

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Minutes of the **Natural Gas Meeting** held on Tuesday, **October 12, 2021**, at 10:03 A.M. held virtually online through Electronic Communication Technology: Zoom Meeting and in Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to Order by the Chairperson, Councillor Lorne Halisky in the presence of the following persons:

<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u> <u>Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2021</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
C.A.O	Gene Sobolewski	Present in Chambers
Asst. C.A.O.	Lydia Cielin	Present Virtually
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Present Virtually
Nat. Gas Manager	Daniel Moric	Present in Chambers
Enviro. Op. Manager	Dave Franchuk	Present Virtually @ 10:11am
Legislative Svcs/R.S.	Patti Priest	Present Virtually
Planning & Dev. Assist.	Kyle Schole	Present Virtually
GIS Officer	Carole Dowhaniuk	Present Virtually

No Members of the Media were present.

One Member of the Public was virtually present.

2. Agenda:

1254-21: Lukinuk

That the Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, October 12, 2021, be adopted, as amended:

Addition to the Agenda

1. Canada Agricultural Partnership's Efficient Grain Handling Program.
2. Alberta Energy Regulator Year-2021 Administration Fees.
3. Gas Alberta Inc. Message to Shareholders.

Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes:

1255-21: Cherniwchan

That the Minutes of the Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Meeting held on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, be adopted.

Carried.

1256-21: Gawalko

That the Action List from the Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Meeting dated Tuesday, August 10, 2021, be accepted as presented.

Carried.

3. Request for Decision:

No requests for Decision.

Dave Franchuk, Environmental Operations Manager, virtually joined the meeting, time 10:11 a.m.

5. Issues for Information:

Manager's Report

1257-21: Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County Council accept the Natural Gas Manager's Report of statistics and activities dated October 5, 2021, and file it for information.

Carried.

Natural Gas Rate – September 2021

1258-21: Orichowski

That the Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Rates for **September 2021**, from Gas Alberta in the amounts of \$3.40 (Gas Alberta Rate) + \$0.24 (Variable) + \$1.90 (Operations & Maintenance Charge) = \$5.54/GJ, be filed for information.

Carried.

Natural Gas Rate – October 2021

1259-21: Lukinuk

That the Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Rates for **October 2021**, from Gas Alberta in the amounts of \$4.00 (Gas Alberta Rate) + \$0.24 (Variable) + \$1.90 (Operations & Maintenance Charge) = \$6.14/GJ, be filed for information.

Carried.

Scott Franchuk, Fire Chief, virtually joined the meeting, time 10:24 a.m.

Gas Alberta Inc. – Refund

1260-21: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the correspondence from Paul Dunsmore, President & CEO of Gas Alberta Inc., dated September 20, 2021 announcing Gas Alberta Inc. is refunding a total in the amount of \$2.0 million to its shareholders as a result of gains generated by the Company's gas management activities during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021; and, based on Smoky Lake County's gas purchase volume for the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, the County's refund was calculated as follows:

Total gas purchases by all shareholders: 31,033,553 GJs

Total gas purchases by your organization: 496,270 GJs

Pro-rated Refund Amount: \$31,982.80

GST: \$1,599.14

for a total refund in the amount of \$33,581.94 to be credited to the County on September 30, 2021.

Carried.

July 2021 Natural Gas / August 2021 Billing Survey

1261-21: Cherniwchan

That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the July 2021 Natural Gas / August 2021 Billing Survey of gas utility co-ops and companies within Alberta showing an average total rate per GJ in the amount of \$5.09 and Smoky Lake County's rate at \$5.24.

Carried.

Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd. - COVID-19 Vaccination Policy Template

1262-21: Lukinuk

That the correspondence received by Smoky Lake County from Kevin Crush, Corporate Services Manager, Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd., dated September 27, 2021, providing a "Workplace Vaccination Program" policy template, which was approved by the Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd. Board of Directors for Member Utilities to consider as a COVID-19 Employee Vaccination Policy, be accepted for information.

Carried.

6. Correspondence:

Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd.

1263-21: Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County relevant administration who can attend – attend, the Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd. 2021 Fall Zone 3 & 4 Meeting scheduled for October 29, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the District Recreation Centre, Innisfree, Alberta.

Carried.

Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd. – Status Report

1264-21: Gawalko That the correspondence received by Smoky Lake County from Kevin Crush, Corporate Services Manager, Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd. dated August 30, 2021, providing the Federation Status Report, dated 2021, be filed for information.

Carried.

Gas Alberta Inc. - 2021 Advance Information Circular

1265-21: Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County Council **defer** the correspondence from Paul Dunsmore, President & CEO, Gas Alberta Inc. dated September 10, 2021, in respect to the 2021 Advance Information Circular relating to Gas Alberta Inc.'s annual meeting of shareholders which is scheduled for November 30, 2021, to the next County Council Departmental Operations Meeting.

Carried.

Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd.

1266-21: Orichowski That the correspondence received by Smoky Lake County from Kevin Crush, Corporate Services Manager, Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd. dated October 1, 2021, announcing the Federation Board has mandated the Federation Health and Safety Program be accessible to all Member Utilities as a Core service, be filed for information.

Carried.

Gas Alberta Inc. – Request for Director Nominees

1267-21: Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County Council **defer** the correspondence from Kevin Crush, Corporate Services Manager, Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd. dated October 5, 2021, in regard to 2021 Fall Zone Meeting update, and Annual General Meeting & Convention cancellation, to the next County Council Departmental Operations Meeting.

Carried.

Additions to the Agenda

Canada Agricultural Partnership's Efficient Grain Handling Program

1268-21: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County distribute the information sheet in respect to the Canada Agricultural Partnership's "Efficient Grain Handling Program" by including it with the County's natural gas bills, for public awareness of the program with the intent to help agricultural producers reduce their overall energy use and help fund grain handling equipment which shows significant energy efficiency improvement; as per the correspondence received by from Kevin Crush, Corporate Services Manager, Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd. dated October 8, 2021.

Carried.

Alberta Energy Regulator Year-2021 Administration Fees

1269-21: Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County write a letter to the Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd., opposing the Alberta Energy Regulator Year-2021 Administration Fees, and carbon copy all Alberta gas co-ops as well as Mr. Glenn van Dijken – Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock MLA, in response to the correspondence received from Kevin Crush, Corporate Services Manager, Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd. dated October 8, 2021, in regard to the Alberta Energy Regulator High Pressure Pipelines Levy.

Carried.

Gas Alberta Inc. Message to Shareholders

1270-21: Orichowski That the correspondence received by Smoky Lake County from Paul Dunsmore, President & CEO, Gas Alberta Inc. dated October 8, 2021, 2021, for the purpose of communicating key aspects of their wholesale purchasing strategy and comments on fixed price options in an effort to assist the County in answering any questions end-use consumers, be filed for information.

Carried.

7. Delegation:

No Delegations.

8. Executive Session:

No Executive Session.

Next Meeting

1271-21: Gawalko That the next Smoky Lake County **Natural Gas Meeting** be scheduled for **Tuesday, December 14, 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:

1272-21: Halisky That the Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Meeting of October 12, 2021, be adjourned, time, 11:00 a.m.

Carried.

CHAIRPERSON

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER