



GRAPEVINE

FEBRUARY 2020



Scheduled Meetings

All meetings are open to the public. If you would like to be a delegation at a meeting please contact the main office at least ten (10) working days prior to meeting date.

County Budget Meeting
February 10, 2020 @ 1:30 PM

Regional Community Development Committee
February 18, 2020 @ 9:00 AM
Public Q & A Period 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM

County Council Meeting
February 20, 2020 @ 9:00 AM
March 26, 2020 @ 9:00 AM
Public Q & A Period 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Natural Gas
Fire Protection Services
Environmental Operations
Agricultural Service Board
February 24, 2020 @ 9:00 AM

Committee of the Whole: Planning
February 25, 2020 @ 10:00 AM

Departmental Operations
March 5, 2020 @ 10:00 AM

♥ HAPPY Valentine's DAY ♥

Smoky Lake County Main and Public Works Offices will be

CLOSED

Monday, February 17, 2020

for

Family Day

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Policy Statement No. 61-03-05: Application for Development Permit. - *Amended.*
- Policy Statement No. 61-12-02: Compliance Certificate. - *Amended.*
- Policy Statement No. 02-11-13: Peace Officer: Annual Reporting. - *Amended.*
- Policy Statement No. 01-52-01: Municipal Accountability Program (MAP). - *Adopted.*
- Policy Statement No. 01-04-03: Public Notice of Council and Council Committee Meetings. - *Amended.*

Donations

- \$4,000.00 of FCSS Funding to the Smoky Lake Public Library for the preschool and youth programming.
- \$200.00 to the NightWind Araian's Summer Sizzler Endurance Race scheduled for July 2020.
- \$500.00 to the 5th Annual Randy Russ Memorial Barrel Race, scheduled for August 2-3, 2020.

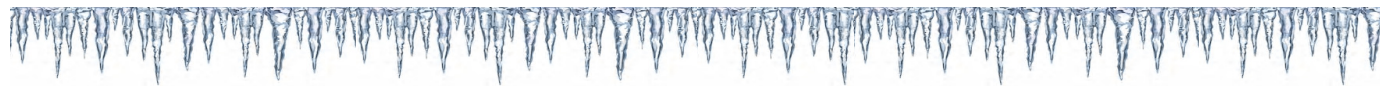


NOTICE: RAW WATER TRUCK FILLS

Due to the extremely cold temperatures recently, the following truck fills are out-of-order until further notice:

- Waskatenau raw water truck fill
- Bellis raw water truck fill.

We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience as we work to make the necessary repairs.



Smoky Lake County Proclaims February 16-22, 2020 KinCanada Week

Please join the Kinette Club of Smoky Lake, Smoky Lake County and the Town of Smoky Lake for the Kin Flag Raising Ceremony in honour of Kin Canada's 100th Anniversary.

February 20, 2020 at 12:00 PM

Smoky Lake County Office
4612 McDougall Drive, Smoky Lake

Members of the community are welcome to attend.



In 2019 the Farm Safety Centre delivered the 'Safety Smarts' program to

148

students in Smoky Lake County



TOWNHALL MEETING

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 – 6:30 PM
National Hall, Smoky Lake

**Public Information Session
Enhancing Community Safety**

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: *Crime Prevention*

PUBLIC SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

- CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design)
- Citizens on Patrol
- Rural Crime Watch
- Victim Services
- RCMP (Crime Reduction Unit and Smoky Lake Detachment)

EVERYONE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Brought to you by Smoky Lake County, Town of Smoky Lake, Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment along with Local Community Crime Prevention Groups



TAX REMINDER

A 15% penalty will be **applied** to all taxes and penalties in arrears on **Sunday, March 1, 2020**

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



COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATES

Are you thinking of buying or selling property?



A Compliance Certificate is confirmation from Smoky Lake County that any existing development located on the subject property meets the regulations under the Land Use Bylaw. A Compliance Certificate is often required by a financial institution before it will lend money and can help protect your investment.

Please contact the Planning and Development Department for more information at 780-656-3730 or pd@smokylakecounty.ab.ca

Natural Gas Customer Reminder

In order to keep your Natural Gas account information current and correct, we please ask that you provide us with updated contact phone numbers. This information is helpful if



we need to contact you in the event of an emergency. Please call the Smoky Lake County Office at (780) 656-3730 or email dmoric@smokylakecounty.ab.ca

Insect & Pest Forecast Maps



Did you know that Insect Forecast Maps and in season maps are 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)

2019 Insect Survey Results

As reported by Scott Meers, Insect Management Specialist, Agriculture and Forestry

Bertha Armyworm: based on the 2019 moth catch, 1 location in the County showed increased moth counts. This points to a possible build up in the populations, **scouting during the growing is important.**

Pea Leaf Weevil: Damage increased again during late May-early June. Seed treatment may be required for control if populations continue to increase in your area.

Wheat Midge: Numbers are still relatively low, but midge have been found. Experience has shown that wheat midge populations increase in wet years, especially when seeding is delayed.

HERITAGE RIVER NOMINATION

Smoky Lake County, the Regional Heritage Board, and Victoria Home Guard have sent letters of support for an inter-provincial nomination of the North Saskatchewan River to the Canadian Heritage River System. Further to the Canadian Heritage Rivers System Background Study, North Saskatchewan River Alberta 2005:

"The Canadian Heritage River System is a cooperative venture between federal, provincial, and territorial governments designed to offer international, national, provincial and regional recognition to outstanding rivers in Canada that demonstrate exceptional examples of Canadian cultural, natural, and recreation values. The main objective is to ensure the long-term management of these rivers in order that their unique values are conserved for the continuing benefit and enjoyment of Canadians and visitors to Canada."



You as an individual, or organization are invited to also write a letter of support, addressed to both the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) AND the North Saskatchewan River Basin Council (NSRBC). For a copy of a support letter template, or any questions, please contact Kyle Schole at 780-656-3730 or kschole@smokylakecounty.ab.ca.

SNOWPLOW REMINDERS



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.



When pushing snow across the road from an approach, please 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.



It is the County's objective to have its' roads in a condition where traffic is moving within 48 working hours following any winter weather event.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Do you know a remarkable Albertan?
Nominate them for the Alberta Order of Excellence by Feb 15th

ALBERTA ORDER OF EXCELLENCE
<https://www.lieutenantgovernor.ab.ca/aoe/index.html>

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

ofc.alberta.ca

Smoky Lake County THANKS

Rural Crime Watch, the RCMP and Citizens On Patrol for their efforts in ensuring a safer community for us all.

Every day is a good day to be on the farm

Celebrating Canada's Agriculture Day
February 11, 2020

Smoky Lake County
Reeve, Councillors and Staff

CANADA'S AGRICULTURE DAY

Forks up for Canadian ag

#CdnAgDay