

# NEWSLETTER

## Council Highlights from September 25, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

- Town events will now be added to the Lakeland Region's calendar: [eventscalendar.travellakeland.ca](http://eventscalendar.travellakeland.ca)  
Residents are encouraged to visit their site for upcoming events within the region.
- To keep you informed about regional events, the Town will be sharing Smoky Lake Region's newsletters on our website and Facebook page.
- The Community Standards Bylaw with property maintenance and noise changes was approved at last month's Council Meeting.
- An amended Snow and Ice Removal Policy was officially adopted. This policy gives guidelines to Public Works for efficient and cost effective winter road maintenance and snow storage.
- Administration will draft and submit a letter of thanks to Mr. Jim Ratsoy to acknowledge and convey our gratitude for the generous donation of \$100,000.00 made to the Heritage Board for CN

- Station refurbishment.
- Council will be setting a date for the next Organizational Meeting and Workshop.
- The Town of Smoky Lake Administration will be researching solutions to parking issues along 52 Ave near Bar-V-Nook.
- The Town adopted the Service Assessment and Economic Development Strategy - Smoky Lake Region. This document, which can be found on our website, serves as an information resource for developing a Regional Economic Development Plan.

For full agenda packages and meeting minutes, visit [smokylake.ca](http://smokylake.ca) under the TOWN OFFICE menu. Also under the same menu, check out these two recent updated policies!

- Regional Engineering Design Standards (REDS).
- Proclamations.

**CLOSED**  
Remembrance Day  
November 13, 2023  
In lieu

### COUNCIL MEETINGS:

October 23, 2023

- Regular Council
- Capital & Operating Budget

October 23, 2023

- Organizational Meeting (time TBD)

[zoom.us/j/3287551220](https://zoom.us/j/3287551220)

Watch for the New Council Meeting Schedule in the November Newsletter!



The Town of Smoky Lake has given **\$9,660.19** back to your community in the form of monetary, promotional, & in-kind sponsorships or donations.

### 2022 Pumpkin Fair



Approved Donations:  
\$1,000 for the Pumpkin Grower's Association.  
& \$250 to the Smoky Lake Foundation.

**TUE** Caregivers Walking Group  
Start at Library: Oct 10, 17, 24, 31  
10 am *Bring your kids!*

**TUE** Teen Craft Club  
Library: Oct 10, 17, 24-3:30-4:30 pm  
*Learn a new craft every month!*

**WED** Morning Storytime  
Library: Oct 11, 18, 25-10:30-11:30 am  
*Caregivers & Kids 0-5*

**WED** After School Programs  
Library: Oct 11, 18, 25-3:30-4:30 pm  
*Youth Ages 7-9*

**THU** After School Programs  
Library: Oct 12, 19, 26-3:30-4:30 pm  
*Youth Ages 10-12*

**THU** Evening Storytime  
Library: Oct 12, 19, 26-6:00-7:00 pm  
*Caregivers & Kids 0-5*

**6th** Food Basket Order Day  
Smoky Lake Town Office  
*All residents, Smoky Lake Region*

**19th** Coffee With A Cop  
The Bakery from 10:00-11:00 am  
*All residents, Smoky Lake Region*

**20th** Food Basket Pickup Day  
Anderson's Grocery

**23rd** Regular Council Meeting  
Town Office, 10:00 am Start  
*Followed by Budget Meeting*

**23rd** Dungeons & Dragons  
Library: 3:30-6:00 pm  
*Ages 11 plus*

**30th** Adult Book Club  
Library: 7:00-9:00 pm

**30th** Organizational Meeting  
Town Office, time TBD

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

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Smoky Lake AB T0A 3C0 : [smokylake.ca](http://smokylake.ca) : 780-656-3054



# FAMILY & COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

## Smoky Lake Youth Council

The Smoky Lake Youth Council (SLYC) is currently welcoming in new members! SLYC was launched in 2022 to give the youth (ages 12 to 19) a voice, support youth engagement at the community level and to create a community of peers to learn, share and grow together. SLYC allows youths to earn professional work experience and expertise, which involves skills in teamwork, communication, decision-making, leadership, as well as event planning logistics.

Through monthly meetings, the youth come together to connect and work together on planning youth-oriented

events. In 2022, SLYC members volunteered at multiple community wide events, hosted a “neon themed” youth dance, as well as participated in several development workshops. As we enter year 2 as a team, SLYC is looking forward to increasing the youth-oriented programs and events in the community.



“THE YOUTH OF TODAY ARE THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW.”  
~ Nelson Mandela

We also have a bold goal to establish a permanent Youth Centre. A Youth Centre designed to foster a welcoming space for learning, building relationships, having fun and accessing supports. SLYC will be driving fundraising initiatives across this year to help support this initiative, so please stay tuned as they start to make progress on this!

If you are a youth that resides within the Smoky Lake region and are interested in joining the team, please reach out to Rachelle at [fcss@smokylake.ca](mailto:fcss@smokylake.ca) or call 780-656-3674.

Our next meeting will be held on October 10th at Nekinan (4607 52nd Ave in Smoky Lake) from 12pm-3pm.

