



Have you seen us online?

Nowadays, the experts say if you want to have any kind of presence in the world, you have to be online.

After recently returning from a workshop about different technologies — websites, Facebook, Twitter, etc. — it became more apparent just how much people use and rely on technology for their information.

Today's children will never know a world without the Internet. They live in a world of instant information access.

As older generations who can remember a rotary dial telephone as opposed to cellphones, we need to keep up with the advancement of technology. As much as some of us might find it scary to venture out into this technological age, it's the way the world is going with or without our consent.

Within Woodlands County, we know some residents have limited access to the Internet (a topic which I will update you on in the near future). However, overall, Canada is becoming increasingly connected. Studies say that 84 per cent of Canadians use the Internet.

Woodlands County went live with its first website in 2000. Nearly a decade later, the amount of information you can find on our website is astounding and it will only continue to grow.

Here is a quick list of the various items you can find online:

- Names, photos and contact information for all County coun-



cillors, and administration.

- Our latest newsletter can be downloaded in a PDF format off our home page.
- An events calendar which lists all the exciting events happening within the County. We also have links to the organizations hosting the events. We encourage you to send us information about your events.
- Frequently asked questions about land development and what permits you need. The permit applications are also posted on the website so you can download them instantly.
- Various maps can help you or visitors navigate around the County.
- Profiles of the various tourism destination spots found in the County.
- A popular item on our website which people access, are the minutes and agendas for the council meetings.

This list is just the tip of the information iceberg of what you can find on our website. If you can't find what you are looking for, let us know, as we strive to make the website better.

So log on now and see what you can learn about Woodlands County. Our website is www.woodlands.ab.ca.

Your smile for the day ☺

A sign seen at an optometrist office reads, "If you don't see what you are looking for, you've come to the right place."

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or ideas at jim.rennie@woodlands.ab.ca or at the County office at 780-778-8400.

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