



# **Reeve's Report**

## **For April 16, 2018 to May 18, 2018**

April 16, 2018 – Regional Community Development Committee held in County Council Chambers:

- Approved the Town of Smoky Lake, at no cost to the Villages or County, to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) to Natural Resources Canada's Innovation and Clean Growth Program, to express interest in funding a Smoky Lake Region clean energy source project such as wind or solar power generation.
- Approved Smoky Lake County to submit a joint application, to the Electric Vehicle & Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Deployment Initiative for the Proposed Project: Smoky Lake Regional EV Charging Station Network. Future discussion will be subject to the application being approved.

April 17, 2018 - County Environmental Operations Meeting held in County Council Chambers:

- Approved a "Spring Cleanup Promotion", exclusive to residents from the County and Villages, for free disposal of appliances containing Freon at County Landfill Sites during the week of May 15, 2018 to May 27, 2018.

April 17, 2018 - County Natural Gas Meeting held in County Council Chambers:

- Acknowledged receipt of the resignation letter received from the Natural Gas Manager, Thomas Ponich, ending employment on April 30, 2018.

April 17, 2018 - County Agricultural Service Board Meeting held in County Council Chambers:

- Amended the Management Policy Statement No. 62-M-02-04 Mowing Program.
- Approved applying for Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Agricultural Youth Green Jobs Initiative Program, for funding up to a maximum of \$16,000.00 per post-secondary graduate intern to undertake environmental activities, services or research at a 50:50 cost share for 50% of one summer student weed inspector.
- Acknowledged that the County of Vermillion River has been designated by the Alberta Government as a Wetland Restoration Agency for surrounding municipalities.

April 17, 2018 - County Fire Protective Meeting held in County Council Chambers:

- Gave third and final reading to Bylaw No. 1311-18: Joint Operation Agreement for the purpose of Fire Protection Services with the Town of Smoky Lake.
- Executed Mutual Aid Agreements with Sturgeon County, Lac La Biche County, Lamont County, Buffalo Lake Métis Settlement, County of St. Paul No. 19, and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.
- Approved Smoky Lake County Fire and Protective Services staff to pursue accreditation as a Safety Codes Officer and/or Inspector in the Fire Discipline, at no cost to the employee.

April 18, 2018 – Doctor Retention and Recruitment Meeting held in County Council Chambers:

- Recommended a joint letter of support from the Town of Smoky Lake, Smoky Lake County, Village of Vilna, Village of Waskatenau, and County of Thorhild, to Alberta Health Services Medical Affairs North Zone, in regard to strongly requiring recruitment of an additional family physician to serve the urban and rural communities of Smoky Lake, Vilna, Waskatenau, Thorhild, Buffalo Lake, Good Fish Lake, Whitefish Lake, Radway and Andrew.
- Received a letter from Sarah Hoffman, Alberta Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, indicating Smoky Lake Region does not meet the criteria for opening a new Dialysis unit and does not require a community needs assessment.



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April 19, 2018 - County Council Meeting held in County Council Chambers:

- Amended Policy Statement No. 01-03-24: Organizational Chart.
- Acknowledged Management Policy Statement No. 01M-40-01: Communications Technician Job Description.
- Gave third and final reading to Bylaw No. 1314-18: to levy a service charge against properties in the Hamlet of Bellis, in reference to Bylaw No. 666: Hamlet of Bellis Sewer System.
- Approved to provide in-kind assistance of manpower and equipment to cut grass at the Hamlin Hammer's ball field and Quiet Nook Community Centre in preparation for the "Annual Farmer's Day Hamlin Hammer's Tournament" at the Hamlin Hammer's Stadium, scheduled for June 8-10, 2018.
- Approved \$2,500.00 be paid to the Riverland Recreational Trail Society towards the 2018 Project: Iron Horse Trail Maintenance.
- Approved \$1,000.00 of funding from the 2018 Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Grant be paid to Vilna Parent Advisory Board.
- Approved the purchase of a skid steer with tracks and appropriate attachments to be utilized at the County Waste Transfer Stations and Water Facilities, in the amount not to exceed \$55,000.
- Approved regional collaboration to pursue a Lakeland Primary Care Network Satellite Office in the Town of Smoky Lake, at no cost to the Villages.
- The AAMD&C (Alberta Association of Municipalities Districts and Counties) that has been in existence since 1905, has changed their name to RMA (Rural Municipalities of Alberta).
- Acknowledged receipt of the letter from Alberta Transportation confirming the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) Culvert Replacement Project Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 representing the first advance payment to assist with Bridge File 79279 on Range Road 133A.
- Acknowledged the County's additional 2017 Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) Capital funding in the amount of \$841,750 from Municipal Affairs.
- Acknowledged approval from the Minister of Municipal Affairs for the Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Grants:
  - to the managing partner: Town of Smoky Lake in the amount of \$200,000.00 for the Project Titled: Regional Geographic Information System (GIS) Project Phase II Condition and Data Assessment;
  - to the managing partner: Village of Waskatenau in the amount of \$75,000.00, for the Project Titled: Smoky Lake Region Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework, and
  - to the managing partner: County of St. Paul No. 19, in the amount of \$200,000.00, for the Project Titled: Smoky Lake Region Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework.
- Acknowledged the conditional approval of Smoky Lake County's Summer Temporary Employment Program (STEP) Application from Alberta Labour.
- Proclaimed National Public Works Week from May 20-26, 2018 with the theme "The Power of Public Works".

April 20, 2018 – Corridor Communications Inc. Meeting held in Calgary:

- Attended the Annual General Meeting.



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April 23, 2018 - County Council Special Meeting held in County Council Chambers:

- Authorized the emergent, necessary repair and construction of Bridge File 1603, located on Range Road 193 north of Highway 28, near Waskatenau; with funding not to exceed \$150,000.00; and work to commence as soon as possible.
- Agreed to write a letter to the Minister of Alberta Transportation requesting financial assistance of a Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) funding advance for the, urgent and necessary repair and construction of Bridge File: 1603.

April 24, 2018 – Family School Liaison Meeting held in County Council Chambers:

- Agreed in principal with a draft Family School Liaison Program Master Service Agreement presented between Aspen View Public School Division No. 78 as the managing partner, between the four entities: Aspen View Public School Division No. 78, Smoky Lake County, Lakeland Catholic School District No. 150, and the Village of Waskatenau; and recommended the four entities execute the final draft of the agreement once received by Mark Francis, Aspen View Public School Division No. 78.

April 24, 2018 – Joint Council Committee with Village of Waskatenau Meeting held in County Council Chambers:

- Reviewed the content of the Smoky Lake County Bylaw No. 1280-15 and Village of Waskatenau Bylaw No. 651-2015: Joint Operation Agreement for the provisions of Fire Protection Services executed between executed in 2015.
- Recommend each respective Council approve the Joint Operation Agreement for Fire Protection Services – “Schedule A” amendments as discussed.

April 25, 2018 - County Council Budget Meeting held in County Council Chambers:

- Approved a funding increase to the 2018 Budget for Public Works Salaries and Wages by \$27,000.00, for two additional Seasonal Personnel to fulfill the Patching Crew's work-plan, commencing May 1, 2018 to September 30, 2018 to allow the current Culvert/Patching Crew to work exclusively on culverts to accommodate the increased service demands.

April 30 – May 2, 2018 – Community Planning Association Conference held in Red Deer:

- Sessions included:
  - Getting Started on your Inter-municipal Collaboration Frameworks and Inter-municipal Development Plans.
  - Municipal Planning and Indigenous Peoples: Assessing the Evolution of a Paradigm in the Making.
  - The clock is ticking - Is your municipal Public Participation Policy ready to go?
  - FireSmart Begins at Home – Living Resiliently with Wildfire.
  - Negotiation: How to Engage in Productive Inter-municipal Conversations.
  - Small Places, Big Dreams – Rural Revitalization in a Changing World.
  - Legal Update: Off-site Levies and Mandatory Utility Connections.
  - Annexation: What is in Pandora's Box.
  - Rebuilding Alberta's Economy in 2018.
  - Listening & Learning, the Art of Productive Collaboration.



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May 3, 2018 – RMA Charitable Gaming Committee Meeting held in Nisku:

- I am part of this committee that will develop recommendations related to the charitable gaming model to ensure the model is equitable to rural based organizations that are reliant, at least in part, on the revenues of charitable gaming.

May 3, 2018 - County Council Budget Meeting held in County Council Chambers:

- Approve the amended 2018 Total Function Budget for Smoky Lake County, with Total Revenue in the amount of \$17,806,084 and Expenditures in the amount of \$17,806,084 plus amortization of \$ 2,050,152.
- Gave third and final reading to Bylaw No. 1315-18, for the 2018 Tax Rates.

May 3, 2018 – Smoky Lake County Strategic Planning Open House held at the National Hall in Smoky Lake:

- Thank you to all the public and staff that attended this important event!
- Engaged the public for input on the County's strategic direction.

May 7, 2018 – Regional Community Development Committee Meeting held in County Council Chambers:

- Advertising to fill a contract position of a Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC) Administrative Assistant.

May 9, 2018 – SWANA Conference held in Edmonton:

- Sessions included:
  - Keynote Speaker - Freddy Coronado - San Francisco: "A Zero Waste Future that Paves the Way for the Next Generation".
  - Infinite Diversity in Infinite combination Waste, Diversion & Partnerships in Rural Communities.
  - Disaster Debris Workshop.
  - I'm a landfill operator, not a doctor Landfills – Planning & Technology.
  - The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few Inspiring stories from "take-it-or-leave-it" and reuse waste.
  - Hailing on all Frequencies Communication in a Changing World.
  - The Next Generation of Composting Technologies.
  - Safety Session.
  - How Edmonton moved from dumping their waste on the river bank to being a leader in recycling.

May 15, 2018 – Committee of the Whole Meeting held in County Council Chambers:

- Discussed further development of Bonnie Lake Resort.
- Discussed dust issues near the motor cross track near Spedden.
- Held an Executive Session regarding a personnel issue.

May 15, 2018 – Joint Council Committee with the Town of Smoky Lake Meeting held in County Council Chambers:

- Discussed options for the Town of Smoky Lake Natural Gas System.



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May 15, 2018 – Joint Council Committee with Village of Vilna Meeting held in County Council Chambers:

- Reviewed the content of the Smoky Lake County Bylaw No. 1279-15 and Village of Vilna's Bylaw for: Joint Operation Agreement for the provisions of Fire Protection Services executed between executed in 2015.
- Recommend each respective Council approve the Joint Operation Agreement for Fire Protection Services – "Schedule A" amendments as discussed.

Sincerely,  
Craig Lukinuk  
Smoky Lake County Reeve