



## To the Residents of Turner Valley

As we near the end of 2008, Council and Staff would like to take this opportunity to wish all our residents a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year. Council would like to take this opportunity to share the activities and developments that have occurred during the past year.

- 1) Main Street development - As you are probably aware two new businesses have or will be opening soon. They are the first Bio Diesel Retail site in Alberta, and a new day-care service facility.
- 2) Infrastructure upgrades- The upgrades included new sewer lines and roads on Royalite Way, Bailey Hill and Robert St.
- 3) The Paths, Parks and Recreation Committee - The mandate has been revised and a consultant has been hired to consult with the community and create a recreation master plan for the town. Stay tuned for further information on how you can be part of the process.
- 4) New Oil and Gas Committee - This committee has been formed and is active. It includes a number of industry members, municipal members, and the ERCB and Orphan Well Association. More communication from this committee will be forthcoming, but the remediation and pipeline/well re-abandonment that have taken place and continue to take place at various points in town are connected to this committee's mandate.
- 5) The Turner Valley Gas Plant Working Committee - This committee was formed by the Ministry of Community Spirit and Culture is working on a 2 million dollar budget to start the next steps of getting the historic site open for tours again. The spring of 2009 will reveal the refurbished Horton Spheres as they looked in 1948. The Dingman #2 well on site is being re-abandoned and is budgeted to cost a further 1.8 million dollars. Although not certain, it may result in the ground flare near the river being extinguished.
- 6) The Reservoir project - After 6 months of testing for chemicals, hydrocarbons, NORMS etc, at the raw water reservoir site, all reports confirm the raw water storage is completely safe to be treated for drinking water. The Town, our engineers and Alberta Environment expect to have the Town's full waterworks system approved and operating as planned early in 09.
- 8) Water and Wastewater study - MPE, the town's engineers, are conducting a water and wastewater study that includes Turner Valley, Black Diamond, Longview and the MD of Foothills. This study will also support the proposed sub-regional water and wastewater plan being developed for Okotoks, High River and the MD of Foothills. This ties into the long term plans to align with the Calgary Regional Partnership Plan.
- 9) Turner Valley/Black Diamond Cooperation Agreement - This agreement is slated to be signed shortly so we may begin looking at the possibilities of joint operating and capital initiatives and services as outlined in the recently completed Pitman Report funded by Municipal Affairs. A copy of this report is available on the Town of Turner Valley's website at [www.turnervalley.ca](http://www.turnervalley.ca) or at the Town office.
- 10) Turner Valley/Calgary Regional Partnership - The Town of Turner Valley as a member of the Calgary Regional Partnership will be jointly hosting open houses with the CRP early in the new year to share with our residents and solicit feedback on the upcoming Provincial Land-Use framework which will be legislated in 2009. The CRP Plan which is expected to help shape the Provincial Plan is a Plan that will change the environmental, social and economic development in Alberta over the next 75 years.
- 11) The Turner Valley 5 year Municipal Development Plan - This plan is scheduled to be updated in 2009, and will reflect the CRP's Regional Land Use Plan to be adopted.
- 12) The Public Works town shop - The shop has been approved for re-location to the recently acquired Ranger Station. This purchase from the Province included a very attractive long-term lease.
- 13) Mayors Office - In an attempt to be more accessible to residents of Turner Valley, there are plans for the Mayor to establish an office in the Town's Administration Building.

These are just some of the great actions that have taken place over the last year. Starting in 2009, updates like this will be included in with your Town Utility Bill. They will also be posted on the Town Website at [www.turnervalley.ca](http://www.turnervalley.ca). Updates will also be included in the Town of Turner Valley's section of your local newspaper(s).

In closing, I want to take this opportunity to formally wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

*Dona Fluter*

Mayor of Turner Valley

