

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Grapevine Communication

April 2013

NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING - April 28



The National Day of Mourning commemorates workers who have been injured, killed or suffer illness as a result of occupational accidents and hazards. In 2012 in Alberta, 145 workers died as a result of workplace injury or illness. Please take a moment to think about our shared loss.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

The County receives many Development Permit applications in the spring: It is important to submit your application well in advance of starting development. Below is information to help you through the process. No development shall take place within the County unless an Application has been approved and a Development Permit has been issued by the Development Authority.



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 distances from property lines. Setbacks are also required to ensure that the development is located in a safe place so that it isn't too close to a road, steep slope, water body, oil and gas facilities, etc.

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 provided.

If a proposed development falls into the Permitted Use classification, a Development Permit can typically be issued within the 40 day time limit. Although, if your 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 for which a discretionary use has been issued may be appealed by the person applying for the permit or by anyone who is affected by the permit. A development permit for which a permitted use has been issued may only be appealed by the person applying for the permit. An appeal may also be launched if the provisions of the land use bylaw were relaxed, varied, or misinterpreted. An applicant may appeal if the development permit is refused, or if they object to one or more conditions of the approval.

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

Scheduled Meetings

Council Meeting: April 25, 2013 @ 9:00 a.m.
May 23, 2013 @ 9:00 a.m.

Smoky Lake County Strategic Plan: April 22, 2013 @ 1:00 p.m.

Utilities Meeting: April 23, 2013 @ 9:00 a.m.

- Natural Gas and Environmental Operations
- Agricultural Service Board

County Budget Meeting: April 23, 2013 @ 1:00 p.m.

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



Smoky Lake County Reeve Dareld Cholak (left) and Assistant CAO Lydia Cielin (2nd from right) received 25 year Service Awards from the Hon. Doug Griffiths, Minister of Municipal Affairs, and Bob Barss, President of the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties during the 2013 Spring AAMDC Convention held in March 2013.

Congratulations and "Thank You" for the many years of dedicated service to the residents of Smoky Lake County.

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY 2012 YEAR-END FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audited Smoky Lake County Consolidated Financial Statement and the Smoky Lake County Gas Utility Financial Statement are available for pick up at the County Office front counter or may be downloaded from the website www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca





EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Seasonal Labourer

Smoky Lake County is accepting applications for the position of Labourer. The seasonal, full-time position will report to the Public Works Foreman.

Interested candidates should submit their resumes in strict confidence by noon on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 to:

Doug Ponich, Public Works Manager
Smoky Lake County
Box 310
Smoky Lake, Alberta T0A 3C0

Or by e-mail to: dponich@smokylakecounty.ab.ca

Smoky Lake County would like to thank all applicants in advance for their interests; however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Seasonal Equipment Operator

Smoky Lake County is accepting applications for the position of Seasonal Equipment Operator. This seasonal, full-time position will report to the Public Works Foreman.

Duties will include operating:

- Road packing equipment,
- Road Reclaimer,
- Hydro-Axe; and,
- Additional heavy equipment/ tractors, as required.

Preferred Requirements:

Class 5 Driver's License with a clean Driver's Abstract,
Minimum two (2) years experience in operating heavy equipment,
Basic mechanical skills; and,
Willingness to take mandatory training, as required by the County.

Benefits and salary as per Collective Agreement.

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NOTICE TO REGISTER CONTRACT TRUCKS AND EQUIPMENT

Smoky Lake County is requesting all interested contractors to register for "Hiring of Contract Trucks and Equipment." The purpose is to ensure the County has access to acquiring contract trucks and equipment to perform and carry out services, and to ensure the fair distribution of work available to equipment owners within Smoky Lake County.



To be eligible for hiring, contractors must complete and submit annually a Registration Form listing each piece of equipment they wish to hire out. Information and the required forms are available at the Smoky Lake County Public Works Office or on the County's website www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca under "Public Works".

All contractors/owners shall comply with the terms of the County's agreement and provisions of the conditions as outlined within "Hiring of Contract Trucks and Equipment" (Smoky Lake County Policy No. 04-05).

Registration material from interested contractors must be submitted by hand-delivery to the Public Works Department to the attention of the Public Works Manager. Mail, e-mail or fax submissions will not be accepted.

The Notice to Register Contract Trucks and Equipment must be received by the County Public Works Department on or before Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at 4:00:00 p.m.

SHELTERBELT WORKSHOP

Wednesday, April 24, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Thorhild Legion (lunch is included)

Topics include how to design a functional shelterbelt, shelterbelt site preparation, care and maintenance of trees, and tree diseases and insects.

Registration Deadline is Thursday, April 18, 2013. For more information or to register call Evonne at 780-656-3730 or 888-656-3730 (Smoky Lake County Office)

LIVESTOCK PRODUCER WORKSHOP

Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at the Vilna Cultural Centre, 9:30 to 4:00 p.m.



Topics will include: Environmental Farm Plan, Cattle and Livestock Price Insurance Programs, Pasture Rejuvenation, Livestock Marketing, and more. The registration fee of \$10.00 includes lunch. Pre-registration prior to Friday, April 12, 2013 is required. To register contact the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board Department at 780-656-3730.

TRAVEL WITH HEAVY EQUIPMENT OR HEAVY LOADS: NOTICE TO ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS



We would ask that anyone who is planning to travel on County roads with heavy equipment and/or heavy loads to do so during the early morning hours when the roads are still slightly frozen. This will reduce damage to our County roads.

If you see damage on County roads, please contact the County's Public Works at 780-656-3755.



ATCO 2013 COMMUNITY SYMPOSIUM

The ATCO Community Symposium helps not-for-profit organizations and those in the volunteer sector stay informed about the latest trends and best practises in their industry.

Smoky Lake County will reimburse the expenses for registration, mileage, accommodation, and meals for one representative from three not-for-profit organizations within the County to attend either the Symposium on Monday, May 13, 2013 in Three Hills, or Wednesday, May 15, 2013 in Valleyview. The first three qualifying applications will be accepted.

Registration material is available at the Smoky Lake County Office. The deadline for applications to the County is Friday, April 26, 2013 at 4:00:00 p.m. Information about the Symposium can be found at <http://www.atcoelectric.com> "Community Symposium"

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY COMMUNITY EVENTS AND INFORMATION



The RCMP REGIMENT BALL on Saturday, April 20, 2013 at the Smoky Lake Complex. Music by Millennia. For tickets or information call the Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment at 780-656-3550.

PUBLIC INFORMATION: The section of the Iron Horse Trail from RR171 north of Smoky Lake to Spedden will be closed to all trail users until May 31, 2013 while water line construction takes place. For everyone's safety, please stay off the trail and adhere to all posted signs. No detour routes are established around the construction area. Check the Trail's website for more information.



STEPS TOWARDS A HEALTHIER YOU: The "Walk to Edmonton!" challenge. Kicking off on May 3 at 1:00 p.m. at the H.A. Kostash Football Field, interested walkers will be given a step counter, a water bottle and the challenge of walking the distance to Edmonton (110 km) by walking locally each day over the next few weeks and recording the distance on tracking sheets. Prizes will be awarded to the first walker in three age categories to complete the course. For additional information, please contact Amber or Phyllis at the Smoky Lake Medical Clinic at 780-656-2100.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK April 21 to 27, 2013

Smoky Lake County Council and staff would like to recognize and "Thank" all volunteers in the County who make volunteering part of their daily lives, and the County a better place to live. Volunteers in communities lead positive change on many fronts: community health care, sports and recreation, heritage and arts, environmental protection, disaster relief, volunteer firefighting – the list is endless.



VOLUNTEER
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CANADA

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY OFFERS FOR SALE BY PUBLIC TENDER, THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT

- Unit 209 2002 Ditch Witch Model RT115 Combo Unit Trencher: (Vibrating plow, trenching chain, backhoe & backfill blade) S/N 5W0267
- Unit 217 2007 Hayworth Tandem Gooseneck Trailer (30 feet with hydraulic beaver tail for loading) S/N 5PYAT172771006359
- App. 2005 mechanics service body FROM Natural Gas Utility truck S/N WT1242

ALL ITEMS ARE ON AN "AS IS – WHERE IS" SALE BASIS

Viewing is possible by contacting the

Smoky Lake County Gas Department @ 780-656-3037.

There is no warranty expressed or implied. Prospective bidders are urged to examine all items and assure themselves as to the condition and suitability for intended purposes.

TENDER SUBMISSIONS will be accepted IN WRITING until 2:00:00 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2013.

The submissions must be in a sealed envelope and clearly marked:

"Equipment Tender"

Attention: Smoky Lake County
John Malysz, Natural Gas Department

The submissions may be dropped off between 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday at the County office located at 4612 McDougall Drive in Smoky Lake, or mailed to Box 310, Smoky Lake Alberta, T0A 3C0

The Highest Nor Any Bid Shall Not Necessarily Be Accepted

INSTALLATION OF NATURAL GAS AUTOMATIC METER READERS

Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Department personnel will be changing the current natural gas meters to automatic meter readers (AMR) on the west side of the County (Warspite to Waskatenau area). Homeowners will be contacted beforehand to set up a time for the installation. Homeowners will need to be at home for the meters to be changed. The meters are being changed due to new and changing technology.

Smoky Lake County 780-656-3730

Toll free 1-888-656-3730

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