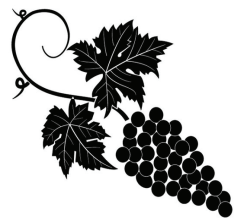




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## JANUARY 2022



### Scheduled Meetings

County meetings are open to the public. To virtually attend, visit our website's Calendar or Agenda & Minutes Page.

[www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/meeting-minutes-agendas](http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/meeting-minutes-agendas)

#### Council Departmental Meeting

January 25, 2022 at 9:00 AM

February 22, 2022 @ 10:00 AM

Virtual Zoom Meeting

#### Regular County Council Meeting

January 27, 2022 @ 9:00 AM

February 24, 2022 @ 9:00 AM

Public Q & A Period 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Virtual Zoom Meeting

#### Natural Gas

#### Fire Protection Services

#### Environmental Operations

#### Agricultural Service Board

February 15, 2022 @ 9:00 AM

Virtual Zoom Meeting



Smoky Lake County  
Main and Public Works  
Offices will be

# CLOSED

Monday,  
February 21, 2022

for

# Family Day

Box 310  
4612 McDougall Drive  
Smoky Lake, Alberta  
T0A 3C0

#### Main Office

Phone: 780-656-3730

Fax: 780-656-3768

Toll Free: 888-656-3730

#### Natural Gas

Phone: 780-656-3037

#### Public Works

Phone: 780-656-3755

Fax: 780-656-3743

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### 2021: A Year in Review

#### Parks and Recreation

Camping units at Bellis Beach	584
Camping units at Hanmore Lake	2569
Camping units at Island Lake	77
Camping units at Kaduk Lake	122
Camping units at Mons Lake	401
Iron Horse Trail bladed once and trail ditches mowed twice	

#### Agriculture

Fields inspected for clubroot	75
Locations monitored for bertha armyworms	3
Weed inspections completed & control letters sent	336
Fields scouted for fusarium	2
Times all County roads received a mowing pass	1
% of Municipal right of way's sprayed for noxious weeds	50%
% of Municipal right of way's sprayed for brush	50%
Grasshopper surveys were completed in every township in Smoky Lake County	

#### Planning & Development

Development permits issued	46
Subdivisions processed	13

#### Emergency Services

Smoky Lake County Emergency Services responded to:	
<b>Motor Vehicle Collisions</b>	<b>88</b>
Off Road Vehicle	2
<b>Fires</b>	<b>69</b>
Wildfires	39
Structure	13
Vehicle	5
Agricultural	12
<b>Medical Calls</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Carbon Monoxide Calls</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Dangerous Goods Calls</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Search and Rescue Calls</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Water/ Ice Rescues</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Fire Alarms</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Total Emergency Responses</b>	<b>222</b>
Fire permits issued	278
Fire permits inspected	231
Fireworks permits issued	13

#### Legislative & Administrative

Sets of meeting minutes	109
Bylaws brought forward to Council	16
Council resolutions voted on	1,308
New policies adopted	4
Existing policies amended	38
Public hearings held	6
Invitations for Public Participation	3

#### Natural Gas

Length of underground gas pipeline installed	7.5 km
New natural gas service installs	12
Line locates completed	618

#### Public Works

Flags sold for driveway snow removal	255
Dust control completed (MG30 Base)	11
Dust control completed (Oil Base)	2
Chip Seal	2.5 miles
Magnesium-chloride treatment	19.5 miles
Blade-mix oil treatment	2 miles
Culverts installed	81
Road elevation improvements	2.5 miles

### Employment Opportunity

#### Heavy Duty Mechanic

Smoky Lake County is seeking an experienced, focused individual to join our Public Works Department as a **Heavy Duty Mechanic**. Reporting directly to the Public Works Manager, the Heavy Duty Mechanic is a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local 955, and works cooperatively with all departments.

**Position Summary:** This full-time position requires a competent, motivated individual who will work closely with the Shop Foreman/ Head Mechanic to complete scheduled maintenance of the County's fleet vehicles and equipment and urgent repairs that may arise, performing overhauls, routine maintenance, and preventative maintenance inspections. The **Heavy Duty Mechanic** troubleshoots, repairs, adjusts, overhauls and maintains heavy equipment and automotive equipment used in Smoky Lake County operations, and assists with the day to-day operations of all fleet vehicles and equipment on site at the Public Works Shop located in the Town of Smoky Lake.

#### Key Responsibilities Include:

- Ensure all municipal assets and equipment are managed and maintained in accordance with current regulations, best practices, and policies.
- Perform required repairs, inspections and preventive maintenance on fleet vehicle and equipment to maximize the safety, productivity, and life of the unit.
- Conduct C.V.I.P.'s on equipment according to Provincial standards.
- Follow inventory procedures.
- Assist with ordering of parts, supplies, products, and materials effectively with appropriate suppliers.
- Cultivate a respectful work environment committed to the health, safety, and wellness of all employees and cooperate with the County's Joint Health and Safety Committee.
- Undertake training and professional development to ensure that licensing and permitting requirements are met.
- Maintain positive relationships by working closely with other managers and departments.
- Resolve and troubleshoot problem as they arise.
- Assist in conducting ongoing research into new service technologies and trends, provides recommendations for improvements.

#### Credentials Required:

- Valid Journeyman Certificate of Qualifications in Heavy Duty Mechanic.
- Valid Alberta Driver's License (minimum Class 5) with a clean Driver Abstract.
- Clean Criminal Record Check.
- Comprehensive knowledge of road construction and heavy equipment.
- Understanding of Provincial and Federal Safety Legislation.
- Competent computer skills using: Cat SIS & ET, Cummins Insite, Quickserve, and Snap-On Scanner.
- Knowledgeable of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations affecting municipal operations.
- Preference may be given to applicants with Heavy Duty Mechanic Red Seal Inter-Provincial Certification and previous experience.

This position offers a wage based on the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local 955, Collective Agreement with Smoky Lake County, which includes an excellent benefit package.

Qualified candidates are encouraged to submit a cover letter and resume, in confidence, to the undersigned by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1, 2022. The competition may remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

Doug Ponich, Public Works Manager, Smoky Lake County, Box 310, 5004 50 Street, Smoky Lake, Alberta, T0A 3C0

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

#### Environmental Operations

Refrigerator units that had freon removed	374
Regional Waterline first call line locates completed	308
Regional Waterline is now serving Whitefish Lake	