

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Minutes of the **Special County Council Meeting** held on Tuesday, **January 24, 2023** at 1:00 P.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 Reeve, Mr. Lorne Halisky, in the presence of the following persons:

| ATTENDANCE | | |
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| <u>Div. No.</u> | <u>Councillor(s)</u> | <u>Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023</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 | Absent |
| Executive Services /R.S. | Patti Priest | Virtually Present |

WAIVER NOTICE

County Councillors signed a “Waiver Notice” as per accompanying attendance sheet, and displayed below:

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WAIVER NOTICE of a Special Meeting of the County Council of the Smoky Lake County called under authority of Section 194 of the Municipal Government Act

We, the undersigned members of the County Council of Smoky Lake County, hereby Waive Notice of a Special Meeting of the County Council to be held virtually through Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86542751471?pwd=RFZ6QkcwNWVBOVFhRmliY3RRa3NlZz09>
Meeting ID: 865 4275 1471 Passcode: 009585

And in Smoky Lake County Council Chambers on Tuesday, **January 24, 2023**, commencing at **1:00 P.M.**, to hold a Special County Council Meeting for the purpose of discussing and acting on a:

Request for Decision:

Alberta Government’s Northern Regional Economic Development (NRED) Funding Program:

- The application submitted to the NRED Program for 50% Funding of a \$250,000 Proposed Project Titled: Broadband and Economic Needs Assessment, requires a resolution for County support of the project pursuant to the discussion with the Chief Administrative Officer on January 20, 2023.
- A resolution for a Municipal funding contribution commitment in the amount of \$125,000 or (50% of the funding request) towards the Proposed Project Titled: Broadband and Economic Needs Assessment, to be funded from reserves subject to being awarded funds from the NRED Program.

| COUNCILLOR: | SIGNATURE | DATE |
|----------------|--|------------------|
| Dan Gawalko |  | January 24, 2023 |
| Linda Fenerty |  | January 24, 2023 |
| Dominique Cere |  | January 24, 2023 |
| Lorne Halisky |  | January 24, 2023 |
| Jered Serben |  | January 24, 2023 |

Agenda as per Waiver:

285-23: Gawalko

That the Smoky Lake County Special Council Meeting Agenda as listed on the “Waiver Notice” for Tuesday, January 24, 2023, be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

Request For Decision:

Northern Regional Economic Development (NRED) Program – Funding Commitment

286-23: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council **approve to commit a municipal funding** contribution in the amount of \$125,000.00, funded from reserves towards a proposed project titled: Broadband and Economic Needs Assessment, **subject to** receiving the Alberta Government's Northern Regional Economic Development (NRED) Program's matching (50%) funds for the said project estimated to cost in the total amount of \$250,000.00.

Carried.

Northern Regional Economic Development (NRED) Program – Support of the Application

287-23: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council **support the application** submitted on Sunday, January 22, 2023, in the County's name to the Alberta Government's Northern Regional Economic Development (NRED) Program, for 50% funding in the amount of \$125,000.00 towards a \$250,000.00 proposed project titled: **Broadband and Economic Needs Assessment**, pursuant to the discussions held with the Chief Administrative Officer on January 20, 2023.

Carried.

Adjournment:

288-23: Gawalko

That the Smoky Lake County Special Council Meeting of Tuesday, January 24, 2023, be adjourned, time 1:11 p.m.

Carried.

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER