

Reeve's Report

For January 13, 2017 to February 8, 2017

January 13, 2017

AAMDC Zone 5 District Meeting was hosted by Flagstaff County. First the annual organizational meeting was held to choose a President and Vice President. Next topic on the agenda was the increase to our membership fees, followed by a report from AAMDC President: Al Kemmere who spoke on many different topics, including the lack of tools to recover unpaid linear property taxes. The AAMDC Financial Statements were presented and adopted that day as well. Our next zone 5 meeting is scheduled for September, 2017 and will be hosted by Lac La Biche County.

January 16, 2017

The regular Smoky Lake County: Fire Protection Services, Environmental Operations, Natural Gas, and Agricultural Service Board meetings were held. Highlights from the meeting included Council agreeing to:

- Write a letter to the Alberta Premier, Ministers and local MLA's requesting the carbon levy be waived on drying grain crops from Year 2016.
- A policy on Seed Cleaning Plant Inspections.
- The Fire Permit Agreement policy being amended.
- Execute a Mutual Fire Aid Agreement with Lamont County.

January 17, 2017

Some highlights from the Regular Council meeting were, Council agreeing to:

- Pass Bylaw 1299-17 Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC) Terms of Reference.
- Approve to proceed with the "Public Notice" to advertise two "Members-at-Large" positions for the Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC).
- Prepare an action plan, to include an open house for public feedback for an RV park concept in Warspite.
- Write a letter of support for Métis Crossing to acquire a small bison herd from Elk Island National Park.
- Advertise on social media and grapevine for self-nominations toward the 2017 Award of Alberta Order of Excellence.

January 18, 2017

NDP Minister of Finance, Joe Cici, had a Round table discussion on this year's Provincial budget. This round table event discussed different ways on how to reduce the provincial government deficit and how to reduce spending. This was an invitation only event in Redwater, that 20 people attended, who gave their opinions, ideas and feedback.

January 20, 2017

A special County Council meeting was held to go over the Alberta Community Partnership Intermunicipal Collaboration Grant Application in the amount of \$200,600. This grant application was in partnership with the Town of Smoky Lake for the Regional GIS System implementation.

January 20, 2017

Smoky Lake Region Fire and Rescue Committee had their organizational meeting where I was reappointed by acclamation as the Chairperson and Roy Krahulec was acclaimed as the Vice-Chairperson. Scott Franchuk, Fire Chief for Smoky Lake County, gave his monthly report and overview of all that had happened in our area. Both the Firefighter Fitness Evaluation and the Firefighter Recruitment Policies were reviewed and deferred to our next meeting. A review of the Regional Fire and rescue 2017 Strategic Priorities Chart was completed.

January 24 to 27, 2017

2017 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference was held in Edmonton this was a four day conference that had lots to offer like Keynote Speakers one being Bill Wilson he hosts one of the longest running agriculture based programs airing on TV Today-Prairie Farm Report, another being John Knapp discussing Global Macro-trends and the future of Agriculture in Alberta.

February 6, 2017

County Council Strategic Plan Meeting reviewed the strategic Priorities Chart, and was updated by all department Managers and Council. Council agreed to request a meeting the new Minister of Municipal Affairs Shaye Anderson at the spring AAMDC Convention.

February 6, 2017 (evening)

Joint Municipalities was held in the Village of Vilna. Mr. Colin Piquette – MLA for Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater attended as well as Mr. David B Hanson – MLA for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills they both gave an overview update on what has been happening since our last Joint Municipalities meeting and were able to answer several questions by the board. Sgt. Al Baird also gave us his report on what is happening in the Smoky Lake County, Town and Villages. Updates were done by our School Trustees for both Aspen View and Lakeland Catholic. One other update was done by Leon Hunter-Boychuk on what is happening at Metis Crossing.

February 7, 2017

Family-School Liaison Committee was held in Smoky Lake County Council Chambers. Jacob Fox, Family School Liaison Worker, gave his review on Program Development, Professional Development, Program Plans, and updates from the schools and community as well. The CAO also gave the board an update on the Program Review Implementation. The school Trustees had their chance to explain what is happening in our Public and Catholic Schools.

February 8, 2017

I attended a Suicide awareness course held at the provincial building in Smoky Lake. The course was a half day and the discussion was based on how to detect if someone may be considering suicide the Course was called SafeTALK there were over 20 people who attended this course.

Sincerely,
Craig Lukinuk