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### **Greetings from your County Councilor Gwen Day**

Hope everyone is enjoying the return of spring. The return of the geese down at the pond has annually marked the season for us on the farm. After a couple of weeks of doing a “walk about” on the ice, the geese are finally enjoying some real water. There are a couple of items I’d like to share with you that are affecting people in Division One.

There have been some concerns in regard to the **Rural Addressing**. Council made a decision some 5 years ago to move ahead with rural addressing system for every residence in the County. After considerable amount of work using the GIS system and recording every access and residence, the Council then requested each resident to be given their particular address to post at the end of their lane. The address is basically their house number. It is now being suggested to residents, if they wish to, that they can add their RR # to their sign. When you call Emergency personnel, they will need to know both your rural address and the Range Road you live on to find your property. The Range Road numbers are posted on each road intersection. It is critical to you and your children to know both your rural address and the Range Road you live on. Posting it at the end of your lane, in addition to the rural address sign (which you are now required to have in place by by-law) will also help people who have an accident near your entrance to be able to tell emergency personnel exactly where they are.

**Boundary changes** will affect Division One in Oct of 2010 on the day of the next election. Division One’s boundary will be re aligned to the west to RR34. Divisional boundaries have been looked at due to the population differences. Division One’s population has decreased over the past number of years and areas like Water Valley and West of Sundre have seen significant increases. The provincial rules guide us and set the limits on what percentage of population difference is acceptable. It was presented to Council this past week to adopt the option of doing a minor change to Division 1 and 2 as well as Division 5 and 6, rather than a wholesale change to all boundary lines. This way each area has equal representation. More information will be shared on this at our fall open houses.

**Communities Identity map** is now completed. The names for neighborhoods in Division One, are from East to West - Midway, Wessex and Jackson. Midway is the name for the area East of Range Road 28.5. Wessex is the name for the area from RR28.5 west to RR21. Jackson begins at RR21 to # Highway 766. The Community Identity Map is on our website as well, if you'd like to take a look. This is an important step in achieving one of Council's goals which is to strengthen our rural communities.

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