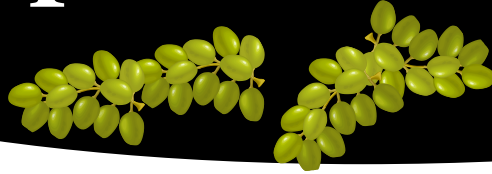


SMOKY LAKE COUNTY Grapevine Communication

May 2012



INVITATION TO CO-OPERATIVES TO PARTICIPATE IN 12th ANNUAL FARMERS AND RANCHERS APPRECIATION DAY



Smoky Lake County would like to invite all local Co-operatives to participate in the Annual Farmers and Ranchers Appreciation Day to be held on Friday, June 15, 2012 from 10:30 am to 2 pm at the Waskatenau Community Centre.

Smoky Lake County is hosting the event in conjunction with the International Year of the Cooperative. The event is a celebration of the Cooperative spirit and builds on this year's slogan of "Cooperative Enterprises Build a Better World".

The day will include a keynote speaker, Trade Show, BBQ lunch and door prizes, and will provide Co-operatives with the opportunity to meet with community members in a casual environment.

Co-operatives interested in setting up an information booth within the Trade Show and/or attending should contact Eugene Senetza, Agriculture Fieldman at 780-656-3730 or email esenetza@smokylakecounty.ab.ca by **Tuesday, May 15, 2012**. Participating Co-operatives will receive additional information by May 31. There is no cost to the Co-operatives to participate.

Please note: The Smoky Lake County Office and Public Works Office will be closed on June 15 due to staff participation at the Appreciation Day.

In recognition of Victoria Day, Smoky Lake County Office will be closed on Monday, May 21.



Scheduled Meetings

Regular County Council:

May 24, 2012 @ 9:00 am
June 21, 2012 @ 9:00 am

Natural Gas and Environmental Operations:

May 4, 2012 @ 10 am

Agricultural Service Board Meeting:

Following the Natural Gas and Environmental Operations meeting

COUNTY COMMUNITY EVENTS

Métis Crossing Opening

Seasonal Operations begin on Saturday, May 19 with
Hours of Operation: 11:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.
Information: <http://www.metiscrossing.com/>

Victoria District National Historic Site Plaque Unveiling

Unveiling will take place at the Victoria District
National Site at Pakan, adjacent to Métis Crossing
Saturday, May 26 at 3:00 pm

Open House Reception from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm
at the Smoky Lake Complex

Please reserve your complimentary tickets to the reception
before May 18 by contacting Bill Sadoway at 780 383 2140 or
lobstick@agt.net

Nominations for the Heritage Awards 2012

The Awards recognize accomplishments of individuals, organizations, corporations and municipalities who have made contributions in the protection, preservation and promotion of Alberta's built heritage, history and archeology. The deadline for nominations is June 1, 2012. Information: www.culture.alberta.ca/ahrf "Heritage"

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Weed Control Independent Appeal Panel Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board

Smoky Lake Agricultural Service Board is seeking public members for the purposes of ruling on Appeals to Weed Control Notices given within Smoky Lake County.

- Council will appoint three (3) members at large to serve on the Panel, and a minimum of five (5) members at large to serve as alternates on the Panel.
- Remuneration will be provided to all public members of the Panel as per County policy.

All nominations will be presented to Council.

ROLE OF THE PANEL:

Panel members are required to make findings of fact based on evidence presented and then make a decision after conducting a hearing fairly and in accordance within the provisions of *the Weed Control Act* and Regulations, and Municipal Bylaw.

MEMBER REQUIREMENTS:

- Must not be an employee of the County, or a member of the Agricultural Service Board for Smoky Lake County.
- Agricultural background.
- Attend Appeal Hearings and meetings which are normally scheduled during business hours.

SELF-NOMINATION SUBMISSIONS SHOULD INCLUDE:

- Statement about commitment to making fair Appeal Decisions in Smoky Lake County; and
- Talents and skills that would be brought to the Panel.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Friday, May 18, 2012 @ 4:00 PM to:

Eugene Senetza, Agricultural Fieldman
Smoky Lake County
Weed Control Independent Appeal Panel
Box 310
Smoky Lake, Alberta TOA 3C0
Fax: (780) 656-3768
Email: esenetza@smokylakecounty.ab.ca

The Call for nominations may remain open until the required number of suitable candidates is found.



NOTIFICATION FOR
"DO NOT SPRAY"

Staff of the Agricultural Services Board is preparing for the upcoming spray season. Spray operations will commence on June 1st, as long as weather and growing conditions permit. Spraying will be conducted for the purposes of brush and weed control.

Landowners who do not want spraying to be conducted along their property are requested to sign a **Right-of-Way Vegetation Control Application** (for chemical spray exemption) and pick up "DO NOT SPRAY" signs from the County Office. Signs must be posted far enough in advance to allow the operator time to react. Landowners posting these signs assume all responsibility for weed and brush control along the road right-of-way.

For more information on the types of herbicides being used or any other program details, please contact the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Services Board at (780) 656-3730.



IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

The County's graders are now conducting road maintenance, and will be on County roads over the coming months. For your safety and our crew's, please approach and pass with care.



FIRE BAN

IN AFFECT IN SMOKY LAKE
COUNTY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
Watch for signage or check the website
www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca
for current status





Smoky Lake 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 the 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.

BEAVER TAIL BOUNTY

Smoky Lake Agricultural Service Board will pay \$15.00 per beaver tail

Guidelines:

1. The Agricultural Fieldman, or his assistant, **MUST BE NOTIFIED FIRST** that there is a flooding problem in the reported area. The bounty **will only** be paid for those beavers removed from problem areas within Smoky Lake County.
2. The per tail Bounty will continue to be paid until our budget goal is reached. Once reached, the Agricultural Service Board has the option to discontinue the Bounty Program.

Please Contact the Agricultural Service Board, Smoky Lake County, 780-656-3730.



SALE OF SAND

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



Smoky Lake County 780-656-3730

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