



Regional GIS Update

New Additions

In October, the Town of Raymond and the Village of Stirling received word that they had been approved for a grant that will allow them to join the Urban GIS Project. This will bring the number of urban communities involved in the project up to 21. They will be brought up to the level of service that the existing municipalities are currently. Welcome Raymond and Stirling! On November 19, 2004 Steven Ellert and Tom Graham attended the Municipal Excellence awards in Edmonton. Also in attendance was Marge Williams representing the sponsoring municipality of

Coalhurst and the mayors (or representative) from the 19 communities involved in the project. The Urban GIS Project was presented with a Honourable Mention for **Partnership** at the AUMA luncheon. A plaque was given to each partnering municipality as well as the ORRSC office. Videos of each award recipients project were played during the ceremony. Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties none of the honourable mention recipient's videos were played. If you would like to view the video you can visit the Municipal Excellence Network

website @ http://www.menet.ab.ca/bins/content_page.asp?cid=6-328

A GPS unit has been purchased and infrastructure data collection for the municipalities requiring such will be continuing as weather permits.

Partnering Municipalities

Village of Barnwell
Village of Coutts
Village of Cowley
Village of Lomond
Village of Nobleford
Village of Stirling
Village of Warner

Town of Cardston
Town of Claresholm
Town of Coaldale
Town of Coalhurst
Town of Fort Macleod
Town of Magrath
Town of Milk River
Town of Nanton
Town of Picture Butte
Town of Pincher Creek
Town of Raymond
Town of Stavely
Town of Taber
Town of Vulcan

Budget / Funding / Governance Committee

The first task the committee attended to was calculating the amount each municipality would have to contribute to the program for the final 2.5 months of 2005. This has been forwarded to each municipality so that the amount can be incorporated into 2005 budgets. The committee will continue to look at an overall formula for subsequent years.



How are you using your GIS?

For the purpose of the municipal development plan the Village of Nobleford had available, layers of information relative to truck routing and parking restrictions that were easily incorporated into the GIS. Existing and proposed truck routes are displayed on the GIS using different colors for each route. This can be used for discussion and decision making purposes relative to proposed routes and/or to manage paving programs with a different thickness of pavement for truck routes. Parking restrictions zones; Daytime Parking, Anytime Parking and No Parking Zones are also displayed with different colors to highlight the different zones throughout the village.