



YOUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM BIG LAKES COUNTY  
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# BIG LAKES CONNECTIONS

## DOG TAGS

Did you know that if you live in Big Lakes County you need to get a dog tag for your dog? Dog tags are FREE and are available at your Hamlet FCSS Office or at the County Admin Office in High Prairie. Also, if you haven't already, please register your dog. Dogs must be registered within one month of obtaining them.

## PROPERTY TAXES

If you still have outstanding taxes from 2020 or previous years, please ensure they're paid before January 29th – otherwise, you will be subject to a 14.5% penalty. For questions or concerns, please contact Lucy Girard at 780-523-5955.

## WALL OF FAME

Big Lakes County is pleased to announce Roberta Hunt of Kinuso as the successful recipient of the County's 2020 Wall of Fame award. Congratulations!

This award is presented annually to individuals or groups from within the County who have made the greatest all-round contributions to citizenship. Roberta is being recognized for her extensive volunteerism, membership in numerous clubs and associations, community spirit, and kindness shown to others in their time of need.

The County normally recognizes its Wall of Fame recipients at its annual BBQ; however because this event was cancelled due to the pandemic, we will endeavour to present the award at our next BBQ once large gatherings are permissible once again.

## COVID-19 UPDATES

Stay up-to-date on COVID-19 by visiting [biglakescounty.ca](http://biglakescounty.ca), the County Facebook page, or [Alberta.ca/COVID19](https://www.alberta.ca/COVID19).

## VOYENT ALERT! NOTIFICATION SERVICE

In times of crisis it is important that you have access to trusted, timely, and accurate information to ensure your own safety and that of your family and loved ones.

Big Lakes County is pleased to announce that we've partnered with Voyent Alert! Notification Service to keep you informed during emergencies as well as day-to-day notifications.

The service is FREE, easy to use and anonymous. Register today: <https://register.voyent-alert.com>.

Questions or concerns? Contact the Communications Coordinator at 780-523-5955 or email [communications@biglakescounty.ca](mailto:communications@biglakescounty.ca).

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# IMPORTANT DATES



Regular Council Meeting	January 13 <sup>th</sup>
Agricultural Service Board Meeting	January 15 <sup>th</sup>
Municipal Planning Commission Meeting	January 27 <sup>th</sup>
Regular Council Meeting	February 10 <sup>th</sup>
Family Day (Admin & FCSS Offices Closed)	February 15 <sup>th</sup>

## DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING

If your home, business or property was damaged by flooding and groundwater seepage from April 22 to May 4, 2020, you may be eligible to receive Disaster Recovery Program funding from the Government of Alberta. The DRP provides funding for uninsurable property damage, loss and other expenses incurred as the result of a natural disaster. Deadline to apply is January 31st. Visit [biglakescounty.ca](http://biglakescounty.ca) or call 780-523-5955.

## BIG LAKES COUNTY COMMISSIONS SOLAR PROJECT

Big Lakes County Council is pleased to announce that the County Shop Solar Project was commissioned on October 20, 2020 and is now producing power.

The main objective of the solar farm is to reduce the cost of the direct energy used by the County. The solar farm produces the electricity used by the shop and office, and on sunny days the surplus electricity is sold back into the grid. Over time the credits that Big Lakes County will receive for selling electricity back to the grid will more than pay for the cost of the panels themselves.

For real-time information on Big Lakes County's electricity generation, please see <https://bit.ly/2WtMtVi>



## BIG LAKES BUS

Seats must be booked in advance by calling 1-877-925-2537 or 780-523-1041. Masks are mandatory for everyone on the bus. Hand sanitizer is available and must be used when boarding. The bus is operating at half capacity to ensure physical distancing can be maintained. Bus schedule can be found on our website, [biglakescounty.ca](http://biglakescounty.ca).

### Rates:

- To High Prairie - High Prairie Residents \$10.00
- To High Prairie - BLC Residents \$20.00
- To Slave Lake - High Prairie and BLC Residents \$20.00
- To Grande Prairie - High Prairie and BLC Residents \$45.00

## THANK YOU!

Big Lakes FCSS staff would like to thank all the individuals and businesses who supported the Christmas Angels Hamper. With your donations we were able to package 54 hampers filled with food and toys and give them to Big Lakes Country residents in need.



Left to right (back row): Jordan Panasiuk, CAO/ Kevin Dube, Utility Foreman/ Danielle Cox, FCSS Outreach Worker, /Eunice McCauley, Human Resources Manger/ Pat Olansky, Director of Planning and Development/ Brett Hawken, Director of Community & Protective Services / Jessica Plante, Executive Assistant. Left to right (front row): Patsy Campion, FCSS Outreach Worker / Vic Abel, Director of Public Works/ Nancy Marquardt, FCSS Outreach Worker/ Tori Dumaresque, FCSS Admin Support

# WINTER HOURS

Transfer Station winter hours are effective Oct 1 - Mar 31.

**Transfer Stations are open Wednesday & Sunday from 11am - 6pm**

**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.