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Foothills County Purchases an Electric Ice Resurfacer through the Electric Vehicles for Municipalities (EVM) Program



HIGH RIVER: The Scott Seaman Sports Rink has taken delivery of a new Electric Olympia Millennium E Ice Resurfacer, replacing the arena's outdated 2013 propane fueled Zamboni. The new electric resurfacer produces zero exhaust resulting in fewer greenhouse gas emissions during operation. Foothills County expects to see lower operational costs, improved air quality, and improved safety for all staff and visitors at the Scott Seaman Sports Rink.

As part of the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre's Electric Vehicles for Municipalities (EVM) program, which is funded by the Government of Alberta, Foothills County received a \$50,000 rebate toward the machine's total purchase price of \$178,000. The Municipal Climate Change Action Centre is a partnership between Alberta Municipalities, the Rural Municipalities of Alberta and the Government of Alberta providing funding to municipalities and community-related organizations to help lower energy costs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and improve climate resilience.

"Foothills County is excited to utilize this new technology at our sports arena," said Reeve Delilah Miller. "With zero exhaust and the lower costs, it will be a vast improvement for all who visit this facility."

"The Scott Seaman Sports Rink is very important to our residents in Foothills County," said Sean Murphy, Manager of Arena Operations. "This will help reduce our carbon footprint and provide better air quality for all users. We appreciate the support from the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre to allow for the purchase of the new electric resurfacer."

The Honourable Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas, stated that “As a parent, I know how important arenas are to communities, and how much energy they can use. Energy efficiency upgrades can carry a high price tag, which is why we’re pleased to help fund this project. This electric ice resurfacer will help lower utility costs while reducing emissions and supporting family fun at the rink.”

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