







































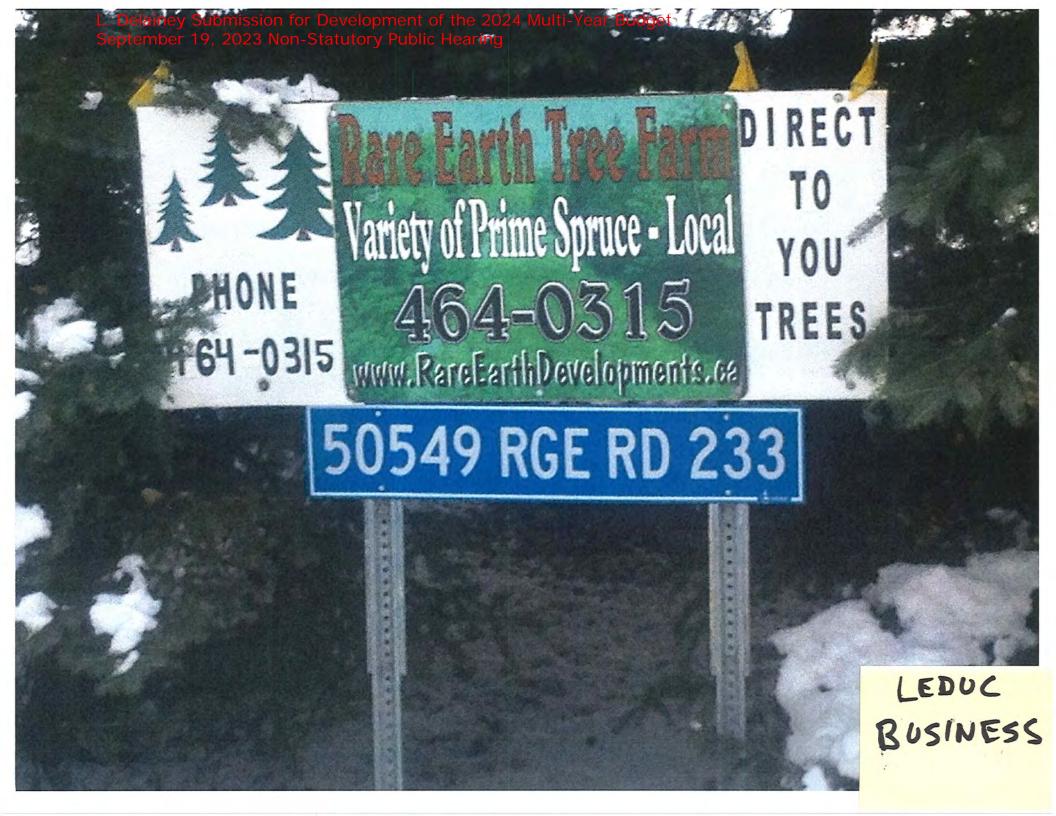


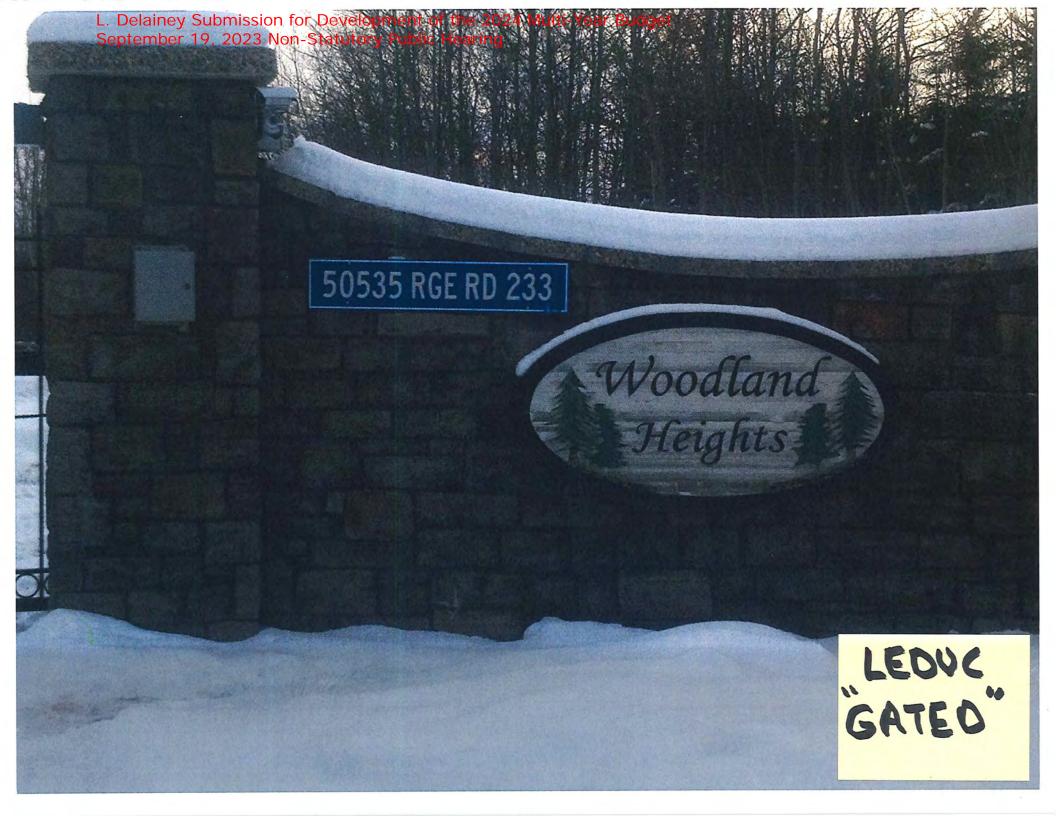




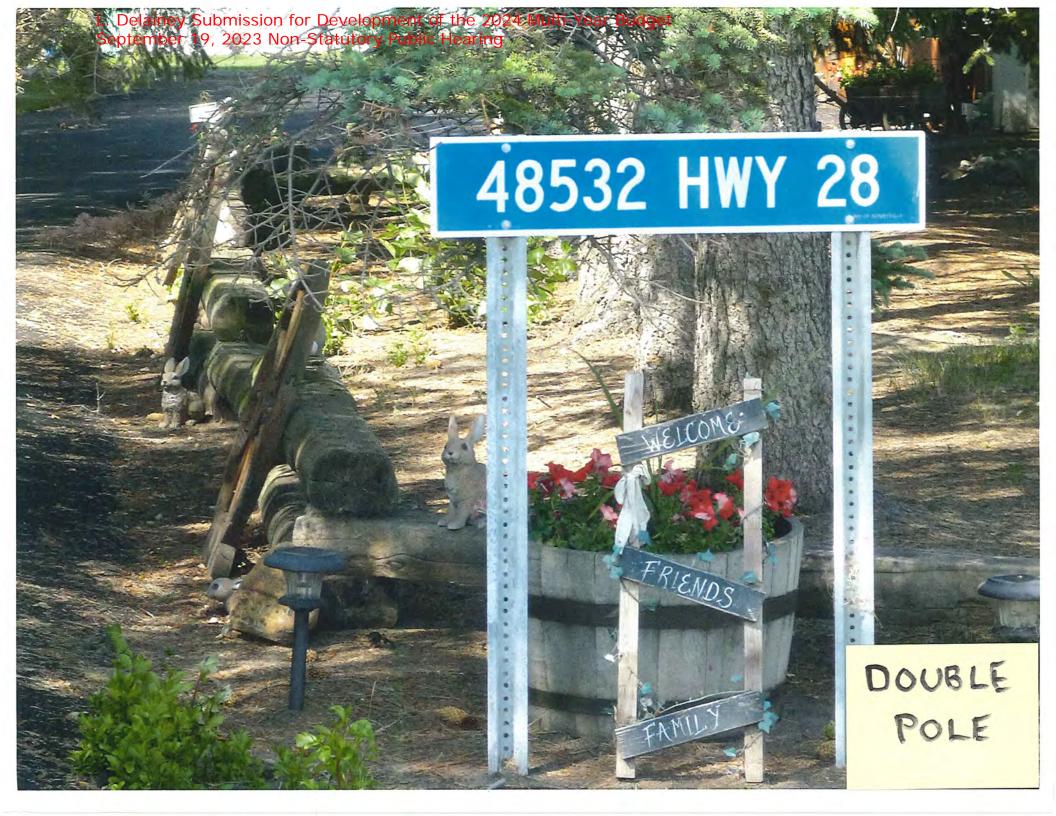
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BUSINESS PLAN 2012 & BUDGET

Council Budget Requests

Councillor: Linton Delainey

Identify the issue or the concern that requires attention.

There is a lack of "standardized property address signs" at the entrance of rural County properties. This represents a serious threat to efficiently identifying exact property locations in an emergency situation.

Why is this issue/concern important?

The lack of "standard" rural property identification signs represents a serious threat to resident safety and hampers location of specific rural properties in emergency situations by County ambulance and fire fighting services. Businesses and visitors to the County frequently complain of the lack of clear rural address property identification within Strathcona County!

Possible solution for the issue/concern?

The County must provide a "standardized" County-wide property address sign for each rural property and install them at the entrance of each property in a standardized location and "at County expense". This property identification system is currently used in a number of central Alberta municipalities and should be an initiative undertaken and monitored by Strathcona County Fire and Emergency services.

Minimally, each sign would indicate the unique property lot # and postal address including range and township road number of each property. It should also provide the sub-division name but not the property owner's name.

It would also be possible to use these signs to identify a "fire-smart" property for emergency fire-fighting purposes. A space might be provided on each sign for an annual sticker to be applied by the fire department thus indicating the property is, in fact, "Firesmart". This "certification" would allow the property owner to apply for reductions in personal property insurance rates because their property has earned this "firesmart" designation. In addition, a "Firesmart" sub-division might further reduce insurance premiums for all residents. The inaugural pilot project for this initiative should occur in Ward 6 which has the most heavily treed acreage sub-divisions. All sub-divisions would have a "standardized" sub-division name sign at their entrance including its postal mailing address.

During a fast moving fire in heavily treed areas or sub-divisions, the "firesmart" sticker certificate on each rural property sign would perhaps permit the fire fighters to by-pass such a property and move on to adjacent properties which may not be firesmart certified. The benefits are obvious.

How does this request affect service levels (choose one)

Maintain Increase <u>YES</u> Decrease

BUSINESS PLAN & BUDGET 2014

Council Budget Requests

Councillor: Linton Delainey

Identify the issue or the concern that requires attention.

Standardized civic address signs are required at the entrances of all rural County resident properties as well as rural County parks and facilities as identified in a 2012 PDS inventory.

Why is this issue/concern important?

Rural resident personal and property safety can be seriously compromised should emergency responders be unable to quickly and efficiently locate exact rural property locations in emergency situations for which the County could be held liable. County residents, businesses and visitors frequently complain about their inability to easily locate rural County properties as well as rural County parks and facilities. County bylaw staff is currently unable to adequately enforce rural property owner civic address requirements.

Possible solution for the issue/concern?

The County must align its signage with surrounding Alberta municipalities by phasing in over a 3-5 year period, the supply and installation of a "standardized" civic property address sign at the entrance of each rural property except where a plainly visible, easily-to-read, standardized civic property address sign has been provided by the developer within a sub-division.

(Examples of unacceptable rural property signage are attached!)

How does this request affect service levels? (Choose one)

Maintain Increase YES Decrease

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