



## Skate The Lake opens for 2022

If you love skating there is nothing like heading out on a wide-open, outdoor skating course for a little winter fun!

It's free and open for everyone to enjoy. Just lace up your skates at one of the two parking areas and join your family and friends for some outdoor fun.

Remember to dress warmly and enjoy the experience!

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## Main Street Revitalization Project revisited by Council

### Council looks at details of work to take place this summer, adjusts design

Lac La Biche County Council held a special meeting on Thursday, January 27 to discuss the Main Street Revitalization Project, which is slated to take place during the 2022 construction season.

Council members listened to presentations from several delegations including project consultant V3, business owners, as well as County administration.

After considering the input received, Council adopted a number of motions to adjust the design in time for the spring tendering process.

The motions were made in such a way to give project engineers some flexibility in adjusting the plan so it meets traffic safety and technical requirements, such as those needed for utilities and other design features.

As the project draws closer to the start of construction, the primary focus will be to limit disruption to properties and businesses along Main Street during construction.

There has been increased activity from project consultants in and around Main Street as they assess existing infrastructure to increase the accuracy of data, attain measurements, and solidify their overall understanding of the work ahead.

These steps are being taken to help make the detailed design process as

accurate as possible, avoiding delays down the road when construction begins.

Another goal of this initial work is to proactively communicate with businesses, landowners and residents about the anticipated timelines, road closures and traffic accommodations, and what can be expected as the project unfolds.

A web page has been created on the County website to provide updates about the project: <https://laclabichecounty.com/p/main-street-revitalization>

By visiting this page you can also sign up to receive updates by email about the Main Street Revitalization Project.

# Enter to Win

Lac La Biche County and Healthy Waters Lac La Biche want you to show us how you're keeping our lakes blue.

Each month in 2022 we will ask you to show us a specific action that helps keep our lakes blue and if you participate you'll be entered in the draw to win. At the end of the year, the draw will be made for the chance to win one of three prizes.

This month, we want you to show us how you conserve water at home. Examples include: using high efficiency appliances such as dishwashers, washing machines, and toilets; or running the dishwasher only when it's full, or keeping your showers under five minutes long.

**To enter the draw this month, show us how you conserve water at home by posting a picture or comment on Healthy Waters Lac La Biche Facebook page or tag them in your post.**

**Enter for a chance to win two cash prizes of \$300 or a two-night stay in a cabin at Sir Winston Churchill Provincial Park!**

Once you complete this, you'll be entered in the draw. Each person has 12 chances to be entered in the draw, one entry per month, with the final draw 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



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Parks department staff works to maintain the ice surface by removing snow and flooding the surface periodically. However, when weather conditions warm-up the condition of the ice surface can change, such as flooding or soft spots emerging.

Please check with the County social media pages for updates on skating conditions.

## Environmental Stewardship Awards

Nominate someone today for an Environmental Stewardship Award and a chance to win \$ 500 cash!

There are 4 nomination categories:

- **Individual** - \$500 prize
- **Community organization/group** - \$500 prize
- **Business/institutional** - \$500 prize
- **Agriculture** - \$500 prize

Nominations are accepted between

January 1 and May 1 each year, with winners announced in the first week of June. Each winner receives a \$500 cash award, along with public recognition and an award certificate.

Make a nomination: <https://laclabichecounty.com/p/environmental-stewardship-awards-nomination>

For more information email [green@laclabichecounty.com](mailto:green@laclabichecounty.com), or call 780-623-6739.

## Ice Road Now Open for 2022

As of January 19, 2022, the ice road on Lac La Biche Lake (from Maccagno Point to Poplar Point) is open for the winter season.

Please follow all posted speed and weight restrictions, and be mindful of changing weather and road conditions.



## Enforcement Services relocates to Beaverhill Road

The County's Enforcement Services department is now based out of the Protective Services Building located at 9110 Beaverhill Road.

All of the County's Peace Officers, Law Enforcement Training Program staff, and operational equipment are at the new centre.

Any residents who require assistance can continue to call our complaint line at 780-623-6767, or visit them in person.

## Certificates of Compliance explained

Did you know Lac La Biche County can provide a certificate of compliance for your property?

### What is a certificate of compliance?

A formal certification issued by Lac La Biche County that confirms the parcel of land has met the requirements and regulations of the Land Use Bylaw with respect to Use, Setbacks and previously issued development permits.

The certificate of compliance does not take into account height or safety code permits.

**Why would you need a certificate of compliance?** Typically, a certificate of compliance is required for any land transaction.

**How do I apply for a certificate of compliance?** A registered owner, or an agent on their behalf, can submit a request for a certificate. The landowner and or agent must provide:

- A completed application form, signed by all registered owners
- A current Real Property Report prepared by an accredited Alberta Land Surveyor (dated no earlier than one (1) year prior to the date of submittal)

- A copy of the certificate of title (issued by a registry office no more than thirty (30) days prior to the date of application).
- The application fee of \$50.

**NOTE:** the Real Property Report shall include all development on the lands and show all the distances of buildings from the property lines and in between buildings.

Once submitted, the Development Officer has thirty (30) days to review the application and issue the certificate.

In some cases, during the file review, it can be found that the existing buildings and or Use is non-conforming with the regulations of the Land Use Bylaw. In these instances, the Development Officer will notify the applicant and issue a letter of non-compliance.

This and other information is available on our website: <https://laclabichedcounty.com/p/development>

For more information please contact the Planning and Development department: 1-780-623-1747 | [planning.development@laclabichedcounty.com](mailto:planning.development@laclabichedcounty.com)

## FEATURED FCSS PROGRAMS

### The Ins and Outs of Bullying

7:30-9 pm | Thursday, February 10

A talk about Bullying, the types of bullying, who is doing it, who is receiving it and why. Presented by Registered Psychologist Tammy Auten Dye. Virtual presentation using Zoom. For more information: 780-520-9868 [cornelia.fechner@laclabichedcounty.com](mailto:cornelia.fechner@laclabichedcounty.com)

### Teen Chillzone - Activities at Alexander Hamilton Trout Pond

4-7 pm | Friday, February 11

Teens aged 13-17 can join their peers for skating, sliding and a bonfire

### Teen Plus One – Ice Fishing

12-3 pm | Saturday, February 19

Teens can enjoy an afternoon of ice fishing and a lunch with an adult who is significant to them.

### It Starts With Hope - Wood Burning and a conversation on Resiliency

7-9 pm | Wednesday, February 23

Solene Lamoureux will lead the group in a unique wood-burning activity. A Wellness Coach for Successful Families - Successful Kids will also be there to speak to the group about resiliency

### Teen Skillzone – De-cluttering Your Mind

1-4 pm | Saturday, February 26

Physical, emotional, and mental stress can sneak up on us. Sue LaPierre, CSEP, CPT, will teach some tips and tricks on how to maintain the healthiest you possible. McArthur Place, Age 13-17

### Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Café

8-9 pm | Thursday, February 24

A group that looks at a different Triple P Tips every month. Help understand what to do for specific family issues dealing with youth. For more information: 780-520-9868 [cornelia.fechner@laclabichedcounty.com](mailto:cornelia.fechner@laclabichedcounty.com)

### TALK BOX TIP

Looking for a fun activity with your child, try doing a puzzle!

When they are little give them the choice between two pieces and ask them which they want, giving them time to point or say the word.

As they grow you can take turns putting pieces in and as you create the puzzle talk about what you are doing.







# Dates to Remember

## February 16-19 / March 10-12

National Lifeguard & Aquatic Emergency Care Combo Course – pre-registration required. Call 623-6777.

## February 21

Family Day 2022

12-3 pm, Alexander Hamilton Park  
Sliding, skating, horse sleigh rides, crafts and more! (event will be cancelled if temperature falls below -15 degrees).

## February 23

Anti- Bullying Day (Pink Shirt Day)  
We stand against bullying!

Is what you are saying:

- True?
- Helpful?
- Inspiring?
- Necessary? (do you need to say/ post it?)
- Be Kind.

## April 11 - 14

Water Safety Instructor Training

Time: 9 am - 6 pm (4 days), Portage Pool

For more information or to register:

780-623-6777

poolstaff@laclabichedcounty.com

## February is Spay Neuter Awareness Month

Lac La Biche County has partnered with Lac La Biche Regional Humane Society (LLBRHS) to offer affordable spay and neuter options and control the pet population in our community.

County residents need to apply and once approved, will receive a 50% rebate on eligible spay/neuter charges.

For more info/application form, visit [www.llbrhs.com/snip](http://www.llbrhs.com/snip) or stop by the "community corner" set up in main foyer of Bold Center during the month of February for details.

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](mailto:intouch@laclabichedcounty.com).

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## A Free 1/2 day Event for Boys!

Feb. 17, 2022

Basketball

Floor Hockey

Pickleball

AGES 6 TO 10 YEARS: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

AGES 11 TO 15 YEARS: 1 PM - 5 PM



## A Free 1/2 day Event for Girls!

Feb. 18, 2022

Basketball

Workshops

Pickleball

AGES 6 TO 10 YEARS: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

AGES 11 TO 15 YEARS: 1 PM - 5 PM

To register call the Bold Center at 780 623 3829 or  
online at [www.boldcenter.ca/activellbc/](http://www.boldcenter.ca/activellbc/)  
*Participants must pre-register.*

