

Lesser Slave River

Upcoming Council Meetings

REGULAR MEETINGS: AUGUST 20 & 28 AT 10AM

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: AUGUST 28 AT 1:30PM

Thinking About Running for MD Council?

Serving on Council is both challenging and rewarding. As Reeve or Councillor, you have the opportunity to share your voice, help shape local decisions, and represent the best interests of Lesser Slave River residents. Nominations close at 12:00 noon on Monday, **SEPTEMBER 22**. Ready to get started? Learn about the nomination process at mdlsr.ca/election.

45th Annual Smith-Hondo Fall Fair & Rodeo

Get ready for another unforgettable weekend at the Smith-Hondo Fall Fair & Rodeo in Smith, hosted by the SHARA Society from **Friday, AUGUST 29 to Sunday, AUGUST 31**. This year marks the 45th annual celebration!

Experience the ever-popular parade, lively dancing, refreshing beer gardens, and mouth-watering food trucks. Take in top-notch live entertainment, test your skills on the mechanical bull, or have a blast with the bouncy house!

Kick things off on **Friday** with the Legion Supper, Barrel Jackpot, and Junior Gymkhana. On **Saturday**, enjoy the parade, family dance featuring the **Chris LeBlanc Band**, exciting rodeo events, the bench show, mini chucks, and a delicious pancake breakfast. Wrap up the weekend on **Sunday** with more thrilling rodeo action, mini chucks, a heavy horse pull, and top-talent wrestling.

Planning to Enter This Year's Fall Fair Parade?

Feeling creative? Be part of the much-loved Smith-Hondo Fall Fair & Rodeo Parade on Saturday, **AUGUST 30**. This year's theme is **Your Favourite Era**. Whether you're a business, club, family, or participating solo, all are welcome to enter, and prizes will be awarded in each category.

The parade begins at the MD's Public Works Yard in Smith. Gates open at 8:00am, judging starts at 9:30am, and the parade kicks off at 10:30am. Pre-registration is appreciated. To register or for more information, call 780.805.1390.

Teach Your Kids to Respond to Emergencies

Parents are strongly encouraged to start teaching children early how to respond in an emergency. Learning to recognize an emergency, remain calm, and call for help is vital to keeping them safe. Whether at home, at school, or out in the community, these skills give children the confidence to act quickly and responsibly.

Children as young as four or five can begin to learn basic safety skills and how to respond to different situations. Whether it's a medical emergency, fire, or suspicious activity, having a plan builds confidence and preparedness.

Teach kids that while helping in an emergency is important, they should never put themselves in danger—staying safe is always the first step. **Show them how to dial 911**, explain which situations require that call, and ensure they can share key details such as the nature of the emergency, full names, address, and a parent or guardian's phone number.

Role-play scenarios like someone getting hurt, a fire in the home, or a stranger at the door, and walk through the steps they should take. Make sure they know how to exit the house safely, where to meet outside, and who to contact if they can't reach you.

Help them identify trusted people in a crisis, such as police officers, firefighters, and other first responders. Keep a list of emergency contacts near the phone or on the fridge for quick access during stressful moments.

Revisit your emergency plan regularly, treating it as a normal part of staying safe—just like wearing a seatbelt or looking both ways before crossing the street. Familiarity with these procedures can greatly reduce panic or fear in a real emergency. For more safety tips, follow the RCMP on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta.

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