



Save The Date:
**LAC LA BICHE REGION
SUMMER KICKOFF PARTY**

Celebrate the start of the summer tourism season with us on **Thursday, May 18.**

Join us at **Sir Winston Churchill Provincial Park's Community Hall** (on the Long Island, just past the boat launch) from **4-8 pm** to learn about local tourism attractions and upcoming events while enjoying food and live entertainment. Everyone is welcome.

**CONSTRUCTION SEASON
IS AROUND THE CORNER
ARE YOU READY?**

This year, we're continuing to tackle construction projects that are necessary to keep our infrastructure in good condition, to keep up with community changes and to make room for future growth.

We always notify residents and business owners who are going to be directly affected by construction, but you can always find a list of ongoing projects on our website (laclabichcounty.com).



Lac La Biche County Council presents Regional Fire Chief John Kokotilo (centre) with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee medal, which honours Albertans who have made exceptional contributions to the province, at a meeting in March. Kokotilo joins fellow community members Chris Newhook, Dave Phillips, David Moseley, Donna Webster, Doris Burdek, Gail Broadbent, Omer Moghrabi and Rene Schaub who received the prestigious medal earlier in the year.

**Nominations for Environmental
Stewardship Awards close soon**



Do you know someone who goes above and beyond to care for the environment? How about a local business or community organization that's leading the way with green thinking?

Nominations for Lac La Biche County's Environmental Stewardship Awards close on Monday, May 1.

There are four award categories:

1. **Individual**
2. **Community organization or group**
3. **Business/institutional**
4. **Agriculture**

The winner in each category receives an award certificate and a cash prize of \$500. This is one of our many ways of encouraging environmental responsibility in our community. The natural environment is one of our greatest assets — let's work together to protect our beautiful forests, lakes, meadows and rivers for generations to come.

To submit a nomination, visit laclabichcounty.com and click on "Environment" in the menu under "Our Services." For details about the awards program, call (780) 623-6739 or email green@laclabichcounty.com.



First phase of Main Street rebuild starts next month

Heavy-duty construction will start on 101 Avenue in the hamlet of Lac La Biche in the month of May. Water and sewer lines between 103 Street and 100 Street need to be replaced, and the street surface will be rebuilt at the same time to create a more welcoming atmosphere for community members and visitors.

 Construction will be spread over **three years**, not two as previously communicated. The project will move from west to east, completing one block per year.

FIRST STAGE:
103 STREET TO 102 STREET



Next Stage (2024): 102-101 St.
Third Stage (2025): 101-100 St.



What does this mean for me? You should expect disruptions along Main Street over the next three years. We are working closely with our construction crew, business owners in the area and the general public to make sure everyone receives as much notice as possible about road closures, detours and other changes. You'll still be able to access all of your favourite stores and amenities.

What does this mean for businesses in the area? This is a major project that involves digging up sections of Main Street to replace aging utility lines, so there will be phased road closures and detours. During construction, we will be working closely with businesses to reduce impacts to them as much as possible. New water and sewer lines will serve businesses better for years to come.

The construction process: How will it happen?

01 | MOBILIZATION

02 | TEMPORARY WATER CONNECTIONS
Affected properties will be connected to a temporary water source, for safe and clean drinking water during the project.

03 | UNDERGROUND UTILITY REPLACEMENTS
Utilities will be dug up and replaced, starting with water mains and sewers, followed by building tie-ins.

04 | SHALLOW UTILITY AND STREETScape ELEMENTS

05 | SURFACE WORKS
New concrete curbs and sidewalks will be poured, and the new roadway will be paved.

06 | STREETScape FEATURES, LANDSCAPING AND TRAFFIC LIGHTS



The future view along Main Street from 103 Street, after the rebuild is complete and new landscaping and decorative features have been installed.

Future newsletters will include updates, and important notices will be mailed to affected residents and business owners. You can always visit our website for the most current news and information:

[laclabichcounty.com/p/main-street-revitalization](https://www.laclabichcounty.com/p/main-street-revitalization)



If you have further questions or concerns, please email mainstreet@laclabichcounty.com or call project manager Ali Memon at (780) 404-6869.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SIMPLIFIED



COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Lac La Biche County is open for business, and we don't believe in red tape purely for the sake of it. There are some types of commercial developments that you may think don't require permits, but they actually do. Let us help you understand why.

REMEMBER: You can now obtain and pay for all Safety Code permits (building, electrical, gas, plumbing and private sewage) through our Planning & Development department. Visit us at County Centre or go online at [laclabichcounty.com](https://www.laclabichcounty.com).

HOME-BASED BUSINESS
A home-based business is a commercial venture you run from your home, your yard or an accessory building like a garage.
Why permits are needed: If your property is considered residential, then we need to know it isn't being used strictly for residential purposes, and how that might affect surrounding areas.

CHANGE IN USE
If one commercial business leaves and another one opens in the same space, does it require a development permit? Yes!
Why permits are needed: Not all commercial businesses have the same impact on a building or area. We need to verify the property is zoned correctly, has enough on-site parking, etc.

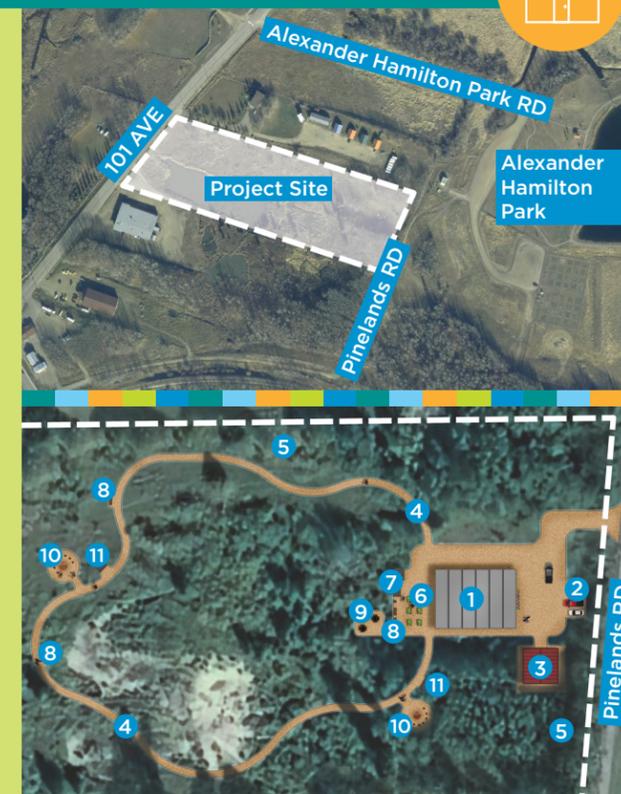
SIGNAGE
Our Land Use Bylaw contains regulations for 19 different types of signage! A permit is required when you replace or install a new sign on your business.
Why permits are needed: Signage has a big impact on building and neighbourhood appearance, and some signs may have safety aspects to consider. We need to do our due diligence and double-check these things.



This project will create a dedicated, supportive, safe place for unsheltered individuals in our community, to be run by the non-profit Lakeland Out of the Elements Shelter Society.

1. Housing
2. Parking
3. Workshop
4. Walking Path
5. Perimeter Trees
6. Communal Garden Beds
7. Garden Shed & Covered Work Area
8. Benches
9. Picnic Area
10. Fire Pit & Seating
11. Wood Storage

Transitional Housing Site & Site Plan



Transitional housing

A County-owned property near Alexander Hamilton Park is being reviewed as the potential future site for transitional housing to assist our community's unsheltered members.

The planned facility will enable a four-stage program, helping individuals transition out of homelessness to independent living.

This project is at a public review phase. For more information about the project and the four-stage transition program, visit our website ([laclabichcounty.com](https://www.laclabichcounty.com)) — click on "Transitional Housing Project" in the menu under "Our Services").



Dates to Remember

Friday, April 7 & Monday, April 10
Good Friday and Easter Monday.
County offices will be closed for the holidays.

Wednesday, April 26 & Saturday, May 6
Free Event Marketing Workshops, for community groups to learn about branding, marketing tactics, available resources in the community, and more to promote their local events.

Wed. April 26 • 6:30-8 pm
Sat. May 6 • 9:30-11 am
Both at McArthur Place Tea Room.

Thursday, May 18
Lac La Biche Region Summer Kickoff Party. See front page for details.

The Lac La Biche Farmers Market is now open every Friday until Dec. 8, from 3-5:30 pm at the Lakeland Agricom.

For more County and community events, visit the Events Calendar on laclabichedcounty.com. You can also submit your own events.

Your County in Touch is produced by Lac La Biche County and is available to every resident.

An electronic version of this newsletter is available. All you need to do is call (780) 623-1747 or provide your e-mail address to intouch@laclabichedcounty.com.

Use the same contact information for any address changes, additional copies or to unsubscribe.



Lac La Biche County
welcoming by nature.



Spring and summer program registration

Check out our new Spring & Summer 2023 Community Activity Guide for drop-in games and sports, family programs, fitness classes, summer camps and more. Find the Guide online at boldcenter.ca, at public County facilities and our community grocery stores.

To register for programs or for more information about specific sessions, call (780) 623-3829 or visit boldcenter.ca/activellbc.



COUCH TO CONFIDENT RUNNING CLINIC

A 5-Week Clinic from April 27-May 25
Time: Thursdays from 7-8:30pm
Ages: 16+
Cost: \$100