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May 2015 News & Information Message

From M.D. of Foothills Councillor Suzanne Oel, May 10, 2015

Just want to invite **you** to a few events and inform you about some of the many projects on the go:

1. Event - Emergency Plan Discussion:

Friday, May 22, 2015, 7:00 pm, at the **Millarville Racetrack Hall**

You are invited to attend a Meeting I am organizing, hosted by our High Country Rural Crime Watch Association, to engage in a dialogue with your M.D. of Foothills Emergency Management and our Partners who responded to the recent **April 2015 Fire events** in our area.

Attending Partners list:

- M.D. of Foothills Director of Emergency Management, Fire Chief & Councillor
- RCMP, Turner Valley Detachment representatives
- Alberta Environment & Sustainable Resource Development representative
- Foothills 911 Dispatch Executive Director
- HCRCWA Board & membership, Okotoks & High River Rural Crime Watch reps
- Interested local residents & businesses

Agenda items:

- Overview of the April 17, 2015 Fire events
- Partners - share role in an emergency event, with multiple organizations responding
- Joint jurisdictional response coordination
- Emergency Management Plan for the M.D. of Foothills
- M.D. of Foothills Alert System
- FireSmart information
- Landowner/Personal emergency response plans
- Q & A

2. NW Foothills Recreation Board Survey – about a Facility in our Area:

Please take 5 minutes and **fill in our online Survey**, which will run until May 31, 2015, and make your opinion count! For the Survey & more info, visit: <http://www.nwfoothillsrec.com/>

The M.D. has asked the NWFRB to survey the residents of Divisions 3, 4, and 5 regarding their support for an **Active Living Recreation Centre**. This complex would be located at the Seaman Sports Park, near the Millarville Racetrack. The first phase of the indoor facility could include an ice arena, fitness/wellness space, senior's club, library, local museum, indoor walking/jogging track and multi-purpose rooms - a facility similar to the Scott Seaman complex at the Heritage Heights School.

Through our Survey, we are asking residents for their support and feedback for desired facilities at our complex.

3. Visibility Lighting at Hwy 22 & Priddis Valley Road ?:

Interested in your opinion... Do you support having a street light at the intersection of Highway 22 and Priddis Valley Road? Our bridge expansion request for Hwy 22 over Fish Creek, under the jurisdiction of Alberta Transportation (AT), has been engineered, but continues to sit on a long waiting list. In the meantime, we have advocated and gotten bridge and delineator reflectors to a state of good repair, requested and gotten the centre-line painted as a double line, and suggested numerous other measures that unfortunately do not fit with AT guidelines (eg. flashing light). An idea that has been discussed as a measure to make the best with what we currently have, is to add lighting at the SE corner of the intersection. We will have to make a request of AT to make this addition and are subject to their specifications, etc. Just want to hear from you about your interest in this idea...

4. Event - Priddis Community Association – Our Fundraising Gala:

Saturday, May 23, 2015, 7:00 pm, at the **Priddis Community Hall**

You are invited to attend an evening with a “Fun Casino” as entertainment (18+ only). Your \$30 Ticket includes: first round of funny money, late lunch and entry door prizes. Also featured: cash bar, silent auction and funny money live auction. For tickets, contact Kim at 403.969.6416 or purchase at the Priddis Store.

5. Event – Mom’s Swap:

Sunday, June 7, 2015, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, at the **Priddis Community Hall**

You are invited to attend our Priddis Area Young Families’ event: Mom’s Swap. Set up at 9 and start clothes & toys swap at 10. Potluck snacks, door prizes. For more information & swap instructions, contact: Laurinda Penner laspenner@gmail.com

6. It’s Free to Walk at the Fieldhouse Walking Track:

Check it out! All you have to do is sign in and bring your indoor walking shoes. Plan a stop at this amazing facility on your travels or plan a walking meeting! Have fun and stay active.

Our Legacy Field House Location: <http://legacyregionalfieldhouse.com/contact.html>

7. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centres Temporarily Closed:

Foothills Regional Services Commission announces that local Collection Centres have been closed temporarily until further notice. These collection centres will undergo an updating of their hazardous waste collection capability before reopening.

During this time, all **residential hazardous waste may be taken to the Regional Landfill at no charge**. If there is household garbage in your load, charges will apply. Household hazardous waste should be clearly labeled and sealed properly, and if possible in the original containers.

For more information, visit:

http://www.mdfoothills.com/residents/utilities/regional_landfill/hazardous_waste.html

8. SLS Forest Management Plan:

I recently attended a workshop put on by Spray Lakes Sawmill. There was a good turnout of interested participants: local rancher, Alberta Wilderness Society, Elbow Watershed group, Bragg Creek Recreational Users, CPAWS and M.D. of Foothills (me). The topic was to have input on the Values and Objectives being put forward for their new Forest Management Plan. As the timeline is long for drafting their FMP, there is still opportunity for input. I understand there will be upcoming public sessions next, so **you could participate in the next steps if you are interested**.

Here is a link to the Blog which contains info and will be updated about their project:

<http://www.spraylakesawmills.com/forest-management-plan-development/>

9. Speed Enforcement in the NW:

You may have noticed that our Protective Services is making a presence in our area with road tubes and speed signs at Priddis, Priddis Greens, Hawk’s Landing and Priddis Creek Estates. This is a chance for all of us to think about slowing down and **safe driving**.

Best Regards,

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