



# GRAPEVINE

JULY 2020



## Scheduled Meetings

All meetings are open to the public.

To join a Virtual Meeting:  
Visit our website

[www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/meeting-minutes-agendas](http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/meeting-minutes-agendas)

Policy Committee Meeting

July 16, 2020 at 10:00 AM  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Committee of the Whole: Planning

July 20, 2020 @ 10:00 AM  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Joint Town & County Meeting

July 22, 2020 @ 4:00 PM  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Departmental Meeting

July 28, 2020 @ 9:00 AM  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Regional Community Development  
Committee (RCDC)

July 30, 2020 @ 10:00 AM  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Natural Gas

Fire Protection Services

Environmental Operations

Agricultural Service Board

August 18, 2020 at 9:00 AM  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Regular County Council

August 27, 2020 at 9:00 AM  
September 24, 2020 at 9:00 AM  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Smoky Lake County  
Main and Public Works  
Offices will be

# CLOSED

MONDAY,  
AUGUST 3, 2020  
for *Heritage Days*

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

- Policy Statement No. 03-16-04: Road Closure or Cancellation. - *Amended*
- **First Reading** of Smoky Lake County Bylaw No. 1380-20 for the Road Closure of Undeveloped Government Road Allowance: East side of River Lot 10 (Victoria Settlement). Date for a Public Hearing will be announced.
- Policy Statement No. 03-36-01: Roadside Brushing Program. - *Adopted*.
- Policy Statement No. 61M-02-01: Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC): Work Plan. - *Adopted*.
- Smoky Lake County declared a Municipal Agricultural Disaster.



## NOTICE: ROAD BANS

Due to above average precipitation and fragile road conditions, effective **JUNE 25, 2020 at 11:00 AM** the following road restrictions are in place until further notice:

### Gravel Roads

75% Axle Weight  
Assigned Designated Routes according to Conditions;  
Prior to any type of hauling, Public Works must be contacted as several gravel roads may be banned from any type of hauling.

### 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

*We kindly request your continued support and to please contact Bob or Doug for designated routes and restrictions on gravel roads so we can keep road damage to a minimum.*

## CONSTRUCTION ROAD CLOSURE

Please be advised that road excavation and repair will be occurring on RR 170 between TWP RD 595A and TWP RD 600

## RR 170 between HWY 28 and TWP RD 600 will be CLOSED

### Beginning July 14, 2020

All north bound traffic will be directed to use either RR 164 or HWY 855.

*Thank you for your patience.*

## Limitations on the Number of Recreational Vehicles on Property

### SECTION 7.23: 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 Residential (R4) 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.
- If you wish to place three (3) RV's on your property on a year-round basis, a Development Permit is required by the Development Authority.

- This does not apply to parcels zoned as Agriculture (AG), Victoria Agriculture (A1), Highway Commercial (C1), Victoria Commercial (C2), Hamlet Commercial (C3), Industrial (M1), Rural Industrial (M2), Institutional & Community (P), Direct Control (DC), and Direct Control Landfill (DC1) Districts.

**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 or Ed English, Bylaw Enforcement Officer at the County Office at 780-656-3730**

**NEWS RELEASE:  
DECLARATION OF MUNICIPAL  
AGRICULTURAL DISASTER**

On June 25th, 2020 Smoky Lake County Council declared a Municipal Agricultural Disaster for Smoky Lake County. This declaration was made to call attention to the severe moisture conditions seen throughout the County. This declaration is to bring awareness to the unseeded acres due to excessive moisture and/or the inability to complete the 2019 harvest, the loss of seeded acres due to excessive moisture as well as pastureland and hay crops under water within Smoky Lake County. As stated in the RMA Guide for Declaring Municipal Agricultural Disasters, 'Municipal declarations do not automatically trigger access to increased funding programs, provincially or federally.' Please visit the link below to view the most up-to-date weather maps for Alberta. Producers are encouraged to consult AFSC or visit their website for updated information on assistance programs.

<http://agriculture.alberta.ca/acis/climate-maps.jsp>

*To our valued Farmers & Ranchers,  
We appreciate you and we celebrate all your hard work and dedication!  
We regret not being able to have our annual BBQ this year and we hope to see you all next year.*

**PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE  
& PROJECT SCHEDULE**

- 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.
- Magnesium chloride application Base Stabilization Projects:
  - RR 180 between TWP RD 594 - HWY 28
  - TWP RD 592 between RR 183 - 182A
- Continue patching oil base roads and dust controls.

**Construction Road Closure**

- RR 170 between HWY 28 to TWP RD 600 will be closed, tentatively beginning July 14, 2020 due to road excavation and repair occurring on RR 170 between TWP RD 595A and TWP RD 600. All north bound traffic will be directed to use either RR 164 or HWY 855.

*Thank you for your patience.*

**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

<http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/policies>



**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.



**2019 ANNUAL REPORT**

The 2019 Annual Report is now available!

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](mailto:ezukiwski@smokylakecounty.ab.ca)

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



Lakeland Agricultural Research Association

**Smoky Lake  
Summer Field Day**

**July 23, 2020**

**Starting at 2:00 PM**

Come and check out the 2020 trials:

- ESN Barley & Wheat
- LARA Regional Variety Trial
- Winter/Spring Regional Silage Trial
- Wheat Demo

Field is located on HWY 831 a 1/4 mile north of Sprucefield hall on the east side of the highway



Register by calling  
LARA at  
780-826-7260.



**AGRICULTURAL SERVICES  
PEST MONITORING**

Bertha Armyworm traps are being monitored at various locations throughout the County since June, so far month populations have been low. While widespread infestations are unlikely, farmers should continue to inspect their crops for evidence of the pests. Bertha Armyworm monitoring will continue until early August. Alberta Insect Pest Monitoring Network provides timely and accurate insect management information and resources, including live feed maps for Alberta's agricultural industry.



**Maps and resources are available at:**

<https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-insect-pest-monitoring-network.aspx>

**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](mailto:taxes@smokylakecounty.ab.ca)