

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Minutes of the **County Council Meeting** held on Thursday, **September 7, 2023**, at 9:05 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>Thursday, Sept. 7, 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	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
GIS	Carole Dowhaniuk	Virtually Present
Public Works Manager	Chris Minailo	Present in Chambers
Fire Chief	Scott Franchuk	Present in Chambers
Deputy Fire Chief	Spencer Kotylak	Present in Chambers
Municipal Clerk	Jenna Preston	Virtually Present
Public Works Manager	Christopher Minailo	Present in Chambers
Public	3 Members	Virtually Present
Media	N/A	Absent

2. Agenda:

844-23: Cere

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

Additions to Agenda:

Under Executive Session:

1. Economic Development Opportunity.
2. Firehall Equipment and Security.
3. Request for Custom Work from a Developer.
4. Bridge BF8200 Closure.
5. Village of Vilna – Request for Custom Work.
6. CN Property Flooding at Waskatenau.

Under Council Committee Reports:

7. Saddle Lake Cree Nation Band #462 – Follow Up.
8. Councillor Library Cards – Follow Up.

Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes:

Minutes of August 23, 2023 – Regular County Council Meeting

845-23: Fenerty

That the minutes of the **Smoky Lake County Regular County Council Meeting** held on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Ad-Hoc Working Group Committee for Housing Opportunities and Initiatives

846-23: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County appoint Councillor Cere as an additional 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, further to the August 23, 2023, Council Motion #824-23.

Carried.

4. Delegations:

Nil.

5. Public Hearing:

Nil.

6. Municipal Planning Commission:

Nil.

Additions to the Agenda (Executive Session):

Legal Issues:

847-23: Cere

That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session to discuss the following Legal and/or Personnel Issues, in the presence of all Council, Interim Chief Administrative Officer, Finance Manager, Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, Public Works Manager, Planning & Development Manager, Planning Technician, and Executive Services Clerk, time:

9:11 a.m. Firehall equipment and security, under the authority of the FOIP act, Section 27: Privileged Information;

9:30 a.m. Request for Custom Work from a Developer, under the authority of the FOIP Act, Section 16: Third Party Business Interests;

9:38 a.m. Bridge BF8200 closure on Township Road 590, East of Range Road 132, under the authority of the FOIP Act, Section 27: Privileged Information; under the authority of the FOIP Act, Section 16: Third Party Business Interests;

9:50 a.m. Village of Vilna Custom Work request for: maintenance of 52nd Street located on the West boundary of Vilna connecting to the County's Range Road 135 and brushing the intersection of 50th Street, Vilna and County Township Road 594;

9:56 a.m. Muni-Corr Ltd. request for transporting private ATV machines for an ATV Trail Ride, under the authority of the FOIP Act, Section 27: Privileged Information; and

10:03 a.m. Waskatenau Creek, CN property drainage, under the authority of the FOIP Act, Section 16: Third Party Business Interests.

Carried.

Bob Novosiwsky, Public Works Road Foreman, entered Council Chambers, time 9:24 a.m.

Scott Franchuk, Fire Chief and Spencer Kotylak, Deputy Fire Chief, left Council Chambers, time 9:30 a.m.

848-23: Cere That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 10:16 a.m.
Carried.

Request for Custom Work from a Developer

849-23: Cere That Smoky Lake County Council **deny** the email request, from a Developer, dated September 7, 2023, for custom work to repair soft spots, grade, and compact the partially developed subdivision access road, as discussed on September 7, 2023, in Executive Session, under the authority of the FOIP Act, Section 16: Third Party Business Interests.
Carried.

Mark Fedoretz, Public Works Shop Foreman, virtually joined the meeting, time 10:17 a.m.

7. Request for Decision:

Private Donation Made to Town of Smoky Lake for the CN Station Building

850-23: Serben That Smoky Lake County, as managing partner of the Smoky Lake Region Heritage Board, acknowledge the generous donation from Mr. Jim Ratsoy, in the amount of \$100,000.00 received by the Town of Smoky Lake, in support of the Provincial Historic Resource designated in 2007, known as the iconic Canadian Northern (CN) Railway Station in the Town of Smoky Lake, enabling the undertaking of necessary repairs and maintenance to the building to ensure future generations are able to continue to enjoy this focal point of our community and share in the stories of our past; and approve action taken by administration in writing a thank-you letter to the donor.
Carried.

Power Up North Conference

851-23: Serben That Smoky Lake County Councillors Fenerty and Halisky attend the 2023 Power Up North Conference, scheduled for October 3-5, 2023, at the Hotel Dene and Conference Centre, Cold Lake, Alberta, with Councillor Fenerty attending on October 3-5, 2023 and Halisky attending on October 4, 2023.
Carried.

NE Muni-Corr ATV Ride – Request for Assistance

852-23: Cere That Smoky Lake County Council **deny** the request outlined in the email which was deferred by Council's August 23, 2023, Motion #838-23, 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, requesting assistance of County manpower and equipment to facilitate picking up the ATVs in the Town of St. Paul at the end of the trail ride and shuttling them back to the Village of Waskatenau; as the County has no availability or capacity of manpower to accommodate such a request.
Carried.

2023-2027 Five-Year Financial Plan

853-23: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council adopt the 2023-2027 Five-Year Financial Plan, which provides the highlights of Smoky Lake County's Operating, Capital, and Road Plan budget, as amended; and post the document to the County's website.
Carried.

Year-2023 Property Tax Sale

854-23: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County advertise the following properties with a Tax Notification issued on their Land Title, for the Year-2023 Property Tax Sale, to be scheduled for December 1, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.:

<u>Roll #</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>LINC #</u>	<u>Legal Description</u>
12591540	153.38	0020900742	NE 15-59-12-4
13613240	158.00	0023571153	NE 32-61-13-4
14590910	161.00	0023555179	SE 9-59-14-4
16601910	160.00	0010150563	SE 19-60-16-4
17593320	160.51	0023477391	SW 33-59-17-4,
22010105	Spedden	0010199347	Lot 5 & 6 Blk 1 Plan 1955CL
28170112	Edwand	0019965343	Lot 12 & 13 Blk 1 Plan 2206CL
30190101	Wayetenau	0013499082	Lot 1 Blk 1 Plan 7822612
40300413	Warspite	0010266906	Lot 13 Blk 4 Plan 314HW.

Carried.

Sponsorship of the Threshing Bee Event at the Smoky Lake Pumpkin Fair & Weigh-Off

855-23: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County advise the Smoky Lake Pumpkin Growers Association of the annual monetary donation has been provided in the amount of \$1,500.00 towards the Threshing Bee event held during the Smoky Lake Pumpkin Growers Association’s Annual Pumpkin Fair & Weigh-Off, scheduled for October 5-8, 2023, in the Town of Smoky Lake.

Carried.

Council Attendance at the Smoky Lake Annual Pumpkin Fair & Weigh-Off Event

856-23: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County Council who can attend – attend the Smoky Lake Pumpkin Growers Association’s Annual Pumpkin Fair & Weigh-Off, and approve for the Reeve to bring greetings and/or participate in the Dignitaries Parade, during the said event scheduled for October 5-8, 2023, in the Town of Smoky Lake.

Carried.

In-Kind Assistance at the Smoky Lake Annual Pumpkin Fair & Weigh-Off Event

857-23: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County Council approve to provide in-kind assistance to the Smoky Lake Pumpkin Growers Association with manpower and/or equipment preceding, during and following their Annual Pumpkin Fair & Weigh-Off event, scheduled for October 5-8, 2023, in the Town of Smoky Lake, in response to the email received from the Association, dated August 31, 2023, requesting the County:

1. distribute County picnic tables at several locations within the Town of Smoky Lake,
2. deliver and return the Smoky Lake Riding Club bleachers from the Stampede grounds to the Pumpkin Drop area, and
3. setup chairs on October 5th and/or 6th inside the Smoky Lake Agricultural Complex Arena.

Carried.

Sponsorship of the Smoky Lake Annual Pumpkin Fair & Weigh-Off Event

858-23: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County **approve** to purchase a “Silver” sponsorship in the amount of **\$250.00** for a 1/4 Page full color advertisement in the program guide for the Smoky Lake Pumpkin Growers Association’s Annual Pumpkin Fair & Weigh-Off event, scheduled for October 5-8, 2023, in the Town of Smoky Lake, in response to their sponsorship letter request, received on August 28, 2023.

Carried.

Electricity Charges for Municipal Streetlights – Village of Waskatenau

859-23: Cere

That Smoky Lake County assume responsibility for payment of the electricity charges for the three (3) streetlights located within the County's jurisdiction on Range Road 193A, between Highway 28 and the entrance to the Village of Waskatenau, identified as Site ID Numbers: 0010465047210, 0010467850617, and 0010467861915, effective September 7, 2023, and approve the Year-2023 unbudgeted expense for same.

Carried.

Enterprise Fleet Management Inc. Leases

860-23: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council approve the unbudgeted expense to accommodate the early delivery of 4 trucks replacing units 100B, 109A, 105, and 203 funded from General Capital Reserves; and partially replenish the said reserves with any sales proceeds gained from the sale of the current units 100B, 109A, 105, and 203; and, include the amount required to fully replenish the said reserve in the 2024 Budget.

Carried.

Surplus Equipment Bids – Uncertified Propane Tanks

861-23: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council accept the offer from Bruce Kassian, to purchase the County surplus capital equipment, as is - where is, described as:

- 2001 500 US gallon uncertified propane tank serial # 49921 located at Bellis Transfer station, and
- 2001 500 US gallon uncertified propane tank serial # 512057 located at Spedden transfer station,

in the amount of \$250.00 plus GST for each tank, for a grand total payable in the amount of \$525.00 (including GST) payable to Smoky Lake County.

Carried.

Bob Novosiwsky, Public Works Road Foreman and Chris Minailo, Public Works Manager, entered Council Chambers, time 11:28 a.m.

Dave Franchuk, Environment & Parks Manager, joined the meeting by telephone, time 11:29 a.m.

Dust Suppression Request for Iron Horse Trail at Edwand

862-23: Serben

Smoky Lake County Council **defer** the request to provide funds not to exceed the amount of \$2,100.00 for trucking/hauling to assist North East Muni-Corr Ltd. in facilitating dust suppression on the Iron Horse Trail right-of-way for approximately 200 meters adjacent to, and east of, the Hamlet of Edwand, for the purpose of conducting a test strip with MG30 product supplied at no cost by Kortech Ltd. of St. Paul; **and** request North East Muni-Corr Ltd. provide half (1/2) the funding for the said trucking/hauling.

Carried.

One Member of the Public, virtually left the meeting, time 11:44 a.m.

8. Interim Chief Administrative Officer's Report:

The Interim Chief Administrative Officer provided a verbal report in respect to the Village of Vilna Custom Work request for: maintenance of 52nd Street located on the West boundary of Vilna connecting to the County's Range Road 135 and brushing the intersection of 50th Street, Vilna and County Township Road 594.

Village of Vilna Request for Custom Work - Road Maintenance of 52nd Street

863-23: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County execute a custom work agreement with the Village of Vilna for the purpose of maintaining the Village's 52nd Street located on the West boundary of Vilna connecting to the County's Range Road 135; **and** Council agree to waive any custom work fees for the said maintenance.

Carried.

Village of Vilna Request for Custom Work - Brushing at Intersection of 50th Street

864-23: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County Council approve to enter into custom work agreement with the Village of Vilna to provide tree brushing at cost to the Village, for the South West corner of the intersection of 50th Street, Vilna and County Township Road 594, located on the north boundary of Vilna, in response to the email received from Earla Wager, Chief Administrative Officer, Village of Vilna, dated September 6, 2023.

Carried.

Interim Chief Administrative Officer

865-23: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County Council accept the verbal report from the Interim Chief Administrative Officer, provided on September 7, 2023.

Carried.

11:30 to 11:35 a.m.

Public Question and Answer Period:

Question (comment) from Hank Holowaychuk, Member of the Public:

- I am concerned with the rampant crime occurring in our area, we need an emergency meeting with the Town and RCMP to address this.

Answer (comment) from Lorne Halisky, Reeve:

- We agree, and will be discussing with this with the RCMP today at the RCMP barbeque.

Answer (comment) from Jered Serben, Councillor:

- This needs to be placed on the Joint Municipalities Meeting Agenda and needs to be communicated to our ratepayers as to what we are doing in the meantime.

9. Council Committee Reports:

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

Councillor Linda Fenerty verbally reminded Council to purchase Library Memberships and requested follow up in seeking a meeting with Saddle Lake Cree Nation Band #462, which Administration has been unsuccessfully requesting since July 2022.

10. Correspondence:

CALP Additional Funding Request - Smoky Lake County Community Learning Council

866-23: Serben That Smoky Lake County, as managing partner of Smoky Lake County Community Learning Council, acknowledge receipt of the email from Cora Roberts, Director of Foundational Learning Supports, Advanced Education, dated August 28, 2023, announcing approval for a one-time additional Community Adult Learning Program (CALP) funding in the amount of \$3,870.00 towards the Smoky Lake County Community Learning Council; **and** approve to execute the funding agreement upon receipt.

Carried.

Veterans Memorial Highway Brochure

867-23: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County **deny** the request outlined in the email received from Morgan Gordeyko, Two Hills Regional Chronicle, dated August 22, 2023, in respect to participating in their brochure project for the Veterans Memorial Highway.

Carried.

11. Information Releases:

Information Releases July 26, 2023 to August 31, 2023

868-23: Jered

That Smoky Lake County’s Information Releases for the period of July 26, 2023 to August 31, 2023 as follows, be filed for information:

Information Release	
Date Released	Number/Information Released
July 26, 2023	R135-23: NSWA July 2023 Newsletter
July 27, 2023	R136-23: CHRS Newsletter
August 2, 2023	R137-23: Training Report – Communications – July 26, 2023
August 8, 2023	R138-23: RMA Contact Newsletter – August 4, 2023
August 8, 2023	R139-23: RMA District Updater August 2023
August 8, 2023	R140-23: Letter from Village of Waskatenau to Minister of Justice – Reestablishment of Town of Smoky Lake Courthouse- July 31 2023
August 10, 2023	R141-23: Coffee with a Cop – August 17, 2023
August 11, 2023	R142-23: RMA Contact Newsletter – August 11, 2023
August 15, 2023	R143-23: Unlocking Economic Opportunity with Drones – Alberta Innovates
August 16, 2023	R144-23: News Article: Athabasca Opt out of Immigration Program
August 16, 2023	R145-23: NSWA – State of the NSR Watershed Introductory Video
August 18, 2023	R146-23: RMA Contact Newsletter – August 18, 2023
August 22, 2023	R147-23: Riparian Workshop Follow Up
August 22, 2023	R148-23: Thank You – Randy Russ Memorial Barrel Race
August 24, 2023	R149-23: RMA Report – FCSS Programs in Alberta
August 25, 2023	R150-23: UCC-ACP Bulletin – August 24, 2023
August 25, 2023	R151-23: Thank You for Sponsoring Ukrainian Day
August 28, 2023	R152-23: RMA Contact Newsletter – August 25, 2023
August 29, 2023	R153-23: FCM Newsletter
August 29, 2023	R154-23: LARA
August 29, 2023	R155-23: Evergreen Meeting Documents
August 30, 2023	R156-23: NSWA Newsletter August 2023
August 31, 2023	R157-23: Thank You from Anne Tough and Family

Carried.

12. Financial Reports:

Budget to Actual Report & Financial Statements

As annexed to the minutes:

↳ Financial Statement for the months of: **Nil.**

13. Next Meeting(s):

Schedule a Smoky Lake County Councillor Road Tour

869-23: Cere

That a Smoky Lake **County Councillor Road Tour**, be scheduled for **Friday, September 29, 2023, commencing at 8:00 a.m.** from the Main Office, 4612 McDougall Drive, Smoky Lake.

Carried.

Scheduled County Council Meetings

The next Smoky Lake County Council Meetings, are scheduled for:

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.

Addition to the Agenda (Executive Session):

Legal Issue: Economic Development Opportunity

870-23: Serben That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session to discuss a Legal Issue in respect to an Economic Development Opportunity, relating to additional Veterinarian Services in Smoky Lake Region, under the authority of the FOIP Act Section 16: Third Party Business Interests, in the presence of all Council, Interim Chief Administrative Officer, Finance Manager, time 12:04 p.m.

Carried.

871-23: Serben That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 12:26 p.m.

Carried.

Pursuit of Veterinary Services to Return to Plan 1624316, Lot 1, Block 2, SW-21-59-17-W4

872-23: Serben That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge the August 31, 2023, recommendation from the Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC) Motion #72-23, in respect to Smoky Lake County pursuing opportunities for the return of veterinary services at the vacant veterinary clinic located on the lands legally described as Plan 1624316, Lot 1, Block 2, SW-21-59-17-W4, within Smoky Lake County; and confirm the attraction of Veterinarians falls under the scope of the Physicians and Health Care Professionals Committee (formerly known as the Doctor Retention and recruitment Committee), and as such the matter be deferred to the Physicians and Health Care Professionals Committee.

Carried.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

873-23: Cere That the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting of September 7, 2023, be adjourned, time 12:27 p.m.

Carried.

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER