



Your Monthly Newsletter for September 2022

Big Lakes Connections

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Big Lakes County Department Highlights

It looks like we'll be in for another beautiful fall and harvest season here in Big Lakes County! Our Public Works team is able to take advantage of all this warm weather to ensure our roads and utilities are ready for winter and with fall around the corner, our Pest Inspection program will be winding down in the coming weeks. Thank you to everyone for your cooperation.

Back to School

School is back in session for some of our students in Big Lakes County! Remember, all school zones within Big Lakes County have a maximum speed limit of 30-kilometres per hour from 8 am to 4:30 pm every day classes are scheduled. Do your part and ensure everyone arrives safe! Classes begin August 30th at Joussard School and Kinuso School and September 6th at Grouard Northland School.

Farm Safety

It's that time of year again! Farmers have started harvesting and you may be sharing the road with some large farm

equipment in the coming weeks. Big Lakes County would like to remind motorists to be patient and keep at least 50 feet away from the equipment so that the operator can see you. Farmers, please ensure all warning flashers and lights are clean, visible, and working properly.

Public Hearings

Council for Big Lakes County is considering the following proposed amendments to the Land Use Bylaw No. 03-2017:

1. Re-district Plan 1904V, Block X in the Hamlet of Grouard from the Urban Reserve District to the Hamlet Residential District.
2. Re-district SE and SW 13-73-11-W5 from the Agriculture District to Commercial Recreation District.
3. Re-district Plan 6010AV, Block 1A in the Hamlet of Grouard from the Urban Reserve District to the Hamlet Residential District.

Public Hearings for these amendments will be held on September 14, 2022 starting at 1:00 p.m. For more information visit our website.

Kinuso Admin Building

Our satellite office re-opened last month with new office hours! The Kinuso Admin Building 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.

Mark Your Calenders

SEPT 05 Labour Day (Office Closed)

SEPT 14 Regular Council Meeting

SEPT 28 Municipal Planning Commission Meeting

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SEPT 30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

Winter Hours

Transfer Station winter hours will begin October 1 - March 30

Until then, Big Lakes County Transfer Stations will remain open Wednesday & Sunday from 10 am to 7 pm.

The Regional Landfill is open Monday, Thursday & Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm.

Please Note: The Transfer Stations are closed Christmas Day. The Regional Landfill is closed Christmas Day, Boxing

Day, New Years Day, and Easter Sunday.

Reminders

Tree stumps and large wood debris are not accepted at Big Lakes County Transfer Stations. These items are too large to burn and must be taken to the Regional Landfill.

Branches, logs, and firewood are accepted at the Big Lakes County Transfer Stations but must be cut into 4 foot lengths.

Health Advisory: Blue Green Algae

A blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) bloom has been identified in Lesser Slave Lake, and Freeman Lake, near Swan Hills in Big Lakes County. Please visit albertahealthservices.ca/news/bga.aspx for more information.

The intent of the advisory is not to prohibit any lake activities, but to make individuals aware of the current situation, provide them with information to assess the risk of their chosen activities, and assess the condition of the lake prior to using it.

Operating & Capital Grant Deadline

Attention Community Organizations! Have you applied for the Capital and Operating Grants? Big Lakes County proudly offers a broad range of funding opportunities to our community organizations whose activities provide valuable programs and services to our residents. In 2019 and 2020, Big Lakes County approved over \$100, 000 as part of our Capital Project Grant program. Big Lakes County also accepts applications for our Operating Grant to help offset annual operating costs.

Applications for our Operating & Capital grants are due October 31 of each year. For more information visit biglakescounty.ca/services/grants.

Clean Farms Collection Update

Attention farmers! Between the fall of 2022 and 2024, the <23L container collection program will undergo a gradual change that will align it with other provinces, enabling farmers to bring back these containers to their local retail outlets. Clean

Farms is also conducting a collection of unwanted pesticides and old livestock/equine medications at the St. Isadore Co-op. This collection is free of charge and is only provided once every three years. For more information on both of these programs visit biglakescounty.ca/resources/public-notice.



Firefighter of the Month: Travis Conrad

Travis recently rejoined Big Lakes County Fire Services, Faust Fire District. Travis previously had 11 years as a volunteer firefighter with Faust Fire. He has immediately demonstrated that he is dedicated to the fire service and his community and rarely misses an event or training night. Travis has a safety background in oilfield and brings a lot of knowledge and new ideas to the fire service. Thank you, Travis, for your devotion to training and community wellness and the betterment of your community. We look forward to many years working with you in Big Lakes County Fire Services.