



Water Pipeline on the Way

Much of this issue is about water, starting with the new pipeline.

After years of chronic shortages, the Village of Ferintosh will finally be connected to a safe and reliable source of water.



Crews working on the new water supply line north of Bashaw.

The Bashaw to Ferintosh Water Supply Line provides a temporary connection to an excellent source of water in the Town of Bashaw. Within a few years, this same pipeline will become part of the Highway 12/21 Regional Water System, bringing water from Stettler.

Both these projects are administered by the Highway 12/21 Regional Water Services Commission. Engineering and project management are being provided by Stantec Inc. The pipeline construction contract was awarded to Nu-Edge Construction in late January, and work started almost immediately.

The budget for the water supply pipeline is 5.2-million dollars. As an emergency project, it is being funded 90% by the Province of Alberta. Additional grant sources help cover some of the remaining cost.

The pipeline should arrive in Ferintosh within a few months. It will connect to the existing reservoirs and distribution system, and residents will be using Bashaw water by summertime.

Water Meters

Ferintosh residents will get new water meters soon.

All existing water meters will be replaced with new self-reading meters, and residents will no longer be required to submit their own meter readings.

The new meters use radio-frequency transmitters to send readings to a handheld remote. The readings go directly into our existing computer billing system.

The new system eliminates many errors and estimates. With the reporting system currently used, one-third of our utility customers fail to submit their readings.

Accurate readings don't just mean accurate billings, they also help us detect system leaks.

Project Porchlight

Thanks to the Community Club and all the volunteers who distributed energy-efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs as part of Project Porchlight.

Public Works Foreman

Please welcome Bruce Sparks, our new Public Works Foreman. Council has decided to change to a full-time position instead of sharing with the Village of Edberg. Bruce was selected for the job, and he started work February 1st.

Bruce is responsible for maintaining all our Village infrastructure and capital equipment. He operates the water and wastewater systems, maintains our vehicles, plows the streets, and more.

He will be working closely with Council and Administration to ensure that our infrastructure continues to meet the needs of our residents now and for the future.

Do Your Pipes Freeze?

Do you leave a tap dripping to prevent freezing?

If the water service to your house has been freezing, and you have been keeping a tap dripping to prevent the freezing, then we need to hear from you.

We have identified several properties where freezing happens under the street. This is a Village responsibility, and we want to repair these connections this summer. If this has been happening to you, we need to know.

Call 877-3767 or drop us a note.

Keeping it Local

The Village of Ferintosh needs some extra help to install over 100 new water meters. Qualified individuals or companies are invited to apply to install new water meters on a piecework basis. We need people to work flexible hours. Work a little or work a lot. Installers will be paid a fixed fee per install. Plumbing experience required.

We would like to keep this local work in the Village. We know several people capable of this, so if you are interested, or for more information, please contact the Village Office at 877-3767.

Bylaw Complaints

The Village of Ferintosh does not employ a full-time Bylaw Enforcement Officer. We also do not generally patrol the Village looking for violations. Most of our bylaw enforcement is complaint-driven.

If you have a problem - tell us about it, but please:

Direct your complaint to the Village Office. Please do not make verbal complaints to Council members. The day-to-day operation of the Village is not their role.

Put your complaint in writing. Written complaints carry more weight than verbal complaints, telephone complaints, or complaints directed to third parties.

Provide details. Make sure that you answer the basic questions - who, what, when and where:

- Who committed the alleged offence?
- What is the exact nature of the problem?
- When did this occur - date and time?
- Where did it happen?

Identify yourself. We will protect your privacy, but we cannot act on anonymous complaints.

The Village cannot afford to employ a full-time Bylaw Enforcement Officer. Outside of office hours we suggest that you try talking directly to your neighbor.

For serious problems - please call the RCMP at 911.

Help Wanted

Meter Installers:

Contract work available. Piecework installation of new water meters. Plumbing experience required. Contact the Village Office to apply.

Help Wanted

Summer Student Position (STEP):

The Village of Ferintosh has a S.T.E.P. grant funded position available. Full-time from July-August (dates negotiable). Various duties, including work outside. Contact the Village Office for more info or to apply. For more info on STEP eligibility, see:

<http://employment.alberta.ca/cps/rde/xchg/hre/hs.xsl/3158.html>

Ferintosh Phone Numbers

Village of Ferintosh		
Village Office		877-3767
Village Foreman	cell	608-9719
Utility Providers		
Battle River Gas Co-op		877-3740
Telus		780-310-7353
Fortis Alberta		780-310-9473
West Dried Meat Lake Landfill		877-2269
Community		
Recreation Association		
bookings	Colleen Buskas	877-2513
Hi-U Seniors Centre		877-3998
bookings	Vera Jackson	877-3763
Businesses & Services		
Alberta Treasury Branch		877-3965
General Store & Post Office		877-3960
Ferintosh Manor B&B		877-2645
Cut Hut		877-2440
Guest House Gallery		877-3934
Fancy Furs Dog Grooming		877-3933
United Church		855-3944
New Norway School		855-3936
Grades 1 to 12		855-2600
Kindergarten		855-2268
Camrose Hospital		679-6100

In Case of
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Ambulance / Fire / Police
911

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March dates:
 12th Council meeting - 7pm
 17th St. Patrick's Day
 20th First Day of Spring
 21st Good Friday
 23rd Easter Sunday

April						
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April dates:
 9th Council Meeting - 7pm
 30th Utility Bills due

Meter Reading

Read your Water Meter between

24th April and 8th May.

Village Office Hours

Tuesday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
 Wednesday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
 Thursday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Closed for lunch 12:30pm - 1:00 pm

Dog Licenses

If you don't have your dog license for 2008 yet, you could be subject to a \$50 fine.

Get your new tags at the Village Office.