

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Grapevine Communication

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Registration is now open for Vitalize 2014 - secure your spot today!

Vitalize is the premier training and skills development conference for the nonprofit/voluntary sector in Alberta. Vitalize returns to Calgary in 2014 with phenomenal keynote speakers, a fun-filled evening gala and engaging speaker sessions covering topics such as:

- fundraising
- volunteer management
- Leadership

Scheduled Meetings

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

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

Utilities Meeting: May 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.

PROPERTY LINE SETBACKS

What is a setback?

means the minimum perpendicular distance that a development must be set back from the front, side, or rear property lines and the nearest point on the exterior wall of a building on the lot.

Front Yard

means that portion of a lot extending across the full width of the lot from the front line to the exterior wall of the specified building.

Lake Front Lot Yard

means the yard extending across the full width of a lake-front lot and situated between the lot line closest to the lake and the front wall of the main building.

Rear Yard

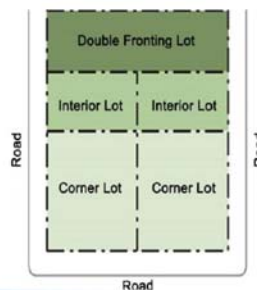
means that portion of a lot extending across the full width of the lot from the rear line to the exterior wall of the specified building.

Side Yard

means that portion of a lot extending from the front yard to the rear yard and lying between the side line and the exterior wall of the specified building.

Double Fronting Lot

means a lot which abuts two roads (except as defined in the Traffic Safety Act, R.S.A. 2000, as amended), which are parallel or nearly parallel where abutting the lot but does not include a corner lot.



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



Office will be closed on Monday, May 20, 2013 for the Victoria Day weekend.



**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

2014 Camping Season

The Victoria Day long weekend marks start of summer for many of us. Our County has many lakes and recreation sites to enjoy but please be water and camp fire safe. See the County's website "Parks & Recreation" for Reservation information (where available) and what's offered at each site. There is a \$20.00 per night per unit fee if you are camping overnight.



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Did You Know...

Land Titles

An individual can create a Guest account and access "SPIN 2" the Government of Alberta - Land Titles system for any of the following items:

- Certificate of Title
- Survey Plans
- View your property dimensions
- Map Search
- Registered Documents

For more information you may call the SPIN 2 Help Desk: 780-422-7874 (toll free from anywhere in Alberta by first calling 310-0000).

<https://alta.registries.gov.ab.ca/spinii/logon.aspx>

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

**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