

Your County in Touch



Council meetings with Ministers to discuss Medevac, other issues

Council and senior administrative staff attended the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMD&C) conference last week.

At this conference (which occurs twice a year), they have opportunities to directly lobby provincial ministers. This time around, they've asked for:

- A clearer process for municipalities to follow when purchasing land from the province/the Crown;
- Renumbering Highway 881 to Highway 36 (this would change it from a secondary to a primary highway, and be subject to more maintenance and policing);
- An evaluation of whether or not contractors who maintain provincial highways are suitably equipped for the tasks;

- Completion of paving Highway 858 (north of Lac La Biche Lake);
- Increases to bridge funding, which has gradually been reduced over the years;
- Cooperation and funding for emergency response services on Highways 63 and 881;
- Access to the Province's information on tax assessment, finance, and infrastructure for the County's review of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in which the County gave up the Air Weapons Range and was given other land and benefits; and
- Maintenance of the air ambulance service standards.

The full texts of the briefings are available at www.lacbabichcounty.com.

County Spotlight Holiday Hours

County Centre and McArthur Place offices will be closed on March 29 and April 1.

County landfills will be closed Good Friday (March 29), Easter Sunday (March 31) and Easter Monday (April 1). The Rich Lake Transfer Station will be opened on Saturday, March 30.

The Bold Center will be open for regular hours for the duration of the holiday weekend.

Portage Pool hours:

Fri March 29: 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. Lane Swim
1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Public Swim

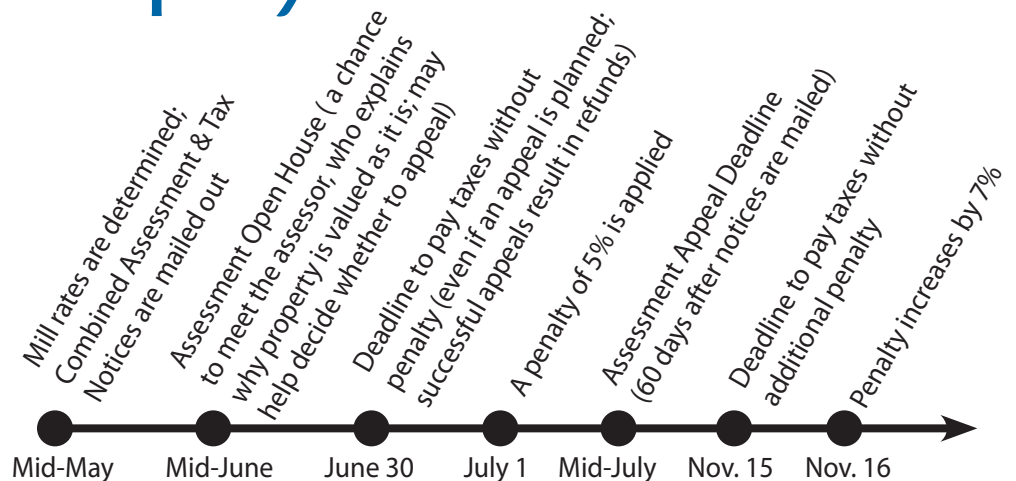
Sat March 30: 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Public Swim
5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Family Swim

Sun March 31- CLOSED

Mon April 1: 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. Lane Swim
1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Public Swim

April 1-5: Public swim from 1:00-4:00 p.m. in addition to regular schedule.

Property tax timeline



Health Society on horizon

Lac La Biche County is working with the William J. Cadzow Hospital Auxiliary Association with the intention of establishing a Lac La Biche Health Society as a branch society of the Auxiliary Association.

This Society would be charged with aiding the Auxiliary Association's existing efforts to fundraise for critical medical equipment and upgrades for the local hospital.

At present, Council and the Auxiliary Association have passed motions in support of this Society. This Society, with some initial administrative assistance from the County, will offer fundraising support to the volunteer efforts of the Auxiliary Association. This is not a government foundation, but a volunteer-run society. As a part of the Association, the Society will be able to issue charitable tax receipts.

Formal recommendations for hospital equipment/fundraising initiatives are provided on an annual basis by the Manager of the Lac La Biche Healthcare Centre to the Association. The Association votes on which items are within their means to fundraise for. In discussion with the President of the William J. Cadzow Hospital Auxiliary Association, their vision for the Society would be that the more costly items be passed to the Society in order to provide the hospital with the equipment they deem necessary.

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Request for Nominations for Volunteer Appreciation Bistro

Organizations are invited to nominate up to two people to the annual Volunteer Appreciation Event, which will be held twice on Thursday, April 25th in the McArthur Room.

Because of the varied and busy schedules of Volunteers, nominees can choose which time will work best for them. Bistro hours will be from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and then again from 7 to 9 p.m.

Nomination forms are available at the McArthur Place office and at www.laclabichcounty.com and must be submitted by Monday, April 8.

People who are not nominees but would like to attend are asked to purchase tickets.



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Small Talk sessions

Parents are invited to bring their children (aged 1.5 - 3 years old) to play with other kids while parents learn about childhood language development by chatting with professionals such as:



- Speech and Language Pathologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Parent Link Programmer
- Public Health Nurse
- Dental Assistant
- Mental Health Children's Therapist
- Children's library programmer
- Childhood Development Coordinator

Wednesdays - Noon to 1:30 pm
March 20 to May 1, 2013
Bold Center - Cenovus Child Mind Area and ParentLink Centre

Contact info: *ParentLink*
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Did you know? Dust Control

Lac La Biche County offers a cost-sharing dust control program for municipal gravel roads directly in front of residences, cemeteries, community organizations, churches, and businesses.

Program users will be charged \$240 for calcium chloride to be applied to a 200 metre stretch of road.

Interested residents are asked to submit an application before April 30 of each year. This deadline allows the County to order the calcium chloride at a bulk discount, which is passed on to residents.

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Economic Development seeking local input & photos

Lac La Biche County is producing a video using photos to promote our region.

Your images will become an important part of our project and could be used for websites, tradeshows and other events.

They will also be used by companies and the County to recruit fresh new talent to our workforce.



So dig out your favourite photos, send them to us, and show your pride in the welcoming place we live!

Submit a photo prior to April 2 and receive a FREE 'i_am' T-shirt!

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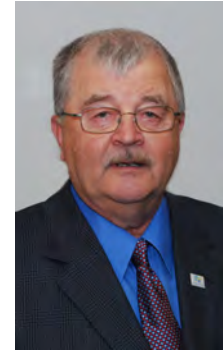


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Councillor Eugene Uganecz recognized for years of service



At the recent Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMD&C) conference, **Councillor Eugene Uganecz** was awarded the 9-year service pin.

Lac La Biche County would like to take this opportunity to thank Councillor Uganecz for his many years of dedication to the citizens of Lac La Biche County.

Water Week

In conjunction with Portage College's Canada Water Week events, students were given a tour of the Water Treatment Plant.

In this photo (left), Utility Operator Kelly Havanka shows Ms. Shulko's grade eight Youth Apprenticeship Program students around the water treatment plant.

Six groups of students took the tour, where they learned about the process by which water is taken from Lac La Biche Lake, treated to drinking water standards, and distributed around the Hamlet of Lac La Biche.



Not-quite-spring Fun **HAPPENS** at the **BOLD CENTER**

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Dates to Remember

March 29 - April 1

County offices closed

(Note: there is no community engagement meeting on March 29. Our apologies for the error in this section in the previous edition.)

April 8

Deadline for Volunteer Appreciation Nominations

April 25

Volunteer Appreciation Bistro



Upcoming fitness classes:

Cross Cycle Fit (evening section)

April 8 to May 1
Mon/Weds, 6:45 - 7:45 p.m.

Tabata Training

Mornings: April 9 - May 2
Tues/Thurs, 7:30 - 8 a.m.

Zumba Circuit Training

April 9 to May 2
Tues/Thurs, 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Fusion

April 9 to May 2
Tues/Thurs - 12:15-12:45 pm

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Fieldhouse Fun Zone

Drop-in fun for kids (of all ages!)
Every Weds. from 6 p.m. to 7:30 pm
Apr. 10 - Wheel Derby - get out your bikes, rollerblades, scooters, etc. before the snow melts!
Apr. 17 - Remote Control Car Night
Apr. 24 - Nerf War!

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Aquatic Fitness Courses at Portage Pool

Aqua Zumba April 8-May 29 Mon/Wed 5:30-6:15 pm	Aqua Fit April 10-May 31 Wed/Fri, 9-10 a.m.
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ParentLink Schedule

These free programs recur every week, taking place at the Bold Center. They do not run on statutory holidays.



Contact info: ParentLink
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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
Stroller Rollers 10:30-11:30 am Running Track	Tumble Kids 10:30-11:30 Fieldhouse	Read and Roll 10:00-10:45 11:00-11:45	Rhyme Time 10:30-11:30 Devon Room
Every Day (Mon-Fri): Stay and Play in the Childmind 1-3 p.m.			