

**SMOKY LAKE COUNTY**

Minutes of the **County Council Meeting** held on Thursday, **June 27, 2024**, at 9:00 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:

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>Thursday, June 27, 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
CAO	Kevin Lucas	Present in Chambers
Assistant CAO	Lydia Cielin	Present in Chambers
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Present in Chambers
Executive Svcs/R.S.	Patti Priest	Present in Chambers
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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
Fire Srv. Clerk	Meaghan Andreychuk	Present Virtually
Peace Officer	Tate Murphy	Present Virtually
Ag. Fieldman	Carleigh Danyluk	Present Virtually
Public	3 Member	Present Virtually
Media	No Members	N/A

**2. Agenda:**

666-24: Fenerty

That the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting Agenda for Thursday, June 27, 2024, be adopted, as amended:

**Addition to the Agenda:**

1. In-Camera (Executive Session) – Personnel Issue, in respect to Council Providing Direction to the Chief Administrative Officer, under the authority of the FOIP Act, Section 24: Advice from Officials.
2. Letter from Smoky Lake Golf Course, dated June 25, 2024, requesting sponsorship of the 2024 Junior Golf Program.
3. Letter from Vilna Agricultural Society dated June 4, 2024, regarding the Future Operations of the Vilna Arena & Curling Rink.
4. In-Camera (Executive Session) – Land and Legal Issue, in respect to the Warspite Sewage Lagoon, under the authority of the FOIP Act, Section 16: Third Party Business Interests & 27: Privileged Information.

Carried Unanimously.

**3. Minutes:**

**3.1. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, June 13, 2024**

667-24: Céré

That the minutes of the **Smoky Lake County Regular Council Meeting**, held on Thursday, June 13, 2024, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

7. **Request for Decision:**

7.1. **18<sup>th</sup> Annual Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Charity Golf Classic**

668-24: Céré

That Smoky Lake County Council approve to provide funds in the amount of **\$500.00 to the Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd.** to provide a general sponsorship towards the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Federation Charity Golf Classic, in support of MS Canada, scheduled for August 22, 2024, being held at Goose Hummock Golf Resort, Gibbons, Alberta.

Carried.

Scott Franchuk, Fire Chief, entered Council Chambers, time 9:14 a.m.  
One Member of the Public joined the meeting, virtually, time 9:15 a.m.

7.5. **Bylaw No. 1465-24: to Amend Road Closure Bylaw 1429-23, Undeveloped Road Allowance, East Side of River Lot 10, Victoria Settlement**

669-24: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County **Bylaw No. 1465-24: to Amend Road Closure Bylaw No. 1429-23, Undeveloped Road Allowance, East Side of River Lot 10, Victoria Settlement**, (as amended, to clarify **along the entire Northern Length of River Lot 10, Victoria Settlement**), for the purpose of closing to public travel, a portion of the undeveloped road allowance, in accordance with section 22 of the municipal government act, chapter m-26, revised statutes of Alberta 2000, be given **FIRST READING**.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Gawalko that Smoky Lake County **Bylaw No. 1465-24: to Amend Road Closure Bylaw No. 1429-23, Undeveloped Road Allowance, East Side of River Lot 10, Victoria Settlement**, (as amended, to clarify **along the entire Northern Length of River Lot 10, Victoria Settlement**), for the purpose of closing to public travel, a portion of the undeveloped road allowance, in accordance with section 22 of the municipal government act, chapter m-26, revised statutes of Alberta 2000, be given **SECOND READING**.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Serben that Smoky Lake County **Bylaw No. 1465-24: to Amend Road Closure Bylaw No. 1429-23, Undeveloped Road Allowance, East Side of River Lot 10, Victoria Settlement**, (as amended, to clarify **along the entire Northern Length of River Lot 10, Victoria Settlement**), for the purpose of closing to public travel, a portion of the undeveloped road allowance, in accordance with section 22 of the municipal government act, chapter m-26, revised statutes of Alberta 2000, be given **PERMISSION FOR THIRD READING**.

**Permission for third reading DEFEATED.**

Delegation: Clayton Didier, virtually joined the meeting, time 9:25 a.m.

7.2. **Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) FireSmart Grant**

670-24: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council **defer** further discussion of remaining surplus funds from the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) FireSmart Program Project Grant FFP-22-18, in the amount of \$3,572.90, in respect to implementing the recommendations within the Wildfire Mitigation Strategy Report, **to the August 8, 2024, Council Meeting**.

Carried.

**7.3. Vilna & District Volunteer Fire Department Insurance Claim**

671-24: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council **defer** further discussion of the (Rural Municipalities of Alberta) RMA Schedule of Loss Claim, for the Vilna & District Volunteer Fire Department's August 26, 2024, theft incident, offering compensation in the amount of \$21,301.08, and explore other claim options, potentially seeking legal advice, to minimize the unbudgeted expense to replace all stolen items not listed under the RMA Schedule Loss Claim, valued in the amount of \$88,022.03; and bring the information forward **to the August 8, 2024, Council Meeting**.

Carried.

**7.4. Smoky Lake Fire Department Apparatus Appraisals**

672-24: Céré That Smoky Lake County Council **approve** to contract a third-party organization to conduct an appraisal to determine the current value of all fire equipment within the Smoky Lake Fire Department, owned by the Town of Smoky Lake and Smoky Lake County, for the purpose of utilizing the appraisal information to determine the amortization and replacement value of the said equipment to be incorporated into the Smoky Lake Region Fire Rescue 3-Year Draft Budget 2025-2027; **and** agree to a 50/50 cost share split of the expenses for the said appraisal, with the Town of Smoky Lake.

Carried.

Scott Franchuk, Fire Chief, left Council Chambers, time 9:41 a.m.

**4. Delegations:**

**4.1. Pine Creek Retreat – Update**

Virtually present before Council from 9:42 a.m. to 9:56 a.m., was Clayton Didier, Owner Operator of Pine Creek Retreat, (located at 19176 Victoria Trail, within Smoky Lake County) to provide an update on the Pine Creek Retreat, including but not limited to the following points:

- Planning to hold the grand opening in 2025 and have had great success with the soft opening so far.
- Future experience plans are to incorporate an electric scooter interpretive tour; concerned with the speed limit on Victoria trail.
- Launching a software called “The Core” for tourism bookings.

One member of the public virtually joined the meeting, time 9:54 a.m.  
Delegation: Clayton Didier, Pine Creek Retreat, virtually left the meeting, time 9:56 a.m.

**7.6. Tarin – Geospatial Data Marketing Agreement**

673-24: Céré That Smoky Lake County Council enter into a Geospatial Data Marketing Agreement between Tarin Resource Services Ltd. (1994) Ltd. and Smoky Lake County, for the purpose of marketing and selling Smoky Lake County's Orthophoto's, with a 35% royalty payment +GST, from the profits to be remitted to the County on a quarterly basis, via Electronic Funds Transfer for a term indefinitely, commencing May 9, 2024, until termination by either party with 60-days' written notice.

Carried.

**7.7. June Requests for Sponsorship – Vilna Agricultural Society**

674-24: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County Council approve to provide funds in the amount of **\$1,000.00 to the Vilna & District Agricultural Society**, towards offsetting the cost of their event: Boomtown Days Fair, scheduled for August 16-17, 2024, in the Village of Vilna.

Carried.

**7.8a Local Government Fiscal Framework Capital Program Grant Agreements**

675-24: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County Council execute the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) Capital Program Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) in respect to the provision of the funding in accordance with and subject to the *Local Government Fiscal Framework Act*, between His Majesty in Right of Alberta (the “Minister”) and Smoky Lake County, effective upon execution: June 27, 2024, until termination by the Minister, upon providing 90-days’ written notice to the County.

Carried.

**7.8b Local Government Fiscal Framework Operating Program Grant Agreements**

676-24: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council execute the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) Operating Program Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) in respect to the provision of the funding in accordance with and subject to the *Local Government Fiscal Framework Act*, between His Majesty in Right of Alberta (the “Minister”) and Smoky Lake County, effective upon execution: June 27, 2024, until termination by the Minister, upon providing 90-days’ written notice to the County.

Carried.

**7.9. Revised Tax Rate Bylaw No. 1461-24**

677-24: Céré That Smoky Lake County Council, pursuant to the Municipal Government Act S.63, give **FIRST READING to revise Bylaw No. 1461-24: Tax Rate**, to correct typing errors in the preamble, not affecting or changing the original purpose of authorizing the rates of taxation to be levied against assessable properties within the municipality of Smoky Lake County for the 2024 Taxation Year.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Fenerty that Smoky Lake County Council, pursuant to the Municipal Government Act S.63, give **SECOND READING to revise Bylaw No. 1461-24: Tax Rate**, to correct typing errors in the preamble, not affecting or changing the original purpose of authorizing the rates of taxation to be levied against assessable properties within the municipality of Smoky Lake County for the 2024 Taxation Year.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Gawalko that Smoky Lake County Council, pursuant to the Municipal Government Act S.63, give unanimous consent for **PERMISSION FOR THIRD READING to revise Bylaw No. 1461-24: Tax Rate**, for the purpose of correcting typing errors in the preamble, not affecting or changing the original purpose of authorizing the rates of taxation to be levied against assessable properties within the municipality of Smoky Lake County for the 2024 Taxation Year.

Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Halisky that Smoky Lake County Council, pursuant to the Municipal Government Act S.63, give **THIRD & FINAL READING to revise Bylaw No. 1461-24: Tax Rate**, to correct typing errors in the preamble, not affecting or changing the original purpose of authorizing the rates of taxation to be levied against assessable properties within the municipality of Smoky Lake County for the 2024 Taxation Year, **and affix the words “Revised”** to the said bylaw, and the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer be hereby authorized to fix their signatures to all necessary documents, and the corporate seal be fastened where it is deemed to be necessary.

Carried.

Chirs Minailo, Public Works Manager, virtually joined the meeting, time 10:16 a.m.

**7.10b Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) Funding Bridge BF08200**

678-24: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County execute the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors, to receive funding in the amount of \$2,143,368.75, towards the bridge replacement project for bridge No. BF08200, located on Township Road 590, near the land legally described as SE-02-59-13-W4; and confirm there is budgeted funding in the amount of \$245,094.00, allocated from the Building Canada Community Building fund towards the said project.

Carried.

**7.10c Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) Funding Bridge BF08201**

679-24: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council execute the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors, to receive funding in the amount of \$1,575,930.00, towards the bridge replacement project for bridge No. BF 8201, located on Township Road 594, near the lands legally described as NW-26-59-14-W4; **and approve the unbudgeted expense** from General Capital Reserves, to allocate funds in the amount of \$525,310.00 towards the said project.

Carried.

**7.10d Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) Funding Bridge BF75780**

680-24: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County Council execute the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors, to receive funding in the amount of \$167,850.00, toward the bridge rehabilitation project for bridge No. BF 75780, located on Range Road 131, near the lands legally described as NW-01-59-13-W4; **and approve the unbudgeted expense** from General Capital Reserves, to allocate funds in the amount of \$55,950.00 towards the said project.

Carried.

**Bridge No. BF 80532 on Township Road 604, near Range Road 191**

681-24: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Administration explore options to expedite repairs of Bridge No. BF80532, located on Township Road 604, near Range Road 191, and bring the information forward to the August 8, 2024, Council Meeting.

Carried.

**7.11. Bylaw No. 1466-24: Regional Emergency Management**

682-24: Céré

That Smoky Lake County **Bylaw No. 1466-24: Regional Emergency Management**, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a Regional Emergency Management Agency and Emergency Advisory Committee, with the Municipalities of Town of Smoky Lake, Village of Vilna, and Village of Waskatenau, be given **FIRST READING**.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Halisky that Smoky Lake County **Bylaw No. 1466-24: Regional Emergency Management**, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a Regional Emergency Management Agency and Emergency Advisory Committee, with the Municipalities of Town of Smoky Lake, Village of Vilna, and Village of Waskatenau, be given **SECOND READING**.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Gawalko that Smoky Lake County **Bylaw No. 1466-24: Regional Emergency Management**, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a Regional Emergency Management Agency and Emergency Advisory Committee, with the Municipalities of Town of Smoky Lake, Village of Vilna, and Village of Waskatenau, be given unanimous consent for **PERMISSION FOR THIRD READING**.

Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Fenerty that Smoky Lake County **Bylaw No. 1466-24: Regional Emergency Management**, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a Regional Emergency Management Agency and Emergency Advisory Committee, with the Municipalities of Town of Smoky Lake, Village of Vilna, and Village of Waskatenau, be given **THIRD & FINAL READING**, and the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer be hereby authorized to fix their signatures to all necessary documents and the corporate seal be fastened where it is deemed to be necessary.

Carried.

**5. Public Hearing:**

Nil.

**8. Chief Administrative Officer's Report:**

**8.1 Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Report**

Chief Administrative Officer - Report Period: June 3, 2024 – June 20, 2024			
<b>LEGISLATIVE / GOVERNANCE</b>			
	<b>Projects</b>	<b>In Progress</b>	<b>Completed</b>
Nil			
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>			
	<b>Projects</b>	<b>In Progress</b>	<b>Completed</b>
Nil			
<b>FINANCIAL</b>			
	<b>Projects</b>	<b>In Progress</b>	<b>Completed</b>
Discovering lands for development of County assets		Continuing	
<b>HUMAN RESOURCES</b>			
	<b>Projects</b>	<b>In Progress</b>	<b>Completed</b>
Unionized staff members held a meeting Wednesday June 19th		More to come	
Reviewing organizational chart / overall wage review / staffing levels		Ongoing	
One on one meetings with staff		Ongoing	
<b>COMMUNITY</b>			
	<b>Projects</b>	<b>In Progress</b>	<b>Completed</b>
Nil			
<b>TRAINING / MEETINGS</b>			
Joint Health and Safety Meeting		June 12, 2024	Information
Managers Weekly Meeting		Mondays	Information
Agricultural Service Board Meeting		June 18, 2024	Information
HWY 28/63 Regional Water Service Commission Meeting		June 12, 2024	Information
Smoky Lake Tourism Company Shareholder and Board Meeting		June 11, 2024	Information
Spa / retreat concept conversation with Smoky Lake County at Metis Crossing		Continuing	
Toolbox Meeting Public Works		Mondays	Information
Smoky Lake Region Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee (ICC Fire)		Continuing	
Smoky Lake - Bridge Program Check In		June 18, 2024	Information
<b>ACTION LIST</b>			
<b>Signature:</b>			
<i>Kevin Lucas, Chief Administrative Officer</i>			
County Council Meeting Date: June 27, 2024			

**8.1 Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Report**

683-24: Céré

That Smoky Lake County Council accept the Chief Administrative Officer Report, for the period of June 3, 2024 to June 20, 2024, as presented.

Carried.

**Pine Creek Retreat - Delegation's Presentation**

684-24: Halisky

That the verbal virtual presentation received by Smoky Lake County Council on June 27, 2024, provided by Clayton Didier, Owner, of Pine Creek Retreat in respect to their ongoing and upcoming activities towards their grand opening, which is expected to be scheduled in 2025, be filed for information.

Carried.

**8.2. & 8.3. Action Lists from March & April, 2024 Council Meetings**

685-24: Halisky

That the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting Action Lists from the months of March and April, 2024, Regular Council meetings, be filed for information.

Carried.

**9. Council Committee Reports:**

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

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

- June 10, attended the Bellis 4H Beef Club show & sale presented the county sponsored belt buckles, Grand Champion steer Emma Jarema, Reserve Champion steer Reed Cherniwchan, Grand Champion Female Ellena Senetza, Reserve Champion Female Sadie Podlowski, the members all did a great job showing their animals.
- June 13, attended the Vilna/Bellis Citizens on Patrol meeting RCMP member Anita Doktor gave her report about ongoing crime in the area and officers hours of work, Smoky Lake County bylaw officer submitted a written report, raffle tickets are selling quickly, video's from ACOPA are being well received the AGM will be in Red Deer Sept. 13-15, next meeting August 1, Bellis.
- June 14, attended the Smoky Lake Farmers & Ranchers Appreciation Day in Smoky Lake.
- June 17, attended the LARA meeting Discussed municipal funding and Lac La Biche county is no longer partnering with LARA for 2024 so we have Jay Cory as Chairperson and Amanda Fischer as vice chair, hired Kristy Tetreau as new environment & communications coordinator she will be working 16 – 20 hours per week, increasing awareness of LARA, grant applications, soil workshop, Peavey Mart grant regenerative ag program, and student education, Alyssa gave her report good feedback on no-till gardening, all trials seeded 4 in Smoky Lake county, in crop spraying done, project proposal & grants to RDAR, Jay gave the LFA report 400 heifers in on May 5, we have a demo plot @ Lakeland college trying to build a partnership with them, 3.2 million funding for research associations for capital funding through ARECA 100,000 for each association and will meet in July to see how the final 2 million will be divided up next meeting July 15 10am.
- June 18, attended the ASB meeting discussed the contract spraying for county right of ways went through the mowing & spraying maps, discussed the resolution grading & responses, next meeting August 1, 9 am.
- June 19, attended the Fed Gas members meeting with Councillor Lorne Halisky.
- June 20, attended the Evergreen Regional Waste Management Commission meeting with councillor Lorne Halisky, administration met with Seven Lakes oilfield to discuss future tipping fees and also with A & F metal to discuss what they are currently offering for waste metal, Nathan Taylor gave an update on the SWANA convention, discussed the ACP grant St. Paul county will manage it will be sending info out to all member municipalities if they would like to be involved with this study on future waste, Paul gave his site report he attended the virtual EPR meeting, with the high winds lots of fugitive garbage but the staff has it under control, MSW cell filling up real good, scale house upgrades are done, JCB loader has electrical over hyd issues trying to rectify if successful will be replacing all 4 tires on the loader, Waiting for the shredders to arrive Saddle Lake has some to shred also trying to coordinate all at the same time, Evergreen will sponsor a 2,500 dollar Gold sponsorship for the fall Alberta CARE conference in Bonnyville from September 10<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> next meeting July 18 @ the Lafond landfill site.
- June 24, went on the Highway 28/63 Water Commission tour of various pump houses and booster stations within Thorhild and Smoky Lake counties special thanks to Patti Priest for her work in setting up the tour.

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

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

May 29, June 5, June 12, 2024 – Municipal Corporate Planning & Finance – Augustana University – via Zoom

- This course offered an overview of the key benefits and challenges of maintaining collaborative frameworks within Alberta Municipalities. I took this course with the thought of our fire services becoming regional. The course focused on relationship-building considerations, strategies for collaboration, and growing interpersonal skills. It was very interesting to network with other municipalities who took partnerships on as a challenge, an opportunity or as a necessity.

May 31, 2024 – Save the Date! Alberta Rural Health Week Cookie Delivery – Vilna Lodge

June 6 - 8, 2024 – Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) – Calgary

- This conference was designed with multiple objectives. (1) Network with leaders from across Canada who have similar municipal issues, (2) Learn about best practices to meet ongoing challenges by attending workshops, study tours, and discussions, (3) Connect with suppliers and experts at the trade show, and (4) Experience the City of Calgary through study tours.
- Unfortunately, due to a water main break, several of the study tours were cancelled. I had scheduled a tour of Calgary Emergency Operations Centre which obviously was cancelled.

June 19, 2024 – Community Futures – AGM & Board Meeting – St. Paul – 4:30 p.m.

- Delinquency/Loan Portfolio/Clients Supports discussed – all of these are confidential. Auditor reviewed CF financials, all in order. Three loans notified via email, ratified at meeting today. Penny's report – several ongoing events – just finished Lemonade Day. Connect for Food has a new advisory committee. New financial program (Xero) is working incredibly. Bylaw committee will start working on all bylaws which are very out-of-date. Admin position – shortlist candidates will be contacted tomorrow. CF Symposium is in Red Deer Sept 17-19. Power Up North – Oct 8-10.
- AGM – Executives are: Parrish Tung, Gary Ward, Evelynne. Shareholder proxies re-appointed. Auditor appointed, signing authority reconfirmed. Next meeting – September 11, 2024.

June 21, 2024 – Vilna School Indigenous Day Pipe Cérémonie – Vilna – 8:00 a.m.

June 21, 2024 – Grand Opening of Salay Prayzaan (Solar Project) – Metis Crossing – 2:00 p.m.

### Other Meetings

- June 6, 2024 – Emerald Awards – Calgary Public Library – 6:00 p.m.
- May 24, 2024 – Annual Safety Day – National Hall – Smoky Lake
- June 11, 2024 – Healthcare in Smoky Lake (w/MLA Martin Long) – via Zoom (Jered & I) – 9:00 a.m.
- June 11, 2024 – Smoky Lake Tourism Company Shareholder Board Meeting – Metis Crossing – 10:00 a.m.
- June 13, 2024 – Council Meeting (Council Chambers) – 9:00 a.m.
- June 14, 2024 – Farmer & Ranchers' Appreciation BBQ – Smoky Lake Complex – 11:00 a.m.
- June 27, 2024 – 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:

May 22 ABMA (Zoom)

- ABMA mtg. with the Francophone Secretariat to discuss possibly participating in the next meeting of the Alberta Advisory Council on the Francophonie. That particular meeting will be held on June 4 at 11 am in Edmonton and will be a conversation regarding how ABMA can help achieve the priorities which have been set out in the new Action Plan for the Francophonie.

May 23 Regular Council Mtg.

May 24 Annual Safety Meeting

May 24 AB Counsel Bill 20 Amendment Webinar (Zoom)

- AB Counsel reviewed amendments to the Bill and answered a few questions for clarification; this was a very brief overview of how the Bill might affect municipalities
- May 29 Smoky Lake Interagency Meeting (Zoom)  
June 10 Bellis 4-H Annual Show and Sale  
June 12 Joint Health and Safety Mtg., (Zoom)  
June 13 Regular County Council Mtg.  
June 14 Annual Farmers & Ranchers Appreciation BBQ  
June 17 Smoky Lake Region ICC Fire Mtg.  
June 18 Ag. Service Board Mtg. (Alt., Zoom)  
June 20 Smoky Lake FCSS
- Heather Nickel (facilitator) present to help with the development of the mission, vision and value statements. Very interesting and innovative method of finalizing the statements.

#### **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 16, 2024 – Evergreen Regional Waste Management Services Commission Meeting in St Paul (in-person)

- As per Danny's report(s).
- Next Meeting date is June 20, 2024.

May 16, 2024 – Alberta's Lakeland DMO Meeting in St Paul (in-person)

- Discussion was held on approving 2024-2025 Travel Alberta funding (but not for the full ask – short \$25k), approved for one full contract position to support projects such as event calendar, Lac La Biche Region is a new DMO Member, held discussion with Thorhild for potential membership, hired contractor to write two grants for a cost of \$150 per grant and 2% of grant funding.
- Fort McMurray Tradeshow had lower traffic than other years but overall interest in the Lakeland Region was high looking at close distance travel/OHV & pedal bike use/lakes & camping.
- Fort Saskatchewan and Two Hills Tradeshow are smaller in size but had good traffic with interest in the Lakeland Region due to close distance travel.
- Financial report was given with all in good standing receiving GOA Funding/short by \$25k etc.
- The summer/year is going to be busy, so all members are encouraged to use the Alberta Lakeland DMO Event Calendar for events etc.
- Next Meeting date is July 18, 2024.

May 27 to 29, 2024 – Alberta Fire Chiefs Conference Calgary (in-person)

- Attended AFCS AGM and eleven resolutions were presented and in progress, introduced Roadside Safety Incident Report for members use and discussed changing conference date/location.
- Attended Alberta Fire Services Core Competency Framework Session discussing profiles, staffing, organization, level of services, budgets, SOG's etc.
- Attended Operational Stress Session discussing cultural impacts, stress injury, components of resiliency etc.
- Attended Coffee Cup Leadership Session discussing everything hinges on leadership etc.
- Attended Leadership Lessons Session discussing building a positive team, lead as they need you to lead; lead by example; team needs; make time for wellness; etc.
- Attended Building Mental Health & Wellness Support Session using service animals, self-care, peer support, specialized treatment etc.

June 1, 2024 – MLCA Mons Lake Community Association Meeting at Mons Lake (in-person)

- Discussed the south beach and east playground erosion issue.
- Discussed boat dock use, proper signage, and swim areas.
- Discussed applying for grant funding opportunities.
- Discussed riparian area use etc.
- Discussed OHV use, County bylaws and enforcement.
- Next Meeting date is TBD.

June 11, 2024 – Smoky Lake Tourism Company Shareholder and Board Meeting at Metis Crossing (in-person)

- Reconfirmed board positions, reviewed/approved CEO job description, chose recruitment agency and team for CEO recruitment etc.
- Next Meeting date is July 31, 2024.

June 12, 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.
- Discussed Northeast Muni-Corr compensation request and legal counsel involvement.
- Whitefish Lake First Nation is proceeding with 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 and requested funding from ISC for extra/back up chemical pumps and hardware. Radway communications tower was replaced and all working fine. 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.
- Water for Life Grant announcement will happen soon.
- Set up a Water Commission Orientation Tour on June 24, 2024.
- Booked a workshop on July 17 to work on managing, administration, and operations of the commission etc.
- Next Meeting date is August 14, 2024.

June 17, 2024 – RCMP Liaison Meeting (in-person)

- Fish and Wildlife possibly getting a jet boat for the region, boat/water safety checks.
- RCMP stated B&Es are increasing and will support boat/safety checks.
- County Peace Officer stated that the lake campgrounds/resorts/trails are busy.
- County Fire Department discussed enforcement of OHV Bans with support from RCMP and Fish & Wildlife, traffic analyst delays, animal strikes are up, boat/water safety for emergency preparedness event, July 8 to 12 Junior Fire Camp, smoke sign thefts, member training ensuring competency and claim info is going well with RCMP.
- Next Meeting date TBD.

June 19, 2024 – Fed Gas Insurance Reciprocal Exchange Meeting in Edmonton (Dan and Lorne in-person)

- Discussed insurance claims, fees, and service such as predicted versus event.
- Gas Alberta stated that pricing/supply performance was good lower than competitors.
- 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event will take place August 21, 2024. More details to come.
- O&M Presentation discussed GOA and Federal Government requirements, maintenance, and documentation requirements etc.
- Hydrogen use is slow because governments are focusing on renewable energy such as electricity.

June 20, 2024 – Evergreen Regional Waste Management Services Commission Meeting in St Paul (in-person)

- As per Danny's report(s).
- Next Meeting date is July 18, 2024.

## **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:

May 17, 2024 – Smoky Lake Foundation Meeting, held at Vilna Lodge (Jered & Dominique)

- Received reports from the CAO and Finance, as well as an update on occupancy.
- Executed the Management and Operating agreement.
- Discussed seasonal preventative maintenance for the facilities.
- Had a tour of Vilna Lodge.
- Inquired about developing affordable housing development plans, to be prepared to apply for the next Affordable Housing Partnership grant intake.

May 23, 2024 - Council Regular Meeting, held in Chambers and virtually (All Council)

- Appointed Kevin Lucas as the Chief Administrative Officer for Smoky Lake County.
- Approved to pay the Riverland Recreational Trail Society's Operations and Maintenance fees invoices for Years 2022, 2023, and 2024.
- Approved to amend Policy Statement No. 03-18-19: Five-Year Road Plan to add a 2025 project worth \$25,000, for oil-based dust control along the west side of Warspite.
- Approved \$1,290 of FCSS grant funding to Friends of the Vilna Pool Hall Society, for Volunteer Appreciation.
- Approved to request a meeting jointly with the Town & Villages to discussing concerns with physician recruitment in the Smoky Lake Region and the need for our own "North East Zone" for healthcare, with the Ministers of Health, and Mental Health and Addiction.

- Received a presentation from STARS outlining the benefits received by the residents of the Smoky Lake Region from STARS, and thanking the County for the \$6,000 Annual Donation (see the May 23, 2024 Minutes to view the slides from the presentation).
- Initiated a request for the MLA to contact the Minister of Health to expedite the final Practice Readiness Assessment (PRA) process for Dr. Arian Esterhuizen, and enable her to commence practice at the Raubenheimer Medical Clinic, in Smoky Lake as soon as possible.

May 24, 2024 – County's Annual Safety Meeting, held at the National Hall (All Council)

- The County offices were closed so that all employees could attend.
- Each department spoke about their activities and importance of safety.
- IT provided a presentation on the cyber security and what to avoid and watch out for.
- Guest Speaker: Jeff Bevan had a motivational speech on dealing with aggressive people.
- Guest Speaker: Atco Electric provided a presentation on powerline safety

May 31, 2024 – Cookie Deliveries to the hospital & lodge to honor of Alberta Rural Health Week (Jered)

- To show appreciation of the contributions made by the rural health providers, who enhance the quality of life in Smoky Lake County.

June 6-9, 2024 – Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference, held in Calgary (Jered & Linda)

- Networked with attendees and toured the tradeshow.
- Held discussion with District RMA Members about mutual concerns.
- Held discussion with the representatives from the Egg and Chicken Producers booth, about how to promote farming, specifically farming that require quotas and how to get people into the entry level. Learned about their lottery for 7 allotments of a 1,500 quota of birds – with the end goal of carrying the quota for 10 years and increase its value.
- Speeches were made by Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau and by the Leader of Canada's New Democratic Party, Jagmeet Singh.

June 6, 2024 - 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Emerald Awards, held in Calgary (Jered & Linda)

- Attend because the Metis Nation of Alberta's Salay Prayzaan at Métis Crossing's Solar Project was shortlisted in the Energy Category for an Emerald Award, and we were already in Calgary for FCM. Although the project was nominated, it was not awarded.

June 11, 2024 – Virtual session, MLA Martin Long, Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Health (Jered & Linda)

- We raised concerns about the lack of healthcare professionals in Smoky Lake County.
- Was informed that they are working on it and these concerns are being heard across Province and Canada; it is not specific to Smoky Lake County.
- They are working on restructuring on how AHS reports, in order to increase contractor competition and provide the best healthcare.
- There were ambulances purchased for urban centers to mitigate the rural ambulances going into the large urban center and are they are still working on that.
- They recommended to immediately continue recruiting physicians for the region.
- The province has been working College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta (CPSA) to encourage them to streamline the flow through for more physicians and to increase the capacity for practicums. The CPSA has announced the addition of 30 more assessors to increase their capacity.
- Inquired on the possibility of having specialized surgeries in the Smoky Lake and learned that at least 2 surgical theatres are required (ideally 3 and 4 would be like an urban centre), and surgeon's want to do 6-8 surgeries a day or they typically won't entertain it; and if that's what the region wants then a plan needs to be established to do so.
- They acknowledged the negative impacts on Firefighters in respect to how their roll has changed into medical services.

June 12, 2024 – Joint Health & Safety Committee Meeting, held in Chambers (Jered & Dominique)

- Review progress on the Safety Audit Action Plan to correct deficiencies from the audit conducted by the Loss Prevention Officer.
- Suggested changes to the Safety Policy Statement No. 07-03: Backing Up Safely.
- Reviewed training conducted in May & June.
- Discussed an incident involving a male worker urinating publicly.

June 12, 2024 – Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission, in Chambers (Lorne, Dan, & Jered)

- Received updated reports from the Interim Commission Manager, Finance Manager, and Operations.

- Scheduled a workshop to discuss Commission Management Options.
- Approved to engage legal Counsel to respond to the letter from North East Muni-Corr Ltd., dated May 21, 2024, concerning the auto renewal of the Utility Right of Way Agreement and Annual Linear Fee.

June 13, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting, held in Chambers & virtually (All Council)

- Voted on the local students' submissions to the Agricultural Services Poster Contest to award prizes as per Policy Statement No. 62-06-01.
- Amended Policy Statement No. 08-19: Smoky Lake County Community Learning Council Program Legal Host Agreement, to update the CAO name to Kevin Lucus.
- Gave 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading to Bylaw 1463-24: Planning and Development Fees Bylaw.
- Deferred discussion of the County-Owned Lands to Committee of the Whole to receive further information and explore conservation management options, for environmentally sensitive areas.
- Agreed to participate in the Region's parades.
- Accepted the final report for the Smoky Lake County Wildfire Mitigation Strategy, outlining the implementation plan for twelve recommendations.
- Acknowledged the letters of support from Smoky Lake County, Village of Vilna, Village of Waskatenau, and Town of Smoky Lake, being in favour of the Smoky Lake Region, becoming a Designated Community under the Alberta Advantage Immigration Program (Aaip) Rural Renewal Stream (RRS).
- Approved to sponsor \$500 to the Ukrainian Day Event, scheduled for August 25, 2024, at the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village.
- Approved to attend the LARA Smoky Lake Summer Field Day, scheduled for July 30, 2024.
- Acknowledged to bring attention to the Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment's letter in respect traffic complaints at Public Works Shop: vehicles pulling out of the yard & onto the roadway without stopping.
- Agreed to write a letter to the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services, to request information specific to Smoky Lake County, such as the expected cost to be incurred by the County and to clarify what services would be provided to the County, should Bill 11 come into force.
- Approved to execute the "Right of Access & Consent to Transfer of Land for Compensation" agreement for the purpose of a roadway widening to accommodate a culvert bridge replacement project # BF76552, located on Range Road 132, North of Township Road 610.
- Awarded the contract for Municipal Land Use Suitability Tool (MLUST) project funded through the Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) 2023-24 Grant, to O2 Planning and Design Inc.

June 13, 2024, Summary of activities relating to Health Advocacy (Jered)

- Raymond Cormie from Smoky Lake Foundation wrote a letter of support in respect to emergency response to Minister LaGrange and MLA Martin Long.
- Reached out to Nicole Williams, Chief of Staff to the Alberta Minister of Health (left message)
- Talked to Garth Rowsell MLA Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, twice
- Talked to Glenn van Dijken MLA Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, three times
- Talked to Dan Williams Minister of Mental Health and Addiction
- Talked with the Tony Yao's office (MLA for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo) who got me in contact with Martin Long, Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Health for a meeting (June 11)
- Talked to Deborah Whetstone, AHS North Zone Medical Affairs
- Sent a Regional Letter from the County, Town & Villages to the Minister of Health and Minister of Mental Health and Addiction

June 14, 2024 – Farmers and Ranchers Appreciation Day, held in Smoky Lake (All Council)

- Attended to show support & appreciation, as well as to discuss ratepayer's concerns one on one.

June 17, 2024 – Smoky Lake Region Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee, held in Chambers (Jered & Dominique)

- Approved a Smoky Lake Region Fire Rescue Organizational Chart, to be incorporated into the future Smoky Lake Region Fire Bylaw.
- Discussed a draft Smoky Lake Region Fire Rescue 3-Year Draft Budget, and agreed to a rental concept for the Region's Fire Hall Buildings, and to hire a third-party organization to appraise the value of the Town and County fire equipment for amortization and budgetary purposes.

June 18, 2024 – Agricultural Service Board, held in Chambers (Dan, Jered & Dominique)

- Acknowledge the Producers from Smoky Lake County appointed by Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) as Directors are confirmed to be Charlie Leskiw & Amanda Fischer.
- Received reports from LARA, and the Board's Chair.

- Received updated Spraying Progress Maps & Mowing Progress Maps.
- Reviewed and agreed with the initial grades for the Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee (ASBPC) Year-2024 Resolutions.
- Discussed compliance with the laws and license coverage relating to the County's external sourced, contracted Licensed Vegetation Control for County right-of-ways.
- Acknowledged participation in a survey about the Weed Control Regulation (WCR) Review: AAAF / ASB, to help identify unintended outcomes or concerns associated with these regulatory changes.
- Recommend that County Council write a letter to the Minister of Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors, to address weed control and overgrown brush along provincial highways.

June 21, 2024 – Smoky Lake Foundation Meeting, held at Bar-V-Nook (Jered & Dominique)

- Received reports from the CAO and Finance, as well as an update on occupancy.
- Discussed the HVAC Systems Preventative Maintenance Program & Tractor purchase.

June 21, 2024 - Grand Opening of Salay Prayzaan - Solar project at Métis Crossing (Jered)

- Brought greetings to the event as the project was a collaboration between the Town of Smoky Lake, Smoky Lake County, and the Métis Nation of Alberta.
- This 4.86 MW Métis Crossing Solar Project, aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and generate economic and community benefits for the partnering communities. It is the most northern grid connected solar generation project of significant size in Alberta and received a \$3.9 million investment from the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre.

June 22, 2024 – Metis Fest 2024, held at Métis Crossing (Jered)

- Attended to bring greetings and welcome everyone, on behalf of Smoky Lake County.

Other Community events attended:

- May 21, 2024 - HAK Drama Class play at the HAK School
- June 4, 2024 – Victoria Trail Agricultural Society (VTAS) Meeting – the resurfacing of building is complete & open to the public now
- June 10, 2024, Bellis 4-H Beef Club Achievement Day – Show & Sale, in Waskatenau
- Delivered flowers, as the Chair of Physician Recruitment and Retention Board, to Dr, Esterhuizen to welcome her

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

686-24: Céré

That Smoky Lake County's Reeve Report received for the period of May 17, 2024, to June 22, 2024, be posted to the County's website and the Councillors reports on various committees, boards and commissions, be accepted as presented.

Carried.

## **10. Correspondence:**

### **10.1. Rural Renewal Stream Community Designation Application**

687-24: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County **acknowledge the submission** of the application for Community Designation through the Alberta Advantage Immigration Program (AAIP) Rural Renewal Stream (RRS), which was submitted on May 21, 2024, by the Smoky Lake and District Regional Chamber of Commerce, acting as the Economic Development Organization, for the Community Name: "Smoky Lake Region (County, Town, Villages of Vilna and Waskatenau)" stating a population of "4,200".

Carried.

### **10.2. Martin Long, Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Health Virtual Meeting**

688-24: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council **approve action taken** by the Reeve and Deputy Reeve in attending a virtual meeting with Martin Long, Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Health, on June 11, 2024, to express concerns in respect to healthcare professional shortages within the Smoky Lake region.

Carried.

**10.3. Smoky Lake & District Regional Chamber of Commerce Membership Certificate**

689-24: Halisky That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the Smoky Lake & District Regional Chamber of Commerce Year-2024 membership certificate #2024-175, issued to Smoky Lake County, as a member in good standing.

Carried.

**10.4. Minister of Municipal Affairs – Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF)**

690-24: Fenerty That the letter received by Smoky Lake County from the Minister of Municipal Affairs, via email on June 14, 2024, advocating in the interest of Alberta in respect to negotiations to ensure funding continues to flow to local governments from the Government of Canada, in response to the 2024 Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) program delays, be filed for information.

Carried.

**10.5. Alberta Advanced Education Community Adult Learning Program (CALP) Grant**

691-24: Céré That Smoky Lake County, as managing partner of Smoky Lake County Community Learning Council, approve action taken by Administration in executing the Alberta Advanced Education – Community Adult Learning Program (CALP) Grant Agreement #AR69094, to receive funding for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027, scheduled as follows, in the amounts of:

- up to \$130,000 following the signing of the said Agreement,
- up to \$130,000 on or about July 1, 2025, and
- up to \$130,000 on or about July 1, 2026.

Carried.

**10.6. Métis Crossing Event - Salay Prayzaan, Grand Opening of Solar Field**

692-24: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council approved action taken by the Reeve in attending, and providing greetings to, the Métis Crossing event: Salay Prayzaan, Grand Opening of Solar Field, held on June 21, 2024; and approve action taken in the Deputy Reeve and Councillors who could attend - attending the said event.

Carried.

**10.7. Compliance Inspection Smoky Lake Regional Landfill**

693-24: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Administration ensure all County Landfill Personnel are competent and have the knowledge to comply with landfill related regulations, in response to Alberta Environment & Protected Areas, Regulatory Assurance Division's Inspection conducted on December 12, 2023; and, Administration clarify who is responsible for what between Evergreen Regional Waster Services Commission and Smoky Lake County, in respect to regulatory compliance.

Carried.

694-24: Céré

That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the letter to Evergreen Regional Waste Management Services Commission (ERWMSC) from Alberta Environment & Protected Areas, Regulatory Assurance Division, North Region – Capital District, dated May 29, 2024, in respect to the 2024 Compliance Inspection of the Smoky Lake Regional Landfill with deficiencies to be corrected by the deadline of July 9, 2024; and bring forward assurance of the corrective action undertaken by ERWMSC to address deficiencies, to the August 22, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

Carried.

**6. Municipal Planning Commission (MPC):**

**Meeting Recessed**

The Council meeting was recessed at 11:01 a.m. to undertake a Municipal Planning Commission Meeting, on a separate agenda with separate minutes.

**Meeting Reconvened** The Council meeting reconvened on a call to order by the Reeve at 11:25 a.m. in the physical or virtual presence of all Council Members, Chief Administrative Officer, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Finance Manager, Executive Services Clerk, Planning & Development Manager, Agricultural Fieldman, Municipal Clerk, Communications Officer, Peace Officer, GIS Operator, and 5 Members of the Public.

**10. Correspondence:**

**10.8. Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) Update as of June 18, 2024**

695-24: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County, acknowledge receipt of the update from the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), dated June 18, 2024, outlining the programming and activities being provided by LARA, for awareness of how the County's funding towards LARA is being utilized.

Carried.

**10.9. Alberta Health Services (AHS) North Zone Medical Affairs**

696-24: Halisky That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the letter from Alberta Health Services (AHS) North Zone Medical Affairs signed by their Interim Medical Director and Chief Zone Officer, dated June 19, 2024, responding to Smoky Lake Regions' Municipalities joint letter of concern in respect to the Physician Recruitment in Smoky Lake Region (as per Council's May 23, 2024, Motion #602-24), and stating: "Over the years AHS has worked with the local physician group on recruitment of a fourth physician to the clinic. Several candidates had been found but were not felt to be acceptable to the current physician group." and confirming Dr. Arian Esterhuizen started her Supervised Practice Assessment on June 12, 2024, and has AHS Appointment & Privileges.

Carried.

**10.10. Victoria Home Guard Historical Society Invitation to Tour Victoria Trail**

697-24: Halisky That Smoky Lake County accept the invitation to attend a tour of the Victoria Trail, from the Victoria Home Guade Historical Society, as per the letter received, dated June 20, 2024, and provide them with date options according to Council availability, for those Council who can attend – to attend.

Carried.

**10.11. Minister of Transportation & Economic Corridors – Hwy 28 Speed at Smoky Lake**

698-24: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the letter from Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, dated May 14, 2024, in respect to the speed limit on Highway 28 near the Town of Smoky Lake, stating "*I am pleased to advise the department is in the process of preparing the ministerial order to amend the speed limit on Highway. Once this process is complete and I have signed the order, the new signs will be installed along the highway to reduce the speed limit. I have asked the department to complete this before the next school year in September 2024.*".

Carried.

**10.12. Alberta Emergency Management Agency Wildfires DRP – Final Payment Summary**

699-24: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the correspondence from Alberta Emergency Management Agency, dated June 7, 2024, in respect to the 2023 Spring Alberta Wildfires Disaster Recovery Program (DRP) – Final Payment Summary to Smoky Lake County, in the amount of \$30,278.09, as per the cost-sharing arrangement with the Government of Alberta, and based on the total in the amount of \$33,733.48, submitted by Smoky Lake for emergency operations during the period of April 30, 2023 to July 7, 2023.

Carried.

11:30 to 11:36 a.m.

**Public Question and Answer Period:**

Roy Shupenia, member of the public, questioned the lack of maintenance on the road to (and within) the Hillside Acres subdivision, noting that the grader had only been there one time this year and only twice last year; and respectfully requested that the road be graded and graveled as soon as possible.

Kevin Lucas, Chief Administrative Officer, answered that the suggestion will be taken under advisement and Mr. Shupenia will be followed up with.

One Member of the Public left Council Chambers, time 11:35 a.m.

**Addition to the Agenda:**

**Smoky Lake Golf Course Junior Golf – Sponsorship Request**

700-24: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County donate funds in the amount of **\$500.00**, funded from the Grants to Individuals and Organizations budget, **to the Smoky Lake Golf Club**, in support of the Year-2024 Junior Golf Program, scheduled for every Tuesday in July 2024, in response to the letter request received from the Pro Shop Manager: Leo Chapdelaine, received on June 25, 2024; and challenge the Town of Smoky Lake to match or exceed the funding towards same.

Carried.

**Vilna Agricultural Society – Vilna Arena and Curling Rink**

701-24: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County extend an invitation to the Vilna Agricultural Society to offer a proposal in response to the letter received from the Vilna Agricultural Society, dated June 4, 2024, in respect to exploring options to balance their budget for the Vilna Arena and Curling Rink facility in the Village of Vilna, including an option to dispose of the facility, and offering to meet with the County to discuss future operations of the facility, should the County be interested in purchasing the facility.

Carried.

**11. Information Releases:**

Nil.

**12. Financial Reports:**

**Budget to Actual Report**

702-24: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County's financial reports: Budget to Actual as of June 19, 2024, as prepared by the Finance Manager, be accepted for information.

Carried.

**13. Next Meeting(s):**

**Reconfirm County Council Meeting Dates**

703-24: Céré

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

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

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

to be held physically **and/or** virtually in County Council Chambers.

Carried.

**Schedule County Council Meeting Dates**

704-24: Halisky That the next Smoky Lake County Council Meetings be scheduled as follows:

**Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., (Regular),  
Thursday, September 26, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. (Regular),  
Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., (Regular),  
Thursday, October 24, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., (Regular),  
Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., (Regular), and  
Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., (Regular),**  
all to be held physically **and/or** virtually in County Council Chambers.

Carried.

**Schedule County Council Organizational Meeting Date**

705-24: Gawalko That the next Smoky Lake County Council Organizational Meeting be scheduled for **Thursday, October 24, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.**, to be held physically **and/or** virtually in County Council Chambers.

Carried.

**Schedule County Council Committee of the Whole Meeting Date**

706-24: Halisky That the next Smoky Lake County Council Committee of the Whole Meeting for the purpose of Planning be scheduled for **Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.**, to be held physically **and/or** virtually in County Council Chambers.

Carried.

**Schedule Joint Council Meeting with Town of Smoky Lake Meeting Date**

707-24: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County Council approve for the next Joint Council Meeting with the Town of Smoky Lake and Smoky Lake County to be scheduled for **Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.**, to be held physically **and/or** virtually in County Council Chambers.

Carried.

**14. In-Camera (Executive Session):**

**14.2. Legal Issue – Vehicle Damage Claim**

708-24: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session to discuss a Legal Issue, in respect to a vehicle damage claim, under the authority of the FOIP Act Section 24: Advice from Officials, in the presence of all Council, Chief Administrative Officer, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Finance Manager, and Executive Services Clerk, time 11:56 a.m.

Carried.

709-24: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 12:01 p.m.

Carried.

**14.2a Vehicle Damage Claim**

710-24: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council **deny the claim** submitted under County Policy Statement No. A.10-01: Vehicle Damage, from Ramah Zima, dated April 27, 2024, for vehicle exhaust damage in the amount of \$68.25, claiming to have occurred April 27, 2024, at 10:15 a.m., from an alleged frost heave in the road on Township Road 602, between Range Road 170 and 165A.

Carried.

**Meeting Recessed** The Council meeting was recessed at 12:02 p.m. for lunch.

**Meeting Reconvened** The Council meeting reconvened on a call to order by the Reeve at 12:48 p.m. in the physical or virtual presence of all Council Members, Chief Administrative Officer, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Finance Manager, Executive Services Clerk, Planning & Development Manager, Municipal Clerk, Communications Officer, GIS Operator, Public Manager and 2 Members of the Public.

**14. In-Camera (Executive Session):**

**14.4. Personnel Issue, Interim CAO Compensation**

711-24: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Issue, in respect to compensation for Interim Chief Administrative Officer services for the months of January to June 2024, under the authority of FOIP Act, Section 27: Privileged Information, and Section 24: Advice from Officials, in the presence of all Council and Chief Administrative Officer, time 12:48 p.m.

Carried.

712-24: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 1:03 p.m.

Carried.

**Interim CAO Compensation - Tabled**

713-24: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council table further discussion in respect to compensation for Interim Chief Administrative Officer services for the months of January to June 2024, under the authority of FOIP Act, Section 27: Privileged Information, and Section 24: Advice from Officials.

Carried.

**4. Delegation:**

**4.2. JLG Ball: Lisa Ball, President / CEO, and Brenda Kirk, Officer Manager**

Present before Council from 1:09 p.m. to 1:38 p.m., was JLG Ball representatives: Lisa Ball, President / CEO, and Brenda Kirk, Office Manager, to discuss business operations under Executive Session.

**14. In-Camera (Executive Session):**

**14.1. Land Issue - Business Operations**

714-24: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session to discuss a Land Issue, in respect to business operations of JLG Ball, under the authority of the FOIP Act, Section 16: Third Party Business Interests, and Section 27: Privileged Information, in the presence of all Council, Chief Administrative Officer, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Finance Manager, Planning and Development Manager, Public Works Manager, Executive Services Clerk, and Delegation: JLG Ball representatives: Lisa Ball, President / CEO, and Brenda Kirk, Office Manager time 1:07 p.m.

Carried.

Delegations: JLG Ball representatives: Lisa Ball, President / CEO, and Brenda Kirk, Office Manager, left the meeting, time 1:38 pm.

715-24: Céré That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 1:56 p.m.

Carried.

**JLG Ball Business Operations**

716-24: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County Administration proceed as discussed under the authority of the FOIP Act, Section 16: Third Party Business Interests, and Section 27: Privileged Information, in respect to JLG Ball's Business Operations.

Carried.

**Executive Session (Addition to the Agenda):**

**Land & Legal Issue: Warspite Sewer Lagoon**

717-24: Céré That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session to discuss a Land and Legal Issue in respect to the Warspite Sewer Lagoon, under the authority of the FOIP Act, Section 24: Advice from Officials, in the presence of all Council, Chief Administrative Officer, Assistant Chief administrative Officer, Finance Manager, Planning & Development Manager, and Executive Services Clerk, time 1:58 p.m.

Carried.

718-24: Céré That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 2:15 p.m.

Carried.

**Sewage Wastewater Lagoons at Warspite and Bellis**

719-24: Céré That Smoky Lake County Administration investigate the capacity and longevity of the sewage wastewater lagoons at Warspite and Bellis, in preparation for potential increases in usage, and ensure all codes requirements are met.

Carried.

**4. Delegations:**

**4.3. Melewka Structures & Design, and Métis Nation of Alberta**

Present before Council from 2:33 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., was Melewka Structures & Design: Andy Russell, Project Manager, and Lewis Semashkewich, President, John Contessa, subcontractor from CA Granite Inc., and Aaron Barner, Métis Nation of Alberta's Senior Executive Officer, to discuss MNA's Development Permit application requirements (under Executive Session #14.3) under Executive Session.

**14. In-Camera (Executive Session):**

**14.3. Land Issue: MNA's Development Permit Application Requirements**

720-24: Gawalko 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, Chief Administrative Officer, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Finance Manager, Planning and Development Manager, Executive Services Clerk, and Delegation: Melewka Structures & Design: Andy Russell, Project Manager, and Lewis Semashkewich, President, & Aaron Barner, Métis Nation of Alberta's Senior Executive Officer, time 2:33 p.m.

Carried.

Melewka Structures & Design: Andy Russell, Project Manager, and Lewis Semashkewich, President, John Contessa, subcontractor from CA Granite Inc., and Aaron Barner, Métis Nation of Alberta's Senior Executive Officer, left the meeting, time 3:30 p.m.

721-24: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 4:18 p.m.  
Carried.

**Council Meeting Extended Past 4:00 p.m.**

722-24: Céré That Smoky Lake County Council approve to extend the June 27, 2024, Regular Council Meeting past 4:00 p.m.  
Carried Unanimously.

**Foundation Permit relating to DP-024-24 Application for Supportive Living Facility, RL 15**

723-24: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County Council approve to issue a foundation Development Permit to the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA), to allow foundation work to commence within 60 days, starting June 27, 2024, on the lands legally described as River Lot 15, Victoria Settlement, in relation to the pending Development Permit DP-024-24: Supportive Living Facility, River Lot 15, at the MNA's risk; and if Development Permit DP-024-24, is not approved, all said foundation work must be remediated within 60-days' written notice, at the MNA's cost and risk.  
Carried.

**7.12. Development Permit DP-024-24: Supportive Living Facility, River Lot 15**

724-24: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council **schedule a Regular Council Meeting** as per Bylaw No. 1430-23, Section 4.3: "All Public Hearings shall be held during a Regular or Special Council meeting.", **to hold a second Public Hearing for Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.**, to be held in County Council Chambers as well as virtually, in respect to the proposed conditions (as per attached Appendix "A") of Development Permit DP-024-24: Supportive Living Facility, for the lands legally described as River Lot 15, Victoria Settlement (Tax Roll #17581550), within the Direct Control (DC2) District; and advertise the said Public Hearing in the Redwater Review for two consecutive weeks, and provide notice of said Public Hearing to all those persons who have previously received notice, respecting the Métis Nation of Alberta's proposed Supportive Living Facility.  
Carried.

Jordan Ruegg, Planning & Development Manager, Lydia Cielin, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, and Patti Priest, Executive Services Clerk, left Council Chambers, time 4:35 p.m.

**14. In-Camera (Executive Session):**

**14.4. (Tabled Item) Personnel Issue, Interim CAO Compensation &**

**Addition to the Agenda: Personnel Issue: Council Providing Direction to the CAO**

725-24: Céré That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session in the presence of all Council and Chief Administrative Officer, to bring forward the tabled discussion: Personnel Issue, in respect to compensation for Interim Chief Administrative Officer services for the months of January to June 2024, under the authority of FOIP Act, Section 27: Privileged Information, and Section 24: Advice from Officials; **and** to discuss another Personnel Issue, in respect to Council Providing Direction to the Chief Administrative Officer, under the authority of the FOIP Act, Section 24: Advice from Officials, time 4:40 p.m.  
Carried.

726-24: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 5:30 p.m.  
Carried.

**Interim Chief Administrative Officer Compensation**

727-24: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council take no action to provide additional compensation for Interim Chief Administrative Officer services to Ms. Lydia Cielin, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, for the months of January to June 2024, due to reasons, as discussed in Executive Session, on June 27, 2024, under the authority of the FOIP Act, Section 24: Advice from Officials.

Carried.

**15. ADJOURNMENT:**

728-24: Céré

That the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting of June 27, 2024, be adjourned, time 5:31 p.m..

Carried.

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER