

# SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

# Grapevine Communication

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## COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

July 27, 2015

### Delegations

1. Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) -- to discuss drought conditions in Smoky Lake County and the risk management programs available to producers to mitigate the impact of crop losses.

### Updated

 <b>STRATEGIC PRIORITIES CHART</b> July 27, 2015	
COUNCIL PRIORITIES	
<b>NOW</b> 1. LONG TERM CAPITAL PLAN- INVENTORY 2. FIRE SERVICES REGIONAL COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE 3. REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF BF79279 4. WHITEFISH LAKE AND WARSPITE EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST MTG	Aug Oct Nov Sept/Oct
<b>NEXT</b> • TWP 604 AND 610 RESURFACING PLAN • RESEARCH VALUE ADDED OPTIONS TO INCREASE AGRICULTURAL DIVERSITY	<b>ADVOCACY</b> • Alberta Transportation highway inconsistency in development conditions and infrastructure needs • Seniors Housing – Level Five housing • Work with LARA to initiate agricultural projects
OPERATIONAL STRATEGIES	
<b>CAO (Cory &amp; Lydia)</b> 1. <b>REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF BF79279 – Nov</b> 2. Strategic Plan Policy – May 3. Office Renovation Quotes for Office - Aug • Aggregate Business License Bylaw	<b>FINANCE &amp; ADMINISTRATION (Brenda/Paul)</b> 1. Bellamy Version 8 implementation /conversion - Sept 2. GIS Strategy – Aug 3. <b>LONG TERM CAPITAL PLAN- Inventory - Aug</b> 4. Communication Plan Revision & Implement- Sept • Capital Infrastructure Plan • Revise Budget Policy
<b>PROTECTIVE SERVICES (Scott/Trevor)</b> 1. <b>FIRE SERVICES REGIONAL COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE: –Oct</b> 2. Implement Gemini – Oct 3. Agency meeting - Oct • Risk Assessment – Hazardous Sites • Table Top Emergency Exercises – Dec	<b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION (Ed)</b> 1. Employee for Succession Plan budget – Oct 2. Bear Proof Garbage Bins Purchase Budget – Oct 3. Emergency River Launch Proposal - Sept • Bellis Beach Playground
<b>PLANNING SERVICES (Jordan)</b> 1. Heritage Management Plan Policy – Aug 2. Victoria District ASP first draft – Oct 3. IMDP Open Houses – July 4. <b>WHITEFISH LAKE AND WARSPITE EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST MTG – Sept/Oct</b>	<b>AGRICULTURE SERVICES (Tori)</b> 1. White Earth Creek: Maintenance - Nov 2. Tansy Reduction Program Implementation- Oct 3. New Mowing Program Evaluation - Oct • Implement LARA • <b>RESEARCH VALUE ADDED OPTIONS TO INCREASE AGRICULTURAL DIVERSITY</b>
<b>ENVIRONMENT &amp; UTILITIES (Dave F/John)</b> 1. SL Dry Cell Construction – Oct. 2. Regional Water Line Completion monitoring – Nov 3. AMR Meter Installation Tap 1 – Dec 4. AMR testing - Dec • Mini-Waste Transfer (Bellis) • Heater Replacement Taps 3 & 6 • AMR Taps 2	<b>PUBLIC WORKS (Doug/Dave K)</b> 1. <b>REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF BF79279 - Nov</b> 2. Surface Material Exploration - Nov 3. Expand Shop Yard - Dec • <b>TWP 604 AND 610 RESURFACING PLAN</b> • Heavy Haul Road Stability Plan

KEY: BOLD CAPITALS = Councils NOW Priorities; Italics = Councils Advocacy Issues; CAPITALS = Councils NEXT Priorities; Regular Title Case = Staff Operational Strategies

### 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: September 4, 2015 @ 9:30 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.



## DECLARATION OF STATE OF AGRICULTURAL DISASTER

On July 27th 2015 Smoky Lake County Council unanimously declared a state of Agricultural disaster for Smoky Lake County. This declaration was made to call attention to the severe drought conditions seen throughout the County. Lack of moisture in combination with high grasshopper counts in some areas have resulted in little to no hay, silage or pasture. The patchy rainfall received across the county has left crops stunted. Producers are encouraged to consult AFSC or visit their website for updated information on assistance programs.

### OFFICE CLOSURE SMOKY LAKE COUNTY OFFICE AND PUBLIC WORKS

Office will be closed on Monday, August 3, 2015 for Heritage Day.



For complete minute details, please visit:

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



## Smoky Lake County... Your Summer Destination

Regardless of the season the Smoky Lake Region has a wide range of attractions to experiences and activities to part take in. History is revealed at the Smoky Lake Museum, Victoria Settlement, Métis Crossing and Vilna's Historic Main Street.

Whether you are looking for a fast pace, adrenaline charged activity or a tranquil, relaxing endeavour, this is the area that can meet and exceed your every desire. We have compiled a few of the many things one can do and experience, whether it be at a lake or on a trail; In the country or in a town; or on a golf course or motor cross track. However you choose to enjoy life, we have lots to choose from.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE FIREWORKS

#### Fireworks Permit - Policy Section 2 -- 22-01 in the County.

##### Section 3: Guidelines

- 3.1 No person shall discharge Low-Hazard or Consumer Fireworks within Smoky Lake County unless he/she holds a valid permit for that purpose issued by the County Fire Chief or his/her delegate as Fire Guardian. .
- 3.2 Valid Permit is the application, as per Schedule "A": *Permit to Display / Discharge Low-Hazard or Consumer Fireworks*, approved by the County Fire Chief or his/her delegate as Fire Guardian. .
- 3.3 Persons who discharge Low-Hazard or Consumer Fireworks within Smoky Lake County must comply with the regulations as stated in the most current version of the Alberta Fire Code .
- 3.4 Permit issued under this Policy is not transferable.
- 3.5 Low-Hazard or Consumer Fireworks Permit are required all year round .
- 3.6 The County Fire Chief may refuse a permit application or cancel any permit. In the event a permit is cancelled, the permit holder shall be notified by the County of the cancellation and the reason for the cancellation, as soon as is practicable .
- 3.7 Low-Hazard or Consumer Fireworks shall not be discharged during times of fire advisory or fire ban, as *referenced in Bylaw No. 1233-11: Fire Protection Services* .

For complete details, visit:

<http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/policies.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)

#### SWIMMING LESSONS

The Smoky Lake Lions Club Offers Swimming Lessons  
July 20, 2015 – July 26  
At Hanmore Lake  
Registration 10:00 am Monday July 20  
\$5.00 per child

## Jail & Bail Fundraiser

The Smoky Lake Riding Club And Sponsors Welcome You To The

**34th Annual August 1 & 2, 2015** in partnership with Travel Alberta Canada

# Smoky Lake Stampede

**Smoky Lake Demo Derby**  
August 3rd, 2015 1:00pm

Spectator admission: \$10/person 5 under free  
1/2 Ton pick up trucks and all cars  
Registrations- \$100.00

Proud Sponsors:  
Smoky Lake Agricultural Society, Smoky Lake, Smoky Lake

Vilna & District Agricultural Society invites you to... in partnership with Travel Alberta Canada

# Vilna Boomtown Days

August 14 - 16, 2015

## Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village

Село спадщини української культури

[click here to see 2015 Summer Group Programs](#)

#### 2015 Camping Season

With the August 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 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.

