



# GRAPEVINE

## OCTOBER 2022



### Scheduled Meetings

County meetings are open to the public.  
To find the links to virtual meetings, visit:  
[www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/upcoming-events](http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/upcoming-events)  
For Council agenda packages & minutes, visit:  
[www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/meetings](http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/meetings)

Natural Gas  
Fire Protection Services  
Environmental Operations  
Agricultural Service Board  
**October 11, 2022 @ 9:00 AM**

County Budget Meeting  
**October 17, 2022 @ 1:00 PM**

County Departmental Meeting  
**October 18, 2022 @ 9:00 AM**  
**November 15, 2022 @ 9:00 AM**  
**December 13, 2022 @ 9:00 AM**

County Council Meeting  
**October 26, 2022 @ 9:00 AM**  
Organizational followed by Regular Council Meeting  
**December 14, 2022 @ 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,  
October 10, 2022  
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

- First Reading of Bylaw No. 1424-22: Proposed Village of Waskatenau and Smoky Lake County Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP).
- Agreed unanimously to not accept a Cost of Living increase to Council's 2023 remuneration.
- Adopted the 2023-2027 Bridge Plan.

#### Donations

- \$2,500 FCSS Funds to Smoky Lake Minor Hockey Association to participate in the Respect in Sports Program.
- 28 tonnes of gravel and manpower to spread it to the Smoky Lake Agricultural Society.
- \$1,200.00 to the Smoky Lake Agricultural Society for its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.
- In-kind manpower and labour to the Smoky Lake Pumpkin Growers Association for Pumpkin Fair set up assistance.
- In-kind equipment and manpower assistance to Vilna School for playground tillage.

# welcome

Smoky Lake County proudly welcomes Tate Murphy as our Bylaw Enforcement Officer. Tate brings a wealth of experience and knowledge from his time spent working as a Fish and Wildlife Officer in the Slave Lake area.

**Tate Murphy, Bylaw Enforcement Officer**  
Office: 780-656-3730  
Cell: 780-650-5006  
[tmurphy@smokylakecounty.ab.ca](mailto:tmurphy@smokylakecounty.ab.ca)



Smoky Lake County  
Waste Transfer Station

## Winter Hours

Effective November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

<b>Smoky Lake Landfill</b>	<b>Tuesday &amp; Saturday</b> 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
<b>Spedden Landfill</b>	<b>Wednesday &amp; Sunday</b> 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
<b>Bellis Transfer Station</b>	<b>Wednesday &amp; Saturday</b> 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
<b>Vilna Transfer Station</b>	<b>Tuesday &amp; Saturday</b> 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
<b>Waskatenau Transfer Station</b>	<b>Saturday</b> 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM



## TAXES DUE

Deadline to pay taxes without penalty is **October 31, 2022**

**A 12% penalty will be added to all tax arrears on November 1, 2022**

Any payments brought into the office on November 1 will be considered late and have penalties applied.

#### 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 on-line, 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**

## 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, 2022**.

For more information please contact: [Debbie Hackman](mailto:Debbie.Hackman@smokylakecounty.ab.ca), Accounting Clerk  
780-656-3730 or [dhackman@smokylakecounty.ab.ca](mailto:dhackman@smokylakecounty.ab.ca)

## EQUIPMENT FOR SALE



### 24' Aluminum Enclosed Interstate Trailer

Tandem axle, fully enclosed trailer,  
5200 LBS capacity

**\$ 16,500.00 + GST**

Visit our website for more details and pictures:

<http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/equipment-for-sale>

For more information, questions or to schedule a viewing please contact:

**Amanda Kihn, Acting Agricultural Fieldman,**  
at 780-650-5444

*Smoky Lake County reserves the right to review and consider offers received. The preferred offer will be considered as pending until approved by Municipal Council.*



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### Policy for Municipal Snow Removal Services

Smoky Lake County has amended its **Policy Statement No. 03-35-12: Snow Clearing** which provides guidance for municipal snow removal services in the County. The Policy outlines the guidelines for snow clearing to maintain County roads to be safe and in passable conditions as well as explaining the process for snow removal services on private residential driveways.

To obtain snow clearing for the season simply fill out an application and sign "Schedule A" **Hold Harmless Agreement For Use in Connection with Custom Work of Snow Clearing** to purchase a flag with the appropriate annual fee. The application is available at the Public Works County Shop or on our website:  
[www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca](http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca).

This entitles you to receive snow clearing services for the entire winter season.

If you have any questions about the Policy, please call the Public Works Office: 780-656-3755.

*Doug Ponich, Public Works Manager*  
Smoky Lake County



### Call For Public-At-Large Members For County-Appointed Subdivision And Development Appeal Board (SDAB)

Smoky Lake County is seeking applications from interested individuals, for membership on the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB). Mandatory training will be required once appointed, to fulfill eligibility requirements.

To answer any questions or to indicate your interest in writing, contact Planning & Development Services at:

Kyle Schole, Clerk, SDAB  
Smoky Lake County  
4612 McDougall Drive, PO Box 310  
Smoky Lake, Alberta T0A 3C0  
Phone: 780-656-3730  
[kschole@smokylakecounty.ab.ca](mailto:kschole@smokylakecounty.ab.ca)

## FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES GRANTS



Smoky Lake County has funds available under the FCSS granting program. Eligible organizations will need to apply funds to projects that qualify under Policy 08-17-01 using a prescribed application form. Final reports and surveys for each grant will need to be submitted.

To receive funding, programs must either develop awareness with regard to social needs; help individuals develop independence and strengthen coping skills; and, provide supports that help sustain people as active participants in the community.

**Applications for 2022 funding must be submitted by October 15**

For more information please contact:

*Brenda Adamson*, Finance Manager,  
780-656-3730 or [badamson@smokylakecounty.ab.ca](mailto:badamson@smokylakecounty.ab.ca)

## SHARING THE ROAD DURING FALL HARVEST

### Share the Road

Be Prepared to Share Your Lane – Remember some farm vehicles are very wide and may take up more than one lane. Some vehicles also have protruding equipment that can be hard to see. Give farm equipment space as some vehicles may not be able to pull off the road due to equipment weight or shoulder issues.

### Slow Down

Be alert and watch out for slow-moving vehicle signs. A fully loaded combine, tractor or truck moves much slower and takes more time to stop than the average vehicle. Equipment operators cannot always see vehicles especially if they are following too close and in the equipments blind spot. Slow down when approaching and give yourself plenty of space and be prepared to stop.

### Be Careful When Passing

Only pass if it's safe to do so – Farm equipment is often wider than the traffic lane, wait for a safe passing zone, watch out for oncoming traffic, and never take a chance by making a blind pass on a curve or a hill. Be aware that farmers with long or wide farming equipment sometimes need to make a wide turn, before attempting to pass make sure equipment isn't moving over in preparation to turn. When finished passing, don't stop or slow down in front of the farm vehicle. Large equipment can't brake as quickly as a car.

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fpw.org  
October 9-15, 2022

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Celebrating Small Business Week

October 16-22, 2022