

October 23, 2019 Council Meeting

HIGHLIGHTS

BYLAW AND POLICY:

Bylaw No. 10-2019: Council held a Public Hearing at 10:15 a.m. for Public to comment in the Amendment of Bylaw No. 2-2018 being the Land Use Bylaw. No comments from the Public were received and no person attended. Council passed second and third reading of the Bylaw to delete 'Cemeteries' from the list of Discretionary Uses in Urban General (UG) District Zoning.

Bylaw No.'s 11-2019, 12-2019, 13-2019: To meet Provincial Legislation Council gave all three readings to each Bylaw cited, duly enacting independent Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICFs) with Smoky Lake County, the County of St. Paul No. 19 and the County of Vermilion River. ICFs must be passed by April 1, 2020, unless granted Ministerial Extension.

Historical Road Identification Policy PUB-SIGN-1: Council amended Historical Road Identification Policy to align with Alberta Transportation and Infrastructure Policy, Local Name Signs. Approved signage will be on wood break-away posts with white lettering on a green retro-reflective background.

Town of Two Hills Intermunicipal Development Plan and ICF: Mayor, Mr. Leonard Ewanishan and new CAO, Mr. Gerren Saskiw joined Council to discuss both the Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) and ICF. The IDP with the Town is in final review. The ICF is in discussion, fine tuning deliverables for a Request for Proposal. Other collaborative projects are being discussed. The County congratulates Mr. Saskiw on his new role with the Town.

County of Minburn IDP and ICF: The County is currently engaging with the County of Minburn in the IDP process and will be proceeding into the ICF shortly. Council encourages the Public to attend the IDP Community Engagement Open House scheduled for November 20, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., held at the County Office in Council Chambers.

Road Allowance Policy: Council is exploring a Roadside Allowance Policy which will provide clarity on ditch mowing, seeding and haying. The County will be looking to other municipalities for examples. The policy will be reviewed prior to Spring 2020.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS:

2019 Recreation Grants: Council reviewed and approved the Distribution of Recreational Funds Policy ADM-REC-1, opening applications for qualified Community Facility Operations. Application for funding must be received on or prior to November 30, 2019. Further information and Application Forms can be found at the County Office, on the County Website or Facebook Page. Completed forms may be emailed to: kkenney@thcounty.ab.ca.

'Welcome to Derwent' Hamlet Sign: Council received a request from the Derwent Horticultural Club to construct a welcome sign entering into the Hamlet from Hwy 45. Approval from Council will start the process with Alberta Transportation and Infrastructure. Foliage donations from the community will be a colourful addition to the Hamlet entrance.

Willingdon Seniors Centre Remembrance Day Ceremony Donation: Council approved a \$500.00 contribution to the Willingdon Seniors Centre towards their Remembrance Day Ceremony.

Two Hills Playschool Association Donation: Council approved a \$500.00 contribution to the Two Hills Playschool Association towards programming.

Derwent Christmas Lights: Council approved a request from the Derwent Agricultural Society to turn on the Hamlet Christmas Lights from December 7, 2019 to January 7, 2020.

HAMLETS AND SUBDIVISIONS:

Crissel Estates Amendment Application: Council accepted an application to amend Bylaw No. 2-2016 being the Crissel Estates Area Structure Plan and Bylaw No. 2-2018 the Land Use Bylaw to rezone to Commercial / Industrial. Adjacent Landowners and the Town of Two Hills will be contacted.

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - OCTOBER 23, 2019:

The County of Two Hills held their annual Organizational Meeting. Council reappointed Don Gulayec as Reeve and Elroy Yakemchuk as Deputy Reeve. Councillors will serve the same Committees they served on 2019 in 2020.

For further Information contact:

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

Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday, November 26, 2019 in Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m.

NOTICE OF:

TAX PAYMENT DEADLINE

The last day for payment of the 2019 Property Taxes is **October 31, 2019**. After that date, all outstanding 2019 Property Taxes will be subject to a 10% penalty, which will be applied November 1, 2019. Tax payment must be received at Municipal Office on or prior to October 31, 2019.



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 December 12, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in the County Office.

NATURAL GAS UTILITY



The Natural Gas Utility would like to remind residents, in case of emergency, it is the home owners responsibility to make sure that your natural gas meter is free of clutter, debris and clear from snow.

The Natural Gas Utility is offering a \$100 reward to any person who reports a gas leak that results in a line repair.

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ADMINISTRATION OFFICE: 780-657-3358

NATURAL GAS UTILITY: 780-657-2446

PUBLIC WORKS: 780-657-2499

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

NOTICE OF:

PHOTO :: CONTEST

CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

The Agricultural Service Board is holding a photo contest for the County's 2020 calendar. Submitted photos must be agriculturally related and must feature the County. Features may include livestock, landscape, harvest, etc. Only the selected photos will appear in the calendar, with all submissions featured on the County Website or Facebook Page. The deadline for submissions is October 31, 2019.

Please submit your photos to Sara at smiller@thcounty.ab.ca

COYOTE REDUCTION PROGRAM

The coyote reduction program for Winter 2019 /2020 is **CLOSED** and the County will no longer be accepting coyotes. Thank you for all your efforts in keeping the coyote population down.

PRODUCER CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP

The County of Two Hills Agricultural Service Board will sponsor a number of local producers by providing paid registrations and accommodations to attend conferences that provide the latest information and development in the Agriculture / Environmental Industry, 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, please contact the Agricultural Service Board at 780-657-3358.

BIRD SCARE CANNONS

Council kindly reminds the Public that Bird Scare Cannons need only to be in operation from 1-hour prior to sunrise to 1-hour post-sunset, as advised by Alberta Environment.



NOVEMBER 11: REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY & LUNCH 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. At: Derwent Seniors Centre

NOVEMBER 24: GREY CUP PARTY

Pre-game at 1:00 p.m. At: Derwent Golden Age Centre

DECEMBER 7: BAKE SALE

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. At: Derwent Golden Age Centre

FURTHER INFORMATION:

Derwent Golden Age Centre has workout equipment, hours: Monday's 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday's 12:15 – 2:15 p.m. Please contact Karen at 780-741-2258 or Sue at 780-614-5783.

Derwent & District Agricultural Society: Money Draw tickets are available. For ticket inquires contact either Kevin at 780-974-4455 or Karen at 780-645-0594 or visit their 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.

NOTICE OF:

WILLINGDON WINTER GARBAGE SCHEDULE

November 7, 2019 will be the last Fall garbage pickup before moving into the Winter schedule. Residents can expect garbage pick-up every two weeks moving onward from this date.

2019 GRAVEL SALES FINISHED

The deadline for the 2019 gravel orders was October 7, 2019. The County will receive new gravel orders for next season onward of April 1, 2020. 2020 deliveries will commence one the Seasonal Road Bans are removed.



TWP. RD 554 will be CLOSED from HWY 587 to RG. RD 151, for approximately five weeks due to bridge repair.



2019 - 2020 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.

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.

As part of the snow clearing policy: BUS ROUTES WILL BE GIVEN FIRST PRIORITY AND THEN 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. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Public Works Office at 780-657-2499.

The County Office will be Closed: Monday, November 11, 2019 for Remembrance Day

