



SMOKY LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA

Thursday, October 24, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. held

Virtually <https://video.businessconnect.telus.com/join/898329346> (Meeting ID # 898329346) and Physically in Smoky Lake County Council Chambers, 4612 McDougall Drive, Smoky Lake

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Adoption of Agenda
- 3. Adoption of Minutes
 - 3.1. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, October 10, 2024
- 4. Delegation(s)
 - 4.1. Alberta Transportation & Economic Corridors Representatives: Micheal Botros, Regional Director & Rob Huston, Infrastructure Manager, to discuss detailed information about the projects directly affecting Smoky Lake County for the current and future years @ 10:15 a.m.
- 5. Public Hearing
 - Nil
- 6. Municipal Planning Commission (MPC)
 - Nil

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD - announced between 11:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

- 7. Business – Requests for Decisions
 - 7.1. Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission Manager Appointment
 - 7.2. Support for AgKnow Program by Alberta Farm Mental Health Network
 - 7.3. Realignment of portions of TWP RD 602 & RGE RD 132 to address encroachment onto the lands legally described as NE-10-60-13-W4M
- 8. Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Report
 - Nil
- 9. Council Committee Reports
 - Nil
- 10. Correspondence
 - 10.1. Letter from Municipal Affairs Minister, dated September 23, 2024, congratulating the County on winning the Municipal and Public Library Excellence Award for the Noth Saskatchewan Heritage River Initiative
 - 10.2. Letter from Smoky Lake Region Heritage Board, dated September 28, 2024, in respect to an invitation to collaborate for greater public access to historic buildings
 - 10.3. Letter from MLA Scott Cyr, dated October 10, 2024, in respect to follow-up on Commodity Flow Values Map and Request for Criteria Suggestions
 - 10.4. Letter from Smoky Lake Town & Country Golf Club, dated October 11, 2024, requesting three loads of gravel
 - 10.5. RMA News Announcement, dated October 11, 2024, in respect to the Camrose Casino relocation application being approved

11. Information Release

Nil.

12. Financial Reports

Nil.

13. Next Meetings

13.1. Reconfirm Smoky Lake County Council's scheduled upcoming Meetings are as follows:

Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. (Budget)

Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., (Regular)

Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., (Regular)

14. In Camera (Executive Session)

14.1. Legal Issue: in respect to the MCC For Smoky Lake Development Corp., under the authority of the FOIP Act Section 16: Third Party Business Interest.

15. Adjournment.

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Minutes of the **County Council Meeting** held on Thursday, **October 10, 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:

ATTENDANCE		
<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>Thursday, Oct. 10, 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
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Present in Chambers
Municipal Clerk / R.S.	Meaghan Andreychuk	Present in Chambers
Executive Svcs	Patti Priest	Absent

Observers in Attendance Upon Call to Order:

Plan. & Dev. Manager	Jordan Ruegg	Virtually Present
Natural Gas Manager	Daniel Moric	Present in Chambers
Public Works Manager	Chris Minailo	Present in Chambers
Ag. Fieldman	Carleigh Danyluk	Present in Chambers
Public	3 Members	Virtually Present
Media	No Members	N/A

2. Agenda:

884-24: Serben That the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting Agenda for Thursday, October 10, 2024, be adopted, as amended:

Addition to the Agenda:

1. Letter of Support for Métis Crossing’s Application to the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) Program.
2. Certificate of Recognition: Year-2024 Ministers Awards for Municipal and Public Library Excellence.
3. Executive Session: Legal Issue in respect to the MCC For Smoky Lake Development Corp. under the authority of the FOIP Act Section 16: Third Party Business.

Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes:

3.1. Council Regular Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2024

885-24: Halisky That the minutes of the **Smoky Lake County Council Meeting**, held on Thursday September 26, 2024, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

3.2. Council Special Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2024

886-24: Gawalko That the minutes of the **Smoky Lake County Council Special Meeting**, held on Tuesday, October 1st, 2024, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

7. Request for Decision:

7.1. Alberta Invasive Species Council Sponsorship

887-24: Céré

That Smoky Lake County Council approve to purchase a Year-2025 Bronze Membership in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Alberta Invasive Species, for the benefit of:

- Access to over 150 invasive species factsheets,
- Access to quarterly electronic newsletters,
- Free use of the EDDMapS, EDDMapS Pro, and ISM Track apps and data downloads [*for reporting invasive species*],
- Opportunity to participate in working groups, events, or contribute articles to newsletters,
- Recognition on the AISC website,
- Recognition in our quarterly newsletter,
- Recognition at AISC's Annual Conference,
- Exclusive access to the AISC's Newsletter Archive,
- Annual AISC Memberships (includes 2 votes at the AGM),
- Member rate for the AISC Conference Registration for 2, and
- Member rate prices on select items on the AISC's online store for 2,

As per the correspondence received from Paige Kuczmariski, Invasive Species Technician, Alberta Invasive Species Council, dated September 19, 2024.

Carried.

7.2. Waskatenau Creek Corridor Restoration and Trail Concept

888-24: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the “Waskatenau Creek restoration and trail concept” report, dated August 2, 2024, prepared by O2 Planning and Design, resulting from the grant funded study through the 2023 Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) program application managed by the Village of Waskatenau in partnership with the County; and utilize the information as a resource if any grant funding applications are submitted to any programs for any Waskatenau creek area development.

Carried.

Executive Session:

Legal Issue: County-Owned Lands – Offers to Purchase from Adjacent Landowners

889-24: Céré

That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session, in the presence of all Council, Chief Administrative Officer, Finance Manager, Planning and Development Manager, and Municipal Clerk, to discuss County-Owned Land offers to purchase from adjacent land-owners, under the authority of the FOIP Act, Section 27: Privileged Information and Section 16: Third Party Business Interests, time 9:11 a.m.

Carried.

890-24- Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, Time 9:32 a.m.

Carried.

Rescind August 8, 2024, Motion #761-24 – County-Owned Lands

891-24- Céré

That Smoky Lake County Council rescind the August 8, 2024, Motion # 761-24 as the second portion of the said motion in respect to the option of selling properties not sold to adjacent landowners at an unreserved bid auction through Richie Bros. Ltd., is no longer Council’s direction; **and** acknowledge all adjacent landowners of the County-Owned Lands listed under the said motion, have already been contacted and have already determine they were (or were not) interested in purchasing the said lands adjacent to their property as per the first portion of the said motion.

Carried.

7. Request for Decision:

7.3. County-Owned Lands – Offers to Purchase from Adjacent Landowners

892-24: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County Council **accept** the offer received in the amount of \$4,500.00, from adjacent landowners: Victor, James, Taras and Anthony Filewich, to purchase County-Owned lands legally described as PT. NW-2-59-12-W4M (Roll #12590230) containing +/- 13.57 acres.

Carried.

893-24: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County Council **reject** the offer received in the amount of \$2,000.00, from adjacent landowner: Casey Tchir, to purchase County-Owned lands legally described as PT. NE-29-59-12-W4M (Roll #12592941) containing +/- 2.02 acres, due to the conditions of sale proposed by Mr. Tchir.

Carried.

Councillor Fenerty declared pecuniary interest and abstained from voting on any question relating to the offer received from Terry Sklerek, as he is her partner.

894-24: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County Council **accept** the offer received in the amount of \$1,000.00, from adjacent landowner: Terry Sklerek, to purchase County-Owned lands legally described as PT. SW-21-60-13-W4M (Roll#13602121) containing +/- 1.0 acres.

Carried.

895-24: Céré That Smoky Lake County Council **accept** the offer received in the amount of \$500.00, from adjacent landowners: Lawrence & Janet Lavoie, to purchase County-Owned lands legally described as PT. SW-35-59-15-W4M (Roll#15593521) containing +/- 0.5 acres.

Carried.

896-24: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County Council **reject** the offer received in the amount of \$375.00, from adjacent landowner: Stephanie Popel, to purchase County-Owned lands legally described as PT. NE-27-58-16-W4M (Roll #16582740) containing +/- 2.56 acres.

Reeve Serben requested a record vote.

In Favour:

Gawalko

Halisky

Fenerty

Opposed:

Serben

Céré

Carried.

897-24: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council **accept** the offer received in the amount of \$40,000.00, from adjacent landowners: Jim & Sylvia Masikewich, to purchase County-Owned lands legally described as PLAN 8120163, LOT 1 (Roll#16593341) containing +/- 20.16 acres.

Carried.

898-24: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County Council **reject** the offer received in the amount of \$25,000.00, from adjacent crownland lease holder: Clear Hills Community Grazing Association, as represented by Ryan Franchuk, President of Clear Hills Grazing Association, to purchase County-Owned lands legally described as SW-12-61-16-W4M (Roll #16611220) containing +/- 160.0 acres.

Carried.

- 899-24: Serben That Smoky Lake County Council **reject** the offer received in the amount of \$1.00, from adjacent landowner: Lloyd Pirzek, to purchase County-Owned lands legally described as PLAN 3329ET (Roll #18591021) containing +/- 1.0 acres.
Carried.
- 900-24: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County Council **accept** the offer received in the amount of \$1,600.00, from adjacent landowner: Laura Bertin, to purchase County-Owned lands legally described as PLAN 1955CL, BLOCK 1, LOT 3 (Roll #22010103) containing +/- 3,900 square feet.
Carried.
- 901-24: Céré That Smoky Lake County Council **accept** the offer received in the amount of \$1,800.00, from adjacent landowner: Vince Sutherland, to purchase County-Owned lands legally described as PLAN 1039CL, BLOCK 4, LOTS 12-14 (Roll #27150412) containing +/- 13,660 square feet.
Carried.
- 902-24: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County Council **accept** the offer received in the amount of \$1,200.00, from adjacent landowner: Vince Sutherland, to purchase County-Owned lands legally described as PLAN 1039CL, BLOCK 4, LOTS 15-16 (Roll #27150415) containing +/- 12,785 square feet.
Carried.
- 903-24: Céré That Smoky Lake County Council **accept** the offer received in the amount of \$5,000.00, from adjacent landowner: Michael Thompson, to purchase County-Owned lands legally described as PLAN 0425044, BLOCK H, LOT 11A (Roll #40451211) containing +/- 10,000 square feet.
Carried.

Daniel Moric, Natural Gas Manager entered Council Chambers, time 9:31 a.m.

Daniel Moric, Natural Gas Manager left Council Chambers, time 9:41 a.m.

Executive Session:

Legal Issue: Village of Waskatenau's Request to Purchase Land

- 904-24- Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session, in the presence of all Council, Chief Administrative Officer, Finance Manager, Planning and Development Manager, and Municipal Clerk, to discuss a Legal Issue, in respect to the Village of Waskatenau's Request to Purchase Land, under the authority of the FOIP Act, Section 27: Privileged Information and Section 16: Third Party Business Interests, time 9:41 a.m.
Carried.
- 905-24- Gawalko That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 10:09 a.m.
Carried.

7.4. Village of Waskatenau – Request to Purchase Land

- 906-24: Céré That Smoky Lake County Council **deny** consent to the Village of Waskatenau, to acquire the lands legally described as: "Railway Plan 371BV Station Grounds in Township 59, Range 19, West of the 4th Meridian, comprising parts of Section NE 8 (4.44 hectares) and NW 9 (2.55 hectares), expecting thereout all the mines and minerals; in response to the letter received from the Village of Waskatenau, dated July 22, 2024, requesting acquisition of the said lands located outside their municipal boundary.
Carried.

7.5. Spedden Hall & Church – Request to Waive Natural Gas Service Charge

907-24: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County Council **take no action to** thereby denying the request to waive the Natural Gas Service Charge for Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Accounts 110050.01 & 110110.01, as per the letter received from the Treasurer of the Ukrainian Orthodox Society of Spedden, dated September 23, 2024.

Carried.

7.6. FCSS Grant Application – Smoky Lake Minor Hockey

908-24: Serben That Smoky Lake County Council 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
Smoky Lake Minor Hockey Association	Volunteers Respect in Sport Leader Courses	\$2,500.00

Carried.

7.7. Tax Agreement for Property Tax Roll #15591611

909-24: Serben That Smoky Lake County execute a Tax Agreement for Property Tax Roll Number 15591611, legally described as Plan 1325199 Block 1, Lot 1, with a total monthly payment in the amount of \$1,285.00 per month, effective October 15, 2024, for thirty-six (36) consecutive months, in accordance with Policy Statement No. 12-01-02: Tax Agreement.

Carried.

7.8. Smoky Lake Curling Club – Accounts Receivable Penalties

910-24: Serben That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the financial information provided by the Smoky Lake Curling Club in response to Council’s September 26, 2024, Motion #867-24; and **approve** to write-off the interest accrued in the amount of \$1,039.72, on the Club’s Accounts Receivable account #SMOK028; and direct Administration to write a letter informing the Club of future payment deadlines.

Carried.

8. Chief Administrative Officer’s Report:

8.1. Action List from September 12 & 26, 2024 Council Meetings

911-24: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County Council Meeting Action List from the Council Meeting held on September 12, 2024 and September 26, 2024, be accepted for information.

Carried.

10. Correspondence:

10.1. Minister of Municipal Affairs – Carbon Tax Survey

912-24: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County share data relating to the impact of the carbon tax on the County’s operations (both directly and indirectly), with the Minister of Municipal Affairs, through an online survey, as requested in the letter received from the Minister of Municipal Affairs, dated October 2, 2024.

Carried.

10.2. MLA Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul - Distribution of Charitable Gaming Revenues

913-24: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the copied letter from Scott Cyr, MLA Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul Constituency, to the City of Edmonton Mayor, dated August 23, 2024, in respect to requesting support from the City of Edmonton to advocate for a fairer distribution of charitable gaming revenues through the Alberta Gaming, Liquor & Cannabis (AGLC).

Carried.

914-24: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County Council write a letter of support to the local MLA, Rural Municipalities Association and Alberta Gaming, Liquor & Cannabis (AGLC) advocating for a fairer distribution of charitable gaming revenues, and requests a deadline for action on the letter by November 1, 2024; in response to the copied letter received from Scott Cyr, MLA Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul Constituency, to the City of Edmonton Mayor, dated August 23, 2024, requesting support from the City of Edmonton of same.

Carried.

10.3. Smoky Lake Regional Heritage Board - Municipal Historic Resources

915-24: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council **acknowledge receipt** of the letter received from the Smoky Lake Regional Heritage Board, dated September 27, 2024, recommending the following three buildings described below, to be assigned Municipal Historic Resource designation; **and** Council approve to provide each respective building owner with a **Notice of Intent to Designate** as a Municipal Historic Resource, pursuant to the *Historical Resources Act*, in accordance with Policy Statement No. 61-15-01: Designation of Municipal Historic Resources:

1. **Bellis Store and Heritage Shoppe**, built in 1945, on the lands legally described as Plan 0728767, Block 2, Lot 10A;
2. **White Earth Hall**, built in 1919, on the lands legally described as part of SE-16-60-17-W4; and
3. **Samuel A. MacDonald Stopping House, General Store and Pine Creek Post Office**, dates back to 1908, on the lands legally described as part of SW-35-58-19-W4.

Carried.

Addition to the Agenda:

Métis Crossing's Application to the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program

916-24-Halisky That's Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the verbal request presented by the Planning and Development Manager, for a letter of support of towards Métis Crossing Year-2024 application to the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings funding program.

Carried.

917-24- Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council approve to provide a letter of support for Métis Crossing's Year-2024 application to the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings funding program.

Carried.

2024 Minister's Award for Municipal and Public Library Excellence

918-24- Céré That Smoky Lake County acknowledge and accept the Year-2024 Minister's Award for Municipal and Public Library Excellence, awarded to Smoky Lake County for the North Saskatchewan Canadian Heritage River Initiative.



Carried.

11. Information Releases:

Nil

12. Financial Reports:

Nil

13. Next Meeting(s):

Next & Scheduled County Council Meetings

919-24: Halisky That the next Smoky Lake County Council Meetings be re-confirmed and **scheduled** as follows:

Thursday, October 24, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. (Regular and Organization Council Meeting)

Thursday, October 29, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. (Budget Council Meeting)

Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. (Regular Council Meeting)

Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. (Regular Council Meeting)

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

Carried.

Schedule County Council Meeting for the Purpose of CAO Evaluation

920-24: Serben That the next Smoky Lake County Council Meetings for the Purpose of CAO Evaluation, be scheduled for Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. to be held in County Council Chambers.

Carried.

14. Executive Session:

14.1 Legal Issue: Surface Material Leases

921-24: Serben That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session, in the presence of all Council, Chief Administrative Officer, Finance Manager, Public Works Manager, and Municipal Clerk, to discuss a Legal Issue, in respect to Surface Material Leases, under the authority of the FOIP Act, Section 27: Privileged Information and Section 16: Third Party Business Interests, time 11:07 a.m.

Carried.

922-24: Céré That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 11:30 a.m.

Carried.

11:30 to 11:35 a.m. Public Question and Answer Period:

Kyle Schole, member of the public, expressed the importances of the Waskatenau Creek Corridor Restoration and Trail Concept and congratulated Council on the North Saskatchewan Canadian Heritage River Initiative, without a question.

14. Executive Session:

14.1 Legal Issue: Surface Material Leases (continued)

923-24: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session, in the presence of all Council, Chief Administrative Officer, Finance Manager, Public Works Manager, and Municipal Clerk, to discuss a Legal Issue, in respect to Surface Material Leases, under the authority of the FOIP Act, Section 27: Privileged Information and Section 16: Third Party Business Interests, time 11:35 a.m.

Carried.

924-24: Serben That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 12:05 p.m.
Carried.

Surface Material Leases: SML No. 140092 and SML No. 120101

925-24: Céré That Smoky Lake County Council authorize Administration to transact the following purchase and approve an unbudgeted expense in the amount of Two Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,200,000.00) plus GST, funded from the Year-2024 Lands Sales and Reserves, to purchase two limited companies with Surface Material Leases (SML) inclusive, described as: SML No. 140092, at SW-22-61-18-W4 containing 78.79 Acres, under 2430603 Alberta Ltd., and SML No. 120101, at SW-22-61-18-W4 containing 79.91 Acres, under 2450652 Alberta Ltd, Pending all legal conditions are met.
Carried.

14.2. Personnel Issue: Update on Staff from the CAO under the authority

926-24: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session, in the presence of all Council and Chief Administrative Officer, to discuss a Personnel Issue, in respect to an update on Staff from the CAO under the authority of the FOIP Act, Section 27: Privileged Information and Section 17: Third Party Personal Privacy, time 12:19 p.m.
Carried.

927-24: Céré That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 12:54 p.m.
Carried.

Addition to the Agenda (Executive Session):

Legal Issue: Update on the MCC for Smoky Lake Development Corp.

928-24: Serben That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session, in the presence of all Council and Chief Administrative Officer, to discuss a Legal Issue, in respect to an update on the MCC for Smoky Lake Development Corp., under the authority of the FOIP Act, Section 27: Privileged Information and Section 16: Third Party Business Interests, time 12:55 p.m.
Carried.

929-24: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 1:31 p.m.
Carried.

930-24: Serben That Smoky Lake County Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to obtain a legal opinion pertaining to the MCC for Smoky Lake Development Corp., as discussed on October 10, 2024, in Executive Session, under the authority of the FOIP Act, Section 27: Privileged Information and Section 16: Third Party Business Interests.
Carried.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

931-24: Serben That the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting of October 10, 2024, be adjourned, time 1:32 p.m.
Carried.

REEVE

SEAL

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



Request for Decision (RFD)

Meeting Date: Thursday, October 24, 2024

Agenda Item: **#7.1**

Topic: Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission – Manager Appointment

Presented By: Finance Manager

Recommendation(s):

That Smoky Lake County Council appoint the Chief Administrative Officer: Kevin Lucas, as the Highway 28/63 Regional Water Service Commission Manager in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Commission and Smoky Lake County executed on December 10, 2020; and approve to compensate Mr. Lucas in the amount of \$500.00 per month, effective November 1, 2024, for duration of his services as the Commission’s Manager, funded by revenue received from the Commission to manage it.

Background:

June 14, 2023, Resolution # 090-23, Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission Board recommended that Smoky Lake County name Brenda Adamson as the Interim Commission Manager up to December 31, 2023 or until the County’s CAO position is filled, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Commission and Smoky Lake County executed on December 10, 2020, as it is understood that Smoky Lake County provides the Commission’s General Manager services. Brenda has fulfilled the Commission’s Interim Manager position thoroughly, while also fulfilling the Commission’s Finance Manager position. Kevin Lucas was hired as the County’s CAO on May 23, 2024 and we are now able to relieve Brenda and engage a better separation of duties.

Benefits: Relieves the Finance Manager of fulfilling dual duty as the Commission’s Finance Manager and Interim Manager. Officially confirms to provide compensation to the CAO in recognition of duties are being added to what is already a fulltime work load.

Disadvantages: N/A

Alternatives: Any alternative to the recommendation is at the discretion of Council.

Financial Implications:

This expense is allocated from revenue received by the Commission for management services. There is no budget impact.

Legislation: N/A

Intergovernmental: N/A

Strategic Alignment: N/A

Enclosure(s): N/A

Signature of the CAO:

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Request for Decision (RFD)

Meeting Date: Thursday, October 24, 2024

Agenda Item: #7.2

Topic: AgKnow Program by Alberta Farm Mental Health Network

Presented By: Agriculture Department

Recommendation:

That Smoky Lake County approve to provide AgKnow, Alberta Farm Mental Health Network, funding in the amount of \$2,000 in Year-2024 and in the amount of \$5,000 in Year-2025; and continue to promote AgKnow information and resources through the County's social media, grapevine, utility bill stuffers, and sharing with the local schools, as recommended by Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board, on October 3rd, 2024, Motion #ASB67-24, in response to the letter received from Linda Hunt, Program Director, Alberta Farm Mental Health Network, dated June 12, 2024.

Background:

AgKnow was established as a direct result to the 2019 ASB resolution E1-19 Access to Agriculture Specific Mental Health Resources, and a similar Resolution E2-23 on Stable Funding for Farm Mental Health was passed in 2023. Despite the efforts of these Resolutions, securing consistent funding for this program has remained an ongoing challenge.

A letter of support was written to the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions on October 9th, 2024 in response to ASB's motion ASB66-24 'That Smoky Lake County's Agricultural Service Board write a letter to the Minister of Mental Health advocating for sustainable multi-year funding toward Ag-Know, Alberta Farm Mental Health Network, and copy the Minister of Agriculture & Irrigation, and Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock MLA, in response to the letter received from the Program Director of AgKnow, dated June 12, 2024, urgently requesting financial assistance.'

Benefits:

Ensures a more resilient and sustainable future for our agriculture communities by supporting and promoting the AgKnow Initiative.

Disadvantages:

None

Alternatives:

Don't provide any funding support.

Financial Implications:

\$2,000 from the Agriculture Departments 2024 operational budget

\$5,000 from the Agriculture Departments 2025 operational budget

Legislation:

(Describe any associated legislation, bylaws or policies relating to or affecting the recommendation or select from dropdown)

Intergovernmental:

(Describe any intergovernmental involvement and/or implications related to or affecting the recommendation or select from dropdown)

Strategic Alignment:

(Select the Strategic Plan Priority that this topic is associated with)



Request for Decision (RFD)

Enclosure(s):

Letter received from Linda Hunt, Program Director, Alberta Farm Mental Health Network, dated June 12, 2024.

Signature of the CAO:

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June 12, 2024

Dan Gawalko
Smoky Lake County
Box 310
Smoky Lake, AB, T0A 3C0
Subject: Urgent Funding Need for AgKnow

Dear Dan Gawalko,

As you know, AgKnow was established as a direct response to the 2019 ASB resolution aimed at addressing mental health on farms and ranches across Alberta. Your vision in founding this initiative has provided the means to begin developing effective, evidence-based, and practical resources that enhance the resilience of farmers and their families, and to address the barriers that prevent farmers from seeking assistance.

While considerable progress has been made in raising awareness and advocating for mental health in farming communities, the challenge lies in ensuring the widespread adoption of supports and services that deliver long-term positive change for farmers and their families.

We currently face a critical funding gap between our last grant and the anticipated funding for our next one. This inconsistency in funding jeopardizes our ability to provide continuous support to farm families year-round as they cope with the daily challenges of farm life and navigate times of crisis.

We urgently need your financial assistance to bridge this gap and sustain the ongoing delivery of services including:

- **Free Counselling Pilot Program** – Since its launch, 19 agriculturally-informed therapists and counselors have provided 123 free therapy sessions to 54 farmers, farm family members, veterinarians, and registered veterinary technicians. Demand for this program has tripled since February 2024, highlighting the need for this service.
- **Suicide Prevention Training** – In 2023, we adapted proven suicide prevention and awareness training specifically for the agriculture industry, launching two new courses and training 14 facilitators. The diversity and distribution of Alberta farmers requires substantial investment in communication and engagement activities to deliver these courses and give farm families the skills to support those impacted by suicide. Funding is needed to deliver these courses to rural communities.
- **Crisis Recovery Support** – The recent wildfires and drought risk in certain areas of the province emphasize the need for crisis recovery support. During the wildfires, the AgKnow therapist network (APN) was mobilized for immediate sessions, while resources like a shelter-in-place document adapted from Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation, along with crisis response cards, were distributed to affected communities. Our goal is to deploy the APN in community post-crisis and provide briefings to mental health professionals on current issues affecting agriculture, but we need resources to plan and implement these tasks effectively.
- **Priority Areas** – Our needs assessment and ongoing engagement with industry stakeholders have led us to identify priority areas with the potential to impact Alberta farmers. Among these, increasing capacity to support farmers and veterinarians during a depopulation event, and integrating mental health and agriculture professionals to assist with farm transition have been recognized as priority areas which continue to provide strategic direction and the structure for ongoing work.



Your support will enable us to continue to invest in programs that prioritize the mental health and well-being of farming communities, ensuring producers and their families have the necessary resources and tools available when they need them most. To contribute, please visit https://fnd.us/72MKTe?ref-sh_fD8xLb_sh_oP2HK5R0PqBoP2HK5R0PqB, use the QR code enclosed at the end of this letter, or call 587-200-2552 Extension 2.

I am available to present virtually to your counsel about the initiative. Our annual report can be found on our website with more details about our mission and accomplishments to date. We are deeply grateful to Wheatland County for being the first to donate \$2000 in one time bridge funding and hope that you will consider doing the same. Together, we can continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of Alberta's farmers, and the rural communities they support.

Sincerely,

Linda Hunt

Program Director
AgKnow, Alberta Farm Mental Health Network
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Request for Decision (RFD)

Meeting Date: Thursday, October 24, 2024

Agenda Item: #7.3

Topic: Realignment of portions of TWP RD 602 & RGE RD 132 to address encroachment onto the lands legally described as NE-10-60-13-W4M

Presented By: Planning & Development Services

Recommendation: That Smoky Lake County Council approve to execute the "Right of Access & Consent to Transfer of Land for Compensation" agreement with the owner of the lands legally described as NE-10-60-13-W4M, under Alberta Land Title #202144564, LINC# 0032243446, Tax Roll# 13601040, to transfer a portion of the said land to Smoky Lake County and to compensate the owner identified on the said land title, in the amount of \$293.00 (two-hundred and ninety three dollars), for a portion of land containing +/- 0.083 acres, for the purpose or registering a road plan to rectify the encroachment onto said lands, of portions of TWP RD 602 & RGE RD 132, subject to Smoky Lake County being responsible for surveying and registering said road plan, at no cost to the landowner.

Background:

Smoky Lake County administration was recently approached by the owner of the lands legally described as NE-10-60-13-W4M regarding the encroachment of portions of TWP RD 602 and RGE RD 132 onto his property. The landowner wishes to erect a fence on his property line and is being impeded by the encroaching road. The amount of land required to register the road plan is +/- 3,647 square feet (+/- 0.083 acres). The landowner has made an offer of \$3,500/acre for a total of \$293.00.

Advantages: Rectify road encroachment thereby allowing landowner to fence his property and ensure continued County access to roadway.

Disadvantages: Cost of surveying road plan and cost of land acquisition.

Alternatives: Do not register a road plan and continue with status quo.

Financial Implications: \$2,500.00 surveying costs and \$293.00 land acquisition cost.

Legislation: *Municipal Government Act* Section 16.1

Intergovernmental: Nil.

Strategic Alignment: Nil.

Enclosure(s): **Enclosure #1: Area required for proposed road plan registration**

Enclosure #2: Right of Access & Consent to Transfer of Land for Compensation" Agreement

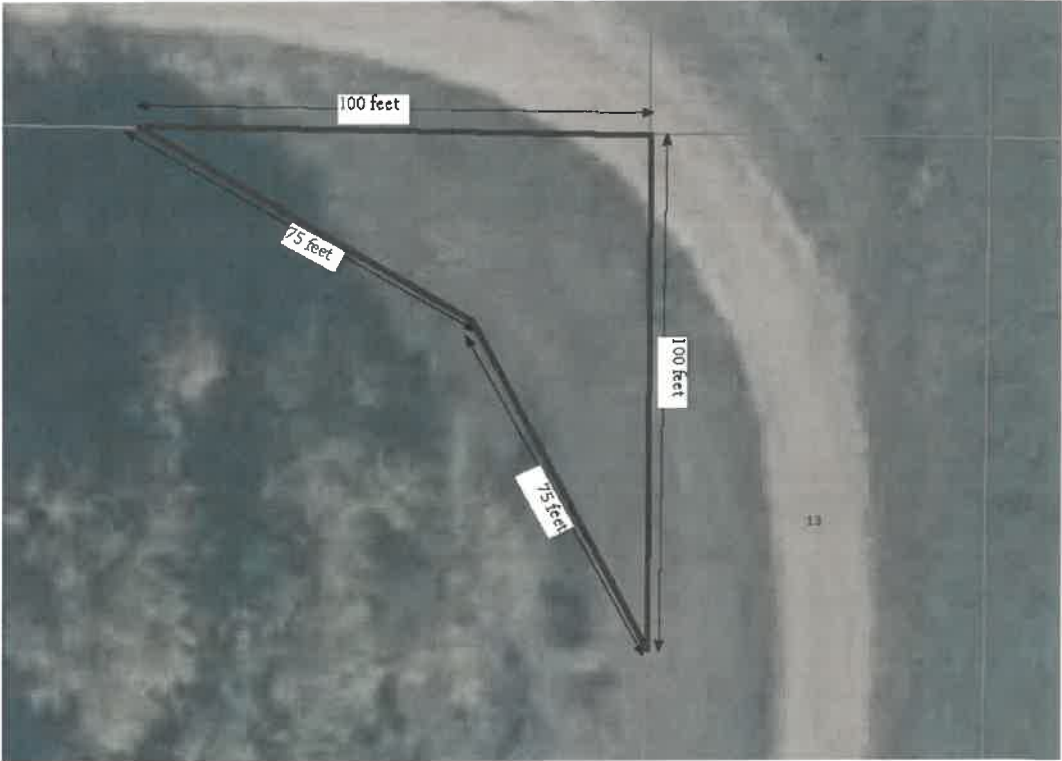
Enclosure #3: Quote for road plan preparation from Krawchuk Land Surveys Ltd.

Enclosure #4: Quote for road plan preparation from On-Site Surveys Inc.

Enclosure #5: *Municipal Government Act* Section 16.1 (Acquiring land for roads by agreement)

Approved by the CAO:  Date: Oct 17, 2024

Enclosure #1: Area required for proposed road plan registration





Enclosure #2: Right of Access & Consent to Transfer of Land for Compensation” Agreement

RIGHT OF ACCESS & CONSENT TO TRANSFER OF LAND FOR COMPENSATION

RIGHT OF ACCESS:

I _____ being the owner of the property known as _____, do hereby agree to allow Smoky Lake County and its agents to conduct “Work” to survey a portion of the aforementioned lands, for the purpose of registering a road plan in accordance with the conditions below.

Commencing the Right of Access on the ___ day of _____, 20___, until completion of the Work.

Conditions:

1. **The Work:**
 - a. The Work shall conform to all applicable federal, provincial and municipal statutes, laws and by-laws or other applicable rules and regulations, including, but not limited to, the terms of any authorizations granted by Smoky Lake County, permits issued, and the provisions of this Agreement.
 - b. The Work shall be performed in a manner that safeguards and protects all other support structures, transmission lines, equipment, facilities, and improvements of any kind.
 - c. After completion of the Work, Smoky Lake County shall leave the said lands in substantially the same condition in which it was before such Work was undertaken, free from nuisance.
 - d. Smoky Lake County shall be responsible for the cost of such Work.
2. **Environmental Responsibility:**
 - a. Smoky Lake County agrees to assume all environmental liability relating to its occupancy and use of the said land, including but not limited to any liability for clean-up of any hazardous substance in, on, under, along, across and around the said land resulting from:
 - i. the operations of Smoky Lake County or its agents in, on, under, along, across or around the road right-of-way, during the course of execution and completion of the Work; or
 - ii. any products or goods brought in, on, under, along, across or around the said land, or by any other person with the express or implied consent of the Smoky Lake County, during the execution and completion of the Work.
 - b. For the purpose of Section 2, “hazardous substance” means any hazardous substance and includes, but is not limited to, radiation, petroleum products and byproducts, industrial wastes, contaminants, pollutants, dangerous substances, and toxic substances, as defined in or pursuant to any law, ordinance, rule, regulation, by-law or code, whether federal, provincial or municipal.
3. **Liability and Indemnification**
 - a. The Landowner shall not, in connection with this Agreement, be liable for any damage to the equipment or other property of Smoky Lake County or its agents, or for the injury or death of any officer, employee, agent, contractor, licensee or invitee of Smoky Lake County or its agents, except where it is caused by the willful misconduct or gross negligence of the Landowner.

RIGHT OF ACCESS & CONSENT TO TRANSFER OF LAND FOR COMPENSATION

- b. The Landowner hereby indemnifies Smoky Lake County from and against all losses, liabilities, costs, damages, and expenses (including reasonable legal fees and disbursements) incurred by the Landowner in connection with this Agreement as a result of any claim, action, suit or proceeding based on a claim of injury to the person or property of any third party caused by the willful misconduct or negligence of the Landowner.
- c. Subject to the provisions of Sections 3(a) and 3(d), Smoky Lake County hereby indemnifies the Landowner from and against all losses, liabilities, costs, damages, and expenses (including reasonable legal fees and disbursements) incurred by the Smoky Lake County in connection with this Agreement as a result of any claim, action, suit or proceeding based on a claim of injury to the person or property of any third party caused by the willful misconduct or gross negligence of Smoky Lake County, its officers, employees, agents, contractors, licensees or invitees.
- d. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement, Smoky Lake County shall not be liable in any way for indirect or consequential losses or damages, or damages for pure economic loss, howsoever caused or contributed to, in connection with this Agreement or with any equipment, other property or land governed hereby.

CONSENT TO TRANSFER OF LAND FOR COMPENSATION:

I/we _____, of Box ____, Smoky Lake, T0A 3C0, being the Landowner(s) of the property legally described as _____, under Alberta Land Title # _____, LINC # _____, Tax Roll # _____, do hereby consent to transfer a portion of the said land to Smoky Lake County, for compensation in the total amount of \$_____, for the portion of land described as _____ containing approximately ____ acres (or square feet), to be used for a roadway widening to accommodate a bridge replacement, subject to Smoky Lake County being responsible for registering, surveying and transferring title of the said lands at no cost to the Landowner.

Landowner:

[Name] Landowner(s) Witness

Smoky Lake County:

[Name], Chief Administrative Officer Jered Serben, Reeve

Date: _____ day of _____, 20__

Enclosure #3: Quote for road plan preparation from Krawchuk Land Surveys Ltd.

Jordan Ruegg

From: Mike Krawchuk, A.L.S. <mike.k@krawchuklandsurveys.ca>
Sent: October 10, 2024 1:16 PM
To: Jordan Ruegg
Subject: Re: Request for Quote for Road Plan Preparation - NE 10-60-13-W4M

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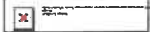
Good afternoon Jordan,

All is well, thanks. It has been a busy year but we're aiming to catch up on some files this fall. I hope all is going well with you.

My fee to survey and register a road plan as per your attached sketch would be \$3500+GST

Let me know if you have any questions.
Thanks,

Mike Krawchuk, P.Surv
Alberta Land Surveyor
t. 780.614.5653
f. 833.859.4204
Krawchuk Land Surveys Ltd.
Box 945 | St. Paul, AB | T0A 3A0



On Thu, Oct 10, 2024 at 12:28 PM Jordan Ruegg <ruegg@smokylakecounty.ab.ca> wrote:

Good afternoon Mike. I hope all is well with you.

Smoky Lake County recently discovered that a portion of County road has been constructed outside of the government road allowance and is encroaching onto the lands legally described as NE 10-60-13-W4M. The owner of said lands wishes to fence his property, but when he went to put up the fence, he found that the survey pin was located on the County road. To resolve this issue, the County has agreed with the landowner to purchase a portion of his lands and register said portion as a road plan.

I have attached a quick and dirty sketch of the proposed area for the road plan and was hoping that you would be able to provide me a quote so that I can take it to Council for approval.

Let me know if you need anything additional from me to prepare the quote.

Thanks,



Jordan Ruegg, B.A., MPlan

Planning and Development Manager

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Enclosure #4: Quote for road plan preparation from On-Site Surveys Inc.

Jordan Ruegg

From: Dwayne Edmundson <dwayne@onsitesurveys.ca>
Sent: October 11, 2024 5:12 PM
To: Jordan Ruegg
Subject: RE: Request for Quote for Road Plan Preparation - NE 10-60-13-W4M
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Hi Jordan,
Thanks for letting me provide some numbers on this project. I have a map attached showing what needs to be found and placed.
After doing my research, I'm comfortable saying that that it will not cost more than \$2500+GST. This includes field work and plan preparation and registration.
Have a great Thanksgiving long weekend!
Dwayne

Dwayne Edmundson, A.L.S.
On-Site Surveys Inc.
780-293-1870

From: Jordan Ruegg <jruegg@smokylakecounty.ab.ca>
Sent: October 10, 2024 2:41 PM
To: Dwayne Edmundson <dwayne@onsitesurveys.ca>
Subject: Request for Quote for Road Plan Preparation - NE 10-60-13-W4M

Good afternoon Dwayne. I hope all is well with you.

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Enclosure #5: Municipal Government Act Section 16.1 (Acquiring land for roads by agreement)

Acquiring land for roads by agreement

16.1(1) In this section, “owner” includes

- (a) in the case of land that is being acquired under an agreement for sale, the owner of the fee simple estate in the land and the purchaser whose interest under the agreement is registered against the certificate of title for the land;
- (b) in the case of land this is subject to a lease for which a certificate of title has been issued, the owner of the fee simple estate in the land and the lessee under the lease.

(2) When a municipality makes an agreement with the owner of land to acquire the land for the purpose of a road, culvert, ditch or drain, title to the land is vested in the city, or in the case of any other municipality, the Crown in right of Alberta, by filing with the Registrar of Land Titles

- (a) plans of survey showing the land to be acquired, and
- (b) a certificate of a designated officer stating that
 - (i) an agreement has been reached with the owner of the land to be acquired and the price to be paid,
 - (ii) all persons registered on certificates of title that have an interest in land that is within 40 metres of the boundary of the land to be acquired as shown on the plans of survey has been notified by registered mail, and
 - (iii) the person signing the certificate is a designated officer.

(3) When the title to land vests under subsection (2), it is not necessary to register a transfer for that land.

(4) A municipality is not entitled to mines and minerals in any land vested in it pursuant to this section and title to any mines or minerals is not affected by the filing of any plan of survey pursuant to this section.

September 23, 2024

Kevin Lucas
Chief Administrative Officer
Smoky Lake County
PO Box 310
Smoky Lake, AB
T0A 3C0

Dear Kevin,

Subject: Congratulations on Winning the Minister's Awards for Municipal and Public Library Excellence

On behalf of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, I am pleased to congratulate your municipality on winning the Minister's Award for Municipal and Public Library Excellence in the Smaller Municipalities category for the North Saskatchewan Canadian Heritage River initiative! This recognition is a testament to your commitment to providing outstanding services to your community.

We encourage you to promote this exciting achievement! By September 24th, we will have a digital booklet and video available on our website for the Minister's Awards for Municipal and Public Library Excellence. You are welcome to link to these in your own promotion activities. Additionally, you may want to share and link to media posts from YourAlberta, which will appear on both X and Facebook. As well, Minister Ric McIver is likely to mention our winners at both the conferences for AB Munis and the Rural Municipalities Association.

Feel free to celebrate your success with your own posts and encourage your community to join in. We are thrilled to recognize your hard work and look forward to celebrating with you.

Once again, congratulations on your remarkable achievement, and share our congratulations with those who were involved with this initiative in your municipality!

Warm regards,


for Wendy Peters

Manager, Capacity Services
Alberta Municipal Affairs

Smoky Lake County Regional Heritage Board
Box 310
Smoky Lake, AB
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September 28, 2024

Smoky Lake County Council
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RE: Enhancing Visitor Experience to Historic Buildings

The Smoky Lake Regional Heritage Board would like to initiate discussion on a partnership with the county on showcasing heritage in the region. Some historical buildings have been preserved yet public access is limited. We would like to work on a shared commitment to heritage that would enhance visitor experiences for both residents and the general public to boost heritage-driven tourism in our region.

Among many other items in the SLRHB bylaw and Heritage Management Plan, the Board is to manage aspects of heritage, to advise municipal councils on all matters relating to heritage, to stimulate public interest and knowledge in heritage, and collaborate with municipalities in the delivery of those purposes. At our recent SLRHB meeting, a local resident, ratepayer, and businessman attended asking if we would consider managing heritage structures so that they could be open to the public. We are pleased to have had the opportunity and carry out preservation of some very important historic resources, namely, the Ruthenia School and the House In The Middle Of The Road. One possibility could be a multi-stakeholder alliance including the county to undertake planning and implement a program. Our local museum may also wish to be involved. It would be beneficial to have someone assigned to attend these buildings during the tourist season, having the buildings open certain hours or while a group books a time. One possible option could be for the county to have a summer student fulfill this role. The county developed a heritage-driven Economic Development Strategy as a means to improve the potential for our communities where residents have a sense of place through their heritage, and enhanced tourism increases both economic and social benefits for residents, visitors and business owners.

We are inviting representatives from the Smoky Lake County to meet with the Heritage Board to discuss the potential for collaborating to capitalize on our heritage assets. We look forward to hearing from you on the possibilities of new initiatives promoting historic resources as part of the County's heritage.

Sincerely,

Noreen Easterbrook, Chair
Smoky Lake Regional Heritage Board



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

October 10, 2024

Dear Mayors and Reeves,

I trust this message finds you well. I am writing to follow up on the letter I sent in September regarding the draft Commodity Flow Values Map being developed by Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors (ATEC).

Since our last correspondence, I have had the opportunity to discuss our concerns with the Minister responsible for ATEC. I am pleased to share that the Minister has expressed a willingness to explore other criteria that could more accurately reflect the economic activity in our region. This is a positive step forward, and I believe it opens the door for us to work collaboratively to ensure our area's significance is properly represented in this initiative.

It is important to note that the data currently being used in the map comes from Statistics Canada and only incorporates trips of more than 80 kilometers. This approach unfortunately eliminates many oil truck haulages and regional transport between Bonnyville, Cold Lake, and St. Paul. Additionally, the map currently shows the value of items transported on the roads but does not account for the province's wealth that is serviced and created by these roads. For example, while the Deerfoot Trail transports \$34 billion in economic activity, it does not generate \$34 billion in economic activity. In contrast, Highway 28 may carry far less in terms of transported goods but is responsible for creating and servicing far more economic value through the industries it supports. The current data set only includes road transportation, with no consideration given to the pipelines serviced by the road that transport out immense wealth. This oversight significantly undervalues our region's contribution, as 30% of Alberta's oil and gas royalty revenues—amounting to billions upon billions of dollars—are produced in our area but are transported primarily via pipelines, rather than back down Highway 28.

Furthermore, Highway 28 is vital to numerous other economic sectors in our region. It services a significant logging industry, which is crucial to both local businesses and Alberta's broader forestry sector. It also supports the beef industry, major agricultural operations, manufacturing facilities, and mining activities that are critical to our regional economy. These industries depend heavily on Highway 28 for the transportation of goods, raw materials, and products, further highlighting the road's integral role in supporting Alberta's economy.

Additionally, as we look to the future, the Pathways Alliance carbon capture project will be a significant development in our area. Highway 28 will play a key role in creating and servicing this project, ensuring that the necessary equipment, materials, and personnel can move efficiently throughout the region. This is yet another reason why the economic value associated with Highway 28 must be properly represented in the Commodity Flow Values Map.

It is also important to emphasize the strategic significance of CFB Cold Lake for the military defense of Western Canada. As one of Canada's largest air force bases, CFB Cold Lake plays a crucial role in our national security, especially with the stationing of the new F-35 fighter jets. Highway 28 is essential for delivering large quantities of jet fuel and other supplies to the base, directly supporting its operations and, by extension, the defense of our region and the country. This critical military infrastructure further underscores the importance of accurately reflecting Highway 28's economic and strategic contributions in this initiative.

Moreover, here in the Northeast, we have approximately 2,400 active oil wells, 21.5 million cubic meters of natural gas, and \$8.4 billion in ongoing major projects. The current map does not adequately reflect that our region's major highways serve a significant portion of these economic activities. This is why it is crucial that we come up with criteria that truly represent the highways' actual importance to Alberta's economy.

In light of this, I am reaching out to solicit your input. We would greatly appreciate it if you could provide any suggestions or ideas for additional criteria that you believe should be considered in the Commodity Flow Values Map. These criteria could include, but are not limited to, local industry output, transportation volumes, resource extraction data, or other economic factors that are unique to your municipality.

Our intention is to gather these suggestions and present them to the Ministry, advocating for a more comprehensive and accurate depiction of the economic contributions from our region. Your insights will be invaluable in shaping a response that truly reflects the diverse strengths of our communities.

Please feel free to share your ideas at your earliest convenience. If you would like to discuss this matter further, I am always available to listen to your thoughts and perspectives.

Thank you once again for your commitment to ensuring our region receives the recognition it deserves in this important project. I look forward to hearing from you.

Warm regards,



Scott Cyr, MLA
Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul

Cc: Josh Bilyk - Chief of Staff, Transportation and Economic Corridors

Colonel M.C. Hickey - Commander, CFB Cold Lake,

Gerald Aalbers - Chair, Alberta HUB

Bob Bezpalko - Executive Director, Alberta HUB

Amy Cherniwchan - Chair of the Northeast Alberta Alliance for Growth and Opportunities

Orlando Rodriguez - Director, Modelling and GIS

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To Whom It May Concern,

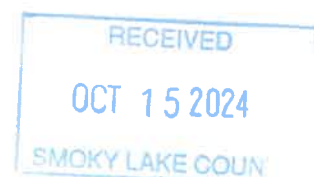
The Smoky Lake Town and Country Golf Club respectfully requests three loads of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch crushed gravel and delivery to the Golf Course.

Please contact Bruce Chern at 306-740-7771 if you have any questions.

Respectfully,



Erin Chern
President



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Camrose Casino Relocation Application Approved

Posted on: October 11, 2024



The Camrose Casino has been approved to relocate to Southwest Edmonton

The **Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis (AGLC)** (<https://aglc.ca/>) has approved the application for **Camrose Casino** (<https://www.camroseresortcasino.com/>) to **relocate to southwest Edmonton** (<https://aglc.ca/gaming/licences/gaming-facility-application-objections/facility-relocation-application-camrose>).

The AGLC stated that this relocation will support businesses, create jobs, and have minimal impact on charities supported by Edmonton casinos. This casino would continue to be linked to the Camrose and St. Albert casino regions and will likely generate much higher charitable revenues compared to its current Camrose location.

It is important to note that this approval is conditional on all **approval requirements** (<https://aglc.ca/sites/aglc.ca/files/2024-07/24-07-02%20CTCOG.pdf>) (along with all federal and provincial legislation, regulations, policies and municipal requirements, permits, licenses, and authorizations) being met following construction.

Although this relocation will benefit rural charities in the Camrose and St. Albert regions, it does not address the broader inequities within the charitable gaming model. The rural/urban funding gap is by no means solved by this relocation, seeing as hundreds of charitable groups across the province will see no benefit from this decision.

In the coming weeks, the RMA will launch a campaign calling for a review of the charitable gaming model, with the goal of replacing the current inequitable charitable gaming model with a model that provides equal support for equal work to all eligible organizations, regardless of where in the province they are located. This campaign will include a report that will update the data and recommendations found in the **RMA Charitable Gaming Committee Final Report** (<https://rmalberta.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/rma-charitable-gaming-committee-final-report.pdf>), which was released in 2019.

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