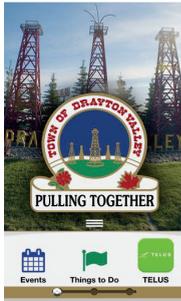




# Town of DRAYTON VALLEY



# 2014 Annual Report



# MESSAGE FROM MAYOR GLENN MCLEAN

## 2014 HIGHLIGHTS

### RCMP

We recruited a new RCMP Staff Sergeant to continue providing quality protective services to our community.

### HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY REDUCTION

Family and Community Support Services runs a successful program in homelessness and poverty reduction which now serves as a benchmark to other communities in Alberta.

### HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COALITION

The Healthy Communities Coalition engaged community organizations to look at priorities that will help build a resilient community. The Coalition assisted with the development of the new Social Development Plan.

### PARTNERSHIPS

In 2014 the Town partnered with Telus to develop the new town app which allows for improved two-way communications with residents.

### GRANTS

In 2014 the Town awarded \$9,866.00 in grant funding to local individuals and organizations through the Roger Coles Memorial Youth Sports Grant and Community Event Grants.

### FAMILY DAY

The Aspen Waste Management Facility in partnership with the Town put on a fun day of family entertainment for Family Day 2014.

As Mayor of Drayton Valley I am honoured and grateful to be entrusted with leading our community. Together with Council, I am committed to creating the quality of life that our community deserves.

There are many positives to report from 2014. The important work on Homelessness and Poverty Reduction continues, with the successful application for funding from the Alberta Rural Development Network. The Town participated in building

a stronger Healthy Communities Coalition and benefitted from its work through the updating of our Social Development Plan. On the development side, I am particularly pleased that in 2014 the value of total residential development was the largest it has been since 2008. Likewise, the total number of residential permits exceeded all totals for the last 5 years.

2014 also marks a year we came together as a community to meet challenges faced by our community. Due to the dedicated efforts of our staff and community we were able to efficiently address the collapse of the curling rink roof and the boil water order and put measures in place to ensure we can meet future challenges with success.

In 2014 your Council conducted several public engagement sessions for our annual budget process to ensure the budget reflects the community's priorities. This was our most extensive budget consultation to date. We are grateful for the community's feedback and will continue to expand and improve upon these consultations in the future.

In 2014, we also continued with the work of developing constructive relationships with the federal government, provincial government and other municipalities, including our neighbour - Brazeau County. We feel that working in cooperation with others results in better, more complete solutions for our community.

Goals for the coming year include work on retention and attraction of small and medium-sized enterprises and work on the Clean Energy Technology Centre. The Clean Energy Technology Centre will assist development in Drayton Valley by offering technical skills training and facilitate further business development and Bio research and clean technology initiatives.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glenn McLean'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Glenn McLean  
Mayor, Town of Drayton Valley

# COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY



COUNCILLOR  
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We have made strides in community engagement including the new website, up to date social media messaging and the creation of our Town app. In the coming year we will strive to provide timely information that affects your daily lives.

We consulted the community regarding the budget process by getting feedback at several large events and developing a new budget web survey. I enjoyed hearing what was important to the community.



COUNCILLOR  
**GRAHAM  
LONG**

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I'm very pleased that we've taken steps to put more of a focus on developing our economy. To me that's as much about supporting existing businesses as it is about attracting new ones. We're really only at the start of this process, but I think there's a lot of potential and I'm looking forward to seeing where we are this time next year.



COUNCILLOR  
**DEAN  
SHULAR**

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One of my greatest highlights for 2014 was the groundbreaking of the Clean Energy Technology Centre. I believe that this facility will be the catalyst that shuttles in a new era for the Town of Drayton Valley. This will not only provide educational opportunities but has the potential to open up unique possibilities in the Oil and Gas industry, Health Care, Bio Energy, Pharmaceutical and others.

With the entrepreneurial spirit in Drayton Valley there is no limit to the opportunities and benefits for the town.



COUNCILLOR  
**DEBRA  
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I feel honoured to continue to serve this community. My personal highlights of the year include signing the "Communications Protocol" with partners in Brazeau County and the Village of Breton, and our Canada Day celebration.

One of the best things about being on Town Council is the ability to interact and have fun with the public.



COUNCILLOR  
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In 2014 the Town revised its Community Sustainability Plan - enhancing the Town to be more resilient and ecological through the 6 pillars of sustainability. This document ensures our progress meets the needs of the present without compromising future generations. I look forward to 2015 and working with the community as a whole, to increase public engagement and create a strong quality of life.



COUNCILLOR  
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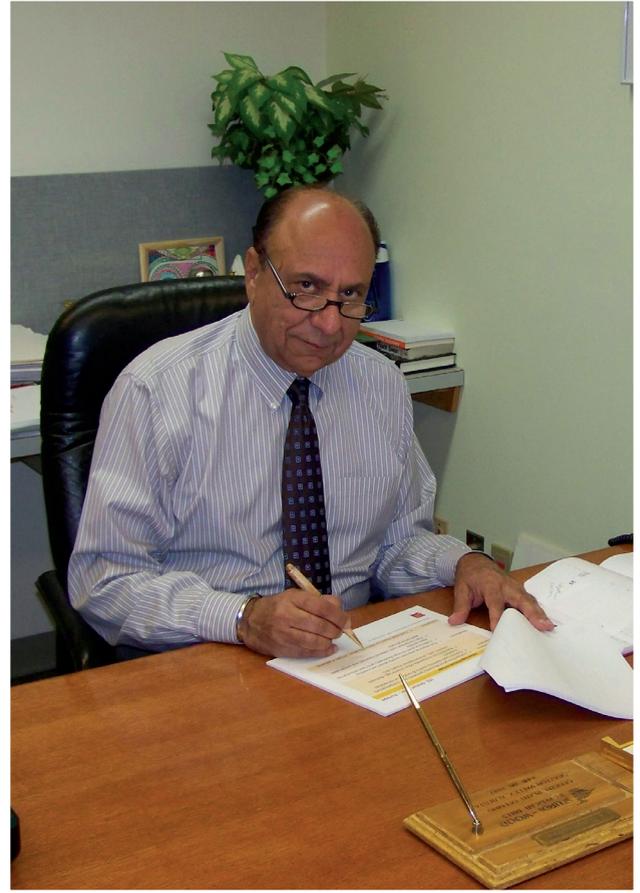
Without community service we would not have a strong quality of life. I decided to run for Council because I believe in the power of community, and the impact that community service provides. Drayton Valley is not simple; it is a complex community filled with passionate individuals who desire to see this community flourish. We will flourish, we will grow, we will continue to build on our quality of life through the services we provide for our community; as a community, for years to come.

## MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

The Town of Drayton Valley Administration and Staff work hard to excel in providing the best value to our residents. Our team of 100 plus employees is all about SERVING YOU. Each staff member is an important piece of our living puzzle -a service and performance model of our organization.

*“Each staff member is an important piece of our living puzzle -a service and performance model of our organization”.*

- Manny Deol  
Town Manager



We ensure your drinking water is safe, look after the removal of waste from your homes, develop fulfilling programs to help your family. We provide protection and safety through RCMP and fire services, operate recreational and cultural facilities for your health and well-being, and implement new technologies to serve you better. We plan for new residential and commercial developments, all to improve the economy and your quality of life.

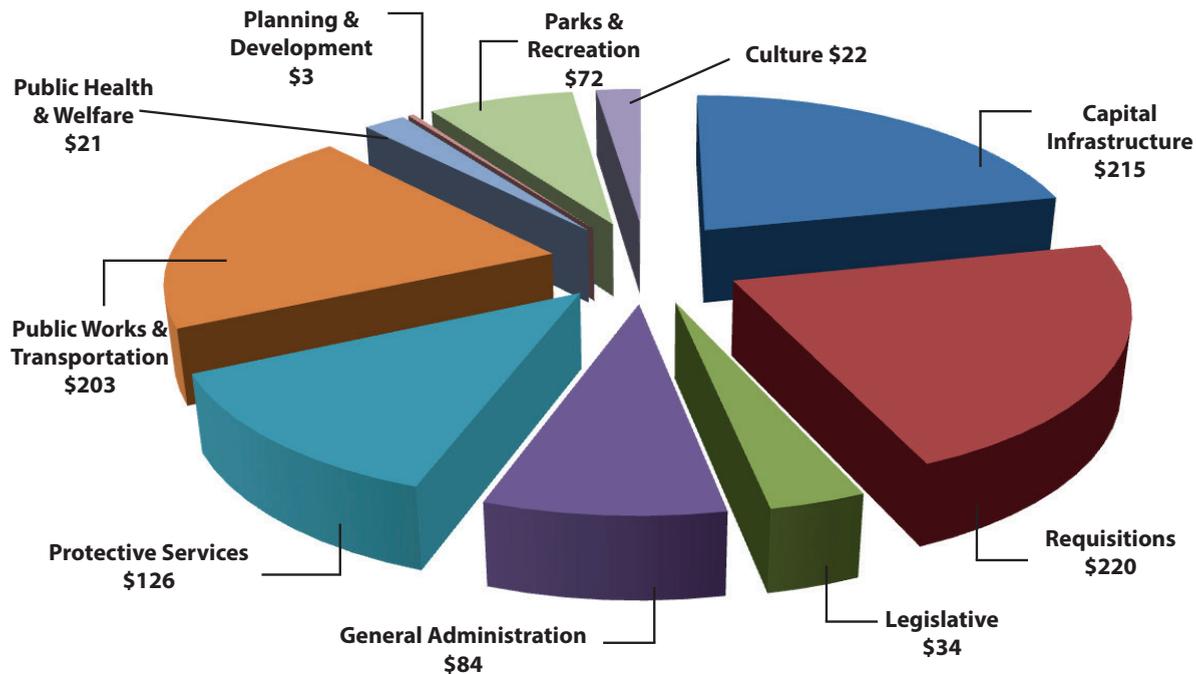
Our mission is to ensure that our community is not only sustainable but resilient and thriving. With the right people dedicating their time and energy to our community we realize this mission each day.

Your constant support and confidence in us will make this endeavour possible.

- Thank you.

# FINANCIALS

## Where are your Municipal tax dollars spent? Assuming your Municipal tax assessment is \$1,000



**Legislative** Includes the costs of local government operations, public forums and Council expenses

**General Administration** For the provision of Administrative support to various other departments, organizing and coordinating assistance with your local government

**Protective Services** This is the portion of our budget used to fund the essential services provided by the Fire Department, the RCMP and our Community Bylaw Enforcement Officer and a Community Peace Officer

**Public Works & Transportation** Includes many different services, from street maintenance, street lighting, snow removal, storm sewers to drainage

**Public Health & Welfare** This portion of our budget supports a wide range of activities including Family and Community Support Services, Community Services and the Early Childhood Development Centre

**Planning & Development** Included in this section of our budget is support for Planning & Development Department ensuring the orderly and sustainable growth of our community

**Parks & Recreation** This includes the operating costs of the Omniplex, Park Valley Pool, MacKenzie Conference Centre, 4-5 Skatepark, Splash Park, and numerous parks and playgrounds

**Culture** Includes costs for the Municipal Library and the Rotary Children's Library

**Capital Infrastructure** Includes capital infrastructure funds used in 2014, set aside in reserves to be used for future needs, as well as principal amounts of all long-term debt for infrastructure projects that we have undertaken for the betterment of our municipality.

**Requisitions** Supports public and separate school students. The majority of these funds are for instruction, including teachers' salaries, textbooks, and classroom resources.

# FINANCIALS

## TOWN OF DRAYTON VALLEY

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

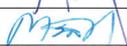
#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	<u>2014</u> (Budget) (Note 17)	<u>2014</u> (Actual)	<u>2013</u> (Actual)
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Net taxation (Schedule 2)	\$ 9,990,028	\$ 9,907,642	\$ 9,136,603
Sales and user charges (Schedule 4)	9,680,708	8,636,377	8,592,800
Government transfers for operating (Schedule 3)	3,176,099	3,472,189	3,512,276
Franchise and concession contracts (Note 11)	718,000	906,512	769,628
Rentals	749,065	736,341	734,074
Licenses and permits	264,986	603,025	601,453
Penalties and costs on taxes	193,249	236,112	225,899
Investment income	140,000	199,952	156,416
Development levies	-	165,318	629,557
Other	50,000	82,886	224,922
Fines	95,439	77,376	73,244
	<u>25,057,574</u>	<u>25,023,730</u>	<u>24,656,872</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Recreation and culture	4,548,104	4,033,076	4,488,852
Water and wastewater	3,596,326	3,336,986	2,895,454
Roads, streets, walks, and lighting	2,882,757	2,649,389	3,142,863
Public health and welfare	2,329,041	2,265,262	2,104,796
Waste management	2,262,635	1,975,059	1,656,241
Police	1,634,235	1,753,698	1,647,466
Administration	1,569,909	1,499,090	970,341
Fire and disaster services	1,409,962	1,288,886	972,538
Subdivision land and development	1,116,024	1,076,462	1,236,538
Common and equipment pool	768,041	684,013	702,118
Council	482,323	571,603	505,959
Bylaws enforcement	243,883	206,766	253,708
Airport	101,039	161,677	148,723
Other	606,090	62,038	47,574
Amortization of tangible capital assets	-	3,990,850	4,104,627
	<u>23,550,369</u>	<u>25,554,855</u>	<u>24,877,798</u>
<b>ANNUAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT) BEFORE OTHER REVENUE</b>	<u>1,507,205</u>	<u>(531,125)</u>	<u>(220,926)</u>
<b>OTHER REVENUE</b>			
Government transfers for capital (Schedule 3)	27,227,069	14,889,860	5,550,900
Gain (loss) on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	(41,015)	1,940,273
Donations for tangible capital assets	-	112,332	289,275
	<u>27,227,069</u>	<u>14,961,177</u>	<u>7,780,448</u>
<b>ANNUAL SURPLUS</b>	28,734,274	14,430,052	7,559,522
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>89,514,055</u>	<u>89,514,055</u>	<u>81,954,533</u>
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, END OF YEAR (Note 7)</b>	<u>\$ 118,248,329</u>	<u>\$ 103,944,107</u>	<u>\$ 89,514,055</u>

**TOWN OF DRAYTON VALLEY**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<b>FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>		
Cash (Note 2)	\$ 14,887,941	\$ 22,046,103
Receivables (Note 3)	11,188,191	3,843,142
Land inventory held for resale	<u>286,274</u>	<u>286,274</u>
	<b><u>26,362,406</u></b>	<b><u>26,175,519</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	6,173,326	5,263,684
Deposits	279,854	269,341
Deferred revenue (Note 4)	7,049,100	7,939,160
Landfill closure and post-closure (Note 5)	2,464,991	2,249,505
Long-term debt (Note 6)	<u>11,324,535</u>	<u>11,533,282</u>
	<b><u>27,291,806</u></b>	<b><u>27,254,972</u></b>
<b>NET DEBT</b>	<b><u>(929,400)</u></b>	<b><u>(1,079,453)</u></b>
<b>NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>		
Tangible capital assets (Note 8)	104,714,356	90,549,596
Inventory for consumption	46,792	43,912
Prepaid expenses and other assets	<u>112,359</u>	<u>-</u>
	<b><u>104,873,507</u></b>	<b><u>90,593,508</u></b>
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (Note 9)</b>	<b><u>\$103,944,107</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 89,514,055</u></b>

ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COUNCIL:

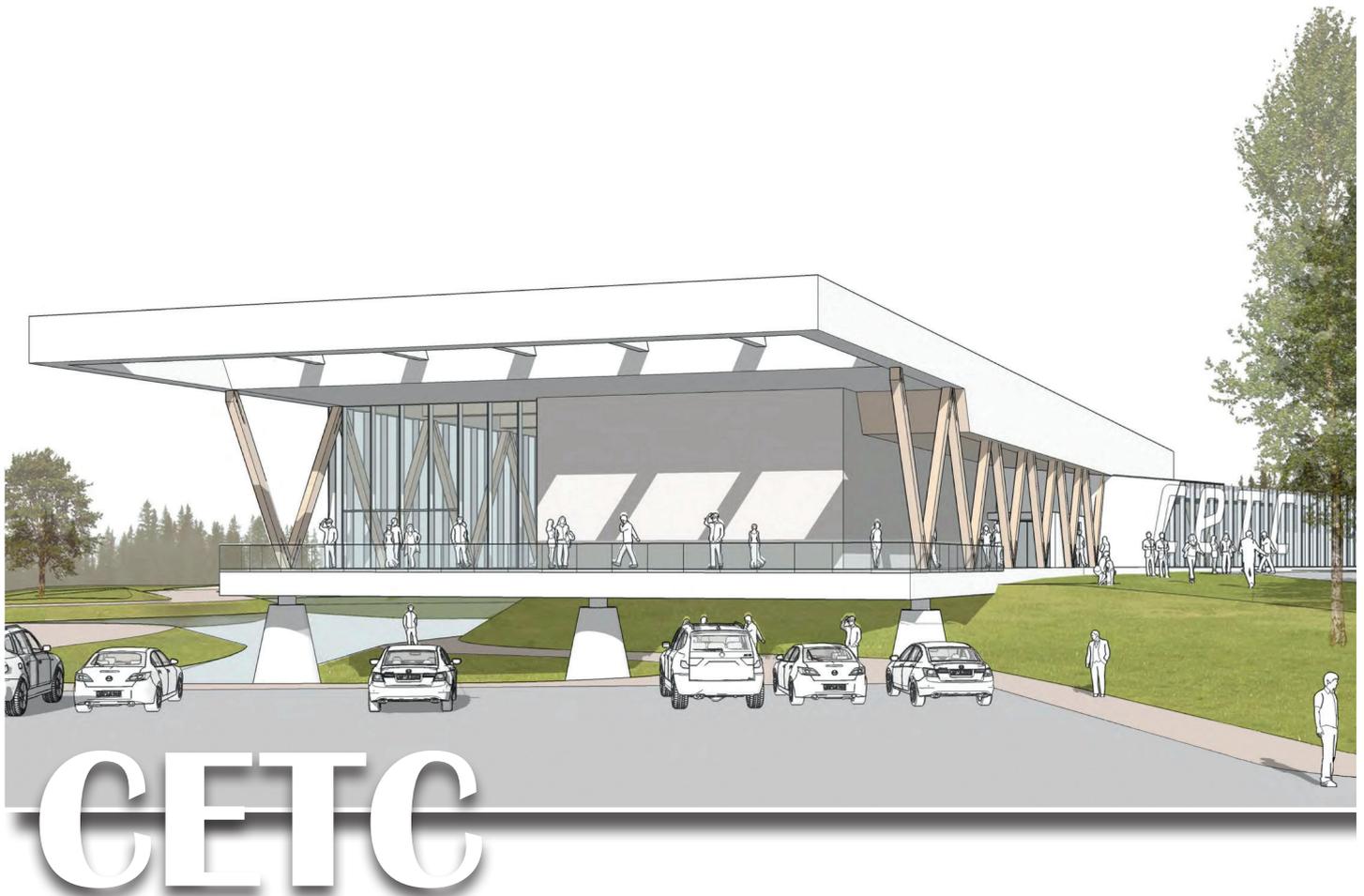
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## COUNCILLOR HONORARIUMS & BENEFITS

		<u>2014</u>			<u>2013</u>	
		Salary	Benefits and Allowances	Total		
					Total	
Mayor	Glenn McLean	\$ 70,575	\$ 13,601	\$ 84,176	\$	18,452
Mayor	Moe Hamdon	-	-	-	-	58,975
Councillor	Graham Long	45,875	10,283	56,158	-	11,659
Councillor	Fayrell Wheeler	40,950	9,736	50,686	-	11,026
Councillor	Dean Shular	38,225	9,508	47,733	-	35,976
Councillor	Debra Bossert	38,150	9,537	47,687	-	40,023
Councillor	Nicole Nadeau	40,875	6,514	47,389	-	37,678
Councillor	Nancy McClure	37,006	9,204	46,210	-	10,236
Councillor	Kyle Archer	-	-	-	-	42,792
Councillor	Corey Peebles	-	-	-	-	23,286
Councillor	Glenn McLean	-	-	-	-	21,901
		<u>\$ 311,656</u>	<u>\$ 68,383</u>	<u>\$ 380,039</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>312,004</u>
Chief Administrative Officer		<u>\$ 217,330</u>	<u>\$ 48,744</u>	<u>\$ 266,074</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>252,453</u>
Designated Officers		<u>\$ 542,553</u>	<u>\$ 129,287</u>	<u>\$ 671,840</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>550,613</u>



Scan for full 2014  
Financial Statements



## **Clean Energy Technology Centre**

**CETC will provide education, training, research opportunities, and business incubation for the Drayton Valley region.**

The Clean Energy Technology Centre (CETC) will be a leader in the clean energy sector, inspiring creative approaches to deliver clean energy technologies. In partnership with NorQuest College it will be a skills training centre, a hub for business development and mentorship, and will also serve as an events centre.

With the opening of the CETC, NorQuest College will be relocating to the CETC and will be expanding its post-secondary programming and preparing to work more closely with industry.



Likewise, the Drayton Valley and District Community Learning Association will be located in the CETC and is preparing for new program offerings in the new space.

This facility is located at the south end of town within the Bio-Mile® which will house business development and research facilities associated with the needs of the Biotech industry.

The CETC construction is well on schedule and, when fully operational, will provide a sustainable future for Drayton Valley. The building is scheduled for completion in late 2015. The CETC and NorQuest College are looking forward to being able to offer an exciting new level of education and training, business incubation, and research to the Drayton Valley region.

## 2014 HIGHLIGHTS

### GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

Held in May 2014

### RENEWABLE ENERGY WORKSHOP

A first of its kind in Drayton Valley; these workshops are aimed at individuals and companies focused on building and fostering innovative technology based solutions for a sustainable future.

# INFORMATION SERVICES



## 2014 was an exciting year for technology in the Town of Drayton Valley

In 2014 the Town engaged in an imaginative and creative partnership with Telus to make Drayton Valley a Smart Community. The vision of the project is to turn the town into a hub of innovation and advanced technology built on a fibre infrastructure. Over 90% of the Town will have direct access to fibre and all services offered by Telus. This year saw the start of the fibre infrastructure installation with fibre connected to homes in select neighbourhoods and all Town facilities. WiFi is now available at town facilities serving the community. In partnership with Telus, and as part of the Smart Community project, a mobile app was developed. This app is the base platform for current and future programs and services, public input, receiving emergency notifications, and emerging news updates from the Town. The Drayton Valley mobile app is available on the Apple App and Google Play stores free and helps people access information on the go. It provides information about municipal events, services, things to do, and community programs. In 2014 the Town of Drayton Valley website was redeveloped and revamped with new features, ease of navigation, and more information. The new website incorporates new features, including a community events calendar, indexed Town Council minutes and video recordings of all Council meetings, all within a fresh layout.

## 2014 HIGHLIGHTS

### WEBSITE

A new user friendly Town website was launched in late 2014 in conjunction with the Town mobile app.

### TOWN APP

The new 'Town of Drayton Valley App' went live in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store in December 2014.

### SMART COMMUNITY

In partnership with TELUS, Drayton Valley is becoming one of Canada's first Smart Communities; ensuring fast and reliable internet connections with Telus fibre.

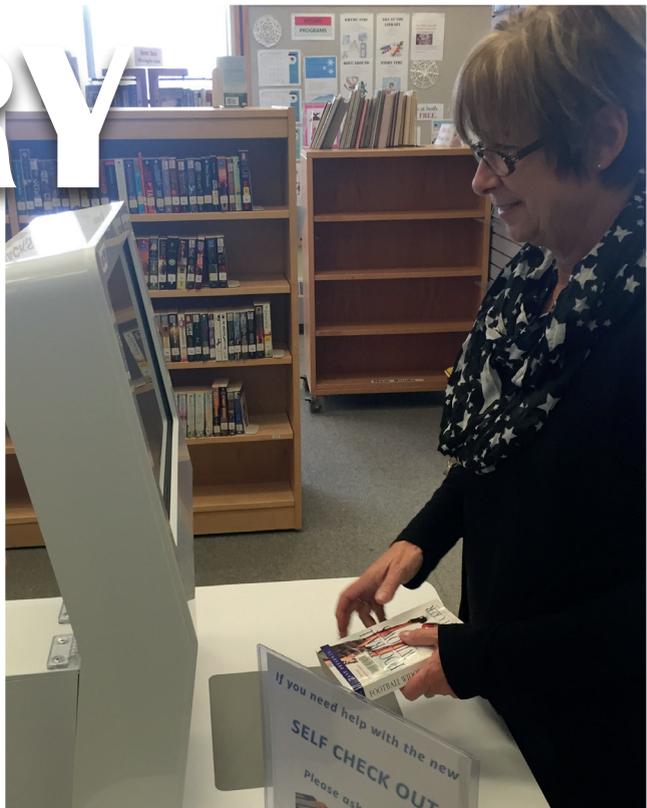
# LIBRARY

## Drayton Valley Municipal Library Rotary Children's Library

### There's always something exciting happening at our libraries!

Drayton Valley's libraries not only provide access to over 10 million titles, but also run literacy and educational programming for the community. 2014 was another successful year for the Library as programming continued to be a big hit with children and adults. From the writers' group, to Battle of the Books, and summer programming, there is something for every age and reading ability. In total the Drayton Valley Municipal Library ran 269 program sessions for over 2,500 participants in 2014.

2014 also brought a new look and some great upgrades to the Drayton Valley Library. The renovations - jointly funded by the Town of Drayton Valley and Brazeau County- included a new circulation desk, front entry flooring, an outside book drop, a new office and a new self-checkout system designed to provide the library with security, management and tracking data. Visit [www.draytonvalleylibrary.ca](http://www.draytonvalleylibrary.ca) for information on upcoming programs.



## 2014 HIGHLIGHTS ME CARD

Library Members can now use their library cards to access over 10 million items from over 300 participating Alberta libraries for **FREE!**

### SAVING YOU MONEY

The ME card gives you access to over 10 million titles, an inventory that would otherwise cost the Town \$20 million.

### CIRCULATION

2014 saw an increase in circulation, more than 55,000 items were circulated.



# POOL

## Park Valley Pool

**Park Valley Pool continues to be a popular facility for leisure and Provincial events**

## 2014 HIGHLIGHTS

### SAFETY STANDARDS

Park Valley Pool continues to be a safety leader by continuously improving its risk-management strategies.

### INTERNATIONAL COMPETITORS

Three members of the Junior Lifeguard Club and their coach all earned spots to represent Alberta at the International Lifesaving Competition-Rescue 2014.

### POPULAR PROGRAMS

Over 3,000 people attended programs or took lessons at the pool in 2014.

### 51 YEARS OF SUCCESS

The Neptune swim club has been in operation for the past 51 years, teaching swim techniques and skills.

Park Valley Pool is a well-maintained indoor swimming pool offering fun programs, courses and activities for all ages and abilities. On any given week hundreds of people visit Park Valley Pool as it has something for everyone. Park Valley Pool's programs continue to be a huge success with 3,073 participants in 2014. These programs ranged from a babysitter course to swim lessons and from lifeguard training to kayak lessons. Red Cross lessons alone saw over 2,690 children and adults learning lifesaving skills this year. These lessons were so popular that an extra four hours per week of lessons were added to the schedule.

The pool was also a key location for the 3rd Annual Drayton Valley Triathlon which drew participants from across the Province.

Park Valley Pool aims to promote an active, healthy lifestyle and water safety. In July of 2014 the Lifesaving Society introduced the National Public Pool Safety Standards for Canadian Public Swimming Pools. Park Valley Pool has since implemented several changes to ensure a continued safe environment for all facility users; these include a lower bather-to-lifeguard ratio, new lighting, more frequent safety audits, and improved safety training.



# OMNIPLEX

## **Omniplex MacKenzie Conference Centre**

### **Facility plays host to a variety of exciting public and private events**

The facility played host to 347 events in 2014. Popular events included the annual Bridal Fair, weekly Farmer's Market, annual Mayor's Gala, Jingle Ball, and Agricultural Shows and Events.

In 2014 the Omniplex was home to 1,200 active Total Works Fitness Centre members and 16 regular user groups.

As an all season facility, the Omniplex caters to numerous summer activities as well as the winter season's favourite activities of hockey, curling, figure skating, and ringette.

The Curling Club's season was cut short due to a roof collapse from extreme snow accumulation in early 2014. After several months of reconstruction, full enjoyment of the facility was able to resume in December 2014, in time for the Curling Club's 2015 bonspiels.

## **2014 HIGHLIGHTS**

### **SUCCESSFUL EVENT SEASON**

The Omniplex and the MacKenzie Conference Centre hosted 347 events, including the third annual Bridal Fair with a record number of attendees.

### **FITNESS CENTRE UPGRADES**

Total Works Fitness Centre received new equipment and decor upgrades.

# ECDC

## Early Childhood Development Centre



### Community partnerships continue to play an important role

The Early Childhood Development Centre (ECDC) is nationally recognized for providing excellent care to the children of our community. ECDC staff members promote areas of social growth, physical development, intellectual growth, creative experiences, and emotional growth to balance the child's learning. The Family Day Homes are also managed through the ECDC, ensuring quality childcare in a home-like setting.

This year the Early Childhood Development Centre was at enrollment capacity with 76 children continuously enrolled. The Family Day Home providers had between 17 and 23 children continuously enrolled throughout the 8 locations.

In 2014 the Centre continued to expand its partnerships to enrich its programming to include: diversity of nature through workshops from Eagle Point Blue Rapids Park staff; empathy building through Brighter Futures; Christmas concerts in partnership with Parent Link Centre; and programming designed to help parents and guardians.

In 2014 the Early Childhood Coach helped 35 families connect to support services for their children. This position (funded by Vermilion Energy) at the ECDC is an early intervention strategy for parents, children and staff to ensure children with higher needs are being supported in their ongoing development.

## 2014 HIGHLIGHTS

### EARLY CHILDHOOD COACH

The Early Childhood Coach provided support to 35 families of children with higher needs.

### PARENT PROGRAMS

Rich programming to support the whole family is offered through the ECDC.

### QUALITY STAFF

Staff is committed to excellence and is up on all current trends in childcare.

# COMMUNITY SERVICES



## Community Services Department strives to promote a sustainable, resilient community.

In 2014, the Community Services Department revised the 2009 Community Sustainability Plan (CSP) and, in partnership with Brazeau County, the 2006 Social Development Plan (SDP). These working documents are guidelines that can help our community achieve a better quality of life. The plans have complementary actions that will ultimately achieve the goal of promoting a sustainable, resilient community.

The Community Sustainability Plan was created to help set direction for the community, ensuring a better quality of life for our residents without compromising the lives of generations to come. The Social Development Plan complements this by giving clear guidelines that help create a balance between the social, health, and economic needs of the community.

As partnerships are key to building a more sustainable, resilient community, these plans were constructed with input from local residents, organizations and the municipality.

## 2014 HIGHLIGHTS

### REVISION OF THE CSP & SDP

The purpose of the Community Sustainability Plan (CSP) & Social Development Plan (SDP) is to promote a sustainable, resilient community.

These working documents help us achieve a better quality of life for the community as a whole.



*Community Sustainability & Social Development Plans  
Scan to learn more!*

## DEFINITIONS

### RESILIENCY

the process of adapting well in the face of adversity and the ability to recover quickly from setbacks.

### SUSTAINABILITY

commonly associated with the environment, but also refers to the importance of the long-term maintenance of personal wellbeing.



# FCSS

## **Drayton Valley & District Family and Community Support Services Homelessness & Poverty Reduction Team**

**The Drayton Valley and District FCSS helps ensure that community organizations work together and helps to raise awareness about community needs**

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In 2014, Drayton Valley and District FCSS ran over 40 programs and services for children, families, seniors, and youth, and provided grant funding to community groups and organizations that, in turn, offered approximately 20 additional programs. Programs offered included crisis support, violence prevention, and services for young mothers, single parents, newcomers, and youth.

In 2014, 60 programs helped almost 13,000 people access the information, support and tools they need to be able to overcome life's challenges, to become more resilient, and to feel that they belong in our community.



The Drayton Valley and District FCSS formed a Homelessness and Poverty Reduction team in 2013, sparking something unique among rural Alberta communities. In 2014 the team determined the nature and causes of homelessness in our community and used that information to develop a strategy to alleviate those causes. In September 2014 the team was granted a five-year funding extension due to the success of its past research. A five-year Homelessness and Poverty Reduction Strategy was the result of this new grant.

This FCSS project earned Drayton Valley a reputation as a pioneer in addressing rural homelessness and is now used as a benchmark by other rural Alberta communities seeking similar funding. It has helped create valuable relationships with like-minded researchers, organizations, and municipalities.

# 2014 HIGHLIGHTS

## RESILIENCY BUILDING

60 programs helped almost 13,000 people access the information, support, and skills to become more resilient.

## COMMUNITY GRANTS

Provided \$91,617.65 in grant funding to 14 local community groups and organizations.

## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

The Boys and Girls Club of Drayton Valley was launched in September 2014! Over 60 children ages 5-12 years enjoy a safe and supportive place to be after school.

## NEW LOCATION

The Drayton Valley and District FCSS has a new home in Rotary House at 4743 46th Street.

## DID YOU KNOW

Each year funding is made available by FCSS to groups that provide services within the community.

*Scan and learn more about FCSS grants*





# FIRE SERVICES

## 2014 HIGHLIGHTS

### KIDS FIRE FIGHTERS CAMP

This popular one-week summer camp continues to grow with 32 children aged 8-12 years attending camps in Drayton Valley and Breton.

### FIRE PREVENTION

The Fire Department continued with the Chimney Sweep Program, cleaning and inspecting 25 houses in 2014. This program has helped decrease chimney fires by 55% since it started in 2010.

### COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING

Fire Department staff raised nearly \$25,000 for local charities and families.

### Drayton Valley/ Brazeau County Fire Services

### Committed to preservation of life, property and the environment

Averaging 300 calls per year, Drayton Valley/ Brazeau County Fire Services sees a wide variety of calls throughout the region. From structure fires to motor vehicle collisions to rescue calls; the men and women serving to help protect our community are committed to the preservation of life, property, and the environment.

The Fire Department taught fire prevention to all children K-12 through programs such as the grade 1 Smoke Detector Program, grade 8 Fire Extinguisher Program, grade 4-6 Fire Chief for the Day Program, and the new grade 5 Kitchen Safety Program – this was a new and very successful program in 2014.



# PROTECTIVE SERVICES

## Community Peace Officer, Bylaw & Protective Services

### 2014 HIGHLIGHTS

#### ISSUES/COMPLAINTS

1139 complaints regarding grass/weeds, snow, mud, noise, water, RVs, burning, traffic and parking, land use, animals, and garbage issues were logged in 2014.

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#### TICKETS ISSUED

514 Tickets were issued for Bylaw and traffic infractions in 2014.

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#### PERMITS ISSUED

128 permits were issued for special events in parks, trucking access, and dangerous goods authorization.

### Keeping the peace through education and enforcement

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The Town of Drayton Valley currently has one Municipal Bylaw Officer and a contract with Brazeau County for the services of a Community Peace Officer. The Municipal Bylaw Officer is responsible for the education and enforcement of all Town Bylaws, while the Community Peace Officer is responsible for education and enforcement of Provincial Statutes, such as the *Traffic Safety Act*, *Use of Highway*, *Rules of the Road*, and *Vehicle Equipment Regulation*. The Community Peace Officer also has the ability to enforce the Town's Bylaws, as required.



# PUBLIC WORKS

## Public Works & Engineering

### Public Works keeps community moving and beautiful

The Town of Drayton Valley Public Works Department is staffed by a team of 21 full-time individuals with a combined service to our community of approximately 141 years. These individuals maintain our roads and service infrastructure throughout the year and in all types of weather conditions.

Throughout the year the Town of Drayton Valley Public Works Department maintains over 50km of paved roads, 7.3km of gravel roads, and 15 parks.

In the winter of 2014, 245cm of snowfall was cleared by Public Works staff from Drayton Valley roads and over 50 tonnes of salt/sand was distributed to ensure the safety of residents and travelers.

Public Works runs the annual fall and Spring Clean-Up and Re-Use It Fair as value added services to residents. In association with the Communities in Bloom initiative, they beautify local parks, boulevards and facilities, giving residents and businesses a real sense of pride for our community.

Their efforts can often be taken for granted but they continue to work tirelessly to ensure our service infrastructure is safely maintained, and that our community is able to be enjoyed well into the future.

## 2014 HIGHLIGHTS

### SNOW REMOVAL

245cm of snowfall was cleared, and over 50 tonnes of salt/sand was distributed to ensure safety on Drayton Valley roads.

### ROAD MAINTENANCE

Public Works maintains over 50km of paved roads and 7.3km of gravel roads.

### FLOWERS

Flowers were planted in 36 sponsored flower beds and 110 sponsored flower baskets hung as part of the Communities in Bloom.



## **Town continues to see strong numbers for both residential and commercial development**

Planning and Development was kept busy in 2014 with numerous housing starts, commercial and industrial developments and permits for various renovations and upgrades to existing developments. On-going residential densification saw a total of 83 housing starts in 2014, including single family dwellings, townhouses, and a mixture of duplex/triplex and fourplex homes.

The Town will see a further increase in housing availability with a total of 71 units within two condo buildings. Those buildings are presently under construction, and are expected to be ready for occupancy by autumn 2015. Three residential subdivision approvals in Meraw Estates also increased housing availability with 71 new residential lots available for development.

## **2014 HIGHLIGHTS**

### **2014 RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT**

Value of residential developments  
\$14,028,854.75 =  
68% growth.  
Permits issued:179  
Valued at \$50,328,906

### **COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT**

Value of commercial developments  
\$13,644,051.15  
Value of industrial developments  
\$17,507,000.00

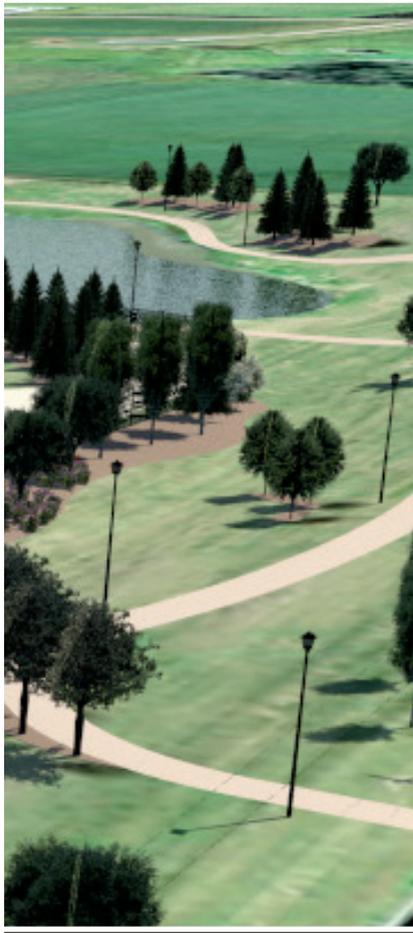


# WATER SERVICES

## **New Water Treatment Plant**

### **New Water Treatment Plant will accommodate future expansion of water services in Drayton Valley**

Turning on a tap and getting clean drinking water is such a normal occurrence in our daily lives that we rarely think about where this abundance of clean water comes from or how it is transported into our homes and workplaces. That is to say, we don't think about it until the water coming from the tap isn't safe to drink or stops.



In May of 2014 Drayton Valley issued a boil-water advisory when the old treatment plant couldn't process enough water to meet local demands due to high turbidity in the North Saskatchewan River. Residents were without processed water for 10 days. The new treatment plant and water filtration process will eliminate such problems and continue to supply local residents with consistent, safe water.

The new Water Treatment Plant has been designed with the latest technology at its centre. This new technology will eliminate water quality issues, ensuring our community continues receiving safe drinking water.

From its conception, the Town wanted a facility that would not only produce drinking water, but also blend into the environment, turning infrastructure into a public facility. Once finished, the area surrounding the treatment plant will have park space, a large pond and walking paths. The facility will also feature viewing windows onto the main process area, allowing educational tours that will highlight the treatment process being undertaken to turn river water into drinking water and further enhance the public's understanding of how this precious resource is managed.

## 2014 HIGHLIGHTS

### INCREASED CAPACITY

The building will be 11,000 square feet with a treatment capacity of 18 million liters per day and includes a 2800 m<sup>3</sup> potable water storage reservoir. It will be able to handle and process 2.25 times the volume of the old plant, and accommodate future expansion of water services as demand increases.

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### EDUCATIONAL CENTRE

The facility features viewing windows onto the main process area, allowing educational tours that highlight the treatment work being done to manage this precious resource.

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### SUSTAINABLE BUILDING

The new facility is designed with sustainable elements including: solar wall heating; maximum daylight utilization through translucent windows; optional photovoltaic energy generation; and a green roof over the administrative portion of the building.



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 Omniplex.....780-514-2234

MacKenzie Conference Centre.....780-514-2233  
 Park Valley Pool.....780-514-2225  
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 RCMP ..... 780-542-4457  
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 Water Treatment Facility ..... 780-514-2249  
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