



## Bulletin - October 2017 from [pete.lovering@southgrow.com](mailto:pete.lovering@southgrow.com)

Congratulations to all the candidates that were successful in being elected to councils throughout the region. To all those that decided to step away from Municipal council, or ran for re-election, we thank you for your past service. For those that decided to run but did not secure a council seat, we thank you for your commitment to your community.

### **Information for Members**

With the election done, organizational meetings are either over or in process. We look forward to updating our records so that we can include our monthly report and notices for upcoming meetings. With the election over, our Management Board finds that it is short 2 Village representatives until the next AGM in June 2018. If you have an interest or know of someone that might be interested in a monthly meeting, please contact Chair Greg Robinson at [robinson@raymond.ca](mailto:robinson@raymond.ca)

### **Doug Griffiths seminar – 13 Ways to Kill your Community**

Don't forget to register for this engaging seminar at 7pm Wednesday November 8 in Milk River. Contact [cao@milkriver.ca](mailto:cao@milkriver.ca) I have left some posters to pick up at Mayors and Reeves meeting.

### **South Alberta Alternative Energy Partnership (SAAEP)**

- There is still interest in renewable energy, energy from waste, and recycling in the region. We have had a few meetings with a few firms. Remember to check out our website, [www.saaep.ca](http://www.saaep.ca) for a good resource of information on renewables.  
- We have received notice that the next steps are proceeding on the **Electric Vehicle recharging stations** and expect some responses from funding programs shortly.

### **Broadband**

We received a letter from the Honourable Stephanie McLean, Minister of Service Alberta to our submission of the SouthGrow Broadband report. She appreciated the report and has shared with her department staff. They will be looking for further input into the SuperNet contract over the coming months.

### **Investment Attraction, Retention and Expansion**

The firm of Outlook Market Research and Killick Leadership Group has completed their initial consultations with our members and they are doing some further research and preparing individual reports to our members in November. We hope to have a day set aside for later in January or February to discuss this report with our members and to introduce and inform about SouthGrow.

### **Chinese Business to Business**

At least two of the firms that we met in China are interested in establishing networks to sell **steel railroad track components** and a **small line of farm equipment**. Also, a manufacturer of **agricultural drones** is looking for contacts as well. If you know of someone interested in any of these lines, please contact our office for information.

### **On Farm Energy Reduction Extension program**

Growing Forward 2 is coming to a close on Mar 31, 2018 but our work on this program continues. Vern Steinborn has been working his way through meetings from north of Red Deer to the US border. Should you wish to learn more about this program, please call him at 403-894-0050 to set up a meeting.

### **Agriculture**

There has been at least one interesting development over the past few weeks which was the announcement that a project in which we have participated has been shortlisted to 9 to qualify for Supercluster funding. We hope this is a good omen and that our members will be able to participate in value-added opportunities that this funding would create. Call me if you want details.

### **Retirement**

I have announced my retirement and the SouthGrow Management Board is on the hunt for a new manager. Contact our chair, Greg Robinson, for more details at [robinson@raymond.ca](mailto:robinson@raymond.ca)

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