



Foothills County

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS

The Council of Foothills County will hold public hearings/meetings regarding applications for amendments to Land Use Bylaw 60/2014, land use redesignation and/or amendment at the dates and times indicated below. The application file(s) may be reviewed at the Foothills County Administration Office during regular business hours or on the County's website at www.foothillscountyab.ca/development/upcoming-hearings-council. In addition, a detailed staff report outlining the particulars of the application(s) can be obtained from the County's website one week prior to the scheduled Public Hearing/Meeting date. The Staff Report can be found on the same section of our website as noted above.

Public hearings/meetings are conducted in a hybrid format whereby participants may attend Council Chambers in person at the Foothills County Administration Building, 309 Macleod Trail S, High River, AB or by way of electronic communications using the Zoom Video Conferencing/Conference Calling platform. Alternatively, if you would like to watch the proceedings without participating, live stream and video recordings of all public hearings/meetings are available by following the YouTube links found on our website at www.foothillscountyab.ca.

At each hearing/meeting, Council will hear from the applicant(s), from any person who claims to be affected by the proposal, and from any other person who wishes to make representation AND that Council agrees to hear. A five-minute time limit has been imposed on submissions and presentations to Council. Permission for additional time may be requested and may be granted at the discretion of the Chair.

Participation may be conducted using one of the following methods:

Foothills County will utilize Zoom as the video conferencing and conference call platform for public participation during the below scheduled public hearings/meetings. You may attend by video conference or by telephone (conference call). To participate, you must first register by email to publichearings@foothillscountyab.ca and include the following information:

- **Date and Time of the Public Hearing(s)/Meeting(s) you are attending**
- **How you will attend the Public Hearing(s)/Meeting(s)** (i.e., in-person, by video conference, or by telephone (conference call))
- **Name** (you must use the same spelling when registering and when signing in)
- **Email Address**
- **Mailing Address** (in order to receive written notice of the decision)
- **Phone number** (for contact purposes in case there are technical difficulties during the hearing/meeting)
- **Your purpose for attending** (e.g., applicant, agent, neighbouring landowner in support of, or in opposition to, the application, etc.)

The deadline for registration for each hearing/meeting is indicated below. Once registered, an email with detailed instructions will be sent to you within 48 hours of the scheduled public hearing/meeting date and time.

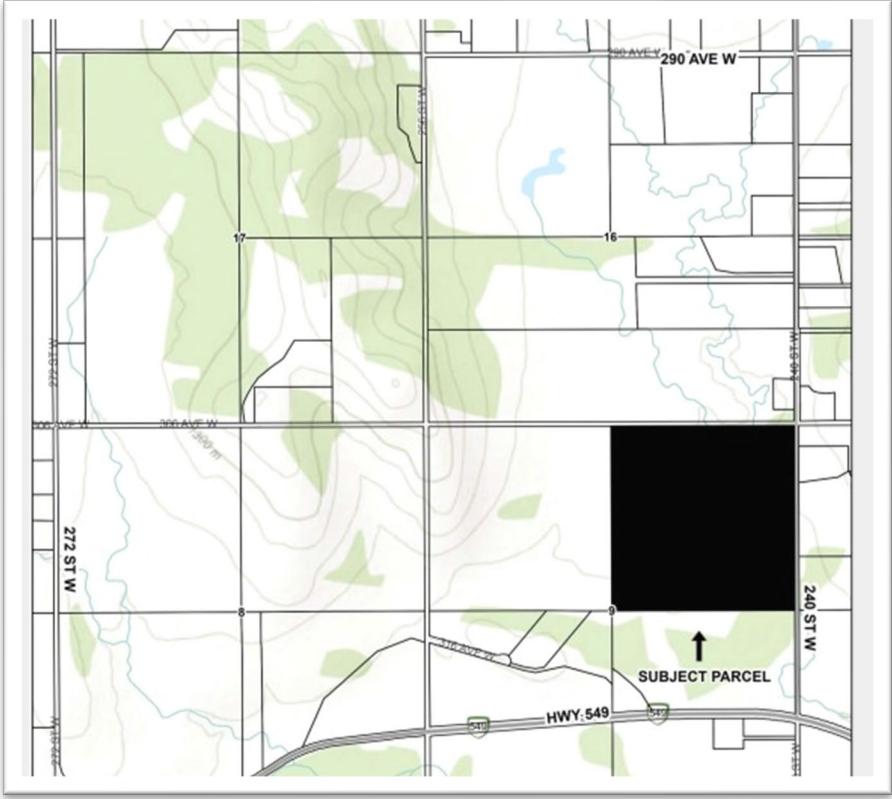
If you are unable to participate in person or electronically, you may submit a letter in advance of the public hearing/meeting. Letters can be submitted by email to publichearings@foothillscountyab.ca, mail/courier, fax or dropped off at the Foothills County Administration Building. Letters must include the date and time of the public hearing/meeting you are commenting on, your full name, mailing address, email address, and legal description to identify where you are located in relation to the subject parcel. **The deadline to submit a letter is indicated below. Letters received after the deadline may not be considered by Council.**

Written requests to adjourn or reschedule a public hearing/meeting accompanied by payment of the required \$1,000.00 fee can be sent by email to publichearings@foothillscountyab.ca, by Fax (403) 652-7880, by regular mail/courier to Foothills County, Box 5605, High River, Alberta, T1V 1M7, or dropped off at the Foothills County Administration Building, 309 Macleod Trail S, High River, AB. Requests must be received a minimum of 2 days in advance of the scheduled public hearing/meeting date to allow for circulation to all parties.

Please note that all submissions will be considered to be part of a file that can be viewed by the public at any time.

Please note these are NOT applications for subdivision. The below mentioned applications are only for the redesignation of property and/or amendments to the Land Use Bylaw.

For further information, please contact the Planning Department at: (403) 652-2341 or Email: planning@foothillscountyab.ca.

October 7, 2026 PUBLIC HEARINGS	
Deadline for registration to participate in these hearings/ meetings or to submit a letter is 4:30 P.M. on Sunday, October 4, 2026	
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PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HEARD AT 10:00 A.M.	PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HEARD AT 1:30 P.M.
NE 09-21-03 W5M (SUBJECT PARCEL) <u>Amendment</u> Foothills County has received an application from agent Kristi Beunder of Township Planning + Design Inc. on behalf of landowner Richard Singleton proposing an amendment to the Agricultural District land use rules to allow for the future subdivision of 1 new +/- 60 acre Agricultural District first parcel out. As shown on the location map, the subject parcel (shaded in black) is located within Council Division 3, directly west of and adjacent to 240 Street W, Highway 549, approximately 2.42 km east of 272 Street W, and approximately 1.61 km south of 290 Avenue W. 	 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO FOOTHILLS COUNTY LAND USE BYLAW 60/2014 Foothills County is considering amendments to the Land Use Bylaw in order to reduce red tape, streamline development approvals, and improve administrative efficiency. Key proposed changes include: • Private Solar Power Systems An increase to the maximum size and location flexibility of private solar systems that may be established without a Development Permit and updating regulations for free-standing solar array to better reflect current industry practices. • Sub-District ‘A’ Waiver Process Introduction of a waiver process that may eliminate the need for a Development Permit where a proposed development does not impact the specific purpose of the Sub-District designation and would otherwise be exempt from Development Permit requirements. • Building Regulations ○ Proposal to replace the current building size framework with a cumulative building area approach based on parcel size for all buildings on residential and agricultural properties. ○ Amendments to maximum lot coverage provisions in comprehensively planned developments where supported by professional stormwater management plans. ○ Proposal for a limited increase in the number of sea-cans allowed on Country Residential, Agricultural, and Agricultural Business parcels without requiring a Development Permit, subject to standards respecting location, appearance, and screening. ○ Proposed amendments to recognize private arenas as personal use accessory buildings rather than a separate use, thus allowing private arenas to proceed without a Development Permit if within the maximum cumulative building size for the parcel size or requiring a Development Permit approval if exceeding the applicable threshold. • Miscellaneous Amendments ○ Clarification on Development Permit exemptions for certain semi-detached dwellings under Residential Community District. ○ Reduced side yard setbacks within the Country Estate District on parcels greater than 0.80 acres in size. ○ A new definition for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and added discretionary use under the General Industry District. ○ Addition of campaign signs to the Development Permit exemptions to align with the recent amendment to the provincial Elections Act. The complete list of proposed amendments, supporting rationale, and detailed information are available at www.FoothillsCountyAB.ca.
After hearing all information at each public hearing/meeting, Council may do one of the following: (1) they may give a Bylaw three readings; OR (2) they may give a Bylaw one reading and then ask for further requirements; OR (3) they may postpone the matter if more information is required; OR (4) they may refuse an application.	
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