



## New composting pad at Beaver Lake landfill

A new composting pad is adding to the waste diversion options at Beaver Lake landfill.

The composting pad can be used for leaf and yard waste like grass clippings. Empty out any bags when dropping off at the site, and please ensure none of the waste you bring in is diseased (e.g. branches with black knot fungus, etc.). Any branches must be less than three-quarters of an inch in diameter.

At this time, food waste is not accepted. Food waste is more difficult to compost, so we're figuring out the best way to handle it. Stay tuned for updates!

Like all other residential waste and recycling at our landfills and transfer stations, you can bring in up to 500 kg (approx. 1,100 lbs) of leaf and yard waste free of charge.



## Law Enforcement Training Centre: Driving positive change for Alberta

Lac La Biche County's Law Enforcement Training Centre is leading the charge to transform the way officers learn in Alberta.

"There's the classroom and then there's the real world," says Chris Clark, the Centre's director. "Our goal is to bring the two together and bridge the gap."

The Centre has trained more than 850 participants since it launched in the fall of 2020. The Centre's flagship offering, the 12-week Community Peace Officer Induction Program, brings new and existing Peace Officers from across Canada to train for work in Alberta.

With an all-inclusive approach to training, the Centre is not only a money-maker for our community that brings in hundreds of

thousands of dollars in revenue, but it's also a win for the entire field of law enforcement.

"Our program participants learn all of the essentials, as well as skills like emergency vehicle driving, mental health resilience and safe firearm use," Clark says. "There's a lot more to working in law enforcement than putting on a badge, and we make sure our students understand that and are prepared for what the world is going to throw at them. This means officers are going to stay longer and be more effective in their duties, providing better services to Albertans."

Future plans for the Centre include building new training spaces and a custom-built vehicle operations track for hands-on driver training.

# Concepts for future park and playground developments

County Council has approved concept plans for enhancing three local parks. We asked the public earlier this year to share ideas for breathing new life into these parks, and now we've got a game plan. Work on the first phase of Dumasfield Park and Jubilee Park projects will start this year.

## Dumasfield Park, hamlet of Lac La Biche



1. Parking
2. Covered outdoor rink
3. Outdoor sport space:
  - Existing skate park equipment in the summertime
  - Snowbank rink in the wintertime
4. Winter skating loop
5. Existing playground
6. Asphalt multi-use trail
7. Picnic area
8. Additional trees and greenery
9. Amenity building:
  - Public washroom
  - Skate lace-up station
10. Concrete sidewalk

## Jubilee Park, Young's Beach



1. Washroom building
2. Picnic shelter
3. Picnic area
4. Communal firepit
5. Existing playground
6. Multi-sport court:
  - Half-court basketball and pickleball
7. Additional trees and greenery

## Mission Village Greenspace



1. Parking
2. Playground
3. Toddler-focused playground
4. Gravel multi-use trail
5. Picnic area
6. Bench seating
7. Lookout point and stairway to beach
8. Additional trees and greenery

# PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SIMPLIFIED



## WHAT ELSE IS IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD?

**The impact of a development doesn't end at the property line. That's why some developments can be appealed by neighbouring landowners — and sometimes neighbours that aren't even people need to be considered.**

### Water bodies

The County's Land Use Bylaw generally forbids development any closer to a water body than the high-water mark. This is so shorelines are not disturbed and harmful substances are kept out of water bodies like lakes, streams and wetlands.



### How am I supposed to pinpoint the high-water mark?

Use our Riparian Setback Matrix to calculate it. The matrix considers the type of water body, the height of the bank, and whether or not groundwater and vegetation are present. You can find the matrix on our website, in the Riparian Setback Matrix Policy, or our Planning & Development department can give you a copy.

**Note:** If a subdivision has taken place and an Environmental Reserve parcel now exists next to the water body, then the setback is measured from the property line rather than the high-water mark.

### Provincial highways

The Government of Alberta keeps an eye on developments that might affect traffic patterns and safety around provincial highways, so any development within 800 metres (0.8 km) of a highway intersection or 300 metres (0.3 km) of a highway right-of-way requires a roadside development permit.



**So how do I get one of those?** This permit is issued by Alberta Transportation & Economic Corridors (formerly known as just Alberta Transportation) at no charge to the applicant, but you need to get it before applying for a development permit from Lac

La Biche County because we can't ignore or override any provincial regulations.

For more information, go online at [alberta.ca/roadside-development-permits.aspx](http://alberta.ca/roadside-development-permits.aspx). You can also reach out to our Planning & Development team if you're unsure about steps you need to take to make your project happen.

**Phone:** 780-623-1747

**Email:** [planning.development@laclabichedcounty.com](mailto:planning.development@laclabichedcounty.com)



Our annual community information night returns Friday, September 8.

This event from 5:30-8 pm at the Bold Centre is a one-stop shop for finding out what the local community has to offer. It's a "who's who" of groups and service providers.

**For community members:** Learn about local clubs, sports teams, volunteering opportunities and more and how you can get involved.

**For groups:** Tell the public who you are and what you do, network with other groups and discover your next great partnership!

### Event Schedule:

**5:30 pm** — Event starts

**5:45 pm** — Seniors eat first

**6-7 pm** — Community BBQ

**6-8 pm** — Browse the displays, meet the groups in attendance, participate in free games and activities

**8 pm** — Drive-in movie starts (see back page of this newsletter)

### For more details or to book a table for your group or organization:

Call Community Outreach Worker Chenée Miller 780-623-6361 or 780-404-7906, or email [cheneemiller@laclabichedcounty.com](mailto:cheneemiller@laclabichedcounty.com)



## Dates to Remember

### August 4-6

Beaver Lake Cree Nation Pow Wow.

### August 4-7

Lac La Biche Summer Days.

### August 5-6

Lee's Talent Show at the Bold Centre.

### Tuesday, August 15

Fall and winter Bold Centre and Portage Pool program registration opens.

### August 18-20

Heart Lake First Nation Pow Wow.

Kikino Silver Birch Rodeo & Celebration Days.

### August 25-26

Hyo Harvest Days.

### Friday, September 8

Let's Connect community information night at the Bold Centre (see page 3 for more information).

**For more County and community events, visit the Events Calendar on [laclabichcounty.com](http://laclabichcounty.com). You can also submit your own events.**

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# SUMMER DRIVE-IN MOVIES

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 31**  
**PLAMONDON FESTIVAL CENTRE DRIVE IN**

Parking starts at 7:30pm  
 Show starts at dusk

**JUMANJI**  
 WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**  
**BOLD CENTER SPORTSFIELD BIGSCREEN**

Nintendo + ILLUMINATION  
**THE SUPER MARIO BROS. MOVIE**

Show starts at 8pm  
 (Bring warm clothes/blankets)

Let's Connect Community event: 5:30 - BBQ, kids activities, and local clubs and groups.