

Grapevine Communication

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COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

December 3, 2015

Decision Items

1. Risk Pro Management: Terms of Reference . -- *Amended*
2. Cold Weather- Equipment Mobilization . -- *Amended*
3. Annual Safety Meeting for all County personnel --date of April 1, 2016 . -- *Adopted*
4. That Smoky Lake County enter into an agreement to purchase lands for Mons Lake Boat Launch -- *Adopted*
5. Smoky Lake County proceed with the Surface Materials Exploration . -- *Deferred*

Delegation

1. Mrs. Lorraine Ponich (Teacher) and students Kellan Melnyk, Nolan Boykiw, Grade 6, Andi Lewis and Dryden Lalonde, Grade 9 from H.A. Kostash School presented information on the Healthy Active School Symposium attended by the HAK Leadership Group which was partially funded by FCSS grant funding



Funding Support

1. Vilna Veselka Dancing Club – \$1,500
2. Waskatenau Pryveet Dance Club -- \$1,900
3. Kalyna Country Performing Arts Association -- for two equal scholarships to be presented for Modern Dance and Ukrainian Dance categories -- \$1,000

For complete minute details, please visit:

www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/council_meetings.html

Scheduled Meetings

Council Meeting: January 22, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m.
 February 18, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m.
 March 24, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m.
 April 28, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m.
 May 19, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m.
 June 16, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m.

Committee Meetings: TBA

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

Council meetings are held in the County Administration Building located at 4612 McDougall Drive in Smoky Lake.
 The meetings are open to the public.

OFFICE CLOSURE SMOKY LAKE COUNTY OFFICE AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Smoky Lake County Office and Public Works Office will be closed over the Christmas Season, starting from Christmas Day on Thursday, December 24, 2015 at noon until Sunday, January 3, 2016.

The office will reopen on Monday, January 4

County Offices will be closed on Wednesday, January 7 for Ukrainian Christmas Day — Різдвом Христовим



COUNTY FIRE PERMITS ARE REQUIRED ALL YEAR

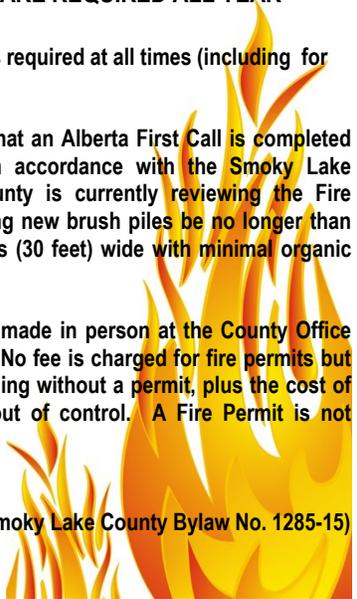
Although it's winter, a fire permit is required at all times (including for the lighting of fireworks).

Smoky Lake County is requiring that an Alberta First Call is completed before any burning is started in accordance with the Smoky Lake County Permit. Smoky Lake County is currently reviewing the Fire Permit Policy and is recommending new brush piles be no longer than 30 meters (100 feet) and 10 meters (30 feet) wide with minimal organic matter piled with in the brush.

Request for Fire Permits must be made in person at the County Office with the appropriate county staff. No fee is charged for fire permits but there is a \$300 fine if there is burning without a permit, plus the cost of any fire fighting if a fire burns out of control. A Fire Permit is not transferable.



(Smoky Lake County Bylaw No. 1285-15)



SNOW CLEARING OF PRIVATE DRIVEWAYS (County Policy No. 03-35)



Public Works Dept. would like to remind all residents who have purchased a flag that Snow will be cleared along the most direct route commonly used to access the residence, including the turn-around in the yard where it is safe to do so, conditional upon a minimum of 6 inches of snow.

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.

Vilna Curling Club

Mixed Open BONSPIEL

FEB. 12th - 14th, 2016

(FAMILY DAY LONG WEEKEND)

\$140/TEAM

VILNA CURLING RINK

CALL DAVE @ 780.650.5102

OR SUE @ 780.646.0986

REGISTER BY WED. FEB.10th

MALANKA



Commemorates the feast day of Saint Melania the Younger. On this night in Ukraine, carolers traditionally went from house to house playing pranks or acting out a small play with a bachelor dressed in women's clothing leading the troop. Malanka caps off the festivities of the Christmas

and is often the last opportunity for partying before Lent which precedes Easter.

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.

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
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Smoky Lake, AB
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Attn: Communication Department

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

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