



GRAPEVINE

DECEMBER 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

Council Departmental Meeting

January 25, 2022 at 9:00 AM
February 22, 2022 @ 10:00 AM
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Regular County Council Meeting

January 27, 2022 @ 9:00 AM
February 24, 2022 @ 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 15, 2022 @ 9:00 AM
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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4612 McDougall Drive
Smoky Lake, Alberta
T0A 3C0

Main Office

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

Natural Gas

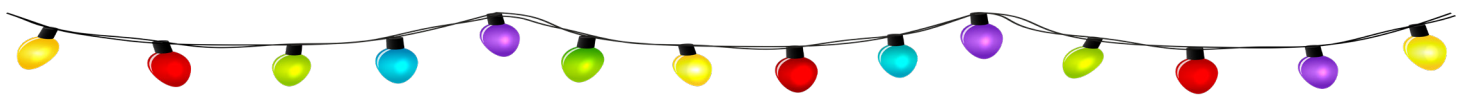
Phone: 780-656-3037

Public Works

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

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CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

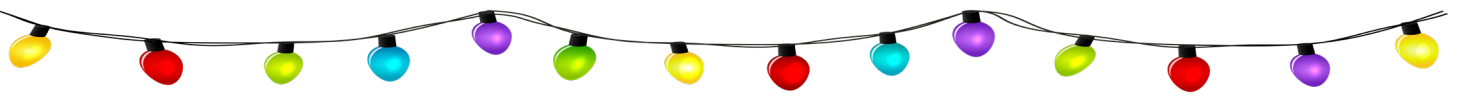
Smoky Lake County Main and Public Works will be

CLOSED

December 27, 2021 to January 3, 2022

and

January 7, 2022



Council Highlights

- That Smoky Lake County submit the proposed Bylaw No. 1402-21: Cancellation of all that portion of Railway Avenue (51st Avenue), described as "AVENUE," lying south of Lot A and north of Lot B, Plan 8420551, located within the Hamlet of Warspite, for the purpose of closing to public travel and disposing of portions of a public highway, in accordance with Section 22 of the Municipal Government Act, to the Minister of Transportation for approval prior to considering Second and Third Readings.
- **Amended** Policy Statement No. 01-40-02: Governance Policies.
- **Adopted** Policy Statement No. 07-07-01: Bellis Board of Trade Liaison Committee- Terms of Reference.
- **Amended** Policy Statement No. 08-17-02: Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Grants.
- **Amended** Policy Statement No. 61-03-06: Application for Development Permit.
- **Defeated** Policy Statement No. 08-18-09: Council Remunerations and Expenses.

Donations

- \$2,250.00 to the Smoky Lake Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 227 for the replacement of their furnace.
- \$5,000.00 to STARS (Shock Trauma and Rescue Services).
- \$750.00 to the Smoky Lake Public Library to cover the cost of membership fees.
- \$2,000.00 to Derek Zaplotinsky for assistance for Olympic training.
- \$100.00 to Warspite Hotel towards the 17th Annual Dart Tournament.
- \$1,000.00 to Smoky Lake School of Dance.
- Promotional items valued at \$100.00 to each the Smoky Lake and Vilna Lodge.

Smoky Lake County

Apply for disaster recovery funding if your home or business suffered damage due to flooding from June 3 to June 8, 2020.

If you live in Smoky Lake County, and your home, business or property was damaged by overland flooding due to extraordinary rainfall from June 3 to June 8, 2020, you may be eligible to receive Disaster Recovery Program funding from the Government of Alberta.

The Disaster Recovery Program provides funding for uninsurable property damage, loss and other expenses incurred as the result of a natural disaster.

Go to www.alberta.ca/DRP to download and submit your application form, and to find the most up-to-date program guidelines.

Deadline to apply is January 12, 2022.

Note: Crop damage, field erosion, hail, sewer backup and insurance deductibles do not qualify under the program as insurance coverage is considered readily and reasonably available.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call 1-888-671-1111 or email drp.info@gov.ab.ca
www.alberta.ca/DRP



Transfer Station HOLIDAY HOURS

BELLIS TRANSFER STATION

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| December 25 | CLOSED |
| December 29 | 10:00AM to 4:00 PM |
| January 1, 2022 | 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM |
| January 5, 2022 | 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM |

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| December 25 | CLOSED |
| December 28 | 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM |
| January 1, 2022 | 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM |
| January 4, 2022 | 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM |

SPEDDEN TRANSFER STATION

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| December 26 | 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM |
| December 29 | 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM |
| January 2, 2022 | 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM |
| January 5, 2022 | 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM |

VILNA TRANSFER STATION

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| December 25 | CLOSED |
| December 28 | 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM |
| January 1, 2022 | CLOSED |
| January 4, 2022 | 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM |

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| December 25 | CLOSED |
| December 30 | 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM |
| January 1, 2022 | CLOSED |



PUBLIC NOTICE

Take notice that further to Bylaw No. 1347-19, Smoky Lake County is seeking Public Members-at-Large for appointment to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB).

Members are eligible for compensation by honorarium for meetings attended.

Please forward expressions of interest or questions to:

Smoky Lake County
Clerk, Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB)
4612 McDougall Drive, Box 310
Smoky Lake, Alberta T0A 3C0

Or contact Kyle Schole at 780-656-3730 or kschole@smokylakecounty.ab.ca



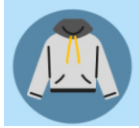
Smoky Lake Community Surveillance Program

Smoky Lake RCMP is asking for your assistance in reducing and solving criminal investigations throughout the County of Smoky Lake. The goal is to develop a map of all known and willing participants who will volunteer to share surveillance footage in an effort to catch criminals.

Participants that consent, will be contacted by a Member of the Smoky Lake RCMP when there is believed to have been criminal activity nearby, and the police believe the recorded footage may help in solving a crime. Participant's information will be kept confidential and secure, and if used to solve a case only pertinent information will be released.

The form can be downloaded from our website, under the 'Notices' section www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca and returned to the Smoky Lake RCMP office.

COLD WEATHER SAFETY TIPS



Dress in several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight clothing instead of a single heavy layer. Pack extra warm layers in your vehicle for all passengers.



Check your antifreeze, battery, windshield wipers, wiper fluid, and other vehicle equipment. Ensure your first aid kit and emergency kit are well stocked. Make sure you have plenty of fuel in the tank (at least 1/2 full), good winter tires, clean your lights and turn them on. Clear all snow from your vehicle before driving, drive to the road and weather conditions, buckle up and **please never drive impaired**.



Merry Christmas!

Smoky Lake County Council and Staff would like to wish everyone peace and joy this holiday season and a New Year full of health, happiness and prosperity.

Христос Народився!

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. **Please make sure your address sign remains clearly visible from the road and not obstructed by snow.**



❄️ 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.

❄️ 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.

❄️ **Flags for Snow Removal Reminder:** Tractor snow removal from driveways of residents who have purchased snow flags will occur (after a winter weather event of 6 inches of snow or more) **after** the snow removal at the villages is complete.

❄️ The final deadline to purchase flags for snow removal is **December 15th**. Residents of the County may contract the County for snow clearing beyond private residential driveways at an hourly rate based on full cost recovery to the County using Alberta Road Builders Rates, subject to the availability of snow clearing equipment.

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).

PAPER WEIGHING YOU DOWN?



You can now receive your monthly Natural Gas bill by email. If you would like to receive your Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Bill through Paperless Billing, call 780-656-3730 or email dmoric@smokylakecounty.ab.ca

Please provide the following information to sign up:

- Name of the Account Holder
- Natural Gas Bill Account Number
- Email address and phone number

HOLIDAY SEASON IS FIRE SEASON.

Stay in the kitchen while cooking.
Don't leave candles unattended.
Keep your Christmas tree well watered.

More tips at ofc.alberta.ca

