

## February 18, 2021 Council Meeting

### BYLAWS AND POLICY:

**Bylaw No. 02-2021:** Council gave third and final reading to Bylaw No. 02-2021 Regional Emergency Management, duly enacting the bylaw. This bylaw is inclusive of amendments made to the *Emergency Management Act*, with Bill 9 (2020) and Bill 13 (2020).

**Private Gravel Sales / Private Gravel Sales – Industry:** Effective 2021, all private gravel sale deliveries will be the responsibility of the purchaser. At this time, gravel sales are closed. The commencement of gravel sales will be announced early spring.

### COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS:

**Universal Broadband Fund:** Council provided both TELUS and Clearwave Broadband Networks Inc. letters of support in their application to the Federal Universal Broadband Fund grant program. The County supports rural broadband initiatives to improve wireless and fiber accessibility.

**4H Donation:** Council provided a \$1000.00 donation to the Two Hills 4H, working in collaboration with the Myrnam Beef and Multi Club and Willingdon Multi Club for annual club activities.

**Agri-Plastics:** The County has been selected as a potential agri-plastics recycling site for Clean Farms; Council is exploring agri-plastic recycling and collection options at this time.

### Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday March 24, 2021 in Council Chambers at 10:00 a.m.



The County of Two Hills encourages developers, builders and contractors to apply now for your 2021 development permits. Development permits allow construction to start anytime within 12-months of the permit issue date. For further information on obtaining development permits please contact: Gary Buchanan, Director of Planning & Development by phone or appointment at 780-657-3358 or by email: [gbuchanan@thcounty.ab.ca](mailto:gbuchanan@thcounty.ab.ca).

**Subdivision & Development Appeal Board:** Each municipality has a Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) that hears appeals from municipal subdivision and development authorities. SDAB decisions shape the community and affect the lives of developers, neighbours, citizens and businesses. It is important that the public have confidence in the quality of these decisions and the decision-making process.

At this time, the County's SDAB has one vacancy. The position requires provincial training to meet all SDAB requirements. Training to be provided. Should you be interested in becoming an SDAB member, please contact Sally Dary, CAO at 780-657-3358.



## 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](http://www.thcounty.ab.ca) or contact: Sally Dary, Returning Officer at 780-657-3358.

## FIRE PERMITS

Fire Permits are REQUIRED on a YEAR-ROUND BASIS for all types of Open Burning. Fire permits are issued for 10 days at a time. Fire Permits can be obtained from the County Administration Office or electronically. Electronic Fire Permit applications are available at [www.thcounty.ab.ca](http://www.thcounty.ab.ca). Electronic permits may be submitted for approval to [bstaty@thcounty.ab.ca](mailto:bstaty@thcounty.ab.ca)

The County Administration Office is open 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday; and, is *Closed from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. for lunch, and on all Statutory Holidays*. Fire Permits are not issued after hours, on weekends or Statutory Holidays. Please plan ahead.



All fire permit holders **MUST** ensure that all lit fires are completely out and **COLD** by permit expiry date.

## AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

### SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The County of Two Hills would like to invite applications for a seasonal Agricultural Service Board employee. This is a seasonal position and the successful candidate will be working on a variety of programs with the Agricultural Service Board, commencing May 3, 2021.

The successful candidate must:

- Have a valid Alberta Class 5 Operators License;
- Have a valid Pesticide Applicators license or ability to obtain an Authorized Assistant Applicator license;
- Have a general understanding of farming operations and/or farming background;
- Have the ability to operate and maintain equipment;
- Be willing to perform vegetation management controls which may include mowing/spraying/grass seeding/crop survey; and,
- Have strong knowledge and/or background in field crops, diseases and/or other pests.

**Rate of Pay: \$21.97/hour based on 7.5 Hours/day, 37.5 Hours/week.**

Please submit resumes to:

Elden Kozak  
Agricultural Fieldman  
Box 490, Two Hills, Alberta, T0B 4K0

Phone 780-657-3358, Fax 780-657-3504, Email [ekozak@thcounty.ab.ca](mailto:ekozak@thcounty.ab.ca)

**Application Closing Date: April 16, 2021.**

The Agricultural Service Board thanks all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for interviews will be contacted.

### 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.



#### FEBRUARY'S BLOG:

*Partner Series: Get to Know Cows & Fish's Riparian Specialist, Tonya Lwiwski*

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



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Derwent & District Agricultural Society

The Cash Raffle (ALGC# 532108) has been extended to May 29, 2021. Tickets are available for \$50.00 each. For ticket inquiries call 780-977-4717 or visit the Derwent & District Agricultural Society Facebook Page for more information.

If you have community events or information you would like to include in the County Highlights, please contact Kaitlyn Kenney at 780-657-3358 or by email: [kkenney@thcounty.ab.ca](mailto:kkenney@thcounty.ab.ca)

## PUBLIC WORKS

### 2021 SNOW PLOWING

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, driveways 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

### NOTICE: BILLING CHANGE

The County of Two Hills Natural Gas Utility advises that effective immediately **the due date for your natural gas bill will be changing from the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month to the 15<sup>th</sup>.**

If you are currently on the Pre-Authorized Withdrawal program, this also means that your payments will be withdrawn on the 15<sup>th</sup> instead of on the 10<sup>th</sup>, starting March 15, 2021. For further information call 780-657-2446.

## 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](mailto:cmcrae@thcounty.ab.ca).

### CONTACT US:

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