

Introduction:

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Items I feel Council must be aware of and,

I believe once Council is aware of the legitimate issues they will make the necessary adjustments. Topics of grave concern are.

- **Destruction of documents**
- **Retirement of Mr. Bergheim**
- **Burning permits**
- **Unanswered concerns**
- **Level 4 transfer stations**
- **Bin sites Notification**
- **Foisy Community Waste Facility**

The legitimate concerns I will be raising all have paper work if, Council feels they need to review, In saying that the information is all within the County system.

- **Destruction of documents,**

I spoke with Councilor Fodness in regards to this problem. I expressed my concerns and wanted a brief explanation as to how this came to be. I also requested Administration staff for their explanation and if they could restore the file. To date no reply. Why?

- **Retirement of Mr. Bergheim; his retirement in August for one day as a County employee was for what reason? I do understand he was re-appointed at his current position. The motion states position/one. Since his retirement he has acquired these positions;**
- **Director of Environmental and Emergency Services**
- **Planning and Development manager.**
- **Subdivision Authority: As planning and development manager that makes him, his own boss. How does that make him accountable?**
- **Director of Agriculture.**
- **Agriculture Fieldman: This again makes him his own boss. Another part of this concern how did Mr. Bergheim become Agi Fieldman, he retired !**
- **Weed inspector With this appointed position by Council comes countless hours in the fields inspecting weeds. Generally this position is filled with a summer student. Council appointed Mr. Bergheim as weed inspector, my question to Council is the Director of Agriculture going to ask the Agi. Fieldman to hire someone to be weed inspector? This is an appointed position by Council to Mr. Bergheim, and one would think he would fulfill his obligations.**
- **Pest Control Officer; again comes with countless hours in the field, a concern I have is with beaver and beaver dam control. Is the pest control officer trained with explosives. Did council appoint someone qualified and is the task performed by the pest control officer? With that said, how are the explosives stored?**
- **Technical Advisor for both the Town of Elk Point protection committee and Area Fire**

Protection Management Committee:

- **Economic Development Planning Manager:** I can only imagine what that means., Could Mr Bergheim be the one Council and the CAO turns to for economic advise.
- Evergreen Regional Landfill Manager; Which includes all Classes of landfills, compost facilities and transfer station within both the County of Smoky Lake ,it's Villages, Town of Smoky Lake, Town of St.Paul, the County of St Paul and it's Villages.
- County Waste Authority of the past/ present.
- Fire Guardian
- **A current concern is the ad in the news paper for burning at local transfer stations/regional landfill under the care of both the Landfill Manager and the Fire Guardian. Did the Landfill Manager ask the Fire Guardian for the burning permit? The ad concerns me in many ways first the Standards for Landfills in Alberta 4.7 (b) At least 7 days prior to the date of burning the person responsible for the landfill shall notify all of the following: (i) the local authorities; (ii) all adjacent land owners;and (iii) the local department. Mr. Bergheim ought to be aware of the Landfill Standards, he should also be aware of what's required as fire guardian. The key concern is this a conflict of interest? I do not believe it is right to have a burning notice in the local paper that's for yearly coverage.It would be nice to have comfort in asking the County's Director of Environmental Services point of view in this case.Council should conciliate with this person for clarification.**
- **The land location for the regional landfill is incorrect in the news paper as well. County residences are aware of the importance of there legal land location. That was made very clear by County Staff with the Elective Reeve petition. It was important for the petition and should be as important for the County Fire Guardian to get it right.**
- **With Mr. Bergheim's retirement it's not hard to see an issue or two. How did Council come to agree to Mr. Bergheims current positions.**
- **With all that has been said there are still outstanding concerns. At an Oct. Council meeting the concerns of the local Community Waste Facility is still out standing, the item of concern is 5 (e) of that meeting. The community waste facilities have no notifications filed with AENV which has been identified by AENV as a requirement. This has been a hard fought battle for myself for no reason, at the end of the day AENV has stated to both Ms. Kitz and myself on October 29, 2010 what's required and when. The e-mail states - As a general policy ,only sites which have been issued a Development Permit requires a notification filed with Alberta Environment. On Dec. 23 AENV clarified the Notification requirements once again and this was also sent to Ms. kitz. Again this concern remains outstanding, Development permits have been issued for this sites. So why is their no Notification?**
- Level 4 Transfer station. An agreement the Minister of Environment and Evergreen that grant funds obtain were to construct Level 4 transfer stations. Have the Level 4 transfer stations been constructed and where? It is also known the bids for the transfer stations came in as what was described as project over cost, so the County constructed the transfer station for a said cost of 330,000 reported by Mr. Bergheim at a Lac La Biche meeting last week. My question is, what was the value of those bids and can Council provide them?

- A concern I have with future cost of waste disposal for the County. When will it be too costly for us to haul to Evergreen? The cost should be assessed in dollars and cents and environmental cost as well. I feel strongly the Annual Reports must be understood by Council and I would like council to commit to this request.
- I would like Council to address these concerns in due course and include this document with the minutes of today's meeting.

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