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## Bonanza/Bay Tree Waterline Construction Update

This winter the first County residents will be hooked up to the municipal potable water supply in the Bonanza/Bay Tree area.

The Rural Potable Water Initiative has been a priority of Council’s for several years. It began with the construction of water treatment plants and truck fill stations at Ksituan and Bonanza which have reduced the distance residents need to drive for potable water.

Work on the Savanna water treatment plant and truck fill began in the fall of 2019 and the project is expected to be complete by the fall of 2020.

For more information on the Rural Potable Water Initiative, please turn to pages 6–9.

## Council Declares Municipal Agricultural Disaster

Saddle Hills County Council declared a Municipal Agricultural Disaster at the November 5th, 2019 Council Meeting.

The declaration of an agricultural disaster is a gateway to lobby the Provincial and Federal Governments to assist producers. The declaration displays Councils unwavering support for Saddle Hills County agricultural producers.

## New Corporate Services Director



Donna Anderson joined the Saddle Hills County team as Director of Corporate Services on Monday, September 23. She replaces Cary Merritt who took on the duties of CAO on August 14, 2019.

Her background includes local government consulting services supporting counties, towns and villages throughout Alberta as a business consultant and directly for the Town of Rocky Mountain House as the town’s Director of Corporate Services.

She was attracted to Saddle Hills County by the prospect of being a part of a team and working with a council that is collaborative, hardworking, and resourceful.

“I look forward to participating in accomplishing the strategic goals of the organization in a sustainable manner,” she says.

Anderson is a proud grandmother of seven grandchildren. Her two children and their families live in central Alberta.

# 2019 Resident Survey Summary

In August and September of 2019 Saddle Hills County, in collaboration with Yardstick Research, conducted its third annual Resident Satisfaction Survey. The results of the survey were presented to Council on November 5, 2019.

Results of this year's survey can be found, along with the results of the last two years' surveys, on the County website. Printed copies are available at the County office.

## How do you feel about your County?

# 2019 Citizen Satisfaction Survey Results

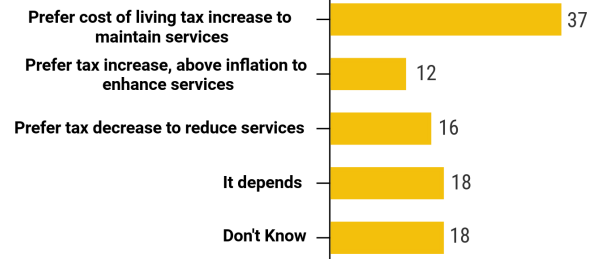
In collaboration with Yardstick Research, we asked our residents their thoughts on living in the County of Saddle Hills\*



### County Strengths & Areas for Improvement:

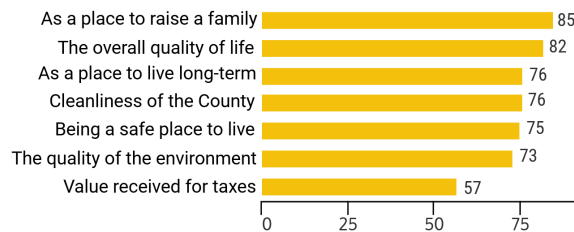


### Balancing Taxes and Service Delivery: (% of respondents)



### Perceived Quality of Life

(% of respondents who rated each as 4 or 5 out of 5)



# 3 in 4



Are satisfied with County Employees

at least

# 3 in 4

agreed that employees...

- Were courteous
- Showed interest in their needs
- Were accessible
- Were knowledgeable
- Were responsive

### Effectiveness of Communication



Central Peace Signal (85%)



Conversations with others (85%)



Roadside Signs (77%)



Brochures (77%)

### Using Online Methods to Stay Informed



Emailed Electronic Newsletter 50%



Facebook 33%



YouTube 9%



RSS Feed 5%



Twitter 3%

\*200 residents completed the survey, yielding a margin of error no greater than +/- 6.6% at the 95% confidence level

Yardstick Research  
www.yardstickresearch.com



# Operations – Major Projects Summary

The operations department worked hard in 2019 to complete this year's road program despite challenging weather.

## Some of the highlights include:

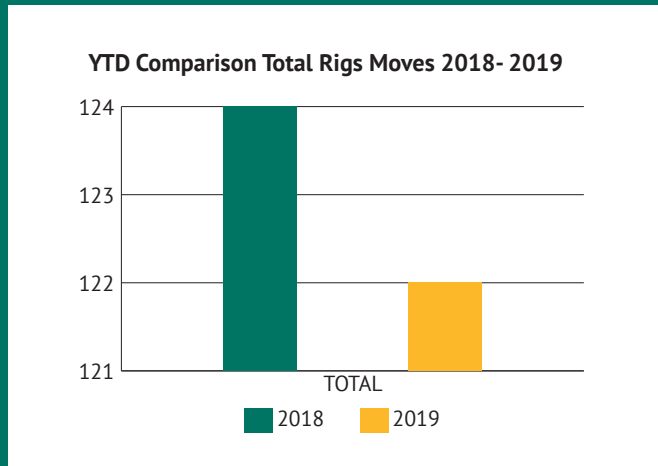
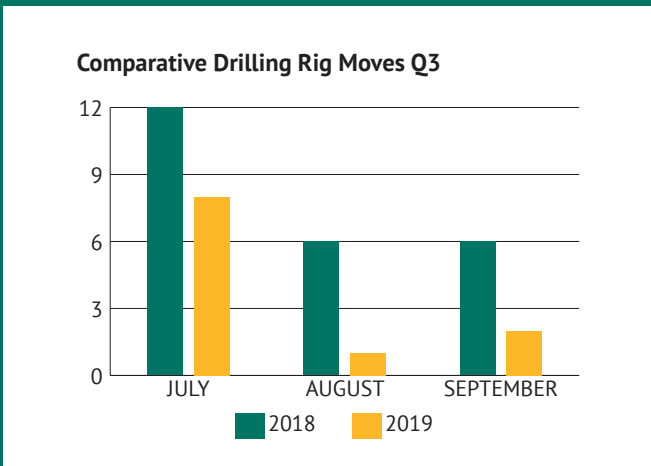
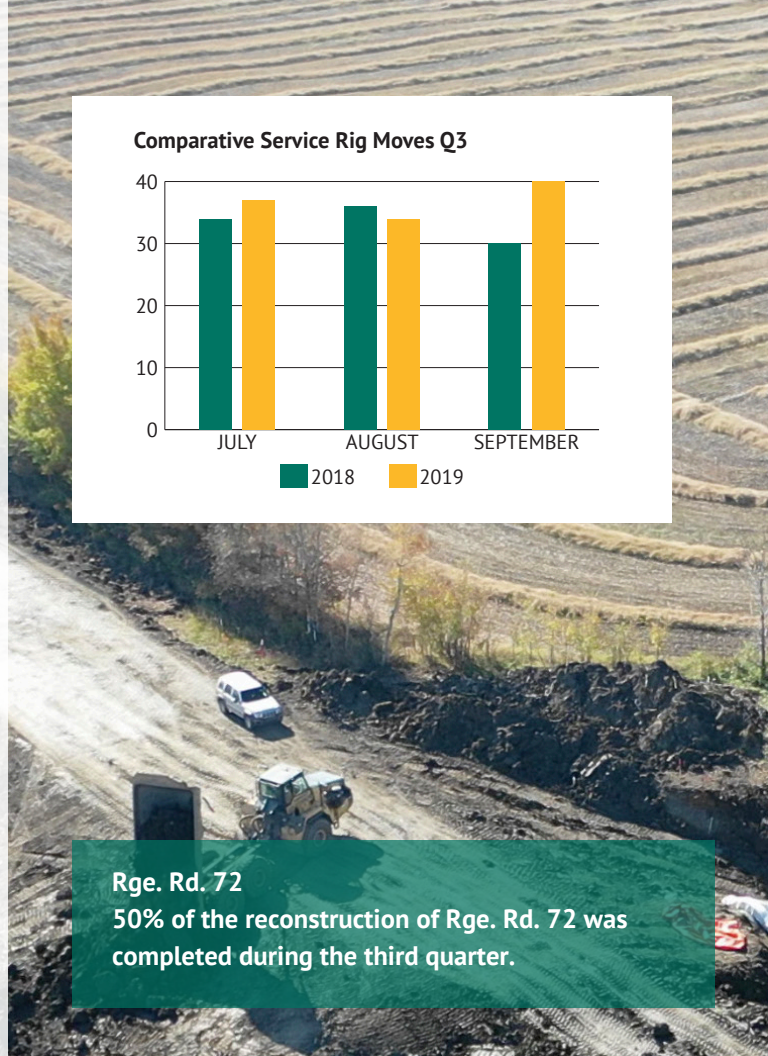
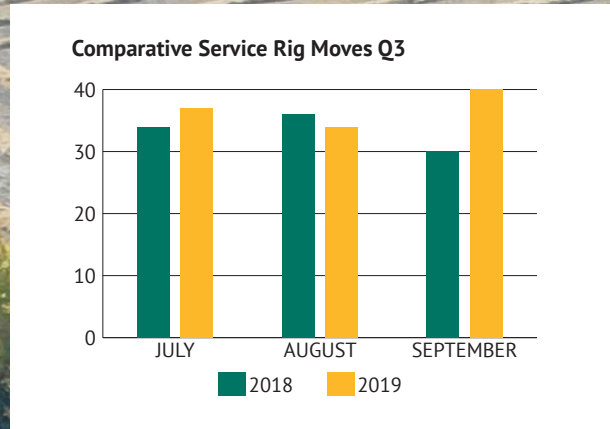
- Road Rehab Program 33% complete
- Graveling 99% complete
- Dust control Complete
- Culvert replacements 143 culverts\*  
\*Including Road rehab and approach upgrades

### Bridge Files

- BF 86322 (SE 04-80-07-W6) Complete
- BF 78845 (NW 04-79-10-W6) Complete
- BF 86168 (NW 06-80-07-W6) Complete
- BF 74437 (SW 23-80-07-W6) 60% complete

### Construction Projects

- Turning lane Hwy 725 & Twp. Rd. 811 99% complete
- Rge. Rd. 72 Reconstruction 50% complete
- Twp. Rd. 824 Complete
- Rge. Rd. 102 Asphalt Paving Complete







**Twp. Rd. 811  
Turning lanes were added  
to the intersection of Hwy #725  
and Twp. Rd. 811.**



**Fourth Creek Pit Road  
Crews fixed the corner of the road into the Fourth Creek gravel pit.**





# What Municipal Water Means To You

*Continued from page 2*

With the successful connection of residences along the Bonanza-Bay Tree waterline this fall, the Environmental Services Department has put together a summary of just what residents can expect when they hook up to the main waterline.

## Why Potable Water?

The value and importance of potable drinking water is difficult to understate. Water is a fundamental human need. Each person on Earth requires at least 50 liters of clean, safe water a day for drinking, cooking, and simply keeping themselves clean.

### Water connects us:

- Water is vital for families
- Water grows jobs and opportunity
- Water keeps us safe and healthy, and
- Water sustains our environment

### A day without water can mean:

- No drinking
- No flushing
- No brushing
- No showers, laundry
- No putting out fires
- No watering lawns and gardens
- Increased risk of waterborne disease

In rural communities such as Saddle Hills County, well water is often inaccessible due to the roughly 800 ft. of clay, which separates the water table from the land surface. As a result, rural residents have had to rely on dug water for non-drinking water and either bottled or truck fill supplied water for drinking purposes.



## What Does It Cost?

Once the infrastructure is in place in the form of water treatment plants and waterlines, the cost for residents to hook up to the system breaks down as follows:

1. \$10,000 to connect to the main waterline\*
2. \$5,711\*\* for the meta vault where required
3. A monthly bill based on consumption

\* \$10,000 during the mainline installation phase.  
\$15,000 if connected at a later date.

\*\* 2019 cost

The average cost of potable water delivered to your home is estimated at about a penny per gallon of water (\$4.00 per m<sup>3</sup>) or (\$4.00 per 220 imperial gallons).

## Where Does Potable Water Come From?

In Saddle Hills County our municipal water is drawn from surface water. It is then treated and tested and travels through an extensive pipe system to be available at the tap. The miles of existing pipeline are constantly being replaced and upgraded and water specialists, such as scientists, engineers and maintenance crews are working tirelessly to make sure water is always available.

The County's Environment Services team manages our water supply to ensure the system remains viable and that residents are supplied with safe, healthy drinking water right out of their taps.



## You've Got Potable Water ... Now What?

Once you are connected to the municipal water system, you will be supplied with reliable, safe, clean water in your home for which you will receive a monthly bill from the County based on the amount of potable water you consume.

The monthly cost varies with consumption but compares favourably with the time and cost of buying potable water in bulk or bottled.

Here are a few suggestions for keeping your water bill as low as possible:

- Inspect your appliances. Keep an eye out for leaks and drips, as these pile up quickly over time.
- Install low-flow toilets, or convert your current ones
- Add aerators to your faucets
- Upgrade to Energy Star appliances
- Take shorter showers
- Use your dishwasher

## Your potable water team

Saddle Hills County has a professionally trained team of experts who are responsible for maintaining and managing our water supply 24/7 and ensuring our residents and businesses can rely on a safe, consistent and trustworthy supply of potable water.



**Darren Lubeck**  
Manager, Environmental Services



**Maureen Hoffert**  
Utilities Foreman



**Doug Nickisch**  
Utilities Officer



**Chelsea Brett**  
Utilities Officer



**Pat Maxwell**  
Utilities Officer



**Joel Mercier**  
Utilities Officer

## Tap Water Facts

**Serving Size;** Any size

**Servings per property:** Nearly Limitless

### Dependable

	% Daily Value
Reliable	100%
Safe to drink	100%
Deliverable all hours	100%

### Flexible

Water when you want it	100%
Available from every tap	100%
Use as much as you need	100%

### Benefits

Public health—safe to drink	100%
Quality of life—gardens, parks, washing	100%
Supports economic growth	100%

### Cost\*

Compared to bottled water	- 99%
Compared to truck fill water	- 40%

\*Cost comparisons include time, fuel and purchase price of water.





# Water & Economic Growth

Investing in water potable water management and supply is absolutely essential for enabling sustained economic growth.

## How does water help foster economic growth?

Better access to clean water, sanitation services and water management creates tremendous opportunity for the poor and is a progressive strategy for economic growth.

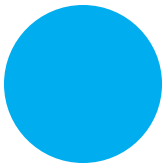
- Improved water supply and management boosts economic growth
- The economic benefits of improved water supply far outweigh the investment costs
- Family and Community
- Investing in water is good business – improved access to a secure potable water supply contributes significantly to increased production and productivity within economic sectors and encourages business and industry to invest in our community.

## Water Saving Tips

### Every Drop Counts

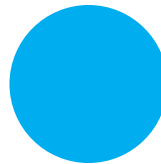
With the help of Accu-Flo Meter Service Ltd. we were able to put together some helpful Water Saving Tips which should assist residents in conserving water and keeping their water bills low.

### Water Saving Tips



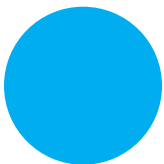
#### Be a leak detector

Check all of your taps, pipes and toilets for leaks. If you find a leak, fix it immediately. Leaks can waste 14% of all the water we use in our home.



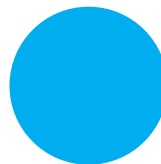
#### Keep drinking water in the fridge

Keep a container of drinking water in the refrigerator. Running the tap to cool water for drinking loses 12 litres per minute.



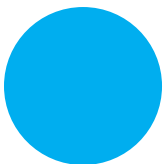
#### Check your toilets for leaks

Put a little food colouring in your toilet tank. If it appears in the bowl without flushing then you have a leak which should be repaired immediately.



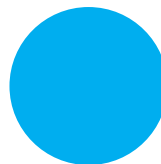
#### Save while brushing

Turn off the water while brushing your teeth. Before brushing, wet your tooth brush, and fill a tumbler to rinse your mouth. Savings—up to 12 litres per minute.



#### Make every flush count

The toilet is the biggest water user in the house.



#### Save while cleaning

Don't let the faucet run while cleaning vegetables. Instead, rinse them in a sink or bowl filled with clean water. Savings—up to 12 litres per minute.





Aerial view of the construction underway on the reservoirs for the Savannah water treatment plant.

## Reduce

### Kitchen & Laundry

Run washing machines and dishwashers with full loads only. Keep a bottle of water in the refrigerator or use ice instead of running the tap for cold water.

### Bathroom

Take shorter shower. Only partially fill your bathtub for baths. During showers, turn off the flow while soaping or shampooing. Do not run water while brushing your teeth. Fill a glass for rinsing.

### Retrofit

Standard showerheads have flow rates of up to 20 litres per minute. Changing to a low-flow showerhead can reduce your water flow by half.



## Where to from here?

### Council's Rural Potable Water Initiative

The Bonanza – Bay Tree Rural Potable Water Project is well underway and the County is in the early planning stages for possible future expansion of the rural potable water system.

The reservoirs for the Savannah water treatment plant are completed and construction on the new Savannah water treatment plant began in the fall of 2019.

Each year Council considers possible expansion of the Rural Potable Water Initiative based on a number of factors.

If Council deems the responses from an area within the County to represent sufficient public demand and the project meets the other criteria of Council's policy, they may include a new water line expansion to that area in their following year's budget.

If you would like to learn more about what signing on to the County's Rural Potable Water Initiative would mean for you and the people in your area, simply talk to your Councillor or call the County's Manager of Environmental Service, Darren Lubeck at 780-864-3760.



# Agricultural Service Board Seasonal Summary

2019 was a wet, busy and exciting year in the Agricultural Services Department. The department began to approach weed inspections from a more positive perspective leading to an increase in co-operation with ratepayers.

## Herbicide Application

Over 1,200 hectares of roadside ditch received herbicide application compared with 700 hectares in 2018. Spot spraying helped control a number of small infestations of noxious or prohibited noxious weeds along with brush. Over 50 miles of Fence Line Agreements were sprayed in the spring and summer and there were two separate releases of bio-control in the County to control Canada Thistle. All County roadsides received a shoulder-mow.

Mowing took longer than normal due to wet weather. All roadside mowing was completed by early September. County-owned infrastructure was mowed in-house.

## Pest Inspections

Over 25 canola fields were inspected for Virulent Black leg and Clubroot. No clubroot was found and very low levels of Virulent Blackleg were found.

County staff helped Alberta Agriculture and Forestry with the Province's Pea Disease and Grasshopper Surveys. Pea disease levels were low. Grasshopper Surveys showed very high populations but field reports and inspections revealed minimal impact to crops and pastures. Some damage was evident.

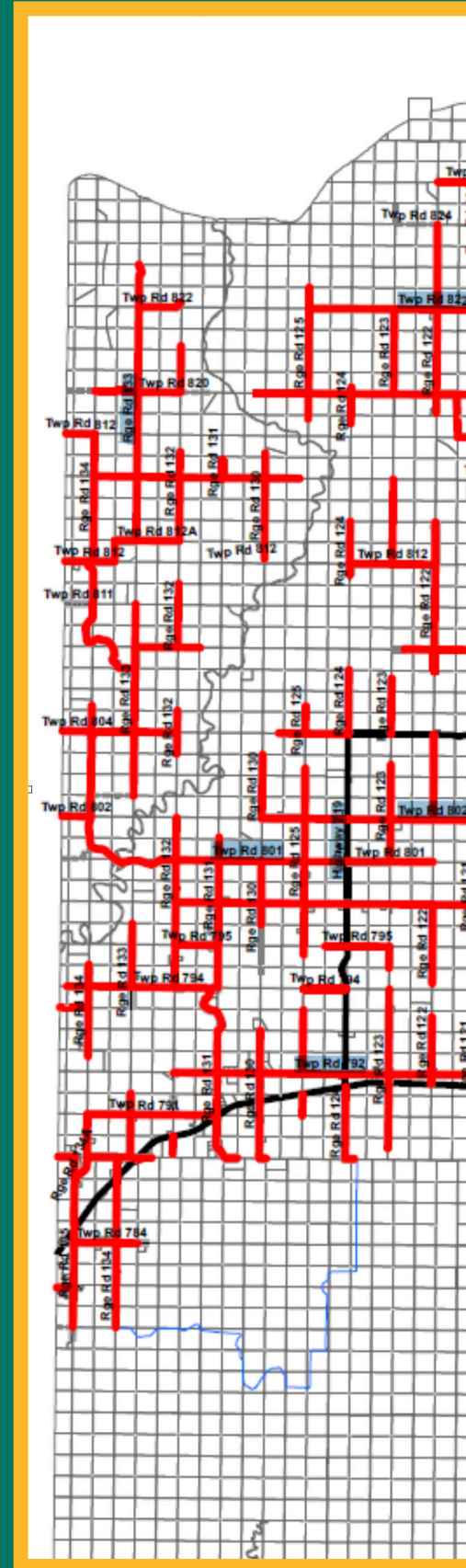
A large spike in Bertha Armyworm numbers were noticed in August. Producers were encouraged to monitor fields to ensure the economic threshold was reached before taking action.

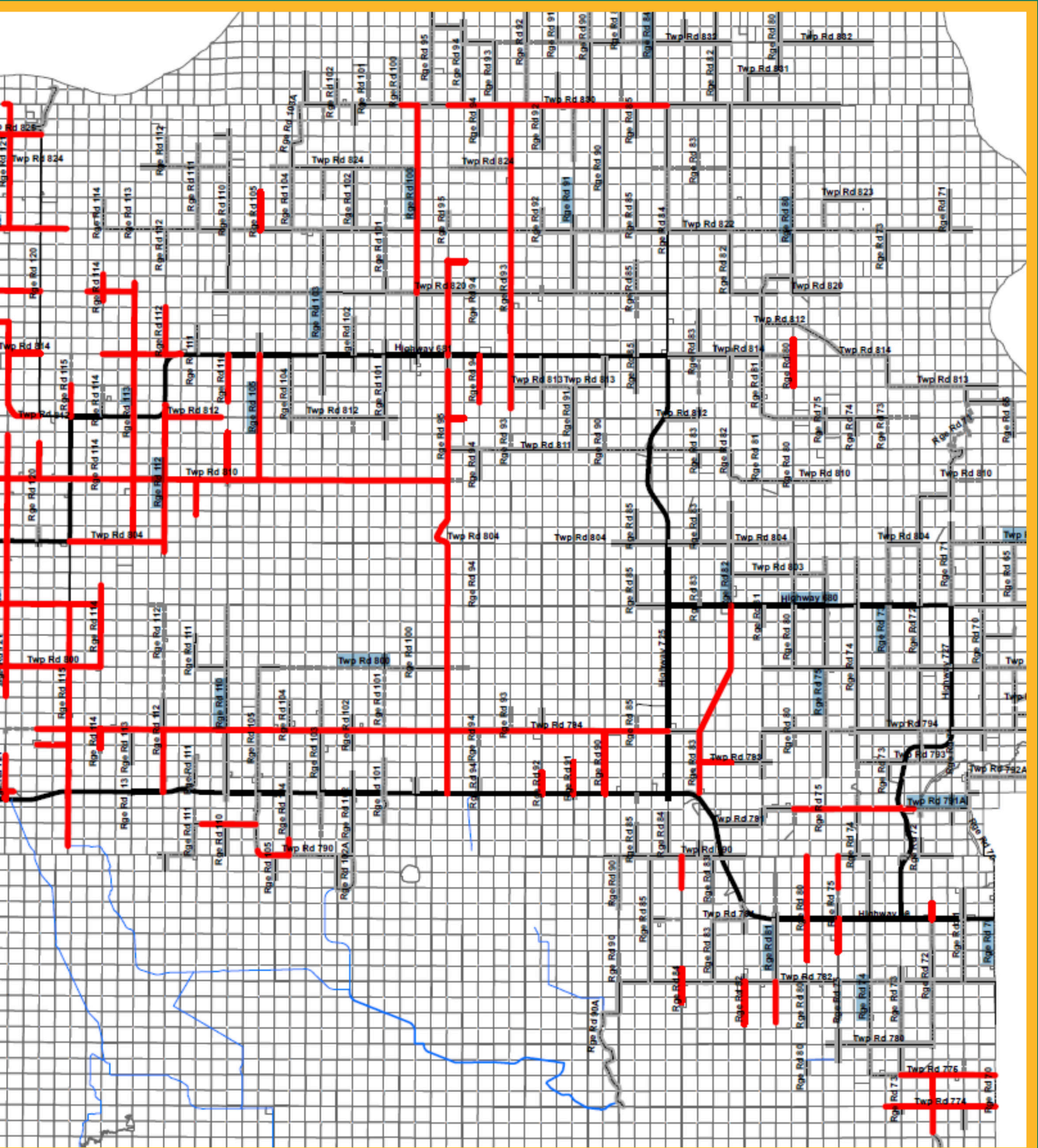
## Weed Inspections

Over 1,300 weed inspections occurred and 57 weed notices were issued - down from 82 in 2018. Most weed notices were issued for Scentless Chamomile and Orange Hawkweed. For smaller infestations, staff picked and controlled the weeds before issuing a notice.

## Enforcement

Three Enforcement Notices were issued - one for Scentless Chamomile, one for Orange Hawkweed and one for Toadflax. Compliance is being encouraged for re-occurring Scentless Chamomile enforcements over the last four years.







## Plans Moving Forward



### Better Cell Coverage And High-speed Internet Options

Saddle Hills County's partnerships with TELUS to build two new towers and have TELUS co-locate on one of the Saddle Hills County towers, are moving ahead as planned with an estimated completion date of March 2020. The purpose of the partnership is to provide additional cellular coverage and high-speed internet options for County residents.

The new towers will be built in the Bay Tree and Blueberry Mountain areas. Additional mobility equipment will be added to the County's Sneddon Creek tower located in the Cotillion area.



### Reconstruction of Rge. Rd. 72

One of major projects for the Operations Department in 2019 was the reconstruction of Rge. Rd. 72 north of Hwy. 680.

## New Economic Development Coordinator – Nathan Olson



Nathan Olson joined Saddle Hills County on October 15, 2019 as the County's new Economic Development Coordinator.

Olson has a graduate degree in Public Administration and worked for the City of Saskatoon. He has been searching for a role in a rural environment.

"I grew up in southwest Saskatchewan on a grain farm close to Swift Current and though I have lived outside of the province for over 12 years (including in Alberta) I was back in the area recently," says Olson.

Olson says he operated a John Deere 9770 combine for a local farmer near Lake Diefenbaker, with about 11,000 acres.

"We were cutting malt barley and lentils. Prior to that, I operated a Case IH 4530 Floater doing contract work spreading granular chemical and fertilizer for the Pioneer Co-op," he says.

Olson says that every person and every region benefits from taking the time to identify and develop their core strengths and broad potential.

"Essentially, I hope to make a tangible contribution to this larger cause in Saddle Hills County."

# Students Enjoy Career Discovery Day

By Carla Day

On October 22, 2019 the Grade 3-8 students from Savanna, Bonanza and Woking as well as many teachers, TA's, parents and the County's Community Development Coordinator met in Spirit River and started a career discovery tour.

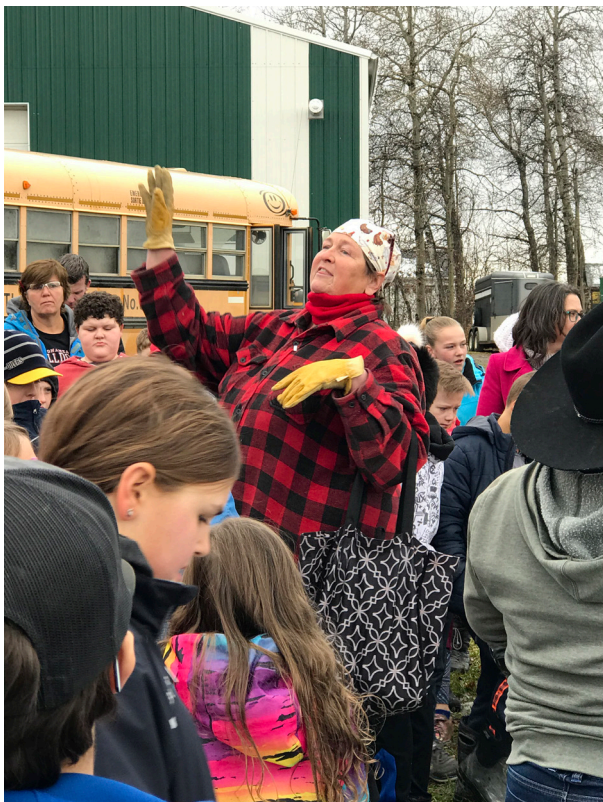
The group toured the new Central Peace Health Centre where Stacey Carey introduced the staff at the center. Everyone learned that there are many fields of employment in the medical center other than becoming a doctor or a nurse. Next, the group met Devon Jarvis at Peace Region Wellness. This young lady was born and raised in Spirit River, went off to Edmonton to do her schooling, returned to her hometown to open her own business and she couldn't be happier. Some of the students were even treated to a quick massage.

The Lab at the Spirit River Hospital was next where Lisa Hudson and Kelsey showed everyone the blood bank; how they test blood; the x-ray machine along with all their machines that help them to diagnose patients and help the doctors decide on the best treatment. The group then met the pharmacist at Rexall Pharmacy. While he was working, he explained what they do while filling prescriptions to ensure everyone is safe while receiving treatment; the rules they follow to make sure you are on the correct medications, dosages, allergies, along with many other policies designed to keep us safe. Flu shots are available right in the store.

The three buses then loaded up and headed west to the Gordondale Hall where everyone was treated to

lunch by the Gordondale Community Club. Peace Officer Norm Backer spoke about the different roles his job entails and described the way he works with the RMCP to ensure resident safety. Backer explained the education required to become a Peace Officer.

Diamond B Builders owner, Wendall Brubaker talked about his business and how he is building the new facility in Gordondale. He explained that young people can go away from the County to get a post secondary education and then return to work at home! Everyone got a tour of the new facility and a souvenir of their visit.



Heather Porrill of Star Bright farms and Buttery Bites greets students from County schools during Career Discovery Opportunity Day.

Dave and Bree Hamilton of the Baytree Store showed everyone the skating rink, which they and others have built for community use. Students then toured the store and kitchen and Dave explained how important it is to support local business in our own County and the importance of working with each other to sustain local businesses.

The last stop of the day was Star Bright Farms where Heather Porill explained how she has built her farm so that she can live and work right at home. Heather spoke of how important it is to stay on our family farms and diversify it into businesses that will support both the farm and our families. Everyone went home with Buttery Bites candies. At the end of the day, the buses

were loaded one last time to head back to everyone's respective schools.

Everyone was just a bit dirty from the mud, tired from a full-packed day and excited about all the future career options that lay ahead.



## New County Website Launching Soon

Saddle Hills County is launching a new website, which is designed to be more user-friendly and help residents, businesses and industry deal with the County in a more effective, quicker and easier manner.

The County engaged the services of eSolutions Group to build a sleek, modern and efficient website which connects users of the website to the information they require in as few clicks as possible.

One of the keys to that goal is the Search Bar, which is a key component of the new website.

The Search Bar is the most prominent feature users encounter when they land on the site and users are encouraged to simply type in what they are looking for and hit 'Enter.'

The search function is designed so that users are spared the task of trying to figure out where the

information they seek is filed on the website and simply take them directly to it.

In addition to the search function, the new website includes an A to Z Services feature which performs the same function by listing all of our services alphabetically.

The new website also features the Report an Issue function which allows users to quickly fill out a form on the website which automatically connects them to the department within the County that can help resolve the issue they are reporting. The function will help the County to live up to its commitment of getting back to residents within two business days and will help the County prioritize and deal with issues reported to them in a more effective manner. The website was also designed with the County's economic growth and development objectives in mind. Businesses and individuals

will find it easier to discover what they need to know about the County.

A Business, Community and Attractions Directory allows local businesses to list their company, the services they provide and their contact information. The directory also includes a complete list of community organizations and contact information as well as a list of local attractions to encourage travelers.

There are many more features designed to simplify and expedite your relationship with the County. Please check out the new site and tell us what you think. We built it with you in mind.

The new website will be launched in January of 2020. Watch for the announcements in the Signal newspaper and on our social media sites.

# Designed with you in mind



## Your new website is almost ready and we're hoping you'll use it ... a lot

We've completely re-designed the Saddle Hills County website. Our goal was to make sure you can find what you're looking for as quickly and easily as possible.

We'll be launching it soon.

Please tell us if we've succeeded.

## The Search Bar is the Key



### The Search Bar

The Search Bar is the central part of the whole experience.

Simply type in what you're looking for and our search function will find it for you. The A to Z Services feature performs the same function by listing all of our services alphabetically.

### Report an Issue

The Report an Issue button will get you through to the department which can help you. We will get back to you within two business days.

We want to make your interactions with the County as quick and helpful as possible. We're here to serve you!

### Lots more to discover

There's lots more to discover on your new site so please, give it a test drive and tell us what you think.

We built it with you in mind and we will continue to improve it based on what you tell us.

We hope you like it.

Welcome home  
[www.saddlehills.ab.ca](http://www.saddlehills.ab.ca)



### **Supporting Local Contractors**

Council directed Administration to research the possibilities of ensuring that local contractors are given adequate opportunities to be considered as sub-contractors on County projects.

### **Recycle Awareness Program**

Council approved the Recycle Awareness Program and directed Administration to implement the program. Council also directed Administration to investigate options for informational resources, merchandising to promote the program, and current as well as potential options to rent out bins for metal collection.

### **2019 Bursaries Awarded**

Council awarded \$21,500 to local students through the 2019 Saddle Hills County Bursary Program. Two students also qualified for the Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC). Students receiving bursaries included: Tymeia McCarlie, Matthew McNaught, Rylan Bourassa, Cherie Urness, Brayden Boychuk and Jordan Sanregret. Absent: Haley McNaught, Moira McRann.

(Please see story and pics on page 19)

### **Savanna Mailbox Access**

Council directed administration to look into the maintenance of the Canada Post mailbox access at the former Savanna store.

### **Emergency Preparedness Funding**

Administration was directed to apply for the Emergency Preparedness Funding under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership program. \$25,000 in grant offset funding was to be included in the 2020 budget.

### **Clubroot Testing**

Administration was directed to proceed with a soil-sampling project and sample two fields in every agricultural township to have it sent out for clubroot testing. The County will cover the cost of lab sampling and shipping.

### **Single-Phase Power To Cotillion Campground**

Council directed Administration to proceed with the construction of a single-phase power line to service Cotillion Campground.

### **STARS Says 'Thank You'**

Glenda Farnden from STARS was at the Saddle Hills County Council meeting on September 10, 2019 to provide Council with her annual update including vital information happening within STARS and Saddle Hills County as well as mission statistics pertinent to Saddle Hills County. (Please see story and pics on page 19)

### **G5 Intermunicipal Economic Development Advisory Committee (IEDAC)**

Saddle Hills County will participate in the new G5 Intermunicipal Economic Development Advisory Committee (IEDAC). The G5 group of municipalities includes: Saddle Hills County, the MD of Spirit River, the Town of Spirit River, the Village of Rycroft, and Birch Hills County.

### **Alberta Goat Association Sponsorship**

Saddle Hills County became a Platinum sponsor (\$1,000) for the 2019 Alberta Goat Association Convention, which was held on November 8 - 10th, 2019 at Northlands Park in Edmonton.

### **Donation to Grande Prairie & District Victim Services**

Council approved a \$5,000 sponsorship to the Grande Prairie & District Victim Services which provides services to victims of crime and tragedy throughout the Central Peace. Three of the four volunteers in the area are from Saddle Hills County.

### Reeve Hubert, Deputy Reeve Smith Sworn In

Councillor Alvin Hubert (Ward 2) and Councillor Kristen Smith (Ward 3) were sworn in as Reeve and Deputy Reeve of Saddle Hills County on Tuesday, October 22, 2019.

Both were elected unanimously by their fellow councillors at the County's Organizational Meeting on Tuesday.

Hubert has been Reeve since 2013. Smith has been Deputy Reeve since 2015.

Reeve Hubert addressed Council saying that he was grateful for the vote of confidence and predicted a year of working together and unity of purpose and concern for each others' points of view.

"We have lots of good things ahead of us this year and a great opportunity to make things better for our residents," he said.

The Organizational Meeting is held once a year and is designed to provide Council with an opportunity to choose the councillors who will serve as Reeve and Deputy Reeve for the next year and for Council to choose representatives to sit on the various boards and committees of Council.



(Left to Right) Director of Planning and Information Systems and Commissioner of Oaths Laurie Jackson administers the official oath of office as Councillor Alvin Hubert is sworn in as Reeve.



(Left to Right) Director of Planning and Information Systems and Commissioner of Oaths Laurie Jackson administers the official oath of office as Councillor Kristen Smith is sworn in as Deputy Reeve.





## County Acquires Lease For Spring Lake Campground

Campers in the Grande Prairie and Central Peace regions were glad to find out that the Spring Lake Campground officially re-opened on Wednesday, August 28, 2019 after being closed this summer.

Saddle Hills County acquired the lease for the campground, the boat launch and the day use areas and will be operating the campground during the summer months.

The campground is on Spring Lake north of Grande Prairie. To get

there, from Highway 59 North of Hythe take range road 110 north and, at the T intersection, turn right (east) on township 750 for 800 m. Then take range road 105 north for approx. 5 km. Turn left at the sign. The campground is 3 km down the gravel road on the right hand side.

The campground shut down October 1, 2019 and will re-open in the spring of 2020.

## Help Us Build Our Trail System

In October Saddle Hills County launched its online Trail Survey. We want your input.

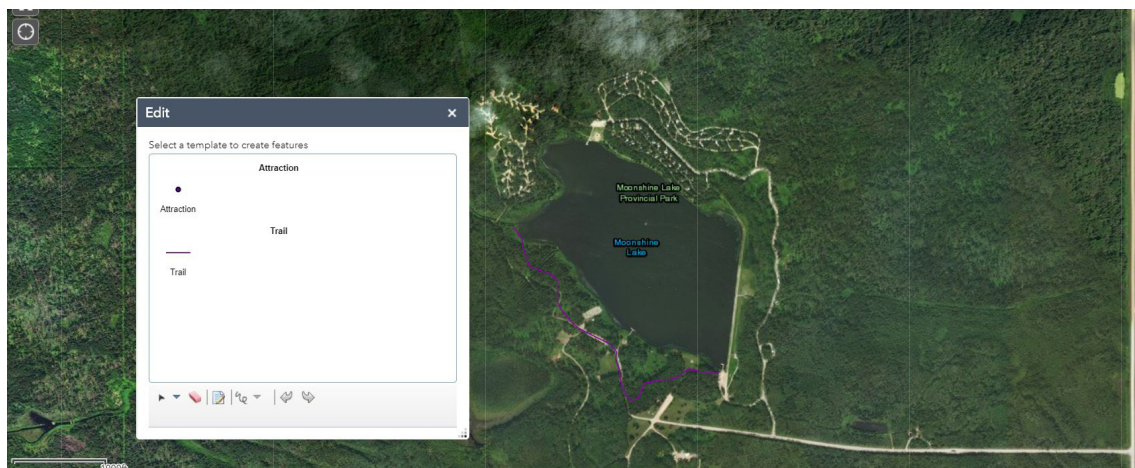
As part of our larger strategic goal of developing our trail system, we are finding out where all of our current trails are. Once we have an inventory of our trails, we can assess where our needs are, which trails to develop, and where we might create new trails in the future.

When you arrive at the survey website, you can draw the route of your favorite trails to show us where they run, and you can even add pictures to show us

the incredible sights of the County, or anything else noteworthy about the trail.

When you finish drawing the trail, it automatically saves and sends us the information, simple as that. Check out our instructional video for a more detailed guide on how to use the survey. With your help, we can make our trails cleaner, safer, and more accessible for everyone!

Visit the Saddle Hill County website [www.saddlehills.ab.ca](http://www.saddlehills.ab.ca)



# Council Provides Bursaries To County Students

On Tuesday, August 13, 2019, Saddle Hills County presented bursaries to a number of local students who are going on to seek post-secondary training and education. The bursaries were in the amount of \$3,000. Deputy Reeve Kristen Smith made the presentations on behalf of Council.

Recipients included:

- Tymeia McCarlie. Tymeia plans to attend Grande Prairie Regional College (GPRC) to

study psychology with eventual plans to earn her MA and PhD in Criminology.

- Matthew McNaught. Matthew is planning to study Soil Science at University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon
- Rylan Bourassa. Rylan will be attending Olds College to study Agriculture and Heavy Equipment.
- Cheri Urness. Cheri is attending Athabasca University to study Nursing.

- Brayden Boychuk. Brayden plans to study Agricultural Marketing at Olds College.
- Jordan Sanregret. Jordan is attending Athabasca University and is studying to be a Registered Nurse (RN)

Absent: Haley McNaught, is attending Thompson Rivers University, studying Communications, and playing volleyball. Moira McRann is enrolled in the University Transfer Program at GPRC studying Education.



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# STARS says 'Thank You' to Saddle Hills County

Glenda Farnden from STARS was at the Saddle Hills County Council meeting on September 10, 2019 to provide Council with her annual update including vital information happening within STARS and Saddle Hills County as well as mission statistics pertinent to Saddle Hills County. Farnden presented Council with a framed photograph of first responders transporting a patient to the STARS helicopter. The inscribed plaque on the photo says, "Saddle Hills County, Our Partners in Saving Lives. Thank you for your steadfast commitment to the STARS Municipal Initiative." STARS began in 1985. Known then as Lions Air Ambulance Service, it quickly grew to be a crucial part of life in the prairies. According to STARS, "It all began when a pregnant woman from a rural community died from blood loss, leaving a father alone with their newborn. For STARS founder Dr. Powell, her death was one too many. Something had to be done.

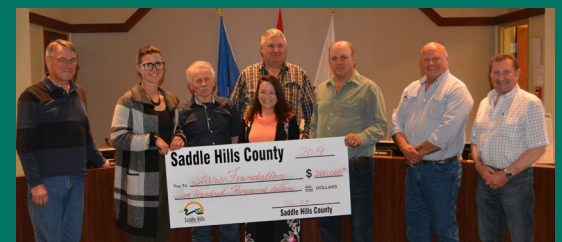
Motivated to change emergency care across rural Alberta, Dr. Powell and his colleagues created a helicopter air ambulance service, which was built and supported by the community.

"STARS team members continue to be motivated by our passion for saving more lives and our desire to be the disruptive innovator who contributes to transformation in the health-care system. STARS is a charitable, non-profit organization funded by what the organization refers to as 'allies': visionary individuals, organizations, businesses, event partners and governments. For more than 30 years, our success has been grounded in community partnerships and donations."

Saddle Hills County is one of many municipalities across the province of Alberta that supports STARS on an annual basis.



Members of Saddle Hills County Council welcomed Glenda Farnden of STARS to the September 10, 2019 Council meeting at which she expressed the thanks of the STARS organization with a framed photo of STARS first responders at work. Farnden posed with Council with a ceremonial cheque for \$200,000 representing the County's 2019 donation to STARS



(Left to right): Councillors Willis Fitzsimmons, Deputy Reeve Kristen Smith, Councillor Lawrence Andruchiw, Glenda Farnden, Councillor Ed Armagost, Reeve Alvin Hubert, Councillors Ken Titford and John Moen.





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