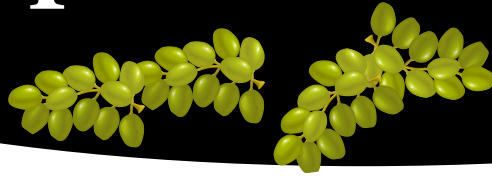


SMOKY LAKE COUNTY Grapevine Communication



April 2012

The County receives many Development Permit applications in the spring. Below is information to help you through the process:

Why do I need a development permit?

A development permit ensures that the proposed use of the land does not conflict with surrounding uses. The development permit can ensure that the development is set back the appropriate distance from property line. Setbacks are also required to ensure that the development is located in a safe place so that it is not too close to a road, steep slope, water body, oil and gas facilities, or other.

How long does it take to get a development permit?

It is important to submit your application well in advance of starting the development. According to the *Municipal Government Act*, a Development Authority has 40 days in which to make a decision on a completed development permit application. The 40 days begins after all of the necessary information has been submitted.

If a proposed development falls into the Permitted Use classification, a Development Permit can typically be issued within the 40 day time limit. If a proposed development falls into the Discretionary Use classification according to the Land Use Bylaw, approximately 2 to 4 months may be required to obtain a Development Permit (including the appeal period).

Who can appeal a development permit?

A development permit may be appealed by the individual applying for the permit or by anyone who is negatively affected by the development. The applicant may launch an appeal if the development permit is refused, or if there are objections to one or more conditions of the approval.

Planning & Development application forms are available at the County Office or can be downloaded from the County website under the "Planning and Development" page.



On April 28, Smoky Lake County will recognize the National Day of Mourning. The day commemorates workers who have been killed, injured or suffered illness due to workplace related hazards or incidents.

Scheduled Meetings

Regular County Council:

May 24, 2012 @ 9:00 AM

June 21, 2012 @ 9:00 AM

Agricultural Service Board Meeting:

May 4, 2012 @ 10:00 AM

Utilities Meetings:

Natural Gas and Environmental Operations:

May 4, 2012 following the Agricultural Service Board Meeting

Council Meeting Highlights – March 29, 2012

Mons Lake/ Kadak Lake

The County did not award the Request for Proposal of County Lake – Recreational Area Facility Supervision and Cleaning Services to supervise Mons Lake/Kaduk Lake.

Sale of Sand

The County will sell reject sand material at \$4.00 per tonne with no minimum volume quantity restrictions for Year 2012.

2012 County Asphalt Paving Tender Awarded

The tender was awarded to Sandstar Construction Ltd. for the bid amount of \$2,341,950.

D.A.R.E. funding support

Smoky Lake County will donate \$500 from the 2012 FCSS (Family Community School Liaison Program) to assist with the Drug Awareness Resistance Education Program sponsored by the RCMP – Smoky Lake Detachment.

Funding to assist with transportation expenses

Smoky Lake County will donate \$2000 to both the Smoky Lake Bar-V-Nook Lodge and the Vilna Lodge to assist with transportation expenses to FCSS events.

2011 Year-end Financial Statements

The audited Smoky Lake County Consolidated Financial Statement and the Smoky Lake Gas Utility Financial Statement are available at the County Office front counter or on the website www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca



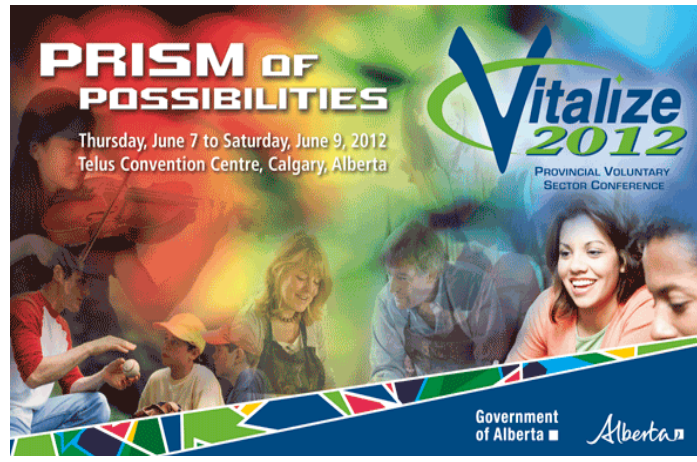
**SMOKY LAKE COUNTY
DECLARES
National Volunteer Week
April 15-21, 2012**

Smoky Lake Council would like to recognize and thank all volunteers within the County who make volunteering part of their daily lives.

Volunteers in communities lead positive change on all fronts and touch the lives of everyone in our community: community health care, sports and recreation, heritage and arts, environmental protection & advocacy, disaster relief, international development, and volunteer firefighting – the list is endless. The work of volunteers is essential to maintaining resilient communities at home and around the world.

The volunteer sector in Alberta consists of more than 19,000 charities and non-profit organizations. Community based organizations lead the way in responding to grassroots community needs.

Attention all Volunteers –



**Information on the
Provincial Voluntary Sector Conference can be found at
www.vitalizeconference.ca**

2012 Annual ATCO Community Symposium on “Building Better Communities”

The Symposium offers community service providers and non-profits with innovative strategies to inspire success.

Smoky Lake County will reimburse the expenses for accommodation, mileage and meals for one representative from three not-for-profit organizations within the County to attend either Symposium. The first three qualifying applications will be accepted for funding. The Symposiums will be held on:

- May 15, 2012 in Bonnyville (8 am to 4 pm)
- May 17, 2012 in Peace River (8 am to 4 pm)

Registration material is available at the Smoky Lake County Office. The deadline for applications to the County is Monday, April 30 at 4 pm. For more information on the Symposium see atcogas.com or atcoelectric.com

Respecting Road Right of Way - Bylaw 1241-12 (formerly Bylaw 1186-09) was passed by Council on March 29, 2012, regarding the use of Road Right of Way Management.

Section 3: Prohibitions

- 3.1 No person shall dispose of, or cause to be disposed of, any litter on a road right of way.
- 3.2 No person shall cultivate, or cause to be cultivated, a road right of way or any portion thereof.
- 3.3 No person shall remove, cut or otherwise destroy trees or shrubs located on a road right of way.
- 3.4 No person shall remove any soil, sand or gravel from a road right of way.
- 3.5 No person shall grade, ditch or otherwise change the contour of a road right of way.
- 3.6 No person shall deposit snow upon the traveled portion, shoulder or side slope of any road right of way.
- 3.7 No person shall construct any improvement upon the road right of way.
- 3.8 No person shall deposit matter that will interfere with or plug up a culvert.
- 3.9 No person shall apply used or waste refined oil on road surfaces within County road right of way.**

Note: As of March 29, 2012, Section 3.9 is new to this bylaw.

Smoky Lake County Road Ban/ Restriction in effect regarding Percentage Axle Weights

As of March 23, 2012 percentage axle weights for the County Roads are –

Gravel Roads: Applied time restrictions and assigned designated routes according to conditions. Percentage Axle Weight has Time Restrictions.

Oil Based Roads: Percentage Axle Weight is Year Round 75%.

Any and all proposed truck activity must contact the County: Bob 780-650-5100 or Doug 780-650-5101

Notice to Register Contract Equipment

Owners of gravel truck(s) with belly dump trailer(s), water truck(s) and road construction equipment are asked to register their equipment at the County Shop. All owners must complete a Registration Form, outlining the equipment, description, model, serial number, year as well as proof of insurance coverage, with two million dollars liability and WCB Account.

The Original Grazing School for Women

June 13 & 14, 2012 at the Barn Loft Inn, Vegreville
Early Bird Registration before May 10 is \$70, \$85 after.
Registrations accepted until June 4. For more information or to register contact Roxanne at 780-384-4129 or rmalesnik@flagstaff.ab.ca

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