

ON THE COWBOY TRAIL

News from Councillor Barb Castell

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It has been a challenging winter and I am sure you are all ready for a reprieve from the snow storms. We have had unusually large snow falls of late and I applaud all of you who waited patiently for the road crews to clear the roads in your area. I was amazed at how quickly they did clear all that snow; often working through the night to get the job done. Unfortunately, in this part of the country, it may not be over.

The speed limit in Millarville will be lowered to “30 km/h” so watch for new signs when the frost finally comes out of the ground and the signs get installed. This will make it safer for all pedestrians, especially the children who walk to school.

The Rothney Astrophysical Observatory and the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, Calgary honoured Spencer Croil, a planner with the M.D. of Foothills, for his effort in creating a bylaw for responsible lighting. Earth Hour was celebrated on Saturday, March 28th and although the weather conditions were far from what was hoped, people showed up for a most enjoyable and educational talk on Dark Skies.

The Calgary Regional Partnership (CRP) has kept council very busy lately. I hope you had a chance to attend one of many open houses put on by the CRP and by the M.D. of Foothills. They were very well attended. If you were not able to attend, I strongly urge you to read the newsletter that was sent to all M.D. residents in March. It includes information which your M.D. Council believes *could significantly affect your property*. For more information and the latest news go to:

www.mdfoothills.com/calgaryregionalpartnership.html

Road bans are in affect as of March 20th. For more information and updates go to:

www.mdfoothills.com/PubWorks.htm

I have now witnessed gophers, bluebirds, robins, swans, snow geese, muddy cars and flowers on my tomato plants so let's hope that Spring is truly here. It is nice to get out and enjoy the sunshine and longer days.

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