



Reeve's Report

Jered Serben: Reeve and Councillor for Division 5

June 22, 2024 to August 17, 2024

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

- Offered greetings at the opening ceremony.

June 24, 2024 – Hwy 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission's Operations Tour – (Lorne, Dan, Jered)

- Toured and viewed the infrastructure to learn more about the operations of the Hwy28/63RWSC, at Egremont Main Pumphouse, Newbrook Site, Thorhild Site, Warspite Booster Station Whitefish Lake First Nations #128 Reservoir, Spedden Fill Station.

June 26, 2024 – Alberta Northeast HUB Meeting in St. Paul (Jered & Lorne)

- Three MLAs Scott Cyr, Garth Rowswell and Glenn van Dijken were in attendance
- Discussed the importance of Alberta HUB and the need for recognition of what the HUB provides.
- The 2023 Financial Audit was presented.
- Cross Border Interview Podcast host Chris Brown, emphasised the importance of partnerships with other municipalities, sharing accomplishments spreading positivity.

June 27, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting (All Council)

- Gave 2nd Reading to Bylaw No. 1465-24: to Amend Road Closure Bylaw No. 1429-23, Undeveloped Road Allowance, East Side of River Lot 10, Victoria Settlement.
- Approved to contract a third-party appraisal to determine the current value of all fire equipment within the Smoky Lake Fire Department, owned by the Town and County.
- Agreed to enter into a Geospatial Data Marketing Agreement with Tarin Resource Services Ltd. (1994) Ltd., to marketing and sell the County's Orthophoto's with at a 35% royalty to the County.
- Approved \$1,000.00 to the Vilna & District Agricultural Society, towards the Boomtown Days Fair.
- Gave 3rd & Final Reading to revise Bylaw No. 1461-24: Tax Rate, to correct typing errors in the preamble.
- Executed the STIP funding agreements from Alberta Transportation to receive:
 - \$2,143,368.75, towards the Bridge BF08200, located on Twp Rd 590, near SE-02-59-13-W4,
 - \$1,575,930.00, towards Bridge BF 8201, located on Twp Rd 594, near NW-26-59-14-W4,
 - \$167,850.00, towards Bridge BF75780, located on Rge Rd 131, near NW-01-59-13-W4.
- Gave 3rd & Final Reading to Bylaw No. 1466-24: Regional Emergency Management.
- Acknowledged the submission of the application for Community Designation through the Alberta Advantage Immigration Program (AAIP) Rural Renewal Stream (RRS), which was submitted on May 21, 2024, by the Smoky Lake and District Regional Chamber of Commerce, acting as the Economic Development Organization, for the Community Name: "Smoky Lake Region (County, Town, Villages of Vilna and Waskatenau)".
- Acknowledge receipt of the 2024 Compliance Inspection from Alberta Environment & Protected Areas to Evergreen Regional Waste Management Services Commission (ERWMSC) for the Smoky Lake Regional Landfill with deficiencies to be corrected by the deadline of July 9, 2024.
- Acknowledged the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors has approved the ministerial order to lower the speed limit of Hwy 28 along Smoky Lake, which is planned to be in place before the September, 2024.
- Acknowledged the 2023 Spring Alberta Wildfires Disaster Recovery Program (DRP) – Final Payment Summary to Smoky Lake County, in the amount of \$30,278.09 from fires during April 30, 2023 to July 7, 2023.
- Approved \$500 to Smoky Lake Golf Club for their Year-2024 Junior Golf Program.



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- Approved to issue a foundation Development Permit to the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA), to allow foundation work to commence within 60 days, starting June 27, 2024, on the lands legally described as River Lot 15, Victoria Settlement, in relation to the pending Development Permit DP-024-24, with a stipulation that if Development Permit DP-024-24, is not approved, all said foundation work must be remediated within 60-days' written notice, at the MNA's cost and risk.

June 27, 2024 – Municipal Planning Commission Meeting (All Council)

- Approved Development Permit No. 022-24: PLAM 2321787, Block 6, Lot 11, for the placement of a Shipping Container (20'x8'), subject to conditions.

June 28, 2024 – Northeast Alberta Alliance for Growth & Opportunity (NAAGO) with Martin Long Virtual Meeting (Jered)

- Martin Long, Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Health, provided an update regarding the Restructuring of Healthcare in Alberta and discussed the NAAGO suggestion of a dedicated Northeast Alberta Health Zone, designed to address the unique healthcare needs of our diverse population, along with our solution base initiatives to address disparities in access to care, supporting mental health and addictions, improving transportation infrastructure and empowering local healthcare teams.

July 18, 2024 – Council Meeting for Public Hearing (All Council)

- The Public Hearing was to receive public input in respect to Development Permit DP-024-24: Supportive Living Facility, located on the lands legally described as River Lot 15, Victoria Settlement (North side of Victoria Trail) – Direct Control (DC2) District.
 - 23 members of the public were present (virtually or in-person) upon call to order with 3 more joining afterwards.
 - There was 6 people who spoke in opposition and 5 who spoke in favour.
- Approved \$500 to the Victoria Trail Agricultural Society (VTAS) for the Waskatenau Fair Days.

July 23, 2024 – Northeast Alberta Alliance for Growth & Opportunity (NAAGO) Meeting with Minister of Mental Health and Addictions: Dan Williams (Jered)

- The NAAGO questioned if there is going to be more funding for existing programs, new programs and new infrastructure. The Minister was unable to publicly confirm, but is working on a tour of Bonnyville and St. Paul to assess the Mental Health and Addictions needs of the communities.

August 3, 2024 – Town of Smoky Lake Parade (All Council)

- Rode the County's float and distributed candy.

August 7, 2024 – Council Committee of the Whole (All Council)

- Received information from Delegations representing Ducks Unlimited to discuss potential conservation opportunities for the two County-Owned parcels of land adjacent to Hanmore Lake.
- Received information from the Delegations representing Algonquin Shooting Sports Association to offer potential stewardship of the two County-Owned parcels of land adjacent to Hanmore Lake.
- Reviewed the County-Owned Land Inventory List and recommended it be brought to regular Council meeting to potentially offer to sell, lease, or explore tourism opportunities involving certain parcels.



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August 8, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting (All Council)

- Approve to issue Development Permit DP 024-24, within a Direct Control District, for a Supportive Living Facility, on River Lot 15, Victoria Settlement, with conditions.
- Gave 3rd & Final Reading to Bylaw No. 1465-24: to Amend Road Closure Bylaw No. 1429-23, Undeveloped Road Allowance, East Side of River Lot 10, Victoria Settlement.
- Adopted the 2024-2028 Five-Year Financial Plan, highlighting the County's Operating, Capital, and Road Plan budget.
- Gave 1st Reading to Bylaw No. 1464-24: Non-Residential Development Municipal Tax Incentive, and approved to advertise it for Public Input.
- Approved \$1,000 to the Smoky Lake Fire Department towards the Heritage Weekend Fireworks.
- Approved \$250 to Jasper Community Teams Society, as a gesture to support the recovery of the Community of Jasper after experiencing substantial losses due to wildfire.
- Approved to award the contract to MNP LLP to conduct a study to explore policing challenges within Smoky Lake County, funded through the Alberta Indigenous Municipal Police Transition Study Grant.
- Agreed to investigate potential tourism opportunities for 2 County-Owned properties on the south side of Whitefish Lake.
- Agreed to reach out to Muni-Corr Ltd. and the Smoky Lake Tourism Company, to determine any interest in obtaining the land north and south of the Iron Horse Trail at NE-30-59-14-W4.
- Agreed to reach out to adjacent landowners of the 16 County-Owned properties to see if they are interested in purchasing them, and if not, then sell them at auction through Ritchie Bros.
- Agreed to draft an agreement for a potential conservation lease of the County-Owned lands adjacent to Hanmore Lake.
- Acknowledged the 2024 Municipal Tax Revenue generated from the resorts at Whitefish Lake, which is 1.68% of the County's entire municipal tax revenue (or \$182,148.44).
- Acknowledged Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF), Year-2024 allocation of \$196,633 which will be utilized to help match the bridge funding requirements.
- Executed the Master Software Subscription Services Agreement with CATALIS TECHNOLOGIES CANADA LTD. (formerly known as AllNet), for a term ending May 31, 2026, for the County's website platform.
- Approved one request to waive the Dust Control application deadline, subject to full payment being received.

August 8, 2024 - Municipal Planning Commission Meeting (All Council)

- Approved Development Permit No. 034-24: PLAN 716CL, BLOCK 2, LOT 6 & LOT 7, for the development of a Manufactured Home, subject to conditions.
- Approved Development Permit No. 037-24: PLAN 2321586, Block 7, Lot 9, for the placement of a Shipping Container (20'x8'), subject to conditions.

August 11, 2024 – Victoria Trail Ag Society's Parade in Waskatenau (Jered, Dominique & Linda)

- Rode the County's float and distributed candy

August 13, 2024 – Joint Town of Smoky Lake & Smoky Lake County Meeting (All Council)

- Agreed to accept the Town/County fire apparatus appraisal average values and to reimburse the Town of Smoky Lake for their portion by incorporating it into the Smoky Lake Region Fire Services



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budget for fire services provided within the Town's jurisdiction over 3 years, effective upon the execution of the final Smoky Lake Region Fire Services agreement.

- Agreed to increase the Year-2024 Training Budget for Smoky Lake Fire Department, to complete the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1001 - Level 1 Training for Members.
- Agreed to pursue training through the Economic Developers Alberta (EDA) for Elected Officials Economic Development 101.

August 14, 2024 – Joint Health & Safety Committee Meeting (Jered & Dominique)

- Amended Safety Policy Statement No. 07-03: Backing Up Safely.
- Review 4 incidents from between June 12 to August 14.
- Received roundtable updates from Committee Members.

August 14, 2024 – Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission Meeting (Lorne, Dan & Jered)

- Approve execution of agreement for Water for Life grant funding in the amount of \$859,050 towards the Regional Water SCADA Upgrade Project.
- Approved to contract Associated Engineering Alberta Ltd., to manage the Regional Water SCADA Upgrade Project.
- Approved for Associated Engineering Alberta Ltd., to review three quotes received for an electrical backup generator for the Warspite Booster Station, to provide their expertise in recommending an option.
- Approved to advertise a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Commission Management Services.
- Acknowledged the Village of Waskatenau's Notice of Intent to Annex Lands in Smoky Lake County.

August 16, 2024, Premier's Lunch in Westlock (Jered personally attended)

- Invited by former MLA, Steve Zrusky, hosted by Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock UCP constituency association and MLA Glenn Van Dijken, the event was attended by several other Reeves and included topics such as the proposed Alberta Pension Plan (APP).

August 17, 2024 – Vilna Boomtown Days Parade (All Council)

- Rode the County's float and distributed candy.

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