

January 20, 2021 Council Meeting

BYLAWS AND POLICY:

Bylaw No. 13-2021: Council gave third and final reading to Bylaw No. 13-2020 Fees, duly enacting the bylaw. The Fees bylaw amends development fees. Visit www.thcounty.ab.ca for more information.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS:

Derwent Golden Age Club: Council provided the Derwent Golden Age Club with two letters of support in their applications to the Community Facilities Enhancement Program (CFEP) grant and to the UFA Rural Communities Foundation Grant.

Next Council Meeting:

Thursday, February 17, 2021 in Council Chambers at 10:00 a.m.

2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The Local Authorities Election Act specifies that a general municipal election shall be held every 4-years. The next general Municipal Election will be held in the County of Two Hills on **October 18, 2021**. Nominations for the 2021 Municipal Elections are now open. All nominations must be received at the County of Two Hills Administration Office on or before Nomination Day, Monday September 20, 2021 by 12:00 p.m. (Noon). COVID-19 Restrictions: At this time, appointments are required for any matter relating to the upcoming Municipal Election.

NOMINATION HOURS:

The Returning Officer or designate will receive nominations of candidates for the local jurisdiction election during the regular business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday from January 4, 2021 to September 17, 2021 and till 12:00 p.m. September 20, 2021.

For more information, please visit www.thcounty.ab.ca or contact: Sally Dary, Returning Officer at 780-657-3358.

E-Billing is Here!

Sign up for e-billing today! You can sign up for e-billing for your utility invoices (water/sewer/garbage), natural gas utility invoices, bulk water invoices and any other County related services. Choosing E-billing does not change how you pay your bill, just how you receive it. If you are interested, please call the Administration Office at 780-657-3358 to join now or email your request to cmcrae@thcounty.ab.ca.

OUTSTANDING TAXES



The County of Two Hills recognizes that 2020 was filled with exceptional hardship and that County residents were not excluded from these difficulties. Please be advised, if your residence is in tax arrears that there are various payment options available.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Pay-as-You-Can:

Please be advised that the County will take any denomination of payment, as you can afford, without being on a formal payment plan. Payments may be made:

At the County Office by cash, cheque, debit or credit card.

On the County Website: Property Tax may be paid by credit card, processed online the County's website at www.thcounty.ab.ca through Option Pay. 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.

With your Bank: If you pay your taxes by bank teller or internet banking please choose **COUNTY OF TWO HILLS** as the Payee. Please DO NOT PAY your County of Two Hills property taxes to the Town of Two Hills as 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.

Monthly Pre-Authorized Payment Plan:

The County of Two Hills has monthly pre-authorized debit for Property Taxes. Please be advised that to be eligible for the monthly pre-authorized payment plan, property taxes must be in good standing, having no taxes owed.

If you would like clarification or any additional information please contact the County of Two Hills Tax Clerk at 780-657-3358.



Your census.

Your community.

Your future.



Statistics Canada is hiring local employees for the 2021 Census!

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Schools, housing, health and emergency services are all planned using census data. We are hiring approximately 32,000 census employees to count every person in Canada.

- Pay rates vary by position from \$17.83 to \$21.77 per hour, plus authorized expenses.
- Start and end dates vary by position and location, between March and July 2021.
- You must be available to work flexible hours, mainly during evenings and weekends.
- In the current context of COVID-19, we are committed to ensuring the safety of our employees at all times.

Help your community to plan for the future—**apply now!**

www.census.gc.ca/jobs

TTY (a telecommunications device for deaf persons): 1-833-830-3109

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD



PRODUCE A VALUABLE "CROP" OF NATURE ON MARGINAL FARM OR RANCH LAND

Manage marginal lands differently:

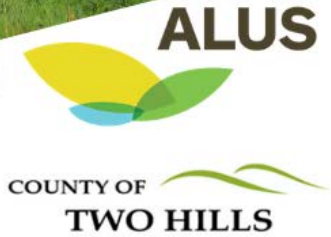
- Crop buffers
- Ecobuffers and shelterbelts
- Riparian management fencing & offsite watering
- Restore or enhance wetlands
- Reforestation
- Streambank stabilization
- Erosion control
- Pollinator habitat
- Wildlife habitat
- Pivot corner diversity
- Many other nature-enhancing projects

Produce Ecosystem Services:

- Flood mitigation
- Carbon sequestration
- Wildlife habitat and biodiversity
- Drought mitigation
- Erosion control
- Cleaner water
- Other ecosystem services on which we all rely



Contact Sara Miller for details
smiller@thcounty.ab.ca 780-657-3358



Benefits

- Significant and reliable annual payments for management & maintenance of projects
- Great alternative for high input, low return, or difficult-to-farm marginal lands
- Secondary benefits such as increased pollination or decreased hoof rot
- Voluntary program

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PUBLIC WORKS

2020 – 2021 SNOW PLOWING

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. 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.

As part of the snow clearing policy: **BUS ROUTES WILL BE GIVEN FIRST PRIORITY FOLLOWED BY COUNTY ROADS** before driveways are cleared, please be patient as the Snow Clearing Crew will do their best to reach qualifying residents in a timely manner.

Please be advised that due to low snow fall, graders on routes have prioritized de-icing. At this time, drive ways shall be plowed by request. Please call 780-657-2499 to submit requests.

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

NATURAL GAS UTILITY

2021 INFILLS

The County of Two Hills Natural Gas Utility is encouraging residents to book infills early, as infills are scheduled on a first-come first-serve basis. Rates for the 2021 construction season are as follows:

- Rural: \$ 8000.00
- Urban: \$ 4000.00
- Grain Dryers and Commercial: Actual Cost

To book an infill please contact the Natural Gas Utility Office at 780-657-2446.

ANNUAL METER INSPECTIONS

Please be advised that the County of Two Hills Natural Gas employees will be accessing yards for annual meter inspection and pfm checks in the upcoming weeks.

SAFETY CHECK!

Please remember to check carbon monoxide and gas monitors to ensure safety measures are properly working.

Are you a local landowner, concerned citizen or nature lover?

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



JANUARY'S BLOG:

Graphic summary of the Vermilion River Water Quality Study

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



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Happy Valentine's Day!