



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF FOOTHILLS NO. 31

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Dear Landowner,

RE: M.D. of Foothills Proposed Flood Risk Mitigation Program on Little Bow River

Subsequent to the 2013 flood, with support from the Government of Alberta, the M.D. of Foothills retained the services of AMEC Foster Wheeler and Advisian WorleyParsons Group to complete the *Scoping Study of Flood Related Areas of Concern on the Highwood River and Little Bow River within the M.D. of Foothills*. This study examined, among other things, the effects of flood mitigation measures constructed to protect the Town of High River on landowners downstream from the Town on both the Highwood and Little Bow Rivers.

Based on the results of the Scoping Study, M.D. staff developed a proposal which was submitted to the Government of Alberta on November 1st, 2016. The *Highwood / Little Bow Flood Risk Mitigation Program* proposal suggested that the Province and the M.D. establish a partnership, whereby the Province would fund and the M.D. would administer buy-outs or protection to M.D. landowners whose residence were predicted to be impacted in a future 2013 equivalent event.

In July of 2017 the Government of Alberta requested that the M.D. submit a new proposal only for properties with residences at high risk of flooding downstream from the Town of High River on the Highwood River because properties predicted to experience a significant negative impact from the mitigation measures constructed at High River were deemed a higher priority. However, the Province indicated that buy-outs for the most at risk properties downstream on the Little Bow River could be supported through other funding. With no Provincial flood hazard mapping ever having been undertaken on the Little Bow River, landowners in this area were not eligible for buyouts under the Flood Damage Reduction Program (FDRP) in 2013. Thus addressing these parcels that were considered to be at high risk of flooding was deemed appropriate.

The Province of Alberta has now approved the redirection of the remainder of unused money that had been allotted for flood recovery in the M.D. to facilitate buy outs of the properties most at risk on the Little Bow River. As there are limited funds available, the M.D. is only able to make offers to the developed properties which saw the highest levels of flood waters. There will be no further buyouts on the Little Bow River under this program once this funding is used; all property owners that may be eligible have already been contacted.

Should you have any questions please contact:

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Sincerely,
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