



Your Monthly Newsletter for September 2024

Big Lakes Connections

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A Message from Council

Dear Community Members,

Council is pleased to share that earlier this month, we had the opportunity to conduct a helicopter tour with Alberta's Minister of Environment, Rebecca Schulz. The focus of this tour was to address the ongoing flooding issues in the Buffalo Bay area. It was an important step in our efforts to find sustainable solutions to the challenges our community is facing. We had productive discussions with Minister Schulz, and we are optimistic about the progress we can make together to mitigate the impact of flooding in our region.

We also want to acknowledge the recent water main break that affected all Kinuso Water Coop users. We understand the significant inconvenience this caused and sincerely appreciate your patience as our utility team worked hard to resolve the issue.

Thank you for your continued support as we work toward the goals outlined in our Strategic Plan. Big Lakes County Council is dedicated to serving the needs of our community and working together to ensure that our County remains a great place to live.

Big Lakes County Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councillors

Big Lakes County Department Highlights

Animal Adoption Program



Harper is a lively one-year-old terrier shepherd mix with a tiny body but a big heart! Friendly and loving, she enjoys the company of other dogs just as much as people. Harper is a pro on a leash and knows basic commands like sit and lay. She is a spirited girl who enjoys playing and cuddling an equal amount and would fit in well with an energetic household that has love to share.

To adopt an animal from our facility, please call us at 780-523-5955 or visit the County's website to find out more about Harper

and our many other wonderful dogs and cats who are looking for their homes at biglakescounty.ca!

Agricultural Services

Our Ag Department would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the producers who attended the Field Tour on August 8th, organized in partnership with Big Lakes County and the Alberta Organic Producers Association. It was a fantastic opportunity to highlight the achievements of one of our local producers, and we were pleased to welcome participants from across the province.

Looking ahead, Big Lakes County is excited to collaborate with Peace Country Beef and Forage Association, Lesser Slave Watershed Council, and ALUS Big Lakes this fall to host a series of informative events. These events will cover a range of topics, including winter watering sources, rotational grazing, cover crops, and more. We encourage you to stay tuned to our social media channels and website for further details. There's sure to be something of interest for everyone.

As a reminder, harvest season is upon us. While farmers do their best to avoid heavily trafficked roads, it's sometimes unavoidable. We kindly ask all residents to be patient when encountering slow-moving equipment on the roads. Please maintain a safe distance between vehicles, ensure the road is clear before passing, and always stay alert for hazard signs and wide load banners.

Mark Your Calendars

SEPTEMBER 02 Administration & FCSS Offices Closed

SEPTEMBER 11 Committee of the Whole Meeting @ 9AM

SEPTEMBER 11 Regular Council Meeting @ 10AM

SEPTEMBER 25 Municipal Planning Commission Meeting @ 9AM

SEPTEMBER 25 Regular Council Meeting @ 10AM

Transfer Station 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 and Waste Transfer sites clean!

A friendly reminder to please maintain the cleanliness of our waste transfer sites. Let's work together to ensure they remain clean and user-friendly for all community members. Proper disposal and a little extra care go a long way in preserving our community's environment!

County Land Sale

Big Lakes County is offering land for sale by public online auction. Bidding closes on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. on the following lands:

- Lot 35A Plan Lessers, Grouard, AB.
Municipal address: 37 Mission St.
- Lot 14 Block 6 Plan 3676RS, Enilda, AB.
Municipal address: 32 12 St.
- Lot 5 Block 5 Plan 9623605, Enilda, AB.
Municipal address: 11 Main St.

The land auction is being managed by Richie Bros. Auctioneers, and details about the land, including photos and descriptions, can be viewed on their website at <https://www.rbauktion.com/heavy-equipment-auctions/canada-ab>.

Tax Sale - Land Auction

Notice is hereby given that, under the provision of the Municipal Government Act, Big Lakes County will offer for sale, by public auction, in the Big Lakes County Administration Building, 5305 56 Street High Prairie, Alberta, on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. the following lands:

- C. of T.: 202107348; LINC: 0029243102; Legal Desc.: 0221203;1;2; Civic Address: 3 3 Ave SW, Faust, AB; Acres: 2.25; Reserve Bid: \$110,000
- C. of T.: 222281837; LINC: 0011017100; Legal Desc.: 1182HW;6;11; Civic Address: 11 1 Ave SW, Faust, AB; Acres: 0.17; Reserve Bid: \$68,000

Each parcel will be offered for sale, subject to a reserve bid and to the reservations and conditions contained in the existing certificate of title.

The land is being offered for sale on an "as is, where is" basis, and Big Lakes County makes no representation and gives no warranty whatsoever as to the adequacy of services, soil conditions, absence or presence of environmental contamination or the developability of the subject land for any intended use by the purchaser. No bid will be accepted where the bidder attempts to attach conditions precedent to the sale of any parcel. No terms and conditions of sale will be considered other than those specified by Big Lakes County. No Further information is available at the auction regarding the lands to be sold.

Big Lakes County may, after the public auction, become the owner of any parcel of land not sold at the public auction.

Terms: 10% deposit and balance within 30 days of public auction. GST will apply on lands sold at the public auction.

Redemption may be effected by payment of all arrears of taxes and costs at any time prior to the sale.

Fire Services - Kinuso Fire District Highlights

The Kinuso Fire District (KFD) has had a busy month, responding to multiple structure fires and providing mutual aid for a large industrial fire in Slave Lake, AB. The strong working relationship between Lesser Slave Lake Regional Fire Services and Big Lakes County Fire Services is evident through the mutual aid and auto aid agreements established among Kinuso, Widewater, and Slave Lake.



The KFD is comprised of 18 dedicated volunteers who train every Monday night. So far this year, they have responded to 35 calls and have collectively put in 350 hours of training, maintenance of the hall and apparatus, and participation in community activities. The services provided by the KFD include fire suppression, hazardous materials awareness and operations, water rescue, motor vehicle collision response and extrication, medical co-response with EMS, wildfire suppression, and mutual aid to Alberta Wildfire.

If you are interested in joining Big Lakes County Fire Services, please reach out to Deputy Chief Luci Martinson via email at deputyfirechief@biglakescounty.ca or call 780-523-1547. Joining our Fire Services offers many exciting opportunities to serve your community, experience adventure and adrenaline, thrive in a team environment, and elevate your skills and career!