



GRAPEVINE

JUNE 2020



Scheduled Meetings

All virtual meetings are open to the public.

To join a Virtual Meeting:
Visit our website

www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/agendas.html

Regional Community Development Committee

June 10, 2020 @ 10:00 AM

Public Q & A Period 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Natural Gas

Fire Protection Services

Environmental Operations

Agricultural Service Board

June 16, 2020 @ 9:00 AM

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Joint County & Town

RE: New HAK School- Public

Consultation Meeting

June 23, 2020 @ 5:00 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Regular County Council

June 25, 2020 at 9:00 AM

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Joint County & Town Council

Public Hearing Re: Victoria

District Economic Development

Strategy Bylaw

June 26, 2020 @ 10:00 AM

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Smoky Lake County
Main and Public Works
Offices will be

CLOSED

**WEDNESDAY,
JULY 1, 2020**

for *Canada 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

Donations

- \$2,500.00 to the Riverland Recreational Trail Society and Iron Horse Trail Groomer Foundation for the Winter Maintenance Program of the Iron Horse Trail.
- \$50.00 to the H.A.Kostash School 2019-2020 Yearbook Committee to sponsor the production of the 2019-2020 H.A. Kostash Yearbook.
- \$1,000.00 to the Town of Smoky Lake in support of their Fibre-to-Doorstep Project in conjunction with the CRTC Broadband Fund application.

NOTICE OF PREPARATION

2020

ASSESSMENT AND TAX ROLL SMOKY LAKE COUNTY PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given that the combined tax and assessment notices have been mailed as of May 31, 2020 to all property owners in Smoky Lake County. In accordance with Section 311 of the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M-26 R.S.A. 2000, all persons are deemed to have received their combined tax and assessment notices as a result of this notice.

The assessment roll is open for inspection at the County Office, 4612 McDougall Drive, Smoky Lake, Alberta during the business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Any person who desires to object to the entry of their name or that of any other person upon the said roll or to the assessed value placed upon any property must by July 31, 2020, lodge their complaint(s) in writing to the Chief Administrative Officer of Smoky Lake County.

Please review your Assessment and Tax Notice. If you have any questions, please contact the County Office.

A 12% penalty will be applied to any current taxes owing after October 31, 2020. If you do not receive your tax notice or have any other questions, please contact the County Office at 780-656-3730.

DATED this 31st day of May, 2020.

Cory Ollikka
Chief Administrative Officer
Smoky Lake County
PO Box 310, Smoky Lake, Alberta T0A 3C0

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS??

Accurate Assessment Services will be available virtually by appointment. If you would like to schedule an appointment please contact the County Office at 780-656-3730 or taxes@smokylakecounty.ab.ca



INVITATION FOR PUBLIC INPUT:

Proposed Smoky Lake County Bylaw 1372-20 & Proposed Town of Smoky Lake 006-2020

To review the Strategy, visit: <https://www.smokylakeregion.ca/victoriadistrictstrategy>

Contact Kyle, Jordan, or Michelle at: 780-656-3730 or feedback@smokylakeregion.ca

CAMPGROUNDS REOPENING SOON!

Smoky Lake County will be reopening all municipally owned campgrounds to Alberta residents beginning **June 15, 2020**. All regulations set out by the Province of Alberta apply.

At this time campgrounds will only permit self-contained campers, equipped with water supply, holding tanks and personal washroom facilities. *No tenting will be allowed.*



Campers must still comply with restrictions on gatherings, and maintain physical distance of 2 metres between individuals not from the same household.

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

Please be advised that construction will be occurring on the intersection of

HWY 28 & HWY 831

MAY 2020 to OCTOBER 2020

Please slow down and drive with caution through construction zones.

FIRE ADVISORY

Effective: May 28, 2020 9:00 AM

Smoky Lake County is downgrading the existing Fire Restriction to a Fire Advisory effective 9:00 a.m. May 28, 2020. New fire permits will be issued on inspection only during the Fire Advisory. Burning of brush windrows/piles will still be prohibited.

What is allowed: Safe wood campfires in campgrounds (within fire rings), backyards, or random camping areas, charcoal briquettes, portable propane fire pits, gas or propane stoves and barbecues, catalytic or infrared-style heaters, straw, yard clean up.

Off-Highway Vehicles can start wildfires – check frequently to ensure hotspots are free of debris, and make sure mufflers and spark arrestors are working properly.

Never leave a campfire unattended. Soak it, stir it and soak it again until cool to the touch to ensure it is extinguished.

The Fire Advisory allows burning barrels with safe burning practices in place and screens covering all barrels in use as per county policy.

The Fire Advisory will remain in effect until conditions improve.

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

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

PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE & PROJECT SCHEDULE

- Maintenance of soft spots & 'road boils' continues. Please remember as traffic continues to drive on the packed wheel paths these 'boils' become bigger in size. *Please slow down and drive with caution over these locations, and off-set wheel paths when safe to do so.*
- Approved MG30 dust control application projects for roads adjacent to residents will commence subject to regular dust control treatment program priorities and in combination with other requests for cost effectiveness.
- Divisional and private gravel hauling will resume.
- Rehabilitation/Base Stabilization Projects:
 - MG1911 on RR 130 between TWP 603 & 604
 - MG2031 on RR 124 between TWP 601 & 603A



Both of these projects require reclamation of the road top and will cause rough driving conditions during construction prior to blending in the MG30 to stabilize the surface.

WEED INSPECTIONS ON PRIVATE LAND



Smoky Lake County Agricultural Services will be conducting weed inspections of private land beginning **June 1st**. Weed Inspectors will have a valid Weed Inspector ID and be in a marked Smoky Lake County vehicle. Weed inspectors will be looking for noxious and prohibited noxious weeds as regulated under the Alberta Weed Control Act. Spraying for brush and noxious weeds in County right-of-ways will also begin **June 1st**.

For more information on prohibited noxious and noxious weeds visit: www.abinvasives.ca

For more information or questions contact the Agricultural Fieldman at 780-650-5409

HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD

Free non-medical masks available

Four (4) FREE disposable non-medical masks are available for each resident to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Masks can be picked up through the honour system at:

- Town of Smoky Lake Office
- Village of Vilna Office
- Village of Waskatenau Office

Masks will be available after June 8, 2020

This program is made possible through the Government of Alberta's Pandemic Response Planning Team: Masks for Albertans Initiative.

THANK YOU to the Town of Smoky Lake for co-ordinating the packaging and distribution.

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2019 Annual Report will be available soon!

If you would like to receive a copy in the mail or by email please contact Evonne at 780-650-5504 ezukiwski@smokylakecounty.ab.ca



to be added to the mailing list, as the County is no longer automatically mailing copies to all residents.

FLUSHING WIPES CLOGS UP PIPES!

Remember that if you are using disinfecting wipes or rags please dispose of them properly in the garbage. Even 'flushable' wipes take a long time to break down and can act like a net and cause blocked pipes.

DO NOT FLUSH LIST:



Help us keep your drains and the environment clean
TheRentables.com

Beware of "flushable" items. With no regulation around the word "flushable" in Canada, these items do not fully break down, and are the leading cause of blockages in pipes.

Fireworks Require Permits

If you are planning on discharging fireworks within Smoky Lake County a **Fireworks Permit Agreement** is always required.

To obtain a **free** permit or for more information please call 780-656-3730

www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/policies.html



In Emergency Situations Please Dial

9-1-1

Police - Fire - Medical

Please do not call Smoky Lake County or emergency responders directly.



LAKELAND 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:

- Active Living and Exercise Services
- Footcare
- Social Work Support
- Registered Dietitian
- Ankle Branchial Index
- Stress test

** Some programs do require a referral from your family physician. Please contact our office for more detailed information about the services offered.*



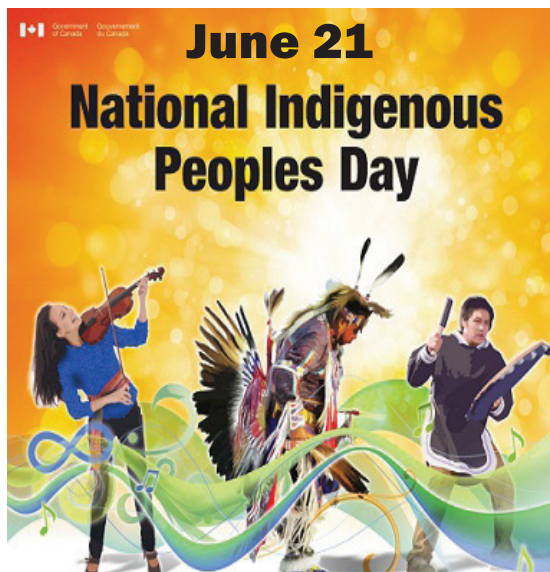
REOPENING SOON

The Pumpkin Patch Daycare is getting ready to reopen it's doors beginning

June 15, 2020

Childcare spots are limited.

For more information: 780-521-8634
smokylakedaycare@outlook.com



Smoky Lake County PROCLAIMS Seniors' Week



For ideas on how to recognize and celebrate seniors while keeping everyone safe, visit: <https://www.alberta.ca/seniors-week.aspx>

Share your stories and videos using #sbseniors

