

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Minutes of the **County Council Meeting** held on Wednesday, **August 23, 2023**, at 9:17 A.M. held both virtually online and physically in Council Chambers.

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, Aug. 23, 2023</u>
1	Dan Gawalko	Present in Chambers
2	Linda Fenerty	Present in Chambers
3	Dominique Cere	Present in Chambers until 9:40 a.m. & then Virtually Present with connectivity issues throughout the meeting
4	Lorne Halisky	Present in Chambers
5	Jered Serben	Present in Chambers
CAO	Vacant	N/A
Interim CAO	Lydia Cielin	Present in Chambers
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Present in Chambers
Executive Svcs/R.S.	Patti Priest	Virtually Present
Plan/Dev Manager	Jordan Ruegg	Virtually Present
Planning Technician	Kyle Schole	Virtually Present

Observers in Attendance Upon Call to Order:

Communications Officer	Evonne Zukiwski	Virtually Present
Ag. Fieldman	Carliegh Danyluk	Virtually Present
GIS	Carole Dowhaniuk	Virtually Present
Public Works Manager	Christopher Minailo	Present in Chambers
Public	3 Members	Virtually Present
Media	N/A	Absent
Delegation	Nature Canada	Virtually Present
Delegation	Sgt. Anita Doktor	Present in Chambers

2. Agenda:

805-23: Fenerty

That the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting Agenda for Wednesday, August 23, 2023, be adopted, as amended:

Deletions:

4.3 Delegation: Juanita Marois, Metis Crossing.

7.4 Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Grant Application.

Additions:

1. N.E. Muni-Corr ATV Ride - Request for Assistance.

Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes:

Minutes of July 20, 2023 – Special County Council with Town of Smoky Lake

806-23: Gawalko

That the minutes of the **Smoky Lake County Special County Council combined with Town of Smoky Lake Special Council Meeting** held on Thursday, July 20, 2023, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

Minutes of August 3, 2023 – Regular County Council Meeting

807-23: Fenerty

That the minutes of the **Smoky Lake County Regular County Council Meeting** held on Thursday, August 3, 2023, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

4. Delegations:

Nature Canada – Autumn Jordan, Urban Nature Organizer

Virtually present before Council from 9:20 a.m. to 9:34 a.m. was Autumn Jordan, Urban Nature Organizer for Nature Canada, to present information to promote acquiring Bird Friendly Certification, including but not limited to the following points:

- Nature Canada has developed a certification standard to certify eligible cities as Bird Friendly Cities, to recognize and celebrate the contributions they have made to save bird lives in their municipalities.
- Certification is a badge of honor and a source of community pride. It tells the world that your municipality does things to help birds and reverse their declines in your own backyard.

Nature Canada – Bird Friendly Municipality

808-23: Fenerty

That the presentation received by Smoky Lake County from the Delegation: Autumn Jordan, Urban Nature Organizer with Nature Canada, providing awareness in respect to Nature Canada's Bird Friendly Certification, on August 23, 2023, be accepted for information.

Carried.

Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment Commander: Sgt. Anita Doktor

Present before Council from 9:35 a.m. to 9:52 a.m. was the Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment Commander: Anita Doktor, to provide verbal information, including but not limited to the following points:

- Comparing April to June statistics from 2019 and 2023, crime down this quarter.
- Promotion continues for utilizing the "Alberta RCMP" smart phone application, (a web-based communication platform for RCMP officers to fan out real-time alerts to community members) that allows access to the RAVE Community Watch Advisory.
- Coffee with a Cop sessions continue to increase exposure.
- Celebrating RCMP 150 Years on September 7, 2023.

Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment

809-23: Serben

That the verbal report received by Smoky Lake County from the Delegation: Sgt. Anita Doktor, Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment Commander, on August 23, 2023, be accepted for information.

Carried.

Executive Session:

Personnel Issue: Public Works Staff

810-23: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Issue: Public Works Staff, under the authority of the FOIP Act Section 17: Third party personal privacy, in the physical and virtual presence of all Council, Interim Chief Administrative Officer, Finance Manager, Public Works Manager, Planning & Development Manager, Planning Technician, and Executive Services Clerk, time 10:27 a.m.

Carried.

811-23: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 10:55 a.m.

Carried.

Town of Smoky Lake Resident - Jarret Dyrbye

812-23: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County acknowledge the correspondence received from Town of Smoky Lake resident: Jarret Dyrbye, dated June 1, 2023, titled: "Minor verbal altercation incident", is beyond the scope of the County's jurisdiction and defer the matter to the RCMP; and recommend Public Works personnel and equipment utilize the west side access of the Public Works Shop yard as much as possible.

Carried.

Chris Minailo, Public Works Manager, left Council Chambers 11:00 a.m.

5. Public Hearing:

Nil.

6. Municipal Planning Commission:

Nil.

7. Request for Decision:

Bylaw No. 1450-23: Physicians and Health Care Professionals Committee

813-23: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County **Bylaw No. 1450-23: Physicians and Health Care Professionals Committee**, for the purpose of establishing a committee for retaining and attracting physicians, veterinarians, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, physiotherapists, and other health care professionals in the Smoky Lake Region, be given **FIRST READING** as amended to reflect an extended timeframe for review from a period of five years to seven years.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Serben that Smoky Lake County **Bylaw No. 1450-23: Physicians and Health Care Professionals Committee**, for the purpose of establishing a committee for retaining and attracting physicians, veterinarians, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, physiotherapists, and other health care professionals in the Smoky Lake Region, be given **SECOND READING**.

Carried.

Moved By Councillor Gawalko that Smoky Lake County Council give **unanimous consent for permission for Third Reading** to **Bylaw No. 1450-23: Physicians and Health Care Professionals Committee**, for the purpose of establishing a committee for retaining and attracting physicians, veterinarians, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, physiotherapists, and other health care professionals in the Smoky Lake Region.

Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Halisky that Smoky Lake County **Bylaw No. 1450-23: Physicians and Health Care Professionals Committee**, for the purpose of establishing a committee for retaining and attracting physicians, veterinarians, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, physiotherapists and other health care professionals in the Smoky Lake Region, be given **THIRD & FINAL READING**, and that the Reeve and the Chief Administrative Officer are hereby authorized to fix their signatures to all necessary documents and that the corporate seal also be fastened where it is deemed to be necessary.

Carried.

Policy Statement No. 05-05-03: Physicians & Health Care Professionals Committee: Terms of Reference

814-23: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 05-05-03: Physicians & Health Care Professionals Committee: Terms of Reference, be amended:

Title: Physicians and Health Care Professionals Committee: Terms of Reference		Policy No.: 05-03
Section: 05	Code: P-S	Page No.: 1 of 1
Legislation Reference:		Alberta Provincial Statutes
Purpose:	Attraction and retention for Physicians and Health Care Professionals is a committee established by County Council under the Public Health & Welfare Services . Joint Committee of all municipalities within Smoky Lake County. Appointment confirmed at County Organizational Meeting.	
Policy Statement and Guidelines:		
1. MEMBERSHIP:		
1.1 Reeve is appointed as member.		
1.2 Deputy Reeve is appointed as an alternate.		
2. MANDATE:		
2.1 To act plan and implement an integrated approach to attract and retain Physicians, Veterinarians, Nurses, Dentists, Pharmacists, Physiotherapists and other Health Care Professionals to the Smoky Lake Region.		
2.2 To liaise with Health Care Professionals for strategic advice and expertise among the community stakeholders and advocate the Provincial Government and Regional Health Authority to take more responsibility for the attraction and retention of Physicians, Veterinarians, Nurses, Dentists, Pharmacists, Physiotherapists and other Health Care Professionals in small rural areas.		
3. COMMITTEE: TERMS OF REFERENCE:		
3.1 The Committee Terms of Reference is as outlined in Bylaw No. 1450-23: ESTABLISHING A PHYSICIANS AND HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE FOR ATTRACTION AND RETENTION OF PHYSICIANS, VETERINARIANS, NURSES, DENTISTS, PHARMACISTS, PHYSIOTHERAPISTS AND OTHER HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS IN THE REGION.		

Carried.

Bordering on Disaster Conference

815-23: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Councillor Linda Fenerty and relevant Staff that can attend – attend the 2023 Bordering on Disaster Conference, scheduled for September 13 to 14, 2023, at the Lloydminster Agricultural Exhibition Association, 5521 49 Avenue, Lloydminster, Saskatchewan.

Carried.

Smoky Lake Community Daycare Cooperative – Additional Named Insured (ANI)

816-23: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County remove the Smoky Lake Community Daycare Cooperative, as an Additional Named Insured (ANI) with RMA Insurance Agencies under the County’s Insurance Umbrella, in accordance with County Policy Statement No. 14-B.01-02: Insurance Application for Non-Profit Community Organizations, as the Daycare Cooperative is no longer a Non-Profit Organization.

Carried.

County-Owned Lands Public Land Sale Tender

817-23: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council **defer** a Public Land Sale Tender, to a future date after determining a fair minimum bid price based on information from the County Assessors and also explore where the said tender shall be advertised for maximum reach.

Carried.

Policy Statement No. 61-08-01: Regional Engineering and Design Standards (REDS)
818-23: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 61-08-01: Regional Engineering and Design Standards (REDS), be adopted:

Title: Regional Engineering Design Standards (REDS)		Policy No.: 08-01
Section: 61	Code: P-I	Page No.: 1 of 17 E

Legislation Reference:	Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter M-26, Part 17
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Purpose:	To implement a policy that establishes minimum acceptable Regional design standards and criteria for the preparation and submission of plans and specifications for the orderly and satisfactory development of subdivisions and other municipal services within the County.
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Policy Statement and Guidelines:	
1. STATEMENT:	
1.1	Smoky Lake County recognizes that prospective developers require clarity with respect to minimum subdivision design criteria and municipal servicing requirements.
1.2	Smoky Lake County will provide certainty to prospective developers with respect to minimum subdivision design criteria and municipal servicing standards and specifications in a clear and transparent manner.
1.3	Smoky Lake County will provide a consistent approach with respect to minimum subdivision design criteria and municipal servicing standards and to align its servicing standards and specifications with its regional municipal partners.
1.4	Smoky Lake County has developed these standards and specifications collaboratively with its regional municipal partners, and has developed the standards in a manner that encourages good engineering and construction practices.
1.5	These standards and specifications are intended to serve as the minimum allowable levels to which the improvements discussed are to be built, and to enable standardization throughout the County.
2. PROCEDURES:	
2.1	The Regional Engineering Design Standards (REDS) SCHEDULE "A" will be updated periodically as needed, at the sole discretion of the County.
2.2	The CAO or designate is hereby authorized to make amendments to the REDS as deemed necessary.
2.3	No deviation or variance from the REDS shall be permitted without the expressed written consent of Smoky Lake County.
2.4	The use of the REDS is intended for general information only. Detailed specifications and guidelines for projects with the County will be determined by the County on a site-specific basis at the time of development.
2.5	In the event of conflicting specifications, the CAO or designate shall be the sole authority in determining all approved specifications.

Title: Regional Engineering Design Standards (REDS)		Policy No.: 08-01
Section: 61	Code: P-I	Page No.: 2 of 8

Policy Statement and Guidelines:	
2.6	A copy of the REDS manual may be obtained on the County website at www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca .
2.7	Hard copies of the REDS manual may be obtained at the County office at the price specified in the Planning and Development Fees Bylaw, as amended.



(Please note: the complete 500-Page Schedule "A" is not pictured here in these minutes.)

Carried.

11:30 to 11:35 a.m.

Public Question and Answer Period:

Question from Eddy Huk, President of Spedden Hall:

- In respect to requesting donations to keep the hall operating, thank you for the \$2,000, but why did Stry Hall get \$2,600?

Answer from Brenda Adamson, Finance Manager:

- The funds provided to Stry Hall was allocated from Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) funds and those MSI funds have been use up, so there was only “Grants to Individuals & Organizations” budget funds left.

Comment from Lorne Halisky, Reeve:

- A good time to come back to us would be in the fall when we are creating the budget.

Sponsor RMA Resolution - Modern Sport Fishing Regulations Supporting Ecosystems, Rural Tourism, Quality of Life, and Economic Development

819-23: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County sponsor the following resolution to be considered at the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Fall 2023 Convention, subject to a second from another RMA municipal member to fulfill a district level endorsement, titled: “Modern Sport Fishing Regulations Supporting Ecosystems, Rural Tourism, Quality of Life, and Economic Development”:

WHEREAS angling is an enjoyable pastime shared by many residents, as well as visitors to this Province and rural communities; and

WHEREAS nearly ten years have lapsed since, Alberta released the latest Fish Conservation and Management Strategy for Alberta in 2014; and

WHEREAS sportfishing in Cold Lake requires either an Alberta Sportfishing License for the Alberta portions, or a Saskatchewan Angling License for the Saskatchewan portions; and

WHEREAS currently, only spears propelled by spring, elastic, compressed gas, or muscular power are permitted, and they may only be utilized by persons who are swimming, and spears or bows cannot be used to harvest any trout, mountain whitefish, Arctic grayling, lake sturgeon, walleye, or northern pike anywhere in Alberta; and

WHEREAS Alberta has made strides in its ability to manage and monitor fish populations and species at risk, as well as enforce angling regulations on a site-specific basis; and

WHEREAS an increasing number of tour operators are interested in expanding or innovating in this space;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Municipalities of Alberta urge the Province of Alberta to review, modernize, and advance its Sportfishing Regulations, including but not necessarily limited to catch limits, spear/bowfishing, and seeking to implement and achieve more nuanced and site-specific measures for the purposes of supporting ecosystems, rural tourism, quality of life, and economic development,

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Municipalities of Alberta urge the Province of Alberta to collaborate with the Province of Saskatchewan on innovating, harmonizing, and collaborating on the same;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Municipalities of Alberta specifically lobby the Ministries of Alberta Tourism and Sport, Alberta Forestry and Parks, and especially Alberta Environment and Protected Areas (including the Division of Fish and Wildlife Stewardship) to continue public education on sustainable angling.

Carried.

Sponsor RMA Resolution - Post-COVID Bridging Supports for Small and Medium-sized Community Halls and Facilities

820-23: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County sponsor the following resolution to be considered at the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Fall 2023 Convention, subject to a second from another RMA municipal member to fulfill a district level endorsement, titled: “Post-COVID Bridging Supports for Small and Medium-sized Community Halls and Facilities”:

WHEREAS the global COVID-19 Pandemic disrupted most if not all aspects of civic society for more than two years, and continues to reverberate across our rural communities including volunteer organizations; and

WHEREAS small and medium-sized community halls and facilities form a bedrock of the fabric of our rural communities; and

WHEREAS small and medium-sized community halls and facilities serve as gathering-places, cultural centers, youth and family hubs, evacuee reception and emergency operations centers; and

WHEREAS small and medium-sized community halls and facilities are confronted with an existential challenge as they seek to rebuild and return to sustainability in a post-COVID world; and

WHEREAS many rural municipalities simply lack the capacity to single-handedly shoulder the burden of bridging supports for these facilities and groups;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Municipalities of Alberta urge the Province of Alberta to re-double and enhance its efforts and investments to ensure these key assets do not disappear from the landscape,

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Municipalities of Alberta lobby the Ministries of Municipal Affairs, Seniors, Community and Social Services, and Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction, in achieving the same.

Carried.

8. Interim Chief Administrative Officer’s Report:

Chief Administrative Officer -			
Report Period: July 1, 2023 – August 16, 2023			
LEGISLATIVE / GOVERNANCE			
Projects	Date In Progress	Date Outstanding	Date Completed
<p>■ Village of Waskatenau: Letter dated July 31, 2023 – Expressing interest in the lands described as the Former Waskatenau Nuisance Grounds in Smoky Lake County (SE 16-59-19-W4).</p> <p>Planning and Development Department replied by email informing the County sold the property. L-1: Letter</p> <p>Recommendation: That Smoky Lake County approve action taken by administration in responding to the letter received from Village of Waskatenau dated July 31, 2023, expressing interest to purchase the Former Waskatenau Nuisance Grounds in Smoky Lake County (SE 16-59-19-W4) by email on August 8, 2023 indicating property was sold.</p>	July 31		August 8
ADMINISTRATIVE			
Projects	Date In Progress	Date Outstanding	Date Completed
<p>Letter of Support: Whitefish Lake First Nation #128 – to assist Whitefish Lake First Nation with the grant application for a Multiplex: Eatery, Indigenous Hall of Fame (multi-use indoor arena project). A-1: Letter</p> <p>Recommendation: That Smoky Lake County approve action taken by administration to provide a Letter of Support to Whitefish Lake First Nation #128 in support of the Grant Application funding towards a Multi-plex facility, Eatery and Indigenous Hall of Fame.</p>	July 11		June 16
<p>Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies - Alberta Open Farms Days: 2023 - 11th Annual Alberta Open Farms Days – August 19 and 20, 2023: County assisted in promoting the event by advertising.</p>	August 9		August 18
<p>Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee (ICC): Few items that were discussed that the Committee would like Council(s) action: A-2: ICC (Draft) Minutes: August 9, 2023</p> <p>1. Housing in the Smoky Lake Region:</p> <p>Write a letter (regionally) to the Honourable Jason Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services to an opportunity to meet to discuss housing needs in the region (housing development and senior housing expansion):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Letter was completed on August 16, 2023. ▶ ICC Committee would like an Ad-Hoc Working Group Committee established with one elected from each respective municipality (Working Group) that will work on Housing Opportunities and Initiatives. 	August 9		

<p>1. Recommendation: That Smoky Lake County approve that a letter be written regionally to Honourable Jason Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services to an opportunity to meet to discuss housing development and senior housing expansion options.</p> <p>2. Recommendation: That Smoky Lake County appoint Councillor _____ as the member and Councillor _____ as the Alternate to the Housing Ad-Hoc Working Group Committee for Housing Opportunities and Initiatives, as per the Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee (ICC) recommendations from the August 9, 2023 meeting.</p> <p>2. Smoky Lake Regional Heritage Board Funding:</p> <p>Chair of the Regional Heritage Board requested, if possible, to simplify the process for receiving the municipal funding versus going to four municipalities annual to request such funds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ICC Committee held discussion and understand that having known budgetary amount provides opportunities to the Board to apply for grants, ability for pre-planning, not missing the municipal budget deadlines. Recommended from ICC listed below: <p>Recommendation: That Smoky Lake County agree with the recommendations provided by the Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee (ICC) to provide the Smoky Lake Regional Heritage Board funding in Year 2024 and Year 2025 as follows:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Smoky Lake County:</td> <td>\$ 13,500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Town of Smoky Lake:</td> <td>\$ 5,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Village of Waskatenau:</td> <td>\$ 500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Village of Vilna:</td> <td>\$ 500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>\$ 19,500.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Subject to the respective partnering municipalities adopting the same resolution.</p>	Smoky Lake County:	\$ 13,500.00	Town of Smoky Lake:	\$ 5,000.00	Village of Waskatenau:	\$ 500.00	Village of Vilna:	\$ 500.00	TOTAL	\$ 19,500.00			
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Village of Vilna:	\$ 500.00												
TOTAL	\$ 19,500.00												
<p>Note of Awareness: Smoky Lake County Entrance Signs: 10 of the 12 signs are damaged, peeling, and deteriorating. A-3: Pictures with locations</p> <p>History:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signs were purchased from Sign Dezign, Athabasca in the amount of \$24,345.28 on August 31, 2016. Five signs were repaired at an additional cost of \$1,500 on November 6, 2019. Currently the company: "Sign Dezign" no longer exists. <p>Update: Environment and Parks Department is researching companies for quotes / style's / etc. and further discussion to be held during budget.</p>													
<p>MSCNet: The agreement still has not been executed. Working with the Company on finalizing the small details: What Public Works building is the GigAir equipment being installed.</p> <p>Will Update Council through this report process.</p>	June 15												

FINANCIAL			
Projects	Date In Progress	Date Outstanding	Date Completed
Nothing under Finance.			
HUMAN RESOURCES			
Projects	Date In Progress	Date Outstanding	Date Completed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agricultural Service Board: Agricultural Fieldman, Carleigh Danyluk, returned back to work from leave. Natural Gas Department: Natural Gas Technician, William Gray has submitted his resignation. Will be placing an ad for replacement. Wish him all the best in his new endeavors Held a Staff Debrief on Council meeting 	August 14		August 14
			August 24
	August 8		August 8
COMMUNITY			
Projects	Date In Progress	Date Outstanding	Date Completed
County Neighbour: Richard LaFramboise – Hold Harmless – Custom Work Agreement was executed. Public Works trimmed and cut trees encroaching onto his property.	August 2		August 2
Smoky Lake Community Daycare Co-operative: Request for a second cell phone: Cellular Phone Service - County Council – December 12, 2019 Motion: 202-19 *That Smoky Lake County, being a stakeholder of the Smoky Lake Community Daycare Co-operative, continue to allow the Smoky Lake Community Daycare Co-operative to remain under the County's cellular phone plan and reimburse the County for all phone related charges on an annual basis as invoiced by the County. Year 2020: COVID Year 2021: Phone charges = \$194.66 Year 2022: Phone charges = \$222.52 Recommendation: That Smoky Lake County, being a stakeholder of the Smoky Lake Community Daycare Co-operative purchase a second cellular phone for the Smoky Lake Community Daycare Co-operative to be under the County's cellular phone plan and reimburse the County for all phone related charges on an annual basis as invoiced by the County.	August 9		
TRAINING / MEETINGS			
Signature: Interim Chief Administrative Officer		County Council Meeting: August 23, 2023	

Village of Waskatenau – Former Nuisance Grounds SE 16-59-19-W4
821-23: Serben

That Smoky Lake County approve action taken by administration in responding to the letter received from Village of Waskatenau dated July 31, 2023, expressing interest to purchase the Former Waskatenau Nuisance Grounds in Smoky Lake County (SE 16-59-19-W4) by email on August 8, 2023, indicating property was sold.

Carried.

Whitefish Lake First Nation #128 – Letter of Support for Grant Application

822-23: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County approve action taken by administration to provide a Letter of Support to Whitefish Lake First Nation #128 in support of the Grant Application funding towards a Multi-plex facility, Eatery and Indigenous Hall of Fame.

Carried.

Housing Opportunities and Initiatives

823-23: Serben That Smoky Lake County approve that a letter be written regionally to Honourable Jason Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services to an opportunity to meet to discuss housing development and senior housing expansion options.

Carried.

Ad-Hoc Working Group Committee for Housing Opportunities and Initiatives

824-23: Serben That Smoky Lake County appoint Councillor Halisky as the member and Councillor Serben as the Alternate to the Housing Ad-Hoc Working Group Committee for Housing Opportunities and Initiatives, as per the Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee (ICC) recommendations from the August 9, 2023, meeting.

Carried.

Smoky Lake Regional Heritage Board Funding

825-23: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County agree with the recommendations provided by the Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee (ICC) to provide the Smoky Lake Regional Heritage Board funding in Year 2024 and Year 2025 as follows:

Smoky Lake County:	\$ 13,500.00
Town of Smoky Lake:	\$ 5,000.00
Village of Waskatenau:	\$ 500.00
Village of Vilna:	\$ 500.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 19,500.00</u>

subject to the respective partnering municipalities adopting a resolution of same.

Carried.

Smoky Lake Community Daycare Co-operative: Cellular Phone Service

826-23: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County Council approve action taken, being a stakeholder of the Smoky Lake Community Daycare Co-operative to purchase a second cellular phone for the Smoky Lake Community Daycare Co-operative, to be under the County's cellular phone plan and with costs reimbursed to the County for all phone related charges on an annual basis as invoiced by the County.

Carried.

Interim Chief Administrative Officer Report

827-23: Serben That Smoky Lake County's Interim Chief Administrative Officer report, for the period of July 1, 2023, to August 16, 2023, be accepted for information.

Carried.

9. Council Committee Reports:

Division One Councillor's Report on various Committees, Boards and Commissions

Dan Gawalko – Deputy Reeve & Division One Councillor's report from various Committees, Boards and Commissions:

- June 5 attended the LARA meeting in Ashmont, Alyssa is back on a part time basis, Megan gave the forage and livestock reports, St. Paul and Smoky Lake sites have been seeded all seeding deadlines have been met plots are doing well and will be starting to spray, have 2 summer staff and one contract staff that have assisted with seeding, Charlene presented the financials up to May 31 2023, the LFA report heifers will be going in on June 7 with the dry weather water may be a concern this year, a update on current contracts was given, still waiting to hear on the RDAR RST grant and the potential KTT grant, the board would like to see a one page document outlining

plots at each site, we will be purchasing a new sprayer from R-Tech industries, we will be reviewing our policies at the next meeting and will continue to have Collaborative Strategies at the final review, upcoming events, June 21 Pasture walk with Judy Greg, July 25 St. Paul field day, July 27 Fort Kent Field day, next meeting July 17 at 10:00 am.

- June 28, Evergreen Regional Waste meeting, a motion was made to purchase and stockpile TDA for new cell construction, Ashley gave the treasurers report, Smoky Lake site inspections were done all were clean and looking good, Dave will be meeting with Evergreen manager and RMA insurance at the Spedden site in August for an insurance inspection, Paul gave the site report, Omni McCann water monitoring report came back and everything is fine, the loader is back from the welders, next meeting July 20 at the Lafond landfill.
- June 4 attended the NE ASB chairs and fieldman virtual meeting, discussed the new Minister of Agriculture RJ Sigurdson from the Highwood riding, asked about any resolutions that need more discussion also talked about the RMA micro grant for economic development with Alberta Hub for the financial and economic impacts of airports in the region, will be having a meeting with the bee commission and hoping to engage in a conversation with the GOA about spraying roads and ditches along highways.
- July 17 attended the LARA meeting, ordered a new small plot sprayer from Homewood Manitoba it should be here by mid-August, discussed staffing overtime, currently working on some policy reviews, LFA reported 6" of rain on the pasture, also talked about holding another young farmer social as the last one was well attended, Alyssa gave the executive director report attended some ASB meetings met the ED of LICA and will become a member, hired a cropping agrologist and interviewed for the environmental position, next meeting August 21 @ 10:00 am in Ashmont.
- July 20, Evergreen regional waste management meeting, Omni McCann presented new cell construction to accommodate tractor trailers and TDA, Wildrose contract was sent out and signed, fire marshal inspected town of St. Paul transfer sites and on August 18 RMA insurance will be doing an inspection at the Evergreen site and also Ashmont and Spedden, Precision scale went into receivership so Accurate scale will now be calibrating our scales, discussed safety putting non household waste in our bins and also about the danger of lithium batteries being placed in bins and then being transferred to trucks and the fire hazard from them, Ashley gave the treasurers report, after the meeting we had an onsite BBQ and anyone in attendance could tour the Evergreen facility, next meeting will be on August 23 in St. Paul @ 10:00 am
- July 27 attended the Vilna Bellis Citizens on Patrol in Bellis, Leanna gave the finance report, ticket sales are going good, some members of the club will be working at the pancake breakfast at the Randy Russ barrel racing event and some will be doing security, they will also be having a fun day at Vilna car show on Sunday during Vilna Boom Town days serving burgers and hotdogs and a silent auction, also who can attend the ACOPA AGM in Lloydminster in September, next meeting September 28 7:00 pm in Vilna.

Division Two Councillor's Report on various Committees, Boards and Commissions

Linda Fenerty – Division Two Councillor's written report from various Committees, Boards and Commissions:

May 26, 2023 – Northern Lights Library System – NLLS Headquarters – 9:00 a.m.

- 2023 AGM & General Board Meeting as presented/amended, all in favor, motion carried. Library Manager's Council (LMC) report, presented and accepted. Alberta Library Trustee Association – presented and accepted. Financial Report - presented, all in favor, carried. Population and Levy Discussion - The town of Vermilion (among others) has expressed concern about using the same population figures used by the province to calculate the grant and the NLLS levy. They've asked that the Board revisit the population figures discussion and consider using the most up-to-date population figures available. Motion made to not change the current NLLS agreement and continue to tie the provincial operations grant and the NLLS levy together - motion carried. Provincial Grant Increase - The province announced an increase in library funding on March 1st. This change includes a move from the 2016 population to the 2019 population. Motion made to continue with the approved budget based on the 2016 population numbers and charge levies accordingly. Carried Overage money options - motions to keep the excess monies from the population number change from the 2023 operating grant in the NLLS operating budget. Motion carried. Several policies were brought up for review & deletion. Elections held for Executive and Board positions.
- General Board Meeting - numbers going up in all libraries. Many different programs are being implemented by libraries, ie. Gardening, pop up libraries. Money leftover in budget has been sent to each library for use e book allotments, software, programs. Financial report – all monies have been received from municipalities. Population & levy discussion – Darlene motions to not change the current NLLS agreement and continue to tie provincial operations grant and the NLLS levy together.

June 12, 2023 – Muni-Corr Mtg. – St. Paul County Office – 10:00 a.m.

- Highlights-Approved for up to \$10,000.00 for the TransCanada Trail Infrastructure & Major Repairs, received a grant to move outhouses and install a compost toilet at Lindbergh.- Approved for funding through the Trans Canada Trail for the 2 Billion Tree Project for 10,000 trees each year from 2024 - 2028.
- Year-end review. Launched the OuterSpatial app. Alberta's Lakeland Destination Marketing Organization - Soft launched the new Lakeland website. Still working on populating the site with tourism operators They have continued work on the four PrairiesCan projects. Discussion on ongoing projects.

June 14, 2023 – Community Futures Mtg. & AGM – St. Paul– 4:30 p.m.

- Annual General meeting was held with no changes made to executive. Audit report has been given, nothing to report. After AGM, we continued with the regular Board meeting. Loan portfolio was discussed, no changes. Penny presented General Manager's report. Small and medium sized businesses are far from recovery partly because of COVID and with labour shortages, increasing interest rates and inflation, it's been a difficult time for CF entrepreneurs. There has been a decrease in clients this year throughout all CF regions.

June 28, 2023 – North Sasks. Watershed Alliance AGM & Org. Mtg. – Snow Valley Lodge – 8:00 a.m.

- NSWA is a non-profit, multi-stakeholder organization dedicating to promoting the health and sustainability of the North Saskatchewan River and its watershed. AGM held with all reports presented and accepted. Two presentations given – (1) Wetlands in the Watershed – This presentation outlined the importance of the wetlands. Four of the strategies used to increase awareness are: (a) collaborate and take action – increase engagement, develop target objectives, enhance website, (2) build and mobilize knowledge through better GIS inventory & mapping, understanding cultural and social values, and strategize research question, (3) optimize planning, policy, and financial programs, and (4) implement wetland monitoring. The second presentation was from Ducks Unlimited (Bart Muusse) – his presentation was on the efforts made to work with NSWA and of programs available for re-developing existing wetlands.
- Board Organizational meeting followed at 1:00 with election of Executive.

Other Meetings

- June 1, 2023 – County Council Mtg. – Council Chambers – 9:00 a.m.
- June 8, 2023 – Summit on the Aging Workforce – 8:00 a.m.
- June 9, 2023 – Farmers & Ranchers' Appreciation Day – Smoky Lake Complex – 11:00 a.m.
- June 9, 2023 – 4-H Achievement Day – Waskatenau Arena – 1:30 p.m.
- June 12, 2023 – Artisans at Work (Econo Musee') – The Landing, St. Paul – 1:00 p.m.
- June 12, 2023 – Joint Municipalities Mtg. – Metis Crossing, Smoky Lake – 5:00 p.m.
- June 13, 2023 – RMA Special Liens Guide Webinar – Council Chambers – 9:00 a.m.
- June 19, 2023 – COW mtg. – Council Chambers – 10:00 a.m.
- June 22, 2023 – North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance Engagement Session – King's University – 8:00 a.m.
- June 29, 2023 – County Council Mtg. – Council Chambers – 9:00 a.m.
- July 6, 2023 – HAK School Discussion – Town of Smoky Lake Chambers
- July 20, 2023 – HAK School Discussion – Executive Session – Council Chambers
- July 28, 2023 – Vilna Library Board Meeting – Vilna Library
- August 3, 2023 – County Council Mtg. – Council Chambers – 9:00 a.m.

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

Dominique Cere – Division Three Councillor written report from various Committees, Boards and Commissions:

May 26/23 Bar V Nook Resident Meeting

- Re: Emergency Evacuation: The manager informed residents of the right to form a resident group, reminded them of the forms to file complaints, discussed procedures in place for emergencies such as evacuations, advised residents to ensure they have a bag ready for such an event. Also mentioned that the resident survey was to be filled in within the next two weeks. Question was asked as to whether assigned parking was available and the reply was we don't as it is too difficult to arrange. Manager asked if residents liked the rocking chairs and as there was money left over how would they like it spent. Last question from one of the residents was about diabetic food and manager replied that she would check into that.

May 28-31/23 AB Fire Chiefs Association Conference:

- Attended numerous sessions which covered some of the following: the importance of technology and the value of ChatGPT, the importance of locating your fire station so that it can access the whole county, technology needs to be available everywhere, need to be up to date with NG911 by 2025; along with the need for technology are the problems of cyber security, identity theft as well as the expectations of the public as to what is/can/should be available and lastly, the importance of collaboration. The trade show certainly made evident that the cost of supplies/equipment/transportation is on the rise and that everyone needs to budget for all of that.

June 01/23 Regular Council Meeting

June 08/23 Summit on Aging Workforce:

- This session discussed the need to be able to retain older workers as nearly 1/3 of the workforce is over 55. It is the first time ever that we will have 5 generations in the workforce. Studies show that age in the workplace is an opportunity for growth and not decline. Post pandemic opportunities are out there to recruit, motivate and retain older workers.

June 09/23 Farmers' Appreciation Day in Smoky Lake as well as the Bellis 4H show in Waskatenau.

June 12/23 Joint Municipalities Meeting:

- Numerous speakers were present: Anita Doktor, Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment Commander with a policing update, MLA Glen van Dijken who provided an update from the Legislature, and Maryanne Jenke, Chris Down and Clayton Didier who presented a power-point presentation to the group.

June 13/23 Joint Health and Safety Meeting

June 13/23 RMA & Brownlee; MGA Special Lien:

- This was a presentation provided to Council to explain in detail just exactly what The MGA Special Lien is and how to go about using it. This one-hour presentation was well done and also provided some information as to where to go to get some more information, should one need it.

June 19/23 Committee of the Whole Planning Meeting

June 22/23 Smoky Lake Foundation Meeting

June 26/23 Alberta Bilingual Municipalities Association:

- Meeting began with a brief round of introductions as well as a review of the agenda. Some concern expressed over when budgets are passed and the expectation is that this will be solved in the near future. A letter of intent has been sent to Heritage Canada to get an application in for funding. The goal of this Association is to meet every 6 months.

June 29/23 Regular Council Meeting

June 30/23 Smoky Lake Foundation Special Meeting

July 06/23 H. A. Kostash Special Council Meeting

July 20/23 County Council Special Meeting re: H. A. Kostash:

- This meeting also included members of the Smoky Lake Town Council, MLA Glenn van Dijken as well as some of the Aspen View School Board representatives.

July 21/23 Smoky Lake Foundation Regular Meeting

August 03/23 Regular Council Meeting

August 08/23 Bar V Nook 60th Anniversary Celebration:

- The celebration began with Oh Canada as well as a blessing. Greetings were heard from Métis Crossing, Smoky Lake Town Council, Smoky Lake County Council as well as the interim CAO. Each presentation was followed up with a song. The celebration concluded with cake.

August 09/23 ICC Meeting

August 10/23 Métis Crossing Soft Launch of Solar Project:

- Program began shortly after dinner at about 7 pm. Started with a review of how the project came about, reviewed the different phases of the project which began with a pre-feasibility study completed in November, 2018. Fast forward 5 years and the project is nearing completion.

August 16/2023 Joint Health and Safety Committee Meeting

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:

June 1, 2023 – Regular Council Meeting, held in Chambers (All Council in-person)

- Amended: Policy Statement No. 03-35-13: Snow Clearing, and Policy Statement No. 02-10-02: Peace Officer - Operational Records Management System.
- Gave First Readings to: Bylaw No. 1447-23: Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (ISDAB), Bylaw No. 1437-23: Amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 1272-14, and Bylaw No. 1438-23: Animal Control Bylaw.
- Gave Third & Final Readings to: Bylaw No. 1436-23: Major Alternative Energy Bylaw, Bylaw No. 1444-23: Municipal Reserve (MR) Designation for Plan 2562BS, Block RLY, Lot 59 (Warspite), and Bylaw No. 1448-23: Natural Gas.
- Proclaimed June 11, 2023, as Canadian Rivers Day, and June 5 to June 11, 2023, as Senior’s Week
- Awarded the winners of the Agricultural Services Poster Contest.
- Approved to provide a one-time street sweeping to the Smoky Lake Complex and gravel to the Pioneer Bible Camp’s access road as well as 1-hour of grass cutting.
- Acknowledged the Smoky Lake Tourism Company Partnership.

June 3, 2023 – Town of Smoky Lake Centennial Celebration (Lorne in-person)

- Attended the celebration, brought greetings, and presented a congratulatory gift.

June 6, 2023 – Meeting with the Alberta RCMP Commanding Officer (Lorne in-person)

- Discussed RCMP operations, member complement, Rural Crime etc.

June 8, 2023 - Summit on the Aging Workforce, held virtually (Dan, Dominique and Lorne in-person, Linda virtually)

- Listened to a panel of experts, keynote speakers, and business leaders on the future of the aging workforce.

June 9, 2023 - Farmers and Ranchers Appreciation Day, held in Smoky Lake (All Council in-person)

- Attended and brought greetings.

June 12, 2023 – Alberta Iron Horse Trail Artisan at Work (Dan, Dominique and Lorne virtually)

- Received updates on PrairiesCan Funding to contract EconoMusee Network Society who spent eight days in our region meeting with a wide variety of tourism operators etc. to determine if there are enough potential sites to develop an Artisan at Work Destination (cluster). They were pleasantly surprised with the potential and opportunities in the region.

June 12, 2023 – Joint Municipalities Meeting, held at Métis Crossing (All Council in-person)

- Received updates from Commander Sgt. Anita Doktor, and Cpl. Roxanne Genereaux, of the Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment, MLA Glenn van Dijken, Athabasca-Westlock-Barrhead Constituency, Juanita Marois, CEO, Métis Crossing, Lakeland Catholic Separate School Division, Aspen View Public School Division, and Travel Lakeland / Alberta’s Iron Horse Trail / Alberta’s Lakeland DMO.

June 13, 2023 – Joint Health & Safety Meeting, held in Chambers (Lorne in-person, Dominique virtually)

- Reviewed several unresolved business items outstanding since between March 2021 & April 2023.
- Received an update on the audit finding report / audit action plan and training report.
- Reviewed six incidents that occurred between April 21, 2023 & May 24, 2023.

June 13, 2023 – RMA Special Lien Guide Webinar (Lorne, Dan, Jered and Linda in-person)

- Discussed Tax Enforcement Options such as seizures, civil claim, tax repayment agreement, registration of special lien, appointment of receiver and participation in regulatory process. Also to keep sending regular pay your tax notices as normally the squeaky wheel gets the grease.

June 14, 2023 - Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission, held in Chambers (Lorne in-person)

- Received the Financial Reports & Engineers report.
- Acknowledge the resignation of Mr. Gene Sobolewski from the position of Commission Manager, May 23, 2023, and recommended the Smoky Lake County name Brenda Adamson as the Interim Commission Manager.

June 15, 2023 – Alberta’s Lakeland DMO Meeting (Lorne virtually)

- Discussed tourism partnerships with Kalyna Country, PrairiesCan Projects, digital and social management & marketing, escape to the Lakeland contest and the master trail plan contract.

June 17, 2023 – Mons Lake Community Association Meeting (Lorne in-person)

- Discussed County initiatives etc. and represented the County at this meeting.

June 19, 2023 – Council Committee of the Whole, held in Chambers (All Council in-person)

- Reviewed the Land Use Bylaw / Municipal Development Plan FAQ Update and the Revision 2, Adjusted Project Charter: Five Small ‘Big Ideas’, the draft Kisiskaciwanisipi North Saskatchewan Heritage River Concept Plan, the Applied Land Use Planning (ALUP) Program presentation material from Brownlee LLP, and material from the Community Planning Association of Alberta (CPAA) Conference.

June 19, 2023 – Government Liaison Committee Meeting, held in Chambers (all Council in-person)

- Meet with delegations of three different lobbyist groups Alberta Council LLP, Crestview Strategies and Canadian Strategy Group to hear their platforms etc. in determining a lobbyist strategy.
- June 19, 2023 – Smoky Lake Chamber of Commerce Meeting, held at Smoky Lake Golf Club (Lorne in-person)
- Discussed website launch, street fair on August 23 showcasing the community, Parades in region, new billboard sign installed and Christmas party update.
- June 20, 2023 – Elevate Wellness Meeting, held in Town of Smoky Lake Chambers (Lorne in-person)
- Discussed updates on lending library materials, walking trail work, Devonian Park work, bike racks throughout the Town etc.
- June 21, 2023 – Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd. Meeting, held at River Cree Resort Edmonton Meeting (Dan & Lorne in-person)
- Received updates from O&M Committee, Training Committee and Health & Safety Working Group. Presenters gave presentations on Workers Compensation Board and Municipal Affairs. FedGas Insurance Reciprocal Exchange Meeting discussed audited financial statements with everything in good standing, insurance coverages for members etc.
- June 22, 2023 – Northeast Alberta Alliance for Growth & Opportunity NAAGO Meeting, held in Vermillion, (Lorne & Dan in-person)
- Discussed developing a NAAGO Terms of Reference and Hwy 28 Lobby update/next steps.
 - Discussed other lobbying initiatives such as Medical Services/EMS, Local Government Fiscal Framework LGFF, Non-Emergency Transportation and Broadband. Determined that the NAAGO stick to two lobbying initiatives Highway 28 and Medical Services/EMS.
- June 22, 2023 - Northeast Alberta HUB, held in Vermillion, (Lorne, Jered & Dan in-person)
- Received the Annual Chair's Message, Financial Reports & Executive Director's Report.
 - Appointed JMD Group LLP Chartered Professional Accountants as auditors for 2023-2024.
 - Guest Speaker Angus Watt – National Bank Financial gave a presentation on population, age of population, population decline and lack of workers etc.
- June 24, 2023 – Fifth Annual Alberta Metis Festival, held at Metis Crossing (Lorne in-person)
- Gave greetings on behalf of the County and represented the County building relationships, partnerships etc.
- June 29, 2023 - Regular Council Meeting, held in Chambers (All Council in-person)
- Held a Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 1437-23: Amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 1272-14 & Bylaw No. 1438-23: Animal Control Bylaw.
 - Appointed Producer-At-Large Members to the County's Agricultural Service Board (ASB).
 - Amended Policy Statement No. 62-19-03: Agricultural Service Board Producer-at-Large: Terms of Reference.
 - Gave Second Readings to: Bylaw No. 1437-23: Amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 1272-14, and Bylaw No. 1438-23: Animal Control Bylaw.
 - Gave Third & Final Readings to: Bylaw No. 1402-21: Road Cancellation – part of 51st Avenue – Warspite, Bylaw No. 1439-23: Smoky Lake Regional Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF), and Bylaw No. 1447-23: Intermunicipal Subdivision & Development Appeal Board (ISDAB).
 - Appointed ISDAB Members.
 - Rescinded Policy Statement No. 01-07-02: To Sell Portions of Municipal Reserve, established in 1995 and updated once in 2000, and Policy Statement No. 07-01-01: Designated Recreational Trails.
 - Approved \$500 to the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village's Ukrainian Day, \$1000 to the Vilna & District Agricultural Society's Boomtown Days, \$1000 to the Smoky Lake August 6th Fireworks, \$2,673.24 to the Stry Ukrainian Catholic Recreation Society, and \$2,700 of FCSS funds to Vilna & District Municipal Library, and \$6,000 of FCSS funds toward the Junior Firefighter Summer Day Camp.
 - Re-appointed JMD Group LLP Chartered Professional Accountants as the Auditor for 3 more years.
 - Appointed the Finance Manager, as the Highway 28/63 Regional Water Service Commission Interim Manager.
 - Amended Policy Statement No. 03-35-14: Snow Clearing– Public and Private Services.
 - Approved to increase STEP student wages from \$15 to \$17.
 - Approved the partially unbudgeted expense to purchase a new Loader for \$439,000.
 - Reduced the speed limit on Victoria Trail from the Red River Cart to 50km/hr.
 - Proclaimed September 8 to 17, 2023 as Welcoming Week.
- June 30, 2023 – RMA Economic Development Session, held virtually (Lorne)
- Discussed RMA Economic Development Microgrant opportunities and Microgrant Application Process.
- July 10, 2023 – Heritage Board Meeting Virtually (Linda and Lorne)
- Discussed wetland grant application was denied, heritage education for students, advertising for new members, donor board for Ruthenia School, wetland public access of IHT, wetland viewing project by Warspite is complete, need to complete fencing by Ruthenia School, looking at other heritage designation sites in region, promoting heritage/culture on social media and walking tour initiative for Town of Smoky Lake is completed with Vilna considering a walking tour.
- July 12, 2023 - Economic Development Performance Virtual Session (Lorne)
- Discussed performance metric data/measures using new business numbers, tax revenue and development permits issued etc.
 - Resources to obtain metric data include but not limited to the GOA, CRA etc.
- July 13, 2023 - Northeast Alberta HUB, held in St. Paul, (Lorne in-person)
- Reviewed the Alberta HUB (REDA) update & Jobs Economy & Trade - Ministry mandate letter.
 - Discussed:
 - Regional Investment Readiness – reviewed marketing materials,
 - Profile development – Member / Regional
 - Invest Alberta – Alberta CAN Initiative – Phase 2, Site Selection/Developers/Real Estate.

- Potential Alberta HUB projects – group discussion
 - RMA Micro-grant - Consensus / Potential Projects – Group Discussion
 - Alberta HUB board advocacy - Barriers to rural investment
 - Access to Capital / Financing / funding /Grants
- July 13, 2023 – Junior Fire Camp Visit (Lorne in-person)
- Interacted with the participants and represented County. All seem to be enjoying themselves with the hopes that our region can attract new fire department members.
- July 15, 2023 – Highland Community Hall 90th Anniversary Celebration (Lorne and Jered in-person)
- Attended the celebration, brought greetings, and presented a congratulatory certificate.
- July 17, 2023 – Doctor Retention & Recruitment Committee Meeting, held in Town Chambers (Lorne & Dan in-person)
- Supported a change to the Bylaw include a name change to “Physicians and Healthcare Professionals” Committee and grammatical amendments.
 - Organized a planning committee for the Rural High School Health Care event, October 27, 2023.
 - Received information from Anita Fagnan, Rural Community Consultant – Northeast Zone, Rural Community Development & Engagement about the Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP).
- July 20, 2023 – Special Council Meeting, held in Chambers (All Council in-person)
- Discussed the old HAK School in closed session and determined no further municipal time or resources will be expended to support or entertain efforts in saving the Old HAK School building or any portion thereof, for commercial and/or community use, due to funding constraints.
- July 27, 2023 - Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission, held in Chambers (Lorne & Dan in-person)
- Acknowledged that the Commission, in due course, intends to make White Fish Lake No. 128 a Commission Member.
 - Received reports from the Manager, Finance Manager, Engineer, & Provincial Representative.
- August 2, 2023 – Smoky Lake LARA Summer Field Day (Dan & Lorne in-person)
- Presentations on Cut the Crop on New Cereal Varieties, Nutrient and Mineral Composition on Alberta Pasture Grasses, Silage Sense and Research on the Ranch/Livestock Genetics.
 - Visited the Smoky Lake Test Plot by Warspite. Best plot in years however the event attendance was low from local Ag producers.
- August 3, 2023 - Regular Council Meeting, held in Chambers (All Council in-person)
- Agreed to execute two property tax agreements to collect taxes on two properties.
 - Acknowledged the bridge closure on Twp Rd 590, East of Rge Rd 132, due to structural failure.
 - Removed the paving project for 1-mile of Twp Rd 612 between Hwy 855 & Rge Rd 174, from the 5-year road plan.
 - Approved \$2,000 to the Ukrainian Orthodox Society of Spedden, \$300 to the Smoky Lake Golf Club's Junior Golf Program,
 - Amended Policy Statement No. 02-37-01: Peace Officer Patrol Vehicle & adopted Policy Statement No. 02-36-02: Peace Officer Uniform and Equipment.
 - Gave Third & Final Reading to: Bylaw No. 1437-23: Amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 1272-14, and Bylaw No. 1438-23: Animal Control Bylaw.
 - Proclaimed September 19, 2023 to September 22, 2023 as Alberta Development Officers Week.
- August 5, 2023 – Town of Smoky Lake Parade (Lorne, Jered, & Dan)
- Distributed candy from the parade float. Won 1st prize for the float.
- August 6, 2023 – Randy Russ Memorial Barrel Race in Bellis (Lorne)
- Attended event and represented County.
- August 8, 2023 – Bar-V-Nook 60th Anniversary Celebration (Lorne, Dan, Jered and Dominique in-person)
- Attended the celebration, brought greetings, and presented a congratulatory certificate.
- August 9, 2023 - Smoky Lake Region Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee (All Council in-person)
- Provided direct to Administration to: determine options for the levels of Regional Fire Services with a detailed corresponding budget and develop a Terms of Reference for a Regional Fire Services Committee.
 - Agreed to draft three individual “Shared Services Agreements” with the County for Community Peace Officer and/or Bylaw Enforcement.
 - Agreed to develop an ad-hoc working group to address Housing Opportunities and Initiatives.
 - Recommended to provide the Smoky Lake Regional Heritage Board funding of \$19,500/year for 2024 & 2025, with the County's portion being \$13,500, Town's \$5,000.00, Waskatenau's \$500.00, and Vilna's \$ 500.
- August 10, 2023 – MNA General Assembly Meet/Greet and Solar Project soft launch at Metis Crossing (Lorne, Jered, Dominique and Linda)
- Represented County building relationships, partnerships etc.
- August 12, 2023 – 95th MNA General Assembly AGM Meeting (Lorne & Jered in-person)
- Attended 95th MNA General Assembly grand entry, brought greetings, and represented County building relationships, partnerships etc.
- August 13, 2023 – Waskatenau Parade (Lorne, Jered, Linda and Dominique)
- Distributed candy from the parade float. Won 1st prize for the float in the Municipal Category and 1st place overall.
- August 15, 2023 – Elevate Wellness Meeting, held in Town of Smoky Lake Chambers (Lorne in-person)
- Discussed updates on lending library materials, walking trail work, Devonian Park work, bike racks throughout the Town etc.
 - Discussed next steps/what's next after the Elevate Wellness Project is complete.
- August 16, 2023 – Joint Health & Safety Committee Meeting, held virtually (Lorne & Dominique)
- Reviewed several unresolved business items outstanding since between March 2021 & August 2023.
 - Received an update on the audit finding report / audit action plan and training report.
 - Reviewed three incidents that occurred between May 25, 2023 and August 14, 2023. One Near Miss Property Damage, one First Aid and one Near Miss Injury/Property Damage.

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

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

May 29-31 Alberta Fire Chief Tradeshow
June 1 Regular Council Meeting
June 3 Town of Smoky Lake 100 Year Celebration (Ukrainian National Hall)
June 6 Downtown Location Daycare Building Inspection
June 6 Pumpkin Patch Daycare Meeting
June 9 Farmer's Appreciation BBQ
June 12 Alberta's Ironhorse Trail Destination (in – person, St. Paul)
June 12 JMM, Smoky Lake hosted @ Metis Crossing
June 13 RMA Special Lien Guide Webinar
June 19 Committee of the Whole
June 19 Smoky Lake Agricultural Society
June 22 Smoky Lake Foundation Business Plan
June 22 AGM Alberta Hub @ Vermilion
June 26 Pumpkin Patch Daycare meeting
June 27 Signed Building Lease, Pumpkin Patch Daycare (downtown location)
June 27 VTAS
June 29 Regular Council Meeting
June 30 Smoky Lake Foundation Board Meeting
July 6 Special Council Meeting Delegation Smoky Town Chambers
July 15 Highland Hall 90th Anniversary
July 20 County/Town Special Meeting
July 21 Smoky Lake Foundation Meeting
August 3 Regular Council Meeting
August 5 Smoky Lake Parade
August 8 Bar V Nook 60th Anniversary
August 8 Pumpkin Patch Daycare Meeting
August 9 ICC Meeting (alternate)
August 10 Metis Crossing Solar Project soft launch (arrived in the evening)
August 12 Metis Nation of Alberta Assembly AGM (arrived in the evening)
August 13 Waskatenau Parade

June 6th Pumpkin Patch Daycare

- Inquiring about internet, land – line, security system and smoke detectors
- Discussion about draft lease
- Add subletting clause for CLC Mom's and Tot's
- Inquire with County re insurance after learning the daycare is for profit
- Inquire whether air conditioning functions as it should
- Contact building inspection company

June 26th Pumpkin Patch Daycare

- Fundraised \$338.45 from town wide garage sale
- Possible tax return
- 49 children on a waiting list plus 5 priority children, 53 total
- Move into new school week of July 24th
- Staff working through professional development
- Level 3 new hire starts in September
- 2 staff enrolling in Lakeland College for early development
- Sponsorship letters for 2 staff enrolling in Lakeland in order to be reimbursed through grant
- \$400 budget for mail box flyers advertising for new hires
- CLC revenue of \$300/month for Mom's and Tot's program

August 8th, Pumpkin Patch Daycare

- Delay opening downtown location due to licensing requiring building codes inspection and fire inspection
- Building requires commercial fire alarm system in order to operate at full capacity. Daycare will operate at 70% capacity until quotes arrive for fire alarm system. Full capacity tbd.
- Interviews will begin Wednesday, August 15th
- Chain – link fence at new school to be constructed on August 21st
- Negotiations with Aspen View regarding further outdoor space, ongoing
- Tidying up odds and ends at downtown location
- Aiming to soft launch last week of August

June 19th, Smoky Lake Ag. Society

- Discussions about upgrading tech. including surveillance cameras outside upon Tow's request
- Pumpkin Fair discussions, organizing
- Smoky Lake Heritage Days, Parade Float
- Fundraising ideas for winter

June 22nd, Smoky Lake Foundation -Jered and Dominique

- Approved required business plan
- Executive session*

June 30th, Smoky Lake Foundation (special meeting) - Jered and Dominique

- Business plan submitted June 27th
- Budget submitted June 26th
- Executive session*

July 21st, Smoky Lake Foundation -Jered and Dominique

- Minutes from June 22nd and June 30th tabled to correct errors
- Friends of Baar V Nook donated a 6 chair patio set

- Word that FCSS is working on returning the Meals on Wheels program, expected to start mid August
- Bar V Nook 60th Anniversary on August 8th (Chair of the board to prepare speech)
- June 21st National Aboriginal Day – Vilna. Residents constructed a Totem Pole
- Resident's Council to meet once per month – Vilna
- Discussion about approaching Lion's Club, invite a representative to a future meeting re resident transportation
- Bar V Nook Manager returns July 31st
- Resident's survey to be reviewed at August meeting
- National Healthcare week, Health committee delivered coffee and cookies to the lodge and Vilna staff
- Acknowledge receipt from MP Shannon Stubbs re negative carbon tax implications
- Surveillance warning signage to be ordered and applied to front doors

Executive Session:

Personnel Issue: Smoky Lake Community Daycare Co-op. & Smoky Lake Foundation Staff

828-23: Serben That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Issue: Smoky Lake Community Daycare Co-operative Staff & Smoky Lake Foundation Staff, under the authority of the FOIP Act Section 17: Third party personal privacy, in the presence of all Council, Interim Chief Administrative Officer, and Finance Manager, time 12:20 p.m.

Carried.

Patti Priest, Executive Services Clerk, virtually left the meeting, time 12:30 p.m.

829-23: Serben That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 12:50 p.m.

Carried.

Reeve's Report and Councillors Reports

830-23: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County's Reeve Report received for the period of June 1, 2023 to August 16, 2023, be posted to the County's website and the Councillors reports on various committees, boards and commissions, be accepted as presented.

Carried.

10. Correspondence:

RMA - Camrose Casino Relocation Decision and Equitability of Charitable Gaming Model

831-23: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the copied letter to the Chief Executive Officer of Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis, (AGLC) & the Honourable Nate Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, from Paul McLauchlin, Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA), dated July 24, 2023, expressing disappointment in AGLC's decision to uphold the rejection of the Camrose casino request relocate.

Carried.

Opposition to Canadian Heritage Rivers System Designation for North Saskatchewan River

832-23: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt letter from Bart Guyon, Reeve of Brazeau County, dated July 25, 2023, opposing endorsement of the Canadian Heritage Rivers System Designation for the North Saskatchewan River, in fear of the designation becoming the first step in a process to have federal and provincial government usurp local land planning and decision-making from municipalities.

Carried.

Smoky Lake Region's 2023 Parades

833-23: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge the 2023 County float prepared by the Environment & Parks Department won:

- 1st place with a prize in the amount of \$30.00 cash from the Victoria Trail Agricultural Society (VTAS) Annual Fair Days Parade, held in the Village of Waskatenau on August 12, 2023;
- 2nd place with a prize in the amount of \$30.00 cash from the Vilna & District Agricultural Society's Boomtown Days Parade, held in the Village of Vilna on August 19, 2023;
- 1st place at Smoky Lake Agricultural Society's Smoky Lake Heritage Day Parade, held in the Town of Smoky Lake, on August 5, 2023;

and approve to donate any funds received back to the respective entity.

Carried.

Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment Community BBQ – September 7, 2023

834-23: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County Council who can attend – attend the Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment's Community BBQ, celebrating 150-Years 1873-2023, scheduled for September 7, 2023, starting at 11:00 a.m. at the Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment, 5312 44th Avenue, Smoky Lake.

Carried.

Meeting Opportunity with Minister of Municipal Affairs at 2023 Fall RMA Convention

835-23: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County **not** pursue a meeting with the Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, during the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Fall Convention, scheduled for November 6-9, 2023, being held in Edmonton.

Carried.

Letter of Concern for Highway 28 to Minister from three MLAs

836-23: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the letter to the Honourable Devin Dreeschen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, from three MLAs: Scott Cyr - Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, Glenn van Dijken - Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, Dale Nally - Morinville-St. Albert, dated July 27, 2023, in respect to bringing attention to the importance of Highway 28 and its current state of repair posing safety risks and hindering the region's development potential and requesting consideration in designating Highway 28 as an economic corridor within Alberta; **and** send a letter in support of same to the said Minister.

Carried.

Community Adult Learning Program – Grant Funding

837-23: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County as managing partner of the Smoky Lake County Community Learning Council, acknowledge receipt of the letter received on August 18, 2023, from the Honourable Rajan Sawhney, ECA, Minister of Advance Education, announcing approval of a one-time grant fund for the grant year 2023/24, and to expect follow up correspondence on the grant amount and execution of the grant agreement.

Carried.

Addition to the Agenda:

N.E. Muni-Corr ATV Ride - Request for Assistance

838-23: Fenerty

That the email received by Smoky Lake County from Marianne Janke, representing the Alberta’s Iron Horse Trail / Travel Lakeland, dated August 21, 2023, in respect to their ATV Ride event known as “N.E. Muni-Corr ATV Ride”, scheduled for Monday, September 11, 2023, and requesting assistance of County manpower and equipment to facilitate a truck and trailer picking up the ATVs in the Town of St. Paul at the end of the trial ride and shuttling them back to the Village of Waskatenau, **be deferred** until the availability of County resources is determined.

Carried.

11. Information Releases:

Nil.

12. Financial Reports:

Budget to Actual Report & Financial Statements

As annexed to the minutes:

↳ Financial Statement for the months of: **March, April, May 2023.**

Financial Reports

839-23: Serben

That Smoky Lake County’s financial reports, including the Budget to Actual report as at August 15, 2023 and Cheque Register as of July 23, 2023, as follows, be filed for information:

County Council Meeting: July 23, 2023

Batch #	Cheque #	Total Batch
PMCHQ138	53298 to 53312	\$61,080.47
PMCHQ140	53313 to 53324	\$194,646.18
PMCHQ142	53325 to 53357	\$27,532.69
PMCHQ144	53358 to 53369	\$28,538.69
PMCHQ	53370 to 53420	\$10,501.36
PMCHQ148	53421 to 53435	\$364,784.09
PMCHQ149	53444	\$24,624.13
PMCHQ150	53445 to 53465	\$22,982.21
PMCHQ153	53466 to 53476	\$39,172.30
PMCHQ155	53477 to 53485	\$168,970.56
PMCHQ157	53486 to 53503	\$224,243.04
Total Cheques from 53298 to 53503		\$1,167,075.72

Batch #	EFT Numbers	Total Batch
230525	810 to 817	\$7,288.29
230530	818 to 822	\$71,723.32
230614	823 to 850	\$176,750.90
230619	851 to 853	\$175,973.44
230622	854 to 859	\$85,223.41
230629	860 to 877	\$125,354.26
230711	878 to 898	\$829,912.22
230713	899 to 907	\$556,303.78
230726	908 to 929	\$286,652.41
230802	930 to 939	\$59,459.16
230809	940 to 952	\$42,767.51
Total EFTs from 810 to 952		\$2,417,408.70

Direct Debit Register

Batch #	Description	Total Batch
PMPAY047	My HAS	\$285.09
PMPAY048	My HAS	\$220.91
PMPAY049	My HAS	\$448.19
Total Direct Debits from 047 TO 049		\$954.19

Grand Total Bills and Accounts	\$3,585,438.61
<i>(Note: From General Account)</i>	

Carried.

13. Next Meeting(s):

Schedule a Chief Administrative Officer Recruitment Meeting

840-23: Fenerty That a Smoky Lake County Chief Administrative Officer Recruitment Meeting, be scheduled for **Tuesday, September 26, 2023, 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 a Government Liaison Committee Meeting

841-23: Gawalko That the next Smoky Lake County Government Liaison Committee Meeting, be scheduled for **Tuesday, September 26, 2023, 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.

Scheduled County Council Meetings

842-23: Halisky That Smoky Lake County confirm the next Council Meetings, are scheduled for:

**Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. (Regular),
Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. (Regular),
Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. (Regular),
Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. (Organizational),
Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. (Regular),
Thursday, November 23, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. (Regular), and
Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., (Regular),**
to be held virtually, through Electronic Communication Technology as per Bylaw 1376-20 **and/or** physically in County Council Chambers.

Carried.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

843-23: Halisky That the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting of August 23, 2023, be adjourned, time 1:13 p.m.

Carried.

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