

The Official Newsletter of the District of Highlands Council

A message from Highlands' Council

Greetings from your council members! It has been 15 years since Highlands incorporated as a municipality, and this council will continue to build upon the foundation and initiatives put in place by previous councils.

Returning to Council are Ken Williams and Jane Mendum. Welcome aboard to Allen Dobb, Diane Gill, Sigurd Johannesen, Marcie McLean, and former mayor Karel Roessingh. Contact information for each council member can be found below.

Over the next few weeks, Council will be considering ways in which to improve communication with you. We welcome your suggestions!

Meanwhile, staff has embarked on an orientation process by which new council members will become familiar with important Highlands documents and policies, as well as transitional items carried forward from last term. In January, Council will work on goal-setting for policies and priorities, in full consultation with the public.

Highlands is looking for volunteers to serve on various committees, (see page 2 for details). It's a great way to get involved with both Council and the community, and volunteers are truly appreciated for their recommendations and advice on issues of importance to Highlanders.



We wish all Highlanders a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

Council Meeting Schedule

Next Council Meetings: Monday, December 15th, 2008 ; Monday, January 12th, 2009

Highlands News available on email

If you would like an electronic copy of the *Highlands News*, Official Newsletter of the District of Highlands Council, please email June Cameron at the Municipal Hall at JCameron@highlands.ca.

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Regional Growth Strategy

Council was advised of the decision of the Arbitrator on the CRD Regional Growth Strategy Amendment on December 1st. The Arbitrator selected the submission from Highlands and while he is expressly directed by legislation not to provide written comments on his selection, he did note that he found Highlands' submission "the most persuasive". There were thirteen area local governments who made submissions.

The decision of the Arbitrator will be binding 60 days from December 1st unless all of the participant local governments were to agree to an alternative solution to the matter within the sixty day period.

Pancake Breakfast & Fire Truck Presentation

Everyone welcome! The Highlands Firefighters Association is holding a pancake breakfast and introduction to Highlands' newest fire truck on **Sunday, December 14th, 9:00 a.m. – noon**, at the West Firehall, 1564 Millstream Rd. Come enjoy breakfast, see the latest and greatest emergency vehicle in the district, and meet the firefighters at this community event. Volunteers will be on hand to describe the truck's specifications, and to answer questions.



Annual Santa Run

The Annual Santa Run will take place on **Saturday, December 20th, 2008**, starting at 9:00 a.m. in the east side of Highlands, and 1:00 p.m. in the west side of Highlands. This event, organized by various community volunteers, including Highlands Firefighter's Association members, is your local opportunity to donate non-perishable food items and cash to the local food bank just in time for Christmas. Plan to visit Santa and his helpers on the fire truck!

Christmas office hours

The district office will be closing at noon on Christmas Eve (December 24th, 2008), and re-opening on January 2nd, (8:30 – 4:00 p.m.)

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The District of Highlands requires volunteers for each of the following select Committees to serve a two year term.

- Community Infrastructure and Services Committee, and
- Fiscal and Environmental Select Committee.

OTHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The District of Highlands Council has also approved the Terms of Reference for a new **District of Highlands Sustainability Task Force**. The task force requires two (2) citizen from the District to serve on this task force.

HOW TO VOLUNTEER

Persons interested in serving are invited to submit a letter and a resume outlining details of residency, community activities, qualifications, experience or relevant background information.

Terms of Reference for these Committees and the task force are available at the District Office.

All submissions should be forwarded to the following no later than December 31, 2008.

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