

December 18, 2019 Council Meeting

HIGHLIGHTS



INTERMUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS (IDPs) AND INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORKS (ICFs):

County of Minburn IDP and ICF: The County began collaboration efforts with the County of Minburn earlier in 2019 to meet legislative requirements for both the IDP and ICF. Council, having met all legislative requirements, passed Bylaw No. 15-2019 being the IDP with the County of Minburn. Council, by resolution, adopted the ICF with the County of Minburn, complying to new Provincial Legislation in Bill 25: *the Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act* (enacted November 28, 2019).

Lamont County IDP and ICF: Complying to and utilizing the legislative changes enacted in Bill 25: *the Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act*, the County is engaging Lamont County in collaborative efforts to adopt the mandated ICF by April 2020. Further to the legislative changes introduced in Bill 28, IDPs between neighbouring municipalities are no longer a mandatory requirement on the provision that both municipalities enter into agreement stating that each party does not require the IDP. The County is engaging Lamont County to enter into agreement to not adopt an IDP.

Urban IDPs: Council reviewed both IDPs with the Village of Myrnam, and the Town of Two Hills bringing back both IDPs to the next Council Meeting for further discussion.

Urban ICFs: Collaborative efforts continue between the partnership of the County with the Town of Two Hills and the Village of Myrnam regarding the mandated ICFs. Quotes have been obtained and the Town of Two Hills will award tender as the managing partner of the grant.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS:

2019 Distribution of Recreation Grant Funds: Council awarded the 2019 Recreation Grant funding to thirty (30) qualifying applicants, totalling \$99,650.00 as Council recognizes that local recreation opportunities are important to the citizens within the County of Two Hills.

Two Hills & District Agricultural Society: Council will support the Two Hills & District Agricultural Society with a Letter of Support for their application to the Community Facilities Enhancement Program to assist with improvements to the Two Hills Arena, and upon success of the application, provide a donation up to \$150,000.00.

Delegation(s): The Two Hills School, Grade 6 Class was introduced to Council as a delegation to learn Local Government Council procedures. The students presented to Council a proposal for a new road material and construction method; a question and answer period followed.

Two Hills FCSS, new director Ms. Dianne Grey made introductions and presented Provincial Updates to the program. The County welcomes Ms. Grey to the community.

Two Hills & Area Coalition presented Council the 2019 Good News Update, outlining the Community Profile Report of initiatives and successes in the Two Hills area.

Gas Alberta Donation: The County was the recipient of the 2019 Annual Gas Alberta Donation of \$1000.00. **CONT.**

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 in Council Chambers at 10:00 a.m.

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Gas Alberta Donation, CONT: Council moved to redistribute the donation to the New Myrnam school for \$300.00, to Two Hills School for \$300.00 and to Two Hills Mennonite School for \$400.00 to purchase sports equipment.

Saddle Lake Cree Nation: Council will offer a Letter of Support to Saddle Lake Cree Nation in the Nation's application for emergency funding for health development, driveway repair, senior housing, shuttle service, and telecommunications infrastructure. Council is desirous for both Councils to meet and discuss other possible collaborations.

Two Hills FCSS: Council will offer a Letter of Support to Two Hills FCSS in their Expression of Interest application to bid on a 3-year term to offer 'Family Resource Network' services as part of the new provincial FCSS network, April 1, 2020.

Recreation and Services Survey: The County will prepare a survey for residents regarding use of recreation facilities and economic services to better understand its local dynamics. The Survey will circulate in early Spring.

HAMLETS AND SUBDIVISIONS:

Unightly Properties & Un-permitted

Development: Council has expressed concern with unsightly properties and un-permitted developments in the County hamlets. Bylaw enforcement fines will be issued for non-compliance.

For Development Permits please contact 780-657-3358.

TRANSPORTATION:

Bylaw No. 14-2019: Council gave first reading to Bylaw No. 14-2019, to begin Road Closure procedures for the undeveloped lane between Lots 1 – 7, in Duvernay.

NOTICE OF:

LAND TAX SALE

The County of Two Hills will offer by Public Auction those lands appearing on the Tax Arrears list, if Arrears remain unpaid, on March 12, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. in the County Office.

PUBLIC WORKS & CONSTRUCTION

SNOW PLOWING

The Public Works Department would like to advise qualifying residents that properties without a County Snow Flag will NOT be serviced. 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.

Further, the Public Works Department asks Village and Hamlet residents to not shovel snow onto roadways. Excess snow on roads creates poor driving conditions and road congestion.

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

NATURAL GAS UTILITY

2020 CARBON LEVY

As of January 1, 2020, the Government of Canada imposed the federal carbon levy on Albertans. As a natural gas distributor, the County of Two Hills Natural Gas Coop will be calculating this levy based on your natural gas consumption. This levy will be included on your bills starting in February (for January usage). The County Gas Utility is responsible for reporting, collecting, and remitting these amounts to the Federal Government on a monthly basis. From January 1 to March 31, 2020, the rate of this levy will be \$1.0499523/GJ, and is set to increase as follows:

April 1, 2020	\$1.5762711/GJ
April 1, 2021	\$2.1025899/GJ
April 1, 2022	\$2.6289087/GJ

If you have any questions, please call the County of Two Hills Natural Gas office at (780) 657-2446 or visit the Government of Canada's website at:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/climate-change/pricing-pollution-how-it-will-work/alberta.html>

**To all our residents who celebrate: 3 новим роком та Різдом Христовим;
Frohe Weihnachten und ein gutes neues Jahr; and Crăciun fericit și an Nou Fericit!**

