

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Minutes of the **County Council Budget Meeting** held on Tuesday, **December 5, 2023**, commencing at 9:04 A.M. held in County Council Chambers as well as virtually online through Electronic Communication Technology.

The meeting was called to Order by the Deputy Reeve, Ms. Linda Fenerty in the presence of the following persons:

ATTENDANCE		
<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>Tuesday, Dec. 5, 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	Virtually Present with connectivity issues
Interim CAO	Lydia Cielin	Present in Chambers
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Present in Chambers
Executive Svcs/R.S.	Patti Priest	Present in Chambers

Members of Administrative Staff in attendance:

Jordan Ruegg – Planning & Dev. Manager	Virtually Present
Kyle Schole – Planning Technician	Virtually Present
Evonne Zukiwski – Communications Officer	Virtually Present
Carole Dowhaniuk – GIS Operator	Virtually Present
Dave Franchuk – Enviro & Parks Manager	Virtually Present
Daniel Moric – Natural Gas Manager	Present in Chambers
Trevor Tychkowsky – Loss Prevention Coor.	Virtually Present
Tate Murphy – Community Peace Officer	Virtually Present
Mark Fedoretz – P. W. Shop Foreman	Present in Chambers
Chris Minailo – Public Works Manager	Present in Chambers
Scott Franchuk – Fire Chief	Virtually Present

No Members of the Media were in attendance.

One Members of the Public were in virtual attendance.

Agenda:

174-23: Cere

That the Smoky Lake County Council Budget Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, December 5, 2023, be adopted, as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

Meaghan Andreychuk, Fire Protective Service Clerk, virtually joined the meeting, time 9:11 a.m.

Request for Decision:

2024 Natural Gas System Operating Budget

175-23: Cere

That Smoky Lake County Council **defer** the 2024 Natural Gas System Operating Budget: total revenue in the amount of \$3,025,220 and expenditures in the amount of \$3,220,220 (including amortization), and the Capital Budget; total revenue in the amount of \$267,000 and expenditures, in the amount of \$267,000 to the December 14, 2023, Council meeting.

Carried.

Vehicle Replacement Program

176-23: Halisky That Smoky Lake County pursue a hybrid Vehicle Replacement Program, for Year-2024, of purchasing vehicles (which are to be kept within the fleet until there is no significant value is left) while phasing out any vehicles acquired under existing/upcoming leases through Enterprise Fleet Management Inc..

Carried.

Five-Year Road Plan: Year 2024-2028

177-23: Halisky That Smoky Lake County's draft Five-Year Road Plan for Year 2024-2028, be updated as discussed on December 5, 2023, and the said updates be incorporated into Policy Statement No. 03-18: Five-Year Road Plan, to be brought forward to a future Council meeting for amendment.

Carried.

Mark Fedoretz, Public Works Shop Foreman, left Council Chambers, time 10:05 a.m.

Smoky Lake County Council reviewed the information provided in the agenda package under the following headings, in preparation for the County's Virtual 2024 Budget Open House scheduled for December 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.:

- Bridge Program,
- Draft Year-2024 Capital Plan Budget, and
- 2024 Total Municipal Budget.

Executive Session:

Personnel Issue: Interim Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Compensation

178-23: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Issue, under the authority of the FOIP Act, Section 24: Advice from Officials, and Section 19: Confidential Evaluation, in respect to Compensation for Interim Chief Administrative Officer's services, in the presence of all Council, Interim Chief Administrative Officer, Finance Manager, and Executive Services Clerk, time 10:24 a.m.

Carried.

The Interim Chief Administrative Officer and Executive Services Clerk, left Council Chambers, time 10:28 a.m.

179-23: Halisky That Smoky Lake County go out of Executive Session, time 10:38 a.m.

Carried.

Interim Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Compensation

180-23: Serben That Smoky Lake County Council approve "acting pay" compensation to Lydia Cielin, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), in the amount of \$18,900.00, for duties performed as the Interim CAO, during the 7 (seven) Months from June to December, 2023.

Carried.

Adjournment:

181-23: Cere That the Smoky Lake County Council Budget Meeting of December 5, 2023, be adjourned, time 10:41 a.m.

Carried.

REEVE

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER