



Christmas tree recycling program

Start the New Year by recycling your Christmas tree. From Jan. 2-15, residents who receive curbside pickup service can call (780) 623-6739 to have their trees picked up and recycled.

If you don't receive curbside pickup service, or if you miss the deadline, you can bring your tree to any County landfill or transfer station at no charge.

Only natural trees will be accepted for recycling, and trees must not have any decorations left on them. If you'd like to get rid of an artificial tree and it's in good condition, consider leaving it in a Reuse Centre for someone else to take home. Reuse Centres are at all of our landfills and transfer stations, and dropping off and picking up items is absolutely free.

For every tree that we recycle, a new one will be planted in a local park.



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Permanent pier coming this winter to new and improved McArthur Park

Winter isn't normally the season for building, but one of McArthur Park's new features is going to be a special case.

A permanent pier will be constructed north of the existing Rotary Gazebo. The main structure must be built during the winter months, through the lake ice, to limit disturbance to the lake bed and shoreline. Weather permitting, the structural system will be installed in February

of 2024, and we expect full completion of the pier by the end of June.

The pier will extend about 30 metres over the water, and will be set above the lake's normal water level to protect it from large waves and ice damage. The pier will be fully accessible, and low-intensity lighting will be installed for optimal stargazing at nighttime.

The pier is one of many new features being added to McArthur Park as part of a three-year redevelopment project. For more information, visit laclabichecounty.com.

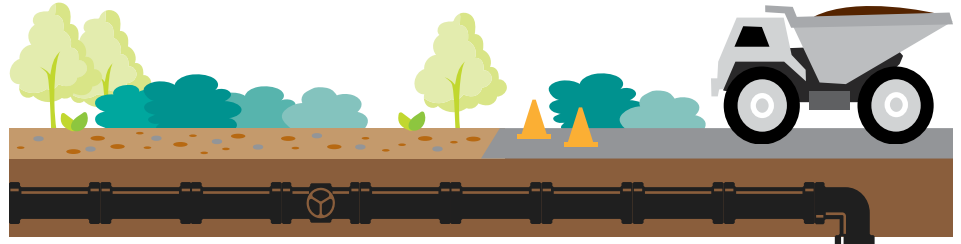


2024 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Council approved our 2024 budget on Dec. 5. We would like to thank the community members who participated in our public engagement sessions and helped us create this critical plan for the future.

OPERATING BUDGET **\$70,052,665**
DAY-TO-DAY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, AND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THEM.

CAPITAL BUDGET **\$50,906,385**
NEW CONSTRUCTION LIKE PAVING ROADS, AND NEW EQUIPMENT LIKE GRADERS AND FIRE TRUCKS.



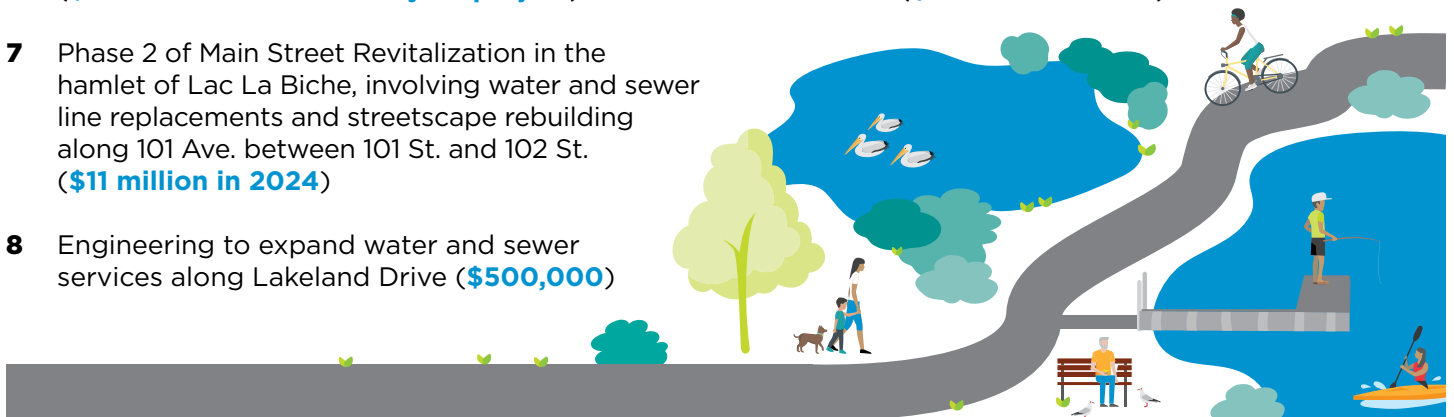
Major projects

Vital Infrastructure & Services

- 1 Repairing problem areas on Campsite Road (**\$1 million**)
- 2 Expanding Plamondon Truck Fill station to accommodate more vehicles more efficiently (**\$600,000**)
- 3 Replacing water and sewer lines under Churchill Drive between 100 St. and 101 St. in the hamlet of Lac La Biche (**\$1.375 million**)
- 4 Replacing water and sewer lines under 101A St. and 104 Ave. between 101 St. and 103 St. in the hamlet of Lac La Biche (**\$3.5 million**)
- 5 Applying cold-mix asphalt to McGrane Road (**\$1 million**)
- 6 Building a new truck fill station in Owl River (**\$1.2 million total for two-year project**)
- 7 Phase 2 of Main Street Revitalization in the hamlet of Lac La Biche, involving water and sewer line replacements and streetscape rebuilding along 101 Ave. between 101 St. and 102 St. (**\$11 million in 2024**)
- 8 Engineering to expand water and sewer services along Lakeland Drive (**\$500,000**)

Recreation & Quality of Life

- 9 Replacing community hall playgrounds in Hyló and Rich Lake (**\$105,000 each**)
- 10 Phase 2 of McArthur Park Redevelopment, including a new skateboard park and other features (**\$3.3 million in 2024**)
- 11 Replacing rink boards in Plamondon's North Country Co-op Arena with safer, more flexible materials (**\$175,000**)
- 12 Building a mountain bike trail system in Alexander Hamilton Park (**\$300,000**)
- 13 Expanding our walking trail network from Lac La Biche West subdivision to Lac La Biche Mission (**\$1.1 million**)
- 14 Beginning construction of a new state-of-the-art public pool and aquatics facility at the Bold Centre (**\$8 million in 2024**)



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SIMPLIFIED



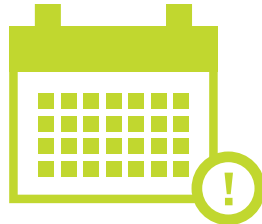
NEW YEAR, NEW PROJECT?

With the rosy glow of the holidays in the rearview mirror, are you feeling pressured to cross off some of the items on your “honey-do list?” Maybe your New Year’s resolution is to finally build that deck or shed, or maybe this is the year you build your dream home.

No matter what your situation or project is, our Planning & Development team is here to help. They make sure all developments in our community follow local, provincial and federal regulations. They can let you know what permits and approvals you will need, and help with scheduling inspections and meeting regulatory requirements.

Know exactly what you want to build?

Don’t wait for warmer weather to start the process. Contact Planning & Development early to find out how your project will unfold and beat the rush of people applying for permits. No two projects are the same, but our team members are happy to walk you through the standard process and tell you what to expect at each step of the way.



P: 780-623-1747 (ask to speak to Planning & Development)

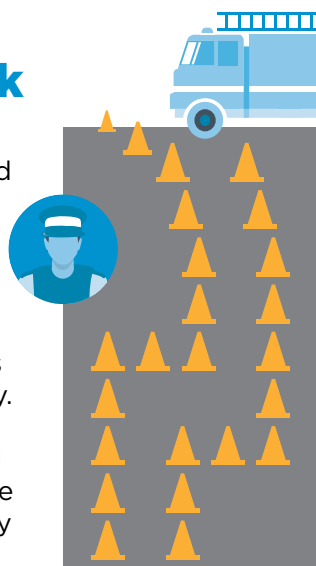
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COMING SOON: Vehicle Training Track

Council has approved \$2.1 million in our 2024 budget to build a specialized track for emergency vehicle driver training, both on-road and off-road.

This will allow our Law Enforcement Training Centre to provide driver training year-round, bringing students from across Canada to our community. Emergency responders and law enforcement learners of all stripes will be able to use the track to practice the maneuvers and driving skills necessary for their lines of work.



Save the date:



Monday, Feb. 19 | Bold Centre

Join us on the holiday Monday for indoor and outdoor winter festivities for the whole family and community. Follow Lac La Biche County Family & Community Support Services on Facebook for updates!

KNOW YOUR ZONE! Plan for parking bans

Vehicles parked on the streets in the hamlets of Lac La Biche and Plamondon during snow removal operations may be towed.

We announce parking bans and clear snow from local streets by zone. The hamlet of Lac La Biche is divided into Zones 1-3:

1. Downtown and collector roads
2. Residential areas (north)
3. Residential areas (south/east)

The hamlet of Plamondon is Zone 4. Visit laclabichedcounty.com for more information about parking ban zones and how they work, and to sign up for instant notifications when the plows are coming to your zone and parking bans are going to happen.





Dates to Remember

Monday, Jan. 15, 2024

Winter fitness classes start at the Bold Centre. Visit boldcenter.ca/activellbc to register for programs.

Monday, Feb. 19, 2024

Family Day Festival at the Bold Centre.

For more County and community events, visit the Events Calendar on laclabichcounty.com. You can also submit your own events.

Be in the know

Regular Council Meetings take place at 10 am on the first, second and fourth Tuesdays of every month.

Meetings are livestreamed on laclabichcounty.com.

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@laclabichcounty.com.

Use the same contact information for any address changes, additional copies or to unsubscribe.



New fitness centre and track hours

Effective Jan. 2, the Cenovus Fitness Centre and Canadian Natural Track (both located in the Bold Centre) have adopted new hours of operation.

Monday-Friday: 6 am to 10 pm

Saturday-Sunday: 8 am to 9 pm

Usage data that we've collected over the last eight years shows facility use is very low outside of these hours, which is why we're making this change to create efficiencies and save money. Council approved this change in our services on Sept. 12, 2023.

