

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Grapevine Communication

October 2013

2013 MUNICIPAL ELECTION: INFORMATION

- **Advance Poll:** Saturday, October 12, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Smoky Lake Administrative Office located at 4623 McDougall Drive in Smoky Lake.
- **Election Day:** Monday, October 21, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Voting Stations will be located at:



Division #1: The candidate was acclaimed
Division #2: Stry 75th Anniversary Hall and Dickiebush Hall
Division #3: Warspite Community Hall and Smoky Lake National Hall
Division #4: Bellis National Hall and Smoky Lake National Hall
Division #5: Waskatenau Community Centre and Smoky Lake National Hall

Unofficial election results will be posted on Smoky Lake County's Facebook after the polls close at 8:00 p.m. on October 21, 2013.

NEW Voter Identification and Eligibility: There is now a requirement for a person to provide proof of identity and current residence in order to vote, unless the elected authority prepares a list of electors and the person's name appears on the list. The basic requirement consists of a single piece of government issued identification, authorized by the Chief Electoral Officer under Section 53 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*, that includes the person's name and current address.

Acceptable forms of identification for proving eligibility to vote:

- Operator/Driver's license,
- Government photo identification card (for non-drivers),
- Bank/Credit card statement or personal cheque,
- Correspondence issued by a school, college or university,
- Government cheque or cheque stub,
- Income/property tax assessment notice,
- Insurance policy or coverage card,
- Letter from a public curator, public guardian or public trustee,
- One of the following, issued by the responsible authority of a shelter or soup kitchen: Attestation of residence, letter of stay, admission form or statement of benefits,
- Pension Plan statement of benefits, contributions or participation,
- Residential lease or mortgage statement,
- Statement of government benefits, e.g. employment insurance, old-age security, social assistance, disability support or child tax benefit,
- Utility bill, such as telephone, public utilities commission, television, hydro, gas or water,
- Vehicle ownership or insurance certificate.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

County Council Organizational Meeting: Monday, October 28, 2013 @ 9:00 a.m.
Smoky Lake County Strategic Plan Meeting: Thursday, October 24, @ 1:00 p.m.

Utilities Meeting: Thursday, October 10, 2013 @ 9:00 a.m.

- Natural Gas and Environmental Operations, and
- Agricultural Service Board

Council meetings are held in the County Administration Building located at 4612 McDougall Drive in Smoky Lake. The meetings are open to the public.

The Smoky Lake County Office and the Public Works Office will be closed on Monday, October 14, 2013 for Thanksgiving Day.



2013 MUNICIPAL ELECTION CANDIDATES

List of Official Candidates for the Office of County Councillor, Smoky Lake County
* Denotes the incumbent

Division 1: Dareld Cholak * (Acclaimed)

Division 2: Ronald Bobocel *
Hank Kwasnycia

Division 3: Rick Cherniwchan *
Barton Coady
Craig Lukinuk

Division 4: Lori Danyluk *
Cary Smigerowsky

Division 5: Richard Klem
Harvey Mandziuk
Randy Orichowski *



SNOW CLEARING OF PRIVATE DRIVEWAYS
(County Policy No. 03-35-07)



The County provides snow clearing services to Smoky Lake County residents for their residential driveways under the following terms and conditions:

- **The resident buys a flag and a flag is posted at the entrance to the driveway well before County snow clearing equipment is expected.**
- Snow will be cleared along the most direct route commonly used to access the residence, including the turn-around in the yard where it is safe to do so, conditional upon a minimum of 6 inches of snow.
- Areas considered too narrow or too close to buildings or other possible hazards to the safe use of the equipment as determined by the equipment operator will not be eligible for snow clearing.
- Snow clearing on private residential driveways will take place after all County roads have been cleared with the exception of those belonging to health care and emergency workers, and people with a known life threatening health risk, excluding people having previously scheduled doctor's appointments.

Flags may be purchased at the County's Public Works Shop from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and various other locations that may be determined from time to time.

Eligible general public individuals may buy a seasonal flag entitling the purchaser to snow clearing for the full winter season. *Note: The previously indicated cost did not include the GST. The cost of the flag itself has not gone up.

TOTAL cost of a seasonal flag is \$131.25 (\$125 + \$6.25 GST) until October 31
TOTAL cost of the flag will be \$183.75 (\$175 + \$8.75 GST) from November 1

Eligible seniors and handicapped individuals may buy a seasonal flag entitling the purchaser to snow clearing for the full winter season.

TOTAL cost of a seasonal flag is \$63.00 (\$60 + \$3 GST) until October 31
TOTAL cost of the flag will be \$105.00 (\$100 + \$5 GST) from November 1

County staff will fix the Flag to the residential signs

All flag purchasers must sign a "Hold Harmless Agreement". Each Agreement shall clearly indicate:

- The name of the purchaser(s);
- The title of the document proving age or handicap, when required;
- The legal description for the location where snowplowing is requested; and,
- The serial number(s) of the flag(s) sold.

More information may be found on the County's website www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca (search "snowplowing"), or obtain a copy from the County Office or the Public Works Office.



**2013 ASSESSMENT AND TAX ROLL
SMOKY LAKE COUNTY**

This is just a reminder that Smoky Lake County taxes are due by **Thursday, October 31, 2013**. A 10% penalty will be applied on November 1, 2013 to any current taxes owing. If you are a property owner within the County and you did not receive your tax notice or have any questions about your taxes, please contact the County Office at 780-656-3730 or toll free at 888-656-3730.



**Government of the Province of Alberta
Public Sale of Land
(Municipal Government Act)
Smoky Lake County**

Notice is hereby given that under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, Smoky Lake County will offer for sale, by public auction, in the County Administration Building, 4612 McDougall Drive, Smoky Lake, Alberta on **Friday, November 1, 2013, at 1:00:00 p.m.**, the following lands:

- SE ¼ Section 26 - Township 58 - Range 14 - W4 159 Acres
CofT#: 802136148
- SW ¼ Section 22 - Township 60 - Range 17 - W4 152.3 Acres
CofT#: 122205262
- NE ¼ Section 32 - Township 61 - Range 13 - W4 158 Acres
CofT#: 852135637

The parcels will be offered for sale, subject to a reserve bid and to the reservations and conditions contained in the existing Certificate of Title.

These properties are being offered for sale on an "as is, where is" basis and Smoky Lake County makes no representation and gives no warranty whatsoever as to the adequacy of services, soil conditions, land use districting, building and development conditions, absence or presence of environment contamination, or the developability of the subject land for any intended use by the Purchaser.

No bid will be accepted where the bidder attempts to attach conditions precedent to the sale of any parcel. No terms or conditions of sale will be considered other than those specified by Smoky Lake County. No further information is available at the auction regarding the lands to be sold.

Terms: Cash and G.S.T. will apply on lands sold at the Public Auction.

Redemption may be affected by payment of all arrears of taxes and costs at any time prior to the sale.

Smoky Lake County may become the owner of any parcel of land that is not sold at the Public Auction immediately after the Public Auction (MGA, Sec. 424).

Dated at Smoky Lake, Alberta, August 22, 2013.

Cory Ollikka
Chief Administrative Officer



Bylaw 1256-13:7.23 Recreational Vehicles was given third and final reading by Smoky Lake County Council on September 23, 2013.

Please refer to the County's website under "Planning and Development" for more information.



Government of Canada / Gouvernement du Canada

National Seniors Day

October 1

Celebrating the continuing contributions of Canada's seniors



National Seniors Day is an occasion for all Canadians to appreciate and celebrate seniors. Smoky Lake County Council proclaimed October 1 as National Seniors Day in the County. We are proud to pay tribute to the seniors who have helped build our country and continue to make valuable contributions to Canadian communities, workplaces and society.



A limited number of copies of the **Seniors Programs and Service Information Guide 2013-2014** are available at the County Office. You may also obtain your copy by calling the **Alberta Supports Contact Centre** toll free anywhere in Alberta: **1-877-644-9992**, or download a copy from the website: www.health.alberta.ca



The **New Home Buyer Protection Act (NHBPA)** will come into force in the fall 2013, as part of the Government of Alberta's ongoing commitment to improving consumer protection, recourse options and builder accountability for new homes built in Alberta.

After the Act comes into force, all new homes will require a warranty. Building permits will only be issued for homes with appropriate warranty coverage. For more information, visit www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/NHBP or contact Municipal Affairs at 1-866-421-6929.

HALLOWEEN



Please watch out for excited Trick-or-Treaters who are out and about on Halloween night — Thursday, October 31, 2013.

Smoky Lake County 780-656-3730
Toll free 1-888-656-3730
www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca

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