

Greetings! Sharing my News Update...

**\*Important\* High Country Rural Crime Watch Event on June 9:** We want to fight back against the current Crime Climate by giving you information on how to protect yourself. So, our local Crime Watch is bringing in a guest speaker, Kerry Sauve, to teach us about **“Removing yourself and your property from the victim pool”**. Please join us on Saturday, June 9, 2018, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Priddis Community Hall. We are asking for a donation to cover our costs: \$5 per person. And there is a special bonus: A PDF copy of Kerry’s book, **“StreetSafe 360”**, will be shared with those in attendance.

Kerry Sauve was referred to HCRCWA by the Red Deer County Rural Crime Watch. He has an incredible background of training special forces, working in the security field, working as a first-responder and is a veteran Correctional Peace Officer with over 20 years of front line experience working with gang members. Part of his portfolio is providing gang prevention and intervention programs to the youth incarcerated in the facility where he works. A second service he provides is awareness training for community partners, law-enforcement and the public. He shares his vast knowledge to help people learn, prepare and get a plan in place.

Our June 9 event will include a presentation session on "Removing Yourself and Your Property from the Victim Pool", including learning to see things from the criminal perspective. We hope to follow up soon after with a second presentation on "Personal Protection/Defense" at a date TBD.

Kerry's HCRCWA Presentation Content will include: Crime and Violence - Myths and misconceptions, The Personal Safety Triangle, The Crime Chain, Predator Dynamics, Situational Awareness, Target Hardening, Behavioral Profiling, Surveillance and Counter-Surveillance, Technology the double-edged sword, Bill C26 - The Citizens arrest and Self Defence Act, Use of Force Model.

**Lively topics out for Public Consultation:** In June 2018, the M.D. of Foothills will be hosting a series of public engagement sessions on a number of topics that will be relevant to landowners throughout the M.D. These open house events are scheduled from 4-8pm on the following dates:

- MONDAY, JUNE 11 - EAST LONGVIEW HALL THURSDAY
- JUNE 14 - SCOTT SEAMAN SPORTS RINK
- **MONDAY, JUNE 18 - PRIDDIS COMMUNITY HALL**
- TUESDAY, JUNE 19 - CRESCENT POINT FIELD HOUSE

At all four events, information will be presented and feedback requested on the following topics:

- Proposed name change to Foothills County
- Proposed changes to the M.D.'s Dog Bylaw
- Changes to the M.D.'s Community Standards Bylaw
- Policy direction regarding secondary suites
- Policy direction regarding the sale and consumption of cannabis

We will also be inviting the local Rural Crime Watch Associations to offer memberships, signs and information about crime prevention in rural areas. For more information visit the municipal website or call Julie McLean at 403-603-6239

**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. An introductory meeting is planned for Thursday, June 14, 2018, 7pm, at the Priddis Community Hall. Please join us.

**Alberta Transportation Notice of Construction on Highway 762 and Highway 549:** Construction on the full length of Highway 762 (23 km) is expected to start in May 2018, and go until June 29, 2018, weather permitting. Includes: overlay paving and line painting. Highway 549 construction will include 350 m and bridge repair.

**Connect to Innovate Federal Grant approved for Millarville. It's a start!** Thought you'd be interested to hear about this. Our teamwork with Rigstar, Foothills, Councillors, Residents and GoC Grant Decision-makers has led us to a project. A meeting will be set up soon to work out details in the Millarville to Kew area project, which will hopefully spin-off and go north on Hwy 762 in the future... FYI - of the \$500 million in federal grant funding, \$22.5 was awarded to Alberta projects (\$217,000 for our Kew project). More details are included in these links:

<http://www.rigstar.ca/2018/03/28/rigstar-industrial-telecom-awarded-funding-for-government-connect-to-innovate-project/>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2018/03/rural-and-remote-communities-in-alberta-will-benefit-from-faster-internet.html>

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With Best Regards, Suzanne