

# 2024 SPRING NEWSLETTER

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# Message from the Reeve

Hope everyone enjoyed the rather mild winter season. Here's hoping we have a beautiful summer as well. We always seem to be busy here at the County and there are a few things we have been working on that I'd like to update you on.

With the expected continuation of drought conditions this year we have been actively working to prepare plans and ensure we have sufficient fire fighting equipment and mutual aid agreements. It will be especially important that everyone is taking care to avoid grass fires and watching the weather conditions. Expect there to be fire bans for much of the summer and maybe buy a propane firepit before they sell out if you still want to have that recreational fire while you are camping! We will soon be participating in a full scale mock incident with our emergency response team to help with our emergency preparedness for the upcoming fire season. This effort will ensure that we have experienced staff in the event of a disaster situation requiring evacuation.

As you may be aware, this year we have started the process of rewriting our current Land Use Bylaw. There have already been some preliminary citizen engagements with many more to come throughout

the summer. We have staggered the events so that if you are away for the first round we will be back in the area a few weeks later. Initial survey responses have shown that there is appetite to reduce the regulations and restrictions which would allow more uses within each zoning. There is also significant concerns that we continue to protect the environment as well as farming operations. With this in mind, we will continue to develop a draft bylaw so that we can present some language and general concepts in our next round of engagements. Your feedback is critically important as we move forward and Council is open to hear your vision for what it should look like. No decision will be made until after we first hold open houses on the proposed draft, subsequently make revisions based upon that feedback and finally hold a public hearing to see if we got it right. For more information please see page 16.

For the regular readers, you might remember that I've been teasing you about some upcoming announcements for quite some time. At long last I'm finally able to announce a major project that we have been looking into for many years: alternative waste management practices. Obviously, simply hauling garbage to the landfill and burying it is not a great plan nor is it

sustainable. It is messy, it sterilizes land indefinitely, and it permanently takes valuable resources out of circulation. We have investigated diversion programs such as expanded recycling options but that is where we ran into problem number one, it was cost prohibitive. Next, we looked at waste to energy where you essentially burn the garbage in a power plant to make energy. Burning garbage comes with its own set of problems and is also cost prohibitive. Then we looked at pyrolysis and other technologies. Here we found something that could work. Breaking down materials into their base form to be reused is the ultimate solution in a resource hungry world. Negotiation proceeded with a couple different companies, and we were very close to announcing a deal but the closer we got the more we realized that there had to be a better option. The main issue we found was similar to one of the issues with conventional recycling, that being the sorting and cleaning of materials. Lots of companies are interested in taking the high value plastics and tires but they are not feasible and proven when dealing with the entirety of municipal waste streams. That is until we started talking to Sustane Technologies out of Chester Nova Scotia. This is a company I first heard about at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference back in 2018. It was in the early stages of

development and had yet to prove itself as a solution. Fast forward to today, they have been operating a full scale 70k tonne per year processing plant that takes municipal waste and automates the process of recycling nearly everything you throw into it. They use a variety of proven technologies in their operations to separate the waste into various streams that can then be processed and sold back into the market. Ultimately they achieve 90% diversion from the landfill and convert it into usable value-added products. Best part of all is that with the proper scale, this technology is now cost competitive to typical landfill costs. We are very proud to partner with Sustane in exploring the feasibility of locating a facility within the County of Wetaskiwin. With special thanks to our Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Scott MacDougall P.Eng, for making the introductions, Council is committed to pursuing this opportunity and look forward to the many benefits this will bring.

Well that's all the space I have for this message so I'll leave it there and wish everyone a great spring and summer.

— Reeve

*Josh Bishop*





# Agriculture

# Agricultural Services

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## Pest Control

### Richardson Ground Squirrel (RGS) Control - aka 'gophers'

In 2023, Health Canada cancelled the registration of strychnine for RGS control, which means you can no longer buy or use it in Canada. That leaves the question: what else can I do? An Integrated Pest Management approach is always the best bet for maximum effect. Poisons are likely the best way to initially deal with large infestations. Options include: Rozol and Ramik Green, multi feeding anti-coagulants requiring the use of bait stations; also Oat Bait, a single feeding asphyxiant. Ask about these products at your local farm supply store. Read instructions carefully and always follow directions for use of all poisons. Only use registered control products. With all poisons, timing is key! Results are best when RGS first emerge (March & April), up until green up. After green up, bait uptake drops off drastically. For smaller infestations or after poison use, consider trapping, shooting (if allowed in your area), or hiring a professional certified to use fumigants such as Phostoxin or Rocon. Also consider encouraging natural predators like coyotes, foxes and hawks.

## Beaver Dam Removal

The County hires a trapper each year for the removal of beaver, the destruction of beaver dams, and unplugging culverts affecting County infrastructure. Blasting may occur as early as April and continue until mid-November or freeze-up. If a road allowance is affected due to beaver activity on private land(s), trapping of beaver and blasting beaver dams may take place provided proper written permission is obtained.



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## Mountain Pine Beetle

The prime objective of the Mountain Pine Beetle (MPB) Municipal Grant Program has consistently been to address the MPB infestations in municipalities with a high risk and to support control efforts on provincial lands. Given we are now considered "extremely low risk of spread" within the region, the County of Wetaskiwin will not qualify for grant funding this season.

The County will still provide support and available resources to ratepayers who've had or suspect they have mountain pine beetle in their trees. If you are wanting to continue to protect your pine trees and wish to purchase verbenone pouches this year, please contact the Horticulturist or Director of Agricultural Services to place an order and discuss payment options.



## Roadside Spraying

In 2023, spraying roadside ditches on all range roads south of Highway 13 in the County was completed on July 22, 2023. On behalf of Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors, the County sprayed all Alberta Highways east of Highway 795 except Highway 2 and 2A. In 2024, the County will be spraying all Township (East/West) roads within its' boundaries.

For future information, please contact Stephen Majek, Director of Agricultural Services at 780.361.6226.

## Roadside Mowing

There are 2400 miles of grass to be mowed in the ditches beside County roads. A Contractor mows approximately 1200 miles while the County mows the other 1200 miles themselves. This program starts in July and is completed by the end of September.

### Mowing Subdivisions, Hamlets, Transfer Stations, Lagoons, and Select County Properties

The County mows all Subdivisions, Hamlets, Transfer Stations, Lagoons, and other select County Properties once per year using a 10' mower. This program starts at the beginning of July and is completed by the end of August.

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April 1- October 31*

## Drought Resources for Agriculture

Impacts of drought are far reaching, and everyone can help do their part. The risk of drought and water shortages are present throughout the province and effects include:

- Economic loss in agriculture and associated industries
- Water restrictions
- Stress or death of vegetation, fish, and wildlife
- Increased forest fire risk

Visit [alberta.ca/drought](https://alberta.ca/drought) to explore a thorough overview of the provincial risk response, current condition, what the government is doing, how you can help and more.

Agriculture is an important economic driver throughout the region. Learn more about farming in dry conditions at [alberta.ca/farming-in-dry-conditions](https://alberta.ca/farming-in-dry-conditions) and other topics ranging from planning and preparation, insurance, stress management, programs and services, wildfires and much more. The Ag-Info Centre can also help direct and connect you to the resources listed by calling **310-FARM (3276)** or emailing [310farm@gov.ab.ca](mailto:310farm@gov.ab.ca) with your questions.

Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation fact sheet “Drought-proofing Farm Water Supplies” is one of many resources accessed from the above links and provides an outline for planning. A good understanding of water requirements and source options is a key first step!

## Preparing Your Property Against Drought and Wildfire Risks

With a dry spring predicted for 2024 there are many things you can do to manage your landscape and help reduce the risk of wildfire spread this season. Dead and dry plant matter make excellent fuel and starter for fire. Prune out old dried branches, twigs, remove dead trees and/or shrubs from the landscape.

Be mindful of plant materials right up against or adjacent to the house and the risk they could potentially pose. Choose plants that are appropriate for your location and water availability. If you don't have easy access to water you may want to consider other options like recycling grey water, collecting rain water, or installing a dug out or pond nearby. As pretty as some annual flowers are, you may want to forgo them this year in favor of something edible or more drought tolerant.



## Weed Inspection

Under the Provincial Legislation known as the *Weed Control Act*, the County of Wetaskiwin has been delegated the authority by the Province of Alberta to inspect, and enforce weed management within its boundaries. The Service Board employs Weed Inspectors from May until September to complete these inspections and issue Weed Inspection Reports or Weed Notices, as required. The Agricultural Service Board will be inspecting properties in Divisions 1,2,5,6 and 7.

The County of Wetaskiwin along with Clearwater County are co-hosting a Weed Workshop on **May 15 from 7-9:00 p.m. in Buck Lake**. Attendees will hear and learn about the top 10 weeds in the area as well as control methods and potential herbicide options. Attendees will also be able to purchase herbicides for weed control from Clearwater County at a discounted rate.



**Are you a producer looking to create landscape changes?**

ALUS helps you fund management fencing, wetlands, native prairie and other projects.

Over 1,600 farmers and ranchers have enrolled 38,000 acres of land with ALUS.

JOIN US



**For more information, contact your local ALUS program coordinator:**

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The ALUS program was built by farmers and is a model that can grow and easily fit into local community needs. ALUS supports farmers and ranchers to increase or enhance natural areas on their farms which provide solutions to local environmental challenges. The ALUS program shares project establishment costs and provides annual acre payments for ongoing project stewardship. The program is voluntary and projects are farmer-driven.

Since the ALUS Wetaskiwin-Leduc program began in 2016, ALUS has contributed nearly \$415,000 to support local program delivery. At the end of 2023, ALUS Wetaskiwin-Leduc had 45 participants with 1243 acres enrolled.

Projects in our community have local impact and provide solutions to global concerns. ALUS projects can help improve water quality, mitigate flood and drought, protect from biodiversity loss and help offset various effects of a variable climate. If you want to learn more about how the ALUS Wetaskiwin-Leduc program might work for your farm, contact the Sustainable Agriculture Coordinator at **780.387.6182** or email [kbarkwell@county10.ca](mailto:kbarkwell@county10.ca).

### Some Benefits of Natural Infrastructure



**Mitigates Floods and Droughts**  
Pumps water from a waterbody and carry it to a trough some distance away. Cleaner water for livestock and downstream users.



**Extends Life of Built or "grey" Infrastructure**  
Such as floodways, culverts, bridges, and water treatment plants.



**Retains and Filters Water**  
After flooding, which replenishes groundwater and cleans drinking water.



**Sequesters Carbon**  
Into wetland and riparian areas.



**Improves Biodiversity**  
By providing fish and wildlife habitat.

### Examples of agricultural-based natural infrastructure used by ALUS



**Off-Stream Waterers**

Pumps water from a waterbody and carry it to a trough some distance away. Cleaner water for livestock and downstream users.



**Grass Buffers**

Areas of seeded permanent cover. Help to trap and filter excess sediment and nutrients, as well as slow water runoff.



**Riparian Fences**

Keeps livestock away from waterbodies. Filters excess sediment and nutrients, slows water runoff, prevents bank erosion and soil compaction.



This project manages livestock access to the riparian area using temporary electric fencing. Pictures tell a story over time.



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**Community**




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## You are invited to the Wetaskiwin Open House!

### When

Thursday, May 9, 2024  
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### Where

Located at the County Office across from the Reynolds Alberta Museum

### What

Free BBQ  
Prizes  
Fun for the whole family

## You are invited to the Buck Lake Open House!

### When

Wednesday, August 21, 2024  
Tax Collection:  
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Open House:  
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### What

Free BBQ  
Prizes  
Fun for the whole family

### Where

Located at the Buck Lake Community Hall

# LUB

## Land Use Bylaw Review & Update



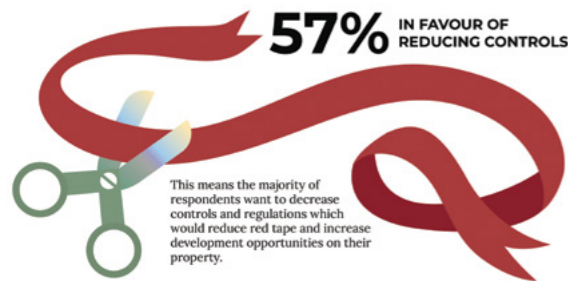
### Where is the County at with the Land Use Bylaw Review and Update?

The Project Team, comprised of County Planning and Development Staff, V3 Consulting, and the Planning and Economic Development Committee, has been working diligently on reviewing and updating every aspect of the Land Use Bylaw (LUB). Key to the review has been the feedback received from a Council Workshop in September, the Educational Roadshows in November, and the responses to the Fall Survey. In all over 240 surveys were submitted! Thanks to everyone that took the time to complete the survey and contribute to the project. It is important that the changes to the LUB reflect the current interests and values of the community.

### What areas of the LUB is the Review and Update focusing on?

At the Council Workshop in September 2023, the Project Team gathered Council's input on opportunities, challenges, and priorities for the LUB. The themes identified during the session served as the basis for the Educational Roadshow and influenced the questions included in the survey and have informed the review and update of the LUB. Below are just a few of the themes and areas of focus the Team has been working on.

### Reduce red tape and increase economic development opportunities



The review has focused on improving the bylaw by: simplifying and making development permit application requirements clearer which results in faster approvals; making more uses permitted in each Land Use District thereby giving more certainty to applicants proposing to develop; and finding ways of creating more economic development opportunities such as considering not requiring permits for home businesses that have no impact on neighbouring properties.

#### Survey Comments:

"Speaking only for the larger rural acreage residential properties, I strongly support greatly decreased rules and controls, it is your land, and you should be able to do what you want to do on your own land, at the least, a faster permitting process, less paperwork and less red tape by minimizing safety standards and inspections on low level developments like decks, sheds, greenhouses, sea cans, small garages/shops."

"I feel that bylaws involve restrictions and mandates are overkill on small business land use to the point that these requirements make it unaffordable and the time investment so intensive that it makes it incredibly difficult to get approvals."

### Greater flexibility in housing types

The survey revealed **77% of respondents supported** allowing modular/manufactured homes anywhere traditional homes are allowed, and 53% supported mobile homes that met CSA standards.

The review has focused allowing stick built, mobile, modular, and moved on dwellings as a permitted use in all residential districts provided they meet current building code and CSA standards.

#### Survey Comments:

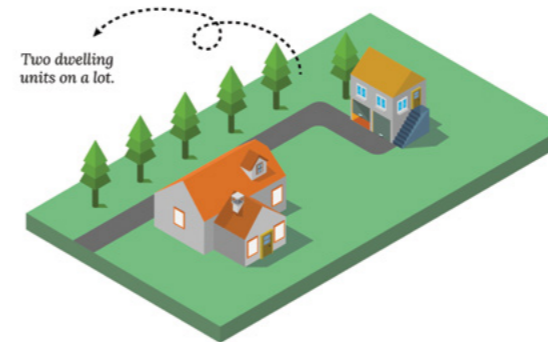
"Happy to see this being looked at, housing has become so expensive and is also a basic right. Need to think outside of the traditional housing box so more people have a chance to have a space to call home."

"Many, many people are left out because they cannot afford to build. So trailers are an alternative on private lands or lots. As long as water, sewer, electricity safety codes are met, along with yard and land maintenance are carried out."

### Increase number of dwelling units on a lot

**66% of survey respondent supported** allowing 2 dwelling units per lot (garage suite, basement suites, secondary homes, etc).

In the current bylaw, one dwelling is permitted on a parcel. The Team is considering allowing two dwellings on a residential parcel and 3 or more on larger agricultural parcels.



#### Survey Comments:

"I think that allowing ADUs (Additional Dwelling Units) in more residential zoning contexts would be a positive step, subject to other facets of general land use considerations, such as the size of the subject lot, interference with neighbours, appropriate road and emergency access, etc."

"Land use is too restricted, more than one permanent house should be allowed on lots, acreage over 20 acres."

## Balance development and environmental sensitivity around lakes

Many comments in the survey were related to the protection of lakes and watersheds.

The County has many plans that address the environment, particularly around the lakes, ie. Municipal Development Plan, Pigeon Lake North Intermunicipal Development Plan, Watershed Management Plans, etc. The review by the Team will be to align the implementation of LUB related environmental regulations with those overarching plans.

### Survey Comments:

“Protect the environment, protect the lakes from pollution.”

“I strongly recommend that the County maintain and enforce the Watershed Protection Bylaw designation around sensitive and vital watershed environments such as Battle Lake.”

## Address use of recreational vehicles on privately held recreation land for temporary accommodation

59% of respondents **agreed** and another 17% were **neutral** on allowing 1 RV. The results shifted to **48% agreeing** and 17% **neutral** for up to 2 RVs on a lot.

The rules regulating private use of RVs in the current bylaw are complicated, confusing, and are difficult to enforce. The goal of the Team is to find a balance that supports the use of RVs on privately owned land during peak seasons without impacting year round residents.

### Survey Comments:

“I am very unhappy with the present rv bylaw. Too restrictive and divisive.”

“Having RVs in a community of houses is not a good fit as the seasonal people are the ones with disregard for the bylaws and for the full time residents. They treat the area as lakeside recreational while it is zoned as lakeside residential. They bring no benefit to the community as they bring supplies from the cities they reside in and do not support the businesses in the community like the full time residents.”

## Enforcement appears to be inconsistent and arbitrary

Many of the comments received from the survey were concerned with enforcement, either not enough or too much, and how it is conducted.

Currently, due to limited resources, enforcement is practiced on a complaint only system. The Team is exploring various approaches to address the concerns of enforcement.

### Survey Comments:

“Enforce it better instead of going on complaint base which causes neighbours to record and tell on each other instead have bylaw do their job drive around and check out properties.”

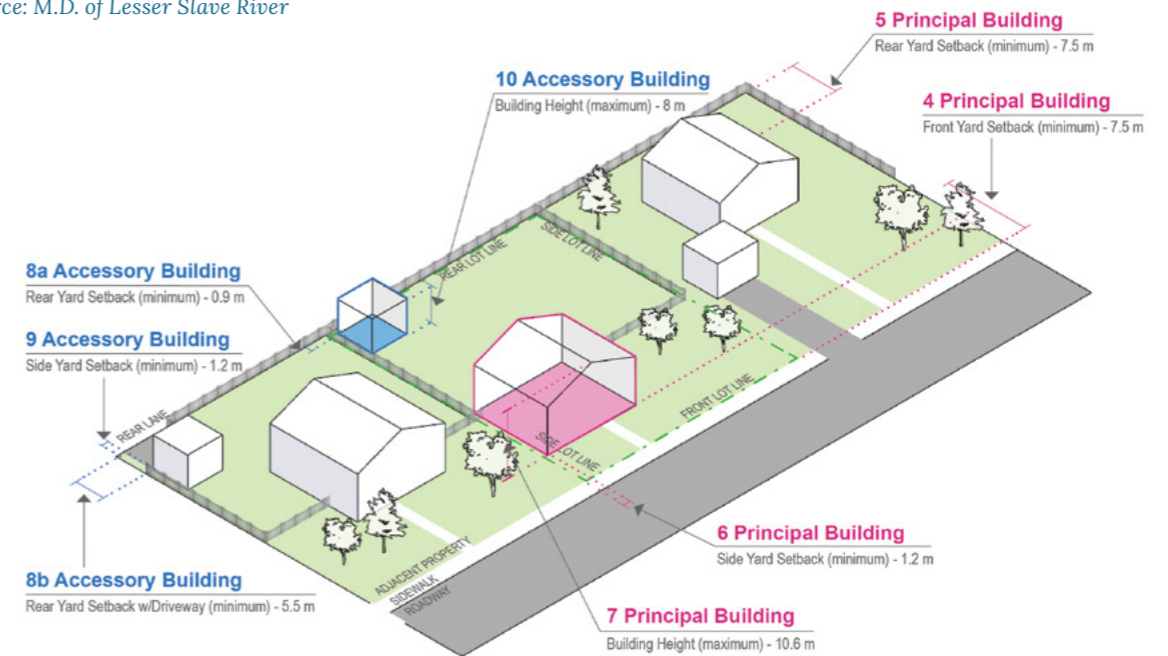
“Your biggest issue is you don't enforce your bylaws consistently.”

## What is being done to make the LUB easier to read and understand?

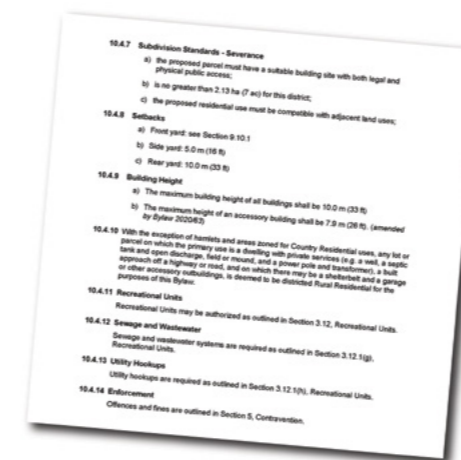
One of the main goals of the LUB Rewrite is to make the document more user-friendly and easier to understand. To do this, the draft LUB will include images and diagrams to provide a clear picture of the intent of a use and how regulation are to be interpreted.

For example, the following diagram outlines the placement of buildings on a lot in a residential district.

Source: M.D. of Lesser Slave River



Adding table to the Bylaw can make it easy to find and compare regulations.



Current LUB Format

	REGULATION	PROVISION
<b>5.3.2.1 SITE DEVELOPMENT</b>		
a.	Parcel Area (minimum)	
	un serviced	1858.0 m <sup>2</sup> (20,000 ft <sup>2</sup> )
	if there is either municipally supplied water or wastewater service	929.0 m <sup>2</sup> (10,000 ft <sup>2</sup> )
	if there is municipally supplied water and wastewater service	450.0 m <sup>2</sup> (4843.8 ft <sup>2</sup> )
b.	Parcel Width (minimum)	
	un serviced	30 m (98.4 ft)
	if there is either municipally supplied water or wastewater service	21.3 m (70.0 ft)
	if there is municipally supplied water and wastewater service	15.2 m (50.0 ft)
c.	Site Coverage (maximum) (All buildings need to note)	40%
<b>5.3.2.2 DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS</b>		
a.	Dwelling Density (maximum)	2 dwelling units per parcel
b.	Recreation Unit, Temporary Accommodation	2 dwelling units per parcel
c.	Recreation Unit, Private Storage	2 dwelling units per parcel

Proposed LUB Format

## Where to from here?

Phase 5 is just around the corner!

Phase 5 is where we will present the areas the Project Team has been focusing on and refining in order to gather and gain further input from you! Your input will guide us in the final revisions of the draft.

We are hitting the road again this summer! Four LUB open house events are planned as follows:

<p><b>July 16, 2024</b>                  Location: Wetaskiwin Ag Society                  Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m</p>	<p><b>July 17, 2024</b>                  Location: Winfield Ag Society                  Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m</p>
<p><b>August 20, 2024</b>                  Location: Mulhurst Bay Community Hall                  Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m</p>	<p><b>August 22, 2024</b>                  Location: Alder Flats Community Ag Society                  Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m</p>

*We look forward to seeing you!*



## How do I stay informed?

The County of Wetaskiwin is committed to engaging with the community throughout the entire rewrite process, ensuring that residents have the opportunity to contribute their insights. For more information and to stay up-to-date on the Land Use Bylaw rewrite project, please visit the project website:

[www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/LUB-Review](http://www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/LUB-Review) or send your questions to [lubreview@county10.ca](mailto:lubreview@county10.ca)

**SCAN HERE TO REGISTER**

**BABYSITTING COURSE**

Winfield Hall – June 17, 2024  
 Wetaskiwin Ag Society "Barn" – July 8, 2024  
 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
 COST \$20.00

Open to Ages 12+ or turning 12 within 6 months.  
 Maximum 9 Registrants per session.  
**LUNCH NOT PROVIDED**

ONLINE REGISTRATION AT  
 WWW.CONFIDENCECOURSES.CA  
 FOR INFORMATION CONTACT  
 PH. 780-352-3321 OR  
 FCSSADMIN@COUNTY10.CA

**SCAN HERE TO REGISTER**

**HOME ALONE COURSE**

Winfield Hall – June 18, 2024  
 Wetaskiwin Ag Society "Barn" – July 9, 2024  
 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
 COST \$20.00

Open to Ages 9+  
 Maximum 9 Registrants per session.

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**Visit a Library Today!**

The county is home to these great resources which offer unlimited information and ongoing programming.

**Alder Flats Buck Lake**  
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**Winfield Community**  
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 ☎ 780-682-2498  
 📍 Winfield Community Library

To watch for upcoming programs, please like and follow the Library's Facebook pages!

**Free! Seniors Day**

A full day workshop to celebrate our seniors!  
 Enjoy some great speakers and a lot of laughs!  
**Lunch is provided.**

**June 5, 2024**  
 Breton Community Centre  
 9:30AM–3:00PM

Register with one of the following:

**Breton & Area FCSS**  
 ✉ fcss@breton.ca  
 ☎ 780-696-3636

**Warburg FCSS**  
 ✉ fcss@warburg.ca  
 ☎ 780-848-2828

**County of Wetaskiwin FCSS**  
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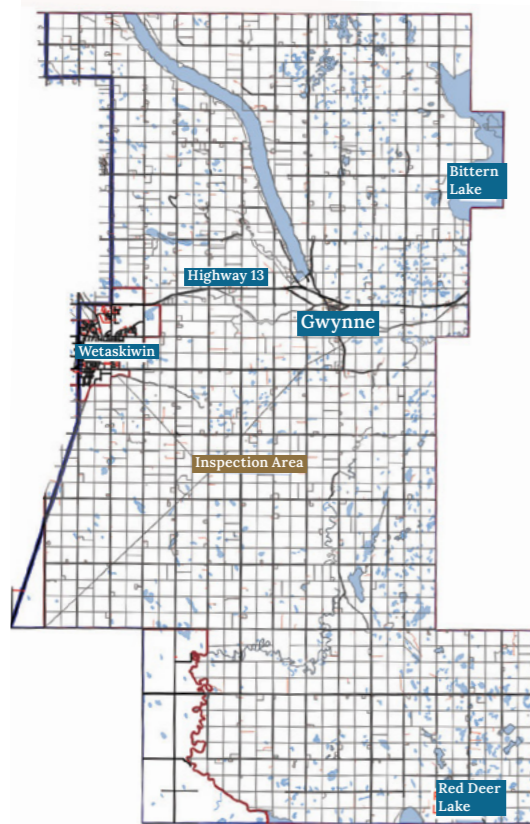
**Registrations CLOSE June 1, 2024**



# 03

## Financial

# Assessment Map



The County of Wetaskiwin re-inspects all properties on a five-year cycle based on best practice requirements as set out by Alberta Municipal Affairs Assessment Services Branch. Shown on the map are the respective areas for 2024 inspection. Additionally, a request for information has been mailed out to the 2024 re-inspection area in the winter of 2024 to expedite the inspection process. Annual inspections (reviewing new and progressive construction) are also being conducted throughout the County. The County requests your co-operation in assisting the assessors with any information necessary to complete the assessments or re-assessments in your area. All County staff will always carry identification which may be asked for if there is any question. Should you have any questions please contact Rene Boutin, Director of Assessment at **780.361.6233**.

# Customer Self-Service

## Tax/Assessment & Utilities Account

To register for your online account, please scan the QR code or visit: [www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/275/Register-for-My-Account-Access](http://www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/275/Register-for-My-Account-Access)

You can register to see your Tax/Assessment and Utility account information, including property details, assessments, improvements, balances, service summaries, billing, usage, and outstanding balances.



# UAPP

Utility Auto Payment Plan

Bill Run Month(s)	Bill Mailed By	Auto Payment Date
January & February	End of February	<b>March 30<sup>th</sup></b>
March & April	End of April	<b>May 30<sup>th</sup></b>
May & June	End of June	<b>July 30<sup>th</sup></b>
July & August	End of August	<b>September 30<sup>th</sup></b>
September & October	End of October	<b>November 30<sup>th</sup></b>
November & December	End of December	<b>January 30<sup>th</sup></b>

UAPP is a plan that enables you to pay your bill from the County of Wetaskiwin for water, sewer, and waste collection through an electronic transfer from your bank account. Bi-monthly (as per schedule above), your account will be debited. You will be charged the actual utility charges for 2 months.

**Utility Auto Payment (UAPP) Schedule**  
To register, please fill out the on-line form at: [www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/uapp](http://www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/uapp) or for more information, email [utility@county10.ca](mailto:utility@county10.ca) or phone **780.352.3321 ext. 2287**.

## Coming Soon: E-Transfer Payment

E-transfer payments will soon be available for programs, events, and permits. Keep an eye on the County's website and Facebook page for further details.

## 3 Steps to Register for Utility E-Billing

- 1. Visit:** [www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/e-billing](http://www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/e-billing)
- 2. Fill out the online form** (have your utility account number ready)
- 3. Click submit!** Your next utility invoice will be sent to the email you provide and no longer mailed.

### IMPORTANT

Customers who choose to receive a paper utility invoice instead of an electronic bill (e-bill) will be required to pay a fee of \$2.00 per utility invoice, starting May 2024.

### Reasons to Switch to E-billing

- Same look as paper bill, but more secure
- Easily download for other uses
- Better for the environment
- Safe, convenient, contact-less

### Questions?

P: 780.352.3321 or E: [utility@county10.ca](mailto:utility@county10.ca)

# Council Salaries 2023

Division	Salary	Benefits/Allowances	Total
1	54,876.96	14,380.80	69,257.76
2	54,876.96	14,380.80	69,257.76
3	54,876.96	15,024.57	69,901.53
4	78,750.00	12,268.06	91,018.06
5	54,876.96	14,380.80	69,257.76
6	59,990.00	15,696.20	75,686.20
7	54,876.96	15,024.57	69,901.53
	<b>413,124.80</b>	<b>101,155.80</b>	<b>514,280.60</b>



## Discover the guidance you need for your business journey with JEDI

JEDI, a vibrant non-profit organization, is committed to fostering Economic Development in the County of Wetaskiwin. We arm businesses and agricultural producers in the region with vital tools for prosperity. Stay updated on upcoming seminars, events, funding opportunities, and business resources by visiting our website or reaching out to us via phone or email.

### Empowering Local Businesses Through our Business Visitation Program

Recognizing the pivotal role of existing businesses in our community's economic health, we're proactively engaging in our Business Visitation Program this spring/summer. Through this ongoing initiative, we gather insights to understand local businesses' needs and perceptions of the business environment in the County of Wetaskiwin. Contact our office to schedule a visitation for your business.



### Exciting Events on the Horizon

Join us for our annual Ag Forum held each Fall, featuring expert speakers discussing pertinent agriculture topics tailored to our region's farmers. Additionally, we're collaborating with Family & Community Support Services and the Do More Ag Foundation to host a mental health workshop titled "Talk Ask Listen" at Lakedell Hall. Follow us on social media or sign up for email updates for event dates & details as they become available.

### Updated Resources & Data Page

Explore our revamped Resources & Data page for a wealth of information on business resources, grants, training centers, research facilities, and more. Your go-to hub for everything business awaits at [jedialberta.com/resources-data](http://jedialberta.com/resources-data).

### Celebrating Excellence in Our Community

Congratulations to Edmonton International Raceway for winning the Legacy Businesses of the Year Award at The Leduc, Nisku & Wetaskiwin Regional Chamber Awards! This accolade celebrates your remarkable dedication and contributions to our community and the sport of racing over the past 55 years. Top Canadian NASCAR Stock Car Racers come to Edmonton International Raceway July 27th for the NASCAR Canada NAPA 300. Visit [www.edmonton-raceway.com](http://www.edmonton-raceway.com) for tickets to this and other exhilarating events this race season!

We're also pleased to have sponsored the Agricultural & Food Business of the Year Award, presented to Wetaskiwin Cooperative Association. Their commitment to community support is commendable. The Co-op's contributions create jobs, improve facilities, and support local groups, making the Wetaskiwin region a better place. Visit them at their locations in the City of Wetaskiwin and Falun.

### Connect with Us

For more information, visit [www.jedialberta.com](http://www.jedialberta.com), email us at [cthompson@jedialberta.com](mailto:cthompson@jedialberta.com), or call 780.361.6232. Follow us on social media @JEDIAAlberta for the latest updates.

# Sustane News Release



## County of Wetaskiwin and Sustane Technologies Partner for Groundbreaking Waste Initiative

For Immediate Release – Wetaskiwin, Alberta – The County of Wetaskiwin and Nova Scotia based Sustane Technologies Inc. proudly announce a collaborative venture which will increase sustainability and drive economic growth by transforming waste into valuable resources. This partnership will adapt Sustane’s award winning and proven technologies specifically for Alberta and will set a precedent as the first end to end circular waste solution of its kind in the Province. “The Sustane Technologies’ project represents a significant opportunity for the County of Wetaskiwin to lead in innovative waste management solutions,” said Josh Bishop, Reeve of the County of Wetaskiwin. “This project not only fosters economic development but also strengthens our commitment to environmental objectives, aligning with our vision for long-term sustainability.”

Sustane technologies Inc. offers a proprietary clean technology that takes non-source separated municipal solid waste (MSW), separates it into components and converts it into needed resources such as fertilizer and fuel products. This project aims for up to 90% diversion

and recovery rate of MSW from landfills, which will significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2-3 tonnes for every tonne of waste produced. This technology will dramatically reduce reliance on landfills and decrease greenhouse gases.

Sustane produces premium outputs such as the CFIA-certified GroBoost Fertilizer, created from primarily paper-derived materials, that can improve soil health while minimizing chemical runoff. Additionally, by integrating agricultural and other waste plastics into its processes, this initiative promotes both economic growth and environmental sustainability, aligning with the County of Wetaskiwin’s efforts to enhance municipal waste management and support our agricultural community.

“We are pleased to partner with a forward-thinking community like the County of Wetaskiwin,” said Peter Vinnall, CEO of Sustane. “When you combine our leading-edge technology and the County’s innovative view of waste as an opportunity, it delivers new sources of clean, low-cost feedstock for renewable natural gas, or

other applications while not only reducing the carbon footprint but also showing a commitment to building a better environment for citizens.”

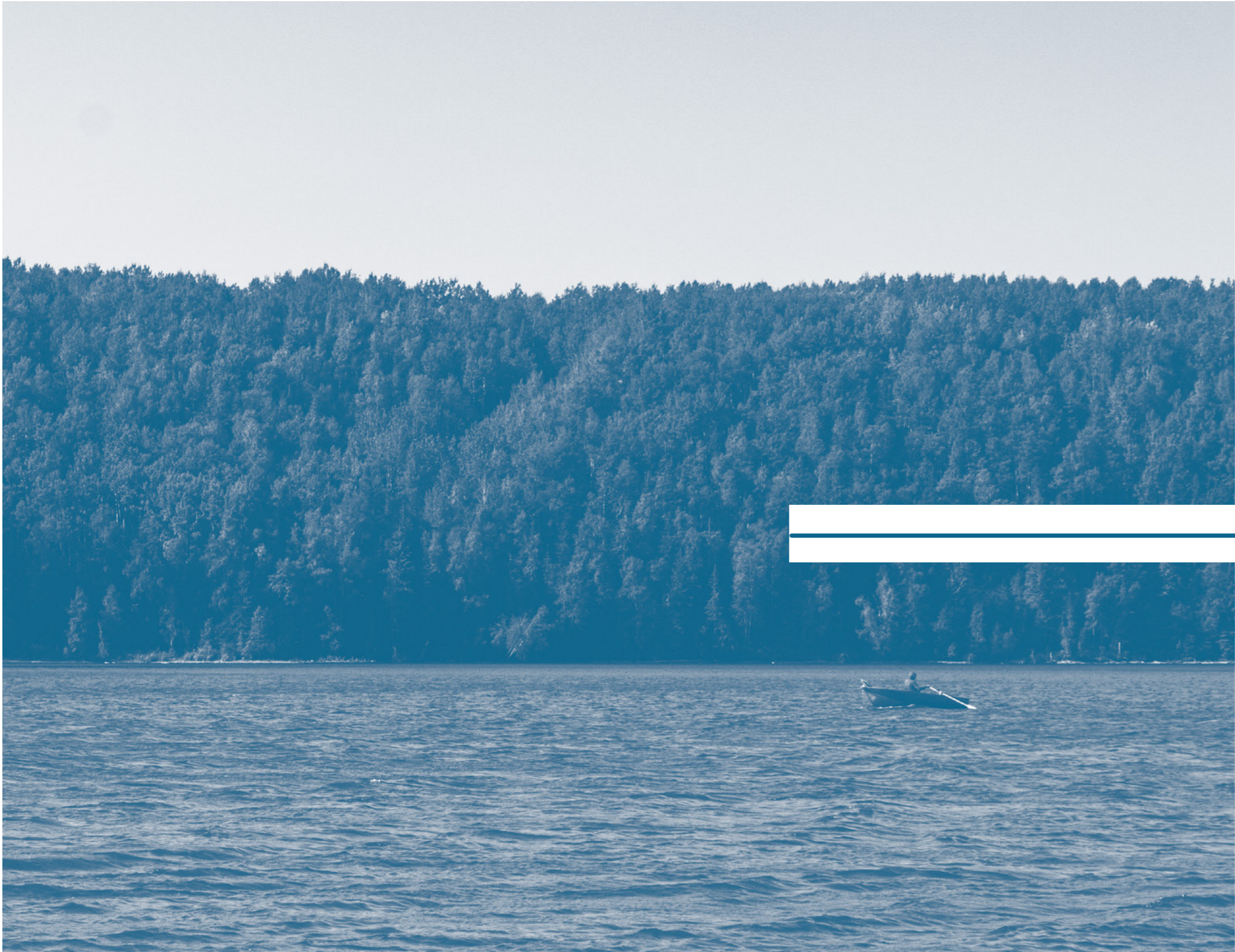
This project is poised to deliver economic benefits by creating 30-35 local jobs in technical and maintenance roles, underscoring its contribution to the community’s economic development. Understanding the importance of community input and support, early and proactive engagement efforts are underway to align the project with local values and priorities. The initiative will also seek collaboration with regional stakeholders and pursue provincial and federal funding to further enhance its feasibility and reduce operational costs.

### About Sustane Technologies Inc.

Sustane is a Canadian cleantech company that uses a mechanized proprietary process to recycle landfill destined household waste for use as low carbon fuels, feedstocks for production of renewable natural gas (RNG), agricultural fertilizers and in the production of plastics. By circularizing these landfill destined streams, Sustane aims to materially reduce greenhouse gas emissions, while reducing cost of disposal for communities it supports.







# Recreational

# Investing in Twin Lakes



The County of Wetaskiwin is actively investigating a variety of ways to support and enhance recreational opportunities within our unique and diverse community.

As part of this initiative, the County of Wetaskiwin is excited to announce the start of construction on the first phase of the new parking lot at Twin Lakes. This development is a direct response to the increased number of day users visiting the area, aiming to significantly reduce congestion and enhance safety, thus minimizing liability risks for the County.

Please note that the parking lot will have an hourly or daily fee system, facilitated by the “Hot Spot” parking service for convenient payments. The exact rates will be established and shared soon.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we strive to enhance your Twin Lakes experience. Stay tuned for further updates on the project’s progress and additional announcements as the County explores ways to further improve recreational opportunities at Twin Lakes.

## Online Bookings Coming Soon!

The County of Wetaskiwin will be accepting online booking through *Let's Camp* for the following Municipal Campgrounds:

- Battle Lake Municipal Campground
- Buck Lake Municipal Campground
- Coal Lake Municipal Campground
- Mound Red Municipal Campground
- Red Deer Lake Municipal Campground
- Twin Lakes Municipal Campground

Watch our website or sign up for a newsflash to stay informed!

LETSCAMP.CA

COUNTY.WETASKIWIN.AB.CA

## KIDS CAN CATCH EVENT

Connecting kids to nature by showing them the proper way to bait a hook and what to do once a fish has been caught. This event will teach kids how to properly care for Alberta’s fish and our future.

**Location:** Mound Red Park

**Date & Time:** TBA

Watch our website at [county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca](http://county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca) and follow our Facebook Page for further details

**Cost:** FREE



**County of Wetaskiwin No. 10**

**2024 CAMPING COUPON**

One (1) Night of Camping FREE (No Cash Value)

Redeemable for County of Wetaskiwin Residents at Municipal Parks including:

Battle Lake Park	Mound Red Park
Buck Lake Park	Red Deer Lake Park
Coal Lake South Park	Twin Lakes Park

**BOOKINGS MADE ONLINE AT [LESCAMP.CA](http://LESCAMP.CA)**

**CALL THE OFFICE AT 780-352-3321**

**FOR PROMO CODE**

# Campgrounds

Online reservations available through [letsocamp.ca](https://letsocamp.ca)



## Battle Lake

20077A TWP RD 462A

**Attendant:** Carson Colby – 780.232.1203

- \$29/night
- Boating & Fishing
- No Hook Ups
- Trailer Dumping
- Pay Showers
- Restrooms
- Wood (\$10.00 per bag)



## Buck Lake

710 Lakeshore Drive East

**Attendant:** Andrew Comely – 780.241.0627

- \$29/night
- Fishing
- No Hook Ups
- Trailer Dumping
- Pay Showers
- Restrooms
- Wood (\$10.00 per bag)



## Coal Lake South

764070 HWY 822

**Attendant:** Rhonda Morgan – 780.312.3012

- \$27/night
- Boat Launch
- Fishing
- No Hook Ups
- Restrooms
- Wood (\$10.00 per bag)

All County of Wetaskiwin Parks accept cash or cheque only on site.

Please visit [www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca](http://www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca) for more Parks and Recreation information.



## Mound Red

281077B TWP RD 452

**Attendant:** Greg Buck – 780.216.1141

- \$27/night
- Trout Fishing
- No Hook Ups
- Group Camping
- No Motor Boats
- Wood (\$10.00 per bag)



## Red Deer Lake

440050 RGE RD 222A

**Attendant:** TBA – 780.352.3321

- \$24/night
- Boat Launch
- No Hook Ups
- Trailer Dumping
- Wood (\$10.00 per bag)



## Twin Lakes

461034B RGE RD 33A

**Attendant:** Carson Colby – 780.232.1203

- \$27/night
- Fishing
- No Hook Ups
- No Motor Boats
- Playground
- Wood (\$10.00 per bag)



## Services

# Fire Services

## Protect Our Community: Fire Safety & Prevention in 2024

With Alberta facing warmer temperatures and lower than average rainfall, our region is at an increased risk for wildfires. The County of Wetaskiwin is actively preparing for this potential by working closely with provincial agencies, improving our emergency resources, and encouraging the community to help prevent wildfires. The County is enhancing its emergency response by updating mutual aid agreements, auditing emergency supplies, adding new firefighting equipment, ensuring ample water sources, and improving coordination through meetings with provincial entities and neighboring municipalities.

The County of Wetaskiwin urges each resident to actively participate in fire prevention and preparedness. By safeguarding our properties and staying well-informed through available resources, we can collectively reduce the threat of wildfires. Remember, the choices we make can significantly alter the outcome of the wildfire season.

### Key Guidelines for Residents:

- **Exercise Caution:** Be extremely careful in forested areas. Avoid burning during warm, dry, and windy conditions to prevent accidental wildfires.
- **Stay Informed:** Keeping up-to-date with local fire bans and restrictions is vital. Human actions caused over 60% of last season's wildfires; by staying informed, we can reduce these numbers significantly.

### Essential Resources for Your Safety:

- **Alberta Wildfire:** Visit [www.alberta.ca/alberta-wildfire](http://www.alberta.ca/alberta-wildfire) for current wildfire statuses, locations, and prevention tips.
- **Alberta Fire Bans:** Check out [www.albertafirebans.ca](http://www.albertafirebans.ca) for the latest on fire bans, restrictions, and advisories.
- **Alberta FireSmart:** Access [www.firesmartalberta.ca](http://www.firesmartalberta.ca) for valuable tools and resources to minimize wildfire risks and impacts.
- **Wildfire Preparedness:** For more information on how to prepare, visit [www.alberta.ca/wildfire-preparedness](http://www.alberta.ca/wildfire-preparedness)
- **County of Wetaskiwin:** Stay connected with us at [www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca](http://www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca) for the latest county news and updates.

As a community, let's commit to being proactive about our safety and the well-being of our neighbors. By working together, we can make the 2024 wildfire season safer for everyone.

## Fire Permits

Fire Permits are REQUIRED from March 1st to October 31st. Contact a Fire Guardian in your division to get your Fire Permit before your burn or check out our **new Online Fire Permitting system** [www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/online-fire-permit](http://www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/online-fire-permit)



<p><b>Division 1</b>            Angus Ridge—Haultain            New Sweden—Gwynne  <b>Brianna Tancock</b>            780.312.4640  <b>Chad Irwin</b>            780.312.3192</p>	<p><b>Division 4</b>            Hillside—Porto Bello—Pipestone  <b>Herb Waters</b>            780.940.2903  <b>Fay Waters</b>            780.721.3075</p>	<p><b>Division 6</b>            Battle Lake—Winfield—Yeoford  <b>Christine Woods</b>            780.682.2165  <b>Albert Brandl</b>            780.696.2547  <b>Charles Collisson</b>            780.542.0943</p>
<p><b>Division 2</b>            Coal Lake  <b>Ray Boeve</b>            780.387.6375  <b>Tim Hoogland</b>            780.387.8531</p>	<p><b>Division 5</b>            Falun—Westerose—Mulhurst  <b>Wayne Gist</b>            780.361.8624  <b>Herb Waters</b>            780.940.2903  <b>Fay Waters</b>            780.721.3075</p>	<p><b>Division 7</b>            Buck Lake—Alder Flats  <b>Gil Lechelt</b>            780.388.2384  <b>Mary Arseneau</b>            403.612.5591  <b>Amy Thompson</b>            780.898.4803</p>
<p><b>Division 3</b>            Bearhills Lake—Lone Ridge—Usona  <b>John Dargatz</b>            780.352.1037  <b>Ken Cherniak</b>            780.352.4066</p>	<p><b>Alberta Agriculture and Forestry</b>  <i>(for permits in the Forest Protection Area)</i>  <b>1-403-845-8250</b>  <a href="http://www.alberta.ca/get-a-fire-permit">www.alberta.ca/get-a-fire-permit</a></p>	

# Bylaw Enforcement

## Dog Control

Complaints regarding dogs are frequently received by the County. Some of the most common types of complaints regarding dogs are barking, dogs at large, and the number of dogs on a property. To regulate and address these issues, the County has a Dog Control Bylaw in place.

Under the Dog Control Bylaw, it provides for the following:

- No more than four (4) dogs over the age of six (6) months shall be allowed to remain upon or in any land, house, shelter, room, place, building, structure, or premises within the County;
- At-large dogs means dogs that are off the premises of their owner and not under the control of a person. However, the County's Dog Control Bylaw does not require a leash for a dog to be considered 'under control'.
  - *Example:* If a dog and its owner are walking on the edge of a road and the dog is not on a leash, the dog would not be considered at large so long as the dog obeyed owner commands.
- Excessive barking or howling is an offence under the Dog Control Bylaw. However, a barking log must be filled out for enforcement action to be taken.

At-large dogs are impounded at Wetaskiwin Animal Clinic, located in the City of Wetaskiwin. Once there, the dog is held for three business days - unless it appears to be purebred or bears an obvious identification device such as a tattoo or microchip. In those cases, the hold is ten business days. In the unfortunate situation where the dog isn't claimed by its owner, it then goes up for adoption. Before going home with their new family, the dog will be examined by a licensed veterinarian, given an initial course of vaccinations, and will be spayed/neutered to prevent unwanted litters.

If you have a dog-related concern, complaints may be made using the Bylaw Enforcement dispatch line at **780.352.0005**. Complainant's information is always kept in confidence. As a reminder, the County does not regulate cats.



# Protective Services

## Off Highway Vehicles

According to Statistics Canada, on average, there are 100 OHV-related deaths in Canada each year. 85% of victims in OHV-related deaths are male and most OHV-related deaths result from a rollover or flip. Other top causes include collisions with other vehicles or objects and being ejected from the vehicle. Half of OHV-related deaths involve alcohol or drugs.

The County of Wetaskiwin Protective Services team would like to remind those using off-highway vehicles in the County this spring to:

- Travel in the same direction as vehicles travelling upon the roadway and travel in single file.
- Travel on the shoulder or parking lane of the roadway or, where it is safe to do so, in the adjacent ditch, except when making a left turn onto an adjacent roadway.
- Travel at a maximum speed not exceeding 40 kilometers per hour or the posted speed limit, whichever is lower.
- Be registered and insured pursuant to the *Traffic Safety Act*.
- Be at least 16 years of age and hold a valid operator's license; or be at least 14 years of age and hold a valid Class 7 Operator's License and is supervised by a person who is at least 18 years old and holds a valid Operator's License; and either occupying the passenger seat on the OHV or is on another OHV travelling in close proximity.
- Ensure you stop the OHV before crossing a road.
- Yield the right of way to all other vehicles and persons on the road.
- Drive across the most direct, shortest, and safest route of travel available.

### Where can you drive OHV's in the County of Wetaskiwin?

OHVs are allowed on Township and Range Road surfaces and in ditches within the County of Wetaskiwin. An OHV may not be operated on any highway, road, or ditch along provincial highways unless permission has been granted. You may drive an OHV directly across a highway with shortest route.

### OHV Operating Restrictions

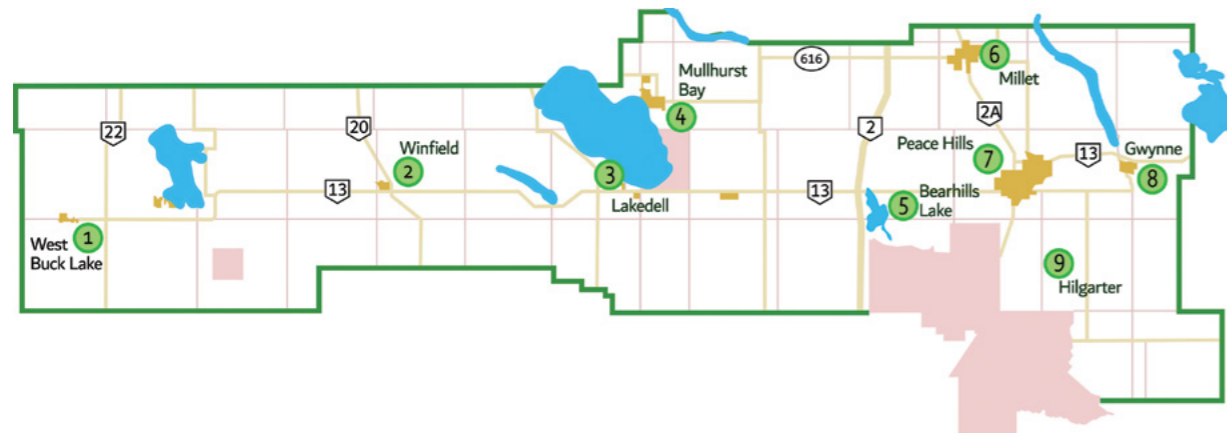
- No travelling on Municipal property or County parks.
- No travelling on private property without permission.
- No traveling on a highway, except in accordance with the Bylaw or as otherwise permitted under the Traffic Safety Act.
- No traveling on a rural road between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- No travelling on the road or ditch with OHV that is not equipped with headlamps, tail lamps, an exhaust muffler, and such other equipment as required by the Off Highway Vehicle Regulation.
- No riding as a passenger where the number of persons riding the OHV exceeds the seating capacity of the OHV.
- No traveling on any Highway where the County has placed a sign or signs prohibiting such operation.
- No traveling in streams, rivers, lakes or on beds or shores of watercourses, wetlands or waterbodies unless on designated trail or crossing, or if granted special authorization by Environmental and Parks.
- In order to operate an OHV, the operator and passenger must wear a Safety Helmet securely attached to the person's head.

# Transfer Stations

## Transfer Station Fees

Effective January 1, 2024, the County has eliminated fees for overloads and white goods at all County transfer stations.

Station	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Bearhills	Closed	9:00am-5:00pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	9:00am-5:00pm	Closed
Buck Lake	Closed	9:00am-5:00pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	9:00am-5:00pm	Closed
Hilgartner	Closed	10:00am-4:00pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	10:00am-4:00pm	Closed
Gwynne	Closed	9:00am-5:00pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	9:00am-5:00pm	Closed
Lakedell	9:00am-5:00pm	Closed	9:00am-5:00pm	Closed	Closed	9:00am-5:00pm	Closed
Millet	Closed	9:00am-5:00pm	Closed	12:00pm-8:00pm	Closed	9:00am-5:00pm	Closed
Mulhurst Bay	Closed	9:00am-5:00pm	Closed	May 1-Oct 31: Noon-8:00pm Nov 1-April 30: Closed	Closed	9:00am-5:00pm	Closed
Peace Hills	Closed	Closed	April 1-Sept 30: Noon-8:00pm Oct 1-Mar 31: 9:00am-5:00pm	Closed	Closed	9:00am-5:00pm	Closed
Winfield	Closed	9:00am-5:00pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	9:00am-5:00pm	Closed



# JOIN THE RECYCLING ROUNDUP!

GET READY TO RECYCLE THESE ITEMS FOR FREE:  
**ELECTRONICS • PAINT • USED OIL MATERIALS**  
**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE**

## Saturday - June 1, 2024

Bring your recyclables to:

**Lakedell School Parking Lot**

- 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

**Millet Heavy Truck Parking Lot east of 50th St**

- 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon



**Alberta recycling**  
 MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Learn more about recycling these materials at [albertarecycling.ca](http://albertarecycling.ca)

# Public Works



## Dust Control

The County of Wetaskiwin is now accepting applications for the 2024 Dust Control Program. Any resident wishing to have an application of dust control must submit a completed application and payment to the County of Wetaskiwin Administration office no later than June 1. Late applications may not be considered.

Dust control services shall only be offered during the period of **June 1 to August 31** of each calendar year and is not guaranteed within a specific time frame. Cost is **\$6.50 per lineal metre** (plus GST) and entitles to only one (1) application. Re-treatments of dust control area may be requested; however, re-treatments shall be charged at \$6.50 per lineal metre.

Application forms and flags are available at the County of Wetaskiwin Administration office, Falun Co-op, Buck Lake Hardware and Seely's General (Alder Flats). The application form can also be found on the County website: [www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/dust-control](http://www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/dust-control) or can be faxed or emailed to residents upon request.

## Third Party Application

As per the County's Dust Control Program Policy 32.1.1, residents or companies seeking private dust control treatment to local roadways are given the opportunity to hire a qualified independent third-party contractor to perform the work. The Director of Public Works shall pre-qualify contractors seeking to conduct business as well as approve the type of dust abatement products to be applied. These include chloride-based compounds (salts), polymers, plant-based lignosulfonates, water, and various blended combinations. Unacceptable dust control products include petroleum-based materials such as crude oil, asphalt emulsions, used motor oil, and asphalt oil.

For more information, please visit [www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/dust-control](http://www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/dust-control) or contact Public Works at **780.361.6241** or [pwadmin@county10.ca](mailto:pwadmin@county10.ca). Application of dust control product will not commence until Seasonal Road Bans have been lifted.

**Deadline for Application:  
June 1, 2024**

## Road Construction Projects



All new road construction projects will be posted on the County website [www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca](http://www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca) under Road Construction Projects as they are approved by Council. Updates will be posted periodically. To stay informed, go to the following link to sign up and receive notification when projects are added and updates are posted: [www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/notify](http://www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/notify)  
Stay Informed-Newsflash-County Projects

The Public Works Department mails notices to landowners who will be directly affected by construction projects. Inquiries can be made by calling the Public Works Call Centre at **780.361.6241** or email [pwadmin@county10.ca](mailto:pwadmin@county10.ca).

# County Capital Projects

The County of Wetaskiwin is proud to announce its latest capital projects, demonstrating Council's commitment to investing in essential infrastructure improvements to enhance the quality of life for all residents.

Paved Road Projects	
Project Name	Budget
West Point Beach Pavement Upgrades	\$400,000
<i>Project Description:</i> The work involves brushing and clearing, drainage upgrades, subgrade repair and a pavement overlay.	
Buck Lake Estates Pavement Upgrades	\$375,000
<i>Project Description:</i> The work involves brushing and clearing, drainage upgrades, subgrade repair and a pavement overlay.	
Alder Flats Pavement Upgrades (Phase 1) Grading	\$709,000
<i>Project Description:</i> The work planned in 2024 (Phase 1 Grading) involves upgrading several streets and avenues with sub drainage and subgrade improvements.	
Buck Lake Pavement Upgrades (Phase 1) Grading	\$595,000
<i>Project Description:</i> The work planned in 2024 (Phase 1 Grading) involves upgrading several streets and avenues with sub drainage and subgrade improvements.	



Drainage Project	
Project Name	Budget
SE and Area Stormwater Upgrades	\$2,098,058
<i>Project Description:</i> The proposed work includes significant drainage works on Ermineskin First Nation lands that include ditching, drainage swales, wetland replacement, natural drainage course rehabilitation, ditching on County road RR 241, and re-establishment of natural drainage course on private property within the County jurisdiction.	

Bridge Upgrades	
Project Name	Budget
BF 75497 Capital Upgrade	\$480,000
<i>Project Description:</i> The existing bridge-sized culvert crosses a Tributary to Lloyd Creek on Range Road 24 northeast of Hoadley.	
BF 763 Capital Upgrade	\$465,000
<i>Project Description:</i> Replacement of a 62-year-old 1500mm culvert on Township Road 452.	
BF 74940 Capital Upgrade	\$415,000
<i>Project Description:</i> Replacement of a culvert that crosses a Tributary to Weiller Creek on Township Road 452.	
BF 77095 Capital Upgrade	\$440,000
<i>Project Description:</i> Replacement of a 54-year-old 1500 mm culvert along Range Road 75.	

## Contact Information

For concerns or issues on  
County roads:  
**Public Works**  
780.361.6241  
pwadmin@county10.ca

For concerns or issues on  
provincial numbered highways:  
**Mainroad Alberta**  
**Contracting**  
1.877.875.3263  
(24 hours day/7 days week)

Gravel Road Upgrades	
Project Name	Budget
TR 472 (Grading 3.5 km)	\$2,864,000
<i>Project Description:</i> This project involves building a new road in a government allowance so that the residences have a public road for access. The work involves clearing, topsoil stripping, common excavation, grading, graveling and installation of a bridge sized culvert.	
TR 460 (Level 1 Upgrade 7.9 km)	\$632,000
<i>Project Description:</i> This project involves upgrading a local graveled road that suffers from frequent flooding and damage due to traffic and poor drainage. The proposed work is a Level 1 upgrade that includes brushing, shoulder pull, ditching, grade adjustments, culvert rehabilitation, and new culvert installation.	
RR 244 (Level 2 Upgrade 2.8 km)	\$224,000
<i>Project Description:</i> This project involves upgrading a local graveled road that suffers from poor road structure, encroaching vegetation, and compromised drainage. The proposed work is a Level 2 upgrade that includes brushing, shoulder pull, culvert rehabilitation, and new culvert installations. .	
TR 472 (Level 1 Upgrade 2.55 km)	\$224,000
<i>Project Description:</i> This project involves upgrading a local graveled road that suffers from excessive widening of the road top, poor elevation, no ditch structure, and a sandy subgrade. The proposed work is a Level 1 upgrade that includes brushing, Shoulder pull, subgrade stabilization, ditching, erosion control, grade adjustments, culvert rehabilitation and new culvert installations.	

Utility Upgrades	
Project Name	Budget
Mulhurst Water Treatment Plant	\$231,770
<i>Project Description:</i> Upgrades to the Mulhurst Water Treatment Plant.	
Winfield Water Treatment Plant	\$287,720
<i>Project Description:</i> Upgrades to the Winfield Water Treatment Plant.	
Village West Estates Wastewater	\$2,530,000
<i>Project Description:</i> New construction of a collector main from the Village West Estates subdivision to a new Lift Station.	
Winfield Sewage Lagoon Upgrade	\$1,541,000
<i>Project Description:</i> An upgrade to the existing wastewater treatment lagoon that serves the Hamlet of Winfield.	



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**Other Information**

# Notify Me

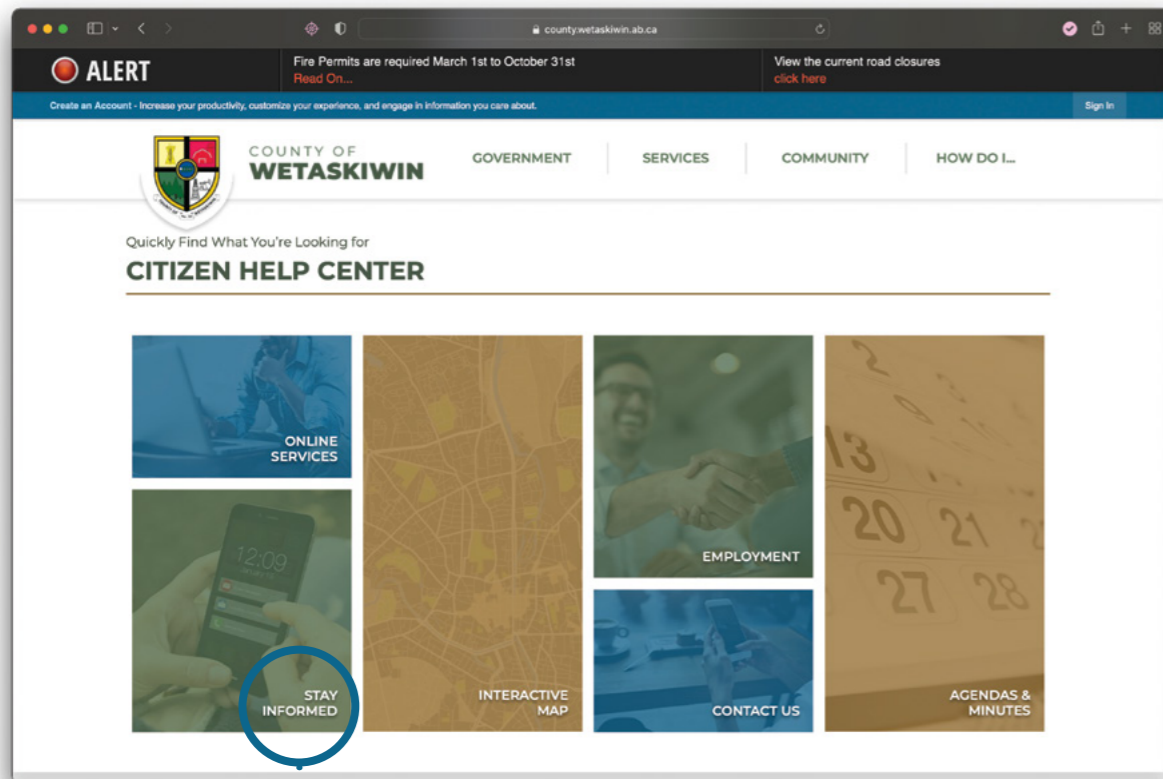
In an effort to increase communication, the County has refreshed our Notify Me categories on our website.

<https://www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/notify>

## Sign-Up to Stay Informed

Through Notify Me residents can sign up to receive a variety of notifications via email or text message.

The County has recently added new categories to the News Flash section including agricultural news, community events, Council highlights and utility updates.

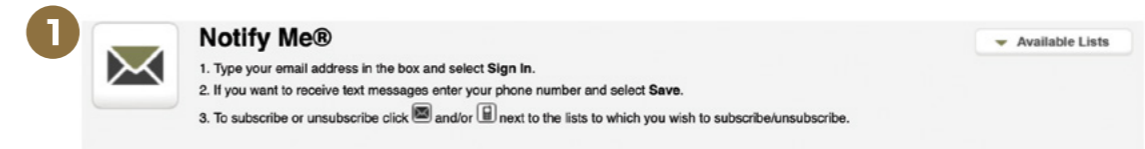


... Click here to sign-up for notifications

## Sign-Up Online

1. Enter your email address and click sign in.
2. If you would like to receive notifications by text message instead of email click the box below and enter your phone number and select save.

If you need help signing up call  
780-361-6220 or email  
nfinseth@county10.ca



Please sign in to subscribe, unsubscribe, or manage your subscriptions

Email Address

## 2 Your Profile Information

**Email Address**  
john.smith123@gmail.com

I prefer to receive HTML emails when available

I would like to be able to receive text messages on my mobile phone

**Phone Number**  
780-123-4567 Save

Ex: 555-555-0123. Standard text messaging rates apply.

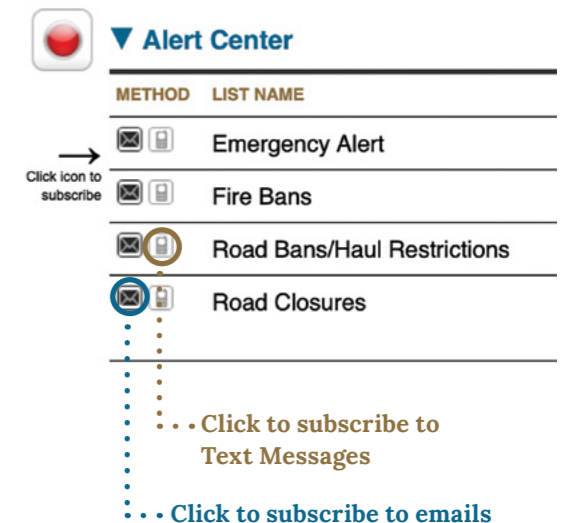
Unsubscribe from All Lists

## Click Icon to Subscribe

To subscribe select the icon next to the name of the category you would like to subscribe to.

1. Select the **envelope** to subscribe for **emails** OR select the **phone** to subscribe to **text messages**.
2. Once you subscribe to the topics you want to see notifications about, you will receive an email confirming your subscription.

\*You can unsubscribe or add subscriptions at any time.



... Click to subscribe to Text Messages

... Click to subscribe to emails

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