holding Tanks</b>	1 m (3.28 ft)	10 m (33 ft)	1 m (3.28 ft)			10 m (33 ft)
<b>Treatment Mounds/Field</b>	3 m (10 ft)	15 m (50 ft)	10 m (33 ft)	3 m (10 ft)	10 m (33 ft)	15 m (50 ft)
<b>Field System</b>	1.5 m (5 ft)	15 m (50 ft)	10 m (33 ft)	5 m (17 ft)	10 m (33 ft)	15 m (50 ft)
<b>Open Discharge</b>	90 m (300 ft)	50m (165 ft)	45m (150 ft)			45 m (150 ft)
<b>Lagoons</b>	30 m (100 ft)	30 m (100 ft)	45m (150 ft)			90 m (300 ft)
<b>Packaged Sewage Treatment Plants</b>	6 m (20 ft)	10 m (33 ft)	1 m (3.28 ft)			10 m (33 ft)

## SAFETY CODE PERMITS – WHY THE NEED?

- Obtaining all the Safety Code Permits (building, electrical, plumbing, gas, & private sewage permits) is a requirement of the Alberta Safety Codes Act.
- The Safety Codes Act, Alberta Building Code, and other applicable Codes and Standards regulate how buildings are designed, built, or renovated to protect the health and safety of the occupants.
- Safety code permits allow for completion within 90 days of issuance of permit approval.
- Time extensions may be applied for prior to the permit lapsing.

## SUBDIVIDING:

- Currently Lac Ste. Anne County Bylaws allow up to 4 titles to be created per quarter-section or river lot without a re-zoning application.
- A quarter-section can be subdivided into 2 –75 acre parcels and 2 small acreages (approx. 5 acres each) or 3 small acreage (approx. 5 acres each), and the remainder of the quarter-section.
- A subdivision application is valid for one year from the approval date.
- If required, a time extension maybe applied for prior to the permit lapsing.

## ENFORCEMENT/CONTRAVENTION ORDERS:

We are presently working on a number of clean-up orders throughout the County.

The County’s Land Use Bylaw 16-08 states:

- No more than two unregistered motor vehicles shall be permitted to be kept or stored on any residential parcel upon which a single detached dwelling or mobile home is located.
- No unregistered motor vehicle shall be allowed to be kept or stored on a residential parcel which does not have a dwelling located on it.
- Unsightly properties consist of unmowed lawns, abandoned tires, scrap metal, dilapidated buildings, old appliances, and abandoned vehicles.

The process for orders takes time as once a letter has been issued a time frame is given for the clean-up to be completed. If the clean-up is not completed within the allotted period, then the County will clean up the property however the clean-up costs are applied to the tax roll of the property.

For further information, visit the County website and follow the Development links.

## RURAL ADDRESSING

Rural addressing has been in Lac Ste. Anne County for over seven years. Having rural addresses in the County has been invaluable for dispatching emergency services, as well as helping visitors to navigate. In the intervening years since the inception of rural addressing you may have built or removed a dwelling or relocated your driveway. If this is the case you may need a new rural address. Please call the County office to have an address assigned. If you do work out an address on your own, please be advised that you still need to report this to and confirm your address with the County. Unreported addresses will not be added to the Emergency 9-1-1 network. If an address is not on the 9-1-1 network it could cause valuable time delays in dispatching help to your home. Please help keep the Emergency 9-1-1 database accurate.

## After-Hour Calls to the County Office

All after hours phone calls to the County Office will soon be directed to a call-answering service representative who will direct your concerns to the appropriate County department.

For all emergency calls please dial “911”.

