



# GRAPEVINE

DECEMBER 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)

### County Budget Meeting

January 12, 2021 @ 9:00 AM  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

### Public Hearing: Bylaw 1386-20: Proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment

January 28, 2021 @ 9:15 AM  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

### Regular County Council Meeting

January 28, 2021 @ 9:00 AM  
February 25, 2021 @ 9:00 AM  
Public Q & A Period 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

### Natural Gas

Fire Protection Services  
Environmental Operations  
Agricultural Service Board

February 16, 2021 @ 9:00 AM  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

### Regional Fire & Rescue Committee

February 24, 2021 @ 1:00 PM  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Maybe Christmas,  
he thought, doesn't  
come from a store.  
Maybe Christmas...  
perhaps... means a  
little bit more!

- The Grinch

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Smoky Lake, Alberta  
T0A 3C0

### Main Office

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

### Natural Gas

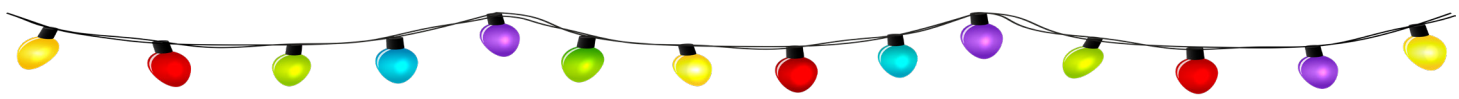
Phone: 780-656-3037

### Public Works

Phone: 780-656-3755  
Fax: 780-656-3743

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## CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

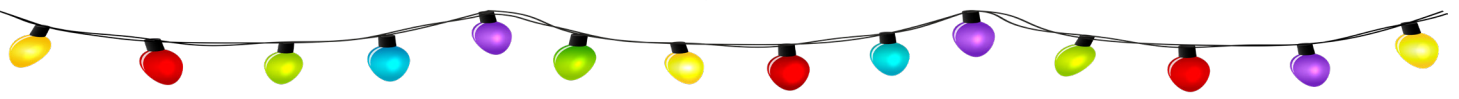
Smoky Lake County Main and Public Works will be

# CLOSED

December 25, 2020 to January 1, 2021

and

January 7, 2021



## Council Highlights

**Public Hearing** will be held on **January 28, 2021 at 9:15 AM** virtually, through Zoom for the Proposed Amendment to LAND USE BYLAW 1386-20 for Recreational Vehicles, Campgrounds, Campsites & Recreational Vehicle Parks, Shipping Containers & Tiny Homes. For more information on how to participate and to view the proposed bylaw visit our website: [www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca](http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca)

- Policy Statement No. 01-52-02: Municipal Accountability Program (MAP) - *Amended*
- Bylaw No. 1385-20: Designation of Ferry Crossing as Municipal Historic Area - *Passed*
- Bylaw No. 1384-20: Rubuliak Ukrainian House: A Municipal Historic Resource Designation - *Passed*
- Bylaw No. 1387-20: Establish Fees for Planning and Development - *Passed*
- **First Reading** of Smoky Lake County Bylaw No. 1371-20: Smoky Lake County Regional Heritage Board
- Policy Statement No. 08-19-02: Smoky Lake County Community Learning Council Program – Legal Host Agreement – *Amended*

### Donations

- \$2,000 of Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Funding to Victoria Trail Agricultural Society
- \$1,500 from Grants to Individuals and Organizations to Smoky Lake School of Dance

## PUBLIC NOTICE: TEMPORARY HOURS OF OPERATION

Effective November 30, 2020 and until further notice,

Smoky Lake County Main Office & Public Works Shop Office is only

### OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays**

**8:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

Our offices are closed to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Exceptions may be made for pre-scheduled appointments.



### PLEASE NOTE:

Masks are **MANDATORY** in our office buildings.

## ELECTION 2021

2021 General Election will be held on

### Monday, October 18, 2021

Nominations for the general election will be open between

**January 1, 2021 and September 20, 2021**

Nomination packages and Candidate Guides will be available on January 1, 2021 on our website and printed copies will be available for pickup beginning on Monday, January 4, 2021.

Visit the Smoky Lake County Election 2021 web page for updated information as it becomes available.

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

## Transfer Station HOLIDAY HOURS

### Bellis Transfer Station

December 23	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
December 26	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
December 30	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
January 2/ 2021	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

### Smoky Lake Transfer Station

December 22	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
December 26	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
December 29	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
January 2/ 2021	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

### Spedden Transfer Station

December 23	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
December 27	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
December 30	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
January 3/ 2021	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

### Vilna Transfer Station

December 22	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
December 29	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
January 2/ 2021	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

### Waskatenau Transfer Station

January 2/ 2021	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
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# MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2021



A municipal election will be held on:  
**Monday, October 18, 2021**

Nomination packages and Candidate guides will be available on January 1, 2021 on our website and printed copies at the Main Office building beginning January 4, 2021. Nominations can be filed as early as January 1, 2021.

**Nomination Period will close at 12 NOON on  
September 20, 2021**

Visit our website for more information as it becomes available.  
[www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/election-2021](http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/election-2021)

## SMOKY LAKE COUNTY IS RECRUITING A RETURNING OFFICER



Smoky Lake County is seeking applicants to fulfill the temporary contract position of Returning Officer for the 2021 Municipal Election.

Applicants must be able to work flexible daytime and evening hours.

### Responsibilities Include:

- Ensuring that election events across Smoky Lake County are fair, accessible, and comply with the *Local Authorities Election Act*;
- Review, update and develop election materials;
- Conducting the administration of election events prior, during, and after the event;
- Managing the office, leasing polling stations, recruiting and hiring of enumeration and Election Day staff, and
- Assisting candidates, official agents and electors.

Interested candidates are invited to submit their Letter of Interest in strict confidence by 4:00 P.M. on January 18, 2021.

For details on how to apply and a complete job posting visit:  
[www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/employment-opportunities](http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/employment-opportunities)

## RCDC OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC



Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC) Office will be closed to the public until further notice. The Economic Development Officer is available virtually and by phone. Please contact Michelle Wright at 780-656-5398 or [cedo@smokylakeregion.ca](mailto:cedo@smokylakeregion.ca)



## SMOKY LAKE RCMP DETACHMENT INQUIRIES

Please be advised the detachment, as always, remains open for public reports and inquiries *via phone*.

For the time being, our front door will be locked to limit public access and exposure to COVID due to our limited staff. Criminal record check requests will be conducted via email, fingerprinting will be limited access and by appointment only.

### The public may make their inquiries by calling the following:

24 Hour Complaint Line: 780-656-3591

Detachment Administration: 780-656-3550

Business hours 8:00 to 1630 hrs, Monday – Friday

For emergencies: 9-1-1



# SNOWPLOW REMINDERS



County Public Works asks residents who plow the snow in their driveway entrances to have the snow moved well into the **RIGHT** hand corner of their entrance ditch. This improves the ability of our grader operators, who are plowing County roads, to minimize the amount of snow left behind at driveway entrances.



When pushing snow across the road from an approach, please 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.



**Flags for Snow Removal Reminder:** Tractor snow removal from driveways of residents who have purchased snow flags will occur after the snow removal at the villages is complete.



It is the County's objective to have its' roads in a condition where traffic is moving within 48 working hours following any winter weather event.

## COLD WEATHER

If the outside temperature is **-32 degrees Celsius** or colder (including the wind chill factor), during extreme cold weather events, Smoky Lake County Landfills and Waste Transfer Sites will not be open. During this time the Public Works Department will not mobilize any Maintenance Equipment (except in emergency situations).

## Wide Loads Crossing County Bridges



Thank you for taking the time to put the bridge markers down before traveling across our bridges to avoid damages.

**Please remember to put bridge markers back up** after you have crossed the bridge with wide loads.

With winter storms coming it is essential that bridge marker signs are visible for the safety of everyone traveling our community.



## SEEKING SELF- NOMINATIONS

2021  
PRIME  
MINISTER'S  
AWARDS

NOMINATE AN  
**EXCEPTIONAL  
EDUCATOR  
TODAY!**

**NOMINATION  
DEADLINE:**

JANUARY 12, 2021  
11:59 A.M.  
(PACIFIC TIME)

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

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#PMAWARDS**



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