



GRAPEVINE

MAY 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

Policy Committee Meeting
May 13, 2021 @ 10:00 AM

County Departmental Meeting
May 21, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

County Council Meeting
May 27, 2021 @ 9:00 AM
June 24, 2021 @ 9:00 AM
Public Q & A Period 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Municipal Planning Commission
May 28, 2021 @ 1:00 PM

Regional Fire & Rescue Committee
June 2, 2021 @ 1:00 PM

Natural Gas
Fire Protection Services
Environmental Operations
Agricultural Service Board
June 15, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- **Passed** Bylaw No. 1393-21: Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw No. 1272-14.
- **Approved** Policy Statement No. 03-21-05: Backsloping Program.
- **Approved** Policy Statement No. 03-40-04: Cold Weather – Equipment Mobilization.
- **Passed** Bylaw No. 1397-21: Appointment of Assessor.
- **Approved** a 50/50 purchase with the Town of Smoky Lake for an ECG machine for PCN in Smoky Lake.
- **Awarded** Bridge Tender for bridge repairs on White Earth Creek, Beaver Hill Creek & a tributary to Stony Creek.

Donations

- 2 Tandem loads of reject screenings plus delivery to the Smoky Lake Foundation.

Remembering: Edgar Lacasse

Sadly, we mourn the loss of our coworker and friend, Edgar Lacasse.

Edgar began working at the County in 2007 where he was the Spedden Landfill Operator. Known for being informative and welcoming, he would take the time to engage in interesting conversations with the ratepayers who would stop by.

During his breaks Edgar would keep his mind sharp by working on crossword puzzles or could often be found reading a good old cowboy western novel. Edgar was known as a gentle giant, a strong man with a big heart. He will be greatly missed.

Smoky Lake County
Main and Public Works
Offices will be

CLOSED

Monday,
May 24, 2021
for *Victoria Day*

NORTH SASKATCHEWAN RIVER NOMINATION AS A CANADIAN HERITAGE RIVER

Smoky Lake County is leading a collaboration among other river-municipalities and Indigenous groups to nominate 818km of the North Saskatchewan River across Alberta as a Heritage River under the Canadian Heritage Rivers System (CHRS). This is in-part, to support tourism development opportunities!



Canadian
Heritage
Rivers
System



So far, we have received support from more than 60 communities and groups. These include:

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| • Clearwater County | • Thorhild County |
| • Town of Rocky Mountain House | • Lamont County |
| • Parkland County | • Two Hills County |
| • Town of Devon | • County of St. Paul |
| • City of Edmonton | • County of Vermillion River |
| • Strathcona County | • Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) |
| • City of Fort Saskatchewan | • Confederacy of Treaty 6 First Nations |
| • Sturgeon County | • Paddle Alberta & Paddle Canada |

To get involved, or learn more, visit www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca or call the Smoky Lake County Planning and Development Services Department at 780-656-3730

(Image: Paddle into the Past at Metis Crossing, Courtesy of Explore Edmonton)

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Phone: 780-656-3037

Public Works
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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, 2021 please contact our office at 780-656-3730 or dhackman@smokylakecounty.ab.ca to have one resent to you.

Assessment Notice

Accurate Assessment Group will be conducting assessment inspections, concentrating on **Range 14 and the south portions of Ranges 13 & 15**, but may be inspecting in other areas of the County for various reasons.

Assessors will always identify themselves with a business card.

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.



KEEP YOUR ADDRESS SIGN VISIBLE

When precious minutes count, it's important that your sign is clearly visible for Emergency Services. Please ensure that your rural sign is not obstructed by grass, trees, debris, etc.

If you see a down or damaged road sign please report it to the Public Works Shop 780-656-3755

ATV REMINDER

Please remember if you are out enjoying the the Iron Horse Trail; **helmets are required under provincial law** when operating an off-highway vehicle on public land and all motorized vehicles **MUST** be registered and insured.



PRIMARY CARE NETWORK SERVICES

#151 White Earth Street, Smoky Lake AB, T0A 3C0
Tel: 780-645-1188

Lakeland PCN is dedicated to participating in community engagement events. Our healthcare team includes registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, registered dietitians, exercise specialists and social workers, can provide a variety of health care services such as:

- Kinesiologist
- Footcare
- Social Work Support
- Registered Dietitian
- Ankle Branchial Index
- Stress test

To access programs and services offered in our community:

Ask your doctor for a referral OR call Lakeland PCN at 780-645-1188



**PUBLIC WORKS WEEK
MAY 16-22, 2021**

Wishing our farmers a safe seeding season.

Please remember to slow down, and drive with caution while passing farm equipment.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

LANDFILL/WASTE TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT

Smoky Lake County is seeking a self-motivated individual for the position of Landfill/Transfer Station Attendant for 2 days a week (Wednesday & Sunday) at the Spedden Transfer Station. The successful candidate must be willing to work flexible hours and preference will be given to individuals with Landfill/Transfer Station Operator training.

PRIMARY DUTIES INCLUDE:

- Working alone and well with others;
- General maintenance and equipment upkeep;

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS AND KNOWLEDGE:

- Valid Alberta driver's license;

Interested candidates are invited to submit their resumes in strict confidence by noon on **May 21st, 2021** to:

Dave Franchuk, Environmental Operations Manager
Box 310 Smoky Lake, Alberta, T0A 3C0
Fax: 780- 656-3768
Email: dfranchuk@smokylakecounty.ab.ca

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

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

SPRING CLEANUP PROMOTION

Smoky Lake County is offering free disposal of appliances containing Freon at County Landfill Sites for **all residents of Smoky Lake Region**

May 1, 2021 to May 31, 2021 at

Bellis	Wednesday	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
	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
Spedden	Wednesday	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
	Sunday	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Vilna	Tuesday	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
	Saturday	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Waskatenau	Saturday	9:00 am to 5:00 pm

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

FIRE RATING: HIGH

Smoky Lake County has implemented a Fire Restriction effective 9:00 a.m. April 16, 2021. No new burn permits will be issued at this time.

Visit our website for up to date information & restrictions in place.

www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca

MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2021



Only five months until Election 2021!

Why run for County Council?

- To help your community. Your community needs help and you believe you have the skills to fill that need.
- To further a cause. Is there a specific cause or policy that is affecting your community and you feel that you can have a real impact on the issue as a County Councillor?

Nominations close on September 20, 2021.

Visit our website for more information:

www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/election-2021

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

**The Municipal Election will be held on
October 18, 2021**