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Fall is in full swing here in Big Lakes County! Soak in those last lingering rays, according to the farmers almanac, the entire country will see a "potpourri of precipitation and unreasonably cold conditions" this winter with Alberta being hit the hardest!

Seeking Member-at-large Appointments

Big Lakes County is seeking member at large appointments for various municipal boards and committees in our community. The deadline to submit your application is October 14. Applications can be found on our website. Visit biglakescounty.ca/resources/public-notice. Appointments will be made during the organizational meeting of Council scheduled for Tuesday, October 25 at 10:00 a.m.

Waterline Flushing

The Utility Department will be flushing water lines in all of the Hamlets starting Monday, October 3, 2022. Customers may experience low water pressure and/or discolored water. If discoloring occurs, let water run until its natural clarity

before consuming. Questions or concerns may be directed to the Utility Department at the County Administration office at 780-523-5955.

Public Hearings

Council for Big Lakes County is considering the following proposed amendments to the Land Use Bylaw No. 03-2017. The purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 19-2022 is to amend Section 7.3.2 - Agriculture Land Use District to allow the first cabin in the AG district to be a permitted use and any subsequent applications for cabins to be discretionary. The Public Hearing will be held on October 12, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. For more information visit our website.

Operating & Capital Grant Deadline

Attention Community Organizations! Have you applied for the Capital and Operating Grants? Applications are due October 31 of each year. For more information visit biglakescounty.ca/services/grants.

Bridge Maintenance

Residents are advised that our bridge maintenance contractor is working at various locations around the County. Follow us on Facebook or Twitter for updates on what roads are affected.

Mark Your Calenders

OCT 12 Regular Council Meeting

OCT 17 Thanksgiving (office closed)

OCT 25 Organizational Meeting

OCT 26 Municipal Planning Commission Meeting

OCT 26 Regular Council Meeting

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 10 am to 5 pm.

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

Reminders

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

Big Lakes County Agri-News

Your monthly agricultural news brought to you by
Big Lakes County's Agricultural Department. Catch
up on all the latest news, updates, and information
for the region:

Fertilizer costs have seen an increase over the past year and
are expected to continue to rise due to several domestic and
international factors. As you conduct your soil testing and
planning for next years crops, it may be worth considering
greater incorporation of pulse crops in your rotations for the
nitrogen-fixing benefit and for the pest-management benefit.

The County is exploring the Alberta Certified Weed Free
Forage Program and is seeking input from residents to see if
there is the demand for such certification within the County.
Take our Weed Free Forage Survey online at biglakescounty.ca/resources/public-notice

Quick reminder for agricultural producers, Cleanfarms is
collecting unwanted pesticides and old livestock and equine
medications on October 19th from 9-4pm at the Co-op in Fahler
(RR 213).

For residents having picked up shelterbelt trees: give them a
good watering in as we shift towards winter. A good watering
helps plants with autumn root growth (the soil cools slower
than air temperatures so root growth can continue after
killing frosts) and provides critical moisture to prevent
desiccation of sensitive buds with the windy and warm
autumn we've had.

Producers with any other questions, please feel free to contact
our Agricultural Fieldman. We would be happy to attend your
farm operation to discuss methods to improve profitability
and good stewardship.

Snowplowing Agreements

Big Lakes County is currently accepting applications for
private driveway snowplowing for County residents for the
2022/2023 winter season. For rates and agreements, visit our
website: biglakescounty.ca/services/public-works.



Firefighter of the Month: Kolia Wedmid

Kolia Wedmid is the First Assistant Chief in Kinuso Fire
District. He has dedicated 25 years to the volunteer fire
service. Twenty of those years in his community of Kinuso
and five previous years in Ontario. Along with time spent in
his community as the Assistant Chief, Kolia also gives much of
his time to the Fire Services as on call Duty Officer ensuring
all halls and communities are safe during fire response
and giving the Fire Chief and Deputy Chief much needed
breaks. He is always ready with a quick-witted response or
smart remark, thanks Kolia for your continued service and
dedication to your community and the Big Lakes County Fire
Service as a whole.