SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

A G E N D A: County Council: Committee of the Whole Meeting
for the purpose of **Planning** to be held on
Wednesday, **July 28, 2021,** at 9:00 A.M.
Virtually, Online through Zoom:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88212056409?pwd=ZHU4NTBwQUYzWi9ZMjFwWC9EOTBjUT09 Or, by phone: 1-877-853-5257, Meeting ID 882 1205 6409 Password: 198234.

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REQUEST FOR DECISION	DATE	July 20, 2021	4.1

TOPIC	**Bylaw No. 1289-16: Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) Review**
PROPOSAL	*That Smoky Lake County Council resolve to renew Bylaw No. 1289-16: Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) thereby satisfying Section 4.15 of said Bylaw.*
BACKGROUND	**December 8, 2016 – Smoky Lake County Council Meeting** **Motion 199-16:** *"That Bylaw No. 1289-16: Intermunicipal Development plan with Smoky Lake County and the Town of Smoky Lake, a bylaw for the purpose of adopting an Intermunicipal Development Plan for Smoky Lake County and the Town of Smoky Lake, be given the SECOND READING. Moved by Councillor Smigerowsky that Bylaw No. 1289-16: Intermunicipal Development Plan with Smoky Lake County and the Town of Smoky Lake, a bylaw for the purpose of adopting an Intermunicipal Development Plan for Smoky Lake County and the Town of Smoky Lake, be given 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 necessary."* **Smoky Lake County Bylaw No. 1289-16** **Section 2.5 Duration** This plan also provides a "sunset clause" – a time at which the plan will cease to have any force and effect should the two municipalities not re-adopt the plan. Notwithstanding these processes, the plan should be reviewed every three years from the date on which the plan comes into effect to ensure that it is still current and meets the needs of the Town of Smoky Lake, Smoky Lake County and the entire Smoky Lake Region. **Section 4.15 Intermunicipal Development Plan Termination** 1. The plan is renewable by resolution of both Councils before the 5th anniversary of the third reading of the Bylaws adopting this plan and every 5 years thereafter. Failure to renew this plan by both municipalities by the 5th anniversary will cause the plan to lapse and cease to exist. **Section 4.6 Establishment of the Intermunicipal Planning Committee** 1. The Intermunicipal Planning Committee (IPC) will be established upon Third Reading of the Bylaws adopting this plan. 2. The Intermunicipal Planning Committee will not be a decision-making body, but will submit recommendations to the approving bodies of the respective municipalities, striving for consensus as much as possible. 3. The Intermunicipal Planning Committee will be comprised of two (2) members of each of the Councils of the Town of Smoky Lake and Smoky Lake County. The IPC will select its onw chairman and vice-chairman. The Councils may appoint alternative members, should any member not be able to attend Committee meetings. Additionally, the Chief Administrative Office or the Development Officer shall be ex-officio members of the Committee. 4. The Intermunicipal Planning Committee shall establish its own rules of procedure, including its own schedule of meetings, with meetings being held as required.

Section 4.7 Intermunicipal Planning Committee

1. Upon the referral of a matter, the Intermunicipal Planning Committee will schedule a meeting and the administration of the County and the Town will present their positions on the matter to the Committee.

2. After consideration of a matter, the Committee may:

a. provide suggestions to both administrations with respect to revisions to the matter that should be considered to make it more acceptable to both municipalities;
b. if possible, agree on a consensus position of the Committee in support of or in opposition to the matter, to be presented to both Councils;
c. conclude that no initial agreement can be reached and that a consensus position of the Committee will not be presented to both Councils;
d. if agreed to by both Municipalities, employ a facilitator to help the Committee work towards a consensus position;
e. if a matter cannot be satisfactorily processed following a Committee review, refer the matter to both Councils; or undertake any other action it deems reasonable.

3. The Intermunicipal Planning Committee shall not deal with all development matters within the Town of Smoky Lake and Smoky Lake County Intermunicipal Development Plan subject area. Rather, it will deal with all matters referred to in the manner described in Section 4.7 of this plan.

4. The Intermunicipal Planning Committee has the following functions:

a. to clarify the intent and interpretation of the plan;
b. to develop specific strategies related to the provision of infrastructure, service provision, cost sharing, etc. for the proposed subdivision and development in the subject area that reflect the policies and guidelines set out in this plan;
c. to review and comment on applications made to amend this plan;
d. to review and comment on development matters referred to it in accordance with this plan; and
e. to undertake such other matters as it deems reasonable and as are referred to it by either Council or municipal administration.

5. The Town of Smoky Lake and Smoky Lake County agree that the County's Subdivision Authority and Development Authority will notify the Intermunicipal Planning Committee of applications received with the subject area and that the Town's Subdivision Authority and Development Authority will notify the Intermunicipal Planning Committee of applications within the subject area.

6. Each municipality's Subdivision Authority and Development Authority will deal with an application within their own boundaries in accordance with the policies of this plan.

7. Depending on the nature of the proposed subdivision or development, the Intermunicipal Planning Committee may provide recommendations related to the proposed development or subdivision.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Bylaw 1289-16: Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) **©ATTACHMENT 1**

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LEGISLATIVE, BYLAW and/or POLICY IMPLICATIONS	**Municipal Government Act** **Division 4** **Statutory Plans** **Intermunicipal Development Plans** **Intermunicipal Development Plans** 631(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), 2 or more councils of municipalities that have common boundaries that are not members of a growth region as defined in section 708.01 must, by each passing a bylaw in accordance with this Part or in accordance with sections 12 and 692, adopt an intermunicipal development plan to include those areas of land lying within the boundaries of the municipalities as they consider necessary. (2) Subsection (1) does not require municipalities to adopt an intermunicipal development plan with each other if they agree that they do not require one, but any of the municipalities may revoke its agreement at any time by giving written notice to the other or others, and where that notice is given the municipalities must comply with subsection (1) within one year from the date of the notice unless an exemption is ordered under subsection (3). (3) The Minister may, by order, exempt one or more councils from the requirement to adopt an intermunicipal development plan, and the order may contain any terms and conditions that the Minister considers necessary. (4) Municipalities that are required under subsection (1) to adopt an intermunicipal development plan must have an intermunicipal development plan providing for all of the matters referred to in subsection (8) in place by April 1, 2020. (5) If 2 or more councils that are required to adopt an intermunicipal development plan under subsection (1) do not have an intermunicipal development plan in place by April 1, 2020 because they have been unable to agree on a plan, they must immediately notify the Minister and the Minister must, by order, refer the matter to the Municipal Government Board for its recommendations in accordance with Part 12. (6) Where the Minister refers a matter to the Municipal Government Board under this section, Part 12 applies as if the matter had been referred to the Board under section 514(2). (7) Two or more councils of municipalities that are not otherwise required to adopt an intermunicipal development plan under subsection (1) may, by each passing a bylaw in accordance with this Part or in accordance with sections 12 and 692, adopt an intermunicipal development plan to include those areas of land lying within the boundaries of the municipalities as they consider necessary. (8) An intermunicipal development plan (a) must address (i) the future land use within the area, (ii) the manner of and the proposals for future development in the area, (iii) the provision of transportation systems for the area, either generally or specifically, (iv) the co-ordination of intermunicipal programs relating to the physical, social and economic development of the area, (v) environmental matters within the area, either generally or specifically, and

(vi) any other matter related to the physical, social or economic development of the area that the councils consider necessary,

and

(b) must include

(i) a procedure to be used to resolve or attempt to resolve any conflict between the municipalities that have adopted the plan,

(ii) a procedure to be used, by one or more municipalities, to amend or repeal the plan, and

(iii) provisions relating to administration of the plan.

(9) Despite subsection (8), to the extent that a matter is dealt with in a framework under Part 17.2, the matter does not need to be included in an intermunicipal development plan.

(10) In creating an intermunicipal development plan, municipalities must negotiate in good faith.

Order for Intermunicipal Development Plan
631.1(1) The Minister may make regulations

(a) repealed 2019 c22 s10(21);

(b) respecting the matters to be included in an intermunicipal development plan.

(c) repealed 2019 c22 s10(21).

(1.1) After considering the recommendations of the Municipal Government Board respecting a matter referred to the Board under section 631(5), the Minister may, by order, require 2 or more municipal authorities to establish an intermunicipal development plan in accordance with the order by a date specified in the order.

(1.2) If the municipal authorities to whom an order under subsection (1.1) applies do not comply with the order, the Minister may make a further order establishing an intermunicipal development plan that is binding on the municipal authorities.

(2) Repealed 2019 c22 s10(21).

BENEFITS	• Consideration of a revised Intermunicipal Development Plan with the Town of Smoky Lake will allow the Plan to reflect the recent developments with respect to the Victoria District Economic Development Strategy (Smoky Lake County Bylaw No. 1372-20 & Town of Smoky Lake Bylaw No. 006-2020). • Ensure compliance with related legislation.
DISADVANTAGES	• Nil.
ALTERNATIVES	• Take no action/Defer to a future meeting. • Notify the Town of Smoky Lake that Smoky Lake County wishes to not enter into an IDP with the Town of Smoky Lake, and if the Town of Smoky Lake concurs that they also do not wish to enter into an IDP with Smoky Lake County, provide notice to the Minister of Municipal Affairs of such joint decision.

FINANCE/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Operating Costs:	_____	**Capital Costs:**	_____
Budget Available:	_____	**Source of Funds:**	_____
Budgeted Costs:	_____	**Unbudgeted Costs:**	_____

INTERGOVERNMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS	• Town of Smoky Lake
COMMUNICATION STRATEGY	• Nil.

RECOMMENDATION	
That Smoky Lake County Committee of the Whole instruct administration to schedule a meeting of the Intermunicipal Planning Committee with the Town of Smoky Lake, for the purposes of discussing the expiration of the current Intermunicipal Development Plan Bylaw between the Town of Smoky Lake and Smoky Lake County (Smoky Lake County Bylaw No. 1289-16 & Town of Smoky Lake Bylaw No. 03-16).	
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	

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REQUEST FOR DECISION	DATE	July 20, 2021	4.2

TOPIC	**Lake Subdivision Wayfinding Signage**
PROPOSAL	*That Smoky Lake County Committee of the Whole instruct administration to proceed with the procurement and subsequent placement of wayfinding signage at the County's lake subdivisions, as per the attached "Lake Subdivision Signage Proposed Locations" map.*
BACKGROUND	• Questions often arise regarding issues such as directional way-finding, ownership and boundaries of Municipal Reserve, requirement for Development Permit, etc., particularly at the County's lake subdivisions. • Many other rural municipalities (such as Lacombe County, Sturgeon County, Wetaskiwin County) have installed way-finding/directional/information signage at many subdivisions to address these matters. • It is proposed that Smoky Lake County install a total of nine (9) such signs at the following locations: ○ Hanmore Lake (intersection of RGE RD 174 & Lake Drive) ○ Mons Lake ▪ Sandy Lane (intersection of TWP RD 602 & Mons Lake Drive) ▪ Mons Lake Estates (intersection of TWP RD 602 & RGE RD 164) ▪ Mons View Resort (intersection of RGE RD 164 & Mons Lake Drive) ○ Bonnie Lake (RGE RD 132A – entrance to Bonnie Lake Resort) ○ Garner Lake ▪ Birchland Resort (intersection of TWP RD 602 & RGE RD 123) ▪ Sunrise Beach (intersection of RGE RD 124 & Syroid Drive) ○ Whitefish Lake ▪ Hillside Acres (intersection of RGE RD 133A & RGE RD 133A) • The 2021 Smoky Lake County Budget already accounts for the funds required for the fabrication and installation of the proposed signage. • The Planning and Development Department has been working in cooperation with the GIS Operator to develop a series of high quality maps that include addresses and additional information. • The timing of installation of the signage will be at the discretion of the County's Public Works Department as it will require time and manpower to be dedicated. • Sample signage from Lacombe County and Wetaskiwin County is attached for reference **© ATTACHMENT 1** • The content and layout of the proposed signage is attached for reference **© ATTACHMENT 2** • The proposed locations of the proposed signage is attached for reference **© ATTACHMENT 3** A quote for the proposed signage is attached for reference **© ATTACHMENT 4**

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LEGISLATIVE, BYLAW and/or POLICY IMPLICATIONS	Nil.

BENEFITS	• Emergency Services & General Wayfinding • Welcoming, pleasant communities • Increased clarity for public on ownership, property lines, municipal reserve, etc.
DISADVANTAGES	• Nil.
ALTERNATIVES	• Take no action

FINANCE/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Operating Costs:	_____	**Capital Costs:**	_____
Budget Available:	_____	**Source of Funds:**	_____
Budgeted Costs:	_____	**Unbudgeted Costs:**	_____

INTERGOVERNMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS	• Nil.
COMMUNICATION STRATEGY	• Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

That Smoky Lake County Committee of Whole instruct administration to proceed with the procurement of the proposed lake subdivision wayfinding signage, and further to instruct administration to install said signage at the locations designated by the "Lake Subdivision Signage Proposed Locations" map.

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WIZARD HEIGHTS
WIZARD LAKE
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BLK 1
MAGIC DRIVE
BLK 2
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BLK 3
TWP RD 480
RGE RD 24
YOU ARE HERE
Please Note: All development requires an approved Development Permit.
Please contact the County's Planning and Economic Development Department
for more information at 780-352-3321 or 1-800-661-4125.
Respect Our Lakes
RESPONSIBLE LAKE LIVING
WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PROTECT LAKES?
COUNTY OF WETASKIWIN
DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS IN THIS AREA
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BY AUTHORITY OF COUNTY BYLAW

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Hanmore Lake

Smoky Lake COUNTY

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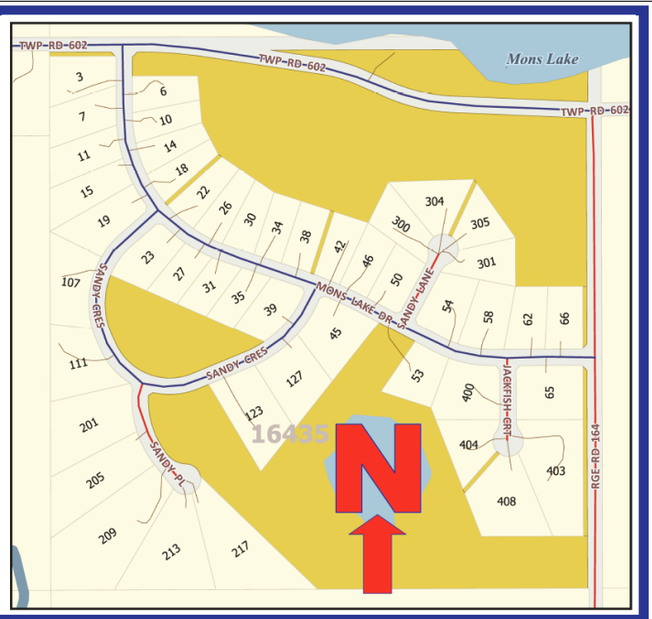
Sandy Lane at Mons Lake

Smoky Lake COUNTY



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Mons View Resort

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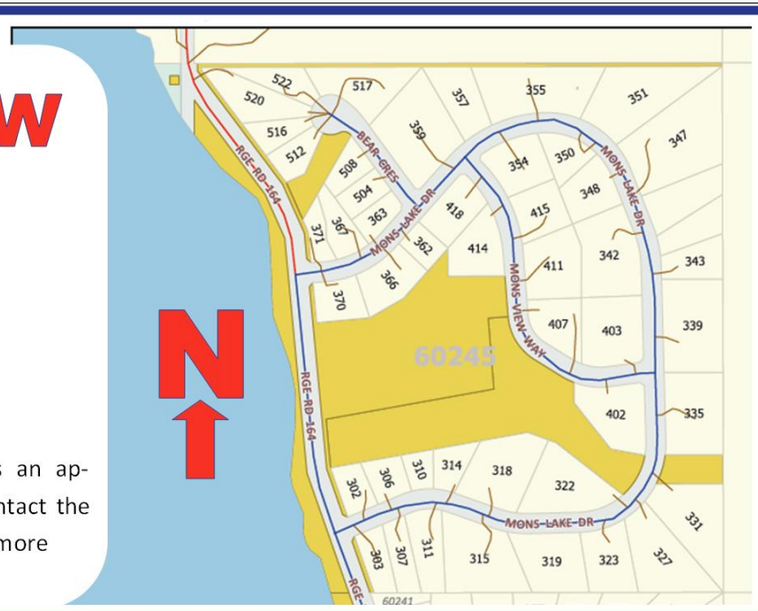

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Mons Lake Estates

Smoky Lake COUNTY

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BONNIE LAKE RESORT at Bonnie Lake

Smoky Lake COUNTY

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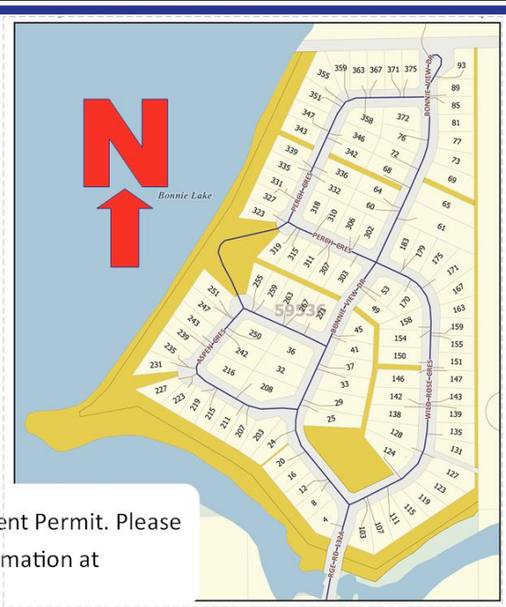

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Birchland Resort at Garner Lake

Smoky Lake COUNTY

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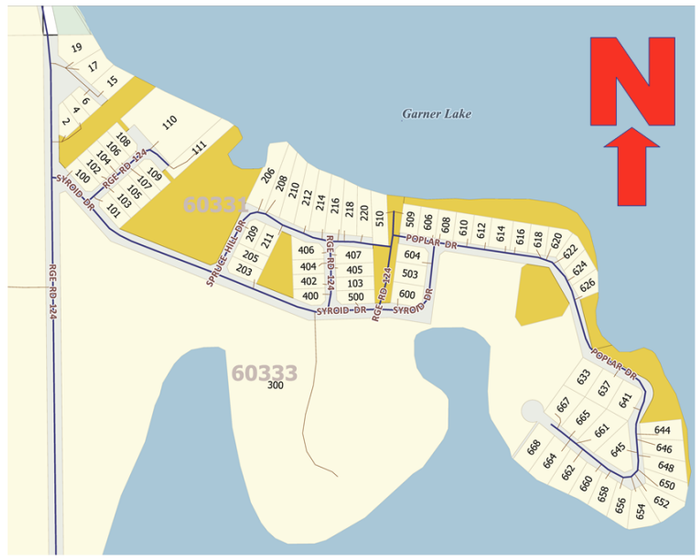
Sunrise Beach at Garner Lake



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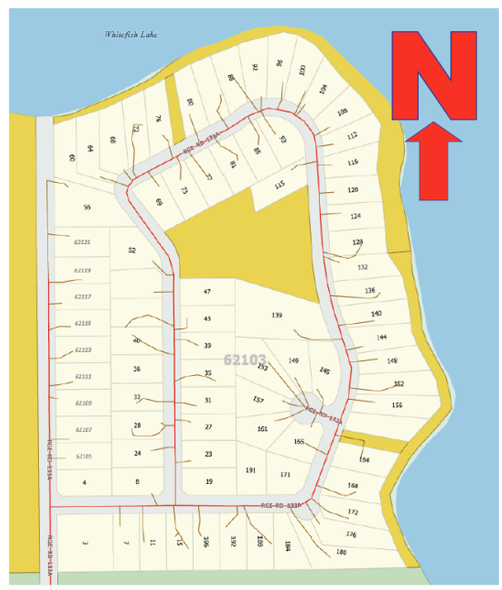
Hillside Acres at Whitefish Lake



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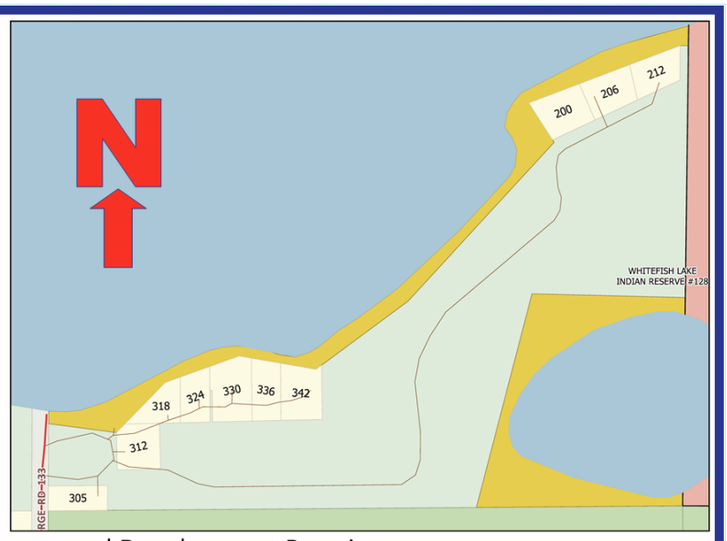
Plus, potential Extras if deemed necessary, but of a lower priority

Paradise Cove at Whitefish Lake



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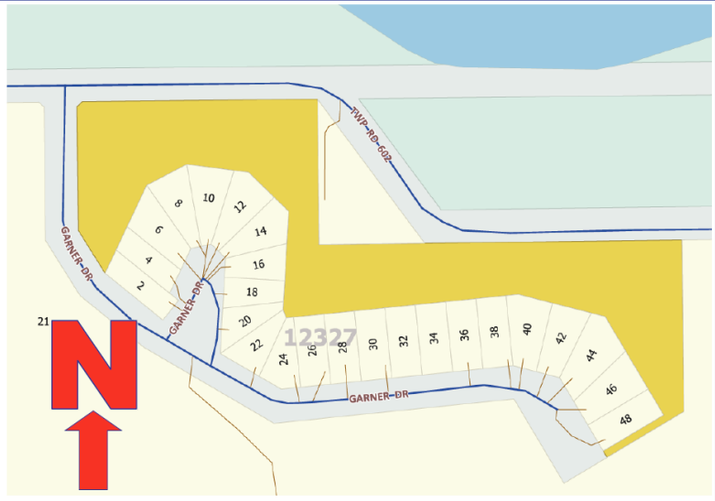
Parkview Beach Resort at Garner Lake



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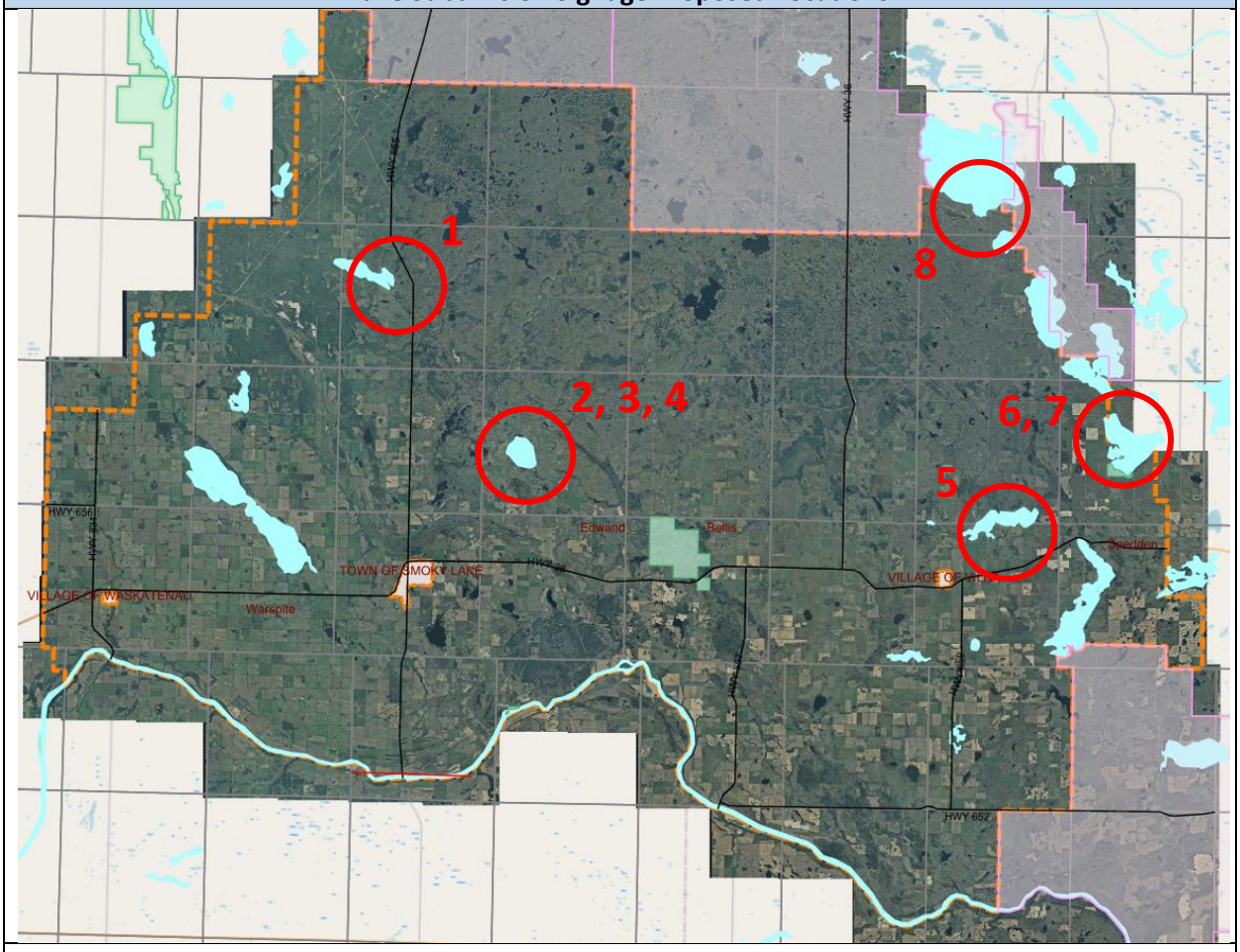
Lake Subdivision Signage Proposed Locations



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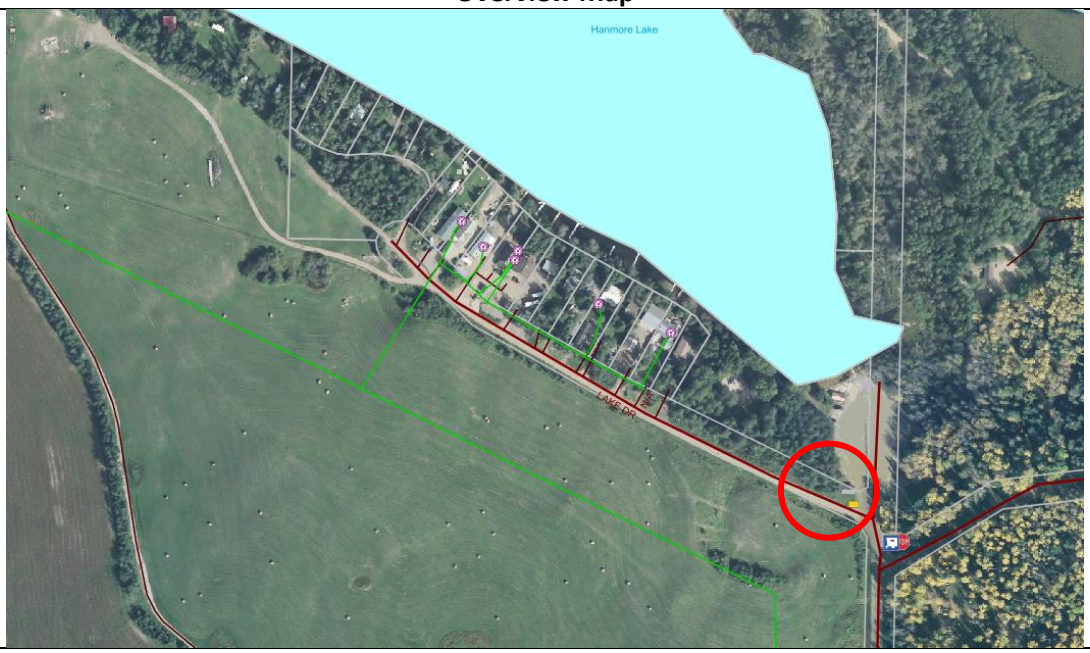

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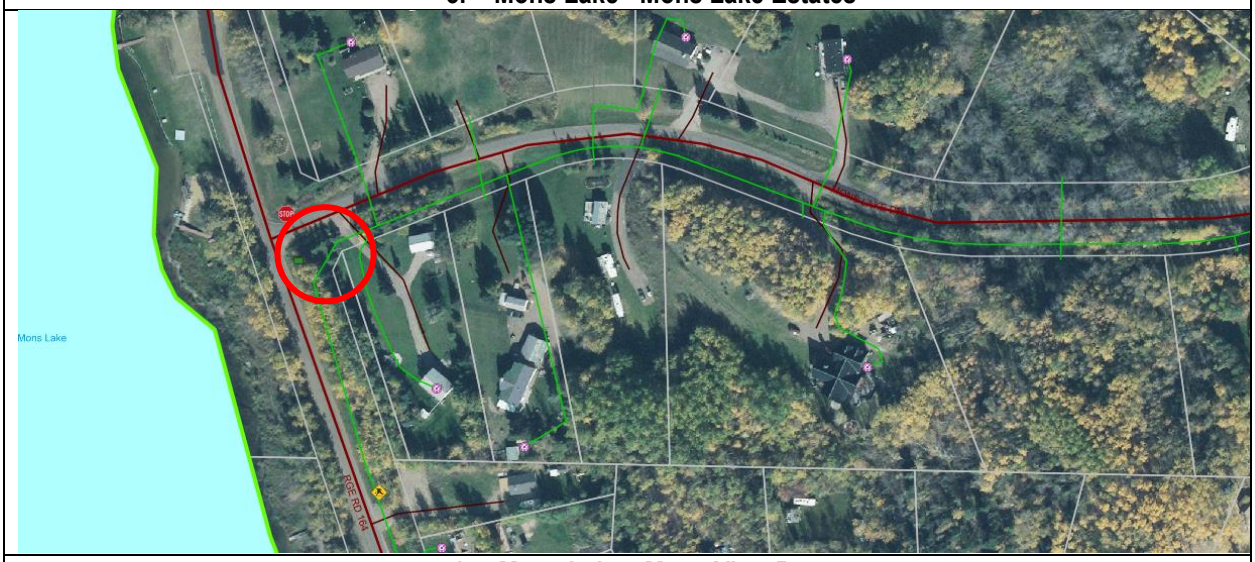
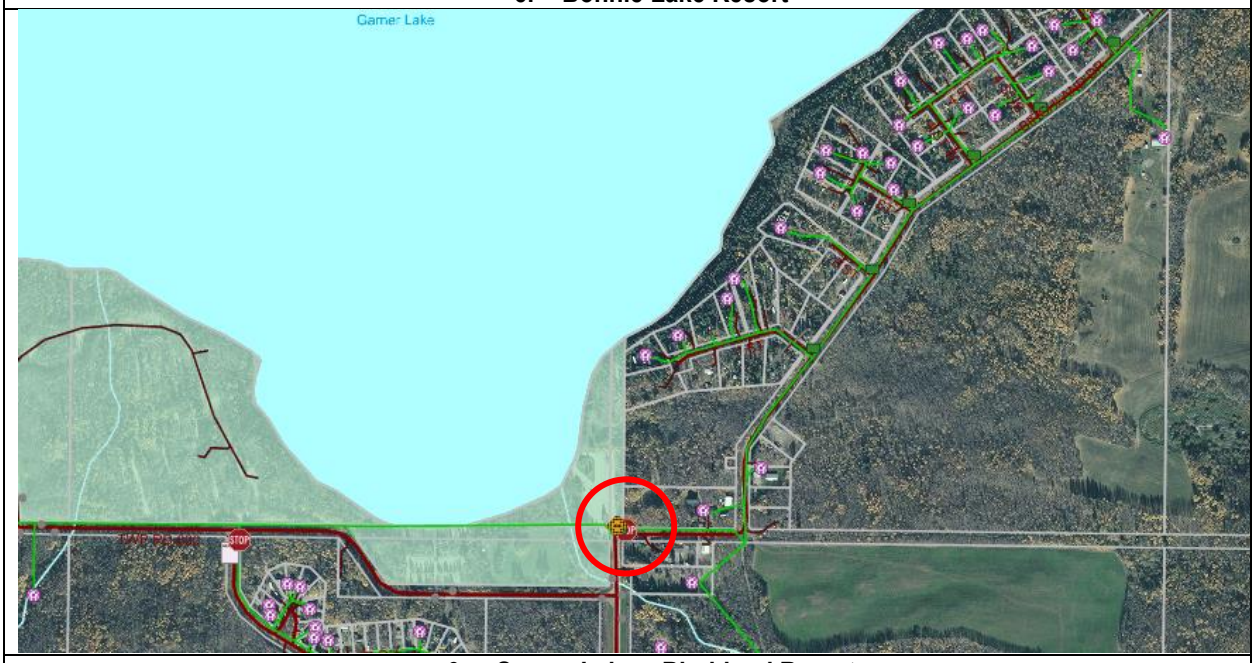
2. Mons Lake - Sandy Lane

3. Mons Lake - Mons Lake Estates



4. Mons Lake - Mons View Resort

5. Bonnie Lake Resort



6. Garner Lake – Birchland Resort

7. Garner Lake – Sunrise Beach

8. Whitefish Lake - Hillside Acres

Kyle Schole

From: trevenry@telus.net
Sent: October 4, 2020 1:55 PM
To: Kyle Schole
Subject: Re: Lake Subdivision Signage

Ok, a 4' x 8' Sign similar to the one you have pictured would costs $385.00 + GST. And yes it is more economical to have the Note included at the bottom.
An additional sign with just the note would be $125.00 + GST

From: "Kyle Schole" <kschole@smokylakecounty.ab.ca>
To: trevenry@telus.net
Sent: Friday, October 2, 2020 10:55:53 AM
Subject: RE: Lake Subdivision Signage

Trevor,

I believe 4'x8' is a fairly good size scale but we're open to your judgement/expertise... Is it more economical to include the note on the same piece? If so, then yes.

Kyle Schole
Planning, Development, & Heritage Assistant
Smoky Lake County

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REQUEST FOR DECISION	DATE	July 28, 2021, 4.3

TOPIC	***'What We Heard'* Report: Public Participation Results - Urban Chickens, Dark Skies, RVs at Lakes**
PROPOSAL	*That Smoky Lake County Committee of the Whole Accept the 'What We Hard' Report for Information and recommend that Administration bring forward land use bylaw amendments pursuant to the Report to a future Committee Meeting.*
BACKGROUND	**October 29, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting:** • **112-20: Halisky** *That Smoky Lake County Council recommend pursuing a Nomination for an International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) Designation which recognizes exceptional dedication towards the preservation of the night sky through the implementation and enforcement of quality outdoor lighting ordinance, dark sky education and citizen support of dark skies, for the purpose of promoting responsible lighting and dark sky stewardship, and to set good examples for surrounding communities.* **Carried.** • **120-20: Lukinuk** *That Smoky Lake County Council recommend the draft amendment to the Land Use Bylaw No. 1272-14 for the purpose of providing provisions relating to the licensing for, and keeping of, small livestock animal units in hamlet and residential districts; and bring the said draft bylaw forward to the next Committee of the Whole for the Purposes of Planning Meeting.* **Carried**. **December 10, 2020 County Council Meeting:** • **213-20: Lukinuk** *That Smoky Lake County proceed with investigating the feasibility and next steps of pursuing a Nomination of, and Designation as, a Dark Sky Community under the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA), for the purpose of providing leadership in reducing light pollution and promote responsible outdoor lighting that is beautiful, healthy, and functional.* **Carried.** **March 8, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting:** • **483-21: Orichowski** *That Smoky Lake County Council recommend the additional material provided by the Planning and Development Department in response to Council's December 10, 2020, Motion #213-20, which gave direction to investigate the feasibility and next steps of pursuing an International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) Designation, be accepted for information.* **Carried.** • **484-21:** *Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County Council recommend a Public Participation Plan and amendment to the Land Use Bylaw No. 1272-14, for the purpose of providing provisions relating to the licensing for, and keeping of, small livestock animal units in hamlet and residential districts; and bring the said plan and amendment forward to a future meeting of Council.* **Carried.** **April 23, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting:** • **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.

May 207, 2021 County Council Meeting

- **779-21: Orichowski** *That Smoky Lake County implement the Public Participation Plan, in accordance with Policy Statement No. 01-51: Public Participation, for proposed amendments to the Land Use Bylaw relating to: Hamlet Chickens, Dark Skies, and Temporary RVs at Lake-lots, to obtain a 'What We Heard' report answering the following questions which will be brought forward to a future Council Meeting, including but not limit to:*

    1) *Should the Hamlet General areas be permitted to keep a limited number of chickens?*

    2) *Should the County pursue Dark Sky designated status, what considerations should made? Should the entire County be nominated, or a portion?*

    3) *How should the County handle temporary visiting RVs at lake-lots?*

Carried.

ATTACHMENTS:

- *'What We Heard'* Report **©ATTACHMENT 1**

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LEGISLATIVE, BYLAW and/or POLICY IMPLICATIONS	**Alberta *Municipal Government Act* (MGA)** **Smoky Lake County Land Use Bylaw 1272-14**
BENEFITS	• .
DISADVANTAGES	• Nil.
ALTERNATIVES	• Take no action/Defer

FINANCE/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS			
Operating Costs:	_____	**Capital Costs:**	_____
Budget Available:	_____	**Source of Funds:**	_____
Budgeted Costs:	_____	**Unbudgeted Costs:**	_____

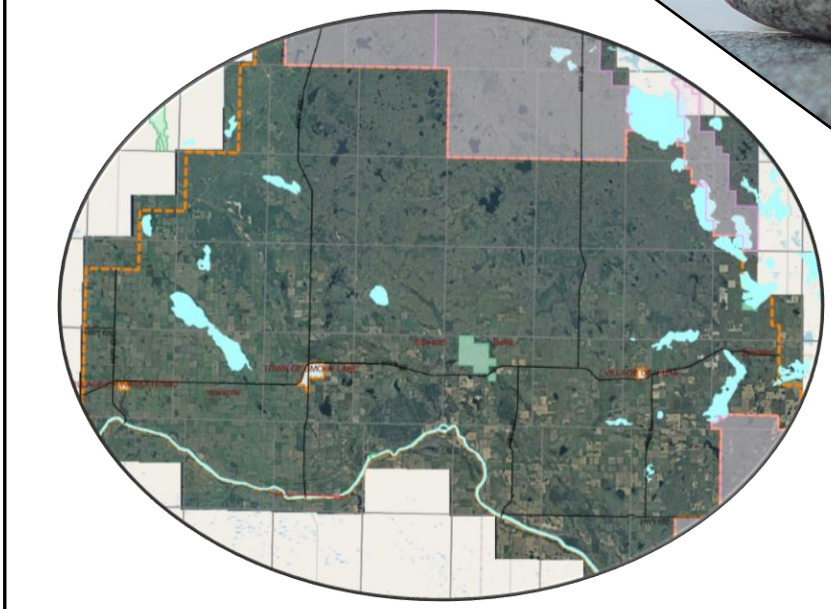
INTERGOVERNMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS	• **Nil.**
COMMUNICATION STRATEGY	• Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

That Smoky Lake County Committee of the Whole Accept the 'What We Hard' Report for Information and recommend that Administration bring forward land use bylaw amendments pursuant to the Report to a future Committee Meeting.	
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	

'What We Heard' Report:

Hamlet Chickens, Lake Lot RVs, & Dark Skies



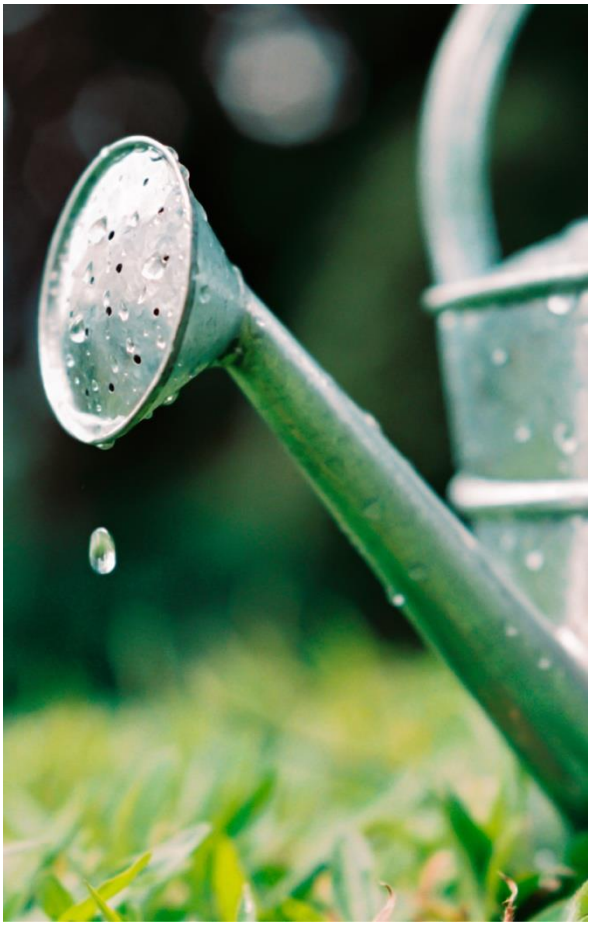
July 28, 2021

Smoky Lake County Committee of the Whole

Planning & Development Services

INTRODUCTION

Project Context



During the winter & spring of 2021, Smoky Lake County has been exploring possibilities of changes to the Land Use Bylaw dealing with several areas:

1) Potentially allowing the keeping of chickens in hamlets.

2) How to better address management of Recreational Vehicles (RVs) at Lake Lots.

3) Pursuing Dark Sky designation.

Rather than proceed directly to making bylaw amendments, County Council decided to engage the public for input and considerations in these three areas.

During the months of June/July 2021, an Open House and Survey series was conducted, the results of which this report summarizes for Council's consideration.

Values: Integrity, Sustainability/Stability, Pride, Fairness, Freedom

Vision: Leading the way in positive growth with healthy, sustainable, rural living.

Mission: Smoky Lake County strives for collaboration and excellence in the provision of transparent and fiscally responsible governance and services.

Courtesy of Explore Edmonton

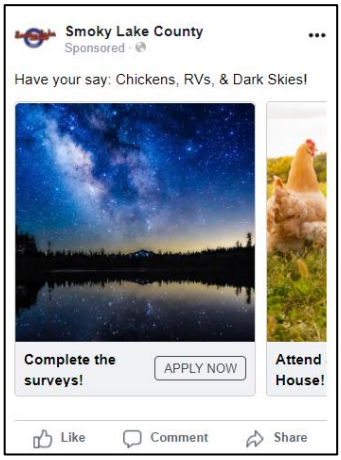
METHODOLOGY

Advertising on social media (Facebook)

- **Reach** of 2,216 people. (i.e., who saw the ad and/or the Facebook Event least once.)

- **Engagements** of 192 (i.e., number of likes, shares, comments, etc.).

- **Link-click** rate of 163 (i.e., number who specifically clicked the Ad thru to the website at least once)



Direct Mail

Notice was also sent in the June/July Gas Bills to 1,500 addresses!

Open Houses

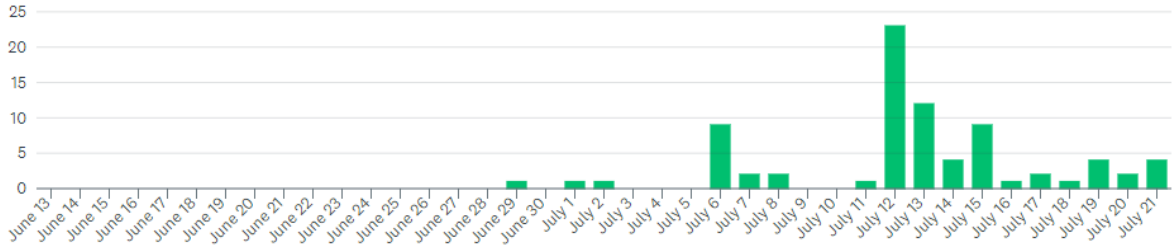
Urban Chickens: Monday July 12th at 5pm,
Lake Lot RVs: Tuesday July 14th at 5pm, and
Dark Skies: Wednesday July 20th at 5pm.

Each Open House was recorded and posted to YouTube, the County's Website, and social media for on-demand viewing.

SURVEY RESULTS

RVs at Lake Lots - Survey Results

Reply rate: Open House July 14



Do you live or visit/own property at a Smoky Lake County lake?

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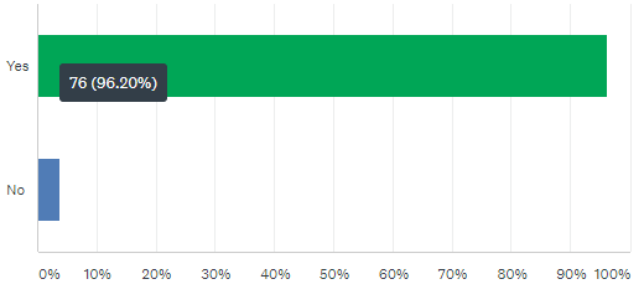

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	96.20%	76
No	3.80%	3
TOTAL		79

Do you personally have one or more RVs at a lake lot, either on a permanent or visiting basis

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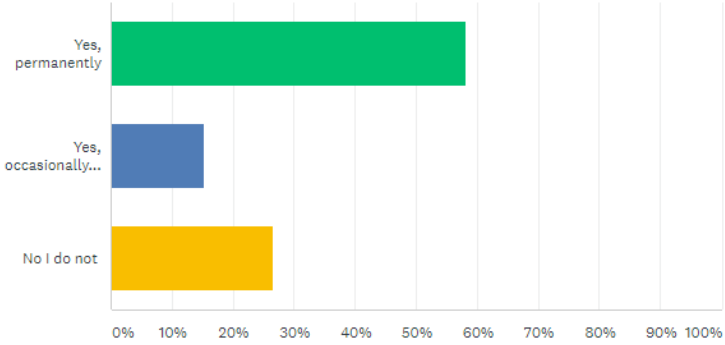
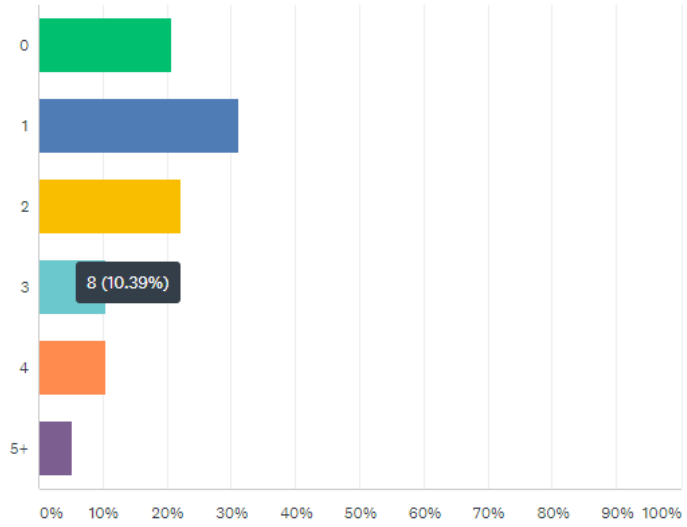


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, permanently	58.23%	46
Yes, occasionally visiting	15.19%	12
No I do not	26.58%	21
TOTAL		79

How many RVs do you keep or visit at your lake lot?

Answered: 77 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0	20.78%	16
1	31.17%	24
2	22.08%	17
3	10.39%	8
4	10.39%	8
5+	5.19%	4
TOTAL		77

Currently under the Land Use Bylaw, you may keep up to two RVs at a lake lot year-round without a development permit, and additional may visit for four days at a time. Is this reasonable?

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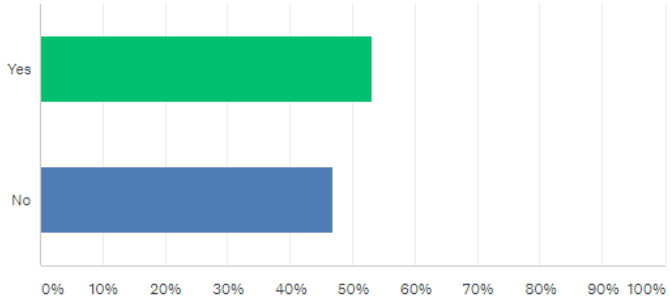

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	53.16%	42
No	46.84%	37
TOTAL		79

Should the number of RVs allowed permanently on a lake lot take into consideration the lot size? i.e., larger lot could allow for more RVs?

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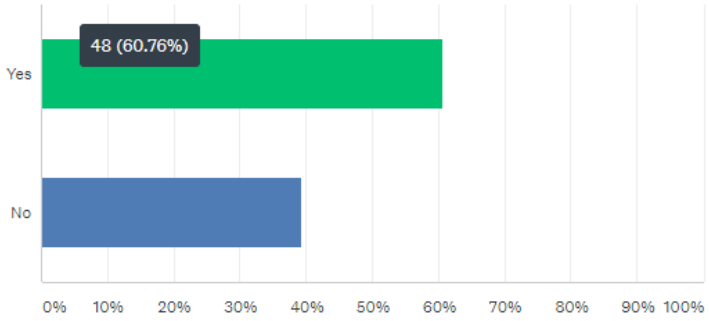

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	60.76%	48
No	39.24%	31
TOTAL		79

How should enforcement of the number and duration of RVs at lake lots be handled?

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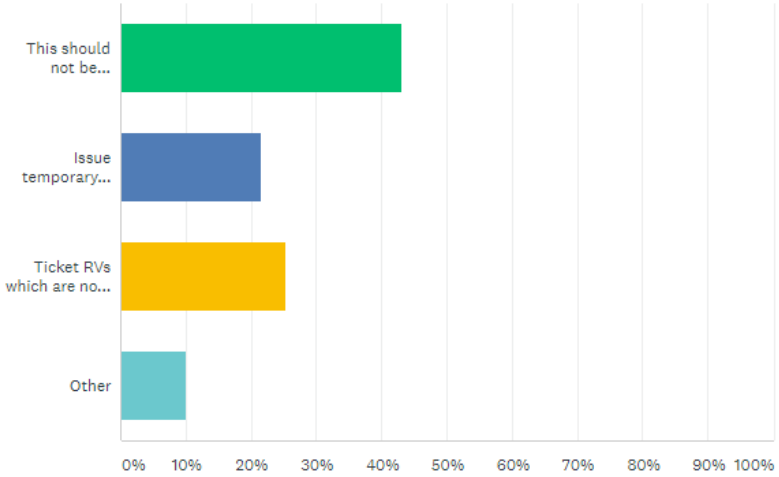

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
This should not be regulated	43.04%	34
Issue temporary permits for visiting RVs	21.52%	17
Ticket RVs which are not in compliance with the rules	25.32%	20
Other	10.13%	8
TOTAL		79

Do you have any other suggestions about how the County should address permanent or temporary/visiting RVs at lake lots?

- *Current rules seem ok*
- *I believe that people wanting to invite their family and friends to their lake lot should be encouraged. Areas that are quick to have unreasonable rules and fast to hand out tickets get reputations for areas not to visit.*
- *Issue a warning before ticketing.*
- *Additional trailers (unlimited amount) should only be allowed on long weekends. An easy bylaw to impart and even easier to enforce. Any additional r.v.'s other than a long weekend would get ticketed. Encourage the use of the campground across the lake. Insure there is adequate parking on the lot to accomodate extra units, atv's and vehicles. What ever is decided it has to be easy to understand and even easier to enforce.*
- *Bylaw checks and assessments aren't happening now and should be a top priority. Ticketing should also be more effectively applied for offenders.*
- *Ppl own the land so as long as it's tide and not an eye sore, let the families be. We are land owners at Bonnie lake and we love the amount of kids that come with these campers. It's good for the community to have young families spending there money in the smoky lake area.*
- *The amount of days for a permitted RV dhoujd be extended to one week. Many friends & relatives take vacation time in one week increments.*
- *Enforce the current bylaw.*
- *Mons Lake, more specifically Sandy Lane sun-division is a RV sun-division. There's isn't a problem now, so why regulate something that's not a problem? I think it's great that family and friend can enjoy all Smoky County has to offer, and limiting RV's does not make sense. Smoky Lake has camp sites. The density of RVs is much greater than any lake lot, and there is no issue...so why should there be restrictions on parcels 1-2 acre as in size? Makes no sense! If someone is complaining that is a permanent residence then they should have taken into consideration they are living in a RV sun-division.*
- *I believe that restricting numbers of RV's on privately owned properties & lake lots is Deplorable. Many families are large in numbers. We all also have family & friends who we enjoy camping with & partaking in recreational, fun times together. Being fortunate to own recreational property where our family & friends can gather to share our day to day lives, relax, & restore our mental health enjoying time & fun while not outwardly disturbing others. Most times these neighborhoods become great friends & communities that support each other, enjoying weekends & all year long fun & relaxation!!*
- *If the site is clean and maintained then let the owners manage their own lake lots and visitors.*
- *4 days is not enough time for additional RV's. If people take a week or two vacation they cannot come stay on larger lots*

- *County should be enforce stricter regulation*

- *We live at Mons Lake who cares how many RVs are on THEIR lot they pay tax's it's ridiculous this bylaw is STUPID leave them a lone*

- *As long as the property is kept up and the trailers are in proper condition, I don't have an issue with a 1acre lot or larger having 3 or 4*

- *Larger lot sizes should be able to host more campers. Long term campers should be in reasonably good condition and not a site for sore eyes to be a friendly neighbor*

- *Not everyone that owns a lakelot is wealthy . Some of us choose it asa lifestyle and put our money towards that instead of other things. cabins are expensive to maintain and need year round care. I have 1 trailer for for my husband and I and one for the my young adult children. Why should i not be able to have friends come visit with their trailer for more than 4 days? I have owned 1/2 acre lot for 18 years ,paid taxes for 18 years .I think this is not a fair rule. Maybe no longer than 1 week seems more appropriate. I don't understand why this is an issue, maybe i'm missing something I don't know. Regulation means discouragement to have guests.*

- *Anything.g over 1 acre in size should be aloud 4 permanent rv trailers in lot at all times. Friends come from out of province at times and for more then 4 days at a time. More then should be aloud for a minimum of 2 weeks at a time*

- *Some lots can definitely host more trailers than others. If the lot size is larger than 1 acre I think 4 long term trailers should be allowed as typically families want to leave the trailers and not have to pack up each weekend or decide who cannot leave their trailers on site. Also, 4 day duration for other visitors is sometimes not long enough if guests want to stay for a whole week.*

- *Enforce this bylaw*

- *Some yards/acreages are looking more like a junk yard because of all the rv's, cars, trucks parked in them.*

- *Visiting rv's for 7 days.*

- *Currently there is no enforcement of the 2 trailers per lot. The lot owners should be fined or have the extra trailers removed from their lots. Some lots have up to 4/5 trailers on their site permanently, and no the extra trailers are not visiting for 4 days. The Mons Lake resort area is looking like a campground mixed with permanent residents in their houses or cabins. The county is not getting their fair share of property taxes on these mini campgrounds versus the residents who have put a significant investment in their properties which increases the property tax base for the campground. These mini campgrounds have an effect on the residual property values of permanent residents.*

- *The county should allow any number of visiting rvs during the summer (May to Sept). Then only allow the two permanent rvs to remain the rest of the year*

- *Charge a $250 per year fee for the third trailer anaully to help increase operating budgets for the county*

- *Some of these properties are an acre or more and your saying there can only be two trailers on an acre of land??? Doesn't make sense. The County should not be regulating the privately owned property. As in the current bylaws, they are calling owned land as campsites/campground, this isn't right. Privately owned property, in which the owner pays taxes, are not campsites. The public campground by the lake consists of campsites which make up a campground and should be the only property along with any other public property is the only property which should be regulated under the campground/campsite bylaws. Another thing that should be taken into consideration is that not all owners have a cabin on their property, They leave their RV on the property year round and it is never pulled. Therefore, it should not be included in the limit of two rv's.*

- *If there is a concern at a particular development, visit the lot owners, assess the site. I want to leave our trailer(s) on our lot over the winter, do not see the need for restriction on number. I am curious if there has been an increase in complaints, what is the reasoning for reviewing this bylaw?*

- *4 days is not enough time for summer camping lot size should be taken into consideration on how many and how long*

- *No, everything is fine the way it is*

- *Make all lakelot owners aware of regulations(including when transfer of ownership occurs)Unless people have to be accountable there is no reason for them to follow rules. Lakelot owners need to consider the maintenance of a healthy lake requires all to be involved.*

- *Smoky lake county currently does not allow a guest/bunk house suite (grandma/grandpa suite). If the county allowed a guests suite with rules I believe the amount of trailers would be decreased.*

- *number of vehicles at the rv lot so does not interfere with the arrival of other campers*

- *I have 2 permanent rv's. If I have family visit for 5 days getting a permit is ridiculous and they aren't staying for the entire season*

- *If the rules were to change and we were not allowed two permanent trailers we would definitely reconsider owning in Smokey lake county.*

- *We have been landowners at Birchland Resort since 1976. We pay significant taxes on our permanent home each year. It is our understanding that while there are taxes paid on land, there are no taxes paid on RV's. Consequently by allowing multiple RV's on one lot multiple families are using the same benefits that we pay a significant tax for. Allowing multiple RV's on a single lot increases the pollution in the development, increases the wear and tear on the roads, increases the boat traffic on Garner Lake, increases the amount of refuse put in the landfill etc. The County needs to restrict the number of permanent RV's to one per lot while allowing one temporary RV for 4 days. Alternatively the County needs to implement an RV tax or a significant RV annual licence fee to make the land use bylaw equitable for permanent homeowners.*
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- *Enforce the bylaw*

- *people pay taxes on these lots so why must restrictions be so stringent. 4 days may not belong enough if families have driven long distances for a holiday.*

- *Lot sizes vary largely in the county, I believe having a 2 RV limit is not a great unit of measure for the various sizes of properties. I believe there needs to be regulations to ensure people are not disrupting or hindering the peace of others however, the same limit for all properties is not a fair justification. Please consider amending this bylaw to ensure it is fair for all property owners.*

- *No, I feel that if people own their lots they should be able to have family or friends visit whenever they please for as long as they please.*

- *Follow up on offenders has not currently been done according to our bylaws*

- *Enforcement needs to be cost effective and a program not be so regulated and monitored that significant tax payer dollars are spent on this issue. Permits if allowed should be affordable.*

- *If the RV's are connected to water, power and sanitation then they can stay year-round.*

- *On a subdivision of 111 lots if you permitted 3 or more units on a lot then it could increase the overall population. This would create havoc exta usage at the beach lake facitities. Extra garbage. The County does not get any extra taxes for the extra units.*

- *Encourage people to be friendly and address it with their neighbours, rather than enforce it as a "bylaw" for people to find something to complain about.*

- *There needs to be standards set dictating the condition and appearance of the trailer. I think so long as the property owners is hosting their guests in a tasteful manner, it shouldn't be much concern for surrounding properties.*

- *Issue permits*

- *Minimum setback from lot line requirement. Existing bylaw is adequate. Do you have manpower to enforce this all summer?*

- *Permanent RVs need to be in compliance with environmental regulations. For example the County must have unannounced inspections for RVs dumping their sewer in the bush. The County must inspect each permanent trailer for a septic tank and receipts for it being emptied. It's ridiculous that the County Councillors tell me I should enter someomes lot and take a photo to report them. You want me to get into a confrontation? For 3 trailers to fit on a lot there usually is no room for natural bush retention- just "destroy all the trees" and make a gravel parking lot. Garner Lake cannot environmentally handle being a Prov. Park and having 3 trailers on a lot over-taxing the lake and the trails. Smoky Lake County should be embarassed for turning Garner Lake into a slough, but without birds. Why would anyone consider investing in building a cabin or buying one when a drive through on Birchland Drive is a trailer park with 3 RVs plus shippinf containers on every street? Permanent RVs must not be allowed to put Containers on their property. it's just trailer park county development. Once a permanent RV puts on a deck it must now be classified as a cabin and have to pay a fixed tax as a cabin. It is ridiculous that Smoky Lake Council have turned Birchland Drive into a trailer park Look at all the cabin's for sale. People want out of a trsiler park which under original Caveats they did not buy into.*

- *Concern is loss of tax revenue to the county and use of municipal services by more than one lot owner. Not sure if power service can accommodate more users.*

- *Some lots can handle a third RV without impeding on others enjoyment due to tree cover. This should be taken into account.*

Are there other land use issues you would like to see addressed in the future?

- *Would live to see more encouragement for small farms on 1-5 acres. Homesteaders etc…*

- *The uneven taxation on lake lots. R.V. Folks use all of the infrastructure but permanent folks pay for it.*

- *I would love to see land being opened up for seasonal lot rental as that is definitely a demand in this area and we don't have any as far as I'm aware.*

- *No livestock please or chickens, etc*

- *If your own land and it's taken care of, leave the owners alone*

- *fines and enforcement for trespassers*

- *Do sweeps on weekends and enforce the land use bylaw when there are noisy camps of numerous RVs, particularly beyond the edge of the property in ditches and on roadways.*

- *Signs at boat launch for no swimmers or people sitting and fishing off dock as it really slows loading/unloading boats and not safe for anyone*

- *Farm owner at Hanmore lake has three cabins and as much as 8 travel trailers on his property, creating loads traffic, dust , also I'm concerned about sewage as these trailers never leave the lots .*

- *Safety swimming rope marking at both sides of the lake so people safely know where to swim out to.*

- *The boat Lau ch needs a second dock installed over by the playground with a roped off swimming area . It is becoming g more difficult to launch or load a boat as people are constantly swimming in boat launch. Someone is going to get hurt . It's only a matter of time. As a mobile rig welder I would be happy to help construct a new dock and donate towards the swim zone boundary ropes*

- *I think better signage is required at the new larger boat launch side. Alot of people fish on a chair from the dock or are swimming in the boat launch area while boats are trying to load and unload. Proper signage may assist with this or a second dock meant for fishing/swimming usage.*

- *Construction of numerous lean twos to store junk…*

- *Encroachments*

- *Yes. Disturbance of the shorelines by recreational users. The sub-dividing of lake lots is ultimately creating pressure on the lake and the infrastructure in the area. 40 foot sea containers should be removed from current lots from the area, considering 20 foot containers is the current maximum allowed at Moms Lake but is not enforced.*

- *Draiage of natural water for the ditches*

- *Removing abandoned items ie boat lifts by the lake shore. Taxpayers should be a priority to the County not the campers staying at the public campground. Lately they seem to have more say than the property owners. Public campgrounds need some enforcement regarding people renting a stall, they seem to think that they can park their rv's on the public road and use their rented stall only for their chairs & table etc. RV's , table & chairs & toys should be parked on their rented site or if they are needing more room than one stall, then they rent two. The public roadway is not for parking their RV.*

- *Look into people using fertilizers, and septic tank systems that are ruining the lake water, ie field systems. Provide some sort of incentive to switch to a holding tank.*

- *Use of environmental reserve/a quad path away from beaches*

- *Lake access trails are in bad shape and a safety hazard for emergency to access lake front. Access trails need updated*

- *congestion at mons lake there are boats and vehicles using the old boat launch there and blocking camper sites and non campers parking their trailers in sites while boating and campers cannot access their site*

- *Allowing a secondary suite (grandparents suite) when a dwelling already exists would be great, even if restricted size was needed and would limit the number of RVs needed.*

- *Lake access areas for back lots should be clearly marked and/or cleared to ensure an access is not just used as if it was for private use by adjacent properties*

- *We would like to see signage in Birchland Resort indicating the riding of quads, motorcycles and other motorized vehicles along the lakeshore is strictly prohibited.*

- *Damage to the riparian area around shoreline*

- *dog bylaw on leashes, encroachment onto public reserve lands. It is not fair that people along the reserves build firepits, bench's tables put up no trespassing signs on the walkways. They take this land as being there own when in fact it is municipal reserves and open to all to use.*

- *Shore lines being allowed to be cleaned back up to beaches - rather than deteriating and being am awaiting accident for a child*

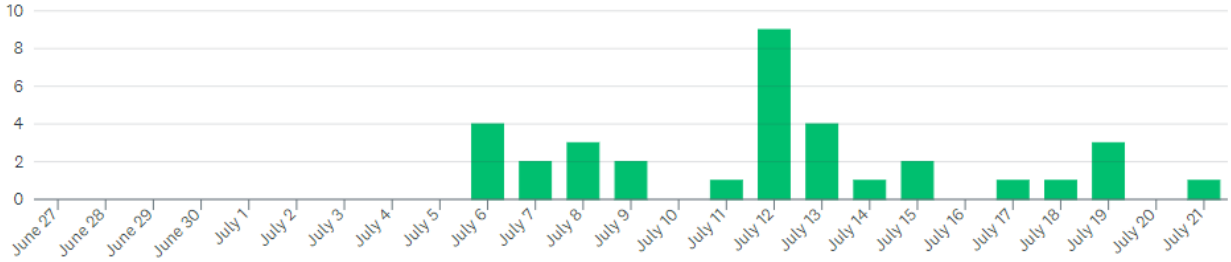
- *Quad vehicle use on environmental reserve and enforcement*

- *Set the environmental capacity for each lake lot development. Developments were originally given permission for one dwelling per lot (even no guesthouses allowed). If the number of permanently set dwellings plus trailers hits the same number as available lots - then no more than one trailer allowed on a lot going forward. Existing two trailer lots could be grandfathered until original ownership passes.*

- *Unsightly premises - enforcement*

Hamlet Chickens - Survey Results

Reply rate: Open House Date July 12



Are you aware that under the current Smoky Lake County Land Use Bylaw, it is not possible to keep chickens in a hamlet?

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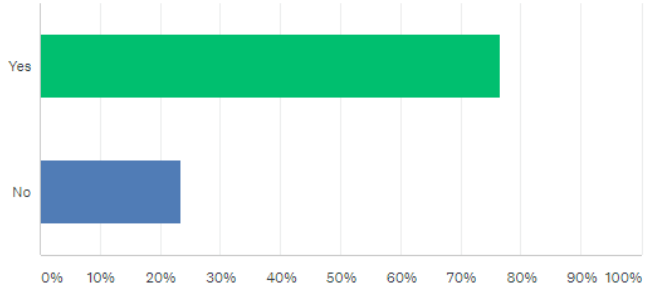

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	76.47%	26
No	23.53%	8
TOTAL		34

Are you aware that many other rural and urban communities allow for residents to keep chickens in a residential environment, such as the Cities of Edmonton, and Strathcona County?

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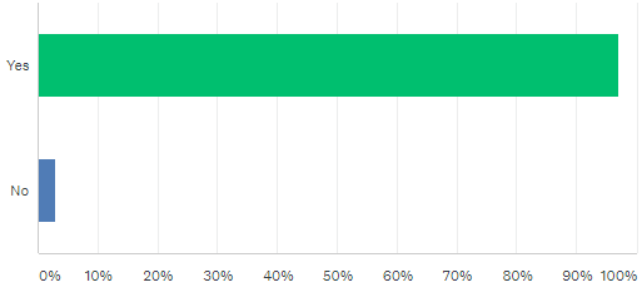

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	97.06%	33
No	2.94%	1
TOTAL		34

Do you personally already, or would you be interested in keeping a limited number of chickens in a hamlet?

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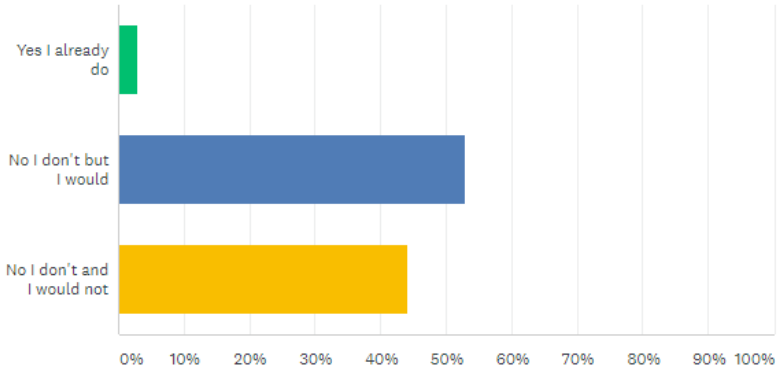

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes I already do	2.94%	1
No I don't but I would	52.94%	18
No I don't and I would not	44.12%	15
TOTAL		34

Should a permit be required to keep a limited number of chickens in a hamlet? This would allow the County to impose certain conditions.

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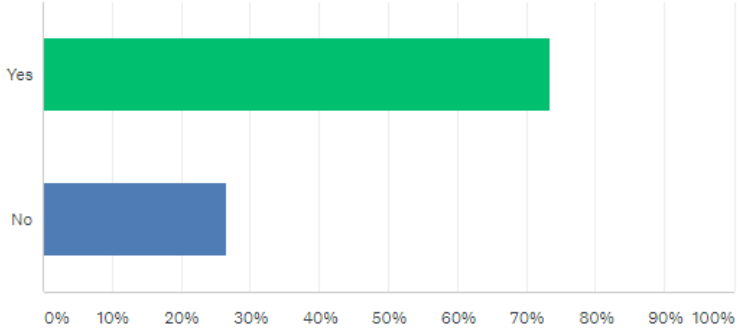

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	73.53%	25
No	26.47%	9
TOTAL		34

Do you have any concerns or management issues you would want to specifically see addressed if the keeping of chickens in a hamlet were to be allowed?

- *No concerns. Most people care for their animals without government interference. Like cats and dogs.*
- *I know some places say you can keep up to 4 hens but no Rooster. If you have neighbors close by I think that is fair.*
- *Enforcement of bylaws and strict control of chicken houses in order to make sure animal mess and noises are kept within approved parameters*
- *I personally don't want chickens or chickens beside me And if there is to be chickens it should be limited to no more then 4. And no hens. And who wants them must notify the neighbor and if they don't want them. Then there should be a process for the neighbor to refuse the chickens living beside them*
- *Proper care and contaiment.*
- *Chickens are for farms*
- *Many. Smell, noise, bylaw enforcement, disposal of poop, disposal of dead chickens, safety with children poking at them, security for chickens and their health.*
- *None. That is what farmland is for.*
- *This should be strictly on a farmer's yard only.*
- *Limit numbers of Hens and Rooster*
- *Chicken coups do smell*
- *I would like the following to be considered: no more than 3 or 4 chickens be kept at any given time, no roosters be allowed, and, depending on the population of the hamlet, that limits be set as to how many chickens in total can be in the hamlet (no more than 9 chickens in total), and that there would be some regulations set up so that the coops are kept clean (and ensure that someone is checking up on that on a regular basis). The health of the residents of the hamlet is important! I still would rather that chickens not be allowed at all.*
- *The only limitation should be on the restriction of a rooster. The hens are quiet and peaceful and won't cause any noise issues for neighbours, even in groups of more than 4-6. A rooster is not required for egg production.*
- *Keeping chickens in an enclosed space without roosters to keep noise levels down if there are neighbours nearby.*
- *Limit number and require certain minimum cage sizes, noise reduction strategies*
- *Odor control*
- *Maybe roosters because of crowing*
- *We had a person with chickens in Sandy Lane Park/Mons Lake a few*

years ago and go the County to ban them in a RECREATIONAL AREA WITH LOTS UNDER 5 ACRES. tHOSE CHICKEN BROUNG COYOTES INTO THE SUBDIVISION ANDTHE NOISE AND SMELL WAS BAD. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THEM ON LOTS UNDER 5 ACRES. THANAKS.

- *Amount allowed*
- *there should be a limit depending on the lot size*

Should residents of county hamlets be permitted to keep a limited number of chickens?

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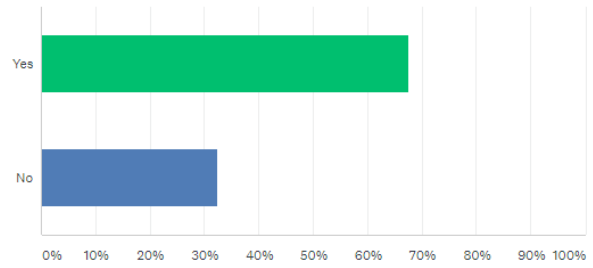

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	67.65%	23
No	32.35%	11
TOTAL		34

Do you live in a hamlet? If yes, where?

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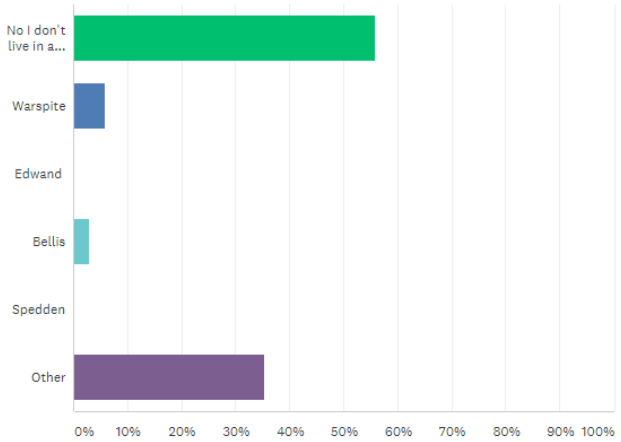


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No I don't live in a hamlet	55.88%	19
Warspite	5.88%	2
Edwand	0.00%	0
Bellis	2.94%	1
Spedden	0.00%	0
Other	35.29%	12
TOTAL		34

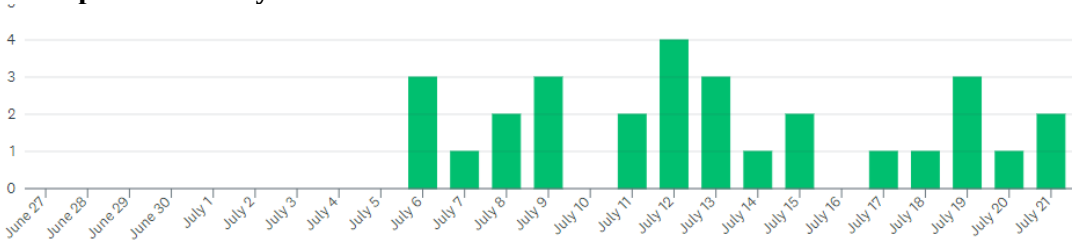
Are there other land use issues unrelated to chickens that you would like to see addressed or be consulted on in the future?

- I believe that the amount of chickens should correlate with amount of space. I live on 4.82 acres within the hamlet and should be allowed more chickens than someone on a lot.
- Enforcement of current bylaws.
- Front yard gardens should be allowed and encouraged

July 23, 2021
Smoky Lake County

Dark Skies Survey Results

Reply rate: Open House July 20



Do you personally enjoy the fantastically dark skies in Smoky Lake County?

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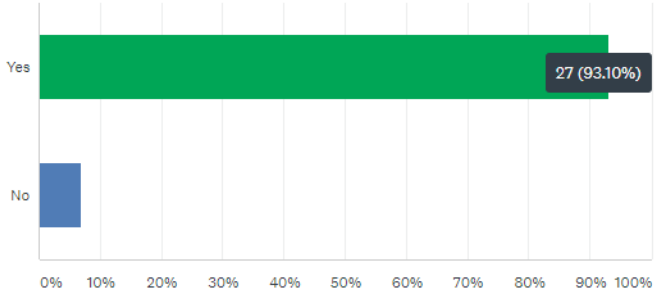

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	93.10%	27
No	6.90%	2
TOTAL		29

Do you know friends, family, or others who visits or travels to Smoky Lake to in-part enjoy our dark skies?

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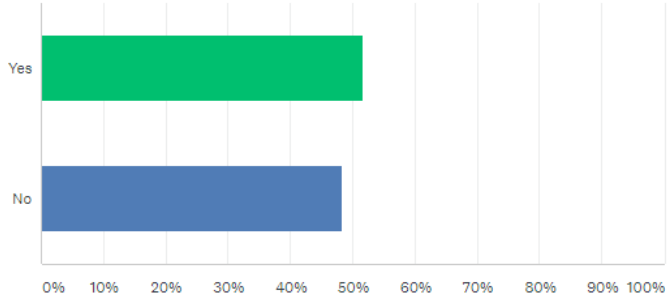

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	51.72%	15
No	48.28%	14
TOTAL		29

Are you aware of the positive significance of dark skies for personal health and wellbeing, tourism, energy efficiency, and the natural environment?

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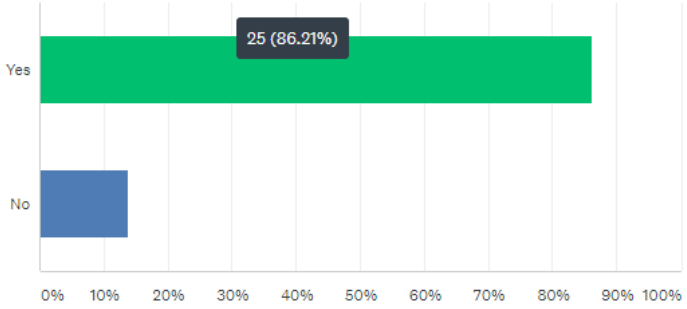

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	86.21%	25
No	13.79%	4
TOTAL		29

Would you be interested in learning more about good light management practices?

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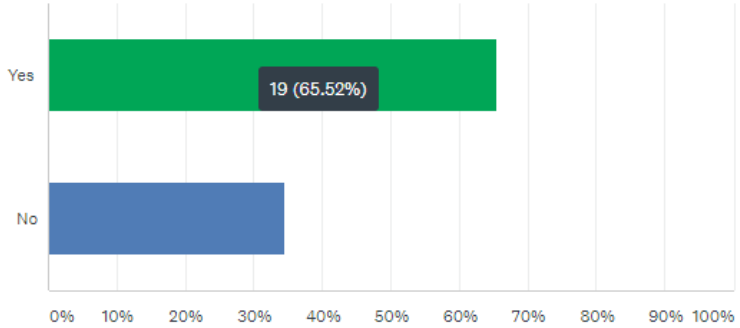

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	65.52%	19
No	34.48%	10
TOTAL		29

Where in the County do you live?

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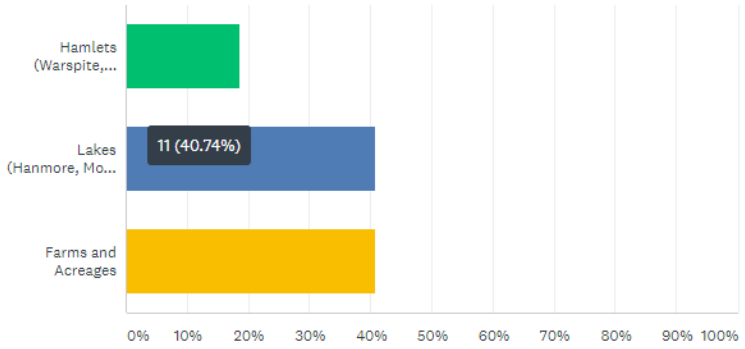

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Hamlets (Warspite, Edwand, Bellis, Spedden)	18.52%	5
Lakes (Hanmore, Mons, Whitefish, Bonnie, Garner)	40.74%	11
Farms and Acreages	40.74%	11
TOTAL		27

Dark Sky designation would serve to protect and showcase Smoky Lake's natural environment, and would require amendments to the Land Use Bylaw. Should the County pursue official Dark Sky designation status, and if so, should the entire county be nominated, or a smaller portion such as the Victoria District?

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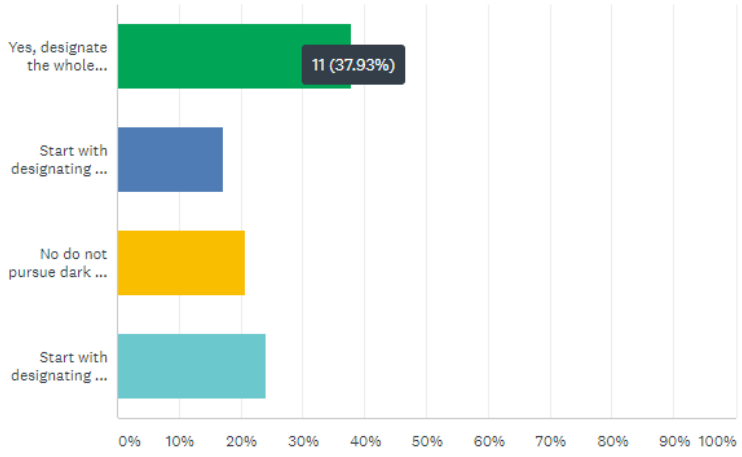

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, designate the whole County	37.93%	11
Start with designating a smaller portion (Victoria District)	17.24%	5
No do not pursue dark sky designation	20.69%	6
Start with designating a smaller portion (Other)	24.14%	7
TOTAL		29

Are there other land use issues unrelated to Dark Skies that you would like to see addressed or be consulted on in the future?

- *Really would love to see more focus on small scale agriculture. With the new Canada regulations in regulates to more acceptable use of glysohate we need more education on the dangers of this chemical to protect the food systems and waterways.*
- *chemical free zones (no pesticide or herbicide use) for herbal foraging.*
- *Enforce your bylaws. If you have a bylaw, be prepared to enforce it and provide that enforcement on weekends as needed. The lack of enforcement is leading to criminal activities.*
- *Noise*
- *Quit wasting time about dark sky crap. We live in a rural environment. It's already dark at night. Geez, this is what we pay our public servants to do?*
- *Unsute*

OTHER ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE RECIEVED

To: Whom It may concern June,21,2021

Subject: Land Use by Law- 7.25 (1.) Page 115/116-Recreational Vehicles

I would like the county to re-evaluate the following restriction of only allowing 2 recreational vehicles year-round. I currently reside at Lot 65 Bonnie lake subdivision. I would like to be permitted to have 3 Recreational vehicles year-round on my property as the size of my land would allow for this without issue or impact on our surroundings or habitats/environment. Iam concerned that this by law has restricted on larger scale economic support within our communities of Vilna/St. Paul/Spedden/Smokey Lake. Understanding the operation of small businesses, they require additional financial support from all people who are visiting or traveling thru a broad, there may be a disbelief or negative perception of recreational vehicles parked on a lots but truth is based on actual visual of all these communities I have visited over the past 16 years, the recreational vehicle owners have supported these communities by far over and above the average permanent resident at Bonnie lake. Continuing financial support opens other opportunities like employment, and development therefore we have more consistent attraction to our local businesses. There is still an obligation as seasonal owner and I respected my neighbors, environment, and help my community when asked. I pay taxes every year for municipal programs which I never use without complaint because I know it's the right thing to do as landowner for my fellow full-time residents. I believe this by law has no value to our county, and if we want our small businesses, and communities to grow we need to support growth not place restrictions and policies that our very outdated.

Thank You for Your Review Look forward to a Positive response

Regards,

Donat/Sabrina Ladouceur

COMMENTS MADE DIRECTLY ON FACEBOOK AD

- *Chickens are a fantastic idea, especially for going 'green'. They will reduce yard maintenance and provide natural pest control.*

- *If the chickens are allowed to free range within the persons yard, (dependant on yard and flock size of course), mowing would not be necessary.*

- *They are amazing for pest control- anything from flies, grasshoppers, moths, even mice and frogs.*

- *Just make sure they can't get in your flower beds 😂.*

- *There's actually very few downsides to allowing 'urban' chickens, and there really shouldn't be any issues passing this bylaw change.*

CONCLUSION

General results from Public Participation indicate that:

1) A true consensus in relation to RVs at lake lots is unlikely, however, there is appetite for:

   a. Better enforcement of existing rules

   b. Allowing larger lots to have additional RVs

2) Residents **are** comfortable with allowing the keeping of a limited number of chickens in a hamlet setting.

3) Residents are comfortable in pursuing dark sky designation status.

- The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada Edmonton Branch recommends starting with a smaller area and if successful, expanding the designation later.

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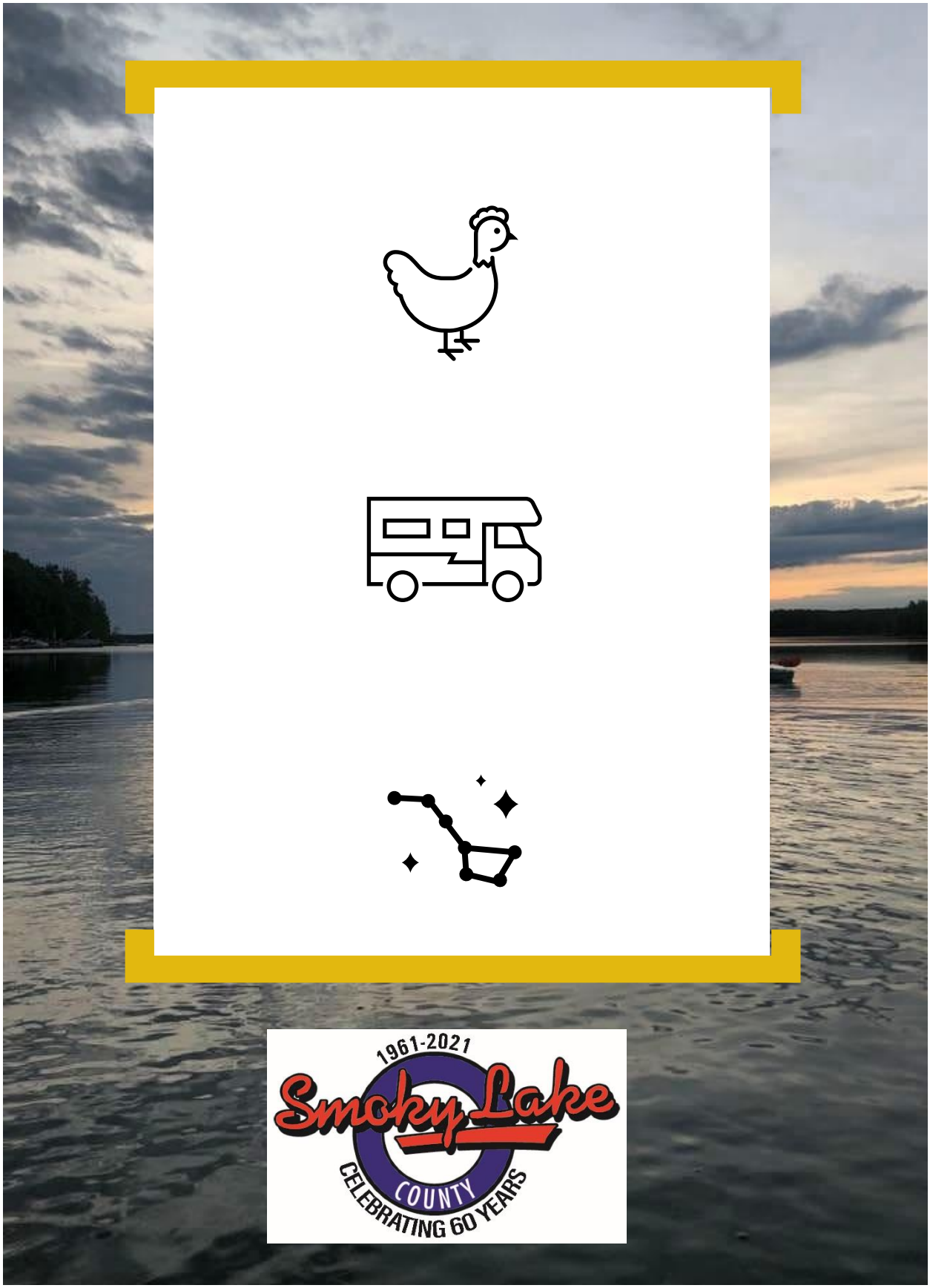
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