OLDMAN RIVER REGION URBAN GIS PROJECT

Regional GIS Update

Year Three - Color!

It's time to add some color. We are in the process of arranging a contract for color orthophotography, the major component of year three of the Urban GIS Project. We plan to have the photography flown in April or May, delivered to us during the summer and if all goes as planned, added to the GIS in September. Flying the photography in the spring with 'some leaf on' will allow viewers to see some vegetation at the same time not obscuring too much of the man made features. GIS participants were offered the opportunity to upgrade to higher resolution photography. The cost of the upgrade would be the responsibility of the municipality themselves. We have had four municipalities interested in the upgrade to the 1:5,000 scale photography. All other participants will receive 1:10,000 photography as provided in the project. The aerial photography insert at the bottom of this page is a sample of what to expect on your GIS.

Both the Town of High River and the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass expressed interest in learning more about the GIS Project. The GIS team has made presentations to both respective Town Officials in February.
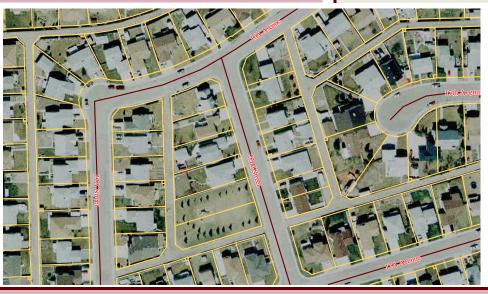
GIS Governance

We now have a name for our committee. As of February 10th, ORRSC has officially established the **GIS Advisory Committee.** Paul Goldade of the ORRSC Executive Committee has been appointed to the Advisory Committee for this year along with the four representatives from the partnering municipalities. The committee is presently fine-tuning a funding formula with the goal to establish a reasonable cost of the GIS to municipalities. It may be possible to access additional funding through sponsorship grants. This will be further discussed at the GIS general meeting tentatively scheduled for the end of March.

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

How are you using your GIS?

Leah Olsen, the Development Officer for the Town of Coaldale, uses the GIS on a regular basis to prepare presentations for council regarding development issues. Leah has created a template in Microsoft Word with a *pasted-in* bitmap from the GIS. Each time a new development issue arises she accesses the map with the appropriate layers displaying, copies the map to the clipboard and pastes the bitmap into her new document created from the template. We would be happy to help you create something similar if this interests you.