



# Village of Ferintosh



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## Ferintosh is hiring a new Foreman...

The Village is pleased to announce that Mr. Brian Wing of Camrose has accepted the appointment as Village Foreman. He will be starting work on Tuesday May 12th on a full time basis. Brian comes to us well qualified and eager to go to work to help keep our Village a great place to live and work. Please help make Brian feel welcome to our community when you meet him on the street or in the shop.

## What is this new building by the office.....?

The Village has recently let a contract for a new unheated storage shed and compound beside the office. The grant money for this came from the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) - Capital funding program from Alberta Municipal Affairs - similar to the funding we received last fall to replace the playground fencing. The building will be approx 28 ft by 48 ft by 14 ft high, with a small fenced and gated compound on the south side.

## CAN YOU HELP WITH THE VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY ON May 23rd ?

This year's clean up will be held on **Saturday, May 23rd** between 9am and 3pm. The Office is now looking for volunteers and vehicles with trailers - would you please register with the Village Office if you are able to help out. For those wishing to rid themselves of any larger items, please put them as close to the road way as possible.

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PLANNING FOR OR PARTICIPATING IN DETERMINING FERINTOSH'S FUTURE ?

As part of a county wide planning initiative, the Village wants YOU to come out to an evening that will lead to a new vision and future for Ferintosh. The process is exciting in that **everyone** can be involved in the business of creating a vision for a better community in the future, with a **Municipal Sustainability Plan**. There is a hand-out in this envelope with 4 key questions that we ask you to think about before coming to the **Town Hall meeting on Wednesday May 27th at 7:00pm**. Ferintosh is just a small part of the overall County plan, **BUT WE DO NEED OUR OWN PLAN** and this is the first step. **PLEASE give us an hour or so of your time on Wed May 27th**. There will be goodies too!

## Events & Important Dates

### Council Meetings:

May 13 - Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm

June 10 - Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm

### Hi-U Centre regular events:

Coffee every morning

**Pancake Breakfast** on the first Wednesday of each month from 8:30-10:00am.

Floor curling Mondays and Fridays at 2:00 pm.

**Little Beaver "Hi-U"** meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm .

**Community Club** meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm at the Drop-In.

**Friends of Little Beaver Lake** meet on the last Thursday of each month at 7:30pm.

### COMING EVENTS

**Bird Walks coming to Ferintosh - Tuesday May 12th** all are invited to meet at the Playground on Main St at 7:00 p.m. where Ian and Wendy Wallis will be hosting a bird walk. Bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them. Call 780 877-2674 for more info.

The next meeting of the **Ferintosh and District Recreation Association** is **May 25 @ 6:30 at the hall**. It will deal mostly with Ferintosh Farmers Festival (to be held on **July 4th**). Still looking for ideas and volunteers.

The next **Centennial Committee** meeting is on **Monday June 1 at 7:00** at Hall. Everyone is welcome.

### Is my Lakeshore Lame? Assessing the Health of Little Beaver Lake.

#### Kelsey Spicer-Rowe, Cows and Fish

Riparian areas are the green zones around our rivers, lakes, streams, ponds and sloughs. They are a critical portion of the landscape helping to keep our water supplies clean, our ranching and farming communities sustainable, and our fish and wildlife populations healthy. At the request of the *Friends of Little Beaver Lake Society* and in partnership with the *Battle River Watershed Alliance*, the Cows and Fish program will be conducting riparian health assessments along the shores of Little Beaver Lake in June 2009. Agricultural, urban and rural residential landowners will be included in the project. Once complete, the project will provide a snapshot of the health of riparian areas around Little Beaver Lake and point out potential areas to focus future management on.

**For more information on the Little Beaver Lake Riparian Health Assessment Project, contact Cows and Fish at 403/340-7607 or visit [www.cowsandfish.org](http://www.cowsandfish.org)**

**Hi-Speed Internet is Coming to Ferintosh!!!!** We were told on May 6th that MJP Computers (Camrose) will be testing their transmitters this week and hope to be installing residential hook-ups soon after. Watch your mail boxes for a flyer in the next week or two. **If you have "red dotted" your mail for the "No Flyers" service, you'll be able to pick up a flyer at the General Store.**