

## POSTPONEMENT OF EXPANSION OF MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES/TOWN OF O'LEARY

During the fall of 2014 the Town of O'Leary embarked on a process to review the current boundaries covered by our Town. This process was executed to review and summarize the beneficial outcomes as a result of this change. It needs to be strongly clarified that this process was borne to recognize the benefits and challenges of both the rural and urban centers of our fire districts of O'Leary and West Point.

In union with this process, we procured the professional planning support of WSP to be engaged in helping prepare a plan that would recognize the goals and objectives and strategy to conquer our challenges moving forward.

After numerous discussions at Council level, it was felt that the best avenue to review for potential implementation was that of boundary extension.

On September 15, 2014 a comprehensive exercise was opened for all residents of both fire districts to attend at the O'Leary Royal Canadian Legion, to review the challenges and needs of a plan such as this. While not a large crowd, the group of 20 plus people provided a very positive response.

After careful review from feedback retained from this process, the Town Council felt it was reasonable to commence process with the invited areas of annexation.

It is realized that a more comprehensive consultation process is required and voluntary participation of the affected areas. A clear acknowledgment that the intention of the Town Council of O'Leary was and always will be, focused on working together with adjacent communities in a transparent, consultative process to ensure that any and all related issues be jointly supported.

As a result of the concerns raised and important feedback, the Town Council of O'Leary will postpone the process of annexation until a point in time that the surrounding communities are consulted, provided opportunities to officially express their opinion, and comfortably approve any such modification to the current models.

Due to the above change, the Special Meeting of the Town Council of O'Leary on Thursday, November 27, 2014 will be canceled.