

MESSAGE FROM MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Best wishes for a New Year which brings happiness, comfort and progress.

I have decided to attach a summary of the highlights of Mountain View County's Strategic Plan to clarify the direction council is taking to achieve the best possible results for our county. The Strategic Plan is developed with goals and strategies to achieve those goals, but I will simply highlight the direction. The strategy begins, like all business plans, with a Vision and a Mission Statement and then follows with the major objectives of the plan.

Mountain View County Strategic Plan

Vision

Mountain View County will be a progressive, rural municipality in which to live, work, and play.

Mission Statement

Mountain View County, through visionary planning and support from quality people and resources, seeks to provide ethical governance and exceptional services in support of its diverse rural communities.

Support Rural Communities

R1 – Maintain and Support Rural Communities

R2 – Enhance Communication with our Rural Communities

Protection of Agriculture

P1 –Reduce the impact of the loss and fragmentation of agricultural land

Goal P1(a) – Focus multi-lot residential and commercial/industrial developments within restricted growth areas

Goal P1(b) - Adopt policies that integrate new subdivisions into the agricultural community

Goal P1(c) - Encourage the clustering of multiple residential lots, and the reduction in lot sizes to conserve agricultural land

P2 - Design municipal programs and services to support the agricultural industry

P3 - Improve Alberta's Right to Farm Legislation

Sustainable Growth

S1 – Encourage development of business parks to provide a sustainable tax base (in specified high-growth areas)

S2 – Encourage residential growth in areas ultimately serviceable by water and sewer services

S3 - Plan housing needs to reflect future demand

S4 - Economic Development Agency

Goal S4(a) - Investigate the development of a regional economic development agency

S5 - Parks and Open Space

Goal S5(a) - Complete a policy on the development and use of parks and open space

Transportation

T1 – Provide a County Collector Network of ban-free roads

T2 - Provide a Sustainable Local Road Network

T3 - Seek a viable Provincial Highway Network within Mountain View County

T4 - Coordinate road development at urban and rural municipal boundaries

An Equal Partner

A1 – Reinforce the position that all municipalities are equals

A2 - Ensure the security of future municipal property tax revenues through a balanced assessment base

Council makes its decisions with this strategic plan in mind. This is our mile high vision of the county over time. It may change a little as time and circumstances change, but overall the plan is to maintain and improve our beautiful part of the world. I can only hope that in the process we will make this world a better place as well.

Once again, I wish everyone all the best for a wonderful new year. If you wish to call me or to write, I can be reached at (403) 337-2368, email LYakimchuk@shaw.ca, or send a letter to Lana Yakimchuk Box 190 Cremona AB T0M 0R0.

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