



# Talk of the Town

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## MAIN STREET BEAUTIFICATION - A HOT TOPIC

Main Street - conjuring up nostalgic thoughts and fond memories - is a place to stop for a chat, catch up on the news, meet a friend for lunch, shop, get the mail. It's where we have felt free to jay walk and cross the center line for decades. (Stop doing that - it's dangerous and illegal.) Main Street is our social hub of community bustle and business.

But, it ain't pretty. With the Main Street extension to the highway, we have become increasingly aware of what the street actually looks like upon entering. Some see a wide, barren, completely unappealing street - unfriendly even. Others see a great parking area, ipso facto more customers for better business.

Ideas have been brought forward and rejected. Trees on boulevards, ornamental light posts, a main street theme, parallel parking, a "pedestrian only" block, more visible signage, park benches, a centre-line boulevard and bump-outs. We tried planters on Main Street. That did not go well. How is it possible to back into something much larger than, say, a person jaywalking? Yet, it was made clear to us that people did not like the planters, and we accept that. We admit they did not look that great, especially after the vandals got through with them. Then, there are those who want to stick with the status quo, leaving things just as they are. Can there be a meeting of the minds? Is it possible that Main Street could be beautiful and practical? These are questions that Town Council and municipal planners have been grappling with. Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency has presented a plan at Municipal Government Day for two years running.

The time has come to move ahead with a Main Street Re-Development Plan. The extension to the highway makes it necessary. For consistency, the extension plan must include Main Street. First reading of Bylaw 921, which provides a framework for the CNR Lands and Main Street Area Re-Development Plan, was passed by council March 4, 2008. A Public Hearing regarding Bylaw 921 will be held June 17 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers located in the Provincial Building. This is your best opportunity to present your views and concerns about the future appearance of Main Street.

## BUILDING PERMITS

The Town of Fairview Land Use Bylaw governs building size, property line set-backs, and the use of buildings in certain areas. A Development Permit is required for new buildings, garages, additions to buildings or mobile homes. The cost is \$20 for buildings under \$25,000 and \$100 for all others. A permit is not required for garden sheds or fences, but sheds must meet set-back requirements and fences have height requirements and must not encroach on the neighbor's or town property.

## NORTH PEACE REGIONAL LANDFILL Hours of Operation

Effective May 1 - Oct. 2, 2008

Tuesday, Wednesday:	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday:	9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Friday, Saturday:	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday, Monday:	Closed
Statutory Holidays:	Closed

### Council

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### FCSS

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## LLOYD JOHNSTON'S GONE FISHIN'

On May 24<sup>th</sup> council, staff, colleagues and friends gathered to honour past CAO Lloyd Johnston on the occasion of his retirement. Lloyd and his wife, Ethel raised their two sons, Keith and Rob, in Fairview. The family has been very involved in community activities, especially hockey, soccer and baseball. After 21 years of work with Alberta Agriculture, Lloyd took over the Chief's job with the Town of Fairview when Larry Chorney announced his retirement in 1999. Lloyd aimed to build upon the good decisions and work done by previous councils and staff, and he did so successfully. Fairview remains a community we can all be proud of. Lloyd's biggest project was the building of the Regional Aquatic Centre. Financially, the timing was right, but the community could not agree on either the location or the indoor/outdoor nature of the facility. It was a tough time, but now we have a great facility. The first thing Lloyd and Ethel have planned for their retirement is a trip to Alaska. The beautiful fly rod presented to Lloyd as a gift from the Town will go a long way to enhance the Alaska Adventure. Congratulations Lloyd, we wish you joy and many great adventures during your retirement years.

Mayor, Council, Staff and Residents of the Town of Fairview

## HELLO AND GOODBYES

Please join us in welcoming our new Chief Administrative Officer, Dale Harrison. He and his wife Karen presently live in Peace River and plan to move to Fairview in June.

We bid a fond farewell to Municipal Intern Jeff O'Donnell. He is moving on to bigger and better things, having landed a job with the City of Edmonton.

Economic Development Officer Kamie Currie has submitted her resignation. Kamie served five years with Sirolli Enterprise Facilitation and two years as EDO for the Town and the M.D. 136 of Fairview.

Mike Collie, former Public Works Operator, has returned to his first love, Forestry. He is based in the Provincial Building, so we still get to see him!

## 2008 PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION

The combined 2008 Assessment and Property Tax Notices were mailed May 22. Your property tax notice includes municipal, education and, where applicable, local improvement taxes. Taxes are due June 30, 2008. A 15% penalty will be applied after that date. Failure to receive a tax notice is not considered sufficient reason for non-payment of property taxes. Assessment Appeals must be turned in, along with the applicable fee, by June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Municipal taxes are levied by adopted mill rate for the purpose of providing municipal services. Mill Rate x Assessed Property Value = Tax. One mill represents \$1 for every \$1,000 assessment value. The Town of Fairview collects education taxes on behalf of the province and the separate school board, as well as taxes for the North Peace Housing Requisition. These taxes are not subject to control or review by the Town. For information on tax matters, please contact the Town Office.

<p><b>FORGOTTEN JEWELS OF THE PEACE</b></p> <p>Did you know the Town of Fairview, M.D. of Fairview #136, Village of Hines Creek and Clear Hills County have joined forces to promote our Northwest corner of the province? A committee of council representatives and members-at-large is actively pursuing ideas and promoting events. Attractions and general information are being publicized by maps, brochures and a website. For more information, visit any of the municipal offices or <a href="http://www.forgottenjewelsofthepeace.com">www.forgottenjewelsofthepeace.com</a></p>	<p><b>FANTASTIC FAIRVIEW EVENTS</b></p> <p>June 14: - Rotary Good for Kids Golf Tournament - Kidsfest - Peace Classic Wheels Street Spectacular</p> <p>June 20 - Lions Old Time Country Music Festival - 22 - Fairview Amateur Rodeo and Parade</p> <p>July 1 - Canada Day Celebrations July 12 - FairCreek Golf Tournament July 26 - Fairview Fire &amp; Rescue for STARS Golf Tournament</p> <p>North Peace Bracket Racing Throughout the Summer!</p>	<p><b>Town of Fairview Contact Information</b></p> <p>Town Office: 780/835-5461 Fax: 780/835-3576 email: <a href="mailto:reception@fairview.ca">reception@fairview.ca</a> Website: <a href="http://www.fairview.ca">www.fairview.ca</a> Public Works: 780/835-4026 Fairplex: 780/835-2723 Aquatic Centre: 780/835-2812 NPR Landfill: 780/835-2576 Garbage Pick-up: 780/624-3183 Animal Control: 780/835-0563 or 780/596-2237 Public Library: 780/835-2613 Comments/Questions re newsletter: <a href="mailto:municipalsecretary@fairview.ca">municipalsecretary@fairview.ca</a></p>
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## HAVE A FABULOUS FAIRVIEW SUMMER!