



GRAPEVINE

AUGUST 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

Natural Gas

Fire Protection Services

Environmental Operations

Agricultural Service Board

August 10, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

County Departmental Meeting

August 24, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

County Council Meeting

August 26, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

September 23, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

Public Q & A Period 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY
MAIN AND PUBLIC WORKS
OFFICES WILL BE

CLOSED

**Monday,
September 6, 2021
for Labour Day**



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PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE & PROJECT SCHEDULE

Oiling Locations:

- TWP 594; RR 174 – 174 A
- TWP 594; RR 174 A – 175

Chip-Seal Locations:

- RR 170; TWP 600 – 601
- RR 170; TWP 601A – 602
- TWP 612; HWY 855 – RR 174
- Continue patching oil base roads and dust controls



HIGH WATER BILL?

Possible causes of high water bills include:



Running Toilet

A running toilet might have a faulty flapper to fill valve. The best way to determine a leak due to a faulty valve is to put a few drops of food coloring into your toilet tank to see if the water in the bowl turns the same color.



Dripping or Leaky Faucet

A faucet or shower head that drips 60 drips/ minute wastes 5 gallons of water/ day or 2,082 gallons per year.



Malfunctioning Water Softener

Check to make sure the water softener is functioning properly and isn't making any sounds, like spraying water.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2021



Only TWO months until Election 2021!

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Nominations Close: September 20, 2021

- Advance Polls:

Saturday, October 9, 2021 from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Thursday, October 14, 2021 from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

- Municipal Election: October 18, 2021

Polling Station Workers are Needed!

See our website for more information.

Questions? Michelle Wright, Returning Officer

Phone: 780-656-5398

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



DIG SAFE

Please remember to always practice Safe Digging. Click (or Call) Before You Dig to safely identify buried utility lines. Negligent underground pipeline strike can be fines are a minimum of \$500.00.

The approximate time it takes to request a line locate

4.5 minutes

or

4.5 days

The average work delay due to hitting a pipeline while digging

DECLARING AN AGRICULTURAL DISASTER IN ALBERTA

(adapted from 'A Guide for Declaring Municipal Agricultural Disasters in Alberta', Prepared by the Rural Municipalities of Alberta)

Why isn't my Municipality declaring an Agricultural disaster so I can access emergency funding?

A common misconception is that a municipal declaration of an agricultural disaster will influence a provincial declaration or access to funding supports. This is simply not the case. Municipal declarations bring awareness to an issue in a specific area of the province. Municipal declarations do not automatically trigger access to increased funding programs, provincially or federally.

What can my Municipality do?

Municipalities can bring awareness to a situation as it is developing and ensure all levels of government and local residents are aware of the situation, without immediately declaring it as a "disaster."

When do funds become accessible during an Agricultural Disaster? Who makes that decision?

In order to access additional funds the Government of Alberta must declare a disaster to access those funds for claim payments. This decision is made by Cabinet and is informed by data and analytical information provided by Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) and Alberta Agriculture and Forestry. This declaration triggers a financial transaction through the Treasury Board to enable AFSC access to reserve funds.

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 2021-2025 Financial Plan at: www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca
- Complete the on-line survey at: <https://interceptum.com/s/en/smokey-budget-2021>
- Virtually attend the 2022 Budget Planning Meetings scheduled in the fall
- Provide feedback to your Councillor, Chief Administrative Officer, or a County Manager

KIDS WILL BE BACK AT SCHOOL SOON



PLEASE DRIVE WITH CAUTION



Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Day

September 7, 2021

The date was chosen to honour the first officially recorded Ukrainian immigrants, Ivan Pylypiw and Vasyli Eleniak, who arrived in Canada on Sept. 7, 1891.

DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ON OUR WEBSITE?

Our departments work with organizations and associations that offer scholarship opportunities. View scholarships available at:

www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/scholarships