



YOUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM BIG LAKES COUNTY
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BIG LAKES DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Summer is in full swing here at Big Lakes County and so is our summer events! From summer reading programs to farmers markets, subscribe to our events calendar to stay up to date on all of the events happening in your community at biglakescounty.ca/events/!

Bike Helmet Safety Rewards Program

Big Lakes County Bike Helmet Safety Rewards Program is back! If our County Bylaw Officer, Public Works staff, or Peace Officers spot your child wearing a helmet while riding a bike, scooter, or rollerblades, they will receive a coupon for a FREE treat to redeem at any of the following stores:

- Korner Kitchen, Kinuso
- Superette, Jossard
- Jerry's store, Jossard
- Bigway Foods, Grouard
- Ferguson's Market, Grouard
- Bay Shore resort, Faust
- Faust General store
- O's Treats, High Prairie

If you have any questions, please contact our Bylaw Enforcement Officer at 780-523-5955 or email bylaw@biglakescounty.ca.

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Pest Inspections

Annual Pest Inspections will commence July 4th until August 31, 2022. Surveys conducted include: Blackleg, Clubroot, and Grasshopper. During these surveys, Agricultural Services Staff will be accessing privately held land during reasonable hours, as per the Agricultural Pests Act, Section 17(2) and (3). All inspectors will be in marked Big Lakes County vehicles and will present identification upon request. We ask for your cooperation during these inspections. A schedule of the township currently being inspected can be obtained and inquiries directed to the Agricultural Fieldman at 780 523 8249.

DATES TO MARK IN YOUR CALENDARS



Canada Day (office closed)
Regular Council Meeting
Municipal Planning Commission Meeting
Regular Council Meeting
Heritage Day (office closed)
Elks Pro Rodeo (office closed)

July 1st
July 13th
July 27th
July 27th
August 1st
August 2nd

Property Inspections

Compass Assessment Consultants Inc. will be conducting property inspections in selected areas within the County from Monday, July 11, 2022, through to Friday July 15, 2022.

Property re-inspections are a standard policy put in place by the Provincial Government that requires all Alberta Municipalities to perform ongoing re-inspections and complete overall inspections of all properties in a five-year term. Re-inspections are maintenance inspections that ensure the information on file is up to date and the assessments are accurate. By doing these inspections we ensure precision and equity in how properties are treated.

County assessors will be wearing photo identification badges. If you have any questions, please contact our Tax and Assessment Clerk at Big Lakes County at 780 523 5955. View a map of the areas set to be re-inspected on our website at www.biglakescounty.ca/publicnotices

National Drowning Prevention Week

Big Lakes County Council has dedicated the third week in July as National Drowning Prevention Week in Big Lakes County. July sees the peak of water-related incidents each year, but who is at risk?

- › Over 400 Canadians drown in preventable water-related incidents annually
- › A 100% of drownings in children under 5 years of age is due to a lack of supervision
- › 73% of drowning victims are male
- › Not wearing a life jacket was a factor in 85% of boating deaths in Alberta

Portable Toilets Available at the Grouard Channel

Lesser Slave Lake is the largest recreational fishery in Alberta, and fishing off the Grouard channel is enjoyed by tourists and locals alike! For your comfort, Big Lakes County has provided portable toilets for those fishing off the bridge into the Grouard Channel. Please be respectful and help keep this service clean.



Firefighter of the Month: George Baker

George Baker is the District Chief of Faust Fire District and this year marks 15 years as a volunteer in the fire service. George is a dedicated, caring and community-oriented individual that leads his team with a strong sense of integrity and respect. His commitment to the community that he lives, by ensuring his team is prepared, trained and ready for anything, makes George an example to not only his crew but to all leaders out there. George is certified in his Firefighter 1001 Level 1 and Level 2 along with his 1002 Pumping and Driving. He is consistently thinking of ways to keep his firefighters and the community they live in actively engaged. A prime example of this is the Splash Park Fundraiser for the Faust Community that George has headed up alongside his team of firefighters. Thank you, George, for all your years of service and all that you do for Big Lakes County Fire and the Faust Community!

Kinuso Summer Reading Program

The Kinuso Municipal Library is kicking off their summer reading programs in July. If you would like your child signed up for summer reading please email Susan Moody at librarian@kinusolibrary.ab.ca or call 780 775 3694. The deadline to apply is July 12, 2022. For a full list of Kinuso's summer reading activities visit our events page at biglakescounty.ca/events

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.

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

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.