



GRAPEVINE

JUNE 2022



Scheduled Meetings

County meetings are open to the public.
To find the links to virtual meetings, visit:

www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/upcoming-events

For Council agenda packages & minutes, visit:

www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/meetings

Natural Gas

Fire Protection Services

Environment and Parks

Agricultural Service Board

June 17, 2022 @ 9:00 AM

Council Departmental Meeting

June 20, 2022 @ 10:00 AM

August 23, 2022 @ 9:00 AM

Regional Fire & Rescue Committee

June 21, 2022 @ 10:00 AM

Regular County Council Meeting

June 23, 2022 @ 9:00 AM

August 25, 2022 @ 9:00 AM

Public Q & A Period

11:30 AM to 12:00 PM

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- **Passed** Bylaw No. 1415-22: Amend Land Use Bylaw No. 1272-14 and ammend Municipal Development Plan Bylaw No. 1249-12.
- **Passed** Bylaw No. 1408-22: Designating the Apedaile Farmstead as a Municipal Historic Resource.
- **Passed** Bylaw No. 1417-22: Assessment Review Board Services.
- Acknowledged review of Bylaw No. 1320-18: Council Code of Conduct.
- Approved an unbudgeted expense to purchase SW-27-59-17-W4, 9.09 acres for \$220,000.00, funded from reserves

Donations

- \$1,000 to Smoky Lake Golf Course for the Junior Golf Program.

Public Works Maintenance & Project Schedule

- Base stabilization and dust control projects:
 - RR 130, TWP 603 – 604
 - TWP 620, RR 135 – 142
 - TWP 592, RR 183 – 182A
 - TWP 612, RR 174 – 174A
 - TWP 612, RR 174A – 180
 - RR 180, TWP 612A – 614
- MG30 Dust Controls in various locations
- Street sweeping in Hamlets
- Patching of asphalt and oil base roads in various locations



PLEASE REMEMBER TO SLOW DOWN WHEN DRIVING THROUGH CONSTRUCTION AREAS

Limitations on the Number of Recreational Vehicles on Property

SECTION 7.25: LAND USE BYLAW 1272-14 OF SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

As camping season is upon us, please be reminded that Smoky Lake County has a bylaw which limits the number of Recreational Vehicles (RV's) on your property.

Multi-Lot County Residential (R1), Residential (Cluster) Conservation (R2), Victoria Residential (R3), and Hamlet General (HG) Districts:

- A maximum of two (2) RV's are allowed on a parcel without a development permit year-round.
- Additional RV's are permitted although, only for a maximum of four (4) consecutive days.
- This section does not apply to the placement of recreational vehicles in the Agriculture District (AG), Victoria Agriculture District (A1), Highway Commercial District (C1), Victoria Commercial District (C2), Industrial District (M1), Rural Industrial District (M2), Institutional & Community District (P), Direct Control District (DC), and Direct Control Landfill District (DC1).



No recreational vehicle shall be permanently connected to any utility or municipal service, such as power, gas, water supply, or sanitary sewage disposal facilities unless the RV is located in an approved RV Park.

You may verify the zoning of your property by accessing the Public Web-map <http://munisightes.smokylakecounty.ab.ca>, select "Login as guest" to enter the Web-map Site and turn on the "Zoning" and "Zoning Label" Layers under the Planning & Development tab.

For more information contact; Jordan Ruegg, Planning & Development Manager at 780-656-3730

FIREWORKS 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 call 780-656-3730

www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/policies.html

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The 2021 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 online at:

www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/finance

Smoky Lake County Main and Public Works Offices will be

CLOSED

FRIDAY,
JULY 1, 2022
for Canada Day

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Natural Gas

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Public Works

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Natural Gas Department- Seasonal Labourer

Smoky Lake County is seeking an experienced, self-motivated individual to join our team as a Seasonal Labourer, reporting directly to the Natural Gas Manager.

Position Summary:

The Natural Gas Department Seasonal Labourer performs general maintenance duties, assisting with the operation, maintenance, and construction of a rural natural gas distribution system. This position will be from June to November.

Key Responsibilities Include:

- Operate light vehicles, do manual labor, use basic and specialized hand tools, and operate natural gas maintenance and construction equipment, as assigned by Management and staff in accordance with policies and procedures.
- Assist with construction, maintenance, and repair projects and assignments relating to a rural natural gas distribution system, including underground and above-ground pipelines, facilities, and infrastructure.
- Perform other related duties as directed.

Credentials Required:

- Minimum of a valid Class 5 Alberta Operator's License.
- The ability to work alone and with the need (on occasion) to work long hours and/or irregular schedules, including evenings and weekends, as required.
- Be comfortable working in all types of weather (rain, cold, or extreme heat) and dusty conditions.
- Withstand common vibratory motion associated with operation of equipment and occasionally rough terrain.
- Have mechanical aptitude to perform routine inspections and minor servicing of equipment.
- Be able to lift approximately 50 pounds, sit for prolonged periods of time, drive and climb in and out of equipment.
- Be safety conscious and attentive to the working environment.
- Understand oral and written instructions.
- Have great attention to detail and a high stress tolerance.

Qualified candidates are encouraged to submit a cover letter and resume, in confidence, to the undersigned by **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14, 2022**. The competition may remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

Daniel Moric, *Natural Gas Operations Manager*,
Smoky Lake County, Box 310, 4612 McDougall Drive, Smoky Lake, Alberta,
T0A 3C0
Email: dmoric@smokylakecounty.ab.ca

We thank all applicants in advance, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Ag Department News

WEED WISE

Invasive Plants listed as **Noxious** under the *Alberta Weed Control Act* must be controlled (hand pulled, mowed, sprayed, etc). Noxious weeds were introduced from other countries and have no natural predators here. They out-compete native species for food, space, alter or destroy ecosystems, and harm local economies by reducing crop yields and livestock forage production. Invasive species cost Alberta and Canada billions of dollars a year. Landowner's and municipalities must work together to keep these weeds from establishing and spreading.

Smoky Lake County's 'Most Wanted' include Common Tansy, Oxeye Daisy, Field Scabious and Common Burdock.

To learn more about Smoky Lake County's Weed Management program visit: www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/vegetation-management

WEED INSPECTIONS ON PRIVATE LAND

Beginning late May Smoky Lake County Agricultural Services will be conducting weed inspections of private land and commencing its spray program to control brush and noxious weeds in County right-of-ways.



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*.

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

For more information or questions contact the Agricultural Fieldman at 780-650-5444

INSECT FORECAST MAPS



Bertha armyworm traps are being set up across the province to participate in the annual monitoring program by the Alberta Insect Pest Monitoring Network. Live trap counts of these and other insects can be found on the Alberta Insect Pest Monitoring Network website:

www.alberta.ca/alberta-insect-pest-monitoring-network.aspx

 **CONGRATULATIONS**
CLASS OF 2022

H.A.Kostash, Holy Family
Catholic & Vilna Schools

 Smoky Lake County
Reeve, Councillors and Staff

June 21
National Indigenous Peoples Day



PROCLAMATIONS

 **PROUDLY PROCLAIMS**

Alberta Rural Health Week
MAY 30 - JUNE 3, 2022

Seniors' Week
JUNE 6 - 12, 2022

Canadian Rivers Day
JUNE 12, 2022



From 11:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. at The Smoky Lake Complex

Free Hamburgers and Hot dogs!

June 10th, 2022
18th ANNUAL FARMERS & RANCHERS APPRECIATION DAY BBQ

Everyone is welcome to attend!

 Fire Department
Farm Extrication
Demo @1:00