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Highlights from the Regular Council Meeting of 26/08/09

County takes one more step forward to one-stop permitting

Safety Code, Sewage Treatment bylaws approved

Preparations for Mountain View County to become a one-stop permitting shop continued Wednesday, as Council approved two bylaws, one governing the issuance of Safety Codes permits for Plumbing, Gas, Electrical, and Building disciplines, and the maintenance of Private Sewage Treatment Systems in Mountain View County.

Council approved a Safety Code Services Permit Bylaw during Wednesday's Regular Council meeting, which sets forth procedures regarding the application, administration and issuance of permits. As of October 1, 2009, a Safety Codes Officer will be authorized to undertake enforcement of the bylaw, and Planning and Development will be able to receive applications and issue permits in accordance with the Quality Management Plan and the Alberta Safety Codes Act. Council also approved the Private Sewage Treatment Systems Bylaw No. 19/09, which establishes a monitoring program of new or modified systems as of, or after, October 1, 2009. The two bylaws will enable Mountain View County to become a one-stop shop for building, electrical, plumbing (including Private Sewage Treatment Systems), and gas permits as of October 1.

On August 19, Council awarded Alberta-based Superior Safety Codes Inc. a three year contract to offer full permitting services for Mountain View County. As of October 1, 2009, a Safety Codes Officer will be present during set hours (TBA) at the County office, and applicants will be able to get information to ensure no disciplines are being missed. "As a one-stop shop, people can come to us and deal with us directly so we can ensure proper permits are issued and that work is being done to code." says Diana Hawryluk, Director of Planning and Development.

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