



# Media Advisory

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## **MD of Foothills No. 31 Signs Agreement with TransCanada for Land Transfer in Support of Emergency Services in Southern Alberta**

HIGH RIVER, Alberta – **February 22, 2018** – Media Advisory – The Municipal District (the MD) of Foothills No. 31 is pleased to announce that they have signed an agreement with TransCanada Corporation for the donation of 20 acres of land that will support a unique and innovative development to improve emergency services and training in Southern Alberta.

The plan is for a regional Emergency Services Training Centre to be developed on this land. The vision for the training centre is that it would serve as a one-stop-shop that meets all of the emergency services training needs in the region.

“This is a significant gift that will have a lasting impact within our region,” said Larry Spilak, Reeve, MD of Foothills. Signing the transfer of land agreement today signifies that we can now proceed with the planning and development of this state-of-the-art Emergency Services Training Centre that will become a major resource for all first responder training need in our region and beyond.”

The facility will be constructed in stages and will be expanded as needed. Long term uses of the land may include a new fire hall, emergency services office space, as well as an Emergency Coordination Centre to be used during large scale emergencies.

This facility will provide opportunities for both practical and classroom training to first responders that will not only benefit fire departments, but it will also benefit police and bylaw enforcement services, emergency medical services, public works and private industry.

“As a result of this extremely generous donation to our community, we are pleased to move forward with business and site planning, engineering, and development of this crucial training centre and the possibilities it will offer to first responders within our communities,” said Ryan Payne, MD Foothills Deputy CAO and Director of Community Services.

Now that the transfer of land is finalized, the MD of Foothills and the Town of High River will move forward with the joint planning and development for this emergency services site.

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