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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.

Main Street rebuild officially begins

Construction on Main Street in the hamlet of Lac La Biche has started as of May 1.

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 will be closed from 103 Street to 102 Street until October 31. Traffic must detour around the construction area (see the map above) but you will still be able to access shops and amenities. Safety is our biggest concern.

Help us get the work done quickly and safely by obeying all signage, keeping children and pets away from construction areas, and never interfering with construction equipment like stakes, signs or barricades.

Watch for more updates in future newsletters. Important notices will be mailed directly to affected residents and business owners,

and at all times, you can visit our website for the most up-to-date project information.



If you have concerns or questions, call (780) 404-6869 or email the project team at mainstreet@laclabichecounty.com.





JUNE 4-10 CELEBRATING THE LAND, WATER AND AIR

DON'T MISS THESE EXCITING EVENTS!

LAUNCH PARTY

Sun. June 4 • 11 am to 2 pm • McArthur Park Join us for a free lunch, environmentally friendly activities, live music by Last Minute, and more.



LICA - Environmental Stewards is launching the Keep Our Lakes Blue program, so stop by to learn more!

CORE WORKSHOP

Tues. June 6 • 5-6 pm • McArthur Place Join this free workshop to learn the basics of backyard composting and take home all the tools you need to get started. To register, email **green@laclabichecounty.com** or call (780) 623-6739.

MAD ABOUT SCIENCE

Thurs. June 8 • 5-6 pm • McArthur Place Kids ages 6-12 will learn about the environment through fun games, cool experiments and other activities.

No pre-registration is required!

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ROUNDUP AND SHREDDING EVENT AND COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Sat. June 10 • 10 am to 2 pm • Lakeland Agricom Residents can bring in unused household cleaners and other items that could be harmful to the environment if they're not disposed of properly.

For more information about Environment Week events, email green@laclabichecounty.com or call (780) 623-6739.

No tipping fees for residential waste from May 23 to June 3

If your spring cleaning has turned into spring purging, you can bring **any amount** of residential waste to Lac La Biche County landfills and transfer stations free of charge from Tuesday, May 23 to Saturday, June 3. Tipping fees will be waived only for loads of residential waste during this period.

Commercial and hazardous waste loads will not be exempt from the standard tipping fees. Did You Know... Residents can always bring up to 500 kg. of waste to a County landfill or transfer station free of charge. That's about the weight of four normal-sized refrigerators!

Lac La Biche Region Summer Kickoff Party on Thurs. May 18

Celebrate the start of summer and our peak tourism season on Thursday, May 18 at Sir Winston Churchill Provincial Park's Community Hall.

Join us from 4-8 pm to learn about local tourism attractions and upcoming events while enjoying food and live entertainment. Everyone is welcome.

Lac La Biche Region is a gem, overflowing with natural beauty, cultural diversity and outdoor adventure opportunities. Our Summer Kickoff Party is all about celebrating who we are, what makes us unique, and what we have to offer visitors.



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SIMPLIFIED



PERMITTED AND DISCRETIONARY USES

Each and every property in Lac La Biche County belongs to one of 37 different districts, or zoning categories, and each district has permitted and discretionary uses. More simply, your land has uses that are definitely allowed, and uses that *may* be allowed.

PERMITTED USES	DISCRETIONARY USES
A land use or development that is allowed, according to our Land Use Bylaw.*	A land use or development that the County, as the Development Authority, may consider allowing.*
Decisions generally cannot be appealed.	Decisions can be appealed by any affected person.
Example: A dwelling is a permitted use in a residential district but not in an industrial district, because that would not be considered a compatible land use.	Example: A secondary suite is a discretionary use in medium or low-density residential districts, because that use may fit there with other existing or planned developments.

* In either case, the land use or development must comply with the Land Use Bylaw's regulations (just because a dwelling is allowed does not automatically mean you can build a castle) and the County must issue a development permit, which may include conditions, before you can start it.

Who decides these things? As the local government body, Lac La Biche County is the Development Authority for all lands under its jurisdiction.

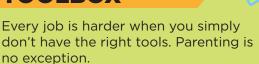
If your development application is simply for a permitted use, then one of our trained and certified Development Officers will review and make a decision.

If your application is for a permitted use that requires a variance (in other words, a minor tweak to the Land Use Bylaw's regulations) then it may need to be reviewed by the Municipal Planning Commission (MPC). The MPC is a combination of County Councillors and members of the public who have been appointed to hear these "special cases."

If your application is for a discretionary use, then it goes to the MPC for consideration.



FILLING YOUR TOOLBOX



Join us for a free parenting workshop on Friday, June 16 from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Bold Centre to learn about child development and practical strategies to encourage emotional connection in your family.

Supper will be provided, and paid childcare is available.

Pre-registration is required. To register: Call us at (780) 623-6365 or visit us online at **boldcenter.ca/activellbc.**



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Fun fact: Walking on a tightrope is actually called funambulism. It's not a coincidence that word starts with "fun," and we think kids will have plenty of it learning tightrope-walking and more from world-class instructor Flyin' Bob at the Cenovus Circus Skills Camp.

Registration is now open!

Camp dates: July 31 to Aug. 3 9:30 am to 3 pm at the Bold Centre Ages 8-13 • Cost: \$75 per participant

To register, call (780) 623-3829.



Dates to Remember

May 1-Oct. 31

Construction expected on Main Street in the hamlet of Lac La Biche. See front page for details.

Thurs. May 18

Lac La Biche Region Summer Kickoff Party. See page 2 for details.

Mon. May 22

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

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June 4-10

Environment Week. See page 2 for

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

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Summer Recre*ACTION* Camps

Let vour kids aet active and explore their skills and creativity this summer with pool visits, special activities and more!

Weekly Camp Themes



Dates: Monday-Friday (excludes holidays) Time: 9 am to 4 pm Location: Bold Centre Cost: \$190.95 (\$150.52 for four-day camp weeks) Ages: 6-12

Minimum of 20 kids per week required. Daily drop-ins not available.

July 4-7 (4-day camp) July 10-14 July 17-21 July 24-28 July 31-Aug. 4 Aug. 8-11 (4-day camp) Creative Circus Aug. 14-18 Aug. 21-25

Sportsmania Junior Adventures **Mission Impossible Super Science** Imagination Station **Magicians Academy** Fan Favourites

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