Legacy Regional Field House

NOW OPEN

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The newest sports facility in the MD of Foothills - the Legacy Regional Field House, officially opened Saturday, November 29, 2014.

Currently this facility is home to over 25 user groups. With 4 indoor playing fields, 800 foot elevated walking / running track, training areas, change rooms, spectator viewing areas, meeting & multi-purpose rooms and a concession (soon to open), this is the perfect place to play.

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The MD recognizes that recreational facilities are important to the well-being of a healthy and engaged community.

The Legacy Regional Field House is a result of our commitment to year round recreation being a fundamental component of healthy and vibrant communities in our region. Early on, the MD knew that there was a strong need for a year-round multi-use facility.

Planning started for this field house over six years ago, when discussions began with other municipalities, potential user groups and communities within our region. This led to the successful culmination of a joint partnership between the MD of Foothills and the Town of Okotoks working together to develop a healthier future for our residents.

The Legacy Regional Field House is truly a superb facility; in a location – easily accessed, it will accommodate many community activities and has the flexibility to expand as our future needs change.

legacyregionalfieldhouse.com

Northwest Foothills Recreation Board

Construction of baseball diamonds continues in the Outdoor Phase I of the new Seaman Sports Park.

Hogg Park

Hogg Park was closed for the the 2014 camping season as it was severely damaged by the 2013 floods. It is now closed for the winter and will remain closed until Phase I of the re-development has been completed.

Check mdfoothills.com for further information.

1st Anniversary Celebration
Scott Seaman Sports Rink at Heritage Heights

“Bearcat” Murray drops the puck for the game between the Okotoks Drillers and the Foothills Fire Department during the 1st Anniversary celebration.

November 15, 2014, Scott Seaman Sports Rink celebrated it’s first anniversary! The Top Shelf kitchen opened in conjunction with the 1st Anniversary Celebration. On Saturday nights, check out the hockey games featuring the Okotoks Drillers start at 8:00 pm. The schedule can be found at drillershockey.com.

In addition to fast paced hockey, we also have minor hockey games and practices that cover ages 5-18. Check the Okotoks Minor Hockey website at okotokshockey.com for more details. The Okotoks Skating Club offers Pre-Can, Can-Skate and Figure skating on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:45pm. Check the Okotoks Skating Club website okotoksskatingclub.com for more details.

The Scott Seaman Sports Rink will be installing a melt water recovery system in the near future and this will cut down on the overall water consumption of the facility and assist with the associated costs to haul that melt water away 3-4 times weekly.

A new sound system was installed and a big thank you to Andy Savell with Stream-Flo Industries for stepping up and donating monies required to accomplish this item.

Scott Seaman Sports Rink at Heritage Heights Schedule

| Ice Arena Public Skate: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3:30 - 4:45 pm |
| Family Skate: Sunday, 12:45 - 1:45 pm |
| Walking Track: Available 7 days/week, 7:00 am - 11:00 pm |
| Multipurpose rooms: are available to book. Inquiries: 403.995.7397 |

For booking and general inquiries, call: 403.995.7397 or check Parks & Recreation at mdfoothills.com
FOOTHILLS REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY

Foothills Regional Landfill

Hwy Hwy 783 (16 Street E.), 5.5 Km south of Hwy 7, 5 km north of Hwy 543.
Tel: 403-938-224
Open Monday-Saturday, 8:30 am-4:30 pm
(please arrive with enough time to empty your vehicle prior to 4:30 p.m.)
Closed Sunday & Statutory holidays.

Rate increase effective January 1, 2015

RATES:
- $10 minimum charge for loads up to 100 kg.
- $69/metric tonne over 100 kg.
- $85/tonne
- $127.50/tonne for hard to handle garbage.
- $150/tonne for construction and demolition materials.
- $20 Freon removal per appliance plus tonnage fees
- $10 surcharge for load not tarped

For a complete listing of landfill rates, check the Regional Landfill web page at mdfoothills.com

PLANNING

Land Use Bylaw Amendments Pass 1st Reading

The public hearing for the draft Land Use Bylaw amendments was held October 15, 2014. Eight members of the public were in attendance for the public hearing. Council received two letters of concern and heard several people speak with respect to concerns they had on draft components of the amendments.

Council gave the draft Land Use Bylaw amendments 1st reading further to the hearing and requested staff to bring back the necessary refinements for Council's consideration. Staff is working on refinements to the plan to take back to Council further to the information feedback received at the public hearing. Second and third reading of the Land Use Bylaw amendments will take place in the near future.

Check the MD's website for further information at mdfoothills.com

PARKS & RECREATION

Community Support for Scott Seaman Sports Rink at Heritage Heights

Ted Stack, Sandra Russell and Bill MacDonald of Heritage Pointe Properties Inc. present a cheque to Larry Spilak, Reeve and Marica Law, Dunbow Recreation Board.

Tannis Andrejcin, Okotoks Rotary Pub Club presents a cheque to Larry Spilak, Reeve.

Landfill

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Recycling

On-site Recycling: Scrap metal, appliances, batteries, tires, used oil, propane bottles, antifreeze, oil filters, cardboard, appliances, wood waste & greens pile (compost), household hazardous waste. Tonnage fees apply. Pesticide containers must be triple rinsed!

Transfer Stations

Transfer stations work on a $2.00 per bag basis.

Priddis Transfer Station (264 St. W & 178 Ave, Phone 403.931.3266) is open on Tuesday and Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Black Diamond/Turner Valley Transfer Station (168 St. W & 402 Ave, Phone 403.938.5224) is open on Friday and Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Bags for use at the transfer stations are available at: Millarville General Store, Hi Ho in Turner Valley, Esso in Black Diamond and at the Priddis Transfer Station.
AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARD

Brush Program
Agricultural Services for the MD of Foothills will be implementing the brushing program on MD right of ways this coming winter. The brushing program will commence October 2014 and will continue through to April 2015. The brushing crew and brush mowers will be working in areas of the whole MD, depending on weather conditions. Trees will be removed in the MD right of ways one meter past ditch bottom and possibly to fence line in problem areas. All wood will be cut into 6 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 Agricultural Fieldman Jeff Porter, 403.603.5410 or Assistant Ag. Fieldman Bree Webb, 403.652.2423.

Good News...
Clubroot Survey
The Agricultural Service Board for the MD of Foothills performed a Clubroot survey on canola in October 2014. A total of 30 fields were inspected throughout the whole MD. The outcome of the survey showed no presence of Clubroot in the municipality.

Water Well Workshops
The Agricultural Service Board for the MD of Foothills will be putting on Water Well Workshops in the Blackie and Longview area tentatively set for February 2015. Please watch for advertising on the MD of Foothills website and in local newspapers if you are interested in attending. Registration will be on a first come first serve basis.

The Agricultural Services Board awarded three scholarships!

2014 Ag Scholarship Winners
Congratulations to:
Josie LeDuc; Veterinary Medicine, University of Saskatchewan
Kimberly Williams; Bachelor of Science in Animal Bioscience, University of Saskatchewan
Kayla Giles; Ag. Sciences, Plant and Soil Science, Lethbridge College

BSE Surveillance is Everyone’s Responsibility: Do Your Part
Test me for BSE
Help keep Canadian beef markets open by supporting BSE surveillance.
Contact your veterinarian to assess and collect samples from eligible cattle for BSE testing.

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Alberta: Call 310-FARM (3276) or www.agriculture.alberta.ca/bse
FOOTHILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT
Blackie Fire Station - 2014 Station of the Year

Fire Chief Jim Smith with the Blackie Fire Station Firefighters who won the Station of the Year award. All Foothills Firefighters were recognized for their contribution to the communities they live and work in.

TAX DEPARTMENT
Notice To Ratepayers
Annual Property Taxes were due September 30, 2014

- Taxes received after Sept. 30, 2014 are late and are subject to a penalty of 6%.
- Taxes received after Dec. 31, 2014 are subject to a penalty of 12%.

SAVE MONEY ON YOUR ANNUAL PROPERTY TAXES!

Early Payment Discount
Prepay your 2015 property taxes and receive a discount!
- 6% Discount when estimated taxes are paid in full on/or before Jan. 15, 2015.
- 5% Discount when estimated taxes are paid in full on/or before Feb. 15, 2015.
- 4% Discount when estimated taxes are paid in full on/or before Mar. 15, 2015.

Monthly Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP) Discount
Pay your 2015 taxes in monthly installments and receive a discount!
- 5% Discount if payment is received on/or before January 15, 2015.
- 4% Discount if payment is received on/or before February 15, 2015.
- 3% Discount if payment is received on/or before March 15 2015.

Tel: 403.603.6224
mdfoothills.com

TAX DEPARTMENT
Paying Property 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.

Please note that each financial institution has its own listing for the Municipal District of Foothills.

Changing Your Address?
Send change of address: via email erin.frey@mdfoothills.com or via mail to Erin Frey, MD of Foothills, P.O. Box 5605, High River, AB T1V 1M7.

Land Titles Office also requires notification of a change of address in order to update your title information. Contact Land Titles Office at 403.297.6511.

The Assessment Department would like to hear from you if your property was damaged by the June 20th flood.
Phone: 403.603.6257 or email: MD-Assessment@mdfoothills.com

ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT
How Assessments are Prepared

An Appraisal is an estimate of value. Assessors value properties in Alberta using a method called mass appraisal. Mass appraisal techniques allow assessors to accurately value a large number of properties in a short period of time.

Data Collection
Before an assessment can be prepared, property data must be collected. Sources of information are property owners, Alberta Land Titles, the real estate Multiple Listing Service and financial institutions. Detailed information about each property is also gathered by making on-site visits.

MD assessors visit all properties with building construction in progress, properties that have sold, newly subdivided parcels along with other purposes. Part of our requirement is to re-inspect each property in the MD of Foothills every five years.

We plan to visit approximately 2000 properties this year.

With the number of inspections that need to be done each year, the assessors are unable to make appointments. We will arrive at your door unannounced in the hope that you may be home. When no one is home we will make note of any progress or changes visible from the exterior of the buildings.

Our assessors will be driving MD Foothills marked vehicles and have ID cards with them. We do inspections all 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 past, present and future cooperation with the assessment process.
Flood Recovery Erosion Control (FREC)

Flood Recovery Erosion Control or FREC for short is a provincial government program that provides funding to address immediate repairs and includes long-term community mitigation projects. In the MD of Foothills, these are projects that reinforce river banks where infrastructure is threatened.

- Millarville: Three Point Creek Phase 1 has been completed.
- Millarville: Three Point Creek Phase 2: is complete
- 128 Street Phase 1 – SE Bank channel breach and spillway construction is complete.
- Predator Bay Water Ski Club: Half a kilometer of bio engineered rip rap has been installed along the Bow River. This project is now complete.
- Priddis is complete.
- Black Diamond and Turner Valley: all three sites affected have had the erosion control completed.
- Womens Coulee: Project is complete.
- Racetrack – Project is complete.
- Upstream Millarville Beaucheman Park Site Project is complete.
- Upstream Country Lane RV – Project is complete.

The MD will be working on additional projects and is in the process of obtaining the necessary regulatory permits and contractors to complete the work:

- Hwy 22 to Millarville Racetrack - Planned for 2015
- 338 Ave Three Point Creek - completion planned for 2015
- 128 Street Phase 2 – Evaluating design options
- Highwood Crossing Ranch – Completion planned for 2015
- Longview Site – Construction planned for 2015

The Public Works department of the MD of Foothills wishes to thank residents for your patience and cooperation while we have worked on roads, Flood Recovery Erosion Control projects and bridges.

For more information, please contact:
Tracy Warrington, Flood Recovery and Erosion Coordinator at 40.652.2341 or email: tracy.warrington@mdfoothills.com

Millarville Racetrack FREC project

![Before](image1.jpg)

![After](image2.jpg)

![Before](image3.jpg)

![After](image4.jpg)
PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Subscribe to our FREE emergency alert system.
If we can’t reach you, we can’t alert you.

Residents are strongly encouraged to sign up to receive both MD Foothills Alert messages and Alberta Emergency Alerts, which are issued by the Province of Alberta. Keeping yourself informed and prepared is your best strategy to keep you and your family as safe as possible when faced with responding to an emergency.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Snow Plowing

Motorists are asked to use caution when approaching road maintenance equipment as the operators’ visibility is restricted.

Please know that the public are not allowed to plow snow from a municipal road. Contact the MD at 403.652.2390 to report a road that requires plowing.

The MD does not plow private driveways.

PLEASE DO NOT PLOW SNOW FROM THE APPROACH ACROSS THE ROAD INTO THE OPPOSITE DITCH.

When clearing any driveway, please deposit the plowed snow on the parcel, not on the approach. Any snow remaining on the approach is to be plowed to the RIGHT SIDE of the approach. DO NOT deposit/pile snow along the shoulder of a municipal road because it creates a significant hazard to the traveling public.

In the hamlets of Cayley and Blackie, it is the responsibility of the residents with fronting sidewalks to clear them off following a snow event.

COMMUNITY

100 km Walk a Success!

Kidney March thanks the residents of MD of Foothills for hosting us in your community and for keeping our Marchers and Crew safe! The Kidney Foundation of Canada is proud to share that the 5th annual Kidney March surpassed all of our goals including community engagement and funds raised. While donations are still being accepted, the $763,000 already received will make great strides in support of kidney disease prevention, lifesaving research, patient support programs, and organ donation initiatives.

Join us to plant the boldest flag humanity has ever attempted in the fight against kidney disease and the appeal for organ donation. Registration to join us as a Marcher or Crew Member is now open for 2015.

Visit kidneymarch.ca to learn more.

Thank you for your continued support to keep the Kidney March community safe!

FOOTHILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Safety in the Kitchen

Most home fires and fire-related injuries start in the kitchen and are the result of overheated cooking oil, grease or fat. One way to avoid this is to use a skillet or deep-fat fryer that’s temperature controlled.

These appliances are designed to restrict temperatures to below 200°C., which is the temperature at which most cooking oil begins to vaporize and pose a combustion risk. Should you experience a stovetop grease or cooking oil fire, follow these steps:

• Cover the pan with a lid, which will deprive the fire of oxygen. Immediately turn off the heat source.

• Never throw water on a grease fire, as this will cause an explosion. For shallow fires, cover with baking soda. Don’t use flour, as this can also be explosive.

• Don’t turn on the overhead fan. This may cause the fire to spread.

• Make sure that your home smoke detectors and CO detectors have been tested and are in proper working order.

MD Foothills Alert System

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HUMAN RESOURCES

New Personnel: (permanent employees only)
Marion Reader
PW Reception/Data Entry Clerk
Khristine Moorman
Tax/Utilities Clerk
Lauchena Boutilier-Wiebe
Landfill Labourer
Kaid Robson
Heritage Pointe Firefighter
Ahmed Awad, GIS Technician

Goodbye to:
Mike Robinson, Public Works
Steve Niles, Utilities (water/sewer)
Adham Ibrahim, Public Works
Joel Fournie
Firefighter Heritage Pointe
Doug Elliott, Landfill
Ken Leibel, Welder, Retired
John Deagle, Landfill Manager, Retired
Tammy Verch, Landfill Equipment Operator

Cemeteries Operated by the MD of Foothills
The MD of Foothills maintains and operates the Blackie, Cayley and Foothills Cemeteries. The Foothills Cemetery expansion continues.
Cemetery Specialist Candace Rogers can be contacted for more information at 403.852.0500.

2014 Municipal Maps Available
Municipal Maps are available in a folded or wall map format for $15 each + GST. For an aerial view of your property, email robert.miller@mdfoothills.com or call 403.603.6217.

Keeping You Informed - a digital information newsletter.
Subscribe to our email list to be kept informed about MD initiatives. Sign up at mdfoothills.com.

Seasonal Recruitment
PUBLIC WORKS

- Grader and heavy equipment operators
- Labourers and flag people required for:
  - Road surfacing, road repairs, road construction and small project work
- Seasonal work term: April 2015 – October 2015
- Health benefits provided

The M.D of Foothills No. 31 is accepting resumes for the 2015 seasonal work term.
Please submit your resume to: opportunities@mdfoothills.com

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