

SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING

BYLAW & POLICY:

Snow Plowing – Driveways Policy PUB-SNO-1: Council amended Snow Plowing – Driveways Policy to include services for Snowbirds, meaning ‘a person whom travels to and from areas with warmer climates during the winter months, having their primary residence within the County of Two Hills boundaries’.

Snow removal agreements are required, please call the County Administration Office to confirm at 780-657-3358. Fees do not change if there is abundant snow or no snow.

- Seniors — \$100 per year.
- Full Time Residents/ Snowbirds — \$200 per annum prior to October 31 of the year in question; and, \$250 per annum on November 1 and onward.
- Custom Snow Plowing — flat fee of \$200, additional hours as per Fees Schedule.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS:

Alberta Community Partnership Grant: The County of Two Hills will collaborate with the County of Minburn, Lamont County, Village of Andrew and Smoky Lake County in application to the Alberta Community Partnership grant for orthophotography.

Enforcement of Water Management – Alberta Environment Water Act: Council approved the *Enforcement of Water Management – Alberta Environment Water Act* Resolution, having the same cite the issues experienced by Landowners when engaging with Alberta Environment when reporting contraventions to the *Alberta Water Act*. The resolution has been submitted to the Alberta Agricultural Service Board Northeast Regional Conference for review and consideration.

K-Division Commander Meeting: The County of Two Hills has been invited to meet with the Commander of K Division this fall; having Council discuss repeat offenders, local policing, challenges to the R.C.M.P. (including provincial funding), training and rural crime as policing priorities.

Northern Lights Library Board: The County of Two Hills will be forwarding correspondence to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, requesting that the Public Library Board Operating Grant be increased from \$4.70/resident; also, approving the 2023 Northern Lights Library Board Budget.

Yellowhead East Health Advisory Council: The County of Two Hills is submitting Reeve, D. Gulayec as a Council Representative to the Yellowhead East Health Advisory Council for their Central Zone to support Alberta Health Service’s strategic direction, having the appointment of the same to be confirmed. October 26, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

For further information contact:

Sally Dary, CAO, County of Two Hills at 780-657-3358.



NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

The County of Two Hills Organizational Meeting will be held Thursday October 13, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.; and, the County of Two Hills next Regular Council Meeting will be held Wednesday October 26, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

PREPARATION OF COMBINED ASSESSMENT/TAX NOTICES

Property Taxes are due on or before October 31, 2022. No penalty if paid on or before this date. Penalties may be reviewed on the back of the issued notice.

PAYMENT INFORMATION



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, 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 www.thcounty.ab.ca 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.

OUTSTANDING TAXES

Please be advised, if your property is in tax arrears that there are various payment options available. For inquiries, please contact Lorrett Tatarin, Tax Clerk at 780-657-3358.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

For upcoming community events, please submit information to Kaitlyn Kenney, Executive Assistant at 780-657-3358 or by email: kkenney@thcounty.ab.ca

CONTACT US:

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www.thcounty.ab.ca

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

780-657-3358
Toll Free: 877-657-3359

PUBLIC WORKS

780-657-2499

NATURAL GAS UTILITY

780-657-2446

After Hours Emergencies Only: 780-657-2800



PUBLIC WORKS

GRAVEL SALES



The Public Works Department would like to advertise to qualifying residents the commencement of 2022 gravel sales, available until **September 29, 2022**. Please note that all sales must be paid on or prior to September 29, 2022. Effective 2021, all private gravel sale deliveries will be the responsibility of the purchaser. The gravel pick-up date must be booked through the Public Works Office. For inquiries, please contact the Public Works Office at 780-657-2499.

NATURAL GAS UTILITY



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Attention all graduating students and parents: The Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd. annually provides up to four \$1000.00 awards to students entering post-secondary education. Application for the Federation Achievement Award is open until October 1, 2022. Preference will be given to fields of study related to natural gas or rural communities. To review award criteria and application visit: www.fedgas.com/award

FIRE RESTRICTIONS & PERMITS

Please be advised that the County of Two Hills has issued a **Fire Restriction**, in effect September 16, 2022 at 12:00 p.m., until further notice. All current fire/burn permits remain cancelled. For restriction details, please visit:

www.albertafirebans.ca or www.thcounty.ab.ca

NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK



October 9 – 15, 2022 is Fire Prevention Week! Please take the time to ensure your property is fire safe by checking all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguishers and by practicing fire drills.

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



NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION



Please be advised that all County of Two Hills Offices will be closed Friday September 30, 2022 for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

CLUBROOT FIELD INSPECTIONS

Please be advised that 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.



ROAD SAFETY

As harvest continues, the County of Two Hills reminds residents of increased agricultural machinery and heavy-haul traffic on County roads. Also, September welcomes students back to school, having buses back in route. Please remain vigilant while utilizing County roads in order to keep our community safe.

2023 ASB CALENDER



The Agricultural Service Board 2023 Calendar contest is open for photo submissions, closing **October 14, 2022**. All photos must be within the County and agriculturally related (ie. livestock, landscape, harvest, etc.). Please be advised that preference will be given to landscape submissions and photos without people. To submit photos please visit <https://m.shortstack.page/tTD7zB>

TWO HILLS REGIONAL WASTE

REGIONAL LANDFILL WINTER HOURS

Please be advised that the Two Hills Regional Landfill is transitioning to Winter hours effective September 1, 2022, being:

OPEN: Tuesday – Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

CLOSED: Sunday, Monday and Holiday Weekends



TRANSFER SITE HOURS

Please be advised that the Derwent, Hairy Hill, Myrnam, Two Hills and Willingdon Transfer Sites Hours of Operation are Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., having the same closed for all statutory holidays. For location details visit: www.thcounty.ab.ca