



THE Wilderness IS OUR BACK YARD

IT'S SEEDING TIME

We are heading into seeding time, which means large, slow-moving farm vehicles will start to appear on our roads. Please slow down, be patient, and drive carefully when following or passing.

FRIENDS OF EDUCATION AWARD

Saddle Hills County was honoured to receive a Certificate of Appreciation recognizing its outstanding contributions to education within the Grande Prairie & District Catholic Schools community. Presented through the Alberta School Boards Association Friends of Education Award program, the recognition celebrates community partners, organizations, and individuals who make a meaningful impact on public education. Saddle Hills County was acknowledged for its ongoing collaboration, financial support, advocacy, and leadership in helping to enhance learning environments and create opportunities for students across the region. Council appreciates the recognition and remains committed to supporting education, youth, and strong rural communities.

COMBINED ASSESSMENT & TAX NOTICES

Saddle Hills County Combined Assessment and Tax Notices were mailed on **May 13, 2026**. Taxes must be paid on or before **July 31**. Taxes can be paid through most financial institutions, by online banking, by mail, or in person at the County Complex. For online banking payments, use your property roll number as the account number. All 2026 Saddle Hills County Combined Assessment and Tax Notices are deemed received 7 days after the mailing date. The notice of assessment date is **May 21, 2026**.

PROGRAM/ACTIVITY GRANTS & STUDENT BURSARIES

Saddle Hills County is now accepting applications for the 2026 Program & Activity Grants and Student Bursary Program. Community groups, clubs, organizations, and schools are encouraged to apply for Program & Activity Grants. The application deadline is **May 31**. Students are also invited to apply for the 2026 Student Bursary Program. The application deadline is **June 1**. For full details and application forms, visit Saddle Hills County Grants Page or call **780-864-3760**.

VETERINARY INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM

Are you a veterinarian or veterinary technologist providing services to Saddle Hills County producers? Saddle Hills County's Agricultural Services Board offers a Veterinary Innovation Grant Program to improve access to veterinary care for County residents. Deadline to apply is **July 31**. For more information and to apply, please visit our website at saddlehills.ab.ca/Vet-Innovation

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

From May 1 to September 30, inspection is mandatory for all watercraft entering Alberta from the east and south to help keep out invasive species. These species cause – or have high potential to cause – harm to our environment, economy, and human health as they become established outside their natural range. Learn more at Saddlehills.ab.ca/AgNews

VETERINARY EDUCATION BURSARIES

Saddle Hills County is proud to offer a Veterinary Education Bursary to eligible students enrolled in a recognized post-secondary veterinary medicine or veterinary technologist program. Applications are open until **July 15**. For more information or to apply, visit saddlehills.ab.ca/Grants.

FIRE DANGER RATING - HIGH

Due to the rising temperatures and drying conditions, the Fire Danger Rating in Saddle Hills County is now HIGH. Controlled burning in the Non-Forest Protection Area, including on privately owned land, is now limited to campfires, burning barrels, and hand-piled, 2 cubic meter or smaller wooden piles. Burn permits are still required and will be issued on a case-by-case basis. Large fuel burns will not be permitted at this time. To check for Fire Advisories, Fire Restrictions and Fire Bans, visit: albertafirebans.ca

NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPROVALS

The following development permits have been conditionally approved by Saddle Hills County, subject to the right of appeal to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board:

Application: 14-DP-26

Location: SE 11-79-13-W6

Development: Addition of a Fuel Dispensing Station

Applicant/Landowner: United Farmers of Alberta Co-Op Ltd. (UFA)

Anyone wishing to lodge an appeal against this development must do so in writing, stating the reasons for the appeal by **June 2, 2026** at 4:30 p.m. A non-refundable fee of \$100.00 must accompany the appeal.

Letters of appeal should be addressed to:

Clerk, Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Saddle Hills County, RR1, Spirit River, AB. T0H 3G0

WEED INSPECTORS BEGIN WORK

Saddle Hills County Weed Inspectors have begun annual field inspections to help ensure healthy crops and control the spread of pests. Inspectors monitor for noxious and prohibited weeds under the Weed Control Act, along with nuisance and pest species listed under the Agricultural Pests Act. County staff may be seen parked at field approaches but will not drive onto private land and follow strict biosecurity protocols to prevent disease spread. For more information about weed inspections or Ag Services programs, email ag@saddlehills.ab.ca or call **(780) 864-3760**.



COUNTY CALENDAR: MAY & JUNE 2026

May 26, 9:00 a.m.

June 9, 9:00 a.m.

June 23, 9:00 a.m.

Regular Council Meeting

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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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