



YOUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM BIG LAKES COUNTY
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BIG LAKES DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Tis the Season! Big Lakes County Public Works staff have been busy lighting up our High Prairie Administration Office. Come check them out! They look great. We also have a little holiday giveaway on our social media accounts (follow us @BigLakesCounty). Whatever you celebrate, Big Lakes County Council and Staff wish you a very Merry Holiday Season.

Career Opportunities

Big Lakes County is seeking to fill the rolls of Assistant Agricultural Fieldman and Grader Operator for our High Prairie Public Works Shop. Big Lakes County offers a competitive salary package, full range of employee benefits including LAPP pension.

For more information on these positions and to apply visit our website. Submit a cover letter and resume, including references to: Eunice McCauley, Human Resources Manager at humanresources@biglakescounty.ca.

Winter Snow Removal Reminder

Big Lakes County would like to remind residents to refrain from pushing snow across the road into the opposite ditch or directly onto the road. Keeping the snow on your own property can help with drainage in the spring and help the graders during the winter months.

Crews will only clear driveways that have their municipal triangle visibly displayed at the end of the driveway, once your driveway has been cleared please remove your triangle until the next time you need your driveway cleared. If you have any questions on driveway snowplowing or need to obtain a triangle, please contact our Public Works department at 780 523 5955.

Big Lakes Christmas Angels

Do you need a little help this Christmas? Each year the Big Lakes Christmas Angels program provides Christmas hampers to some of our low income residents. Hampers include fixings for a turkey dinner, cereal for breakfast, and a wrapped toy for children under 16. Applications are available at all Big Lakes FCSS offices. The application deadline is Friday, December 10, 2021.

This program is 100% funded by donations, so please consider giving a donation and helping residents in our community if you are able.

DATES TO MARK IN YOUR CALENDARS



Municipal Planning Commission Meeting
Regular Council Meeting
Special Council Meeting
Regular Council Meeting & MPC
Office Closed

December 8th
December 8th
December 15th
December 22nd (cancelled)
December 27th - January 4th

Special Council Meeting: Budget 2022

A Special Council meeting has been scheduled for December 15, 2021, to adopt the 2022 Interim Capital and Operating Budgets.

We want to hear from you! Big Lakes County invites the public to join us at 9:00 AM to provide input into the budget. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Director of Corporate Services at 780 523 5955.

Public Notice Property Inspections

Compass Assessment Consultants Inc. will be conducting inspections at select properties throughout the County boundaries from December 13 to December 17, 2021. Properties to be inspected are those which a development permit has been applied for, or a known change has occurred.

Our inspections are broken into two categories: Rotational and Annual. Rotational inspections are maintenance inspections. This ensures the information on file is up to date and the assessments are accurate. Much like a tune-up for a car, we are reviewing properties to ensure any changes that have occurred are noted so that the assessments can keep running smoothly. By doing these inspections we ensure precision and equity in how properties are treated.

Annual inspections are done close to year end at properties where known changes have occurred. Legislative timelines require the assessment to reflect the condition of a property as of December 31. Doing this round of inspections, again, allows for accurate data collection as close as possible to the condition date. Often these are properties that have taken out development permits, or ongoing construction from the year(s) prior. Once the development is completed the properties fall back into the regular rotational inspection cycle in order to maintain them.

Both types of inspections are essential to the County's assessment roll. These inspections deliver an assessment to the municipality that is accurate and reliable. Further, it also ensures equity to the rate payers.

County assessors will be wearing photo identification badges. If residents are not home, assessors may leave a door hanger with information to contact Compass Assessment Consultants Inc. if there are questions about the development. For more information visit our website or contact our Tax and Assessment Clerk at 780 523 5955.



Answer the Call: Volunteer to be a Firefighter in Joussard

Being a volunteer firefighter in one of Big Lakes County's Fire Districts isn't something you do; it's something you are. Our Jousard Fire District **needs** women and men who are willing to respond and volunteer for their community. If you have a desire to contribute to keeping your community safe, you should consider being a volunteer firefighter. New firefighter recruits are the foundation for our future success.

If you share our passion, then this could be a wonderful opportunity. Applications can be found at any of our Fire Halls, Administration buildings, or on our website. For any questions or concerns please contact our Fire Chief at firechief@biglakescounty.ca.

Big Lakes Social Media Giveaway

Head over to our social media accounts (Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter @BigLakesCounty) and follow, like, and share our Christmas Giveaway to be entered to win a Big Lakes Holiday Basket!

WINTER HOURS

Transfer Station winter hours - October 1 - March 30

Big Lakes County Transfer Stations are open Wednesday & Sunday from 11 am to 6 pm.

The Regional Landfill is open Monday, Thursday & Saturday from 10am to 5pm.

PLEASE NOTE: The Regional Landfill is closed this year on Saturday, December 25, and Saturday, January 1 for Christmas and New Years Day. The Regional Landfill will be back to their regular hours on Monday, January 3.

The Transfer Stations will be open Boxing Day — Sunday, December 26 — and Sunday, January 2.