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Passing of Councillor Larry Spilak

It is with great sadness that Foothills County announces the passing of Councillor Larry Spilak on Friday, November 6, 2020. Councillor Spilak was first elected as Councillor for Division 6 in October of 2007. He served one year as Deputy Reeve in 2009 before being elected Reeve of Foothills County in 2010 where he remained steadfast in his leadership for the next nine years. In 2019 Larry stepped away from his position as Reeve but continued to represent the County as Division 6 Councillor.

Councillor Spilak dedicated countless hours to both his constituents and the many Boards and Committees on which he served. He was a longstanding representative on the Calgary Regional Growth Board and its sub-committees, as well as several Intermunicipal Committees with neighbouring municipalities. He firmly advocated for the best interests of our residents and strove to provide opportunities for business and community development throughout the County.

Perhaps more importantly, Larry encouraged the building of strong communities, providing support and leadership through his work on the Rural Fire Board, Regional School Site Planning Task Force, Family and Community Support Services, and Friends of Champion Park. He spearheaded development of the Heritage Point Fire Station, 'cutting the chain' at the Grand Opening in 2012. As a founding member of the Dunbow Rec Board, and later the Foothills – Okotoks Recreation Society, he promoted recreational opportunities for all of our residents. He was instrumental in the development of the Crescent Point Regional Field House and Scott Seaman Sports Rink at Heritage Heights, both of which will be a lasting legacy to his unwavering dedication to Foothills County.

Larry's commitment to the County was second only to his family. Council and staff send their deepest condolences to Larry's wife Danielle and son Ben. His devotion and pride were abundantly clear as he shared stories of Ben's accomplishments and their family adventures.

Foothills County will be forever grateful for Councillor Larry Spilak's dedication and years of service.

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