

NEWSLETTER

COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Council Highlights from August 28, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

- The Urban Hens Public Hearing, Second & Third Readings were approved. This new Bylaw has been ratified.
- Thirteen Kolocreeka lots have been approved for sale at a discount, watch for advertising!
- A six month update to Council's Strategic Plan Implementation was presented to Council.
- First reading of the new Community Standards Bylaw with property maintenance and noise changes being brought back to the September 25, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.
- The Doctor Retention & Recruitment Policy was rescinded and will be replaced with the newly approved Physician and Health Care Professional Committee Bylaw. This will expand the mandate to include the retention and recruitment of Physicians, Veterinarians, Nurses, Dentists, Pharmasists, Physiotherapists and other health care professionals in the region.
- Council approved one Town owned sandstone rock to be donated to the

- Smoky Lake Golf Course. The rock will be used to create a memorial to Ron Sorokan.
- The Town's annual contribution of \$5,000 to the Smoky Lake Regional Heritage Board was approved.
- Council approved working with Alberta Counsel for the purpose of applying for the Affordable Housing Partnership Program. This is intended to allow for the construction of an affordable tiny homes community within Smoky Lake.
- Council directed Administration to draft a letter of support for CASA to help them with applications for funding development of a playground at the new H.A. Kostash School site.

For full agenda packages and meeting minutes, visit smokylake.ca under the TOWN OFFICE menu. Also under the same menu, check out these two recent updated policies!

- Bylaw Enforcement and Response to Citizen Complaints
- Municipal Tree Protection Policy

September 25, 2023

- Regular Council
- Capital & Operating Budget

October 23, 2023

- Regular Council
- Capital & Operating Budget

Meeting Schedule for November 2023 through October 2024 will be posted at the end of October, 2023.

All residents can attend Regular Council Meetings either in person at the Town of Smoky Lake Town Office or via ZOOM at: <https://zoom.us/j/3287551220>

August 5, 2023 Smoky Lake Stampede



August Approved Donations:

Council approved a donation of \$300 for the Junior Golf Program.

Printing for various Non-Profit Groups.

Town site decorating

Earn \$\$\$ for your club/organization. Register & get a site from the Town. Decorate by October 3 and help get the Town into the fall spirit!

Yard (Enter by Sep 29)
Fall Decorating Contest (Judging Oct 3)

Residential & Commercial Prizes

- 1st place - \$100
- 2nd place - \$75
- 3rd place - \$50

780-656-3674

Check out photos from our August Photo Contest on our Facebook Page!

FAMILY & COMMUNITY

SUPPORT SERVICES

Drive Happiness

After a lifetime of hard work, seniors want to live healthy, safe, and independent lives. Many seniors want to stay in the communities that support them for as long as possible. In our community, a significant challenge we face is a lack of seniors' transportation. To help solve this gap, the Smoky Lake Region developed a partnership with Drive Happiness; a non-profit organisation that operates a volunteer-based driver program. The Minister of Seniors, Kamal Khara, recently announced that

under the scaling-up for Senior's stream of the Age Well at Home initiative, Drive Happiness will receive \$556,634 for their Rural Access to Transportation Expansion. The Drive Happiness project will expand volunteer-assisted transportation for seniors and increase access to in-home supports in rural settings in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

If you want to learn more about Drive Happiness and how you can help support the seniors in our region, please contact FCSS @ 780-656-3674 or Drive Happiness at 780-424-5438.

Volunteering is the key to Community Unity!

On August 23rd, at the Community Showcase, there was a prize draw for all those that signed up to join our Regional Volunteer Bank! George Nylan signed up as a volunteer and won the basket! We now have 25 people registered in our Volunteer Bank. Interested in volunteering or being notified of opportunities to get involved as they come up? Please contact FCSS at 780-656-3674 or check out the new FCSS/FRN website and sign up online!



Living Well, Spending Less!

Community Food Basket Trial program

Learn more...

Sign Up Today and SAVE \$\$\$ on your grocery bill!

Cyber-Seniors

Are you a senior interested in learning more about technology? Do you want to facetime your grandchildren? Or learn how to place orders online?

Cyber-Seniors is a non-profit organisation that specialized in teaching tech to seniors, by leveraging Youth Volunteers. The idea for Cyber-Seniors came from a high school project that was launched by the founders of Cyber-Seniors, Macaulee and Kascha Cassaday in 2009, when they were 16 and 18 respectively. Macaulee and Kascha had witnessed first-hand how learning to

use the Internet had transformed their grandparents' lives. After learning some basic skills, their grandparents were in touch several times a week by email, Facebook and Skype. The Internet was instrumental in keeping their family connected despite busy schedules and living in different cities. Inspired by this realization, they started the Cyber-Seniors program to help other seniors get online and are now partnering to expand their program into our community.

If you would like to find out more about this program and how to get involved, please contact FCSS @ 780-656-3674.

WED	Morning Storytime Library Sep. 6, 13, 20, 27 10:30-11:30 am Caregivers & Kids 0-5
FREE No Reg.	
WED	Afterschool Programs Library Sep. 6, 13, 20, 27 3:30-4:30 pm Youth Ages 7-9
FREE No Reg.	
THU	Afterschool Programs Library Sep. 7, 14, 21, 28 3:30-4:30 pm Youth Ages 10-12
FREE No Reg.	
THU	Evening Storytime Library Sep. 13, 20, 27 6-7 pm Caregivers & Kids 0-6
FREE No Reg.	
15TH	Food Basket Pick-Up Day Anderson's Grocery
21ST	Coffee With A COP Iron Horse Cafe, Waskatenau 10 am to 11 am
FREE	
25TH	Regular Council Mtg. Town of Smoky Lake 10 am START zoom.us/j/3287551220
30TH	Truth & Reconciliation Day Nekinan
FREE	12 pm to 4 pm

Check out our new Website & Facebook Page!



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