



GRAPEVINE

MAY 2019



Scheduled Meetings

Regional Fire & Rescue Committee
May 9, 2019 @ 1:00 PM

Committee of the Whole: GIS
May 10, 2019 @ 9:00 AM

Métis Crossing Solar Presentation
May 14, 2019 @ 11:00 AM

Committee of the Whole: ICF
May 15, 2019 @ 10:00 AM

County Council Budget
May 17, 2019 @ 9:00 AM

Municipal Planning Commission
May 17, 2019 @ 2:00 PM

Policy Committee
May 21, 2019 @ 9:00 AM

Committee of the Whole: Planning
May 22, 2019 @ 10:30 AM

Regular County Council
May 23, 2019 @ 9:00 AM
June 27, 2019 @ 9:00 AM

Farmer's & Rancher's
Appreciation Day BBQ
June 7, 2019
@ 11:00 AM - 2:00PM
~ Vilna Curling Rink

Smoky Lake County
Main and Public Works
Offices will be

CLOSED
Monday,
May 20, 2019
for Victoria 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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FIRE RESTRICTION

Effective: April 29, 2019 8:00 AM

Smoky Lake County has implemented a Fire Restriction effective 8:00 a.m. April 29, 2019. Smoky Lake County will not be issuing burn permits until further notice. With the dry conditions, cured dry grass becoming more prominent and lack of moisture the fire hazard is high at this time.

It is recommended that all burn permits that were issued be checked, to ensure that they are out and not cause a spring grass fire.

Fire pits, warming fires, barbeques and burn barrels will be allowed but must be supervised to ensure that they do not cause a secondary fire.

For further information please contact the Smoky Lake County, (780) 656-3730.

As conditions change, stay up to date by visiting
www.albertafirebans.ca



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Policy Statement No. 62-02-04: Bounty for Pocket Gopher Tails. **-Amended.**
- Policy Statement No. 03-20-04: Safety Clothing and Footwear. **-Amended.**
- Bylaw No. 1343-19: to levy a service charge against properties in the Hamlet of Bellis, in reference to Bylaw No. 666: Hamlet of Bellis Sewer System. **-Passed.**

Donations

- In kind use of equipment, manpower plus gravel; Smoky Lake Kinette and Kinsmen for the playground project.
- FCSS Funding of \$1,121.60 to the Town of Smoky Lake FCSS for the Senior Drum Circle - Vilna Outreach Program.
- FCSS Funding of \$2,000.00 to Vilna Seniors Recreation Society for Transportation.
- \$1,000.00 to Vilna School for the 'Breakfast for Learning Program'.
- \$1,000.00 to Vilna and District Agricultural Society for Vilna Boomtown Days children's games and activities.
- \$200.00 to Smoky Lake Lions Club for the 'Pet Valu' Dog Walk fundraiser through the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.
- Silent auction item towards the Smoky Lake H.A.Kostash School Grade 11 Wildlife Class fly fishing trip fund-raiser.

SPRING CLEANUP PROMOTION

Smoky Lake County is offering free disposal of appliances for containing Freon at County Landfill Sites for residents from the County and Villages

May 13, 2019 to May 26, 2019

For more information call Dave Franchuk @ 780-650-1800

Waskatenau	Saturday	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Smoky Lake	Tuesday	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
	Thursday	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
	Saturday	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Bellis	Wednesday	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
	Saturday	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Vilna	Tuesday	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
	Saturday	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Spedden	Wednesday	9:00 am to 5:00 pm



paperless billing

After May 1, 2019 you can start receiving your County Natural Gas Bill by email!

If you would like to receive your Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Bill through Paperless Billing, please call: 780-656-3730 or email dmoric@smokylakecounty.ab.ca

Please provide the following information:

- Name of the Account Holder
- Natural Gas Bill Account Number
- Email address and phone number

DID YOU KNOW?



All signs, whether erected on land or affixed to the exterior of a building require a development permit unless specifically exempted by the Land Use Bylaw!

This includes:

- Freestanding Signs (including along roads and highways)
- Awning, Canopy and Projecting Signs
- Wall, Fascia and Roof Signs

To apply for a permit, or to answer any questions you may have, please visit

www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca, or contact Planning & Development Department at 780-656-3730 or pd@smokylakecounty.ab.ca.



TAX DEPARTMENT NEWS

Friendly reminder that Smoky Lake County will be sending out Property Tax Notices in the beginning of June. If you have not received your tax notice by June 30th, 2019 please contact our office at 780-656-3730 or cmcmullin@smokylakecounty.ab.ca to have one resent to you.

Assessment Notice



Accurate Assessment Group will be conducting assessment inspections. This year they will be concentrating on **Ranges 18 & 19**, but may be inspecting in other areas of the County for various reasons.

The Assessors will always identify themselves with a business card.

We want to hear from **YOU!**



Smoky Lake County is considering drafting an Environmental Reserve (ER) Bylaw, and we are seeking **YOUR** feedback about what this might look like.

A short survey is now available online and we appreciate your input. Your anonymous feedback will be taken into consideration as we move towards drafting an ER bylaw. Once a draft bylaw has been proposed, a Public Hearing will be held.

Deadline to complete the survey is May 15, 2019.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact (780) 656-3730 or pd@smokylakecounty.ab.ca.

The survey can be found online at

<https://interceptum.com/s/en/smokey-lake-public-feedback>



2018 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2018 Annual Report will be available soon! Copies will be available for pick up at the Smoky Lake County Main and Public Works Offices or viewed online at www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca

If you would like to receive a copy in the mail please contact Evonne at 780-656-3730 or at ezukiwski@smokylakecounty.ab.ca to be added to the mailing list, as the County is no longer automatically mailing copies to all residents.

AGRICULTURE PLASTIC RECYCLING

We are now accepting clean grain and silage bags at the Smoky Lake, Spedden, and Bellis Transfer Stations for future recycling.



Let's go green and prevent these items from being burned or left in a landfill.

For more information please contact:

Dave Franchuk, Environmental Operations Manager
780-656-3730 or dfranchuk@smokylakecounty.ab.ca

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The 2018 Audited Smoky Lake County Consolidated Financial Statement and the Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Utility Financial Statement are available at the Smoky Lake County Main Office front counter or on line at www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca



From 11:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. at The Vilna Curling Rink

Free Hamburgers and Hot dogs!

Everyone is welcome to attend!

JUNE 7TH, 2019 17TH ANNUAL FARMERS & RANCHERS APPRECIATION DAY BBQ



Hosted by Smoky Lake County in conjunction with the Bellis 4-H show & sale.

LAKELAND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:



JIM GERRISH

1 DAY INTRODUCTORY GRAZING MANAGEMENT SCHOOL

Renowned grazer Jim Gerrish is returning to Alberta bringing 20+ years of beef-forage systems expertise, both in research and commercial cattle production, to graziers across the province.

Doug and Barb Shapka's Farm
58159 Range Road 151
Smoky Lake County
July 11th, 2019 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

LARA member - \$40
Non-member - \$50

Lunch is included!

Registration is required by July 5th, 2019 to secure your spot!
Call (780) 826-7260 or e-mail livestock.lara@mcsnet.ca

KEY CONCEPTS INCLUDE:

- STOCKING RATE & STOCK DENSITY
- ENERGY & NUTRIENT CYCLES
- RESIDUAL GRASS
- REST & RECOVERY
- RANCHING PROFITABLY
- FENCING AND WATER DEVELOPMENT
- HIGH ANIMAL PERFORMANCE
- CREATING PASTURE FROM THE SOIL UP
- UNDERSTANDING PASTURE INVENTORY



**PUBLIC WORKS
IT STARTS HERE**
NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK
MAY 19-25, 2019
ADWA CPWA

Words of thanks

Smoky Lake County would like to acknowledge the "Thank You" letters received in appreciation of Jaclyn Jarema's services as the Hanmore Lake Maintenance Contractor.



We appreciate all of our contractors who do such a great job!

Be Emergency Ready

Emergency Preparedness Week

May 5-11, 2019



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Provoody Service

**Sunday, May 19th, 2019
@ 10:00 AM**

**St. Pokrova Orthodox Church
Edward, Alberta**