



Regional GIS Update

On July 7th, the semi-annual GIS Update Meeting was held at the ORRSC office. A summary of progress-to-date as well as budget updates were presented and discussed.

Scott Barton from the municipalities of Raymond and Stirling was also in attendance at the meeting. They are in the process of applying for a grant that would provide them with the funds to join the 19 urban municipalities already involved with the GIS project.

A short presentation of some of the new features in the GIS was also given. At the end of the meeting the attendees had an opportunity to share with the others how they have been using the GIS and how it has benefited their

community. This also provided the ORRSC GIS staff with some feedback on system use and satisfaction with the system. The main purpose of the meeting was to get all organizations involved, thinking of how the project will be funded in the future after the 3 year Municipal Sponsorship Grant runs out. A six person committee was created that will meet in September to discuss how the future funding and organization of the project will be handled starting in the fall of 2005.

Additional training for each municipality on how to use the GIS is being offered by ORRSC GIS staff. The training is being conducted one-on-one instead of in a group setting to give the users a

more hands-on training with the system.

We had the opportunity to have a LCC student work with us on her practicum during the first two weeks in May. This introduction to Infrastructure Data Collection techniques, has introduced us to some of the dos and don'ts of GPSing. We plan to purchase a GPS unit this month so that work can begin to collect infrastructure data. For each municipality we have varying degrees of data, from very little to fairly complete. The infrastructure data collection will take place over the next year and a half and will help us complete the spatial component of the 4 infrastructure networks that MIMS tracks.

Budgeting /Future Funding / Governance Committee

We have six willing participants to help pave the way to a smooth transition from a grant funded project to an arm of ORRSC: Mitch Schneider (Cardston), Wendy Bateman (Barnwell), Marge Williams (Coalhurst), Lenze Kuiper (Taber), Alcide Cloutier (Vulcan) and George Lejbuk (Coaldale).



Partnering Municipalities

*Village of Barnwell
Village of Coutts
Village of Cowley
Village of Lomond
Village of Nobleford
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 Stavely
Town of Taber
Town of Vulcan*

How are you using your GIS?

Each municipality involved in the GIS develops their own needs and uses for the GIS. Although each municipality will have the same basic system, some unique layers of information may be added in each community, if this information is readily available in digital format within our office. The Town of Pincher Creek was working on a pathway project and asked to have their pathways added, to assist them with decision making regarding future path locations.