

YOUR COUNTY IN TOUCH

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Main Street Rebuild Businesses are open for you to shop local!

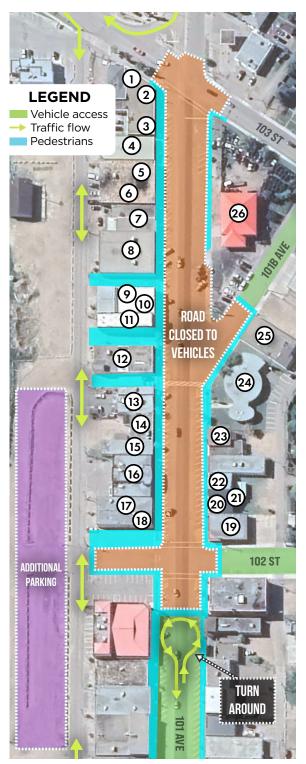


Main Street in the hamlet of Lac La Biche (101 Ave.) is under construction from 103 Street to 102 Street.

Be sure to show your support for local businesses affected by the construction, because dollars spent in our community stay in our community. Additional parking is available between the back alley and the train tracks, and pedestrians can still access Main Street using existing sidewalks and pass-throughs between businesses.

Questions? Please email mainstreet@laclabichecounty.com or call (780) 404-6869.





BUSINESS LICENCES

The deadline to register for a 2023 business licence with Lac La Biche County without paying a fee has now passed.

Business licences are required for all businesses operating in the County. The fee for a resident business (a business located inside the County boundaries) is \$50 annually.

For more information about business licensing, call our Economic Development department at (780) 623-5017.

Pick up the Summer Fun Calendar!

Festivals, tournaments, community gatherings, concerts, rodeos, markets, recreation programs — we're not exaggerating when we say there's something happening every single day until the end of August.

We've developed the Summer Fun Calendar to help residents and visitors to our community learn about the many different events that are taking place.

Pick up your copy at McArthur Place, Bold Centre, County Centre and Portage Pool. We're also distributing the calendar to local hotels, campgrounds and attractions for visitors. The Summer Fun Calendar is updated monthly, so if you're running a public event this summer and you'd like it to be included, email communications@ laclabichecounty.com.

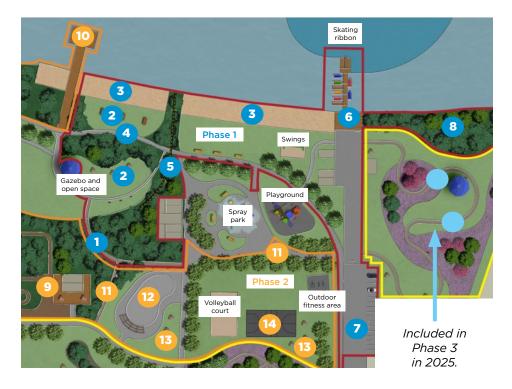


Phase 1 of McArthur Park improvements happening this summer

One of our community's favourite places for gathering and celebrating is getting a makeover.

A three-year transformation of McArthur Park is starting

soon. The map below shows the northeast section of the park, where most new features will be added this year and next year. The Paul Richard Memorial Spray Park, playground and the Rotary



Gazebo are expected to stay open during construction.

For up-to-date information about the project, visit laclabichecounty.com.

Phase 1

- 1. Nature trail with stairs
- 2. Picnic sites and firepit
- 3. Enhanced sand beach
- 4. Multiuse walking path
- 5. Naturalized drainage channel
- 6. Hand launch dock
- 7. Expanded 99 Street parking
- 8. Naturalized shoreline

Phase 1 also includes an improved visitor parking lot outside the museum building.

- Phase 2, coming in 2024
- 9. Bike skills park with forest trail
- 10. Permanent boardwalk, with seating and public art
- 11. Multiuse walking paths
- 12. Skate park
- 13. Picnic sites
- 14. Sports courts

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SAFETY CODE PERMITS

So you've got your Development Permit and you're ready to start work. Now what?

Most developers will need at least one Safety Code permit before continuing. The good news is you won't have to go anywhere else. Our Planning & Development team works with you to determine which permits are required for your project, and we receive and process your applications so the only thing you need to do is schedule inspections. It's that easy.

Every municipality in Alberta has processes for managing local development. We follow rules set by the Government of Alberta, but we strive to make our processes as simple and developer-friendly as possible.

What are Safety Code permits? These permits ensure that work follows the Government of Alberta's safety regulations. There are permits for building, electrical, gas, plumbing and private sewage system work.

Land Use Bylaw: What's next?

We are reviewing and revising our Land Use Bylaw, and members of the public can expect to see a draft of the proposed new version in the next few months.

The Land Use Bylaw (LUB) is the rulebook for development in Lac La Biche County. Every municipality in Alberta has a LUB, and it's normal to rewrite it every few years, to incorporate all of the small amendments that have been made and to keep up with the times.

We're expecting two rounds of open houses later this year, so residents can see the new draft and provide their feedback. Then the draft will be presented to Council for further review. The new and improved LUB may be adopted by Council near the end of this year or in 2024, depending on how the rest of the process goes.

A revision process does not necessarily mean stricter rules are coming. It has never been our goal to make development more difficult. Communities change over time, so we're exploring different regulations to reduce red tape.

Questions? Call our Planning & Development team at (780) 623-1747 or email planning.development@ laclabichecounty.com.



Super Tweens

Have a "tween" you need to not only entertain, but also keep active and engaged during the summer break?

Join Lac La Biche County FCSS and Successful Families-Successful Kids for Super Tweens, a **free** weekly program for kids ages 7-12 to learn new skills and discover new interests while having fun.

All sessions take place from 10 am to 12 pm. Registration is required.

July 12: Slip 'N' Slide in McArthur Park July 19: Golfing

- July 26: Campfire cooking challenge at Beaver Lake Provincial Rec. AreaAug. 2: Visit to Christy Creek HoneyAug. 9: Mad About Science at
- McArthur Place
- **Aug. 16**: Visit to Sir Winston Churchill Provincial Park
- **Aug. 23**: Woodworking and stiltmaking in McArthur Park

To register, call the Bold Centre at (780) 623-3829 or go online at **boldcenter.ca/ACTIVELLBC**. For more information, email **cornelia**. **fechner@laclabichecounty.com**.





Dates to Remember

July 7-9 Plamondon Mud Bogs at Plamondon Festival Centre.

July 14-15 Lakeland Country Fair at Lakeland Agricom.

August 4-6 Beaver Lake Cree Nation Pow Wow.

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

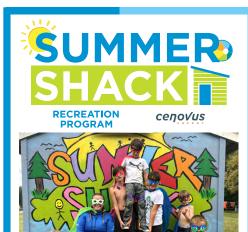
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Join The Fun!

Join our trained programmers for this drop-in program with fun, active and creative activities for kids.

Dumasfield Park

Parents/guardians must drop off participants and complete a health screening.



*Bold Centre will be the alternate location during inclement weather. 12:30 - 4:30 pm Monday - Friday July 4 - August 25 Ages 6 - 12

*No program on August 4 and 7.

