



## 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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Spirit River, AB T0H 3G0  
Phone: 780.864.3760  
Fax: 780.864.3904  
Email: [tpeach@saddlehills.ab.ca](mailto:tpeach@saddlehills.ab.ca)

Visit our website at [www.saddlehills.ab.ca](http://www.saddlehills.ab.ca) to learn more about our scenic rural municipality, which includes agricultural, industrial, residential and recreational opportunities.

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**.



## Public Enemy #2 – Toadflax

PART TWO – HOW DOES IT SPREAD?



Toadflax flowers



Toadflax seedpods



Seeds in a seedpod



Toadflax seeds

In order to get the best of a weed, you have to know what you're up against. Knowing how the weed survives and spreads is the first step in learning how to control and eradicate it.

**How It Spreads:** Toadflax spreads by both seed and creeping rhizomatous roots. A plant can produce up to 30,000 seeds each year which survive in the soil for about 3 years. By far, the most prevalent method of reproduction and spread is through its creeping roots. A toadflax plant can have roots ten feet long, with daughter plants every few inches. Once toadflax has been allowed to establish, it is very difficult to permanently eradicate it.

**Where It Grows:** Toadflax colonizes disturbed or open ground very quickly. Tilled fields, bare ditches, seedling or old forage (e.g. creeping red fescue) stands and overgrazed pastures are ideal environments for this weed. Toadflax has difficulty infiltrating thick, healthy perennial forage stands due to intense competition. However, once established, it will choke out competing crop plants by denying them access to soil moisture.

**Why Get Rid of It?** Toadflax is the ultimate definition of a perennial weed. Once it establishes in cropland or pasture, it will not go away until aggressive and repeated control measures are taken. If left, toadflax will spread throughout the crop, causing severe yield losses. At a density of only 12 and 74 stems per square meter (about 1.2 and 7.4 stems per square foot), toadflax decreases canola and wheat yield by 20%. Also, the plant contains alkaloids that are moderately poisonous to livestock, decreasing the quality and palatability of hay. In addition to costs incurred by having this weed in your fields, it is also classified as a noxious weed by the Weed Control Act of Alberta, meaning landowners are required by law to control and eradicate the weed.

*Now that you know how toadflax survives and spreads, watch for Part Three of our series next week to find out how to manage this invasive weed.*

## 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.

\$1.3 Million Federal/Provincial Funding for

## Doe River Valley Reconstruction

The federal and provincial governments have announced that they will jointly invest more than \$1.3 million to reconstruct a key roadway that runs through the Doe River Valley in Saddle Hills County.

Township Road 805A provides access through the Doe River Valley and is within close proximity to the border between Alberta and British Columbia.

The road serves as a vital transportation link for local residents and is an established route for the movement of goods and services within the agricultural and industry-based resource community.

## 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