

## MEMBER NEWSLETTER

July 2019

## West Wetaskiwin REA Announces Scholarship Program

Co-operatives around the world are guided by seven overarching principles, one of which is 'Education, training, and information'.

In support of that principle, the Board of Directors of West Wetaskiwin REA is pleased to announce the launch of a scholarship program beginning this 2019 year.

Annually, West Wetaskiwin REA will offer 2 (two) scholarships to children of members in the amount of \$1000.00 each.

The selection of scholarship recipients is open to students in either diploma or degree granting programs. The applicant must be entering their first year of postsecondary study in a designated program and be a high school graduate of the current, or at most, previous calendar year.

Additional considerations for acceptance include the applicant's community involvement, financial need and academic achievement.

The Scholarship Application Form, with instructions for necessary documentation required, is located on our website: www.westwetaskiwinrea.com < Power Points>.

Annually the deadline for applications will be September 30th of the current year.

For power troubles or service requests,

contact: FortisAlberta (the distribution

system operator for West Wetaskiwin

REA): Toll-free: 1-855-333-9473

or 780-310-9473

Applications will be reviewed by the scholarship application review committee which consists of Directors of

the REA.



E-mail: westwet@telus.net www. westwetaskiwinrea.com

A uniform grading system will be applied to all applicants and the successful individuals will be notified on, or before, October 25th of the current year. The Board chose this timing so the benefit of financial assistance

would be available during the applicant's first and current year.



## Call Out for 2019 **Scholarship Applications**

If you are a child of a West Wetaskiwin REA member entering a post-secondary program this year, we encourage you to download the application from our website (address below) and apply for the scholarship.

Deadline for applications is September 30, 2019.

> For billing or account inquiries contact: Battle River Power Coop Box 1420 Camrose, Alberta T4V 1X3 Toll-free: 1-877-428-3972 E-mail: <a href="mailto:brpc@brpower.coop">brpc@brpower.coop</a>

> > www.brpower.coop

## Rehome a Tree

It's easy as 1 - 2 - 3

In rural Alberta we are very fortunate that coniferous trees tend to replicate themselves frequently, but regrettably, in the rural right of ways along range

roads and township roads. This results in the necessity to trim or brush them and inevitably ends up with the tree dying.

West Wetaskiwin REA would like to encourage members and their friends and family to *ReHome a Tree* and we want to let you know it is quite easy.

Get the land location of the tree(s) you would like to Re-Home (range road/township road). It is recommended to choose trees no taller than 6 feet as the root would be too large to remove without equipment and a severely damaged root would negatively affect a transplant. The tree does not need to be outside your property, it can be located in another rural area in the County.

Stop by the County of Wetaskiwin Office and complete a permit form. It takes only a few minutes and usually the permit is approved while you are waiting. Note permits are not available for trees along primary or secondary highways. Permits are issued at no-charge for the 'shoveling' – no equipment removal –of young trees and are valid for 14 days. (Note permits can be extended if need be.)

Within that 14 days, and with your permit in hand, you can shovel out the tree(s) that you wish to bring to a new home. Once the tree and root is removed, you must fill in the hole and return the area to its original state.

For information on how to successfully transplant trees, please refer to our website:

www.westwetaskiwinrea.com < Power Points>.

ReHome a Tree is an environmental program developed by



Regulated Rate Option



The Regulated Rate Option (RRO) may increase or decrease from month to month as it is priced on the open market and subject to many factors relating to supply and demand. It is not a 'regulated' rate, rather is a default rate. If you do not have a contract with an electricity retailer, then you are on the RRO. For July 2019, RRO is priced at \$0.06800 per kWh, reflected on your enclosed orange bill. For August 2019, the Battle River Power Coop monthly rate as calculated under the RRO regulation is \$0.06800; the billing rate charged to WW REA members is \$0.06800.

It is very important to note that your electrical distribution system provider will always be the West Wetaskiwin REA, regardless of who supplies your electricity. Members will not be disadvantaged in any way based on their retailer choice.

For a list of energy retailers, contact the Utilities Consumer Advocate: 310-4-UCA (310-4822) or <a href="www.ucahelps.alberta.ca">www.ucahelps.alberta.ca</a>. If you do not have a contract with an electricity retailer, then you are on the default Regulated Rate Option (RRO). The RRO rate is listed on <a href="www.westwetaskiwinrea.com">www.westwetaskiwinrea.com</a>

Information on West Wetaskiwin's Code of Conduct Regulation Compliance Plan can be found on our website: www.westwetaskiwinrea.com