



Your County in Touch

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Four-year election cycle the new norm

Amendments to the Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA), which take effect this fall, mean the next term County Councillors serve will be four years instead of three.

The LAEA is a provincial statute enacted by the province that affects municipalities, schools boards and other locally elected authorities.

Changes to the LAEA follow a consultation process initiated by the province in response to concerns raised by municipalities, associations and the public.

A concern raised with the three-year

term was that it didn't give enough time for new councillors to settle into their role or initiate projects and see them to completion before the next election cycle began.

Cost savings will also be realized over the long term due to a reduced number of general elections.

The next general election for Lac La Biche County is scheduled for Monday, October 21, 2013.

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Agriculture bursary available for youth

Are you a post-secondary student in an agricultural or an environmental related field?

Lac La Biche County, through its Agricultural Service Board, is encouraging students to enter either of these careers by offering two \$1,000 bursaries.

Applications must be submitted by October 26, 2012 and include:

contact information (name, address and phone); completion date of high school; post secondary institution, program and faculty, program length; legal land location of parent/guardian home; community involvement; high school or post-secondary transcripts.

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County Spotlight

2011 Year-end financial statements available

Those wishing to review the County's 2011 year-end financial statements and auditor's report can now do so.

Paper copies are available at McArthur Place and at the County Centre. Electronic copies are available on our website: www.laclabichedcounty.com.

Craigend Community Council Meeting

Lac La Biche County has been evaluating the Community Council Meetings being held over the past couple of years.

Council has decided that instead of holding Regular Council Meetings in community halls, the County will initiate a new format of meeting that will better engage with residents.

As part of this project the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for October 23, 2012 in Craigend will be replaced with this new format on a different day in November.

Watch your next *In Touch Newsletter* for the date and time of the meeting.



The recycling Round Up is on

Your unwanted computers, TVs and old paint aren't doing any good hanging around, but they will if you recycle them.

Bring your old computers, TVs and paint to:
Portage College Shop, 9547 - 94 Ave. Lac La Biche
October 27, 2012 from 10 am to 2 pm

Visit www.albertarecycling.ca or call 1.888.999.8762 for more information on electronics and paint recycling.



'Pumpkin Patrol' hits the streets for Halloween

Halloween is always a memorable and fun time of year for youngsters and part of this tradition is 'trick or treating' door-to-door while wearing ghostly and ghoulish costumes.

Since 2009 Lac La Biche County Peace Officers and staff volunteers have been patrolling the streets on Halloween night to help promote safety. They will be travelling in County vehicles and maintain contact with Peace Officers throughout the night.

Parents and children are reminded to wear brightly coloured costumes that do not impede their vision or ability to safely walk. Most importantly everyone is reminded to keep safety in mind while crossing streets and look both ways before crossing.

Even though having fun is the focus, it only takes a second for a memorable night to turn into tragedy. Those operating motor vehicles are asked to slow down and keep a watchful eye for our young 'trick or treaters' as they navigate our communities.

DID YOU KNOW?

Members of the public have the opportunity at all Regular Council Meetings to bring forward concerns or their point of view on any County issue during our Public Input Session.

Each presenter is offered two minutes to share their thoughts. It is only necessary to notify the County in advance if you require more than two minutes.



Creative Arts Day showcases local talent

The 2012 Creative Arts Day, held on Saturday, September 29 brought together artists and performers alike at the BOLD Center.

The event was organized to help showcase the talents of local talent by hosting a free public event free for all to attend.

There were many great things to hear and see including the pottery of Kellie Cardinal. The local artist not only showed her work but put together a "hands on" pottery table for kids and adults to give it a try.

Your County - Your Budget: 2013 community group budget presentations

Community groups, organizations and individuals contribute in many ways to the success of Lac La Biche County.

County Council offers those conducting work for the benefit of the community a chance to explain the projects they have planned and offer them an opportunity to apply for funding from the County.

The formal presentation process offers Councillors a chance to ask questions about the projects giving them a greater understanding of their goals and projected outcomes.

It also helps Councillors consider how the projects will fit into other priorities and projects underway in the County and helps determine

the need before setting the budget for the year.

The presentations are limited to 20 minutes each and take place in Lac La Biche County Council Chambers throughout the months of November and December.

Exact meeting dates and times are still to be determined.

Deadline - All those wishing to make a formal presentation pertaining the upcoming budget can do so by registering with Melanie Kanarek, Senior Manager, Legislative Services by October 31, 2012.

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2012 Rural Beautification Award goes to Rich Lake couple



County Councillor and Agricultural Services Board Chair Alvin Kumpula presents Bill and Dorothy Witwicky with a sign recognizing them as winners of the 2012 Rural Beautification Award.

Each year Lac La Biche County's Agricultural Services Board (ASB) rewards residents who takes great pride in beautifying their farmstead or acreage with a Rural Beautification Award.

Advertisements seeking nominations by residents of Lac La Biche County were published in July and even though some great farmsteads and acreages were nominated, only one worthy recipient could be chosen.

This year Bill and Dorothy Witwicky, who own a property near Rich Lake are being recognized for devoting their energy and time towards their rural property.

"We are honoured to be recognized for something we love doing," says Dorothy Witwicky.

"We are proud of what we have done and hope it gives others some joy in seeing it as they pass by."

A driveway sign was presented to the couple by Councillor for Ward 1 and ASB Chairman, Alvin Kumpula. It will be installed at their winning property to help recognize their achievement.

"We know it takes a lot of work to create and maintain a property like this one and we congratulate the Witwickys' for their efforts," says Kumpula.

A coffee celebration at the Rich Lake Community Hall is being planned for October 24, 2012 from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. Everyone is invited to help celebrate the Witwickys' accomplishment.

If you know somebody who takes particular pride in maintaining their property, consider nominating them for the 2013 award.

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International Community Potluck Dinner to celebrate diversity through food

For centuries the sharing of food has brought people together. The 5th Annual International Community Potluck Dinner to be held in Lac La Biche this month aims to do the same.

Lac La Biche is a cultural melting pot of people from all over the world. That diversity brings along with it food

and recipes we can experience from a variety of cultures.

Complete with children's activities, music and dancing, the potluck dinner showcases Lac La Biche County as a welcoming and inclusive region.

If you wish to share your family's favourite dish, your grandmother's recipe handed down through the generations and learn about other cultures through their food, consider taking part in the International Community Potluck Dinner, October 27, 2012 – BOLD Center, Devon Room – 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

All contributors are asked to bring a name label for their dish including the main ingredients.

For more information contact Linda Johnson at 780-623-6726 or Mirasol Cameron at 780-404-9286.



October 27, 2012
Bold Center, Devon Room

Your County in Touch

Your County in Touch is produced every two weeks and is available to every resident.

To make it easier, faster and more convenient for you, we would like to send this newsletter to you electronically. This will also save paper, postage and the environment.

All you need to do is call 780-623-1747 or send an e-mail to intouch@laclabichcounty.com. Use the same contact information for any address changes, additional copies or to unsubscribe.

We have tried to ensure our mailing list is up-to-date but please let us know if you have received this newsletter twice or if your address has changed. Thank you.

Dates to Remember

October 20

Native Friendship Centre Aboriginal Awards Night - Bold Center

October 27

10 to 2 - Recycling Round Up - Portage College Shop

5:30 to 8:30 - International Community Potluck Dinner - Bold Center

November 1

Rich Lake solid waste transfer station opens



Lac La Biche County
welcoming by nature.



FITNESS & FUN Happen at the



Drop-in Sports Programs

Adult Co-ed Floor Hockey

Get some friends together (age 18+) at the Bold Center and get a game started at the Cenovus Energy Fieldhouse #2.

The puck drops Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 to 10:30 pm. Currently running until December.



Adult Co-ed Indoor Soccer

The ball starts rolling for indoor soccer every Sunday beginning Oct. 21, in the Cenovus Energy Fieldhouse #1 from 8 pm to 9:15 pm. Runs until December.

Drop-in admission is \$6 (or) included with your Bold Center membership. For more information contact Reno at 780-623-6370 or reno.larocque@laclabichcounty.com

Fitness Training Programs (Drop-ins welcome)

Tone It Down - Total Body Sculpting

Body sculpting focuses your workout on a variety of muscles helping to lengthen, strengthen and tone them. All fitness levels.

The session take place Mon. and Wed., 5 to 6 pm, November 5 - 28. Cost for all sessions \$56.



Step Interval Circuit

Combine high-low interval training using the aerobic stepper, a great fitness tool to use at the gym and at home. Mon and Wed, 6:45 to 7:45 pm, Nov. 5 - 28. Cost for all sessions \$56.

For more information contact Christine at 780-623-6351 or christine.martin@laclabichcounty.com

New Child Minding Hours in effect - Open until 8 pm on weeknights!

Bold Center Ice Times and More available on the web

Visit www.boldcenter.com to view ice times and other events at the Bold Center.

