

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Minutes of the **County Council Meeting** held on Thursday, **August 26, 2021** at 9:03 A.M. held virtually online through Electronic Communication Technology: Zoom Meeting and physically in Council Chambers.

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

ATTENDANCE		
<u>Thursday, August 26, 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	Present in Chambers
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Present in Chambers
Legislative Svcs/R.S.	Patti Priest	Virtually Present
Plan/Dev Manager	Jordan Ruegg	Virtually Present
Plan/Dev Assistant	Kyle Schole	Virtually Present

Observers in Attendance Upon Call to Order:

GIS	Carole Dowhaniuk	Virtually Present
Communications Tech.	Evonne Zukiwski	Virtually Present
Natural Gas Manager	Daniel Moric	Virtually Present
Enviro. Op. Manager	Dave Franchuk	Virtually Present
Fire Chief	Scott Franchuk	Virtually Present
Media	Smoky Lake Signal	Absent
Media	Redwater Review	Absent
Public	3 Member Present	Virtually Present

2. Agenda:

1085-21: Halisky

That the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting Agenda for Thursday, August 26, 2021, be adopted, as amended:

Additions to the Agenda:

1. National Day of Truth and Reconciliation: Statutory Holiday.
2. Delegation: Pam Davidson, Candidate for Senator.
3. Golden View Fabricating Ltd. One-Pass Grader System.

Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes:

Minutes of June 22, 2021 – County Council Departmental Meeting

1086-21: Gawalko

That the minutes of the **Smoky Lake County Council Departmental Meeting** held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, be adopted as presented.

Carried

Minutes of June 24, 2021 – County Council Regular Meeting

1087-21: Cherniwchan

That the minutes of the **Smoky Lake County Council Regular Meeting** held on Thursday, June 24, 2021, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

Minutes of June 28, 2021 – Special County Council Meeting

1088-21: Halisky That the minutes of the **Smoky Lake County Council Special Meeting** held on Monday, June 28, 2021, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

Minutes of July 20, 2021 – County Council Departmental Operations Meeting

1089-21: Orichowski That the minutes of the **Smoky Lake County Council Departmental Operations Meeting** held on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

Minutes of July 28, 2021 – County Council Committee of the Whole – Planning Meeting

1090-21: Gawalko That the minutes of the **Smoky Lake County Council Committee of the Whole for the Purpose of Planning Meeting** held on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

Minutes of August 5, 2021 – Special County Council Meeting

1091-21: Cherniwchan That the minutes of the **Smoky Lake County Council Special Meeting** held on Thursday, August 5, 2021, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

4. Request for Decision:

Senate Election Proclamation

1092-21: Cherniwchan That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the Senate Election Proclamation issued on June 23, 2021 from Elections Alberta under the Alberta Senate Election Act E-19-1216 – Section 43 as follows:

E-19-1216
Alberta Senate Election Act
Section 43

Senate Election Proclamation

Local Jurisdiction: SMOKY LAKE COUNTY, Alberta

For the purpose of electing 3 person(s) according to the *Alberta Senate Election Act*, whose name(s) is(are) to be submitted by the Government of Alberta to the Queen's Privy Council for Canada as a person(s) who may be summoned to the Senate of Canada for the purpose of filling a vacancy(-ies) relating to Alberta, Public Notice is hereby given to the electors that the following are fixed pursuant to the *Alberta Senate Election Act*:

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

COMMENCING immediately and continuing until 2:00 P.M. on September 20, 2021
(date)

excluding Sundays and holidays, nomination papers may be filed with the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer during normal business hours at 100, 11510 Kingsway NW, Edmonton, AB T5G 2Y5, for a candidate under the *Alberta Senate Election Act*.

ELECTION DAY

Voting will take place on October 18, 2021 between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M.
(date)

unless an elected authority has passed a bylaw to open voting stations before 10:00 A.M..

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICIAL RESULTS BY CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

The announcement of the tabulation of the official results will take place at the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer at 100, 11510 Kingsway NW, Edmonton, AB T5G 2Y5, on October 26, 2021 at 11:00 AM
(date) (time)

RETURNING OFFICER

Additional information concerning the Senate Election may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, at 1-877-422-8683 (VOTE) or by email at info@election.ab.ca, or from the returning officer in the applicable voting area:

Michelle Wright 4612 McDougall Drive, Smoky Lake, Alberta T0A 3C0
(name) (address)

Telephone: (780) 656-5398 Email: cedo@smokylakeregion.ab.ca
(contact information)

ISSUED ON June 23, 2021 BY Glen Resler
(Chief Electoral Officer)

Carried.

Ministerial Order & Confirmation on Senate Election and Referendum Voting Ballots

1093-21: Halisky That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the cover letter for the Ministerial Order No. MSD:065/21 from the Honorable Ric McIver, Minister, Alberta Municipal Affairs, received by Reeve Craig Lukinuk through email on August 10, 2021, thanking the County for agreeing to host First Nation voters for the Senate and referenda voting initiative being held on October 18, 2021 and confirming only one ballot box is required for all Senate ballots and one separate box for all referendum ballots collected, regardless of the community in which the voters reside.

Carried.

Senate Election Proclamation

1094-21: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the Ministerial Order No. MSD:065/21 which enables the use of band and federal status cards as acceptable forms of identification for the purposes of the First Nations voters for the Senate and referenda voting initiative, and amends the notice requirements so that notice is deemed to have been given under Section 35 of the LAEA if it has been mailed, delivered, or sent by electronic means to the First Nation Band Council office within the legislated timelines and the Band Council communicate the notice to their community members, in respect to the Senate and Referendum vote being held on October 18, 2021.

Carried.

Gene Sobolewski, Chief Administrative Officer, left Council Chambers, time 9:12 a.m.

One member of the Public virtually joined the meeting, time 9:13 a.m.

Bylaw No. 1402-21: Road Closure of all that portion of Avenue South of Lot A, and North of Lot B, within Plan 8420551, in the Hamlet of Warspite

1095-21: Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County Council give **FIRST READING** to **Bylaw 1402-21: Road Closure of all that portion of Avenue which is South of Lot A, and North of Lot B, within Plan 8420551, in the Hamlet of Warspite; and schedule a Public Hearing for Thursday, September, 23, 2021, at 9:15 a.m.**, at the Smoky Lake County Council Chambers and concurrently broadcasted via Zoom, and advertise said Public Hearing in the local newspaper, as per the requirements of the Municipal Government Act, and provide notice of said Public Hearing to adjacent landowners located within 500 meters of the proposed closure area, and provide notice of said Public Hearing on the County's website, as per Smoky Lake County Bylaw No. 1282-15: Planning and Development Public Hearing Procedures.

Carried.

Gene Sobolewski, Chief Administrative Officer, returned to Council Chambers, time 9:22 a.m.

Former Waskatenau Nuisance Ground - Remediation Report

1096-21: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the Remediation Report, dated July 15, 2021, prepared by Action Land & Environmental Services Ltd., relating to the remediation and reclamation of the former Waskatenau Nuisance Grounds, legally described as Plan 5225CL; OT, located on SE-16-59-19-W4.

Carried.

Former Waskatenau Nuisance Ground - Groundwater Monitoring Report

1097-21: Halisky That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the Groundwater Monitoring Report, dated July 15, 2021, prepared by Action Land & Environmental Services Ltd., relating to the remediation and reclamation the former Waskatenau Nuisance Grounds, legally described as Plan 5225CL; OT, located on SE-16-59-19-W4.

Carried.

Former Waskatenau Nuisance Ground - Request to Vary Development Setback

1098-21: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County Development Authority submit the required information to the Minister of Environment and Parks, for requesting consent to vary the setback distance for a development to a non-operating landfill, in respect to the completion of the remediation and reclamation of the former Waskatenau Nuisance Grounds, legally described as Plan 5225CL; OT, located on SE-16-59-19-W4.

Carried.

Former Waskatenau Nuisance Ground - Alberta Transportation Reimbursement

1099-21: Cherniwchan That Smoky Lake County forward the necessary documentation to Alberta Transportation, to be reimbursed for 50% of the project cost, as per the email received from the Honorable Ric McIver, Minister of Transportation, dated July 9, 2020, in respect to the completion of the said project: remediation and reclamation of the former Waskatenau Nuisance Grounds, legally described as Plan 5225CL; OT, located on SE-16-59-19-W4.

Carried.

Town of Smoky Lake & Smoky Lake County Intermunicipal Development Plan Bylaw

1100-21: Halisky That Smoky Lake County resolve to renew Bylaw No. 1289-16: Smoky Lake County & Town of Smoky Lake Intermunicipal Development Plan.

Carried.

What We Heard Report: Hamlet Chickens, Dark Skies Designation, and RVs at Lake Lots

1101-21: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council accept the report summarizing Public Participation results, titled: 'What We Heard' Report: Hamlet Chickens, Lake Lot RVs, & Dark Skies, dated July 28, 2021, for information, and bring forward proposed Land Use Bylaw amendments, pursuant to the Report to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Carried.

North Saskatchewan in Alberta Heritage River Management Planning Process Framework

1102-21: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council approve the Heritage River Management Planning Process Framework, including the three documents titled: "Invitation for Expressions of Interest - North Saskatchewan Heritage River Initiative: Facilitation of a Canadian Heritage Rivers System (CHRS) Management Plan", "Terms of Reference, North Saskatchewan in AB Heritage River Initiative, Management Planning Committee", and "North Sask. Heritage River Initiative, Key Milestones & Deliverables", as amended, and as of September 1, 2021.

Carried.

One Member of the Public, virtually joined the meeting, time 10:13 a.m.

8. Executive Session:

Land and Legal Issues:

1103-21: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session to discuss three Land and Legal Issues, under the authority of the FOIP Section 27: Privileged Information, relating to:

1. an offer to sell land to Smoky Lake County legally described as Plan 1955CL, Block 1, Lot 22, within the Hamlet of Spedden,
2. a proposal in respect to a twelve (12) acre parcel of land located at 911 West Railway Drive, within the Town of Smoky Lake, and
3. the closure of Road Plan 10 C.L. and all of Road Plan 3098HW, located within the lands legally described as NE-57-13-W4M for the purpose of registering a new road plan to incorporate all of the as-built road located within the lands legally described as NE-19-57-13-W4M & SE-30-57-13-W4M,

in the presence of all Council, Chief Administrative Officer, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Finance Manager, Planning and Development Manager, Planning and Development Assistant, and Legislative Services Clerk, time 10:25 a.m..

Carried.

Scott Franchuk, Fire Chief, virtually joined the meeting, Executive Session, time 10:35 a.m..

1104-21: Cherniwchan That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 11:04 a.m..

Carried.

7. Delegation:

Pam Davidson, Candidate for Senate

Virtually present before Council from 11:05 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. was Pam Davidson, Candidate for Senate, to learn about Smoky Lake County, as a rural municipality and prepare for representing rural Alberta, if elected as senator.

Pam Davidson, Candidate for Senate, virtually left the meeting, time 11:20 a.m.

Offer of Land to Smoky Lake County – Plan 1955CL, Block 1, Lot 22 Spedden

1105-21: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County Council decline the offer to transfer land to Smoky Lake County, as offered in the letter received from Ms. Fialkow, dated July 30, 2021, in respect to the land legally described as Plan 1955CL, Block 1, Lot 22, within the Hamlet of Spedden, and provide her notice of Council's decision.

Carried.

One Member of the Public, virtually joined the meeting, time 11:27 a.m.

Spencer Kotylak, Deputy Fire Chief, virtually joined the meeting, time 11:28 a.m.

Lake Subdivision Wayfinding Signage Project

1106-21: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County approve the procurement and placement of wayfinding signage at the County's Lake subdivisions, for the purpose of emergency services and promoting public awareness of the subdivision's layout and municipal reserve locations, at the following locations:

1. Hanmore Lake,
2. Mons Lake,
 - Sandy Lane,
 - Mons View Resort, and
 - Mons Lake Estates,
3. Bonnie Lake Estates at Bonnie Lake,
4. Garner Lake,
 - Birchland Resort,
 - Sunrise Beach, and
 - Parkview Beach Resort
5. Hillside Acres at Whitefish Lake

in accordance with the 2021 Budget, with installation being subject to scheduling by Public Works Department, and placement as per the Lake Subdivision Signage Locations Map subject to site suitability determined by inspections.

Carried.

11:35 to 11:35 a.m. 9. Public Question and Answer Period:

None.

Power Up North Entrepreneur Conference Sponsorship

1107-21: Halisky That Smoky Lake County approve a "Gold Level", "Breakfast Sponsorship" at a cost in the amount of \$1,900.00, for the 3rd Annual "Power Up North!" conference to be held on September 8 and 9th, 2021 at Metis Crossing Cultural Gathering Centre in Smoky Lake in support for businesses within the Northeastern region of Alberta; and the Reeve to attend and provide a two-minute welcoming Address; as recommended by the Regional Community Development Committee Community Economic Development Officer and as per the Community Futures correspondence, dated July 16, 2021.

Carried.

Outstanding Fire Invoice No. 40250 – Write Off

1108-21: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County Council approve to **write off** Fire Invoice No. 40250, issued to The Personal Insurance Company, in the original amount of \$2,205.00 plus any penalties incurred to date, for the emergency services provided relating to the August 9, 2016 motor vehicle collision at or near Range Road 122 and Township Road 594, as the collection agency: Consolidated Recovery System, cannot recover the costs, it was denied as a third party claim due to there being no collision insurance on the vehicle involved, and there is no profit in taking it to small claims court.

Carried.

Outstanding Fire Invoice No. 39353

1109-21: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council approve to **write off** Fire Invoice No. 39353, issued to the vehicle owner, in the amount of \$2,205.00 plus any penalties incurred to date, for the emergency services provided relating to the August 9, 2016 motor vehicle collision at or near Range Road 122 and Township Road 594, as the collection agency: Consolidated Recovery System, cannot recover the costs, it was denied as a third party claim due to there being no collision insurance on the vehicle involved, and there is no profit in taking it to small claims court.

Carried.

Outstanding Fire Invoice No. 34862

1110-21: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County Council approve to **write off** Fire Invoice No. 34862 issued to the vehicle owner in the amount of \$3,285.00 plus any penalties incurred to date, for the emergency services provided relating to the August 16, 2014 motor vehicle collision at or near Range Road 130 and Township Road 600, as the collection agency: Consolidated Recovery System, cannot recover the costs, and the small claims 2-year window has been exceeded.

Carried.

Meeting Recessed

Meeting recessed for Lunch, time 11:57 a.m.

Meeting Reconvened

The meeting reconvened on a call to order by Reeve Craig Lukinuk at 12:45 p.m. in the presence of all Council members, the Chief Administrative Officer, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, and Finance Manager, and the virtual presence of the Planning and Development Manager, Planning and Development Assistant, Recording Secretary, GIS Officer, Communications Technician one Member of the Public.

Damage Claim – Vehicle Related

1111-21: Cherniwchan That Smoky Lake County take no action to the vehicle related damage claim received on June 20, 2021 from Tim Shepert for an incident which occurred on June 14, 2021, in the amount of \$255.00, as outlined on the Schedule "A" form of Policy Statement No. 14-A.10-01: Damage Claim – Vehicle Related; based on the Safety Officer's investigation and conclusion the damage was not inflicted by any County Vehicle.

Carried.

Post-Election Council Orientation

1112-21: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council participate virtually in the Munis 101 session scheduled for November 9 and 10, 2021 in Bonnyville, Alberta, offered by Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) under the Elected Officials Education Program (EOEP), as part of the Council Orientation Program.

Carried.

Métis Nation of Alberta & Confederacy of Treaty 6 First Nations Flag Raising Ceremony

1113-21: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County acknowledge actions taken in co-hosting the "Métis Nation of Alberta and Confederacy of Treaty 6 First Nations Flag Raising Ceremony" event with the Town of Smoky Lake which was held on Friday, August 13, 2021, at the Smoky Lake County Office, located at 4612 McDougall Drive in Smoky Lake, which included honoured guests from the Métis Nation of Alberta and Treaty 6 First Nation.

Carried.

Métis Nation of Alberta & Confederacy of Treaty 6 First Nations Flag Raising Ceremony

1114-21: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County extend appreciation to the Town of Smoky Lake and their Public Works Foreman: Billy McMullen, as well as to all County employees including Daniel Moric - Natural Gas Manager, Dave Franchuk – Environmental Operations, Larry Kokotilo – Welder, and Parks and Recreation Staff for everyone’s efforts in making the Flag Raising Ceremony for the Métis Nation of Alberta and the Confederacy of Treaty 6 First Nations Flags a successful event.

Carried.

Closure of Road Plan 10CL & Road Plan 3098HW, located within NE-19-57-13-W4M

1115-21: Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County Council resolve to close all the portions of road described in Road Plan 10CL and Road Plan 3098HW, located within the lands legally described as NE-19-57-13-W4M, subject to written approval from the landowner of the lands legally described as NE-19-57-13-W4M, and further, subject to Ministerial approval of the closure, to register a new Road Plan to incorporate the as-built road lying within the lands legally described as NE-19-57-13-W4M and SE-30-57-13-W4M, at no cost to Smoky Lake County, as per Smoky Lake County Policy No. 03-61: Road Closure or Cancellation.

Carried.

One Member of the Pubic virtually joined the meeting, time 1:02 p.m.

2021 Property Tax Sale - Schedule

1116-21: Halisky That Smoky Lake County, in accordance with the tax recovery process as set out in the Municipal Government Act, offer for sale at a public auction the following properties in tax arrears with Tax Notifications on title:

<u>Tax roll:</u>	<u>Land Description:</u>
15592111	1;1;1026561, SE 21-059-15-4
16592921	SW 29-059-16-4
16592930	NW 29-059-16-4
17592121	2;1;1624316, SW 21-059-17-4
17601510	SE 15-060-17-4
19602311	S1/2 - SE 23-060-19-4
27150120	20;1;1039CL
40310111	11;1;716CL, NW 10-059-18-4
40310208	8 & 9; 2;716CL, NW 10-059-18-4

And, schedule the **Year-2021 Property Tax Sale** for **Friday, November 12, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.**, to be held virtually, through Electronic Communication Technology and/or physically in County Council Chambers, at 4612 McDougall Drive, Smoky Lake, Alberta.

Carried.

2021 Property Tax Sale – Reserve Bids

1117-21: Gawalko

Smoky Lake County Council, in accordance with the tax recovery process as set out in the Municipal Government Act, approve the following reserve bids for the Year-2021 Property Tax Sale:

<u>Roll</u>	<u>Reserve Bid</u>	<u>Lot/BIK/PI Legal</u>
15592111	\$ 65,000.00	1;1;1026561, SE 21-059-15-4
16592921	\$ 20,000.00	SW 29-059-16-4
16592930	\$ 340,000.00	NW 29-059-16-4
17592121	\$ 225,000.00	2;1;1624316, SW 21-059-17-4
17601510	\$ 250,000.00	SE 15-060-17-4
19602311	\$ 65,000.00	S1/2 - SE 23-060-19-4
27150120	\$ 3,900.00	20;1;1039CL
40310111	\$ 95,000.00	11;1;716CL, NW 10-059-18-4
40310208	\$ 45,000.00	8 & 9; 2;716CL, NW 10-059-18-4

subject to the following conditions:

1. Each parcel will be offered for sale, subject to a reserve bid and to the reservations and conditions contained in the existing Certificate of Title.
2. These properties are being offered for sale on an "as is, where is" basis and Smoky Lake County makes no representation and gives no warranty whatsoever as to access, the adequacy of services, soil conditions, land use districting, building and development conditions absence or presence of environment contamination, or the develop ability of the subject land for an intended use by the Purchaser.
3. No bids will be accepted where the bidder attempts to attach conditions precedent to the sale of any parcel. No terms or conditions of sale will be considered other than those specified by Smoky Lake County. No further information is available at the auction regarding the lands to be sold.
4. Terms: 10 % Cash to be deposited at the Public Auction the balance and G.S.T. will be paid by cash or certified cheque by 2:00:00 pm November 15, 2021.

Carried.

Additions to the Agenda:

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - Statutory Holiday

1118-21: Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County Council approve adding: September 30th as the "National Day for Truth and Reconciliation", to both Collective Agreements: International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), Local No. 955, and Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), Local 4575, as a Statutory Holiday for all County employees, following the Government of Canada's June 3, 2021, Bill C-5 to honour First Nations, Inuit and Métis survivors, their families and communities, and to publicly commemorate the history and legacy of residential schools, as a vital component of the reconciliation process.

Carried.

8. Executive Session:

Policy Statement No. 01-03-27: Organizational Chart – Structure Review

1119-21: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Issue, relating to the review of Policy Statement No. 01-03-27: Organizational Chart, and more specifically, the structure of the organizational chart and positions therein, under the authority of the FOIP Act Section 24: Advice from Officials, in the presence of all Council and the Chief Administrative Officer, time 1:18 p.m..

Carried.

Lydia Cielin, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, and Brenda Adamson, Finance Manager, left Council Chambers, time 1:18 p.m.

1120-21: Cherniwchan That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 1:36 p.m.

Carried.

Lydia Cielin, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, entered Council Chambers, time 1:36 p.m.

Policy Statement No. 01-03-27: Organizational Chart – Structure Review

1121-21: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge review of the organizational chart structure and defer the recommendations made by the Chief Administrative Officer to restructure, to a future Council Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Carried.

Brenda Adamson, Finance Manager, entered Council Chambers, time 1:38 p.m.

5. Issues for Information:

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) provided a written report to Council for the period of June 25, 2021 to August 19, 2021 as follows:

LEGISLATIVE / GOVERNANCE

- Bylaw Enforcement: Attached is a proposed contract for execution. Highlights: Term is 4 to 6 months or longer, depending on recruitment outcome for CPO1. Unable to enforce Traffic Safety Act. Predominate bylaws for enforcement: Noise, RV's, unsightly.
- TSI – Several meetings. Draft report for Phase 1 and commencement of Phase 2 expected mid-September.
- Council/MLA Meeting
- AUMA Summer Leaders Caucus – The morning theme was concerning the issues of social media, bullying/harassment and the lack of public respect for elected officials and how the general tone and frequencies of negative attacks are increasing. Lack of civility.
- Treaty 6/Metis Nation Flag Raising

ADMINISTRATIVE

- Administration Building Upgrades – Roof Replacement: Notice of Award issued on July 15, 2021 to Company: Western Weather Protector c/o Michael Bruens.
- Regional Fire & Rescue Committee Meeting
- Bonnie Lake Resort – Meetings pertaining to development/engineering
- NE Muni-Corr Members Meeting – Obtain information regarding proposed fee structures.
- Meet with David Goldstien – Travel Alberta – Metis Crossing
- Departmental Meeting
- MPC Meetings
- Victoria District Economic Development Strategy Meetings
- Council Committee of the Whole
- Visited Colony – Tour of egg laying facility
- Kosiv Ukrainian Twinning Meeting
- Special Council Meeting
- AE/Contractor – Main Office Roof Repairs Kickoff meeting
- AE – RR130 Concept Study Kickoff Meeting
- ASB/Enviro/Gas/Fire Dept Meetings
- Enterprise Fleet Management / Grant Miller – 2022 Leasing program Meeting
- Joint Health/Safety Meeting
- AE – Bridge Priorities Meeting - Budget
- Bylaw Enforcement Contracting Services – Meeting to discuss terms and condition of services and contract.

HIGHWAY 28/63 Regional Water Services COMMISSION

- Meeting with Legal – Discussion of risk and outstanding agreements
- Meetings with AE – Ongoing Issues
- Construction Completion Inspection - Reservoir
- AE – Water Study Update
- HWY 28/63 Meeting

FINANCIAL

- Capital Purchase – Unit 198: Year 2021 Kenworth T880 Truck: The following Motion 898-21 passed on June 22, 2021 Departmental Operations Meeting, Kenworth (USA) sent a notice to the sales representative that due to production cost increases, an additional \$1,500 (in usd) [Aug 20/21 rate: \$1,927 can] was required to be paid to advance the purchase. The County will be invoiced upon delivery of the truck. There is sufficient budget to cover the amount however the issue is that the Council motion was very specific such that an additional motion to cover this surprise cost needs to be approved.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Completed updating a few Management Policies on Job Descriptions: Policy Statement 1-M-08-05: Shop Foreman and Policy Statement 1-M-25-03: Grader Operator.

COMMUNITY

- Review Consultant's with Vilna – Regional Study
- Juanita Marois condolences and sympathy gift basket. We learned of the sad news of the passing of Juanita's mother last week. Juanita is a trusted friend and tourism partner of Smoky Lake County. In the passing of their sympathies, the Town passed the following resolution in regard to the purchasing of a sympathy basket: "MOVED by Mayor Holowaychuk that Town of Smoky Lake extend condolences to Juanita Marois, Executive Director, Metis Crossing for the recent loss of a family member and provide a sympathy gift basket in the amount of \$150.00; to be funded from the 2021 Operating Budget entitled "Promotion, Public Relations". The County does not have a specific policy regarding sympathies to individuals outside the staff, however discretion of the CAO can be undertaken. Since the issue was first raised during the Departmental meeting, the Administration's recommendation would be to follow the Town's lead in extending our sympathies to Juanita and purchase a sympathy basket comprised of food and beverage items obtained locally and in the spirit of the principles followed by Metis Crossing. There are sufficient funds available in the budget to allow for this purpose.

County Bylaw Enforcement - Service Contract

1122-21: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County Council approve for the Chief Administrative Officer to execute a service contract agreement for the purpose of enforcing County bylaws, with Investigative Assurance, of Elk Point, for a minimum term of four (4) months commencing September 1, 2021 and ending on January 1, 2022.

Carried.

Main Office Building Upgrades – Roof Replacement

1123-21: Cherniwchan That Smoky Lake County Council approve action taken by the Chief Administrative Officer in awarding Western Weather Protector, of St. Albert, Alberta to replace the roof on the County's Main Office Building.

Carried.

Capital Purchase – Unit 198: Year 2021 Kenworth T880 Truck

1124-21: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County approve additional funds equivalent to \$1,500.00 USD using the exchange rate at the time of invoicing, further to the June 22, 2021 Departmental Operations Meeting Motion 898-21: "That Smoky Lake County purchase a Year-2021 Kenworth, Model T880 Day Cab, with a manual transmission from Edmonton Kenworth Ltd. in reference to the quote dated June 15, 2021, in the amount of \$185,874.00, for the purpose of replacing Public Works' Unit 198, in accordance with the Year-2021 to Year-2025 Five-Year Capital Budget approved by Council Motion #663-21 on April 28, 2021, within the budgeted amount not to exceed \$190,000.00"

Carried.

Policy Statement No. 1-M-08-05: Shop Foreman – Job Description

1125-21: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Management Policy Statement No. 1-M-08-05: Shop Foreman – Job Description, be amended:

Title: Shop Foreman	Policy No.: 08-05
Section: 1 - M Job Description	Code: P-A
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Classification: Salary Negotiable Yearly – Full Management Benefits
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Purpose:	The Shop Foreman shall report directly to the Chief Administrative Officer and the Public Works Manager. The Shop Foreman is the Head Mechanic who manages the day-to-day operations of the Public Works Shop and meets all Provincial and Federal Safety Regulations while performing repairs, overhauls, routine maintenance, preventative maintenance, and inspections, on all County fleet vehicles and equipment.
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Policy Statement and Guidelines:

RESPONSIBILITIES
<p>1. General</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1. Maintain proper inventory procedures, ordering and accounting of parts, supplies, products, and materials effectively from appropriate suppliers. 1.2. Maintain cost accounting records on County equipment, warranty checks and claims. 1.3. Assist in budget preparation and ensure budgetary control is maintained by administering funds in accordance with the County's approved Annual Budget and monitoring expenditures. 1.4. Produce confidential and non-confidential detailed reports for County Council meetings and attend Council meetings as required. 1.5. Be competent and proficient in all aspects of light and heavy-duty equipment testing, diagnosing, and repair of diesel and gasoline engines, fuel systems, emission systems, electronic systems and hydraulic systems. 1.6. Oversee all aspects of Public Works Shop staff and operations including but not limited to work plans, time sheets, work orders, and daily vehicle / equipment checklists. 1.7. Prioritize and perform required repairs, inspections and preventative maintenance on fleet vehicle and equipment to maximize the safety, productivity, and life of the unit. 1.8. Ensure all municipal assets are managed and maintained in accordance with current regulations, best practices, and County policies. 1.9. Carry out a system of preventative maintenance on County vehicles and equipment and schedule repairs at the most opportune time.

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.10. Conduct Commercial Vehicle Inspection Program (CVIP) inspections on vehicles and equipment according to Provincial standards. 1.11. Maintain proper inventory procedures, ordering and accounting of parts, supplies, products, and materials effectively from appropriate suppliers. 1.12. Maintain cost accounting records on County equipment, warranty checks and claims. 1.13. Assist in budget preparation and ensure budgetary control is maintained by administering funds in accordance with the County's approved Annual Budget and monitoring expenditures. 1.14. Produce confidential and non-confidential detailed reports for County Council meetings and attend Council meetings as required. 1.15. Be competent and proficient in all aspects of light and heavy-duty equipment testing, diagnosing, and repair of diesel and gasoline engines, fuel systems, emission systems, electronic systems and hydraulic systems. 1.16. Oversee all aspects of Public Works Shop staff and operations including but not limited to work plans, time sheets, work orders, and daily vehicle / equipment checklists. 1.17. Prioritize and perform required repairs, inspections and preventative maintenance on fleet vehicle and equipment to maximize the safety, productivity, and life of the unit. 1.18. Ensure all municipal assets are managed and maintained in accordance with current regulations, best practices, and County policies. 1.19. Carry out a system of preventative maintenance on County vehicles and equipment and schedule repairs at the most opportune time. 1.20. Conduct Commercial Vehicle Inspection Program (CVIP) inspections on vehicles and equipment according to Provincial standards. <p>2. Safety:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1. Ensure that Smoky Lake County's Health and Safety Program along with the requirements and procedures as outlined in the Safety Policy Manual are adhered to, and the Alberta Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) standards are met. 2.2. Perform Safety Hazard Assessments. 2.3. Attend training sessions and workshops, as required.
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3. Other Responsibilities:

- 3.1. Handle concerns of ratepayers when the Public Works Manger and/or Public Works Road Foreman are not available
- 3.2. Contact appropriate suppliers and arrange for rental equipment as necessary.
- 3.3. Perform all other related duties, as assigned by the Chief Administrative Officer or Public Works Manager or designate.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Maintain proper inventory procedures, ordering and accounting of parts, supplies, products, and materials effectively from appropriate suppliers.
- Maintain cost accounting records on County equipment, warranty checks and claims.
- Assist in budget preparation and ensure budgetary control is maintained by administering funds in accordance with the County's approved Annual Budget and monitoring expenditures.
- Produce confidential and non-confidential detailed reports for County Council meetings and attend Council meetings as required.
- Be competent and proficient in all aspects of light and heavy-duty equipment testing, diagnosing, and repair of diesel and gasoline engines, fuel systems, emission systems, electronic systems and hydraulic systems.
- Oversee all aspects of Public Works Shop staff and operations including but not limited to work plans, time sheets, work orders, and daily vehicle / equipment checklists.
- Prioritize and perform required repairs, inspections and preventative maintenance on fleet vehicle and equipment to maximize the safety, productivity, and life of the unit.
- Ensure all municipal assets are managed and maintained in accordance with current regulations, best practices, and County policies.
- Carry out a system of preventative maintenance on County vehicles and equipment and schedule repairs at the most opportune time.
- Conduct Commercial Vehicle Inspection Program (CVIP) inspections on vehicles and equipment according to Provincial standards.
- Maintain proper inventory procedures, ordering and accounting of parts, supplies, products, and materials effectively from appropriate suppliers.
- Maintain cost accounting records on County equipment, warranty checks and claims.
- Assist in budget preparation and ensure budgetary control is maintained by administering funds in accordance with the County's approved Annual Budget and monitoring expenditures.
- Produce confidential and non-confidential detailed reports for County Council meetings and attend Council meetings as required.
- Be competent and proficient in all aspects of light and heavy-duty equipment testing, diagnosing, and repair of diesel and gasoline engines, fuel systems, emission systems, electronic systems and hydraulic systems.

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- Ensure all municipal assets are managed and maintained in accordance with current regulations, best practices, and County policies.
- Carry out a system of preventative maintenance on County vehicles and equipment and schedule repairs at the most opportune time.
- Conduct Commercial Vehicle Inspection Program (CVIP) inspections on vehicles and equipment according to Provincial standards.

EMPLOYEE EVALUATION

- Evaluated by the Public Works Manager on a yearly basis.
- Salary Range: as per Policy 01-03: Organizational Chart.

Carried.

Policy Statement No. 1-M-25-03: Grader Operator – Job Description

1126-21: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Management Policy Statement No. 1-M-25-03: Grader Operator – Job Description, be amended:

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Classification: As per International Union of Operating Engineers – Local 955

Purpose:

The Grader Operator shall report directly to the Public Works Manager and is assigned a work area by the Public Works Manager.

The Grader Operator performs skilled work of operating a motor grader under various applications and operating conditions such as gravel road blading, snow plowing, application of dust controls, road construction grading and finishing grading.

The Grader Operator's duties are key to the maintenance and construction of roads and road right-of-ways. The wages and benefits for the position are based on the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 955 Collective Agreement, under the job classifications of: Equipment Operator III or Equipment Operator IV.

Policy Statement and Guidelines:
RESPONSIBILITIES
<p>Equipment Operator III: Maintenance (Beat) Grader Operator and Equipment Operator IV: Construction Grader Operator positions are responsible for operating Municipal equipment in a safe and effective manner to ensure the roadways are accessible, safe, and in good condition. The Grader Operator follows direction from the Public Works Manager as to daily tasks and expectations for each specific project, job site or area.</p>
<p>1. General</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1. Operate all types of motor grader equipment and attachments including front blade, v-plow, snow wing and rear mounted ripper/scarifier. 1.2. Notify the Manager of any missing, broken, or damaged regulatory road signs. 1.3. Complete and submit daily time sheets and maps/logs of roads graded for the Public Works Manager's approval, on a regular basis. 1.4. Maintain a record of fuel, blades, types of blades, on daily time sheets and submit to them to the Public Works Manager when requested. 1.5. Maintain courteous relations with the public, contractors, Council members and other co-workers. 1.6. Fulfill irregular work schedules/hours caused by adverse weather conditions. 1.7. Communicate with Public Works Manager as to the daily job specifications.

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.8. Assist in dust control procedures on County roads. 1.9. Perform other related duties as assigned or required by the Public Works Manager or Public Works Road Foreman. 1.10. Assure the equipment being operated is maintained properly to maximize the life of the equipment, by being familiar with and incorporating information derived from the equipment's Operator's Manual. 1.11. Perform daily pre-start up procedures, i.e. check fluid levels, ensure the equipment is in good running order, and complete the Daily Equipment Checklist. 1.12. Perform and assist with inspections for the equipment being used, and fully support and participate in preventive maintenance procedures and routine maintenance as they develop. 1.13. Make every attempt to diagnose major problems and undertake minor repairs if possible and advise the Shop Foreman of all repairs performed and/or required. 1.14. Keep interior and exterior of equipment in a clean condition, relative to the job. 1.15. Change the various blades as required, including straight, serrated and carbide tooth blades. 1.16. Assist in dust control procedures on County roads. 1.17. Perform other related duties as assigned or required by the Public Works Manager or Public Works Road Foreman. 1.18. Perform other related duties as assigned or required by the Public Works Manager or Public Works Road Foreman. 1.19. Assist in dust control procedures on County roads. <p>2. Safety:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1. Ensure that Smoky Lake County's Health and Safety Program along with the requirements and procedures as outlined in the Safety Policy Manual are adhered to, and the Alberta Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) standards are met. 2.2. Perform Safety Hazard Assessments. 2.3. Attend training sessions and workshops, as required.

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<p>3. Equipment Operator Classification:</p> <p>3.1. Equipment Operator III – Maintenance (Beat) Grader Operator</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1.1. Operate a CAT 160 (or equivalent) grader with a weight rating of approximately 45,500 lbs for the purpose of regular road maintenance blading of gravel dirt roads in a designated area to ensure safe public travel on roadways within the County. 3.1.2. Perform basic operations to spread gravel and removal of large rocks from road surfaces, shaping, and re-instatement of the road crown to between 2% and 3% as required. 3.1.3. Perform winter maintenance activities and snow plowing in accordance with the County policies and procedures as approved by Council including snowplowing using the front blade and snow wing as required. 3.1.4. Be readily available to for the purposes of communication with the Public Works Manager at all times, by the radio, cellular telephone or telephone at their residence. 3.1.5. Perform winter maintenance activities and snow plowing in accordance with the County policies and procedures as approved by Council including snowplowing using the front blade and snow wing as required. 3.1.6. For beat operators living within their designated beat area, the County may enter an agreement with the operator to keep the grader at their residence. The County would provide fuel, power and required supplies pursuant to County Policy. <p>3.2. Equipment Operator IV – Construction Grader Operator</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.2.1. Operate a CAT 14 (or equivalent) grader with a weight rating of approximately 57,250 lbs to undertake construction grading, to perform precise mixing of dust suppressant products and spreading of materials for road construction applications for both rough and finishing grade. 3.2.2. Dry and prepare road surfaces to precise grade specifications during construction. 3.2.3. Be proficient at road shoulder definition and crowning of the road while performing shoulder pulls and/or laying out cold-mix aggregate material. 3.2.4. Be always readily available to the Public Works Manager by the radio in the machine and /or cellular telephone and/or telephone at their residence.

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<p>QUALIFICATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Equipment Operator III – Maintenance (Beat) Grader Operator:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Five (5) or more years of motor grader operating experience in maintaining gravel roads and operating road maintenance equipment.▪ Equipment Operator IV – Construction Grader Operator:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Five (5) or more years of motor grader operating experience in road construction and construction methods, such as finishing; and operating heavier equipment (14M Graders or larger).▪ Minimum of a valid Class 5 Alberta Operator's License.▪ The ability to work alone and with the need (on occasion) to work long hours and/or irregular schedules, including evenings and weekends, required.▪ Be comfortable working in all types of weather (rain, cold, or extreme heat) and dusty conditions.▪ Withstand common vibratory motion associated with operation of equipment and occasionally rough terrain.▪ Have mechanical aptitude to perform routine inspections and servicing of equipment.▪ The ability to lift heavy blades for the purposes of replacement.▪ Be able to lift approximately 50 pounds, sit for prolonged periods of time, drive and climb in and out of equipment.▪ Be safety conscious and attentive to the working environment.▪ Be road tested for grader operating skills.▪ Understand oral and written instructions.▪ Have great attention to detail and a high stress tolerance. <p>EMPLOYEE EVALUATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Evaluated by the Public Works Manager on a yearly basis.

Carried.

Sympathy Gift Basket to Juanita Marios, Executive Director of Métis Crossing

1127-21: Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County approve to extend condolences to Juanita Marois, Executive Director, Metis Crossing for the recent loss of a family member and provide a sympathy gift basket sourced locally in the amount of \$150.00, to be funded from the 2021 Operating Budget entitled "Promotion, Public Relations".

Carried.

Financial Statements

As annexed to the minutes:

↳ Financial Statement – May and June 2021.

Action List(s)

Action Lists:

- i. County Council Departmental Meeting – June 22, 2021.
- ii. County Council Meeting – June 24, 2021.
- iii. County Council Special Meeting – June 28, 2021.
- iv. County Council Departmental Meeting – July 20, 2021.
- v. County Council Committee of the Whole for the Purpose of Planning Meeting – July 28, 2021.
- vi. County Council Special Meeting – August 5, 2021.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

1128-21: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County's Chief Administrative Officer's report for the period of June 25, 2021 to August 19, 2021, be accepted and filed for information.

Carried.

5. Issues for Information:

Finance Manager's Report:

Actual to Budget Report

Brenda Adamson, Finance Manager presented an updated Financial Report for the period of June 16, 2021 to August 18, 2021.

Tax Agreement with Deborah Pruden for Property Tax Roll Number 13620412

1129-21: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County execute a Tax Agreement with Deborah Pruden for Property Tax Roll Number 13620412, legally described as Lot 1 Block 2 Plan 1324428, in accordance with Policy Statement No 12-01-01: Tax Agreement, to recover the tax arrears on the said property, with a payment schedule of \$210.22 per month for a period of 36 months effective September 1, 2021 to September, 2024.

Carried.

Tax Agreement with Deborah Pruden for Property Tax Roll Number 13620410

1130-21: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County execute a Tax Agreement with Deborah Pruden for Property Tax Roll Number 13620410, legally described as SE-04-062-14 W4, in accordance with Policy Statement No 12-01-01: Tax Agreement, to recover the tax arrears on the said property, with a payment schedule of \$269.32 per month for a period of 36 months effective September 1, 2021 to September, 2024.

Carried.

Tax Agreement with Krysta Kushniruk for Property Tax Roll Number 32210102

1131-21: Cherniwchan That Smoky Lake County execute a Tax Agreement with Krysta Kushniruk for Property Tax Roll Number 32210102, legally described as Lot 2 Block 1 Plan 7922056, in accordance with Policy Statement No 12-01-01: Tax Agreement, to recover the tax arrears on the said property, with a payment schedule of \$146.96 per month for a period of 36 months effective September 1, 2021 to September, 2024.

Carried.

Schedule a Budget Meeting

1132-21: Halisky That the next Smoky Lake County Council Budget meeting be scheduled for Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in accordance with Policy Statement No. 08-11: Budget Development, to be held virtually, through Electronic Communication Technology as per Bylaw 1376-20 **and/or** physically in County Council Chambers.

Carried.

Five-Year 2021- 2025 Financial Plan

1133-21: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge the Public Participation process was engaged for the five-year 2021- 2025 Financial Plan and approve the 2021- 2025 Financial Plan.

Carried.

Finance Manager's Report

1134-21: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County's Finance Manager's Report for the period of June 16, 2021 to August 18, 2021, be accepted and filed for information.

Carried.

Division Three - Reeve's Report on Various Committees, Boards & Commissions

Craig Lukinuk: Reeve and Division Three Councillor's Report from various Committees, Boards and Commissions:

June 17, 2021 – FedGas Insurance Reciprocal Exchange, held Virtually: (All Council)

- Reviewed the Audited Financial Statements.
- Review the FedGas Insurance Reciprocal Exchange Report

June 18, 2021 - Victoria Dist. Ec. Dev Strategy Implementation Working Group, held Virtually: (Craig)

- Discussed the legal action plan to establish the Municipally Controlled Corporation with the Town of Smoky Lake and updates from the group.

June 19, 2021 – Alberta Fire Chief Annual General Meeting: (Craig)

- 2020 financial Review adopted.
- Appointment of the Auditor David LeBlanc.
- Lifetime Memberships Awards to Greg van Tighem and Chris Senaratne.
- Honorary Membership to Don Rosland.
- Resolution that AFCA be amended to include a new elected position on the Board of Directors and the executive committee to be filled by an elected secretary-treasurer.

June 19, 2021 – Alta AGM: (Craig)

- Reviewed Audit Financial Statement.
- Discussion on the status of the Alberta Library Planning Committee. A decision has now been made to dissolve it.

June 21, 2021 – Regional Economic Development Committee (RCDC), held in Chambers/Virtually: (Craig, Lorne, Johnny)

- Approved for Smoky Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce Association to utilize the Community Economic Development Officer (CEDO) for their shop local campaign.

- Approved to amend the Strategic Priorities chart to include the Vilna Mainstreet Revitalization Project.
- Review the Performance Appraisal with the Contract CEDO: Michelle Wright.

June 22, 2021 - Council Departmental Operations meeting, held in Chambers/Virtually: (all Council)

- Approved to proceed with a geotechnical study on Range Road 130, North of Highway 28, for approximately 8.25 Miles.
- Approve to purchase a 2021 Kenworth, Model T880 and a 2021 John Deere 6175M Cab Tractor in accordance with the budget.

June 24, 2021 - Council Regular Meeting, held in Chambers/Virtually: (all Council)

- Held a Public Hearing for input in favour or opposed to Bylaw No. 1398-21 Cancellation of a portion of "FIRST AVE" and "MAIN ST" in Edwand.
- Gave First Reading to Bylaw No. 1398-21: Cancellation of a portion of "FIRST AVE" and "MAIN ST" Edwand.
- Gave Third & Final Reading to Bylaw No. 1399-21: Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC).
- Gave Third & Final Reading to Bylaw No. 1400-21: Procedural Bylaw.
- Gave Third & Final Reading to Bylaw No. 1371-20: Joint Agreement to Regionalize the Smoky Lake County Regional Heritage Board (SLCRHB).
- Review the draft Ukrainian Twinning Committee – Terms of Reference Proposed Bylaw.
- Gave Third & Final Reading to Bylaw No. 1401-21: Borrowing Bylaw.
- Repealed the redundant Policy Statement No. 08-04-02: Interim Budget.
- Approved to advertise the County 5-Year Financial Plan for 2021 - 2025 and Financial Survey for Public Feedback.
- Approved in-kind assistance to install directional signage to the Highland Hall and to the Chohor Church.
- Approved to advertise to sell eleven pieces of surplus equipment.
- Acknowledged the flags lowered on Monday, May 31, 2021, to half-mast to honour and remember the 215 Indigenous children who never returned home and whose lives were lost at the Kamloops, B.C residential school.
- Approved the unbudgeted expense to undertake a survey to determine recommendations for repairs to the Smoky Lake Creek channel.
- Accepted with regret the retirement of Mr. Edward English Peace Officer / Parks and Recreation Manager, and Mr. David Kully Public Works Shop Foreman, effective at the end of July 2021.
- Proclaimed National Drowning Prevention Week as July 18-24, 2021.
- Acknowledged the agreement to conduct an advance vote and vote of the electors for the Senate Election and the Referendum Vote(s) for Saddle Lake Cree Nation and Whitefish Lake 128.

June 25, 2021 - Victoria Dist. Ec. Dev Strategy Implementation Working Group, held Virtually: (Craig)

- Received updates on the progress of the legal action plan to establish the Municipally Controlled Corporation with the Town of Smoky Lake and updates from the group.

June 28, 2021 – Government Liaison Committee Meeting with MLA van Dijken, held Virtually: (all Council)

- Brought awareness to Mr. Glenn van Dijken, MLA Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock Constituency to the following issues and information:
- Waskatenau Nuisance Grounds Reclamation Project - for the purpose of varying the 300-meter setback distance for development,
- Mons Lake Shoreline Restoration Project - for the purpose of stabilizing and restoring ecological integrity to the degraded shoreline at Mons Lake recreation area,
- Delays for Water Act Approvals for North Saskatchewan River Emergency Accesses,
- Delays for Alberta Transportation Roadside Development Permits,
- Delays for Road Closures and Lost File, and
- Seasonal Docks and other Mooring Structures for Personal Recreational Purposes.
- Vilna Health Centre's Laboratory reduction hours of operations,
- Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission's Whitefish Lake First Nation #128 Project
- Victoria District Economic Development Strategy & Municipally Controlled Corporation (MCC).

June 29, 2021 – Special Meeting: (All Council)

- Ratified Local 955 Agreement.

June 30, 2021 – Smoky Lake Regional Fire & Rescue Committee Meeting, held virtually: (Craig, Randy, Lorne, Johnny)

- Accept the recommendation for each respective Municipality to remain non-accredited to allow the Province of Alberta to provide the Fire Safety Code Inspection service at no cost to the Municipalities.
- Acknowledged the Memorandum of Agreements with Transitional Solutions Inc. (TSI) for conducting the Smoky Lake Regional Fire Services Review, which is funded by the 2020/21 – Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Intermunicipal Collaboration Grant.

July 5, 2021 – Meeting with Minister of Infrastructure, (Craig)

- Had a Meet and Greet with Minister Prasa Panda Minister of Infrastructure and Dale Nally Associate Minister of Natural Gas \Electricity.
- Discussion on several topics of past, present and potential future projects.

July 9, 2021 - Victoria Dist. Ec. Dev Strategy Implementation Working Group, held Virtually: (Craig)

- Received updates from the group on the progress of the formation of the corporation Municipally Controlled Corporation (MCC).

- July 11, 2021 – Chahor Church: (Craig, Randy)
- Presented a Certificate of Congratulations in Recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Chahor Russo-Orthodox Church.
- July 12, 2021 – N.E. Muni-Corr Ltd. Meeting, held in St. Paul: (Craig, Johnny)
- Discussion of a fee structure wanting to be placed on the Part nine members by Muni Corr which have waterlines\utilities running parallel to the Muni Corr Trail right of way.
- July 15, 2021 – Elevate Wellness: (Craig, Lorne)
- Reviewed Physical Activity Survey Results.
 - Review Logo for branding purposes.
 - Reviewed Action List what has been completed to date.
 - Discussion on Physical Activity Review.
- July 20, 2021 - Council Departmental Operations meeting, held in Chambers/Virtually: (all Council)
- Approved to execute the replacement Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), for a 3-year period, with Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) in Support of Identifying Potential Wetland Replacement Projects for the Wetland Replacement Program.
 - Acknowledge receipt of the draft North Saskatchewan in Alberta Heritage River Nomination Document.
 - Approved to sell the County owned land containing 2.01 acres, located within the Village of Vilna, to the Village of Vilna.
 - Accepted bids on the County's surplus equipment and sold 9 pieces of equipment.
 - Approved in-kind to the Victoria Trail Agricultural Society for Gravel at the arena and fitness centre facility in Waskatenau.
- July 21, 2021 – Smoky Lake Region & Kosiv Region Gift Exchange (Ukrainian Twinning), held virtually: (Craig, Johnny)
- Received a pottery gift to Smoky Lake Region, handmade by Kosiv local artist, Serhiy Dutka.
 - Presented a framed mirror gift to Kosiv, made by Smoky Lake Region entrepreneurs, Katilynn & Alyson.
- July 23, 2021 - Victoria Dist. Ec. Dev Strategy Implementation Working Group, held Virtually: (Craig)
- Confirmed the Minister of Municipal Affairs is in support, and in favour of the MCC.
- July 28, 2021– Council Committee of the Whole – Planning, held in Chambers/Virtually: (all Council)
- Reviewed Intermunicipal Development Plan Bylaw between the Town of Smoky Lake and Smoky Lake County.
 - Received an update on the Lake Subdivision Wayfinding Signage project.
 - Reviewed the report summarizing Public Participation results, titled: 'What We Heard' Report: Hamlet Chickens, Lake Lot RVs, & Dark Skies.
 - Reviewed the updated draft North Saskatchewan in Alberta Heritage River Nomination Documents.
- August 4, 2021 – Smoky Lake Region & Kosiv Region (Ukrainian Twinning), held virtually: (Craig)
- Discussed the Smoky Lake Region's tourism strategy ecological, heritage & cultural, and the opportunity of history & cultural aspects developing the Ukrainian tourism in the region.
 - Discussed the Kosiv Region's desire to be represented in Smoky Lake such as through ceramics, art, or participation in events and cultural education.
- August 5, 2021 – Municipal Planning Commission, held in Chambers/Virtually: (all Council)
- Approved Development Permit No. 037-21: PLAN 1955CL, BLOCK 1, LOT 23, for the development of a "Manufactured Home".
- August 5, 2021 – Council Special Meeting, held in Chambers/Virtually: (all Council)
- Declared a Municipal Agricultural Disaster effective August 5, 2021, in response to widespread drought conditions, low growing season moisture, coupled with long periods of heat and wind, which have significantly depleted soil moisture reserves, and have severely impacted all segments of agricultural production within Smoky Lake County.
 - Approved to pursue a contract agreement for the purpose of short-term bylaw enforcement services with Tammy Goddu, Certified Forensic Science Investigator (CFSI), Bylaw Enforcement Services, Investigative Assurance.
- August 6, 2021 - Victoria Dist. Ec. Dev Strategy Implementation Working Group, held Virtually: (Craig)
- Received update on Métis Crossing's activities and a summary of grant applications made by stakeholders in the Smoky Lake Region.
- August 10, 2021 - Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Meeting held in Chambers/Virtually: (All Council)
- Amended Policy Statement No. 62-28-04: Mowing Program.
 - Received reports for the 2021: Pest Monitoring, Weed Inspection, Mowing Progress, & Herbicide Progress.
 - Received an update on activities from Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA).
- August 10, 2021 – County Environmental Operations Meeting held in Chambers/Virtually: (All Council)
- Approved action taken by the Chief Administrative Officer in applying for a \$375,000 grant through the Canada Community Revitalization Program for the Project Titled "Create an accessible interpretive recreational trail at Hanmore Lake".
 - Acknowledged the redistribution of duties from the Parks and Recreation Manager to the Environmental Operations Manager and recommended the Environmental Operations Department name be changed to "Environment & Parks" at the next Organizational Chart review.

August 10, 2021 – County Fire Protective Meeting held in Chambers/Virtually: (All Council)

- Approved to cancel two Fire Invoices for services that were already paid for by insurance companies.
- Approved to waive penalties subject to full payment being received on an invoice.
- Approved to send one invoice to a collection's agency.
- Approved to cancel uncollectable invoices.
- Approved to sell 12 surplus VHF radios to Métis Crossing at \$300.00 each.
- Approved in-kind assistance of lending and delivering picnic tables and bleachers to Métis Crossing for the 91st Métis Nation of Alberta's Annual General Assembly.

August 10, 2021 – County Natural Gas Meeting held in Chambers/Virtually: (All Council)

- Acknowledge receipt of the letter from the Federation O&M Auditor, in respect to the O&M Audit on Smoky Lake County completed on June 15, 2021.

August 13, 2021 - Treaty 6 and concurrent Métis Nation Flag Raising Ceremony, held at the County Main Office: (Craig, Johnny, Lorne, Danny)

- Honoured the Confederacy of Treaty Six and Métis Nation of Alberta peoples by raising their flags and permanently installing their flags in County Council Chambers.

August 15, 2021 – Senator Paula Simons: (Craig)

- Had a meet and greet with Senator Paula Simons at Metis Crossing.

Reeve's Report

1135-21: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County's Reeve's Report for the period of June 17, 2021 to August 15, 2021, be accepted and filed for information, and posted to the County website.

Carried.

Division One Councillor's Report on various Committees, Boards and Commissions

Dan Gawalko - Division One Councillor's Report from various Committees, Boards and Commissions:

- No report.

Division Two Councillor's Report on various Committees, Boards and Commissions

Johnny Cherniwchan - Division Two Councillor's Report from various Committees, Boards and Commissions:

Reports provided from the August 16, 2021, N.E. Muni-Corr Ltd. Meeting agenda package included:

- Financial Budget to Actual report, dated June 30, 2021.
- Financial Customer Aged Summary dated June 30, 2021.
- Report to the board dated August 16, 2021, outlining manager activities and hours worked.

Division Four Councillor's Report on various Committees, Boards and Commissions

Lorne Halisky - Division Four Councillor's Report from various Committees, Boards and Commissions:

August 09, 2021 – Smoky Lake Agricultural Society Meeting (in-person): Lorne Halisky

- Security cameras – Invoice from Gemelli Security has come in higher than original. There was a leak in the ceiling that messed up the alarm wiring.
- Community Learning Council has offered some money towards the Jody Carrington evening – has been received.
- Casino Fun Night – November 6, 2021.
- Outside addition is on the go. Money has been given with the May deadline.
- Alberta Ag is basing the annual grant on the last 5 years, because of the lack of activity during COVID. The base grant is \$17,500 plus additional to bring it to \$55,000.
- Kinettes & Ag Society have submitted request for funding (Healthy Communities Grant) for the outdoor ice ring, plus a skating loop \$225,000. Should hear by early September.
- Heifer Raffle – please sell tickets! Advertising to be on K97 & CFCW. Gibbons Motor Sports has taken some books.
- Financial Statement was presented by the treasurer with less revenue made due to Covid, trying to collect from sign sponsors, looking at ways to cut utility costs, however all is in good standing.
- Bingo is scheduled to commence on September 8, 2021.
- Concert for Pumpkin Fair: Gord Bamford plus 2 other acts.
- Next Smoky Lake Agricultural Society Meeting is TBD.

August 12, 2021 – Joint Health and Safety Meeting (in-person): Johnny Cherniwchan and Lorne Halisky

- 4 employees (Waskatenau Fire Dept.) trained in First-Aid/CPR and 2 New Employee Orientations.
- Joint Health & Safety Committee acknowledge the retirement of Ed English – Peace Office / Parks and Recreation Manager, effective July 31, 2021, and David Kully – Public Works Shop Foreman, effective July 30, 2021; and appoint Mark Fedoretz, Public Works Interim Shop Foreman, to the Joint Health and Safety Committee.
- Joint Health & Safety Committee adopt the revised Safety Policy Statement No. 06-02: Workplace Violence and Harassment Prevention Plan, as amended.
- Joint Health & Safety Committee acknowledge employees assigned to perform Site Inspections in areas which are not their regular area of work as per a set schedule.

- There were 4 incidents reported for the period of July 9th, 2021 to August 12, 2021: July 12, 2021, loss time WCB claim – Vilna & District Volunteer Fire Fighter felt a pop inside their shoulder while on scene using an axe and continued to work a little longer then went to the hospital. July 12, 2021, property damage – Smoky Lake County Fire Unit 405 had damage occur when a burning tree fell onto it while on scene due to lack of situational awareness and higher priorities. August 4, 2021, property damage – a Grader Unit cutting the edge of the road met a leaning tree limb which resulted in the side window of the cab being smashed. August 10, 2021, theft and property damage – two packer Units 625 and 642 were vandalized between 5:00 p.m. August 9, 2021 and 6:30 a.m. August 10, 2021, a fuel cap and fuel was stolen along with a water tank and two batteries; the RCMP were notified; going forward, whenever possible, equipment will not be left on road right of ways overnight.
- Internal Audit Action Plan had some progress since last reporting period reported by the Safety Officer.
- Everyone in the County Administration and Shop areas are still healthy from Covid. However, all employees must follow the Return-to-Work Guidelines. Being aware of rising COVID cases and the importance of vaccinations - those that can, should.
- The absence of sleep, good diet, exercise, relaxation, and time with friends and family isn't something to be applauded. Being overworked is not a badge of honour, but a systemic problem that leads to burnout. – brilliant internet quote from unknown.
- Reminder at the end of August School is back. Please help keep everyone safe by: Observing school zone speeds, proceeding carefully through crosswalks when safe, watch for running children and always stop when school bus lights are flashing.
- There has been an increase of bear activity throughout our region so know your surroundings, watch for their activity, take caution, and be prepared such as have an escape plan, use bear spray etc.
- With the hot temperatures and dry conditions recently wasps and hornets etc. are on the rise so ensure to be on the lookout for their activity including nests etc. as they can be aggressive and sting. Be prepared and carry personal medication such as an EpiPen if required. Continue to watch for heat exhaustion, heat stroke etc. signs and seek medical attention if required.
- Fall harvest is starting. Large farm equipment is on the roads so drive with caution, paying extra attention to the equipment/vehicle blind spots etc., give farm equipment/vehicles the right of away and plan your drive.
- Safety Officer is starting up toolbox meetings and implementing Emergency Drill Procedures.
- Theft in the region continues so please ensure all vehicles/equipment whether County owned or personal are secured etc. and report all suspicious activities to the RCMP immediately.
- Keep your mind on task at all times, conduct hazard assessments, and report all incidents to help prevent loss.
- Please continue to report all hazardous road conditions including fallen or leaning trees, missing road signs etc. to County Public Works.
- Next JH&S Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 16/21.

August 12, 2021 – Bellis Board of Trade Meeting (in-person): Lorne Halisky

- Metis Crossing and Victoria District Strategic Plan. Many are interested in being a part of it.
- Ag Producers are encouraged to grow Hemp for fiber to supply an operations facility in Bruderheim.
- New H.A.K school will soon start construction.
- Round About is complete on Highway 28 and Secondary 831.
- Lobbying to resurface Highway 28 from Waskatenau to east side of Smoky Lake County.
- The Water Commission Line is completed. Looking into grant/ funding for Bellis to tie into this water.
- Bellis School sale fell through. Hopefully, the “unsightly” property mess can be cleaned up.
- Primary Care Network: will offer specialty health services such as foot technician, chiropractor etc., working on getting an optometrist, hearing tests are provided at Pharmacy.
- The Russ home is being looked at to be moved to Victoria Trail Interpretive Centre.
- Financial Statement was presented by the treasurer and all in good standing.
- Bellis Hamlet Sign off Highway 28 needs repair so quotes are being looked into as well as grant funding.
- Kaduk Lake and Bellis Beach Campgrounds need to have better care to attract more tourism in Bellis area.
- Memorial benches for late Bellis Board of Trade Members will be installed within the Bellis Hamlet.
- Next Bellis Board of Trade Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 20/21.

August 18, 2021 – Vilna and Bellis COP (Citizens on Patrol) Meeting (in-person): Danny Gawalko and Lorne Halisky

- RCMP was not in attendance for the meeting however it was discussed that crime is still occurring and to continue to report suspicious activities to help prevent crime etc.
- Fish and Wildlife (Sherriff) Officer Erik Von Platen stated that he is assisting the police force with calls through a new dispatch system which summons a closest vehicle response. Fish and Wildlife have been extremely busy with lake activity etc. Off Road Vehicle enforcement needs more attention as there are more trail users on the Iron Horse Trail etc. finding riders to not have proper insurance, registration etc. He thanked Smoky Lake County for the installation of the IHT user signs and Peace Officer support etc. An additional Fish and Wildlife (Sherriff) Officer will be arriving mid-October/21.
- Financial statement was presented with all in good standing.
- Members discussed COP patrols and documenting the patrols using the existing tracking form.
- ID Card orders are complete and distributed to the members.
- COP sign quotes were received, and 25 signs will be ordered. Vehicle magnetic (4) signs are being looked into.
- Meat Raffle tickets/ draw fundraising is going well.
- Advertising pens are a good thing so 500 more pens will be ordered.
- ACOPA AGM is scheduled for September 24 to 26/21.

- COP Admin to get/give something such as a donation in memory of Edgar Lacasse past COP President and long-standing member. Also sent a condolence card to Tina Chan and received a thank you in return. Will send a thank you to the Smoky Lake County for annual funding.
- Next Vilna and Bellis COP Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 27/21.

Division Five Councillor's Report on various Committees, Boards and Commissions

Randy Orichowski - Division Five Councillor/Deputy Reeve's Report from various Committees, Boards and Commissions:

Smoky Lake Seniors Foundation meeting held August 11/2021

- Managers, maintenance, and CAO report attached
- No progression on installing internet towers on lodge roof top. Town may be considering other options.
- New Covid 19 Visitor Policy from Chief Medical Officer of Health for seniors facilities. Copy attached
- Minister of Seniors has tentatively scheduled a visit of Bar V Nook for August 26/2021
- Still receiving Covid relief funding from the Province
- t) Next Meeting Scheduled for September 16th, 2021 at 9 a.m.

Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission meeting held August 16/2021

- Minutes of June 23th meeting attached
- Commission Manager report attached
- Financial reports attached
- Ryan Krausher updated the members on the WFLFN water line project Still waiting for signature documents from the Band. The system is ready for WFLFN to receive water. Complete report attached.
- The commission received a letter from a business wanting to tie into the regional water line by Egremont. The letter was forwarded to Thorhild County as that portion of line is considered an asset of Thorhild County
- Further review of all Commission Assets to take place and documented. This is also required for insurance purposes.
- Five new bylaws will be presented for first reading at the September meeting
- Next meeting is scheduled for September 29th 2021 at 10 a.m.

Evergreen Regional Waste Management Services Commission meeting held August 25/2021

- Discussion on metal prices. Evergreen manager and municipal operators are meeting on August 27th to see who is offering the best price
- Recycling Council of Alberta conference being held in Banff on Sept. 29th to Oct 1st 2021.
- A policy for use of video surveillance at the regional site has to be developed.
- Regional site visit by st. Paul Deputy Fire Chief and his report attached
- Bylaw No. 12 was passed with 3 readings. (attached)
- Next meeting is scheduled for September 22nd 2021 at 10 a.m.

Councillors Reports on Various Committees, Boards and Commissions

1136-21: Lukinuk That the Smoky Lake County Councillors Reports received for the period of June 16, 2021 to August 25, 2021 be accepted and filed for information.

Carried.

Government Liaison Committee:

Alberta Transportation Meeting – Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Convention

1137-21: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County schedule a meeting with the Minister of Alberta Transportation at the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Fall 2021 Convention to advise of the County's 2021/2022 Priorities:

- Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) Grant-Coordination,
- Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission's Whitefish Lake First Nation #128 waterline funding,
- Local Bridge Funding,
- Highway 28 road resurfacing.

Carried.

Alberta Municipal Affairs Meeting – Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Convention

1138-21: Halisky That Smoky Lake County schedule a meeting with the Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs at the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Fall 2021 Convention to advise of the County's 2021/2022 Concerns:

- Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) Grant-Coordination,
- Downloading policing funding and other onto municipalities.

Carried.

Environment and Parks Meeting – Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Convention

1139-21: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County schedule a meeting with the Minister of Environment and Parks at their convenience to advise of the County's 2021 concerns and priorities:

- Crown Land: Beaver Trapping Damage Control Licensing,
- North Saskatchewan River for the Canadian Heritage River System (CHRS),
- Alberta Environment and Parks approvals - Red Tape reduction
- Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program STIP program funding and the need for a coordinated effort to get work done in timely manner with respect to water flow and nesting seasons,
- Bed and Shore rights, and
- Docks and mooring approvals.

Carried.

RiskPro Committee:

Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Insurance – 2021 RiskPro Convention

1140-21: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County Council and relevant administration who can attend – attend the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Insurance, RiskPro Pro virtual convention scheduled for September 30, 2021.

Carried.

6. Correspondence:

Alberta Justice and Solicitor General – Potential Provincial Police Service

1141-21: Halisky That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the correspondence from the Honourable Kaycee Madu, Minister, Alberta Justice and Solicitor General, dated June 23, 2021, replying to the County's letter dated May 31, 2021 concerning the potential provincial police service, stating: "If the Alberta government decides to proceed with further analysis, Justice and Solicitor General will conduct further study and engagement, which will include local policing perspectives from municipal partners."

Carried.

Two Hills Regional Chronicle

1142-21: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the letter from Jared Rajoo, Publisher, Two Hills Regional Chronicle, dated July 15, 2021, apologizing for the error published in the May 2021 edition of the Two Hills Regional Chronicle which was not authorized by Smoky Lake County and cancelling the invoice #INV-1188 in the amount of \$393.75.

Carried.

Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) - Bridge File BF09915

1143-21: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council approve action taken in executing the Memorandum of Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen, in right of Alberta, as represented by Alberta Transportation for the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP), Local Road Bridge Component funding for the BF09915 - Emergency Bridge Repair Project, dated July 20, 2021, which is in place of previous funding approvals for repairs to BF77862 and BF78004, as per the correspondence received from Miranda Rowda, P. Eng., Infrastructure Manager, Alberta Transportation, dated July 19, 2021.

Carried.

Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) - Bridge File BF13398

1144-21: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP), Local Road Bridge Component funding approval for the BF13398 - Bridge Replacement Project, in the amount of \$664,400.00, as per the letter received from the Honorable Ric McIver, Minister of Alberta Transportation, dated June 21, 2021.

Carried.

Minister of Municipal Affairs - 2021 Gas Tax Fund (GTF)

1145-21: Cherniwchan That Smoky Lake County acknowledge the 2021 Gas Tax Fund (GTF) allocation of \$288,156.00, which includes \$140,800.00 of one-time-top-up funding to Smoky Lake County, as per the letter received from the Honorable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, dated July 5, 2021.

Carried.

Alberta Municipal Affairs - Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence

1146-21: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the correspondence from the Honorable Ric McIver, Minister, Alberta Municipal Affairs, dated July 2021 in regard to the County's submission of the initiative "Smoky Lake Pumpkin Patch Daycare Co-op" to the Smaller Municipalities category for the 2021 Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence, not being selected for the award.

Carried.

Redwater- Smoky Lake Victim Services Unit's Annual Charity Golf Tournament

1147-21: Halisky That Smoky Lake County donate in the amount of \$200.00 plus County promotional item valued at \$50.00 to support the Redwater-Smoky Lake Victim Services Unit's Annual Charity Golf Tournament scheduled for Sunday, August 29, 2021 to be held at the Smoky Lake Town & Country Golf Course.

Carried.

Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) – Bridge Project BF09915

1148-21: Cherniwchan That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP), Local Road Bridge Component funding approval for the BF09915 - Bridge Repair Project, in the amount of \$172,000.00, by redistributing the approved funding of the County's existing STIP approvals (bridge projects BF77862 and BF78004) to BF 09915; as per the letter received from the Honorable Ric McIver, Minister of Alberta Transportation, dated May 19, 2021.

Carried.

IBI Group - Project Construction Delay for Metis Crossing Solar Project

1149-21: Halisky That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the letter from Dylan Grove, IBI Group, dated June 30, 2021 in regard to a projected construction delay for the Metis Crossing Solar Project (MCSP) which is being developed by the Metis Nation of Alberta (MNA), due to unforeseen funding delays; and the revised anticipated project construction date is to start in October 2021 with a project completion date estimated to be by November 2022.

Carried.

Honourable Senator Paula Simons

1150-21: Cherniwchan That Smoky Lake County approve action taken by the Reeve in attending a meeting with Honourable Senator Paula Simons on August 15, 2021 at Metis Crossing, and acknowledge receipt of the letter received from Honourable Senator Paula Simons, as an Independent Senator from Alberta, as a member of the Senate Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment, and Natural resources, and as a born-and-bred Edmontonian, writing in support of the County's application to have the North Saskatchewan River declared a National Heritage River.

Carried.

Twelve (12) Acre Parcel of land at 911 West Railway Drive, Smoky Lake

1151-21: Halisky That Smoky Lake County advise Mr. Del Huchulak: the County is unable to move forward at this time on the offer letter, dated August 5, 2021, relating to a parcel of land containing twelve (12) acres within the Town of Smoky Lake, located at the municipal address of 911 West Railway Drive, due to the unknown results of the regional fire services study in progress.

Carried.

Metis Nation of Alberta 93rd Annual General Assembly

1152-21: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council approve action taken by the Reeve in attending and bringing greetings to the opening ceremonies at the Métis Nation of Alberta's 93rd Annual General Assembly which was held at Métis Crossing from August 19-22, 2021.

Carried.

Minister of Municipal Affairs - 2021 Senate Election and Referendum Funding

1153-21: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the letter from the Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, dated August 5, 2021, approving funding in the amount of \$4,922.00 based on a formula of \$1.00 per capita, as the initial payment along with a secondary payment in the amount of \$4,922.00 to be paid in October 2021, to conduct the 2021 Senate Election and Referendum, which will be held at the same time as local elections (October 18, 2021) to leverage efficiencies and economies of scale, while ensuring all Albertans have the ability to participate in the vote.

Carried.

The Vegreville News Advertiser Ltd.

1154-21: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County **defer** the letter received from Arthur Beaudette, General Manager, The Vegreville News Advertiser Ltd. dated August 13, 2021, inquiring about the County's annual advertising budget in light of The Vegreville News Advertiser Ltd. investigating the viability of opening a News Advertiser publication for the Smoky Lake Region, to a future Budget Meeting.

Carried.

Lakeland Today

1155-21: Cherniwchan That Smoky Lake County contact the Lakeland Today, which is an exclusive online news and information site providing breaking news powered by the Bonnyville Nouvelle, Elk Point Review, Lac La Biche Post, and St. Paul Journal; to express the need for coverage in the Smoky Lake Region, in light of the discontinuation of the Smoky Lake Signal newspaper.

Carried.

Hillside Acres, Whitefish Lake Environmental Reserve Issues

1156-21: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County defer the correspondence received from, and on behalf of, Gary and Anita DeWitt, dated August 16, 2021 and August 19, 2021, in respect to Hillside Acres, Whitefish Lake, including, but not limited to Environmental Reserve concerns, to a future Council Committee of the Whole Meeting, and extend an invitation to the writers and the community to attend.

Carried.

Golden View Fabricating Ltd. - Single Pass Road Maintainer

1157-21: Halisky That Smoky Lake County request Mr. Bruce Chern of Golden View Fabricating Ltd., to provide a proposal for a second demonstration of the “single pass road maintainer” including manpower and equipment supplied by Golden View Fabricating Ltd. at no cost to the County, further to the virtual video demonstration provided at the February 25, 2021 Council Meeting, as well as further to the original live demonstration held on May 26, 2021 on County roads.

Carried.

9. Information Release:

Information Releases: July and August 2021

1158-21: Cherniwchan That the following correspondence released to Smoky Lake County Council in accordance with Policy Statement No. 01-28-02: Council - Request for Information, for the month of July 2021 and August 2021, be (F) filed for information or (A) acknowledged receipt:

- R47-21: Aspen View Board Highlights – June 17, 2021. F
- R48-21: RMA: Contact Newsletter: July 9, 2021.F
- R49-21: Shae-Lynn Onufrichuk, Summer Program Coordinator, Town of Redwater, dated July 6, 2021 – Re: Invitation to Participate in annual Discovery Days Parade. F
- R50-21: 93rd Annual General Assembly- August 19-22, 2021, Metis Crossing Smoky Lake: “Honour Our Metis Veterans.” F
- R51-21: RMA: Contact Newsletter: July 16, 2021.F
- R52-21: RMA: President’s Update: July 2021.F. F
- R53-21: RMA: Contact Newsletter: July 30, 2021.F
- R54-21: Letter of Support for Inter-Provincial Nomination of the North Saskatchewan River for the Canadian Heritage River System (CHRS) – Honourable Senator Paula Simons, dated August 2021/Don Iveson, Mayor, City of Edmonton, dated August 16, 2021. A

Carried.

Thank You to Smoky Lake County

1159-21: Halisky That Smoky Lake County acknowledge the “Thank You” correspondence received from:

- Penny Fox, General Manager of Community Futures, St. Paul Smoky Lake Region, for supporting Lemonade Day 2021,
- Sgt. Tina Chan, Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment, for condolences.

Carried.

10. Bills & Accounts:

Bills and Accounts Approved for Payment

1160-21: Orichowski That all the Smoky Lake County Bills and Accounts approved for payment, including the bills and accounts recommended for payment by the Natural Gas Council, and including transfers to the Payroll Account, be filed for information:

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Batch #	Cheque Numbers	Total of Batch
54990	51378 to 51397	\$95,545.51
55406	51398 to 51413	\$54,950.29
55129	51414 to 51426	\$201,940.44
55175	51427 to 51435	\$77,979.33
55230	51436 to 51449	\$204,155.64
55298	51450 to 51460	\$22,080.58
55386	51461 to 51475	\$145,867.27
55447	51476 to 51492	\$40,194.95
55523	51493 to 51496	\$91,499.34
55543	51497 to 51509	\$201,517.59
55639	51510 to 51517	\$12,794.00
55716	51518 to 51535	\$25,684.42
55806	51536 to 51539	\$93,321.23
55807	51540 to 51557	\$93,146.38
Total Cheques from 51378 to 51557		\$1,360,676.97

Batch #	EFT Numbers	Total of Batch
55543	368 to 381	\$98,140.13
55639	382 to 385	\$11,066.66
55716	386 to 395	\$14,178.22
55807	396 to 416	\$101,770.58
Total EFTs from 368 to 416		\$225,155.59

Direct Debit Register

Batch #	Description	Total of Batch
54992	Vision XS Ltd	\$5,000.00
54994	My HAS	436.48-
55255	Smoky Lake County	\$367,150.09
55283	Enterprise Fleet Mgmt	\$41,104.29
55321	My HAS	\$114.39
55355	Vision XS Ltd	\$5,000.00
Total Direct Debits		\$418,368.77

Grand Total Bills and Accounts	\$2,004,201.33
<i>(Note: From General Account)</i>	

Carried.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting(s):

County Council Meeting

1161-21: Gawalko The next Smoky Lake **County Council Meeting** be scheduled for **Thursday, September 23, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.** to be held virtually, through Electronic Communication Technology as per Bylaw 1376-20 **and/or** physically in County Council Chambers.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

1162-21: Lukinuk

That the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting of August 26, 2021, be adjourned, time 3:38 p.m..

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER