

**SMOKY LAKE COUNTY**

Minutes of the **County Council Meeting** held on Thursday, **September 22, 2022** at 9:08 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. Lorne Halisky, in the presence of the following persons:

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>Thursday, Sept. 22, 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 @10:37 a.m.
Assistant CAO	Lydia Cielin	Present in Chambers
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Virtually Present
Legislative Svcs/R.S.	Patti Priest	Virtually Present
Plan/Dev Manager	Jordan Ruegg	Absent
Planning Technician	Kyle Schole	Virtually Present @10:33am

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Observers in Attendance Upon Call to Order:

Communications Tech.	Evonne Zukiwski	Virtually Present
Natural Gas Manager	Daniel Moric	Virtually Present
GIS Operator	Carole Dowhaniuk	Virtually Present
Acting Ag. Fieldman	Amanda Kihn	Virtually Present @10:05 a.m.
Public Works Manager	Doug Ponich	Virtually Present @10:48 a.m.
Public	1 Member	Virtually Present @9:12am
Media	N/A	Absent

**2. Agenda:**

1034-22: Fenerty That the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting Agenda for Thursday, September 22, 2022, be adopted, as amended:

**Additions to the Agenda:**

1. Letter from Alberta Environment & Parks – Addition – Funding Availability and Corrective Action for Flooding at White Earth Creek
2. Bonnyville Minor Hockey Invite
3. Lac La Biche County – NE Mayors, Reeves & Indigenous Leaders Caucus
4. Executive Session – Letter from Andy and Wende Phillips – Haul Road Route Changes
5. Top 4 Priorities to Advocate for.

Carried Unanimously.

**Moment of Silence for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**

A moment of silence was observed from 9:10 a.m. to 9:11 a.m. “to reflect on the remarkable life and legacy of service” of our former Monarch, Her Majesty, the late Queen Elizabeth II, who on passed away on September 8, 2022.

3. Minutes:

**Minutes of July 27, 2022 – County Council Committee of the Whole – Administration**

1035-22: Serben That the minutes of the **Smoky Lake County Council Committee of the Whole for the Purpose of Administration Meeting** held on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

One Member of the Public, virtually joined the meeting, time 9:12 a.m.

**Minutes of August 11, 2022 – County Council Committee of the Whole – Administration**

1036-22: Gawalko That the minutes of the **Smoky Lake County Council Committee of the Whole for the Purpose of Administration Meeting** held on Tuesday, August 11, 2022, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

**Minutes of August 23, 2022 – County Council Departmental Meeting**

1037-22: Cere That the minutes of the **Smoky Lake County Council Departmental Operations Meeting** held on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

**Minutes of August 25, 2022 – County Council Meeting**

1038-22: Fenerty That the minutes of the **Smoky Lake County Council Meeting** held on Thursday, August 25, 2022, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

4. Request for Decision:

**Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Grant Application: 2023 Joint Ortho Photos**

1039-22: Serben That Smoky Lake County in partnership with the County of Two Hills, County of Minburn, County of Thorhild and Lamont County participate in the application of the 2022-2023 Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Grant for the Project Titled: ‘**2023 Joint Ortho Photos**’, under the “Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework” Component Grant in the amount of \$200,000.00; and approve for the **County of Two Hills to be the Managing Partner** under the said application; and further agree to abide by the terms of the Conditional Grant Agreement governing the purpose and use of the grant funds.

Carried.

**Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Grant Application: Regional Environmental & Agricultural Sensitivity Study**

1040-22: Cere That Smoky Lake County in partnership with the Town of Smoky Lake, Village of Waskatenau, and the Village of Vilna participate in the application of the 2022-2023 Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Grant for the Project Titled: ‘**Regional Environmental and Agricultural Sensitivity Study**’ under the “Intermunicipal Collaboration” (IC) Component Grant for the total project cost in the amount of \$200,000.00; and approve **Smoky Lake County to be the Managing Partner** under the said application; and further agree to abide by the terms of the Conditional Grant Agreement governing the purpose and use of the grant funds.

Carried.

**Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Grant Application: Regional Indigenous Framework**

1041-22: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County in partnership with the Town of Smoky Lake, Village of Waskatenau, and the Village of Vilna participate in the application of the 2022-2023 Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Grant for the Project Titled: ‘**Regional Indigenous Framework**’ under the “Intermunicipal Collaboration” (IC) Component Grant for the total project cost in the amount of \$200,000.00; and approve the **Village of Vilna to be the Managing Partner** under the said application; and further agree to abide by the terms of the Conditional Grant Agreement governing the purpose and use of the grant funds.

Carried.

**Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Grant Application: Regional Trails & Connectivity Study**

1042-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County in partnership with the Village of Waskatenau participate in the application of the 2022-2023 Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Grant for the Project Titled: ‘**Regional Trails and Connectivity Study**’ under the “Intermunicipal Collaboration” (IC) Component Grant for the total project cost in the amount of \$200,000.00; and approve the **Village of Waskatenau to be the Managing Partner** under the said application; and further agree to abide by the terms of the Conditional Grant Agreement governing the purpose and use of the grant funds.

Carried.

**Bylaw No. 1424-22: Proposed Village of Waskatenau and Smoky Lake County Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP)**

1043-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County **Bylaw No. 1424-22: Proposed Village of Waskatenau and Smoky Lake County Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP)**, be given **FIRST READING**; and schedule a Joint Public Hearing in October 2022, in accordance with the requirements of the Alberta Municipal Government Act, the Smoky Lake County Land Use Bylaw 1272-14, and Smoky Lake County Procedures for Public Hearings for Planning and Development Bylaw 1282-15.

Carried.

**2022 Tax Sale – Advertise**

1044-22: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council approve the following Tax Notification properties to be advertised for Tax Sale:

Roll	Area	Lot; Blk; Pln	Legal
19602311	80.00 acres	--	S½-SE-23-60-19-W4
27150120	50 lin. ft.	20;1;1039CL	--
40310208	724.62 m2	8 & 9;2;716CL	NW-10-59-18-W4

and that the 2022 Tax Sale be scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 10:00 a.m..

Carried.

**2022 Tax Sale – Reserve Bids**

1045-22: Cere

Smoky Lake County approve the 2022 Tax Sale with the following properties and reserve bids:

Roll	Reserve Bid	Lot; Blk; Pln	Legal
19602311	\$84,710.00	--	S½-SE-23-60-19-W4
27150120	\$ 3,900.00	20;1;1039CL	--
40310208	\$45,000.00	8 & 9;2;716CL	NW-10-59-18-W4

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. Any amount owed to the County for any reason must be paid prior to the County accepting the bidder's bis.
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 December 16, 2022.

Carried.

**Addition to the Agenda:**

**Top 4 Priorities to Advocate for**

1046-22: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge the following issues unique to Smoky Lake County under provincial jurisdiction, as the top four priorities to advocate for, as recommended at the September 21, 2022 Council Committee of the Whole Meeting:

1. Lowering the speed limit, to a recommended speed after discussion with stakeholders improving intersections, adding passing lanes, and adding turn out lanes, on Highway 28 from hill to hill alongside the Town of Smoky Lake.
2. Resurfacing Highway 28 & 857, highway improvement such as passing & turning lanes.
3. Funding the failing, and end-of-life, former provincial bridges within Smoky Lake County.
4. Reopening the Smoky Lake Courthouse.

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 ending August 16, 2022.

**Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Grant**

1047-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County approve to allocate funding from the 2022 Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Grant budget in accordance with Policy No. 08-17-01: Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) grant as follows:

Community Group	Eligibility	Funding
Smoky Lake Minor Hockey Association	Respect In Sports Program which trains the minor hockey leaders how to create a safe, positive environment for the players.	\$2,500.00

Carried.



which is confidential. Community Futures financial report was presented and accepted by the Board. New business: (1) ratification of summer loans (discussed and carried) (2) Alberta iMarket – is a concept that originated in a desire to promote regional, and rural, products and services to both a local, and a larger market. It is a fully e-commercial platform where all forms of products and services could be presented. Chamber Market which is run by Chamber of Commerce operates on a similar basis. iMarket will shut down & join Chamber Market in the near future. (3) Connect for Food – is an initiative developed with the purpose to identify and create opportunities for people and businesses with interest in the local food economy. (4) Platinum Jubilee Metal Award – establishes awards and scholarships to recognize Albertans who have helped change our Province for the better through volunteerism, public service and community leadership. (5) lenders' luncheon – to invite bankers and lenders to learn about new programs, etc. (6) EDP – Entrepreneurs with Disabilities is an innovate program that helps people working with barriers or health conditions start and grow businesses. CF offers training, mentoring, loans and other financial support. , and (7) AWEAlberta Women Entrepreneurs – program in which women entrepreneurs can apply for unsecured conditionally repayable loans ranging from \$10,000 - \$75,000. Next meeting: October 20, 2022.

September 12, 2022 – Muni-Corr – St. Paul County

- ATV ride will be on October 7, seventeen people confirmed to attend. Regarding trestle project, Marianne hasn't heard from company that supplies the timbers, so project has been delayed until next spring. There is a company near Spruce Grove that may have timbers available. Some discussion on Windsor Salt Plant quarter to possibly make it a stop along the trail with interpretive signage about its history. Marianne met with Smoky Lake stakeholders to present "A Master Plan to Unlock Our Potential" Alberta's Iron Horse Trail 10 Year Strategic Development Plan. The Regional Tourism Initiative Committee – Marianne met with consultants for the Regional Tourism Opportunity Development Strategy and travelled through St. Paul, Elk Point, and Smoky Lake area to take pictures and learn more about the area. She also met and travelled with Travel Alberta's Manager Destination Lakeland (James Leppan) through Smoky Lake, st. Paul and Elk Point. Some grant applications have been submitted, some Marianne is still working on. Continued discussions with landowners who have gates on the trail. Controller Tim Mahdiuk is resigning effective December 31/22. This will be included on next month's agenda regarding his replacement. Next meeting: October 17, 2022.

### **Northern Lights Library System – Request for Letter of Support**

1050-22: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County provide a letter of support to the Honourable Ric McIver, Deputy Leader, Minister of Transportation and Minister of Municipal Affairs, Government of Alberta, to bring awareness to inevitable cost increases to library services and the need for the province to meet municipal partners in increasing funding for library services; in response to the letter received from Vicky Lefebvre, Board of the Northern Lights Library System, dated August 31, 2022.

Carried.

### **Division Three Councillor's Report on various Committees, Boards and Commissions**

Dominique Cere – Division Three Councillor's report from various Committees, Boards and Commissions: No Report (information brought forward through Councillor Serben).

Amanda Kihn, Acting Agricultural Fieldman, virtually joined the meeting, time 10:05 a.m.

### **Reeve – Division Four Councillor's Report on various Committees, Boards & Commissions**

Lorne Halisky – Reeve and Division Four Councillor's report from various Committees, Boards and Commissions:

Reeve's Report  
August 17, 2022 to September 21, 2022

August 17, 2022 – Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission (Lorne & Danny)

- Received update from the Manager on legal and other matters.
- Received updates from the Engineer on the Whitefish #128 Twinning & Reservoir (Off Reserve) projects, Regional Water Study and SCADA masterplan.
- Reviewed the Finance Managers financial reports including the budget to actual and grant spending update.
- Oscar Gonzalez, Water / Wastewater Specialist, Grants Administration, Alberta Transportation, is now the provincial representative at the meetings going forward.

August 17, 2022 – Doctor Retention & Recruitment Meeting (Lorne)

- Meet with Deb Whetstone Medical Affairs – AHS and Dr. Brian Muir – ZMD to discuss the Smoky Lake Hospital Emergency Room after hour and weekend coverage, medical staffing including doctors and hospital operations.

August 17, 2022 – MCC Meeting (Lorne and Linda)

- Met with Metis Crossing Ventures – MCC Partner
- Appointed Linda Fenerty as Treasurer.
- Set per diem and mileage rates.
- Discussed MCC operations including funding.

August 20, 2022 – Village of Vilna Parade (All Council)

- Participated on the County float representing the County celebrating the Village of Vilna's 100<sup>th</sup> year!

August 23, 2022 – Council Departmental Operations Meeting (All Council)

- Approved the unbudgeted expenditure of \$6,050.00, for escalation costs relating to the Public Works Old Shop new overhead door and 3" spray foam ceiling insulation.
- Received report updates from Managers on all Department activities.

August 24, 2022 – Drive Happiness Program Overview (Lorne)

- Received a presentation on the Seniors Assisted Transportation Program, which is a Volunteer-based assisted transportation for older adults and individuals who are experiencing financial barriers or have restricted mobility.

August 25, 2022 – Regular Council Meeting (All Council)

- Held a public hearing for Bylaw No. 1423-22: Road Closure of Undeveloped Road Government Allowance; East side of River Lot 10 (Victoria Settlement).
- Approved to submit 3 resolutions for consideration at the RMA Fall Conference titled: Lost Road Closure Files, Wetland Replacement Program (WRP), and Completion of Alberta's Remaining Land-use Framework Regional Plans.
- Accepted changes from The Inspections Group Inc. to the Safety Codes Act inspections process and amended the Joint Quality Management Plan Fee Schedule to implement a \$150.00 Extension Fee and a \$125.00/hour Variance Fee.
- Approved to proceed with the next step in the Trail Strategy to undertake round 2 of Public Participation Engagement.
- Gave 1<sup>st</sup> reading to Bylaw No. 1419-22: Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone certain lands from AG District, HG District, & A1, to P District & C2 District.
- Gave 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading to Bylaw No. 1420-22: to Repeal Hamlin Road Ranch as a Municipal Historic Resource.
- Gave 1<sup>st</sup> reading to Bylaw No. 1421-22: Waskatenau Intermunicipal Water and Wastewater Servicing Agreement under Municipal Government Act Section 54.
- Gave 1<sup>st</sup> reading to Bylaw No. 1423-22: Road Closure of Undeveloped Road Government Allowance; East side of River Lot 10 (Victoria Settlement).
- Proclaimed September 25, 2022 as Métis Crossing Day in Smoky Lake County.
- Gave 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading to Bylaw No. 1398-21: Cancellation of "FIRST AVE" and "MAIN ST" in Hamlet of Edward.
- Amended Policy Statement No. 01-46-02 for social media.
- Approved to execute an agreement with Métis Crossing, to lease two parking spaces there for the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations.
- Approved the 5-Year Financial Plan for Years 2022 to 2026 (see website for details)
- Proclaimed September 18, 2022 to September 24, 2022 as Development Officers Week.
- Held Executive Session to discuss Salary Ranges for out-of-scope employees.

August 26, 2022 – Senator Karen Sorensen Meet and Greet at Metis Crossing (Lorne, Linda)

- Discussion was held on the Smoky Lake District Tourism Strategy on activities such as attraction, retention, funding etc.

August 29, 2022 – Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC) (Lorne, Jered)

- Provided direction for RCDC priorities including strategic plan discussion.

August 29, 2022 – Smoky Lake Region Fire & Rescue Committee (All Council)

- Discussed the Phase 2: Business and Implementation Plan dated August, 2022 as prepared by Transitional Solutions Inc. for Project Title: Regional Fire Services.

August 30, 2022 – Iron Horse Trail 10-year Strategy Meeting (Lorne, Linda)

- Discussed priorities to improve attraction, accommodations etc. to increase trail use, bringing economic growth to the region.

August 31, 2022 – Virtual Town Hall with Shannon Stubbs (Lorne, Linda, Dan and Jered)

- Discussed concerns raised by Rural Municipalities, including Infrastructure Concerns, Red Tape Barriers, Lack of rural economic development opportunity, Capacity, Lack of quality jobs/workers, Housing, Health Services, Definition of rural, and Transportation.
- Approved for both Administrations to review the expired Intermunicipal Development Plan.
- Acknowledged the Village of Waskatenau may prepare a detailed proposal for the County's consideration in respect to opportunities through Annexation or Cost/Revenue Sharing.

September 1, 2022 – Smoky Lake County and Village of Waskatenau Joint Council Meeting (All Council)

- Discussed Smoky Lake County Bylaw No. 1304-17 and Village of Waskatenau Bylaw No. 662-2017 Intermunicipal Development Plan for Smoky Lake County and Village of Waskatenau covering services, development, revenue etc.

September 7, 2022 – EDA – Economic Development for Elected Officials Webinar (Lorne)

- Discussed Economic Strategy including vision, mission, goals, strategies and tactics.
- Economic development is a team activity not just an Economic Development Officers responsibility.

- Elected Officials role in economic development is to review and approve policies etc.

September 8, 2022 – Elevate Wellness Team Meeting (Lorne)

- Discussion on project status on walking trails, parks and lending library. Work is ongoing at the Devonian Park in the Town of Smoky Lake with great progress. Ordering of more lending library items for the Smoky Lake Library is in progress with great response on the use of existing items already.

September 8, 2022 – Smoky Lake Region Fire & Rescue Committee (All Council)

- Received a presentation from Transitional Solutions Inc. (TSI) to review and address questions in respect to the Regional Fire Service Study, Phase II document titled: "Smoky Lake Region Fire Services Business & Implementation Plan - Final Report".

September 9, 2022 – Saddle Lake 40acre Development & Broadband Project Ground-breaking Ceremony (Linda, Dan & Lorne)

- Celebrated the progress of the exciting and essential subdivision and broadband project at Saddle Lake that has been 4 years in the making.

September 12, 2022 – Joint Municipalities Meeting (All Council)

- Received presentations from and held discussions with:
  - Sgt. Tina Chan, RCMP Smoky Lake Detachment - RCMP Provincial Policing Report.
  - Lisa Sparks, Care Manager & Cindy Harmata, Senior Operating Officer, (AHS) Alberta Health Services - Temporary Closures of Acute Beds in Smoky Lake.
  - Evelyn Mansell, Representative Drive Happiness - Senior Transportation.
  - Marianne Janke, Administrative Coordinator, Travel Lakeland / Alberta's Iron Horse Trail - Iron Horse Trail 10-Year Strategy.
  - Elohe Chizawsky, Trustee, and Neil O'Shea, Superintendent, Aspen View Public School Division- H.A. Kostash School Update.
  - Pamela Guilbault, Supt. and Diane Bauer, Board Chair Lakeland Catholic School Division Holy Family Catholic School Highlights.

September 13, 2022 – Ukrainian Twinning Meeting with Kosiv, Ukraine (Lorne & Linda)

- Kosiv in need of warm cloths and cold weather supplies for soldiers.
- 12 soldiers from the Kosiv region (about the size of the County) are dead and one is missing.
- Acknowledge the certificate from Kosiv, thanking the Smoky Lake Region for the Fire Fighting Supplies.

September 14, 2022 – Meeting Minister Tyler Shandro, RE: Police Service (Lorne & Dan)

- Participated with several municipalities across the province with focused dialogue between municipal leaders and the minister on the topic of provincial policing, as well as other justice and public safety topics important to municipal leaders.

September 15, 2022 – Joint Health & Safety Meeting (Lorne & Dominique)

- Discussed the outstanding deficiencies listed in the External Safety Audit - Action Plan document from Alberta Municipal Health and Safety (AMHSA) Year-2021 External Safety Audit Action Plan.
- Requested emergency lockdown procedures be reviewed.
- Acknowledge AMHSA's Partnerships in Injury Reduction – Certificate of Recognition received by the County.
- Reviewed the theft incident noted on Aug 10, 2022, when Unit 472 tractor was parked at Bellis transfer station overnight and worker noticed that the toolbox was opened, and several tools had been stolen, along with the some of the worker personal items. The thief gained entry through the unlocked door. The recommendation was to lock all doors when leaving and remove valuables at the end of the day.

September 15, 2022 – Trauma Informed Workshop and Interagency Meeting (Lorne)

- A presentation was held on understanding trauma and supporting resilience including services within the region. Our Regions Medical service providers presented their services and discussion was held on advertising those services.

September 16, 2022 – Government Liaison Meeting with Alberta Counsel (All Council)

- The purpose of the meeting was to Alberta Counsel with the County's concerns under provincial jurisdiction, for the purpose determining whether or not Alberta Counsel could assist with building capacity through their experienced team of government relations professionals, to help advocate for the County. The top three items will be determined and submitted for consideration.

September 16, 2022 – HAK School Student and Teachers Welcome Back (Lorne, Jered)

- Attended the HAK School Student and Teachers Welcome Back pancake breakfast representing the County.

September 19, 2022 – RMA Town Hall LGFF and APPS Virtual Session (Lorne)

- Discussion was held on LGFF – Local Government Framework Funding and APPS – Alberta Provincial Police Service for continuing to lobby the GOA on a fair deal regarding funding, service, support etc. for Rural Municipalities.

September 19, 2022 – Smoky Lake Region Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee (ICC) (All Council)

- Lorne Halisky acclaimed as Chairperson and Evelynne Kobes (Town of Smoky Lake) acclaimed as Vice-Chairperson.
- Received a brief refresh the protocol and roles of the ICC, Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF), Regional Cooperation, and Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP).
- Started discussion on a Joint Use and Planning Agreement (JUPA) for establishing a formal partnership between the municipalities and the school boards to enable the integrated and long-



term planning and use of school sites on municipal reserve (MR), school reserve (SR) and municipal and school reserve (MSR) land.

- Dismissed the Town of Smoky Lake's request to entertain a new cost-share funding formula for the Smoky Lake Regional Heritage Board.
- Deferred further discussion of Regional Dog Control and Bylaw Enforcement to a future meeting.

September 20, 2022 – Council Departmental Operations Meeting (All Council)

- Received report updates from Managers on all Department activities.
- Discussion was held on Organizational Chart Salary Review.

September 21, 2022 – Committee of the Whole Meeting - Administration (All Council)

- Delegation from Sturgeon County made a presentation on their County's Broadband Strategy covering goals & principles, phase 1 overview/ other phases, lessons learned and next steps.
- Selection of top 3 to 4 lobbying topics to submit to Alberta Council for County Council and Administration consideration.

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

Jered Serben – Division Five Councillor written report from various Committees, Boards and Commissions:

Division Five, councillor's Report  
Reporting period, August 26<sup>th</sup> – September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Smoky Lake Foundation, Jered and Dominique, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

- Formalities; approval of agenda, minutes, etc.
- Manager's reports were read and accepted as presented
- Cere requested that the finalized fall and winter menus be forwarded to the board
- CAO, Leslie, presented information items to the board as follows
  - o Brownlee LLP to CUPE re: dates for negotiations
  - o ASCHA Fall meeting
  - o ASCHA Fall meeting agenda
  - o ASCHA board of director's nominations for Fall regional meeting north zone
  - o ASCHA Fall regional meeting ballot authorization to be completed by September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - o Updated continuing care
- Informational items were accepted as presented
- CAO, Leslie, presented the board with two individual invoices from Brownlee LLP as follows
  - o Invoice #528681 in the amount of \$1707.83 plus late fees
  - o Invoice #530932 in the amount of approximately \$4700.00 plus late fees
- Regarding the above invoices the board determined that by a previous motion that invoice #528681 in the amount of \$1707.83 was approved and thus be paid immediately
- Regarding invoice #530932 in the amount of approximately \$4700 + the board determined that there was not a previous motion approving this consultation with
- Brownlee LLP. The board, through a carried motion, demanded that the current board Chair pays invoice number 530932 since this was not an approved board decision
- Staff meals were raised to \$10.00 per meal as per our budget. A formal letter proposing that staff meals be reduced back to \$5.00 per meal along with information regarding staff meals revenues was reviewed. Due to poor revenues at \$10/meal the board reduced meals back to \$5/meal
- Board authorized an additional \$3000 adding to the allowance of \$2500 for CAO, Leslie, to obtain legal advice ensuring protection of the Smoky Lake Foundation
- Public question and answer; Maianne Prockiw-Zarusky informed the board that the Smoky Lake hospital women's auxiliary is working on a visitation and companion program for the Bar V Nook residents
- Organizational meeting October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, at 9:00 am

Pumpkin Patch Daycare, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022

- AGM elections was conducted by Melody Morton from the Town of Smoky Lake
  - o Chair, Dana Fedoretz
  - o Vice Chair, Jered Serben
  - o Treasurer, Stephane Popel
  - o Secretary, Emilee Feniak
- Regular board meeting was conducted by Chair, Dana Fedoretz
- Signing authorities: Dana Fedoretz, Jered Serben, Emilee Feniak
- Treasurer's and Directors report were accepted as presented
- New business:
  - o Credit card transferred from Zelpha Melnyk (former treasurer) to Heidi (Director)
  - o Credit card limit lowered from \$8000 down to \$3000
  - o Board authorized a \$300 per transaction limit as needed by the Director
  - o Hired two staff that require further education to obtain their adequate levels
  - o Benefits for staff was implemented (BlueCross)
  - o Board approved a \$2.00 per hour raise for all staff as per efforts to retain staff
  - o Discussion about fronting fees for staff who wish to further their education by applying for a grant that will then reimburse the daycare full funds

H. A. Kostash School Council, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

- Jered discussed with council and the Principal and Vice – Principal about placing students in local work experience settings with hopes that students will find interest in the industry of their choosing. The big picture vision is to encourage students to obtain further education in their

said fields and return back to our region. This will help further grow and strengthen our communities. Some examples of placement were: The Smoky Lake Foundation (Administration, kitchen, housekeeping, nursing, recreation, etc.), Smoky Lake County Public works shop and administration, the hospital, body shop, pharmacies, etc.

**Councillors Reports on Various Committees, Boards and Commissions**

1051-22: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County’s Reeve Report received for the period of August 17, 2022, to September 21, 2022 be posted to the County’s website; and the Councillor’s reports received for the period of August 17 2022 to September 21, 2022, be filed for information.

Carried.

Gene Sobolewski, Chief Administrative Officer, virtually joined the meeting, time 10:37 a.m.

**7. Delegation:**

**Associated Engineering Alberta**

Present before County Council at 10:39 a.m. to 11:27 a.m. was Jen Plamondon, P.Eng., and Sarah Wadlow, E.I.T. Civil Engineer, both of Associated Engineering Alberta Ltd. to present the Smoky Lake County 2022 Bridge Program.

Doug Ponich, Public Works Manager, virtually joined the meeting, time 10:48 a.m.

11:34 to 11:34 a.m.

**9. Public Question and Answer Period:**

None.

**2023-2027 Bridge Plan**

1052-22: Cere

That Smoky Lake County adopt the Five-Year 2023-2027 Bridge Plan Priority List as presented by Associated Engineering Alberta on September 22, 2022, as follows; and reference said list when applying for Bridge Funding through Alberta Transportation; and proceed with bridge repairs as they are approved by Alberta Transportation:

Priority	Replacement Year	Bridge File # BF	Location	Sufficiency/ Structural Rating	Investigations / Inspections / Design Status
0	2 0 2 1	13398	NW 07-60-12-W4M Range Road 130 South of Township Rd.602	44.9%/27.78% (29-July-2020)	- Preliminary Design completed in April 2016 - STIP application submitted in 2018 denied - <b>STIP funding received in 2021</b> - <b>Design/Construction 2021/2022</b>
0	2 0 2 2	78004	NW 31-58-19-W4M Township Rd. 585A West of Range Rd. 195A	32.5%/22.2% (10-Apr-2021)	- Rehabilitation Tender prepared in 2015 - Due to lack of funding, tender shelved - STIP application approved 2019, funds reallocated to the repair of 9915 - RFQ submitted 2020 - AEP grant application 2021 denied - STIP application approved in 2021 - <b>Repair in 2022</b>
0	2 0 2 2	77862	SW 06-59-18-W4M Township Rd. 590 East of Range Rd. 190	44.4%/22.2% (10-Apr-2021)	- Rehabilitation Tender prepared in 2015 - Due to lack of funding, tender shelved - STIP application submitted 2018 & 2019 denied - STIP funding received in 2020, funds reallocated to the repair of 9915 - STIP application approved in 2021 - <b>Repair in 2022</b>
1	2 0 2 3	80532	SW 26-60-19-W4M	64.6%/50.0% (10-Apr-2021)	- STIP application submitted in 2021 denied - Complete Timber Coring Inspection 2022 - Assessment completed 2022 - <b>STIP application to be submitted 2022 - Repair 2023</b>
2	2 0 2 3	07814	NW 34-59-16-W4M Range Road 162 South of Township Rd. 600	60.4%/38.9% (14-Feb-2021)	- Timber coring inspection completed 2020 - Assessment completed 2022 - <b>STIP application to be submitted 2022 - Repair 2023</b>
3	2 0 2 3	76552	NW 11-61-13-W4M North of Township Rd. 584	41.2%/22.2% (10-Apr-2021)	- Assessment completed in 2022 - AEP grant application in 2021 denied - <b>STIP application to be submitted 2022</b> - <b>Replace in 2023</b>
4	2 0 2 3	70923	NW 20-59-15-W4M Range Road 155 North of Highway 28	58.5%/38.9% (11-Feb-2022)	- Timber Coring completed in 2010 - Timber Coring completed in 2019 - Assessment completed 2019 - STIP application submitted 2021 denied - <b>STIP application to be submitted 2022 - Bridge Rehabilitation 2023</b>

5	2 0 2 3	74018	NW 30-58-16-W4M Range Road 170 North of Township Rd. 584A	58.2%/44.4% (16-Jun-2020)	- Due to lack of funding, tender shelved - STIP application submitted 2017, 2018, 2019, & 2021 denied - <b>Complete Timber Coring &amp; Assessment 2023 - STIP application to be submitted 2022 - Repair in 2023</b>
6	2 0 2 3	08199	SW 22-59-13-W4M Range Road 133 South of Hwy 28	64.3%/38.9% (20-Jul-2020)	- Timber Coring Inspection completed 2021 - Assessment completed 2022 - <b>STIP application to be submitted 2022 - Repair 2023</b>
7	2 0 2 3	72828	SW 22-59-13-W4M Range Road 133 South of Hwy 28	59.0%/38.9% (11-Feb-2022)	- Timber Coring Completed in 2010 - Timber Coring Completed in 2019 - Assessment completed 2019 - STIP application submitted 2021 denied - <b>STIP application to be submitted 2022 - Major Bridge Rehabilitation 2023</b>
8	2 0 2 4	06788	SW 36 TWP 58 RGE 15 W4M	27%/22.2% (08-Jun-2022)	- Assessment Completed 2021 - <b>STIP application to be submitted 2023 - Replace or decommission 2024</b>
9	2 0 2 4	74017	SE 25-58-17-W4M Township Road 584 West of Range Road 170	41.7%/44.4% (11-Feb-2021)	- AEP grant application in 2022 denied - <b>Assessment in 2023 - STIP application to be submitted 2023 - Repair in 2024</b>
10	2 0 2 4	75780	NW 1-59-13-W4M Range Road 133 North of Township Rd. 590	58.0%/33.3% (29-Jun-2020)	- Timber Coring completed Aug 2010 - <b>Complete Timber Coring &amp; Assessment 2023 - STIP application to be submitted 2023 - Repair 2024</b>
11	2 0 2 4	00849	NW 33-58-19-W4M Township Rd. 585A East of Highway 831	48.5%/38.9% (20-May-2021)	- Timber Coring completed 2010 - Timber Coring completed 2019 - Assessment letter updated 2019 - <b>STIP application to be submitted 2023 - Major Bridge Rehabilitation 2024</b>
12	2 0 2 4	08200	SE 2-59-13-W4M Township Rd. 590 East of Range Road 132	62.3%/38.9% (08-Jun-2022)	- Bridge deck repair in 2018 - <b>Complete Timber Coring, Girder Inspection, &amp; Assessment 2023 - STIP application to be submitted 2023 - Replacement 2024</b>
13	2 0 2 4	08201	SE 26-59-14-W4M Township Rd. 594 West of Range Rd. 141	63.4%/33.3% (13-Feb-2021)	- Rehabilitation Tender prepared in 2013 and combined with 74018 - Due to lack of funding, tender shelved - STIP application submitted 2017 & 2018 denied - Timber coring inspection 2022 - <b>Assessment in 2023 - STIP application to be submitted 2023 - Repair in 2024</b>
14	2 0 2 5	01772	NW 22-58-15-W4M Range Road 153 South of Township Rd. 584	48.9%/38.9% (26-Apr-2018)	- Preliminary Design completed in April 2016 - STIP application submitted in 2018, 2020 & 2021 denied - <b>STIP application to be submitted 2024 - Replace 2025</b>
15	2 0 2 5	06872	SE 28-59-16-W4M Range Road 163 South of Township Rd. 594	49.0%/33.3% (26-Apr-2018)	- Timber Coring completed Aug 2010 - Timber Coring completed February 2020 - <b>Assessment 2024 - STIP application to be submitted 2024 - Repair 2025</b>
16	2 0 2 5	70734	SW 30-60-16-W4M TWP 604 East of RR 170	50.7%/44.4% (20-Jul-2020)	- No Engineering Work Completed to Date - <b>Complete Timber Coring &amp; Assessment 2024 - STIP application to be submitted 2024 - Repair 2025</b>
17	2 0 2 6	00781	SW 26-58-17-W4M RR172 North of Township Rd. 584	33.3%/45.6% (08-June-2022)	- Assessment completed 2021 - STIP application submitted in 2021 denied - <b>STIP application to be submitted in 2025 - Replace 2025+</b>
18	2 0 2 6	70165	SE 33-58-15-W4M Range Road 154 North of Township Rd. 585	47%/33.3% (23-Jul-2020)	- No Engineering Work Completed to Date - <b>Assessment 2025 - STIP application to be submitted in 2025 - Replacement 2025+</b>
19	2 0 2 7	01603	SW 22-59-19-W4M Range Road 193 North of Highway 28	63.9%/44.4% (08-June-2022)	- Rehabilitation Tender prepared in 2013 - Due to lack of funding, tender shelved - STIP application submitted 2017 & 2018 & 2019 denied - Emergency Repairs completed May 2018 - <b>Girder Inspection, Coring Inspection, &amp; Assessment in 2025 - STIP application to be submitted 2025+ - Repair 2025+</b>
20	2 0 2 7	79073	SW 11-59-13-W4M Range Road 132 North of Township Rd. 590	56.2%/44.4% (08-June-2022)	- Assessment Completed in 2008 - Timber Coring completed 2020 - Assessment completed 2021 - <b>STIP application to be submitted 2025+ - Repair 2025+</b>

Carried.

**Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) – Bridge Funding**

1053-22: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County apply for the 2023 Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) funding through the Municipal Grants Management Application (MGMA) grant reporting system prior to the deadline of November 30, 2022, to fund projects under eight (8) Bridge File Numbers:

1	2023	80532	SW 26-60-19-W4M
2	2023	07814	NW 34-59-16-W4M Range Road 162 South of Township Rd. 600
3	2023	76552	NW 11-61-13-W4M North of Township Rd. 584
4	2023	70923	NW 20-59-15-W4M Range Road 155 North of Highway 28
5	2023	74018	NW 30-58-16-W4M Range Road 170 North of Township Rd. 584A
6	2023	08199	SW 22-59-13-W4M Range Road 133 South of Hwy 28
7	2023	72828	SW 22-59-13-W4M Range Road 133 South of Hwy 28
8	2024	06788	SW 36 TWP 58 RGE 15 W4M

Carried.

**5. Issues for Information:**

**Chief Administrative Officer's Report**

Chief Administrative Officer																	
Report Period: <b>Aug 18, 2022 to Sept 15, 2022</b>																	
LEGISLATIVE / GOVERNANCE																	
Projects	Date In Progress	Date Outstanding	Date Completed														
<b>Stony Creek/Beaver Dams/Saddle Lake:</b> This request has taken considerable time administratively to review and sort out. Spoke with the landowner and he reported the his discussions with Saddle Lake Leadership revealed a concern about approved sewage discharges from the Vilna lagoons entering into Saddle Lake, which is the raw water source for the community.			Sept 08/22 Sept 09/22 Sept 12/22 Sept 13/22 Sept 14/22 Sept 15/22														
<b>Gravel Haul Road Agreement:</b> Met with the proponents of a gravel pit to discuss the concerns/complaints from local resident in regard to an amended haul route.			Sept 14/22														
<b>Joint Waskatenau Meeting:</b> A meeting was held to discuss the expiration of the IDP and introduce the subject of annexation or revenue sharing.			Sept 01/22														
ADMINISTRATIVE																	
Projects	Date In Progress	Date Outstanding	Date Completed														
<b>Mangers Meetings – Every Monday Morning</b>			Ongoing														
<b>Bonnie Lake Resort –</b> The County signed off on the easement agreement for the gas lines.			Sept 13/22														
<b>Departmental Meeting –</b> Departmental/Board Meetings			Sept 20/22														
<b>Road Plan Amendment –</b> Administration reviewed the road plan pertaining to oil treatment/paving projects, specifically project P2215 shown below.			Aug 02/22 Aug 15/22														
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Chief Administrative Officer			
Report Period: <b>Aug 18, 2022 to Sept 15, 2022</b>			
<b>Shapka – Windshield Damage:</b> Please see attached report. On or about August 15, 2022 Mr. Shapka stated that a rock(s) flew up from a tire on a County gravel haul truck. The damage to his windshield was \$567.50. The subsequent investigation revealed that the records showed the truck trailer was tarped and an inspection showed no rocks were on the rails of the trailer. The complainant feels that since the truck was a County truck, that reimbursement of his costs should be approved.			
The County practice is that requests such as these are brought directly to the Council for decision however the policy allows for the CAO to render a decision for ratification by Council. In reviewing the matter, it is not known whether the Complainant carries glass coverage, which is about \$350 to \$400 per year and a \$50 deductible (AMI) or the amount of the deductible in their Auto Insurance policy. Most policies are taken out with \$1,000 to \$1,500 deductibles.			
Rocks being ejected from tires, regardless of the ownership of the unit, is considered to be a consequential road hazard which can be mitigated with the purchase of supplemental insurance products to cover the costs of windshield replacements. These products are offered on a voluntary basis as a means to help offset the costs of windshield damage to an inevitable event. In Alberta, rock chips are a recognized inevitable consequence of driving regardless of the origins of the rock or owner of the tire which ejects it.			
My conclusion was that the Complainant's claim should be denied.			
<b>Recommendation:</b> That Smoky Lake County take no action on this matter.			
<b>Surface Lease Discussion Managers:</b> A management meeting was held to review, discuss and develop methodologies to address Council concerns in the development of a Surface Lease project.			Aug 22/22 Aug 31/22
<b>Warspite Resident –</b> Attended a meeting with Env. and Parks to discuss the possibility and options of provision of water and possibly sewer to an existing unserved lot.			Aug 22/22
<b>Regional Engineering Standards (ACP):</b> Met with team, legal and Admins regarding the project.	Ongoing		Aug 24/22 Sept 13/22
<b>Northern Lights RV Park –</b> Ongoing meetings and issues.	Ongoing		
<b>Drive Happiness:</b> Attended a session for the implementation of the program.			Aug 25/22
<b>Ken Smith:</b> A meeting was held with Planning and myself in regard to a concern from Mr Smith regarding his opinion and insistence of ownership of property currently owned exclusively in fee simple by the County.			Aug 26/22
<b>Joint Health and Safety Committee Meeting</b>			Aug 18/22 Sept 15/22



Chief Administrative Officer			
			Report Period: <b>Aug 18, 2022 to Sept 15, 2022</b>
Ukrainian Twinning Meeting/Kosiv			Sept 13/22
RCDC/CEDO Meeting			Aug 29/22
Fire and Rescues Committee Meeting: Review of the TSI report on Implementation.			Aug 29/22
Waskatenau Intermunicipal Agreement: Attended a meeting to review the draft agreement. More work is required on the document.			Sept 07/22
Joint Municipalities Meeting: Discussions with Apsen, Lakeland Catholic, AHS, RCMP and Drive Happiness.			Sept 12/22
<b>HWY 28/63 COMMISSION</b>			
WFL Reservoir Legal - AE.	Ongoing		
<b>FINANCIAL</b>			
	<b>Projects</b>	<b>Date In Progress</b>	<b>Date Outstanding</b>
			<b>Date Completed</b>
2023 Budget (Admin) Meeting – A meeting was held to review the proposed Administration and Council budget.			Sept 15/22
<b>HUMAN RESOURCES</b>			
	<b>Projects</b>	<b>Date In Progress</b>	<b>Date Outstanding</b>
			<b>Date Completed</b>
CPO1 – Community Police Officer – The Committee reviewed the resumes received and conducted interviews. 5 were selected for interviews, however only 3 showed. Two candidates interviewed very well and the references were then contacted for short interviews. At this point in time, the candidates were at a virtual tie, in terms of interview and presentation. At the end of the reference checks, the two candidates were still virtually tied, however one candidate with more relevant experience pertaining to the position required by the County was offered the position. Tate Murphy, currently a Fish and Wildlife Officer accepted the position of CPO1 for the County. His start date is September 12, 2022.			Jun 27/22 Jul 04/22 Jul 20/22 Jul 27/22 Jul 28/22 Jul 29/22 Aug 02/22 Aug 04/22 Aug 05/22 Aug 12/22
<b>COMMUNITY</b>			
	<b>Projects</b>	<b>Date In Progress</b>	<b>Date Outstanding</b>
			<b>Date Completed</b>
Village of Vilna – 100 Years Celebration			Aug 20/22 Aug 21/22
Saddle Lake Broadband groundbreaking Ceremony			Sept 09/22
<b>TRAINING</b>			
<b>COUNTY STRATEGIC PLAN</b>			
Signature: Gene Sobolewski		County Council Meeting: <b>Sept 22, 2022</b>	

**Tender Paving Project No. 2022-01 for Road Plan Project P2215**

1054-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County **not accept any tender bid** received for the tender project No. 2022-01, under the project name: 2022 County Asphalt Paving, which is listed within the 5-Year Road Plan under code: P2215, at the location described as Range Road 181 between Township Road 604 and 605 (within Division 5); and return the provincial Municipal Stimulus Grant funds allocated to the said project in accordance with the terms of the Conditional Grant Agreement governing the purpose and use of the grant funds.

Carried.

**Vehicle Damage Claim - Harry Shapka**

1055-22: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County **take no action** to Mr. Harry Shapka’s claim submission for vehicle damage, reporting an incident occurred on August 15, 2022, while travelling eastbound on Highway 28, 3 miles east of Smoky Lake, which caused damage to Mr. Shapka’s windshield.

Carried.

**Financial Statements**

As annexed to the minutes:

↳ Financial Statement: **July 2022.**

**Action List(s)**

Action Lists:

- i. County Council Committee of the Whole Meeting for the Purpose of Administration – July 27, 2022.
- ii. County Council Committee of the Whole Meeting for the Purpose of Administration – August 11, 2022.
- iii. County Council Departmental Meeting – August 23, 2022.

**Chief Administrative Officer's Report**

1056-22: Cere That Smoky Lake County's Chief Administrative Officer's report for the period of August 18, 2022 to September 15, 2022 be accepted and filed for information; **and defer** the August 25, 2022, County Council Meeting Action List to the October 26, 2022, Council Meeting.

Carried.

**Meeting Recessed** Meeting recessed for Lunch, time 12:14 p.m.

**Meeting Reconvened** The meeting reconvened on a call to order by Reeve Lorne Halisky at 12:48 p.m. in the physical presence of all Council members, the Chief Administrative Officer, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, and the virtual presence of the Finance Manager, Planning Technician, Recording Secretary, Communications Technician, and Natural Gas Manager.

**6. Correspondence:**

**Terry Ekins – Request to Lease Property at 17252 Highway 28.**

1057-22: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County **take no action** to the letter from Terry Ekins, dated August 22, 2022, offering to lease the County owned land located at 17252 Highway 28; and recommend they contact the Community Economic Development Officer (CEDO) to discuss land opportunities.

Carried.

**Smoky Lake Agricultural Society – Request for Gravel**

1058-22: Serben That Smoky Lake County approve to donate and spread one 28-Tonne load of gravel to the Smoky Lake Agricultural Society, in response to the letter received from Michelle Prusko, Smoky Lake Agricultural Society, dated August 29, 2022 requesting same.

Carried.

**Minister of Transportation – Bridge Funding**

1059-22: Cere That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the letter from the Honourable Prasad Panda, Minister of Transportation, Alberta Transportation, dated August 22, 2022, in response to the County's letter dated July 27, 2022, in respect to bridge funding.

Carried.

**Morrow Tchir LLP - Purchased property – SW-27-59-17-W4**

1060-22: Serben That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the letter from Christina L. Tchir, Barrister, Solicitor and Notary Public, Morrow Tchir LLP, dated August 24, 2022, in respect to the finalization of the County's purchase of the property legally described as SW-27-59-17-W4.

Carried.

**Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops**

1061-22: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County Council who can attend – attend the Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Fall 2022 Zone 3 & 4 meeting, scheduled for October 27, 2022 to be held at the Bold Center Devon Room, Lac La Biche, Alberta.

Carried.

**Heartland Community Information Evening**

1062-22: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County Council who can attend – attend the Heartland Community Information Evening, Hosted by Life in the Heartland, scheduled for October 20, 2022, to be held at Pembina Place, Redwater, Alberta.

Carried.

**Wood Buffalo/Tamarack/Lakeland Communities Health Advisory Council**

1063-22: Serben That Smoky Lake County promote the volunteer member opportunity to join the healthcare conversation with the North Zone: Wood Buffalo / Tamarack / Lakeland Communities Health Advisory Council, in response to the email received from Sheri Pidhirney, Advisor, Wood Buffalo / Tamarack / Lakeland Communities Health Advisory Council, dated September 8, 2022, in respect to same.

Carried.

**Saddle Lake Cree Nation Development & Broadband Project Ground Breaking Ceremony**

1064-22: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County Council approve action taken by Reeve Lorne Halisky, Deputy Reeve Dan Gawalko, Councillor Linda Fenerty, Chief Administrative Officer Gene Sobolewski, Planning & Development Manager Jordan Ruegg, and Planning Technician Kyle Schole, in attending Saddle Lake Cree Nation's 40 Acre Development and Broadband Project Ground Breaking Ceremony, held on September 9, 2022 at Saddle Lake, in response to the invitation from Ken Large, Director of Public Works and Housing, Saddle Lake Cree Nation, dated August 24, 2022.

Carried.

**Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) District 5 Meeting**

1065-22: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County Council who can attend – attend the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) District 5 Meeting, scheduled for September 23, 2022, to be held at the Red Feather Ridge Lodge, near Vermillion, as well as virtually.

Carried.

**Alberta Environment & Parks Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Heritage River**

1066-22: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), between Smoky Lake County and Alberta Environment and Parks ("AEP"), for the purpose of outlining data supports necessary for the County to improve, enhance, and build aspects for Canadian Heritage River Work Planning for the North Saskatchewan River in Alberta, for a duration of six months, starting from September 14, 2022.

Carried.

**Smoky Lake Agricultural Society – Request for Funding for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

1067-22: Serben That Smoky Lake County provide financial assistance in the amount of \$1,200.00 to the Smoky Lake Agricultural Society, for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, scheduled for Saturday, October 29, 2022, in response to the letter received from Glenda Clarke, Vice-President, Smoky Lake Agricultural Society, dated September 12, 2022.

Carried.

**Call to Action to Government of Alberta to Stop the creation of a Provincial Police Service**

1068-22: Cere That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the letter dated September 12, 2022, to the Premier of Alberta, from 92 different Organizations, Cities, Towns, Villages, Summer Villages, Counties and Municipalities (including Smoky Lake County), calling on the Government of Alberta to stop efforts and investment to advance the creation of an Alberta Provincial Police Service and recommending instead to invest in resources needed to:

- Improve current policing services to reduce response times and address rural crime by increasing the number of RCMP officers within communities,
- Improve social services to address the root causes of crime (health, mental health, social and economic supports):
  - Expand Police and Crisis Teams with police and Alberta Health Services,
  - Work with communities to provide targeted social supports,
- Increase resources within the justice system:
  - Ensure timely trials by prioritizing violent over non-violent crimes,
  - Hire more Crown prosecutors and appoint more Provincial Court Judges.

Carried.

**North East Mini-Corr Ltd. - Request for Meeting**

1069-22: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County schedule a meeting with North East Mini-Corr Ltd., on **Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.** subject to the availability of the Administrative Coordinator for North East Mini-Corr Ltd., in response to the request from North East Mini-Corr Ltd., to coordinate the said meeting, with a tentative agenda as follows:

1. Introductions,
2. Who is N.E. Muni-Corr Ltd.,
3. Sustainability Program, copy of letter that was sent to all municipalities February 17, 2021, Ensuing correspondence,
4. Roles and Responsibilities, Director's Duties & Obligations,
5. Communication, Process, information, access, delegation,
6. Maintenance,
7. Bylaws, Draft bylaws, and reasons for the changes.

Carried.

**Smoky Lake Pumpkin Growers Association**

1070-22: Serben

That the letter received by Smoky Lake County from the Smoky Lake Pumpkin Growers Association, dated September 16, 2022, be forwarded to the Smoky Lake County Environment & Parks Manager and Public Works Department Manager to facilitate in-kind assistance to the Smoky Lake Pumpkin Growers Association with manpower and/or equipment preceding, during, and following the Year-2022 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Pumpkin Fair and Weigh-off event, scheduled for October 1, 2022, in Smoky Lake.

Carried.

**North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance – Membership Year-2023**

1071-22: Cere

That Smoky Lake County Council approve to pay the per capita municipal contribution in the amount of \$1,230.50 for membership January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, to the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance, as per Invoice #2023.020, dated September 1, 2022.

Carried.

**Vilna School – Request for In-Kind Assistance: Playground Cultivation**

1072-22: Cere

That Smoky Lake County provide in-kind assistance from the Environment and Parks department to cultivate the playground sand at Vilna School as a chemical-free weed deterrent alternative in preparation for the senior students at Vilna School to rake and remove the weeds, in response to the letter received from Karen Holowaychuk, Physical Education Teacher, Vilna School, dated September 16, 2022.

Carried.



**Additions to the Agenda (Correspondence):**

**Alberta Environment & Parks - Funding Availability and Corrective Action for Flooding at White Earth Creek**

1073-22: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the letter received from Stacey Smythe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Alberta Environment & Parks, dated September 14, 2022, responding to the County's letter dated July 6, 2022; and post the said letter to the County website for public awareness of the County's efforts in seeking a solution to the flooding at White Earth Creek, and to bring awareness to the lack of support from the Canadian Agricultural Partnership programs offered in Alberta, for projects that prevent and/or mitigate overland flooding.

Carried.

**Bonnyville Minor Hockey Invite**

1074-22: Jered That the letter received by Smoky Lake County from Terry Rup, President of Bonnyville Minor Hockey, dated September 21, 2022, extending an invitation to their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Victor Ringuette Sportsman Dinner, scheduled for October 15, 2022, to be held at the Bonnyville & District Centennial Centre, at a cost in the amount of \$120.00 per person or in the amount of \$800.00 per eight-person table, be filed for information.

Carried.

**Northeast Mayors, Reeves & Indigenous Leaders Caucus**

1075-22: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County Council who can attend – attend, the Northeast Mayors, Reeves & Indigenous Leaders Caucus, scheduled for October 14, 2022, to be held at the Bold Centre Community Hall, Lac La Biche, Alberta.

Carried.

**Addition to the Agenda (Executive Session):**

**Personnel Issue:**

**Fractured Aggregates Ltd. – Request for Amendment to Road Haul Agreement**

1076-22: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Issue in respect to communication between an employee and Council, under the authority of FOIP Act: Section 27: Privileged Information and Section 24: Advice from Officials, in the presence of all Council, Chief Administrative Officer, and Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Finance Manager, and Legislative Services Clerk, time 1:28 p.m.

Carried.

1077-22: Serben That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 1:54 p.m.

Carried.

**Landowners: Andy and Wende Phillips – Haul Route Concerns**

1078-22: Halisky That Smoky Lake County extend an invitation to meet with Landowners: Andy and Wende Phillips, to address the written concerns in respect to a gravel haul route from Fractured Aggregates Ltd. gravel pit, in response to the letter received from Andy and Wende Phillips, dated September 19, 2022, regarding same.

Carried.

**9. Information Release:**

**Monthly Release of Information –August/September 2022 & Thank You Correspondence**

1079-22: Gawalko

That the following correspondence released to Smoky Lake County Council in accordance with Policy Statement No. 01-28-02: Council - Request for Information, during the months of August/September 2022, be filed for information:

- R54-22: Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA): Contact Newsletter: August 19, 2022,
- R55-22: Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA): Contact Newsletter: August 26, 2022,
- R56-22: Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA): Contact Newsletter. September 2, 2022,
- R57-22: Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA): Contact Newsletter. September 9, 2022,
- R58-22: Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Alberta Provincial Council (UCC-APC) Bulletin – September 9, 2022,

And acknowledge the “Thank You” correspondence received from:

- Smoky Lake Kinettes for donating towards the 2022 Ladies Night Out event, and
- Students of H.A. Kostash School, for donating towards the 2022 Robotics event.

Carried.

**10. Bills & Accounts:**

1080-22: Gawalko

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, as follows, be filed for information:

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Batch #	Cheque Numbers	Total of Batch
46	52542 to 52555	\$26,269.88
48	52556 to 52565	\$8,417.38
50	52566 to 52584	\$276,340.23
52	52585 to 52596	\$15,685.65

**Total Cheques from 52542 to 52296 \$326,713.14**

Batch #	EFT Numbers	Total of Batch
220817	288 to 301	\$78,609.73
220823	302 to 308	\$53,435.39
220830	309 to 325	\$134,024.88
220908	326 to 333	\$7,712.88
220915	334 to 350	\$238,384.99

**Total EFTs from 288 to 350 \$512,167.87**

**Direct Debit Register**

Batch #	Description	Total of Batch
PMVPY 007	ENTERPRISE FLEET	\$308.05
PMPAY 015	ENTERPRISE FLEET	\$305.85
PMTRX 153	ENTERPRISE FLEET	\$403.85
PMTRX 154	ENTERPRISE FLEET	\$403.85

**Total Direct Debits \$1,113.55**

**Grand Total Bills and Accounts \$839,994.56**  
(Note: From General Account)

Carried.

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

**Schedule - County Council Departmental Operations Meeting**

1081-22: Fenerty

That the next Smoky Lake **County Council Departmental Operations Meetings** be scheduled for **Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.**, and **November 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.

**Schedule – Public Participation Open House for Year-2023 Budget**

1082-22: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County scheduled a virtual Open House on **Thursday, November 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**, to receive public input in respect to the Year-2023 Budget as part of the Public Participation process under Policy Statement No. 01-51-01: Public Participation.

Carried.

**Schedule County Council Departmental Operations Meeting**

1083-22: Cere

That another Smoky Lake **County Council Departmental Operations Meetings** be scheduled for **Tuesday, December 13, 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.

**Re-Schedule County Council Budget Meeting**

1084-22: Fenerty

That the Smoky Lake **County Council Budget Meeting** scheduled for Monday, October 24, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., **be re-scheduled to Monday, October 17, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.** to be held virtually, through Electronic Communication Technology as per Bylaw 1376-20 **and/or** physically in County Council Chambers.

Carried.

**Schedule County Council Regular & Meeting**

1085-22: Gawalko

That the next Smoky Lake **County Council Meetings** after the Wednesday, October 26, 2022 meeting, be scheduled for **Wednesday, December 14, 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:**

1086-22: cere

That the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting of September 22, 2022, be adjourned, time 2:04 p.m..

Carried.

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER