

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

**OCTOBER 15, 2020** 

## September 23, 2020 Council Meeting

#### **BYLAWS AND POLICY:**

**Bylaw No. 10-2020:** Council held a statutory Public Hearing regarding the redistricting of Pt. NE 19-53-12 W4 from Agricultural (A) District to Intensive Campground to facilitate various recreational developments. Having no public objections, Bylaw No. 10-2020 was duly enacted.

**Bylaw No. 11-2020:** Council gave first reading to a modernized Wastewater Bylaw, outlining conditions for treatment and disposal of sewage, having the same presented at the next Council Meeting.

Hairy Hill Post Office: Council is working with Canada Post to maintain a post office in the Hamlet of Hairy Hill. At this time, a Postmaster position is open and is receiving applications until November 2, 2020. To apply please visit <a href="https://www.canadapost.ca/careers">www.canadapost.ca/careers</a> and search HAIRY HILL.

#### **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS:**

Willingdon & District Agricultural Society: Council approved and entered into a Livestock agreement with the Willingdon & District Agricultural Society for the months of October 2020 to May 2021.

**Two Hills Playschool Association Donation:** The County of Two Hills provided a \$500.00 contribution to the Two Hills Playschool towards programming.

## **Annual Organizational Meeting:**

Wednesday October 23, 2020 in Council Chambers at 10:00 a.m.

#### **Next Council Meeting:**

Wednesday, October 23, 2020 in Council Chambers at 10:30 a.m.



Did you know that the County of Two Hills has provided a total of \$ 1,014,650.00 in various funding allocations, over 2019 and 2020 to the community? For further details visit: www.thcounty.ab.ca.

#### **PRIVATE BOAT LAUNCHES**

With the onset of winter, the County of Two Hills reminds residents to remove private boat launces prior to winter freeze-up and to not store boat launches on public shorelines. Boat launches must be on private property.



#### PROPERTY INSPECTIONS

To complete the 2020 property assessments, assessors will be conducting physical inspections of properties throughout the County. When assessors enter onto your property their vehicles will be clearly marked with the County of Two Hills logo. Your cooperation with assessors is greatly appreciated as it is essential in determining property assessments.

#### TAX PAYMENT DEADLINE

The last day for payment of Property Taxes is October 31, 2020. After that date, all outstanding Property Taxes will be subject to a 10% penalty, which will be applied November 1, 2020. Tax payments must be received at Municipal Office on or prior to October 31, 2020.

#### **PAYMENT INFORMATION**

If you pay your taxes by bank teller or internet banking please choose <u>COUNTY OF TWO HILLS</u> as the Payee. Please DO NOT PAY your County of Two Hills property taxes to the Town of Two Hills, this will result in penalties.

Internet banking can be used if you bank with any of the following institutions: TD, ATB, BMO, any Credit Union, CIBC and Scotia Bank. Please use your **Roll Number** as your Account Number.

Property Tax may be paid by credit card, through Option Pay. Credit card payments may be processed online on the County website <a href="www.thcounty.ab.ca">www.thcounty.ab.ca</a> or in-person. If you choose to make a payment with a credit card please be aware there is a 3% service fee that will be processed on the credit card at the time of transaction.

#### **MONTHLY PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENT PLAN**

The County of Two Hills has monthly pre-authorized debit for Property Taxes. If you would like additional information please contact the County of Two Hills Administration Office at 780-657-3358.

#### **LAND TAX SALE**

The County of Two Hills will offer by Public Auction those lands appearing on the Tax Arrears list, if remain unpaid, on December 17, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. in the County Office.

## **FIRE SAFETY**

#### FIRE ADVISORY AND PERMITS

Please be advised that the current fire rating is **HIGH**. Fire permits may be issued, having strict restrictions met. To obtain a Fire Permit please contact the County Office at 780-657-3358. For restriction information please visit: <a href="https://albertafirebans.ca">https://albertafirebans.ca</a>.

#### **FIRE HAZARD AWARENESS**

The first week of October was Fire Prevention Week. Please take the time to ensure your residence is fire safe by checking all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguishers and by practicing fire drills.



To all the volunteer fire fighters within the County of Two Hills, a gracious and humble thank you for all the service you each provide our community.



## AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

#### **CALENDAR CONTEST**

Please be advised that the ASB Calendar Contest closed October 15, 2020. A warm thank you to all participants. Winners shall be selected and notified in early November, having the calendars available early December. An announcement will be made on the County's Facebook page for pick-up availability.

### **CLUBROOT FIELD INSPECTIONS**

Pest Inspectors will be scouting for clubroot disease and infection in canola fields until freeze-up, accessing fields via approaches.

Designated as a pest under the *Agricultural Pests Act*, Clubroot is a soil-borne disease which reduces yields of canola and other cruciferous crops. Clubroot is spread primarily through movement of soil and infected plant materials. Producers are encouraged to clean debris and disinfect equipment prior to moving to new fields to reduce the spread of clubroot to new areas.

Inspectors will follow sanitation protocols to prevent the spread of clubroot. Landowners of fields that test positive for clubroot will be notified in writing. Questions or concerns may be directed to the ASB Department at 780-657-3358.

## **BIRD SCARE CANNONS**

With migratory birds returning south, Council kindly reminds residents that Bird Scare Cannons need only to be in operation from 1-hour prior to sunrise to 1-hour post sun-set, as advised by Alberta Environment. Also, in consideration of nearby residencies, please be courteous in the frequency of shots while in operation.

## **NATURAL GAS UTILITY**

Please be advised that the Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd. annually provides up to four \$1000 awards to students entering post-secondary. Application for the Federation Achievement Award is open until October 31, 2020. To review award criteria and application visit: <a href="https://www.fedgas.com/award">www.fedgas.com/award</a>. Preference will be given to fields of study related to natural gas or rural communities.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

#### **2020 GRAVEL SALES FINISHED**

Please be advised that the deadline for the 2020 gravel orders was September 30, 2020. Public works will no longer be taking gravel sales for the remainder of the year.

#### **ROAD CLOSURE**



Please be advised that **TWP RD 550** is closed from **RR 153** to **RR 154** for approximately 4-weeks due to bridge repairs.

#### **2020-2021 SNOWPLOWING**



With the onset of winter, the Public Works Department would like to remind residents that the snow plowing of driveways will be available to full-time resident that qualify. Should you want your driveway cleared, please ensure that you are on the approved snow plow list and that you have a proper County of Two Hills Snow Plow Flag out.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Public Works Office at 780-657-2499.

Boian Ladies Club invites you to their Drive by Perogy Supper on Friday, October 23, 2020 at the Boian Hall from 4:30 – 730 p.m. Cost: \$15.00 / Take out Order. Pre-orders will be taken until 5:00 p.m. until October 21, 2020. Contact Debbie at 780-367-2011 or Sharon at 780-367-2142.



Don't forget to 'Fall Back' as Daylight Savings ends November 1, 2020 at 2:00 a.m.

#### **CONTACT US:**

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