



# Mountain View C O U N T Y

## News release

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### County to undertake Reeve at Large survey.

**Didsbury, Alberta- September 20, 2007-** Mountain View County residents will be asked to take a trip to the mail box instead of the ballot box in order to share their thoughts with Council on the Reeve at Large question. Council voted Wednesday not to hold a plebiscite during the October 15, 2007 general election on the question of whether the Chief Elected Official (Reeve) should be elected at large.

Instead, Council has requested that the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) undertake a survey of residents during the period of the 2007 general election, requesting support or opposition to the question:

"Should Mountain View County proceed with a bylaw to elect a Reeve by a vote of the electors of the entire County?"

With four of seven County candidates being elected by acclamation, CAO Doug Plamping says the probability of reduced voting at polling station where there is no candidate to elect, like has been experienced in other jurisdictions such as Red Deer County in the past, suggests that a plebiscite will not provide a meaningful answer in this situation. Plamping adds that Council believes a survey will ensure that everyone in the County gets an opportunity to have a say on the Reeve at Large question.

"If we're going to get a true representation of how the County feels about the Reeve at Large, we're not going to get that by going to the polls, so we're going to have to go by a survey," says Plamping.

Starting the week of October 8, 2007, County residents will receive a survey in the mail asking for their thoughts on the Reeve at Large question. Included in the survey will be background information on the Reeve at Large; and a pre-paid self-addressed envelope, which will allow residents to return their completed surveys to the County free of charge. The deadline for survey submissions will be Friday, October 19, 2007.

Input received by County council will play a big part in Council's final decision whether to move to an elected Reeve; or stay with the current appointed Reeve system.

For more information on the Reeve at Large question, please visit [www.mountainviewcounty.com](http://www.mountainviewcounty.com).

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