

LeRoy Economic Development Committee

December 2012 Newsletter

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Meet the LeRoy Economic Development Committee...

The LeRoy Economic Development Committee began in 2010 and includes the following people:

Dwight Bunyan, Manager, LeRoy Credit Union - Committee Chairman

Ann Block, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of LeRoy

Jerry McGrath, Reeve, R.M. of LeRoy No. 339

Dustin Hartman, Councillor, Town of LeRoy

Nick Koroluk, General Manager, Midway Co-op

Jay McGrath, General Manager, Sinnett Pork Farms

Lorna McGrath, LeRoy Credit Union

Wendy Gowda, Development Officer, R.M. of LeRoy No. 339

Thank you to past members.. Morris Hartman and Heather Block

We are looking for members!

Do you have some spare time on your hands? Are you interested in community development?

Consider joining the LeRoy Economic Development Committee (looking for one or two people as general committee members)

We are also looking for people interested in helping with the following initiatives:

1. Daycare Initiative
2. Downtown Revitalization
3. Recreational Facilities
4. Branding Process
5. Housing Project

If you are interested in participating on any of these committees, please contact Ann at 306-286-3288 or email at ann.block@leroy.ca or any of the board members.

“Building a vibrant, safe community, committed to family values, affordable lifestyle and progressive development that is positioning itself for the future and enhancing quality of life for all citizens.”

Housing Initiatives

LeRoy hosted a Regional Housing Workshop on October 19, 2012 to learn about the programs available for affordable rental and home ownership projects. There was good participation from various stakeholders including developers, builders, municipalities, realtors and industry. Presentations were made by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Saskatchewan Housing and Westcap Management - Headstart on a Home Program. The keynote speaker was Chris Ryder, Vice President of External Affairs, Diamonds and Specialty Products, BHP Billiton.

This was a great networking opportunity to discuss the housing challenges in the region. The Town of LeRoy with support from the LeRoy Economic Development Committee and the Mid - Sask Municipal Alliance have applied for funding under the SUMMIT Action Fund to complete a project entitled: **Collaborative Effort to Develop a Housing Mechanism Appropriate for Rapid Growth Regions.**

In partnership with urban and rural municipalities and industry, we will build on the Housing Action Plan and Concepts for a Housing Mechanism formerly completed by the Prairie Innovation Enterprise Region (PIER) in April 2012. The project will develop a mechanism to assist municipalities in the area around the BHP Billiton Jansen Project deliver on current and future Housing Needs in the region.



Regional Initiatives

Regional Planning - Ann sat on the planning committee for two Regional Planning Conferences held in 2012. These conferences were held for stakeholders to discuss, learn and share how to move forward as a region with increasing commercial, residential and anticipated industrial development.

At the November 23rd conference, over 160 stakeholders registered. Honourable Donna Harpauer delivered a keynote presentation on *Maintaining the Saskatchewan Advantage*. Mayor Melissa Blake, Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, expressed the challenges faced by municipalities as a result of rapid growth. The Mid-Sask Municipal Alliance presented on the *Regional Official Community Plans* that are being developed by the regional municipalities. The City of Humboldt presented on the *Regional Procurement Initiative*. Chris Ryder, Vice President, External Affairs, BHP Billiton delivered a presentation on *A Future Together: BHP Billiton Potash Development*. Following the presentations, a panel discussion was held to wrap up the day.

Emergency Courses - We have been accepted by the Ministry of Government Relations, Emergency Management and Fire Safety Branch to offer Basic Emergency Management Courses in the new year to prepare the region, our local EMO teams, First Responders, Fire Department, Ambulance staff, business and industry in the event of a municipal emergency.

We are hosting Basic Emergency Management, Orientation to Incident Command Systems, Evacuation Contingency Planning and Emergency Operations Centre Management. More courses will be requested once successful completion of these courses are obtained. Once the training is completed, table top exercises will be performed, followed by mock scenarios.



Strategic Planning

Several Committee Strategic Planning Sessions were held over the past 2 years and the business community was invited to a meeting for their input in the second quarter of 2012.

On January 30, 2013 the Community will be invited to attend a Public Open House to discuss the strategic plan and provide perspectives, opinions and concerns as residents, ratepayers and business owners in the community.

LeRoy Stationed Ambulance Back in Service

We are very pleased that our efforts to get an ambulance back in LeRoy has been successful.

Thank you to our current and past ambulance staff and also to our volunteer first responders for their dedication to this very important service.

Also a big thank you to BHP Billiton and to Lanigan and District Ambulance Service for their assistance in providing this service!



Ambulance Staff and First Responders:

Corinne Bornhorst, Paul Cockell, Amanda MacCuish, Bobby MacCuish, Ian MacCuish, Arlin Mundell, Adam Paton, Brant Paton, Jenny Paton and Lloyd Taphorn



Rink Replaces Ice Resurfacing Machine

Thank you to BHP Billiton for the large donation towards an Olympia Model 2000 Ice Resurface Machine to replace the old Zamboni.



Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill out the LeRoy Community Survey either on line or the mail in survey. We obtained some great feedback on the initiatives that we are looking at and other areas we need to pay special attention to. Thank you also to the prize sponsors including: LeRoy Credit Union, Midway Co-op, Western Financial Group, Lemon Tree Restaurant and 2M's Restaurant. All prize winners have been notified.



Happy Holidays Everyone!

Enjoy time with family and friends!

Best Wishes for 2013!!

