

## Mayor's Message

Wow 2011! It seems like only yesterday the world was worried about Y2K issues and we're now starting another decade in the new millennium. Council has been working to prioritize projects that can be completed in 2011 and we're looking at implementing an updated method of tracking those projects so we can provide accurate and timely updates to you in the future.

Look for a new format to the Mayor's message in 2011 but until then, updates include:

- **Town Survey**- we are once again looking for your help in providing feedback to Council. A community survey will be coming to you in the Spring of this year and we want your responses. The results of this survey will help to determine priorities for the next three years so please contribute your thoughts for the future of Chestermere.
- **Winterfest January 15th**- in honour of last year's Olympic celebration we will again be hosting Winterfest in January. Come and join us on January 15<sup>th</sup> for polar dips, hockey games and snow excitement. Events at the Rec. Centre and Anniversary Park are where family fun awaits and fireworks will astound! Motorcycle snow races are expected on January 16<sup>th</sup> at John Peake Park as well. Please check [www.chestermerefestivals.ca](http://www.chestermerefestivals.ca) under Winterfest for more details.
- **Provincial Government**- Deputy Mayor Patrick Bergen, CAO Terry Hurlbut and I had an opportunity to meet with Premier Stelmach regarding Alberta Health services for our new health clinic, set to open in early 2013. In the past 6 years we have not approached the Premier's office with concerns as we prefer to handle our issues locally but we felt our lack of health services was important enough to bring to his attention. The Premier was very receptive and we expect positive results from this meeting.



I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize all of our emergency response personnel, public works, peace officers & community services staff and everyone else who worked in Town over the holidays to ensure we were all safe and sound. We seldom think of them unless we are in a crisis situation but they're working hard just the same whether we need them or not. Thank you very much!

Happy New Year everyone!

*Mayor Matthews*

## **BLOOD DRIVE - DONORS NEEDED**

**Canadian Blood Services will be in the Chestermere community on the following dates in 2011/2012:**

### **Chestermere Community Centre**

201 West Chestermere Dr, Multi-Purpose Room

Monday, January 3, 2011	3PM to 8PM
Monday, March 21, 2011	3PM to 8PM
Monday, May 23, 2011	3PM to 8PM
Monday, July 18, 2011	3PM to 8PM
Monday, October 3, 2011	3PM to 8PM
Monday, December 5, 2011	3PM to 8PM
Monday, March 12, 2012	3PM to 8PM

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