

# SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

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## COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

June 25, 2015

### Decision Items

1. Amended Project No. C1412-15 and Project No. C1315-15 - Construction .
2. Amended Policy Statement No. 61-11-04: Planning and Development Fees.
3. Passed Bylaw No. 1282-15: Planning and Development: Public Hearing Procedures .
4. Amended Policy Statement No. 61-02-02: Natural Resource Extraction Processing.
5. Approved the 2015 Tax Sale be scheduled for October 2, 2015 at 10:00 a.m
6. Approved to support to the Victoria Trail Agricultural Society in its application to the Canada 150 Grant Program for the Victoria Trail 150th Anniversary Commemoration Project

### Funding Support

1. \$200 -- Bonnie Lake Social Club.
2. \$500 -- to "Steps Towards a Healthier You" Run/Walk
3. \$300 -- to Smoky Lake Riding Club Children's Event
4. \$250 -- to Smoky Lake Victim Services Unit and RCMP Detachment Annual Charity Golf Tournament.

For complete minute details, please visit:

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

### OFFICE CLOSURE

#### SMOKY LAKE COUNTY OFFICE AND PUBLIC WORKS

Office will be closed on  
Wednesday, July 1, 2015  
for Canada Day.

Celebrate Canada's 148th Birthday  
and enjoy the community parades  
and events



### Scheduled Meetings

Council Meeting: August 20, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m.  
September 24, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m.  
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: July 7, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m.

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

County Strategic Plan Meeting: July 27, 2015 @ 10:00 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.

### DO YOU HAVE 2015 COUNTY TAX ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?



Accurate Assessment Services will be available at the Smoky Lake County Office on Monday, June 22 and Tuesday, June 23, 2015 to discuss any tax assessment concerns.

Meetings with the assessor are by appointment only.

If you would like to meet with the assessor to discuss a tax assessment, please contact Rose at the County Office to schedule an appointment. Phone Rose at 780-656-3730 or 1-888-656-3730 or email : [rlyle@smokylakecounty.ab.ca](mailto:rlyle@smokylakecounty.ab.ca)

### SMOKY LAKE COUNTY 2014 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: [www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca](http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca)

**PUBLIC NOTICE** — LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES ON PROPERTY:

Section 7.23: Land Use Bylaw 1250-12 of Smoky Lake County



As camping season is upon us, please be reminded that Smoky Lake County has a bylaw which limits the number of Recreational Vehicles (RV's) on your property.

**Multi-Lot Country Residential (R1), Residential (Cluster) Conservation (R2), Victoria Residential (R3), and Hamlet Residential (R4) Districts:**

- A maximum of 2 (two) RV's are allowed on a parcel without a development permit year-round.
- Additional RV's are permitted although, only for a maximum of 4 (four) consecutive days.
- If you wish to place 3 (three) RV's on your property on a year round basis, a Development Permit is required by the Development Authority.
- This does not apply to parcels zoned as Agriculture (AG), Victoria Agriculture (A1), Highway Commercial (C1), Victoria Commercial (C2), Hamlet Commercial (C3), Industrial (M1), Rural Industrial (M2), Institutional & Community (P), Direct Control (DC), and Direct Control Landfill (DC1) Districts.

No recreational vehicle shall be permanently connected to any utility or municipal service, such as power, gas, water supply, or sanitary sewage disposal facilities unless the RV is located in an approved RV Park.

You may verify the zoning of your property by accessing the Public Webmap <http://webmap.smokylakecounty.ab.ca>, select "Go" to enter the Webmap Site and turn on the "Zoning" and "Zoning Label" Layers in the Planning & Development section or by accessing the "Maps" section of the County's website <http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/maps.htm>

For further information contact either:

Aline Brousseau, Planning & Development Manager, or Ed English, Bylaw Enforcement Officer at the County Office at 780-656-3730.

Smoky Lake County Council would like to Congratulate the Vilna Fire Department :



Congratulations to Ed English, Garry Sigurdur, Don Romanko, and Ellis McConnell on receiving the Fire Services Exemplary Medal!! Thank you fo keeping their communities safe and also thanks to their spouses for their continued support of their spouses' volunteer efforts .



**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 within 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.

**2015Camping Season**

With the **Canada Day** long weekend approaching, 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.



[www.smokylakeregion.ca/camping.html](http://www.smokylakeregion.ca/camping.html)

**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)