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## **Right-of-way bylaw sets standard**

*Paul Frey, Olds Albertan, July 20, 2010*

Town councillors unanimously passed third reading of the municipal access bylaw at their July 12 meeting.

The bylaw sets out conditions under which telecommunications or other network providers can access municipal lands. In this case, the catalyst for the bylaw was the Fibre to the Premise project.

Council, administration, the Olds Institute For Community and Regional Development and members of the technology committee met with solicitors about four months ago leading up to the drafting of the bylaw. It received first and second reading on June 14 and 28 respectively.

Mayor Judy Dahl said the bylaw will protect the town when anyone uses any of the several different rights-of-way that go through the community.

"Basically ... when any telecommunications company comes in ... there's standards that you have to meet and we want to make sure that our Fibre to the Premise (project) meets the same standards. It's a tool to make sure that we follow a proper process, follow a safe process and keeps us out of any type of lawsuit," she said.