



Public Enemy #2 – Toadflax

PART ONE – WHERE DID IT COME FROM?



Welcome to Part One of a four-part series on the #2 Most Wanted weed in Saddle Hills County – toadflax.

In the next few weeks, we'll take you through the growth habits and background of this weed and how you can get the best of it. Be sure to follow along as we cover the Top 3 Most Wanted Weeds in the County, because we'll be having a contest to test your knowledge at the end, with some great prizes to be won!

Other Names: False flax, butter-and-eggs, yellow toadflax, common toadflax, narrow-leaved toadflax.

Origin: Toadflax was brought from Europe as an ornamental in the mid-1800s. It spread from flower gardens and is now a noxious and invasive weed across North America.

Life Cycle: Creeping-rooted perennial.

What Does It Look Like? Toadflax has a yellow snapdragon flower with an orange spot on the lip and narrow leaves that look like flax (hence the name toadflax). When there are no flowers, this weed can be difficult to locate, but if there has been an infestation in previous years, toadflax will continue to grow and spread in the same place until control measures are taken.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Director of Corporate Services

Saddle Hills County is a vibrant and progressive municipality located in northwestern Alberta, with offices located in Spirit River, Alberta. We are currently searching for an outgoing, self-motivated individual to fill the position of Director of Corporate Services. In addition, proven supervisory and interpersonal skills, as well as verbal and written communication skills will be the keys to success in this position.

Reporting to the CAO, the Director will be responsible for the financial service activities in compliance with the Municipal Government Act and municipal policies. As an integral member of the senior management team the Director will provide critical advice and guidance to the CAO, department heads and Council.

Your key initiatives include: plan, organize and manage the Corporate Services Department which includes finance, accounting, payroll, taxation, and records management; prepare and implement short and long-term goals and objectives consistent with Council's Strategic Plans; prepare the annual budget and financial statements; develop and implement financial controls; manage investments, project costing, assets, risk and records management practices.

A full position description is available upon request. We are looking for: knowledge of current financial practices, specifically those related to the public sector, management and supervisory skills, computer skills with particular emphasis in spreadsheets. Familiarity with Diamond Great Plains software is a definite asset. Above average analytical skills are required. An accounting designation or in the process of obtaining an accounting designation would be an asset. Other experience may be considered.

We offer an excellent compensation and benefits package including continuing education and professional development, as well as a healthy work-life balance.

If this opportunity is of interest to you, please forward your resume to the undersigned no later than January 31, 2008. We will respond to all applicants.

If you are proactive and ready for an exciting opportunity in a rural community, please submit your resume by e-mail, mail or fax in confidence to:

Tarolyn Peach, Chief Administrative Officer
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PO Box 69
Spirit River, AB T0H 3G0
Phone: 780.864.3760
Fax: 780.864.3904
Email: tpeach@saddlehills.ab.ca

Visit our website at www.saddlehills.ab.ca to learn more about our scenic rural municipality, which includes agricultural, industrial, residential and recreational opportunities.

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

The following development permits have been conditionally approved by Saddle Hills County, subject to the right of appeal to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. Anyone wishing to lodge an appeal against these developments must do so in writing, stating the reasons for the appeal by 4:30 p.m. on the appeal deadline.

Letters of appeal should be addressed to: Secretary, Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, Box 69, Spirit River, AB T0H 3G0

APPLICATION	67-DP-07
LOCATION	7-19-78-12-W6
DEVELOPMENT	Communication Tower
OWNER/DEVELOPER	Talisman Energy Inc.
APPEAL DEADLINE	January 16, 2008

Date: December 18, 2007

Notice of Application for Subdivision

Pursuant to Section 653(4) of the Municipal Government Act this notice is to advise you as an adjacent landowner of the following subdivision application:

Landowner: Richard & Marjory Erlendson
Subdivision Application No: 18-SH-07
Legal Description: SE 24-76-6-W6M
Proposed Land Use: Drainage Project

Further information may be obtained on this application by contacting the Development Officer at 864-3760. Written submissions regarding this application may be made to the subdivision authority until **January 25, 2008**.



Happy
New Year
from the
Council & Staff
at
Saddle Hills County

Gordondale's Annual Perogy Fest

February 9th, 2008

Advanced Prepaid Tickets Only
\$20 Per Person, \$10 For 6-12 Years
\$10.00 Senior Supper Only,
6 And Under - Free

Cocktails at 6 p.m., Supper at 7 p.m.
Dance 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Music By Presidio

Tickets available by calling Carla 353-2508 or
Cindy 353-2296. Get your tickets early!

Request for Proposal Municipal Planning Documents - Phase I -

The Town of Spirit River, The Municipal District of Spirit River and Saddle Hills County, are jointly seeking a professional planning consultant to assist the municipalities in the review and update of each of their Land Use Bylaws. Saddle Hills County will act as the group's managing partner.

This is considered Phase I of the Municipal Planning Document Project. Additional phases are anticipated in the future that will address Municipal Development Plans and Intermunicipal Development Plans for the municipalities involved.

Deadline for submission of proposals is January 15, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. For a copy of the Terms of Reference, please contact: Laurie Jackson, Manager of Planning and IT Services at (780) 864-3760. The lowest or any proposal may not necessarily be accepted.

A HAPPY WINTER THOUGHT

Only two months of
our year have an
average snowfall of 0 cm.
(June and July)

Environment Canada Climate Normals
1971-2000, for Grande Prairie, Alberta