

## Park enhancements approved for federal funding

Funding approved under the Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF) will support enhancements to the Richard Devonian Park and its adjacent sidewalk.

The Government of Canada recently approved Lac La Biche County for funding from the two-year, \$500 million national infrastructure program administered by the Prairies Economic Development Canada (PrairiesCan) in Alberta.

- The federal program's contribution to the project will be \$475,000.
- Total project costs are \$978,555.
- The park itself makes up about two-thirds of eligible costs, while the sidewalk is about one-third.

Lac La Biche County budgeted the full amount in 2021, but with the federal investment, additional projects are now possible.

"The Richard Devonian Park is in a great location," says Mayor Paul Reutov. "The improvements to the park will help make Lac La Biche Main Street more visitor-friendly, encouraging locals and visitors to spend more time in the hamlet."

Lac La Biche County will announce specific construction timelines at a later date.

Project updates and additional concept drawings are available by visiting our website at the following link: <https://laclabichedcounty.com/p/richard-devonian-park>



**NEW PARK DESIGN** - park enhancements include central walking path, a play area, benches, outdoor furniture with a seating area, natural rock and plant features, and raised beds for community gardening. A sidewalk replacement is also planned to help make the park easily accessible.

## Main Street Revitalization paused

Lac La Biche County is delaying the Main Street Lac La Biche Revitalization Project until the summer of 2023.

The decision to postpone the start of the project was made following a review of bids that came in higher than anticipated due to rapid changes in the economy and the construction industry.

Originally scheduled to begin this summer, the new timeline will give the County time to consider other financing and tendering options.

The Revitalization Project is planned for Main Street in Lac La Biche from

100 Street to 103 Street.

The bulk of the project's costs are found in the replacement of underground utility lines which will be modernized and serve nearby business owners and residents for many years to come.

Beautification aspects include the addition of mature trees, benches, landscape beds, updated street lighting, specialized signage, and stamped pavement.

Next steps for the project will be shared with business owners and residents as soon as more details are available.



## Protective Services Building officially opens

Members of Lac La Biche County Council and staff cut a ribbon to celebrate the grand opening of the new Protective Services Building on Beaverhill Road.

Tours, activities for the kids, door prizes, and a chance to meet some of the staff were all part of the grand opening event.

Photo (L to R): Councillor Charlyn Moore, Manager of Enforcement Services Chris Clarke, Natasha Downes - Little Divide Search & Rescue, Manager of Protective Services & Regional Fire Chief John Kokotilo, Mayor Paul Reutov, Councillor John Mondal, Councillor Sterling Johnson.

## 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 will ask you to show us a specific action you are taking to meet this goal.

In July we want you to show us what a healthy riparian area looks like. Riparian areas are the buffers between land and water, they can be distinguished by water loving plants such as cattails and willows.

Healthy riparian areas provide many benefits including filtering of pollutants, reduced erosion, improved bank stability, increased biodiversity, improved wildlife habitat, and improved water quality.

To enter the draw post 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!**

Once you've completed this you will be entered to win one of three prizes. Each person has 12 chances to be entered in the draw which will be made at the end of the year.

For more information:

[healthywaterslaclabiche@gmail.com](mailto:healthywaterslaclabiche@gmail.com)  
[green@laclabichecounty.com](mailto:green@laclabichecounty.com) | 780-623-6739



## Rural award nomination reminders

**The Rural Beautification Award** - this award is presented annually to one farmstead or an acreage in the County whose owners go above and beyond to make their property look second to none.

Residents living outside the hamlets of Lac La Biche and Plamondon are eligible for nomination.

Judges look for things like landscaping, foliage, water features and decorations. The deadline to submit a [nomination form](#) is July 31 every year.

**100 Year Farm Family Award** - Families who have farmed the same land for a century or longer are eligible to receive a 100 Year Farm Family Award.

Nominations are accepted all year round by filling out an [online nomination form](#).

The winners of both awards will receive a \$500 gift card and a yard sign commemorating their win.

**Need More Info?**  
 Call: 780-623-6739  
 Email: [agriculture@laclabichecounty.com](mailto:agriculture@laclabichecounty.com)

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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](mailto:fcss@laclabichecounty.com) for an application form.



# Decks, Fences and Retaining Walls

Where permits are required when tackling your next project

Developing a deck or a patio on your property is a great way to add value, while fencing helps ensure privacy. A retaining wall is a structure designed and built to hold soil in place, usually to change the slope of the ground on your property.

**Decks:** Covered and/or enclosed decks are considered part of a property's main dwelling, and they must meet the property's minimum setback requirements:

- They must be located at least 3.3 feet from a side property line, and they must be located at least 6.5 feet from a rear property line.
- If a deck is 2.0 feet or higher above ground level, a building permit is required.

*Permits are not required* to replace deck boards, to construct a deck that is less than 2.0 feet off the ground, or to build steps to your dwelling.

*Permits are required* if you are adding to the deck's total area, raising it or covering it with a roof or enclosure.

**Fences:** A fence that is higher than 6.0 feet in the side and back yard and 3.0 feet in the front yard requires a development permit.

- The height of a fence, wall or hedge is measured from the highest point of the neighbouring lane or public road.
- The maximum permitted fence, wall or hedge height depends on your property's location.

*You do not need a permit* to construct a fence that is less than 3.3 feet tall in the front yard and/or 6.6 feet tall in the side and rear yards.

**Retaining Walls:** A development permit is always required for a retaining wall as it changes the natural slope of your property.

- If the retaining wall is taller than 4.0 feet, it will also require a Building Permit.
- Drawings must be designed and

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780-623-1747 | [planning.development@laclabichcounty.com](mailto:planning.development@laclabichcounty.com)  
**Visit our webpage:** [laclabichcounty.com/p/planning-and-development](http://laclabichcounty.com/p/planning-and-development)



approved by a Professional Engineer. All new retaining walls must not interfere with a lot's existing overland drainage patterns and must not divert overland drainage onto neighbouring properties.

## Did you know?

- Barbed wire is not allowed on fences in residential districts.
- Retaining walls over 4.0 feet in height must be designed and inspected by a professional engineer.
- In commercial and industrial districts, fencing is often a condition of development approval, to help ensure these areas are screened from residential properties.

## Safety Code Permits

Depending on the nature of your development, you may need to get Building, Gas, Electrical, Plumbing and Private Sewage Disposal System permits.

These permits are in addition to the development permit and help to ensure a development meets all necessary safety standards. The Inspections Group Inc. is responsible for safety codes inspections and permitting in Lac La Biche County. You can apply for these services online by visiting their website listed below.

## Contact Information:

The Inspections Group Inc.  
W: <https://www.inspectiongroup.com/>  
E: [questions@inspectiongroup.com](mailto:questions@inspectiongroup.com)  
T: 780-454-5048 | 1-866-554-5048  
F: 780-454-5222

## FEATURED FCSS PROGRAMS

### Teen Social Club (Free)

Thursdays in July and August  
7-9 pm | Ages 13-17 | McArthur Place  
Fun activities, socializing and new friendships!  
Call 780-404-7819 for more information or email [jessica.perley@laclabichcounty.com](mailto:jessica.perley@laclabichcounty.com)

### The Art of Conversation

July 13, 20, 27. Youth 13-17 and parent/guardian/grandparent to create a piece of artwork, connect and communicate.  
Contact Christine at 780-520-7183 or email [christine.martin@laclabichcounty.com](mailto:christine.martin@laclabichcounty.com)

### SUMMER PROGRAMS

#### • Jr. Family Summer Fun

**for youth 7 to 12 years and their families**

July 12 - Paddle the Lake | 11 am to 7 pm  
July 26 - Wood Working Workshop | 4-7 pm  
Locations TBA. Pre-registration required.

#### • Super Kids (7-9 years)

July 13 - Slip and Slide  
July 27 - Churchill Park Day - Alberta Parks  
10 am to 12 pm | Wednesdays | Free

#### • Tween Scene (10 to 12 years)

July 20 - Slip and Slide  
10 am to 12 pm | McArthur Place | Free

#### • Healthy Friendships (10 to 12 years)

1-3 pm | July 21 | McArthur Place, Tea Room  
Emotions, friendships, self-respect, bullying, boundaries, peer pressure, internet safety.

#### • Who Do You Tell? (7 to 9 years)

10 am to 12 pm | July 21  
McArthur Place, Tea Room  
Emotions, body awareness/private parts, okay vs not okay touches, secrets.

**To register call: 780-520-9868, or email [cornelia.fechner@laclabichcounty.com](mailto:cornelia.fechner@laclabichcounty.com)**

### YOUNG FAMILY CONNECTIONS

• **Art in the Park** – McArthur Gazebo Tuesdays  
10:30 am - 1:30 pm | July 4 to August 18

• **Messy Play Date** – McArthur Gazebo  
Thursdays – 10:30 am to 1:30 pm | until Aug. 19

• **Art in the Park Plamondon** (Festival Centre)  
July 6 & 20 – 10:30 am - 1:30 pm

• **Adventures with Dad and Me**  
July 14 & 27 | 5:30 to 7 pm | Location TBA

## TALK BOX TIP

Kids love playing in playgrounds and parks!

Visit some different parks in our community. Talk about what you are doing, and use lots of action words like, jump, roll, slide, walk, splash, or run.

Have fun and join in the play too!





# Dates to Remember

## BOLD CENTER

**Starting July 4** – summer DROP-IN fitness classes for only \$6 (lunch time 30 min class) and \$10 (early morning 45 min class). Physical Activity Readiness Questionnaire and waiver forms required prior to joining.

### **Mondays & Wednesdays:**

(6:30 - 7:15 am) SPIN 45 – indoor cycling interval drills, & tempo training.

(12:15 - 12:45 pm) Mid Day Fat Blaster – head to toe muscle toning!

### **Tuesdays & Thursdays:**

(6:30 - 7:15 am) BOOTCAMP – intervals of strength exercises/conditioning drills!

(12:15 - 12:45 pm) Floor Core & More – mat based exercises to strengthen torso muscles!

### **Fridays:**

(12:15 - 12:45 pm) Synrgy 360 – circuit training on our new multi-station unit!

## **Kids Summer Fitness Camps**

### • **DancePI3y Preschool (ages 3-5)**

July 5, 6, 7 | 10 - 10:30 am

### • **DancePI3y KIDS (ages 6-12)**

July 5, 6, 7 | 11 am - 12 pm

### • **YogaPI3y KIDS (ages 6-12)**

July 12, 13, 14 | 11 am - 12 pm

## **PORTAGE POOL**

### **Swim Lessons begin July 4**

Register in person at Portage Pool, online at [boldcenter.ca/active/lbc](http://boldcenter.ca/active/lbc), or by phone 780-623-6777.

## **National Drowning Prevention Week**

July 17 - 23, 2022.

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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](mailto:intouch@laclabichedcounty.com).

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# CORPORATE MEMBERSHIPS



Help your staff stay active! The Bold Center's Corporate Membership Program provides employees of participating companies with discounts on memberships.

Joining the program is free! You need a minimum of 5 employees, then you'll sign an agreement. Once setup is complete, all registered employees will receive 15% off 6-month and annual memberships.

**Inquire about a Corporate Membership today by calling Bold Center Staff at (780) 623-3829.**



Lac La Biche County  
RECREATION *ceenovus*  
PROGRAM

**Join the fun!** A drop-in program with fun, active, and creative activities for kids!

**Dumasfield Park & Jubilee Park at Young's Beach**

Monday to Friday • 12:30 - 4:30 pm  
July 4 - August 26 • Ages 6 - 12 **FREE!**