



# GRAPEVINE

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

Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC)

September 8, 2020 @ 10:00 AM  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

County Council Budget Meeting

September 10, 2020 @ 9:00 AM  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Joint Municipalities

September 14, 2020 @ 5:00 PM  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Joint Town & County Meeting

September 21, 2020 @ 10:00 AM  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Regular County Council

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

Natural Gas

Fire Protection Services

Environmental Operations

Agricultural Service Board

October 14, 2020 at 9:00 AM  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Organizational & Regular County Council

October 22, 2020 @ 9:00 AM  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Smoky Lake County  
Main and Public Works  
Offices will be

# CLOSED

Monday,  
October 12, 2020  
for Thanksgiving



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4612 McDougall Drive  
Smoky Lake, Alberta  
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#### 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

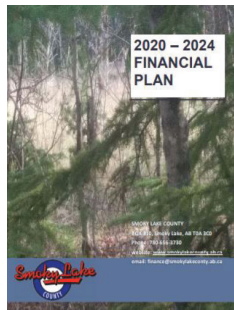
- Policy Statement No. 03-25-10: Sale of Gravel or Sand - *Amended*
- Policy Statement No. 01-03-27: Organizational Chart - *Amended*
- Bylaw No. 1382-20: Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) - *Passed*

#### Donations

- \$200 plus promotional items valued at \$50; Redwater-Smoky Lake Victim Services Unit, 2020 Annual Charity Golf Tournament.

### PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE & PROJECT SCHEDULE

- Continue with culvert installations
- Continue divisional and private gravel hauls
- Continue patching oil base roads and dust controls
- Providing second application of MG30 on approved dust control projects for roads adjacent to residents
- Brushing of road right of ways




### Financial Plan Feedback

Smoky Lake County is actively seeking public consultation for future budgets and financial plans. Taxpayers can provide feedback by:

- Emailing feedback to [finance@smokylakecounty.ab.ca](mailto:finance@smokylakecounty.ab.ca) after reviewing the 2020-2024 Financial Plan at: [www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca](http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca)
- Virtually attend the 2021 Budget Planning Meetings scheduled in the fall
- Provide feedback to your Councillor, Interm CAO, or a County Manager

**REMINDER:  
TAXES DUE**

Deadline to pay taxes without penalty is  
**October 31, 2020**



A 12% penalty will be **added** to all tax arrears on **November 1, 2020**.

If you require further information, please call the County Office at 780-656-3730.

### AGRICULTURAL CROP SURVEYS

Smoky Lake County Agricultural Services will be conducting crop surveys in September. Crop inspectors will carry valid ID and be in a marked Smoky Lake County vehicle. 2020 crop surveys include:



- Sweep net surveys along roadside ditches and field edges for grasshoppers
- Fusarium Head Blight in wheat
- Clubroot and blackleg in canola

The data collected contributes to Provincial forecasting and monitoring efforts. Staff are trained in survey protocols and ensure that bio-security measures are taken.

Information on pest surveys and forecast data can be found at:

<https://prairiepest.ca>

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

### Thank You, Junior Forest Rangers!

Smoky Lake County would like to say a HUGE thank you to the Junior Forest Rangers from Lac La Biche. The group graciously volunteered their time and energy to do brushing, weed whipping and painting at the Belvil Campsite along the Iron Horse Trail between Bellis and Vilna.



The Alberta Junior Forest Rangers (JFR) was founded in 1965, and is designed to introduce high school students to the wide variety of career options with local organizations, industry, and different government branches; including forestry, wildfire management, ecology, natural resources, and more. Through rewarding educational and work experiences, the program aims to instill a lasting respect of the natural world through future generations through character building and career exposure. <https://alis.alberta.ca/junior-forest-rangers/>





# SNOW FLAGS

As per Policy 3-35: Snow Clearing, the County provides snow clearing services to Smoky Lake County residents for their residential driveways under the following terms and conditions:

- ~ Flags may be purchased at the County's Public Works Shop between 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday.
- ~ Eligible general public individuals may buy a seasonal flag entitling the purchaser to snow clearing for the full winter season.
- ~ County staff will attach the snow flag to the residential signs.
- ~ All flag purchasers must sign a "Hold Harmless Agreement".

**Cost:** \$350.00 if purchased prior to October 31.  
\$400.00 if purchased after October 31.

Eligible seniors and handicapped individuals may buy a seasonal flag for the cost of \$125.00 if purchased prior to October 31. After October 31, the cost to purchase a flag is \$150.00.

More information on Policy 3-35: Snow Clearing, can be found on-line at:  
<http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/policies>

## ELECTRONIC RECYCLING PROGRAM

Smoky Lake County Transfer Stations sites (Waskatenau, Smoky Lake, Bellis, Vilna and Spedden) are now accepting additional items for electronic recycling. For more information contact Dave Franchuk at 780-656-3730.

**ELECTRONICS EXPANDED**

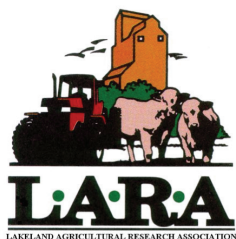
SMALL APPLIANCES	AUDIO VISUAL	TELECOM	POWER AND AIR TOOLS	GAMES, TOYS AND MUSIC
Clock Fan Hair dryer Heater Iron Microwave Residential Air Conditioner Toaster Shaver Vacuum	CD Player Clock Radio Digital Camera DVD Player Headphones Satellite Dish Satellite Radio Speakers Video Camera	Answering Machine Cell Phone Landline Phone Modem and Router Pager Satellite Phone Speakerphone	Drill Grinder Miter Saw Nail Gun Residential Air Compressor Sharpener Shop Vacuum Skillsaw Table Saw	Action Figure Amplifier Guitar Keyboard Microphone Ride-on Toy Toy Robot Toy Vehicle Video Gaming Equipment

Ask us about other electronics not listed above or visit [albertarecycling.ca/epilot](http://albertarecycling.ca/epilot)

## RCDC OFFICE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC) Office is located in the Smoky Lake County Administration Office. Public office hours are every Wednesday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Appointments are strongly recommended, but not required. For more information contact Michelle Wright, CEDO at 780-656-5398 or [cedo@smokylakeregion.ca](mailto:cedo@smokylakeregion.ca)



## FREE FEED TESTING

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) offers two free feed tests to all producers in Smoky Lake County. Call the LARA office to borrow a bale probe or to drop off a sample at 780-826-7260.

## Assessment Notice

Accurate Assessment Group will be conducting assessment inspections. This year they will be concentrating on **Ranges 12 & 13 (not including 57-13 and 58-13)**, but may be inspecting in other areas of the County for various reasons.

*Accurate Assessment Group will be honouring all safety protocols and safe distancing in performing these inspections. The Assessors will always identify themselves with a business card.*

### Questions or Concerns?

Allison Reid  
Senior Assessor  
Accurate Assessment Group Ltd.  
780-723-4000



## PROCLAMATIONS



PROUDLY PROCLAIMS

**Ukrainian-Canadian Heritage Day**  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2020

**Alberta Development Officers Week**  
SEPTEMBER 20 TO 26, 2020

**International Day of Older Persons**  
OCTOBER 1, 2020

## SEEKING SELF-NOMINATIONS

2020  
STARS OF ALBERTA  
VOLUNTEER  
*Awards*

**HAVE YOU  
HEARD  
THE ONE  
ABOUT...**

The Grade 11 student who spends his evenings and weekends helping coach the soccer team?

The accountant who does the books for the annual music festival?

The senior who crafts lawn ornaments to raise money for the local drop-in centre?

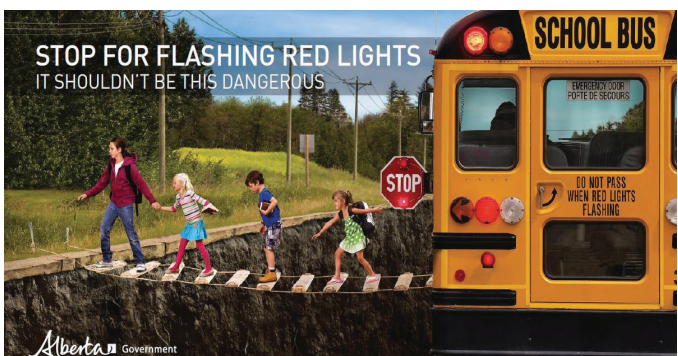
Tell us about a remarkable volunteer by nominating them for a Stars of Alberta Volunteer Award in the Youth, Adult, Senior or new Breaking Barriers category! Breaking Barriers recognizes volunteers working to create communities that are diverse and inclusive.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

Learn more or nominate a volunteer at: [www.alberta.ca/stars-awards](http://www.alberta.ca/stars-awards)  
Or call 780-638-4699 (toll-free first by dialing 310-0000)  
Email: [ABVolunteerAwards@gov.ab.ca](mailto:ABVolunteerAwards@gov.ab.ca)

Share their stories... inspire others!

## KIDS ARE NOW BACK AT SCHOOL



**PLEASE DRIVE WITH CAUTION**

September 30, 2020



#OrangeShirtDay

*Wishing our farmers a safe harvest.*

