



# THE Wilderness IS OUR BACK YARD

## SCHEDULED OFFICE CLOSURE - OCT. 14

Please note that the Saddle Hills County Admin. Building will be closed on **Monday, October 14, 2024**, for Thanksgiving. We will re-open at 8:15 a.m., on Tuesday, October 15.

## NOTICE: ASSESSMENT SERVICES

Saddle Hills County has appointed Aaron Steblyk with Compass Assessment as the new Assessor for Saddle Hills County. We are currently making some changes to the delivery of Assessment Services in the County and thank you for your continued patience and cooperation as we navigate this transition period. More information will be provided, as available. To contact Assessment, please call (780) 469-5552 or email [information@compassassessment.com](mailto:information@compassassessment.com)

## UPCOMING 2024 TAX PENALTY

A reminder to ratepayers, that a 6% penalty will be applied to outstanding 2024 property taxes, on November 1, 2024. To avoid this penalty, please have all outstanding payments into our office by **October 31, 2024**. Payments can be made online through most financial institutions or by visiting us at the office. We accept credit cards, debit cards, and cheques.

## CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

- Slide repair is underway by the Doe River Bridge, on Range Road 134.
- Bridge culvert replacement on the Letersky Drainage Ditch began September 20, 2024. Range Road 72 is closed from Township Road 800 to Township Road 794 for construction. The road should re-open on **October 15, 2024**.
- Re-gravelling work continues on County roads.

**Please watch out for workers and large equipment, slow down, and drive with caution through all construction zones.**

## REMINDER: PERMITS REQUIRED FOR DITCHING

A friendly reminder that permits are required for any work carried out in County ditches and Rights-of-Way. It is the responsibility of the landowner to contact the County prior to any proposed work. Thank you for your cooperation.

## CHILDCARE SUBSIDY

Did you know that Saddle Hills County offers a Childcare Subsidy to eligible residents? We know how hard it can be to juggle life when returning to work with young children. For more information, contact FCSS at [fcss@saddlehills.ab.ca](mailto:fcss@saddlehills.ab.ca) or visit our website at [saddlehills.ab.ca/childcare](http://saddlehills.ab.ca/childcare)



## COUNTY CALENDAR: OCTOBER 2024

Oct. 8, 8:30 a.m.	Municipal Planning Commission
Oct. 8, 9:00 a.m.	Regular Council Meeting
Oct. 22, 8:30 a.m.	Municipal Planning Commission
Oct. 22, 9:00 a.m.	Regular Council Meeting
Oct. 24, 6:00 p.m.	Agricultural Service Board Meeting

## ALUS - GET INVOLVED!

Are you interested in conducting an ALUS project on your land or sharing your knowledge with the community? ALUS Expressions of Interest and ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee Applications are now open. Learn more about the ALUS program, requirements, and get involved at [saddlehills.ab.ca/ALUS](http://saddlehills.ab.ca/ALUS)

## TREE SEEDLING ORDERS OPEN FOR 2025

Do you want to plant trees on your property? Our Tree Seedling Program for residents is in its third year, and orders are now open! Available species and more information on the program, including pricing, can be found at [saddlehills.ab.ca/Tree-Seedlings](http://saddlehills.ab.ca/Tree-Seedlings)

## NEW CEMETERY CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM

Saddle Hills County is now accepting applications for the Cemetery Capital Grant Program. This new program is intended to provide funding to cemeteries located within Saddle Hills County for capital projects, such as repairs to existing grounds and facilities or new construction on the grounds. For more details about the grant and the application process, please visit the County's website at [saddlehills.ab.ca/grants](http://saddlehills.ab.ca/grants). The deadline for applications is **November 1, 2024**.

## 2025 GRANTS - ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Saddle Hills County is now accepting applications for 2025 Capital, Operating, Community Signs, and Cemetery Grants. Any community group or organization wishing to apply, should complete the relevant application on the County's website at [saddlehills.ab.ca/grants](http://saddlehills.ab.ca/grants). The deadline for applications is **October 15, 2024**.

**Please note, that funding for eligible Operating Grants has increased from 75% to 85%.**

## 2025 FCSS GRANTS - ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Saddle Hills County is now accepting applications for the 2025 FCSS Grant Program. Any organization in the County may apply for programming based on the provincial requirements, full details of which can be found on our website at [saddlehills.ab.ca/fcss-grants](http://saddlehills.ab.ca/fcss-grants). The deadline for applications is **November 30, 2024**.

## 2024 IT EQUIPMENT AUCTION

The County has a variety of used IT equipment available for purchase by sealed bid. An equipment catalogue and bid sheet are available on our website at [saddlehills.ab.ca/2024-equipment-auction](http://saddlehills.ab.ca/2024-equipment-auction), or at our office. The highest bid for each item will be accepted, however; the highest bidder of multiple items will have the option to accept any or all of their highest bids. Please be advised that bids will be taxable and GST added. The deadline to submit sealed bids is **October 25, 2024**, at 2 p.m. Bidders must pay for and collect equipment by November 8, 2024. For more information, please contact our office.

## PEACE OFFICER CONTACT DETAILS

If you need to contact our Peace Officer with a Bylaw infraction or concern please use the dedicated complaints line: (780) 506-0109 **Please note if it is an emergency or criminal offence call 911 or contact the RCMP.**



## RURAL POTABLE WATER PROGRAM

Making sure residents have access to clean and safe water is a top priority for Saddle Hills County. If you are interested in having your property hooked-up to the County's expanding rural potable water system, at no connection charge, please complete a Rural Potable Water Servicing Agreement, available on our website, by scanning the QR code, or at the County office. For more information: **Darren Lubeck (780) 864-3760**



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