



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. Please find more details at www.saddlehills.ab.ca

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:

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Visit our website at 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**.



Add Your Events to the County's Community Calendar

Saddle Hills County is assembling a calendar and is looking for information from community halls and groups. If you would like contact information or your events to be a part of this calendar please contact Elizabeth at the County office (864-3760) or Councillor Barbara Buck (864-3014) before January 31.

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!

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	01-DP-08
LOCATION	SE 5-79-7-W6
DEVELOPMENT	Temporary Work Camp
OWNER/DEVELOPER	Trilogy Energy
APPEAL DEADLINE	January 29, 2008
APPLICATION	02-DP-08
LOCATION	Lot 17 & 21, Block 2, Plan 1124HW
DEVELOPMENT	Indoor Auto Sales Lot
OWNER/DEVELOPER	Marcel Anderson
APPEAL DEADLINE	February 5, 2008

Public Enemy #2 – Toadflax

PART FOUR - WHAT DOESN'T WORK?

Effective control of noxious weeds requires knowledge of how they grow and spread. Toadflax behaves differently than other noxious weeds like scentless chamomile, and management that may work for one weed will not necessarily work with another. The most important thing to remember with toadflax is that it spreads mainly through creeping roots and leaving even a small part of its root system alive will allow the weed to re-establish itself.

Below are some weed management strategies that should be reconsidered before using them with toadflax.

1. Mowing & Grazing – Mowing is an effective toadflax control strategy only if you do it every 3-4 weeks until the plants are weakened enough that a competitive crop stand will choke them out. Fertilizing your grass or forage stand will often help it to outgrow and outcompete the toadflax, killing it more quickly. Toadflax contains harmful compounds that are moderately poisonous to livestock, so trying to graze out this weed isn't recommended.

2. In-Crop Herbicides – Herbicides can be an important part of managing toadflax. The problem comes if they are the only management strategy being employed. The reason for this is that toadflax has survival mechanisms that allow it to endure most chemical controls. It has an extensive root system that is almost impossible to completely destroy with a single chemical application, as well as narrow, pointed leaves that shed herbicide, reducing its effectiveness. If toadflax is already established in your field, using an in-crop herbicide application alone is a waste of money. In-crop herbicides are rated only for suppression on toadflax, so to effectively get rid of the weed, you must combine your herbicide with fertilizing or reseeding your crop to help it outcompete and choke out the toadflax. Glyphosate is almost always the cheaper alternative. One way to remove toadflax from alfalfa is to wait

until the alfalfa is dormant in the fall but before the toadflax is dormant, and then spray the field with a high rate of glyphosate. This is very risky, as the window of effective spraying time is very narrow. If you spray too early, you will kill the alfalfa; too late and the toadflax won't be affected and you'll have wasted your money. Do not attempt this if you don't want to risk spraying out your alfalfa.

3. Biological Controls – There are two insects already established on toadflax populations in Alberta: *Mecinus janthinus*, a stem-mining weevil, and *Eteobalea serratella*, a root-mining moth. However, similar to scentless chamomile, these insects do not constitute a means of control and eradication on their own. They will reduce the spread of toadflax and weaken the plants, but other control strategies must be employed to actually get rid of the weed.

4. Tillage – In order to be effective against toadflax, multiple intensive tillage operations are required. Tilling only once will do more damage than good, as all you're doing is breaking apart the roots and spreading them throughout the field. Each root segment will then become a new plant and your patchy infestation will now cover the entire field. The problems with using tillage as your sole toadflax control are that a) the field cannot grow a crop when you're tilling every 3-4 weeks, which costs you money; and b) wind and water erosion often becomes more of a problem than the weed after you've deep-tilled your field 3 or 4 times in one season.

No matter how bad the situation seems, there is always a way to bring your weed infestations under control and stop losing yield and money. For more information or for help in developing a weed management plan tailored to your farm, contact your local agricultural fieldman. Also, be sure to stick around - we'll be back in February to cover Public Enemy #3 – Canada thistle.

Doe River Valley Re-Construction & Re-Alignment Project

Request for Proposal



Saddle Hills County is seeking Engineering proposals for Environmental Assessment, Preliminary Engineering, Environmental Considerations, Detailed Design, Tender Preparation and Construction Supervision & Final Detail for the Canada – Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Funded (CAMRIF) TWP Road 805A at Doe River Valley Re-construction (Re-alignment) Project. The particulars of which are contained in the Terms of Reference.

If your firm is able to commit the necessary resources to meet this schedule and to complete this assignment on behalf of the County, you are requested to send three (3) copies of your proposal no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, February 8, 2008.

For the full details on this Request for Proposal, please visit www.saddlehills.ab.ca