

Lac La Biche County welcoming by nature.

# YOUR COUNTY IN TOUCH

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# Life is a highway...but who maintains the highway?

Taking care of local roads is a collaborative effort between Lac La Biche County and the Province of Alberta. In addition to cost-share agreements for sweeping and snow-removal on Main Street, Lac La Biche and Main Street, Plamondon, the two levels of government are each responsible for different roads.

Lac La Biche County repairs and maintains an extensive system of rural roads, bridges, urban streets and sidewalks. The transportation department also provides dust suppression in front of the Beaver Lake Landfill and to residents on Highway 663.

**The Province of Alberta** is responsible for maintenance of all highways throughout Lac La Biche County. This includes Main Street in Lac La Biche and Plamondon, Highways 55, 663, and 858, and the intersection of Provincial Highways 36 at 881. Service on these roads is carried out by contractors and includes: pothole repair, grading, snow plowing, dust control, sanding, road kill pickup, plugged culverts, damaged road signs, mowing, and weed control.

## Rural Roads, Urban Streets, and Sidewalk Maintenance

To report an issue with a rural road, an urban street, or a sidewalk, residents have a few options:

**1) SeeClickFix** - Download the free SeeClickFix app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, submit your request, and you'll get live updates as the issue is resolved.

2) Email - You can also email your request to transportationservices@laclabichecounty.com. If you choose this route, please include the location, any nearby landmarks, and a detailed description of the damage.

**3) Phone** - For residents who do not have Internet access or prefer to call, you can phone 780-623-6736 or 780-623-6811 to report needed maintenance.

In an emergency, such as a collapsed bridge or flooded intersection, please call the after hours line at 780-404-4078.

## **Highway Maintenance\***

\*Includes Main Street in Lac La Biche and Plamondon

To report an issue with or related to a Provincial Highway, please contact their contractor, Emcon.

#### Emcon Services Ltd.

www.emconservices.ca/alberta.html

Email: DWeremey@emconservices.ca Phone: 780-208-3487

# Lac La Biche County Property Tax Payment Options

Lac La Biche County property taxes were due July 31, 2020 but did you know we offer monthly payment options for rate payers to pay their property taxes? By signing up for 1 of 2 payment options you are not subject to any future penalties, if the agreement is being followed.

#### **Option 1: Monthly Autopay (TIPP) Program**

This program is for 2020 tax levies and penalties. The autopay program is a simple and secure way to pay your annual property taxes. When you sign up for the program, monthly payments are automatically withdrawn from your bank account on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month as part of a pre-authorized debit agreement.

#### **Option 2: Tax Payment Plan Program**

This program is for arrears, current tax levies and penalties. The Tax Payment Plan Program is designed to calculate the tax arrears, current taxes, previous penalties and other transferred balances into an economical monthly payment. The payment plan can be over a few months or up to a maximum of 36 months. An agreement must be signed, and monthly payments are automatically withdrawn from your bank account on either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Please contact our office at 780-623-6771 for more information on the options listed above.

#### **Other Methods of Payment:**

In Person:	McArthur Place
After Hours:	Payment depository box (outside McArthur Place)
By Mail:	Lac La Biche County Box 1679 Lac La Biche, AB TOA 2CO
Bank or	
Credit Union:	PC or Telebanking
	Select "Lac La Biche Count

Select "Lac La Biche County Taxes" as the Payee and your Roll # is your Account #

# In an emergency, every second counts.

# Be in the know.

Sign up for Lac La Biche County's new Local Emergency Alerting System.

### Visit laclabichecounty.com to sign up.





## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 BOLD CENTER

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 PLAMONDON FESTIVAL CENTRE

Limited parking. All shows start at 8:30 PM.



Stay tuned to <u>boldcenter.ca</u> and our Facebook page for movie announcements.

# **Green Initiatives Calendar Contest Closes September 20**

# Calling all photographers!

Do you have a high-quality photo that shows Lac La Biche County's natural beauty? Enter it in our 2021 Green Initiatives Calendar photo contest! The free Green Initiatives Calendar contains everything you need to know about County environmental programs and services. Photos must be taken within Lac La Biche County.



Contest closes on Sunday, September 20. Please send high-quality photos to communications@laclabichecounty.com along with your name and the general area where your photos were taken. All winning photographers will receive a \$100 gift card to a local business of their choosing. 13 photos will be selected.

### Submission Tips:

- Find a new perspective on the local favourites. We all love sunsets, northern lights, and pelicans, but is there a new way you can capture their beauty?
- There is no limit on how many photos you can submit, so try to send in a photo from each season. Summer is a highly competitive category. You might have better odds with a winter or fall photo.
- Landscape-oriented photos are preferred.

# DID YOU KNOW?

Lac La Biche County maintains approximately 2,370 kilometres of roads.



# UPCOMING FCSS PROGRAMS

Due to COVID-19, participants must pre-register for all programs. Please call 780-623-6745 to sign-up.

### **Seniors' Aquafit**

Tuesdays, 11 am - 12 pm September 15 - December 15 Portage Pool

### Alberta Class 7 Learner's License Prep Course

September 25, 10 am - 4 pm Youth aged 14+ McArthur Place

### **Board Game Night**

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm Adults Mo's Billiards

For more programs, follow FCSS on Facebook!

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Triple P has over 50 Tipsheet Topics from toddler



tantrums to teenage defiance. Triple P helps families handle everyday issues. Call FCSS at 780-623-6365 for more information.





# Dates to Remember

### September 7, 2020

Labour Day. County offices, landfills and transfer stations will be closed for the statutory holiday.

**September 11, 2020** Drive-in Movie at the Plamondon Festival Center.

September 20, 2020 Deadline to submit photos for Green Initiatives Calendar contest. Visit **Iaclabichecounty.com** for full contest details.

**September 25, 2020** Access Fitness 1 & 2 at the Bold Center.

**September 26, 2020** Art Start, a class for preschoolers, begins at the Bold Center (Poplar Room). 10:30 - 11:30 am.

September 28, 2020 Plamondon Arena reopens.

Check the Community Events Calendar at **laclabichecounty.com** for more local events. Due to COVID-19, local events may be changed or cancelled at short notice.

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# See an issue in Lac La Biche County?

Report issues like pot holes, graffiti, and more using the SeeClickFix app and you can follow the problem as it gets fixed.

Download the SeeClickFix mobile app.

Google play

App Store

