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### 2025 MUNICIPAL **ELECTION**

### THE NEXT MUNICIPAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 20, 2025.

An election will be held for each of the seven Councillor positions, representing each of the County's wards. The Reeve and Deputy Reeve are then elected from among the members of Council at the annual Organizational Meeting, Elections will be conducted in accordance with the Local Authorities Election Act and other applicable municipal bylaws and policies.



Due to changes made to the Local Authorities Election Act, this year's Municipal Election will run slightly differently to elections in the past.

Beginning this year, the nomination period opens on **January 1, 2025**.

Nomination period closes on Monday, September 22, 2025, at 12 p.m.

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO RUN

Candidates who plan to run in the 2025 Municipal Election, must also file a **Notice of Intent to Run** as a candidate, and can only accept campaign contributions and incur campaign expenses once this has been filed with the Returning Officer and they are added to the Register of Candidates.

To file your Notice of Intent, candidates must visit the Saddle Hills County Administration Building during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

To ensure that the Returning Officer will be available, we recommend arranging a delivery time in advance. This can be done by contacting our office, at (780) 864-3760.

### **NOMINATION PERIOD**

The nomination period runs from January 1, 2025 to September 22, 2025, at 12 p.m.

Candidates who are interested in running, can find more details in the Candidate Information Package, available online at saddlehills.ab.ca/2025-Election

### **NOMINATION FORMS**

Candidates are required to complete and submit the following forms in order to be nominated for election:

Nomination Paper and Candidate's Acceptance (Form 4) **Candidate Financial Information (Form 5)** 

Each nomination form must be complete and include the signatures of at least five (5) eligible electors.

Nomination papers must be filed with the Returning Officer at the Saddle Hills County Administration Building during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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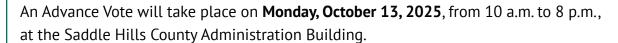
### **ELECTION BY ACCLAMATION**

If at the close of nominations, at 12 p.m. on Nomination Day, the number of candidates nominated for any office is the same as the number required to be elected, the Returning Officer will declare the candidate(s) to be acclaimed to the office for which they were nominated.



### VOTING & ELECTION DAY

### **ADVANCE VOTE**



### **ELECTION DAY**

Election Day will take place on Monday, October 20, 2025.

Every Voting Station will open promptly at 10 a.m., and will remain open continuously until 8 p.m.

Voting Stations will be located at the following facilities (subject to change):

**Gundy Hall** 

**Bonanza Community Hall** 

Savanna Rec. Plex

Saddle Hills County Administration Building

**Woking Community Hall** 

Eligible electors can vote at any Voting Station in the County, but are encouraged to vote at a station in their ward or the closest ward, if possible.

### **SPECIAL BALLOTS**

This year, Saddle Hills County voters have the option to vote by **Special Ballot** (i.e. mail-in ballot) during the 2025 Municipal Election.

Special Ballots are used when an elector, whose name is contained in the permanent electors register, is unable to vote at the Advance Vote or on Election Day.

If you require a Special Ballot for the 2025 Municipal Election, you must complete a Special Ballot Application.

Electors can apply for a special ballot:

- in person at the Saddle Hills County Administration Building
- by written request to: Returning Officer, Saddle Hills County, RR1, Spirit River, AB. TOH 3G0
- by phone, at (780) 864-3760
- by email, to admin@saddlehills.ab.ca
- by completing the online Special Ballot Application

There is also a fillable PDF version available for those who would like to submit this by email or print it and submit in person.

### The deadline for Special Ballot Applications is October 17, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

Completed Special Ballots must be received by 8:00 p.m., on Monday, October 20th, 2025 (Election Day), to be eligible. Special Ballots can be mailed to Saddle Hills County or dropped off at a Voting Station on Election Day.

Special Ballots will be sent out via mail at the beginning of September 2025. If you have not received your ballot by October 1, 2025, please get in touch with the Returning Officer.

When voting by Special Ballot, the elector will be required to attach a copy of the proper identification.

### **ELECTION WORKERS**

Saddle Hills County is seeking Election Workers for the 2025 Municipal Election. To be eligible to be an Election Worker, you must:

- Be eligible to work in Canada.
- Be at least 16 years of age.
- Be able to provide a satisfactory Criminal Records Check.
- Be able to attend the mandatory training session.
- Be available all day on Election Day (October 20, 2025).

Election Workers will be paid a day rate of \$400, for each day worked during the election and mileage will be paid at \$0.70 per kilometer.

To apply to be an Election Worker, please complete an Election Worker Application either online, by sending the completed Fillable PDF to admin@saddlehills.ab.ca, or at the County Admin Building.

# PROSPECTIVE COUNCILLOR INFORMATION SESSION

SADDLE HILLS COUNTY ADMIN BUILDING AUGUST 7, 2025 | 5:30 P.M.

### **TOPICS COVERED:**

- **✓** Assistance with Election Forms
- **✓** Roles and Responsibilities
- **✓** Time Commitments
- **✓** Boards and Committees
- **✓** Nomination Process
- ✓ Election Day





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# Tree Seedling Program

Do you want to plant trees on your property? Our Tree Seedling Program for residents is in its fourth year, and orders are now open!

Saddle Hills County initiated a Tree Seedling Program in the spring of 2023, for residents to order tree species for planting within Saddle Hills County boundaries. There are a variety of species available through the Agricultural Services Department.

Available species include white spruce, colorado spruce, lodgepole pine, hybrid spruce, white birch, saskatoons, trembling aspen, hybrid poplar, chokecherry, red osier dogwood, golden willow, silver buffaloberry, sea buckthorn, common lilac, amur maple, sensation lilac, dwarf spruce, juliet cherry, and aurora and indigo gem haskap (bundle of two).

To be eligible to participate, you must be a registered landowner in Saddle Hills County and trees can only be planted within the County's boundaries.

- Participants will be restricted to one order per year.
- Participant order fulfillment could be limited based on available supply.
- Participants shall have completed the Tree Seedling Order Form and Agreement prior to planting.

County staff will be responsible for placing the seedling orders and coordinating pick-up dates and times with the participants. Tree orders made now will be available for planting in 2026.



### ORDER YOUR TREE SEEDLINGS

For more information on the Tree Seedling Program or additional resources, please visit **saddlehills.ab.ca/Tree-Seedlings** or scan the QR code.

For any questions, please contact

Agricultural Services: ag@saddlehills.ab.ca | (780) 864-3760.



w/ Agra Risk Solutions

FOURTH CREEK HALL AUGUST 6, 2025 | 5 P.M.





REGISTER FOR FREE: SADDLEHILLS.AB.CA/AG-MARKETING DINNER INCLUDED



### Manage Your Farm Finances: Free Online Course for Producers

Farm Credit Canada (FCC), along with experienced advisors from BDO Canada, have collaborated to presented Manage Your Farm Finances, a free online course series for Canadian producers. Participants will explore topics such as managing and analyzing financials, cost of production and using ratios, strategies to protect profitability, and cash flow and debt management, among others. The course is easy to access via an online platform, allowing you to learn on your own time.



### Free Online Cow/Calf Record-Keeping Course for Producers

What goals and objectives do you have for your beef cattle herd? Do you want your calves to be heavier at weaning or are you more interested in uniform coat colour so that your calves fit in a certain market? This seven-part online course will walk you through the process of practical record-keeping for action.



### Farming Safely During Fire Season

The risk of agricultural wildfires remains ever-present. Dry vegetation and crop residue is highly flammable, so extra precautions must be taken to prevent fires on the farm. Keep machinery clean, maintain electrical components and equipment, clean air filters, check coolant and oil levels, and take all necessary steps to ensure that your farm stays fire free this year!





### **STAY UP TO DATE**

ON AG NEWS FROM SADDLE HILLS COUNTY



Agriculture is at the heart of our community. Keep informed of all the latest Agriculture News in Saddle Hills County or get more information on any of the stories below by visiting the dedicated Agriculture News stream on our website at **saddlehills.ab.ca/agnews** or by scanning the QR code. You can also follow the hashtag **#saddlehillsag** on Instagram for all the latest agriculture updates.

### Ag Drone School



Fly Safely



Fly Legally



Save Time & Make Money



Join us for a 2-day hands-on workshop:

**Elevate Your Farming** with Drones!

Two-day registration includes:

- Binder of learning materials
- Hands-on learning
- Access to our fleet of drones
- Lunches and refreshments

Spring 2025

Two full days 9:00 – 4:30

North America's only completely ag-focused drone training, since 2016.

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### 25 SADDLE HILLS COUNTY PHOTO CONTEST

'THROUGH THE GENERATIONS: THEN & NOW'



### FT. SPECIAL GUEST JUDGES

Tammy Brauer - Executive Director, Mighty Peace Tourism Jesse Boily - Reporter/Photographer, Town & Country News Mallory Kaiser - 2024 Photo Contest Winner



**CONTEST RULES & CATEGORIES:**SADDLEHILLS.AB.CA/2025-PHOTO-CONTEST

FOLLOW ALONG & VOTE 

@SADDLEHILLSPHOTOCONTEST

It's that time again - we are now accepting entries for the 2025 Saddle Hills County Photo Contest!

This year's theme, is 'Through the Generations: Then & Now'.

Whether your family has lived in this area for generations or you recently moved here (welcome!), our community is all about connections - family to family, past to present, present to future.

For this year's contest, we would like you to submit images that embody this theme, whether that is generational family images, images of an annual event, images of the family farm or homestead, composite images, images that focus on County history or something not listed here - show us what it is that you think best illustrates your connection to your home, to the land, and to each other.

### **CONTEST RULES**

- There will be no categories, only Adult and Youth (under 18).
- Each participant may enter up to five images, taken in and around Saddle Hills County.
- Participants must be residents of Saddle Hills County, but anyone can participate in the public judging.
- Submission deadline is August 31, 2025.
- Photos must be high resolution JPEGs.
- Photos are available for Saddle Hills County to use for promotional purposes, as per the waiver in the application.
- A Photo Contest Reception will take place at the Saddle Hills County Administration Building, on October 2, 2025, at which time the winners will be announced.

### **JUDGING & PRIZES**

There will be prizes awarded in both Public and Judges' Choice (12 prizes total). In the event of a tie, both entries will win.

### **1ST PLACE:** \$150 | 2ND PLACE: \$100 | 3RD PLACE: \$75

There will also be a Grand Prize for the overall winner (top ranked in both Public and Judges' Choice), of a large, framed copy of the winning image. The overall winner will also be asked to participate as a judge in the 2026 Photo Contest. A selection of winning images will also be featured in the 2026 Saddle Hills County Calendar.

All submissions will be posted on our dedicated social media pages, the Saddle Hills County Photo Contest page on Facebook and Saddle Hills County Photo Contest on Instagram.

Public judging will be determined by the number of 'likes' each image receives, by combining the numbers from both social media pages. The judging period will take place from September 1 - 15, 2025.

### **ENTER THE CONTEST**

Send your photographs to us by August 31, 2025. Photographs can be submitted online using our Photo Contest Submission Form, at **saddlehills.ab.ca/2025-Photo-Contest** 

If you have any problems using the online form please contact our Communications Coordinator, at communications@saddlehills.ab.ca or (780) 864-3760.

We look forward to seeing all of your submissions! Happy photographing, shutterbugs!



### THE NEW NON-POTABLE WATER FILL STATION AT THE KSITUAN WATER TREATMENT PLANT, IS NOW OPEN!

This service is offered free-of-charge to the public, with the primary purpose being for agricultural use. There is no daily water volume limits. Pump fuel levels are monitored daily.

Please note, the water is not safe for human consumption.

### **PUMP INSTRUCTIONS**

- To start, ensure throttle is at 50% or less. All the way right is 100% (full throttle), all the way left is 0% (idle).
- If pump is cold, if hasn't been running recently, move the choke lever all the way to the left.
- The pump is electric start. Turn the ignition key all the way to the right to start the engine and release key to "ON" position once it starts. If the battery is dead, the pull-start will need to be used instead.
- Once the engine starts, move the choke lever all the way back to the left and move the throttle lever all the way to the right, for full throttle
- When pumping is complete, move the throttle lever back to the left (to 50%) and let pump idle down for a minute, before shutting off the pump by turning ignition key to the left to the "OFF" position
- To report any problems with the pump, please call (780) 864-3760.

### **RESIDENTS OF**

### SADDLE HILLS COUNTY

### NEVER MISS AN UPDATE

### **GET THE APP**

The app uses state-of-the-art technology to notify residents of breaking news, documents, videos, and events, instantly delivered via push notifications.

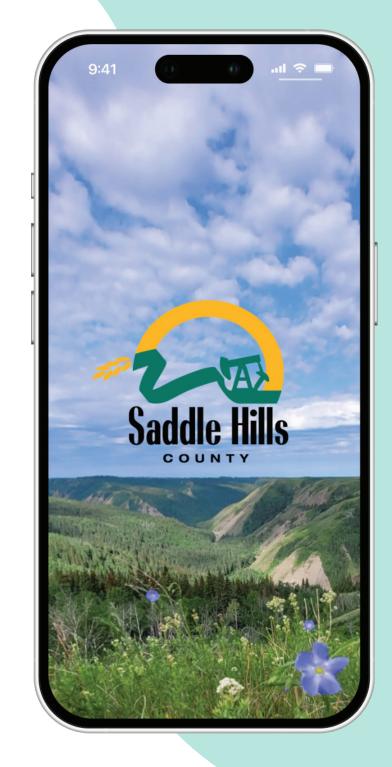






### **HOW TO GET THE APP**

- 1 DOWNLOAD
  Scan the QR code above or visit the
  App Store or Google Play Store and
  Search 'Saddle Hills County'
- 2 REGISTER
  Fill out your info and check your email to verify your account.
- 3 LOG IN
  Get the latest news, events, jobs, & more right at your fingertips!



- NEWS
- EVENTS
- SURVEYS
- JOB OPENINGS

Download the free app today



## SADDLE HILLS COUNTY ANNUAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION AUGUST 21, 2025

Moonshine Lake Provincial Park | 5:30 p.m.

Do you know of an exceptional member of your community that you would like to see honoured for their volunteer work? Nominate them!

saddlehills.ab.ca/2025-Volunteer-Appreciation





Happy Anniversary to the Saddle Hills County Health Clinic, serving the community for one year, as of June 17, 2025!

Can you believe it's been a year? The Saddle Hills County Health Clinic officially opened it's doors on June 17, 2024, marking an important milestone in healthcare delivery for the community. Since then, the clinic has experienced consistent growth, with over 300 residents seeking care. This number continues to rise as more individuals become aware of the facility and the accessibility and convenience of this local healthcare service.

The establishment of the clinic has provided relief to residents who had previously struggled to access reliable primary healthcare, with appreciation being expressed by many visitors to the clinic. Feedback suggests that this has significantly improved the overall health and well-being of the community.

As the number of residents utilizing the clinic's services continues to grow, the County remains committed to meeting the evolving healthcare needs of Saddle Hills County and providing all residents with access to the care they deserve.

Thank you to the hard work and dedication of Nurse Practitioner, Palvi Sharma, without whom this milestone wouldn't have been possible.

Haven't visited us yet? Check out available services and opening hours, at saddlehills.ab.ca/saddle-hills-county-health-clinic

## County Mews



### MASKWA MEDICAL CENTER

Saddle Hills County Council was delighted to be part of the groundbreaking for the new Maskwa Medical Center, in Grande Prairie, on May 20, 2025.

The event took place at the future home of the center, located next to the Grande Prairie Regional Hospital and was attended by representatives from the Maskwa Medical Center Board, including Chairman Ken Drysdale, as well as local municipal representatives and partners.

"We have all experienced the long wait times and delays associated with seeking medical care in our region, with many of us travelling long distances to receive urgent and much needed care. Once complete, this facility will not only provide better, local access to medical specialists and treatments for northwest Alberta residents, but also create jobs and opportunities that will allow us to continue to prosper and grow for many years to come."

- Reeve Kristen Smith

Once complete, the facility will include an Academic Teaching Clinic, retail space, and medical specialist clinic that aims to provide treatment plans within 10 days of referrals. In addition, the 22,000 sq. ft. teaching space will train 20 resident physicians onsite, graduating 10 per year, thanks to a partnership with the

University of Alberta's Faculty of Family Medicine. Saddle Hills County committed \$3,500,000 in funding to the project, included in the 2025 Final Budget.

To learn more about the future facility, visit maskwamedical.ca

### **POTABLE WATER 4-YEAR PLAN**

As part of Council's commitment to providing residents with a reliable source of potable water, Saddle Hills County provides free rural potable water connections to residences through the Rural Potable Water Project.

In 2024 alone, the County installed 127 km of waterline, to service an additional 155 residences. At the end of the year, there were a total of 301 active users - 163 in the Bonanza area, 82 in Woking, 34 in Ksituan, and 22 in Savanna.

In order to ensure that the project continues in a fiscally responsible and meaningful way, and that all feasible residences receive a water connection, Council approved the 2026-2029 Rural Capital Water Plan at the June 10, 2025 Council Meeting.

The plan outlines a four year timeline for how the County plans to construct the remainder of the rural potable waterlines, prior to 2030. Please note, this plan may be subject to change and should only be considered as a projection.

The plan will be added to the capital budget as part of the County's 10-year capital plan.

An outline of the projected timelines and costs can be seen on our website, at

saddlehills.ab.ca/Rural-Potable-Water-Plan

### **PROGRAM & ACTIVITY GRANTS**

Council awarded the second round of Program and Activity Grants for 2025, based on the May 31, 2025 submissions. The grant amounts ranged from \$1,000 to \$7,500, for a total of \$27,900.

•	Cotillion Butte Recreation Assoc.	\$3,000
•	Dawson Creek Triathlon Assoc.	\$1,000
•	Friends of Rycroft School Society	\$5,000
•	Friends of the South Peace Society	\$7,500
•	Happy Valley Ag & Rec. Club	\$6,200
•	Spirit Arts Dance Society	\$2,000
•	Spirit River Minor Hockey Assoc.	\$3,000
•	United Way Alberta NW	\$2,000

### **CENTRAL PEACE FIRE HALL PROJECT**

Representatives on behalf of the Central Peace Fire Hall Project were present at the June 10, 2025 meeting, to request funds for preparation and site development of the new Central Peace Fire and Rescue Commission Fire Hall, in Spirit River.

Council previously provided the commission a conditional grant of \$1,000,000, which would be distributed upon commencement of construction. Upon review of the new request, Council voted unanimously to provide an additional conditional grant of \$300,000 to help begin the project, with funds coming from the Saddle Hills County Operating Reserve.

### KEN SARGENT HOUSE PROJECT

Dale Bond, with the Grande Prairie Regional
Hospital Foundation, was present at the May 13,
2025 Council meeting, to request financial support
for construction of the Ken Sargent House, a
21-bed home near the Grande Prairie Regional
Hospital, providing families an affordable and
inclusive place to stay while seeking treatment.

Upon review of the proposal, Council voted unanimously to provide a grant of \$250,000 for the project.

### SADDLE HILLS COUNTY BUS

In early April, Council requested that Administration bring back more information on the purchase of a charter bus for Saddle Hills County.

On June 24, 2025, Administration presented Council with estimates for purchasing a brand new or used charter bus for County use. Upon review, Council unanimously voted to add a maximum of \$50,000 to the 2025 Capital Budget for the purchase of a used, 18-seater bus.

### **AWARD OF BASE PAVING PROJECTS**

In the 2025 Capital Budget, Council approved \$5,125,000 to pave 4.8 km of Range Road 81 and Township Road 782, as well as \$1,226,400 to pave 800 m on Township Road 791, west of the Bay Tree Store.

On June 24, 2025, Administration presented Council with three tenders for the project, including Wapiti Gravel Suppliers at \$5,968,550.19, Knelsen Sand & Gravel Ltd. at \$5,574,263.27, and Carmacks Enterprises Ltd. at \$5,507,407.90. After consideration of the tenders, Council voted to award the 2025 Paving Projects to the lowest qualified bidder, Carmacks Enterprises Ltd. at \$5,507,407.90.

Work on Township Road 791 began at the end of June, 2025.





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### CENTRAL PEACE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM CONTRACT 1 TENDER AWARD

Saddle Hills County recently awarded the largest tender in County history, marking a substantial step forward in construction for the Central Peace Regional Water Project. The contract will see the River Intake and Raw Water Transfer Station portion of the Central Peace Water Supply System completed, putting the region one step closer to realizing their potable water goals.

On May 27, 2025, Council reviewed the tenders, along with recommendations from project partners, MPE Engineering, as part of their Regular Council Meeting agenda, awarding the contract to the lowest bidder, Greenfield Construction Ltd., for a total of \$40,328,054.94, plus GST.

Reeve Kristen Smith stated, "This is an exciting day for Saddle Hills County. Our children and our children's children will see the benefits of this project for generations to come."

Greenfield Construction has extensive experience constructing these types of projects, employing innovative techniques to significantly cut construction times and reliance on sub-contractors. The company has indicated a total construction schedule of 785 calendar days, giving an anticipated project completion date of October 2027. In discussions with the contractor, it was communicated that the initial 90 ft. drill from the Raw Water Pumping Station to the riverbed and river intake may even be completed as early as this fall.

Phases 1 and 2 of the Central Peace Regional Water Project, including contracts 1, 2, and 3, is estimated to cost a total of \$105,864,986.54. Currently, Saddle Hills County has received partial grant funding for the project, totaling \$65,222,222, including the municipal contribution portion. This project is funded in part by the Government of Canada, Government of Alberta, and the G5 Municipalities of Saddle Hills County, Town of Spirt River, MD of Spirit River #133, Birch Hills County, and the Village of Rycroft.



Saddle Hills County operates four Truck Fills, located throughout the County. Truck Fills are available for residential and commercial water hauling, at a rate of \$4.00 per cubic meter (264.17 gallons - 219.97 UK gallons). Truck Fills are available 24/7 and instructions for use are posted at each site.

### LIVE TRUCK FILL VOLUMES ARE NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

Residents and ratepayers can now view live truck fill volumes on the County website 24/7, at saddlehills.ab.ca/Truck-Fill-Volumes

Please note, the water volumes displayed show the water currently available at each of Saddle Hills County's Truck Fills and not the total amount of water available in the reservoirs.

In order to responsibly manage water levels and consumption, especially during the drier, summer months, there are daily limits (or caps) in place at each of our truck fills, in Bonanza, Ksituan, Savanna, and Woking. This is done to ensure that water levels never fall below pre-determined levels, so that we can continue to provide water to residences and businesses throughout the County, even during the driest periods.

It should also be noted that each water treatment plant now also supplies potable water to County residences through the Rural Potable Water Project. This system takes priority and in order to maintain water supply to properties connected to the system, available truck fill water must be restricted.

Should a Truck Fill fall below the limit for the day, it will be temporarily closed. You can be notified of Truck Fill closures by signing up to Voyent! Alert or following us on social media.



The Remote Potable Water Hauling Subsidy was created in 2024 to provide a fair and equitable subsidy to Saddle Hills County residences that will not be able to connect to the Rural Potable Waterline network that is currently being built throughout the County.

Under Policy UT02, Council may prescribe areas of the County that are eligible for the subsidy. Eligible residences will then receive subsidies at a rate of \$15 per cubic meter, not exceeding 100 cubic meters, to a maximum of \$1,800 per year. The subsidy will only be funded once per residence, per calendar year, and the water must be for domestic use only.

Each year, eligible residents are required to complete a Remote Potable Water Hauling Subsidy Application to be included in the subsidy, available on our website or at the County Administration Building. Before January 31 of the following calendar year, they will then be required to submit valid documentation showing the date the water was hauled or purchased within the year and the number of cubic meters purchased. As the program began in 2024, it does not cover expenses incurred in 2023. Residents should also note that they will need to re-apply each year in order to be included in that year's subsidy.

### TO APPLY FOR THE REMOTE POTABLE WATER HAULING SUBSIDY:

For more information on the subsidy or to submit receipts, visit our website at **saddlehills.ab.ca/Water-Hauling-Subsidy** or scan the QR code. For any questions, please contact

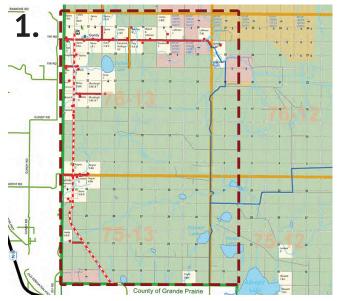
Manager of Env. Services, Darren Lubeck, at (780) 864-3760.

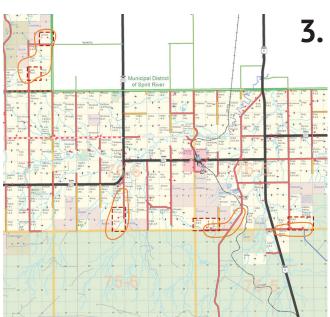
**ELIGIBLE AREAS** 

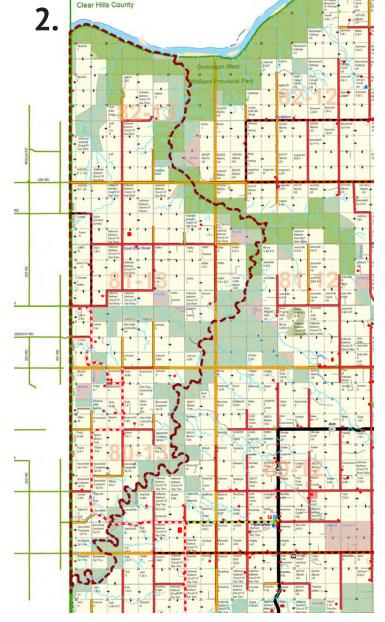
Council has prescribed two areas as eligible for the subsidy:

- 1. Gundy, from Township Road 770 to Township Road 752, and from Range Road 125 west to the B.C. border.
- 2. The area known as Doe River, west of the Pouce Coupe River and south of the Peace River to the B.C. border, as shown in the map below.
- 3. Properties located at NE 35-78-13-W6 and NE 07-78-13-W6.
- 4. Properties in the Woking area, located at: SW 06-76-05-W6 | SE 06-76-05-W6 | SE 02-76-05-W6 | SW 02-76-05-W6 | NE 04-76-06-W6 SE 04-76-06-W6 | NW 01-77-07-W6 | SE 13-77-07-W6 These areas are eligible as of June 24, 2025.

Areas can be seen in more detail in the maps below.







# Our Community Opcoming Events



### 11TH ANNUAL PCBFA FIELD DAY - JUL. 31

Have a Field Day with the Peace Country Beef and Forage Association (PCBFA). Head down to the PCBFA Research Farm, at 820059 Range Road 35, on July 31, 2025, from 1 - 7 p.m., for a day you won't want to miss! Connect with industry professionals, explore cutting-edge research projects, visit vendor booths, and enjoy live demonstrations. For more information, email info@pcbfa.ca.



### BBO WEDNESDAYS AT THE SAVANNA SPLASH PARK

Head over to the Savanna Splash Park, every Wednesday this summer, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., for a BBO!

Cool off and enjoy some fun in the sun, followed by a burger and ice cream. Cash and e-transfer options are available.



### PCBFA SHC RESEARCH PROJECTS TOUR - AUG. 7

Join the Peace Country Beef & Forage Association (PCBFA) on August 7, 2025, from 3 - 7 p.m., for an informative afternoon showcasing two of their 3-year projects in Saddle Hills County! Learn from expert speakers, collaborate with industry leaders, and network with neighbours over supper. This event is free to attend but interested participants should please RSVP to receive directions by emailing alaina@pcbfa.ca



### 51<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL SAVANNA FAIR - AUG. 15 - 16

The Savanna Agricultural Society invites you to the 51st Annual Savanna Fair, on August 15-16, 2025. There will be lots of fun for the whole family, including gymkhana, rodeo, bench shows, games, food, and music.

Swing by the Savanna Library on Mondays and Tuesdays, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., to grab your fair book and tags to have your projects on display in the bench show!



### HAPPY VALLEY ANNUAL FALL RIDE - SEPT. 6

The Happy Valley Aq & Recreation Club is hosting their annual Fall Trail Ride on September 6, 2025.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. at the Ag & Recreation Club Grounds, with riders set to leave at 11 a.m. The event will include the ever popular chicken plop bingo, raffle, and a dessert auction!





### **BOOKING UPDATE: NOW OPEN FOR RESERVATIONS**

Due to ongoing construction work at Spring Lake, to provide electricity to campsites, Spring Lake Campground was the last to open for the 2025 season.

Now that preliminary construction work is complete, the campground will be welcoming campers as of July 18, 2025.

Campsites in Loop A opened for bookings on July 11, 2025, through booking platform www.letscamp.ca

Once complete, power will be available in most of the campground's sites, although final work will not be completed this camping season.

Despite the delay, we look forward to welcoming you to the campground for the remainder of the 2025 season!



Monday to Friday 8:15 AM to 4:30 PM





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