

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Minutes of the **County Council Committee of the Whole Meeting for the purpose of Administration of Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 1:05 P.M.** held in County Council Chambers and virtually online through Electronic Communication Technology: Zoom Meeting.

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

ATTENDANCE		
<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>Wednesday, Mar. 30, 2022</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 @2:01pm
Legislative Svcs/R.S.	Patti Priest	Present Virtually
Natural Gas Manager	Daniel Moric	Present Virtually
Plan. & Dev. Assistant	Kyle Schole	Present Virtually
Comm. Ec. Dev. Officer	Michelle Wright	Present Virtually

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

2. Agenda:

553-22: Serben

That the Agenda for the Smoky Lake County Council Committee of the Whole Meeting for the purpose of Administration, for March 30, 2022, be adopted, as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes:

No Minutes.

4. Request for Decision:

No Request for Decision.

5. Issues for Information:

Broadband Connectivity

Gene Sobolewski, Chief Administrative Officer, presented information for Council to discuss in respect to Broadband Connectivity, including but not limited to preparing to:

- develop a planning framework to determine priorities within the County,
- engage the public to get a sense of urgency as to priority areas,
- engage with professionals as to costs, scheduling of a report and impact to budgets within the next 3 years,
- hold discussions at a “Strategic Planning” level as an Initiative for broadband/connectivity (which requires significant levels of planning, collaboration, engagement, governance, legal, and business strategies), and
- continue commitment to work collaboratively with Buffalo Lake Métis Settlement to address the need for full-service cell phone tower / broadband connectivity.

Broadband Connectivity – Request for Proposal

554-22: Cere

That Smoky Lake County Council Committee of the Whole recommend preparing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for seeking a specialized consultant to undertake an evaluation study to determine Broadband Connectivity priorities within the County.

Carried.

Broadband Connectivity – Request for Indigenous and Municipal Partnerships

555-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council Committee of the Whole recommend reaching out to our Indigenous and Municipal neighbours: Buffalo Lake, Whitefish Lake First Nations #128, Saddle Lake, Kikino, Village of Waskatenau, Village of Vilna and Town of Smoky Lake to gauge interest in participating in an evaluation study to determine Broadband Connectivity priorities and interest if services arrive.

Carried.

6. Correspondence:

No Correspondence.

7. Delegation:

No Delegation.

8. Executive Session:

No Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

556-22: Gawalko

That the Smoky Lake County Council Committee of the Whole for the purpose of Administration Meeting of Wednesday, March 30, 2022, be adjourned, time 2:24 p.m.

Carried.

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER