

# County residents no longer get free use of swimming pool, ski hill

There is no longer free use of the Thorhild swimming pool or the Long Lake ski hill. For the past four years use of the Thorhild pool was free except for private rentals, and county residents were not charged for lift tickets at the ski hill. That policy is no longer in effect.

During its Nov. 23 meeting Thorhild County council gave three readings to a new schedule of fees bylaw that established fees for pool use and set the rental rates at the ski hill at 15 percent below the rates at the Tawatinaw ski hill in neighboring Westlock County. Reduced rates were set for school use programs.

"Council considered a number of factors in the decision making process, including the annual operating deficit of these facilities as well as comparison to other like facilities in the region," said reeve Joyce Pierce. "Other fees and bylaws will be reviewed as budget deliberations occur and when the new council has had some time for a thorough review. The fees for the ski hill were amended at this time because the ski hill will be opening in the near future; swimming pool and campground fees were reviewed at the same time as they include recreation facilities operated by Thorhild County."

In order to make the school swimming and skiing programs accessible to all students, the Thorhild Central School fundraising organization Together Enriching Academic Minds (TEAM) pays for the students to participate in these school programs.

TEAM chair Kristy Krause expressed both disappointment that students no longer have free use of the pool and ski hill facilities and appreciation that council set a reduced rate for school use.

"TEAM is grateful that the county took into consideration a school based rate, as we have been paying the costs for all students to be able to participate in skiing, swimming and skating through the school," she said. "For reference, to take grades one to nine skiing is over \$4,300 at this new rate, not including busing. It was wonderful when the county allowed everyone to be able to enjoy our recreation areas for free. I think a lot of people that wouldn't be able to afford it otherwise were able to do so."

TEAM volunteers hold a variety of fundraising events throughout the year, from sales of products such as Mom's Pantry and Purdy's Chocolates to parking lot barbecues.

Krause recognized "the community for supporting

our school fundraisers."

Pool use is still free to children under four years old. Single admission (includes lane swim) swim pass fees are \$3 for children and youth (up to 17 years) and Seniors (65+). Single admission for adults (18-64) and for Aqua Fit is \$5. A family fee of \$15 was set.


Monthly and season passes as well as

private pool rental rates were also approved. School Swim bookings are \$45/hour for up to 40 students and \$60/hour for more students.

Fees for the Long Lake ski hill were set, including full day lift tickets fees for adults at \$25.50, youths and seniors \$21.21 and family \$72.25.

Season pass rates were also set, as well as equipment rentals and private lesson fees.

The school program fee is \$20 per student for lift ticket, lessons and equipment rental; \$15 if equipment rental is not required.



**SMOKY LAKE AG SOCIETY**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM**  
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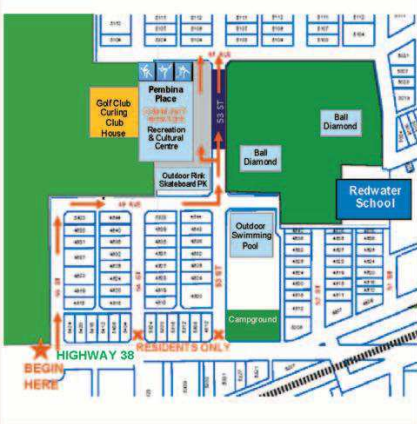
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**Tues., December 7, 2021**  
 at 7:00pm at the Seniors Drop In Centre Waskatenau, AB.  
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To accommodate the Kris Kringle and Festival of Lights Drive-through event, the following road will temporarily be closed on Friday, December 3, 2021:

53 St, between 49 Ave and 51 Ave (in front of Pembina Place) from **4:30 pm - 9:00 pm**

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