



Your Monthly Newsletter for June 2023

# Big Lakes Connections

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## Join Our Team!

We're hiring full-time and seasonal positions. Apply today!

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## Annual County BBQ

Big Lakes County Council is hosting their Annual County BBQ June 22.

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## Seniors Week Events

Big Lakes FCSS are hosting events the week of June 5 for all seniors in Big Lakes County and High Prairie.

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## Firefighter of the Month

We are celebrating all of our volunteer firefighters!

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## Big Lakes County Department Highlights

### We're Hiring!

- Labourers
- Janitor
- Mower Operators
- FCSS Home Support Worker

For more information or to apply, visit [biglakescounty.ca](http://biglakescounty.ca).

## Big Lakes Annual County BBQ



## 2023 Tax Season

Property Assessment and Tax Notices have been mailed out. Property taxes are due and payable on or before the last business day of June 2023, which this year is **Friday, June 30, 2023**. 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 2023.

## Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP)

The Big Lakes County TIPPs program allows you to pay your property taxes monthly 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.

## Notice of Preparation of Assessment Roll

If you would like to object the roll or the assessed value of your property, please contact our office before July 3rd.

## Seniors Week

### Lunch and Merchandise Bingo

Big Lakes FCSS Seniors Lunch and Merchandise Bingo taking place on Monday, June 5 at the High Prairie Legion from 12:00pm - 3:30pm. The lunch is free to all seniors in the Town and County.

## Lakeshore Luncheon



### Mark Your Calendars

**JUNE 5** Lunch and Merchandise Bingo @ 12PM

**JUNE 7** Lakeshore Luncheon @ 12PM

**JUNE 5 & 7** FCSS Offices Closed

**JUNE 12** Big Lakes Library Board Meeting @ 4PM

**June 14** Regular Council Meeting @ 10AM

**JUNE 22** Annual County BBQ @ 11AM - 2PM

**JUNE 28** Regular Council Meeting @ 10AM

**JUNE 28** Municipal Planning Commission Meeting @ 9AM

**JUNE 30** Property Taxes Due

### 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 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.

## Agricultural Services

### Assessing Fire Damage to Agricultural Infrastructure

The Ag Fieldman has started distributing Fire Damage Assessment Forms from the Province and providing support in entering and estimated damages throughout East Gilwood and the Banana Belt. This Provincial form is meant to assist in assessing damages to livestock and/or honeybee operations and is NOT for assessing shops, homes, or any insured structures. Assessment is meant to include agricultural infrastructure such as, but not limited to, fences, gates, fence line braces, watering systems, corrals, handling facilities, livestock shelters, stored hay, damaged or burnt pasture, and honey hive losses. The form is meant to be used as a tool by producers for the following purposes:

- To use when talking to your personal/business insurance provider.
- To share with the County to help the community understand the level of agriculture damage.
- To share the information with Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation so they can also understand the details of what the impacts are.

These forms will not collect personal information as the intention is not to make this an "official document" at this time, but rather as a support tool for farmers and a means for government to consider the scale of damages and what role they can have in supporting wildfire-affected producers. If you have fire-affected land and have not had a visit from the Ag Fieldman by June 9th, please contact 780-523-8249 to schedule a visit.

### Weed and Pest Inspections and Spraying Activities

Summer seasonal staff in Agricultural Services finished up their training and certification in May and have begun inspections and spraying. Inspecting will occur throughout the County with weed inspections starting the season off and pest inspections beginning as crops start to mature. Spraying is conducted on a three-year rotation through the County with spraying activities this year primarily occurring in the eastern portions of the County from Enilda and east through Jossard, Faust, and Kinuso areas.

## Public Hearing

Council for Big Lakes County is considering a proposed amendment to the Big Lakes County Land Use Bylaw No. 03-2017. The purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 10-2023 is to re-district Plan 2080NY, Block 5, Lot 5 within the Hamlet of Kinuso from the Hamlet Residential (HR) District to Hamlet Mixed Use (HM) District. A Public Hearing will be held on **June 14, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.** in the Council Chambers. For more information, please visit our website.



## Thank you to our Firefighters!

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the brave firefighters who have been fighting tirelessly to combat the devastating wildfire in our area. Your selflessness, courage, and unwavering commitment to protecting lives and property are truly commendable.

