

## Mayor of Irma Report January 2013

Our regular Council meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> resulted in the formation of a seven (7) member Committee to be appointed by Council, whose mandate it will be to study the feasibility of building a Hall/Recreation Centre at the old Atco Gas property at 5240 – 53 Ave. The two members from Council are Robert Larson as Chairperson and Dennis Fuder as Vice Chairperson of the committee.

Irma's original train station is currently on a farm east of Irma and there are several people who would like to have it moved back into the Village. The Council supports this project and Councillor Robert Larson has taken on the task to host an organizational meeting to form a group to research the feasibility of this project. This group would also organize the planning, fundraising and execution of this project, should they decide to go ahead with it. Councillor Larson will be the village representative on this committee.

Council approved a draft of the Irma Recreation Board agreement and it will be sent to the M.D. of Wainwright for their approval. The original agreement needed to be amended to better suit the present circumstances of our Recreation facilities. The Division 6 and 7 M.D. Councillors had previously met with Council to decide what should be changed in the old agreement.

Council meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month, and the fourth Tuesday of the month are scheduled for a second council meeting as required. This month, a second meeting was needed; we invited the Chief and Deputy Chief of the Irma Fire Department to meet with us. We reviewed the new Joint Fire Agreement between the Village and the M.D., as well as our new Village Fire Protection Bylaw. This bylaw is posted on our web site [www.irma.ca](http://www.irma.ca) and there are a few changes: such as Fire Permits and requirements for Fire Pits and Barbeques.

The Chief and Deputy Chief gave a report of the Department's calls for 2012. They are finding the same difficulties recruiting new members as most other small departments in Alberta. They stated that because Irma Fire/Rescue does First Response before the arrival of EMS to an incident, some people are under the mistaken belief that they will be required to do medical aid if they join the Department.

Irma Village Councillor contact information is listed on the Village web site, so please feel free to email or phone any member of Council at any time with your concerns or questions.

Submitted by Mayor Eric Nissen