



# GRAPEVINE

## DECEMBER 2022



### 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)

*Departmental Operations Meeting  
Natural Gas*

**January 24, 2023 at 9:00 AM**  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

*Regular County Council Meeting*

**January 26, 2023 @ 9:00 AM**  
**February 15, 2023 @ 9:00 AM**  
Public Q & A Period 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

*Agricultural Service Board*

**February 21, 2023 @ 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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#### Main Office

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

#### Natural Gas

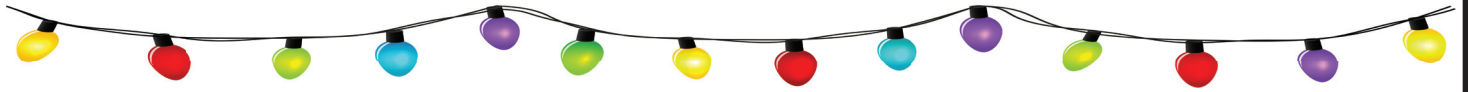
Phone: 780-656-3037

#### Public Works

Phone: 780-656-3755  
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## CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

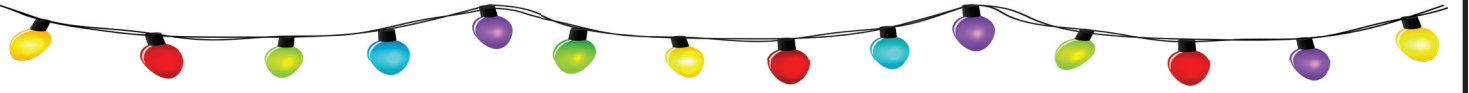
Smoky Lake County Main and Public Works will be

# CLOSED

**December 26, 2022 to January 2, 2023**

and

**January 6, 2023**



### Council Highlights

- **First reading** to Bylaw No. 1425-22: Village of Vilna and Smoky Lake County Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP).
- **First reading** to Bylaw No. 1426-22: Town of Smoky Lake and Smoky Lake County Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP).
- **Passed** Bylaw No. 1421-22: Waskatenau Intermunicipal Water and Wastewater Servicing.
- **Adopted** Policy Statement No.07-08-01: Alberta's Lakeland Destination Marketing Organization (DMO)- Liaison Committee Terms of Reference.
- **Adopted** Policy Statement No.62-11-01: Lakeland Industry and Community Association (LICA)- Liaison Committee Terms of Reference.
- **Adopted** Policy Statement No. 02-34-01: Peace Officer: Enforcement Jurisdiction.
- **Adopted** Policy Statement No.01M-19-01: Animal Control Technician.
- **First Reading** to Bylaw No. 1422-22: Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) Bylaw.
- **Approved** the 5 Year Consolidated Capital Budget.
- **Approved** the 2023 Interim Municipal Capital Budget.
- **Approved** the 2023 Interim Municipal Budget.
- **Adopted** the 2023 Natural Gas System Operating Budget.
- **Adopted** the 2023 Natural Gas System Capital Budget.

#### Donations

- \$850.00 of 2022 FCSS Funds to Victoria District Agricultural Society for their volunteer appreciation.
- \$1,250.00 of 2023 FCSS Funds to Smoky Lake Holubka Dancers for their volunteer appreciation.



Transfer Station HOLIDAY HOURS	
<b>BELLIS TRANSFER STATION</b>	
December 24	CLOSED
December 28	10:00AM to 4:00 PM
December 31	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
January 4, 2023	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
January 7, 2023	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
<b>SMOKY LAKE LANDFILL</b>	
December 24	CLOSED
December 27	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
December 31	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
January 3, 2023	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
January 7, 2023	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
<b>SPEDDEN TRANSFER STATION</b>	
December 25	CLOSED
December 28	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
January 1, 2023	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
<b>VILNA TRANSFER STATION</b>	
December 24	CLOSED
December 27	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
December 31	CLOSED
January 3, 2023	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
January 7, 2023	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
<b>WASKATENAU TRANSFER STATION</b>	
December 24	CLOSED
December 31	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
January 7, 2023	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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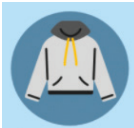




# COLD WEATHER

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).

## GOLD 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**.

## 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, snow piles or debris, etc.

If you see a down or damaged road sign please report it to the Public Works Shop at 780-656-3577

## PAPER WEIGHING YOU DOWN?



You can 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 --@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



# 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.**



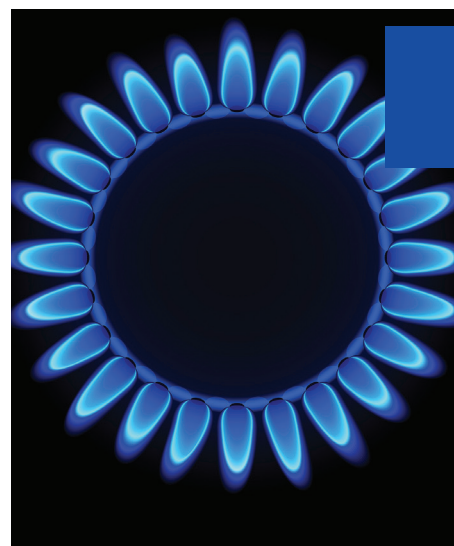
When pushing snow across the road from an approach, please assure no ridges are left across the county roadway and the snow is pushed well into the ditch; no snow is to be left on the shoulder of the road.

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 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

## 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)



[www.FedGas.com](http://www.FedGas.com)

## In Emergency Situations Please Dial

# 9-1-1

### Police - Fire - Medical

Please do not call Smoky Lake County or emergency responders directly.

