



YOUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM BIG LAKES COUNTY  
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# BIG LAKES CONNECTIONS

**Annual County Barbeque**  
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**Career Opportunities**  
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**Speed Limit Amendment**  
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**Fire Hall Spotlight: Joussard**  
If you or anybody you know is interested in joining this dedicated crew pick up your application!

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## BIG LAKES DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

It's back to school time and Big Lakes County is gearing up for a busy fall. Kids are back in school on September 7<sup>th</sup>, the Annual County Barbeque is back October 1<sup>st</sup>, the Faust Youth program will be resuming this month, the Federal Elections are on September 20<sup>th</sup>, and we have our own Municipal Elections on October 18<sup>th</sup>!

### Annual County Barbeque

The County BBQ is back! Every year Big Lakes County hosts a BBQ for our ratepayers in June. However, the last two barbeques have been cancelled due to the pandemic. We are pleased to present a special fall edition of the Annual County BBQ!

**Where:** The County Office in High Prairie

**When:** Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Like previous years, Big Lakes County Council will be serving the public lunch from 11 am to 2 pm, there will be a giveaway and information table, as well as a Wall of Fame induction ceremony for our two nominees: Bryan and Sandy Heroux and Neil and Maureen Renneberg.

The Big Lakes Bus will be available on October 1st for County residents to attend the BBQ. Regular fees will be charged. Seats must be booked in advance. We hope to see you there!

### Back to School Safety

As school doors open, traffic gets a little heavier on our streets. People are back from holidays, school buses are on regular routes, and more people are walking, cycling or driving to school. Help everyone stay safe this school year!

#### 1. Observe School Zone Speeds

All school zones within Big Lakes County have a maximum speed limit of 30 kilometers per hour from Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for each day classes are scheduled.

#### 2. Watch for Darting Children

Kids are small and easily distracted, and for drivers, this can create dangerous situations on the roads. Be vigilant and alert behind the wheel. You never know when a small child might step out from between parked cars or off a sidewalk. Your fast reflexes might be needed to prevent an accident.

# DATES TO MARK IN YOUR CALENDARS



Labour Day (Admin & FCSS Offices Closed)  
Regular Council Meeting  
Municipal Planning Commission Meeting  
Regular Council Meeting

September 6<sup>th</sup>  
September 8<sup>th</sup>  
September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
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## Faust Youth Program

The Faust Youth program will be resuming in September. Registration is required. For more information contact Patsy at the Faust FCSS office at 780-355-3896 or visit our website at [biglakescounty.ca](http://biglakescounty.ca).

## Career Opportunities at the County

### Agricultural Fieldman

Reporting to the Director of Community & Protective Service, the Agricultural Fieldman is responsible for the planning, organizing, directing, controlling and evaluation of the Agriculture Services Operations.

### Receptionist

Big Lakes County is hiring a permanent full-time receptionist for our High Prairie Administration office. This individual is the primary point of contact and needs to have strong interpersonal, organizational and communication skills.

For more information on these positions visit our website.

## Protect Your Trash

Over the past several weeks, Big Lakes County has experienced an increase in vandalism and break-ins at the Regional Landfill and our transfer stations. To protect your trash, it is recommended that you shred anything that might have a Social Security number, birth date, signature, account number, password or a PIN number.

## Notice of Speed Limit Bylaw Amendment

Notice is hereby given that Big Lakes County intends to establish a maximum speed limit of 40 km/h for all highways within the boundaries of the Hamlet of Grouard and the Hamlet of Enilda. A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in the Big Lakes County Council Chambers. Anyone wishing to attend this hearing may do so.

For more information please contact Jordan Panasiuk, CAO at 780-523-5955 or visit our website.

## Public Notification of Borrowing Bylaw

Notice is hereby given to the electors of Big Lakes County that Council has given first reading to Borrowing Bylaw No. 16-2021 which will, upon final passage and approval, authorize Big Lakes County to borrow monies from the Province of Alberta by way of debenture issue. For more information visit our website.

## Safety Codes Service Provider

As of August 16th the new Safety Codes service provider for Big Lakes County is The Inspections Group ([inspectionsgroup.com](http://inspectionsgroup.com)). Superior Safety Codes Inc. will close out all open permits obtained through their agency prior to August 16, 2021.

## Fire Hall Spotlight: Jossard

The Jossard Fire District provides services to the Hamlet of Jossard and the surrounding area. Their fleet includes a tender apparatus, a rescue apparatus, and a brush truck. The Jossard tender is an important unit containing 7000L of water and is dispatched County-wide. As a rural fire department, Big Lakes County depends on tender units for additional water to support fire operations. Jossard also attends motor vehicle collisions and has full extrication equipment. The Jossard Fire District is at a critical point in their membership with only 6 active members. Response is typically dependent on 1 or 2 dedicated members. If you or anybody you know is interested in joining this dedicated crew, contact Jason Cottingham at [firechief@biglakescounty.ca](mailto:firechief@biglakescounty.ca) or stop by and pick up an application.

## Municipal Elections

If you are planning on running in the municipal election you must submit your nomination papers by noon on September 20th. The 2021 Municipal Election will be held in conjunction with the provincial referendum and senate election on **October 18th, 2021**. Find out important information including who can vote, I.D. requirements, and the polling location for each district on our website.

# SUMMER HOURS

Transfer Station summer hours - April 1 - Sept. 30

Big Lakes County Transfer Stations are open Wednesday & Sunday from 10am to 7pm.

The Regional Landfill is open Monday, Thursday & Saturday from 10am to 5pm.

Help keep our County clean by properly securing your load and bringing your waste to a Transfer Station or Regional Landfill.

If caught illegally dumping waste, residents can face fines. If you witness someone dumping illegally, write down as much information as you can and report it to Big Lakes County.

Please note: the Transfer Stations are closed Christmas Day. The Regional Landfill is closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Day, and Easter Sunday.