



GRAPEVINE

APRIL 2020



Scheduled Meetings

We are currently working on developing an April meeting schedule and delivery method.

Please check our events calendar on our website to stay up to date.

We appreciate your patience.



In 2019 in Alberta, 165 workers died as a result of workplace injury or illness.

Every April 28 commemorates the National Day of Mourning to remember workers who have been injured, killed or suffer illness as a result of occupational accidents and hazards.

Smoky Lake County Main and Public Works Offices will be

CLOSED

April 10, 2020
for Good Friday &
April 13, 2020
for Easter Monday

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MEDIA RELEASE: APRIL 2, 2020



With the complex concerns around COVID-19 evolving quickly in Canada and around the world, it has become clear that we must all do our part to help. We continue to navigate this challenging time and wanted to give you an update on the actions we are taking to support our ratepayers. In light of the spread of COVID-19, Smoky Lake County has reviewed all operations and implemented specific continuity plans. The County is adhering to the protocols from Alberta Health Services, and will be implementing all reasonable measures of Social Distancing in all departments.

The health and wellbeing of our workers and citizens is of the utmost importance. For the most part, most County services will continue normally, as many of our operations do not require close, social interactions.

The Smoky Lake County Main Office building and the office at the Public Works Shop will remain closed to public access until further notice. Again, all County services will continue as normal, other than direct, physical contact with County staff. County staff will continue to provide all services through telephone, email, fax, on-line payments, regular mail, and via the drop box at the Main County Office and Public Works Shop. The County Shop will continue to receive pre-arranged shipments.

Administration is working closely with Municipal Affairs to follow their guidelines on virtual meeting delivery to our citizens. Council is also working on establishing a meeting schedule for April. The schedule and delivery method will be posted on our website and social media once it becomes available.

We would like to remind our citizens that all Albertans have a responsibility to help prevent the spread. Take steps to protect yourself and others:

- Practice social distancing
- Practice good hygiene: wash hands often for at least 20 seconds, cover coughs and sneezes, and avoid touching your face
- Monitor for symptoms: cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose or sore throat
- Self-isolate for 14 days upon return from travel and monitor your health
- Self-isolate for the legally-required 10 days if you have any symptoms that are not related to a pre-existing illness or medical condition
- Take the COVID-19 self-assessment if you're concerned about your health

Residents are encouraged to visit the Government of Alberta website for more information www.alberta.ca/covid19

To get through this pandemic, we need to think of others, be kind and caring, and continue doing our part to keep each other safe and healthy. Thank you for your continued patience and support as we all work through this unprecedented situation together.

*Cory Ollikka, CAO
Smoky Lake County*

For more information call: 780-656-3730

NOTICE: ROAD BANS

Effective **MARCH 5, 2020 at 8:00 AM** the following road restrictions are in place:

Gravel Roads

Prior to any type of hauling, Public Works must be contacted as several gravel roads may be banned from any type of hauling.

Public Works may accommodate heavy hauling during early morning periods when the frost is still in the ground.

Posted Oil Based and Paved Roads

75 % Axle Weight

Any and all proposed hauling activity must be reported by contacting:

Bob Novosiwsky, Public Works Foreman 780-650-5100
Doug Ponich, Public Works Manager 780-650-5101

Smoky Lake County appreciates your help in keeping the roads in great shape over the spring thaw.

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. 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". Forms are available on the County website at:

http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/4_county_government/Bylaws_and_Policies/pdf/policies/03/3-04.pdf

Registration forms must be **received** by the Public Works Shop, 5004 - 50 St. Smoky Lake on or before,

Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 4:00 PM

*** Please contact the Public Works Shop for any questions and directions on how to submit registration forms at 780-656-3755 ***

2020 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 in accordance with **Policy No. 03-39-13: Dust Control**. Payment must be received with applications. 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 on our website: http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/4_county_government/Bylaws_and_Policies/pdf/policies/03/3-39.pdf

**** Please contact the Public Works Shop for any questions regarding methods to submit applications and fee payment at 780-656-3755 ****

Deadline to apply is Friday, May 1, 2020 @ 4:00 PM

Smoky Lake County Waste Transfer Station Hours

All Smoky Lake County Waste Transfer Stations will remain on the 'Winter Hours' schedule until further notice.

Smoky Lake Landfill	Tuesday & Saturday	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Spedden Landfill	Wednesday & Sunday	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Bellis Transfer Station	Wednesday & Saturday	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Vilna Transfer Station	Tuesday & Saturday	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Waskatenau Transfer Station	Saturday	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

WATERLINE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Beginning April 1, 2020 the contractor PCL will begin construction of a water reservoir facility south of Range Road 203 and Township Road 610. This is the final phase of the White Fish Lake extension of the Regional Waterline construction.

TEXT4HOPE SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS IN A TIME OF STRESS & ISOLATION

A new Alberta Health Services program Text4Hope – a free service providing three months of daily Cognitive Behavioural Therapy –based text messages written by mental health therapists. Text4Hope is an evidence-based tool that helps people identify and adjust the negative thoughts, feelings and behaviours a pandemic might be expected to provoke.



Through a set of daily messages, people receive advice and encouragement helpful in developing healthy personal coping skills and resiliency. Community members simply subscribe to receive ongoing supportive content. This program provides one-way communication and does not replace other mental health therapies and supports.

For more information visit: www.albertahealthservices.ca/
Text COVID19HOPE to 393939 to subscribe.



Beginning this year, the Province will be requiring owners to apply for a Temporary Field Authorization (TFA) under the Public Lands Act for any seasonal docks or mooring structures.

A TFA application must be accompanied by municipal approval and may be issued for a period of five (5) years.



For more information, please refer to the 'User Guide for Dock Permits' at: <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/user-guide-for-dock-permits>

or contact:  Environment and Parks

Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP)
Lower Athabasca Region, South District
Lac La Biche
Email: neb.zadp@gov.ab.ca Phone: 780-623-5279

COVID-19 INFORMATION

HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD

Prevention starts with awareness. Be informed on how you can protect yourself and others from novel coronavirus:

- Self-isolate if you're feeling sick
- Wash your hands frequently
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Avoid touching your face

Concerns about your health?
Call Health Link 811.

alberta.ca/covid19



Reeve, Council & Staff would like to extend a heartfelt

THANK YOU

to all the

Volunteers

who donate their time and hearts to our communities.

National Volunteer Week April 19-25, 2020