



Village of Ferintosh



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New Village Administrator

Once again there is a new face in the Village Office. Please join us in welcoming Ray Hook, the new Chief Administrative Officer for the Village of Ferintosh.

Ray brings a wealth of administrative experience to the position, and has been working closely with the previous administrator to learn the specifics of this position.

Previous CAO Grant Johnson is leaving to move to the Annapolis Valley in Nova Scotia with his wife Heather. They will miss their many friends in Ferintosh, but Grant hopes that he can stay in touch as he continues to update the Village website.

Building Permits

We get a lot of questions about Development and Building permits, and there are some misconceptions about the requirements and conditions.

All development in the Village of Ferintosh requires a Development Permit. You cannot get a Building Permit until you have the Development Permit. Building permits are issued by the Planning and Development Department in Camrose, located in the lower floor of the Camrose City Hall at 5204 - 50 Avenue, Camrose.

The Development Permit is intended to ensure that the type of use, setbacks, maximum site coverage, height and many other factors comply with Land Use Bylaw #426. The full text of this bylaw is available online at www.ferintosh.info.

You do not need a permit for a fence, but it must comply with some height restrictions. You do need a permit for any type of accessory building, including a shed. You can only have a maximum of two accessory buildings. And temporary structures are not necessarily exempt from regulation. Call before you build.

Remember, if you have questions, phone the Village Office. Do not call Camrose County, their bylaws do not apply within the Village.

Village Office Hours	
Tuesday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Wednesday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
<i>Closed for lunch 12:30pm - 1:00 pm</i>	

Water Update

Water Supply Pipeline

The Bashaw to Ferintosh water supply pipeline is basically complete, including pressure testing. Mechanical and electrical contractors are working on the water treatment plant in preparation for the final connection.

The pipeline will feed water into our existing reservoir, where it will be monitored and distributed as usual. The Public Works Foreman will continue to test the water daily to ensure quality and safety.

The estimated date for connection is 31 July 2008.

Water Meters

New water meters have now been installed on all the services in the village. The new Neptune R900i meters transmit their readings to a portable reader, so residents are no longer required to read their water meters. The system ensures accurate readings as well as providing more advanced features such as leak detection.

Utility Rates

At the Regular Meeting held 09 July 2008, Council gave first and second reading to the new Utility and Service Rates Bylaw #553. Garbage collection and sewer charges show a very slight increase. Water charges will be based more strictly on consumption, rather than on a minimum threshold. The Village will also change to monthly utility billing. The text of this Bylaw will be available online and in the office for anyone who wishes to see it before the third reading at the August meeting.

Campground Improvements

The Ferintosh Campground has just been through some big changes that are proving to be very popular.

The most exciting change is that all the sites are now serviced with water and power. The south loop still has 11 sites with 15 amp power, while the north loop now has 8 sites with 30 amp power.

All the old picnic tables have been replaced, firepits have been upgraded, and we have a great campground host. Sites are \$20 for 15 amp, \$25 for 30 amp, the camp kitchen is \$10, and wood is \$5.

For reservations please call Valerie at 780-679-8922.