



GRAPEVINE

MARCH 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

County Departmental Meeting
March 4, 2021 @ 9:00 AM
March 22, 2021 @ 1:00 PM

Municipal Planning Commission
March 8, 2021 @ 10:00 AM

Committee of the Whole: Planning
March 8, 2021 following MPC

County Council Meeting
March 25, 2021 @ 9:00 AM
April 29, 2021 @ 9:00 AM
Public Q & A Period 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Natural Gas
Fire Protection Services
Environmental Operations
Agricultural Service Board
April 13, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

Smoky Lake County
Main and Public Works
Offices will be

CLOSED

April 2, 2021
for Good Friday &
April 5, 2021
for Easter Monday



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4612 McDougall Drive
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Main Office

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Fax: 780-656-3768
Toll Free: 888-656-3730

Natural Gas

Phone: 780-656-3037

Public Works

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- **Passed** Bylaw No. 1383-20, to adopt the Intermunicipal Development Plan between Smoky Lake County and Lamont County.
- **Passed** Bylaw No. 1391-21: to adopt the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework between Smoky Lake County and Lamont County.
- **Approved** to revise the Bridge Priority Plan to address the emergent bridge repairs identified on February 14, 2021, to bridge number BF09915 on Range Road 164, South of Township Road 595A.
- **Approved** \$6,500 of FCSS funds to The Town of Smoky Lake Library Board.
- **Approved** to fund a Collaborative Community Initiative to assist Smoky Lake Region organizations with COVID funding.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2021



Nominations are now open, and will close at **NOON** on **September 20, 2021**.

Nomination packages and Candidate guides are available at the County's Main Office and website. All nominations are to be accompanied by a \$100 cash deposit.

Visit our website for more information
www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/election-2021

Questions?

Michelle Wright, Returning Officer
Phone: 780-656-5398



Remembering Ron Sorochan

Our hearts are heavy as we mourn the loss of a coworker and friend, Ron Sorochan.

We are so fortunate and proud to have had Ron as a County Grader Operator for 34 years. He knew his grader beat better than the back of his hand and he made sure every road on it was fit for royalty to drive down. Ron was always available to help or mentor a new operator and showed great patience and understanding with all his fellow employees. He would alter his plans at the drop of hat, or as Ron would say "turn-around" and go the extra mile to assist wherever he was called to. Ron's honesty and loyalty was remarkable, he was a wonderful man who will be greatly missed.



2021 Road Dust Control/Suppression Application

Smoky Lake County Public Works is accepting applications for blade mix oil or magnesium chloride dust control/suppression for rural roads within the County in front of residences. Fees are 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
between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM**

**** PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED WITH APPLICATIONS****

Deadline to apply is May 3, 2021 @ 4:00 PM

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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 students or 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

Wage will be based on qualifications and experience.

SECONDARY TRAPPER

Smoky Lake County is seeking self-motivated individual for the contract position of Secondary Trapper for a 4-month period. The successful candidate must be willing to work flexible hours and preference will be given to individuals with prior experience.

DUTIES INCLUDE:

- Trapping beavers in locations deemed a problem by the Agricultural Fieldman or Road Foreman;
- Assisting road crews with manually removing dams and debris in culverts;
- Working alone and well with others;
- General record keeping of beavers removed and locations.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS AND KNOWLEDGE:

- Valid Alberta driver's license;
- Alberta Trapping Licence;
- Any applicable experience and training.

Salary range is \$20.00 - \$25.00 per hour.

Interested candidates are invited to submit their resumes in strict confidence by **noon March 26th, 2021** to:

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

ROADSIDE MOWER OPERATOR

Smoky Lake County is seeking two self-motivated individual for the seasonal position of Roadside Mower Operator for approximately 4 months. The successful candidates must be willing to work flexible hours and preference will be given to individuals with prior experience in agriculture.

PRIMARY DUTIES INCLUDE:

- Roadside mowing;
- Changing mower blades;
- Working alone and well with others;
- General maintenance and equipment upkeep;
- May include herbicide application with mowing equipment.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS AND KNOWLEDGE:

- Valid Alberta driver's license;
- Basic mechanical skills;
- Agricultural background;
- Experience operating equipment; and
- Any applicable experience and training.

Interested candidates are invited to submit their resumes in strict confidence by **noon on April 30th, 2021** to:

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

Salary is based on experience and qualifications as per the Collective Agreement.

SUMMER TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT

Smoky Lake County is now accepting applications from students over 16 years of age with a valid operators license to fill either **4 (four) month** or **2 (two) month** positions.

Interested candidates are invited to submit their resumes in strict confidence by:

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2021 AT 4:00 PM

Ed English, Parks and Recreation Manager
Box 310, Smoky Lake, AB T0A 3C0
Phone: 780-656-3730 Fax (780) 656 3768
Email: eenglish@smokylakecounty.ab.ca

Smoky Lake County thanks all applicants in advance, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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 can be viewed at www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/policies

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

SPRING CLEANING?

Secure Your Load For Safer Roads!



Please remember to cover loads when hauling items to the County Waste Transfer Stations or Landfill to prevent fly-aways. Securing a load is required by the Traffic Safety Act. 'Take-It or Leave It' sheds are located at the Smoky Lake and Waskatenau Transfer stations sites for items that can be re-purposed by someone new.

WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS

All waste transfer stations and landfill sites will resume regular operating hours **EFFECTIVE April 1, 2021**

Bellis Transfer Station	Wednesday & Saturday
Smoky Lake Landfill	Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday
Spedden Landfill	Wednesday & Sunday
Vilna Transfer Station	Tuesday & Saturday
Waskatenau Transfer Station	Saturday

Hours of Operation: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Building This Spring?

Have you applied for a Development Permit Yet?

A Development Permit is required before building or developing your property. Certain types of buildings are exempt from Development Permits. For an application, please visit our website.

www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/development-permits

For more information, please contact:



Jordan Ruegg, Planning & Development Manager

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Email: jruegg@smokylakecounty.ab.ca

Kyle Schole, Planning & Development Assistant

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