



Your Monthly Newsletter for August 2023

# Big Lakes Connections

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Big Lakes County is conducting an update for our MDP & LUB.

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## Big Lakes County Department Highlights

### We're Hiring!

**Family & Community Support Services Youth Worker**  
For more information or to apply, visit [biglakescounty.ca](http://biglakescounty.ca)

### Animal Control

#### Cat Regulations

At the June 28, 2023 Council meeting, Council passed the new animal control bylaw that includes regulations on cats within the hamlets. If residents live within a hamlet, this new bylaw amendment has the following changes:

- Hamlet residents must license their cats with the animal control department. Please contact the animal control officer by visiting the Big Lakes County administration building in High Prairie or call 780-523-5955 to get more information.
- Hamlet residents are limited to owning 3 cats per residence.
- No hamlet cat-owner shall:
  - Allow their cats on any other property except their own
  - Have a cat remain in distress
  - Have their cat attack any person, chase other animals or cause any damage or nuisance off the cat-owner's property
  - Run at large off the owner's property
- Cats captured by Animal Control will be held for 72 hours in accordance with section 6.2 of this Bylaw before being transferred to an animal rescue, placed up for adoption, or euthanized.

The presented amendments provide Administration with the authority to enforce regulations in hamlets and provide education to residents for cat related issues. This may include issuing verbal warnings, issuing fines (\$100 for first offence, \$200 for the second and reoccurring offence), or capturing at large and nuisance cats.

### Planning & Development

#### MDP & LUB Update

Have you heard? The County is hosting an MDP and LUB Update Open House!

We are updating our Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw to make them easier to use and more current.

Join us on Wednesday, August 23, from 4 – 7 p.m. at the County Office, or at our pop-up event at the Kinuso Grain Elevator Open House on August 24 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Kinuso.

We want your feedback on the following areas:

- Commercial and industrial development in the County
- Alternative energy projects (e.g., wind farms, solar collectors).
- Recreational vehicle storage in hamlets
- Industrial camps
- Use of industrial wellsite trailers

Can't make the events? Take the online survey instead: <https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/BigLakesMDPLUBUpdate>, open until August 30, 2023.

To learn more about the project and to stay up to date, visit:

[www.biglakescounty.ca/services/municipal-development-plan-mdp-land-use-bylaw-lub/](http://www.biglakescounty.ca/services/municipal-development-plan-mdp-land-use-bylaw-lub/)

### Mark Your Calendars

**AUG 1** Admin Offices Closed

**AUG 7** Admin Offices Closed

**AUG 9** Regular Council Meeting @ 10AM

**AUG 23** Municipal Planning Commission Meeting @ 9AM

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## Property Inspections

Compass Assessment Consultants Inc. will be conducting property inspections in selected areas (73-17, 74-16, 74-17, and 74-18) within the County starting on Monday, August 14, 2023, through to Friday, August 18, 2023, to conduct property re-inspections.

Property re-inspection is a standard policy put in place by the provincial government that requires all Alberta municipalities perform ongoing re-inspections and complete overall inspections of all properties in a five-year term.

County assessors will be wearing photo identification badges. If residents are not home, assessors will leave a door hangar with information to contact the Assessment department at 1-800-251-9711. If you have any questions, please contact our Taxation and Assessment Clerk at Big Lakes County at 780-523-5955.

All information collected during the re-inspection is subjected to the Freedom of Information and Privacy of Protection Act.

View a map on the areas set to be re-inspected on our website at [www.biglakescounty.ca/publicnotices](http://www.biglakescounty.ca/publicnotices)

## Animal Control

### Dog Adoption Event

Big Lakes County is hosting a dog adoption event on Saturday, August 12th, 2023, from 12-4 pm at our Animal Care Facility behind the County's Administration Building at 5305-56 street, High Prairie, Alberta. Stop in to visit our adoptable dogs, get a cool refreshment, and don't forget to bring a leash to take your new furry friend home with!

## Bylaw Enforcement

During the past month the Bylaw Officer has been travelling throughout the County and the Hamlets. Residents are reminded about the Unsightly Property Bylaw that promotes the maintenance and appearance of properties to keep our communities and neighbourhoods looking great. It has been noticed many residents taking great pride in the condition

## 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.

and appearance of their properties. Thank you to the County residents who continue to keep your properties, and our County, looking beautiful.

## Fire Service

Throughout the summer you will see fire personnel painting hydrants around Big Lakes County and within the hamlets. Hydrant bases will be painted yellow to indicate that they are part of our public municipality water system, and the caps will be painted color specific. The colors are based upon flow rate and supply system so that responding fire districts can immediately recognize a suitable water source that will provide enough water for their needs.

## Firefighter of the Month - Darron Riddle

Darron Riddle has been a member of the Enilda Fire Department for 33 years. These years of service have been truly dedicated years of service as Darron rarely misses a training night, fire call or community event. In addition to all the community service Darron serves as treasurer for their Enilda fire society. Darron is a team player and looks out for his entire team and even when asked about firefighter of the month he tells us he is sure someone else deserves it more. Thank you, Darron, for all your years of service to Enilda and surrounding communities and the Big Lakes County Fire Services, and you deserve this recognition as much or more than anyone else.

