



YOUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM BIG LAKES COUNTY  
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#GOBIGLAKES

# BIG LAKES CONNECTIONS

## ILLEGAL DUMPING

Big Lakes County is reminding residents that if caught illegally dumping waste, residents can face fines. Leaving waste in parks, along the roadside, or on other's property without their permission is detrimental to the health and safety of our community. Help keep our County clean by bringing your waste to a Transfer Station or Regional Landfill.

If you witness someone dumping illegally, write down as much information as you can including:

- License plate number
- Description of the vehicle
- Description of the people
- Description of the items being dumped
- Time the incident happened
- Location the incident happened

Report the incident by calling the County office at 780-523-5955.



## CHANGE OF MAILING ADDRESSES IN BIG LAKES COUNTY

Big Lakes County uses data from the Province of Alberta Land Titles office to mail Property Assessment and Tax Notices. It is the property owner's responsibility to keep Alberta Land Titles and Big Lakes County records accurate. Please make sure we have your correct mailing address and phone number. Under the Municipal Government Act Section 337, once mailed, a tax bill is considered to have been received after seven days.

## JOIN OUR TEAM! BECOME A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER

Big Lakes County Fire Services has a proud history of serving and protecting the residents and visitors of Big Lakes County. We are currently recruiting passionate, community minded individuals to be part of our team!

Volunteers may perform one or more aspects as a firefighter, including:

- Prevention
- Motor vehicle collisions
- Firefighting
- Driving
- Medical assists
- Administration
- Pumping
- Water rescue
- Wildland fire

No previous skills required. Fire Services will take the time to train you. If you share our passion, then this could be a wonderful opportunity for you. Call Jason Cottingham, Fire Chief at 780-523-8778 or Luci Martinson, Deputy Fire Chief at 780-523-1547 for more information.

## MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Nominations to run for County Council in this fall's municipal election are now open. Residents interested in shaping their local government are invited to visit [biglakescounty.ca](http://biglakescounty.ca) for details on how to submit their nominations.

Nominations are accepted until noon on September 20, also known as nomination day.

A list of candidates that have been nominated will be posted on the first Monday of each month at the local jurisdiction office and on the County Facebook page and website.

Questions or concerns, please contact Jessica Plante, Returning Officer at 780-523-5955.

# IMPORTANT DATES



Good Friday (Admin & FCSS offices closed)	April 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Easter Monday (Admin & FCSS offices closed)	April 5 <sup>th</sup>
Regular Council Meeting	April 14 <sup>th</sup>
Municipal Planning Commission Meeting	April 28 <sup>th</sup>
Regular Council Meeting	April 28 <sup>th</sup>
Regular Council Meeting	May 12 <sup>th</sup>

## DUST CONTROL

Residents who want dust suppressant applied to 150 meters of roadway adjacent to their residence must complete an application and pay the \$494.00 + GST. Additional meters will be available at a rate of \$4.25 per meter. The deadline to apply is **May 3rd**.

## FCSS UPDATE

### Closed

> FCSS offices will be closed on: April 2, 5, 7, 8, 21, 22, & 23

### Vaccine

Book the Big Lakes Bus to get your COVID-19 vaccine! Schedule your trip by calling 1-877-925-2537.

- > TUESDAYS TO HIGH PRAIRIE \$20. Pick-ups in Kinuso, Faust, Jossard, Grouard, Enilda & High Prairie
- > WEDNESDAYS TO HIGH PRAIRIE \$10. Pick-up in High Prairie
- > THURSDAYS TO SLAVE LAKE \$20. Pick-ups in High Prairie, Grouard, Enilda, Jossard, Faust & Kinuso
- > LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH TO GRANDE PRAIRIE \$45. Pick-ups in Kinuso, Faust, Jossard, Grouard, Enilda & High Prairie

### Taxes

> Free income tax filing service for people with a modest income and a simple tax situation with CRA trained volunteers. Contact your local FCSS office.

### Wall of Fame

> Do you know someone in Big Lakes County who has been involved in activities long-term that provide a benefit to your community, bring credit or distinction to your community or enhance life in your community and whom you believe needs to be recognized for their long-term contributions? Nominate them for the Big Lakes County Wall of Fame Award before **May 19th**.

## ATTENTION COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Big Lakes County wants our community organizations to be successful in their funding pursuits – if you're a community organization seeking:

- Information regarding funding opportunities available to your organization; or
  - Assistance writing, or reviewing a current grant application
- Contact the Grants Officer at 780-523-5955 or [grants@biglakescounty.ca](mailto:grants@biglakescounty.ca).

## RETURN OF SERVICE BURSARY

Attention post-secondary students! Did you know you could receive up to \$3,000 from Big Lakes County? If you're planning on working within the County boundaries after graduating, then you should apply for the Return of Service Bursary. The deadline to apply is **May 15th**.

## DO YOU LIKE FREE MONEY?

Do you own a business in Big Lakes County? Then you may be eligible for grant funding from the Provincial or Federal Governments. If you would like to be made aware of upcoming grants, please email Brett Hawken, Director of Community and Protective Services, at [bhawken@biglakescounty.ca](mailto:bhawken@biglakescounty.ca) or call 780-523-5955.

## TWINE BALE PROGRAM

At each Transfer Station, attendants have recycling bags for producers to use for bale twine. If you're interested in keeping your farm yard twine free, ask the attendant for recycling bags and safely dispose of the twine at our Transfer Stations.

## NOTICE TO GRAVEL TRUCK OWNERS

All interested gravel truck owners are invited to submit their rates based on a percentage of the County rate, for the 2021 gravel season. Forms are available at the County office in High Prairie or Kinuso or at [biglakescounty.ca/resources/forms](http://biglakescounty.ca/resources/forms). Deadline is **May 14th @ 2pm**.

# SUMMER HOURS

Transfer Station summer hours: April 1 - Sept. 30

**Transfer Stations are open Wednesday & Sunday from 10am - 7pm**

**Regional Landfill is open Monday, Thursday & Saturday from 10am - 5pm**

Please note: the Transfer Stations are closed on Christmas Day. The Regional Landfill is closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Day, and Easter Sunday.