

# SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

## TRANSPORTATION PROFILE



*A great location!*



Smoky Lake County development opportunities include agri and agri-food, value-add, manufacturing and visitor economies. Primary natural resources in the area include large deposits of natural gas, extractive industries, forestry, and an abundance of highly productive agricultural lands. Investors, visitors and newcomers are welcome to explore the opportunities of Smoky Lake County.

Well served regionally by a network of quality transportation systems, Smoky Lake primary industries such as energy (renewable and non-renewable), agriculture and the visitor economy are growing rapidly. Efficient delivery and transport of goods and people throughout the communities in Smoky Lake County is assured via our integrated highway system, which also serves high load transports.

Primary Highway 28 is a major east-west connector for Edmonton and NE Alberta centers. It is the main corridor serving the Cold Lake energy industry, and with Highways 36 and 855, provides direct paved access to developments in the Athabasca Oil Sands. Highways 855 and 45 in the south of Smoky Lake County connect to additional agricultural and energy developments. Via Highway 855, Smoky Lake County is connected to US and Mexico markets via the CANAMEX and Eastern Trade Corridor routes.

**Towns**  
Smoky Lake

**Villages**  
Vilna  
Waskatenau

**Hamlets**  
Bellis  
Edward  
Spedden  
Warspite



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Where opportunity comes to life

# Highways



One of the major east-west highways traversing central Alberta, Provincial Highway 28, travels directly through the county connecting Edmonton with the Lakeland Tourism Region and the 4 Wing Cold Lake, the busiest fighter base in Canada. Highway 28 is the main corridor serving the Cold Lake Oil sands area and connects with Highway 36. Primary Highway 36, and secondary highway 855 provide direct paved access to the vast developments around Fort McMurray in the Athabasca oil sands region.

Highway 855 south connects to Highway 45, another main east-west corridor with access to Edmonton and the oil/agriculture development in Northeast Alberta. Being so close to Edmonton, the trading area population within 50 Km of Smoky Lake County is 1,216,801. Highway 855 continues south to Highway 16 connecting to tidewater ports in the west, and markets to the east in Canada and North America.

Smoky Lake County is strategically located between Edmonton and the South Athabasca Oil Sands area which has a projected production of over 3.4 million barrels of oil per day.

## CONNECTED TO SERVICES

The Town of Smoky Lake, Vilna, and Waskatenau are major service centres within Smoky Lake County. They offer a competitive infrastructure, skilled workforce and excellent quality of life for your employees. Services for your business in the region include transportation, communication, engineering, design, consulting, accounting, legal, marketing and tech services.

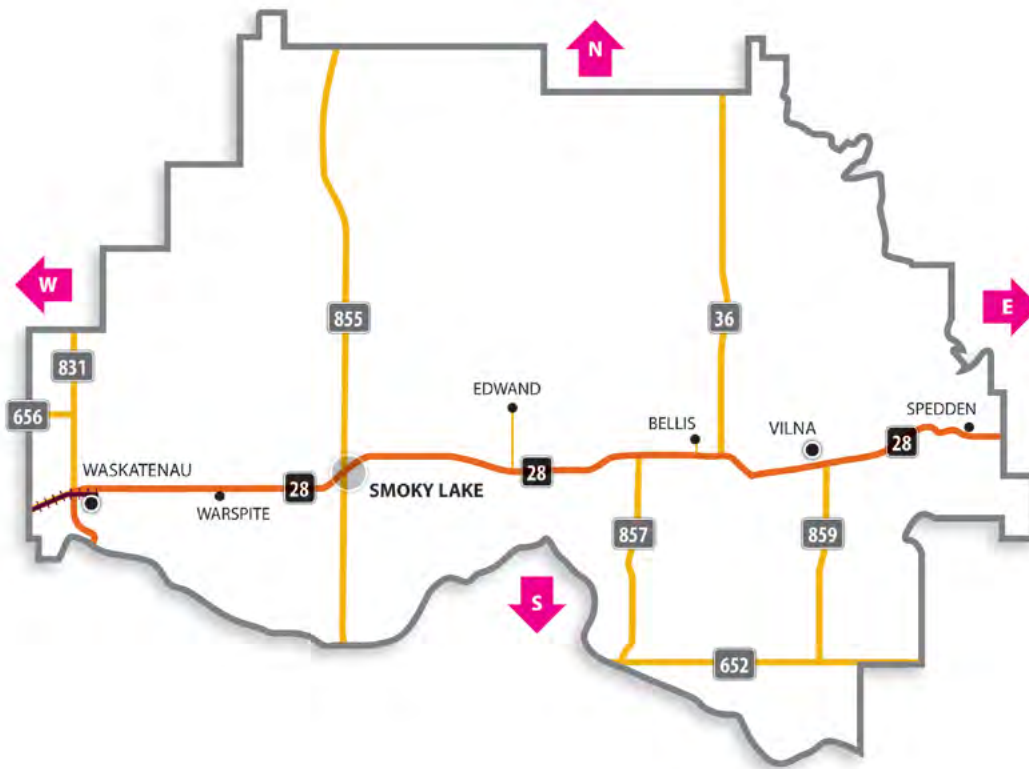
***Cold Shot Bus and Freight connects Cold Lake, Bonnyville, Smoky Lake, Redwater and Edmonton on a daily schedule.***



# Regional partnership

## Smoky Lake County

The County and its partner municipalities of Town of Smoky Lake, Village of Vilna and Village of Waskatenau have lands suitable for multi-industry developments. Please contact the Community Economic Development Officer @ 780.656.5398 or [cedo@smokylakeregion.ca](mailto:cedo@smokylakeregion.ca).



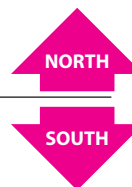
Smoky Lake County is a member of the Northeast Alberta Information HUB Ltd, also known as "Alberta HUB", a regional economic development alliance that provides information, guidance and tools to businesses and site selectors making investment decisions. The Alberta HUB region features two north-south high load corridors that connect it to markets in the United States and Mexico. The Yellowhead Highway connects the region to tidewater ports in the west, and Canadian and North American markets in the east. In addition, excellent secondary highways, and rail and air assets are available throughout the Alberta HUB region. For more information, please visit: [www.albertahub.com](http://www.albertahub.com)



### Driving Distances From Smoky Lake County

	Kilometres	Miles
Edmonton	140	87
Calgary	440	273
Vancouver	1,290	801
Winnipeg	1,300	808
Toronto	3,480	2,162
Los Angeles	2,848	1,770
Chicago	2,639	1,640
Houston	3,540	2,200
New York	3,905	2,426

NORTH to  
Fort McMurray



SOUTH to  
Markets in the  
U.S and Mexico

WEST to  
Markets in  
Alberta and  
British Columbia



EAST to  
Markets in  
Central and  
Eastern Canada



## Airports

Smoky Lake County is located approximately 170 kilometres north-east of Edmonton International Airport. Edmonton International Airport is the primary air passenger and air cargo facility in the Edmonton region and is a major hub facility for Northern Alberta and Northern Canada. It is Canada's largest major airport by total land area the 5th busiest airport by passenger traffic and by aircraft movements.

A grass air strip is located immediately to the east of the Town of Smoky Lake, which is maintained for casual summer use. Non-commercial regional airports with asphalt runways are located in the Hamlet of Lac La Biche, 30 kilometres north of the county, and at the Town of Two Hills, 40 kilometres south of the county.



## Connected to energy



Well-connected Smoky Lake County features a large number of lakes and natural areas attractive to vacationers and wildlife enthusiasts, and a 50-mile stretch of the north shore of the North Saskatchewan River, virtually undeveloped. The Town of Smoky Lake is also the first staging area for Alberta's Iron Horse Trail, a 300 km multi-use trail offering enjoyment for the whole family.

A major branch line of the Canadian National Railway runs to Waskatenau, connecting Smoky Lake County with Edmonton and markets across North America.



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