



YOUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM BIG LAKES COUNTY
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BIG LAKES CONNECTIONS

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Big Lakes County Council passed the 2022 Final Operating and Capital Budgets on April 20.

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Firefighter of the Month
Meet Fred Caudron a member of our Enilda Fire Department and our Firefighter of the month!

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BIG LAKES DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Spring is here and things are starting to green up around Big Lakes County! Along with the warm weather comes one of our busiest times of the year. On April 20, Council passed our 2022 Final Operating & Capital Budgets! In this years budget, our residents will see a renewed investment of \$1,000,000 into Hamlet upgrades, a 0% increase to the municipal tax rate, and continued support for our core services like infrastructure.

Student Bursary Opportunities

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. Apply for the Big Lakes County Return of Service Bursary and receive up to \$3,000! Information for other local and regional scholarship opportunities are also on our website. Visit biglakescounty.ca/grants for more information and to fill out an application online.

Wall of Fame Nominations

Big Lakes County Wall of Fame Nominations are now open! Do you know someone in Big Lakes County who you believe needs to be recognized for their long-term contributions to their community? Nominate them today!

Visit biglakescounty.ca/fcss to download a nomination form or submit a form online. The nomination deadline is Tuesday, May 30, 2022.

Career Opportunities

Join our team! If you have a passion for making a difference, Big Lakes County might be the place for you! We are currently hiring for a Transportation Projects Foreman, Seasonal Labourer, Agricultural Fieldman, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, and a Director of Corporate Services. Fill out an application online at biglakescounty.ca/employment.

Business Directory

Big Lakes County's Business Directory is now live! Discover the best places to stay, eat, shop, and do near you. This free, voluntary directory invites businesses and organizations located anywhere within the Big Lakes County limits to promote their products and services.

Do you want to become part of the Big Lakes County Business Directory? Email communications@biglakescounty.ca or fill out the form online: businessdirectory.biglakescounty.ca.

DATES TO MARK IN YOUR CALENDARS



Regular Council Meeting
Victoria Day (office closed)
Municipal Planning Commission Meeting
Regular Council Meeting
Labour Solutions Summit

May 11th
May 23rd
May 25th
May 25th
May 26th

The 2022 Tax Season is Here

Property Assessment and Tax Notices were mailed out on April 29, 2022. Property taxes are due and payable on or before Thursday, June 30, 2022. Please contact our Tax and Assessment Clerk if:

- your address has changed,
- you have bought property in the last four months, or
- you do not receive your tax notice by the end of May 2022.

Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP)

The Big Lakes County TIPP program allows you to pay your property taxes on a monthly basis instead of one payment in June. TIPP makes budgeting easier and eliminates the risk of late payment penalties. Call our Tax and Assessment Clerk at 780 523 5955 for more information.

Spray Exemption Program

The Spray Exemption Program allows ratepayers to take control of weed management in municipal ditches adjacent to their property. Landowners are invited to participate if they would prefer to control the vegetation in the ditches surrounding their land by themselves. Existing agreements roll over into the next year. Enrollment for new plots of land are due May 13, 2022. Call our Director of Community & Protective Services for more information.

Gravel Truck Quotes

All interested gravel truck owners are invited to submit their rates for the 2022 gravel season. Quotation forms can be found on our website at biglakescounty.ca/forms and must be submitted in a sealed envelope prior to 2 p.m. on May 16, 2022.

Firefighter of the Month: Fred Caudron

Fred Caudron is the Assistant Fire Chief of Enilda Fire Department, and this year marks his 32nd year of service. Fred brings a vast amount of knowledge and experience to the fire service and is always willing to help in whatever the situation may be. Commitment



and dedication to a volunteer organization over the span of 32 years speaks volumes to the character of an individual. Fred is always ready with a practical joke or some smart comment whether you are ready for it or not. Thank you to Fred for all your years of service to the Enilda Fire Department, the community of Enilda and Big Lakes County Fire Services, we look forward to many more years of your dedication and sense of humor.

RV Parking Space Permit

An approved development permit is required for the parking or storage of any recreational vehicle on a developed or undeveloped residential lot in a Hamlet Residential District, Hamlet Estate Residential District, or Hamlet Mixed Use District. The number of RVs allowed per lot is two (2) provided that the maximum lot coverage is not exceeded. For additional information or to obtain a development permit application, contact the Planning & Development department.

Notice of Public Hearing

Council is considering an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw to include "Liquor Sales" as a discretionary use under the Commercial Recreation, Hamlet Commercial, and Highway Commercial land use districts. A public hearing for Bylaw 10-2022 is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on May 25, 2022 in Council Chambers of the County Administration Building. For additional information, contact the Planning & Development department.

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.

Over the past several weeks, Big Lakes County has experienced an increase in vandalism at the Regional Landfill and our transfer stations. We ask that you please be respectful to staff at our transfer stations and report any suspicious activity you witness.

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.