Reeve's Report
January 17, 2023 to February 6, 2023

January 17-19, 2023 – ASB Provincial Conference held in Grand Prairie (Dan, Lorne, Linda and Jered in-person)
- Meet and Greet with Ministers, MPs, and MLAs.
- Sessions included: The Future is Northern, Provincial ASB Program Update, Alberta's Future Hydrogen Economy, Canadian Agriculture in the Indo-Pacific: Balancing the US and China, Cattle Value Chain: Problems and Resolutions, The Importance of Market Access for Canadian Crops, Black Swans: Flight, Fight or Fright and Future of Canadian Agriculture, State of the Agricultural Carbon Markets, Celebrating the Diversity of Agriculture.

January 20, 2023 – Broadband discussion with MCSNet, virtual (Lorne & Dan)
- MCSNet identified several possible opportunities that frame into an application for an Alberta Broadband Fund (Northern Regional Economic Development - NRED) grant and requested support of the application from the County.

January 20, 2023 – Northeast Mayors, Reeves, and Indigenous Leaders Caucus Subcommittee Meeting, virtual (Lorne)
- A discussion was held on hiring a lobbyist for Highway 28 resurfacing, additional lanes etc. including a funding formula and next steps.

January 24, 2023 – Council Departmental Meeting, in Chambers/virtual (All Council in-person)
- Received reports from Management on their activities and projects.
- Discussions led to the need for policy review in respect to cold weather equipment mobilization and County facility security.
- Requested an update on the Disaster Services Plan to be brought to the March meeting.
- Provided direction to create a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw and remove the provisions which regulate RVs in hamlets and on lake lots, and instead establish a stand-alone Penalties Bylaw with enforceable fines and penalties.

January 24, 2023 – Council Special Meeting, in Chambers/virtual (All Council in-person)
- Approved to support and commit $125,000, funded from reserves towards a proposed project titled: Broadband and Economic Needs Assessment, subject to receiving the Alberta Government's Northern Regional Economic Development (NRED) Program's matching (50%) funds for the said project estimated to cost in the total amount of $250,000.

January 25, 2023 – Smoky Lake Regional Fire & Rescue Meeting, in Chambers/virtual (Lorne, Linda, Jered & Dominique in-person)
- Lorne Halisky acclaimed as chairperson and Linda Fenerty acclaimed as vice-chairperson.
- Recommended Smoky Lake County Council approve to repair Waskatenau Fire Department Engine Unit 403, at a cost not exceed $92,654.65 and to proceed to procure a new custom spec frontline pumper firetruck to replace Waskatenau Fire Department Engine Unit 403.

January 26, 2023 – Regular Council Meeting, in Chambers/virtual (All Council in-person)
- First Reading given to Bylaw No. 1429-23: Road Closure- Undeveloped Government Road Allowance; East Side of River Lot 10 (Victoria Settlement).
- Second Reading given to Bylaw No. 1430-23: Planning & Development Public Hearing Procedures.
- Third & Final Reading given to Bylaw No. 1431-23: Planning & Development Fees.
- Adopted Policy Statement No. 07-09-01: Alberta Bilingual Municipalities Association (ABMA) - Liaison Committee Terms of Reference.

- Adopted Policy Statement No. 04-05-01: North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) - Liaison Committee Terms of Reference.
- Third & Final Reading given to Bylaw No. 1428-23: Solid Waste Regulations and Fines.
- Amended Policy Statement No. 03-18-18: Five-Year Road Plan.
- Approve $2,000 towards Northeast Mayors Reeve & Indigenous Leader Caucus' advocacy and lobbying efforts.
- Approved $1,000 of FCSS funding to Royal Canadian Legion Branch 227.
- Approved $4,000 to the Smoky Lake Trail Twisters for winter grooming the Iron Horse Trail in 2022 & 2023.
- Approved a $1,230.50 membership to North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA).
- Approved $500 towards 7th Annual Randy Russ Memorial Barrel Race, scheduled for August 6-7, 2023, in Bellis.
- Approve to repair Waskatenau Fire Department Engine Unit 403, at a cost to not exceed $92,654.65 and to proceed to procure a new custom spec frontline pumper firetruck to replace Waskatenau Fire Department Engine Unit 403.

January 27, 2023 – RMA District 5 Meeting, in Kinsella & virtual (Lorne, Dan in-person and Dominique Jered, Linda virtual)

- Speakers included: Brownlee LLP, Inspections Group, Claystone Waste, Municipal Planning Services, MLA Jackie Lovely, MRF, Capital I Industries, and Consulting Engineers of Alberta (CEA).
- Adopted the 2022 Financial Statements & waived the 2023 Membership fees.
- Received reports from RMA's president, director, and representatives.
- Resolved to advocate Smoky Lake County's Resolution that the Government of Alberta continue to prioritize increased access to Open Date for municipalities.
- Resolved to advocate Strathcona County's resolution that the RMA, Gov of Alberta, and Gov of Canada, increase their commitment to support and resource the current hydrogen initiatives in all of Alberta to assist Alberta and its innovative energy industry partners to become leaders in the developing hydrogen economy.

January 30, 2023 – Northeast Mayors, Reeves, and Indigenous Leaders Caucus Subcommittee Meeting, virtual (Lorne)

- A discussion was held with Canadian Strategy Group "lobbyist" for Highway 28 resurfacing, additional lanes etc. including setting up funding and next steps such as meeting on the Government of Alberta Parliament Grounds etc.

January 30, 2023 – Doctor Retention & Recruitment Meeting, virtual (Lorne, Dan in-person & Dominique virtual)

- Lorne Halisky acclaimed as chairperson and Amy Cherniwchan acclaimed as vice-chairperson.
- Provided a letter of support of the application for grant funding for the Northern Regional Economic Development Program with a specific focus on the funding stream of support for labour force attraction and retention.
- Financial Overview was discussed with $17,249.63 in Operation Budget and $109,114.79 in Surplus.
- 2023 Budget was discussed, and a motion was made to move the $17,249.63 from the Operation Budget to Surplus for Doctor Recruitment Initiatives and approve the 2023 Budget of $24,000.00.
- RhPAP, Anita Fagnan gave an update on the student education with local school's program, RHAPSODY Award process, bursaries/subsidies for medical students, Rural Community

Development and Engagement Team which assist to attract, attain, and integrate health-care professionals in rural Alberta.

January 31, 2023 – Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC) in Chambers/virtual, (Lorne, Jered in-person)
- Accepted with regret the resignation of Michelle Wright as the CEDO.
- Reviewed the strategic priorities chart and proposed interim workplan.

February 1, 2023 – NSWA North Saskatchewan Water Alliance Webinar, virtual (Lorne)
- Discussion on Fresh Water Health Index and Collaborative Governance by a team of hydrologists, ecologists and freshwater biologists developing tools and technical support on water resources management.

February 2, 2023 – Hwy 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission, in Chambers/virtual (Lorne & Dan in-person)
- Received update reports form the Commission Manager, Finance Manager, and Engineer.
- Held an in-camera session to discuss a legal issue in respect to Whitefish Lake First Nation #128 off-reserve reservoir project.

February 2, 2023 – Town & County Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) Committee in Chambers/virtual (Lorne, Jered & Dominique in-person)
- Lorne Halisky acclaimed as chairperson and Amy Cherniwchan acclaimed as vice-chairperson.
- Recommended scheduling a Joint Public Hearing for the County and Town IDP Bylaws after the Town has given first reading to their bylaw, and then consider completing all three readings.

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Yours Truly,
Lorne Halisky, Smoky Lake County Reeve, and Councillor Division 4