

BOARDS & COMMITTEES



Assessment Review Board

The Assessment Review Board hears complaints on assessments to ensure that assessments are fair and equitable in relation to assessments on other, similar properties in the municipality. The Board then directs any necessary amendments to be made to the assessment roll.

A Local Assessment Review Board (LARB) has been created to hear matters that are shown on an assessment notice for residential property with 3 or fewer dwelling units, farmland, or a tax notice other than a property tax notice.

A Composite Assessment Review Board (CARB) has been created to hear all other matters. The Local Assessment Review Board (LARB) is composed of trained local members that are appointed by Council. The Composite Assessment Review Board (CARB) is composed of two trained local members and one provincially approved member who will be the presiding officer. This board will hear complaints about assessments for all property in the municipality, excluding residential properties with three or less dwelling units and farm land. (unless subject to the jurisdiction of the Municipal Government Board).

Blackie Recreation Board

Blackie Recreation Board has been created to facilitate and manage recreational and public facilities in the Hamlet of Blackie. This Board consists of stakeholders from the Hamlet of Blackie as well as one Councillor from the MD of Foothills and one Rural Representative appointed by Council.

Blackie Seed Cleaning Plant Board

The Blackie Seed Cleaning Plant Board oversees the operations of the seed cleaning plant. One Councillor from the MD of Foothills sits on this board.

Bow River Basin Council

The Bow River Basin Council is a multi-stakeholder, charitable organization dedicated to continuing activities for the improvement and protection of the waters of the Bow River Basin. The Council is made up of: commercial/industrial members; licensee members; non-profit and academia members; regulatory, administrative and first nations members; and, municipal government members, including the MD of Foothills. One Councillor from the MD of Foothills sits on the Council.

Business Development Corporation Provincial Committee

One Councillor from the MD of Foothills sits on this Committee.

Calgary Inter-Municipal Committee

This Committee was created to facilitate the working relationship between the MD of Foothills and the City of Calgary, the ongoing sharing of information between elected officials and municipal staff, and to provide a forum in which to review and comment on a range of topics of interest to both municipalities.

This Committee is made up of three Councillors from the MD of Foothills and three Aldermen from the City of Calgary.

Cayley Recreation Board

The Cayley Recreation Board facilitates and manages recreation and public use facilities and areas within the Hamlet of Cayley. This Board consists of stakeholders from the Hamlet of Cayley as well as one Councillor from the MD of Foothills and one Rural Representative appointed by Council.

Centre 78 Advisory Board

The Centre 78 Advisory Board was created to facilitate the construction of a new joint-use community centre for Black Diamond and Turner Valley. One Councillor from the MD of Foothills sits on this board.

Community Futures Highwood Board

Community Futures Highwood Board (CFHB) provides business development services, as well as rural community economic development services to the provincial Highwood constituency, of which most of the MD is comprised of. The CFHB a variety of services, including provincial loan/ grant application, business training and planning services, as well as increasing the communities economic and social opportunities through planning and projects.

The Board consists of members from the MD of Foothills, MD of Willow Creek, Vulcan County, the Kananaskis Improvement District and the Towns of Okotoks, High River, Black Diamond, Turner Valley, Nanton, and Vulcan. One Councillor from the MD of Foothills sits on this Board.

Community Standards Appeal Board

The Community Standards Appeal Board was formed due to the Community Standards Bylaw. This board hears appeals from citizens who have received remedial orders because they are, in the eyes of the peace officer, in contravention of the aforementioned bylaw. The board is comprised of two Council members as well as area residents.

Cross Conservancy Area

The Cross Conservancy Area is a 4,800 acre day-use natural area located just southwest of the City of Calgary. The Conservation Area is dedicated to protecting habitat and providing space for native species of wildlife; offering conservation education programs without jeopardizing wildlife and habitat; and managing human use of the Area through 'entry by appointment only.' The Board consists of area stakeholders including as well as one Councillor from the MD of Foothills.

Dark Sky Initiatives Stakeholders Working Group

The Dark Sky Initiative aids the efforts of MD of Foothills in becoming more aware of the night time environment and how it can be adversely affected by human activities. The initiative will minimize the impacts of lighting yards, streets, and commercial and industrial developments. They meet on an as needed basis to enhance intermunicipal cooperation to get the region as a whole to address the issue of dark skies collectively.

The Group consists of area stakeholders and representatives from surrounding municipalities including two Councillors each from the MD of Foothills, the Towns of Black Diamond, Turner Valley, High River, and Okotoks, and the Village of Longview.

Development Appeal Board

This board is made up of community members as well as Council members. Its' purpose is to make decision on appeals that have been filed with respect to decisions issued for development permits. This board meets on an as needed basis.

Director High River Regional Airport Limited

The High River Regional Airport is owned in partnership by the MD of Foothills and the Town of High River. The land on which the airport is situated, is leased to a not for profit corporation called the High River Regional Airport Limited (HRRAL). This company is charged with the responsibility of operating and maintaining the airport and managing the land, including hangar rentals/ sales, as well as terminal management. One Council member from the MD of Foothills

sits on this Board Other board members include a representative from the Town of High River as well as elected members of the airport community.

Disaster Services Committee

The Disaster Services Committee develops and carries out emergency plans and programs in the MD of Foothills. This committee consists of the MD of Foothills Reeve or Deputy Reeve, a Director, Assistant Director, two Deputy Directors, each appointed from MD of Foothills staff, as well as the MD's Peace Officers as Safety Coordinators.

Dunbow Recreation Board

The board was created to address sport and recreation infrastructure in the communities of Heritage Pointe, Heritage Heights, Davisburg, and surrounding areas, including the new Heritage Heights multiuse arena, and various soccer and baseball fields in the area. The Board is comprised of various Division 6 residents, as well as the Division Councillor.

Family and Community Support Services Committee

Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) is a joint funding initiative between the provinces and municipalities. The mandate of the FCSS is to promote volunteerism and to develop programs within the community that are preventative in nature and to: enhance, strengthen and support family and community life; improve people's ability to identify and act on their own needs; help avert family or community social breakdown; provide citizens with information about its planning and operation; and, encourage cooperation and coordination with other service agencies.

This Committee is made up of community and municipal stakeholders and includes two Council members from the MD of Foothills.

Foothills Agricultural Services Board

The Agricultural Services Board has been created under the Agricultural Service Board Act to look after weed and pest control within the MD of Foothills, water conservation programs, assists in the control of animal disease, promotes, enhances and protects viable and sustainable agriculture with a view to improving the economic viability of the agricultural producer, and promotes and develops agricultural policies to meet the needs of the MD of Foothills.

The Board includes three Council members from the MD of Foothills, one of which is chair of the Board.

Foothills Cemetery Board

The Foothills Cemetery Board oversees the maintenance, improvement, and management of the Foothills Cemetery. The Board consists of members from the Towns of Black Diamond and Turner Valley and one Council member from the MD of Foothills, as well as one member from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 78 and one member at large appointed by the Board.

Foothills Economic and Tourism Development Committee

This Committee was created to help facilitate economic growth and tourism development within the MD of Foothills. Two Council members from the MD of Foothills sit on this committee as well as one member who is appointed by Council.

Foothills Foundation

The Foothills Foundation cares for the needs of senior citizens by providing such services as affordable assisted living and transportation to seniors in communities within the MD of Foothills. The Board consists of stakeholder including municipalities and includes one Council member from the MD of Foothills.

Foothills Humane Society

The mission of the Foothills Human Society is to promote the well-being of animals through community leadership, advocacy and education. They provide care for animals that are neglected, abused, exploited, stray or homeless. The Board of Directors includes one Council Member from the MD of Foothills.

Foothills Regional E.M.S. Commission

The Foothills Regional Emergency Services Commission was created upon the amalgamation of the existing Highwood EMS, Oilfields and District EMS, and the Foothills Regional Communications Centre. The Commission exists under the authority of the Municipal Government Act of Alberta and the Foothills Regional Emergency Services Commission Regulation.

The Service is led by an Executive Director who is currently seconded half time to the Calgary Health Region. The senior leadership team also includes a Director of Operations and a Director of Finance and Communications. EMS crews are lead on a daily basis by three shift leaders. Each of the MD of Foothills, the Kananaskis Improvement District, the Towns of Black Diamond, Turner Valley, Okotoks, High River, Nanton, and the Village of Longview have one Council member as a representative on the Commission.

Foothills Regional Indoor Field House Steering Committee

This Committee was created in order to guide the construction of an indoor field house within the MD of Foothills. The Steering Committee includes one member of the MD of Foothills council.

Foothills Regional Services Commission

The Commission is a separate legal entity established in 1989 by the Province at the request of the Town of Okotoks, the Town of High River, and the MD of Foothills. In 1992 the Commission was expanded to include the Towns of Turner Valley and Black Diamond. The Regional Services Commission is responsible for the operations of the Foothills Regional Waste Management Facility and the Frank Lake Effluent Pumping Station.

The Commission consists of one Council representative from each of the MD of Foothills, and the Towns of Okotoks, High River, Black Diamond, Turner Valley, and Nanton.

High River Recreation Board

The High River Recreation was established to advise the Council of the Town of High River in pursuing and implementing recreation programs, facilities, parks and public open spaces and services within the Town of High River and the High River Recreation District. One Council member from the MD of Foothills sits on the Board as well as one Council appointed Rural Representative.

Highwood 2A Structure ASP - Stakeholders Group

The Highway 2A Structure ASP was created to provide a set of guiding principles and policy framework which identifies the location of future road networks, permitted land uses, and servicing and development opportunities and constraints within the plan area for future industrial land settlement. The Stakeholders Group provides information to MD of Foothills staff members who then sort through relevant information and provide Council with pertinent reports.

The Stakeholders Group is comprised of a number of members from a mix of government, quasi-judicial, and non-government organizations, in addition to community and neighbouring municipal representatives. Two Council members from the MD of Foothills are a part of the Stakeholders Group.

Highwood Management Plan Committee

The Highwood Management Plan deals with matters directly relevant to the Highwood Diversion Plan and information requirements of the Natural Resources Conservation

Board/Canadian Environment Assessment Agency Joint Review Panel. The Plan also addresses other aspects of water management in the Highwood River Basin, including Water Conservation Objectives and the current moratorium on Water Act approvals in the basin.

This Committee is led by Alberta Environment and includes two Council members from the MD of Foothills.

Highwood/Little Bow/Tongue Creek Flood Risk Management Committee

The Flood Risk Management Committee assesses and works to manage flood risk on the Highwood River, the Little Bow and Tongue Creek. Three Council members from the MD of Foothills sit on this Committee.

Historical Ranch Site Committee

The Historical Ranch Site Committee works to preserve historic ranch sites within the MD of Foothills. One Council member from the MD of Foothills sits on this Committee.

Highway 2A Structure ASP - Stakeholders Group

Historical Review Committee

The Historical Review Committee is tasked with identifying, locating and collecting information about historic features within the MD of Foothills. The MD of Foothills has two Council members that sit on this Committee and five citizens at large.

Hogg Park Committee

This Committee facilitates the management and operations of Hogg Park Campground to ensure an enjoyable stay for residents of the MD of Foothills as well as campers from other areas in Alberta, Canada and other countries.

One Councillor from the MD of Foothills sits on this Committee as the Chair as well as one other Councillor is appointed as a member.

Inter-Municipal Industrial Lands Project Committee

This Committee focuses on the development of industrial lands in areas that affect more than one municipality, including the MD of Foothills.

Two Council members from the MD of Foothills sit on this committee as well as one member at large appointed by Council.

Inter-Municipal Negotiating Committee

Various Inter-Municipal Negotiating Committees have been created between the MD of Foothills and other municipalities within the area in order to facilitate projects that affect more than one area municipality.

Two members of the Council of the MD of Foothills sit on the Longview Inter-Municipal Negotiating Committee.

Two members of the Council of the MD of Foothills sit on the Turner Valley and Black Diamond Inter-Municipal Negotiating Committee.

Two members of the Council of the MD of Foothills sit on the High River Inter-Municipal Negotiating Committee.

Leighton Art Centre Board

The Leighton Art centre is situated on 80 acres of land 15 km southwest of Calgary. It features the historic home of renowned artist A.C. Leighton and his wife Barbara. The Leighton Foundation exists to keep the legacy of the Leightons alive by creating the resources to offer exceptional experiences to see, learn, and create art. The Art Centre hosts day trips for school classes as well as adult art classes.

The Board of Directors consists of private and public stakeholders as well as individual members at large. One Councillor from the MD of Foothills sits on this Board.

Longview Recreation Board

The Longview Recreation Board focuses on recreation and public facilities within the Village of Longview. One Council member from the MD of Foothills sits on this Board.

Marigold Library Board

The Marigold Library System provides leadership and library resource to the interdependent network of its members. It is a proactive source of current and historical information on issues and trends, it assumes the responsibility of leadership, and provides the means for sharing material and human resources.

Marigold consists of individual libraries organized in a network which collectively serves residents of south-central Alberta. Each member library has an individual library board made up of community stakeholders. The MD of Foothills has one Council member that sits on the Marigold Library Board.

Millarville Recreation Board

The Recreation Board provides and manages recreation opportunities for residents within the Hamlet of Millarville and surrounding area. One Council member from the MD of Foothills sits on this Board.

Nanton Seed Cleaning Plant Board

The Seed Cleaning Plant Board oversees the management and operation of the Nanton Seed Cleaning Plant. One MD of Foothills Councillor sits on the Board.

NW Foothills Recreation Board

The board was created to address sport and recreation infrastructure in the communities within divisions 3, 4 & 5. The Board is comprised of various division 3, 4 & 5 residents, as well as the division Councillors.

Okotoks Inter-Municipal Negotiating Committee

This Committee meets on matters of mutual interest to both parties. The Committee may make recommendations on inter-municipal matters to the respective Council's current topics including annexation, transportation issues, regional parks and recreation development proposals in both municipalities, and discussion about urban fringe and other major inter-municipal issues in lieu of a regional planning system. Three members of the MD of Foothills Council sit on this Committee as well as three members of the Town of Okotoks Council.

Okotoks Recreation Board

The purpose of this joint Okotoks/MD of Foothills Committee is to advise Council on matters relating to recreation, parks and culture within the Town. The MD of Foothills is involved because of an existing recreation operating cost-sharing agreement for the provision of curling, swimming and ice arena services to residents of the rural municipality. One member of the MD of Foothills Council sits on this Board as well as one Rural Representative appointed by Council.

Okotoks Seed Cleaning Plant Board

One Councillor from the MD of Foothills sits on this Board.

Priddis/Red Deer Lake Recreation Board

This Recreation Board facilitates the management of recreation facilities within the Priddis and Red Deer Lake areas of the MD of Foothills. One member of the MD of Foothills Council sits on the Board.

Provincial Liaison Committee

Three Councillors from the MD of Foothills sit on this Committee.

Public Works Liaison Committee

Three Councillors from the MD of Foothills sit on this Committee.

Regional Recreation Facilities Committee

The Recreation Facilities Committee encourages and facilitates recreational facilities. Two members of the MD of Foothills Council sit on this Committee.

Regional Utility Committee

Two members of the MD of Foothills Council sit on this Committee.

Rural Fire Board

The Rural Fire Board oversees the operation and management of Fire Departments within the MD of Foothills. Two Council members of the MD of Foothills sit on this Board.

Safety Review Committee

The Safety Review Committee works to ensure the safety of employees of the MD of Foothills as well as public persons who may be in attendance at any MD of Foothills facility. The Safety Review Committee consists of one MD of Foothills Council members as well as the CAO and eleven staff members.

Sheep River Study Group

One MD of Foothills Councillor sits on this Study Group.

Staff Review Committee

The Staff Review Committee reviews the performance of staff members of the MD of Foothills. The Review Committee consists of the Reeve and Deputy Reeve of the MD of Foothills.

Subdivision Appeal Board

The Subdivision Appeal Board listens to appeals concerning subdivision within the MD of Foothills and makes decisions based on the information provided for in these appeals. One MD of Foothills Council members sits on this Board.

Town of High River - River Committee

Three MD of Foothills Councillors sit on the River Committee.

Turner Valley Oil and Gas Group

One Council member from the MD of Foothills sits as a representative to the TVOGG.

Vehicle Weight Order Committee

The Vehicle Weight Order Committee sets vehicle weight restrictions for all non-provincial roadways within the MD of Foothills. The Vehicle Weight Order Committee consists of the Reeve and Deputy Reeve.