



GRAPEVINE

SEPTEMBER 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

County Budget Meeting
September 15, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

County Departmental Meeting
September 21, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

County Council Meeting
September 23, 2021 @ 9:00 AM
Public Q & A Period 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Natural Gas
Fire Protection Services
Environmental Operations
Agricultural Service Board
October 12, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

Smoky Lake County
Main and Public Works
Offices will be

CLOSED

Thursday,
September 30, 2021

to recognize the
**National Day of
Truth and
Reconciliation**

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Fax: 780-656-3768
Toll Free: 888-656-3730

Natural Gas
Phone: 780-656-3037

Public Works
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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- First Reading given to Bylaw 1402-21 to cancel a portion of Railway Ave in Warspite.
- \$1,900.00 sponsorship to the 'Power Up North' Conference in support of businesses within the North-eastern region of Alberta to be hosted at Métis Crossing.
- Approve September 30th as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Statutory Holiday for County employees following the Government of Canada's June 3, 2021, Bill C-5 to honour First Nations, Inuit and Métis survivors, their families and communities, and to ensure public commemoration of their history and that the legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process.
- Approved to execute an agreement for County Bylaw enforcement services, with Investigative Assurance, of Elk Point.

REMINDER: TAXES DUE

Deadline to pay taxes without penalty is

October 31, 2021



A **12%** penalty will be **added** to all tax arrears on **November 1, 2021**.

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

PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE & PROJECT SCHEDULE

- Construction on TWP RD 583A between RR 131 - 130
- Continue with culvert installations
- Continue divisional and private gravel hauls
- Continue patching oil base roads and dust controls
- Brushing of road right of ways



NOTICE OF NOMINATION DAY Local Authorities Election Act (Section 26)

LOCAL JURISDICTION: **Smoky Lake County**, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given that Nomination Day is September 20, 2021 and that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received at the location of the local jurisdiction office set out below with the period beginning on January 04, 2021 and ending at 12:00 noon on Nomination Day.

Offices	No. of Vacancies	Electoral Division #
Councillor	1	Division 1
Councillor	1	Division 2
Councillor	1	Division 3
Councillor	1	Division 4
Councillor	1	Division 5

NOTE: A CASH DEPOSIT OF \$100.00 must accompany each Nomination Paper

Location of Local Jurisdiction Office:
**Smoky Lake County
Administration Office, Council Chambers
4612 McDougall Drive
Smoky Lake, Alberta**

DATED in the Town of Smoky Lake in the Province of Alberta, this 1st day of September, 2021.

Michelle Wright, Returning Officer
Smoky Lake County

DECLARATION OF MUNICIPAL AGRICULTURAL DISASTER

On August 5th, 2021 Smoky Lake County Council unanimously declared a Municipal Agricultural Disaster for Smoky Lake County. This declaration was made to call attention to the severe drought conditions seen throughout the County. This declaration is to bring awareness to the widespread drought conditions, low growing season moisture paired with long periods of heat and wind. 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>
www.afsc.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 2021-2025 Financial Plan at: www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca
- Virtually attend the 2022 Budget Planning Meetings scheduled in the fall
- Provide feedback to your Councillor, Chief Administrative Officer, or a County Manager

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 8:00 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".
- After **December 15th no flags will be sold** for the current year.

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:

www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/policies

PROCLAMATIONS



Ukrainian-Canadian Heritage Day
SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

Alberta Development Officers Week
SEPTEMBER 19 TO 25, 2021

Smoky Lake County COMMUNITY LEARNING COUNCIL SURVEY



The Smoky Lake County Community Learning Council and NorQuest College will be conducting a learning needs assessment study within our County from **August 31 – September 21, 2021**, in hopes of finding out the learning needs, gaps and priorities of our residents and organizations. Input will be through individual surveys and focus group participation.

For more information, please visit our website www.slcountyclc.ca or call 780-636-2024.

Your responses would be greatly appreciated.

KIDS ARE NOW BACK AT SCHOOL



PLEASE DRIVE WITH CAUTION

September 30, 2021



#OrangeShirtDay

2021 TAX SALE

Government of the Province of Alberta
 Public Sale of Land
 (Municipal Government Act)
 Smoky Lake County

Notice is hereby given that under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, Smoky Lake County will offer for sale, by public auction, in the County Administration Building, 4612 McDougall Drive, Smoky Lake, Alberta on Friday, November 12, 2021, at 10:00 A.M, the following lands:

Lot/Blk/Plan	Legal	Size	C of T #
1;1;1026561	SE 21-059-15-4	55.60	112019414
	SW 29-059-16-4	2.80	79N190
	NW 29-059-16-4	161.00	092362617001
2;1;1624316	SW 21-059-17-4	5.07	162354715
	SE 15-060-17-4	130.85	102135630
	S1/2 - SE 23-060-19-4	80.00	122107121
20;1;1039CL		50 lin ft	002357454
11;1;716CL	NW 10-059-18-4	580.63 m2	152354815
8 & 9; 2;716CL	NW 10-059-18-4	724.62 m2	062446028

The parcels will be offered for sale, subject to a reserve bid and to the reservations and conditions contained in the existing Certificate of Title.

These properties are being offered for sale on an "as is, where is" basis and Smoky Lake County makes no representation and gives no warranty whatsoever as to the adequacy of services, soil conditions, land use districting, building and development conditions, absence or presence of environment contamination, or the develop ability of the subject land for any intended use by the Purchaser.

No bids will be accepted where the bidder attempts to attach conditions precedent to the sale of any parcel. No terms or conditions of sale will be considered other than those specified by Smoky Lake County. No further information is available at the auction regarding the lands to be sold.

Terms: 10% Cash to be deposited at the Public Auction the balance and G.S.T. will be paid by cash or certified cheque by 2:00:00 P.M. November 15, 2021.

Dated at Smoky Lake, Alberta, August 26, 2021

Gene Sobolewski
 Chief Administrative Officer

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. 2021 crop surveys include:



- Sweep net surveys for grasshoppers
- Fusarium Head Blight in wheat
- Clubroot and blackleg in canola

Information on pest surveys and forecast data can be found at:
<https://prairiepest.ca>

Data collected contributes to Provincial forecasting and monitoring efforts. Staff are trained in survey protocols and ensure that bio-security measures are taken. For more information contact the Agricultural Fieldman at 780-650-5409.

Wishing our farmers a safe harvest.

