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### **REVISED- Highlights from the Regular Council Meeting of 06/05/09**

#### **New divisional boundaries approved**

*Divisional changes come into effect October, 2010*

MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTY, ALBERTA- Electoral boundaries in western Mountain View County will be undergoing a facelift for the October, 2010 municipal elections. On Wednesday, Council approved the Divisional Boundaries Bylaw, which will see the County retain a seven division electoral system; and use a “minimal adjustment model” to realign its divisional boundaries for the 2010 municipal elections.

The changes resulted from a review of the County’s existing divisional boundaries, which was undertaken by independent consultant Nichols Applied Management. The consultant, working independently of Mountain View County Council and Administration, formulated recommendations following three public meetings in 2008, and a review of 2007 census data and background materials. An advisory committee, consisting of three former councilors from neighboring rural municipalities, was also convened in order to support the process.

The minimal adjustment model, which is designed to create the least impact on County electors, will see the size and population of Division 1 expanded by moving its existing western boundary from Range Road 30 to Range Road 34. It will also see the size and population of Division 6 expanded by adding the area between Highway 27 and Township Road 322, between Secondary Road 760 and Range Road 45. (See *attached Revised Divisional Boundary Map for October, 2010.*)

According to Director of Legislative and Community Services, Tony Martens, the bylaw containing the changes needs to be approved now, as the province’s Municipal Government Act stipulates that municipal electoral boundary changes must be approved by Council a minimum of 180 days before the General Election in which they are to take effect. “Divisional boundaries will remain as they are for the remainder of this Council’s term, with changes set to come into force starting with the October, 2010 municipal elections,” says Martens.

#### **Council moves on road, reclamation projects**

Council has taking advantage of increased competitiveness in the construction industry to take on additional road and gravel pit reclamation projects in 2009. On Wednesday, Council approved 13 projects from lists that were submitted to Operational Services by Council and Staff following the April 22 meeting of Council’s Policies and Priorities Committee. Councillors were asked at that time to submit proposed road projects from their division for review; with staff also including a number of pit reclamation projects to the list.

According to Reeve Al Kemmere, the County is able to realize considerable cost savings on road construction activities as a result of the slow down in activity in the construction industry, while providing a potential stimulus to the local economy. “By moving forward at this point in time, Mountain View County is giving local contractors the opportunity to bid on projects, while achieving significant cost savings for ratepayers,” Kemmere said.

Road work along the Deersprings Road; and pit reclamation work at Bearberry Pit #2, Bach- Wigmere Pit, and the Hehr Pit is ready to go, and will go straight to tender. The other projects will be approached on a project-by-project basis, with funding to be determined at the time work is commenced.

*See the attached backgrounder for a list of emergent projects.*

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# Backgrounder

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## List of emergent projects approved by Council

<b>Project name</b>	<b>Funding Amount:</b>	<b>Funding to come from:</b>
Deersprings Road	\$556,797	Project Reserves
Bearberry Pit #2 Reclamation	\$620,000	Pit Reclamation Reserve
Bach- Wigmore Pit Reclamation	\$122,441	Pit Reclamation Reserve
Hehr Pit Reclamation	\$200,000	Pit Reclamation Reserve
Road Work Twp. Rd. 310 & RR 281	\$200,000	To be determined
Intersection Straightening Rge Rd 65 & Twp Rd 332	\$75,000	To be determined
Rge Rd 271 between Twp Rd 300 and 302	\$250,000	To be determined
Road Construction Rge Rd 65 from SH 584 to Twp Rd 332	\$500,000	To be determined
RR 282 North of Hwy 27 Reconstruction	\$200,000	To be determined
Twp Rd 334 from RR 20 to RR 23	\$500,000	To be determined
RR 15 from Twp Rd 334 to Olds Boundary	\$500,000	To be determined
Twp Rd 332 between RR 14 & 15	\$300,000	To be determined
RR 44 North of Twp Rd 340	\$200,000	To be determined

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