



YOUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM BIG LAKES COUNTY
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After a busy October, things look a little different around Big Lakes County. Almost all of the leaves have fallen off the trees, there are more frosty mornings than not, and the days are getting shorter. But the weather isn't the only thing that has changed, Administration has welcomed seven new Councillors and two incumbents into the 2021-2025 Big Lakes County Council.

Career Opportunities

Big Lakes County is seeking to fill the rolls of Assistant Agricultural Fieldman and Janitor for our administration building and Public Works Shop. For more information on these positions and to apply visit our website.

Notice of Public Hearing

Council for Big Lakes County is considering a proposed amendment to the Big Lakes County Land Use Bylaw No. 03-2017. The purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 20-2021 is to re-district SE 26-74-18-W5 from the Agriculture (AG) District to the Rural Industrial (RI) District (visit our website for an accompanying sketch). The Public Hearing will be held on November 10, 2021 at 12:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. For more information visit our website or call Pat Olansky, Director of Planning and Development 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 residents. Applications are available at all Big Lakes FCSS offices. This program is 100% funded by donations, so please consider giving a donation and helping residents in our community if you are able.

Family Violence Prevention Month

November is Family Violence Prevention Month. To help promote awareness, FCSS has displayed red silhouettes throughout Big Lakes County and the town of High Prairie. Each silhouette represents a woman who has been murdered by her spouse or intimate partner. They have also hidden purple rocks around the community. If you find one of these rocks, bring it in to an FCSS office to be entered into a door prize.

DATES TO MARK IN YOUR CALENDARS



Regular Council Meeting
Remembrance Day (office closed)
Regular Council Meeting
Municipal Planning Commission Meeting

November 10th
November 11th
November 24th (cancelled)
December 1st



Meet Your Councillors

Big Lakes County went to the polls on Monday, October 18, 2021 to vote for Councillor. Well the results are in and 7 new Councillors and 2 incumbents were elected to office! At the October 26 organizational meeting, Council also elected Ward 5 Councillor Robert Nygaard as Reeve and Ward 3 Councillor Jim Zabolotniuk as Deputy Reeve.

Left to right starting with the back row is Jeff Chalifoux, Tyler Airth, and Deputy Reeve Jim Zabolotniuk. In the front is Garrett Zahacy, Reeve Robert Nygaard, Ann Stewart, Lane Monteith, Richard Mifflin, and Roberta Hunt.

We extend our congratulations to each elected Councillor as they prepare for their leadership roles.

Public Notice Property Inspections

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

Property inspection is a standard policy to ensure accurate information is collected and reflected in the property assessment.

County assessors will be wearing photo identification badges. If residents are not home, assessors may leave a door hangar with information to contact Compass Assessment Consultants Inc. if

there are questions about the development. For more information visit our website or contact Lucy Girard at 780 523 5955.

Snowplow Agreements

Big Lakes County is currently accepting applications for Private Driveway Snowplowing for County residents for the 2021/2022 winter season. Agreements can be found on our website and submitted to a County office.

Fire Hall Spotlight: Kinuso

The Kinuso Fire District provides services to a large portion of the County, from farmland, lakefront properties, forested areas, and a large stretch of Highway 2 and Highway 33. Kinuso also neighbours Swan River First Nations and provides services to the community. With well over 100 years of service among their members, the Kinuso fire district has some of the longest-standing memberships in all of our districts. Kinuso responds to an average of 30 calls per year, ranging from MVCs, Structure fires, Vehicle Fires, Outdoor fires, and assisting search and rescue and water rescue efforts. Their fleet consists of a Fire Engine, A Rapid attack truck, a support truck, a Rescue Unit, and a side-by-side. Kinuso has training nights bi-weekly on Mondays.

Our fire services are always seeking dedicated individuals that would like to give back to their community. For more information or an application contact, Fire Chief Jason Cottingham at firechief@biglakescounty.ca.



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.

Help keep our County clean by properly securing your load and bringing your waste to a Transfer Station or Regional Landfill.

If caught illegally dumping waste, residents can face fines. If you witness someone dumping illegally, write down as much information as you can and report it to Big Lakes County.

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