

# THE PRIDDIS POST

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WEBSITE: [priddisalberta.com](http://priddisalberta.com)

October 2019

Daylight hours are getting shorter so please slow down on our highways and secondary roads. Drive for the weather conditions. Let's keep everyone safe.

Renew your PCA Membership for the 2019 – 2020 season. The yearly membership cost is \$25.00 for a family membership, \$15.00 for a single adult, single senior \$10.00, or a business membership for \$50.00. Purchase your membership online, mail the attached form in with payment or drop it off at the Priddis Store. For your convenience, the Membership form is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Oct 21 - Federal Election Polling Station
- Oct 22 - Flu Shot Clinic – Free
- Nov 1 - Drop-in Playgroup
- Nov 8 - Fall Supper
- Nov 14 - AGM

## **Priddis Polling Station:**

The federal election is Monday, October 21st. Voting can be done at the Priddis Hall. Hours of operation are 7:30 am to 7:30 pm. Make sure to come out and cast your vote!

## **Flu Shot Clinic:**

The Priddis Community Association, in partnership with Sandstone Pharmacies, is hosting a Flu Shot Clinic at the Priddis Hall on Tuesday, October 22nd, from 5pm to 7pm. There is no charge for this service. You must be 5 years or older. Please remember to bring your Alberta Health Card. Contact [pcayoungfamilies@gmail.com](mailto:pcayoungfamilies@gmail.com) for more info.

## **Parent & Tot Playgroup:**

The drop-in playgroup meets the first Friday of each month at the Hall. The kids play indoors with tunnels, slides, an obstacle course, basketball hoop, etc. The next dates are November 4th and December 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 to 11:30. No fee is charged to attend. If you are new to our community with a young family, this is a great way to get to know your neighbours and find out what programs are available in the Priddis area. This event is also listed on the PCA website, [www.priddisalberta.com](http://www.priddisalberta.com).

## **Fall Supper – November 8th:**

Join us at the Priddis Hall for our roast beef buffet supper on Friday, November 8th. Doors and bar open at 4:00. Buffet dinner will be served from 5:00-8:00 pm. The cost is \$20.00 for adults and children 12 and older, children ages 7-11 are \$10.00 and kids under 6 years are free. Alcohol will be available for purchase. Paid memberships for the 2019-2020 season will receive one free drink ticket. Purchase your advance tickets online through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/priddis-community-fall-supper-tickets-72198103471> Some tickets are available at Jane's Café. Advertised on our website and posted on Facebook. Looking for lots of volunteers so please contact [pcayoungfamilies@gmail.com](mailto:pcayoungfamilies@gmail.com).

## **Annual General Meeting:**

The AGM is Thursday, November 14th, 7:30 at the Hall. All members are invited to attend. Come out and be an active part of your community. The Board meets once a month to carry out the Board mandate and business. Contact any of the current Board members on the website. Refreshments will be served.

## **PROGRAMS:**

### **Priddis Early Learning Program (PELP):**

A Halloween Party is planned for Thursday October 31st (morning). PELP's fundraiser, Mabel's Labels is ongoing. Great labels for kids' things, e.g. jackets, t-shirts, pants,

hats and shoes. Appreciate all your orders as 20% of sales through the link come back to our community preschool.

[https://mabelslabels.com/c/?type=fundraiser&b=7321&cur\\_website=base](https://mabelslabels.com/c/?type=fundraiser&b=7321&cur_website=base)

The 3 and 4-year old programs are full, with a wait list for 2019/2020. Contact: [PELPpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:PELPpreschool@gmail.com) for more information on this local program.

**Red Deer Lake School** is in the beginning stages of an Inclusive Playground Project. They are interested in any input or help the community can offer. Please contact [pcayoungfamilies@gmail.com](mailto:pcayoungfamilies@gmail.com) for more information.

### **Priddis Panthers Pond Hockey:**

This is fun, non-competitive pond hockey for boys and girls with all levels of experience, ages 5-17. If your child is interested in playing, contact [priddishockey@gmail.com](mailto:priddishockey@gmail.com) or check Facebook for Priddis Panthers Hockey. Registration was in September.

### **Priddis Multi-Purpose Building:**

The addition of this facility to the Hamlet will bring growth and secure a future for Priddis and the business community. Priddis will be able to offer more recreational opportunities and make a stronger family connection with community members.

### **Progress Report:**

The Priddis Community Association and Multipurpose Building Committee is pleased to report on the continuing progress of the Multipurpose Complex Project.

The MPB Committee, in close partnership with the Priddis Panthers Hockey Association, have begun the process of the old rink rebuild. The project was divided into two phases: restoration of the hockey rink and building a new complex. Tear down of the rink, player benches and general clean-up has been completed. The next step is the preparation of the rink steel support frame, rebuilding the penalty boxes and score keeper booth in the original location and building the new players benches on the north side of the rink. New boards will then be added. The Phase 1 rink rebuild will be ready for the 2019/20 hockey season. The MPB Committee has placed an ATCO trailer on site to be used as a temporary change room until completion of Phase 2, the Multipurpose Complex. This allows the Priddis Panthers teams to host home games with a warm place for families to get changed and warm up while making use of the new and improved rink.

The MPB Committee is working on procuring grants, additional fundraising and both private and corporate donations to help with financing of Phase 2. We look forward to continuing to work toward completion of this project and providing our community with the facilities we need for our ever growing and active community! We thank the Priddis community at large for their support of this project. To donate, contact Dave Thompson (403)-921-3640 or email [priddishockey@gmail.com](mailto:priddishockey@gmail.com)

The **Priddis Library** in the old-school house is open Tuesday and Friday from 3:00 to 5:00. There is a great selection of children's books and a play area. Drop by to borrow a book or donate your used books. Thanks to Arlene, Geraldine and Carol for volunteering their time to keep the Library operational for the community.

### **Priddis Hall Rental Rates:**

The hall rental rate structure and policies have recently been updated. The goal is to simplify rates and policies to make rentals more flexible and accommodating. Visit the Priddis Community Association Hall Rentals webpage for more information or to reserve the hall for your upcoming events. We still have 2019 dates available so check out - <https://www.priddisalberta.com/book-hall>

## **PCA**

### **MISSION**

#### **STATEMENT:**

**"It is our mission to encourage, enrich and enhance the social, physical and cultural programs in our rural community, while recognizing and honoring its' unique qualities and history."**

## **2019**

### **PCA BOARD MEMBERS**

#### **President**

Andrew Webber

#### **Past President**

Ed Osborne

#### **Vice President**

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#### **Secretary**

Laurie Sedgwick

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Vacant

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#### **Priddis Panthers**

David Thompson

#### **Directors at Large**

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#### **Priddis Young Families**

Stephanie Fitzgerald

#### **Multi-Purpose Building.**

Joey Duzlemic

## **OTHERS**

#### **Hall Maintenance**

Wendy Johnson

#### **Westoe Women's Institute**

Arlene Jelfs

#### **Foothills County Rep.**

Suzanne Oel 403-931-2711

#### **FIRE HALL - PRIDDIS**

(403) 603-3571

## **DETAILS:**

Newsletter publications and distribution will occur twice throughout the year. The Priddis Community Association Board meets the 2nd Monday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Priddis Hall. All members are welcome to attend.

**Priddis Stampede Breakfast:**

The annual Priddis Stampede Breakfast was another huge success this year. It was a busy morning as attendance numbers were up, with 690 breakfasts served. The Priddis Volunteer Fire Fighters fired up the grill while Azuridge Resort sent Chef Yoshi and his assistant to keep things running smoothly in the kitchen. The DJ played country tunes and the kids had fun on the bouncy castle, having their face painted and exploring the local Priddis Fire Department fire trucks. The 50/50 draw winner was from Redwood Meadows. A Calgary resident won the free Bruch for 2 at Priddis Greens.

Donations were gratefully appreciated from Azuridge Resort, Chaulk Team of Royal LePage, Priddis Greens Golf Course, Priddis Store and Priddis View & Brew. Meota Gas had a display table set up as did the Multi-Purpose Building Committee. A huge thank you goes out to all our volunteers.

**Suzanne Oel – Foothills Div. 4 Update:**

The Priddis Post Office closed as of September 13, 2019. If you are interested to set up a Canada Post Office in the Priddis area, please let me know and I will put you in touch with Canada Post representatives to give you all the details. You'll need a secured room for the packages, WiFi for use of the CP tablet and the location must be accessible. This type of post office provides prepaid envelopes and parcel pick-up for packages that do not fit in our community mailbox parcel compartments. In the meantime, the location of large parcel pickup is the Bragg Creek Post Office. The Silverado Post Office may be considered in the future. You can use FLEX DELIVERY to send your parcels to a location of your own choosing.

Met with our Justice Minister on Oct 1st: Our MLAs and Justice Minister Schweitzer are listening to our ideas and checking in with us to see if their proposed plans will work or effect change at the grass roots level. They are asking where and how they can support initiatives to help fight crime and change the system, in need of an overhaul. Foothills County Council, the High Country Rural Crime Watch and other RCWs were able to add our perspectives to the meeting in Okotoks. You are invited to participate in the info-gathering by filling in the

Justice Department's questionnaire. Your voice counts! Find it here: <http://hcrwa.ca/downloads/Talking-Rural-Crime-Questionnaire-2019.pdf>

**Backyard Hens:**

Due to Priddis-area residents' interest, our request to allow Backyard Hens on parcels under 3 acres was brought forward to Foothills County Council on April 17, 2019, while the County's Land-Use Bylaw was being reviewed. On August 28, 2019, Council reviewed a report prepared by our staff outlining Backyard Chicken Bylaws from other municipalities. We directed our administration to undertake public engagement via online survey regarding the proposed new regulations to allow for Backyard Hens (no roosters) on residential parcels under 3 acres in size. On Country Residential acreages from 2 to 3 acres, we propose that 12 hens be allowed, with no license required. On acreages of 1 to 2 acres, not in a Hamlet, we propose allowing 6 hens, with no license required. In Hamlets, the Hamlet residents (HOAs if relevant) will be consulted as to whether they want to allow the keeping of Backyard Hens, and we propose allowing up to 3 hens, with a license required. To get the complete draft details, look for our online survey in the next few weeks on the Foothills County website. BTW, all chicken owners are supposed to obtain a Premises Identification under the Regulation set out in the Alberta Animal Health Act and should also review the "Guide for Small Flock Owners" published by the Alberta Government. Search: 2015-raising-chickens-alberta-06-15r.pdf  
With Best Regards, Suzanne Oel

**Booking the Hall:**

To view or book the Hall, contact Mike at: [pcahallrentals@gmail.com](mailto:pcahallrentals@gmail.com) You **MUST** be a member in good standing for the last 2 years to get the special membership rates.

A reminder that the Priddis Panthers Hockey Club have a **recycling shed** located at the north-west end of the Priddis Hall parking lot. Thank you in advance for dropping off your bottles and cans.

**Fitness at the Hall:**

Check out our website to see when Jazzercise and Yoga classes are scheduled at the Hall.

The **Westoe Women's Institute** welcomes new members. Meetings take place the first Wednesday of each month. Contact Linda Eagleton at 403-931-2505 for more information.

**Staying Connected:** Did you know that along with The Priddis Community Association's website we have a few local Facebook pages to keep the community connected? These are great resources for seeing what is going on in the community, asking questions, finding out about local businesses and so much more. Check out the following Facebook groups:

- Priddis Community Association
- Priddis Moms Connect
- Priddis Buy and Sell

Go on our website today to check things out - <http://www.priddisalberta.com>

The Priddis Community Association website has a monthly calendar of events and social activities.

With your support, the Priddis Community Hall will continue to offer a great local meeting place for many activities and social events. Let us know what community events or functions you would like to see take place at the Hall. Your feedback is appreciated.

**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING**

Remember to purchase your tickets in advance for our Fall Supper online with Eventbrite or at Jane's Café.

**Local Advertisement:**



**CLEAN without using CHEMICALS**  
Sue Warren

Independent Sales Consultant  
Priddis

Monthly Customer Specials & Newsletter  
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**PRIDDIS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**2019 - 2020 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Effective November 1st, 2019 – October 31st, 2020

\*Business = \$50.00 Family Membership = \$25.00 Single Adult = \$15.00 Single Senior = \$10.00

\*Business Membership includes Your Business listed on PCA Website

If you & your family are new residents to the community, your 1st year membership is free. Check here

First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print) (please print)

Spouse's First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail cheque and this form to: **PCA, 178131 Priddis Valley Rd W Priddis, AB T0L 1W1** or drop it off at the **Priddis General Store.** Do you wish to volunteer for PCA functions?  Yes  No

I would like to receive PCA emails of news & events in our community.  Yes  No