

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Minutes of the **County Council Meeting** held on Thursday, **November 14, 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, Nov. 14, 2024</u>
1	Dan Gawalko	Present in Chambers
2	Linda Fenerty	Present in Chambers
3 / Deputy Reeve	Dominique Céré	Present in Chambers
4	Lorne Halisky	Present in Chambers
5 / Reeve	Jered Serben	Present in Chambers
CAO	Kevin Lucas	Present in Chambers
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Present in Chambers
Executive Srv/RS	Patti Priest	Present in Chambers

Observers in Attendance Upon Call to Order:

Comm. Officer	Evonne Zukiwski	Absent
P & D Manager	Jordan Ruegg	Virtually Present
Fire Srv/Muni Clerk	Meaghan Andreychuk	Virtually Present
P.W. Manager	Chris Minailo	Present in Chambers
Nat Gas Manager	Daniel Moric	Virtually Present
GIS Operator	Carole Dowhaniuk	Virtually Present
Health & Safety Cor.	Jasmine Schaub	Virtually Present
Asst. Ag. Fieldman	Kierstin Dubitz	Virtually Present
Public	6 Members	Present
Media	No Members	N/A

2. Agenda:

88-24: Céré

That the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting Agenda for Thursday, November 14, 2024, be adopted, as amended:

Additions to the Agenda:

1. Request for Donation to the Smoky Lake Christmas Hamper.
2. Go East of Edmonton Call for New Directors & Annual General Meeting.

Carried Unanimously.

89-24: Céré

That the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting Agenda for Thursday, November 14, 2024, be further amended:

Deletions to the Agenda:

- #3.1 Minutes of October 10, 2024 (as those Minutes were adopted at the October 24, 2024, Regular Council Meeting).
- #10.4 From Alberta Association of Community Peace Officers, dated September 25, 2024, invitation to attend a closed information session.

Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes:

Nil.

4. Delegation:

4.1. Delegation - Bonnie Lake Resort Community Representative

Physically Present before Council from 9:04 a.m. to 9:20 a.m., was Bonnie Lake Resort Community Representative: Peter A. Therrien, President of the Bonnie Lake Social Club, in place of Darrell Ewaskiw, who was virtually present, to express concerns from the Bonnie Lake Resort Community and the need to upgrade amenities.

Bonnie Lake Resort Community Representatives Information

90-24: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County accept the information received from the November 14, 2024, Delegation: Bonnie Lake Resort Community Representative: Peter A. Therrien, President of the Bonnie Lake Social Club, along with the letter received from Darrell Ewaskiw, dated October 21, 2024, expressing concerns and communicating the needs of the Community in respect to upgrading amenities.

Carried.

Bonnie Lake Resort Community

91-24: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County directs Administration to respond to the Bonnie Lake Resort Community representatives: Peter A. Therrien and Darrell Ewaskiw, to provide them with information in respect to potential grant funding available to community organizations which could potentially fund their desired upgrades within the common areas of the Resort; and to provide them with an accurate estimate of the amount of in-kind assistance the County is able to provide.

Carried.

5. Public Hearing:

Nil.

6. Municipal Planning Commission (MPC):

Nil.

7. Request for Decision:

7.1. Remembrance Day Ceremonies

92-24: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County Council approve action taken in donating funds to both of the local Royal Canadian Legions: Smoky Lake Legion Branch No. 227 and Waskatenau Legion Branch No. 261, in the amount of \$200.00 each, towards the Remembrance Day Ceremony wreaths and acknowledge the Deputy Reeve placed a wreath at the ceremony held in the Town of Smoky Lake, and acknowledge the Reeve placed a wreath at the ceremony held in the Village of Waskatenau.

Carried.

7.2. Backsloping Applications - Kurt & Lillian Stahl

93-24: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council approve the backsloping program project along the lands legally described as NE-09-59-14-W4, for ¼ of a mile, as per the application received from Kurt & Lillian Stahl, dated October 29, 2024, and subject to the pass of an inspection conducted by the Public Works Manager or designate upon completion, the County will provide funding to the applicant in the amount of half the total cost of the project up to a maximum amount of \$1,250.00, in accordance with County Policy Statement No.03-21-06.

Carried.

7.2. Backsloping Applications - Daniel Malysh

94-24: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County Council approve the backsloping program project along the lands legally described as NE-09-58-13-W4, for ½ of a mile, as per the application received from Daniel Malysh, dated November 7, 2024, and subject to the pass of an inspection conducted by the Public Works Manager or designate upon completion, the County will provide funding to the applicant in the amount of half the total cost of the project up to a maximum amount of \$2,500.00, in accordance with County Policy Statement No.03-21-06.

Carried.

7.3. Policy Statement No. 09-39-13: Dust Control

95-24: Cere

That Smoky Lake County Council **table** further discussion of Policy Statement No. 03-39-13: Dust Control, to later on the November 14, 2024, agenda to allow the Public Works Manager to gather further information.

Carried.

7.4. Intermunicipal Subdivision Development Appeal Board Membership

96-24: Cere

That Smoky Lake County Council remove the appointment of Amy Cherniwchan, as a Member-at-Large to the Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (ISDAB), as per the ISDAB Agreement under Bylaw No. 1447-23, Section 4(3), no person shall be appointed as a Member of the Board who is a Councillor of a Municipality, and Amy Cherniwchan is the Mayor of the Town of Smoky Lake.

Carried.

7.5. Policy Statement No. 01-22-01 Policy Committee Terms of Reference

97-24: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 01-22-01 Policy Committee Terms of Reference, **be rescinded**, as made redundant by Committee of the Whole and Regular Council meetings.

Carried.

7.6. Policy Statement No. 08-13-01 Disposal of Assets

98-24: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 08-13-01: Disposal of Assets, be amended to version 08-13-02, to update the name from “Disposal of Assets” to “Disposal of Surplus Equipment”, and to expand the statement and guidelines, as follows:

Title: Disposal of Surplus Equipment	Policy No.: 13-02
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Legislation Reference:	Municipal Government Act, Section 70 and 445.
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Purpose:	To establish consistent, transparent, and equitable processes for the disposal of surplus County-owned equipment in a fair manner, while recovering the maximum residual value.
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Policy Statement and Guidelines:

1. **STATEMENT:**
 - 1.1. "Equipment" for the purpose of this policy, includes vehicles, machinery, office-equipment, electronics, furniture, and tools.
 - 1.2. "Surplus" for the purpose of this policy, is deemed to be Equipment that is at the end of its useful life, in need of replacement, or no longer required for County operations.
 - 1.3. Smoky Lake County recognizes that there are occasions when the disposal of Surplus Equipment is determined to be advisable or necessary, and will proceed to do so in accordance with this Policy.
2. **OBJECTIVE:**
 - 2.1. To recovery the maximum residual value of Equipment that is no longer used by the County.
3. **GUIDELINES:**
 - 3.1. If the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or designate determines any item to be of no value or unsafe, then it must be disposed of as waste or recycled in an appropriate manner.
 - 3.2. Any items sold or donated are done so on an "as is, where is" basis with no warranties or guarantees expressed or implied.
 - 3.3. Council may or may not establish a reserve bid prior to any sale at a Regular Council meeting, at their discretion.
4. **PROCEDURES:**
 - 4.1. Annually on or before August 1st, Managers will submit a list of any Equipment considered to be Surplus, to the CAO or designate, who will present the list to Council for consideration at a Regular Council meeting prior to October 31st.
 - 4.2. All Surplus vehicles and machinery, will be disposed of in one of three ways once approved by Council:
 - 4.2.1. offered for sale by public tender whereby it is advertised at least of two (2) weeks prior to the sale, through the County's social media and website, at minimum, stating "for sale by Public Tender, sold as is - where is with no warranties or guarantees expressed or implied, with the highest or any bid not necessarily accepted"; bids are to be received in sealed envelopes to the attention of the CAO or designate, and date stamped upon receipt; and Administration will present the bids to Council for approval or denial of sale by Council Resolution;
 - 4.2.2. any units remaining unsold, can be sold by an auctioneer selected by Council resolution; or
 - 4.2.3. Council may approve to donate any remaining unsold units, or may recommend selling it directly to a Non-profit Organization or other municipality at a price determined by Council resolution.

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4.3. All Surplus office-equipment, electronics, furniture, and tools, will be disposed of in one of three ways once approved by Council:
4.3.1. offered to Nonprofit Organizations from within the Smoky Lake Regional, for purchase or as a donation. If offered for purchase, Council will set the minimum value for which it may be sold. The item will be posted to the County's website for a period of 2 (two) weeks with items sold on a first-come, first-served basis; and
4.3.2. any items remaining, shall be made available for staff to purchase with the sale price determined by Council and with the names of staff gathered via email and entered in a raffle where the randomly chosen staff member will have the opportunity to purchase the item; and
4.3.3. if any items still remain undisposed, after 4.2.1 and 4.2.2, they will be delivered to the Smoky Lake Landfill "Take-it-or-Leave" designated area.

Carried.

7.7. Remuneration for Public-at-Large

99-24: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Public-at-Large members appointed by Council for Committee representation, be paid at a rate of \$175.00 per day and the mileage and meal expenses be paid at the same rate as stated in Policy Statement No. 08-18: Council Remuneration and Expenses as amended from time to time.

Carried.

7.8. Renew Assessment Review Board Services Contract

100-24: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County execute the service agreement with Capital Region Assessment Services Commission, titled: "Participant Memorandum of Agreement 2025-2027", to allow for the Commission to provide specific administrative and financial services relating to Assessment Review Boards to the County for a three-year term: 2025 to 2027, and abide by the terms and conditions there in for full Local & Composite Assessment Review Boards (LARB & CARB) Services.

Carried.

7.3. Policy Statement No. 09-39-13: Dust Control

101-24: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council directs Administration to provide Council the actual cost of oil-based dust control, detailing each amount for gravel, oil, and manpower/equipment, based on a 100M distance, and determine the most efficient minimum distance over 100M, as well as confirm the best deadline date for receiving applications; prior to Council's consideration of amending Policy Statement No. 03-39-13: Dust Control.

Carried.

In-Camera (Executive Session):

Legal & Land Issue - Non-Residential Tax Incentives

102-24: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session to discuss a Legal & Land Issue: in respect to the proposed Non-Residential Tax Incentive Bylaw No. 1464-24, (which was given 1st Reading on August 8, 2024) under the authority of the FOIP Act Section 16: Third Party Business Interests, in the presence of all Council, Chief Administrative Officer, Finance Manager, and Executive Services Clerk, time 10:38 a.m.

Carried.

103-24: Cere

That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 11:18 a.m.

Carried.

7.9. Bylaw 1464-24: Non-Residential Tax Incentive

104-24: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County **Bylaw No. 1464-24: Non-Residential Development Municipal Tax Incentive**, for the purpose of providing a Municipal Property Tax Exemption for Non-Residential Development or Expansions, **be given SECOND READING.**

Carried.

7.10. Retuning Officer for Municipal Election 2025

105-24: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County advertise to fulfill the temporary contract position of Returning Officer to conduct the Year-2025 Municipal Election for Smoky Lake County in compliance with the Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA), and post the said opportunity on the County’s social media, website, and Grapevine.

Carried.

7.11. 40th Annual RMRF Central Municipal Law Seminar

106-24: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council who can attend – attend the Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer LLP (RMRF) 40th Annual Municipal Law Seminar, scheduled for Friday, February 7, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., to be held at the Wyndham Edmonton Hotel & Conference Centre, Edmonton.

Carried.

11:34 to 11:35 a.m. Public Question and Answer Period:

None.


7.12. Recreational Are Facility Supervision and Cleaning Services – Request for Proposal

107-24: Cere That Smoky Lake County advertise a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Recreational Area Facility Supervision and Cleaning Services for the following three independent contracts: **Contract 1:** Hanmore Lake East, Hanmore Lake West, and Island Lake; **Contract 2:** Mons Lake; and **Contract 3:** Bellis Beach, with the option to include Kaduk Lake.

Carried.

8. Chief Administrative Officer’s Report:

8.1 Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Report

Chief Administrative Officer - Report Period: Oct 1, 2024 – Oct 31, 2024			
LEGISLATIVE / GOVERNANCE			
	Projects	In Progress	Completed
	Oct 1 Special meeting of Council		x
	Regional water commission meeting / Organizational Meeting		x
	Regular Council Meetings / Organizational Council meeting		x
	Town and County Council Meeting		x
ADMINISTRATIVE			
	Projects	In Progress	Completed
	Weekly Manager meetings / Joint Health and Safety / Titan GPS review		x
	PW Toolbox Meeting/ Site visit at Spedden Landfill with Evergreen		x
	Associated engineering Bridge program / ICC meeting, Regional Fire	x	
FINANCIAL			
	Projects	In Progress	Completed
	Departmental budgeting meeting	x	
	Gravel pit land purchase	x	
HUMAN RESOURCES			
	Projects	In Progress	Completed
	Interviewed Candidates / hired CPO start date Nov 25 Maternity leave return meeting		x
	Union Meetings / Negotiations	x	
	Grader operators meeting		x
COMMUNITY			
	Projects	In Progress	Completed
	Smoky Lake Pumpkin Fair		x
	Fletcher farms water crossing agreement meeting	x	
TRAINING / MEETINGS			
	Meeting with Town CAO		x
ACTION LIST			
Local 955 and CUPE union Negotiations / 2025 Budget discussions / Water Crossing Agreement / Land acquisitions			
Signature: 		County Council Meeting: Nov 14, 2024	
Chief Administrative Officer			

In-Camera (Executive Session):

Personnel Issue - Union Negotiations

108-24: Serben That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Issue in respect to Union Negotiations, under the authority of the FOIP Act Section 24: Advice from Officials and Section 27: Privileged Information, in the presence of all Council, Chief Administrative Officer, Finance Manager, and Executive Services Clerk, time 11:48 a.m.

Carried.

109-24: Cere That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 12:18 a.m.

Carried.

8.1 Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Report

110-24: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County Council accept the Chief Administrative Officer Report, for the period of October 1, 2024, to October 31, 2024, as presented, as information.

Carried.

Meeting Recessed Meeting recessed for Lunch, time 12:19 p.m.

Meeting Reconvened The meeting reconvened on a call to order by the Reeve at 1:00 p.m. in the physical (or virtual) presence of all Council Members, Chief Administrative Officer, Finance Manager, Executive Services Clerk, Natural Gas Manager, Health & Safety Coordinator, GIS Operator, Assistant Ag. Fieldman, and 4 Members of the Public, and 3 Delegations.

4. Delegation:

4.2. Village of Waskatenau Council

Present before Council from 1:01 p.m. to 1:17 p.m., was the Village of Waskatenau Council members to request County Council's reconsideration in providing consent to the Village 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).

Delegation Village of Waskatenau

110-24: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council accept the information received from the November 14, 2024, Delegation: the Village of Waskatenau Council members, in respect to their request to the County to reconsider providing consent to the Village 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); **and table discuss** of same to Executive Session at the end of the November 14, 2024, meeting agenda.

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:

- Oct 1, Special Council Meeting.
- Oct 3, Ag Service Board meeting, updated grass hopper bait distributor policy, received an update from LARA, discussed the AgKnow Alberta mental health network and recommended the county provide funds for the program in 2024 and 2025, received the report card on the resolutions, next meeting December 10 @ 9 am.
- Oct 7, 28/63 Water Commission meeting.

- Oct 10, council meeting.
- Oct 10, LICA AGM (Lorne and I) key speaker Wes Jickling of Pathway Alliance talked about the innovation and research to improve the oilsands industry's environmental performance, some bylaws were reviewed, finance report and chairs report, an election of directors was also held with Murray Phillips Reeve of Two Hills County getting one position.
- Oct 17, Citizens on Patrol meeting in Vilna, Sgt Doktor gave her report helicopter has been out twice along with the dogs and crime reduction unit, very good turnout at the Vilna show & shine 54 vehicles and always a long lineup at the BBQ the members put on, 7 members attended the ACOPA AGM in Red Deer training included child exportation, ICE, security scams, safer communities & neighborhoods next year the AGM will be in Redwater, Leanna gave the financials, meat raffle just about sold out, gave an update on the puppet shows at the schools, next meeting January 16 @aA 7pm at Bellis.
- Oct 21, attended the LARA meeting, discussed capital funding 3.2 million finalized number for 12 associations ARECA will be in charge applications must be in by end of October all assoc. get together and see who gets what by end of November funds must be spent by December 31 2025, looking into grants and letter of support for new storage building, LARA will sponsor BJ Thomas cowboy poet for the Vilna Ag Society fall supper, Alyssa gave the executive director report, working with Lakeland HR on staff wages and grid, working on 2025 budget, looking at business & corporate sponsorship, Jay gave the LFA report all the heifers are out and the next LFA meeting is next month in Goodridge, the LARA AGM will be in St. Paul county on February 26 @ 10:00 am, other upcoming events were sent out by the Ag department.
- Oct 25, attended the NE Agricultural Service Board Conference in Czar AB. Had an update from Alberta Ag ensure your legislative requirements are being met, ASB grant cycle has been approved by the Ag minister for a 5 year agreement, update on the weed review that was started in 2021/2022, keep an eye on Bertha army worms for 2025, Dutch elm disease 4 trees in Edmonton, the road side weed survey 4,500 weed records 46% Canada thistle then sow thistle, Tansy & oxeye daisy, next ASB townhall November 14 11-12pm, a presentation on the Alberta rat patrol program past & present, Jade Alberg from Prairie Shore Agronomy talked about running an agronomy business in cattle country they service over 80,000 acres and help farmers and ranchers access grants, the MD of Provost gave a talk about reclamation and the key to social license in municipal operations they rebuild approx. 20 miles of road a year seeding grass on the shoulders with hydro seeders also reclaiming some of their gravel pits to beyond what's needed, went through the resolutions and had a provincial chair update, Natasha Warwaruk of Powerhouse Embryonics from Provost gave an introduction to assisted reproductive technologies in cattle talking about conventional flushes, embryo grading, frozen versus fresh, invitro fertilization ,cloning she is able to provide world class cutting edge technologies to cattle producers, the 2025 Regional conference will be in Minburn county.
- Oct 26, 28/63 Water Commission Meeting
- Oct 29, Budget meeting
- Oct 30, Town/County MCC meeting
- Oct 31, Evergreen Regional Waste Management Commission meeting, had an update on the EPR and circular materials lots of questions that need to be answered, the compactor was picked up in Calgary by the County of St. Paul, have to do some hard surfacing and add brackets to mount raker bars to clean the packer, the old compactor was hauled to the county shop for work to begin on the transmission, Ashley gave the treasurers report, Paul gave the site report need to replace the segments on the track loader, 3,800 mattresses shredded along with some large furniture, waste survey is being done, metal crusher will be on site late November crushing at Spedden site also, Omni Mcann did a site tour of Spedden landfill along with the county CAO, Jason & Paul, Saddle Lake First Nation is doing a site cleanup Paul met with public works director Ken Large on Oct 7 the shredder was there and they brought in 64 loads to Evergreen the band has 7,118 members, reviewed some bylaws and policies, next meeting November 22 @ 10am.
- Nov. 4 – 7 RMA convention
- Nov. 8 Smoky Lake regional fire committee meeting.

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

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

September 24, 2024 – Council's Role in Land Use and Development Approvals (EOEP) – Red Deer

- Objective of this course was to understand what planning is, why it's important and what the Provincial/Municipal relationship in planning is. This course was designed to help Council understand their role in the planning process, in planning decisions, and the role of the land use bylaw. It also gave a basic understanding of the re-designation and the subdivision process and to understand appeals and dispute of appeals.

September 25 – 27, 2024 – Alberta Municipalities – Red Deer

- My attendance at Alberta Municipalities was absolutely positive! It was an opportunity to network with Councillors from all over Alberta and discover solutions/alternatives to some of the issues they have faced and how they conquered them. The breakout sessions of significant importance were: "Steering the Governance Ship Through Election Waters" and "Dusting Off the Ballot Box and Positive Election in a Smaller Community". Both were designed to explore strategies for maintaining transparency and accountability with the public and stakeholders. The third session was "Making the Case: Enhancing Health Supports for Municipal Officials". It discussed current challenges and solutions to promote the physical & psychological safety in the workplace.

October 7, 2024 – Muni-Corr – St. Paul County Chambers – 10:00 a.m.

- Discussion on 2024 Trail Ride, all who attended were impressed. Dale Hedrick brought up the poor condition of the City of Cold Lake ATV parking lot. City of Cold Lake Councillors Vicky Lefebvre & Bill Parker advised they are looking at City budget and possibly installing a safe place for storing ATV's so Iron Horse Travelers can explore the city. They will get a grader to the parking facility and gravel and level. Also brought up was the garbage and uncut grass along the trail. Marianne to look into this.
- RRTS – Marvin Bjornstad gave report. They are working with St. Paul County re: outdoor toilets (salt plant & Ashmont). AB Wagon Trekkers may be able to provide some financial support for maintenance on the trail. This hopefully will go forward in the spring 2025.

- The Board reviewed a request from Vilna regarding installing their 1936 Fire Department's antique truck at staging area (approximate 18' x 38'). Approved
 - Elk Point hosted the Elk Point Ultra 60K for runners who were considering running a marathon. It was a huge success.
 - Discussion on regional water line – will work in conjunction with MD of Bonnyville as to most feasible way to install. It will require approval from all ten municipalities before moving forward with design and construction.
 - Next meeting – November 18, 2024 – St. Paul County Council Chambers – 10:00 a.m.
- October 8, 2024 – Smoky Lake Regional Heritage Board/Smoky Lake Heritage Board – Council Chambers – 8:30 a.m.
- AGM held – same executive as previous
 - Correspondence received – Revenue Canada has accepted Heritage Board return
 - Treasurer's Report presented & accepted.
 - House in the Middle of the Road needs maintenance on windows & doors. Levi (?) has submitted a quote for \$3,300.00. The fascia and soffit have never been painted so price is higher than expected. Previous motion made to spend up to \$5,000.00.
 - Ruthenia School – will check paint in Spring 2025.
 - Heritage Awareness Promotion – will continue with brochures.
 - Clayton Didier has requested partnering with SLRHB on a digital project being offered through Digital Museums Canada. Motion made.
 - A letter is being drafted to Smoky Lake County regarding municipal historic designation on Bellis Store, White Earth Hall and Samuel L. MacDonald Post Office/Stopping House.
- October 16, 2024 – Community Futures – CF Office – St. Paul – 5:00 p.m.
- Loans & client supports – discussed – confidential so no information is given
 - Digital Services Squad – ended September 30. Will transition from Digital Service Squad to Digital Service Specialist.
 - Promotion re: TrailblazHER Magazine
 - Code of Conduct draft presented at this meeting
 - Next meeting – Wednesday, November 20 – 5:00 p.m.
- November 4, 2024 – Council's Role in Public Engagement (EOEP) – Edmonton
- The purpose of this course was to explore positive ways to incorporate residents' values, interests and needs when making decisions. Public engagement is paramount in strengthening the relationship between local government and the community. Transparency, accountability, and participation is key to building that trust. This course will delve into effective methods of public engagement, and to offer solutions to challenges faced with public engagement.
 - I have successfully completed the required 7 courses in the Elected Officials Education Program, but will look into other opportunities with which to serve my community better.
- Other Meetings
- September 1, 2024 – Special Council Meeting – Council Chambers – 9:00 a.m.
 - October 10, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting – Council Chambers – 9:00 a.m.
 - October 22, 2024 – Physicians Health Care Professionals Committee – 9:00 a.m.,
 - October 24, 2024 – Organization/Regular Council Meeting – Council Chambers – 9:00 a.m.
 - October 28, 2024 – Special Meeting (MCC) – Council Chambers – 9:00 a.m.
 - October 29, 2024 – Council Budget Meeting – Council Chambers – 9:00 a.m.
 - November 5-7, 2024 – Rural Municipalities of Alberta Convention – Edmonton
 - November 8, 2024 – Smoky Lake Fire and Rescue Committee – Curling Rink – 9:00 a.m.
 - November 14, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting – Council Chambers – 9:00 a.m.

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

Dominique Céré – Deputy Reeve & Division Three Councillor's written report from various Committees, Boards and Commissions:

- September 26 Regular County Council Mtg.
- October 01 Special Meeting
- October 02 AB Bilingual Municipalities AGM.
- Arrangements will be made for Financials to be reviewed and the Board executive will remain as is. As for the signage projects, it was asked if the Iron Horse trail would be able to participate and someone is looking into that at present.
- October 03 Ag. Board Mtg., (attended via Zoom, as the alternate)
- October 09 Health and Safety Mtg., (attended via Zoom)
- October 09 Municipal Corporate Planning and Finance course, EOEP, via Zoom
- October 10 Regular County Council Mtg.
- October 16 Municipal Corporate Planning and Finance course, EOEP, via Zoom
- October 18 Smoky Lake Foundation Mtg.
- October 21 Warspite Hall Association Mtg.
- October 23 Smoky Lake Region Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee, Regional Fire
- October 23 Municipal Corporate Planning and Finance course, EOEP, via Zoom
- October 24 Organizational Mtg. followed by Regular County Council Mtg.
- October 29 Budget Meeting
- October 30 Special Meeting
- November 4-7 Rural Municipalities Convention
- November 8 Smoky Lake Region Fire and Rescue meeting held at the Smoky Lake Curling Rink
- November 11 Smoky Lake Legion Remembrance Day
- Attended the Legion Remembrance Day Observation at the Smoky Lake Complex; laid the wreath on behalf of the County
- November 12 Smoky Lake Region ICC Meeting for Regional Fire

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:

- September 19, 2024 – Evergreen Regional Waste Management Services Commission Meeting (in-person)
- Attended this meeting, as per Dan Gawalko's Report.

September 19, 2024 – Alberta's Lakeland DMO Meeting (in-person)

- Project Manager working on asset inventory for future funding opportunities.
- Social Media reported that new user growth increased and user growth continues to increase overall.
- Tradeshow Committee reported that they are looking at attending the Edmonton Boat & Sportsman Show, and Sherwood Park and Fort McMurray Shows.
- Financial Report was in good standing.
- A new member Cold Lake First Nations Entertainment Group joined the membership.
- 2025 Travel Lakeland Visitor Guide, set up a committee to develop a guide.

October 01, 2024 – Northeast Alberta Information HUB Board/Membership Meeting (in-person)

- MLA's Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk and Scott Cyr spoke on economic development and GOA approach on current/potential projects in the region.
- Current Regional Focus Areas are hydrogen, rail and biomass for potential project grant funding.
- Current projects are Airports/Airmarket, Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor connecting with other East/West/North and South Highways, BioMass for aviation/transportation fuels and natural gas, Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters working on a plan to drive investment/create jobs and grow exports, Housing Initiative creating a qualified master agreement for Canadian Infrastructure Bank financing, Carbon Capture Pathways support, Innotech opportunities, Large Scale Operations support, and aligning with Invest Alberta and Ag/Irrigation to increase regions investments.
- Develop HUB Survey to share with the GOA for continued funding in the future.
- Financial Report was in good standing.
- HUB Chair discussed attraction plan, membership fee options and the HUB will be looking for a new chairperson in 2025.

October 07, 2024 – Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission Regular Meeting (Dan and Lorne in-person)

- Commission Manager discussed North East Muni-Corr Utility Right of Way Agreement, Whitefish Lake Member Agreement progress, Water for Life Grant SCADA work progress, Thorhild customer West Water Connection progress, Warspite Generator Project progress, and Water Commission Management RFP progress.
- Financials all in good standing.
- Acknowledged receipt of Village of Waskatenau Second Revised Notice of Intent to Annex Lands Letter, Minister of Transportation & Economic Corridors Project Funding Letter, and Capital Region Northeast Water Services Commission Water Rates Letter.
- In-Camera session was held on Commission Management Services RFP Proposals.

October 07, 2024 – Bellis Board of Trade Meeting (in-person)

- CAO Kevin Lucas came to the meeting.
- Financial Report was in good standing.
- Discussion was held on the use/maintenance/repairs etc. of Bellis Lagoon, vehicles speeding on main street, unsightly premises, and Regional Water and Wastewater Study.
- Bellis Highway Sign needs repairs.
- Progress on beautifying the main street.
- Developing a Bellis Business Brochure.

October 10, 2024 – LICA Annual General Meeting (Dan and Lorne in-person)

- Keynote Speaker Wes Jickling of Pathways Alliance gave a presentation on the innovation and research to improve the oil sands industry's environmental performance such as Carbon Capture Projects.
- Executive Director, Manager of Environmental Monitoring Programs, Environmental Coordinator, Education and Outreach Coordinator, and Community Outreach Coordinator gave updates on current projects etc.
- Year-end Financial Report was in good standing.
- Discussed proposed Bylaws Amendments.
- Elections for one (1) Non-Government Organization, and one (1) Community Director were held.

October 24, 2024 – Crime Prevention Townhall - Smoky Lake RCMP (in-person)

- Attended event.

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

- Commission Manager discussed Whitefish Lake Member Agreement progress, Water for Life Grant SCADA work progress, Thorhild customer West Water Connection progress.
- Financials all in good standing.
- Discussed revisiting Bylaw 008-2022 Commission Operations etc. including business plan.
- In-Camera session was held on Commission Management Services Proposals with a motion out of camera to keep Smoky Lake County managing the commission.

November 08, 2024 – Smoky Lake Region Fire and Rescue Meeting (All Council in-person)

- Election on Chairperson and Vice Chairperson was carried out.
- Transition Solutions Inc. presented Phase 3 of the Fire Master Plan with an option to hold the same presentation with all Fire and Rescue Members.
- Discussed volunteer Fire Fighter education to help recruit more Fire Fighters. Many current activities were discussed with proposing that more focus is required on Fire Fighter Recruitment Education in the schools.
- In-Camera session was held on personnel with a motion out of camera to have Administration to work with the Fire Chiefs on personnel matter(s).

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

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

September 20, 2024 – Smoky Lake Foundation (Jered & Dominique)

- Received updates from the Foundation CAO, financial reports, occupancy reports and committee working group reports, highlighting 51 suite condition assessments completed, elevator contract renewed, and IT systems stabilization upgrades.

September 24, 2024 – Victoria Home Guard Tour of Victoria Trail (Jered, Dominique, Lorne, & Dan)

- Toured the entire Trail from the Fort White Earth interpretive sign just east of the Victoria Settlement Historical Provincial Site to the Elbow interpretive sign just west of Highway 831, focusing on the

general history of the area with stops along the way, including Ruthenia School, St. Elias Orthodox Church Pakan, House in the Middle of the Road, and Free Trader's Cabin.

September 26, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting (All Council)

- Amended Policy Statement No. 62-21-07: Beaver Control on Private Lands.
- Reviewed and left as is, Policy statement No. 03-35-14 Snow Clearing-Public and Private Services.
- Approved to sell a 1500 Degelman Mower & 1820 Degelman Sidearm for \$17,500 as is where is.
- Acknowledged the approval of Smoky Lake Region's "Community Designation", effective, September 9, 2024, which will remain in place for 3 years for the purpose of attracting, recruiting and retaining newcomers (including foreign nationals) through the Rural Renewal Stream (RRS).

October 1, 2024 – Special Council Meeting (All Council)

- Received information in respect to Surface Material Lease Exploration, in Executive Session.

October 1, 2024 – NAAGO

- MLAs van Dijken, Cyr, Roswell, and Armstrong-Homeniuk, were in attendance along with Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors who was virtually turned in.
- Discussions included updates in respect to Hwy 28 engineering & budgeting, as well as an update from Vegreville about their discussions held with Minister of Health about advocating for the NE Health Zone, and Lac La Biche brought up the need to address rural crime concerns.

October 3, 2024 – Agricultural Service Board (Dan & Jered)

- Recommend County Policy Statement No. 62-05-06: ECO Grasshopper Bait Distributor, be updated with a relevant policy name and current practices and chemical resources.
- Received an update from LARA.
- Discussed the difficulties of moving farm equipment along County roads that are overgrown with overhanging trees and working with Public Works to address the issue.
- Recommended advocating for sustainable multi-year funding toward Ag-Know, Alberta Farm Mental Health Network and also recommend the County provide funds towards the program.

October 5, 2024 – Great White North Pumpkin Fair in Smoky Lake (Jered)

- Brought greetings on behalf of the County at opening ceremonies.

October 9, 2024 – Joint Health & Safety Committee (Jered & Dominique)

- Received training updates, and Committee member reports.
- Discussed the need for: First Aid & CPR training to be taken by staff & Council, two-way radios in all equipment, and wearing appropriate PPE.
- Received an extensive update from the new Safety Coordinator on her current and upcoming projects.

October 9, 2024 – Smoky Lake Agricultural Society Meeting (Jered)

- Discussed the repairs to the HVAC system for Complex which is estimated to cost \$350,000 and applying for a Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) matching grant.

October 10, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting (All Council)

- Approved to provide \$1,000 to the Alberta Invasive Species Council.
- Acknowledged the "Waskatenau Creek restoration and trail concept" report, created through a grant funded study, managed by the Village of Waskatenau in partnership with the County.
- Agreed to not sell certain County-owned lands at Ritchie Bros. Ltd.
- Accepted several offers from adjacent landowners to purchase adjacent County-owned lands.
- Denied consent to the Village of Waskatenau, to purchase lands located within the County, adjacent to the Village.
- Approved \$2,500 of FCSS funds towards the Smoky Lake Minor Hockey Association's leaders in sport course.
- Approved to write off one-time interest on the Smoky Lake Curling Club's accounts receivable account.
- Approved to write a letter advocating for a fairer distribution of charitable gaming revenues.
- Approved to provide Notices of Intent to Designate to the owners of Bellis Store and Heritage Shoppe, White Earth Hall, and Samuel A. MacDonald Stopping House, General Store and Pine Creek Post Office.
- Acknowledged and accepted the Year-2024 Minister's Award for Municipal and Public Library Excellence, awarded to the County for the North Saskatchewan Canadian Heritage River Initiative.
- Authorized Administration to transact the following purchase and approve an unbudgeted expense of \$2,200,000 plus GST, to purchase two Surface Material Leases.
- Directed Administration to seek a legal opinion pertaining to the MCC for Smoky Lake Development Corp., as discussed in-camera.

October 18, 2024 – Smoky Lake Foundation (Jered & Dominique)

- Received updates from the Foundation CAO, financial reports, occupancy reports and committee working group reports, highlighting 87.9% supportive living occupancy overall (with the availability in Vilna), the 2023 Financial Audit completed with an operating surplus of \$72,128.84 carryover for 2024.

October 22, 2024 - Physicians & Health Care Professionals Committee (Jered & Linda)

- Held the Organizational Meeting Amy Cherniwchan is Chairperson and Jered Serben is the Vice-Chairperson.
- Received a presentation from Robyn Laczy, Project Coordinator for the Primary Care Network North Zone regarding the Health Neighbourhood Project.
- Acknowledged Dr. Esterhuizen's Practicum has been completed.
- Approved to provide \$627.37 to the local Regional Police and Crisis Team (RPACT) for the Mental Health Conference on October 28 - 30, 2024.

October 23, 2024 - Smoky Lake Region Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee (ICC) (Jered, Dominique, Linda)

- The meeting was held for the purpose of Smoky Lake Region Fire Rescue items, including proposed three-year budget for fire hall building rental expenses, insurance, and reviewing the master plan for 2024-2029.

October 24, 2024 – Organizational Council Meeting (All Council)

Committees, Boards & Commissions Appointments

as of October 24, 2024

REEVE:	Jered Serben	(Division 5)	jserben@smokylakecounty.ab.ca	Cell: 780-656-5244
DEPUTY REEVE:	Dominique Cere	(Division 3)	dcere@smokylakecounty.ab.ca	Cell: 780-656-0494
COUNCILLORS:	Linda Fenerty	(Division 2)	lfenerty@smokylakecounty.ab.ca	Cell: 780-646-0015
	Dan Gawalko	(Division 1)	dgawalko@smokylakecounty.ab.ca	Cell: 780-645-1589
	Lorne Halisky	(Division 4)	lhalisky@smokylakecounty.ab.ca	Cell: 780-650-5401



AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD (ASB)	Dan Gawalko & Jered Serben	Alt.: Lorne Halisky & Dominique Cere
Producer-at-Large Members: Tori Ponich, Curtis Boychuk, & Tamara Flondra Alt.: Kurt Melnyk & Brett Rurka		
ALBERTA BILINGUAL MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION (ABMA)	Dominique Cere, Alt.: Linda Fenerty	
ALBERTA'S LAKELAND DESTINATION MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION (DMO)	Lorne Halisky,	Alt.: Dan Gawalko
ASB INDEPENDENT APPEAL PANEL FOR WEED CONTROL Members-at-Large: Barry Feniak, Norman Schmidt & Robert Semeniuk, Alt.: Amanda Fischer		
ALBERTA CARE (ALBERTA COORDINATED ACTION FOR RECYCLING ENTERPRISES)	Dan Gawalko,	Alt.: Lorne Halisky
BELLIS BOARD OF TRADE	Lorne Halisky,	Alt.: Dan Gawalko
CITIZENS ON PATROL (C.O.P.)	Dan Gawalko,	Alt.: Linda Fenerty
COMMUNITY FUTURES ST. PAUL – SMOKY LAKE REGION	Linda Fenerty	
COMPOSITE & LOCAL ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARDS (LARB & CARB)	External Contract with Capital Region Assessment Services Commission	
EVERGREEN REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION	Dan Gawalko,	Alt.: Lorne Halisky
FAMILY & COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES (FCSS) COMMITTEE	All Councillors	
GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE	Reeve, Deputy Reeve & Councillors as deemed necessary	
HIGHWAY 28/63 REGIONAL WATER SERVICES COMMISSION	Dan Gawalko & Lorne Halisky,	Alt.: Linda Fenerty & Jered Serben
INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION COMMITTEES (ICC)		
With Smoky Lake Region:	Dominique Cere & Jered Serben,	Alt.: Lorne Halisky
With Thorhild County:	Linda Fenerty & Dominique Cere,	Alt.: Dan Gawalko
With Lamont County:	Lorne Halisky & Dan Gawalko,	Alt.: Linda Fenerty
With County of St. Paul No.19:	All Councillors	
With County of Two Hills No.21:	All Councillors	
With Lac La Biche County:	All Councillors	
INTERMUNICIPAL SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD	Members-at-Large: Grant Gillund, Christine Hansen, Gary Henry, Jerry Melnyk, Sylvia Holowach, Candace Bryks, David Thomas, Margaret Allan Newell, & Pat Olchoway	
JOINT HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE	Jered Serben	Alt.: Dominique Cere
LAKELAND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (LARA)	ASB Chair, Alt.: ASB Vice-Chair, Public-at-Large: Charlie Leskiw & Amanda Fischer	
LAKELAND INDUSTRY & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (LICA)	Lorne Halisky	Alt.: Dan Gawalko
MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION	All Councillors	
NORTHEAST ALBERTA INFORMATION HUB LTD. (AlbertaHUB)	Lorne Halisky,	Alt.: Jered Serben
NORTH EAST MUNI-CORR LTD.	Linda Fenerty,	Alt.: Jered Serben
NORTHERN LIGHTS LIBRARY SYSTEM (NLLS)	Linda Fenerty,	Alt.: Dominique Cere
NORTH SASKATCHEWAN WATERSHED ALLIANCE (NSWA)	Linda Fenerty	Alt.: Lorne Halisky
PHYSICIANS & HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE	Reeve	Alt.: Deputy Reeve
RCMP LIAISON COMMITTEE	Lorne Halisky,	Alt.: Linda Fenerty
REGIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (RCDC)	Jered Serben & Lorne Halisky,	Alt.: Dominique Cere, Public-at-Large: Vacant
REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Linda Fenerty,	Alt.: Dominique Cere
RISK PRO MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	Reeve,	Alt.: Deputy Reeve
ROAD BAN COMMITTEE	Reeve,	Alt.: Deputy Reeve
SMOKY LAKE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY LIAISON	Jered Serben,	Alt.: Lorne Halisky
SMOKY LAKE REGIONAL HERITAGE BOARD	Linda Fenerty,	Alt.: Lorne Halisky
Members-at-Large: Noreen Easterbrook, Graham Dalziel, Christine Hansen, & Michelle Wright		
SMOKY LAKE FOUNDATION	Dominique Cere & Jered Serben, Alt.: Lorne Halisky & Linda Fenerty	
SMOKY LAKE REGION FIRE AND RESCUE COMMITTEE	Lorne Halisky & Linda Fenerty, Alt.: Jered Serben	
UKRAINIAN TWINNING COMMITTEE	Linda Fenerty & Lorne Halisky	Alt.: Dan Gawalko

October 24, 2024 – Regular Council meeting (All Council)

- Appointed the County's CAO Kevin Lucas as the Highway 28/63 Regional Water Service Commission Manager.
- Approved to provide \$2,000 to the AgKnow, Alberta Farm Mental Health Network.
- Executed a "Right of Access & Consent to Transfer of Land for Compensation" agreement with a landowner to rectify a road encroachment at Township Road 602 and Range Road 132.
- Directed Administration to bring 2-3 policies to every regular Council meeting for review.
- Rescinded Policy Statement No. 02-20-02: Fire and Rescue Liaison Committee: Terms of Reference, to dissolve the committee.
- Amended Policy Statement No. 61-06-02: Community Futures St. Paul-Smoky Lake Region Board Appointment: Terms of Reference, to remove requirement that the appointed member be the same as the RCDC member.
- Approved to write a letter to RMA requesting advocacy for the Calgary's rural casino model, to be used for the relocated Camrose Casino in Edmonton.

October 24, 2024 – RCMP Town Hall on Crime Prevention in Smoky Lake (Jered, Dominique & Lorne)

- Attended the Town of Smoky Lake's community event for awareness and support.

October 29, 2024 – Budget Council Meeting (All Council)

- Amended Policy Statement No. 08-18-10: Council Remuneration, to remove Councillor monthly divisional travel mileage allowance of \$400 per month, and increased the mileage rate from \$0.55 to \$0.68 for the first 5,000km and \$0.64 for every kilometer over 5,000 in a year.
- Administration presented the Draft 2025 Budget.

October 30, 2024 – Special Council Meeting (All Council)

- Held discussion in camera in respect to the MCC For Smoky Lake Development Corp., with the Town of Smoky Lake present.
- The County agreed to provide notice to the MCC For Smoky Lake Development Corp. of the intent to remove financial support.

November 4-7, 2024 – Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Fall Convention (All Council)

- Council attended a variety of plenary addresses and workshops, as well as the ministerial forum and resolutions session, in addition to the opposition party leader panel, and a tradeshow.

November 4, 2024 – Private Meeting with Deputy Premier / Minister of Public Safety & Emergency Services (Jered & Dominique)

- Advocated for the need for funding towards community safety & increased policing to mitigation rural crime and brought awareness to the increased armed / violent property crimes in Smoky Lake County.

November 4, 2024 – Private Meeting with Minister of Municipal Affairs (Jered & Dominique)

- Advocated for increased Local Government Fiscal Framework funding as well as the need to address the local government from burden oil/gas well and new drills tax holiday.

November 5, 2024 – Private Meeting with Transportation and Ec. Corridors: Regional Director and Infrastructure Manager (Jered, Dominique, Dan, Lorne)

- Advocated for the need to mitigate the hazardous, curved intersection at Hwy 28 & 855, possibly with a roundabout, and the need to improve Hwy 28 to meet its needs as a wide/heavy load corridor requirement with improved accesses/acceleration, deceleration lanes. Also requested better communication when it comes to current & future highway projects within Smoky Lake County's boundaries.

November 6, 2024 – Private Meeting with Minister of Justice (Jered & Dominique)

- Advocated for the need for a plan to achieve safe communities and crime free communities, the need to stop continuation of repeat offenders, and the need to address the lack of consequences for charges laid – catch and release.

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

111-24: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County's Reeve Report received for the period September 20, 2024, November 6, 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. Village of Waskatenau Organizational Meeting appointments for 2024-2025

112-24: Halisky That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the correspondence received from the Village of Waskatenau, listing their Organizational Meeting appointments for 2024-2025.

Carried.

10.2. Village of Vilna Organizational Meeting appointments for 2024-2025

113-24: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the correspondence received from the Village of Vilna, listing their Organizational Meeting appointments for 2024-2025.

Carried.

10.3. Wheatland County's Collaborative Stance on FCM Conference Attendance

114-24: Cere That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt the correspondence received from Wheatland County, dated November 1, 2024, inviting Rural Municipalities to join their collaborative stance on not participating in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference.

Carried.

115-24: Halisky That Smoky Lake County write a letter to Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) outlining concerns with FCM's current structure and priorities not provide sufficient opportunity to represent the distinct needs of rural communities; in response to the correspondence received from Wheatland County, dated November 1, 2024, inviting Rural Municipalities to join their collaborative stance on not participate in the FCM Conference.

Carried.

10.5. Invitation to Visit to the RCMP Real Time Operations Center in Edmonton

116-24: Gawalko That the correspondence received by Smoky Lake County from S/Sgt. Michael Jaszczyszyn, Eastern Alberta District Advisory NCO, RCMP, and Sgt. Anita Doktor, Detachment Commander of Smoky Lake RCMP, extending an invitation for community leaders to visit Real Time Operations Center in Edmonton, be filed for information.

Carried.

10.6. Minister of Transportation & Economic Corridors – Highway Vegetation Control

117-24: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the letter received from Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, dated October 29, 2024, responding the County's concerns in respect to vegetation control on provincial highways, noting the department maintains vegetation to meet safety, environmental, and esthetic objectives.

Carried.

Additions to the Agenda:

Smoky Lake County Christmas Hamper

118-24: Céré That Smoky Lake County Council approved to provide funding in the amount of **\$240.00** to the Smoky Lake Christmas Hamper Program, towards one hamper for a small family (\$80.00) and one hamper for a larger family (\$160.00), in response to the letter request from the Smoky Lake Christmas Hamper representative: Chrissy Ikert, received on November 12, 2024.

Carried.

119-24: Cere

That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the letter from the Smoky Lake Christmas Hamper representative: Chrissy Ikert, received on November 12, 2024, requesting any monetary donation towards the 2024 Smoky Lake Christmas Hampers.

Carried.

Go East of Edmonton – Board Member & Annual General meeting

120-24: Gawalko That the correspondence received by Smoky Lake County from Go East of Edmonton Regional Tourism Board, in respect to a call for new directors to their Board, dated November 1, 2024, and an invitation to their Annual General Meeting in Mannville, dated November 12, 2024, be filed for information.

Carried.

11. Information Releases:

Information Releases to Council – September - November 2024

121-24: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County “Information Releases” sent to Council for the period of September – November, 2024, listed as follows, be filed for information:

Tracking Number & Description of Information Released:	Date Released:	Municipal File #:
R133.24 - 2025 Fire Services Training Program Announcement	Sept. 3, 2024	2-15
R134.24 - 2023 Municipal Indicator - Response	Sept. 4, 2024	1-203
R135.24 - Town of SL September 2024 Community Newsletter.pdf	Sept. 5, 2024	1-113
R136.24 - HAK School Newsletter_Sept_24'	Sept. 6, 2024	17-4
R137.24 - FedGas Agenda Fall 2024	Sept. 3, 2024	9-22
R138.24 - RMA Contact Newsletter Sept. 6, 2024	Sept. 6, 2024	RMA Website
R139.24 - RMA Contact Newsletter September 13, 2024	Sept. 13, 2024	RMA Website
R140.24 - LICA AGM Info & Annual Report	Sept. 17, 2024	1-244
R141.24 - RMA Contact Newsletter Sept. 20, 2024	Sept. 20, 2024	RMA Website
R142.24 – Managers Monthly Reports – Aug-Sept 2024	Sept. 23, 2024	N/A
RMA Contact Newsletter Sept. 27, 2024	Sept. 27, 2024	RMA Website
Town of Smoky Lake Newsletters October 2024	Oct. 03, 2024	1-113
Northeast Regional Connector Newsletter – Sept. 2024	Oct. 04, 2024	N/A
RMA Contact Newsletter Oct. 04, 2024	Oct. 04, 2024	RMA Website
RMA Contact Newsletter Oct. 11, 2024	Oct. 11, 2024	RMA Website
RMA Contact Newsletter Oct. 21, 2024	Oct. 21, 2024	RMA Website
RMA Contact Newsletter Oct. 25, 2024	Oct. 25, 2024	RMA Website
Northeast Regional Connector Newsletter – Oct. 2024	Oct. 30, 2024	N/A
Municipal Affairs Newsletter – October 2024	Oct. 31, 2024	1-203
RMA Contact Newsletter Nov. 01, 2024	Nov. 01, 2024	RMA Website
R143.24 – Managers Monthly Reports – Sept-Oct 2024	Nov. 05, 2024	N/A
Town of SL November 2024 Community Newsletter.pdf	Nov. 05, 2024	1-113
R144.24 – Managers Monthly Reports – Oct-Nov 2024	Nov. 08, 2024	N/A

Carried.

12. Financial Reports:

12.1. Financial Statement

122-24: Halisky That Smoky Lake County’s Financial Statement for the Month of September, 2024, as prepared by the Finance Manager, be filed for information.

Carried.

12.2. Budget to Actual Report

123-24: Cere That Smoky Lake County’s Budget to Actual Report as at November 6, 2024, as prepared by the Finance Manager, be filed for information.

Carried.

12.3. Bills and Accounts

124-24: Cere That Smoky Lake County’s Bills & Accounts report as of November 14, 2024, be accepted for information:

County Council Meeting: Nov. 14th 2024

Batch #	Cheque Numbers	Total of Batch
PMCHQ272	53042 to 53069	\$62,226.63
PMCHQ275	53070 to 53081	\$55,719.38
PMCHQ276	53082 to 53095	\$274,857.64
PMCHQ279	53096 to 53104	\$21,761.36
PMCHQ280	53105 to 53138 **VOID**	\$0.00
PMCHQ282	53139 to 53175	\$79,432.70
PMCHQ283	53176 to 53179	\$29,867.89
PMCHQ286	53180 to 53196	\$21,931.93
Total Cheques from 53042 to 53196		\$545,797.53

Batch #	EFT Numbers	Total of Batch
240919	1565 to 1581	\$236,255.15
240925	1582 to 1586	\$112,137.41
240929	1587 to 1600	\$37,887.35
241003	1601 to 1605	\$40,696.57
241016	1606 to 1621	\$238,219.18
241025LAND	1622	\$2,200,867.73
2410209	1623 to 1636	\$59,424.72
20241031	1637 to 1638	\$14,564.53
Total EFTs from 1565 to 1638		\$2,940,052.64

Direct Debit Register

Batch #	Description	Total of Batch
PMPAY083	My HAS	\$224.42
PMPAY084	My HAS	\$27.63
PMPAY085	My HAS	\$118.24
PMPAY086	My HAS	\$2.76
PMPAY 087	My HAS	\$597.48
Total Direct Debits		\$970.53

Grand Total Bills and Accounts	\$3,486,820.70
<i>(Note: From General Account)</i>	

Carried.

13. Next Meeting(s):

Schedule a Committee of the Whole Council Meeting

125-24: Cere That the next Smoky Lake County Council Committee of the Whole Meetings be scheduled for December 4, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., to be held physically and/or virtually in County Council Chambers.

Carried.

Reconfirm County Council Meeting Dates

126-24: Cere That the previously scheduled upcoming Smoky Lake County Council Meetings be re-confirmed as follows:
Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. (CAO Evaluation), and
Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. (Regular),
to be held physically and/or virtually in County Council Chambers.

Carried.

Schedule the County Council Meeting Dates

127-24: Halisky That the next Smoky Lake County Council Meetings be scheduled as follows:
Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. (Regular),
Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. (Regular),
Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. (Regular),
Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. (Regular),
Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. (Regular), and
Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. (Regular),
to be held physically and/or virtually in County Council Chambers.

Carried.

14. In-Camera (Executive Session):

Legal Issue - Duty Risk Assessment & Mitigation Report for Community Peace Officers

Legal Issue - Village of Waskatenau Request to Purchase Land within the County

128-24: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session in the presence of all Council, Chief Administrative Officer, Finance Manager, and Executive Services Clerk, to discuss two Legal Issues:
1. in respect to the Duty Risk Assessment & Mitigation Report for Community Peace Officers, under the authority of the FOIP Act Section 27: Privileged Information, time 2:07 p.m.
2. Village of Waskatenau – Request to Purchase Land within the County, under the authority of the FOIP Act Section 21: Intergovernmental Relations, time 2:13 p.m.

Carried.

129-24: Serben That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 2:28 a.m.

Carried.

Alberta Association of Community Peace Officers - Closed Information Session

130-24: Cere That Smoky Lake County's Deputy Reeve Cere and Councillor Fenerty attend the Alberta Association of Community Peace Officers, closed information session, scheduled for November 27, 2024, in Lacombe, Alberta, in response to their email invitation, dated September 25, 2024.

Carried.

4.2. Village of Waskatenau – Request to Purchase Land within the County

131-24: Serben That Smoky Lake County Council **RESCIND** the October 10, 2024, **Motion #906-24** stating: “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.

132-24: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council **provide consent** to the Village of Waskatenau, to acquire the lands located within Smoky Lake County, legally described as: “Railway Plan 371BV Station Grounds in Township 59, Range 19, West of the 4th Meridian, comprising parts of Section NE 9 (4.44 hectares) and NW 9 (2.55 hectares), excepting thereout all mines and minerals”; pursuant to the requirements outlined in Section 72 of the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, c M-26, as amended.

Carried.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

133-24: Gawalko

That the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting of November 14, 2024, be adjourned, 2:32 p.m.

Carried.

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER