

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

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## COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

February 19, 2015

### Decision Items

1. Council passed Bylaw No. 1281-15: Regional Emergency Management Region.
2. Council approved to support Lakeland Outdoor Recreation Group (LORG) for further advancement of Regional Trail Development.

### Funding Support

1. \$3,000 -- to Vilna FCSS -- Seniors Home Cleaning Services
2. \$2,500 -- to the Smoky Lake Playschool. -- FCSS
3. 13 Tonne of 1" gravel -- to the Vilna Fish and Game Association
4. \$2,500 -- to Vilna Citizens on Patrol Association (COPS)

For complete minute details, please visit:

[http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/council\\_meetings.html](http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/council_meetings.html)

## Summer Temporary Employment

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: March 30, 2015**

**Please submit application to:**

Cory Ollikka, Box 310 Smoky Lake, Alberta T0A 3C0

Fax: (780) 656-3768

Email: [collikka@smokylakecounty.ab.ca](mailto:collikka@smokylakecounty.ab.ca)

### Scheduled Meetings

Council Meeting: March 26, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m.  
April 16, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m.  
May 28, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m.

Utility Committee Meetings: March 5, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m.

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

Departmental Meeting: March 12, 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.

## SMOKY LAKE COUNTY: TAX SALE

**March 31, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.**

The County will be offering for sale:

- Lot 7, Block 1, Plan 7822612. (reserve bid of \$22,000)

If you require further information, please contact the County office at 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](mailto:eci@smokylakecounty.ab.ca)



## APPLICATION FOR 2015 ROAD DUST CONTROL /SUPPRESSION

Smoky Lake County Public Works is accepting applications for blade oil mix or calcium chloride dust control for rural roads within the County until Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 4:00:00 p.m.



The County will arrange for dust control/ suppression on roads in front of a residence with fees as follows:

### Blade Oil Mix :

2 ½ inch thickness for \$2,500

### For calcium chloride:

\$750 for two applications. The first application will take place in late spring. Upon inspection in September, a decision will be made on whether to proceed with the second application in the fall or wait until the following spring. Conditions of the dust control will determine the timing of the second application.

The length for the dust control/ suppression will be 150 meters (500 feet). Any additional length of dust treatment will be at full cost to the applicant.

Applications are available at Smoky Lake County Public Works Office during office hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday

**Payments must be made with applications**

## 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. 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 Thursday, April 30, 2015 at 4:00:00 p.m.

# Learning Today for Farming Tomorrow 'Revolution of the Farmer'

Smoky Lake Complex  
March 10th, 2015  
Doors open @ 8:30a.m.

#SLAgConf15

Gordon Colledge  
'Working with the Ones You Love'  
Professionalizing the farm business and the importance of communication.

Lyndsey Smith  
'New Media for a Traditional Profession'  
A look at our customers – public perceptions of agriculture, how new media can go viral, and what this means for farmers and farming.

Industry Tradeshow  
& Speaker Panel

### REGISTRATION:

**\$30/person**  
Cheques made payable to:  
Smoky Lake County Community Learning Council  
Box 631, Smoky Lake, Alberta T0A 3C0.  
For more information:  
- call Angela @780-656-2586 OR Barb Shapka @ 780-656-3730  
Registration Forms available at: [www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca](http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca)  
**Registration Deadline: February 24, 2015**

## 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.