

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Minutes of the **County Council Meeting** held on Thursday, **April 20, 2017** at 9:03 A.M. in the County Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to Order by the Reeve, Mr. Craig Lukinuk, in the presence of the following persons:

<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u> <u>Thursday, April 20, 2017</u>
1	Dareld Cholak	Present
2	Ron Bobocel	Present
3	Craig Lukinuk	Present
4	Cary Smigerowsky	Present
5	Randy Orichowski	Present
CAO	Cory Ollikka	Present
Asst. CAO	Lydia Cielin	Present
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Present
Public Works Mgr.	Doug Ponich	Present
GIS/Communication	Paul Miranda	Present
Plan/Dev Manager	Jordan Ruegg	Present
Legislative Svcs/R.S.	Patti Priest	Present

2 Members of the Media in attendance:
The Redwater Review
Smoky Lake Signal

2 Members of the public.

2. Agenda:

Agenda

601-17: Cholak That the Agenda for Thursday, March 16, 2017 County Council Meeting be adopted, as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes:

Minutes of November 7, 2016 – County Council Budget Meeting
602-17: Orichowski That the minutes of the **County Council Budget Meeting** held on Monday, November 7, 2016, be adopted.

Carried.

Minutes of March 16, 2017 – County Council Meeting
603-17: Bobocel That the minutes of the **County Council Meeting** held on Thursday, March 16, 2017, be adopted.

Carried.

Minutes of March 30, 2017 –County Council Departmental Meeting
604-17: Bobocel That the minutes of the **County Council Departmental Meeting** held on Thursday, March 30, 2017, be adopted.

Carried.

4. Request for Decision:

Meeting with Municipal Affairs – Minister Shaye Anderson

605-17: Orichowski

That Smoky Lake County seek consideration on the following issues that are affecting municipalities province wide from Smoky Lake County's perspective:

1. Taxation section of the Municipal Government Act (MGA)

- Request information on changes being tabled, discussed and voted on.
- Request clarification on how a Tax Rate ratio of 5:1 will be achievable.
- Confirm or dismiss rumors that Linear Tax Revenue will be redistributed.
- Convey concerns that Linear Assessment is going down and Residential Tax Payers will not be able to afford to pick up the difference.

2. Carbon Levy

- Bring awareness to the significant impact that the Carbon Levy has on our Municipal Budget; specifically, the submission of all Carbon Levy monies to the Province whether or not these monies have been collected from Natural Gas Customers.

3. Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICF)

- Clarify what the consequences will be if the two year timeline for Intermunicipal Development Plans is unachievable, and is this type of collaboration a foresight to encourage amalgamation?
- Bring awareness to the need for transition dollars from the Province to pay the municipalities that are taking over the smaller ones, especially for infrastructure; and that there needs to be an incentive to amalgamate, because separate municipalities can currently get more grant money separately.

at the meeting scheduled for May 10, 2017 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Shaye Anderson.

Carried.

Appointment: Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC)

606-17: Bobocel

That Smoky Lake County, in accordance with Bylaw 1299-17 appoint Councillor **Randy Orichowski**, Councillor **Craig Lukinuk**, and Councillor **Cary Smigerowsky** as the members to the **Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC)**; and Councillor **Ron Bobocel** be appointed as the alternate member; and that the public-at-large member to the Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC), be **Kurt Holdis**; and continue to advertise in the Grapevine and Social Media for the vacant Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC) public-at-large member position in accordance with Bylaw 1299-17: Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC): Joint Agreement - Terms of Reference, with an open ended deadline until the vacant public-at-large member position is filled.

Carried.

5. Issues for Information:

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

The Chief Administrative Officer gave an updated report to Council for the period of March 17, 2017 to April 19, 2017:

Legislative/Governance:

- We must re-schedule the cancelled Joint Council meeting with the Village of Waskatenau.

- We also require a Joint Council meeting with the Town of Smoky Lake to deal with several emerging issues.
- We require a Policy Committee meeting in June if a suitable date can be found.

Administrative:

- The Agreement contemplated in Council Motion 355-17 for secretarial services to the Smoky Lake RCMP has been drafted and vetted with the officials at the Detachment.
- A series of 3 Agreements are now ready for execution with CCI to sell and transfer ownership of the three County-owned towers to CCI. A schedule of payments has been included, and title will not transfer until all payments have been made.

Financial:

- None.

Human Resources:

- None.

Community:

- None.

Training:

- We completed the 2017 Management Workshop with sessions on Team Role Management and demonstrations of a new reporting format which we will be starting to use in our monthly reports to Council (likely in July) and in preparation for the new Council Term..

Strategic Priorities - Chart:

- No update.

Village of Waskatenau Joint Council Meeting

607-17: Cholak

That a **Joint Council Meeting** between Smoky Lake County and the Village of Waskatenau be scheduled for Monday, **May 8, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.**; to be held at the County Council Chambers.

Carried.

Town of Smoky Lake Joint Council Meeting

608-17: Bobocel

That a **Joint Council Meeting** between with Smoky Lake County and the Town of Smoky Lake be scheduled for **May 9, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.** or alternatively **May 5, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.**; to be held at the County Council Chambers; and that the media be invited.

Carried.

Policy Committee Meeting

609-17: Smigerowsky

That **Policy Committee Meeting** be scheduled for Thursday, **June 8, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.**; to be held at the County Council Chambers.

Carried.

Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment - Secretarial Services Contract

610-17: Cholak

That Smoky Lake County execute the agreement with Cindy Cherniwchan as an agent of Cinbar Enterprises Ltd. as the contractor to provide a portion of the Secretarial Clerical Services Contract required by the Smoky Lake Detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for a three year term effective May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2020.

Carried.

Corridor Communications Inc. (CCI)

611-17: Bobocel

That Smoky Lake County execute the three (3) agreements with Corridor Communications Inc. (CCI) as follows:

1. General Conveyance Agreement, dated July 1, 2015, for the purpose of CCI purchasing all wireless communication assets located on lands legally described as SW-27-60-18-W4, SE-27-58-14-W4, and a portion of NW-20-59-16-W4;
2. Promissory Note Agreement, dated February 26, 2016, for the purpose of providing a payment schedule in regard to General Conveyance Agreement;
3. Assignment and Assumption Agreement, dated July 1, 2015, for the purpose of CCI purchasing those certain Towers, Equipment and Software together with all right, title and interest on the above mentioned assets and lands, to sell and transfer ownership of the three County-Owned towers to CCI.

Carried.

Financial Update

As annexed to the minutes:

- ↳ Financial Statement for the Month: **January, 2017**

Action List(s):

↳ **Action List(s):**

- **County Council Budget Meeting:** November 7, 2016.
- **County Council Meeting:** March 16, 2017.
- **County Council Departmental Meeting:** March 30, 2017.

612-17: Orichowski

That the updated report for the period of March 17, 2017 to April 19, 2017 by the Chief Administrative Officer, be accepted and filed for information.

Carried.

**Finance Manager's Report:
Actual to Budget Report**

Brenda Adamson, Finance Manager provided an updated Financial report for the period of March 8, 2017 to April 11, 2017.

Property Tax Penalty: Cancellation

613-17: Cholak

That County Council **cancel penalties** in the amount of **\$624.49** for **Property Tax Roll number 17593310**, legally described as SE-33-59-17-W4, in respect to the 305.1 assessment change and late payment.

Carried.

Property Tax Penalty: Cancellation

614-17: Orichowski

That County Council **cancel penalties** in the amount of **\$284.77** for **Property Tax Roll number 17591531**, legally described as NW-15-59-17-W4.

Carried.

Policy Statement No. 08-10-03: Local Improvement Tax Cancellation

615-17: Smigerowsky

That Policy Statement No. 08-10-03: Local Improvement Tax Cancellation be amended:

Title: Local Improvement Tax Cancellation		Policy No.: 10-03
Section: 08	Code: P-S	Page No.: 1 of 2 E
Legislation Reference: <i>Municipal Government Act, Section 347.</i>		
Purpose:	To provide financial relief to non-profit groups, or registered charities that may have a yearly local improvement tax payment to the Smoky Lake County.	

Policy Statement and Guidelines:
<p>Smoky Lake County recognizes the limited financial capacity of non-profit groups or registered charities. <u>If Council considers it equitable to do so</u>, it may cancel the yearly local improvement tax in respect to a particular property that is owned by the non-profit group or registered charity.</p> <p>Under section 397, of the <i>Municipal Government Act</i>, no land is exempt from a local improvement charge if a local improvement tax bylaw authorized that particular property to pay for a local improvement that benefited that area of the municipality.</p> <p>However, under section 327 of the <i>Municipal Government Act</i>, Council has the ability to cancel, reduce, or refund all or part of the tax.</p> <p><u>Guidelines:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Administration will provide Council with a list Schedule "A": Local Improvement Tax: Cancellation of non-profit or registered charities properties that Council will consider for approval whether it is equitable to cancel the yearly local improvement tax. The list will contain the name of the group, roll number of the property and the amount of the local improvement charge and other details that administration may find pertinent. Schedule "A" may be amended from time to time and will be brought forward for Council approval. This Schedule "A" will be part of the yearly budget documentation to support the expenditure code 921 – Tax Cancellation / Write Offs.



SCHEDULE "A"

Local Improvement Tax: Cancellation

Name	Roll Number	Details	Amount	Expiry Date
Bellis Curling Association c/o Margaret Woodruff Box 71 Bellis, Alberta T0A 0J0	27150218	Sewer	\$350.00	2019
Ruthenian Greek Catholic Parish of St. John The Baptist Box 132 Bellis, Alberta T0A 0J0	27150309	Sewer	\$ 122.50	2019

Carried.

FCSS Funding - Vilna Parent Advisory Committee - Leadership Fieldtrip

616-17: Bobocel

That Smoky Lake County allocate funding amounts from the 2017 Family and Community Support Services Grant budget as follows:

Community Group	Eligibility	Funding
Vilna Parent Advisory Committee	Overnight Leadership Fieldtrip to Banff	\$ 1,000.00

Carried.

Accounts Receivable Penalty: Cancellation

617-17: Orichowski

That County Council cancel penalties in the amount of **\$890.41** for **Accounts Receivable account number 4316**, in light of the recent payment in full on the said account number.

Carried.

618-17: Bobocel

That the updated report for the period of February 8, 2017 to March 8, 2017 presented by the Finance Manager, be accepted and filed for information.

Carried.

Reeve's Report: Reeve Craig Lukinuk presented the following written report:

Reeve's Report

For March 10, 2017 to April 10, 2017

March 10, 2017

Doctor Recruitment and Retention meeting was held in the Smoky Lake County Chambers at 10:00 am. The Agenda and Previous Minutes from the December 6, 2016 meeting were approved. Budget was the main topic on the agenda; the proposed budget formula of a 52% County Contribution remains the same as the previous year. Moving forward any unspent money will be allocated to a reserve fund for future recruitment of new doctors in the Smoky Lake Region. This does not mean that our current Doctors are going anywhere.

March 13, 2017

N.E. Muni-Corr Ltd. had their monthly meeting in St. Paul at 10:00am. Gene Sobolewski from Associated Engineering presented two options for N.E. Muni-Corr Ltd. to consider regarding the request from Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission to utilize some right of way property to build a booster station. This booster station is needed for the Mallaig water line extension and would be accommodating to possible future line development to Whitefish Lake First Nations. Muni-Corr passed a motion to enter into a lease agreement for this booster station for a one-time fee of \$1.00.

March 16, 2017

Our regular County Council meeting was held which included a Public Hearing for a proposed Bylaw that would close a portion of an Undeveloped Government Road Allowance adjacent to a piece of private property along the Victoria Trail, as a result, Council is considering the public feedback and deferred the matter to a future County Council Meeting. Another item on the agenda was the burning unharvested crops and/or crop stubble to which Council resolved to allow it with additional conditions included in the current "Fire Permit Agreement" terms as follows: burning will be conducted with a one hundred (100) foot cultivated perimeter around the headlands of the field, burned upwind prior to 9:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m., and each field to be inspected by the Fire Chief or designate prior to ignition. Please visit our "Agendas & Meeting Minutes" webpage found in the "Government" drop down for more Council meeting minutes.

March 20-22, 2017

This was a busy week Randy Orichowski and I attended the Northern Alberta Mayors' & Reeves' Caucus. Welcoming address and introductions were done by Don Iveson, the Caucus Chair. The Honourable Shaye Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Government of Alberta made a presentation and answered caucus members' questions. Some of the key points were: the Community and Regional Economic Support (CARES) Grant being released in April, Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks, and 320 million dollar funding for the Water for life program. The Honourable Deron Bilous, Minister of Economic Development and Trade, talked about Northern Alberta Economic Development, and Randy Boissonnault, Government of Canada, spoke about Partnering with Municipalities to Grow the Economy. I then attended the Genesis Insurance Reciprocal General Meeting which deals with the County's insurance. All of Council attended a meeting with the RCMP "K" Division to talk about the need for our Provincial Court House to reopen, as well as, more staffing for the Smoky Lake detachment. There were several other sessions held, which were attended by different Council and Administration.

March 23-24, 2017

I attended the Assessment Review Board Refresher Course to re-certify myself for our Local Assessment Review Board, as well as, the Composite Assessment Review Board. This course was two full days in length concluding with an exam that I received a passing grade of 88% on.

March 27, 2017

RCDC (Regional Community Development Committee) held their meeting in the County Council Chambers. A few key points discussed were the Community and Regional Economic Support (CARES) Program Project "Tourism and Operator Capacity Development", transferring the remainder of the 2016 surplus to the 2017 Economic Development Operating Reserve for the RCDC Budget, and that our Community Economic Development Officer will visit local businesses for the purpose of identifying successes and areas in need of improvement in regard to their business and economic development needs.

March 29, 2017

Corridor Communications Inc. held their Annual General Meeting in Calgary. Dareld Cholak was re-elected by acclamation to the Board of Directors. At the meeting, it was noted that the company had a 14% increase of subscribers up from last year, and we also discussed running Fiber to the base of our towers and the LTE upgrade process.

March 30, 2017

Our Departmental Meeting occurs yearly to discuss what the department Managers have on their agenda for the coming year. Council discussed, made changes, and approved the Managers Work Plans for 2017.

April 7, 2017

County offices were closed for the Smoky Lake County Annual Safety Meeting. Several employees from the Town of Smoky Lake, Village of Waskatenau, Village of Vilna, EMS, and local Fire Departments were in attendance alongside all County staff. Guest speaker: Garry Atkins, talked about human threat assessment (Your Role, Crises communication, Risk Factors and Triggers). Retired Edmonton Fire Chief, Tim Vandenbrink gave a presentation on fire safety and how important it is to have a personal plan for you and your family.

April 10, 2017

N.E. Muni-Corr Ltd. monthly meeting was held in St. Paul. Barb McCarthy of JMD Group LLP presented the 2016 Financial Statements. N.E. Muni-Corr Ltd.'s CFEP Grant of \$34,570 was received this past month. Municipalities and recreation boards are encouraged to nominate an individual in their community who have contributed to Alberta recreational trails for the Alberta TrailNet Society's "Alberta Trail Hero 150 Award" in recognition of the 150th Anniversary of Confederation. N.E. Muni-Corr Ltd. is currently working on the Ironhorse Trail repairing pot holes, checking for wash outs, and ensuring gates are locked in the open position.

April 10, 2017

Northern Lights Library System (NLLS) policy committee continues re-writing new policies for NLLS in Elk Point. The target date for completion is by the end of this year.

Sincerely,
Craig Lukinuk
Smoky Lake County Reeve

619-17: Orichowski That the Reeve's Report received for March 10, 2017 to April 10, 2017, be accepted.

Carried.

Management Reports

Public Works Manager

2017 Road Plan – Preliminary Work Schedule

Copies distributed for Council information submitted by Doug Ponich, Public Works Manager as follows:

- 2017 Road Project Preliminary Work Schedule Plan Calendar for the months of April 2017 to October 2017.

Thank You – Public Works

620-17: Smigerowsky That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge Public Works in the Grapevine and Social Media to thank them for their dedication and generous efforts in clearing the County roads from the significant snowfall over the Easter weekend: April 14 2017 to April 17, 2017.

Carried.

Planning and Development

Appointment - Smoky Lake County Regional Heritage Board

621-17: Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County Council appoint Leon Boychuk-Hunter as a director of the Smoky Lake County Regional Heritage Board.

Carried.

Management Reports

622-17: Cholak That the management reports received for the period between March 7, 2017 to April 11, 2017 from; Doug Ponich, Public Works Manager; Bob Novosiwsky, Public Works Road Foreman; Dave Kully, Public Works Shop Foreman; Ed English, Peace Officer; John Malysh, Natural Gas Manager; Dave Franchuk, Environmental Operations Manager; Tori Ponich, Agricultural Fieldman; Jordan Ruegg, Planning and Development Manager; Trevor Tychkowsky, Safety Officer; Scott Franchuk, Fire Chief; and Paul Miranda, GIS/Communication Manager, be accepted and filed for information.

Carried.

Committee Task Forces and Boards: Reports

Alberta Care

- No Reports.

Corridor Communications Inc.

- Address in Reeve's report and CAO report.

Doctor Retention & Recruitment Committee

- Address in Reeve's Report.

Evergreen Regional Waste Management Services Commission

- Meeting held on April 13, 2017.
- Little more garbage in and new manager is working out well.
- Hoping to gain more garbage.
- Looking at reducing leach aid and disposal costs down.

Family Community Support Services Committee

- No report.

Family-School Liaison Committee

- Next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2017.
- Agreement is being finalized for the FSLW.

Fire and Rescue Liaison Committee

- Smoky Lake
 - No Report.
- Vilna
 - No Report.
- Waskatenau
 - No Report.

Government Liaison Committee

- Addressed during the Reeve's Report and Chief Administrative Officer's Reports.

Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission

- Next meeting scheduled for May 4, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

In-House Safety Committee

- Formal inspections are continuing to be done.
- Safety manual is continuing to be overhauled.
- Annual Safety meeting was successful.
- Two incidents since the last meeting.
- Next meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

Municipal Planning Commission

- Meeting held on March 16, 2017.

Northeast Alberta Information HUB

- No Report. Meeting is today.

North East Muni-Corr. Ltd

- Addressed in the Reeve's Report.
- Financial Statement for the Year Ended December 13, 2016
- Chequing Account: February 28, 2017 and March 31, 2017.
- Controllers Report: January 31, 2017 and March 31, 2017.

Mallaig Water Extension Proposed Booster station location

623-17: Bobocel That the correspondence received from Gene Sobolewski, C.E.T., Project Manager, Associated Engineering, dated February 27, 2017 in regard to the Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission's Mallaig Water Extension Proposed Booster Station location options near Edwand, File#: 2016.3740.00.E.03, be filed for information.

Carried.

Alberta's Canada 150 Trail Hero Award

624-17: Cholak That the correspondence received from Linda Strong-Watson, Executive Director, Alberta TrailNet, dated February 2017, in regard to the nomination registration form for "Alberta's Canada 150 Trail Hero Award" be filed for information as it is now passed the deadline.

Carried.

Northern Lights Library Board

- Addressed during the Reeve's Report.

Policy Committee

- Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

R.C.M.P. Liaison Committee

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Publication

625-17: Bobocel That the Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of publication from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police titled “The RCMP in Alberta” as distributed through the “Release for Information” on March 14, 2017 to each Councillor.

Carried.

Smoky Lake Court House

626-17: Cholak That Smoky Lake County write a letter to the Honourable Kathleen Ganley, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General for Alberta, advocating the Smoky Lake Court House re-opening; and carbon copy Colin Piquette, MLA for Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater and David B. Hanson MLA for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills.

Carried.

Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC)

- Next Meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2017.

627-17: Smigerowsky That Smoky Lake County, as the managing partner of the Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC) approve to transfer the 2016 Economic Development remainder of the 2016 surplus of \$61,832.00, excluding the \$20,000.00 previously adopted as per Motion: 139-16 on October 24, 2016, in the amount of \$41,832.00 to the 2017 Economic Development “Operating Reserve” for the Regional Community Development Budget.

Carried.

Regional Emergency Management Committee

- No Report.

Risk-Pro Control Management Committee

- Waskatenau Pryveet Dance Club
Minutes: March 7, 2017.
- Smoky Lake Pumpkin Growers Association
Minutes: September 23, 2016.
Minutes for Briefing Meeting: September 23, 2016
Minutes: October 26, 2016
Minutes for Debriefing Meeting: October 26, 2016
Minutes: March 16, 2017
- Insurance
Minutes: March 14, 2016 Annual General Meeting of Genesis Reciprocal Exchange Insurance.
Minutes: March 14, 2016 Annual General Meeting Of Jubilee Reciprocal Exchange Insurance.
Financial Statements of Genesis Reciprocal Insurance Exchange: December 31, 2016.
Risk Pro: Email, Darcy Hale, Risk Pro Management Advisor, Jubilee Insurance, dated April 4, 2017 – Re: Dust Control Claims.

628-17: Cholak That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of email received from Darcy Hale, Risk Management Advisory, Jubilee Reciprocal Insurance Exchange, dated April 4, 2017 in regards to Dust Control Claims update; and file for information as the County’s Dust Suppression product is in accordance with Policy Statement No. 14C-03-01: Risk Control: Magnesium Chloride (MG-30).

Carried.

Smoky Lake Foundation

- Meeting held on April 19, 2017.
- The high cost of heating is a major concern at the construction site.
- Have paid \$2,600.00 in Carbon Levy to date.
- Will be utilizing a new payroll program starting June 1, 2017.
- The Vilna Lodge sprinkler system is almost complete.
- 16 people are on the waiting list for Bar-V-Nook.
- 6 people are on waiting list for the new building in Smoky Lake.
- Shane's IDA drug store is providing great service to our residents.
- ATB Financial is bringing to banking to the lodge for residents.
- Next meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Smoky Lake Region Fire and Rescue Committee

- Next meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

Smoky Lake Heritage Board

- Meeting held meeting on March 23, 2017.
- Addressed in the Planning and Development Manager's report.

Joint Municipalities

629-17: Orichowski

That the **Joint Municipalities Meeting** be **rescheduled** from Monday, May 1, 2017 to **Thursday, May 4, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Hamlet of Spedden.

Carried.

630-17: Smigerowsky

That the Committee Task Force and Board Reports presented by Councillors be accepted.

Carried.

Meeting Recessed

Meeting recessed for Lunch, time 11:11 p.m.

Meeting Reconvened

The meeting reconvened on a call to order by Reeve Craig Lukinuk at 1:49 p.m. in the presence of all Council, the Chief Administrative Officer, the Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Finance Manager, Public Works Manager, Communications Manager, Planning & Development Manager, and Recording Secretary.

9. Public Question and Answer Period:

11:49 to 11:49 a.m.

No Questions.

6. Correspondence:

Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC)

631-17: Cholak

That the following correspondence received from the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties, be filed for information:

- a. Contact Newsletter: March 29, 2017;
- b. Contact Newsletter: April 6, 2017.

Carried.

Victoria Home Guard

632-17: Orichowski

That the Victoria Home Guard Historical Society's 2016 Reports and Annual General Meeting Minutes, dated March 13, 2017, be filed for information.

Carried.

Quiet Nook Community Centre - Hamlin Hammer's Ball Tournament

633-17: Bobocel That Smoky Lake County provide in-kind assistance of manpower and equipment to cut grass at the Hamlin Hammer's ball field and Quiet Nook Community Centre, as provided in previous years; and mulch camping stalls if achievable after inspection; and deliver/pick up 10 picnic tables to/from the Hamlin Hammer's Stadium in preparation for the "Annual Farmer's Day Hamlin Hammer's Tournament" at the Hamlin Hammer's Stadium, scheduled for June 9, 2017 to June 11, 2017.

Carried.

Alberta Culture and Tourism - 2019 Alberta Senior Masters Games

634-17: Bobocel That the letter received from Ricardo Miranda, Minister, Alberta Culture and Tourism, dated March 9, 2017 in regard to an invitation to submit a bid to host the 2019 Alberta Seniors Masters Games, (formerly known as the Alberta 55 Plus Games), be filed for information.

Carried.

Minister of Municipal Affairs - Alberta Community Partnership Grant

635-17: Cholak That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the letter received from the Honourable Shaye Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs, dated March 14, 2017 in regard to the County of St. Paul No.19 being approved for the Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Grant in the amount of \$200,000.00 for the Intermunicipal Development Plans Project.

Carried.

636-17: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the letter received from the Honourable Shaye Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs, dated March 14, 2017 in regard to the Town of Smoky Lake being approved for the Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Grant in the amount of \$200,000.00 for the Regional Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Project.

Carried.

Aspen View Public Schools

637-17: Orichowski That the newsletter received from Aspen View Public Schools "Board Highlights" publication, from their special meeting held on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at the Aspen View Division Office, be filed for information.

Carried.

2017 Day of Mourning

638-17: Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County declare April 28, 2017 as a "Day of Mourning" remembering all workers who have been killed, injured or disabled at their place of work in 2016 – 144 men and women; and commemorate the event as per Policy to honour the memory of workers injured or killed on the job; and advertise in the County Grapevine, in response to correspondence received from Dayna Therien, Director of Corporate Communications, Workers' Compensation Board - Alberta, dated March 20, 2017 in regard to April 28, 2017 - National Day of Mourning.

Carried.

Alberta Environment and Parks - Grazing Lease No. GRL 39326

639-17: Bobocel That the correspondence received from Diane Begon, Director of Record Approvals and Dispositions Services, Alberta Environment and Parks, dated March 23, 2017, in regard to Grazing Lease No. GRL 39326, with a carrying capacity of 900 AUMs of Grazing Annually, from Fenham Cattle Company Ltd. to Sloan Cattle Co. Ltd., be filed for information.

Carried.

Official Township Plan: Township 60, Range 14, West of the Fourth Meridian

640-17: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the letter received from Marty Yanishewski, Senior Survey Technologist, Records Management Land Surveys Unit, Alberta Environment and Parks, Township Records Revision Program, dated March 21, 2017 in regard to a New Official Township Plan available for Township 60, Range 14, West of the Fourth Meridian.

Carried.

Smoky Lake Riding Club

641-17: Smigerowsky That Smoky Lake County sponsor in the amount of **\$300.00** to the **Smoky Lake Riding Club** for the 2017 Children's Event scheduled for August 5, 2017 and August 6, 2017, in reposes to the letter request received from Marquie Bromley, Secretary of the Smoky Lake Riding Club, dated February 25, 2017, with funds allocated from Grants to Individuals and Organizations.

Carried.

Minister of Service Alberta - SuperNet

642-17: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of letter received from the Honourable Stephanie McLean, Minister of Service Alberta, dated March 27, 2017, in regard to Supernet and the support of rural broadband in the province, with the "SuperNet Municipal Backgrounder" publication.

Carried.

Vilna Citizens on Patrol Association

643-17: Smigerowsky That the correspondence received from Leanna Schoepgens, Treasurer of Vilna Citizens on Patrol Association, dated March 31, 2017, thanking Smoky Lake County for supporting their Association and the attached copy of their 2016 Financial Statements, be filed for information, and proceed with issuing a funds as per Council's November 7, 2016 motion 99-16:

That Smoky Lake County annually contribute in the amount of \$6,000.00 per year towards the Bellis and Vilna Citizens on Patrol subject to receiving the group's current financial statements; and partner with Vilna and Bellis Citizens on Patrol to provide members with training in MEDIC First Aid, WHIMIS and Flagman Training at no cost, in response to correspondence from Lillian Stahl, Secretary of Vilna Citizens on Patrol, dated November 4, 2016.

Carried.

Bellis Citizens on Patrol Association

644-17: Bobocel That the carbon copy letter of appreciation from B.M Steels, Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding Officer, 417 Combat Support Squadron, dated January 30, 2017 thanking Bellis Citizens on Patrol Association for providing security for a Search and Rescue Helicopter that landed in Bellis between December 1, 2016 and December 3, 2016 during inclement weather, be filed for information.

Carried.

Vilna Citizens on Patrol Association

645-17: Smigerowsky That the letter received from Lillian Stahl, Secretary of Vilna Citizens on Patrol, dated November 2016 in appreciation of financial assistance and training, be filed for information.

Carried.

2017 Minister of Seniors Service Awards

646-17: Bobocel That Smoky Lake County advertise for self-nominations on social media: the “2017 Minister’s Senior Service Awards - Call For Nominations” with a nomination deadline of May 19, 2017 and the new “Alice Modin Award” that is being introduced to recognize a senior who has provided, in response to the email received from Seniorsinformation@gov.ab.ca on March 31, 2017.

Carried.

Minister of Seniors and Housing

647-17: Bobocel That the letter received from Lori Sigurdson, Minister of Seniors and Housing, dated March 30, 2017 in regard to the nomination for the Alice Modin Award, be filed for information.

Carried.

Smoky Lake Holubka Dancers

648-17: Cholak That Smoky Lake County sponsor in the amount of **\$300.00** to the **Smoky Lake Holubka Dancers** to purchase lunch for the volunteers during the 2017 Annual Highway Cleanup scheduled for May 6, 2017, with funds allocated from Grants to Individuals and Organizations.

Carried.

Alberta Community Partnership Program Grant

649-17: Bobocel That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the news release from Sheila Kitz, Chief Administrative Officer, County of St. Paul No. 19 in regard to the St. Paul Regional Partnership: Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87, Lac La Biche County, Smoky Lake County, County of St. Paul No. 19, County of Two Hills and County of Vermillion River to receive \$200,000.00 in Alberta Community Partnership Program funding for a new upgraded planning and development serving project.

Carried.

MCSNet - Connect to Innovate Program Letter of Support

650-17: Cholak That Smoky Lake County write a letter of support for MCSNet’s application of “Connect to innovate Program” funding, attention Susan Hart, Director General Connect to Innovate Program, in response to the email received from Leo VanBrabant, President of MCSNet, dated April 11, 2017.

Carried.

Aspen View Public Schools

651-17: Orichowski That the Board Highlights publication received from Aspen View Public Schools from the regular meeting held Thursday, April 6, 2017 at Rochester School, be filed for information.

Carried.

Thank You: Summary Listing

652-17: Cholak That Smoky Lake County file for information the April 2017 Summary Listing of Thank You’s received from organizations extending appreciation of support:

- Shock Trauma Air Rescue Services (STARS) Foundation for being their “partner in saving lives” by the County’s 2017 \$5,000.00 donation.

Carried.

Information Releases

653-17: Bobocel That the Information Releases for the Month of April 2017, be accepted and filed for information.

Carried.

10. Bills & Accounts:

654-17: Cholak

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

County Council Meeting: April 20th, 2017

Batch #	Cheque Numbers	Total of Batch
36707	42449 to 42483	\$57,546.06
36751	42484 to 42516	\$450,871.24
36777	42517 to 42533	\$11,673.32
36859	42534 to 42557	\$575,312.33
36871	42558 to 42570	\$231,253.18
36903	42571 to 42595	\$51,855.14
36957	42596 to 42628	\$70,860.78
36966	42629 to 42635	\$3,640.62
37017	42636 to 42675	\$465,961.38

Total Cheques from 42449 to 42675 **\$1,918,974.05**
Direct Debit Register

Batch #	Description	Total of Batch
36727	Smoky Lake County	\$285,442.82

Total Direct Debits **\$285,442.82**
Grand Total Bills and Accounts **\$2,204,416.87**
(Note: From General Account)

Carried.

County Council Meeting(s)

655-17: Orichowski

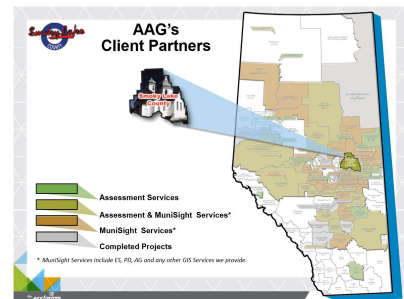
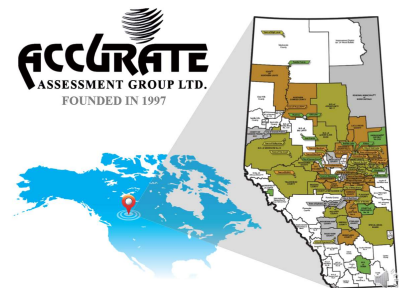
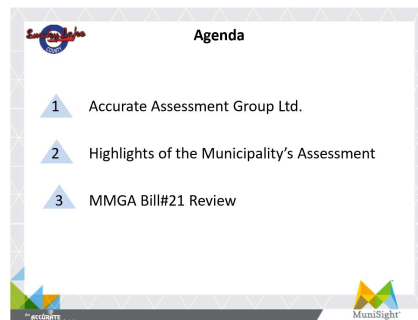
That **County Council Meetings** be scheduled for Thursday, **May 18, 2017**, and Thursday, **June 15, 2017**, at 9:00 a.m.; to be held at the County Council Chambers.

Carried.

7. Delegation:

Accurate Assessment Group Ltd

Present before County Council at 12:56 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. was Alison Reid, AMAA - Senior Assessor and Bob Daudelin, AMAA - Assessment Specialist of Accurate Assessment Group Ltd. who made the following power point presentation:







Residential


Non-Residential


Farmland



Alison Reid, AMAA	Senior Assessor
Bob Daudelin, AMAA	Assessment Specialist
Troy Birtles, AMAA	Assessment Specialist
Sean Cosens	Farmland Assessment Specialist
Jesse Nelson	Residential Assessor
Cory Allen	Residential Assessor
Kris Meadows, AMAA	Residential Assessor




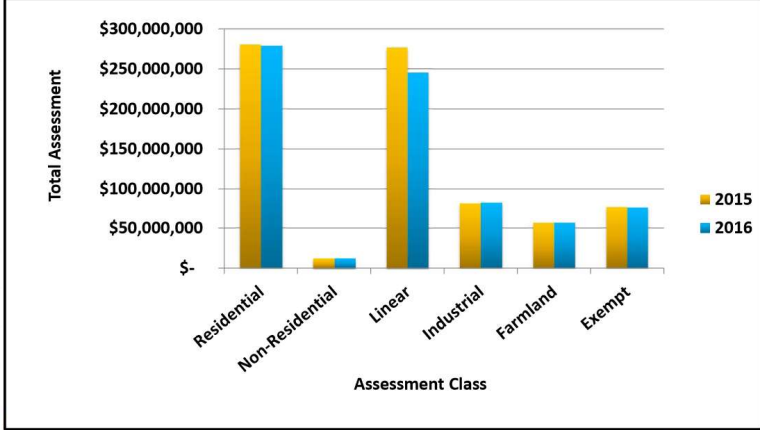
2015 Compared to 2016 Assessment

	2015	2016	Difference	
	Totals	Totals	\$	%
Residential	\$280,601,880	\$279,000,850	(\$1,601,030)	99%
Non-Residential	\$12,064,340	\$12,292,510	\$228,170	102%
Industrial	\$82,216,180	\$83,009,970	\$793,790	101%
Linear	\$276,673,060	\$245,611,860	(\$31,061,200)	89%
Farmland	\$56,832,860	\$56,807,990	(\$24,870)	100%
Exempt	\$77,727,990	\$77,052,410	(\$675,580)	99%
Grand Total:	\$786,116,310	\$753,775,590	(\$32,340,720)	96%






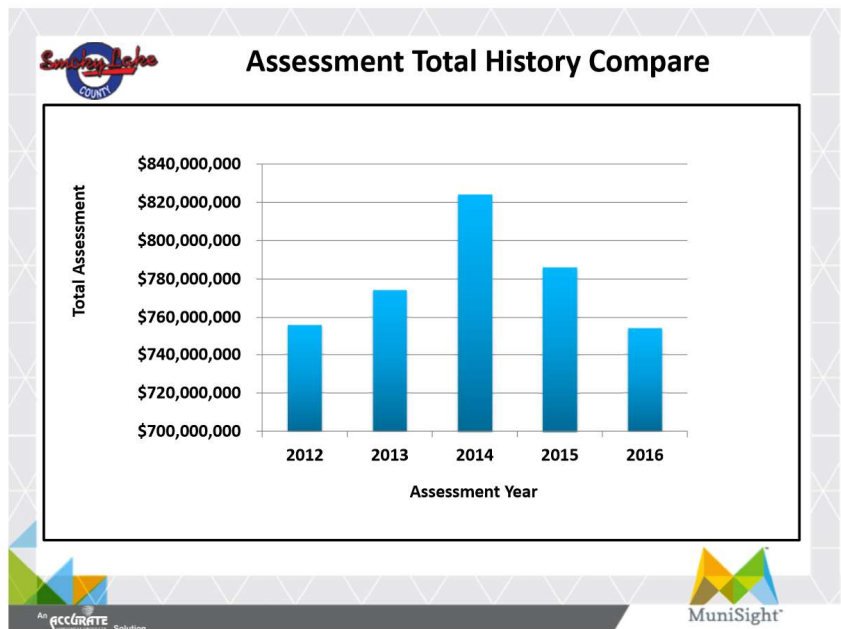
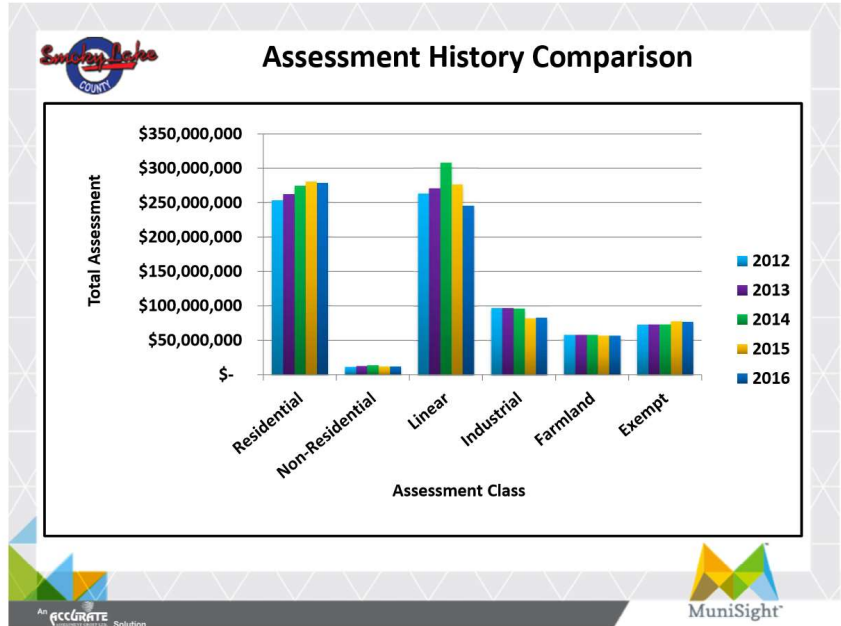


2015 vs 2016 Assessment Class Compare



Assessment Class	2015 Total Assessment (\$)	2016 Total Assessment (\$)
Residential	\$280,601,880	\$279,000,850
Non-Residential	\$12,064,340	\$12,292,510
Linear	\$276,673,060	\$245,611,860
Industrial	\$82,216,180	\$83,009,970
Farmland	\$56,832,860	\$56,807,990
Exempt	\$77,727,990	\$77,052,410







Taxable Assessment Change Compare by %

Range	Properties	%
-25% to -100%	59	1.0%
-10% to -25%	67	1.1%
-1% to -10%	1,473	24.3%
No Change	4,253	70.2%
1% to 10%	59	1.0%
10% to 25%	39	0.6%
25% to 100%	46	0.8%
Over 100%	34	0.6%
New Roll #'s	11	0.2%
Inactive Roll #'s	18	0.3%
Total Properties	6,059	100%




96% (sum of -1% to -10% and No Change categories)



Taxable Assessment Change Compare by \$

Range	Properties	%
Over - \$1,000,000	8	0.1%
-\$100,000 to -\$999,999	19	0.3%
-\$25,000 to -\$99,999	96	1.6%
-\$10,000 to -\$24,999	49	0.8%
-\$1,000 to -\$9,999	1,275	21.0%
-\$999 to \$999	4,407	72.7%
\$1,000 to \$9,999	60	1.0%
\$10,000 to \$24,999	40	0.7%
\$25,000 to \$99,999	50	0.8%
\$100,000 to \$999,999	25	0.4%
Over \$1,000,000	1	0.0%
New Roll #'s	11	0.2%
Inactive Roll #'s	18	0.3%
Total Properties	6,059	100%




96%

New Roll #'s & Permit Comparison



New Roll #'s Summary					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Residential/Non-Res	51	50	40	18	11


Development Permit					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Development Permits	43	52	56	44	43

No Permit & Farm Changes

	2015	2016
No Permit \$	\$1,558,670	\$732,280
# of Permits	39	8
Farm -> Non-Farm \$	\$1,118,290	\$332,050
# of Changes	19	4






Overview

(NOT including Industrial or Linear)

Residential (Rural)	
Land	-4.5% Decrease in Values
Buildings	+2.3% Increase in Values
Overall Improved	-1.0% Decrease in Values

Areas of Significant Change	
Generally market land values decreased except for Bellis, Hanmore lake, some rural areas around Smoky Lake & Waskatenau – with N/C	-5% Decrease in land values
Birchland Lake front market land	-30% Decrease
Haynes Estate market land	+35% Increase
Non-residential market land	-5% Decrease
Improvements – minimal change	Normal annual modifiers/depreciation








Overview

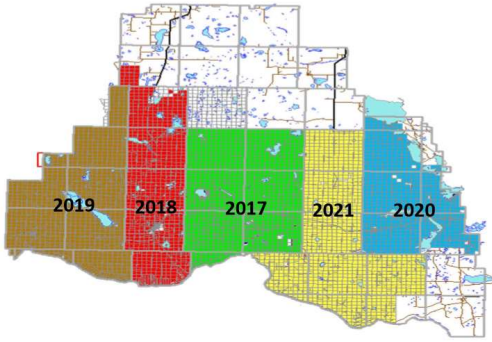


(NOT including Industrial or Linear)


New Residential Growth Assessment:			
	2014	2015	2016
New Construction	\$7.6M (2.9%)	\$7.36M (2.7%)	\$4.89M (1.7%)

Residential Inflation			
	2014	2015	2016
Market Change	\$6.5M (2.5%)	\$0.25M (0.09%)	\$-6.55M (-2.3%)







Residential / Non-Residential Re-Inspection Cycle

 **Moving Forward - Residential**

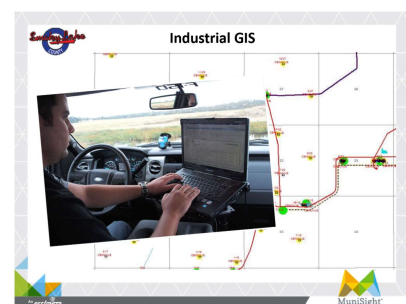
- Open House to Inform Rate Payers by appointment
- Global re-inspections of all of Ranges 15 & 16
- Mostly Division 4 with some of Divisions 2 & 3
- Would expect growth and market increases to level out and begin to recover with increased activity in the oil and gas sector

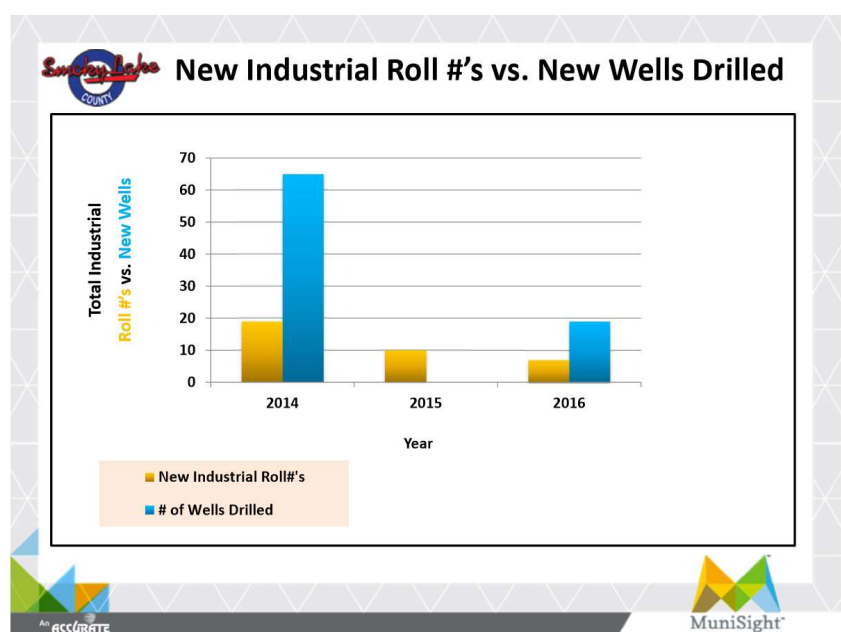
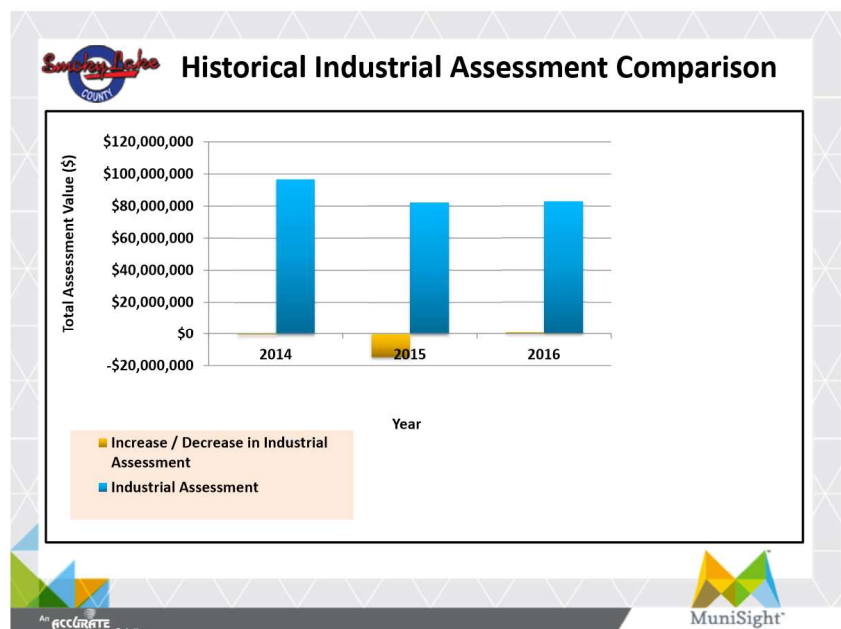
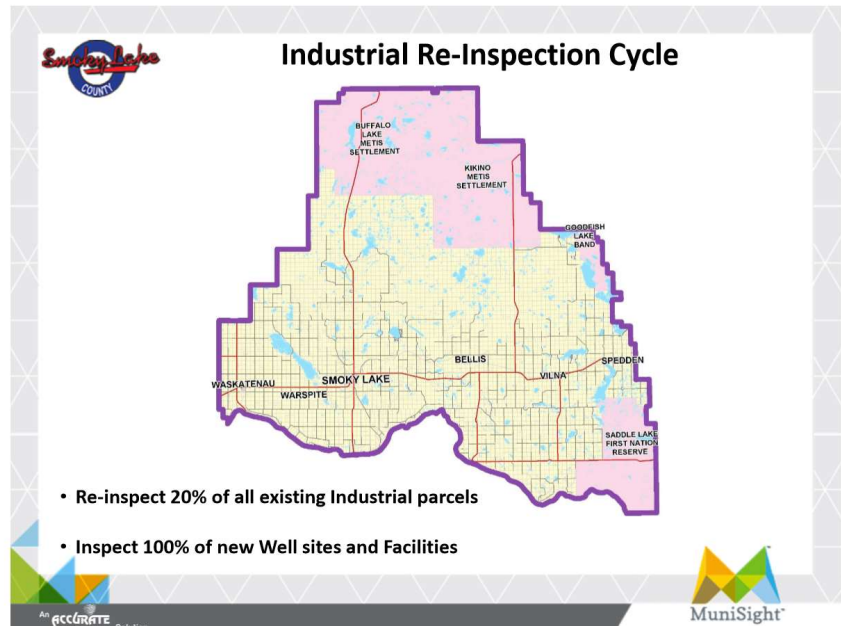
 


 **Industrial Assessment Team**

Ray Fortin, AMAA	Industrial Assessment Specialist
Sean Barrett, AMAA	Assessment Coordinator
Kent Smith, AMAA	Industrial Assessor
Chad Nelson	Industrial Assessor
Steve Sawatsky	Industrial Assessor
Chris Smith	Industrial Assessor
Ally Dittrick	Industrial Assessor
Harry Schmidt, AMAA	<i>Specialty Assessment Services</i>









Industrial Assessment Statistics - 2016

	Alberta	AAG Client Partners	Percentage	Smoky Lake County
AER Licensed Facilities	36,323	12,240	34%	116
Licensed Gas Plants	579	233	40%	0
Total Wells (Non-Abandoned)	286,622	75,512	26%	1,319
Producing Wells	175,387	42,427	24%	349
New Wells Drilled	2,828	1,061	38%	19

- 
- ## The Modernized Municipal Government Act (MMGA)
- ### Implementation of Bill# 21 - Centralization of Industrial Assessment
- What does this mean for municipalities?
 - This change will see the responsibility for the assessment of Designated Industrial Property (DIP) transfer from the municipalities where they are physically located to the new Provincial Assessor within Municipal Affairs.
 - The transition will be implemented in a 3 year phased approach.
 - An implementation plan has yet to be developed identifying the transition phases, actions and the internal and external resources required.
- 
- 

- 
- ## Managing the Transition
- Three transitional committees have been established to:
 - Provide expert advice
 - Assist with transitional activities
 - Provide technical advise and assistance with stakeholder relationships
 - The 3 recently formed MA Committees are:
 1. Executive Advisory Committee- Chairperson Stephanie Clark, ADM
 2. Technical Advisory Committee- Chairperson Chris Risling, Director of Linear
 3. Municipal Affairs Internal Implementation Team
- 
- 



The Modernized Municipal Government Act (MMGA)




The final DIP structure has not been determined:

Some examples of potential models/structure to Centralization being discussed are:

- All resources internally provided within Municipal Affairs, (as per the current policy decision of the MMGA Bill #21)



Options being discussed by industry representatives or municipal associations/organizations include the creation of:

- an arm's length agency/entity independent of Municipal Affairs, (like a Crown Corporation)
- an arm's length not for profit corporation ran by Municipalities (similar to the model endorsed by AAMD&C in their stakeholder consultations for Bill 21)
- status quo, as currently exists within municipalities autonomy




Smoky Lake County Proposed Next Steps (Protecting Municipalities)



1. **Access to Information-** Request that access to DIP assessment information be established as an amendment to Bill #21 and the MMGA.
2. **Independent Audit Function-** Request the creation of an independent audit function (independent of the Government) to audit the DIP assessments on behalf of municipalities.
3. **Member Associations-** We encourage your municipality to discuss any further concerns with association representatives.
 - Alberta Assessors Association (AAA) - Laurie Hodge or Ray Fortin; Accurate Assessment Group Ltd.
 - AAMDC (Kim Heyman; Gerald Rhodes), AUMA
 - ARMAA (Tyler Lawrason, Luc Mercier)
 - Municipal Affairs (Stephanie Clark, Steve White and Chris Risling)



QUESTIONS?



Thank You



ADJOURNMENT:

656-17: Lukinuk

That this meeting be adjourned, time 2:16 p.m.

Carried.

REEVE

S E A L

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER