

CFPA Updates:

April 20, 2020.

In the midst of all of the news, changes to routines – both work and personal- we wanted to let you know that CFPA is still here and is keeping a listen and watch on different trends that seem to be emerging of late. We also wanted to give you an update on what we have been working on and the status of our Annual General Meeting.

Firstly- **response to COVID-19** – the face to face March meeting of Board of Directors, was cancelled, in response to the Social Distancing requirements as mandated by the Province. This meeting is going to be moved to a teleconference meeting in April and we will provide updates, to you, on the ByLaw revisions and other items that we have been working on.

Also along with COVID-19 we have seen and heard of different SCAMS that are popping up on Facebook, in emails and in text messages. Some of these include:

- Government departments sending out coronavirus-themed phishing emails tricking you into opening malicious attachments tricking you to reveal sensitive personal and financial details.
- Private companies offering fake COVID-19 tests for sale.
- Public Health Agency of Canada giving false results saying you have been tested positive for COVID-19 tricking you into confirming your health card and credit card numbers for a prescription
- Personal Shopping Services asking for bank information and/or to transfer money before goods are delivered.
- Also, with the increase of on-line shopping and the delivery of packages, watch for Porch Pirates as well. While packages may not be able to be delivered to your work address, due to the Pandemic, watching for packages and setting up a package watch system with your neighbors could be beneficial for all.

One good guideline to remember with these is; **IF YOU DID NOT APPLY FOR IT, ASK FOR IT, OR KNOW IT WAS COMING IT IS MOST LIKELY A SCAM. CHECK THE SOURCE OUT CAREFULLY BEFORE PROVIDING ANY INFORMATION.**

**Annual General Meeting** - this was being planned for April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020, however due to the COVID 19 situation this meeting is being postponed, most likely until the Fall of 2020. Alberta Societies have scaled back their Office operations and have suspended the requirements for Associations to hold their AGMs during this time. We are committed to holding the AGM and continuing on with our Community Workshops, once we are able to do so safely and in the best interests of the Membership. In the meantime, we will keep you informed with updates to the Website and Newsletters.

We have been working on updating our ByLaws and have posted a draft on the Member page of the website. Please take minute to review and provide your feedback. This will be on the AGM Agenda when we are able to book the date.

If you have questions or would like specific information on subjects or anything the CFPA Board of Directors is working on, please email [info@cfparcw.ca](mailto:info@cfparcw.ca) and we will be happy to respond.

**Some Good news to share.**

President Rosemary Lindsay attended the APRCWA AGM and Symposium, in Grande Prairie, AB on February 22, 2020. The Farmers Advocate Office reviews the work of local Rural Crime Watch Associations, for the previous year and awards the **Rural Crime Watch Award** to an APRCWA Rural Crime Watch Association member for “*recognition of outstanding effort to reduce crime for the betterment of our rural communities*” Cochrane Foothills Protective Association was the recipient of this prestigious Award for 2019.

Thank you to you the Members, Board of Directors and Partners for your contribution to this success and for making a difference in your Communities and areas.



We have now have our Fan out communication system up and running, which means you will be able to receive the CFPA fan outs via email, text or phone message. We will provide these details in a separate email for your convenience. One thing to note, the default will be email and coming from the email address [reporter@cfparcw.ca](mailto:reporter@cfparcw.ca). Please watch for this email and add it to your safe senders list so you do not miss communications and updates from us.

Thank you for your continued support of CFPA- Rural Crime Watch and please keep your eyes and ears open in these changing days. While our “routines” may have changed some, we are still in need to know what is normal in our Communities and always report Suspicious Activity. The RCMP, Rockyview Enforcement, Fish and Wildlife Officers are working and still need your observations to help with their investigations and support keeping our Communities safer.

Stay well.

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