

## **Westlock County Council Briefs – October 9, 2007**

Westlock County received confirmation from Alberta Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding funding under the new Municipal Sustainability Initiative Program. The Program indicates that the County will receive 1.3 million dollars in 2008, 1.5 million dollars in 2009, 3.3 million dollars in 2010 and a total of 27 million dollars from 2011 to 2015. The noted grant program is to assist municipalities in managing growth pressures and to provide sustainable funding.

Council has authorized Administration to apply for funding under the Alberta Municipal Infrastructure Program for a total of \$50,200.00 to address the County's 2007 Bridge Rehabilitation Project.

The County has committed a maximum of \$ 3,000.00 towards a feasibility study conducted by GROWTH Alberta to pursue the development of a biofuel industry in the Region.

The Council reviewed and provided their recommendation for approval on several subdivision applications, one of which included the formal subdivision of the remaining County's Industrial Park into approximately twelve 3-4 acre parcels.

Westlock RCMP Detachment's new Staff Sergeant Bryan Clayton attended the Council Meeting to discuss several items related to general policing issues. It was the consensus of Council that the visibility of the RCMP in the community is the number one priority.

Westlock County formally endorsed the Negotiation Report as presented by the Town of Westlock regarding the annexation of lands currently within the County's corporate boundaries.