



GRAPEVINE

AUGUST 2020



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

County Council Public Hearing
Re: Bylaw 1381-20

August 10, 2020 @ 10:00 AM
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Vilna/ Bellis Citizens on Patrol Meeting
August 13, 2020 @ 7:00 PM
Vilna Cultural Centre

Natural Gas
Fire Protection Services
Environmental Operations
Agricultural Service Board
August 18, 2020 at 9:00 AM
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Alberta's Iron Horse Trail 10 Year
Strategic Development Plan
August 26, 2020 @ 1:00 PM
Virtual Zoom Meeting

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

Joint Town & County Meeting
August 31, 2020 @ 1:00 PM
Virtual Zoom Meeting

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY
MAIN AND PUBLIC WORKS
OFFICES WILL BE

CLOSED

**Monday,
September 7, 2020
for Labour Day**



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Invitation for Public Participation

NOTICE



Your relationship with your Municipal Government "It's Your County - Engage"

The Public is hereby provided NOTICE of the following for **Public Inspection:**

Amended Policy Statement No. 03-25-10: Sale of Gravel or Sand

Policy Statement No. 03-25-10: Sale of Gravel or Sand - Purpose:
To provide a guideline and protocol for the sale of Municipal Gravel or Sand (aggregate) Material.

The County retains aggregate material for the purpose of supporting road construction or maintenance activities and will provide the opportunity, as a service to its residents, to sell gravel or sand material within the boundaries of Smoky Lake County to its' residents.

By amending this Policy, all customers will be required to pre-pay before any aggregate is received.

The Public Participation Reporting will be held as follows:

Date: August 27, 2020

Time: 9:00 a.m. - Agenda Item: Request For Decision # 4.1

Location: Virtual, through Zoom Meeting
(see County website for details)

Anyone who is interested in providing formal comments or feedback on the proposed Policy is encouraged to attend the Council Meeting, or alternatively present a written submission at the Smoky Lake County Office prior to **12:00 p.m. (noon) on Wednesday, August 18, 2020.**

A copy of the information can be obtained at
www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca

For further information please contact **Lydia Cielin**, Interim Chief Administrative Officer at 780-656-3730.

Lydia Cielin
Interim Chief Administrative Officer
Smoky Lake County

This notice was posted on the County Website on July 22, 2020.

REOPENING TO THE PUBLIC

Smoky Lake County will be reopening the Main Office and Public Works Shop Office to the Public, effective **Tuesday, August 4, 2020**

How We Are Keeping Everyone Safe:

- Signage has been posted reminding residents to not enter the building if experiencing any COVID symptoms and maintain physical distancing of at least 2 metres;
- Limiting the number of residents in the reception area at a time in order to maintain proper social distancing, marks have been placed on the floor to indicate proper distancing;
- Maximum of 2 members from the same cohort at a time;
- Enhanced cleaning of public use items and high contact surfaces throughout the day;
- Providing hand sanitizer at office entry points;
- Public restrooms have been closed to the public;
- Meetings will still be held through the virtual platform 'Zoom' as a means for public participation and attendance;
- We encourage wearing a face mask in places where keeping physical distance of 2 metres is difficult;
- Electronic payments are still strongly encouraged (on line banking, cheque or Option Pay).

PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OUR OFFICES IF:

- You have a fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, or shortness of breath
- You have been in close contact with a person who tested positive for COVID-19.

All other visitors, please clean your hands with hand sanitizer before and after your visit. Please maintain physical distancing of 2 metres.

Smoky Lake County remains committed to the welfare and safety of all staff and it's residents. We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and will adhere to all public health measures as set forth by the Province of Alberta.

Thank you for your continued patience and support as we all work through this unprecedented situation together.

AAAF Memorial Bursary

The Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldmen, as an ongoing tribute to active or retired AAAF members who pass away, and in the spirit of continuing education valued by our Association, created the AAAF Memorial Bursary.

The bursary is intended for students continuing their education at a College or University and enrolled in an agricultural or environmental science program.

A \$1000 bursary is available in each calendar year for each of the 5 provincial regions of the Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldmen.

Application forms can be downloaded from:

https://aaaf.ab.ca/uploads/pdf/AAAF_Bursary_06-14-18.pdf

Deadline to apply is September 1, 2020

Please submit applications to Carleigh McMullin, Agricultural Fieldman by email at cmcmullin@smokylakecounty.ab.ca



Financial Plan Feedback

Smoky Lake County will be actively seeking public consultation for future budgets and financial plans.

Taxpayers can provide feedback by:

- Emailing feedback to finance@smokylakecounty.ab.ca after reviewing the draft 2020-2024 Financial Plan at: www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca
- Complete the on-line survey at: <https://interceptum.com/s/en/smoky-lake-budget>
- Virtually attend the 2021 Budget Planning Meetings scheduled in the fall
- Provide feedback to your Councillor, Interim CAO, or a County Manager

BEAVER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Smoky Lake County will pay \$15.00 for each beaver removed in problem areas to the trapper or landowner as per Policy Statement No. 07-06.

- The Agricultural Fieldman or Assistant Agricultural Fieldman must complete an inspection prior to beaver removal to confirm the problem area is affecting agricultural land or County infrastructure to qualify.
- Proof of beaver removal is accepted by **Appointment Only** at the County office.

For a copy of the Policy please visit www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca and for further information contact the Agricultural Services Department at 780-656-3730.

PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE & PROJECT SCHEDULE

- Rehabilitation/ Base Stabilization Projects:
 - Complete MG1911 on RR 130 between TWP RD 603 & 610
 - Complete MG2013 on TWP RD 592 between RR 183 & 182A
- Continuing opening up culvert ends blocked by beavers
- Continue patching oil base roads and dust controls
- Bridge deck resurfacing with coldmix

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 the attention of Provincial and Federal levels of Government regarding the financial strain that is burdening the agricultural community due the severe moisture conditions seen throughout the County, which is causing unseeded acres, inability to complete the 2019 harvest, loss of seeded acres, and flooded pastureland and hay crops. Municipal declarations do not automatically trigger access to provincial or federal funding, only Provincial declarations do, and Smoky Lake County Council will continue to advocate on behalf of its producers to bring awareness to the Province.