

# 2021 Ratepayer Meetings

## Municipal Services

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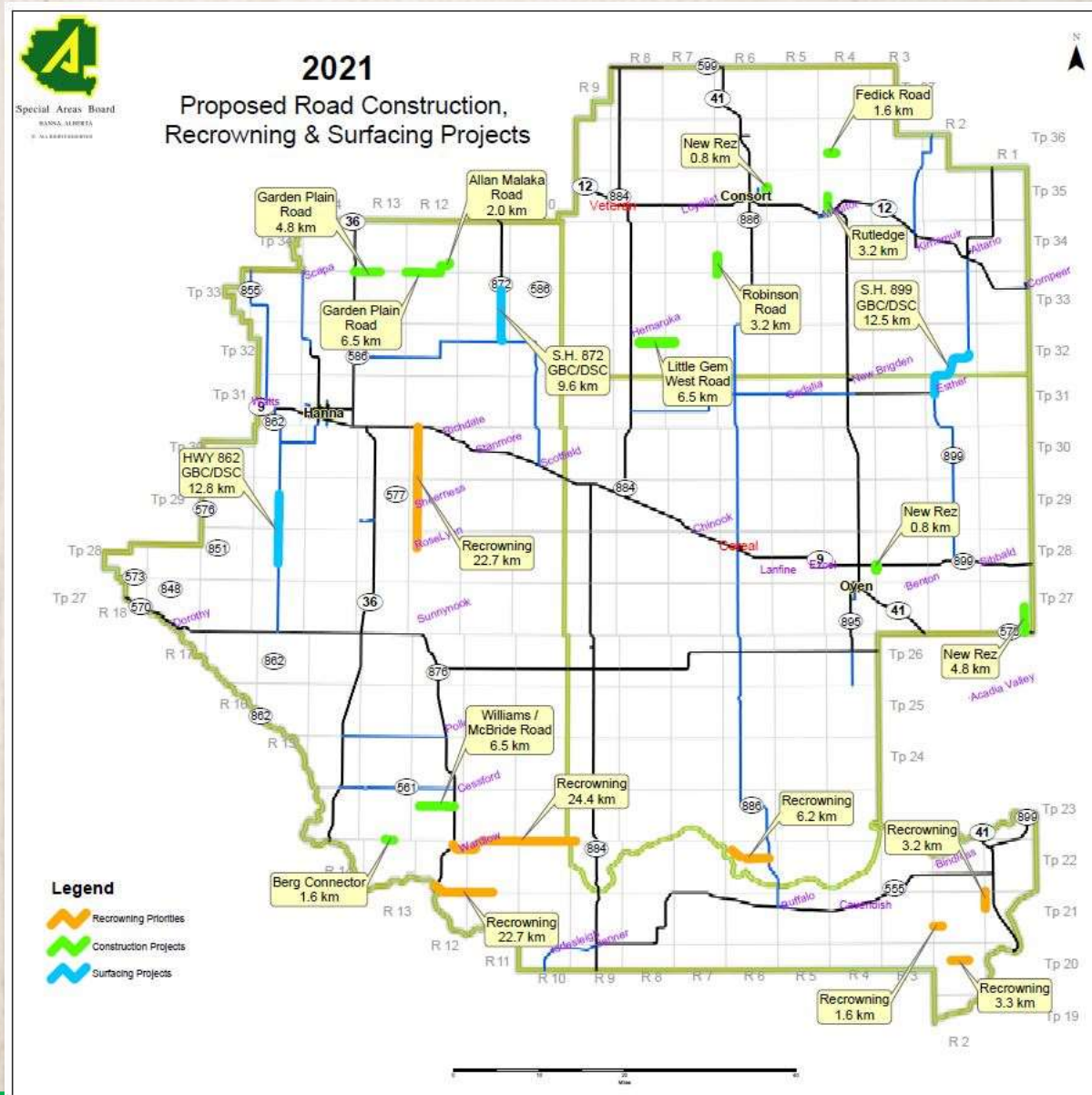
# ROADS

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- Operational Season in 2021
  - Return to full season capacity
    - Road Construction - 42.3 km
    - Road Re-Crowning - 84.6 km
    - Road Surfacing - 34.9 km
- Secondary Highway Agreement
  - Partnership with Alberta Transportation
    - Currently in the second year of four-year agreement
    - 2021 - Hwy 862, 872 and 899 – Granular Base Course (GBC)



# 2021 Road Road Work



# WATER

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- Through grant funding the Chinook and SDS (862) truckfill will be replaced with larger capacity and eliminate the underground storage
- Working through the challenges of being the owners of the water and sewer systems in the Hamlet of Cereal



# EMERGENCY SERVICES

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- Fire Services
  - Construction is underway on the Homestead Coulee Fire Hall
  - Site Preparation for a new Fire Hall at Big Stone
- Partnering with the Town of Oyen and Oyen Firefighters Assn. to locate a Rapid Attack truck in Oyen
- Regional Emergency Management Plan is being completed in 2021. Due to Covid-19 the timeline was pushed back as the members were unable to meet or train in person.
  - REMP will result in creation of local community and regional emergency plans as well as training to support local and regional emergency responses.
  - The REMP includes all urban municipalities located within the Special Areas boundaries



# EMERGENCY SERVICES

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- Community Peace Officers
  - Two officers on staff to provide enforcement for municipal infrastructure (parks, roads, etc.)
  - 2021 focus:
    - Increased presence on surfaced roadways and construction sites – especially those identified as priorities by ratepayers and Council
    - Focus on education rather than enforcement
  - Building relationships with other enforcement agencies through joint operations, skill sharing/education, attending community events.



# PARKS

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- 2020 and 2021 are seen record usage years for our parks due to COVID19 travel restrictions.
- 2021 Capital projects include the marina upgrades at Prairie Oasis Park
- Operational agreement for 2021 season to operate Gooseberry Lake and Little Fish Lake Provincial Parks
- Fisheries
  - Partnering with Provincial biologists to find ways to manage the invasive species (Carp) at Blood Indian Park
  - Alberta Environment have harvested fish from Carolside to establish a fish population at Little Fish Lake.



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# Questions?

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