



## Do You Care About the Future of Ferintosh?

Ferintosh's Municipal Sustainability Planning continues with another Town Hall meeting on **Wed Sep 16th 7:00pm at the Rec Centre**. We will look for ideas from the Community on specific actions for the goals listed on page 2, and for interested people from the Village to help achieve these goals. Copies of the entire draft report are available in the Village office. It's your future. **See Page Two for more details. See you there.**

## New Sidewalks Complete

The Village is very pleased with the recent sidewalk replacement project at the Hi-U Centre and other smaller replacements around the Village. The job was undertaken by **Lee Damron Construction Ltd** of Ferintosh. The project was made possible by grant money received from Alberta Transportation under the Alberta Municipal Infrastructure Program.

Watch for further projects this fall or next spring. The Village is hoping to issue a call for tenders this fall to replace the main water line along MacQuarrie Ave. If construction is to be this fall, more info will be provided.

## Ferintosh Horticulture Show a big success!

AHA Judge Nan Shute of Camrose was impressed with the quality of entries this year. Sixteen contributors brought a wide variety of good entries. Thanks to all who entered. This year's winner was Jolene Wilkie (65 points), then Betty Nielsen (35) and Shirley McEachern (28). The event sponsor - the Ferintosh Community Club, meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm @ the Drop In Centre.

## Village Volunteers A Big Help

Ferintosh is blessed with a number of willing, able and wonderful volunteers who regularly offer their time and expertise to the Village. We would like to regularly highlight those generous Villagers who deserve some sort of thanks. This month - **a tip of the hat to all those who have** taken on watering the Main Street planters and hanging baskets. It certainly makes for a colourful display for the Village. Thank you!

## Events & Important Dates

### Council Meetings

Sep 23 - Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm

Oct 21 - Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm

**Hi-U Centre regular events:** Coffee each morning.

The monthly Community Breakfasts re-started on Wednesday, September 2nd and continue on the first Wednesday of each month from 8:30-10:00 am. (\$5). All are welcome to drop in.

The monthly **Community Pot Luck suppers** will also re-start on Saturday, September 19th.

## Coming Events

Your **Centennial Committee** will next meet on Monday, **Sep 14th at 7pm** at the Rec Centre. These meetings are open to all so that everyone's ideas and thoughts for the Centennial can be shared. If you can't make it, please call Colleen (877-2513) or Burt (877-2645) and share your ideas.

The **Ferintosh and District Rec Association** next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, Sep 28 at 6:30pm**. We are always looking for new ideas and volunteers to help out for a day or full time. Call Burt at 877-2645..

The annual **Ferintosh Community Christmas Supper** is scheduled for Saturday, December 5th. If you have any ideas or suggestions for entertainment, please call Colleen.

## YOUTH GROUP GOING WELL

A gentle reminder to people that our Youth Group runs on Fridays from 6:30pm - 9:00pm and is open for children in Grade 3 and up. If you have any questions, please call Glenda at 877-2460.

The Youth group will be having their second Family Event Night on Friday, October 30th . Please watch for more details and start planning your Halloween costumes.

## Concert Coming to Ferintosh!

The Ferintosh and District Recreation Association is sponsoring a concert at the Rec Centre on Saturday, October 24. The concert will feature **Country Blends** - a country / gospel group from Manitoba. Tickets will go on sale starting September 2nd. You can call Colleen for more details (877-2513).

# **Ferintosh Community Plan -**

**Three questions** will be asked at the next meeting (Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 7pm @ Recreation Centre)

Do you agree with everything stated here?

What are appropriate actions we can take to reach each of these goals?

What are ways that we, as individuals, can reach these goals today?

## Vision #1

### **We respect and promote our natural environment**

Goals: 1. Conservation of all existing natural habitats, ecosystems, and wildlife.

Create a walking trail to promote Ferintosh's natural beauty

Build a nature center that will promote tourism and public education

Start the reclamation process of nearby gravel pits

Educate local residents on environmental issues

## Vision #2

### **We manage all our natural resources wisely**

Goals: 1. Enhance the existing recycling program

Water consumption is reduced

Decrease the amount of energy used from non-renewable sources

Establish incentives and find new businesses that will use environmentally sustainable practices

## Vision #3

### **We are a community where all residents take pride in being a resident**

Goals: 1. Beautification of the Village

Clean up all vacant lots

Revise the existing land use by-law for mobile home/ permanent home mix

Clean up area around railroad tracks

Promote and support local businesses

Increase the number of people who volunteer within the community

Make Ferintosh a safer place to live

## Vision #4

### **We strive for sustainable population growth**

Goals: 1. Effective promotion of Village and its attributes

2. Complete the necessary infrastructure upgrades to support growth

Create an attractive atmosphere for young families to raise their children

4. Create affordable and accessible housing for Seniors, families, and single people

Increase the number of local businesses

Create diversity in the number of services offered and types of businesses

## Vision #5

### **We are a place where people feel connected to one another**

Goals: 1. Build/ restore community hall to be the center of community events

Offer a wide variety of recreational activities for children and adults

Create a local farmers market

Hold more community events that bring people together (including festivals)

Foster community clubs that compliment one another and work together efficiently for larger initiatives

Ensure residents are informed about all aspects of the Village

## Vision #6

### **We have strong leaders who value public engagement and collaboration**

Goals: 1. To mentor, engage, and educate the capacity of current and future community leaders

2. Optimize municipal operations

3. Strengthen existing Regional partnerships

4. Develop young leaders

5. Council and other community organizations implement sustainable principles in decision making and reporting.