

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Minutes of the **County Council Meeting** held on Thursday, **October 24, 2024**, at 10:05 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. 24, 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	Virtually Present
P & D Manager	Jordan Ruegg	Virtually Present
Fire Srv/Muni Clerk	Meaghan Andreychuk	Virtually Present
Ag. Fieldman	Carleigh Danyluk	Virtually Present
Public	2 Members	Virtually Present
Media	No Members	N/A

2. Agenda:

50-24: Fenerty

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

Addition to the Agenda:

1. Reviewing Policies at Regular Council Meetings.
2. Policy Statement No. 61-06-02: Community Futures St. Paul-Smoky Lake Region Board Appointment: Terms of Reference.
3. Policy Statement No. 02-20-02: Fire and Rescue Liaison Committee: Terms of Reference.
4. Discussion in respect to Coyote Bounties.

Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes:

3.1. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, October 10, 2024

51-24: Halisky

That the minutes of the **Smoky Lake County Regular Council Meeting**, held on Thursday, October 10, 2024, be adopted as amended, Correction under Motion #896-24, the recorded vote was requested by Councillor Céré, not Reeve Serben.

Carried.

5. Public Hearing:

Nil.

6. Municipal Planning Commission (MPC):

Nil.

7. Request for Decision:

7.1. Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission

In-Camera (Executive Session):

Personnel Issue: Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission Management

52-24: Serben That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session to discuss a legal Issue: in respect to the Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission Management services, under the authority of the FOIP Act Section 27: Privileged Information and Section 24: Advice from Officials, in the presence of all Council, Chief Administrative Officer, Finance Manager, Executive Services Clerk, time 10:20 a.m.

Carried.

53-24: Serben That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 10:32 a.m.

Carried.

7. Request for Decision:

7.1. Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission

54-24: Halisky 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.

Carried.

7.2. Support for AgKnow Program by Alberta Farm Mental Health Network

55-24: Halisky That Smoky Lake County approve to provide AgKnow, Alberta Farm Mental Health Network, funding in the amount of \$2,000.00 in Year-2024; **and** subject to the AgKnow program being operational in 2025, approve to provide funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 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 3, 2024, under Motion #ASB67-24, in response to the letter received from Linda Hunt, Program Director, Alberta Farm Mental Health Network, dated June 12, 2024; **and** request RMA's advocacy for the program so all Municipalities understand and support mental health for agriculture.

Carried.

4. Delegation:

4.1. Alberta Transportation & Economic Corridors Representatives

56-24: Serben That Smoky Lake County acknowledge the October 10, 2024, Delegation Alberta Transportation & Economic Corridors Representatives: Micheal Botros, Regional Director & Rob Huston, Infrastructure Manager, were unable to attend the meeting; **and** therefore, seek a side-meeting with Mr. Botros at the Fall 2024 RMA Convention, to discuss detailed information about the projects directly affecting Smoky Lake County for the current and future years.

Carried.

7. Request for Decision:

7.3. Realignment of portions of TWP RD 602 & RGE RD 132 at NE-10-60-13-W4M

57-24: Gawalko

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 landowner(s) identified on the said land title, in the amount of \$293.00 (two hundred and ninety three dollars), for a portion containing +/- 0.083 acres from the said land, for the purpose of registering a road plan to rectify the encroachment of portions of Township Road 602 and Range Road 132, onto the said lands, subject to Smoky Lake County being responsible for the costs of surveying and registering the said road plan, with no cost to the said landowner.

Carried.

Additions to the Agenda:

Reviewing Policies at Regular Council Meetings

58-24: Céré

That Smoky Lake County Council direct Administration to bring forward policies, at their discretion of urgency, for review (recommending 2 or a maximum of 3) to each Regular Council Meeting going forward.

Carried.

Policy Statement No. 02-20-02: Fire and Rescue Liaison Committee: Terms of Reference

59-24: Céré

That Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 02-20-02: Fire and Rescue Liaison Committee: Terms of Reference, be rescinded; **and** notify each respective Fire Department of same, recommending each respective Fire Department notify the County if they wish any members of Council to attend meetings.

Carried.

Policy Statement No. 61-06-02: Community Futures St. Paul-Smoky Lake Region Board Appointment: Terms of Reference

60-24: Céré

That Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 61-06-02: Community Futures St. Paul-Smoky Lake Region Board Appointment: Terms of Reference, be amended to remove the words “who is already appointed to Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC)” within Section 1.3, as follows:

Title: Community Futures St. Paul-Smoky Lake Region Board Appointment: Terms of Reference		Policy No.: 06-03																
Section: 61	Code: P-S	Page No.: 1 of 1																
Legislation Reference: Alberta Provincial Statutes																		
Purpose: To authorize the appointment of a Smoky Lake County Council Member to the Community Futures St. Paul-Smoky Lake Region's Board of Directors.																		
Policy Statement and Guidelines:																		
<p>1. MEMBERSHIP:</p> <p>1.1 Community Futures St. Paul-Smoky Lake Region's Articles of Association outlines the members/shareholders as follows:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Town of Elk Point,</td> <td>2 Members</td> </tr> <tr> <td>County of St. Paul,</td> <td>2 Members</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Town of St. Paul,</td> <td>1 Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Town of Smoky Lake,</td> <td>1 Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Village of Vilna,</td> <td>1 Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Whitefish Lake First Nation #128,</td> <td>1 Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Smoky Lake County,</td> <td>2 Members</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Village of Waskatenau,</td> <td>1 Member</td> </tr> </table> <p>1.2 Members/shareholders have the opportunity to appoint members to the Community Futures St. Paul-Smoky Lake Region's Board of Directors, who can be a municipal Councillor or member at large appointed by the respective member/shareholder. Should any local government bodies decide to not appoint a member, the Board of Directors shall recruit for members within the Region to ensure a well-balanced representation of the Region.</p> <p>1.3 Smoky Lake County shall, at each County Organizational Meeting (or as required) elect one member of Council to be considered for appointment to the Community Futures St. Paul-Smoky Lake Region's Board, as per Section 1.2.</p> <p>2. MANDATE:</p> <p>2.1 Community Futures St. Paul-Smoky Lake Region is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to building an economically diverse future for the community, who provides training, guidance, and financial support for small business owners by connecting them with the right kind of support to help them grow their rural small business from a simple idea to a successful company.</p>			Town of Elk Point,	2 Members	County of St. Paul,	2 Members	Town of St. Paul,	1 Member	Town of Smoky Lake,	1 Member	Village of Vilna,	1 Member	Whitefish Lake First Nation #128,	1 Member	Smoky Lake County,	2 Members	Village of Waskatenau,	1 Member
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And appoint Councillor Fenerty as the Member.

Carried.

Discussion of Coyote Bounties

61-24: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County Council **defer** further discussion of “Coyote Bounties” as a way to address the overpopulation of coyotes, to the Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board.

Carried.

8. Chief Administrative Officer’s Report:

Nil.

9. Council Committee Reports:

Nil.

10. Correspondence:

10.1. Municipal Excellence Award for the Noth Saskatchewan Heritage River Initiative

62-24: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the letter received 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.

Carried.

10.2. Smoky Lake Region Heritage Board Invitation to Collaborate

63-24: Céré That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the letter received from the Smoky Lake Region Heritage Board, dated September 28, 2024, in respect to an invitation to collaborate for greater public access to historic buildings; and extend an invitation to the Board’s representative(s) to attend the next Joint Municipalities Meeting to clarify their ideas on collaboration.

Carried.

10.3. MLA Scott Cyr - Commodity Flow Values Map & Request for Criteria Suggestions

64-24: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County acknowledge the letter received from MLA Scott Cyr, dated October 10, 2024, in respect to follow-up on Commodity Flow Values Map and Request for Criteria Suggestions.

Carried.

65-24: Halisky That Smoky Lake County write a letter in response to the letter from MLA Scott Cyr, dated October 10, 2024, in respect to follow-up on commodity Flow Values Map and Request for Criteria, and note the missing, pressing issue for Smoky Lake County in respect to the impact of wide loads and heavy loads traveling along the Highway 28.

Carried.

10.4. Smoky Lake Town & Country Golf Club – Gravel Donation Request

66-24: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County Council **take no action** to the request in the letter received from Erin Chern (President of Smoky Lake Golf Club) requesting three loads of ¾ inch crushed gravel to be delivered to Smoky Lake Golf Course.

Carried.

10.5. RMA News Announcement - Camrose Casino Relocate to Edmonton Approved

67-24: Fenerty That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge RMA’s News Announcement, dated October 11, 2024, in respect to the Camrose Casino’s application to be relocated to Edmonton is being approved.

Carried.

68-24: Halisky That Smoky Lake County write a letter to RMA requesting advocacy for the Calgary's rural casino model, to be used for the relocated Camrose Casino in Edmonton.
Carried.

11. Information Releases:

Nil.

12. Financial Reports:

Nil

13. Next Meeting(s):

Reconfirm County Council Meeting Dates

69-24: Halisky That the previously scheduled upcoming Smoky Lake County Council Meetings be re-confirmed 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)
to be held physically and/or virtually in County Council Chambers.

Carried.

11:31 to 11:31 a.m. Public Question and Answer Period:

None

14. In-Camera (Executive Session):

14.1. Legal Issue: MCC For Smoky Lake Development Corp.

70-24: Céré That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session to discuss a legal Issue: in respect to the MCC For Smoky Lake Development Corp. and Smoky Lake Tourism Company Ltd, under the authority of the FOIP Act Section 16: Third Party Business Interest, in the presence of all Council, Chief Administrative Officer, Finance Manager, and Executive Services Clerk, time 11:32 a.m.

Carried.

Brenda Adamson, Finance Manager, left Chambers, time 12:09 p.m.

71-24: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 12:23 a.m.

Carried.

MCC For Smoky Lake Development Corp.

72-24: Serben That Smoky Lake County Council direct Administration to proceed as directed under Executive Session in respect to the legal issue involving the MCC For Smoky Lake Development Corp., as discussed under the authority of the FOIP Act Section 16: Third Party Business Interest.

Carried.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

73-24: Gawalko That the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting of October 24, 2024, be adjourned, 12:24 p.m.

Carried.

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER