

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Minutes of the **County Council Meeting** held on Thursday, **May 23, 2024**, at 9:03 A.M. held both virtually online and physically in Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to order by the Reeve, Jered Serben, in the presence of the following persons:

ATTENDANCE		
<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>Thursday, May 23, 2024</u>
1	Dan Gawalko	Present in Chambers
2	Linda Fenerty	Present in Chambers
3	Dominique Céré	Present in Chambers
4	Lorne Halisky	Present in Chambers
5	Jered Serben	Present in Chambers
Interim CAO	Lydia Cielin	Present in Chambers
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Present in Chambers
Executive Svcs/R.S.	Patti Priest	Present in Chambers

Observers in Attendance Upon Call to Order:

Comm. Officer	Evonne Zukiwski	Present Virtually
P & D Manager	Jordan Ruegg	Present Virtually
Nat. Gas Manager	Daniel Moric	Present Virtually
GIS Operator	Carole Dowhaniuk	Present Virtually
P. W. Manager	Chris Minailo	Present Virtually
Fire Srv. Clerk	Meaghan Andreychuk	Present Virtually
Peace Officer	Tate Murphy	Present Virtually
Ag. Fieldman	Carleigh Danyluk	Present Virtually
Delegation	Marianne Janke	Present in Chambers
Public	1 Member	Present Virtually
Media	No Members	N/A

2. Agenda:

594-24: Gawalko That the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting Agenda for Thursday, May 23, 2024, be adopted, as amended:

Addition to the Agenda:

1. Executive Session – Personnel Issue, in respect to Public Works Personnel, under the authority of the FOIP Act, Section 17: Third Party Personal Privacy.
2. Executive Session – Legal Issue, in respect to an update on Physician recruitment, under the authority of the FOIP Act, Section 27: Privileged Information.

Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes:

3.1. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, May 9, 2024

595-24: Fenerty That the minutes of the **Smoky Lake County Regular Council Meeting**, held on Thursday, May 9, 2024, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

4. Delegations:

4.1. Riverland Recreational Trail Society and Smoky Lake Trail Twisters

Virtually present before Council from 9:08 a.m. to 9:28 a.m., was representatives from Riverland Recreational Trail Society: Marianne Janke, and Smoky Lake Trail Twisters Snowmobile Club: Spencer Kotylak, as a joint delegation to clarify the Riverland Recreational Trail Society's Annual Maintenance fees for the Iron Horse Trail, as requested through Council's April 11, 2024, Motion #490-24.

The Delegations: representatives from Riverland Recreational Trail Society and Smoky Lake Trail Twisters Snowmobile Club, left Council Chambers, time 9:28 a.m.

Riverland Recreational Trail Society

596-24: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council **approve to pay** the three invoices from Riverland Recreational Trail Society under:

Invoice #2022-24, in the amount of \$2,500.00

Invoice #2023-24, in the amount of \$2,500.00

Invoice #2024-24, in the amount of \$2,500.00

for the Riverland Recreational Trail Society's Operations and Maintenance fees for Years 2022, 2023, and 2024; in response to the explanation of maintenance responsibility, as per the verbal information provided by the May 23, 2024, Delegations: Representatives from Riverland Recreational Trail Society: Marianne Janke, and Smoky Lake Trail Twisters Snow Mobile Club: Spencer Kotylak; **and** bring forward a new funding agreement for consideration in response to the letter deferred by County Council in February 2022, received from Marvin Bjornstad, President, Riverland Recreational Trail Society, dated January 3, 2022, requesting renewal of the three-year funding agreement which expired in Year-2021.

Carried.

5. Public Hearing:

Nil.

6. 6. Municipal Planning Commission (MPC):

Nil.

7. Request for Decision:

7.1. Five-Year Road Plan Amendment - Warspite Dust Control on Range Road 183

597-24: Céré

That Smoky Lake County Council approve to amend Policy Statement No. 03-18-19: Five-Year Road Plan to incorporate a **Year-2025 project** in the amount up to \$25,000.00, for the purpose of adding an oil-based dust control along the west side of the Hamlet of Warspite, on Range Road 183, south of Township Road 592, between 51 Avenue, Warspite, up to the existing oil-based dust control at the Rural Address: 59153 Rge Rd 183, for approximately 250 meters.

Carried.

7.2. FCSS Grant Funding Request – Friends of the Vilna Pool Hall Society

598-24: Serben

That Smoky Lake County **approve** to allocate funding from the 2024 Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Grant budget in accordance with Policy No. 08-17-01: Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) grant as follows:

Community Group	Eligibility	Funding
Friends of the Vilna Pool Hall Society	Volunteer Appreciation	\$1,290.00

Carried.

One Member of the Public, virtually joined the meeting, time 9:50 a.m.

7.3. Community Communication Mobile Application

599-24: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County **not participate** in purchasing a Community Communication mobile application to facilitate emergency alerts and day-to-day notifications from the Smoky Lake Region to subscribers, as recommend at the Joint Municipalities Meeting held on April 29, 2024, Motion #JMM-318-24, due to the County’s current communication applications being sufficient.

Carried.

7.4. Regional Municipal Energy Manager - Municipal Climate Change Action Centre

600-24: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council **take no action** to support a joint application to the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre (MCCAC), as recommend at the Joint Municipalities Meeting held on April 29, 2024, Motion #JMM-319-24, which was proposed to be for the purpose of potentially funding a salary up to the maximum amount of \$80,000.00, with any unfunded salary amount to be funded jointly by each regional partner to employ a Smoky Lake Region Municipal Energy Manager, who would develop an energy management plan, implement energy saving opportunities and realize energy savings.

Carried.

8. Interim Chief Administrative Officer’s Report:

8.1 Interim Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Report

No Report.

8.2 Chief Administrative Officer (CAO): Appointment

601-24: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council appoint Mr. Kevin Lucas as the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for Smoky Lake County, effective June 3, 2024, and approve to execute the CAO Employment Contract Agreement between Kevin Lucas and the County; and announce the said appointment through a press release posted in the County Grapevine and on the County’s Website and on Social Media.

Carried.

9. Council Committee Reports:

9.1 Division One Councillor’s Report on various Committees, Boards & Commissions

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

- May 8 attended the 28/63 water commission meeting with chair Lorne Halisky.
- May 16 attended the Evergreen Regional Waste Management commission with alternate Lorne Halisky, information on the ACP grant St. Paul county would accept the position of proposed waste management in Evergreen region and will be applying on all the municipalities behalf & managing the grant, a RFP for auditing services will be sent out to several accounting firms, Ashley gave the financial report some GIC’s are due and will be reinvested, Paul gave the site report the loader needs some new tires so we went over some quotes we received and he will do some more research into prices, the new employee Dakota started and he is available to work landfills in other municipalities for 21.65

per hour plus travel allowance, steel gates have been stolen in St. Paul grazing reserve next door to Evergreen site, the site is in good shape the Boscombe 4H club with 30 parents & members they cleaned all scavenge garbage within the boundary & received 2,000 dollars for their club, work on the inert waste cell has been given approval & July 2 is the start date with a preconstruction meeting in mid-June, A & F Metal interested in hauling metal waste from Lafond site at 160.00 per ton, next meeting June 20, 10:00 am.

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

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

April 25, 2024 - Assessing the Viability of Smaller Municipalities - 5:30 p.m. - via Zoom

- This discussion is on the final paper in the Future of Municipal Government series in partnership with the University of Calgary. The webinar will focus on the paper's findings, highlight what influences the viability of small communities, and provide policy tools to address these challenges.

May 13, 2024 - Muni-Corr - St. Paul County Chambers - 10:00 a.m.

- Bylaw update - Five municipalities have approved. Town of Smoky Lake still has some issues with wording. Marianne to attend as a delegation. MD of Bonnyville had a few changes, but consensus is that they be filed until bylaw is next reviewed. County of St. Paul has rebuilt road to Edouardville and had taken .0333 hectare. County has also reinforced Texas gate. Question asked if Muni-Corr wants to get paid for that portion of road (voted that no payment required by County). Muni-Corr will look at a process for ATV use on trail in the event of a drought/fire situation and with consult with all municipalities. Don Millhouse has made a request for access on Muni-Corr property in Vilna - request for more information, deferred to next meeting. Glendon vehicles have been using the Iron Horse Trail as a road. RRTS will install signs and use enforcement to deter this. Cameras will also be installed.

May 15, 2024 - Community Futures - 5:30 p.m. - via Zoom

- Closed session - delinquency/loan portfolio/loans. Community Futures was involved with the Connect for Food Initiative in Vermilion - 120 people attended. CF is searching for funding for Digital Services Squad employees who have helped upward of 100 entrepreneurs in our area. Year end audit currently being done (May 13-15). Lemonade Day training - May 7,8,21. Lemonade Tasting Day - June 5. CF AGM - June 19.

May 22, 2024 - Northern Lights Library System - AGM & Board Meeting Elk Point NLLS office - 10:00 a.m.

- ALTA Trustee Report given, Financial report presented (NLLS is waiting for Provincial Operating Grant). James MacDonald unveiled the new GOcard which has been designed or First Nations & Metis Settlements to make it easier for them to get a library card. There are no libraries on First Nations. Budget 2025 - there will be a 1.5% increase in levy to each municipality. Some of the other Library Systems have asked for a 6% levy increase. Next meeting TBD.
- Guest speaker was Jim Harris, internationally acclaimed speaker on AI Technology and its future use in libraries. He suggested with small libraries have few hours/week that Chat GPT could be used to assist staff with Grant Writing, something that could be very well utilized instead of hiring so-called Grant Writers.

Other Meetings

- April 29, 2024 - Joint Municipalities Mtg - 5:00 p.m. - Vilna Seniors' Centre
- April 30, 2024 - Physicians & Health Care - 9:00 a.m. (via Zoom - alternate)
- April 30, 2024 - RCDC - 1 :00 p.m. (via Zoom - alternate)
- May 2, 2024 - Friends of Vilna Pool Hall Society - Vilna Pool Hall - 7:00 p.m.
- May 9, 2024 - County Council Meeting - Council Chambers - 9:00 a.m.
- May 9, 2024 - MCC - Town of Smoky Lake Chambers - 5:30 p.m.
- May 14, 2024 - Vilna Library Meeting - Vilna Library - 6:30 p.m.
- May 18, 2024 - Cancer Benefit Fundraiser - Vilna Pool Hall - all day event
- May 23, 2024 - County Council Meeting - Council Chambers - 9:00 a.m.

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

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

April 25 - Regular Council Mtg.

April 27 - FCSS ESS Training

- This was a great introduction session as to what is needed in the event of an emergency as well as a review of the roles and responsibilities of those who volunteer. At the end, there was an opportunity to review some situations and discuss how to address them.

April 29 - Joint Municipalities Mtg. in Vilna

May 02 - Bill 20

- Phone conversation discussing Bill 20 and the proposed changes which could impact municipal governance.

May 09 - Regular Council Mtg.

May 09 - MCC Shareholders Mtg.

May 14 - Rural Health and System Refocus Telephone Town Hall

- Interesting town hall with an opportunity to ask questions near the end of the call. Most of the questions asked were from individuals who reside in the Northeast and Northern parts of the province.

May 15 - Alberta Bilingual Municipalities of Alberta

- Provided an update relating to recent grant applications (unsuccessful).
- Some funding is available for expanding French Language signage within French communities.

May 16 - FCSS (Zoom)

- Updates on local programming in place: Come Play With Me (a program for caregivers and children aged 0-5), Afterschool Program (a weekly program for kids grades 1-3), Dungeons and Dragons (a monthly program for children 11 years of age and older), Paint with the Greats (monthly program for caregivers and children age 7-10), and Youth Council to name a few.
- Elevate Wellness: committee meeting was held on April 30 where they reviewed sustainability funds and the action plan/budget requirements to finalize pending initiatives
- Mental Wellness: Mental Health Wellness Awareness Week, May 6-12.
- Upcoming events discussed included the Street Fair on May 23, CN Station 105th Anniversary on May 25, May 29 Interagency meeting and the Board Meeting Workshop to be held on June 20.

May 17 - Smoky Lake Foundation Mtg., Vilna

9.4 Division Four Councillor's Report on various Committees, Boards & Commissions

Lorne Halisky – Division Four Councillor's report from various Committees, Boards and Commissions:

May 06, 2024 – Bellis Board of Trade Meeting in Bellis (in-person)

- Discussion was held on fund raising such as annual Hamlet garage sale and meat raffle; purchasing/set up of flower half barrels for/to beautify main street; set up for the August 2024 Randy Russ Barrell Race including raffle ticket table and tents.
- Financial report was giving with all in good standing.
- Presented some County things on the go such as Health Care, EMS, Policing, Housing, Fire Services, Tourism/SLTC and water/wastewater possible grant funding etc.
- Bellis Hamlet Hwy sign on Highway 28 was deferred to the next meeting.
- Next Meeting date is July 15, 2024.

May 08, 2024 – Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission Regular Meeting (Lorne and Dan in-person)

- Discussed Member Municipalities Drought and Water Restriction Management Plans and still waiting for St Paul's Plan.
- Financial report was given by the Commission Financial Manager with all in good standing and on budget.
- Clayton Lenard legal council for Whitefish Lake First Nation stated that WFL is proceeding with the disposition, licencing, setting up a corporation and becoming a commission member etc.
- Operations Manager reported that they are continuing boosting chlorine to assure safe drinking parameters at Whitefish Lake Reservoir. Radway communications tower replacement will take place in May/24. Work is continuing on a water connection for a Thorhild County resident. SCADA System work is ongoing to support remote operations and applied for grant funding to replace SCADA System as the current system is outdated/failing including proactive tower inspections to help prevent communication failures etc.
- Government of Alberta Grant Program Representative stated that we will hear soon on the Water for Life Grant and stated that we will be happy with the announcement.
- Set up a Water Commission Orientation Tour tentatively on June 19, 2024.
- Had a presentation from Aquatera Utilities Inc. on managing the administration and operations for the commission and drafting a commission management document to possibly go out for tender etc.
- Next Meeting date is June 12, 2024.

May 13, 2024 – Smoky Lake Region – Kosiv Ukraine Twinning Committee Meeting (virtual)

- Update from Kosiv starting with thanking the Twinning Committee and Smoky Lake Region for the support, all the funding is basically going to war activities and trying to maintain infrastructure. Their Council is working hard to support education, health, and workers. Russia tried to take over more territory and Kosiv Region has over 1000 people involved in the war and unfortunately have lost 46 lives in the war.
- Kosiv teachers discussed the School Video Exchange Project making the videos traditional with dance, culture, food etc. New initiatives to explore are shoe box exchange, pen pals and Christmas elf in traditional dress etc.
- Next Meeting date TBD.

May 13, 2024 – Smoky Lake Region – Ukrainian Twinning Committee Meeting (virtual)

- Updated the Project List with primarily focusing on the School Video Exchange Program, sending Kosiv expired Fire Fighting Gear, Crafts/Arts Project, Team Building amongst members and Educational Cooperation in 2024.
- Terms of Reference was discussed with minor amendments.
- Wire Transfer Donation of \$1000 CAD to Kosiv was confirmed.
- Financial report was given and all in good standing with a balance of \$3209.72. No budget required for 2024.
- Next Meeting date TBD.

Delegation Shannon Paquette, Donor Relations and Development Officer, Central Alberta Foundation, STARS, entered Chambers, time 10:10 a.m.

9.5 Reeve & Div. 5 Councillor's Report on various Committees, Boards & Commissions

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

April 18, 2024 - Métis Nation of Alberta's (MNA) Proposed Supportive Living Facility Development: Healing Waters Treatment Center, held at the National Hall, Smoky Lake (All Council)

- This public engagement session was facilitated by the MNA who provided information about the proposed development alongside the Minister of Mental Health and Addiction to address concerns raised by the public.
- April 18, 2024 – HAK School Open House (Jered & Lorne)
- Learned about the programs that HAK has to offer and met with other local agencies who were present to showcase their offerings to the community, such as the RCMP, Volunteer Firefighters, FCSS, and several others.
- April 19, 2024 – Smoky Lake Foundation meeting, held at Bar-V-Nook (Jered & Dominique)
- Received updates from the Foundation CAO and Finance, as well as the Occupancy Report and Committees & Working group reports.
 - Discussed the maintenance truck in Vilna, operating agreement, a legal fees query, affordable housing and the HVAC Systems at BVN & VL.
- April 23, 2024 – RhPAP (Alberta's Rural Health Professions Action Plan) Strategic Plan 2024-2027 Presentation, held virtually (Jered & Dominique)
- Tracy Sopkow, RhPAP's CEO, provided a high-level overview of RhPAP's new strategic plan for 2024-2027, outlining their vision, goals, and actions for the upcoming years, with an opportunity to provide feedback and insights to achieve shared goals and drive success in efforts to keep healthcare close to home.
- April 24, 2024 - Council Budget Meeting, held in Chambers and virtually (All Council)
- Approved the consolidated 2024-2028 Five-Year Capital Budget including the Capital Bridge Plan and Capital Road Plan expenditures.
 - Approved the balanced Year-2024 Municipal Total Function Budget, with a total Revenue in the amount of \$24,120,286 and total Expenditures in the amount of \$26,164,586, not including amortization in the amount of \$2,044,300.
 - Gave 3rd Reading to Bylaw No. 1461-24: Year-2024 Tax Rate.
- April 25, 2024 – Council Regular Meeting, held in Chambers and virtually (All Council)
- Approved to provide \$526.50 to the "Heartland Training and Support Hub" (formerly known as the Farm Safety Centre).
 - Gave 3rd & Final Readings to Bylaw No. 1429-23 – Undeveloped Road Allowance, East Side of River Lot 10, Victoria Settlement & Bylaw No. 1462-24: to Amend Road Closure Bylaw No. 1429-23 – Undeveloped Road Allowance, East Side of River Lot 10, Victoria Settlement.
 - Gave 3rd & Final Reading to Bylaw No. 1453-23: to amend the Land Use Bylaw No. 1272-14, to define Supportive Living Facilities.
 - Approved to increase the Transportation Routing and Vehicle Information System Multi-Jurisdiction (TRAVIS-MJ), fixed fee from \$25 to \$50.
 - Adopted the Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd.'s Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Manual, executed the Safety and Loss Management System (SLMS) for the County's Natural Gas System, & adopted the Quality Management Plan issued by Rural Utilities.
 - Approved to close the County Offices on May 24th for the Annual Safety meeting so all staff can attend.
 - Approved to provide \$350 to Smoky Lake Holubka Dancers, towards their lunch during their participation in the 2024 highway cleanup.
 - Approved to provide \$200 to HAK School, to sponsor the Year-2024 Aspen View Robotics Tournament.
 - Approved to waive the landfill fees for Victoria Trail Agricultural Society (VTAS) during their major resurfacing project of the arena in Waskatenau.
- April 29, 2024 - Joint Municipalities Meeting, held in Vilna (All Council)
- Received updates from the RCMP, Aspen View Schools & Métis Crossing.
 - Recommended exploring a community communication mobile application.
 - Recommended regionally applying to the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre (MCCAC), for potentially funding a Municipal Energy Manager.
- April 30, 2024 – Physician and Health Care Professionals Committee Meeting, held Town Council Chambers (Jered & Linda)
- Received an update on the "Let's Go Rural" event held on March 1, 2024 at the Complex, with stations including Lab/Digital Imaging, Injections, EM, Pharmacy and Senior's Care. The overall satisfaction rate from students was 4.8/5 with 100% strongly agreeing that it was a worthwhile learning experience.
 - Acknowledged the Rural Health Professionals Action Plan Rhapsody Awards submission was unsuccessful.
 - Received an update on Doctor Esterhuizen's completed 1st half of her practicum.
 - Discussed other potential uses for the Vilna Health Care Centre.
 - Approved to a donation \$750 to George McDougall Healthcare Centre to support reno's to nurse's break room; and deliver cookies to the Bar-V-Nook Lodge, Vilna Lodge and the Vilna Clinic on May 31, 2024, in honour of Rural Health Care Week.
 - Recommended attending the RhPAP - Rural Community Health Provider Attraction and Retention (A&R) Conference in October 8-10, 2024 in Wainwright.
 - Acknowledged receipt of RhPAP's Strategic Plan 2024-2027.
- April 30, 2024 – Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC) Meeting, held in Chambers and virtually (Jered, Lorne, & Linda)
- Discussed and received information about Alberta Advantage Immigration Program (AAIP), as part of the Rural Renewal Stream, from delegates and guests representing: Smoky Lake Region Chamber of Commerce, Town of Slave Lake's Economic Development, and Town of Two Hills' Economic Development & Tourism.
- May 6, 2024 – Smoky Lake Agricultural Society, held at the Smoky Lake Ag Complex (Jered)
- Will be installing a new HVAC system and will be applying for grant funding.
 - Discussions was held regarding the Pumpkin Fair as well as filling ice time in the arena.
 - County of Sturgeon - Legal is major reno time slots
 - The STARS fundraiser held on April 13th made \$117,000
- May 7, 2024 – Aspen View Robotics Competition, held at HAK School (Jered)
- Volunteered to attend as a judge for the 2024 competition.
- May 7, 2024 – Rural Crime Watch Annual General Meeting, held at the Curling Rink (Jered)

- Volunteered to attend and become a member.
- May 9, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting, held in Chambers & virtually (All Council)
- Approved to fund the Bellis 4-H Beef Club trophy belt buckles from the Agricultural Budget, in the amount of \$1,225.
 - Approved to engage Cortex Vegetation Controls, to perform licensed vegetation control services from June 15 to September 1 this year at a cost of \$9,147 for approximately 300 miles.
 - Appointed Kierstin Dubitz as a Weed and Pest Inspector for Smoky Lake County.
 - Refused the 2024 safe grad party to be held at Victoria Picnic Grounds site on Hwy 855, due to it not being owned by the County and the extent of liability risk is unknown.
 - Approved \$6,500 of FCSS grant funds to the Smoky Lake County Year-2024 Junior Fire Summer Day Camp.
 - Amended Policy Statement No. 15-01-03: Discipline Policy.
 - Approved to endorse a letter of support to become a Designated Community under the Rural Renewal Stream (RRS) through the Alberta Advantage Immigration Program.
 - Approved to accept the Smoky Lake Holubka Dancers as an Additional Named Insured (ANI) with RMA under the County's Insurance Umbrella.
- May 9, 2024 – MCC for the Smoky Lake Development Corp. Annual Meeting of Shareholders, held in the Town of Smoky Lake Chambers (Linda, Jered, Lorne, Dominique, Dan)
- Held general discussion about the condition of the Corporation.
 - Received the Compiled Financial Information Period Ended December 31, 2023, & the Statement of Operations January 1 to December 31, 2023.
- May 16, 2024 - Northeast Alberta Alliance for Growth and Opportunities (NAAGO), with Brian Jean Minister of Energy & Minerals, who previously served as the Minister of Jobs, Economy and Northern Development, (Jered)
- MLA - Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk (Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville), Garth Rowswell (Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright) and Scott Cyr (Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul), were in attendance, Glenn van Dijken (Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock) was absent.
 - Discussion was about requesting our own North East Zone for healthcare, as we have issues and would like to offer solution.
 - MLAs Garth Rowswell (Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright) and Scott Cyr (Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul), will come to the next NAAGO meeting to take notes and bring the information forward to the Minister.

Request to Meet Regionally with the Ministers of Health and Mental Health & Addiction

602-24: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council recommend writing a joint letter signed by all municipalities from the Smoky Lake Region, as one voice, to request a meeting with the Minister of Health and Minister Mental Health and Addiction, for the purpose of discussing concerns with physician recruitment in the Smoky Lake Region and the need for our own “North East Zone” for healthcare.

Carried.

Reeve's Report and Councillors Reports on various Committees, Boards & Commissions

603-24: Halisky

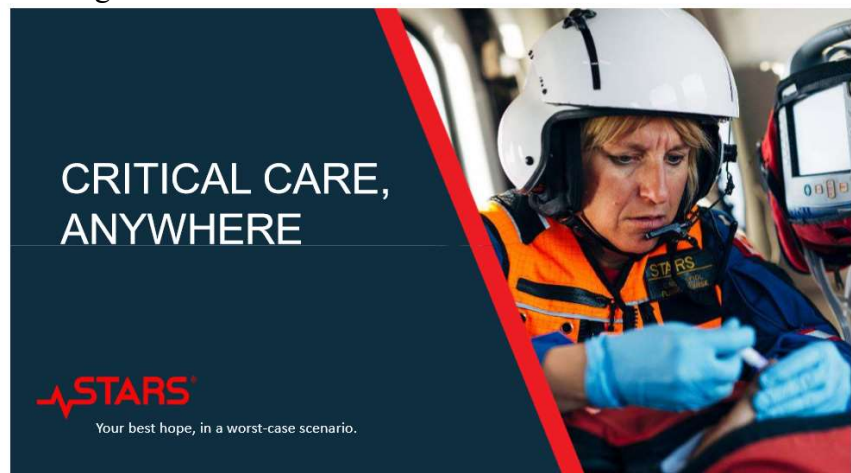
That Smoky Lake County's Reeve Report received for the period of April 18, 2024, to May 13, 2024, be posted to the County's website and the Councillors reports on various committees, boards and commissions, be accepted as presented.

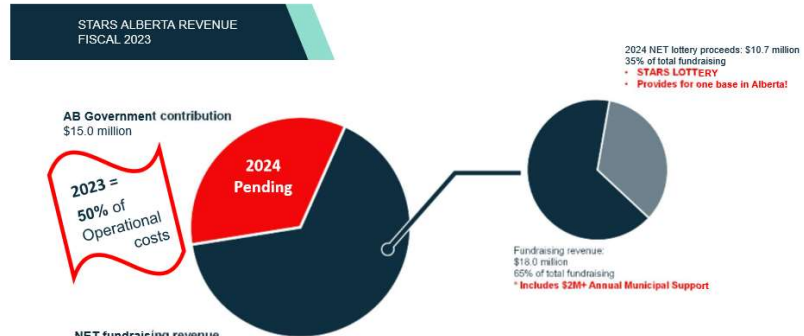
Carried.

4. Delegations:

4.1. STARS (Shock Trauma Air Rescue Services)

Present before Council from 10:32 a.m. to 10:48 a.m., was Shannon Paquette, Donor Relations and Development Officer, Central Alberta Foundation, STARS, to provide the annual update, including the following slides:





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ESSENTIAL SERVICE FOR ALL

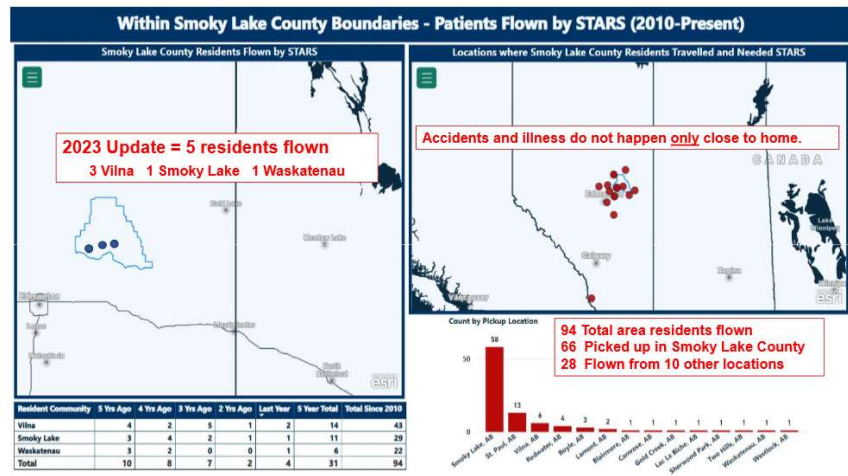
- New! 9 rural municipalities
- New! 9 urban municipalities
- Requests Pending
- Over 90% Alberta Municipal partnerships
- Range = \$2 up to \$90 per capita
- 70% Regional Leaders/ fixed rate/alleviate fluctuation
- Partnership ensures health & safety for residents

- (9) MUNICIPAL LEADERS**
- Standing Motion / Fixed rate
 - Included in Protective Services
 - Welcome Birch Hills County



*GREEN = AB/BC municipalities
*WHITE = currently non-supporter

WITHIN SMOKY LAKE COUNTY @ May 16, 2024	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	TOTAL
Near Caslan (within Smoky Lake County)			1	1	2		4
Near Gold Creek	1		1				2
Near Kikino			1			1	2
Saddle Lake FN	1	4	3	4	5		17
Smoky Lake Hospital critical inter-facility transfers	7	8	11	7	7	5	45
Near Smoky Lake	5	6	3	5	6	1	26
Near Spedden	1		2				3
Near Vilna	1	1	1	2	1	1	7
Near Waskatenau				2			2
TOTAL *Annual area average = 20 missions per year	16	19	23	21	21	8	108



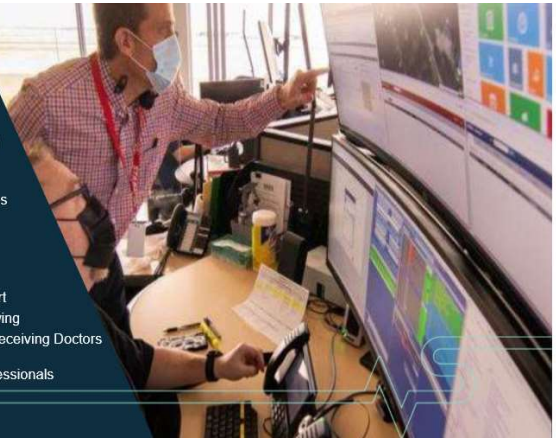
More Than Rapid Transport

EMERGENCY LINK CENTRE (ELC)

- Integrated with all dispatch centres and resources
- Precise GIS mapping coordinates
- Dispatches HALO and HERO responses
- 36,000 emergency requests/year

STARS TRANSPORT PHYSICIANS

- Medical and procedural guidance
- Every critical call / All modes of transport
- Ground ambulance, rotary wing, fixed wing
- Schedule logistical arrangements with receiving Doctors and Hospitals
- Virtual care supports rural medical professionals



Innovative Leader

Night Vision Goggles (NVG)

- 1st Civilian Org. in Canada (2002)
- 50% of calls occur at night

Universal Blood Onboard

- 1st HEMS in North America (2013)
- Increased to 4 Units
- The difference between life and death.

New! A Canadian First! Massive Hemorrhage Protocol

- Reverse anticoagulation
- Promote blood clotting in severe trauma patients



Critical Care Experts

Mandatory Training

- Up to 200 hours per year
- Simulation lab and online
- Clinical Educators at each base
- Replicate complex/distinct cases

In-Field Training

- Ready for the unthinkable
- Inclement weather / Patient vulnerability
- High-consequence situations

Chain of Survival Partners

- Landing Zone Training (available online)
- STARS.ca (critical care anywhere tab)



International Air Medical Transport Conference (AMTC)

- Rigorous competition
- Triage multiple patients
- Inconceivable critical situations
- Graded: decision-making
- Timing and patient outcomes

STARS TOP 3 - 21 Years!



SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

LEADERSHIP - DEDICATION - SUPPORT

CURRENT SUPPORT

\$6,000.00 Fixed Rate
Standing Motion



A life is saved every day. Partnership makes it possible.

Shannon Paquette, Donor Relations and Development Officer, Central Alberta Foundation, STARS, left the meeting, time 10:48 a.m.

STARS (Shock Trauma Air Rescue Services) - Presentation

604-24: Céré

That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the presentation from the May 23, 2024 Delegation: Shannon Paquette, Donor Relations and Development Officer, Central Alberta Foundation, STARS (Shock Trauma Air Rescue Services), and outlining the benefits received by the residents of the Smoky Lake Region from STARS, and thanking Smoky Lake County for the Annual Donation in the amount of \$6,000.00, as per December 14, 2022, Motion #217-22.

Carried.

STARS (Shock Trauma Air Rescue Services) - Tour

605-24: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County Council accept the verbal invitation from Delegation: Shannon Paquette, Donor Relations and Development Officer, Central Alberta Foundation, STARS (Shock Trauma Air Rescue Services), for those Council who can attend, to attend a tour of the STARS Edmonton Base, located at the Edmonton International Airport, on an agreeable date, to be determined.

Carried.

10. Correspondence:

10.1. Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors – Hwy 28 Speed Reduction

606-24: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the, letter from the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, dated May 14, 2024, in respect to the provincial department being in the process of preparing the ministerial order to amend (reduce) the speed limit for Highway 28 along the Town of Smoky Lake, and acknowledge the Minister has requested it to be completed before the next school year in September 2024.

Carried.

10.2. Alberta Public Engagement Rural Health & System Refocus

607-24: Céré

That Smoky Lake County file the information received from the Government of Alberta, described as a communications and public engagement, information sheet, titled: “Rural Health and System Refocus”, from their Telephone Town Hall held on May 14, 2024, which provided updates on initiatives related to rural health.

Carried.

10.3. Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators Recognition of Lydia Cielin

608-24: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the letter from the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA) president: Tony Kulbisky, dated April 30, 2024, acknowledging the commitment of Lydia Cielin, for her remarkable thirty-five years of service in municipal government management roles.

Carried.

10.4. RMA District 5 Meeting

609-24: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council who can attend – attend the (Rural Municipalities of Alberta) RMA District 5 Meeting, scheduled for Friday, August 23, 2024, to be held in Camrose, Alberta; and encourage those Councillors who are attending, to carpool to the event.

Carried.

10.5. RMA Bulletin - Concerns with Bill 20s Impacts on Municipal Democracy

610-24: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the Bulletin from RMA (Rural Municipalities of Alberta), “RMA Concerns with Bill 20 Impacts on Municipal Democracy”, dated May 2, 2024; and write a letter of support to RMA to extend appreciation of their work and encourage all RMA District 5 members to voice their concerns with:

- Bill 20 - Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024,
- Bill 18 - Provincial Priorities Act, 2024, and
- Bill 21 - Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024.

Carried.

11. Information Releases:

Nil.

12. Financial Reports:

Budget to Actual Report

611-24: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County’s financial reports: Budget to Actual as of May 10, 2024, as prepared by the Finance Manager, be accepted for information.

Carried.

13. Next Meeting(s):

Reconfirm County Council Meeting Date

612-24: Halisky

That the previously scheduled upcoming Smoky Lake County Council Meetings be re-confirmed as follows:

Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., (Regular),

Thursday, June 27, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. (Regular),

and the next Smoky Lake County Council Meetings be scheduled for:

Thursday, August 8, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., (Regular),

Thursday, August 22, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. (Regular),

all to be held virtually, through Electronic Communication Technology as per Bylaw 1376-20 **and/or** physically in County Council Chambers.

Carried.

Tate Murphy, Peace Officer, entered Council Chambers, time 11:10 a.m.

Executive Session:

14.1. Legal Issue: Update from the Peace Officer

613-24: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session to discuss a Legal Issue: update on Peace Officer activities and investigations, under the authority of the FOIP Act, Section 27: Privileged Information, in the presence of all Council, Interim Chief Administrative Officer, Finance Manager, Peace Officer, and Executive Services Clerk, time 11:10 a.m.

Carried.

Tate Murphy, Peace Officer, left Council Chambers, time 11:26 a.m.

614-24: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 11:27 a.m.

Carried.

11:32 to 11:33 a.m.

Public Question and Answer Period:

None.

14.2. Legal Issue: Letter from Concerned Ratepayers & Legal Advice from Brownlee LLP

615-24: Céré

That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session to discuss a Legal Issue, in respect to a letter from Concerned Ratepayers, dated May 8, 2024, (deferred from May 9, 2024, by Council Motion #592-24), and Legal Advice from Brownlee LLP, dated May 16, 2024, under the authority of FOIP Act, Section 27: Privileged Information, and Section 24: Advice from Officials, in the presence of all Council, Interim Chief Administrative Officer, Finance Manager, Planning and Development Manager, and Executive Services Clerk, time 11:33 a.m.

Carried.

616-24: Céré

That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 11:59 a.m.

Carried.

Update on the Peace Officer's Activities and Investigations

617-24: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council accept the update of the Peace Officer's activities and investigations, as of May 23, 2024, which was received by Council under the authority of the FOIP Act, Section 27: Privileged Information, and Section 24: Advice from Officials.

Carried.

Letter from Concerned Ratepayers: Don Klym & Noreen Easterbrook

618-24: Céré

That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the letter from concerned ratepayers: Don Klym and Noreen Easterbrook, dated May 8, 2024; and respond to the said letter as discussed, on May 23, 2024, under the authority of FOIP Act, Section 27: Privileged Information, and Section 24: Advice from Officials.

Carried.

Executive Session (Additions to the Agenda):

Legal Issue: Physician Recruitment

Personnel Issue: Public Works Personnel

619-24: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session to discuss the following issues, in the presence of all Council, Interim Chief Administrative Officer, Finance Manager, and Executive Services Clerk:

1. from, 12:02 p.m. to 12:23 p.m., as a Legal Issue, in respect to an update on Physician recruitment, under the authority of the FOIP Act, Section 27: Privileged Information;
2. from, 12:25 p.m. to 12:38 p.m., as a Personnel Issue, in respect to Public Works Personnel, under the authority of the FOIP Act, Section 17: Third Party Personal Privacy.

Carried.

620-24: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 12:38 p.m.

Carried.

Physician Recruitment - Dr. Arian Esterhuizen

621-24: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council request MLA: Glenn van Dijken, to contact the Minister of Health: Adriana LaGrange, for the purpose of seeking the Minister's assistance to expedite the final Practice Readiness Assessment (PRA) process for Dr. Arian Esterhuizen, and enable Dr. Esterhuizen to commence practice at the Raubenheimer Medical Clinic, in Smoky Lake as soon as possible.

Carried.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

622-24: Gawalko

That the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting of May 23, 2024, be adjourned, time 12:39 p.m..

Carried.

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