

**SMOKY LAKE COUNTY**

Minutes of the **County Council Committee of the Whole Meeting for the purpose of Planning on Friday, April 23, 2021 at 1:00 P.M.** held in County Council Chambers and virtually online through Electronic Communication Technology: Zoom Meeting.

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

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
<u>Friday, April 23, 2021</u>		
<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	
1	Dan Gawalko	Present in Chambers
2	Johnny Cherniwchan	Present in Chambers
3	Craig Lukinuk	Present in Chambers
4	Lorne Halisky	Present in Chambers
5	Randy Orichowski	Present in Chambers
CAO	Gene Sobolewski	Present in Chambers
Assistant CAO	Lydia Cielin	Virtually Present
Legislative Svcs/R.S.	Patti Priest	Virtually Present
Plan & Dev Manager	Jordan Ruegg	Present in Chambers
Plan & Dev Assistant	Kyle Schole	Virtually Present
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One Member of the Media was present: Smoky Lake Signal.

One Member of the Public was virtually present.

**2. Agenda:**

641-21: Halisky

That the Agenda for the Smoky Lake County Council - Committee of the Whole Meeting held for the purpose of Planning, dated April 23, 2021, be adopted, as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

**3. Minutes:**

No Minutes.

**4. Request for Decision:**

No Request for Decision.

**7. Delegation:**

**North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA)**

Virtually present before Council was Leah Kongsrude, Executive Director, North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) from 1:00 p.m. to 1:41 p.m. to provide a PowerPoint Presentation on NSWA, including but not limited to the following:

North Saskatchewan  
Watershed Alliance



Smoky Lake County  
April 23, 2021

North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance



- What is the NSWA?
- Where does the NSWA do its work?
- When was NSWA established?
- Who is part of the NSWA?
- How does NSWA do its work?

## NSWA – Key Partner in Water for Life

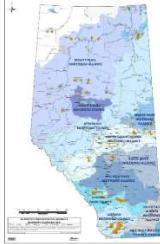
## NSWA – Key Partner in Water for Life



- Water for Life Strategy**
- Safe, secure drinking water
  - Healthy aquatic ecosystems
  - Reliable water supplies for a sustainable economy



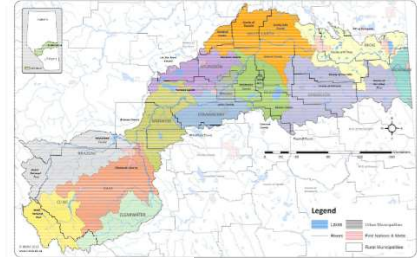
- Key Partnerships**
- Government of Alberta
  - Alberta Water Council
  - Water Planning and Advisory Councils
  - Watershed Stewardship Groups



"Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils (WPAACs) are important stewards of Alberta's major watersheds."

They are independent, non-profit organizations that are designated by Alberta Environment and Parks to report on the health of our watersheds, lead collaborative planning, and facilitate education and stewardship activities."

Alberta Environment and Parks



## White Earth Subwatershed

## NSWA – Organization

- 6495 km<sup>2</sup> / 10 % of NSRW
  - 75% agriculture
  - 20% boreal forest
  - 3% linear disturbance
  - 3% water bodies/wetlands



- Established in 2000 as non-profit society
- Designated Watershed Planning and Advisory Council in 2005
- 18 member Board of Directors
- 3 full time staff; 4 part time staff/advisors

## NSWA – Key Responsibilities

- ✓ Report on the health of watersheds
- ✓ Lead collaborative planning
- ✓ Facilitate education and stewardship activities

## NSWA – Stormwater Related Projects

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### WATERSHED MONITORING PROGRAM SASKATCHEWAN HEADWATERS, EDMONTON AND DOWNSTREAM

- 5 existing LTRN
- 19 new monitoring stations
- First time monitoring tributaries such as Modeste, Strawberry, Sturgeon
- Real time data on select parameters



### Industrial Heartland/Capital Region Water Quality Framework

- North Saskatchewan River from Devon to Paken
- AEP Water Quality Framework
- Industrial Heartland, EPCOR, ACRWWC, NSWA and others
- Impacts of point sources of parameters of concern from wastewater
- Phosphorus, nitrogen, bacteria, metals and others
- Maximum Allowable Loadings (MALs)
- Expanding to include stormwater sources in 2021



# NSWA - Watershed Partnerships

### Headwaters Alliance

- Clearwater County
- Brazeau County
- Wetaskiwin County
- Leduc County
- Parkland County
- Town of Drayton Valley
- Town of Rocky Mountain House
- Town of Devon
- Town of Thorsby
- O'Chiese First Nation
- Alberta Environment and Parks

### Sturgeon River Watershed Alliance

- Parkland County
- Sturgeon County
- Lac Ste. Anne County
- City of Edmonton
- City of St. Albert
- City of Spruce Grove
- Town of Gibbons
- Town of Morinville
- Town of Onoway
- Summer Villages of Lac Ste Anne County East
- Big Lake Environmental Support Society
- Alberta Conservation Association
- Alberta Environment and Parks

### Vermilion River Watershed Alliance

- County of Vermilion River
- County of Minburn
- Beaver County
- County of Two Hills
- County of St. Paul
- Holden Drainage District
- Alberta Drainage Council
- Vermilion River Operations Advisory Committee
- Town of Vermilion
- Town of Vegreville
- Town of Two Hills
- Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- North American Waterfowl Management Plan
- Alternative Land Use Services Canada
- Alberta Environment and Parks

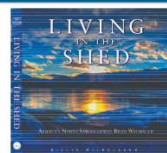
### Lakes

- Parkland County
- Mayatan Lake Management Association
- Lake Isle Lac Ste. Anne Stewardship Association
- Jackfish Lake Management Association
- Wabamun Watershed Management Council
- Antler Lake Stewardship Committee
- Hubbles Lake Stewardship Society
- Baptiste and Island Lakes Stewardship Society
- Blackmud -Whitemud Project - County of Strathcona, Leduc County, Cities of Edmonton and Leduc, and the Town of Beaumont
- Alberta Environment and Parks

## NSWA – Education and Awareness

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### Educational Forums



NSWA Book

### Newsletters



NSWA Website  
www.nswa.ab.ca

**5. Issues for Information:**

**North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA)**

642-21: Cherniwchan That Smoky Lake County Council accept the information received in the presentation from the April 23, 2021 delegation: Leah Kongsrude, Executive Director, North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) in regard to the NSWA's partnerships and key responsibilities.

Carried.

Leah Kongsrude, Executive Director, North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) virtually left the meeting, time 1:41 p.m.

**5. Issues for Information:**

**Alberta's 1976 Coal Policy**

643-21: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council recommend Administration provide input into the '1976 Coal Policy' consultation process and collaborate with other municipalities and/or Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA), if and when applicable, in the creation of a Regional Headwater Protection Plan.

Carried.

**Public Participation Plan: Hamlet Chickens, Dark Skies, Temporary RVs**

644-21: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County Council recommend engaging the Public Participation process, as per Policy Statement No. 01-51-01, in regard to respective draft bylaws pertaining to

1. a Land Use Bylaw amendment for the purpose of providing provisions relating to the licensing for, and keeping of, small livestock animal units in hamlet and residential districts,
2. International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) Designation Nomination, for the purpose of providing leadership in reducing light pollution and promote responsible outdoor lighting that is beautiful, healthy, and functional, and
3. a Land Use Bylaw amendment for the purpose of providing provisions relating to Temporary Recreational Vehicles.

Carried.

**Lake Subdivision Wayfinding Signage**

645-21: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County Council accept the information provided by the Planning and Development Department on April 23, 2021, in respect to the Year-2021 budgeted project: Lake Subdivision Wayfinding Signage, for the purpose of promoting public awareness of the subdivision and municipal reserve locations at or near: Hanmore Lake, Mons Lake - Sandy Lane, Mons View Resort/Estates, Bonnie Lake, Garner Lake - Birchland & Sunrise, and Whitefish Lake - Hillside Acres; and the anticipation of the signs being finalized in the next few months.

Carried.

**Verbal Update: North Saskatchewan Heritage River Project**

646-21: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council extend a "Thank You" to Mr. Jordan Ruegg, Planning and Development Manager and Mr. Kyle Schole, Planning and Development Assistant for spearheading the North Saskatchewan Heritage River Project in collaboration with other river municipalities and Indigenous groups to nominate 818km of the North Saskatchewan River across Alberta as a Heritage River under the Canadian Heritage Rivers System (CHRS); and **recommend** the said initiative be promoted for local awareness in the County's Grapevine and Social Media, in response to the information provided by the Planning and Development Department on April 23, 2021.

Carried.

**6. Correspondence:**

No Correspondence.

**8. Executive Session:**

No Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

647-21: Lukinuk

That the Smoky Lake County Council Committee of the Whole for the purpose of Planning Meeting, of April 23, 2021, be adjourned, time 2:23 p.m.

Carried.

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER