



GRAPEVINE

FEBRUARY 2019



Scheduled Meetings

RCDC Meeting

February 13, 2019 @ 10:00 AM

Natural Gas

Fire Protection Services
Environmental Operations
Agricultural Service Board

February 19, 2019 @ 9:00 AM

Regular County Council

February 21, 2019 @ 9:00 AM

March 28, 2019 @ 9:00 AM

Public Hearing: Bylaw 1334-19

February 21, 2019 @ 9:15 AM

Regional Fire & Rescue Committee

February 22, 2019 @ 1:00 PM

Policy Committee Meeting

March 6, 2019 @ 9:00 AM

♥ HAPPY
Valentine's
DAY ♥

Smoky Lake County
Main and Public Works
Offices will be

CLOSED

Monday,
February 18, 2019
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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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Public Hearings will be held on February 21, 2019 in Smoky Lake County Council Chambers on:

- Bylaw No. 1334-19: to adopt an Intermunicipal Development Plan with the County of St. Paul.
- Bylaw No. 1335-19: to adopt an Intermunicipal Development Plan with the County of Two Hills.
- Policy Statement No. 01-26-04: Regular County Council Meeting: Agenda Format. - **Adopted.**
- Policy Statement No. 02-11-12: Peace Officer: Annual Reporting. - **Amended.**

FCSS Funding

- \$1,500.00; Vilna Veselka Dance Club to host a volunteer appreciation event
- \$4,000.00; Town of Smoky Lake Library Board to host preschool storytime, after school programs and the summer reading program



Lakeland Agricultural Research Association

Annual General Meeting & Research Update

February 26, 2019
National Hall, Smoky Lake



Doors Open 3:30 pm
Presentations 4:00 pm
Dinner Included

For more information or to register
contact the LARA office at
780-826-7260

SNOW REMOVAL

The County's objective is to have its roads in a condition where traffic is moving for most residents within 48 working man hours following any winter weather event. This gives operators 4 days to complete all their rounds. Grader operators will start snow clearing operations at a different point in their grader beat for each event where practical, to ensure that the same citizens are not always last to be served. Each grader has a beat of approximately 200km.

For more information please visit:

<http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/policies.html#transportation3>

Flags for Snow Removal Reminder:

As per policy 3-35: Snow Clearing; Snow clearing will begin once the tractors have completed village and hamlet roads. Operators will start snow clearing operations at a different point in their beat for each winter event. Please be patient as each tractor has over 70 driveways in their beat, which takes approximately 3-4 days to complete.



We appreciate your patience. County staff strive to have roads and driveways cleared in the quickest time possible.

* IMPORTANT REMINDER *

~ County Public Works asks residents who plow the snow in their driveway entrances to have the snow moved well into the **RIGHT** hand corner of their entrance ditch. This improves the ability of our grader operators, who are plowing County roads, to minimize the amount of snow left behind at driveway entrances.

~ Please remember when pushing snow across the road from an approach, **assure no ridges are left** across the County roadway and the snow is pushed well into the ditch; no snow is to be left on the shoulder of the road. Frozen ridges can create dangerous obstacles.

COLD WEATHER

During extreme cold weather events, Smoky Lake County Landfills and Waste Transfer Sites will not be open. During this time the Public Works Department will not mobilize any Maintenance Equipment (except in emergency situations) if the outside temperature is **-32 degrees Celsius or colder** (including the wind chill factor temperature).



TAX REMINDER

A **15%** penalty will be **applied** to all taxes and penalties in arrears on **Friday, March 1, 2019.**



If you require further information, please call the County Office at 780-656-3730.

IRON HORSE TRAIL CONSTRUCTION

Thompson Infrastructure Group has begun working on the Regional Waterline twinning project Contract 1; beginning at the Town of Smoky Lake to Bellis. Glen Armstrong Construction has also begun working on Contract 2 starting at Bellis and heading to Whitefish lake. Detours along the trail have been posted. Please use caution while traveling the trail.



APPLICATION FOR 2019 ROAD DUST CONTROL/ SUPPRESSION

Smoky Lake County Public Works is accepting applications for blade mix oil or magnesium chloride dust control for rural roads within the County. The County will arrange for dust control/ suppression on roads in front of a residence with fees as follows:

Magnesium Chloride

\$850 for two (2) 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 treatment will determine the timing of the second application.

Blade Mix Oil

\$3,000 for 2 ½ inch thickness

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

Applications are available at Smoky Lake County Public Works Office during office hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

**Applications will be accepted until
Monday, April 1, 2019 @ 4:00 PM**



PUTTING UP A SIGN?

DID YOU KNOW THAT ERECTING A SIGN REQUIRES A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT?

Smoky Lake County Land Use Bylaw #1272-14 states: "All signs, erected on land or affixed to the exterior of a building or structure, require a development permit unless specifically exempted by this Bylaw." If you are planning on placing a sign on your land or on a building or structure on your property, please contact the Planning and Development Department at 780-656-3730 to obtain a Development Permit. Failure to obtain a Development Permit may result in Smoky Lake County issuing a ticket and/or fine or taking other enforcement as necessary.

Words of thanks

Thank you

'Just want to send a big thank you to all county workers busy clearing all road-ways of snow. Great to see you working hard to make things easier for us drivers.'

~ A happy Bellis resident.

Unplug them when you are not using them

Small Appliances

- Ensure appliances and cords are not damaged
- Only use approved appliances
- Always follow the operating instructions
- Avoid plugging in too many appliances at once

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Weed Inspector/ Pesticide Applicator

Smoky Lake County is seeking 2 self-motivated individuals for the seasonal position of **Weed Inspector/ Pesticide Applicator** for approximately four months, starting May 1, 2019. The successful candidate must be willing to work flexible hours and preference will be given to individuals with a pesticide applicator license or the ability to obtain one, prior experience in agriculture, pesticides, spray operations and weed and plant identification. Smoky Lake County does provide all applicable training.

DUTIES INCLUDE:

- Roadside and spot spraying of weeds;
- Weed inspection on private land;
- Working with producers to control noxious weeds;
- Insect and disease surveys;
- General maintenance and equipment upkeep.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS AND KNOWLEDGE:

- Valid Alberta driver's license;
- Pesticide Applicators License or
- Authorized Assistant Pesticide License;
- Weed species identification;
- Modern agricultural production practices; and
- Any applicable experience and training.

Interested candidates are invited to submit their resumes in strict confidence by noon **March 31st, 2019** to:

Tori Cherniawsky, Agricultural Fieldman
Box 310 Smoky Lake, Alberta, T0A 3C0
Fax: (780) 656-3768
Email: toric@smokylakecounty.ab.ca

We thank all applicants in advance, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Wage will be based on qualifications and experience.

Insect & Pest Forecast Maps



2018 Survey and 2019 Insect Forecast Maps are now available on-line. These and other great resources are available on the Alberta Insect Pest Monitoring Network website

[www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$Department/deptdocs.nsf/all/prm13779](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$Department/deptdocs.nsf/all/prm13779)

A forecast map to take note of....

While it is difficult to accurately predict the 2019 **bertha armyworm** based on the 2018 moth catch, the trend is definitely increasing bertha armyworm populations. **Remember to regularly scout your fields during the growing season.**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SMOKY LAKE HOLUBKA DANGERS

First Annual

OINKER BINGO

A HAM Bingo FUN-Raiser!

Saturday, April 6, 2019
Smoky Lake Agricultural Complex

BAKE SALE
6:30 PM

Silent Auction
Raffle Draws
50/50

HAM BINGO
7:30 PM
Bring your bingo dabbers!

Tickets
\$5.00 for Adults (18+)
\$1.00 for Youth

Tickets Available
From Members
Smoky Lake County Office
At the door

For more information
Roberta: 780-656-6082
Angela: 780-650-2586

CASH ONLY



*Fun for the
Whole Family!*



Charitable Gaming Committee Report Available Now

In the Fall of 2017 Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) formed a member committee to research Alberta's charitable gaming model and recommend how the model could be changed to treat all eligible organizations in the province equally.

The final report can be viewed by visiting:

<https://rmalberta.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/rma-charitable-gaming-committee-final-report.pdf>

RMA
RURAL MUNICIPALITIES
ALBERTA

**RMA Charitable
Gaming Committee**

Final Report
December 2018