

**February 6, 2020 Council Meeting**

# HIGHLIGHTS

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

**IDPs:** Council reviewed both urban IDPs, passing Bylaw No. 7-2019 being the IDP with the Town of Two Hills and Bylaw No. 16-2019 being the IDP with the Village of Myrnam. The County appreciates the spirit of collaboration with our neighbouring municipalities in pursuit of this legislative achievement.

**Urban ICFs:** Collaborative efforts continue in the partnership between the County and Town of Two Hills and the Village of Myrnam. On going ICF discussions occur.

## BYLAWS AND POLICY:

**Bylaw No. 02-2020:** Council duly enacted the Bylaw Enforcement Officer Bylaw to meet legislative requirements. The bylaw specifies the powers and duties of Bylaw Enforcement Officers and establishes disciplinary procedures, as applicable.

**Clubroot of Crucifers Policy:** Council reviewed and amended the Clubroot of Crucifers Policy, outlining that Designated Inspectors will pull 100 plants in each field location to determine the severity of clubroot infection. If clubroot is found with less than 10% of plants being positive, a 1-in-3-year canola rotation will be recommended and when greater than 10%, a 1-in-4-year rotation will be issued. In both instances, producers will be asked to use resistant Canola seed varieties going onward.

## LEGISLATIVE SERVICES:

**Appointment of Auditors:** Council, to meet legislative requirements, appointed Synergy Chartered Accountants to audit the County's 2020 fiscal year.

**Ministerial Meetings:** Council is desirous to meet the following Ministries regarding various provincial mandates and operations; meetings have been requested.

- *Agriculture & Forestry* re: proposed Seed Royalties.
- *Environment & Parks* re: Drenching & Waterways.
- *Justice and Solicitor General of Alberta:* Police Funding Model for 2021, Distribution of Fines and Policing Boundaries within the County.
- *Municipal Affairs* re: Local Government Fiscal Framework Act, which replaces Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) in 2022 and, the Police Funding Model regarding uncollected industrial assessment.

**Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 in Council Chambers at 10:00 a.m.**

**For further Information contact:**  
Sally Dary, CAO, County of Two Hills at 780-657-3358.



**Above:** Councillor, Dianne Saskiw attends Family Literacy Day and states, "the Family Literacy Day on January 29th was well attended at the Alice Melnyk Library in Two Hills. Several children, teachers, parents, local officials and MLA Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk was on hand to join in all the fun events. Thank you, Betty Lou and staff, for making it a great day for everyone!"

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS:

**MCSnet:** Council provided a Letter of Support to MCSnet for their CRTC Broadband Fund application for upgrades to MCSnet's existing network to support the increasing demand for internet connectivity in rural communities.

**Two Hills FCSS:** Council received invitation and shall participate in the Two Hills Public School – Student / Youth Forum regarding Community Engagement and Rural Youth Ambassadors at the end of February. Further, the County is working with FCSS Director, Dianne Grey to establish satellite FCSS locations in Derwent and Willingdon to provide services; locations to be announced.

**Bro-Tel Backyard Festival:** Council authorized Bro-Tel Backyard Festival to hold their annual festival at Jackfish Lake on August 21 -23, 2020.

**Derwent Post Office:** The County is offering to lease the Municipal Office in the Hamlet of Derwent for the provision of a Post Office, supporting the service to remain for residents.

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780-657-3358

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780-657-2499

**NATURAL GAS UTILITY**  
780-657-2446

## 2019 GAS ALBERTA DONATION:

The staff of the Gas Alberta Incorporation raises money at Christmas which is matched by Gas Alberta Incorporate and Gas Alberta Energy. The County of Two Hills was one of the provincial gas utilities fortunate to receive \$1,000.00. The schools will use the donations for breakfast programs and other student enhancement programs. The County of Two Hills would like to thank Gas Alberta and all their employees.



**Above:** Councillor, Murray Phillips presents acting Principal Danielle Eriksen of New Mynam School a \$300.00 Cheque from the 2019 Annual Gas Alberta Donation received December, 2019.



**Above:** Councillor, Dianne Saskiw presents acting Principal Ron Wiebe, of Two Hills Mennonite School a \$400.00 Cheque from the same 2019 Annual Gas Alberta Donation.



**Above:** Councillor, Dianne Saskiw presents Principal Collin Kupchenko of Two Hills School a \$400.00 Cheque from the same 2019 Annual Gas Alberta Donation.

## 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



The Public Works Department would like to advise qualifying residents that **properties without a County Snow Flag will NOT be serviced**. Should you require your driveway cleared, please ensure that you are on the **approved snow plow list** and that you have a County of Two Hills Snow Plow Flag at your entrance. To ensure residents are on the approved snow plow list, please contact the Public Works Office at 780-657-2499.

Also, the Public Works Department kindly reminds residents to drive to the conditions of the roads; with fluctuating temperatures, intermittent snow fall and rain showers roads will be icy. County Graders are diligently working to scarify gravel roads and to keep oiled roads clear and sanded.

## NATURAL GAS UTILITY

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The County of Two Hills Natural Gas Utility is mandated to respond to **all** natural gas odour reports as a service to Natural Gas Utility customers. Any Natural gas odors should be reported **immediately** to the County Gas emergency number at 780-657-2800 to alleviate any potential emergency situations. Although it is the Natural Gas Utility's responsibility to respond to these odor requests, any repairs, after the meter, is the sole responsibility of the homeowner or resident to contact a certified gas fitter to carry out the repairs.



**March 5, 2020**

**Derwent & Dist. Agriculture** - Holding a Sprayer Information Night 6:00 p.m. at the Derwent Arena  
Register in advance by calling Kevin at 780-974-4455.

**March 12 – 15, 2020**

**Two Hills Curling Club Funspeil**  
\$300.00 per team.  
Register in advance by calling Ken at 780-645-0898.

**April 4, 2020**

**Spring Is in the Air – Tradeshow & Garage Sale**  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Derwent Recreation Centre  
To book vendor tables contact Debbie @ 780-581-7722

**Derwent Golden Age Center:** Monthly meeting 2nd Wednesday of every month, 7:00 pm at Derwent Golden Age Center, welcoming new members; Friday night pool: 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.; Gym Workout Hours: every Wednesday from 12:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. and Monday - Thursday from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**Derwent Recreation Centre:** Volleyball every Thursday at 7:00 pm, Toonie collection every night attended, everyone welcome.

If you have community events or information you would like to include in the County Highlights, please contact: Kaitlyn Kenney at 780-657-3358.