

2012 Annual Report

A flourishing, vibrant community supporting strong family values

Greetings from the Village Staff

Village Council is once again pleased to provide this summary of the 2012 financial statements to the public as a part of the 2012 Annual Report. A complete copy of the financial statements and the auditor's report are available at the Village Office.

We continue to work closely with our regional counterparts to find ways of providing services to our residents in a cost effective manner. Watch this summer for a "re-vamped" garbage collection program. Details will be provided to residents at the appropriate time.

The Village continues to do general maintenance & up-keep to public works, utilizing our dollars in the most cost effective manner.

Coming Soon— A New Village Website. Once it's online we'll give you the details.

Thank you to our residents and volunteers – we appreciate all that you do!

As always, questions and comments are appreciated. Call your councillors, or stop by the office—we're happy to answer your questions.

Marg, Sharon, & Gerry

Election 2013

Time for Municipal Elections

Nomination day will be Monday, September 23, 2013 & **Election Day will be Monday, October 21, 2013.** Municipal elections are run under the authority of the Local Authorities Election Act. ***New this year is the four year term for councillors.***

Municipalities derive their authority from the Municipal Government Act. One of the most significant roles of a councillor is to develop and evaluate the bylaws, policies, and programs of the municipality so that administration and staff can provide for the day-to-day operations and legislated requirements of the municipality. Council generally meets once a month when decisions are made and ratified. Occasionally there is a second meeting when a more general discussion of the policies, programs, issues, and an exploration of ideas takes place. Councillors also share committee representation. The Village has several committees that require resident participation as well. All of these roles are opportunities for taking an active interest in your community and shaping its' future.

Consider utilizing YOUR expertise for the Village.

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Mayor's Report

Dear Village Residents:

Once again another very successful year has come to a close and I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Village Council to make an accounting of those things which have been achieved in 2012 and to also let you know of some of the goals we have for 2013. Before I do that I would like to let all of you know how much I appreciate the support you have given to the Village Council and office staff. I would also like to recognize those people who have gone out of their way to make Rosemary the wonderful place that it is by keeping it clean and inviting. I often receive comments from other municipal leaders about how attractive Rosemary is. A special thanks goes out to Heather Hingley and those who helped her with the beautiful flowers that adorned our streets all summer. That is certainly no small task.

Another group of people that I would like to make particular mention of is those who agreed to serve on the Rosemary Community Enhancement Committee. These people have spent many hours helping to make our village a great place to live and visit. One of the first things they did was to organize the Celebrating Communities event which celebrated the Village of Tilley. I had numerous remarks about how great that event was. They are now involved in making a Rosemary brochure, which can be used to invite people to visit our community, and designing banners to decorate our Main Street area. Thanks again for all you have done and continue to do.

I would also like to recognize the huge contribution the Rosemary Ag Society makes. They work so hard to keep the Rosemary Rec Plex in great condition so all can benefit from its use. They also make our Canada Day celebration a wonderful success which is recognized far and wide as the place to be on that day.

A big thank-you also goes out to Cori Ann Neilson and her committee for the Burst of Color Run which has also brought a lot of recognition to our community. The event was a great success and helped provide funding for the Brooks and District Health Foundation. Way to go! It will happen again this year so come out and lend your support even if you are only a spectator.

A special thanks also goes out to all of our business owners. Whether your business is large or small we appreciate all you do to enhance our community and hope you will remain here for many years to come.

I also feel fortunate to live in a village where most residents are so willing to volunteer to help make this the great place that it is. Without your support and hard work Rosemary would only be a sleepy little spot where nothing happens. I would also like to extend a hearty welcome to those of you who have chosen to make Rosemary your home during the past year. We certainly hope you like it here as much as the rest of us do and will consider making this a long time stay.

In 2012 there were a number of projects completed in the village which we hope has enhanced our community and made it a safer and more inviting place to live. Most obvious are the enhanced street lights which were installed on Main Street and the removal of all of the overhead wires. Not only will



these improve the look of Main Street but will also make the street much safer and less inviting for vandalism. Although it is not up yet there will also be a new electronic sign installed in front of the complex. This sign is a combined effort of the Rosemary Ag Society and the Village of Rosemary. We feel it will be especially beneficial in keeping all of you informed about what is happening in Rosemary.

Another project that was completed in 2012 was the lining of the sewer lines under Tulip Street. Although these are not visible we are sure they will be much more reliable and prevent sewer backups into your homes. This should extend the life of these lines for many years to come. We were also able to pave Gwen Avenue East, which means that our village should stay cleaner and make driving much more enjoyable. A more visible project that is ongoing was the replacement of some of the worst sections of sidewalks. We are trying to improve the safety of our streets and sidewalks for all residents.

2012 also saw the number of homes in the village increase by three. It is always good to welcome new families into Rosemary. We feel that was great since that is about the same number of homes that were added to the entire City of Brooks.

One other project that we completed last year was a census. The latest Canadian census indicated that our population had dropped from the previous 388 to 342. We knew this was not accurate so an application was made to do our own census. When it was complete we discovered that our population had actually risen to 421. We did that because the grants we receive from the various levels of government are based on population. This will make a big difference to the amount funding we receive.

We have not been able to complete all of the projects that we hoped to complete in 2112 but these will be carried on in 2013. These include hooking up to the regional water system. That was totally out of our hands but a new contract has been awarded to replace the portion of the line that was full of leaks (3.8 km) and that should be complete this spring and hopefully water running by summer. Another project that we budgeted for but could not finish is a storm water plan which we hope, when finished, will prevent some of the flooding that has taken place in the past.

Looking to 2013 we have several projects we are going to be working on. Sewage lines will be relined under Rose Street, parts of Iris Street and from Dalia Street to the LDS Church. Improvements will also be made at the sewage lagoons which will not be very noticeable to residents. We also plan to make improvements to the signage in and around our village. The work to replace sections of broken sidewalks and dust control will also continue.

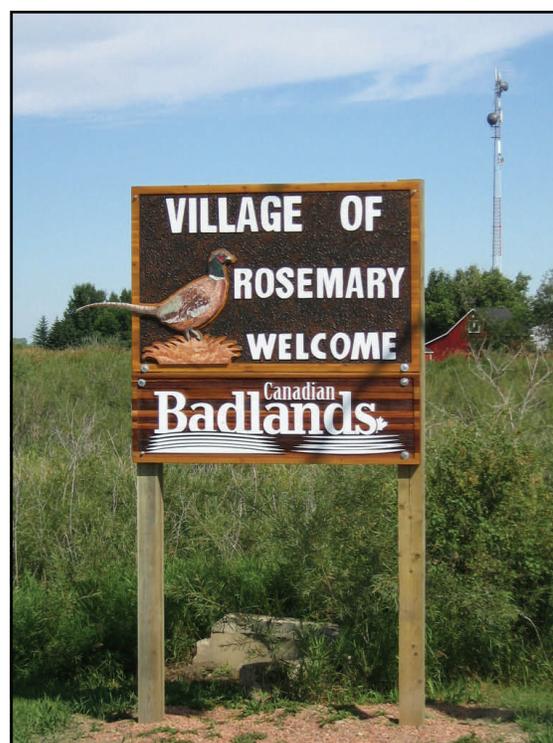
Looking into the future we are investigating the idea of sharing services with other adjacent municipalities. We hope that the result will be a win-win situation for everyone involved. We hope that this will reduce costs and improve service. This idea to help each other rather than being in competition has never been stronger than it is right now. The Village of Rosemary is represented on the Board of Directors of Newell Regional Services Committee (the regional water system), the Newell Regional Economic Development Initiative, the Regional Landfill, FCSS, Short Grass Library Board, Palliser Economic Partnership, and the Canadian Badlands Association.

One thing that the Village Council is concerned about is the vandalism that is taking place. We hope that all residents will take pride in the village and do everything you can to help prevent this from happening. Just a few of the things that have occurred are the smashing of some of the spindles and the destruction of the lights in the gazebo and a number of holes were smashed in the new white vinyl fence around the campground. The money box for the truck water fill was stolen once and a second attempt was made. All of these things have to be paid for out of your tax dollars so we hope everyone will be extra vigilant and talk to your kids about the importance of not damaging public property and reporting it when they see it happening.

As you are well aware in October 2013 there will be another municipal election. I hope that some of you will step forward and run for Village Council. A council by coercion generally is not very successful. I would especially like to encourage some younger people to get involved. For me personally representing you has been a very rewarding experience. I have had the opportunity to tell people all over the Province of Alberta about you. I do not think that Rosemary has ever had a better reputation nor been better known than it is now. I hope that all of you are ambassadors for our community where ever you go. I am proud to let people know that I come from the very best place to live and raise a family.

In closing I would like to express my profound thanks to Bill Marshall and Yoko Fujimoto for the countless hours they put in making Rosemary the great place that it is. Also I would like to give a big thanks to Marg Loewen, Sharon Zacharias and Gerry Fortier for their help in carrying out the work of running the village office and keeping our village looking neat and beautiful.

Don Gibb, Mayor



Public Works Projects

2012 - Projects Funded with Government (Transfers) Grants:

• Paving Gwen Ave. East	\$ 70,000
• Sewer Main Lining—Tulip Street	93,300
• Sidewalk Replacement/Repair Program	8,100
• Community Electronic Sign (Project with Ag Society)	16,000
• Sewer Main Repairs	15,000
• Centre Street Lights	19,520
• Office Equipment & Software Upgrades	7,470

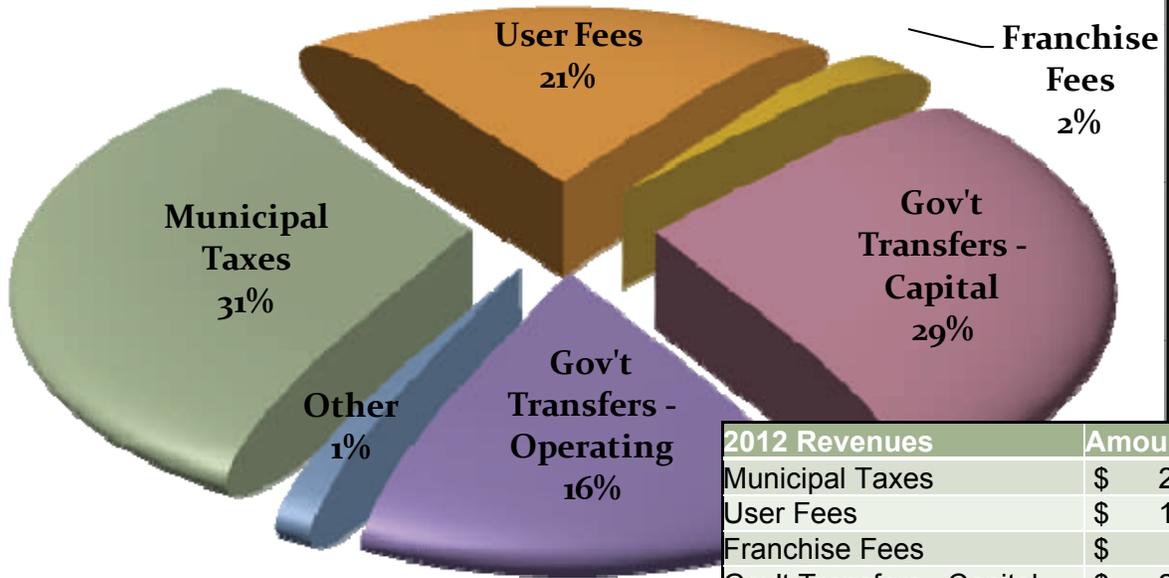
2013 - Projected Projects Funded with Government (Transfers) Grants:

• Gwen Ave E.—Storm Water Burm & Culvert	\$ 50,000
• Sewer Main Lining—Iris/Rose Streets	115,000
• Railway Ave—Storm Water Project & Development	111,800
• Sidewalk Replacement Program	15,000
• Re-work Oiled Streets	35,000



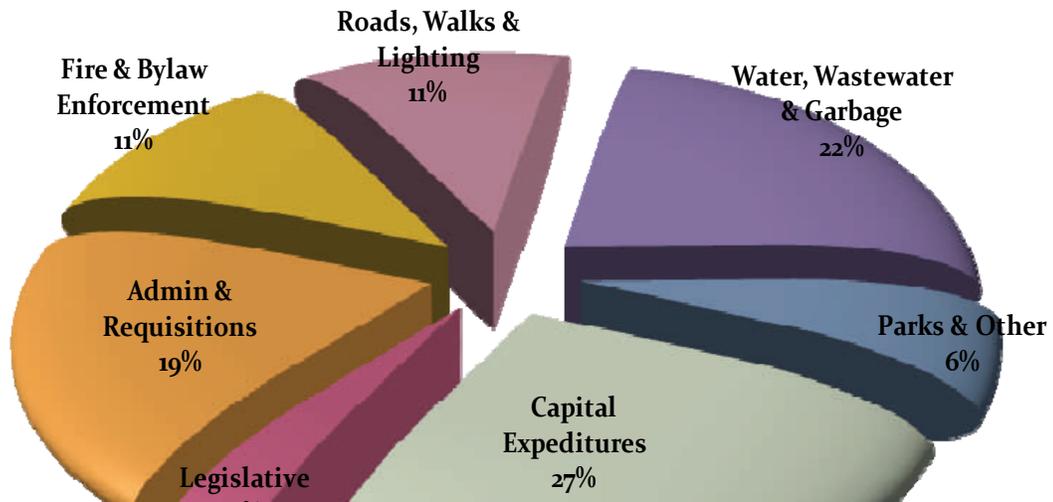
2012 Financial Summary—Village of Rosemary

2012 Revenues



2012 Revenues	Amount
Municipal Taxes	\$ 262,755
User Fees	\$ 172,456
Franchise Fees	\$ 17,184
Gov't Transfers - Capital	\$ 240,307
Gov't Transfers - Operating	\$ 133,085
Other	\$ 11,375
Total	\$ 837,162

2012 Expenditures



2012 Expenditures	Amount
Legislative	\$ 25,095
Admin & Requisitions	\$ 130,988
Fire & Bylaw Enforcement	\$ 79,820
Roads, Walks & Lighting	\$ 80,831
Water, Wastewater & Garbage	\$ 153,783
Parks & Other	\$ 44,400
Capital Expenditures	\$ 193,576
Total	\$ 708,493

For complete details, please drop by the Village Office for a copy of the 2012 Audited Financial Statements.