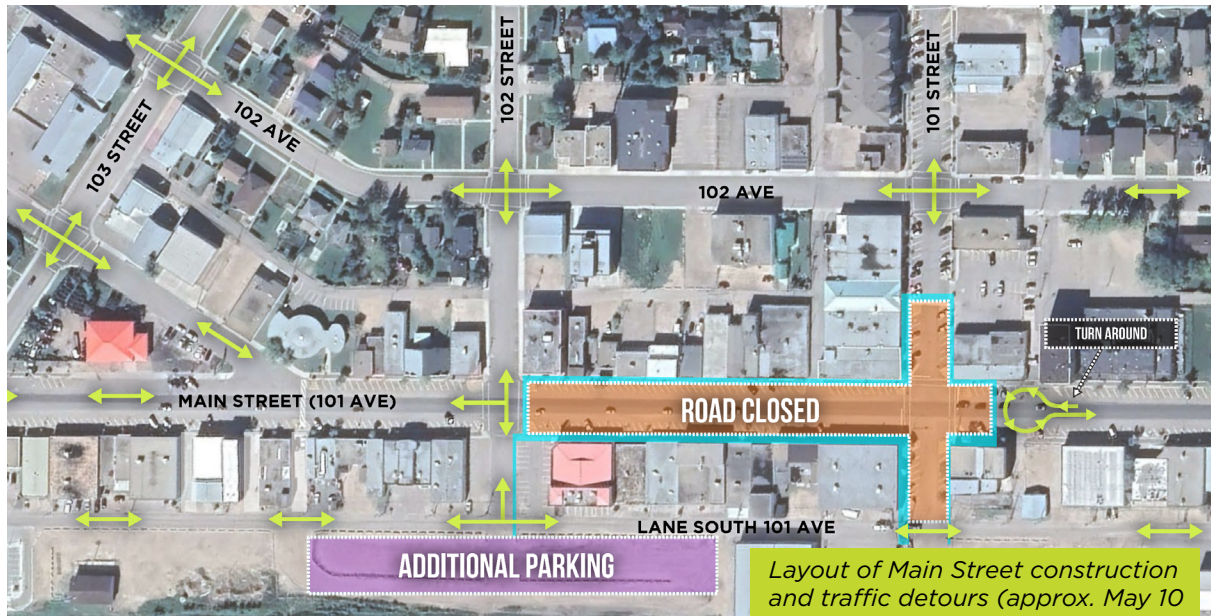


PROJECT PHASE TWO 102 STREET TO 101 STREET



Layout of Main Street construction and traffic detours (approx. May 10 to Oct. 31, 2024)



Supporting local during construction

We are doing everything we can to make sure this project unfolds smoothly, but local businesses could use your support! Pedestrian access to businesses is still possible, and off-site parking is available south of Main Street, between the back lane and the train tracks.

We know construction is an inconvenience, but kindness and patience help make the process easier for everyone. The work we are doing to replace underground utilities is absolutely necessary.

Phase Two of Main Street rebuild begins

The middle stretch of our three-year Main Street Revitalization project in the hamlet of Lac La Biche has begun.

What's happening? Underground water and sewer lines are being completely replaced, because the cost of fixing them over and over again is simply getting too high. At the same time, the streetscape is being redesigned and rebuilt so the end result will be an attractive downtown core with more reliable utilities and a more welcoming atmosphere.

What should I expect? 101 Avenue (Main Street) will close to vehicle traffic from 102 Street to 101 Street until Oct. 31. Traffic must detour around the construction zone but you will still be able to access local businesses on foot.

What's the rationale here? The existing water and sewer lines are beyond repair and need to be replaced. Rather than dig up the street and then put everything back together exactly the way it was, Council decided to use this opportunity to enhance the street surface with features like locally inspired artwork, new trees, planters, sidewalk bulb-outs for safer crosswalks, and more.

Complete project information is available at laclabichcounty.com. Important notices are shared directly with affected residents and businesses.

If you have questions or concerns about the project, you may call Ali Memon at 780-404-6869, or you can email the project team at mainstreet@laclabichcounty.com.

Development concept plan approved for 91 Ave. corridor

Council has approved a concept plan for the vacant lands surrounding 91 Ave. in the hamlet of Lac La Biche.

A concept plan is a vision for a specific area. This plan was created after several days of community engagement in December. Residents were asked

to share their ideas and tell us what types of development they would like to see in the neighbourhood. The result is a mixture of residential, commercial and light industrial land uses and green spaces, where singles and families can live, work and play, seniors can age in place, and our business community can grow.

What happens now? A concept plan is a set of high-level guidelines, not specific marching orders. Council has essentially said “Yes, we like this vision,” so now the work of prepping the lands for development and pitching to potential investors can begin.



91 AVE. CORRIDOR CONCEPT PLAN

Council sets 2024 tax rates

Local property tax rates have been set for the year. There have been modest increases in all categories. Council doesn't want to burden residents with high taxes, and the County continues to provide ratepayers with many high-quality services at very low costs or free of charge. The County also continues to invest in new and improved vital infrastructure.

2024 LAC LA BICHE COUNTY TAX RATES	
Residential & Farmland	3.3746 (4% increase)
Urban Non-Residential	10.1500 (1.5% increase)
Rural Non-Residential	19.0130 (1.5% increase)

The rates above represent how much municipal tax you owe per \$1,000 of property value. Your property's value is determined by an independent assessor, and the County has no control over their findings. We also have no control over the provincial requisitions for education and seniors' lodges that get added to your tax bill.

Why are tax rates going up? We are required by the Government of Alberta to eventually reach a 5:1 ratio between our highest and lowest tax rates, and inflation affects us just like everyone else. Council has adopted a five-year tax strategy that calls for gradual increases.

RCMP drone trials

The RCMP is testing Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (drones) in and around the hamlet of Lac La Biche in the month of May. Our community is one of three where the effectiveness of drone use in police work is being tested.

The RCMP is committed to protecting residents' privacy.

The County is sharing this information for community members' awareness, but the drone trials are **not** a County program. Any questions or concerns about these trials should be directed to the RCMP at rcmp.alberta.grc@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

Your SDAB needs you!

The County's Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) is looking for Members at Large to serve three-year terms.



The SDAB meets when required to hear appeals of decisions made by the County's subdivision and development authorities.

Alberta's *Municipal Government Act* requires new SDAB members to complete a training program. For more information about the board, call 780-623-6740 or email legservices@laclabichcounty.com. To apply, visit laclabichcounty.com/p/committee-vacancies.

FREE TIPPING FEES WEEK • MAY 21-25

Tipping fees for residential waste at local landfills and transfer stations will be waived from May 21-25. Fees will still apply for industrial, commercial, institutional, construction and demolition waste.



JUNE 2-8

CELEBRATING THE LAND,
WATER AND AIR

LAUNCH PARTY • Sunday, June 2 11 am to 2 pm • McArthur Park

Join us for a free lunch, live music, environmentally friendly games and activities, and more to kick off a week of celebrating our natural environment.

CORE WORKSHOP • Tuesday, June 4 5-6 pm • McArthur Place

Interested in free composting supplies and tips? Join this free workshop to learn the basics of backyard composting, and go home with all the tools you need to get started. To register, email green@laclabichcounty.com or call 780-623-6739.

BIRD I.D. WORKSHOP • Thursday, June 6 • 6-8 pm Sir Winston Churchill Provincial Park, Amphitheatre

Birds of a feather flock together! Find your flock at this free workshop in partnership with Alberta Parks and LICA - Environmental Stewards. To register, call 780-623-6739 or email green@laclabichcounty.com.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ROUNDUP & SHREDDING Saturday, June 8 • 10 am to 2 pm • County Centre

Residents can bring in unused household cleaners and other items that could harm the environment if not disposed of properly. A secure shredder will also be available to securely shred confidential documents.



The Art of Conversation

The words "We need to talk" can be some of the scariest in the English language, but really, everybody needs to communicate.

The Art of Conversation is a free program for youth ages 10 and up and a parent, grandparent or guardian to create together and connect in a safe, supportive setting. A wellness coach will guide conversations on a variety of topics to help participants bond and strengthen their relationships while creating different art pieces.

**Wednesdays — July 10, 17 and 24
7-8:30 pm at McArthur Place**
Please register at least two days prior to each session.

To register, call 780-520-7183 or email christine.martin@laclabichcounty.com.

In partnership with Successful Families-Successful Kids.

Get pumped!



Construction of a new skatepark and bicycle pump track in McArthur Park is expected to start June 1, and the new attractions should be ready to open by early August.



Dates to Remember

Thursday, May 16

Companion Planting Workshop from 6-8 pm at the Community Garden in Alexander Hamilton Park. Visit laclabichcounty.com for details.

Monday, May 20

Victoria Day. County offices will be closed for the holiday.

Wednesday, May 22

Waterfowl Nesting Box Workshop from 6-8 pm at McArthur Place. Visit laclabichcounty.com for details.

Saturday, May 25

WIBIT swim from 12-4 pm at Portage Pool.

Wednesday, May 29

Super Foods or Super Hype? Workshop from 6:30-7:30 pm at the Bold Centre. Cost: \$25.

June 2-8

Environment Week. See page 3 for more information.

For more County and community events, visit the Events Calendar on laclabichcounty.com.

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99 DAYS OF SUMMER Promotion

Get fit this summer with 99 days of access to the Bold Centre and Portage Pool

Options Available:

- Adult - \$99.00 for 99 days
- Youth - \$49.50 for 99 days
- Senior/Student - \$75.25 for 99 days
- Family - \$250.00 for 99 days

Offer effective May 25-Aug. 31 only. Cannot be combined with any other offer or promotion.

