



## Tree Maintenance Workshop kicks-off spring season

Lindsay Kozakevich stretches to point out an appropriate spot to prune a tree limb as part of the Treetacular Pruning Workshop hosted at Dumasfield Park.

She led 35 participants through the basics of tree maintenance and pruning as part of the free hands-on workshop hosted by the County's Environmental Services Department. Three participants went home with tree maintenance tool prize baskets.

Watch our website and social media channels for upcoming workshops.

## Municipal Development Plan update slated this year

**You're Invited!**  
**MDP Open House**  
**May 19 - 4 to 8 pm**

The development needs of a community change over time and moving down a path determined from community input is key to successful growth.

A Municipal Development Plan (MDP) is a key policy plan that communicates the long term desired land use for Lac La Biche County. It is a high-level blueprint that shows how the community is expected to change over time and the shape it will take in the future.

The County's Planning & Development Department is completing a detailed review and rewrite of the Municipal Development Plan to reflect the needs of the community.

The existing Municipal Development Plan was approved in 2013 during a time of fast-paced economic growth largely driven by the oil and gas industry. Economic conditions have changed and an update is required.

### Community Participation

The MDP aims to build consensus around how the community chooses to change. The participatory process planned will provide the opportunity to discuss various points of view, and gain appreciation for different opinions.

Most importantly, it will help build the consensus the community needs on the major topics covered by the Municipal Development Plan.

### How to Participate

All interested community members are invited to attend an Open House organized to gather public input.

**When:** May 19, 2022 | 4-8 pm

**Where:** McArthur Community Hall,  
10307 - 100 Street  
Lac La Biche, AB

### More Information

As the project moves forward residents can check in with the following webpage: <https://laclabichecounty.com/p/mdp-update>

# Protect your property: FireSmart assessments

Complete a FireSmart assessment of your property and be entered into a draw to win one of two chainsaws!

Lac La Biche County Fire Services is offering free home assessments and free wood chipping services for residents interested in protecting their properties from the threat of wildfire.

In 2022, when you book an appointment to complete a FireSmart assessment, your name is entered in the draw to win a Stihl chainsaw. There are two saws up for grabs, with one draw taking place in summer and another in the fall.

FireSmart assessments evaluate your property for combustible materials and potential fire hazards should a wildfire take place. Embers from wildfires can travel for miles and increase the risk for those living in rural areas of our County.

“Often the things identified in an assessment that can significantly reduce the fire hazard are investments of time and energy to remove combustible materials, rather than investments of money,” says John Kokotilo, Lac La Biche County Regional Fire Chief.

Of course, the assessments come with a full range of suggestions than can be carried out as time and money allows. Upgrades to roofing and siding materials, thinning



out tree growth on your property, and adding external fire suppression systems, such as rooftop sprinklers, can also be considered by home owners as they work to make their property more fire resistant.

To request a FireSmart assessment and be entered in the chainsaw draw, submit a request form on our website: <https://bit.ly/3E4kolV>

For more information please contact our Fire Services Department:

E: [fireservices@laclabichcounty.com](mailto:fireservices@laclabichcounty.com)  
T: 780-623-6774

## Did You Know?

Your taxes cover the cost of emergency response unless negligence is involved. Do not hesitate to call “911” in case of emergency!

## 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 the winners will be made at the end of the year.

This month, we want you to show us how you reduce the runoff on your property. Examples include directing downspouts to a rain garden or rain barrel or having a permeable driveway. Runoff carries excess nutrients, sediments, salts, and chemicals which eventually make their way to nearby lakes.

This runoff can harm our lakes leading to toxic conditions and increased algae blooms. Therefore, it's important to reduce our runoff as much as possible.

Enter to win by showing us how you are reducing runoff.

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

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

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

To enter the draw this month 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!

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

For more information:

[healthywaterslaclabiche@gmail.com](mailto:healthywaterslaclabiche@gmail.com)  
[green@laclabichcounty.com](mailto:green@laclabichcounty.com) | 780-623-6739



# Accessory Buildings

Everything you need to know about adding one to your property

An accessory building is a permanent or temporary structure that exists on the same lot as a main building but, as its name suggests, serves an accessory purpose (detached garage, shed, storage building, gazebo, farm shop, etc.).

Accessory buildings are not intended for occupancy like dwellings. They are intended to support a lot's existing use. If a structure is connected to the main building on a lot, then it is considered part of the main building and not an accessory building in most cases.

**Depending on the property's size and the zoning regulations that apply (residential, commercial, etc.) height regulations vary:**

- On lots one acre or less in size in a designated hamlet, accessory buildings cannot be taller than 15 feet.
- On lots larger than one acre, accessory buildings cannot be taller than 21 feet.
- On lots in Direct Control District 1 (Elinor Lake Resort) accessory buildings cannot be taller than 16.1 feet.
- There are no height restrictions on properties in the Agricultural zoning category. In all other zoning categories, accessory buildings cannot be taller than the main building on-site.

## Applying for a permit

A new accessory building requires a development permit. The following is required as part of the application:

- Completed application form. Available online at [www.laclabichcounty.com](http://www.laclabichcounty.com).
- Current certificate of title. Dated within 30 days of application being submitted.
- Landowner's signature. If the parcel does not belong to you, or you are acting as an agent on behalf of the landowner, a signature or letter of authorization from all listed registered landowner(s) is required.

**For more information please contact the Planning and Development department:**  
780-623-1747 | [planning.development@laclabichcounty.com](mailto:planning.development@laclabichcounty.com)  
Visit our webpage: [laclabichcounty.com/p/planning-and-development](http://laclabichcounty.com/p/planning-and-development)

- Site plan. This is a layout of your project, showing where the development will occur. Include property line setbacks.

- Any other information the Development Authority (Lac La Biche County) considers necessary.

**Additional requirements may include, but are not limited to:**

- A Roadside Development Permit issued by Alberta Transportation if your property is within 800 metres of a provincial highway.
- A geotechnical report if your property has a slope of more than 15%, or a soil investigation.
- A grading plan.

## Safety Code Permits

The Inspections Group Inc. is responsible for Safety Codes inspections and permitting in Lac La Biche County.

You will need to get a Building Permit, as well as Gas, Electrical, Plumbing and Private Sewage Disposal System Permits if these services are installed.

These permits are in addition to the development permit, and they ensure a development meets all necessary safety standards and legislation.

For garages more than 55 m<sup>2</sup> in area, or any two-storey garages, foundation walls and footings must be reviewed by a registered architectural or engineering professional.

## Contact Information:

The Inspections Group Inc.  
W: <https://www.inspectiongroup.com/>  
E: [questions@inspectiongroup.com](mailto:questions@inspectiongroup.com)  
T: 780-454-5048 | 1-866-554-5048  
F: 780-454-5222

Fire Code Services  
T: 780-623-6774  
E: [fireservices@laclabichcounty.com](mailto:fireservices@laclabichcounty.com)

# FEATURED FCSS PROGRAMS

## Let's Learn Together - Housing Insecurity

The Rural Development Network (RDN) and Lac La Biche County FCSS are hosting educational sessions about housing insecurity and the types of homelessness.

May 4 | 6 pm – 7:30 pm | In person\*  
May 5 | 2 pm – 3:30 pm | In person\*  
May 5 | 6 pm – 7:30 pm | In person\*  
May 25 | 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm | Via Zoom

\* In-person events will be held at McArthur Room at McArthur Place (10307 - 100 Street).

Pre-register to attend by contacting:  
Lauren Kehoe at 780-623-6361 or  
[lauren.kehoe@laclabichcounty.com](mailto:lauren.kehoe@laclabichcounty.com)

## Raising Teens Book Club (Four Sessions)

What's changed since our parents raised us?  
7-9 pm | May 10, 17, 24, 31 | Bold Center  
Join Alison Zalasky, RN, BScN, as we explore the challenges parents face raising a teen.  
To register: 780-623-3829 | visit Bold Center

## The Flyin' Bob Circus Camp

9 am to 3 pm | Aug. 8-11 | Bold Center  
Ages 9-14. Fee \$75.  
World-class instructor Flyin' Bob will teach you how to juggle, walk on stilts, ride a unicycle, use a rola bola, and even to walk a tight rope!  
To register: 780-623-3829 | visit Bold Center

## Young Family Connections

May 10 - Plamondon Family Fun Night  
5:30 - 7:30pm  
May 28 - Bike Rodeo

## Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Seminars

May 4 | May 11 | May 18 from 5:30 - 7 pm  
For more info : 780-623-6365 or  
[fcss.yfc@laclabichcounty.com](mailto:fcss.yfc@laclabichcounty.com)

## Dad and Me

May 24 | 5:30 - 7 pm

## TALK BOX TIP

May means spring has finally arrived! Many people start planting their gardens with flowers and vegetables, you can let your child help you when you are working in the garden.



They can dig in the dirt beside you with a toy shovel or spoon, they can count how many rocks and worms they find while digging.

Or just talk about all the fun things you are seeing outside now that spring is here.



## Dates to Remember

### Bold Center

#### Mixed Slo-Pitch League Team Meeting

The mixed slo-pitch league meeting is an opportunity to discuss the upcoming season. Please send only one person per team.

This meeting and any league play may be affected by provincial COVID-19 health restrictions. Pre-registration for meeting is required.

Tuesday, May 10 | 6 - 8 pm  
Bold Center - Viewpoint Room

#### Portage Pool

Bronze Medalion / Cross course with Standard first aid.  
May 7-8, 14-15 and June 4-5, 11-12  
9 am - 3:30 pm all days

WIBIT Swim  
Saturday, May 28 | 12 - 4 pm

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

#### Tree Seedling Orders

One year old seedlings for sale at a reduced price. Four species available. Email [green@laclabichedcounty.com](mailto:green@laclabichedcounty.com) Call 780-623-6739 or visit our website

#### Community Garden Applications

Utilize one of our raised bed plots for \$20 plus GST annually. There is a limited amount of the raised beds available. Applications accepted until June 1. Email [green@laclabichedcounty.com](mailto:green@laclabichedcounty.com) Call 780-623-6739 or visit our website

#### Landfills Closed

May 21 - 23 | May Long Weekend

#### Companion Planting Workshop

May 24 | 6-8 pm  
Community Garden at Alexander Hamilton Park.  
Register by May 13 via email: [green@laclabichedcounty.com](mailto:green@laclabichedcounty.com)

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# 99 Days of Summer Sale



Lac La Biche County  
welcoming by nature.

Get fit this summer with  
**99 days of access to the  
Bold Center and Portage  
Pool for just \$99\*.**

*\*For an Adult membership*

*\*Effective May 25 - August 31 only. Cannot be combined with any other offers or promotions.*

*Contact us for more details.*

*Stop in and sign up  
or give us a call  
at 780-623-3829.*

Other age options also available:

Youth - \$49.50 for 99 days

Student/Senior - \$75.25 for 99 days

Family - \$250 for 99 days



**Register:** Online at [Activellbc](http://Activellbc) or call the Bold Center at 780-623-3829

[www.laclabichedcounty.com](http://www.laclabichedcounty.com)