

County takes control of in-hamlet highways

Having the ability to maintain roads and guide development along roadways within our community is important to our residents, businesses, and visitors.

Starting August 1, 2022, Lac La Biche County took charge of maintenance and development along provincial highways in the hamlet of Lac La Biche's boundaries.

This includes Main Street Lac La Biche (which is actually a provincial highway) and the portion of Highway 36 which leads south from Main Street (past Vera M. Welsh Elementary School, continuing to the intersection with Highway 55).

This is a result of negotiations with the Government of Alberta, and allows the County to quickly respond to and fix issues along these roads.

This deal also allows us to issue development permits in these areas: developers and businesses will benefit from faster approval processes.

We continue to work with the Province on arrangements like this to streamline services and ensure that Lac La Biche County builds a business-friendly atmosphere.



Members of Class #36 of the Community Peace Officer Induction Program began their training on Monday, August 22 in Lac La Biche. There are a total of 15 cadets from all over Alberta and one from Manitoba attending. Their training lasts 11 weeks and they will be working in the community during that time.

Training Program Now Permanent

Council recently reclassified the County's Law Enforcement Training Program to full-time permanent status.

After testing it out as a term program, Lac La Biche County's Law Enforcement Training has become a key part of enforcement training in Alberta and western Canada.

In addition to the Community Peace Officer Induction Program, which makes Lac La Biche County one of the only places in the province to become a designated Peace Officer, the County delivers 16 stand-alone courses for law enforcement and other first responders. To date, the Community Peace Officer Induction Program has

hosted students from Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and British Columbia, and more than 240 attendees have taken various training courses.

Overall, the courses generate significant revenue, well above what the program costs to run.

"Lac La Biche County is excited to continue offering this unique program to law enforcement and first responders across the province," says Chris Clark, manager of Enforcement Services.

"We know this training helps improve services and create safer work environments for those working in these careers."

Pair of rail crossings will see safety improvements

Rail safety is an important area of concern in our community.

Lac La Biche County was approved for the Government of Canada's Rail Safety Improvement Program, which will fund safety improvements to

two rail crossings in the County.

New flashing lights, bells, and gates will be installed at crossings on 105 Street (within Lac La Biche, near Britton's Your Independent Grocers) and Range Road 164 (approximately 12 km

west of Hylo, just north of the Highway 663 -Plamondon-Caslan Connector intersection).

The Rail Safety Improvement Program is one of several large contributions the County has received in recent years,

in addition to grants for the new Aquatics Centre and Richard Devonian Park.

We continue to seek out partnerships with the provincial and federal governments to improve infrastructure and services available to our residents.

Enter to Win

Lac La Biche County, Healthy Waters Lac La Biche and Alberta Parks want you to show us how you are taking steps to Keep Our Lakes Clean. Each month we ask you to show us a specific action you are taking to meet this goal.

This month, we want you to show us a picture of you planting a tree. Trees are important for improving water quality by reducing erosion and runoff, plus they provide other benefits such as providing oxygen, and providing habitat for many species.

To enter the draw this month, show us a picture of planting a tree by **posting a picture or comment on the Healthy Waters Lac La Biche Facebook page, or make a post on your own page and tag @llbrwss!**

Prize #1 - \$300 cash
Prize #2 - \$300 cash
Prize #3 - a 2-night stay in a cabin at Sir Winston Churchill Provincial Park!

For more information:

healthywaterslaclabiche@gmail.com
green@laclabichecounty.com | 780-623-6739



Know what all these people have in common? They have been inducted to the Lac La Biche County Sports Hall of Fame and you can be too! **Nominate an athlete, team or community builder today.**
<https://boldcenter.ca/sports-hall-of-fame/>

NOMINATIONS OPEN UNTIL OCTOBER 1!

Sea cans and development permits

Questions and answers about sea cans or shipping containers

Do I need a permit to place a sea can or shipping container on my property?

Yes, a development permit is required for any structure larger than 100 square feet. Sea cans are unique and have their own requirements and regulations in the Land Use Bylaw.

Can I build a roof over one (or more) sea cans?

The addition of any roof structure on a sea can will require both a development and building permit.

If you are planning on using sea cans to construct a detached accessory building (to look like a garage), both a development and building permit will be required.

Are sea cans permitted everywhere in the County?

Sea cans are not permitted on a residential lot in any of the County's designated Hamlet or within a mobile home park district unless it required for temporary storage associated with the construction of a dwelling.

In the case of construction storage, these sea cans must be removed within a 30-days of the occupation of the new dwelling unit, or the suspension or expiry of the development permit.

Outside of Hamlet areas, a maximum of one sea can is permitted on a residential lot; however, the lot has to be a minimum 3.0 acres in size.

Sea cans are allowed in the agricultural

district, commercial districts, and industrial districts with prior development approval. There is no limit to the amount of sea cans allowed in these districts with the exception for the Rural Commercial District, where only two sea cans are permitted on the lot.

What are permitting uses for shipping containers?

Sea cans are allowed to be used for storage purposes only. They cannot contain any dangerous hazardous materials or containers. Sea cans cannot be stacked on top of each other or used as a dwelling.

Screening Requirements

A sea can located adjacent to a residential lot, a public road or provincial highway must be screened from view.

How do I apply for a development permit for a sea can?

A registered landowner, or an agent acting on their behalf, can submit a request for a development permit. The landowner and or agent must provide:

- A completed development permit application. Completed and signed by all registered owners.
- Current Certificate of Title, dated within 30 days of application.
- The application fee of \$100.

NOTE: Once submitted, the Development Officer has 21 days to review the application and issue a decision.

For more information please contact the Planning and Development department:
 780-623-1747 | planning.development@laclabichecounty.com
 Visit our webpage: laclabichecounty.com/p/planning-and-development

Workshops to attend in September

Tree Disease and Control
Tuesday, September 13 | 6 - 7 PM
 McArthur Room
 Learn how to mitigate black knot, spruce gall, needle cast, and more with this free workshop!

Canning, Preserving, Pickling, Fermenting and Jams!
Thursday, September 15 | 6 - 7:30 pm
 McArthur Room
 Bring your vegetables for this hands-on free workshop. Jars will be provided!

Registration is required. Email - green@laclabichecounty.com | Call - 780-623-6739

FEATURED FCSS PROGRAMS

NEW program! WiseGuyz (FREE)
4-6 pm | Mondays & Thursdays
Sept. 19 to Nov. 28 at the Bold Center

Join FCSS and Hope Haven in a safe space to discuss healthy relationships, stereotypes and more! Followed by supper and a ton of fun activities!

For male identified individuals age 13-15.

YOUNG FAMILY CONNECTIONS

- **Dad and Me - Location TBA**
Sept. 27 | 5:30 - 7pm
- **Truth and Reconciliation Ceremony**
Sept. 30 | Bold Center
- **Read and Roll Book Set #1**
Thursdays 1-2pm | Sept. 15 - Oct. 27
For kids aged 4/5 yrs
To register, call the library: 780-623-7647.
- **Plamondon Family Fun Nights**
5:30 - 7:30 pm - September 13
Festival Centre

\$34,068.19

That's how much FCSS distributed to local non-profits in 2021.

There is plenty of funding left for 2022! If you work for a non-profit offering preventive social services, email fcss@laclabichecounty.com for an application form.



TALK BOX TIP

Children learn by reading! Reading and language go together. Reading can help your child learn to talk and listen.



Talking and listening help make reading and writing easier. All of these skills are important in school.





Dates to Remember

COMMUNITY AWARENESS & REGISTRATION EVENT

Thursday, September 8 | 4-7 pm
Bold Center

Learn about volunteer organizations, sports and recreation opportunities, services, and programs offered in our community.

BOLD CENTER

Fall Fitness Classes - Sept 19 to Oct 28

Mondays & Wednesdays

6:15 - 7:15 am Penalty Box Circuit
12:15 - 12:45 pm Barre Above
5:30 - 6:30 pm Strong Nation

Tuesdays & Thursdays

9 - 10 am Zumba & Body Sculpt
12:15 - 12:45 pm SPIN 30
5 - 6 pm Kickbox BOSU
6:30 - 7:15 pm Slow Flow Yoga

Mondays: 50+ Strengthen & Stretch

Tuesdays: Pre-natal Fitness,
7:30-8:15pm

Wednesdays: Post-natal Fitness,
10-10:45am

Thursdays: Functional Fitness,
10:30-11:00am

Fridays: SPIN 60, 6:15-7:15 am

PLAMONDON ARENA

Opens on Sunday, October 2, 2022.

PORTAGE POOL

Annual Fall Closure 2022

Closed beginning September 6 until October 2 for maintenance.

SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Nominations are being accepted until October 1, 2022. Call 780-623-6725.

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Recreation & Community Events



Fall & Winter Community Activity Guide

Check out all the latest and greatest programs, workshops, courses, fitness classes & upcoming community events for Fall & Winter!

Stay active all summer long by exploring your own backyard and taking advantage of the many free & low cost activities offered in the community - details inside the [Fall & Winter Community Activity Guide](#).

Registration online at <https://boldcenter.ca/activellbc/>. In-person and phone in registrations also available.

4th Annual
Community Appreciation Event

Join us at the Bold Center for one day of **FREE** themed events for all ages.

- FREE admission to the Bold Center & Sports Fields.
- FREE supper, games, & activities.
- FREE Gitz with Guitars Concert.
- FREE Drive-In-Movie.

DRIVE-IN MOVIES
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

SEPTEMBER 9, 2022 Activities start at 4:30pm, concert at 5:00 pm, movie at 8:30pm.