

## Long Weekend Reminders!



### Practice Social Distancing

Maintaining social distancing isn't always a walk in the park! With warmer weather, Happy Trails use has increased significantly. Sometimes it's difficult to stay 2-metres (or 6 feet) from others using the walking paths. Step off the path if another person is coming towards you to keep a 2-metre buffer.

Cyclists should ring a warning bell to let walkers know they're approaching from behind. Wave and say hi to other folks enjoying the Happy Trails, and please keep a healthy physical distance from those who are not immediate members of your home.

### Yard and Garage Sales Not Permitted

It is important to continue following provincial guidelines for social distancing and gatherings. Driveway, garage or in-home sales create unsafe environments that encourage groups of people who touch items on display. Residents are encouraged to hold online sales with curbside pick up to prevent the spread of the virus.

### Town Reviewing Provincial Relaunch Strategy

The Town is reviewing the list of health-related closures and restrictions in light of the province's new Relaunch Strategy. For now, Town facilities remain closed to the public until further notice. Please stay the course and continue to follow all health and safety measures, remain home and practice social distancing. We will keep the community updated about changes during this operational window, which ends June 30.

## New Property Assessment Appeals Deadline is July 2, 2020



The province has extended the Property Assessment Appeals deadline to July 2, 2020.

This extension applies to the 2019 assessment year only. There is no change in procedures or fees for submitting an assessment appeal.

If you have any questions about the appeal process or your 2019 property assessment, please send an email to [Assessment@highriver.ca](mailto:Assessment@highriver.ca)

## May 17 – 23 is Public Works Awareness Week



**A Symphony of Public Works? We think so! May 17 -23 is National Public Works Week.** The Canadian Public Works Association wants you to picture High River as a symphony of essential services, working in concert to create a great place to live. Public works professionals include those who manage water, sewer, public transportation and refuse removal systems, as well as those responsible for maintaining public buildings and grounds. Join us in recognizing and thanking the public works professionals at work in High River every day – 365 days of the year! Remember to give them a thumbs up or wave when you drive by! [Click here for a fun colouring page from the Canadian Public Works Association!](#)

## Construction Corner



“Town work continues on priority infrastructure projects. We are pleased to proceed with this work which has the added benefit of stimulating the economy during the COVID-19 pandemic.”

*Mayor Craig Snodgrass*

The following road construction projects are underway or about to begin in High River:

### SW Dike and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue work has started

- Roads are open but please be cautious and obey signs.

### May 18 - Partial Road Closure - 2nd Ave SE between 1st Street and 2nd Street

- Between 8 am and 4 pm there will be a partial road closure to replace the asphalt patch. Please obey all signs and drive carefully around work crews.

### Centre Street prep work begins week of May 19

- Residents in the area have been notified. Please note that access to businesses will be maintained throughout construction. The contractor will begin prep work on May 19 with digging on the roadway scheduled for the following week. Work will begin at the north end between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Ave and move southward. Please obey signs and watch for workers.

### High Country Drive two lane traffic still in effect

- Preparation work will begin along closed sections, such as removal of guardrails. We will provide an update when the full road closure is scheduled to begin.



## Water Billing Reminder

Winter Averaging is now in effect and started on May 1, 2020. For the summer months (May to October) consumption will be calculated using the November to April billings. If water consumption is less than the winter average or the flat residential fee, then the current consumption will be used to calculate your bill. For residents with Irrigation Meters, Irrigation Meter accounts are also in effect for the season.

[Visit the website for more details.](#)

## Lead Management – Home Water Sampling Program Delayed



The Town is taking lead management testing seriously and has a plan to meet government regulations. The home sampling program is being delayed because of the COVID-19 pandemic, to follow health precautions and protect the safety of our staff and residents.

Later this summer we will assess when to go ahead with the testing. We will still meet the government deadline as the testing period is from May to the end of September.

We will keep residents informed. Thanks to those who signed up.

We do not anticipate this to be a big issue in High River, but it is important to check plumbing in homes to be sure, particularly in some older homes where lead may have been used in the fixtures. To get some initial data, testing on a limited basis where there are no COVID-19 risks to staff or residents will be done. This will give us a sense of what we may find once wider testing occurs.

If you are concerned about lead in your tap water, there are easy things to do such as flushing the taps by letting them run for a minute before drinking the water. If you live alone and don't use your tap water a lot, this is a good idea regardless. For more information and tips: [highriver.ca/water](https://highriver.ca/water)



# Town of High River Response to COVID-19

Community Update #11– May 15, 2020

## Links, Emails and Phone Numbers to Keep Handy

- General customer service inquiries can be directed to [corporateservices@highriver.ca](mailto:corporateservices@highriver.ca) or 403-652-2110.
- Taxes and assessments questions can be directed to contact information: [assessment@highriver.ca](mailto:assessment@highriver.ca).
- To report problems or request information on garbage pickup, recycling, or water related issues, call 403- 652-4657.
- Any questions or concerns related to street sweeping can be directed to the Roads Supervisor at 403-652- 4657

## Be in the know about local High River business!

- Check out the new Facebook group [High River Business Roll Call!](#) Support Local!

## *Health and Wellness*

It sometimes takes courage to reach out! It is important to take care of yourself and family. FCSS is offering services by phone and email. To request a phone appointment call 403-652-8620 or email [fcss@highriver.ca](mailto:fcss@highriver.ca). Check our [Wellness Corner](#) for other mental and physical wellness resources. FCSS services can be offered in other languages if your first language is not English. Please call 403-652-8620 or email [fcss@highriver.ca](mailto:fcss@highriver.ca).

**Remember, if you are sick or in self-isolation, stay home!** Use the [online self-assessment tool](#). If necessary, contact Health Link 8-1-1.

## *Trusted Links*

- Follow trusted websites for accurate information, including [Alberta Health Services](#). A list of trusted websites can be found on our [COVID-19 webpage](#).
- Follow the Town on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for additional updates and information.
- The [Alberta Government website](#) provides advice on wearing a mask.

**Keep following the health precautions recommended by AHS. Stay the Course!**

**Stay safe, stay healthy, and stay informed.**