



YOUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM BIG LAKES COUNTY
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BIG LAKES CONNECTIONS

New Website

Big Lakes County dot ca got a makeover! Check out the new site and take our survey!

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Is Your Internet too Slow?

Take an online speed test to help us collect the data we need to advocate for better internet services.

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Career Opportunities

We have opened up our seasonal job applications. Join our team and apply today!

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Volunteer to be a Firefighter

Big Lakes County needs women and men to answer the call and join their local Fire District.

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BIG LAKES DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Big Lakes County is responsible for 1,327 km of roads. Between the snow, rain, and ice from the last couple of weeks, our public works crew have been busy! Despite the volatile weather we've been having, Big Lakes County administration is gearing up for our busy summer months. Seasonal positions have been posted to our website along with our Equipment and Trades Registries.

New Website Launch

Our new and improved website launched early last month! Built with our ratepayers in mind, you can find all new online forms, department information, resources, public events, and more! Can't find something? Provide your suggestions and feedbacks to the Communications Coordinator at communications@biglakescounty.ca.

Is Your Internet too Slow?



Complete an online speed test to help Big Lakes County collect the data we need to advocate on behalf of our residents for better internet services.

Highspeed rural internet is critical for economic development, engaging in the digital economy, and working and learning from home. The Government of

Canada has announced the goal of providing access to 50 Mbps download and 10 Mbps upload speeds to all Canadians by 2030. Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA), in partnership with Canadian Internet Registration Authority (CIRA), is conducting internet speed testing. Scan the QR code for more information and to complete your online speed test.

Shelterbelt Tree Seeding Program



Do you need shelterbelt trees? The County's Shelterbelt Tree Seeding Program is ready to roll! This year, the County has 12 different varieties of shelterbelt seedlings for sale.

Download an order form on our website and email Quentin Bochar, Agricultural Fieldman at QBochar@biglakescounty.ca. Scan the QR code for our Shelterbelt Tree Quick Facts document.

DATES TO MARK IN YOUR CALENDARS



Regular Council Meeting
Family Day (Office Closed)
Municipal Planning Commission Meeting
Regular Council Meeting

February 9th
February 21st
February 23rd
February 23rd

Career Opportunities



Receptionist

Big Lakes County is hiring a permanent full-time receptionist for our High Prairie Administration office. This individual is the primary point of contact and needs to have strong interpersonal, organizational and communication skills.

Seasonal Positions

Every summer Big Lakes County hires a variety of seasonal workers. The following seasonal positions are open:

- Public Works Laborers (May to September)
- Mower Operators (June to September)
- Class 1 Drivers (May to September)
- Agricultural Laborers (May to September)
- Utility Laborer (May 16 to August 31)

For more information on the current career opportunities at the County and to apply, scan the QR code above.

Notice of Public Hearing

A Public Hearing is scheduled for February 9, 2022 at 1:00 PM for the purpose of adopting Bylaw 01-2022. The purpose of this bylaw is to allow the County to enter into a License of Occupation with adjacent leaseholders in Winagami Lake Provincial Park for use of Plan 3707KS, Lot P1, an environmental reserve lot owned by the County. For more information contact our Director of Planning & Development at 780 523 5955.

Join our Fire Services

Being a volunteer firefighter in one of Big Lakes County's Fire Districts isn't something you do; it's something you are. Our Fire Services need 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 at www.biglakescounty.ca/fire-services. For any questions or concerns please contact our Fire Chief at firechief@biglakescounty.ca.

Equipment and Trades Registry

Big Lakes County has the need, from time to time, for various pieces of equipment and qualified trades people in the delivery of services to our community. All interested individuals and contractors are invited to submit, on forms provided, their list of equipment or trades and their desired rates for the 2022 season. Forms can be found on our website at www.biglakescounty.ca/public-works.

Business Refurbishment Program



Thinking about updating your storefront? Does your online presence need to be improved? You can apply for Big Lakes County's Business Refurbishment Program and receive up to \$10,000 to make visible improvements to the appearance, design, or function of your business! Any retail or commercial business within Big Lakes County registered under the Big Lakes County Business License program may apply. For more information and to fill out an application scan the QR code! The deadline to apply is April 15, 2022.

FREE Online Counseling

If you've been getting by but don't feel like things are getting better, the Centre for Mental Health and Addictions is offering free online counselling services in 2022. Call, text, or email to be matched with a caring, supportive, and qualified therapist: 1(800) 704-9033 // info@thecentres.ca. For more information visit their website: www.thecentres.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.