



**Joint Meeting of the Councils of
the Town of Daysland,
the Village of Rosalind, and
the Village of Bawlf**

**Tuesday, October 21, 7:00 PM
at the Bawlf Community Hall**

Mayor's Remarks

Welcome

- new face of municipal governance in Alberta
- not a bad thing: as Albertans, we like to see ourselves as these mythical, individualistic mavericks, but truth is that entire province was built on the basis of a spirit of co-operation
- our efforts to come together to seek common ground might be encouraged and even mandated by the Province; however, when we choose to come together voluntarily, we get more control over the agenda

Why?

- question arises: if co-operation among municipalities is inherently good, why only these three municipalities for this particular purpose? Why not more? Would there not be additional benefits and synergies if there were more?
- firstly: this is as good as any for a place to start; Daysland (despite its being in Flagstaff county) and Rosalind are Bawlf's only natural geographical neighbours – any sharing of equipment, expertise, etc. is practical only if great distances are not involved
- secondly: there is nothing to stop us from expanding the circle if we all see a benefit from it; however, logistically speaking, 3 municipalities is probably the maximum that

can undertake an effort like this without a loss of efficiency

- this type of co-operative venture needs to produce tangible results without becoming an administrative burden to any of the participating municipalities
- thus: let's see with what types of collaborative ventures we are comfortable and which ones make sense before we consider drawing anyone else into this

Proceedings

- get to know each other
- explore possible areas where co-operation and collaboration make sense
- suggest some initial mechanisms by which we could accomplish collaborative ventures
- decide how we might want to proceed from here
- structure of the meeting to be relatively informal – no official minutes, etc., although records of suggestions and decisions will be kept

Introductions (Mayor's own comments)

Reasons for attending

- I want to see individual municipalities taking the initiative to control the collaborative process so that the Province doesn't have to step in with its own solutions
- I like my neighbours and am proud of the whole area in which I live (attend church in Rosalind, shop and get medical care in Daysland, played hockey in Daysland for many years); I feel, in many ways, as connected to the region as I do to our own Village and I want to see what's best for all of us

Current projects and priorities

- Regional Children's Centre the greatest of these

Own key objectives over the next year

- water conservation
- promotion/marketing of the Village
- business attraction