

## County Council appoints CAO

At the May 24, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, Lac La Biche County Council appointed Mr. Dan Small as the County's permanent Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

The CAO is Council's only employee, carrying out their direction and leading Lac La Biche County's administration. The appointment follows a thorough and competitive hiring process.

Mr. Small has over 10 years of senior leadership experience in Lac La Biche County in the finance, grants, and land use planning areas, and led County efforts to become a specialized municipality in 2018.

Prior to joining Lac La Biche County in 2012, Mr. Small was CAO of Thorhild County. A chartered professional accountant with experience in the oil and gas industry, he continues to manage a family farm near Radway, Alberta.

He has been acting as CAO of Lac La Biche County since January 2022.

"Lac La Biche County is a shining example of innovative local government and is gradually being looked upon as a leader in Alberta," says Mr. Small.

"I'm looking forward to continuing to implement Council's strategic direction in collaboration with our communities, my colleagues, and the public."



**CAO APPOINTED** - Councillor Jason Stedman, Councillor John Mondal, Deputy Mayor Colette Borgun, Councillor Kevin Paré, Mayor Paul Reutov, newly appointed CAO Dan Small, Councillor Charlyn Moore, Councillor Darlene Beniuk, Councillor Sterling Johnson, Councillor Lorin Tkachuk.

## No increase to Municipal Tax Rate

Lac La Biche County Council has approved the 2022 Tax Rate Bylaw which keeps municipal tax rates for all classes of property the same as they were in 2020 and 2021.

As the economy continues to recover, a priority for Council when considering the upcoming year is to encourage growth and investment, while helping families get back on their feet.

"Council felt that due to the challenges our residents have faced over the last couple of years, the recent increases in utilities, and the rising cost of living overall, it was important to not raise taxes," says Mayor Paul Reutov.

"Lac La Biche County residents can continue to enjoy excellent municipal

programs and services while paying one of the lowest residential tax rates in Alberta."

### Provincial Requisitions

The Government of Alberta sets a budget for education each year, and then requisitions funding from municipalities. Your portion of this education tax is included in the tax notice you receive by mail.

For 2022, the education requisition has increased 2.83% for residential and farmland, and 3.14% for non-residential.

The County is also a member of the Greater North Foundation, which operates seniors' lodges in Lac La Biche, Athabasca, and Boyle.

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# 2022 Municipal Tax Rate Bylaw has no increases

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The Foundation's requisition and tax rate have decreased by 5.72%.

The Provincial Assessor invoices the County for the assessment costs related to designated industrial properties. For 2022, the rate for this requisition is set at \$0.0766 per 1000 dollars of assessment.

This means is if you see an increase or decrease in your tax bill this year, it will be due to changes in your property's assessed value, increases in

provincial requisitions, or both. Refer to the Tax Account Details on your Property Assessment and Tax Notice to see how the total amount of your taxes has been calculated.

## County Tax Revenues

In 2022 taxes will result in revenues of \$67,443,299. This is an increase of \$216,923 compared to budgeted revenues of \$67,226,376.

## Property Tax Payments

Taxes are due and payable without penalty on or before June 30, 2022.

Tax and Assessment notices were mailed out on May 20, 2022.

There are a variety of payment options available including in-person payments, cheques by mail, internet and telephone banking, and autopay.

## Need More Info?

County Finance Department:  
P: 780-623-1747  
E: [taxes@laclabichecounty.com](mailto:taxes@laclabichecounty.com)

Municipal Assessment Services Group  
Inc: 780-939-3310

## Enter to Win

Lac La Biche County, Healthy Waters Lac La Biche and Alberta Parks want you to show us how you are taking steps to Keep Our Lakes Clean.

Each month we will ask you to show us a specific action you are taking to meet this goal. If you participate, you'll be entered into a draw to win one of three prizes.

The draw for winners will be made at the end of the year.

This month we want you to show us a picture of you enjoying one of our beautiful lakes. Whether you're going for a canoe ride, walking along the shore, swimming, or fishing - let's see it! Keeping our lakes clean, means we get to enjoy our lakes for many years to come.

To enter the draw post a picture or comment on the [Healthy Waters Lac La Biche Facebook](#) page, or make a post on your own page and tag @llbrwss!

**Prize #1 - \$300 cash**

**Prize #2 - \$300 cash**

**Prize #3 - a 2-night stay in a cabin at Sir Winston Churchill Provincial Park!**

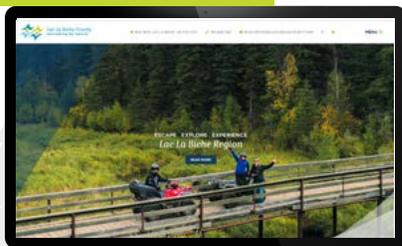
Once you've completed this you will entered to win. Each person has 12 chances to be entered in the draw.

For more information:

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# Ag Appreciation Dinner June 29

Lac La Biche County and Portage College are partnering to host an event that will recognize the importance of farming and ranching in the region.

The 2022 Ag Appreciation Dinner is a way for agricultural producers to gather and relax for an evening of great food, entertainment and comradery.

This year the event is being hosted by recording artist, radio host and entertainer Danny Hooper. The one-man show will feature songs off his new album and many new jokes that the covid has given him two years to come up with and rehearse.

A fund-raising auction will take place to raise money for the Ag Fieldman's baby boy who is fighting leukemia. In addition, a portion of ticket sales from the event will be donated to the Ukrainian Relief cause.

The event is being held at the Bold Center Community Hall on June 29, 2020. Tickets are only \$20 and limited seats are available.



**Danny Hooper will host the upcoming 2022 Ag Appreciation Dinner.**

If you are interested in attending please pre-register before June 15.

For more information and tickets to the event, visit the following link: <https://www.classy.org/event/agriculture-appreciation-dinner/e405226>

# Environment Week is June 5 to 11

## Wetland Restoration Workshop

A hands-on workshop planned for Earth Day will offer residents a great learning opportunity as part of a wetlands restoration project.

The free one-day event on Sunday, June 5, 9 am to 4 pm, offers training about building wetlands with native vegetation to restore habitat, provide biodiversity support, and reduce erosion.

It is being held at the Bold Center as part of a project to build a new wetland near the facility. An overview of the types of plant material and installation methods will be provided. Participants will work together to install aquatic species in wetlands and native woody riparian vegetation in the wetland buffers.

Presenting the workshop is Kristen Andersen, who has 24 years of experience in stream and wetland restoration.

Please RSVP by contacting Andrea Zemrau at [zemrau@ae.ca](mailto:zemrau@ae.ca) or 780-803-2754.

## Other Environment Week Events

- Backyard Composting Workshop  
Tuesday, June 7 | 6 pm  
McArthur Place, Lac La Biche
- Mad About...Tree Planting and Pizza  
Thursday, June 9 | 6 to 7:30 pm  
Alexander Hamilton Park,  
Lac La Biche
- Household Hazardous Waste  
Round-Up & Shredding Event  
Saturday, June 11 | 10 am to 2 pm  
County Centre, Lac La Biche

For more information, visit our events calendar at <https://laclabichedcounty.com/p/upcoming-events>.

## FEATURED FCSS PROGRAMS

### Teen Social Club

Thursdays in July and August  
7-9 pm | Ages 13-17 | McArthur Place  
Join other teens in a variety of fun activities while connecting, socializing and developing new friendships. Free!  
Call 780-404-7819 for more information or email [jessica.perley@laclabichedcounty.com](mailto:jessica.perley@laclabichedcounty.com)

### Teen Leadership Camp

August 23-26 | Age 13-17 | Fee: \$100  
Learn skills that will help you be a great leader while having fun with your peers!  
To register: 780-623-3829 | visit Bold Center

### The Art of Conversation

July 13, 20, 27. Attend one, two or all three!  
A program for youth aged 13-17 and their parent/guardian/grandparent to create a piece of artwork, connect and communicate  
Contact Christine at 780-520-7183 or email [christine.martin@laclabichedcounty.com](mailto:christine.martin@laclabichedcounty.com)

### Home Alone Course

10 am to 2 pm | June 18 | Bold Center  
Ages 9-12. Fee \$20  
Designed to provide children with the necessary skills and knowledge to be safe and responsible when home alone.  
To register: 780-623-3829 | Visit Bold Center

### Plamondon Family Fun Night

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm | June 14  
Plamondon Festival Centre

### Dad and Me

5:30 pm to 7 pm | June 16  
Trout Pond, Alexander Hamilton Park

### Triple P Fair - Parent Information Day

June 27  
Bold Center, Lac La Biche

### Childmind New Hours

Starting on June 1 the following operating hours will be in place:

- 10 am to 1 pm | Mon, Wed, Fri
- 4 pm to 6 pm | Monday to Friday
- 9:30 am to 11:30 am | Saturdays

## TALK BOX TIP

Summer months can be a great time to learn! There are so many outdoor activities to do in the summer. Be sure to join in and play with your child. When you play together and talk about what you are doing, you are helping your child learn new words and ideas.





# Dates to Remember

## TAX PAYMENT REMINDER

**June 30** - Deadline to pay property taxes without penalty.

## BOLD CENTER

**Starting July 4** - summer DROP-IN fitness classes for only \$6 (lunch time 30 min class) and \$10 (early morning 45 min class). Physical Activity Readiness Questionnaire and waiver forms required prior to joining.

### **Mondays & Wednesdays:**

(6:30 - 7:15 am) SPIN 45 - indoor cycling interval drills, & tempo training.

(12:15 - 12:45 pm) Mid Day Fat Blaster - head to toe muscle toning!

### **Tuesdays & Thursdays:**

(6:30 - 7:15 am) BOOTCAMP - intervals of strength exercises/conditioning drills!

(12:15 - 12:45 pm) Floor Core & More - mat based exercises to strengthen torso muscles!

### **Fridays:**

(12:15 - 12:45 pm) Synrgy 360 - circuit training on our new multi-station unit!

## Kids Summer Fitness Camps

### **DancePI3y Preschool (ages 3-5)**

July 5, 6, 7 | 10 - 10:30 am

### **DancePI3y KIDS (ages 6-12)**

July 5, 6, 7 | 11 am - 12 pm

### **YogaPI3y KIDS (ages 6-12)**

July 12, 13, 14 | 11 am - 12 pm

## PORTAGE POOL

### **WIBIT Swim**

Saturday, June 25 | 12 - 4 pm

For more information or to register:  
780-623-6777  
poolstaff@laclabichedcounty.com

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