



# GRAPEVINE

## NOVEMBER 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)

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

County Budget Meeting  
 November 15, 2022 @ 1:00 PM

Public Budget Open House  
 November 24, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

Natural Gas  
 Fire Protection Services  
 Environmental Operations  
 Agricultural Service Board  
 December 13, 2022 @ 1:00 PM

County 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

Friday,  
 November 11, 2022  
 for  
 Remembrance Day

Thank you.



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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

- *Lorne Halisky acclaimed as Reeve for 2022-2023*
- *Dan Gawalko elected as Deputy Reeve for 2022-2023*
- *Passed* Bylaw No. 1424-22: Smoky Lake County and Village of Waskatenau Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP).
- *Passed* Bylaw No. 1419-22: Amend Land Use Bylaw 1272-14; for the purposes of rezoning certain lands from Agriculture General (AG) District, Hamlet General (HG) District, Victoria Agriculture District (A1) to Community and Institutional (P) District and to Victoria Commercial (C2) District.

#### Donations

- \$200.00 each to Smoky Lake Legion Branch No. 227 and Waskatenau Legion Branch No. 261 towards Remembrance Day ceremony wreaths.
- In-kind equipment and manpower to mulch the Elevate Wellness walking trail in the Town of Smoky Lake.
- Promotional items to the Kinette Club of Smoky Lake for their '12 Days of Christmas Raffle'.
- \$500 of FCSS Funds to Smoky Lake Seniors Centre for their Drum Circle program.
- \$1,250 of FCSS Funds to Vilna & District Agricultural Society for their Volunteer and Community Christmas supper.
- \$300 of FCSS Funds to Smoky Lake Royal Canadian Legion for a community Christmas supper for those with no family to share the holidays with.

## NOTICE

### BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION



Smoky Lake County is replacing the existing bridge on **Range Road 130, between Township Road 600 and 602, over Cache Creek.**

Construction will occur in phases. Range Road 130 will be closed during each construction phase with temporary detours in place. For more information please visit [www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca](http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca)

**Please slow down and drive with caution through construction zones and detour routes.**



### Smoky Lake County Waste Transfer Station Winter Hours

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

<b>Bellis Transfer Station</b>	<b>Wednesday &amp; Saturday</b> 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
<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>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

## 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)



invites you to attend a

### VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE BUDGET 2023

## November 24, 2022

### 7:00 P.M.

Via Zoom:

By phone: 1-888-475-4499  
 Meeting ID: 833 7452 3023  
 Passcode: 702180

Visit our website for more information and meeting link.

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

To those who have served,

# Thank you

for your service,  
 for your courage,  
 for your sacrifice,  
 for our freedom.

## Lest We Forget



# 2022 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 Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 10:00 A.M, the following lands:

Lot/Blk/Plan	Legal	Size	C of T #
	S1/2-SE-23-60-19-W4	80 Acres	122107121
20;1;1039CL		50 lin ft	002357454
8&9;2;716CL	NW-10-59-18-W4		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.

Smoky Lake County may, after the public auction, become the owner of any parcel of land not sold at the public auction.

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. December 16, 2022.

Redemption may be effected by payment of all arrears of taxes and costs at any time prior to the sale.

Dated at Smoky Lake, Alberta, September 22, 2022.

Gene Sobolewski  
Chief Administrative Officer

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming Events

ADD YOUR EVENT TO OUR CALENDAR!

Let us help promote your community event by adding to our on-line website calendar for everyone to see.

Under our Upcoming Events, 'Submit An Event', add in all the details of your upcoming event and it will be approved and added to our Community event calendar.

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

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## EQUIPMENT FOR SALE



**24' Aluminum Enclosed  
Interstate Trailer**

Tandem axle, fully enclosed trailer,  
5200 LBS capacity

**\$ 10,000.00 OBO + GST**

Visit our website for more details and pictures:

[www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/equipment-for-sale](http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/equipment-for-sale)

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

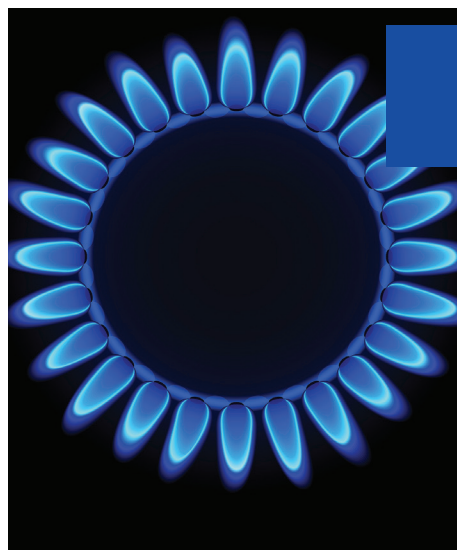
**Amanda Kihn, Acting Agricultural Fieldman,**  
at 780-650-5444

*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.*

## PUBLIC WORKS SNOW REMINDERS

- Residents that have purchased snow flags: Please assure that there is no debris or obstacles in the way that may effect snow removal.
- Please move electric fences back onto property lines to allow for proper and safe winging of snow.
- Remember when pushing snow across the road from an approach, assure no ridges are left across the county roadway and the snow is pushed well into the ditch; no snow is to be left on the shoulder of the road.
- Ensure your rural address sign is clearly visible and not obstructed by trees or snow piles. When precious minutes count, it's important that your sign is clearly visible for Emergency Services.
- Report any down or damaged road signs or plugged culverts to the Public Works Shop at 780-656-3755.

## NATURAL GAS REBATE PROGRAM



Albertans are getting extra help with their natural gas utility bills this winter.

From October 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023, most Albertans with natural gas service will receive a rebate from the Government of Alberta if Alberta's natural gas price is above \$6.50 per Gigajoule (GJ).

The rebate applies to any Alberta residence or Alberta company with a natural gas usage under 2,500 GJ per year – a typical Alberta house uses around 120 GJ of natural gas per year!

Your local natural gas utility will automatically place the rebate on your monthly bill if the rebate is in effect. You will see a line on your bill stating "GoA Utility Commodity Rebate Program."

The natural gas rebate will be triggered if the monthly natural gas rate charged by any of Alberta's regulated default supply providers is above \$6.50/GJ. All eligible customers will receive rebates, regardless of whether their local utility has a lower rate.

The Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd. and all 80 of our Member Natural Gas Utilities have worked with the Province to ensure Albertans get natural gas cost relief. The Natural Gas Rebate Program helps Albertans to continue to heat their homes with clean, efficient natural gas.

The Alberta Government has more details on the Rebates at [www.alberta.ca/affordability-programs.aspx](http://www.alberta.ca/affordability-programs.aspx)

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