

MERRY CHRISTMAS

from the
COUNTY OF
TWO HILLS

DECEMBER 18, 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

December 16, 2020 Council Meeting

BYLAWS AND POLICY:

Bylaw No. 13-2020: Council gave first and second readings to Bylaw No. 13-2020 Fees to amend development fees. The Bylaw will be re-presented at the January Council Meeting.

Bylaw No. 14-2020: Council gave all three readings to Bylaw No. 14-2020 Water – Schedule 'A' to amend Water Service Fees and Charges, having rates effective January 1, 2020.

Road Protection and Maintenance – Non-Agricultural Policy: Council approved a new policy which outlines Road Use Agreements procedures, terms and conditions for non-agricultural heavy hauling.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS:

Smoky Lake County: Council is providing Smoky Lake County a Letter of Support for their nomination of the North Saskatchewan River for the Canadian Heritage River System.

Two Hills & Area Community Wellness Coalition: Council provided a \$100.00 donation to the Two Hills & Area Community Wellness Coalition to help cover the costs for services offered.

MCS Net: Council is providing a Letter of Support to MCS Net in their application to the Universal Broadband Fund to support high speed internet projects in rural and remote communities, proposing to install necessary transit fiber and upgrade its existing fixed wireless network within the County.

Myrnam River Ridge Riders: Council is providing a Letter of Support for Myrnam River Ridge Riders (Myrnam Snowmobile Club) in their application for Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) grant.

Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday, January 20, 2020 in Council Chambers at 10:00 a.m.

E-BILLING

The County of Two Hills is now offering E-Billing. If interested, please call the Administration Office at 780-657-3358 to join now or email your request to cmcrae@thcounty.ab.ca.

LAND TAX SALE

Please be advised that the Land Tax Sale, offering by Public Auction those lands appearing on the Tax Arrears list, if remain unpaid, has been **POSTPONED** due to COVID-19 Coronavirus Public Health Order and Regulation. A new date will be advertised once public gatherings are allowed.



HOLIDAY HOURS OF OPERATION

December 20, 2020 – January 2, 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				ALL OFFICES CLOSED		
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
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Essential Services will be operating. Natural Gas Utility and Public Works Offices remain **OPEN BY APPOINTMENT**.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE: 780-657-3358

NATURAL GAS UTILITY OFFICE: 780-657-2446

PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE: 780-657-2499

Emergency Services (after Hours): 780-657-2800

2020 RECREATION AND HARDSHIP GRANTS

Council awarded at the December 16, 2020 Regular Council Meeting a total of \$115,000.00 dollars for the 2020 Recreation and Hardship Grant, recipients as follows:

- Boian Ladies Club (\$ 1,684.20)
- Derwent Golden Age Club (\$ 1,000.00)
- Ukrainian Educational Society of I. Kotlarewsky (\$ 1,407.40)
- Derwent & District Agricultural Society (\$ 8,351.17)
- Myrnam Curling Club (\$ 3,049.70)
- Myrnam Elks Lodge #350 (\$ 2,419.65)
- Hairy Hill Community Hall (\$ 4,536.83)
- Two Hills Sports Activity Council (\$ 23,698.33)
- Willingdon & District Agricultural Society (\$ 6,352.06)
- Myrnam & District Agricultural Society (\$ 9,260.36)
- Hairy Hill Rodeo Association (\$ 2,140.44)
- Ukrainian Greek Catholic Association Plain Lake Hall (\$ 3,295.25)
- Brosseau Recreational & Cultural Community Centre (\$ 5,012.00)
- Luzan Community Club Centre (\$ 476.62)
- Ukrainian Orthodox Church of St. Elias (\$ 730.31)
- Two Hills & District Historical Society (\$ 754.71)
- Lakeland Breakers Outdoor Society (\$ 1,500.00)
- Myrnam River Ridge Riding Club (\$ 15,000.00)
- Lac Sante Family Recreational Society (\$ 1,000.00)
- Two Hills Senior Citizens Centre (\$ 1,000.00)
- Willingdon Senior Citizens Association (\$ 1,000.00)
- Christ Ascension Ruthenian Greek Catholic Church (\$ 788.82)
- Two Hills Ukrainian Catholic Parish of Sts. Vladimir & Olga (\$ 1,678.16)
- Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church of St. Mary Szypenitz (\$ 810.40)
- Pathfinder Community Recreation & Cultural Centre (\$ 2,838.59)
- Willingdon & District Recreation Centre (\$ 7,056.91)
- Myrnam Derwent Golf & Country Club (\$ 2,367.45)
- Derwent Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Parish (\$ 1,290.64)
- Myrnam Senior Citizen Centre (\$ 1,000.00)
- Two Hills Rider Friendly Committee (\$ 750.00)
- Two Hills Curling Club (\$ 1,000.00)
- Two Hills Lions Golf and Country Club (\$ 1,000.00)
- Myrnam & District Dove Historical Beautification Society (\$ 750.00)

With unprecedented hardships faced in 2020, the County of Two Hills graciously thanks and wishes the above recipients success in all their endeavors, as each provide important recreational services to citizens within the County.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Department would like to remind residents that the snow plowing of driveways will be available to full-time residents that qualify. 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 to have your driveway cleared. **Also, due to safety concerns, the County of Two Hills asks residents to fully clear County roads of residual snow left when clearing driveways and piling into ditches. Leaving the two ridges is a driving hazard and if an accident occurs the landowner is liable.**

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

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD



The Agricultural Service Board welcomes producers to attend virtual conferences under sponsorship, limited funding available on a first-come first-serve basis. To register for the above or other virtual conferences please contact Sara Miller at smiller@thcounty.ab.ca or Elden Kozak at ekozak@thcounty.ab.ca, or call 780-657-3358.

ALUS CANADA

Community-developed and farmer-delivered, ALUS sustains agriculture, wildlife and natural spaces for all Canadians, one acre at a time. ALUS Canada is a Weston Family Initiative. The W. Garfield Weston Foundation's generous and long-standing commitment to ALUS Canada has played a critical role in growing ALUS into a truly national not-for-profit organization, one that is rapidly expanding into many new communities across the country.

The ALUS Two Hills Program Coordinator will work with farmers and ranchers to help establish these projects, while participants receive annual, per-acre payments for the management and maintenance of these projects on their land. Through their ALUS projects, ALUS Two Hills participants will help to produce cleaner water, cleaner air and more biodiversity, including pollinator habitat, for the benefit of everyone in the community.

ALUS Two Hills Program Coordinator
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Are you a local landowner, gardener, or nature lover?

Check out the Vermilion River Watershed Alliance's monthly blog which features stories and projects relating to healthy water and landscapes.



DECEMBER'S BLOG:
Invasive vs. Native Plants:
Knowing Your Riparian Area

To learn more, go to:
<https://vrwa.ca/blog/>



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