



## Disaster Recovery Program Funding Approval

In early June 2020, Lac La Biche County experienced extreme amounts of rainfall. This initially caused a flood risk to residents in the hamlet of Lac La Biche, and threatened the County's wastewater system.

On June 7, 2020, the County declared a State of Local Emergency (SOLE) to address these issues. However, the County continued to experience extreme levels of precipitation. This resulted in flooding throughout the County, which caused damage to public infrastructure like roads, as well as private property like residences.

Fortunately, the Government of Alberta offers the Disaster Recovery Program (DRP), which offered financial assistance for qualifying uninsurable loss and damage caused by emergency and disasters.

In order to qualify for this funding, the disaster has to be deemed an extraordinary event. The level of rainfall and water levels in the County during the

disaster were compared with historical hydrological data to determine whether this was the case.

In late June, the County submitted its application for DRP funding. In late September, the County was informed that funding was approved.

This approval allows the municipality to receive funding to reimburse disaster response costs, as well as restore damaged public infrastructure related to the flooding that occurred from June 3 to June 8, 2020.

### Funding available to residents of Lac La Biche County

The private sector, including homes and residential properties, small business, and agricultural operations are also eligible for funding for qualifying costs.

Individuals in Lac La Biche County seeking compensation for damages must independently submit an application to the province.

**To apply** go to [www.alberta.ca/DRP](http://www.alberta.ca/DRP) This website is a landing page for the DRP funding. It contains all the information necessary to complete the application.

**Deadline:** December 23, 2020

**Additional Information:** 1-888-671-1111 or [drp.info@gov.ab.ca](mailto:drp.info@gov.ab.ca)

Homeowners and residential tenants are encouraged to apply using the online portal. However, the County is planning to provide support to residents who are not able or comfortable to submit their application online. However, applicants will still be responsible for developing the content of their submissions.

Please contact Lac La Biche County's FCSS department at 780-623-6819 to find out how the County can assist with your DRP application submission.

# Backflow Preventor Subsidy Program has provided \$15,000 to residents

If you're worried your home isn't protected from sewer line back-up, Lac La Biche County has a program to help you get the peace of mind you need.

The new BackFlow Preventor Subsidy Program provides up to \$1,000 to install an interior backflow preventor in your home.

In 2020, Lac La Biche County provided \$15,000 in rebates to residents for new backflow preventor units.

To claim your subsidy, get pre-approval by emailing [andrea.ulliac@laclabichedcounty.com](mailto:andrea.ulliac@laclabichedcounty.com) with your name, address, and contact number. Once you receive approval via email, the installation of your backflow preventor can go ahead.

**A professional plumber must install the backflow preventor, and only the following valves will be subsidized:**

- Fullport Backwater Valve
- FR-4 Fullport Retro Backwater Valve
- Adapt-A-Valve

The installation will be inspected by Lac La Biche County, and your application for the subsidy must be submitted within six months of the inspection.

For more information about the program, call 780-623-6730.

# Green Rebate Program rewards efficient purchases

**Did you know it's possible to go green while also saving green?**

Lac La Biche County's Green Rebate Program can help you save money on energy efficient appliances for your home, so the earth and your wallet stay happy.

In order to apply, you must be a resident of Lac La Biche County, and your new appliance must be Energy Star or WaterSense-certified. There are five categories of appliance that qualify:

1. Clothes Washer - \$100 rebate
2. Dish Washer - \$75 rebate
3. Water Heater - \$150 rebate
4. Furnace/Boiler - \$400 rebate
5. Low Flush Toilet - \$50 rebate

Deadlines are approaching for the 2020 program, but you still have time to get your efficient new appliance and the rebate too. To qualify for the 2020 rebate, your new appliance must be purchased by December 31, and your application needs to be submitted by January 25, 2021.

For purchases made in 2021, the deadline to apply for the rebate will be January 25, 2022.



# Housing and Service Needs Estimation Project

**Help us learn the true extent of housing needs in our area so we can better understand the community's current situation.**

We want to hear from people who are camping long-term, staying in emergency shelters, temporarily housed or at risk of becoming homeless. If someone you know in our community has experienced this, we want to hear from them.

**To complete our brief survey in-person or online, please call 780-623-6745 or attend one of the following events:**

**NOV. 3**  
Overflow Lot Behind Value Drugs  
1-6 pm

**NOV. 4**  
Native Friendship Centre  
1-4 pm

**NOV. 9**  
FASD - 10117 102 ave  
1-4 pm

All respondents will remain anonymous. For more information, contact (780) 623-6745.







## FireSmart program ends for 2020 season

**FireSmart is a set of practices implemented across Canada that helps communities like ours minimize the impact of wildfire.**

Through the FireSmart program, Lac La Biche County's Fire Services department offered free home assessments, free wood chipping services, and sprinkler protection kits to purchase at cost to all residents interested in protecting their properties from the threat of wildfire.

Between March and October of this year, Lac La Biche County staff completed 58 home assessments and 68 chipping jobs.

Lac La Biche County would like to thank everyone who participated in the FireSmart program this year. Information about offerings in 2021 will be available in February.

## UPCOMING FCSS PROGRAMS

*Due to COVID-19, participants must preregister for all programs. Please call 780-623-6745 to sign-up.*

### Developing Good Bedtime Routines

Wednesday, Nov. 4  
 In-person: 9:30-11:30 am  
 Zoom: 7:30-9:30 pm  
 Registration deadline: day before

### Jr. Family Night

Nov. 18 • Dec. 2 • Dec. 16  
 5:30-7:30 pm • Bold Center  
 Registration deadline: day before  
 Ages 7-12 & their family

### "It Starts with Hope"

#### Parenting Group

Thursday, Nov. 19  
 6:30-7:30 pm • Bold Center  
*Limit of 10 participants, register in advance to attend*

### Teen Skill Zone: CPR Workshop

Friday, Nov. 20  
 10 am-3:30 pm  
 Registration deadline: Nov. 18  
 Ages 13-17

**For more programs, follow FCSS on Facebook!**

### TALK BOX TIP

*Talk Box is a parent's guide to creating language-rich environments.*



#### Remember to...

- Follow your child's lead;
- Add new words and ideas; and
- Repeat new words over and over.



## DID YOU KNOW?

**Lac La Biche County recycles electronics and appliances at landfills and transfer stations.**





# Dates to Remember

## November 2

New six-week session of fitness classes begin at the Bold Center. To view the schedule, visit [boldcenter.ca](http://boldcenter.ca).

## November 3

Child Mind reopens at the Bold Center. Call 780-623-6365 for hours.

## November 6

Healthy Back Workshop, 10-11 am at the Bold Center. Call 780-623-3829 to register.

## November 11

Remembrance Day. All Lac La Biche County administrative offices, landfills, and transfer stations are closed. Portage Pool is open 1 to 4 pm for open swim. The Bold Center is open 11 am to 7 pm.

## November 15

Taxes due. There will be a 7% penalty on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November as per Bylaw 08-033.

## November 20

Access Fitness I & II at the Bold Center. Call 780-623-3829 to register.

## November 20

Family Friday Swim from 1-3 pm at Portage Pool.

## November 27

WIBIT swim at Portage Pool from 6-8 pm.

Check the Community Events Calendar at [laclabichcounty.com](http://laclabichcounty.com) for more local events. Due to COVID-19, local events may be changed or cancelled at short notice.

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*Back to school,*

# TIME FOR

# YOU.

Enjoy **20% off** Child Mind 10-hour passes during the month of November.

*November Membership Promotion*