

Regulations adopted for cannabis consumption

Cannabis will become legal in Canada on October 17.

Lac La Biche County's Community Standards Bylaw has been updated to include rules for recreational cannabis use in the local area.

According to the revised bylaw, cannabis cannot be consumed in public areas, but it may be consumed on private property. However, it is illegal to smoke or vape inside multi-tenant buildings or residences. There is a fine of \$287 for smoking, vaping or consuming cannabis in a prohibited area.

Residents can apply to permit cannabis consumption at a public event by submitting a request to the Chief Administrative Officer. A cannabis event permit may be issued, at the CAO's sole discretion. Failing to comply with the terms and conditions of a cannabis event permit will result in a fine of \$250.

Regulations for cannabis production and retail

The County is also making changes to its Land Use Bylaw, to govern cannabis sales and production in the community.

A Special Council Meeting and public hearing were held on October 1, to gather feedback on proposed regulations. At the time of this newsletter's printing, changes to the Land Use Bylaw had not become official. Please call the County's Planning & Development department at (780) 623-1747, or visit laclabichecounty.com for the most up-to-date information.



Members of Lac La Biche County's new Crime Reduction Committee met with Alberta Justice Minister Kathleen Ganley (second from left) at the recent Alberta Urban Municipalities Association convention in Red Deer, to discuss topics such as rural crime rates and the Community Peace Officer Program. Councillors also met with the acting Commanding Officer of RCMP "K" Division and the Minister of Community and Social Services.

911 or 623-6767? Calling the right number helps us serve our community better

The County's Enforcement Services department would like to remind residents when to call 911 and when to call the Peace Officers' complaint line.

There has been some confusion among residents regarding which number to call in which situations, especially with heightened crime levels in the area.

911 — The RCMP, EMS and Fire Emergency Response Line

- Structure fires, vehicle fires and wildland fires
- Impaired drivers
- Vehicle collisions
- Incidents of criminal activity

If there is an immediate threat to a person's life or property, call 911.

623-6767 — The Enforcement Services Questions and Complaint Line

- Burn permits
- Animal control
- Bylaw enforcement
- Non-emergency questions for the Peace Officers or Lac La Biche County Fire Rescue

Why does it matter? Not all organizations have the same levels of authority and responsibility. Calling the right number helps us protect the community in the best way possible.

WASTE REDUCTION WEEK

OCTOBER 15-21, 2018

Waste that goes to a landfill might be there for a long, long time before it decomposes. That's why it's important to divert as much waste as possible. Waste Reduction Week is a nationwide campaign inviting you to learn more about how you can reduce, reuse and recycle.

Local students will be touring our landfills on October 15 to see how we handle waste and recycling, and we have a lineup of free public events throughout the week (at right).

For more information about Waste Reduction Week and Lac La Biche County's waste and recycling management programs, please call (780) 623-6739.

Tips for Greener Living:

You can celebrate Halloween in an ecofriendly way by creating your own costumes and decorations, and using reusable bags when going trick-or-treating.

FREE Composting Workshop

Wednesday, October 17 | 6-8 p.m. at McArthur Place
Learn the basics of backyard composting, a great way to turn organic waste into fertilizer. Spaces are limited so please register in advance by calling (780) 623-6739.

FREE Family Movie Night

Thursday, October 18 | 6-8 p.m. at the Bold Center
Join us for a free environmental activity and showing of "Hotel Transylvania 3." One free drink and snack are provided for each attendee. Children under 12 require adult supervision.

FREE Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up

Saturday, October 20 | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at County Centre
Residents can bring household cleaners and other items that could harm the environment if not disposed of properly. A shredder will be available for confidential document recycling.



Programs to help seniors, people with disabilities shovel snow

The snow came early this year, and the coming winter could be a long one. Fortunately, Lac La Biche County now has two programs designed to help seniors and people with disabilities shovel snow in front of their properties.

Seniors Sidewalk Clearing Program

Managed by the Transportation Services department
780-623-6736 or 780-623-6811

- Seniors and people with disabilities over the age of 65 can register for this program at no cost.
- Community groups and non-profit organizations can sign up to clear snow **from sidewalks** at registered properties. These groups are compensated by the County for their work.
- This program is intended to help people comply with the County's Community Standards Bylaw, which states that public sidewalks must be cleared of snow and ice in a timely manner (see below).



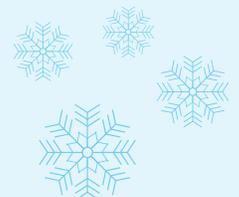
Snow Angels Program

Managed by Lac La Biche County FCSS
780-623-6726

- Seniors and people with disabilities can register for this program at no cost. Registered properties will receive specially made Snow Angels signs.
- The signs indicate that residents need help clearing snow **from driveways and front walkways**. Anyone who sees a Snow Angels sign is invited to take care of the shoveling at that property. Each sign has a convenient shovel installed, making it easy for neighbours to take a few minutes and help out.
- Based on the idea of "neighbours helping neighbours," this program is designed to encourage community spirit and togetherness.



Please be advised that the County's Community Standards Bylaw has been updated. Snow must be cleared from sidewalks no more than 72 hours after the last snowfall. This means that after it stops snowing, residents and property owners have three days to clear the public sidewalks in front of their properties. This helps keep the County's urban centres safe and walkable during the winter months. For more information, call (780) 623-6767.



Unstable Housing Estimation Project starting this month

Lac La Biche County Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) is embarking on an important project, to collect information about unstable housing situations in the community.

What is unstable housing? It takes many forms, and it relates to a variety of other issues that can impact a person's quality of life. A person in unstable housing may be unsheltered (absolutely homeless), staying in emergency shelters, temporarily housed, or at risk of becoming homeless.

If you or someone you know has experienced an unstable housing situation, Lac La Biche County FCSS would like to hear from you.

The County's new Community Outreach Worker, Nadine Gordey-Landstrom, will be offering a brief in-person survey at the Lac La Biche Canadian Native Friendship Centre, from 12-4:30 p.m. on October 10, 17, 24 and 31 (all Wednesdays). All survey respondents will remain anonymous.

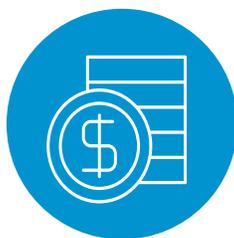
The goal of the Unstable Housing Estimation Project, in partnership with Alberta Rural Development Network ARDN, is to determine the true extent of this issue in our community. How many people have no place to sleep at night? How many people are staying in shelters? How many people are unsure how much longer they can make ends meet? The answers to these questions will provide a more accurate snapshot of the area's needs.

Help us determine what resources and services are needed to address this important community issue. For more information, contact Nadine Gordey-Landstrom at (780) 623-6361 or email nadine.gordey-landstrom@laclabichedcounty.com.

Budget talks set to begin at the end of this month

Work on the County's most important annual document will start on October 30, with the presentation of a draft budget for 2019 to Council.

The County's budget describes how much the municipality plans to spend on programs, projects and services. A total of 10 Council meetings have been scheduled for budget discussions. Meetings are open to the public, except for Closed Sessions. At this point, Council and Administration are aiming to have next year's financial plan completed and approved by mid-December.



Teen Chill Zone is back

Friday nights just got cooler (and not just because fall is here).

Teen Chill Zone is a free, twice-monthly evening program for youth ages 13-17. It's an opportunity for participants to socialize with their peers, make new friends and enjoy local activities.

Upcoming dates: October 12 and 26, November 9 and 30, December 14

Planned activities: Bowling, a "Lac La Biche Has Talent" event, going to St. Paul to see a movie, and more to be announced.

Pre-registration is required for each Teen Chill Zone session. For program details, call Community Outreach Worker Christine Martin at (780) 623-6754.

It Takes A Village Self-Injury Behaviour in Youth

It Takes A Village is a series of free parenting information sessions. On Monday, October 22, the topic will be self-harm among youth — a difficult subject, but one where compassionate understanding can make all the difference.

The workshop will take place from 6-8 p.m. at the Bold Center. Free childcare and a light supper are available for participants. Please call (780) 623-6754 or email christine.martin@laclabichedcounty.com to register.

Like Lac La Biche County FCSS on Facebook for all the latest program updates: @llbcountyfcss





Dates to Remember

Oct. 12-Dec. 14, 2018

Twice-monthly Teen Chill Zone sessions, for youth ages 13-17. See page 3 for more details.

October 8, 2018

Thanksgiving Day. County offices will be closed. The Bold Center will be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Portage Pool will hold an open swim from 1-4 p.m.

October 15-21, 2018

Waste Reduction Week. See page 2 for information on local events.

October 22, 2018

It Takes A Village parenting information session on self-injury behaviour in youth. See page 3 for more details.

October 28, 2018

Free Halloween Spooktacular from 1-4 p.m. at the Bold Center.

October 31, 2018

Fire season ends. Burn permits will no longer be mandatory after this date, but residents must still report burning to the authorities. Call (780) 623-6767 for more information.

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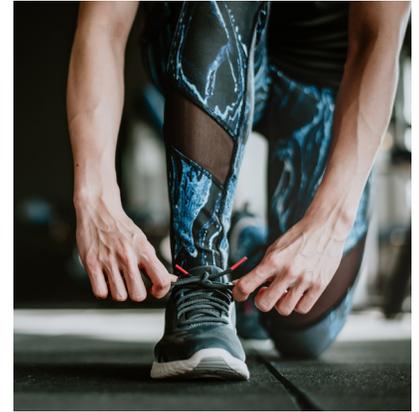


October Recreation Membership Promotion: The start is always hardest — Free seven-day trial for first-time members

If you're new to fitness and looking for a good way to start, then look no further.

Throughout the month of October, any first-time members or individuals who have not held a membership in the last two years can sign up and enjoy a seven-day free trial pass to Lac La Biche County's recreation facilities. These include the Bold Center, Portage Pool and Plamondon Arena.

**Terms and conditions apply*



Halloween Spooktacular at the Bold Center

Join us at the Bold Center for a free, hauntingly good Halloween party on Sunday, October 28 from 1-4 p.m.

This year's Spooktacular theme is Barnyard Hoedown, so grab your cowboy boots and hats, your best farm animal costumes and head on down for some good ol' fun. Children under nine years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at this event.

