

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

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COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

September 25, 2014

Decision Items

1. Council is requesting a County Lake Recreational Area Facility Supervision and Cleaning Services proposal for a 5 year term for 3 Sites: Hanmore Lake (west end & east end and Island lake), Bellis Beach along with Mons Lake / Kaduk Lake.
2. Council approved to dismantle and removal of two vacant county owned houses in Warspite -- as part of an effort to address unsightly premises in th county.

Transportation and Utilities

1. Council and CAO to meet with Minister at fall convention to discuss regional issues -- including traffic on Hwy. 28, Hwy 831 and Hwy 36 .
2. County CAO has been named as the manager of the Hwy. 28/63 Water Services Commission .
3. Council agreed to proceed with the pre-engineering work for new Inert Waste Cell at the County landfill -- cost \$13,400 -- funded from landfill reserve.

Committees and Events

1. Council reviewed and accepted Wild Pink Yonder donation tally and net proceeds of \$1380.72 to be forwarded to Wild Pink Yonder
2. County Council to lobby MLA & Alta regarding bathtub in hospital

Delegations

1. Community Futures St. Paul-Smoky Lake Region -- Introduction and update on services provided.
2. Ed Boothman, Web Consulting and Graphic Design -- Presentation on Web Design.
3. RCMP -- Update and presentation from new Sergeant Al Baird, Smoky Lake Detachment

Funding Support

1. First Baptist Church. -- in-kind manpower & equipment to remove pallets of cardboard *donation*
2. Smoky Lake Hospital -- provide County compressor to assist with crack filling of the asphalt *donation*
3. Smoky Lake Kinsmen -- 56,500 tones of 1" gravel *donation*

Scheduled Meetings

Budget meeting: October 30, 2014 @ 1:00 p.m

Council Meeting: October 23 , 2014 @ 9:00 a.m.
December 4 , 2014 @ 9:00 a.m.

Utilities Meeting: November 4, 2014 @ 9:00 a.m.

- Natural Gas and Environmental Operations
- Agricultural Service Board
- Fire Protection Services

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

2014 ASSESSMENT AND TAX ROLL SMOKY LAKE COUNTY



This is just a reminder that Smoky Lake County taxes are due by Friday, October 31, 2014. A 10% penalty will be applied on November 1, 2014 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

OFFICE CLOSURE

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY OFFICE AND PUBLIC WORKS

Office will be closed on
Tuesday, November 11, 2014
for Remembrance Day.





In Memory of Dwayne GORENIUK



A gentle soul has departed, but the memories shall never fade. Dwayne was a valuable and respectable member of our County Family. His loss is being felt by those of us who had the honor and pleasure of working with him. A thousand words can't bring you back and neither would a million tears.

Every day, firefighters put their lives on the line to protect others. They do this when they fight fires, when they deal with dangerous chemical spills, and when they rescue people from car accidents and burning or collapsed buildings. Firefighters face danger so that they can save the lives of others. That's why the community holds them in such high esteem, and why people call them heroes.



FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES GRANTS

Smoky Lake County has funds available under the FCSS granting program. In order to access funding, organizations will need to apply funds to projects that qualify under Policy 08-17-01 using a prescribed application form and will need to submit a final report for each grant.

Example of Programs under the Policy include develop awareness with regard to social needs; help individuals develop independence and strengthen coping skills; and, provide supports that help sustain people as active participants in the community.

Funds are still available for the 2015 year.

Please contact Brenda Adamson, Finance Manager, at the County Office

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.

Wanted Himalayan Balsam



Himalayan Balsam is a **Prohibited Noxious** summer annual which reproduces by seed only. It produces dense, even-aged stands which shade out competing vegetation and attract poillinaors away from native species.

It must be destroyed under the Alberta Weed Control Act

For control options please contact the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Department at (780)656-3730

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