

Greetings! Sharing my News Update...

Priddis Multi-Purpose Building Update: Priddis Community Association is planning construction of a Multi-Purpose Building west of the outdoor hockey arena. The community wants to invite you to have fun and help us build our project! You are invited to join us at our Fundraising Events: Poker Night on June 1, Stampede Breakfast on July 8 and Golf Event in Sept. The new facility will serve the growing needs of area residents, bring recreation opportunities to Priddis, and will connect families and community members. We need your help to reach our goals! Please join our committee, attend our events and donate your time and resources. Canvassing to share information with residents in the area is ongoing. For more info about events and the building, please visit: <https://www.priddisalberta.com/>

Fish Creek Stewardship Group: Local area landowner, David Swann, would like to meet with other Fish Creek and Priddis Creek neighbours to start a "Fish Creek Stewardship group" for the purpose of learning and better protecting the Creek, a vital resource. The hope is to tie this group with existing watershed stewardship groups, such as Friends of Fish Creek (within Calgary) and the Bow River Basin Council, since no stewardship group is currently active on this reach of Fish Creek. David is proposing an introductory meeting at the Priddis Community Hall on Thursday, June 14 at 7pm, 2018, and would like to know if you are interested to participate. Please email David: davidswann571@gmail.com

Crime Watch Event hosted by Foothills: Over 350 residents attended our Event on April 10, 2018, to discuss concerns about Rural Crime and Defense of Property. All 7 Foothills Councillors, our CAO and other staff were present. We heard from our MP's office, Executive Director of the Provincial Law Enforcement Oversight Branch, High River - Turner Valley - Okotoks RCMP Detachments, District Advisory NCO for the Southern Alberta District, Chief Superintendent for the Southern Alberta District, Foothills Protective Services Coordinator and our Rural Crime Watch Associations: Okotoks, High Country, Foothills and Provincial. High Country RCWA is pleased with 17 new member sign-ups, now bringing us to 733 members STRONG. Stay informed by being part of our Rural Crime Watch groups, where you will be connected to information fan-out systems. Please join our team: <http://www.hcrcwa.ca/membership.html> News - link: <http://www.westernwheel.com/article/Rural-residents-urged-to-be-vigilant-20180411> Rights to Defend Property - link: <https://globalnews.ca/news/4051618/what-rights-do-you-have-to-defend-your-property-in-canada/>

Foothills Budget 2018: Due to good fortune and thoughtful planning by our Staff and Council :-), our Council has approved an increase of 0.5% to the Mill rate for Residential, Farm and Industrial/Commercial. Many municipalities have increased their rates by approximately 3 to 5% or more. Some properties may see a further increase due to market value increase, but for the most part the 0.5% increase should amount to about \$23 for the average household. We have heard over and over that people don't want to pay more taxes due to falling on hard times or being in retirement. With that in mind, we are fortunate to deliver one of our lowest tax increases. With the 0.5, we want to add a small amount to reserves in case of need towards efforts on crime reduction, water licenses, Mother Nature surprises or something else that may come up. For another take on this, see this article link: <http://www.westernwheel.com/article/MD-approves-05-per-cent-tax-increase-20180418>

Calgary Metropolitan Region Board update: Just to let you know that we have started meeting as mandated by the Provincial Government. The CMR Board, committees (Land Use, Servicing and Governance) and Technical Advisory Group (with our staff) are working together to draft an interim Growth Plan, based on Section 9 of the CMRB Regulation, and the Regional Evaluation Framework process for deciding planning and development in the region. Additionally, all 10 members must prepare Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks with each of our neighbours. A website has just been launched, where you can find the Regulation. Soon it will be populated with meeting agendas and resource documents. Visit the website and keep an eye out for more info soon: <https://www.calgarymetroregion.ca/>

For Other News & Updates:

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With Best Regards, Suzanne