

## JULY 21, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING

### DECLARATION OF AGRICULTURAL DISASTER:

On July 21, 2021, the County of Two Hills Council unanimously declared a state of Agricultural disaster for the County of Two Hills No. 21. This declaration was made to call attention to the severe drought conditions seen throughout the County. Although some areas have recently received small amounts of rain, the lack of moisture in some areas has resulted in little to no hay, silage or pasture. The insignificant rainfall received across the County has left crops decimated. Producers are encouraged to contact AFSC at 1-877-899-2372 or visit their website -- [www.afsc.ca](http://www.afsc.ca) -- for the most updated information.

The County of Two Hills Council issued this declaration of Agricultural Disaster to encourage the Provincial and Federal Governments to initiate necessary programs that may provide relief to producers. In the past, such relief has varied from income tax deferral programs to Farm Disaster Assistance programs that could assist with such matters as the emergency supply of cattle feed.

For information regarding the declaration of Agricultural Disaster contact the County of Two Hills Agricultural Services Department, Agricultural Fieldman, Elden Kozak at 780-657-3358.

### COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS:

**Historical Designation:** Council designated the Shandro Community Hall a *Historically Significant Building*.

### TRANSPORTATION:

**NOTICE – New Traffic Controls:** In accordance with Bylaw No. 19-90, Stop Signs shall be placed in the East/West direction of RR 124 intersecting TWP 552.

### NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

Wednesday August 18, 2021 in Council Chambers at 10:00 a.m.

### For further information contact:

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

## 2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The next general Municipal Election will be held in the County of Two Hills on October 18, 2021. Nominations for the 2021 Municipal Elections are now open. All nominations must be received at the County of Two Hills Administration Office on or before Nomination Day, **Monday September 20, 2021 by 12:00 p.m. (Noon)**.

### NOMINATION HOURS:

The Returning Officer or designate will receive nominations of candidates for the local jurisdiction election during the regular business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday from January 4, 2021 to September 17, 2021 and till 12:00 p.m. September 20, 2021.

For more information, please visit [www.thcounty.ab.ca](http://www.thcounty.ab.ca) or contact: Sally Dary, Returning Officer at 780-657-3358.

## PREPARATION OF COMBINED ASSESSMENT/TAX NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that the 2021 Combined Tax and Assessment Notices have been mailed as of June 22, 2021 to all property owners in the County of Two Hills No. 21.

Accurate Assessment Group Ltd. provides assessment services to the County of Two Hills. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the assessment of your property, please contact Sean Cosens, Farmland and Assessment Standards Manager at 1-780-464-4655 ext. 2229 or contact the Administration Office at 780-657-3358.

**Please be advised that the final date of appeal is Tuesday, August 31, 2021.** Procedure for Assessment Complaints is documented on the back of Property Assessment and Tax Notices.

Property Taxes are due on or before **October 31, 2021**. 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](http://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.



**Tuesday August 3, 2021 is National Watermelon Day!**

### CONTACT US:

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[www.thcounty.ab.ca](http://www.thcounty.ab.ca)

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE  
780-657-3358

PUBLIC WORKS  
780-657-2499

NATURAL GAS UTILITY  
780-657-2446

## AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

### ROADSIDE MOWING PROGRAM



Please be advised that persons wishing to cut hay on road allowances, agricultural ditch cutting must be completed prior to August 1 of each calendar year. The County of Two Hills Roadside Mowing Program along municipal roads will begin **August 2, 2021 in Division 5**. All standing grass will be cut with no exceptions, swaths will be respected. *Should you desire to cut hay on road allowances not adjacent to your property, please be courteous and contact the landowner to verify if they desire to cut the same for themselves.* Questions or concerns may be directed to the ASB Department at 780-657-3358.

### 2022 ASB CALENDER

The Agricultural Service Board will be publishing a 2022 calendar! 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. Photo submissions open **August 16, 2021 and close September 30, 2021**. Submission information will be posted at [www.thcounty.ab.ca](http://www.thcounty.ab.ca) or on the County's Facebook Page.

### Are you a local landowner, concerned citizen, or nature lover?

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



#### JULY BLOG:

*Partner Series: Getting to Know Nicole Nadorozny - Practicum Coordinator, Lakeland College*

To learn more, go to:

<https://vrwa.ca/blog/>



## FIRE RESTRICTIONS & PERMITS



Please be advised that a Fire Ban remains in effect. The extreme dry and hot conditions have impacted County residents. As a result, based on ever changing conditions, the County of Two Hills from time-to-time issues Fire Restrictions and if necessary, Fire Bans. These are to ensure the safety of all residents and emergency personnel tasked with extinguishing fires. Please refer to [www.albertafirebans.ca](http://www.albertafirebans.ca) or [www.thcounty.ab.ca](http://www.thcounty.ab.ca) for current fire status levels and specific associated restrictions and permissions.

## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT



The County of Two Hills encourages developers, builders and contractors to apply now for your 2021 development permits.

Development permits allow construction to start anytime within 12 months of the permit issue date. For further information on obtaining your development permit please contact: Gary Buchanan, Director of Planning & Development by phone at 780-657-3358 or by email: [gbuchanan@thcounty.ab.ca](mailto:gbuchanan@thcounty.ab.ca)

## PUBLIC WORKS

### ROAD CONSTRUCTION & CLOSURES



Please be advised that: **TWP 560 EAST OF HWY 36 TO RR 120** is currently **UNDER CONSTRUCTION**, expect traffic delays. Further, the same shall be closed while oiling, having an advertised detour route; and, **TWP 542 BETWEEN RR 140 AND RR 141** is **CLOSED** due to bridge repairs for approximately 3-weeks. Please visit [www.thcounty.ab.ca](http://www.thcounty.ab.ca) for road closure updates.

### GRAVEL SALES

The Public Works Department would like to advertise to qualifying residents 2021 gravel sales, available until **September 30, 2021**. 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; a minimum of 24-hours' notice is required. For inquiries, please contact the Public Works Office at 780-657-2499.



Please be advised that all County of Two Hills Offices will be closed **Monday August 2, 2021** for Civic Day.