

**SMOKY LAKE COUNTY**

Minutes of the **County Council Budget Meeting** held on Tuesday, **December 6, 2022**, starting at 9:14 A.M. held in County Council Chambers as well as virtually online through Electronic Communication Technology: Zoom Meeting.

The meeting was called to Order by the Deputy Reeve, Mr. Dan Gawalko in the presence of the following persons:

<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u> <u>Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022</u>
1	Dan Gawalko	Present in Chambers
2	Linda Fenerty	Present in Chambers
3	Dominique Cere	Present in Chambers
4	Lorne Halisky	Absent
5	Jered Serben	Present in Chambers
CAO	Gene Sobolewski	Present in Chambers
Asst. CAO	Lydia Cielin	Absent
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Present in Chambers
Executive Svcs/R.S.	Patti Priest	Virtually Present

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Members of Administrative Staff in Attendance:

Dave Franchuk – Enviro. & Parks Manager	Virtually Present
Daniel Moric – Natural Gas Manager	Virtually Present
Evonne Zukiwski – Communications Officer	Virtually Present
Doug Ponich – Public Works Manager	Virtually Present
Carole Dowhaniuk – GIS Operator	Virtually Present
Mark Fedoretz – Shop Foreman	Virtually Present
Scott Franchuk – Fire Chief	Virtually Present
Spencer Kotylak – Deputy Fire Chief	Virtually Present
Tate Murphy – Bylaw Enforcement	Virtually Present

Others in attendance:

No Members of the Media were in attendance.

Two Members of the Public were in virtual attendance.

**2. Agenda:**

143-22: Serben

That the Smoky Lake County Council Budget Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, December 6, 2022, be adopted, as amended:

**Addition to the Agenda:**

1. Municipal Stimulus Program Grant Funding.

Carried Unanimously.

**3. Minutes:**

No Minutes.

**8. Executive Session:**

**Personnel Issue: Salary Ranges of Out-of-Scope Non-Union Employees**

144-22: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Issue: in respect to salary ranges of out-of-scope non-union employees, under the authority of FOIP Act: Section 27: Privileged Information and Section 24: Advice from Officials, in the absence of the Reeve and presence of three Councillors, Deputy Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer, time 9:16 a.m..

Carried.

145-22: Serben That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 10:18 a.m.  
Carried.

**Additional Addition to the Agenda:**

**Transportation Routing and Vehicle Information System Multi-Jurisdictional (TRAVIS MJ)**  
146-22: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County Council agree to further amend the December 6, 2022, Council Budget Agenda, by adding an additional agenda item: Transportation Routing and Vehicle Information System Multi-Jurisdictional (TRAVIS MJ).  
Carried Unanimously.

**4. Request for Decision:**

**Smoky Lake Regional Heritage Board Year-2023 Budget**  
147-22: Serben That Smoky Lake County confirm the Year-2023 municipal contribution from the County to the Smoky Lake Regional Heritage Board is to be in the amount of \$13,500; and **take no action** to the proposal from Noreen Easterbrook, Chairperson of the Smoky Lake Regional Heritage Board, presented at the November 14, 2022, Joint Municipalities Meeting, to increase to the Smoky Lake Regional Heritage Board's Year-2023 Budget from the total amount of \$20,000 to a total amount of \$58,000, with intermunicipal funding allocations of:

- Smoky Lake County in the amount of \$35,000,
- Town of Smoky Lake in the amount of \$20,000,
- Village of Waskatenau in the amount of \$2,000,
- Village of Vilna in the amount of \$1,000.

Carried.

One Member of the Public virtually joined the meeting, time 11:01 a.m.

**Five-Year Capital Budget**  
148-22: Cere That Smoky Lake County **defer** the Five-Year Capital Budget to the December 14, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, after being presented at the virtual Open House scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of receiving 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.

**Five-Year Road Plan**  
149-22: Serben That Smoky Lake County **defer** the Five-Year Road Plan under Policy Statement No. 03-18-17: Five-Year Road Plan, to a County Council Meeting for amendment, after being presented at the virtual Open House scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of receiving 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.

**Exploration of a 5% Reduction to Year-2023 Budget**  
150-22: Serben That Smoky Lake County Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to explore the implications and consequences a 5% overall reduction to the Year-2023 Budget for Smoky Lake County and bring forward the findings for Council's review prior to the adoption of the final Year-2023 Budget.  
Carried.

**Year-2023 Operating Budget**

151-22: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County **defer** the Year-2023 Operating Budget to the December 14, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, after being presented at the virtual Open House scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of receiving 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.

**Addition to the Agenda:**

**Municipal Stimulus Program Grant Funding**

152-22: Serben That Smoky Lake County submit a Year-2022 funding application to the Alberta Governments' Municipal Stimulus Program (MSP) for the Year-2022 County Road Gravelling, in the total amount of \$1,061,700.00 with an eligible MSP project cost in the amount of \$242,000.00; in response to the verbal rejection received by the Finance Manager from the MSP Grant Administrator on December 5, 2022, to the County's request, as per Council's November 15, 2022, Motion #124-22, to reallocate the Year-2022 MSP funds to a Year-2023 project to pave Township Road 612 from Highway 855 to Range Road 174.

Carried.

**Additional Addition to the Agenda:**

**Transportation Routing and Vehicle Information System Multi-Jurisdictional (TRAVIS MJ)**

153-22: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County Council be provided a synopsis of the Transportation Routing and Vehicle Information System Multi-Jurisdictional (TRAVIS MJ) and County Road Use Agreements.

Carried.

**5. Issues for Information:**

No Issues for Information.

**6. Correspondence:**

No Correspondence.

**7. Delegation:**

No Delegation.

**Adjournment:**

154-22: Serben That the Smoky Lake County Council Budget Meeting of December 6, 2022, be adjourned, time 12:21 p.m..

Carried.

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER