



# Fieldnotes

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Palliser Regional Municipal Services Newsletter

## UPCOMING ANNUAL MEETING

**Don't Miss the Excellent Networking Opportunity and Activity Update**

**Date** November 29, 2006  
**Time** 4:30 pm  
**Place** Palliser Regional Municipal Services, Hanna, AB

Dinner will be served

### AGENDA

- Budget 2007
- Action Plan 2007
- Incorporation
- Safety Codes new contract
- Election of Palliser Board Members
- ....and other exciting items

## Message from the President

Hi Everyone,

I trust that you have had a busy and productive summer. Needless to say, that we at Palliser have been busy working on the needs of our respective communities. Dave Amos, the General Manager, Jay Slem, Special Areas Manager, and myself attended a meeting with Mr. Brian Quickfell, Deputy Minister Municipal Affairs, to discuss some exciting opportunities that we are exploring for our members. In the coming months, we will be exploring these ideas, and gathering information from our communities to ensure their needs are being met. As well we had a good turn out for our AGM in June. We had a good discussion about budget expectations, current business plan activities and a presentation by municipal affairs regarding our organizational structure from Mr. Chris Contenti. After the formal meeting many enjoyed the delicious meal and an opportunity for networking. If you have any concerns or questions about the format we chose for this year, or our current business initiatives, please contact Dave or myself at 820-1881 or e-mail [paradisegrocery@xplornet.com](mailto:paradisegrocery@xplornet.com).

Larry Davidson  
*Chair*  
Palliser Regional Municipal Services

## Important News

### New Member Wheatland Comes on Board

### County utilizes regional municipal services

*Gary Hickling, Editor*

Thursday September 14, 2006

**Strathmore Standard** — Wheatland County has become a member municipality of the Palliser Regional Municipal Services (PRMS).

Reeve Ben Armstrong and PRMS chairperson, Larry Davidson, of the Town of Drumheller, “officially” announced the agreement at Wheatland County council’s Sept. 5 meeting.

“We’re (PRMS) excited Wheatland County has chosen to be a part of our group,” Davidson said, adding the purpose of PRMS was to efficiently, effectively and

innovatively provide high quality, politically astute and environmentally sensitive professional planning services within its region.

The service has a board of directors with representatives from participating municipalities, as well as a subdivision committee and staff members.

Member municipalities include the MD of Acadia, Villages of Acme, Cereal, Consort, Delia, Empress, Halkirk, Linden, Morrin, Munson, Veteran, Youngstown and Carbon, Town of Castor, Coronation, Drumheller, Oyen, Trochu and Hanna. It also provides services to County of Paintearth, Starland County and Special Areas #2, 3 and 4.

Palliser Regional Municipal Services (previously Palliser Regional Planning Commission) has been providing planning services to east-central Alberta since 1978.

Wheatland County is pleased with the arrangement.

“It gives us (Wheatland County) the opportunity to access their resources and expertise,” Wheatland County Manager Jennifer Deak said later.

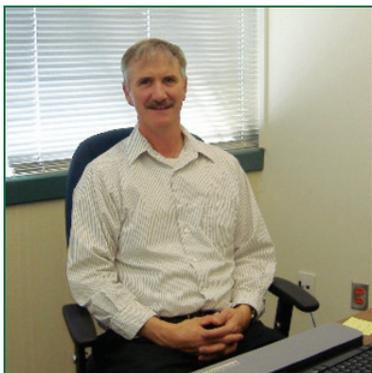


Larry Davidson (l-r), Chair of Palliser Municipal Services, and Wheatland County Reeve Ben Armstrong officially recognize the inclusion of Wheatland County under the Palliser regional umbrella at council’s Sept. 5 meeting.

She said the county talked with a number of municipal planning services before choosing Palliser. One of the major benefits with Palliser was that Wheatland County already has some “partnership connections” with members of Palliser.

Wheatland County Council looked at the volume of what is happening within Wheatland County and how best to meet the demands.

# Staff Changes and Additions



## Edward Hart

Edward Hart returned to the Hanna area last November. He has worked in the software development industry for 22 years, six in Lethbridge, and the last 16 in Utah. The city life was too much, and now he's back around family and a rural lifestyle.

Ed and Darlene have fourteen children of which there are seven children still at home, from grades 11 to kindergarten. Darlene, his wife of 26 years, also enjoys riding horses, quilting, sewing and the rural lifestyle. During the summers of his youth he rode herd at the family ranch around the Hemaruka area.

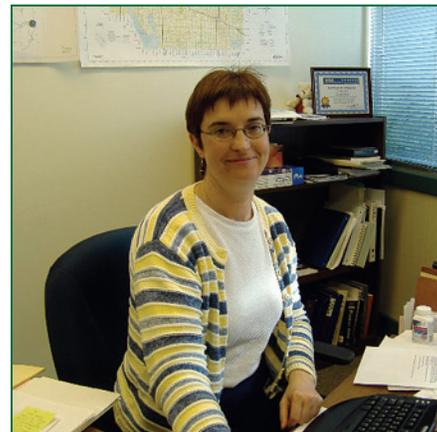
He has a Bachelor of Commerce from the U of Alberta, and a Masters of Science in Computer Science from Brigham Young University. He enjoys gardening, working cattle, riding horses, free enterprise economics and self preparedness. His mother, three brothers, and oldest son, with their families, live in the area.

*"I've always enjoyed being in Special Areas, having ranched here since my youth. It is exciting to be involved in the growth and development of the region."*

Edward Hart

## Tracey Connatty

Tracey Connatty has moved from being the GIS Technician with PRISM over to Municipal Planner. She will be involved in processing subdivision applications, bylaw procedures, and the adoption of statutory planning documents and amendments.



Tracey attended Olds College where she received a Land Information Systems Diploma and graduated with Distinction. She went on to study at the University of Lethbridge and has a Bachelor of Science Degree with a concentration in GIS. Tracey continues to upgrade her skill set with courses in Planning to improve her knowledge in her new position.

Tracey has competed for the last four years in Team Cattle Penning. Her competitions have earned her a horse blanket for Reserve Champion Team, a silver buckle for Champion Team, and this year she achieved a long time dream, a saddle for high point rider.

*"The outside of a horse is good for the inside of a man."*

Tracey Connatty

## PRISM Report

The PRISM project continues to show progress with the trial run using Acadia and Special Areas data as a pilot project. We met with Imaginit of Calgary, the firm which provides the web server software and data integration on August 16th in Hanna with Gary Speers of MD of Acadia, and Owen Francis of Special Areas.

Areas of discussion included problems with antiquated data sets, zooming features, as well as useful layers from the shape files were decided upon for a first trial data. The PRISM server is set up, waiting for the data to be uploaded from Calgary.

The municipal data available at PRMS currently is a range of diverse completeness. Several towns have no data, some have only lot plans from MIMS, others have MIMS data with ownership information, and two have street addresses. We will be working on bringing some consistency to the data when it is published on PRISM.

In an effort to be proactive and get the best possible information available, Ed Hart will be traveling out to the various Municipalities to speak with Town Land Titles and GIS personnel to apprehend current reliable data. The data to be collected will be area map and road changes, subdivision title changes, and current Hydrology information. This information will allow Palliser Regional Municipal Services to better service their customers.

Your comments, questions and suggestions are always welcome email [cviste@palliserservices.ca](mailto:cviste@palliserservices.ca)

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