

# SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

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## 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 2013 in Alberta, 188 workers died as a result of workplace injury or illness. Please take a moment to think about our shared loss.

## Scheduled Meetings

Council Meeting: April 24, 2014 @ 9:00 a.m.  
May 22, 2014 @ 9:00 a.m.  
July 3, 2014 @ 9:00 a.m.

Smoky Lake County Strategic Plan: April 28, 2014 @ 1:00 p.m.

Utilities Meeting: April 29, 2014 @ 9:00 a.m.

- Natural Gas and Environmental Operations
- 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.

## 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).

The Alberta's New Home Buyer Protection Act, it started February 1, 2014. Here is the website for more information, maybe you could include a write up and this website in the ad: <http://www.homewarranty.alberta.ca/>

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

## SMOKY LAKE COUNTY 2013 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



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## OFFICE CLOSURE

### SMOKY LAKE COUNTY OFFICE AND PUBLIC WORKS



The Offices will be closed on Good Friday, April 18, and Easter Monday, April 21, 2014



### Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties Spring 2014 Convention



Smoky Lake County made a Presentation to Alberta Transportation – North Central Region at the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties Spring 2014 Convention on March 18, 2014. The County regularly meets with Alberta Transportation on provincial infrastructure issues that impact the travelling public in our County region. Transportation priorities and issues discussed included:

- 1) Timeframe for Highway 28 resurfacing
- 2) Highway 28 and Highway 831: Intersection Amendment
- 3) Highway Intersection Lighting upgrades at various locations along Hwy 28 and 855
- 4) Highway Approach issues:
  - Hwy 28 at Peppers/Petro Canada at Waskatenau.
  - Hwy 28 at Spedden proposed new gas station.
  - Hwy 859 near Vilna
- 5) Increased number of wide loads on Highway 831
- 6) Increasing Heavy-Truck Traffic on Highways 652, 857 and 859

Smoky Lake County is awaiting reply from the Ministry on these issues.

### ATCO 2014 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. The first three qualifying applications will be accepted.

May 20, 2014	May 22, 2014
Fort Saskatchewan, AB	Grande Prairie, AB
Dow Centennial Centre	Etric Centre
8700 84 Street	Evergreen Park

Registration material is available at the Smoky Lake County Office. The deadline for applications to the County is Friday, April 25, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. Information about the Symposium can be found at <http://www.atcoelectric.com> "Community Symposium"



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: SEASONAL LABOURER

Smoky Lake County is accepting applications for the position of Labourer. This seasonal, full-time position will report to the Natural Gas Manager. Candidates must have a valid Driver's License.

Interested candidates should submit their resumes in strict confidence by Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at 3:00 pm to:

John Malysh, Natural Gas Manager  
Smoky Lake County  
Box 310  
Smoky Lake, Alberta T0A 3C0

Or by e-mail to: [jmalysh@smokylakecounty.ab.ca](mailto:jmalysh@smokylakecounty.ab.ca)

Smoky Lake County would like to thank all applicants in advance for their interest; however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Employment to commence May (weather dependant)

### 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](http://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. 03-04).

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, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

### SMOKY LAKE COUNTY ROAD BAN/ RESTRICTION ARE IN EFFECT REGARDING PERCENTAGE AXLE WEIGHTS



As of April 2, 2014 Road Ban restrictions on County Roads are in effect as follows:

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

Posted Oil Based and Paved Roads: Percentage Axle Weight is 75%.

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



### SMOKY LAKE COUNTY Agricultural Services Board

The Smoky Lake County Agricultural Services Board will be following our complete Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) for the 2014 growing season. The VMP will work in conjunction with the Weed Inspection and Notice program as well as coincide with Public Works Brushing and Construction schedules.



The "Reverse Fenceline" Spray Program will be continued for 2014. Applicants can apply to have their field margins sprayed from their property line outwards into the County Right of Way to control invasive species on fencelines and field margins. Please contact the ASB for more information.

All aspects of the VMP will fall under *Policy Statement # 62-15 "Vegetation Management Plan."* The tentative start date for Roadside Spraying is June 1st 2014.

NOTIFICATION FOR  
"DO NOT SPRAY"

Landowners who do not want spraying to occur on the right of way adjacent to their property can come to the County office and fill out a "*Right of Way Vegetation Control*" (chemical spray exemption) application. All aspects of the "NO SPRAY" request fall under *Policy Statement # 62-11 Weed Control "NO SPRAY" Request*. Land owners are responsible for posting "DO NOT SPRAY" signs far enough in advance to give the sprayer operator enough notice to turn off sprayer.

Strychnine is available for purchase at the county office. Please contact the Agricultural Services Board at 780-656-3730 prior to pick-up, to ensure that ASB staff are available to sell product.

Thank you,  
Kurt Holdis  
Agricultural Fieldman  
Smoky Lake County

### Summer Temporary Employment Program (STEP)

Smoky Lake County is now accepting applications from persons over 16 years of age to fill either four month or two month positions.

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: April 25, 2014**  
Cory Ollikka, Box 310 Smoky Lake, Alberta T0A 3C0  
Fax: (780) 656-3768 Email: collikka@smokylakecounty.ab.ca

## SMOKY LAKE COUNTY COMMUNITY EVENTS AND INFORMATION

Congratulations to our Firefighters Curling Team who took the Silver medal at the Canadian Firefighters Curling Championships last week. From March 26 to April 5, a group of Smoky Lake Region's finest firefighters qualified to represent Alberta at the 55th Annual Canadian Fire Fighters Curling Championship in Winnipeg, MB. After a phenomenal success in the Round Robin; Skip – Larry Lafleur, Third – Bill Smith, Second – Ken Osepchuk, Lead – Scott Franchuk, Director - Greg Royer manage a second place standing going into the finals. Ironically they originally beat the first place team Saskatchewan in the first round of the finals, only to have them come back and beat them in the finals. Way to go Gentlemen.



On April 4, 2014 the County of Smoky Lake Food Bank Challenge between the Administration Staff and the Public Works Department came to an spectacular and nail biting conclusion. By a narrow margin of 16 lbs. Public Works (609 lbs) handed a defeat to the Admin. Staff (593 lbs). The true winners at the end of the day are all those that will be depending on the 1202 lbs of food raised. Many thanks to all staff who donated to such a worthy cause and a special thanks to the lady who lead the charge. — Rose Lyle.

### 12th ANNUAL FARMERS AND RANCHERS APPRECIATION DAY "Supporting Our Local Producers"



Friday, June 6, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
at the Smoky Lake Complex  
Hosted by Smoky Lake County

Everyone is welcome to attend!

- A hamburger and hotdog BBQ from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Door prizes