



YOUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM BIG LAKES COUNTY
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BIG LAKES CONNECTIONS

MUNICIPAL ROADSIDE SPRAYING

Limited spot spraying of problem areas will take place throughout the County and in all County Hamlets until September 30th. Safety is everyone's job and first priority. Please be aware of the crews working in your area and around you and be cautious.

AG RENTAL EQUIPMENT

The County has various pieces of equipment available for rent to assist residents in their farming operations. The goal of this program is to provide reasonably priced options for hard to source or cost prohibitive equipment.

At this time, only residents of Big Lakes County are allowed to rent equipment. Renters must give the County at least 24 hours notice in order to ensure that the equipment is properly sanitized.

RETURN OF SERVICE BURSARY - DEADLINE EXTENDED

The deadline for post-secondary students to apply has been extended to **June 15**. Visit biglakescounty.ca for more details.

FIRE SERVICES REVIEW - SEA HAWK CONSULTATION

Over the past six months, the County has worked with Sea Hawk Services to get their unbiased, expert opinion on how Big Lakes Fire Services can improve fiscally and legislatively.

Sea Hawk has provided the County with two documents, an Executive Summary and the Big Lakes County Fire Services Vision 2021 and Beyond. Both documents outline many areas of improvement and areas where we can find monetary savings and general improvements to the overall Fire Services for ratepayers. Both documents can be found on the Fire and Safety page at biglakescounty.ca. All recommendations will still have to be approved by council and will come forward on a case by case basis.

THE COUNTY WILL BE IN EACH
HAMLET REMOVING WASTE



ENILDA JUNE 15 **GROUARD** JUNE 17 **FAUST** JUNE 24
JOUSSARD JUNE 22 **KINUSO** JUNE 29

BRING ALL YOUR WASTE TO YOUR PROPERTY LINE BY 1 PM AND
GET IT PICKED UP FOR FREE! DUE TO COVID-19, THE COUNTY
WILL NOT BE ENTERING PEOPLES HOMES TO REMOVE LARGER
WASTE PRODUCTS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
BIGLAKESCOUNTY.CA OR CALL VIC ABEL, DIRECTOR
OF PUBLIC WORKS AT 780-523-5955



IMPORTANT DATES



Regular Council Meeting	June 9 th
Hamlet Clean-Up	June 15 th - 29 th
Municipal Planning Commission Meeting	June 23 rd
Regular Council Meeting	June 23 rd
Property Taxes Due	June 30 th
Canada Day (Admin & FCSS Offices Closed)	July 1 st

PROPERTY TAXES & ASSESSMENT ROLL

Taxes

Property Taxes are due and payable on or before Wednesday, June 30, 2021. If you haven't received your property tax notice or if your address has changes, please contact our office at 780-523-5955.

Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP)

TIPP allows you to pay your property taxes on a monthly basis instead of one payment in June. Payments will be withdrawn from your bank account automatically through a pre-authorized withdrawal. Call our office if you have any questions.

Assessment Roll

If you would like to object the roll or the assessed value of your property, please contact our office before July 16th.

Additional Tips to Use Less Water

Mulch plants to help them retain water	Use a rain barrel to gather rainwater	Soak pots and pans rather than letting water run	Compost rather than use garbage disposal
Turn off the water while washing your hands	Wash clothes in cold water	Join a community pool rather than installing one	Limit showers to 5 minutes
Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth	Use a refillable water bottle rather than multiple drinking glasses each day	Wash fruits and vegetables over a pan to collect water	Fix leaks as soon as they are discovered
Take a shower rather than a bath	Cook food in as little water as possible	Run your dishwasher only when full	Don't let the water run while shaving
Collect running water while waiting for it to heat up and use on plants or lawn	Scrape dishes rather than rinsing before washing	Add a nozzle to your hose to control flow	Install a low flow shower head

Expertise

RURAL ADDRESSING OR REPLACING A SIGN

If your address sign is damaged, faded, or needs to be replaced, please contact our Public Works department. Inquires about a new address or if your address is incorrectly printed on official County documents such as Tax Notices, please contact our GIS department.

FCSS UPDATE

Seniors Week

FCSS would like to wish all our seniors a very Happy Seniors Week. Seniors play a very important role in our communities and we feel it is important to recognize and celebrate that. Thanks to everyone who registered for the Seniors Lunch Delivery. Registration is now closed.

Taxes

We would like to remind those who have not yet completed their taxes that if you receive any kind of Government benefit (such as GST/HST, Canada Child Benefit, Alberta Seniors, etc.) you are at risk of having those benefits cut off. If you received the Canada Emergency Response Benefit and now owe money, the sooner you make arrangements with Canada Revenue Agency, the better. We can help. If you have a modest income and a simple tax situation, book an appointment with your FCSS Outreach Worker.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Residents interested in shaping their local government are invited to visit biglakescounty.ca for details on how to submit their nominations. Nominations are accepted until noon on **September 20**. 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.

BIG LAKES COUNTY BIKE HELMET SAFETY REWARDS PROGRAM

If our County Bylaw Officer, Public Works staff, or Peace Officers spot your child wearing a helmet while riding a bike, scooter, or rollerblades, they will receive a coupon for a FREE treat to redeem at any of the following stores:

- Korner Kitchen, Kinuso
- Ferguson's Market, Grouard
- Superette, Jousard
- Bay Shore resort, Faust
- Jerry's store, Jousard
- Faust General store
- Bigway Foods, Grouard
- O's Treats, High Prairie

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.