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Bassano council toys with reduction to five members

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

Like most municipalities, the Town of Bassano is looking at cost cutting measures in case regionalization or amalgamation fails.

Last Monday council again discussed reducing the number of councillors.

"We haven't put that into a formal agreement. We did agree that the number five is a pretty good number. We thought three was too little and seven is probably a little bit too much," said mayor Ron Wickson following the meeting.

The current number is seven.

"What we wanted to do is have a little bit of an open discussion about trying to make the council more efficient," he said.

He said the priority for the council is regionalization but without a guarantee, the town, like the Village of Duchess which is building a new admin building, is continuing to move forward.

"The reality is that we still have to plan as if we are going to be a separate council. We still have to do the planning process for potentially the next election (2020)."

With no decision for a proposed budget, councillors were each directed to determine which meetings outside of council are important to attend and which ones don't have to be attended but can be followed up on after a meeting.

"We're trying to have efficiencies. We're putting a lot of money into a very, very talented CAO to get our business up to date so we're investing money in that. We're investing money into the Beautify Bassano project and we're going to do some public works projects as well," he said.



Brooks Scotiabank staff members Linda Young, Amie Smith, Stacy Twedt, Christie Waldner, Twylla Bexte, Dyanna Varhaug and Susie Giesbrecht hold some of the giant stuffies that have been donated for the annual Smiles For Christmas program. Anyone who is in need of a Christmas food hamper or toy hamper is to register at the Brooks Food Bank until Dec. 14. Donations can be dropped off at Scotiabank. More stuffies will be collected during the annual Teddy Bear Toss on Dec. 7 when the Brooks Bandits host the Canmore Eagles. Over 800 stuffed animals were collected at last year's game.

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EID to postpone Scott Lake pipeline project for one year

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Faced with some unknowns from the provincial government the Eastern Irrigation District has decided to postpone the 16 kilometre \$8.8 million Scott pipeline project one year to 2021-2022.

The pipeline is within an IRP cost sharing program with the province of which the EID is responsible for 25 per cent of the costs.

In 2017 the province's 13 irrigation districts shared \$19 million in IRP funding but the following year the funds were cut by 25 per cent to \$14 million. The EID's share was \$3.37 million.

The IRP budget is again expected to be \$14 million in the 2019-20 budget.

"If we use the presently projected numbers to budget, it's obviously quite a bit less than we originally thought last year when we

submitted our three-year rolling IRP plan.

"It affected our capital plan moving forward," said EID general manager Ivan Friesen.

"Three quarters of the capital work we do in our district is done with EID funds. No public money," he said.

The recent provincial budget shows the IRP will be funded \$10 million in 2020-21 and \$19 million in 2021-22.

If the district does go ahead with the project as planned it could result in a deficit in the district's IRP fund.

"It's just cleaner to keep projects approved under the IRP program fully funded by that program in the year they are constructed," said Friesen.

The Scott Pipeline is located about five km south of Brooks north of Lake Newell.

It will replace the Scott Canal and will be fed directly from Lake Newell.

It is proposed to be a closed gravity system and will eliminate seepage from the ditch. The proposed project will service about 3,400 acres.

The \$4.5 million 8.5km Bow Slope rehabilitation project, located 1.6 km south of Rainier, is scheduled to begin in 2019-2020.



Rosemary and area residents came out to the school Friday to take in a lasagna supper in support of the school's girls junior volleyball team. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

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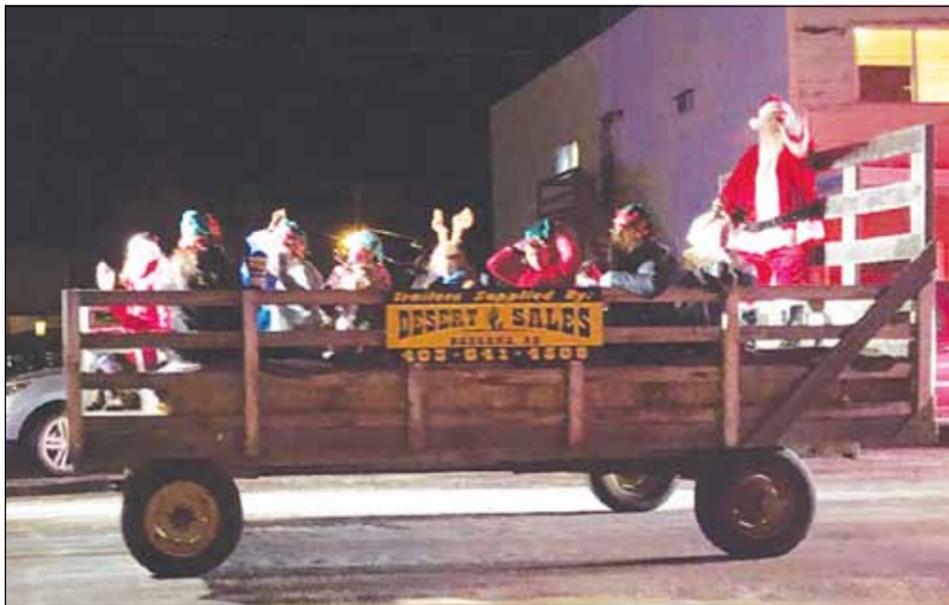
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Bassano held its Christmas Magic celebration last Wednesday evening including a parade complete with Santa Claus riding a float. There were a variety of other activities including hay rides. | SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Interim CAO in Bassano gets contract extension

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BROOKS BULLETIN

Last Monday Bassano councillors agreed to retain the services of the town's interim CAO Amanda Davis until the end of February 2020.

Davis, whose contract was to end at the end of January, has been in the position since August.

In her presentation to council Davis's proposal pointed out that council will not be able to finish the three priority projects which are part of her original scope of work.

Her ongoing files

include lagoon upgrades, the Bassano spur line which is part of the town's sewage project, a legal file associated with the spur line and a 13-year-old file that has been sitting dormant.

In a letter to the public Davis advised residents the town is proceeding with a litigation involving an 8th Avenue Close property. No other details are available.

"The Town will provide updates to the public only as directed by legal counsel given that this matter is subject of legal proceedings," the letter states.

Davis told council by retaining her the issues will

get the attention required for their resolution.

"The town would be at a disadvantage to hire an entry level CAO and to put these sensitive projects on their plate. Contracted support would be required," she stated.

Davis will receive about \$200,000.

During her contract, the town office will be closed on Thursdays and council meetings will be held once a month.

At least six public meetings will be held to update residents on projects and to get their feedback.

Home Plans

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PLAN NO. 1-2-677
TOTAL 1636 SQ.FT. (152.0 M²)

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STRAIGHT ENTRY

PLAN NUMBER 1-2-677 STRIKING ENTRY AND CURB APPEAL

Designed especially for a lot that slopes to the back, this attractive two-bedroom home includes an unfinished basement, which could be used as a mortgage-helper or in-law suite.

Entry is through a porch with an 11-foot ceiling, which continues into the foyer and on to the great room. The foyer includes a coat closet on the left, adjacent to the L-shaped staircase leading to the unfinished basement.

The great room features a gas fireplace, as well as windows that look out to a covered sundeck. The open-plan kitchen and dining area are separated from the great room only by ceiling height.

The kitchen includes a generous work island, with double sinks and space for the dishwasher, as well as

a walk-through pantry that leads to the laundry room and double garage. The laundry room includes a large coat closet.

The dining area features a doorway to the covered sundeck.

The master suite, also with a doorway to the covered sundeck, includes a walk-in closet and a generous en-suite with double basins and a shower stall. An oval soaker tub, set into a bayed-out niche with a window, adds a touch of luxury.

The second bedroom is adjacent to a three-piece bathroom. Nearby are closets for linen and towels.

Exterior finishes include a striking stonework wall to one side of the entry, with a stone-based pilaster on the other side.

This home measures 44 feet wide and 72 feet, six inches deep, for a total of 1,636 square feet of

living space on the main floor.

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the universal way.*

- Suzuki Roshi

poet's CORNER

Action

Sam P. Davis

Better to sink with tempests raging o'er
Masts all dismantled and hull gaping wide
Than rest and rot on some unclouded shore
The idle plaything of the listless tide.

Better the grime of battle on the brow,
With grim defeat to crush thy dying hand
Than through long years of peace to tyrant bow
Or dwell a captive in a strangers land.

Better the castle with beleaguered gate,
By battle's lightning shivered in a day
Than peaceful walls in pomp of sullen state,
Through centuries sinking to a full decay.

Better resolve to win thy heart's desire,
And striving bravely, die in the endeavour
Than have the embers of some smothered fire
Lie smouldering in thy saddened soul forever.



TIME CAPSULE



Fishing on the side of the aqueduct - 1968.

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Goat Day

20 years ago when we still lived in Brighton, CO, I had invited several friends to have Thanksgiving at my house. (A tradition my insurance agent later said I could no longer afford). Each of my guests were gracious and had asked if they could bring anything. When Mac asked what he might contribute I suggested he bring the goats.

"Goats?" he asked. I explained that Friday was Goat Day. We always built a big fire outside and spent the afternoon basting Spanish goat in sop made from Shriner's beer. And, since the best Spanish goat came from west Texas, I figured he could bring it.

"But I'll be flyin' my own plane," he sputtered.

"Perfect," I said,

"They'll only be in transit a short time."

Although he did his best to talk me out of it, I remained firm.

So that fateful Tuesday morning he was out on the San Angelo airport tarmac takin' the back seat out of his twin engine Bonanza. The ever-vigilant Drug Enforcement Agency noted his suspicious behavior and took him in for questioning. His truthful explanation was so preposterous that they called me in Colorado to check his story!

Upon his release he flew to Junction, Texas and picked up four Spanish goats. He hogtied each one and put it in a gunny sack which he taped around their neck. Sort of a goat head bota bag. He spread newspaper and scattered straw just in case.

Four hours later Mac was swingin' wide around the busy metropolitan Denver air space in touch with the Stapleton International tower. The goats were in full chorus and bleating each time he keyed the microphone.

"This is twin Bonanza... baa...baa...four zero..blat... blat..seven three...bleat... Whiskeybraaaack...."

We were waiting at the Tri County Airport when Mac dipped his wing and skidded down

the runway. He crawled out on the wing. I noticed his hair was standing on end. He looked like he'd been castrating pigs in a metal building. You could almost hear his ears ringing. His eyes were glassy, his voice hoarse and he was vibrating.

I opened the passenger side to the deafening chorus. The imprisoned smell of four enclosed goats hit me head on. The floorboard carpeting looked like Walden Pond.

Goat day was the highlight of that Thanksgiving and Mac got proper recognition.

But his plane was never the same. On hot west Texas afternoons when he planned to go flying he would spray Lysol, slice onions, sprinkle Old Grandad and cook cabbage in the cockpit to mask the scent. It never worked. No matter what he did, after riding in the plane for an hour he would smell like an army of goats had adopted him and marked him as their personal territory.

He eventually sold the airplane at a yard sale. On a cold winter day.

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Moratorium on new EIDnet installs leads to upgrades

SANDRA M STANWAY
BROOKS BULLETIN

The Eastern Irrigation District will upgrade its internet service to increase the bandwidth currently available after having to place a moratorium on new installations.

Following an in-camera meeting last Tuesday, board members agreed to the upgrade at a cost of \$168,000.

The need to update is critical as the towers in One Tree, Patricia and Cassils have reached the point

where no other customers can be added.

"We currently have a moratorium on new installs and upgrades in the Rosemary, Patricia and One Tree areas because of back haul bandwidth issues," states the information at the board meeting.

As of Nov. 1 there were 1,743 EIDnet customers.

While the current upgrades are expected to take between eight and 10 weeks to implement, the district is also looking into other technologies.

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GWYNNE DYER

The Rohingyas are around a million Bengali-speaking people who used to live in Rakhine state in Burma – until late last year. Then the Burmese army attacked them, claiming they were illegal immigrants. Thousands were killed, tens of thousands were raped, their villages were burned – and at least 700,000 of them are now in refugee camps across the border in Bangladesh.

The United Nations has described these Burmese actions as ‘ethnic cleansing’, ‘crimes against humanity’ and ‘genocide’,

but the Burmese army denies any wrong-doing. So does its civilian political partner, ‘Special Counsellor’ Aung San Suu Kyi. (Remember her? She used to be a secular saint.)

Bangladesh doesn’t want all these refugees, most of whom have no ties with the country although they speak Bengali, so last month it made a deal with Burma to send them back. But Burma doesn’t really want them back either. If it did, why would it have bothered to drive them out in the first place?

The United Nations has no part in this great ‘repatriation’, nor any of the NGOs either. It was a private deal between Bangladesh and Burma, and the Burmese army knew perfectly well that the refugees would be too terrified to go back. Agreeing to take them back just made the generals who planned the atrocity look a little less vile.

The Bangladeshi authorities fell for it, and chose 2,200 Rohingya

The Reluctant Rohingyas

refugees to go back in the first contingent. The Rohingyas weren’t fooled, and most of them immediately went into hiding, changing camps or fleeing into the woods.

A loudspeaker truck went around the sprawling Unchiprang camp near Cox’s Bazar last week imploring the ‘approved’ refugees to come out. “We have six buses here. We have trucks. We have food. We want to offer everything to you.” But nobody stepped forward, and the crowd chanted “We won’t go.”

The Rohingya won’t go back because they are quite understandably afraid for their lives. It wasn’t just the army but their own non-Muslim neighbours who turned on them and took part in the slaughter. If you are recalling images of the massacres and expulsions of Bosnian Muslims by the Bosnian Serbs in the 1990s, you are absolutely right. It’s happening again, and again nobody is doing anything effective to stop it.

How did it come to this?

All the South-East Asian countries contain minority groups, but Burma takes it to extremes. Bamars (ethnic ‘Burmese’) account for two-thirds of the population, but there are eight other recognised ethnic groups, most with their own language or languages. And there are the Rohingya, who were stripped of their citizenship by Burma’s military dictatorship in 1982.

Why them? They were only 2 percent of Burma’s population, they were a minority even in Rakhine state (formerly Arakan) where they almost all lived, and they never did any harm to the majority. They are, however, Muslims, and the Buddhist majority in Burma is paranoid about Muslims.

It goes back a long way. Buddhism once dominated Asia from the Indian subcontinent to Indonesia, but it has been in retreat for a long time. First Hinduism made a comeback in India, and then Arab conquerors brought Islam to north-

western India.

Islamised Central Asian conquerors spread Islam as far east as Bengal, and finally Malay traders carried it throughout the Indonesian archipelago. The only Buddhist-majority countries left in Asia today are Burma, Thailand and Sri Lanka.

It’s not surprising, therefore, that Burmese Buddhists should feel their faith is jeopardised by the presence of even a single million Muslims – especially if rabble-rousing Buddhist monks advance their careers by preaching fear and hatred.

It’s also utterly irrational and reprehensible. The Rohingya are just as Burmese, in the broader sense, as any of the recognised minorities. The first Bengali-speaking Muslims arrived in Rakhine state in the 15th century as soldiers helping an exiled king regain his throne. The last significant wave of immigration was in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

It’s now the 21st century,

and there is no excuse for what the Burmese army has done: to understand all is NOT to forgive all. Neither is there any excuse for Nobel Peace Prize winner Aung San Suu Kyi.

Yes, she was trying to preserve a hard-won democratic opening that might close if she openly criticised the army. Moreover, the average Burmese heartily approves of what the army has done. (Shades of Serbia again.) But she is condoning and covering up a genocide. Shame on her.

So will they take her Nobel Prize away? Well, no, because it doesn’t matter what she does after she gets it, and she got it in 1991. As Olav Njoelstad, the secretary of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, said last year, the Prize “is awarded for some prize-worthy effort or achievement OF THE PAST.” Once you get it, you can commit any crime you want.

More medical tests, treatments not always the best

You can have too much of a good thing when it comes to medicine for older adults

By John Muscedere
Contributor
EvidenceNetwork.ca

Prevailing wisdom states that more is better – and it’s no different when it comes to our expectation of medical treatments. With the help of the Internet, patients and their families have come to expect intensive tests, treatments and therapies at every life stage.

But sometimes, too much treatment can do more harm than good. This is true in all ages but is especially relevant for older adults living with frailty who are much more likely to receive medical care where treatments often pose a higher risk of adverse effects.

Older adults with frailty are much more likely to be administered life support therapies but are much less likely to benefit from them when used.

As an example, researchers recently found that the routine procedure of giving acutely ill seniors in hospital increased amounts of oxygen didn’t improve their chances of survival. In fact, it increased their chances of death.

Another study looking at the use of emergency life support with mechanical ventilation found that 31 per cent of patients aged 65 to 74 were discharged from hospital, compared to 19 per cent of those aged 80 to 84. And for patients over the age of 90, the number dropped to 14 per cent. However, even

these abysmal statistics don’t tell the whole story.

Of the older patients who survive, only a small percentage of those on mechanical ventilation return to their pre-illness level of function.

By contrast, adapting care to less invasive forms of life support, such as breathing help with a face mask, can lead to good outcomes in those not willing to have usual mechanical ventilation with a breathing tube inserted into the lungs.

Why?

The patient may not require admission to the intensive care unit, as they would with a breathing tube, don’t require high levels of sedation and they can remove the face mask to eat, drink and talk with their family and friends, improving their quality of life.

Yet even when the use of life support in late life offers little chance for benefit, it’s commonly done, resulting in needless suffering and reduced quality of life.

Overtreatment of frail older adults with diabetes is another area of particular concern. Negative consequences from low blood sugars can result in fainting and falls, leading to injury, immobilization and, in some cases, institutionalization.

While strict control of diabetes is necessary in younger ages to prevent future complications, there may be less benefit in older adults who may

not have the lifespan for complications to develop.

The increasing number of medications in older adults is also a concern.

It’s estimated that nearly two-thirds of people over age 65 are prescribed five or more drugs, while more than one-quarter are prescribed 10 – many of which may need to be taken multiple times daily. As the number of drugs increases, so does the risk of harmful effects, drug interactions, hospitalization and poor outcomes overall.

Studies have found that reducing the number of medications that may no longer be appropriate for the life stage of the individual doesn’t cause ill effects. And in some care, it improves outcomes.

So what can be done to address the potential overtreatment of older adults living with frailty?

First, we need to have frank advance care planning and end-of-life conversations with our loved ones who are living with frailty. Knowing their preferences in advance is crucial, since these discussions may not be possible during a health crisis.

Regular medication reviews should also be performed. Over time, medication needs may change, so they need to be reviewed to assess their suitability based on current health status.

On the policy side, we need to realize that medical interventions can only go so far and

our governments need to invest more in quality of life, improved by home care, social supports and palliative care options for older Canadians living with chronic conditions and frailty.

As our population ages and many are living longer

than ever, let’s make sure that our extra time is quality time. And let’s not presume that more is better when it comes to medical interventions for older adults.

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Frailty Network, and an intensivist at Kingston Health Sciences Centre. He is also professor of Critical Care Medicine at Queen’s University and a contributor with EvidenceNetwork.ca, which is based at the University of Winnipeg.

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Inspired by Japanese okonomiyaki, our Bacon and Cabbage Pancakes with Parsley Sour Cream recipe are featured in our new Home for the Holidays cookbook. Loaded with bacon, cabbage and shallots, these pancakes are savoury and hearty.

BACON AND CABBAGE PANCAKES WITH PARSLEY SOUR CREAM

PARSLEY SOUR CREAM
1 cup sour cream
¼ cup finely chopped fresh parsley
2 tsp finely chopped fresh dill or 1 tsp dried dill weed
2 tbsp sliced green onion
½ tsp grated lemon peel

Whisk all ingredients together in a small bowl. Makes about 1 cup.

BACON AND CABBAGE PANCAKES
1 cup diced bacon
1 cup finely diced cabbage
½ cup finely diced shallots
1½ cups all-purpose flour
½ tsp baking powder
½ tsp granulated sugar
½ tsp salt

*1½ cups no-salt-added chicken broth
4 large eggs
Canola oil*

Heat a large frypan over medium heat. Sauté bacon until crispy, about 10 minutes. Add cabbage and shallots; continue to sauté for 3 – 5 minutes or until vegetables are softened. Drain off all bacon fat; discard.

Transfer mixture to a heatproof bowl. Refrigerate until cool.

Combine flour, baking powder, sugar and salt in a medium bowl. Add broth and eggs. Whisk until smooth.

When cool, add bacon mixture to batter. Stir to combine.

For each pancake, pour ¼ cup batter into lightly oiled frypan over medium heat. Cook pancakes in batches until golden brown, about 2 – 3 minutes per side. Add more oil as necessary. Serve with Parsley Sour Cream. Makes about 14.

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and Allied. Liz met Ray while she lived in Brooks then got married on August 3, 1963. Both enjoyed going out with friends. They also loved cats. 49p

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Division in healthy financial position states auditor

BRUCE PARKER
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Grasslands Regional Division trustees last Monday approved their 2017-2018 audited financial statements that show a surplus of \$45,379 (which is within 0.09% of total revenues).

This overall surplus represents the jurisdiction's actual revenues over actual expenditures, said associate superintendent Rhian Schroeder.

Financial planning for the 2017-2018 school year took place in the spring of 2017, a full 18 months prior to the fiscal year end.

The financial period of 2017/2018 was affected by the following:

- Revenue was higher than budget due in most part to an increase in funds received from Alberta Education because of increased enrollments. Revenue was also higher due to the Classroom Improvement Funding that was announced after the spring budget was completed.

- Expenses were higher than budget due to an increase in staff related to the rise in student enrollment which was partially offset by a decrease in spending on our facilities due to less IMR (Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal) work being completed during the year.

The 2017/2018 fiscal deficit will be added to reserves and will be incorporated into the 2018/19 budget.

Calvin Scott from Avail CPA went over the 2017-18 audited financial statements with trustees.

He said revenues were up just over \$1 million and on the expense side, the major increase would have been with instruction including wage increases, (salary) grid increases.

Scott said the one significant change for all school divisions is a decrease in expenses for plant and operation maintenance.

This is where a significant amount of Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal funding used to be shown. A lot of it is capitalized now with changes to regulations.

Scott said this has resulted in all school divisions he has seen so far having an increase in their surplus or a decrease in their deficit. There is a better financial position from a statement of operations perspective.

He told trustees Grasslands has gone from a deficit of \$426,000 to a surplus of 45,000 that includes a lot of non-cash items.

For the year, Grasslands had a \$3 million increase in cash from operations.

With this cash, \$3.1 million was spent on capital assets and debt repayments of \$429,000. Scott said the

debt repayments are funded so are not coming from the school division.

Even though there was a surplus for the year, there was a cash deficiency of \$588,000. Cash went down even though there was an excess of funds because it was invested.

Scott said the division sits with a net asset balance of \$6.5 million.

On the non-financial asset side, \$3.1 million was spent finishing Eastbrook Elementary's modernization, four new busses were purchased and work on a new Career and Technology Studies trailer was started.

He said this leaves the school division with a surplus of \$10.93 million.

Of this, 4.1 million has already been invested in tangible capital assets, there are capital reserves of \$1.2 million, operating reserves of \$4.6 million and an unrestricted balance of \$900,00. This has yet to be applied to new capital or operating reserves.

When you take out the tangible capital assets, this leaves the division with a \$6.8 million surplus.

Scott said the division's adjusted accumulated surplus is 14 per cent of what annual revenues and expenditures would be.

In comparison to the provincial average of 11-12 percent, Grasslands is in a healthy financial position, said Scott.



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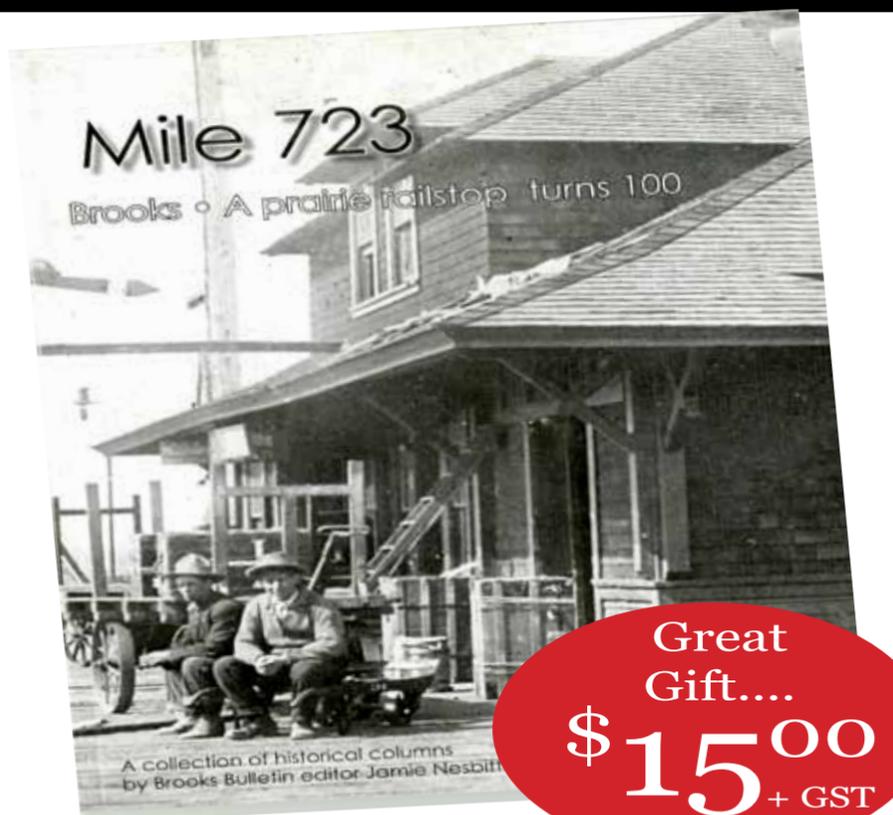
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Bassano Dec. 19 at 6:30pm
BCHS & BJHS Dec. 13 at 7pm at Griffin Park Theatre
Duchess Dec. 20 Time TBD Family Fun Night
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Eastbrook ii. Gds. 4-6 Dec. 17 at 6:30pm Christmas Concert
Gem i. Dec. 13 at 7pm at the Gem Community Centre. Plays, skits, music
Gem ii. Dec. 20 at 1:30pm School Christmas Workshop and Santa
Griffin Park Dec. 18 at 6pm Winter Family Fun Festival
Rolling Hills Dec. 20 at 7pm Christmas Concert
Rosemary Dec. 17 at 7pm
Tilley Dec. 12 at 5:30pm Dinner & Program at the community hall
Uplands Dec. 19 and 20 at 6:30pm. Traditional Christmas Concert.
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Christ The King Dec. 20 at 1:15pm Christmas Talent Show
St. Joseph's ii. Dec. 19 at 7pm Choral Christmas Concert at Griffin Park Theatre
Holy Family Dec. 12 at 6:30pm Christmas Concert
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