

## **Background**

TransAlta's Sundance and Keephills plants require a continuous and reliable source of coal from the Highvale Mine. As the active mining area within the approved permit boundary progresses, there may be a need to close or redirect existing public access roads. TransAlta considers road closures in long range planning processes, and endeavors to provide local area residents with safe alternative access routes.

## **TransAlta Commitment**

TransAlta is committed to reaching viable solutions for the greater good of the community. TransAlta is also committed to administering an effective public consultation process, and will work closely with all affected stakeholders including local area residents, Parkland County, Alberta Transportation and other affected parties to develop all road closure plans.

## **TransAlta Road Management Strategies**

- Road closures and redevelopment will be modeled after the Parkland County Highvale End Land Use Area Structure Plan.
- Timing of road closures is determined by the advance of the mining operation. Safety and operational concerns are central to planning decisions, with particular consideration given to emergency response routes.
- Residents will be invited to participate in the public consultation process and provide input into the road management plan.
- Advance notice of the need for road closures will be provided to impacted residents, Parkland County and Alberta Transportation as soon as practicable.
- Where mining approaches public roads but does not require closure, a safe setback will be maintained.
- All roads constructed by TransAlta for alternative access will be in accordance with plans approved by the County of Parkland and to a standard approved by the County at the time of construction.