



Reeve's Report

Jered Serben: Reeve and Councillor for Division 5

March 22, 2024 to April 17, 2024

March 22, 2024 - Smoky Lake Foundation, held at Bar-V-Nook (Jered & Dominique)

- Received the Audited Financial Statements.
- Reviewed the Operating and Capital Budget for 2024.
- Received the CAO report.
- Received the results of the Operational Review conducted November 27-28, 2023.

March 25, 2024 – Interviews for the position of CAO, held in Chambers (All Council)

- Conducted 2 interviews

March 26, 2024 – Interviews for the position of CAO, held in Chambers (All Council)

- Conducted 1 interview

March 27, 2024 – Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee (ICC) Ad-hoc Committee, held in Town of Smoky Lake Chambers (Jered, Dominique & Lorne)

- Received information from Real Estate Specialist / Agents a Developer and Seniors Housing Specialist to discuss the market status, housing analysis and affordable housing (which is not to be confused with low-income housing)

March 28, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting, held in Chambers (All Council)

- Received an update from Aspen View Schools about enrollment and how we can help each other.
- Gave 3rd Reading to Bylaw 1458-24: Water & Sewer.
- Amended Policy Statement No. 04-01-03: Operation Maintenance Transfer Station (added \$10 fee for mattress disposal & \$10 fee for out-of-area disposal).
- Amended Policy Statement No 08-10-04: Special Tax Cancellation, to include the cancellation of the 2024 Local Improvement Tax charged to the Bellis Ukrainian Orthodox Church.
- Approved \$1,500 of FCSS funding to Royal Canadian Legion 227 Smoky Lake Branch.
- Received a presentation on the County's Assessment from the Assessors: Accurate Assessment Group Ltd.
- Took no action to the verbal request provided on February 22, 2024, made by Casey Tchir, Developer, who recommended revisions to the Development Concept Plan contained within the Estates of Bonnie Lake Out Line Plan, as any such approval (or denial) to change the proposed development plan will be done so in due course and in accordance will all applicable bylaws, legislation once a development permit has been received.
- Acknowledged the revenue to the County of \$701,168.49 from selling 3 properties through CLHBid.com.
- Gave 3rd Reading to Bylaw No. 1459-24: Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) Service.
- Renewed the membership fee of \$2,200 to the Northeast Alberta Alliance for Growth and Opportunities (NAAGO) for 2024.
- Awarded the 2024-2026 Gravel Crushing Tender to Auger Sand & Gravel of Westlock.
- Received the audited Financial Statements as presented by the County's auditor: JMD Group LLP.

April 3, 2024 – Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee (ICC), held in Chambers (Jered & Dominique)

- Reviewed and accepted the Smoky Lake Region Fire Rescue Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.
- Reviewed and deferred the Smoky Lake Region Fire Rescue 3-Year Draft Budget 2025-2027 to allow time to incorporate changes discussed.



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- Received the inventory project report of the Smoky Lake Region Fire Rescue Fire Department, which identifies over 600 non-capital items from within the Smoky Lake Fire Hall by bar-code.

April 5, 2024 – Council Budget Meeting, held in Chambers (All Council)

- Reviewed and recommend changes to the 2024 Budget which will be incorporated and adopted at a future meeting.
- Reviewed the County's Assessment & Tax Summary, including the Year-2023 totals, Year-2024 requirements.
- Discussed a Land and Legal Issue about the Village of Waskatenau's Annexation Proposal, under the authority of the FOIP Act Section 21: Intergovernmental Relations, and Section 27: Privileged Information, in Executive Session.

April 8, 2024 – Northeast Alberta Alliance for Growth & Opportunity (NAAGO) meeting with Minister of Transportation (Jered)

- Received an update from the Minister about the improvements being planned for Highway 28, including resurfacing, intersection improvements, passing/turning lane widenings, and twinning from Bonnyville to Cold Lake.

April 10, 2024 – Northeast Alberta Alliance for Growth & Opportunity (NAAGO) meeting, held in Lac La Biche, (Jered)

- Discussed the next advocacy campaign which will likely be healthcare related.
- Discussed advocating for a red tape reduction associated with the unreasonable fire underwriter insurance certifications for fire fighting capital equipment.

April 11, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting, held in Chambers (All Council)

- Received an update from MCSNet about their broadband projects including the ones within County.
- Received the Smoky Lake RCMP's Community Priorities Issues:
 - Police / Community Relations - Police Visibility & Youth Eng, &
 - Crime Reduction - Property Crime,
- Amended Policy Statement No. 61-03: Application for Development Permit.
- Rescinded Policy Statement No. 61-02: Resource Extraction Development Permit Application.
- Acknowledged the County will not conduct any action to dredge and lower White Earth Creek's bed.
- Approved to add \$28,000.00 into the final 2024 budget to purchase a 63 cubic meter stand up tank for extra water storage capacity at the truck fill, to assist the farming community during the predicted 2024 drought.
- Approved to support Lemonade Day.
- Amended Policy Statement No. 03-18-19: Five-Year Road Plan.
- Approved a backsloping program project along SE-35-59-16-W4, adjacent to Range Road 161.
- Agreed to follow up with the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, about the speed limit reduction on Hwy 28 along the Town of Smoky Lake.
- Gave 3rd Reading to Bylaw No. 1460-24: Borrowing Bylaw.
- Approved to provide \$3,000 to Vilna/Bellis Citizens on Patrol.
- Acknowledged the official designation of Alberta section of the North Saskatchewan River as a Canadian Heritage River.



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- Acknowledged the Community Initiatives and Agriculture, Explore Edmonton, has decided to forgo the Farm Family Awards program in Year-2024.

April 13, 2024 – STARS Fundraiser, held in Smoky Lake Complex (Jered, Dominique)

- Presented the \$6,000 on behalf of the County & expressed our heartfelt thanks for the exceptional work and dedication that the STARS team provides for us time and time again.
- The event raised \$100,000 in total this year.

April 16, 2024 – Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC) held in Chambers & virtually (Jered, Lorne & Linda)

- Vilna Councillor, Paul Miranda was acclaimed as Chairperson, and Town of Smoky Lake Councillor, Evelynne Kobes was acclaimed as Vice-Chairperson.
- Discussed the Alberta Advantage Immigration Program (AAIP) Rural Renewal Stream, and agreed to invite other entities who are currently participating in the program to the next meeting (April 30th) for more information,
- Approved to pay Michelle Wright for representing the region at the booth at the Edmonton Boat & Sportsman Show.
- Deferred all agenda items relating to the RCDC Terms of Reference and Community Economic Development Officer (CEDO) until after County CAO is in place.
- Received and financial update and round table stakeholder updates.

April 17, 2024 – Joint Health & Safety Meeting, held in Chambers (Jered & Dominique)

- Reviewed the action plan to improve on deficiencies from the Safety Audit completed in December 2023.
- Reviewed the Incidents: 2 break and enters and 1 near miss.

April 17, 2024 – Council Committee of the Whole Meeting, held in Chambers (All Council)

- Received information and held discussion in respect to the items below:
 - County-Owned Lands Inventory List
 - Organizational Structure and Draft Policy
 - Road Bans and Weight Restrictions on Haul Roads
 - Municipal Grant Funding Opportunities
 - Research in respect to Tax Incentives to Promote Development

April 18, 2024 – Métis Nation of Alberta's Proposed Supportive Living Facility Development: Healing Waters Treatment Center, held at the National Hall (All Council)

- Attended the event to hear the information presented to the public from the MNA and the Minister of Mental Health & Addiction.
- Speakers/Presenters included MNAs's: Mental Health Secretary, Kaila Mitchell, Senior Executive Officer, Aaron Barner, and Director of Health, Reagan Bartel
- Noted attendees included: Minister of Mental Health and Addiction, Hon. Dan Williams, Local MLA Glen van Dijken, Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock Constituency, Smoky Lake County Council, and Smoky Lake County Planner and Development Manager, Jordan Ruegg.

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