



FOOTHILLS COUNTY NEWS

Summer 2021

THE CALGARY METROPOLITAN REGION BOARD JUST APPROVED A NEW GROWTH PLAN

Why You Should Care...

The Calgary Metropolitan Region Board (CMRB) was established by the Government of Alberta in January of 2018. The CMRB was mandated with the development of a Growth Plan and Servicing Plan for the region that would:

- Promote an integrated and strategic approach to planning for future growth,
- Identify overall development pattern and key future infrastructure investments,
- Coordinate decisions in the Calgary Metropolitan Region to sustain economic growth and ensure strong communities and a healthy environment,
- Promote the social, environmental and economic well-being and competitiveness of the Calgary Metropolitan Region.

The CMRB is made up of elected officials (generally the mayor or reeve) from 10 municipalities, 7 urban and 3 rural. Striving towards consensus is one of the primary mandates of the board as laid out in the regulation. However, there is a voting structure that allows decisions to be made if supported by 2/3 of the representatives from participating municipalities that collectively have at least 2/3 of the population. This means that

any decision must be supported by the City of Calgary in order to be approved by the Board. It also means that decisions may be made by the Board even if all 3 rural municipalities are in opposition.

Rather than striving for consensus and approving a plan that is good for the whole region, the urban municipalities have utilized the voting structure to impose a growth plan on the rural municipalities that:

- Shuts the door on rural opportunity,
- Limits economic development for rural municipalities,
- Creates red tape and economic uncertainty,
- Involved insufficient public engagement,
- Is biased against rural municipalities creating an unlevel playing field,
- Will cost taxpayers money.

CMRB Member Municipalities:

- City of Calgary
- Town of Okotoks
- City of Airdrie
- Town of High River
- Town of Cochrane
- Foothills County
- Town of Strathmore
- Rockyview County
- Town of Chestermere
- Wheatland County

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PLANNING

CMRB continued...

The majority of the growth management policy contained in the Growth Plan was crafted to give urban municipalities control over and curtail growth in the rural municipalities. Future growth in rural municipalities (which is predicted to amount to only about 4.5% of the region's total growth) is severely limited in particular with respect to their ability to create new employment areas to support municipal sustainability, economic activity and jobs for Albertans.

Meanwhile, urban municipalities are free to establish new communities and employment areas within their boundaries anywhere with few restrictions other than meeting density requirements.

There is also a complete lack of policy in the Growth Plan regarding the expansion of Urban boundaries. This is a glaring omission considering that Foothills County has lost more agricultural land in the past 20 years to annexation by urban municipalities than to all other uses combined. **The total lands converted from Agriculture to other uses totals 19,410 acres and are comprised of:**

- **Agricultural lands lost to urban annexation = 12,390 acres**
- **Agricultural lands put into Ann and Sandy Cross Conservation area = 4,725 acres**
- **Agricultural lands converted to other uses by the County = 2,295 acres**

The good news is that the Growth Plan does not go into effect until approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

After a long hiatus, the Foothills Historical Committee has begun meeting again in 2021 and has many plans to preserve and promote sites of historical value and interest within the County. The Committee is currently comprised of 3 Foothills County Councillors and 3 community members.

Past projects have included marking over 60 historical school sites and designating them with plaques and/or signs. Projects currently being discussed include investigating a UNESCO World Heritage Site

The Minister may choose to:

- approve the Growth Plan as forwarded to him by the Board,
- amend the plan before approving it, or
- refuse the plan.

Back in April, Foothills County issued a "Call to Action" and many of you participated in the CMRB engagement process and took the time to send letters of concern to your MLAs and the Minister of Municipal Affairs. We thank you for this, and we encourage all Foothills County residents to continue to send letters to your MLA or directly to the Minister. The three MLAs who represent portions of Foothills County have been following the development of the Growth Plan and are aware of the County's concerns, but it is important that they hear from the people they represent – you.

Please visit the Foothills County website where we have provided information on:

- The Growth Plan and links to the Growth and Servicing Plan documents as approved by the Board
- Media articles and related materials
- Contact information for the local MLAs and the Minister of Municipal Affairs along with draft letters that you can personalize and forward to them

CALL TO ACTION! PUBLIC PETITION

The County has initiated an online petition through change.org, petitioning the Minister of Municipal Affairs to **'Remove Foothills County as a member of the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board and deny the Regional Plan.'**

Please visit the Foothills County Website and follow the links to participate in the petition.

designation for the Okotoks Erratic Site, creating a guide of historical train stations and rail lines within the County, and considering ways to preserve the historic Medicine Tree.

If you have questions or historical materials that may be of interest to the committee, please email them to historical@foothillscountryab.ca. If you would like to volunteer as a member of the Committee, applications will be accepted in fall 2021. Please visit our website for details on how to apply.

SECONDARY SUITES



A Secondary Suite is defined as *'a subordinate dwelling unit located on a parcel, in addition to the principal dwelling unit, which constitutes a self-contained living accommodation unit comprised of kitchen facilities, sleeping amenities, washroom facilities consisting of a full bathroom including tub and/or shower fixture, and has a separate entrance or includes a door which can be physically closed or locked off from the remainder of the principal dwelling'*.

We are accepting applications for new suites as well as applications to bring existing suites into compliance. We have received just over 35 applications for Secondary Suites since the adoption of these new provisions. A number of these applications are for Secondary Suites that existed before the bylaw was passed, bringing them into compliance with the current rules.

The County has created a **Secondary Suite Registry** that identifies all Secondary Suites that have received the appropriate County approvals.

The registry includes all Secondary Suites in Foothills County that have completed the approval process and have been confirmed for occupancy. This online registry allows all prospective tenants, landowners, realtors, and other interested parties to search permitted Secondary Suites located in the County.

We hope to be considering land use bylaw changes to allow for Secondary Suites on smaller parcels and lots within Hamlets Boundaries. Watch for upcoming public engagement to help us explore this issue.

Please review the County website for more details on Secondary Suites in Foothills County.



LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENTS

On June 23, 2021, the County approved several amendments to the Land Use Bylaw.

Here is a list of the changes and what they mean:

- 'Change in Use' or 'Intensity of Use' Permits, in conjunction with 'Multiple Potential Use Permits' on Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Business district parcels were added. The purpose for this change was to simplify the application process when there is a future change to the use or intensity of a development.
- A new home based business category, 'Home Based Business Type I' was added to consider businesses that would have minimal to no impact on neighbouring properties. Existing home-based business categories were re-named as 'Type II' and 'Type III' and reflect increased intensity to operations occurring on the parcel.
- New definitions and provisions were added for Abattoirs and On Farm Slaughter Operations. These include 'Abattoir, Personal Use', 'On-Farm Slaughter License' and 'Mobile Butcher License'.
- Several general amendments were included for clarification and consistency in day-to-day implementation of the Land Use Bylaw.

A full list of the amendments can be found on the County's website.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Albertans will be heading to the polls this fall to take part in a Municipal Election on October 18, 2021. Foothills County has seven (7) electoral divisions, and one Councillor is elected in each division. The term of office is four (4) years; and there is no limit to the number of times a Councillor can be re-elected. The newly elected Council will hold an Organizational Meeting later in October of 2021. During this meeting, Council will vote for a Reeve and a Deputy Reeve, and appoint Councillors to the various boards and committees that they will serve on over the course of their 4-year term.

To run for office you must be:

- At least 18 years of age on nomination day,
- A Canadian citizen, and
- You must have been a resident of the electoral division in which you intend to run for at least six (6) months prior to nomination day, which is Monday, September 20, 2021.

You will need signatures of a minimum of ten (10) residents from within the Division in which you are running. There is a \$500 nomination fee payable to the Returning Officer when nomination papers are filed.

For information on running for municipal office in Alberta and/or to access nomination forms, please visit our website under Elections 2021 or the provincial website: www.elections.ab.ca



SENATE AND REFERENDUM VOTE

The 2021 Municipal Election will include a senate election and provincial referendum vote, whereby Albertans will receive additional ballots to select their preferred senate nominees, and provide a response to the referendum questions posed by the Provincial Government.

There have been four previous senate elections in Alberta. In 1989, 1998, 2004 and 2012, electors voted for the senate candidates that they wished to put forward to the Queen's Privy Council for Canada in order to fill vacancies related to Alberta in the Senate of Canada. This fall, Albertans will elect three Senate nominees – one for each of the two current vacancies and one in case of early retirement.

In addition to the senate election, the Premier has announced that Albertan's will be asked to answer the following referendum questions:

- Equalization payments – Should the principle of making equalization payments be removed from the Constitution?
- Daylight saving time – Should Alberta end the practice of changing our clocks twice a year?

GOING TO THE POLLS

Voter Identification Requirements

In order to vote in the upcoming municipal elections, voters will be required to provide proof of their name and home address. The following types of verification meet the standard provincial requirement for one piece of identification.

- Government Issued Identification
- ID from an Employer, Landlord, or Utility Company
- ID from a Financial Institution
- ID from a Health Care Provider
- ID from an Educational Institution
- ID from a Religious Institution

If a voter's identification shows a post office box number as the address instead of a residential or legal address, it can be accepted as verification of current address if it is in reasonable distance to the voting jurisdiction.

If you are unable to provide any identification, or cannot confirm your current physical address, you can be vouched for by another registered elector in your polling subdivision.

For more information on Voter Identification Requirements, visit www.elections.ab.ca/voters/id-required-to-vote

Going to the Polls – Where to Vote Polling station locations within the County are being finalized and more information will be coming available soon.

Check the Foothills County website at www.foothillscountyab.ca/council/election-2021.html and follow our social media channels for updates (Foothills County on Facebook and @MDofFoothills on Twitter) – make sure your vote counts this fall!

New Chief Administrative Officer for Foothills



Ryan Payne, CAO

On July 1, 2021, Ryan Payne assumed the role of CAO for the County. Ryan has served the County in various capacities for over 15 years.

2021 BUDGET & TAX INFORMATION

The 2021 operating and capital budgets for Foothills County total \$79.78 million this year. They are comprised of the following:

- Municipal Operations - \$46.07 million
- Capital Projects - \$10.17 million
- Long Term Debt Principal - \$1.18 million
- School Req - \$21.38 million
- Senior's Housing Req - \$0.98million

To finance this budget, the municipality uses a combination of taxes, user fees, government grants, debt and reserves.

- Taxes - Municipal - 45.14%
- Taxes - School - 26.80%
- Taxes - Senior's Housing - 1.23%
- Taxes - Designated Ind Property - 0.05%
- Debt Financing - 6.08%
- Non-tax revenue - 20.70%

We have experienced an increase to budgeted costs, and it is expected

that Provincial funding will decrease significantly in the coming years. Despite this, Foothills County Council and administration were able to reduce the municipal component of your 2021 taxes by 3.11%.

The remainder of your tax bill is comprised of requisitioned amounts for senior's foundation, 911 and fire dispatch, recreation, fire services, libraries, and amounts requisitioned by the Government of Alberta for education and designated industrial property.

The RCMP costs imposed as of 2020 have increased by 31.69% this year to \$974,883. The amounts for school and senior's housing have remained relatively unchanged in 2021.

Information regarding TIPP payments, discounts and penalties can be found by visiting our website at www.foothillscountyab.ca/residents/taxes.html

ASSESSMENTS

Combined Assessment and Tax notices have recently been sent to Foothills County landowners. For the second year in a row, property values are down and as a result, market values for assessed properties in Foothills County had an overall decrease of 1.22%.

In consideration of this, Council made the difficult decision to increase the 2021 Residential Mill rate by 2.7%. However, there is some good news! Despite this increase, 64% of the County's property owners will see either a decrease or no change to their overall tax bill, and 27% of the County's property owners will see an increase of less than \$100.

Please contact your assessor with any questions or concerns that you may have with respect to your assessment.

assessment@foothillscountyab.ca

FAMILY & COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

2021 FCSS Funding

Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) is a partnership between the Province and Foothills County that develops, coordinates, and provides County residents with a variety of preventive social programs.

Joint FCSS funding must be used for programs and services that are preventative and do one or more of the following:

- Help people develop independence, strengthen coping skills and become more resistant to crisis,
- Build awareness of social needs,
- Support people in developing skills to have healthy relationships with others,
- Help individuals and communities assume responsibility for decisions and actions that affect them,
- Provide supports that help people participate in the community.



THANK
YOU!

Thank you to everyone who supported our 2020 Christmas Family Program. Your generosity allowed us to help 15 local families.

4E Welding and Design
5 Star Trees Ltd.
A & A Paving Ltd.
All Pallet Inc.
Almor Testing Services Ltd.
Azuridge Estate Hotel
Balogh Contracting Services Ltd.
BP Propane Distributors Ltd.
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Fairmont Refrigeration & Heating Ltd.
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PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

2021 Infrastructure Projects

Foothills County is continually planning and updating municipal infrastructure to provide the best possible roads and services for our residents. Road surfaces, intersection equipment and signage, water and wastewater pipes, and various other municipal equipment require periodic renewal. This process of scheduled maintenance and planned reconstruction helps to keep our infrastructure functioning and in good condition, remaining sustainable well into the future.

Here is a list of the current/upcoming projects for summer 2021. Be sure to give yourself extra time when travelling in these areas, as you may encounter project-related delays. Please help our County crews and contractors stay safe by following signage and reducing your speed. 2021 paving program highlights include:

- Longview curves as well as a pedestrian pathway in Cayley along Ross Ave.,
- Road surfacing planned on 226 Ave between 96 St W and 64 St W.,
- Road improvements and surfacing on 64 St between 226 Ave and City of Calgary,

- Intersection improvements at 306 Ave and 62 St W.,
- Intersection improvements at 210 Ave and 256 St W.,
- Bridge repairs/maintenance projects. BF 02144 and BF 84001.

In addition to the County's own projects, several other projects in our region may impact County residents.

- Alberta Transportation recently approved the Priddis Bridge Project Engineering. Road widening and other improvements will take place on the bridge, located on Highway 22 at the intersection of Priddis Valley Road, near the main entrance into the hamlet of Priddis.
- Southwest Calgary Ring Road between Highway 8 and Macleod Trail SE. Alberta transportation will be holding a public orientation session this summer to provide SW Ring Road updates regarding the Foothills County/City of Calgary shared boundary – please visit www.swcrrproject.com or the Foothills County website for more details www.foothillscountyab.ca/services/public-works-engineering.html

AGRICULTURE SERVICES

2% Liquid Strychnine Concentrate Program

Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency has re-evaluated the 2% Liquid Strychnine Concentrate (LCS) and has cancelled their registration as of March 4, 2020. Foothills no longer has 2% LSC available for the 2021 season and all 2% LSC must be used by March 4, 2023.

Please visit www.canada.ca for details on the re-evaluation, RVD2020-06, Strychnine and its associated end-use products.

Vegetation Control on Roadside Policy

Policy Statement: The County reserves the right to maintain its right of ways property line to property line in regard to vegetation management and to comply with the enforcement of the Weed Control Act of Alberta and for public safety. This would include, but is not limited to, vegetation including grass, weeds, brush, etc.

Weed Control

Agricultural Services will be proceeding with weed control on municipal right of ways, municipal reserves, and undeveloped road allowances where noxious and prohibited noxious weeds are present. Only licensed herbicides will be used, and all herbicide applications will be completed by a licensed pesticide applicator. Please visit: www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Acts/W05P1.pdf for a list of noxious and prohibited noxious weeds that fall under the Weed Control Act of Alberta, or visit Alberta Agriculture's website for additional information.

Mowing

Roadside ditch mowing will take place from the middle of June to late fall, or as long as the weather permits. Maintenance of parks, cemeteries, and hamlets will be completed by County crews throughout the summer months.

LANDFILL

Expanded E-waste Recycling

The Landfill is taking part in Alberta's expanded electronics recycling pilot project and will now be accepting items ranging from small appliances to lawn equipment and more! The full list of recyclable electronic products can be found on the Alberta Recycling Management Authority's (ARMA) website. For more information, visit:

www.armaepilot.com/collection-sites



GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION AND CLIMATE LEADERSHIP

The County set a target to reduce our carbon footprint/ GHG Emissions in several facilities in 2020 by up to 5% from previous 2019 levels. The County achieved a 3.3% reduction in GHG emissions in 2020. Due to disruptions caused by COVID-19, many planned projects were postponed.

The County is on course to overcome the 1.7% deficit from 2020 and meet a new 5% target for 2021 by implementing numerous Energy Conservation Measures (ECM) throughout our facilities. All County fire halls and public works shops are currently undergoing LED and lighting controls retrofit. In addition, all these facilities are undergoing HVAC controls retrofit to eliminate energy waste.

Several ECMs, including an innovative Ice-Plant Energy Recovery project, are planned for the Scott Seaman Sports Rink (SSSR) in 2021. Solar PV installation in some of our facilities is also being considered. The County appreciates all staff, Councillors, and administration for dedicating their time to achieving the GHG Emissions reduction goals. The County also encourages all businesses and residents within its boundaries to take similar steps and act towards reducing their carbon footprint.

FOOTHILLS PATROL

With the arrival of spring, Foothills Patrol is busy responding to increasing numbers of complaints relating to:

- Dogs
- Cyclists/Motor Vehicles
- Off Highway Vehicles

Responsible Dog Ownership Bylaw

Be considerate of your neighbours and visitors to the County by ensuring your dog(s) are kept under proper control, walked on a leash, are not left out to bark unreasonably and are not running at large. If bylaws are not obeyed, you may be charged accordingly. Did you know that dogs are not permitted to be off-leash anywhere in Foothills County, other than when on private property with the consent of the owner of that property? Please do your part to keep your dogs under control at all times!

Cyclists/Motor Vehicle Conflicts

Did you know that both cyclists and motor vehicles have equal access and responsibilities when it comes to using our roads? Foothills Patrol and local RCMP are receiving increasing complaints from motorists and cyclists not following the rules of the road. Please take the time to educate yourself about your responsibilities to keep everyone safe...We encourage operators of motor vehicles to exercise patience and caution around cyclists and expect cyclists to follow the rules of the road. If both groups use common sense, the number of vehicle-bicycle conflicts should be reduced.

Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs)

Please be aware of the noise created by the use of OHVs and ensure that you are riding in a manner that does not cause unreasonable noise that is detrimental to your neighbour's enjoyment of their property.

Where can you ride your OHV?

- On private property with the consent of the property owner
- On Crown-owned land

Where are OHVs not permitted?

- Unapproved tracks
- Municipal road allowances
- Ditches
- Environmental reserves
- Municipal reserves
- Gravel pits

Please ensure you are following the Provincial Off-highway Vehicle Regulation. Remember to be respectful!

FOOTHILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Online Fire Burn Permits

Foothills County introduced an online burn permitting system in 2018 that allows the Foothills Fire Department the ability to quickly account for all active burn permits and send notifications to those permit holders when a fire ban is issued.



Things to remember about the online system:

- Ensure the information you are entering into the system is correct.
- Call the Foothills Regional Communications Center @ 1-888-808-3722 prior to lighting a fire and continue to notify the centre each day you are planning to burn.
- Depending upon the classification of your burn permit, it may show as 'pending approval'. The permit is not valid unless a member of the Fire Department has approved the permit. Once processed, you will receive a notification stating that your permit is now approved.
- Backyard campfires for the purpose of heating or cooking do not require a burn permit in Foothills County.



Northwest Wildfire Mitigation Strategy

Foothills County has adopted the Northwest Wildfire Mitigation Strategy which was developed to provide practical and operational wildland/urban interface risk mitigation strategies for the purpose of reducing the threat of wildfire to development within the County.

The strategy works in conjunction with our FireSmart programs to prevent fires and make our community a safer place. The majority of lands with the potential for Moderate-High/Extreme wildfire behaviour are privately-owned. As such, vegetation management conducted by residents and landowners on their private properties is of the highest priority.

Online Fireworks Permits

Foothills County has passed Fireworks Bylaw 26/2021 for the purpose of regulating and controlling the sale and setting off of fireworks within Foothills County. The application process for a Fireworks permit is similar to that of a burn permit.

Things to remember about the online system:

- Permits are for the discharge of consumer fireworks on residential property only. Your permit WILL NOT be approved if your discharge area is over roadways or public property.
- You must be a minimum of 18 years old to apply for a permit.
- You must be the property owner or have written permission from the property owner to discharge fireworks.
- You must have a water source available to you when discharging your fireworks. This includes, but is not limited to, a minimum of 3 gallons of water and/or a garden hose, or a fire extinguisher on site when you discharge your fireworks.
- You are encouraged to submit your application a minimum of 7 business days prior to the discharge date.
- To ensure a fun but safe family fireworks display, it is important that simple safety procedures are followed.
- There is no charge for this permit.

For more information on the safe discharge of fireworks visit: www.nrcan.gc.ca/explosives/fireworks/9905

For more information or to apply for a burn permit or fireworks permit, please visit:

www.burnpermits.foothillscountyab.ca
www.burnpermits.foothillscountyab.ca/fireworks-permit.html



RECREATION BOARD UPDATES

Dunbow Rec Board

The Dunbow Rec Board provided funding to six projects in 2021, These projects included:

- Davisburg Community Association for their Davisburg Sodbusters – pop-up baseball nets,
- Davisburg Pony Club – Jump Standards;
- DeWinton Riding Club – additional sand to existing arenas,
- Dunbow Recreation Board – Pathways Sub Committee,
- The Lake at Heritage Pointe Owners Association - watercraft and sport court equipment enhancement,
- The DeWinton Community Association - outdoor recreation enhancement.

The next grant intake deadline is September 1, 2021.

The Dunbow Rec Board's Pathway subcommittee is investigating the development of a pathway system within Division 6. Check the webpage for announcements about this and other projects and opportunities within the Dunbow area at:

www.dunbowrecreation.org

North West Foothills Rec Board

On June 30, 2020 the Calgary Foundation advised that grant funds in the amount of \$22,500 were awarded to the County from the Scott Seaman Memorial Fund to support the Seaman Sports Park for the charitable purpose of encouraging public participation in healthy physical activities. These funds matched the 2018 Crescent Point Community Grant for the pathway project in the park.

The completion of this project could not have been possible without support from the Scott Seaman Memorial Fund, Crescent Point Community Legacy Fund, Seaman Family, local residents, County Public Works Special Projects crew and Parks and Recreation crew. Their support is greatly appreciated and will leave a lasting legacy for generations.

To book the baseball diamonds in the park contact the Millarville Sports Association at www.millarvillesports.ca. Check the webpage for announcements about projects, sponsorship and more at:

www.nwfoothillsrec.com

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD



The Agricultural Service Board will be awarding two \$2,500 Scholarships in 2021.

Applicants must be a resident of Foothills County and be enrolled in their 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year of post secondary education in the fields of Agronomy, Animal Science, Agricultural Business, Agricultural Production, Agricultural Mechanics, or studies intended to effect change on agricultural landscape.

Please visit www.foothillscountyab.ca for more information.

The deadline for the Agricultural Service Board scholarship application is 4:00 pm, on August 30, 2021.

CEMETERIES

There are now more options for Foothills County residents for end of life arrangements with the recent additions of columbaria in Blackie, Cayley, Davisburg, Gladys Union, and Pine Creek Cemeteries. Foothills Cemetery, owned by the Towns of Black Diamond and Turner Valley and managed by Foothills County, will have a new columbarium installed this fall in the Highlands Field of Honour.

Spring clean-up in the cemeteries is almost complete and helps ensure regular grounds maintenance can take place which includes litter control, top dressing of graves, and mowing.

A reminder when visiting burial plots, please do not leave any memorial items (mementos, vases, jars, flowers, etc.) on top of the plot. Only items placed in the in-ground vases are allowed. Glass and other breakable items can be dangerous. This ensures the cemeteries are well maintained and helps keep our visitors, employees, and contractors safe.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation, it is greatly appreciated! For more information on cemeteries, please contact the Cemetery Specialist at cemetery@foothillscountyab.ca or 403-603-6205 or visit the County website.

ARCHIE & JANET HOGG PARK

Archie and Janet Hogg Park Campground

Nestled along the Highwood River, Archie and Janet Hogg Park offers rustic family camping. Dip your toes in the river, bring your fishing rods, experience nature.

- Camping is by reservation only
- Sites: \$20/night - book online
- Picnic shelters
- Picnic tables
- Fire pits
- Day use area (7 am - 10 pm)

594200 64 St W, Foothills
located between High River and Longview

403-558-2035

ajhoggpark@foothillscountyab.ca
To book online, or to access more
information about the park, please go to:
www.foothillscountyab.ca



Looking forward to your 2021 family camping trip? Archie and Janet Hogg Park is located between High River and Longview, tucked away along the Highwood River on 64 Street West. This park offers rustic family camping with mountain and river valley views, an abundance of plant and wildlife and great fishing opportunities during the fishing season.

Camping is by reservation only and you can now book your campsite online. Details can be found on the County's website www.foothillscountyab.ca



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Make Paying Taxes & Bills Easier!

Sign up for eSEND and receive your tax notices and utility invoices by email.

Sign up for eSEND online at
www.foothillscountyab.ca

VIRTUAL COUNTY HALL

Have you signed up for Foothills County's **Virtual County Hall**? Access will make it easier to:

- View your assessment and tax bills
- Manage payments, including TIPP, WIPP & WPAP
- Go paperless - sign-up for eBilling for property taxes and utilities
- View and pay your utility account
- Pay your accounts receivable invoice
- Pay your current business licence
- Search for a local business
- View property information using the Property Search tool

Contact taxes@foothillscountyab.ca or 403-652-2341 to sign up.

COMMUNITY

Mountie Moments

Like many of us, our RCMP have had to re-evaluate how they do business and engage with the community during COVID. S/SGT Laura Akitt, realizing that she has not been able to actively engage with community members, has created a weekly newsletter and open communication line for County residents. The newsletter will provide weekly happenings, RCMP statistics, and any interesting updates in the community.

You can find the 'Mountie Moments' newsletters on the County website.

S/SGT Akitt encourages everyone to submit their general RCMP inquiries to KFoothillsEngagement@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.



View the RCMP Crime Map

at

www.foothillscountyab.ca/rural-crime-watch.html

SAFE COMMUNITIES ALERT NETWORK

Foothills County is part of the Safe Communities Alert Network a regional mass notification system.

This system sends a Critical Alert to you in the event of a serious incident occurring within Foothills County. You can choose to receive non-urgent Information Alerts that can provide important information about issues which have the potential to escalate or become disruptive. Alerts will only be sent to you if you register your contact information and sign up for this service. Standard message rates may apply.

Sign up at www.foothillscountyab.ca

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If we can't reach you, we can't alert you.

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