

## Organizational Meeting

At the October 28, 2020 annual Organizational Meeting, Council reviewed the positions of Reeve and Deputy Reeve, having Division 1 Councillor, Don Gulayec accept the position of Reeve and Division 5 Councillor, Elroy Yakemchuk accept the position of Deputy Reeve. Also, 2020 - 2021 Committee Appointments were approved. Both Committee Appointments and Councillor contact information can be found on the County's website at [www.thcounty.ab.ca](http://www.thcounty.ab.ca).

## October 28, 2020 Council Meeting

### BYLAWS AND POLICY:

**Bylaw No. 11-2020:** Council gave second and third readings to Bylaw No. 11-2020, duly enacting the bylaw. The Wastewater bylaw outlines modernized conditions for treatment and disposal of sewage.

### COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS:

**Alberta Municipal Affairs Industry Taxation:** In response to public input, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs announced that the previously proposed changes to the oil and gas assessment model will not be implemented. Rather, the Ministry is implementing a three-year tax incentive on new wells and pipeline assets, the current Well Drilling Equipment Tax will be eliminated in January 2021, depreciated adjustments will be provided for lower producing wells and, there will be a shallow gas assessment reduction of 35% for three-years.

## November 18, 2020 Council Meeting

### COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS:

**Hairy Hill Post Office:** Council remains working with Canada Post to maintain a post office in the Hamlet of Hairy Hill. At this time, the application period for the Postmaster position has closed.

**St. Paul Education Regional Division No. 1:** St. Paul Education recently undertook a review of its governance structure and electoral wards. The based on the review, the Board is proposing a bylaw that would reduce the number of trustees from seven to six and a redesign of the ward structure. Visit <https://www.stpauleducation.ab.ca/> for further information.

**Myrnam Snowmobile Club:** Council received a delegation from the Myrnam Snowmobile Club providing information about the club, its membership and trail system. Delegates informed Council of the trail's expansion and of new facilities from Myrnam to Derwent rail line, further having conversations with surrounding municipalities for continued expansion. To obtain a trail pass please visit the Myrnam Snowmobile Club Facebook Page.

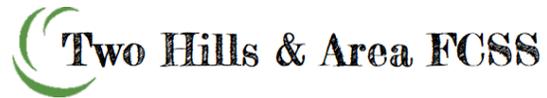
### Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday, December 16, 2020 in Council Chambers at 10:00 a.m.

## 2020 Recreation & Hardship Grant



Council reviewed and approved the Distribution of Recreational Funds Policy ADM-REC-1 at the October 28, 2020 Council Meeting, opening applications for qualified Community Facility Operations. Application for funding must be received on or prior to **December 11, 2020**. Further information and application forms can be found at the County Office or on the County Website. Completed forms may be emailed to: [kkenney@thcounty.ab.ca](mailto:kkenney@thcounty.ab.ca).



### VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBERS

Two Hills & Area Family and Community Services Society (FCSS) is a non-profit organization serving the Town of Two Hills, the Village of Myrnam and the County of Two Hills. The organization provides preventative social programs that help people improve their quality of life and enhance their capacity to deal with crisis situations should they arise. FCSS is seeking two community minded individuals (18 years of age or older) that live in the service area to serve as volunteer Board members. Meetings are held once per month in the Town of Two Hills. This is an amazing volunteer opportunity to provide valuable input on community programs and services offered in the Two Hills region. Please contact Jodi Brown, Director at 780-657-3540 for more information.

### FCSS 2020 CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Due to the surge in COVID-19 Coronavirus cases in recent weeks, Two Hills & Area FCSS will not be accepting food or gift donations. Monetary donations will be accepted and are greatly appreciated. In order to support those in need this Christmas, food vouchers and gift cards will be issued. To apply for a Christmas Food Voucher / Gift Card(s), please contact the FCSS Office at 780-657-3540 no later than December 11, 2020.

## E-Billing is Here!

In an effort to make billing more convenient for our customers the County now gives residents the option to sign up for cost effective and environmentally friendly new way to receive their bills. 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).

# AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

## CALENDAR CONTEST



Photo submitted by Michaela Charlebois.

The Agricultural Service Board thanks all participants who submitted photos to the Calendar Contest. Please be advised that the calendars are anticipated to be at the County Office beginning of December. Calendars will be given on a first-come, first-serve basis, with one calendar given per household.

## PRODUCER VIRTUAL CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP

The County of Two Hills Agricultural Service Board will sponsor a number of local producers by providing paid registrations to upcoming virtual conferences that provide the latest information and development in the Agriculture /Environmental Industry of which producers can apply to their own operation. ONLY one member of the farm operation will be eligible to attend one of the approved conferences. For further information, the form can be found on the County Facebook Page or please contact the Agricultural Service Board at 780-657-3358.

## TWO HILLS 21 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (TH21EM)



The TH21EM Agency is essential in supporting the regional community during emergency or pandemic events to ensure the safety and welfare of residents.

At this time, the TH21EM Agency is addressing the provincial COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic. The TH21EM Agency Emergency Management Plan has been activated to support Alberta Health Services and will remain in effect until over by provincial order. For further information, please check out the TH21EM Agency website at [www.th21ema.com](http://www.th21ema.com) or on Facebook as [@TH21EM](https://www.facebook.com/TH21EM).

## VERMILION RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE

Are you a local landowner, nature lover, or local history buff?

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

**NOVEMBER'S BLOG:**  
Morecambe Structure and  
the Two Hills Floodplain:  
Its History and Operation



To learn more, go  
to:  
[https://vrwa.ca/  
blog/](https://vrwa.ca/blog/)

## SMERG GRANT

On June 29, 2020 the Alberta government launched the Small and Medium Enterprise Relaunch Grant (SMERG) to give businesses some much needed support. The \$5,000 grant is open to any small business, non-profit, or cooperative that experienced a 50 per cent revenue reduction and was forced to either close or reduce their operations because of public health orders. Applications will be open until March 31, 2021. For further information please visit: <https://www.alberta.ca/sme-relaunch-grant.aspx>.

## 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, so please be patient as the Snow Clearing Crew will do their best to reach qualifying residents in a timely manner.

Lastly, due to safety concerns, the County of Two Hills asks residents to fully clear County roads of residual snow left when clearing driveways and piling into ditches. Leaving the two ridges is a driving hazard and if an accident occurs the landowner is liable.

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

## CONTACT US:

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