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Welcome New Members

June 1, 2007 the Town of Falher became the newest municipality to join the MMSA. Councillor Stephen Carter has been appointed to the MMSA Board.

At the Board meeting on June 7, MMSA Chair Veronica Bliska welcomed the Town of Falher as well as the Town of McLennan and the Village of Donnelly. In her address to the membership, she focused on the assets of working regionally. The event was celebrated with a BBQ and cake cutting.

Stephen Carter from the Town of Falher, Catherine Dunne from the Town of McLennan and Sharon Doucet from the Village of Donnelly joined MMSA Chair Veronica Bliska for the cutting of the cake.



New MMSA Website @ www.mmsa.ca

On June 7 the new MMSA website was launched. Chad Anderson from New Harvest Media Inc. worked with us to build the design and develop the new look for our website.

number of subdivision requests, the application package is now available in a convenient "PDF" format for easy access.

Our goal for the new website was to build awareness of the MMSA and to promote our services. We also saw the website as our recruitment tool to post MMSA job opportunities. With an increasing

Our website is easy to maintain and updated right here in the office. Over the next few weeks we will be posting snapshots of some of the projects we are working on. Please take the time to view our new website. If you have any questions contact us.

A Message From The Chair



This edition of the newsletter affords me the opportunity to thank everyone that has provided support to the Agency over the past years. Over my past term as Councillor for the MD of Peace, my involvement with the Agency has been one of the most rewarding duties I have had to fulfill.

As locally elected officials, we must constantly strive to build new partnerships and also to strengthen our current ones. It is by working together, whether it be with industry, our municipal neighbors or the private individual, that we can ensure the future of our communities.

With the municipal elections just around the corner, I would like to wish good luck to all those hoping to retain their seat on council and to those who are hoping to enter the political arena for the first time. For those that are retiring from local politics, I wish you well in your future endeavors and thank you for the experience and knowledge gained from working with you.

Enjoy your summer—it only comes once a year!

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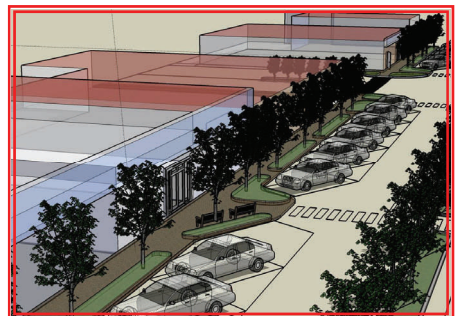
Fairview's Area Redevelopment Plan

Fairview's "Mainstreet Beautification" project began about 1 1/2 years ago. With the acquisition of the CNR lands, Fairview became one of the first communities in our region to address a redevelopment and revitalization strategy for existing and future potential development. The Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP) provides the regulatory framework for land use planning.

The ARP will promote the CNR land and Mainstreet as a gateway into the town and surrounding communities. The plan also promotes a revitalization strategy for creating cohesive and improved pedestrian connectivity amongst the existing developments and the town.

The ARP went through intense discussions with the Town of Fairview Council and staff. At Municipal Government Day in May, an open house provided the opportunity for public input. This led to the establishment of a committee that will overlook the implementation process over the next five years.

At present, the CNR lands area is a relatively vacant area with some industrial and commercial activities. Recent improvements have facilitated the extension of Main Street through the plan area as well as the extension of service roads paralleling Highway #2. It is envisioned that redevelopment around the extension of Main Street should reinforce a "grand entrance" concept into the Town.



Congratulations to the Town of Fairview

Fairview has been selected as the host of the 2011 Alberta Plus 55 Summer Games. The Games will be held in July 2011.



Cadotte Lake Community Centre

The Cadotte Lake Community Centre initiative began in May 2007 with the support of Northern Sunrise County and direct involvement with the community. Nathan and Pankaj have been working with the community of Cadotte Lake through a process of open house charrettes to develop the facility site plan.

The new community centre will be located within the Hamlet of Cadotte Lake on the municipal reserve site across from the lake. This location will provide an ideal site for communal and other congressional activities. The community centre will hold a large gymnasium which will also serve as a multipurpose hall. Other

facilities will include a library, a display area, classrooms for arts and crafts as well as supporting office and administrative spaces. Recreation facilities such as playgrounds, ball diamond park and a recreational pond are also planned for the site.

The new facility is intended to become the focal point

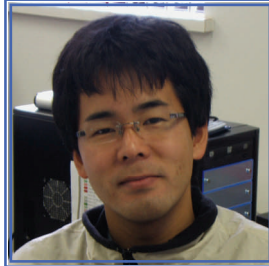
for the community and aspires to set the development standards for potential future development within the Hamlet.





Staff Changes

We said "Farewell" to **David Zhong** and his wife Li at the end of April. They left for Atlanta Georgia to be closer to family. David was instrumental in setting up the GIS system, working with Ron and Nathan to ensure the GIS bases were set-up correctly.



Fortunately, **Soichi Haga** had just completed the GIS program at Niagara College in Ontario. He began as the GIS Technologist May 10. Soichi is originally from Japan and has also lived in New Zealand. He came to the Mackenzie region looking to enjoy the outdoors and the opportunities to see wildlife and the northern lights here.

Soichi looks forward to developing the GIS system. He enjoys producing the maps and analyzing the geographic data.



Tanis Myles joined the MMSA staff for the summer in the STEP position. Tanis is providing Administrative Support and will be assisting with a number of projects. Tanis recently moved to Berwyn.

Robert E. Walter Memorial Scholarship



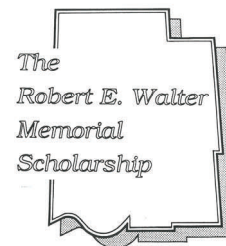
CONGRATUALIONS AMBER!

Amber Fernie of High Level is the 2007 recipient of the Robert E. Walter Memorial Scholarship. Amber graduated from High Level Public School in June 2007. In the fall, she will be attending Acadia University in Nova Scotia. She is enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition degree program. Amber plans to return to work in the High Level area once she completes her degree.

John Watt, MMSA Board and Scholarship Committee member made the presentation at the High Level Public

School Awards Night June 27.

The next deadline for the scholarship is March 31, 2008. Application packages are available on our website at www.mmsa.ca/scholarship or at the MMSA office. Contact Brenda for more details.



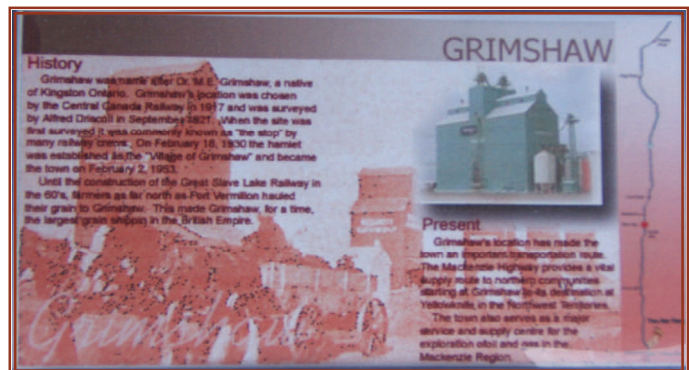
Grimshaw's Historic Mackenzie Highway Park

The Historic Mackenzie Highway Park & Tom Baldwin Memorial Arboretum in Grimshaw is now taking shape with ornaments that contribute to beautify this project. Benches, picnic tables, lighting, trees and shrubs are some of the many enhancements available at the park for visitors.

Ron and Dolu have been working diligently with Tracy Halerewich, Community Services Coordinator, from day one on this project. Currently,

the Agency's staff is collaborating with the design of signage panels that will be located along the pathway. The idea of these panels is to draw visitors attention through a "loop" pathway network, that will highlight the importance of communities along the

Mackenzie Highway from Grimshaw to Indian Cabins.





CAO Changes

Welcome to:

Ben Boettcher - MD of Fairview #136, started March 1, came over from Saddle Hills County.

John Brodrick - Town of Manning, starting August 7, arriving from High Prairie

Farewell to:

Lori Wood from the Town of Manning. Jim Kincaid (Acting CAO Town of Manning) will return to retirement later in August.



Check Out Our New Website

www.mmsa.ca

You will find:

- ✓ Subdivision Application Packages
- ✓ R E Walter Scholarship Applications & News
- ✓ MMSA News and Newsletters
- ✓ An interactive map linking to member municipalities
- ✓ MMSA Staff listing

MMSA Board Welcomed 3 New Member Municipalities on June 7



The MMSA Board of Directors and staff took time out for a photo while celebrating the signing of 3 new member municipalities in 2007. (see story on page 1) **Back row:** Brenda Taylor, staff; Wayne Frank, MD of Fairview; Nathan Petherick, staff; Soichi Haga, staff; Ron Longtin, Berwyn; Rick Nicholson, Fairview; Bob Regal, Grimshaw; Pankaj Nalavde, staff; Catherine Dunne, McLennan; Gerard Nicolet, Falher **Middle row:** Sharon Doucet, Donnelly; Karen Diebert, staff; Stephen Carter, Falher; Dolu Gonzalez, staff **Front row:** Ron Rauckman, staff; Tammy Chavis, McLennan; Rita Therriault, Donnelly; Marlene Maxwell, Clear Hills County; Agnes Knudsen, Northern Sunrise County; Veronica Bliska, MD of Peace; Sunni Walker, Manning.

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