



Div. 4 News from Councillor Suzanne Oel

Division 4 - M.D. of Foothills No. 31

Dear Residents,

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You are invited to **Meet your Ag Minister**, 1 pm on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012 at the Priddis Hall (0.83 km south off Hwy 22 on Priddis Valley Rd., Priddis) Guest, Hon. Evan Berger, Minister of Agriculture & Rural Development, will speak on **Agriculture: Opportunities and Issues in Alberta**. Please join us for a presentation followed by Q. & A. Refreshments served. You will hear about: youth in agriculture, opportunities in agriculture, trade, balancing competing interests, internet initiatives, updates on other projects affecting our area, etc. Hope to see you there! For more information, please contact me at: 403.931.2711

M.D. of Foothills residents are invited to participate in our Growth Management Strategy project **Our Foothills Our Future**. We would appreciate your input to our survey. Please visit: www.mdfoothills.com to view our video and fill in a short survey online. Or, call 403.652.2341 to request a free DVD with our video and a paper version of the survey.

Please see my website www.suzanneoel.com for updates: **Values and Voices** – a report by the Southern Foothills Community Stewardship Initiative, **South Sask. Regional Plan – Regional Advisory Council Advice** and request for **OUR** input by April 30, AAMDC & AUMA **Connect the Dots** Report on AB Rural Broadband coverage, links to **CETA** (Can-EU Trade agreement) article & Federal Trade Minister's letter to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, **2 Resolutions** passed by municipalities at Alberta Assoc. of Municipal Districts & Counties (AAMDC) conference in Nov. 2011 regarding 9-1-1 Cell Fees and E 9-1-1 Dispatch, and other topics related to our area.

In November, your council attended the bi-annual AAMDC Conference. Related to our area, I was able to bring up concerns to our Transportation Minister about Hwy 762, the Calgary SW Ring Road and the Priddis Bridge file. Additionally, I spoke to our Minister of Municipal Affairs in support of legislation for 9-1-1 Cell fees to go to Public Safety Answer Points (PSAPs, 9-1-1 dispatch centres) and the E 9-1-1 Dispatch resolution, and Council collectively discussed our position on the Calgary Regional Partnership's plans.

Currently, I continue to work on the issues related to consolidation of Ambulance and Ambulance Dispatch to AHS, in an effort to support the best services to our residents and the 26 municipalities which are served by our Foothills Regional Services Commission (FRESC).

Best Regards,

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