



# GRAPEVINE

## OCTOBER 2019



### Scheduled Meetings

Natural Gas  
Fire Protection Services  
Environmental Operations  
Agricultural Service Board  
**October 15, 2019 @ 9:00 AM**

County Council Budget Meeting  
**October 23, 2019 @ 9:00 AM**

County Council Organizational Meeting- Council Meeting to follow  
**October 24, 2019 @ 9:00AM**

RCDC  
**October 29, 2019 @ 10:00 AM**

Joint County & Town Council Meeting  
**October 30, 2019 @ 9:00AM**

Regular County Council  
**December 12, 2019 @ 9:00 AM**

### COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Policy Statement No. 01-29-03: County Vehicle Use. -*Amended.*
- **First Reading** of Smoky Lake County Bylaw No. 1352-19: Environmental Reserve (ER) and Municipal Reserve (MR) Land Management. Dates for an Open House and Public Hearing will be announced.
  - To view the DRAFT Bylaw No. 1352-19: Environmental Reserve (ER) and Municipal Reserve (MR) Land Management please visit our website at: <http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/bylaws.html>

#### Donations

- \$6,500; allocated from the County's Economic Development and Tourism Budget, to the Victoria Trail Agricultural Society's Marketing Strategy.
- \$1,500.00 of FCSS Funding, to Smoky Lake Minor Hockey Association for the Respect in Sports Program.

## TAX REMINDERS

Deadline to pay taxes without penalty is

# October 31, 2019

## 4:00 P.M.



A 12% penalty will be **added** to all tax arrears on **November 1, 2019.**

### Helpful Tips:

- Property taxes can be paid in person at the Smoky Lake County Main Office, by on-line banking or at your financial institution.
- If paying online, please use your Roll Number as listed on your tax notice as your account number.
- If paying in person, it is helpful to bring in **all** your tax notices. This ensures that no parcels get missed.

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

Smoky Lake County  
Main and Public Works  
Offices will be

# CLOSED

Monday,  
October 14, 2019  
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

[www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca](http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca)

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Beginning next year, the Province will be requiring owners to apply for a Temporary Field Authorization (TFA) under the Public Lands Act for any seasonal docks or mooring structures.

A TFA application must be accompanied by municipal approval and may be issued for a period of five (5) years.



For more information, please refer to the 'User Guide for Dock Permits' at: <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/user-guide-for-dock-permits>

or contact:



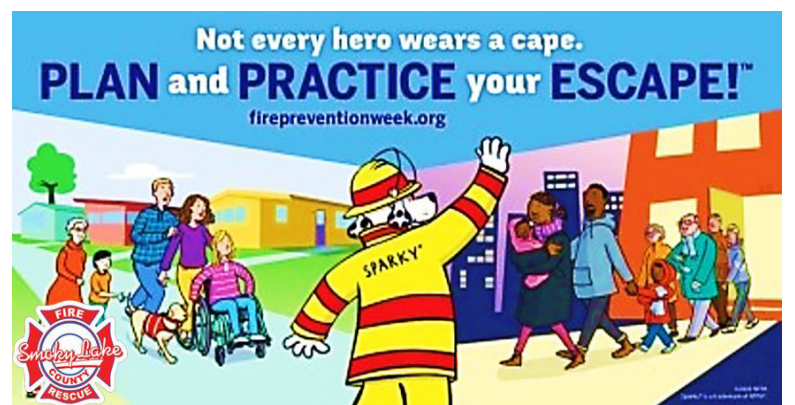
Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP)  
Lower Athabasca Region, South District  
Lac La Biche  
Email: [neb.2adp@gov.ab.ca](mailto:neb.2adp@gov.ab.ca)  
Phone: 780-623-5279



# Congratulations



On September 26, 2019 Smoky Lake County Council presented a Congratulatory Certificate of Recognition to Elizabeth Mahon, Shiloh Semeniuk, Jaylene Kinsey and Kierstin Dubitz (missing from the picture but also recognized is Emily Mahon) and Coach, Hal Ziprick from H.A. Kostash School Archery Team who proudly represented Canada at the 2019 National Archery in School Program (NASP) World Open Tournament in Nashville, Tennessee.



## Fire Prevention Week

### October 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## TAX INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN

As per Bylaw No. 1128-05 all property tax payers of Smoky Lake County may apply to pay their property taxes under the "Tax Installment Payment Plan".

Pre-authorized debits in the amount of the previous years taxes divided into 12 monthly installments, are paid on the TWENTIETH day of each month beginning with January 20.

In June, the Monthly payment will be adjusted to reflect the actual taxes owing for that year.

Smoky Lake County must receive the Pre-Authorized Debit Form for Property Taxation Monthly Payment Plan no later than **NOVEMBER 15, 2019**.

For more information please contact: Carleigh McMullin, Accounting Clerk  
780-656-3730 or cmcmullin@smokylakecounty.ab.ca

## GOT FURNITURE?



If you have antique or historic furniture, especially 1920s - 1930s era that you are willing to loan or donate, the Smoky Lake County Regional Heritage Board wants to hear from you!  
Please contact Noreen Easterbrook at 780-656-2114.

## RURAL CRIME ENGAGEMENT



Albertans who have been affected by the increase in rural crime are encouraged to share their experiences and provide feedback on ways to address rural crime, including: community safety, policing and crime reduction measures.

To take the short online survey by **October 31, 2019** or to find an in-person meeting date nearest to you visit:  
<https://www.alberta.ca/rural-crime-engagement.aspx>

## Smoky Lake Community Learning Council presents GRANT WRITING

For many non-profit volunteers and staff, grant writing can seem like a time consuming task in creative writing with payoff being luck of the draw. The truth is, with steep competition for limited grant dollars, a well-written grant is only part of the success formula. This training session covers core proposal and grant writing skills, how to avoid common pitfalls, understanding what funders look for, and tips on how to maintain good relationships with your funders.

**Instructor:** Alberta Culture, Multiculturalism & Status of Women  
Community Development Unit.

**Location:** Smoky Lake Provincial Building

**Starts:** Wednesday, October 16 (1 session)  
6:30 PM to 9:30 PM

**Registration Fee:** \$20.00

**Registration Deadline:** October 2

**To register contact:** Mary Lou Doshewnek at 780-656-4066

mldosh@yahoo.com



## Vilna/ Bellis Citizens on Patrol Meeting

**October 17, 2019  
7:00 PM**

~ Bellis Curling Rink

## Keep Your Address Sign Visible



When precious minutes count, it's important that your sign is clearly visible for Emergency Services. Please ensure that your rural sign is not obstructed by grass, trees, debris, etc.

If you see a down or damaged road sign please report it to the Public Works Shop 780-656-3755

## 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: **\$250.00** if purchased prior to **October 31**.  
**\$300.00** if purchased after October 31.

Eligible seniors and handicapped individuals may buy a seasonal flag for the cost of **\$100.00** if purchased prior to October 31. After October 31, the cost to purchase a flag is **\$125.00**.

Policy 3-35: Snow Clearing, can be found online at:  
<http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/policies.html>

*\* If you have purchased a snow flag please assure that there is no debris or obstacles in the way of snow*

## SEEKING SELF-NOMINATIONS

Nominate an **EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATOR** today!

**2020 PRIME MINISTER'S AWARDS**

- Teaching Excellence
- Teaching Excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)
- Excellence in Early Childhood Education

**NOMINATION DEADLINE:**  
January 14, 2020, at 11:59 a.m. (Pacific time)

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