

## **Paved Walking Path**

### History

In 2004, the Village-appointed Environment Recreation and Parks Committee had a vision of a paved walking path wandering through our parks, recreation facilities, and nature environments, with numerous historical interpretive stations with rest facilities.

In 2007, phase one of the paved walking path project was completed. The project was funded by a unique initiative, A CHANCE TO HELP A CHANCE TO BE REMEMBERED. Cash donations of \$45,000 were raised from individuals, organizations, and corporations to match a Community Facility Enhancement Program grant (CFEP) from the Alberta Government. The County of Lethbridge contributed funds and Village of Nobleford used reserve funds from land sales revenues. No Nobleford property tax dollars were used. The pathway along west and south Nobleford is a regularly used facility in our community and benefits all ages and all levels of fitness.

Quoting a long time resident of Nobleford who was restricted to wheel chair mobility, *"I travel on this paved path everyday, it gives me something to look forward to, Thank You"*.

A future phase 2 of the pathway (east Nobleford) is noted in the Village Municipal Development plan (MDP) and surplus funds from phase one have been earmarked for future pathway projects.

We had incredible support from the community on this project. There was an abundance of cash donations, equipment donations, volunteers on shovels and always a cheerful environment. This indeed is a success to be proud of.