# **SMOKY LAKE COUNTY**

Minutes of the **County Council Meeting** held on Wednesday, **December 14, 2022** at 9:06 A.M. held virtually online through Electronic Communication Technology: Zoom Meeting and physically in Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to order by the Reeve, Mr. Lorne Halisky, in the presence of the following persons:

		ATTENDANCE
Div. No.	Councillor(s)	Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022
1	Dan Gawalko	Present in Chambers
2	Linda Fenerty	Present in Chambers
3	Dominique Cere	Present in Chambers
4	Lorne Halisky	Present in Chambers
5	Jered Serben	Present in Chambers
CAO	Gene Sobolewski	Present in Chambers
Assistant CAO	Lydia Cielin	Absent
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Present in Chambers
Executive Svcs/R.S.	Patti Priest	Virtually Present
Plan/Dev Manager	Jordan Ruegg	Virtually Present
Planning Technician	Kyle Schole	Virtually Present
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# Observers in Attendance Upon Call to Order:

Evonne Zukiwski	Virtually Present
Carole Dowhaniuk	Virtually Present
Daniel Moric	Virtually Present
Amanda Kihn	Virtually Present
Tate Murphy	Virtually Present
2 Member	Virtually Present
N/A	Absent
	Daniel Moric Amanda Kihn Tate Murphy 2 Member

# 2. Agenda:

166-22: Serben

That the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting Agenda for Wednesday, December 14, 2022, be adopted, as amended:

# **Additions to the Agenda:**

- 1. Year-2022 Tax Sale Sold Tax Roll #27150120 on Lot 20; Block 1; Plan 1039CL.
- 2. Year-2022 Tax Sale Tax Agreement Tax Roll #19602311 SE-23-60-19-W4.
- 3. Year-2023 Natural Gas Budget.
- 4. Policy Statement No. 62-22-05: Northlands Farm Family.

Carried Unanimously.

# 3. Minutes:

# Minutes of September 29, 2022 - County Council CAO Evaluation Meeting

167-22: Gawalko

That the minutes of the **Smoky Lake County Council for the Purpose of the CAO Evaluation Meeting** held on Thursday, September 29, 2022, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

# Minutes of October 11, 2022 - County Council CAO Evaluation Meeting

168-22: Serben

That the minutes of the Smoky Lake County Council for the Purpose of the CAO Evaluation Meeting held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, be adopted as presented.

# Minutes of October 17, 2022 - County Council Budget Meeting

That the minutes of the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting held on 169-22: Fenerty

Monday, October 17, 2022, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

# Minutes of October 18, 2022 - County Council Departmental Operations

170-22: Fenerty That the minutes of the Smoky Lake County Council Departmental

Operations Meeting held on Tuesday, September 18, 2022, be adopted

as presented.

Carried.

# Minutes of October 24, 2022 - County Council CAO Evaluation Meeting

171-22: Cere

That the minutes of the Smoky Lake County Council for the Purpose of the CAO Evaluation Meeting held on Monday, October 24, 2022, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

# Minutes of October 26, 2022 - County Council Organizational Meeting

172-22: Serben

That the minutes of the Smoky Lake County Council Committee of the Whole for the Purpose of Administration Meeting held on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

# Minutes of October 26, 2022 - County Council Meeting

173-22: Gawalko

That the minutes of the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting held on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

# Minutes of November 15, 2022 - County Council Departmental Operations

174-22: Fenerty

That the minutes of the Smoky Lake County Council Departmental Operations Meeting held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

# Minutes of November 15, 2022 - County Council Budget Meeting

175-22: Gawalko

That the minutes of the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

176-22: Serben

Minutes of November 17, 2022 - County Council Committee of the Whole - Administration That the minutes of the Smoky Lake County Council Committee of the Whole for the Purpose of Administration Meeting held on Thursday, November 17, 2022, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

# Minutes of November 17, 2022 – Special County Council

177-22: Gawalko

That the minutes of the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting held on Thursday, November 17, 2022, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

#### 4. **Request for Decision:**

# Bylaw No. 1425-22: Village of Vilna & County Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP)

178-22: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County Bylaw No. 1425-22: Village of Vilna and Smoky Lake County Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP), for the purpose adopting an IDP, be given FIRST READING; and schedule and advertise a Joint Public Hearing with the Village of Vilna in Q1 of 2023.

Carried.

Jordan Ruegg, Planning and Development Manager, virtually joined the meeting, time 9:13 a.m.

# Bylaw No. 1426-22: Town of Smoky Lake & County Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP)

179-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Bylaw No. 1426-22: Town of Smoky Lake and Smoky Lake County Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP), for the purpose adopting an IDP, be given FIRST READING; and schedule and advertise a Joint Public Hearing with the Town of Smoky Lake in Q1 of 2023.

Carried.

# Bylaw No. 1421-22: Waskatenau Intermunicipal Water and Wastewater Servicing

180-22: Cere

That Smoky Lake County Bylaw No. 1421-22: Waskatenau Intermunicipal Water and Wastewater Servicing, for the purpose of adopting the village of Waskatenau and Smoky Lake County Section 54 agreement (intermunicipal water and wastewater servicing) pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, being chapter m-26 of the revised statutes of Alberta 2000, and amendments thereto, be given SECOND READING.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Serben, that Smoky Lake County Bylaw No. 1421-22: Waskatenau Intermunicipal Water and Wastewater Servicing, for the purpose of adopting the Village of Waskatenau and Smoky Lake County Section 54 agreement (intermunicipal water and wastewater servicing) pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, being chapter m-26 of the revised statutes of Alberta 2000, and amendments thereto, be given the THIRD and FINAL READING and that the Reeve and the Chief Administrative Officer are hereby authorized to fix their signatures to all necessary documents and that the corporate seal also be fastened where it is deemed to be necessary.

Carried.

# Realignment of Portions of Victoria Trail - Pt. NW-12-58-18-W4M

181-22: Cere

That Smoky Lake County proceed with the surveying and preparation of a Road Plan to rectify the encroachment of the Victoria Trail onto the lands legally described as Pt. NW-12-58-18-W4M, and negotiate with the landowner to obtain the necessary land required for the registration of said Road Plan, with the Alberta Land Titles Office.

Carried.

# Policy Statement No. 07-08-01: Alberta's Lakeland Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) - Liaison Committee Terms of Reference

182-22: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 07-08-01: Alberta's Lakeland Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) - Liaison Committee Terms of Reference, be adopted:

	a's Lakeland Dest Committee Term	ination Marketing Organization (DMO) - ns of Reference	Policy No.: 08-01
Section: 07 Code: P-S			Page No.: 1 of 1
Legislation	Reference:	Alberta Provincial Statutes	
Purpose:	Committee unde	e Alberta's Lakeland Destination Marketing or Recreation and Culture Services and allow at the County's Organizational Meeting.	

#### Policy Statement and Guidelines:

#### 1. STATEMENT:

1.1 The Alberta's Lakeland Destination Marketing Organization (DMO), was incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 1996 as the "Heart of the Lakeland Destination Marketing Organization" and then rebranded to "Alberta's Lakeland". TRAVEL LAKELAND then rebranded to "Alberta's Lakeland Destination Marketing Organization (DMO)" and in 2017

Smoky Lake County is a paid member of the Alberta's Lakeland DMO through a yearly membership fee that varies based on a per capita; and as a paid member, there is an opportunity to sit on the Alberta's Lakeland DMO Board of Directors.

#### 2. MEMBERSHIP:

- 2.1 Two Elected Officials shall be appointed at the County's Organizational meeting to the Alberta's Lakeland Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) Liaison Committee who will fulfill the duties of a member of the Alberta's Lakeland DMO Board of Directors
  - one Elected Official shall be appointed as the member to the Board of Directors; and
  - another Elected Official shall be appointed as the as alternate member

#### OBJECTIVE:

To provide representation of Smoky Lake County on the Alberta's Lakeland DMO Board of

#### 4. MANDATE:

- 4.1 An appointed member shall:
  - 4.1.1 attend all scheduled Board meetings and engage in discussion,
  - 4.1.2 share ideas, proposals and issues with Council for discussion and bring feedback, solutions and/or County perspective back to the Board,
  - 4.1.3 inform Council of events, attractions and activities in tourism, acting as a liaison between Travel Alberta, stakeholders, and tourism operators within Alberta's Lakeland region.

Carried.

# Policy Statement No. 62-11-01: Lakeland Industry and Community Association (LICA) -Liaison Committee Terms of Reference

183-22: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 62-11-01: Lakeland Industry and Community Association (LICA) - Liaison Committee Terms of Reference, be adopted:

	nd Industry and ( ittee Terms of Re	Community Association (LICA) - Liaison ference	Policy No.: 11-01
Section: 62		Code: P-S	Page No.: 1 of 1
Legislation	n Reference:	Alberta Provincial Statutes	
under Agricultur		<ul> <li>Lakeland Industry and Community Associa al Services and allow for appointments to be zational Meeting.</li> </ul>	

# Policy Statement and Guidelines:

# STATEMENT:

1.1 The Lakeland Industry and Community Association (LICA) was formed in October 2000 as a not-for-profit association, registered under the Alberta Societies Act, in response to the expansion of oil and gas production in the Beaver River Watershed region.



Smoky Lake County is a paid member of LICA through a yearly membership and as such, there is an opportunity to sit on the LICA Board of Directors.

## MEMBERSHIP:

- 2.1 Two Elected Officials shall be appointed at the County's Organizational meeting to the LICA Liaison Committee who will fulfill the duties of a member of the LICA Board of Directors
  - 2.1.1 one Elected Official shall be appointed as the member to the Board of Directors; and
  - 2.1.2 another Elected Official shall be appointed as the as alternate member.

## OBJECTIVE:

3.1 To provide representation of Smoky Lake County on the LICA Board of Directors.

- 4.1. An appointed member shall:
  - 4.1.1 attend all scheduled Board meetings and engage in discussion,
  - 4.1.2 share ideas, proposals and issues with Council for discussion and bring feedback, solutions and/or County perspective back to the Board,
  - 4.1.3 inform Council of events and activities of LICA, acting as a liaison between the Watershed Planning and Advisory Council (WPAC) for the Beaver River Watershed, one of eleven WPACs in Alberta, and an Airshed Zone monitoring the air quality throughout the LICA region.

# Alberta Coordinated Action for Recycling Enterprises (CARE) - Spring Seminar

184-22: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County Council and relevant Staff who can attend – attend the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Alberta Coordinated Action for Recycling Enterprises (CARE) Spring Seminar, scheduled for February 22-24, 2023, at the Strathmore, Alberta.

Carried.

# 8. <u>Executive Session:</u>

# **Legal Issues:**

# Victoria District National Historic Site River Lot 10 - Victoria Park Cemetery Rural Municipalities Association (RMA) Resolutions

185-22: Cere

That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session, to discuss two Legal Issues at:

- ▶ 9:40 a.m. under the authority of the FOIP Action Sections 16: business interests of a third party, Section 21: Intergovernmental relations, Section 24: Advice from officials and Section 28: Conservation of heritage sites, in regard to River Lot 10, Victoria District National Historic Site River Lot 10 (RL-10, VIC SETTLEMENT) Victoria Park Cemetery; and
- ➤ 9:58 a.m. under the authority of the FOIP Action Section 21: Intergovernmental relations and Section 24: Advice from Officials, in regard to the Rural Municipalities Association (RMA) Resolutions;

in the presence of all Council, Chief Administrative Officer, Finance Manager, Planning and Development Manager, Planning Technician, and Executive Services Clerk.

Carried.

186-22: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 10:05 a.m.

Carried.

# Victoria District National Historic Site of Canada River Lot 10 - Victoria Park Cemetery

187-22: Cere

That Smoky Lake County Council approve to transfer the lands known as the Victoria Park Cemetery located on part of River Lot 10 (RL-10, VIC SETTLEMENT) to the Metis Nation of Alberta (MNA) at no cost to the County, in accordance with the Municipal Government Act: Subdivision and Development Regulations, and Policy Statement 61-10-01: Disposition of County Owned Property.

Carried.

# Victoria District National Historic Site of Canada River Lot 10 - Plaque Site

188-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County initiate a subdivision of the Victoria District National Historic Site of Canada (NHSC) plaque site and enter into a sale agreement with Métis Crossing for the +/- 11-acre remainder of Rive Lot 10, at market value, based on the Public Land Sale Application 200011 appraisal, in accordance with the Municipal Government Act and Policy Statement 61-10-01: Disposition of County Owned Property.

Carried.

# Victoria District National Historic Site of Canada River Lot 10 - Partial Road Closure

189-22: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County initiate a partial road closure of the government road allowance adjacent River Lot 10, to be transferred to the Metis Nation of Alberta (MNA) in accordance with the Municipal Government Act: Subdivision and Development Regulations, and Policy Statement 61-10-01: Disposition of County Owned Property. and Policy Statement 03-16: Road Closure or Cancellation.

# Victoria District National Historic Site of Canada River Lot 10 – Plaque Site Flags

190-22: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County approve to install both the Treaty 6 and Métis Nation Flags at the Victoria District National Historic Site of Canada (NHSC) Plaque Site, on Rive Lot 10, with flag poles supplied by the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) on the lands legally described as River Lot 10, and invite the leaderships of the Métis Nation of Alberta and Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations to the flag raising.

Carried.

# Sponsored Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Resolutions Fall 2022

191-22: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County acknowledge the outcomes of the Fall 2022 Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Resolutions sponsored by Smoky Lake County, as follows:

Number	Title:	Outcome
22.22=	Operative Clause	Outcome
20-22F	Lost Road Closure Files:  THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) requests that the Government of Alberta streamline the Minister of Transportation's approval processes associated with municipal road closures;	
	FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the RMA requests that the Government of Alberta create a digital tracking system that would ensure bylaws or resolutions are not misplaced or lost by Alberta Transportation.	Carried.
15-22F	Completion of Alberta's Remaining Land-use Framework Regional Plans Regional Planning:  THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Municipalities of Alberta requests that the Government of Alberta resume progress on the remaining regional land-use plans intended to be developed under the Land-use Framework.	Defeated.
13-22F	Enhanced Wetland Replacement Program:  THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Municipalities of Alberta engage with the Government of Alberta to simplify and expand the eligibility for projects under the Wetland Replacement Program	Carried.

Carried.

# Request for Province to Resume Progress on the North Saskatchewan Regional Plan

192-22: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County send a letter request to the Alberta Minister of Environment and Protected Areas, for the Province to resume progress on the North Saskatchewan Regional Plan (NSRP) which has been in-development since 2014 and paused since 2018 and includes 69 recommendations across six topic areas; and copy said the letter the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Forestry Parks and Tourism, MLA for Athabasca-Barrhead, Minister of Jobs Economy & Northern Development, and all NSRP Municipalities.

# Sponsored Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Resolutions Fall 2022

193-22: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County adopt the following proposed Resolution for consideration at the Spring 2023 Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Convention, entitled: Municipal Access to Provincial Open Data and forward the same to the next RMA District 5 Meeting for consideration:

# Smoky Lake County Proposed Spring 2023 RMA Resolution (#1-2023)

Title: Municipal Access to Open Data

WHEREAS municipal decision-making is best informed by fulsome data; and

WHEREAS rural municipalities are constrained in their ability to afford expensive data subscriptions or purchases such as LiDAR; and

WHEREAS provincial departments such as Municipal Affairs, Health, Transportation, Environment and Protected Ares, Forestry Parks and Tourism, each enjoy data capacity and data warehousing; and

WHEREAS provincial departments have sometimes proven unreasonably data-protectionist; and

WHEREAS entering into data sharing agreements with individual departments is cumbersome, time-consuming, as severely limits scope and duration; and

WHEREAS unlocking data opens the door to crowd-sourced solutions, efficiencies, collaboration, public safety, and economic development; and

WHEREAS Albertans should not needlessly pay direct and indirect costs for accessing data multiple times at each order of government;

WHEREAS considerable progress has been made by provincial departments in the last eight years in improving and increasing dataflows;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rural Municipalities of Alberta advocates that the Government of Alberta continue to prioritize improved Open Data access for municipalities.

Adopted by Resolution of Smoky Lake County Council: Motion #XXX-XX
Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_\_
Submission to the RMA Zone 5 (Edmonton East) Meeting: MONTH DAY, 2023

Member's Background

Carried.

One Member of the Public virtually joined the meeting, time 10:10 a.m.

# Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC) - Economic Development Budget

194-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County, as the managing partner of the Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC) approve the 2023 Economic Development Budget in the amount of \$115,600.00 including Municipal Contributions in the total amounts allocated as follows: Smoky Lake County at 67.5% in the amount of \$78,030.00, Town of Smoky Lake at 27% in the amount of \$31,212.00, and Village of Vilna at 5.5% in the amount of \$6,358.00.

Carried.

# 7. **Delegation:**

Delegation: Cam Croswell, Manager of Dale Croswell Construction Co. Ltd. / DDC Sand & Gravel, and associate Alissa, entered Council Chambers, time 10:32 a.m.

# Dale Croswell Construction Co. Ltd. / DDC Sand & Gravel

Present before Council in Chambers from 10:33 a.m. to 10:36 a.m. was Cam Croswell, Manager of Dale Croswell Construction Co. Ltd. / DDC Sand & Gravel, to discuss a proposed Winter Haul Road Agreement.

# Dale Croswell Construction Co. Ltd. / DDC Sand & Gravel - Haul Road Agreement

195-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County execute a Haul Road Agreement for Winter Haul, as per Policy Statement No. 03-14-12, for the period of December 15, 2022 to February 28, 2023 with Dale Croswell Construction Co. Ltd. / DDC Sand & Gravel to haul approximately 20,000 tonnes, provided the conditions are right, from Township Road 610 South on Range Road 181 to Township Road 604 and West to Highway 831.

Carried.

Delegation: Cam Croswell, Manager of Dale Croswell Construction Co. Ltd. / DDC Sand & Gravel, and associate Alissa, left the meeting, time 10:37 a.m.

# **Ukrainian Twinning Committee - 2023 Budget**

196-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County approve to provide funding in the amount of \$2,500.00 to the Ukrainian Twinning Committee's Managing Partner: Town of Smoky Lake, towards the Committee's Year-2023 budget in the total amount of \$5,000.00, using the following municipal funding formula in accordance with the Committee's Terms of Reference:

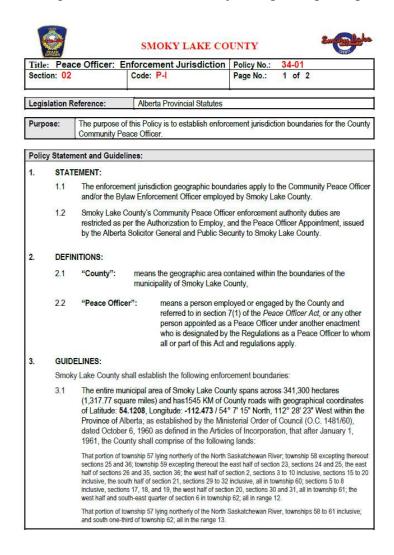
- Smoky Lake County at 50% in the amount of \$2,500.00,
- Town of Smoky Lake at 25% in the amount of \$1,250.00,
- Village of Vilna at 12.5% in the amount not to exceed \$625.00,
- Village of Waskatenau at 12.5% in the amount not to exceed \$625.00.

Carried.

# Policy Statement No. 02-34-01: Peace Officer: Enforcement Jurisdiction

197-22: Cere

That Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 02-34-01: Peace Officer: Enforcement Jurisdiction, be adopted and acknowledged as a legislative requirement which is not subject to public participation:



Section: 02	2 Code: P-I Page No.: 2 of 2
Policy State	ement and Guidelines:
	That portion of township 57 lying northerly of the North Saskatchewan River; townships 58 to 61 inclusive; a in the range 14.
	Those portions of townships 57 and 58 lying north and east of the North Saskatchewan River; townships 59 to 61 inclusive; all in range 15.
	That portion of township 58 lying northerly of the North Saskatchewan River; townships 59 to 61 inclusive; a in range 16.
	That portion of township 58 lying northerly of the North Saskatchewan River; townships 59 to 61 inclusive; a in range 17.
	That portion of township 58 lying northerly of the North Saskatchewan River; townships 59 and 60; township 61 excepting thereout the west halves of sections 18, 19, 30, and 31; all in range 18.
	That portion of township 58 lying northerly of the North Saskatchewan River; townships 59; sections 1 to 26 inclusive, the east half of section 27, the east half of section 34, sections 35 and 36, all in township 60; sections 1 and 2, the east half of section 3, the east half of section 10, sections 11 and 12, all in township 61 all in range 19.
	The east half of section 36, in township 58 in range 20.
	All the above-described lands lying west of the fourth meridian.
3.2	Any incorporated municipalities which have an agreement with Smoky Lake County for the provision of enforcement services of the Peace Officer requiring the service.
3.3	All jurisdictions which Smoky Lake County has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for enforcement purposes.
3.4	At no time shall the Community Peace Officer act in an official capacity outside their jurisdiction boundary except to attend court as a witness.
3.5	In the interest of public safety and security, the Community Peace Officer shall only act in the capacity of a resource to assist other agencies, such as Law Enforcement Agencies, Fire Departments, or Emergency Response Management within jurisdiction boundary.
3.6	Should a call be received in relation to a criminal offence, the call shall be directed to the appropriate police agency.
3.7	Any call received from a person outside the Community Peace Officer's authorized jurisdiction shall advise the caller has contacted the wrong agency and to contact the appropriate agency.

Carried.

# eMissions Software Inc. - Emission Reduction Tracking Software

198-22: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County, **take no action** and not participate in a pilot project utilizing eMissions Software Inc.'s software application as a tool to track the progress of emission reduction, as per discussions held at the November 14, 2022 Joint Municipalities Meeting, as the County does not have enough municipal buildings to make the project cost effective with the \$13,750/year annual licensing fee commitment expected, once the free trial ends.

Carried.

# **Appointment of the Bylaw Enforcement Officer**

199-22: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County appoint Tate Murphy to be the designated Bylaw Enforcement Officer for Smoky Lake County for the purpose of inspections pursuant to Section 542 of the Municipal Government Act and enforcement of Bylaws pursuant to Sections 545 and 546 of the Municipal Government Act; and execute an "Oath of Office" in accordance with Bylaw No. 1405-21: Bylaw Enforcement Officer.

Carried.

# Review of Bylaw No. 1344-19: Dog Control

200-22: Cere

That Smoky Lake County Council's review of Bylaw No. 1344-19: Dog Control, be **deferred** to a future Policy Committee meeting after all options for dog shelter services have been identified and after the Smoky Lake Region Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee (ICC) has completed their process of exploring the possibility of Regional Dog Control; **and** in the interim, defer procedures to the Bylaw Enforcement Officer discretion for sheltering a dog when required.

# Policy Statement No. 01M-19-01: Animal Control Technician

That Smoky Lake County Council approve and acknowledge receipt of Policy Statement No. 01M-19-01: Animal Control – Job Description as follows:

Title: Animal Control T	echnician	Policy No.: 19 - 01
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Purpose: The Animal Control Technician shall report directly to the Agricultural Fieldman.

As part of a municipal team, the Animal Control Technician provides coordination and technical expertise for environmentally responsible trapping. The purpose of the position is to facilitate the humane and responsible removal of problem wildlife to maintain County owned infrastructure. The Animal Control Technician is also responsible for maintenance and installation of all County owned flow devices "pond levelers". In addition to beaver trapping the Animal Control Technician is responsible for dog catching within Smoky Lake County and other problem wildlife as needed

#### Policy Statement and Guidelines:

#### RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1.1 Maintain daily records of beavers, muskrats and dogs caught
- 1.2 Assist the Agricultural Fieldman in all required Federal and Provincial documentation including but not limited to Department of Fisheries and Oceans permits.
- 1.3 Collect any easements for work required on private land to protect County infrastructure.
- 1.4 Review any Agricultural Service Board policies pertaining to trapping or dog catching annually with the Agricultural Fieldman to ensure they are maintained and up to date
- 1.5 Report any incidental catches to Fish & Wildlife.
- 1.6 Document any complaints received and report to Agricultural Fieldman
- 1.7 Contracting stakeholders to collaborate efforts.
- 1.8 Update and maintain GIS records.
- 1.9 Maintaining explosives magazine inventory and ensuring all proper documentation
- 1.10 Attend workshops and training to strengthen existing knowledge.
- 1.11 Host public education and awareness workshops on an as need basis.

Title: Animal Control Technician		Policy No.:	19 - 01
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## Policy Statement and Guidelines:

# 2. Problem Wildlife Control:

- 2.1 Assess damages to County owned infrastructure caused by problem wildlife and remove when necessary.
- 2.2 Install and maintain flow devices "pond levelers" to prevent damages where possible.
- 2.3 Respond to ratepayer complaints originating from County property in respect to plugged culverts on rights-of-way caused by wildlife.
- 2.4 Clean culverts that have been blocked by beaver and muskrat activity.

# 3. Dog Catching:

- 3.1 Respond to ratepayer reports of loose dogs within Smoky Lake County.
- 3.2 Pick-up or capture stray dogs and transport them to an approved animal shelter; or if possible, reunite them with owners
- 3.3 Ensure adequate records are kept regarding stray pick-ups and ratepayer interactions.
- 3.4 Injured dogs must be taken to a vet for assessment.

## 4. Flow Devices and Blasting:

- 4.1 Assist the Agricultural Fieldman in all required Federal and Provincial documentation ncluding but not limited to Department of Fisheries and Oceans permits
- 4.2 Maintaining explosives magazine inventory and ensure all proper documentation is
- 4.3 Complete private land blasting as required and when time permits
- 4.4 Install flow devices on County rights-of-way and private property when in the interest of
- 4.5 Pick-up flow device supplies from suppliers when needed.
- 4.6 Attend workshops and training to strengthen existing knowledge on flow device design, installation processes, and legal responsibilities required when installing devices.

Tit	Fitle: Animal Control Technician Policy No.: 19 - 01					
Se	ction:	1 - M Job Description	Page No.: 3 of 3			
Po	Policy Statement and Guidelines:					
5.	s. Safety:					
	5.1	Ensure that Smoky Lake County's Healt requirements and procedures as outlined in and the Alberta Occupational Health and Safe	the Safety Policy Manual are adhered to,			
	5.2	Perform Safety Hazard Assessments.				
	5.3 Attend training sessions and workshops, as required.		required.			
	5.4 Ensure all duties are performed within municipal, provincial and federal regulations.		ipal, provincial and federal regulations.			
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Be able to lift approximately 50 pounds, walk for prolonged periods of time, drive and climb

in and out of equipment.

Be safety conscious and attentive to the working environment.

Understand oral and written instructions

Have a great attention to detail and high stress tolerance

#### **EMPLOYEE EVALUATION**

- Evaluated by the Agricultural Fieldman or designate on a yearly basis Salary Range: as per Policy 01-03: Organizational Chart.

Carried.

# Smoky Lake Detachment RCMP - Impromptu Visit

Sgt. Tina Chan, Smoky Lake Detachment RCMP entered Council Chambers, time 11:00 a.m. to check-in with Council and receive any concerns. Topics included but was not limited to:

- Federal buyback program for firearms.
- Coffee with a Cop held in Waskatenau on November 17, 2022 and in Vilna on December 7, 2022. The next session will be held in Smoky Lake at the Bakery on December 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Sgt. Tina Chan, Smoky Lake Detachment RCMP left Council Chambers, time 11:14 a.m.

# 2023 Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) Agreement

202-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council defer consideration of executing the agreement with the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association for the 2023 year for continued extension programming at a cost of \$55,000, to the January 26, 2023 County Council Meeting.

Carried.

# Bylaw No. 1422-22: Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB)

203-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Bylaw No. 1422-22: Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB), for the purpose of establishing the SDAB for Smoky Lake County, be given FIRST READING; and advertise in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, and in accordance with County Bylaws and Policies.

Carried.

#### **Public Question and Answer Period:** 11:30 to 11:30 a.m.

None.

# Five-Year Consolidated Capital Budget for 2023-2027

204-22: Cere

That Smoky Lake County approve the Five-Year Consolidated Capital Budget including the Bridge and Road Programs for a total cost of \$5,570,095 in 2023, \$10,571,656 in 2024, \$6,194,053 in 2025, \$6,882,889 in 2026, and \$4,286,117 in 2027.

Carried.

# **Interim Five-Year Capital Budget for 2023-2027**

205-22: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County approve the 2023 **Interim** Municipal Capital Budget including the Bridge and Road Programs for a total capital cost of \$5,284,605 and capital revenue of \$3,769,048.

Carried.

## **Interim Total Function Budget for 2023**

206-22: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council approve the Year-2023 **Interim** Municipal Budget, with revenue in the amount of \$19,688,408 and total Expenditures in the amount of \$19,688,408 not including amortization in the amount of \$2,020,300.

Carried.

# Addition to the Agenda (Request for Decisions):

# Year-2022 Tax Sale - Sold Tax Roll #27150120 on Lot 20; Block 1; Plan 1039CL

207-22: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County acknowledge that Tax Roll #27150120 on Lot 20; Block 1; Plan 1039CL was declared sold at the Tax Sale held on December 13,2022 and acknowledge that title will be transferred pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, RSA2000, Chapter M-26, S. 423 upon final payment, December 16, 2022.

Carried.

# Tax Agreement Tax Roll #19602311 SE-23-60-19-W4

208-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County execute a Tax Agreement with David Mathew Noel for Property Tax Roll #19602311, legally described as SE-23-60-19-W4, in accordance with Policy Statement No 12-01-01: Tax Agreement, to recover the tax arrears on the said property, with a payment schedule of \$230.95 per month for a period of 36 months effective January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025.

Carried.

# Natural Gas Operating Budget for 2023

209-22: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County adopt the 2023 Natural Gas System Operating Budget with a total revenue in the amount of \$3,014,520 and expenditures in the amount of \$3,074,520 (including amortization).

Carried.

# **Natural Gas Capital Budget for 2023**

210-22: Cere

That Smoky Lake County adopt the 2023 Natural Gas System Capital Budget with a total revenue in the amount of \$115,500 and expenditures in the amount of \$285,500.

Carried.

# Enterprise Fleet Management Canada Inc. - Replacement of Unit 202

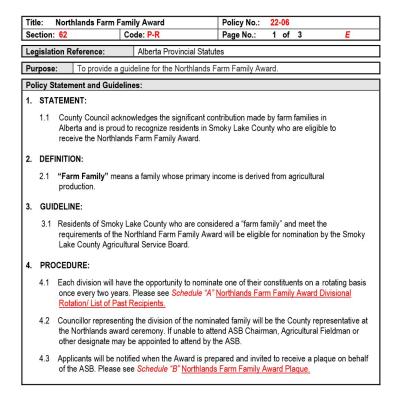
211-22: Cere

That Smoky Lake County execute the open-end (equity) lease agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management Canada Inc. as per their Quote 6710057, dated October 11, 2022 for a Year-2023 Ford F-350 XLT, 4x4, SD crew cab, 6.75 ft. box, 160 in. wheel base, SRW, box 147.4 in. wheel base, to replace Fleet Unit 202, as recommended at the Natural Gas Committees, December 13, 2022 meeting by Motion #NG007-22.

# Policy Statement No. 62-22-06: Northlands Farm Family

212-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 62-22-06: Northlands Farm Family, be amended to include the Shwetz Family, as recommended by the Agricultural Service Board on December 13, 2022:



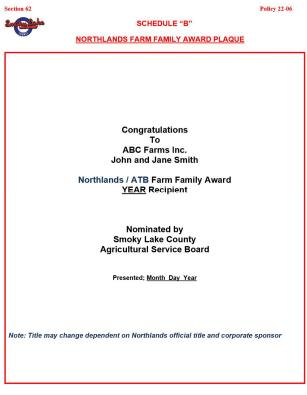
Section 62 Policy 22-06



#### SCHEDULE "A"

# $\frac{\textbf{NORTHLANDS FARM FAMILY AWARD} - \textbf{DIVISIONAL ROTATION AND PAST}}{\textbf{RECIPIENT LIST}}$





Schedule "B": Northlands Farm Family Award Plaque

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Carried.

# 5. <u>Issues for Information:</u>

# **Chief Administrative Officer's Report**

Chief Administrative Officer  Report Perio	d: <u>Oct 16, 2</u>	2022 to Dec	07, 202
LEGISLATIVE / GOVERNANCE			
Projects	Date In Progress	Date Outstanding	Date Completed
Stony Creek/Beaver Dams/Saddle Lake: This request has taken considerable time administratively to review and sort out. A meeting request by Council to be arranged between the County and Saddle Lake Cree Nation to discuss the issue. A date of November 16, 2022 at 10:00 am was set.	Sept 20/22 Sept 25/22		
Project progress:  The Nation cancelled and had not yet provided alternate dates for consideration.			
Gravel Haul Road Agreement: A letter was prepared from Council to invite the landowner to meet with Council at the October Council Meeting as a delegation.	Oct 13/22		
Project progress:  A letter was prepared from Council to invite the landowner to meet with Council at the October Council Meeting as a delegation. The individual Canceled the meeting and a			
Joint Waskatenau Meeting: A meeting was held to discuss the expiration of the IDP and introduce the subject of annexation or revenue sharing.  Project progress:  • The IDP's are part of the RFD in this meeting for Vilna and the Town.	Sept 01/22		
Administrative Efficiencies: The Council tasked the CAO with reviewing administrative processes with the goal of attaining and gaining and efficiencies in time spent by administration on reports, meetings, etc.	Oct 15/22	8	
Project progress: The CAO has started to meet with staff groups to discuss their processes.			
The goal is to provide a report to Council in January.			
ADMINISTRATIVE			
Projects	Date In Progress	Date Outstanding	Date Completed
Managers Meetings – Every Monday Morning			Ongoing

Chief Administrative Officer  Report Period: Oct 16, 2022 to Dec 07, 2022		
Bonnie Lake Resort – The County signed off on the easement agreement for the gas lines. The Construction Completion Inspection is die to be scheduled in the spring.  Project progress:	Oct 13/22	
<ul> <li>Bascor is requesting that the County winter blade the roads for customer access through a similar agreement executed last winter.</li> </ul>		
Hillside Acres – Evaluation of Public Recreation Area: In the spring of 2021 Administration met with a landowner in Hillside Acres to discuss the lack of recreational opportunities in the subdivision, including beach, park and public boat launch/dock. A group of resident's later presented information at a Council meeting.		
Project progress:  • The conceptual report has been deleted in the draft 2023 budget.		
Departmental Meeting - Departmental/Board Meetings		Sept 20/22
Surface Lease Discussion Managers: A management meeting was held to review, discuss and develop methodologies to address Council concerns in the development of a Surface Lease project.	Aug 22/22 Aug 31/22	
Project progress:  Administration is currently working on the revision of the language in the policy. Legislative Services is quite backlogged with work and is hoping to have the revision completed for January or February such that lease holders can have adequate time to make decisions as to the lease in the fall of 2023.		
Regional Engineering Standards (ACP): Met with team, legal and Admins regarding the project.	Ongoing	
Project progress:		
The Engineer provided a Climate Change strategy program as a value added component to provide insight of the impacts of climate change on infrastructure moving forward. The project is on schedule.		
Northern Lights RV Park – Ongoing meetings and issues.	Ongoing	
Project progress:              The MPC approved the Development Permit with modified changes to the conditions.		
An appeal of the permit to the SDAB has been launched.		

Chief Administrative Officer  Report Per	iod: Oct 16, 2	022 to Dec 07, 202
Drive Happiness: Attended a session for the implementation of the program.	Ongoing	
Project progress:  The County will be proceeding to post information about the program on the County website and social media.	1	
Joint Health and Safety Committee Meeting		Sept 15/2
Project progress:  Nothing tasked to the County CAO.		
Ukrainian Twinning Meeting/Kosiv		Sept 13/2
Project progress:  Nothing tasked to the County CAO.		
RCDC/CEDO Meeting	Ongoing	
Project progress:  CAO is awaiting the proposed bylaw changes to present to the RCDC from Legislative Services. This project is affected by the extreme backlog within the department.		
<ul> <li>Scheduling for review by the RCDC Committee in January of February meeting</li> </ul>	r	
<ul> <li>Once the Bylaw is completed and adopted by the Committee members, the CEDO Contract would then be prepared for ratification (reflecting any changes).</li> </ul>		
No Change from previous report.		
Fire and Rescues Committee Meeting: Review of the TSI report of Implementation.	Ongoing	
Project progress:		
<ul> <li>The County adopted the Implementation plan and appointed the CAO, Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief to the Administrative Negotiation Committee, as recommended by TSI.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Awaiting adoption of the implementation plan by the Town and Villages.</li> </ul>	i l	

Chief Administrative Officer  Report Period: Oct 16, 2022 to Dec 07, 2022				
<ul> <li>Needing to provide TSI with approval to proceed with the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of the project – preparation of the Master Plan.</li> </ul>				
Waskatenau Intermunicipal Agreement: This project was initially required as a result of the proposed development along the south side of the Hwy 28 adjacent to Waskatenau. There is a requirement to connect to the municipal services. The bylaw was presented and approved.	Ongoing			
Project progress:  • The Project is completed				
Paradis Claim – Sometime in March damage had occurred to a gate owned by Mr. Paradis. The matter was investigated and the County did commit to undertaking repairs to the gate but there was an issue of timely response and communication by both parties. This resulted in the ratepayer becoming frustrated and undertaking the work himself. Mr. Paradis is now requesting payment for the labour to fabricate (weld) a replacement gate and to place on site.	Ongoing			
The County did mobilize to undertake the repairs however the work was already being completed. In discussing the matter with Mr Paradis, he is convinced that the damage was caused by the County grader.				
Project progress:  • The CAO discussed the matter with the ratepayer and committed to bringing the Claim to the December Council meeting.				
Recommendation: That Smoky Lake County reimburse Brent Paradis for the labour and cost to re-install the gate in the amount of \$4,756.50 pursuant to the invoices submitted to the County.				
Broadband Project: Early in 2022, in conjunction to the announced funding by the Federal and Provincial governments, Council stated a desire to develop a project (or projects) to utilize this funding to provide beter service within the County. Administration suggested that the County could contract the services of a consultant to determine needs within the County (including some periphery partners) and develop a strategy which could be used as the basis for a grant application. Council chose to invite representatives from service providers to speak with Council directly, as it was felt that these representatives would have industry knowledge of our area needs and could best recommend projects.				
Project progress:  • The County met with MCSNet and provided priority locations for their review.				

Chief Administrative Officer Report Perio	od: Oct 16, 2	2022 to Dec	07, 202
	Ongoing		
HWY 28/63 COMMISSION			
Hwy 28/63 Board meeting			Oct 31/22
Hwy 28/63 Bylaw Committee meeting.			Oct 24/22
FINANCIAL			
Projects	Date In Progress	Date Outstanding	Date Completed
<ul> <li>2023 Budget (Council) Meeting – At the December 06 Budget meeting, Council reviewed the Interim Budget for presentation to the public at the December 13 Open House.</li> <li>Project progress: <ul> <li>Administration has prepared a draft budget and presentation outlining our capital budget for 2023. This was accepted by the Council.</li> <li>The Council also tasked the CAO/Administration to review the budget of reducing the operating budget by 5% and providing impacts of that reduction prior to the adoption of the final budget.</li> <li>A workshop is to be scheduled between the Council and Administration to review processes and service to gain understanding of the consequences of the desired reduction.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Ongoing		
HUMAN RESOURCES			
Projects	Date In Progress	Date Outstanding	Date Completed
Welder: The County welder.  Project progress:  Administration is currently reviewing applications.	Ongoing		
COMMUNITY			
Projects	Date In Progress	Date Outstanding	Date Completed
TRAINING			
COUNTY STRATEGIC PLAN			
Strategic Plan: A Strategic Plan is Council's plan for the next 3 years and beyond. It is a critical document for the CAO and Administration to prepare plans and budgets.	Ongoing		
Project progress:		1	

•	13 Ways submitted a draft report of the session. Administration provide to Council for review/comment. To date, no replies have been received.		
•	Once the report is reviewed, 13 Ways and the CAO will draft the Strategic Plan, likely for adoption at the December meeting, Council will need to consider the public rollout program.		
•	Once adopted, the CAO will then prepare the target/milestone report as well as the financial impact. These will likely be ready for the January or February meeting.		

# Damage Claim - Driveway Gate Brent Paradis

213-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County reimburse Brent Paradis for the labour and cost to repair and re-install his driveway gate, in the amount of \$2,656.50 pursuant to the invoice #1027, dated October 25, 2022, from Paradis Farm / Brent Paradis and Cathy Saar-Paradis, submitted to the County.

Carried.

# **Council Workshop**

214-22: Cere

That Smoky Lake County Council attend an internal workshop lead by Administration scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. and Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., for the purpose of refreshing Council on Elected Officials training and budgetary processes/options, and to review a draft Strategic Plan.

Carried.

# Ukrainian Flag Installation in Council Chambers

215-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County approve to install the Ukrainian Flag in County Council Chambers, in recognition and in honor of the regional twinning relationship with the Kosiv Oblast region, outlined under Bylaw 1404-21: Ukrainian Twinning Committee, and as recommended at the September 17, 2022 Ukrainian Twinning Committee meeting; to be installed in accordance with the Heritage Canada flags orders of precedence guidelines.

Carried.

## **Financial Statements**

# As annexed to the minutes:

⋄ Financial Statement: September 2022.

# Action List(s)

# Action Lists:

- i. County Council CAO Evaluation Meeting September 29, 2022.
- ii. County Council CAO Evaluation Meeting October 11, 2022.
- iii. County Council Budget Meeting October 17, 2022.
- iv. County Council Departmental Meeting October 18, 2022.
- v. County Council CAO Evaluation Meeting October 24, 2022.
- vi. County Council Organizational Meeting October 26, 2022.
- vii. County Council Meeting October 26, 2022.
- viii. County Council Departmental Meeting November 15, 2022.
- ix. County Council Budget Meeting November 15, 2022.
- x. County Council Committee of the Whole for the Purpose of Administration Meeting November 17, 2022.
- xi. County Council Special Meeting November 17, 2022.

# **Chief Administrative Officer's Report**

216-22: Cere

That Smoky Lake County's Chief Administrative Officer's report for the period of October 16, 2022 to December 7, 2022, be accepted and filed for information.

Carried.

**Meeting Recessed** 

Meeting recessed for Lunch, time 12:14 p.m.

**Meeting Reconvened** 

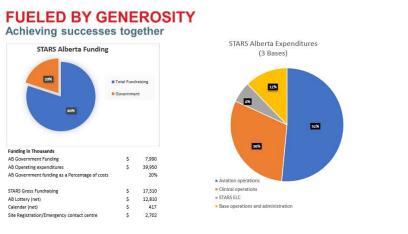
The meeting reconvened on a call to order by Reeve Lorne Halisky at 1:08 p.m. in the physical presence of all Council members, the Chief Administrative Officer, Finance Manager, and the virtual presence of the Planning & Development Manager, Planning Technician, Acting Agricultural Fieldman, Recording Secretary, Communications Technician, GIS Operator, 3 Members of the Public and 1 Delegation from STARS (Shock Trauma and Rescue Services).

# 7. **Delegation:**

# **STARS (Shock Trauma and Rescue Services)**

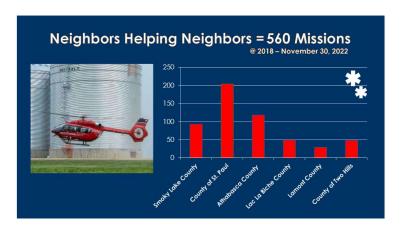
Virtually present before Council from 1:08 p.m. to 1:38 p.m. was Glenda Farnden, Senior Municipal Relations Liaison, STARS (Shock Trauma and Rescue Services) to provide the following presentation:

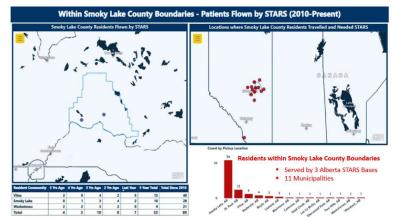






SMOKY LAKE COUNTY @ November 30, 2022	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	TOTAL
Near Caslan (within Smoky Lake County)				1	1	2
Near Gold Creek		1		1		2
Near Kikino				1		1
Saddle Lake FN		1	4	3	4	12
Smoky Lake Hospital (critical inter-facility transfers)	6	7	8	11	7	39
Near Smoky Lake (scene calls)	6	5	6	3	5	25
Near Spedden		1		2		3
Near Vilna	2	1	1	1	2	7
Near Waskatenau					2	2
TOTAL (overall average = 18 missions per year)	14	16	19	23	21	93
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Scott Franchuk, Fire Chief, virtually joined the meeting, time 1:14 p.m.

Tate Murphy, Bylaw Enforcement Officer, virtually joined the meeting, time 1:20 p.m.

Glenda Farnden, Senior Municipal Relations Liaison, STARS (Shock Trauma and Rescue Services), virtually left the meeting, time 1:38 p.m.

# STARS (Shock Trauma and Rescue Services) – 2022 Presentation

217-22: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the presentation from December 14, 2022 Delegation: Glenda Farnden, Senior Municipal Relations Liaison, STARS (Shock Trauma and Rescue Services).

Carried.

# STARS (Shock Trauma and Rescue Services) – 2023 Funding Contribution

218-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council approve to increase the annual contribution to the STARS (Shock Trauma and Rescue Services), in reference to the September 26, 2018, Council Motion #940-18 from an annual contribution in the amount of \$5,000.00, to an annual contribution of \$6,000.00 starting in Year-2023.

Carried.

# 5. <u>Issues for Information:</u>

# Finance Manager's Report: Actual to Budget Report

Brenda Adamson, Finance Manager presented an updated Financial Report for the period ending December 7, 2022.

# Request for Write Off of Property Tax Penalties - 40310107 & 40310108

219-22: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council **take no action** to the email received from the estate executor for the owner named on property tax roll numbers 40310107 and 40310108, dated November 30, 2022, requesting the penalties charged in 2021 and 2022 be waived.

Carried.

# Request for Write Off of Property Tax Penalties – 17591614

220-22: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council **take no action** to the email received from the owner named on property tax roll number 17591614, dated November 27, 2022, requesting the penalties charged in 2022 be waived.

Carried.

# **Request for Write Off of Property Tax Penalties - 19601530**

221-22: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County Council **approve** the verbal request to write off property tax penalties on tax roll number 19601530 in 2022, as they were caused by an administrative error.

Carried.

# Request for Write Off of Property Tax Penalties – 18610511

222-22: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council **approve** to the email request made by the on behalf of the owners on property tax roll number 18610511, dated November 24, 2022, to cancel the penalties as the owners were in a major motor vehicle accident in October 2022 and were both severely injured and hospitalized.

Carried.

# Request for Write Off of Property Tax Penalties – 33230517

223-22: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council **take no action** to the letter from the owners on property tax roll number 33230517, dated November 22, 2022, requesting the penalties charged in 2022 be waived, as the Municipal Government Act (MGA) deems tax notices are considered to be received 7 days after mailing which puts the responsibility on the landowner to follow up if they have not received the notice.

# Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Grant

224-22: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County **approve** to allocate funding from the **2023** Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Grant budget in accordance with Policy No. 08-17-01: Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) grant as follows:

<b>Community Group</b>	Eligibility	Funding
Smoky Lake Holubka	Volunteer appreciation meal at	\$1,250.00
Dancers	Malanka (New Year's)	
	Celebration.	

Carried.

# Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Grant

225-22: Serben MOTION DEFEATED

That Smoky Lake County **approve** to allocate funding from the **2022** Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Grant budget in accordance with Policy No. 08-17-01: Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) grant as follows:

<b>Community Group</b>	Eligibility	Funding
Victoria District Agricultural Society	Volunteer appreciation	\$1,700.00

Defeated.

# Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Grant

226-22: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County **approve** to allocate funding from the **2022** Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Grant budget in accordance with Policy No. 08-17-01: Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) grant as follows:

<b>Community Group</b>	Eligibility	Funding
Victoria District Agricultural Society	Volunteer appreciation	\$850.00
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Carried.

# **Family FCSS Funding Agreement**

227-22: Cere

That Smoky Lake County approve to execute the Funding Agreement with His Majesty the King in Right of Alberta, as represented by the Minister of Senior, Community and Social Services, identified as #FCFA0001932, effective January 1, 2023 for Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) funding in the maximum amount allocated as follows, and further agree to abide by the terms of the Conditional Grant Agreement governing the purpose and use of the grant funds:

\$93,308.00 for January 1,2023 to December 31, 2023; \$93,308.00 for January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024; and \$93,308.00 for January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

Carried.

# **Finance Manager's Report**

228-22: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County's Finance Manager's report for the period ending December 7, 2022, be accepted, and filed for information.

# Division One Councillor's Report on various Committees, Boards and Commissions

Dan Gawalko – Deputy Reeve & Division One Councillor's report from various Committees, Boards and Commissions:

Dan Gawalko Division one councillor report

# November/December 2022

- November 16, Attended the Bellis/Vilna Citizens on Patrol meeting held in Bellis Constable DJ gave his report on the happenings in the local RCMP division, I gave an update on what the county is up to hiring a community peace officer the break ins at various resorts in the area, the group discussed the raffle tickets the draw took place on Nov 27 at Vilna the winner Joe Dombowsky from Bellis won the 1200 dollar meat pkg. and April Chykerda from Radway won the 500 dollar meat pkg. 4 more 100 dollar cash prizes were also won, several members attended the ACOPA AGM in Sherwood park and gained some valuable knowledge from some of the speakers, I also attended the COPS Christmas dinner on December 3 with just over 20 members and their families in attendance, next meeting will be in Vilna at the village office on January 19, 2022.
- November 17, Evergreen regional landfill started with the organizational meeting Maxine Fodness is still the chair and Nathan Taylor is the vice chair for this year, Ashley presented the financials, Paul gave the site report the compactor had some injector problems some were replaced this unit has 16,000 hours on it and a new one is 839,000 dollars, the 950 loader had some rad hoses replaced, on Dec 7 & 8 there will be a shredder demo on site and all member municipalities are invited to attend, rapid gaz the company that deals with recycling propane tanks was sold to tank traders so each municipality will have to sign some new contracts with the new company, a discussion about building new cells or a mrf with different scenario's and costs was brought

forward to the directors to ponder over trying to reduce landfill waste, next meeting is on December 15 10:00 am in St.Paul .

- December 2, attended the Alberta CARE meeting in Leduc, the board met with Dave McKenna of AEP on Dec 1 about the new EPR program they will be having town hall meetings to go through the regulations Ag plastics is not in this program ,the Alberta CARE spring seminar was a success with 126 attendees and they made 36,000 dollars, the fall conference was in the city of Leduc 162 attendees was well attended made 52,000 dollars, talked about new HHW and freon courses available in the next 1/4, Omni McCann, EPS plastic recycling and Alroot composting are new members, the Alberta CARE spring seminar will be held in the town of Strathmore Feb 22-24 2023 and the Alberta CARE conference will be 2023 in Grande Prairie September 6-8 2023, in the afternoon the chair, manager of Evergreen landfill and myself went to look at a mrf building and a large shredder the terminator at Leduc regional land fill -28 c , a shredder like this is around 1  $\,$ million to purchase.
- December 7, went to the shredder demo at Evergreen regional site it was a Hammel VB 750 DK machine that did an awesome job on reducing land fill waste, power poles became kindling it does 120 mattresses per hour with 90 % of the metal going in a different direction couches and recliners were reduced to small bits saving valuable space in the landfill another cool day with the wind.
- December 7 in the afternoon attended the RCMP community open house in Vilna with councillor Linda Fenerty and Vilna mayor and CAO and several ratepayers from the town and Bonnie Lake, staff Sergeant Tina and her young corporal discussed some things to prevent and reduce crime, also things the county is

doing, hiring a COP and meeting with RCMP commanding officer Curtis Zablocki and the minister of justice Tyler Shandro, talked about local clubs rural crime watch and citizens on patrol, a good discussion was held with the members and community members had some new ideas and tools in their toolbox.

# Division Two Councillor's Report on various Committees, Boards and Commissions

Linda Fenerty – Division Two Councillor's written report from various Committees, Boards and Commissions:

For late October & November 2022

From Councillor Linda Fenerty, Division 2

#### October 27-29, 2022 - Recreation & Parks Association Conference - Jasper

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    Recreation and Parks for Elected Officials Workshop Recreation & Parks is essential to the economic wellbeing of a community. This workshop was offered to provide municipal members with an understanding of the action plan for Canada's Parks Community and Common Vision for Increasing Physical Activity and Reducing Sedentary Living.

    Blackfoot Tea Dance Ceremony What is the Parks role in reconciliation? Personally, this session was absolutely awe-inspiring. There were several takeaways from this session. It is important that municipalities continue to foster and develop relationships with Indigenous communities, organizations and elders. We can develop relationships in a "good" way by coming to the table without an agenda. Truly listen to each other, be humble, be genuine and foster trust. Educate ourselves and the people around us about the history of the Indigenous People who have lived on these lands for generations, and be respectful of the intergenerational trauma inflicted on them by the Indian Act, the Residential School System, and by society. Respect the land by avoiding hazardous practices (ie., spraying pesticides, planting invasive species) and learn about the native medicinal plants used by past Indigenous people. Continue to preserve natural spaces.

    What is Intergenerational Trauma Dr. Reg Crowshoe's session was very interesting. He spoke of life in the Residential Schools and its impact on him and the Residential School Survivors. He left us with the questions "Are you free from the past?" And the "Will the past let you be free?"

    Making Relations Panel This session was hosted by Dr. Reg Crowshoe. In this session, he discussed how to work with Indigenous Partners. His advice was to start with the tobacco, do your ask, and be respectful. But you have to be careful as all tribes have different protocol. Come with an open heart and an open mind. Leave the agenda at the d

November 4, 2022 – Remembrance Day Wreath Laying – Vilna School

November 14, 2022 – North East Muni-Corr Ltd – St. Paul County – via Zoom (due to a medical appt, I was unable to attend, alternate had internet connection issues. I was able to get minutes from another Board member)

Smoky Lake Town and Smoky Lake County are the only two municipalities left. Town of Smoky Lake has recently hired a CAO so it is expected they will supply a date for the meeting. General consensus is that meetings are very informative. Riverland Trail Society is carrying more liability coverage than recommended by RMA. Director Brousseau moved to approve LOC renewal as amended (remove clause 7a & change 15b to read North East Muni-Corr Ltd. Trestle Timbers will

be picked up and it was moved to allow up to \$2,500.00 for time, mileage and incidentals. RRTS be picked up and it was moved to allow up to \$2,500.00 for time, mileage and incidentals. RRTS has hired an employee for up to 400 hours using a TCT grant for which they were approved. Director Hedrick spoke with Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors at the RMA Conference who is interested in coming on a snowmobile trip this winter. RRTS will keep in contact and arrange for a group to guide him. Discussion re: using MG-30 on sections of the trail. There are disadvantages to it. Administration to further look at this. Lease inquiry – Martin Joly was approved for a lease on a partial parcel of land for a business he has in the Town of St. Paul which deals with wood chips used in the oil industry. The lease is for one third of the parcel to December 31, 2024. Bonnyville Regional Water Services Commission – there is an outstanding issue regarding replanting of trees as several did not survive and trees supplied were smaller than expected. Administration to do further research and bring back to the Board. M.D. of Bonnyville has requested permission to remove a culvert and block vehicle access on a property in Therien as requested permission to remove a culvert and block vehicle access on a property in Therien as landowner has reported property being stolen, and vehicles are using old CN access road. Approved.

## November 17, 2022 - Community Futures - St. Paul - via Zoom

 I arrived late at this meeting as there was a COW mtg to discuss Broadband in Smoky Lake. They were going through financial requests which was a closed session

## November 22, 2022 - Travel Alberta (Provide Your Input) - Metis Crossing

This was an invitation-only workshop hosted by Travel Alberta. The purpose was to brainstorm on sites and places to visit in the north east part of our Province.

# November 25, 2022 - Northern Lights Library System (NLLS) - via Zoom

 Financial report – as of October 31, 2022, NLLS has spent 91.5% of budget. Levies have been received from all library boards. There was an increase in revenues due to sale of two vehicles, two library secondments (soon to be 3), office rentals, and an increase in interest on investments. Policies – With the exception of the Executive Director Compensation Policy, all other proposed policy changes were accepted as an omnibus package. Budget – a four year budget was accepted in principle at August 26 meeting, with a few changes made based on motions at this meeting. This is a 4-year projection of costs with a modest 1.5% levy increase year by year. However, the projected budget will be drawing on system savings which are decreasing to align expenses (and

# November 30, 2022 - Alberta Bilingual Municipalities Association - via Zoom

 The Bilingual Association of Alberta Municipalities (ABMA) is a group of a dozen municipalities who advocate for the added value of bilingualism for the economic, social and cu development of their communities. I was advised of this meeting and zoomed in.

## December 7 & 8, 2022 - Unstoppable Conversations - via Zoom

• The Village of Vilna and Town of Stettler were chosen by Unstoppable Conversations. The objective is to change the mindset; a community that has a negative culture will never succeed

unless they want to change. It is human nature to gravitate to the familiar. The past is destroying your organization; we must get to the root cause of what is holding us back and create a surprisingl powerful path to the future. Very enlightening – next two sessions are on December 20 & 22, 2022

#### December 8, 2022 - Townhall Meeting/RCMP - Vilna

The RCMP and approximately 12 people were at this townhall meeting to discuss ongoing crime issues in the Community and surrounding area. There has been a rash of break & enters and the RCMP offered suggestions to the residents, ie. Securing outbuildings, lighting, neighbourhood watch. COPS Chairman, Leroy Kunyk handed out brochure on COPS and also discussed Rural

#### December 12, 2022 - North East Muni-Corr - via Zoom

 Meetings with Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake previously set for January have been cancelled until spring 2023 (date TBD). Bonnyville Regional Water Services Commission – approximately 60% of the saplings which were planted did not survive. Conversation with Mark Power – payout is \$61,849. Motion carried that Marianne get a written submission as to steps going forward. Report for Riverland Recreation Trail Society given by Marvin Bjornstad. Cold Lake Snowmobile Club with help with trails from Tucker Lake to Crane Lake. He has had a request from GOA for the amount/miles of trails on Crown Land (due by January 10). Alberta TrailNet – discussion on e-bikes and where they are allowed to be used. He advised that they are not allowed in Provincial Parks as they are considered to be motorized. He will supply information for next meeting. Phil Kushnir stated if they are under 500 watt, no license is required. They have received a Major Repairs Grant which will be used to dig outhouses on St. Paul section and to supply a compost toilet at Lindbergh. Several of the outhouses have been vandalized by people throwing large objects into the holes. Smoky Lake County have not given annual funding. Marvin has proposed that Trail Twisters & RRTS put a proposal forth so it doesn't appear that funds are duplicated. Report from Marianne – she went through her work plan for 2023. She has a number of projects to work through. Controller – The Executive Directors have approved Marianne being the Controller. They have checked through policies and state there is no conflict with her doing both jobs. There is a book-keeper doing data entry through Simply Accounting, and final audit is done by JMD Group. Bonnyville Director has been changed to Phil Kushnir, with Elissa Brousseau as alternate. Phil will also act as Treasurer. Next meeting at call of Chair.

# Division Three Councillor's Report on various Committees, Boards and Commissions No report.

# Reeve - Division Four Councillor's Report on various Committees, Boards & Commissions Lorne Halisky - Reeve and Division Four Councillor's report from various Committees, Boards and Commissions:



#### Reeve's Report October 22, 2022 to December 6, 2022

October 24, 2022 - Hwy 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission Bylaw Review Committee, held in

Chambers & virtually (Lorne in person)

This was the final review of the bylaw by the Committee before bringing it to the Board

October 24, 2022 - Council CAO Evaluation Meeting, held in Chambers (All Council in person)

Discussion was held under Executive Session under the authority of the FOIP Act, Section 19: Confidential Evaluation.

October 25, 2022 – Joint Public Hearing with Waskatenau, held virtually (All Council virtually)

Held a public hearing to allow the public of both the Village of Waskatenau and Smoky Lake County, to provide their comments, both in favor of, and in opposition to, the proposed Village Bylaw No. 697-2022 & the proposed County Bylaw No. 1424-22, being the Intermunicipal Development Plan between the Village of Waskatenau and Smoky Lake County.

October 26, 2022 - Council Organizational Meeting and Regular Council Meeting, held in Chambers &

- United light (All Council in person)
   Lorne Halisky was acclaimed as Reeve and Dan Gawalko was elected as Deputy Reeve.
  - Public Hearing Bylaw 1419-22
  - Bylaw 1419-22 readings Bylaw 1424-22 IDP review
  - Bylaw 1421-22 Agreement review
  - Roadway License Agreement Application RLA-001-22 review Policy Statement No. 01-03-28 Organizational Chart review

  - Bylaw 1427-22 Natural Gas readings
  - Drive Happiness Senior Assisted Transportation direction Integrated Watershed Management Plans briefing
  - For all other appointments, please visit the County webpage
  - https://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/p/municipal-committees

October 26, 2022 - Municipal Planning Commission, held in Chambers & virtually (All Council in person)

- Dominique Cere was acclaimed as Chairperson and Lorne Halisky was acclaimed as Vice-Chairperson.

  Approved Development Permit No. 024-22: PLAN 7520851, BLOCK 1, LOT A, Construction of a
- Dwelling, Single Detached, subject to conditions

October 27, 2022 - Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd. Zone 3 & 4, held in Lac La Biche (Lorne & Dan in

- Federation Zone Director Elections held.

October 31, 2022 - Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC), held in Chambers & virtually (Lorne & Jered in person)

Lorne Halisky was acclaimed as Chairperson & Jered Serben was acclaimed as Vice-Chairperson.

- Received the CEDO report of activities since the last meeting.
- Discussed the Strategic Priorities Chart amendments to be incorporated at the next meeting. Recommended a 2023 budget for adoption by each municipality.

October 31, 2022 - Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission, held in Chambers & virtually (Lorne & Dan in person)

- Organizational Meeting held, Lorne Halisky was elected as the Chairperson and Joyce Pierce was
- elected as the Vice-Chairperson.

  Regular meeting also held and received updates from the Commission Manager, Engineers, and Finance Manage
- Approved the 2023 Budget with a Net Revenue of \$577,337 and Expenditures of \$577,337.

rember 2, 2022 – Go East of Edmonton AGM & Anniversary, held at Métis Crossing, (Lorne, Jered, Linda & Dominique in person)

Received an introduction to the Executive and Board Members as well as information on the 2022-2023 Marketing and Tourism Development Projects & Activities.

November 3, 2022 - RCMP Liaison Committee, held in Chambers & virtually (Lorne & Linda in person)

- Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment Commander reported that all is good, and crime has slowed down mainly due to the colder weather. Review of the County CPO MOU needs to take place with the RCMP. Better communication needs to happen for community lock downs.
- County CPO Tate Murphy introduced himself.

  Smoky Lake County Fire Chief reported that its nice to have an in-person meeting, the Youth Fire Camp recruited a couple new members and that they are trying to us Emcon more for traffic incidents.

November 3, 2022 – Council Workshop, held in Chambers (All Council in person)

Administration provided Council with information to review in respect to salaries, budgets, and strategic planning.

November 4, 2022 – Northeast Regional ASB Conference, held in Ashmont (Lorne, Dan, Jered & Dominique in person)

- Held Elections for Regional ASB Committee representatives.
- Received an ASB Program update, a Provincial ASB Committee update, and stakeholder updates from LARA & AFSC.

November 7, 2022 - Municipal Planning Commission, held in Chambers & virtually (All Council in person)

Approved DP 007-22: Campground, Recreational Vehicle, NE-35-57-14-W4M, subject to

November 7-10, 2022 – RMA Convention, held in Edmonton, (Lorne, Dan & Dominique in person)

• Participated in a variety of plenary addresses and workshops, as well as the ministerial forum and resolutions session.

mber 14, 2022 – Joint Town & County Council, held in Chambers & virtually (All Council virtually) Agreed to administrations to review the expired Intermunicipal Development Plans under Bylaw

- No. 003-16 and Bylaw No. 1289-16, and collaboratively incorporate recommended changes, including the removal of any automatic sunset clause; and circulate the revised document to both Councils in the first quarter of 2023, prior to proceeding with First Reading.

  Discussed the Fire Storage Building located at 246 West Railway Drive in Smoky Lake.
- Agreed to execute the MCC for Smoky Lake Development Corp. Resolution of Shareholders.

November 14, 2022 – Joint Municipalities, held in Waskatenau, (Lorne, Dan, Dominique & Jered in person)

Received updates from the Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment & the Smoky Lake Regional Heritage Board.

November 15, 2022 – Council Departmental Operations, held in Chambers & virtually (All Council in

- Accepted an offer of \$9,450.00 for the County's surplus capital equipment Unit 454, enclosed Interstate trailer.
- Approved an escalation cost of \$64,729.00 from the Capital Reserve for repairs to the bridges at NE-31-58-19-W4 and SW-06-59-18-W4.
- Acknowledged receipt of a document signed by 25 people, dated October, 2022, requesting the County to "Make lasting road repairs and return Range Road 124 North of Highway 28 to the St. Paul line to a standard that it was prior to removing the hard top surface."; and confirmed the County will continue to maintain Range Road 124 North of Highway 28 with MG30 stabilization with a 75% road band; and, due to budget restrictions and funding hardships, take no action to

November 15, 2022 - Council Budget, held in Chambers & virtually (All Council in person)

Rescheduled the County's virtual Open House for receiving public input in respect to the Year-2023 Budget from November 24, 2022 to Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

November 16, 2022 – MCC for Smoky Lake Development Corp. Board of Directors, held in Smoky Lake

(Lorne & Linda in person)

Discussed the Unanimous Shareholder Agreement (USA), Fund Requisition Form,
Directors/Officers Insurance, and received a financial update.

November 17, 2022 – Council Committee of the Whole, held in Chambers & virtually (All Council in person)

• Discussed a Legal Issue in respect to MCSnet's broadband strategies, under the authority of the FOIP Act, Section 16: Third Party Business Interests, with Heather Starosielski, Business Development Manager, MCSnet.

November 22, 2022 – Ukrainian Twinning, held in Chambers & virtually (Lorne & Linda virtually)

- · Received updates on the Silent Auction status funds raised thus far, auction open until November 30th, Kosiv items have arrived in Smoky Lake.
- Postponed of November 18, 2022 fundraising dinner.

November 23, 2022 - Joint Health & Safety, held in Chambers & virtually (meeting cancelled)

Meeting not held due to the lack of availability of member

November 23, 2022 - Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC), held in Chambers & virtually

- Approved the 2023 Strategic Priorities Chart.
- Received the CEDO report of activities since the last meeting.

November 24, 2022 - Planning and Development 101 Workshop, held in St Paul (All Councill in person)

 Various information on Planning and Development were discussed such as the parties involved, planning documents, development on environmentally sensitive or defective lands, land use bylaw enforcement, public hearings and streamlining development.

November 28 to December 1, 2022 – Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd.'s Year-2022 Convention, held in Edmonton (Lorne, Dan & Dominique in person)

- · Annual General Meeting held.
- Received the Aon Reed Stenhouse Fedgas Insurance Reciprocal Exchange update and the 2022/2023 Budget presentation.
- Attended the Government MLA Forum and Discussions.

December 6, 2022 – Council Budget Meeting, held in Chambers & virtually (Dan, Jered, Dominique in person & Linda virtually)

- Denied a request to increase funding to the Smoky Lake Regional Heritage Board's 2023 budget.
  - Discussed and deferred the five-year capital & operating budget as well as the five-year road plan Instructed the CAO to explore what a 5% reduction in the overall budget would look like.

# Meeting with RCMP K-Division at the Spring RMA Convention

229-22: Cere

That Smoky Lake County request a meeting with K-Division Commanding Officer during the 2023 Alberta Rural Municipalities Association (RMA) Spring Convention, scheduled for March 20 to 23, 2023, at Edmonton Convention Centre, to discuss rural crime, community engagement and police manpower and resources from the County's perspective.

Carried.

# Division Five Councillor's Report on various Committees, Boards and Commissions

Jered Serben - Division Five Councillor written report from various Committees, Boards and Commissions:

Councillor's Report

**Division five** 

Jered Serben

October 30th to December 12th, 2022

Smoky Lake Foundation Organizational Meeting, October 31st, 2022

- Election results:
- Chair, Jered Serben
- Vice Chair, Richard Warren
- Organizational meeting minutes from November 12, 2021 were presented and
- Code of conduct accepted as presented
- · Board of directors meeting procedure policy was accepted as presented without
- Negotiations committee remains the same; Dominique Cere, Richard Warren, Tammy-Lynn Thompson
- Secondary Barrister and Solicitor has changed from Alberta Counsel to Reynolds Mirth Richards Farmer (RMRF)
- Continue to use ATB Financial in Smoky Lake, Ab
- Signing authorities include; Jered Serben (Chair), Richard Warren (Vice-Chair), Tammy-Lynn Thompson and Loni Leslie (CAO)
- CAO, Office Administrator and Finance/Administrative Support are authorized to conduct on-line banking within the limits of granted permission and with two of four signing authorities
- Auditor Barbara McCarthy of JMD Group LLP, no changes
- · ASCHA Voting Delegate is Dominique Cere
- Expenses remuneration, travel and expense, policy AD 740 accepted without
- Regular meetings are the third Friday of every month at 10 am unless otherwise
- · Adjourned at 9:20 am

Smoky Lake Foundation Regular Meeting November 18, 2022

- Called to order at 9:58 am
- High vacancy rate in Vilna Lodge due to inadequate sized suites. Resident's preference is to reside at the Bar V Nook lodge in Smoky Lake. The CAO has hopes to work with the GOA to enhance suite sizes in the future
- Ongoing staff education is required and also encouraged Maintenance is investigating the possibility of installing power surge protection for the entire building. Previous power surges have caused damage to electronics to essential equipment
- Laminate flooring has replaced carpet in the dsl wing of the building Discussion that we are under our budget on food expenses. The CAO explained a
- large budget increase to cover increasing food costs and that recent billing for both
- Copper pipes are being replaced with pex as required because of leakage
- AHS reported deficiencies through their own staff, repeat offenses. AHS is responsible for their own staff
- Chair discussed with the CAO and the board about conducting an over-all third party assessment of the Foundation. The CAO listed the organizations who regularly inspect the Foundation. The Foundation is heavily regulated and has docume including audits listed on their website and is readily available at any person's request. Most inspections are done in person and include Foundation staff, AHS staff and lodge residents and their families
- Information items:
  - November 9<sup>th</sup>, Premier mandate letter to Minister of Seniors community and social services
  - September 13<sup>th</sup>, Funding advice letter, Master services agreement
  - September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Letter to H. A. Kostash school regarding work experience
  - September 30<sup>th</sup>, Reminder statement from Brov payment of invoice number 530932
- Discussion about fresh fruits and vegetables available to residents. Fruits and vegetables and sandwiches and other snacks are available and are available by request at any time. Residents also have the option to obtain their own snacks, etc.
- Chair to forward a known contact to fresh in season fruit and vegetables who wi deliver weekly. The CAO will discuss with her staff that is responsible for placing
- Discussion about the board touring all Foundation sites. A board member suggested that we wait until flu season is over and included that she has heard no immediat
- Committee has been struck including Jered Serben and Tammy-Lynn Thompson to investigate employee complaints regarding management. The committee is to take

- any necessary action and report to the board. Legal counsel be consulted if necessary
- Next regular meeting will be December, 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 10 am
- Adjourned at 12:29 pm
- Note: The Foundation board received a letter from the Town of Smoky Lake dated November 29<sup>th</sup>,2022 regarding a change in appointees. Marianne Prockiw-Zarusky has been newly appointed as the primary member and Terry Makowichuk is the alternate

Remembrance Day Ceremony, November 11th, 2022

- Attended the ceremony in Waskatenau Community Hall
- Laid a wreath on behalf of the Smoky Lake County
- Well attended

Farm Fair International, Farm Family Award, November 11th, 2022

 Attended the awards Ceremony with Amanda Kihn (Ag. Fieldman) for Mr. Andy and Shawna-Lee Shwetz

Smoky Lake Agricultural Society, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022

- Wifi is available with two speeds. Private and guest
- Maintenance manager's contract was negotiated. Awaiting acceptance from the Maintenance manager
- No action with holding a New Years Eve or day event
- Stars fundraiser discussion for spring
- Encouraging more hockey tournaments to increase revenues

#### Smoky Lake Pumpkin Patch Daycare

- Call to order at 7:07 pm
- Previous credit card is to be cancelled and a new one activated and to be used by the Daycare director. \$300 per transaction per day limit
- Update banking processes to online capabilities such as Payroll Taxes and payments
- Tabled Payroll and etransfer, research procedures through ATB Financial is required
- Update financials to Quickbooks software not to exceed \$40/month
- The Director will have limited access to Quickbooks for the use of invoicing
- Payroll will be done in-house starting in 2023
- One staff starts maternity leave January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023
- One Staff is enrolled at Lakeland College to retain her level 2
- A contract with regards to the employee enrolled in school for repayment to the Pumpkin Patch Daycare is in its final draft
- Health benefits for staff start December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022
- Staff are required to pay for their health benefits premium when taking a leave of absence
- The recent work environment improvements, benefits and the \$2.00 per hour raise for all staff has been well received. Further, the daycare had it's first hire directly because of the improvements.
- The Pumpkin Patch will not pay for days off for staff through Christmas break. Staff will use their vacation pay
- Gift cards will be purchased for staff for Christmas
- Fundraiser for new furniture for the future space in the new school was successful
- The Pumpkin Patch has decided to consult with Michelle Wright (Economic Development Officer) to build a plan of action with regards to attracting new hires to our region
- Adjourned at 9:41 pm

# Councillors Reports on Various Committees, Boards and Commissions Supplemental Information from Various Committees, Boards and Commissions

230-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County's Reeve Report received for the period of October 22, 2022 to December 6, 2022, be posted to the County's website; and the Councillor's reports received for the period of October 22, 2022 to December 12, 2022, be filed for information; and acknowledge receipt of the following supplemental information provided in respect to same:

- Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC):
  - o Action List: July 26, 2022,
  - o Action List: August 29, 2022,
- Vilna /Bellis Citizens on Patrol (COP):
  - o Treasurers Report: November 7, 2022.
  - o Minutes: September 21, 2022.
- Lakeland Industry and Community Association (LICA):
  - Email: Vicky Krawchuk, Executive Director, LICA Environmental Stewards, dated November 24, 2022 – Re: Municipality Board seats.
- North East Muni-Corr Ltd.:
  - o Minutes: November 14, 2022.
- Northern Lights Library System:
  - o Minutes: November 25, 2022.

# 6. Correspondence:

# Brownlee LLP - Emerging Trends in Municipal Law Session

231-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council who can attend – attend Brownlee LLP's Emerging Trends in Municipal Law, scheduled for February 16, 2023, to be attended virtually through County Council Chambers.

Carried.

# Community Learning Network Certificate for Community Learning Council

232-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County, as legal host of the Smoky Lake County Community Learning Council, acknowledge receipt of their Community Learning Network (CLN) Membership for 2022-2023 in good standing, as per the letter from Lisa Dickner, Executive Director, Community Learning Network, dated November 2022.

Carried.

# Community Planning Association of Alberta (CPAA) Year-2023 Annual Conference

233-22: Cere

That Smoky Lake County Council and relevant Administration who can attend – attend the Community Planning Association of Alberta (CPAA) Year-2023 Annual Conference, scheduled for May 1-3, 2023, to be held at the Holiday Inn & Suites Edmonton Airport and Conference Centre, Nisku, Alberta.

Carried.

# **Smoky Lake Legion - Christmas Dinner**

234-22: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County **take no action** to the letter request from the Smoky Lake Legion President of the Smoky Lake Royal Canadian Legion Branch #227, dated November 2022, requesting a donation towards a dinner for individuals or families in the community who will be alone at Christmas, hosted at the Smoky Lake Legion; as Council has already provided a Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Grant towards the event, in the amount of \$300.00, as per Council's October 26, 2022, Motion #90-22.

Carried.

# 18th Annual Dart Tournament at Warspite

235-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County approve action taken by Administration in providing funds in the amount of \$100.00 to the Smoky Lake Food Bank on behalf of the 18th Annual Dart Tournament in Memory of Cathy Bullas, scheduled for November 26, 2022, held at the Smoky Lake Legion, in response to the correspondence received from the organizer Tom Bullas, on November 17, 2022.

Carried.

# The Alberta RCMP App.

236-22: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County promote "The Alberta RCMP App" on social media and on the County website as an Alberta RCMP-GRC mobile application (Alberta RCMP) which provides an easy method of accessing Alberta Police and Public Safety information as well as a way for the public to engage with Alberta RCMP Crime Reduction initiatives.

Carried.

# Minister of Municipal Affairs – Response to Support for Northern Lights Library System

237-22: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the letter from Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Municipal Affairs, dated November 10, 2022, responding to Smoky Lake County's letter request dated October 18, 2022, asking for consideration of funding for the Northern Lights Library System.

# **RMA District 5 Meeting**

238-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council who can attend – attend the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) District 5 Meeting, scheduled for Friday, January 27, 2023, hosted by Beaver County, Kinsella Community Hall, 305 King Street, Kinsella Alberta.

Carried.

# **Town of Ponoka - Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Shortages**

239-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the letter to the Minister of Health from Kevin Ferguson, Mayor, Town of Ponoka, dated November 23, 2022, concerning Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance shortages.

Carried.

# **Evergreen Regional Landfill - Shredder Demonstration**

240-22: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County approve action taken in Councillor Gawalko attending the garbage shredder demonstration held on December 7, 2022, in response to the email invitation from Paul Poulin, Manager, Evergreen Regional Landfill, dated November 23, 2022.

Carried.

# Highway 28 - Significant Investment Required by the Alberta Government

241-22: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the letter to the Minister of Transportation and Premier of Alberta, from Craig Copeland, Mayor, City of Cold Lake, dated November 8, 2022, in respect to a "Call for Action: Highway 28 and significant investment required immediately by the Alberta Government"; and provide a letter of support addressed to same.

Carried.

# Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Program

242-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the letter from Rachelle Amyotte, Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Program Coordinator for the Town of Smoky Lake, dated November 30, 2022, in response to County Council's August 25, 2022, Motion #1000-22, in respect to the Town of Smoky Lake Youth Council; and extend an invitation for them to attend a future Council meeting as a delegation to discuss same.

Carried.

# Smoky Lake Library Board - Additional Funding Request

243-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County **deny** the letter request from Lise van der Vaart, Library Manager, Smoky Lake Public Library, on behalf of their Board, dated November 24, 2022, to increase the County's annual donation from the amount of \$1,500.00 (as per Council's September 26, 2018, Motion #940-18), to the amount of \$2,250.00; and recommend the Board seek funding from corporations.

Carried.

# Reynolds Mirth Richards and Farmer (RMRF) Municipal Law Seminar

244-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County **take no action** to attend Reynolds Mirth Richards and Farmer (RMRF) Municipal Law Seminar, scheduled for Friday, February 10, 2023, to be held in Edmonton, Alberta.

Carried.

# JMD Group LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants

245-22: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the letter from JMD Group LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, dated December 4, 2022, in respect to Audit Planning for the audit of the financial statements for Smoky Lake County for the year ending December 31, 2021.

# **Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services**

256-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the letter from Honourable Mike Ellis, ECA, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services, dated December 2022, in respect to Provincial changes to victim services as a step forward to ensure victims have the help they need when they need it most.

Carried.

# 2022/2023 Fire Services Training Program Grant

257-22: Cere

That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the letter from Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Municipal Affairs, dated November 2022, announcing the 2022/2023 Fire Services Training Program Grant with an application deadline of January 13, 2023; and submit an application to the Program if applicable.

Carried.

# 9. Information Release:

# **Monthly Release of Information**

258-22: Gawalko

That the following correspondence released to Smoky Lake County Council in accordance with Policy Statement No. 01-28-02: Council - Request for Information, during the months of October / November / December 2022, be filed for information:

- ➤ R67-22: Aspen View Board Highlights –October 6, 2022.
- R68-22: RMA: Contact Newsletter: October 21, 2022.
- ➤ R69-22: RMA: Contact Newsletter: October 28, 2022.
- ➤ R70-22: RMA: President's Update- November, 2022.
- ➤ R71-22: RMA: Contact Newsletter: November 4, 2022.
- ➤ R72-22: UCC Alberta E-Bulletin: November 14, 2022.
- ➤ R73-22: North Saskatchewan River Heritage Research.
- ➤ R74-22: RMA: Contact Newsletter: November 18, 2022.
- ➤ R75-22: UCC Alberta E-Bulletin: November 24, 2022.
- ➤ R76-22: RMA: Contact Newsletter: November 25, 2022.
- ➤ R77-22: Kara Leinweber, Land Administrator, Frontier Project Solutions, dated November 1, 2022 Re: Wellsite Abandonment.
- ➤ R78-22: North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) Newsletter, November 28, 2022 Re: Biodiversity and Opportunities.
- ➤ R79-22: Victoria Mission Newsletter No.62.
- ➤ R80-22: Alberta Bilingual Municipalities Association Meeting: November 30, 2022.
- ➤ R81-22: RMA: Contact Newsletter: December 2, 2022.

Carried.

# 10. Bills & Accounts:

259-22: Gawalko

That all the Smoky Lake County Bills and Accounts approved for payment, including the bills and accounts recommended for payment by the Natural Gas Council, and including transfers to the Payroll Account, as follows, be filed for information:

# County Council Meeting: December 14, 2022

Batch #	Cheque Numbers	Total of Batch
PMCHQ065	52684 to 52694	\$37,938.45
PMCHQ067	52695 to 52706	\$21,183.03
PMCHQ070	52707 to 52718	\$51,997.17
PMCHQ071	52719 to 52730	\$51,940.88
PMCHQ073	52731 to 52746	\$431,052.64

Total Cheques fi	\$807,489.43	
PMCHQ079	52785 to 52785	\$43,511.02
PMCHQ078	52765 to 52784	\$22,313.74
PMCHQ075	52747 to 52764	\$147,552.50

Batch #	EFT Numbers	Total of Batch
221017	395 to 399	\$229,530.94
221025	400 to 413	\$61,537.73
221026	414 to 420	\$14,495.32
221102	421 to 436	\$61,603.06
221114	437 to 458	VOID
221117	459 to 478	\$210,152.46
221121	479 to 490	\$256,495.22
221201	491 to 513	\$59,455.70
Total EFTs from 395 to 513		\$577,319.51

# **Direct Debit Register**

Batch #	Description	Total of Batch
PMPAY016	My HAS	\$286.20
PMPAY017	My HAS	\$331.46
PMPAY018	My HAS	\$375.70
PMPAY019	My HAS	\$603.33
PMPAY020	My HAS	\$132.60
PMPAY022	My HAS	\$27.63
PMPAY023	My HAS	\$110.50
PMTRX0211	AB School Foundation	\$481,225.67
PMTRX0232	Enterprise Fleet Mgmnt	\$285.20
PMTRX0233	Enterprise Fleet Mgmnt	\$403.85
PMPAY024	My HAS	\$663.00
PMPAY	My HAS	\$1,270.75
Total Direct Debits \$485,715.89		

Grand Total Bills and Accounts	\$1,870,524.83
(Note: From General Account)	

Carried.

# 11. Date and Time of Next Meeting(s):

# **Reschedule - County Council Budget Meeting**

260-22: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council approve action taken in rescheduling the Council **Budget Meeting** from November 15, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. to December 6, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. held virtually, through Electronic Communication Technology as per Bylaw 1376-20 **and/or** physically in County Council Chambers.

Carried.

# **Council Budget Workshop**

261-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council approve action taken in attending an internal workshop lead by Administration held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, for the purpose of refreshing Council on budgetary processes/options.

Carried.

# **Schedule – Policy Committee Meeting**

262-22: Fenerty

That a Smoky Lake County Policy Committee Meeting be scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., to be held virtually, through Electronic Communication Technology as per Bylaw 1376-20 and/or physically in County Council Chambers.

# Cancelation of the Schedules Environmental & Park Meeting and Fire Protective Meetings

263-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council approve action taken in cancelling the scheduled Environmental & Park Meeting and Fire Protective Meeting scheduled for December 13, 2022.

Carried.

# **Schedule County Council Regular & Meeting**

264-22: Gawalko

That the next Smoky Lake <u>County Council Meetings</u>, be scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., and Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., to be held virtually, through Electronic Communication Technology as per Bylaw 1376-20 and/or physically in County Council Chambers.

Carried.

# **ADJOURNMENT:**

265-22: Cere

That the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting of December 14, 2022 be adjourned, time 2:53 p.m..

Carried.

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**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**