

2024 MARCH

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OFFICE CLOSED

EASTER WEEKEND

Mar. 29 & Apr. 1, 2024

UPCOMING REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

March 18 @ 1 pm

April 8 @ 1 pm

April 29 @ 1 pm

NEWSLETTER

Council Highlights from February 26, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

- Council approved a 25 year lease agreement with Algonquin Shooting Sports Association for the lands located at SW-27-59-17-W4.
• Council approved the installation of sidewalks on 50 St. to the new school once an agreement has been made with Aspen View Public School Division.
• Council has directed Administration to pursue volunteer firefighter incentives including municipal property tax reductions and local business partnerships. Stay tuned for more.
• The annual budget for the Physicians and Health Care Professionals Committee was adopted. The Town of Smoky Lake's portion for this regional committee is \$6,240.00.
• Council has asked Administration to draft a Water Restriction Bylaw in response to drought concerns.
• Due to drought concerns, Council supported a motion made at the Regional Fire Meeting to establish a Wildfire Rapid Response Program to provide additional firefighter resources

during wild fire season.

- Town of Smoky Lake was a successful applicant for the 2023-24 Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Grant for the Regional Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Infrastructure Study on 46 St.
• Council has approved the sale of four more Kolocreeka lots:
- Plan No. 0721842, Block 7, Lot 12
- Plan No. 0721842, Block 7, Lot 13
- Plan No. 0721842, Block 7, Lot 14
- Plan No. 0721842, Block 7, Lot 15
• There is still time to put your name forward to become a Member-at-Large for the Municipal Planning Commission.
Email: town@smokylake.ca

For bylaws, policies, agendas and meeting minutes, visit: www.smokylake.ca > GOVERNMENT menu. Check out the minutes for the February 26, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

Smoky Lake Broadband Clients: Remember, the deadline for signing up with MCSnet is the end of March. Call them at 1-866-390-3928

MCSNET TOWN OF SMOKY LAKE Est. 1923 Municipal Partnership Brings Super Fast Internet to Smoky Lake

GigAir STARTING AT \$39.95/MONTH Get Started HERE: mcsnet.ca/internet/gigair OR call 1-866-390-3928

ATTAINABLE LIVING KOLOCREEKA SUB-DIVISION SMOKY LAKE

Big dreams come in little packages!

Check out our recent Small Homes rezoning information to see if a small home would be right for you!



Contact Raman Sahota, Development Officer 780-656-3674 | development@smokylake.ca

1 LOT SOLD 6 PENDING AS OF March 1, 2024 7 LOTS AVAILABLE

Living Well, Spending Less! Community Food Basket Trial program Learn more...

Don't forget to purchase your Veggie and/or Protein basket on the FIRST Friday of every month to save on your grocery bill! DID YOU KNOW that the greater amount of baskets ordered each month increases value of the basket contents.

That's the power of buying in bulk!



# FAMILY & COMMUNITY

## SUPPORT SERVICES

### Strengthening Bonds & Nurturing Wellness with FCSS & FRN Smoky Lake

In the heart of our vibrant town, the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) and Family Resource Network (FRN) are your steadfast companions on the journey toward wellness and unity.

Whether you're a senior needing support, a teen navigating the storms of adolescence, or anyone in between wrestling with worries, we're here with open doors and open hearts. Our programs, workshops, and services are designed with YOU in mind; building resilience, fostering connections, and empowering each of us to thrive.

FCSS & FRN are excited to invite you to meet the team in person and check out our new location. Sunday, March 17th 2024, from 1pm-3pm, we are hosting an open house at 108 Wheatland Avenue in Smoky Lake. We welcome you to join us!

Stay connected, stay supported, and remember, FCSS and FRN are here for you, every step of the way. Together, we're not just a community; we're a family.

To learn more about FCSS/FRN, please check out our website, call 780-656-3674 or email [fcss@smokylake.ca](mailto:fcss@smokylake.ca)

**WE'VE MOVED!**

**FCSS/FRN Open-House**  
Come meet the team and learn more about how we can help!

March 17, 2024  
from 1-3 pm  
108

Wheatland Avenue  
Provincial Building  
Smoky Lake




### Need help with your Taxes?



FCSS, in partnership with the CRA Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVTIP), provides FREE assistance with tax returns for individuals, families and seniors from March 1st to April 29th 2024. To have your tax return completed at no charge, your single income must be below \$35,000.00. If you have a dual income, it must be below \$45,000.00. All tax situations must be simple, and you must have all your tax papers in hand. Call us for more information at 780-656-3674 or come to the Town Office.

### All Library EVENTS are FREE with no registration required unless otherwise specified.

- 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>** **Dungeons & Dragons**  
Library: 5 - 7:30 pm  
Register: 780-656-4212
- WED** **Storytime**  
Library: Mar 6, 13, 20 & 27 10:30-11:30 am  
Caregivers & Kids 0-6
- WED** **After School Program**  
Library: Mar 6, 13 & 20 3:30-4:30 pm  
Grades 1-4 (Programmer will pick up at school)  
No program during Spring Break!
- THU** **After School Program**  
Library: Feb 8, 22, 29 3:30-4:30 pm  
Grades 4 - 7, no program during Spring Break
- 11<sup>th</sup>** **AGM - Ukrainian National Hall**  
7 pm Start  
All residents, SL Region
- 15<sup>th</sup>** **Food Basket Pickup Day**  
Anderson's Grocery  
All residents, Smoky Lake Region
- 18<sup>th</sup>** **Regular Council Meeting**  
Town Council Chambers & Zoom - 1-5 pm  
<https://zoom.us/j/3287551220>
- 21<sup>st</sup>** **Coffee With A Cop**  
Iron Horse Cafe, Waskatenau  
10:00-11:00 am All residents, SL Region
- 25<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>** **Self-led Activities**  
Library: 5 - 7:30 pm  
Register: 780-656-4212
- 26<sup>th</sup>** **Adult Book Club**  
Library: 7 - 8:30 pm
- 29<sup>th</sup>** **Town Office & Library CLOSED - Good Friday**



## JESSE LIPSCOMBE'S AWKWARD CONVERSATIONS

Jesse provides audiences with the necessary tools to turn into ambassadors of change. With his unique style of fluid storytelling, Lipscombe will connect and relate how to incorporate the #MakItAwkward mantra into your life. Change is never easy and being a part of it will often feel uncomfortable. You will discover how small micro-aggressions have created a dangerous and unsafe landscape for many marginalized individuals. In addition, you will leave empowered to know that YOU are the change-maker we have all been waiting for.

**ACTOR, FORMER ATHLETE, ACTIVIST AND ENTREPRENEUR**

**2:00PM WEDNESDAY MARCH 20, 2024  
AT H. A. KOSTASH SCHOOL**

