

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Minutes of **Utilities Meeting: Natural Gas** held on Tuesday, **August 9, 2016** at 10:38 A.M. in the County Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to Order by the Chairperson Dareld Cholak in the presence of the following persons:

<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u> <u>Tuesday, August 9, 2016</u>
1	Dareld Cholak	Present
2	Ron Bobocel	Present
3	Craig Lukinuk	Present
4	Cary Smigerowsky	Present
5	Randy Orichowski	Present
C.A.O	Cory Ollikka	Present
Asst. C.A.O.	Lydia Cielin	Present
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Present
N.G. Manager	John Malysh	Present
N.G. Asst. Mng	Thomas Ponich	Present
GIS/Comm.	Paul Miranda	Absent
Legislative Svcs/R.S.	Patti Priest	Present

2 Members of the Public in attendance.

874-16: Bobocel

2. Agenda:

That the Utilities Meeting: Natural Gas Agenda for Tuesday, August 9, 2016 be adopted, as amended:

Addition:

1. Executive Session – Legal Issue – Town of Smoky Lake Natural Gas Pipeline.

Carried.

3. Minutes:

875-16: Lukinuk

That the Minutes of the Utilities Meeting: Natural Gas held on Monday, May 9, 2016, be adopted.

Carried.

876-16: Orichowski

That the Action List of the Utilities Meeting: Natural Gas dated May 9, 2016, be accepted for information.

Carried.

5. Issues for Information:

Manager’s Report

877-16: Smigerowsky

That the report presented by the Natural Gas Manager dated August, 2016, be accepted as presented and filed for information.

Carried.

Natural Gas Rates

878-16: Bobocel

That the Natural Gas Rates for August 2016, from Gas Alberta – rate at \$2.30 + \$0.22 + \$1.90 = \$4.42, be filed for information.

Carried.

6. Correspondence(s):

Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd.

879-16: Lukinuk

That County Council and relevant Administration who can attend – attend the Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd. Convention and Trade Fair scheduled for November 27, 2016 to December 1, 2016, at the Delta Edmonton South Hotel and Radisson Hotel Edmonton South, in Edmonton Alberta, as per correspondence from Bert Paulssen, Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd. Chairman, dated July 21, 2016.

Carried.

Gas Alberta Inc. – Director Nominations

880-16: Smigerowsky

That the correspondence received from Allen Dietz, Member, Nominating Committee, Gas Alberta Inc. dated June 21, 2016 in regards to nominations for candidates to serve on the Gas Alberta Inc.'s Board of Directors, be filed for information.

Carried.

Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd. – 2016 Operations and Maintenance Audit

881-16: Cholak

That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of letter from Delbert G. Beazer, Operations and Maintenance Evaluator, Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd., dated June 7, 2016 in regards to the results of Smoky Lake County's Natural Gas Operations and Maintenance evaluation; and the Deficiency Summary and Operations and Maintenance Audit Form accompanying the letter be reviewed and the few minor deficiencies stated be corrected and reported back to Delbert G. Beazer, Operations and Maintenance Evaluator, Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd., no later than September 5, 2016; and paragraphs two and three of said letter as follows:

“I would like to commend John and his staff at Smoky Lake County for their assistance, hospitality and co-operation during the evaluation. The staff at Smoky Lake County are doing a great job of ensuring the safety of your members and the public.

Based on my evaluation, Smoky Lake County is being run very effectively by John and his staff. They are working hard at operating and maintaining a safe Utility. They should be commended for their diligence in striving to achieve excellence in their business. Their documentation was found to be acceptable and in excellent order. I found that their employees are trained or registered in training courses.”

be highlighted in the next issue of the County Grapevine.

Carried.

TransCanada Pipelines Ltd. – 2015 Meter Station Abandonment Program

882-16: Bobocel

That the correspondence received from Stephen Bauer, Project Manager, TransCanada Pipeline Limited, dated June 28, 2016 in regards to the 2015 Meter Station Abandonment Program Updated Schedule, including the “Hamlin Receipt Facility” 6 km south of Stry, Alberta that states: “TBD” for the construction start date, be filed for information.

Carried.

Job Well Done

883-16: Lukinuk

That the email received from a Whitefish Lake Home Owner, dated June 9, 2016 in regards to a “job well done” by the Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Department, replacing a gas meter on June 3, 2016 completed by Barry Letwin, Gas Utility Operator and James Vezeau, Gas Utility Operation, be filed for information; and a “Letter of Commendation” be written to Barry Letwin and James Vezeau to extend appreciation in recognition for their continued dedication towards excellent customer service.

Carried.

8. Executive Session:

Legal Issue

884-16: Bobocel

That County Council go into Executive Session to discuss a legal issue in regards to the Town Smoky Lake Natural Gas Pipeline, time 10:55 a.m.

Carried.

885-16: Lukinuk

That County Council go out of Executive Session, time 11:26 a.m.

Carried.

886-16: Bobocel

That the Town of Smoky Lake be notified that Smoky Lake County is not interested in assuming control of the Town of Smoky Lake’s Natural Gas Pipeline; and in conjunction with the above notification, present the Town of Smoky Lake with a revised Natural Gas Supply Agreement to include an additional \$0.40 per gigajoule charge for the cost of an upgrade required to the RMO as per Bylaw No. 1288-16, a bylaw of Smoky Lake County for the setting and collection of Natural Gas Rates, Fees and Charges, Schedule “B” - “Capital Replacement Levy”.

Carried.

Next Meeting

887-16: Smigerowsky

That the next **Utilities Meeting: Natural Gas** be scheduled for Monday, **October 3, 2016** at 9:30 a.m. to be held at the County Council Chambers.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

888-16: Cholak

That this meeting be adjourned, time 11:28 a.m.

Carried.

CHAIRMAN

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER