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Champion Park Land Donation



Gerald Knowlton on platform at the Champion Train Station

The MD of Foothills and the Town of Okotoks were pleased to accept the donation of Champion Park formally September 2016. The park sits on approximately 52 acres of land, adjacent to Hwy 2.

Champion Park was gifted by the Knowlton Family. Gerald L. Knowlton built the park as a homage to the CPR and as a family tribute to his mother, Faye and father, Frederick (Ted) Knowlton – a CPR station agent who served in the town of Standard, Alberta for 42 years.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

North West Recreation Board
Seaman Sports Park

Let's Play Ball!

The Millarville Sports Association (MSA) hosted the Grand Opening of the Seaman Sports Park Baseball Diamonds on April 30, 2016. Community members, sponsors, dignitaries, the Junior DAWGS and members of the Northwest Foothills Recreation Board (NWFRB) took part in the event with one of the fields being named Powell Field in memory of Tina Powell.

The day was filled with many games, smiles, food and surprises. More than 150 young athletes played on the "Big League" turf (a mix of seed that is the same turf that is seeded in Fenway Park, home of the Boston Red Sox). Dignity from the DAWGS and Harvey the Hound from the Calgary Flames entertained with many high fives.

More than \$435,000 has been raised by the Calgary Foundation through the Doc Seaman Flow Through Fund (\$250,000), the MSA (\$50,000), the Scott Seaman Memorial Fund (\$35,000) along with the Seaman family and Community Members (\$100,000). The North West Foothills Recreation Board applied for and received \$32,750 from the Crescent Point Community Foundation for the "Beyond the Basics" Project which provided for the Safety Fencing.

The MSA reported that the 2016 Baseball season was a great success with many teams and tournaments making use of the fields.



Looking forward to the 2017 season with the new bleachers!

Champion Park

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The park is named after the Champion Train Station which was moved in 1980 from the town of Champion to its current location. Having the train station eventually led Kowlton to acquire more buildings and artifacts that make up this fascinating historical railway site. Champion Park is home to a variety of buildings including a section house, bunk house, flag stop, ice house and a couple of tool sheds. A number of unique railway cars also call Champion Park home including the grand executive Saskatchewan car to a fully operational locomotive, cabooses, and rolling stock cars.

The Saskatchewan, an elegant executive car, built in the 1930's is the equivalent of a private executive jet nowadays. The car was built to transport a vice-president or superintendent around the country in comfort and contains private sleeping quarters, a dining room, a sitting room or conference area, steward's room and galley kitchen.



The Saskatchewan executive car.

The MD of Foothills and Town of Okotoks, announced the formation of the Friends of Champion Park Society (the "Society"), a non-profit organization designed to share in the maintenance and operation of Champion Park, the site of this historic railway operation. The duties of the Society will be to preserve, maintain and operate Champion Park in perpetuity. Official transfer of the land from the Knowlton Family to the MD of Foothills and the Town of Okotoks will happen near the end of this year. When the Society is formed more details will be released about the operation of the park.

Hogg Park



Exploring nature, hiking and fishing along the Highwood River are great ways to spend your summer days!

Last spring saw a successful partial re-opening of Archie and Janet Hogg Park. Overnight camping on the upper bench re-opened along with day use access on the lower bench near the river. Camping on the lower bench did not open last summer as it was not ready for campers. Watch for news next spring.

The park is now closed for the season. Look forward to more camping lots re-opening in time for the 2017 season as the grass continues to grow back.

Spring 2017 opening dates will be announced on the MD's website or find us on Facebook and Twitter.

Contact: hoggpark@mdfoothills.com
403.558.2035

See you next year!

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Crescent Point Regional Field House

The Crescent Point Regional Field House has something for everyone this fall and winter season!

The Field House is excited to be offering a number of great preschool and after school kids programs. There are a variety of multi-sports based programs as well as programs that combine the arts, creative and cooperative play, games and activities to keep your little ones engaged and active.

Adult programs and leagues have grown this year! We are running a Coed Volleyball League, Coed Slo-Pitch as well as a Men's Slo-Pitch League. We also have a very popular Pickleball drop-in to participate in almost every day of the week.

Birthday parties and special events are always welcome at our facility! We have many options to help you plan your celebration including sports equipment, Bubble Soccer for all ages, Bouncy Castles and a huge bin of toys for kids.

Call for more details on rentals and pricing: 587.757.0338.

Lastly, don't forget to check out the drop-in activities on our website which include a variety of sports and fitness classes such as Zumba, Pound Fit and Zumba Sentao!

Visit cpregonalfieldhouse.com or like our Facebook page today!

Scott Seaman Sports Rink 2016-17

Welcome to all of our regular and new users for another action packed season of fun!

Facility Update - The Rink

The melt water recycling system installed in SSSR is a success!

With the first full season of use behind us, the melt water recycling system, has saved 300,000 gallons of water and \$40,000 in hauling fees.

The system recycles the ice shavings which are melted within a pit and then filtered/treated and stored in an outside retention tank, the water is then put directly back into the Zamboni for the next ice resurfacing.

Concession

Top Shelf Kitchen opened on September 25, 2016 for the season and will close mid April 2017.

Public and Family Skate Schedules

FAMILY SKATE: Sundays, Sept. 18 - Dec. 18, 2016. 12:45-1:45 pm

PUBLIC SKATE: Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 20 - Dec. 22, 2016. 3:00-4:30 pm.

Okotoks skating club offers programs at the SSSR on Wednesday evenings. Details at okotoksskatingclub.com

WALKING TRACK is open 7:00 am-11:00 pm 7 days a week.

Multipurpose Rooms

Multipurpose rooms are available to book.

Booking and general inquiries, call: 403.995.7397 or email Sean.Murphy@mdfoothills.com

For updates, visit: mdfoothills.com

St. Francis of Assisi Academy

Christ The Redeemer School Division opened St Francis of Assisi Academy School beside Heritage Heights and the Scott Seaman Sports Rink August 2016.

Knottin School - Child Care

The before and after school program offered at the SSSR has seen an increase in registrations with the opening of St Francis of Assisi Academy School.

Before and after school care is provided for students from both schools. Child care is also offered for kindergarten children along with summer camps in July/August.

Thank You Oliver Perry!



Oliver Perry

Oliver Perry Place Concession Open

Oliver Perry Place concession opened spring 2016. This was made possible through Oliver Perry's generous support to the field house.

Perry had contributed \$75,000 and last June Perry contributed another \$25,000 which brought his personal contributions to a total of \$100,000 – all intended for the Crescent Point Regional Field House.

Youth have always had a special place in Perry's heart and that has been his motivation to support this facility which provides opportunities for youth and adults to be involved in active lifestyles.

The Oliver Perry Place concession is open Monday to Friday 5:00 pm-9:00 pm and Saturday and Sunday 9:00 am – 9:00 pm.

Helmet Policy HELMETS ARE MANDATORY

MD council has implemented mandatory use of helmets during public and family skates at the Scott Seaman Sports Rink and all outdoor skating facilities within the MD of Foothills.

Council has recommended all community arenas within the MD adopt the same mandatory policy.

COMMUNITY SERVICES Cemeteries

Foothills Cemetery

Phase 1 of the Foothills Cemetery Plot Expansion and Field of Honour is now under construction. Phase 2 of the Lookout Walkway is at the design/approval phase.

An application to the Canada 150 grant was made for both projects with support from the Towns of Black Diamond and Turner Valley, the M.D. of Foothills and the Turner Valley Legion.

Phase 1 expansion will provide an inventory of general plots, 12 columbarium niches and Veterans plots. Phase 2 will be developed to provide 72 additional niches and the space for family and friends to memorialize their loved ones.



Foothills Cemetery Board, L to R: Jason Parker, Councillor Division 3, Sandy Rishaug Councillor, Turner Valley, Jackie Stickel, Councillor, Black Diamond, Marilyn Geddes, Member at Large and Dave Parsons, Representative, Turner Valley Legion Branch No.78.

Cemeteries in the MD

The MD of Foothills manages the Foothills Cemetery on behalf of the Foothills Cemetery Board. The Blackie and Cayley cemeteries are owned and operated by the MD.

For more information regarding cemeteries, contact the Cemetery Specialist at 403.852.0500 or cemetery@mdfoothills.com

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARD Brushing Program

The Agricultural Services Department of the MD of Foothills will be implementing the brushing program on MD right of ways this coming winter. The brushing program will commence in September of 2016 and will continue through to April of 2017. The brushing crew and brush mowers will be working in areas of the whole MD depending on weather conditions.

Motorists need to reduce speed to 30 km/h when travelling through brushing crew work areas or passing brush mowers.

Trees will be removed in the MD right of ways, one metre past ditch bottoms and possibly to fence lines in problem areas. All wood will be cut into six foot lengths and stacked in the ditch, branches will be chipped and piled in the ditch. Area residents are welcome to remove wood and chips for their own personal use. If you have any concerns please contact the Agricultural Fieldman, Jeff Porter at 403.603.5410 or the Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, Bree Webb at 403.652.2423.

Brush control requirements will be revised and prioritized on an annual basis. The MD of Foothills reserves the right to clear to the property line.

Vegetation Control on Roadside Policy Statement

The Municipality reserves the right to maintain its right of ways from property line to property line in regards to vegetation management and to comply with the enforcement of the Weed Control Act of Alberta. For example, but not limited to vegetation includes grass, weeds, brush, etc.

Vegetation Control will be carried out as per guidelines set out by the Province of Alberta under Section 1 – Highway Maintenance Guidelines – Subsection 4.7 Brush Control and reviewed by the MD of Foothills No. 31 Council.

Dunbow Recreation Board

Building a vibrant & strong community through healthy recreation. Looking for a great Christmas gift idea? “Buy a Brick” at the south entrance of the Scott Seaman Sports Rink.

dunbowrecreation.org

To book sports fields at Heritage Pointe, email: info@thelakeheritagepointe.ca

Agricultural Service Board Scholarship Recipients



Congratulations!

We are very pleased to announce the 2016 ASB Scholarship Recipients are:

- Oluwatimileyin Abolarin, University of Guelph, Bachelors of Science in Agriculture
- James Ritchie, University of Alberta, Bachelors of Science in Agriculture, Animal Science
- Shantal Smith, Montana State University, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Animal Science
- Kashley Seitz, South Plains College, Levelland, Texas, Agricultural Science
- Claye Harsany, Thompson Rivers, University, B.C, Natural Resource Science

FOOTHILLS REGIONAL LANDFILL & RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRE (LRRC) Foothills Regional Landfill & Resource Recovery Centre (LRRC)

Located on Highway 783 (16 Street E.), 5.5 km south of Highway 7, 5 km north of Highway 543.
For more information: 403.938.5224



Household Hazardous Waste

The Foothills Regional Landfill and Resource Recovery Centre accepts household hazardous waste (paint, cleaning solvent, chemicals etc.) year-round. One-day Household Hazardous Waste Roundups are held in the spring and fall at Black Diamond and Priddis Transfer Stations.

The Landfill does not accept industrial waste, radioactive waste, explosives, or ammunition.

Leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable or reactive ingredients are considered to be household hazardous waste (HHW). Products, such as paints, cleaners, oils, batteries and pesticides that contain potentially hazardous ingredients require special care when you dispose of them. Improper disposal of these wastes pollutes the environment and poses threat to animal, plant and human health.

Collected items are sorted, packed and labeled by qualified staff, then transported by an approved hauler for safe recycling and disposal.

The Foothills Regional Landfill and

Resource Recovery Centre Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Sorting Area is designed and intended for residential customers and quantities of hazardous waste less than 20 L.

This landfill is not intended to service hazardous commercial and agricultural waste. Any quantities of chemicals, oils, pesticides, herbicides, and other hazardous waste greater than 20 L may be rejected or surcharged at the discretion of landfill staff.

If you have any questions about hazardous waste, large quantities of hazardous waste and disposition of hazardous waste, please call before making a trip to the Landfill.

Household Hazardous Waste Rates

There are no charges for small residential loads. Charges apply for larger quantities. If you have any questions about your household hazardous waste and the quantities you have, please call the Foothills Regional Landfill and Resource Recovery Centre at 403.938.5224

Commercial Hazardous Waste

Some commercial quantities may be accepted at LRRC staff's discretion, but will be surcharged to pay for the disposal costs. HHW surcharges range from \$50-\$100 and may be applied multiple times depending on volumes. Large drums of unlabeled chemicals are surcharged \$450 for disposal costs. Commercial hazardous waste generators are encouraged to arrange private pickup and disposal of their waste.

Agricultural Hazardous Waste

The LRRC accepts triple rinsed pesticide containers at no charge, through the Clean Farms collection program. All other pesticides, herbicides, chemicals, vaccinations, hormones, and other hazardous agricultural waste must be disposed of through private company options, or taken to UFA roundups.

Rates are listed at:
foothillslrcc.com or
mdfoothills.com

Acceptable Household Hazardous Waste Materials

- Abrasive cleansers
- Acetone
- Aerosol paints / sprays
- Air fresheners (aerosol)
- All-purpose cleaners
- Ammonia
- Ant/wasp spray
- Antifreeze
- Auto body filler
- Barbeque starters
- Bleach
- Brake / transmission fluid
- Butane refills
- Carbon tetrachloride
- Car (lead-acid) batteries
- Car waxes and polishes
- Contact cement
- Degreasers
- Disinfectants
- Drain cleaners
- Fabric softeners
- Floor wax strippers
- Fungicides
- Furniture polishes and waxes
- Gasoline
- Glass cleaners
- Glues
- Hair coloring
- Hair perm solutions
- Hair sprays (aerosol)
- Insecticides
- Kerosene
- Laundry starch
- Laundry stain removers
- Lighter fluid
- Liquid cleansers
- Lye
- Mildew removers
- Muriatic acid
- Nail polish and remover
- Oven cleaners
- Paint thinners / strippers
- Paints
- Photographic chemicals
- Propane gas cylinders
- Rechargeable Batteries
- Rubbing alcohol
- Rug / upholstery cleaners
- Rust removers
- Septic tank degreaser
- Shoe polish
- Silver and brass polish
- Turpentine, varnish, lacquers
- Spot removers
- Spa and pool chemicals
- Toilet cleaners
- Tub and tile cleaners
- Used oil
- Weed killers
- Windshield washer solution
- Wood preservatives

TAXES

Annual Property Taxes Were Due September 30, 2016

Taxes received after Sept. 30, 2016 are late and are subject to a penalty of 6%.

Taxes received after Dec. 31, 2016 are subject to a penalty of 12%.

Save Money On Your Annual Property Taxes!

Early Payment Discount

Prepay your 2017 property taxes and receive a discount.

- 6% discount when taxes are paid in full by Jan. 15, 2017.
- 5% discount when taxes are paid in full by Feb. 15, 2017.
- 4% discount when taxes are paid in full by Mar. 15, 2017.

Monthly Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP) Discount

- Pay your 2017 taxes in monthly installments and receive a discount!
- 5% discount if payment is received by Jan. 15, 2017.
- 4% discount if payment is received by Feb. 15, 2017.
- 3% discount if payment is received by Mar. 15 2017.

Paying Taxes Online or by Phone?

When making payments using online or telephone banking, please make sure that you are directing your payment to the **Municipal District of Foothills No. 31.**

Note - each financial institution has its own listing for the Municipal District of Foothills.

NEW - Coming Soon!
 Sign up for electronic billing for Utility bills and Tax Notices.
 Stay tuned for more details at: mdfoothills.com

ADMINISTRATION

Has Canada Post Changed Your Address?

Recently, some residents within the MD of Foothills received notification from Canada Post that their mailing address was changing. October 17, 2016 Canada Post brought these changes into effect. Their intent of this change is to match the physical (civic) address to the mailing address for rural residents.

If you've received this notification from Canada Post, it is your responsibility to notify the Land Titles Office with your address change, legal name changes and spelling corrections to your Certificate of Title.

For information on how to update your address change with the Land Titles Office, contact:

Land Titles Office: 403.297.6511
 or visit:
 Alberta Government Services Bldg.
 2nd Floor, 710-4th Avenue SW
 Calgary, AB T2P 0K3

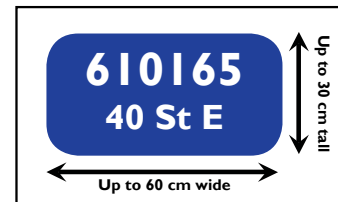
If your new address from Canada Post has a Foothills or Heritage Pointe postal code, please check and ensure your new address matches your civic (911) address. If they do not, please contact the MD of Foothills at 403.603.6241.

Canada Post inquiries: 1.866.607.6301

I Have My Civic (911) Address Sign, Where Does It Go?

Your address is assigned to the point where your property joins with the municipal or provincial road. Your blue 911 address sign should be located as close to the approach and the property line as practical for your home or business operation. Please place the sign so it is facing the road, clearly visible and not an obstruction for road grading, snow plowing, or mowing.

If you do not know your Civic (911) address please call: 403.603.6241 or email: ahmed.awad@mdfoothills.com



ASSESSMENT

How Assessments are Prepared

Before an assessment can be prepared, property data is collected from property owners, Alberta Land Titles, the real estate Multiple Listing Service and financial institutions.

Detailed information is gathered by making on-site visits. MD assessors will visit all properties with building construction in progress, properties that have sold, newly subdivided parcels along with other purposes. As part of our requirement to re-inspect each property in the MD of Foothills every five years we plan to visit approximately 2000 properties this year.

Assessors drive MD Foothills marked vehicles and have ID cards with them. Inspections are done 12 months of the year. We encourage you to take the time to go over your assessment with them if they come to your house for an inspection visit.

Thank you for your cooperation with the assessment process.

Contact: Phone: 403.652.2341 or email: MD-Assessment@mdfoothills.com

PLANNING

Calgary and MD of Foothills Intermunicipal Development Plan

The MD of Foothills and the City of Calgary jointly hosted the 4th open house information session, October 27, 2016, about the Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) that is being developed. Response was good, 178 people attended the event to discuss a proposed smaller growth area for the City and revisions to the draft policy. Visitors reviewed panels with maps and policy highlights and asked questions. A brief survey was available for all interested.

All information presented at the open house is available on both municipal websites.

When all the results of the survey have been compiled, staff will review and determine if any further adjustments are required. A final draft IDP will be presented to the Intermunicipal Committee for endorsement to proceed through the approval process in both municipalities. The final draft plan will also be made available to the public for review prior to public hearings held in both municipalities. Watch for more information in early 2017.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

School Bus Safety in Winter

Snow Plows, Winter Roads, School Bus Safety = Safer Winter Highways.



It's that time of year when snowplows, school buses and children waiting for school buses share the road.

In the mornings it is often still dark when children are waiting for school buses near the sides of rural roads. Snowplows are out early to clear roads for traffic. So it's very important for children waiting for school buses on the side of rural roads on dark mornings to know how to be safe.

Snowplows are large vehicles with even larger blades and extensions. When you see a snow plow coming towards you, stay far away, move off the roads and out of the ditches. It is difficult for a snow plow operator to see you from the cab and the snowplow throws snow quite a distance.

Please share the following tips with your children:

- Wait for the school bus well out of the way from the road.
- Don't play games on the roadway
- Don't slide, climb or walk on snowbanks close to the road.
- Stay well back from snowplows – rocks, wood and other hard objects can fly off a snowplow.
- Wear bright, reflective clothing when playing outdoor so snowplow operators and other motorists can see you.
- Toboggan in a safe place well away from the road.
- Don't walk up behind a snowplow, or climb on one, even when it is parked.
- Do not throw snowballs at snowplows or other vehicles

For schools, January 2017, If you would like to have a presentation to your students on snowplow safety, please contact Darlene Roblin, Operational Supervisor, Protective Services: 403.603.6300 or darleneroblin@mdfoothills.com

Letters of Compliance

Do You Know?

What is a Letter of Compliance?

A letter of compliance is a document drafted by the MD's planning and development department that indicates that all structures on the property comply with any applicable setback regulations of the Municipality's Land Use Bylaw.

Why do I need one?

You may need a Letter of Compliance for a real estate transaction or to refinance a property. Requests are commonly made by lawyers, real estate agents, surveyors or the purchaser of the property.

What do I need to apply for one?

An application for a letter of compliance must be accompanied by a certified Real Property Report (completed by an accredited Alberta Land Surveyor, which shows the property, all structures and built additions as well as their distances to the property boundaries), a recent copy of title and the application fee.

How do I apply for a letter of compliance?

Call and speak with one of the MD's planning or development officers to learn more, or to set up an appointment at 403.652.2341.

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HUMAN RESOURCES

Welcome to New Personnel:

(permanent employees only)

Chad Demers – Heritage Pointe Firefighter
 Ahmed Awad – GIS Technician
 Milton Ferretti – Public Works Supervisor of Utilities
 Donna Fowler - Municipal Lands Administrator

Goodbye to:

Jason McKay – Public Works
 Brenda Prestie – Accounting, Retired
 Alayna Small – Planning
 Phil Tyschuk – Public Works
 Darcy Duce – Public Works Utilities

FCSS Helping Others at Christmas



The MD of Foothills provides Christmas support to residents within the MD.

If you wish to help, cash donations and gift cards for gas and grocery stores are greatly appreciated. Please call FCSS Coordinator, Amanda Midgley at 403.603.6229.

GIS 2014 Municipal Maps Available

Municipal Maps are available for \$15 each + GST.

For custom mapping of your property, email ahmed.awad@mdfoothills.com or call 403.603.6241.



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Safe Communities Alert Network - SCAN

SAFE COMMUNITIES)
Alert Network

A regional alert system for High River | Chorley | MD of Foothills | Black Diamond | Turner Valley | Longview | Vulcan | Vulcan County

If we can't reach you, we can't alert you.
www.mdfoothills.com

Come home to Cayley!

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