

**SMOKY LAKE COUNTY**

Minutes of the **County Council Committee of the Whole Meeting for the purpose of Administration of Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 1:06 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:

		<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
		<u>Wednesday, June 8, 2022</u>
<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</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	Virtually Present
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Virtually Present
Legislative Svcs/R.S.	Patti Priest	Virtually Present
Plan. & Dev. Assistant	Jordan Ruegg	Virtually Present
Planning Technician	Kyle Schole	Virtually Present
Natural Gas Manager	Daniel Moric	Virtually Present
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No Members of the Media were present.  
No Members of the Public were present.

**2. Agenda:**

774-22: Cere

That the Agenda for the Smoky Lake County Council Committee of the Whole Meeting for the purpose of Administration, for June 8, 2022, be adopted, as amended:

**Addition to the Agenda:**

1. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.

Carried Unanimously.

**3. Minutes:**

No Minutes.

**4. Request for Decision:**

No Request for Decision.

**5. Issues for Information:**

**Broadband Connectivity**

Council held discussion on Broadband Connectivity including but not limited to the following points:

- Reeve Lorne Halisky, Councillor Dominique Cere, and CAO Gene Sobolewski provided insights from attending the May 17-18, 2022 Alberta Rural Connectivity Coalition’s 2nd annual Alberta Rural Connectivity Forum, in respect to service providers who have already acquired information on broadband coverage in the area.
- There is currently \$476,422.73 in the County’s Connectivity Reserve fund.

Next Steps:

- Would be to coordinate a Committee of the Whole Meeting date between June 27, 2022 and July 6, 2022 (except June 29, 2022) and extend an invitation to Sturgeon County, Telus, MCS Net, and/or Explore Net, as separate delegations, to discuss solution-based plans for full broadband services; and extend an invitation to representative from: Buffalo Lake Métis Settlement, Kikino Métis Settlement, Saddle Lake Cree Nation, Town of Smoky Lake, Village of Vilna, Village of Waskatenau, and Whitefish Lake First Nations #128 to virtually join the said meeting.

One member of the public, virtually joined the meeting, time 1:52 p.m.

**Discussion: Policy Statement No. 01-38-03: Smoky Lake County Strategic**

Council held discussion in respect to coordinating a Strategic Planning Session, further to Policy Statement No. 01-38-03: Smoky Lake County Strategic; including but not limited to the following points:

- The best dates for this would be during the week of September 12-16, 2022.

Next Steps:

- The Chief Administrative Officer, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, and Finance Manager can proceed with determining consultant availability for those dates and once tentatively confirmed, the information will be brought forward to a Regular Council meeting for consideration of approval.

**Environmental Reserve**

Council held discussion in respect to the need for Environmental Reserve regulation to ensure public safety and natural preservation, to prevent pollution of adjacent water bodies, and to provide public access to (and beside) the bed and shore of adjacent water bodies.

Next Steps:

- Administration may proceed to commence preparation of an Environmental Reserve (ER) Bylaw for Council's consideration at a future Council meeting.

**Addition to the Agenda:**

**Electric Vehicle Chargers**

Council held discussion in respect to Electric Vehicle Chargers, and information gained from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference held on June 1-6, 2022 attended by Reeve Lorne Halisky and Chief Administrative Officer Gene Sobolewski. The verbal information brought forward was for the purpose of potential future Electric Vehicle Charger projects.

**6. Correspondence:**

No Correspondence.

**7. Delegation:**

No Delegation.

**8. Executive Session:**

No Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

775-22: Cere

That the Smoky Lake County Council Committee of the Whole for the purpose of Administration Meeting of Wednesday, June 8, 2022, be adjourned, time 2:52 p.m.

Carried.

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER