

# Establishing the Rural Community of Hanwell

This fact sheet provides a quick overview of your new local government.

## A Snapshot of the New Rural Community of Hanwell

- ◆ The geographic area of the new rural community of Hanwell covers the former local service district of Hanwell, which includes roughly 13 subdivisions and other roads connected to Hanwell.
- ◆ Hanwell will have 4 wards, represented by a council of one mayor and 6 councillors—elected by residents. One councillor will be elected from each ward, and two will be elected at-large.
- ◆ As a rural community, Hanwell will assume responsibility for the delivery of a number of services, including: administration, local planning, emergency measures, garbage collection, dog control, street lighting and recreation services.

## Hanwell Residents Voted “Yes” —Here’s What to Expect Next

Since the December 2013 plebiscite, a variety of efforts have been put in motion to officially establish your new rural community. Outlined below are dates and events of interest:

- ◆ Currently, efforts are underway to establish the rural community of Hanwell in law, under the *Municipalities Act*. A new regulation is expected to be approved in March 2014.

A **public information session** will take place in your community on **March 11, 2014, 7 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church (1991 Highway 640)**, to speak to what it means to be a rural community, to discuss the roles and responsibilities of the rural community council, and to encourage residents to consider running for council. Hanwell residents are encouraged to attend this information session.

- ◆ Council nominations open on March 29, 2014 and close April 17, 2014, for eligible Hanwell residents who are interested in running for council.
- ◆ On May 12, 2014, residents will elect their very first rural community council during municipal elections.
- ◆ May 23, 2014, will be the official incorporation day for Hanwell.
- ◆ Swearing in of the newly elected council, the first meeting of the rural community council, the appointment of a clerk, and an inauguration ceremony, will take place May 27, 2014 in Hanwell. On this day, the newly elected council will officially take over community affairs.

The Department of Environment and Local Government (ELG) is committed to working with you to support the transition to a rural community. Please direct questions to Ivan Corbett, area local services manager for ELG, 453-2838.