

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Minutes of the **Natural Gas Meeting** held on Tuesday, **December 14, 2021**, at 12:59 P.M. held virtually online through Electronic Communication Technology: Zoom Meeting and in Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to Order by the Chief Administrative Officer, Gene Sobolewski, in the presence of the following persons:

ATTENDANCE		
<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021</u>
1	Dan Gawalko	Present in Chambers
2	Linda Fenerty	Present in Chambers
3	Dominique Cere	Present in Chambers
4	Lorne Halisky	Present in Chambers
5	Jered Serben	Present in Chambers
CAO	Gene Sobolewski	Present in Chambers
Assistant CAO	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
Legislative Svcs/R.S.	Patti Priest	Present Virtually
Communications Tech.	Evonne Zukiwski	Present Virtually
Plan. & Dev. Manager	Jordan Ruegg	Present Virtually
Planning & Dev. Assist.	Kyle Schole	Present Virtually
GIS Officer	Carole Dowhaniuk	Present Virtually

No Members of the Media were present.
No Members of the Public were present.

1. Election of Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson:

Chairperson

The Chief Administrative Officer called first (1) time for nominations for Chairperson.

126-21: Gawalko

That Councillor Lorne Halisky be nominated as the Chairperson of the Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Committee.

The Chief Administrative Officer called second (2) time for nominations for Chairperson.

The Chief Administrative Officer called third (3) time for nominations for Chairperson.

HEARING NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS.

The Chief Administrative Officer declared nominations for the Chairperson of the Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Committee, ceased.

Mr. Lorne Halisky was declared elected by acclamation by the Chief Administrative Officer as the Chairperson of the Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Committee for the ensuing year and assumed the Chair.

Vice-Chairperson

The Chairperson called first (1) time for nominations for Vice-Chairperson.

127-21: Fenerty That Councillor Jered Serben be nominated as the Vice-Chairperson of the Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Committee.

Jered Serben declined to let his name stand for nomination.

128-21: Serben That Councillor Dominique Cere be nominated as the Vice-Chairperson of the Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Committee.

The Chairperson called second (2) time for nominations for Vice-Chairperson.

The Chairperson called third (3) time for nominations for Vice-Chairperson.

HEARING NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS.

The Chairperson declared nominations for the Vice-Chairperson of the Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Committee, ceased.

Ms. Dominique Cere was declared elected by acclamation by the Chairperson as the Vice-Chairperson of the Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Committee for the ensuing year.

2. Agenda:

129-21: Fenerty That the Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, December 14, 2021, be adopted, as amended:

Addition to the Agenda

1. Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd – Year-2021 Annual Report.

Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes:

130-21: Fenerty That the Minutes of the Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Meeting held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, be adopted.

Carried.

131-21: Cere That the Action List from the Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Meeting dated Tuesday, October 12, 2021, be accepted as presented.

Carried.

4. Request for Decision:

No requests for Decision.

Delegation: Stephanie Popel, CFO of Smoky Lake Forest Nursery Ltd. virtually joined the meeting time 1:13 p.m.

5. Issues for Information:

Manager's Report

132-21: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council accept the Natural Gas Manager's Report of statistics and activities dated December 7, 2021, and file it for information.

Carried.

One member of the public virtually joined the meeting, time 1:15 p.m.

7. Delegation:

Smoky Lake Forest Nursey Ltd. – Natural Gas Customer

Virtually present be Council from 1:16 p.m. to 1:28 p.m. was Stephanie Popel, CFO of Smoky Lake Forest Nursey Ltd. to discuss concerns regarding the high cost of natural gas prices causing an inability to be competitive with British Columbia due to seeding in January; and to request a discounted natural rate from \$0.80 to \$0.60 over wholesale.

Delegation: Stephanie Popel, CFO of Smoky Lake Forest Nursey Ltd. virtually left the meeting, time 1:29 p.m.

Dave Franchuk, Environmental Operations Manager, virtually joined the meeting, time 1:29 p.m.

Smoky Lake Forest Nursery Ltd. – Natural Gas Customer

133-21: Gawalko

That the Smoky Lake County **take no action** to the request from the December 14, 2021 Delegation: Stephanie Popel, CFO of Smoky Lake Forest Nursery Ltd., for a reduction of the natural rate from \$0.80 to \$0.60 over wholesale; and going forward, keep them well-informed of any upcoming natural gas rate changes.

Carried.

Natural Gas Rate – November 2021

134-21: Fenerty

That the Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Rates for **November 2021**, from Gas Alberta in the amounts of \$5.30 (Gas Alberta Rate) + \$0.24 (Variable) + \$1.90 (Operations & Maintenance Charge) = \$5.54/GJ, be filed for information.

Carried.

Natural Gas Rate – December 2021

135-21: Serben

That the Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Rates for **December 2021**, from Gas Alberta in the amounts of \$4.80 (Gas Alberta Rate) + \$0.24 (Variable) + \$1.90 (Operations & Maintenance Charge) = \$6.14/GJ, be filed for information.

Carried.

September 2021 Natural Gas / October 2021 Billing Survey

136-21: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the September 2021 Natural Gas / October 2021 Billing Survey, of gas utility co-ops and companies within Alberta showing an average total rate per GJ in the amount of \$5.24 and Smoky Lake County's rate at \$5.54.

Carried.

6. Correspondence:

Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd. - FedGas Health and Safety Bulletin

137-21: Gawalko

That the bulletin received by Smoky Lake County from Kevin Crush, Corporate Services Manager, Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd. dated October 13, 2021, titled: FedGas Health and Safety Bulletin – Blinding Sun, be filed for information and forward it to the next Smoky Lake County Joint Health & Safety Committee Meeting.

Carried.

Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd.

138-21: Cere That the correspondence received by Smoky Lake County from Kevin Crush, Corporate Services Manager, Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd. dated October 15, 2021, titled: Your Gas Bill Web Page, which introduced a webpage tool at www.fedgas.com/YourGasBill to help explain the co-operative system and how it affects competitive retailers, locking in prices, and understanding bills, be filed for information.

Carried.

Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd.

139-21: Fenerty That the correspondence received by Smoky Lake County from Kevin Crush, Corporate Services Manager, Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd. dated October 29, 2021, announcing the Federation presentation for the Fall 2021 Zones Information Meetings, as well as the video presentation from Gas Alberta, have been uploaded to the Members Area of the Federation website, be filed for information.

Carried.

Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd.

140-21: Gawalko That the correspondence received by Smoky Lake County from Kevin Crush, Corporate Services Manager, Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd. dated October 29, 2021, announcing the October 2021 Federation Status Report is available through the Members Area of the Federation website, be filed for information.

Carried.

Gas Alberta Inc. – Request for Director Nominees

141-21: Fenerty That the email received by Smoky Lake County from Allison Moller, Controller, Gas Alberta Inc. dated November 5, 2021, with the attached privileged and confidential report titled: “Gas Alberta Inc. Interim Report Fiscal Year 2022 Quarter 1, for the three months ended September 30, 2021”, be filed for information.

Carried.

Additions to the Agenda:

Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd – Annual Report & Financial Statement

142-21: Gawalko That the correspondence received by Smoky Lake County from Kevin Crush, Corporate Services Manager, Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd. dated December 9, 2021, including the Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd Year-2021 Annual Report & Financial Statement, be filed for information.

Carried.

8. Executive Session:

No Executive Session.

Next Meeting:

143-21: Gawalko

That the next Smoky Lake County **Natural Gas Meeting** be scheduled for **Tuesday, February 15, 2022**, 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:

144-21: Serben

That the Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Meeting of December 14, 2021, be adjourned, time, 2:01 p.m.

Carried.

CHAIRPERSON

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER