

Your Mayor's Message #17

WANTED VERY MUCH ALIVE!

I am looking for Energetic, Enthusiastic, Creative, Volunteers of all ages, from Delia and area, to serve on a Mayor's **Tourism & Economic Development Task Force**. This Task Force will be responsible for the development of a master plan to bring tourists to enjoy Delia and the surrounding area on a steady, year round basis. Steady Tourism brings Economic Development. This group must be prepared to meet at least once a month at a time and place to be decided. The organization, the forming of ideas, development of strategies, and implementing of the final products will take time. Tourism & Economic Development will not happen overnight. **All interested and who want to be a part of the future of Delia please call me at 403-821-1057 or email me at dsisley@delia.ca**

Thought for the Month

Don't Engage Youth "Every community wonders how to keep youth from leaving. That shouldn't be your goal. The nature of youth is to explore and try new things. You should want them to experience new worlds, new cultures and new ideas. Success is not about keeping them. Success is giving them a reason to come home after, and to bring those outside ideas and experiences with them. We rarely do that, however. We don't give them a reason to come home after they have explored. Often we even go a step further by chasing them away so they won't come back. We talk negatively about our community and give them the impression that if they have ambitions and aptitude they must leave to find success. Young folks, not just kids but anyone under 40, are looking for a place to build a life and build a future, and if they don't get the sense from you that your community has a future, they will go elsewhere and the future of your community will leave with them." **By Doug Griffiths**

David Sisley,
Mayor