

## **Parkland County Council Presentation**

The Yellowhead Overlanders ATV Society is non-profit organization representing hundreds of motorized recreational trail users in the Parkland County. We are dedicated to providing safe motorized recreational activities in an environmentally responsible manner. Our efforts focus on education, safety, and the restoration and revitalization of trails and associated facilities on public and private land throughout Alberta. Currently we have about 30 members in the organization.

The use of ATV vehicles within Parkland County has always been an issue that has caused frustration and resentment within communities or subdivisions. However, if handled properly, the Yellowhead ATV Club feels that we are able to all exist within the County in a cohesive way.

Our purpose of coming to Council is discuss the proposal to create a staging area for use of ATV's and other trail users. We seek to develop, maintain and monitor the trail system in this area known as "Hells Half Acre" located at SW-30-53-2-5. Currently there is no staging area and the on loading and off loading of these machines is being done on the road and ditches of Range Rd 24 at the site. This does not provide a safe environment for either the ATV riders or the public using the road. It should be noted that the landowner adjacent to the properties discussed is supportive of the project because they see the need for a safer and better organized way to approach this as well. Our first goal is to provide a safe venue for parking of trailers and the unloading and loading of ATV's.

### **LOCATION AND MAP**

This area has been used for years by ATV's and discussion has gone on for some time about formalizing an area for such an activity and we are now in a place where we feel we can proceed, but do need the financial assistance of Parkland County in order to proceed. The upfront cost required to make the necessary changes is \$140,000.00 to take down tree's widen the road for easier access to the staging area and for the staging area itself, which would allow for up to approximately 60 vehicles to load and unload at one time.

Our deliverables on this project are:

- 1) We will survey the community in a 1 km radius, with the assistance of Parkland County's Parks, Recreation and Culture department to assist with the gathering of information (mail out to residents) and we will conduct in person interviews with residents.
- 2) We are looking into sponsorship from area businesses to assist off set project costs as well will be seeking provincial and other grants. As we require matching dollars for most grant opportunities, any funds provided by Parkland County will assist us in our success.

- 3) We have a core volunteer group who will assist with site preparation, maintenance and upkeep, and an awareness campaign to make people aware of the site and it's rules and regulations.
- 4) Assist with naming the location to recognize it as a County facility, with our organization as a partner on the project. Parkland Multi-use and Recreation Area in one suggestion our group had. It should be noted that all usage of the site would be "at own risk" and signs indicating that would be posted.
- 5) Work with Parkland County Council and Administration to achieve our goals including the necessary requirements such as maintenance agreements, lease agreements, etc.
- 6) Work with Parkland County Enforcement and Emergency services to ensure we meet proper regulations and requirements to keep participants safe. We have partnered with Parkland County Enforcement previously for educational events look forward to continuing to do so in the future.

The second goal of the project is to be stewards of the land. This is done by monitoring the use of the area to be assured that County Bylaws are being adhered to and that the trails are kept in good order and the staging area remains clean for the next users. The Yellowhead ATV Club would take pride in the area and encourage and promote safety and respect among the users.

In order to achieve success, the Society strives to plan and deliver current and propose programs which are:

- realistic,
- achievable,
- meet the goals of all trail users both motorized and non-motorized,
- support the goals of the Government of Alberta with regard to public lands, and
- are user pay based and not tax based

We are seeking Parkland County Council to approve funding for the project and allow us to proceed with a survey, finding sponsorship and apply for grants. We have in kind donations of labour and some equipment and supplies, but until we have some start up funds to begin making things happen, we are stalled.

As the area is well utilized and does pose a bit of a hazard they way it is currently being used by people, we seek to make this a project that Parkland County can be proud of and partner with a group that is committed to making this happen for our residents and bringing in tourism in the area.

## **Additional Background Information about the Yellowhead ATV Club:**

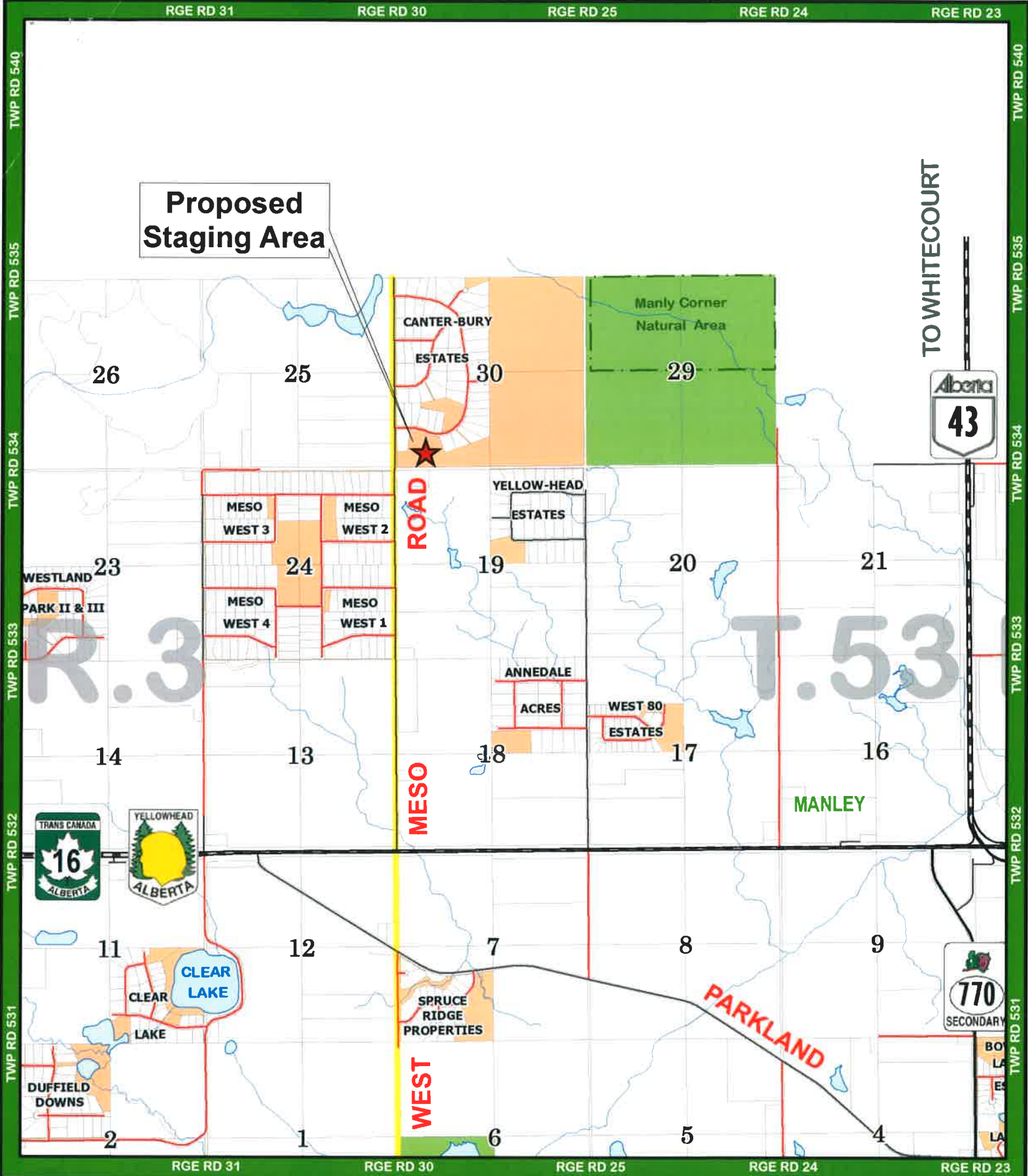
The principle and values of the Society:

### **Principles**

- Respect the environment and minimize impacts.
- Respect the rights of other users.
- Participate in the decisions that affect our access and use of public lands.
- Improve public understanding by addressing issues and concerns.
- Be responsible when riding by using designated trails and minimizing impact,
- Obey the rules and other relevant legislation.

### **Values**

- We value our privilege to ride on public lands.
- We value the natural and archaeological treasures that our great outdoors hold.
- We value nature and respect its diversity.
- We value clean air, water and land.
- We place a high value on future use of trails for our children and other users.



RGE RD 30

# CANTER-BURY ESTATES

Approx 930 ft

300 ft

300 ft

300 ft

MESO  
WEST 2

RGE RD 30



## YELLOWHEAD OVERLANDERS OHV PROPOSED STAGING AREA



Disclaimer:  
Parkland County offers this information in good faith,  
but makes no warranty with regard to correctness,  
and accuracy of the data.

Drawn By: brh

2011 Orthophotography

Geopositional Accuracy (+/- 3-5m)

Date: July 17, 2012

Scale: 1:3,000



# Yellowhead Overlanders ATV Society Financial Report

## July 10, 2012

Correction Balance for June 12, 2012 Meeting should have been \$1100.54 not \$1100.18

Opening Balance for June 1, 2012 was 770.54.

There was a deposit of \$330.00 made June 12 made up of Memberships and Raffle Ticket Sales.

There were 3 cheques written in June. We paid out \$900.0 in Raffle Prizes (1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$400, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$250.00 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize #250.00)

We currently had a balance of \$200.54 as of the June 30, 2012 bank statement.

A deposit of \$661.00 was made June 12, 2012, made up from Memberships (\$60.00, 2 Singles @ \$30.00) and Raffle Ticket Sales (\$601.00).

This will now give us a balance of 861.54

Cost for June Hall Rent was N/C for work done around the Hall April 28, 2012. A big thank you to those that were able to turn out.

There are no outstanding cheques or bills as of July 10, 2012.

We have 10 single and 10 Family Paid Members to date for 2012.