

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Grapevine Communication

October 2015



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COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

September 24, 2015

Decision Items

1. Digital License Agreement with Inside Outside Studios Inc. (Hunter Alberta) to provide County owned GIS generated land ownership map for use on the iHunter Alberta mobile App; for a one year trial term. -- **Adopted**
2. Request for Proposal 2015-E to Alberta Municipal Services Corporation (AMSC) and enter into a one year agreement with Alberta Municipal Services Corporation (AMSC) as the provider of electricity for county buildings. -- **Award**
3. Refund 2015 property taxes for the property located at #3, 13239 TWP RD 615 in the amount of \$742.54, as per the letter received from Leora Johnston, Office Administrator, Smoky Lake Foundation dated August 24, 2015. -- **Denied**
4. Transfer funds in the amount of \$305,892.77 to the Wildfire Operating Reserve. -- **Adopted**
5. Received request for free snow plowing services for the property located at SW 21-59-17-W4 as per Policy Statement No. 03-35-08: Snow Clearing.-- **Denied**

Funding Support

1. HAK Leadership Group – Leadership Conferences -- \$2,000

Delegation(s)

1. Roy Shupenia, Developer, Hillside Acres -- to discuss 2015 property taxation on subdivided lots located in Hillside Acres
2. Dale Crowell Construction Co. Ltd. -- to discuss a 2016 winter haul route agreement.
3. Riverland Recreational Trail Society -- to discuss the installation of Texas Gates along the Iron Horse Trail.
4. JLG Ball Enterprises Ltd. -- to request a onetime reduction of the Haul Road Levy of \$0.85 per tonne.

For complete minute details, please visit:

www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/council_meetings.html

Scheduled Meetings

Budget Meeting: December 7, 2015 @ 10:00 a.m.

Council Meeting: October 29, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m.
December 3, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m.

County Organizational Meeting: October 29, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m.

Committee Meetings: November 4, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m.

- Natural Gas
- Environmental Operations
- Agricultural Service Board
- Fire Protective Services

County Strategic Plan Meeting: October 21, 2015 @ 9:00 a.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.

2015 ASSESSMENT AND TAX ROLL SMOKY LAKE COUNTY



This is just a reminder that Smoky Lake County taxes are due by Saturday, October 31, 2015. A 10% penalty will be applied on November 1, 2015 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
Wednesday, November 11, 2015
for Remembrance Day.





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.

\$3200 worth of funds are still available for the 2015 year.

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

SNOW SEASON IS ON ITS WAY...

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

Flags may be purchased at the County's Public Works Shop between 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Eligible general public individuals may buy a seasonal flag entitling the purchaser to snow clearing for the full winter season.

Prior to October 31, 2015 the cost is \$125.00
After October 31, 2015 the cost of a flag is \$175.00.

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

Prior to October 31, 2015 the cost is \$60.00
After October 31, 2015 the cost of a flag is \$100.00.

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/public_works.htm,
or obtain a copy from the County Office or the Public Works Office.



IMPORTANT NOTICE UPCOMING ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Planned Road Projects in the County for the month of October

All Rehabilitation / Base Stabilization Projects are complete; crews will be busy doing:

- 1) Regular maintenance
- 2) Patching where required

For complete details, visit:

www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/public_works.html

CLUBROOT INFORMATION SESSION

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

5:30pm – 8:30pm

Ukrainian National Hall, Smoky Lake

(supper included)



Topics Covered:

- What is it? How does it spread?
- How to identify and scout your fields
- Best management practices
- Resistance; how effective is it?
- Update on new clubroot stains found

Featuring Presentations By:

Dan Orchard, Agronomy Specialist;
Canola Council of Canada
&

Doug Moisey, Agronomist;
DuPont Pioneer

Please Register by November 9th, 2015

To Register Contact the Smoky Lake County
Agricultural Department @ 780-656-3730



Smoky Lake County Community Events...

If you have an event happening within the County of Smoky Lake and would like residents to know about it, please forward us the information a minimum of 30 days prior to the event. Submissions may be dropped off between 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday to the County Office located at 4612 McDougall Drive in Smoky Lake, Alberta; or mailed to:

Box 310; Smoky Lake County; Smoky Lake, AB; T0A 3C0 Attn: Communication Department

or faxed to the Communication Department at 780-656-3768

or email to: eci@smokylakecounty.ab.ca