



Lac La Biche County Council for 2021 - 2025. From left to right in the photo above: John Mondal, Ward 7 Councillor; Jason Stedman, Ward 4 Councillor; Darlene Beniuk (seated), Ward 1 Councillor; Lorin Tkachuk, Ward 7 Councillor and Deputy Mayor; Paul Reutov, Mayor; Charlyn Moore, Ward 5 Councillor; Colette Borgun (seated), Ward 3 Councillor; Sterling Johnson, Ward 6 Councillor; and Kevin Paré, Ward 2 Councillor.

Lac La Biche County Council selected during 2021 Municipal Election

On October 18, 2021, County residents went to the polls to choose their Council representatives for the next four years. 3,290 ballots were cast, including those who voted by special ballot, with 1,140 votes received during three advance voting dates.

Paul Reutov will serve as Mayor. Ward Councillors that will serve are as follows: Darlene Beniuk, Ward 1; Kevin Paré, Ward 2; Colette Borgun, Ward 3; Jason Stedman, Ward 4; Charlyn Moore, Ward 5; Sterling Johnson, Ward 6; John Mondal, Ward 7; and Lorin Tkachuk, Ward 7.

“I’d like to thank the voters of Lac La Biche County for placing their trust in me,” said Mayor Paul Reutov. “I look forward to working with all of Council, County administration, local businesses, and the community as a whole as we work to modernize and grow our County.”

Council was officially sworn in on the evening of October 25, 2021 at an invitation-only ceremony. They held their annual organizational meeting the next day, deciding on their regular meeting schedule (which remains the first, second, and fourth Tuesday of each month) and splitting up committee appointments. They also chose their Deputy Mayor: Ward 7 Councillor Lorin Tkachuk will serve as Deputy Mayor for the first six months of Council’s four-year term. Each Councillor will have a six-month opportunity to serve as Deputy Mayor.

Council is now deliberating on the 2022 budget, which will determine the County’s services, priorities, and construction projects for the coming year.

The 2022 budget is expected to be passed in early December 2021.

Barry and Tracy Chwedoruk: 2021 Rural Beautification Award Winners



Congratulations to Barry and Tracy Chwedoruk, recipients of the 2021 Rural Beautification Award.

On October 4, 2021, they were presented with a cedar yard sign and a \$500 gift card. Above are pictures of Barry and Tracy and their award-winning property.



The award was created to recognize residents for their dedication to creating and enhancing the beauty of their rural properties.

Thank you to all nominees, and to everyone who continues to take pride in our beautiful region!

Healthy Eating for the AGELESS

Wednesday, November 24 • 1:30 pm • Via Zoom



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or emailing trish.leduc@laclabichedcounty.com

Lac La Biche County's Land Use Bylaw: What is it, and how does it affect me?

The *Municipal Government Act* requires every municipality to have a land use bylaw: Lac La Biche County's *Land Use Bylaw* (17-004) was adopted in September 2017.

Land use bylaws regulate and control how land and buildings are used and developed in a municipality. This means that you must abide by certain rules in the *Land Use Bylaw* when you develop your property.

What is considered development?

Examples of development include:

- Excavations (digging) or stockpiles (e.g. a gravel pit or black dirt for sale).
- Additions to, replacements of, or repairs to a building, along with constructing or placing buildings on, in, over or under land (e.g. a new house, an expansion of an existing house, or placing a shed or sea can on land).
- Changing the use of land or a building (e.g. converting an office space into a salon.)
- Changing the intensity of use of land or a building (e.g. adding more rooms in a hotel).

Before developing, you should contact Lac La Biche County's Planning and Development department to learn which permits are required. A development permit, which is the County's written approval to go ahead with the project, is required before starting any work on-site. If work starts before the permit is issued, application fees double and you could be fined.

In addition to development permits, landowners may be required to obtain safety code permits, including building, plumbing, gas, electrical, or private sewage. These are processed through the County's contractor, The Inspections Group Inc., and are accessed through their website: www.inspectionsgroup.com.

If you have an existing safety code permit that requires an inspection, or if you want an update on progress made towards a safety code permit, contact The Inspections Group Inc. directly at 1-780-454-5048.

If you have any questions about the County's Land Use Bylaw or our permitting process, call 780-623-1747 and ask to speak to Planning & Development.

FEATURED FCSS PROGRAMS

It Starts With Hope Parent Group: Painting with Vern Auger

Thursday, November 18
7 - 9 pm

Bold Center • FREE • All parents welcome

Join instructor Vern Auger for a relaxing paint night for all skill levels. All supplies included. Register by November 17.

email: christine.martin@laclabichedcounty.com

Teen Chillzone: Advent Calendar

Friday, November 19
4 pm

Bold Center • FREE • Ages 13 - 17

Socialize with friends and take part in this unique activity!

email: christine.martin@laclabichedcounty.com

Teen Skillzone: Ukrainian Cooking with Tanya Shukaliak

Saturday, November 20
1 - 4 pm

McArthur Place • FREE • Ages 13 - 17

Join us to learn how to make perogies and cabbage rolls!

email: christine.martin@laclabichedcounty.com

Healthy Eating for the Ageless

Wednesday, November 24
1:30 pm

Virtual Workshop • FREE • Seniors

Healthy eating is important at any age, but it's especially important as we get older. Learn more in this free workshop.

email: trish.leduc@laclabichedcounty.com

We're searching for FCSS Board members! Please visit laclabichedcounty.com for information about upcoming FCSS opportunities.

TALK BOX TIP

In November, the days get shorter and children may notice the moon for the first time.



Talk about the colour, shape, and size of the moon. Talk about how the moon comes out when it is night, and the sun comes out when it is the day.



BRONZE CROSS Leadership Course

Nov. 26 & 27, Dec. 3 & 4
9 am-5 pm
\$175

Prerequisites: Bronze Medallion and Standard First Aid

Contact (780) 623-6777 to register or learn more.

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BOLD CENTER



Dates to Remember

November 11

Remembrance Day. Please visit laclabichcounty.com to learn about County office and facility closures.

November 15

Last day to pay property taxes before an additional penalty is applied on November 16.

Check the Community Events Calendar at laclabichcounty.com for more local events.

Get a jump-start on a career in aquatics with Lac La Biche County's Youth Leadership Courses



Reach new heights in aquatics and lifeguarding with Lac La Biche County's youth leadership courses!

Bronze Medallion

Nov. 12 & 13
9 am - 5 pm
Portage Pool • \$150 /participant
Pre-requisites: Bronze Star or 13+ years

Bronze Cross

Nov. 26/27 and Dec. 3 & 4
9 am - 5 pm
Portage Pool • \$175 / participant
Pre-requisites: Bronze Medallion and Standard First Aid

If you are considering a job or future career in aquatics, these courses are

just what you need. Both courses will prepare you for the National Lifeguarding (NL) and Water Safety Instructor (WSI) courses.

Continue to develop your strokes, skills and confidence while learning the components of water rescue, good judgement, fitness and safe supervision within aquatic facilities.

Register early to ensure that courses meet minimum numbers to run. Contact Portage Pool at 780-623-6777 to register or for more details.

November: CPR Month Across Canada

November is CPR Month, and the Canadian Red Cross challenges everyone to get the training they need to help save a life. Effective bystander CPR, when used in conjunction with an AED and administered immediately following cardiac arrest, can double a person's chances of survival. Keep an eye out for upcoming First Aid courses from Portage Pool by following us on Facebook.

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