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BIG LAKES DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

The sun has a bit of warmth to it these days! Spring is one of the busiest times of year for our operations. We've already seen an increase in development permits compared to last year. And our Public Works crew is feeling the pressure that inevitably comes with warmer weather, from softening roads, frozen culverts, and too much water!

Return of Service Bursary



Attention post-secondary students! Did you know you could receive up to \$3,000 from Big Lakes County?

We know Big Lakes County grows innovative, hard-working students – so we wanted to make it easier for you to return back to your roots. Through the Return of Service Bursary Program, Big Lakes County hopes to incentivize post-secondary graduates originally from our County to return and provide their expertise in our diverse workforce.

Scan the QR code above for more information and to fill out an application online. The deadline to apply is May 15, 2022.

Dust Control

Big Lakes County is accepting applications for County residents who want dust suppressant applied to the roadway

adjacent to their residence! Applications can be found online at biglakescounty.ca/resources/forms. The deadline for applications is May 2, 2022. Late applications will only be eligible for the second round of dust control applied in August.

Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast

The Faust Fire District is hosting a Mother's Day pancake breakfast Sunday, May 8 from 9 am to 11 am. Adults eat for \$10/plate and 12 and under for \$5/plate. There will also be a 50/50 draw. All proceeds will go to the Faust Splash Park Fundraiser.

Road Bans Are Now in Effect

All gravel roads within the boundary of Big Lakes County and all roads within the hamlet boundaries are banned to 75 percent axle weight with the exception of Range Road 112, Mission Street in Grouard and Centre Street and Railroad Ave in Kinuso. For more information visit biglakescounty.ca/road-bans.

DATES TO MARK IN YOUR CALENDARS



Regular Council Meeting
Good Friday (office closed)
Easter Monday (office closed)
Municipal Planning Commission Meeting
Regular Council Meeting

April 13th
April 15th
April 18th
April 27th
April 27th

Career Opportunities

Every summer Big Lakes County hires a variety of seasonal workers. Come join our team! For more information on the current career opportunities at the County and to apply visit the Employment page on our website.

Wall of Fame Nominations

Do you know someone in Big Lakes County who has been involved in activities long-term that provide a benefit to your community, bring credit or distinction to your community or enhance life in your community and whom you believe needs to be recognized for their long-term contributions? If so, nominate them for the Big Lakes County Wall of Fame! Nomination forms are available on our website at biglakescounty.ca/fcss.

Senior Buddy Program

Big Lakes FCSS is now registering participants for this free program. The purpose of the seniors buddy program is to provide regular social visits to seniors in their own homes. If you are a senior interested in participating, please call 780-776-3811 to register.

Kinuso Administration Closed Until Further Notice

Big Lakes County's Kinuso Administration building is now closed until further notice. We apologize for the inconvenience. Visit our website or follow us on social media for news and updates. Residents who wish to pay their utilities or taxes can set up online banking or visit our High Prairie Administration office. For more information on setting up online banking visit our website at biglakescounty.ca/resources.

Special Council Meeting

A Special Council meeting has been scheduled for April 20, 2022 and April 21, 2022 at 10 am in the Big Lakes County Council Chambers. The purpose of this meeting is to adopt the 2022 Final Capital and Operating Budgets.

Business Refurbishment Program

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 visit our website! **The deadline to apply is April 15, 2022.**



Firefighter of the Month: David Willoughby

David Willoughby has been a member of Enilda Fire Department since 2016. David has completed his 1001 Level 1 and Level 2 including Hazmat Awareness and Operations. David often helps lead training in Enilda and always shows passion and commitment. His dedication to the fire service has extended into High Prairie Fire Department as well and he now commits time to both fire services. David works hard at everything he does and always brings a smile and a laugh to the table.

Interactive Web Map

Have you checked out our new interactive map? Big Lakes County encompasses 14,000 square kilometres of forests, hills, lakes, and farmland. Get to know the region, explore key routes, and destinations in Big Lakes County! Go to biglakescounty.ca/maps.

SUMMER HOURS

Transfer Station summer hours - April 1 - September 30

Big Lakes County Transfer Stations are open Wednesday & Sunday from 10 am to 7 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.