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FEBRUARY 2021



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

Natural Gas

Fire Protection Services

Environmental Operations

Agricultural Service Board

February 16, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

Council Committee of the Whole Meeting:

February 19, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

February 23, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

Regional Fire & Rescue Meeting

February 24, 2021 @ 1:00 PM

Public Hearing: Bylaw 1383-20:

Smoky Lake and Lamont County

Intermunicipal Development Plan

February 25, 2021 @ 9:15 AM

County Council Meeting

February 25, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

March 25, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

Public Q & A Period 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM

County Departmental Meeting

March 4, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

♥HAPPY Valentine's DAY♥

Smoky Lake County Main and Public Works Offices will be

CLOSED

Monday, February 15, 2021

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

A **virtual Public Hearing** will be held on **February 25, 2021 at 9:15 AM** virtually, through Zoom for the purpose of obtaining public feedback on an Intermunicipal Development Plan between Smoky Lake County and Lamont County. For more information on how to participate and to view the proposed bylaw visit our website: www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca

- **Amended** Policy Statement No. 02-11-14: Peace Officer: Annual Reporting.
- **Appointed** Michelle Wright as the Returning Officer for the Smoky Lake County 2021 General Municipal Election.
- **Passed** Bylaw No. 1386-20: Amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 1272-14, for the purpose of revising and addressing the provisions pertaining to Recreational Vehicles (RVs), Campgrounds, Campsites, Recreational Vehicle Parks, Shipping Containers, and Tiny Homes.



Contract Trucks & Equipment: Notice to Register

To be eligible, contractors must complete and submit **ANNUALLY** a Registration Form listing each piece of equipment they wish to hire out. Forms are available at the Smoky Lake County Public Works Office or on the County website under "Public Works". All contractors shall comply with the terms of the County's agreement and provisions of the conditions as outlined within "Hiring of Contract Trucks and Equipment" (Policy No. 03-04).

Registration forms must be **delivered in person** to the Public Works Shop, 5004 - 50 St. Smoky Lake on or before, **Thursday, April 30, 2021 prior to 4:00 PM**

Hay Permits must be submitted prior to **June 1st** by landowners that are planning to cut hay in County ditches adjacent to their land. Contact Smoky Lake County Agricultural Department @ 780-656-3730 for more information.



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



Alberta's wildfire season runs from March - October and can affect forests, grasslands, and urban spaces or subdivisions across Smoky Lake County. Do your part to be prepared and be FireSmart!

For more information, visit

www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/firesmart

TAX REMINDER

A 15% penalty will be **applied** to all taxes and penalties in arrears on **Monday, March 1, 2021**

If you require further information,



please call the County Office at 780-656-3730.



Learn where to turn

Sometimes a shirt is more than just a shirt
Pink Shirt Day February 24, 2021

Learn #WhereToTurn at Alberta.ca/Bullying
Bullying Helpline 1-888-456-2323

Alberta

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Weed Inspector/ Pesticide Applicator

Smoky Lake County is seeking 2 self-motivated individuals for the seasonal position of Weed Inspector for approximately four months, starting May 3, 2021. 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 will provide all applicable training.

DUTIES INCLUDE:

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

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS AND KNOWLEDGE:

- Valid Alberta driver's license;
- Pesticide Applicators License or Authorized Assistant Applicator 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 19th, 2021** to:

Carleigh McMullin, Agricultural Fieldman
Box 310 Smoky Lake, Alberta, T0A 3C0
Fax: (780) 656-3768
Email: cmcmullin@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.

SNOWPLOW REMINDERS

County Public Works asks residents who clean the snow in their driveway approach to move that snow well into the **RIGHT** hand corner of the ditch while exiting. 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.

Flags for Snow Removal Reminder: Tractor snow removal from driveways of residents who have purchased snow flags will occur after the snow removal at the villages is complete.

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.

GOLD WEATHER

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

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

www.alberta.ca/alberta-insect-pest-monitoring-network.aspx

2020 Insect Survey Results

As reported by Scott Meers, Insect Survey Technologist Agriculture and Forestry

Bertha Armyworm: based on the 2020 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.



January 01, 1961

The Municipal District of Smoky Lake No. 89 was formed into County of Smoky Lake No. 13.

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

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

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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 23, 2021

Smoky Lake County
Reeve, Councillors and Staff

CANADA'S AGRICULTURE DAY

Forks up
for Canadian ag
#CdnAgDay