



Your Monthly Newsletter for August 2022
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Big Lakes County Department Highlights

Summer isn't over yet! And if July is any indication, we are in for another balmy few weeks. Skip the airport delays and book a weekend getaway in your backyard! Big Lakes County is home to 26,957 hectares of park and protected natural assets that offer a variety of outdoor activities for locals and visitors alike. Go to BigLakesCounty.ca and discover Big Lakes.

Newsletter Email List

Your monthly newsletter from Big Lakes County is available in your inbox. Subscribe to our Big Lakes Connections email list and stay connected to news, events, and notices happening in your community! Go to biglakescounty.ca/newsletter to sign up!

Community Food Cupboards

This spring, Big Lakes FCSS was awarded \$10,000 to address food insecurity in our communities. Community Food Cupboards were placed outside of the Enilda, Faust, and Grouard Firehalls, the Jousard FCSS building, and the Kinuso hamlet office. When funding runs out, the cupboards will be maintained by food donations from our community members. Drop off donations at a cupboard in your community or contact Tori for more information: 780-776-3811.

Fire Advisory in Effect

Due to the increasing wildfire danger and the forecasted weather, a fire advisory is in effect for the Big Lakes County Permit Area. Firefighters urge everyone to use caution when working or recreating in the forested areas. Under the current dry conditions, a fire will ignite easily and spread quickly. Visit albertafirebans.ca for more information.

Blue Recycle Bins

Please practice proper waste disposal. Blue recycling containers in our Hamlets are for recycling only. Transfer Stations are open Wednesday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. for residents and campers to dispose of their waste. Help keep our hamlets clean. Visit biglakescounty.ca/waste.

Mark Your Calendars



Heritage Day (office closed)
Elks Pro Rodeo (office closed)
Big Lakes Bike Rodeo at Shaws Point Resort
Regular Council Meeting
Municipal Planning Commission Meeting
Regular Council Meeting

August 1st
August 2nd
August 6th
August 10th
August 24th
August 24th

Career Opportunities

County Custodian

Reporting to our Facilities and Waste Manager, this position will provide custodial services for the County Fire Halls, High Prairie Administration building, and Public Works shop. For more information on how to apply, visit biglakescounty.ca/employment.

Grader Operator

Big Lakes County is seeking a qualified, highly motivated individual to fill the full-time position of a Grader Operator within the Public Works Department. Submit your cover letter and resume, including references on our website at biglakescounty.ca/employment.

FCSS Youth Worker

Big Lakes County is looking for an enthusiastic person to help with the after-school program that operates on weekday evenings in Faust. For more information and to apply visit our website at biglakescounty.ca/employment.

FCSS Housekeeper

Reporting to the FCSS Manager, the full-time position of Housekeeper provides essential housekeeping support within the home environment to clients throughout Big Lakes County and the Town of High Prairie. Learn more biglakescounty.ca/employment.

Return of Service Bursary Winner

Congratulations Colbi Pratt! At the July 13th Regular Council Meeting, the Reeve and Deputy Reeve presented Colbi Pratt with the 2022 Return of Service Bursary cheque! This \$3,000 bursary was established to provide post-secondary graduates with an incentive to use their skills and expertise within Big Lakes County following their graduation. To view the full media release, visit our website: biglakescounty.ca/media-releases.



Firefighter of the Month: Robert Nygaard

Robert Nygaard is a firefighter with the Faust Fire District and former Deputy Chief of Faust Fire District. This year marks 18 years of service for Robert. Robert's passion and dedication for the fire service shows at every practice and call that he attends. Robert is a certified NFPA 1001 Level 1 firefighter and during training he is the first to offer to demonstrate or try the drills that we need to do—often outlasting any of the younger generation! Thank you Robert for all your years of committed service to our Fire Services and the community you call home.

Kinuso Administration Building

The Kinuso Administration Building will be reopening Tuesday, August 16! Our satellite office will be open Tuesday to Thursday 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. excluding holidays and will be closed for lunch at noon for half an hour.

AAAF School Bursary

Are you currently enrolled in an agricultural or environmental science program this fall? Apply for the AAAF Memorial Bursary and receive up to \$1,000! Applications are due September 1. Visit biglakescounty.ca/public-notice for more information.

Waste Management

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.

FCSS Newsletters

Big Lakes FCSS produces community newsletters every month for each of our hamlets. Community newsletters are available by email and can be found at each FCSS location as well as on our website at biglakescounty.ca/fcss.

To be added to the FCSS email list email tdumaresque@biglakescounty.ca or call 780-776-3811.