

TOWN OF SMOKY LAKE AND SMOKY LAKE COUNTY JOINT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING



A G E N D A: Town of Smoky Lake and Smoky Lake County Joint Council Meeting

to be held on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. through Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83676270395?pwd=bDhMeHdaQXpVZmpyaFZPWkpFNFlhUT09

Or, by dialing in at 1-877-853-5257, Meeting ID: 836 7627 0395 Passcode: 838197

1. **Meeting:**

Call to Order.

2. Agenda:

Adoption of Agenda: as presented or subject to additions or deletions.

3. Minutes:

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- 5. **Other Business:**
- 6. **Correspondence:**
- 7. **Delegations:**
- 8. **Executive Session:**

9. **Next Meeting:**

Date and time of Next Meeting: Suggested Tuesday, January 5th or Wednesday January 6th, 2021.

Adjournment.





SMOKY LAKE COUNTY AND TOWN OF SMOKY LAKE JOINT COUNCIL MEETING



ATTENDANCE

Minutes of the **Smoky Lake County** and **Town of Smoky Lake** Joint Council Meeting held on Wednesday, **November 18, 2020** at 2:09 p.m., held virtually online through Electronic Communication Technology: Zoom Meeting.

The meeting was called to Order by the Smoky Lake County Reeve, Craig Lukinuk with the following attendance:

			ATTENDANCE
	<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	Wednesday, Nov.18, 2020
Smoky Lake County:	Div.1 Councillor	Dan Gawalko	Present in SLC Chambers
	Div.2 Councillor	Johnny Cherniwchan	Present in SLC Chambers
	Div.3 Councillor	Craig Lukinuk	Present in SLC Chambers
	Div.4 Councillor	Lorne Halisky	Present in SLC Chambers
	Div.5 Councillor	Randy Orichowski	Present in SLC Chambers
	C.A.O.	Gene Sobolewski	Present Virtually @2:50pm
	C.A.O.	Lydia Cielin	Present in SLC Chambers
	Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Present Virtually
	Recording Secretary	Patti Priest	Present Virtually
	Fire Chief	Scott Franchuk	Present in SLC Chambers
	Deputy Fire Chief	Spencer Kotylak	Present in SLC Chambers
	P&D Manager	Jordan Ruegg	Present in SLC Chambers
	P&D Assist. Manager	Kyle Schole	Present Virtually
Smoky Lake FD	Fire Chief	Juanita Cozicar	Present Virtually
Town of Smoky Lake:	Mayor	Hank Holowaychuk	Present Virtually
•	Councillor	Melody Morton	Absent
	Councillor	Dan Kotylak	Present Virtually
	Deputy Mayor	Ross Whitelaw	Absent
	Councillor	Terry Makowichuk	Present Virtually
	C.A.O.	Adam Kozakiewicz	Present Virtually
	Fin/Legislative Srv.	Crystal Letwin	Present Virtually
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Members of the Public:	None		N/A
Members of the Media:	Smoky Lake Signal		Present Virtually
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2. AGENDA:

Agenda - November 18, 2020

J228-20: Gawalko

That the **Smoky Lake County** and **Town of Smoky Lake** Joint Council Meeting Agenda for Wednesday, November 18, 2020 be adopted, as amended:

- 1. National Holodomor Awareness Week: November 23-29, 2020 the 87th Anniversary of the "Holodomor", the Soviet Communist regime's genocide against the Ukrainian People.
- 2. Smoky Lake Kinette Angel Tree & Smoky Lake Hamper Fundraiser.

Town of Smoky Lake: motion moved by Kotylak

Carried Unanimously.

3. **MINUTES:**

Minutes – September 16, 2020

J229-20: Cherniwchan

That the Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake Joint Council Meeting Minutes of **September 16**, **2020** be adopted, as presented.

Town of Smoky Lake: motion moved by Holowaychuk

Carried.

Action List – September 16, 2020

J230-20: Halisky

That the Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake Joint Council Meeting Action List from **September 16, 2020** be adopted, as presented.

Town of Smoky Lake: motion moved by Kotylak

Carried.

Minutes - September 21, 2020

J231-20: Orichowski

That the Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake Joint Council Meeting Minutes of **September 21, 2020** be adopted, as presented.

Town of Smoky Lake: motion moved by Holowaychuk

Carried.

Action List – September 21, 2020

J232-20: Halisky

That the Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake Joint Council Meeting Action List from **September 21, 2020** be adopted, as presented.

Town of Smoky Lake: motion moved by Makowichuk

Carried

Victoria District Economic Development Strategy Implementation Working Group Meeting Notes

J233-20: Orichowski

That the Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake Joint Councils accept the Victoria District Economic Development Strategy Implementation Working Group Meeting Notes of October 2, 9, and 30, 2020 and November 13, 2020, for information.

Town of Smoky Lake: motion moved by Holowaychuk

Carried.

4. ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION:

Vision XS Ltd. Scope of Work – Draft Memorandum of Understanding

J234-20: Halisky

That the **Smoky Lake County** and **Town of Smoky Lake** Joint Councils defer formalizing the Vision XS Ltd. Scope of Work Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), until language can be incorporated to address the proposed "success fee of 1%" in respect to:

- where the said fee would be funded from,
- what the maximum cap would be, and
- if the said fee could be negotiated prior to, and based on specific work, as well as, address where the \$5,000.00 per month retainer would be funded from should the Municipally Controlled Corporation be formed, and confirm the term of the MOU to be retroactive to July 2020 for eighteen months.

Town of Smoky Lake: motion moved by Kotylak

Carried.

Gene Sobolewski, Smoky Lake County Chief Administrative Officer, virtually joined the meeting, time 2:50 p.m.

Victoria District Economic Development Plan Actual to Budget Update

J235-20: Orichowski

That the **Smoky Lake County** and **Town of Smoky Lake** Joint Councils acknowledge receipt of the Victoria District Economic Development Plan Actual to Budget update as of November 13, 2020:

	Budget	23320	Actual Costs To Date	
Advertising		\$	729.56	
Printing/Binding		\$	-	
Consulting		\$ 1	5,000.00	
Legal		\$ 3	32,705.65	
Supplies	\$ 247,000.00	\$ 4	8,435.21	

Town of Smoky Lake: motion moved by Makowichuk

Carried.

Jordan Ruegg, Planning and Development Manager, left the meeting, time 2:51 p.m.

Smoky Lake County Bylaw No. 1311-18 and Town of Smoky Lake Bylaw No. 001-18: Joint Operation Agreement for the provision of Fire Protection Services

Smoky Lake County Council and Town of Smoky Lake Council held discussion to review the content of the Joint Operation Agreement for the provision of Fire Protection Services as outline in *Smoky Lake County Bylaw No. 1311-18* and *Town of Smoky Lake Bylaw No. 001-18* respectively as attached as "Schedule A", and agreed to the changes as listed below:

SECTION 5: CAPITAL ASSETS

Remove 5.1.1 Unit 320: 1979 GMC Crew Bus

Add: 5.1.8 Unit 421 Polaris repaid attack 6x6 2010 with firefighting skid

Add: 5.3.6 Fire Fighter Rehab Unit 2008 ford E550

Add: 5.3.7 Alberta First Responder Radio Communication System (AFRRCS)

SECTION 6: OPERATIONAL COST SHARING ALLOCATION

Further Review 6.1 All Supplies, Training and Meetings will be cost shared between the

County at Sixty (60%) Percent and the Town at Forty (40%) Percent.

Remove: 6.4.1 County is responsible for the cell phones issued to Unit 407;

Unit 459, as well, the back-up phone line for dispatching; and

phone line at the tower.

Add: 6.4.# Alberta First Responder Radio Communication System (AFRRCS) will be

paid by the County (add list of radios including serial numbers)

Further Review 6.6 The County agrees to pay to Town \$900.00 per month towards utility costs (gas,

heat and power) for the Fire Hall operations.

Add: 6.7.# NEW Radio Tower

Further Review 6.11.6 The conditions imposed by VFIS have granted preferential status to

RMA Insurance (the County's insurer), therefore the Town of Smoky Lake would not be authorized to write this coverage. The policy would be

written by the County on exactly the same basis.

6.11.6.1 Smoky Lake County will be the Policy Holder.

SECTION 7: FIRE DEPARTEMNT

Further Review 7.1 The Fire Department shall deliver an adequate level of service as established

by each Party through the Standard Operations Guidelines.

Remove: 7.4 Training and Meeting:

The County will compensate the Fire Department Members for Informal Training and Meeting at the rate of \$15.00 per hour and Formal Training (includes professional instructor) at the rate of \$15.00 per hour. The Training and Meeting rates will be paid by the County One Hundred (100%) Percent.

Change:

7.5 Formal and Informal Training and Meetings:

The County and Town will compensate the Fire Department members for Informal and Formal Training (Certified instructor and Certificate) as well as meetings at the rate of \$20.00 per hour. The Formal Training be paid by the county One Hundred (100%) Percent.

Change:

7.6.2 Years of Service Recognition: As Per Policy will be cost-shared by the Town and County at Fifty (50%) Percent each.

Further Review

7.9 The County will provide their Safety Officer to the Fire Department and invoice the Town for Forty (40%) Percent of the cost.

Further Review

7.10 County will provide the Dress Uniform for the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief at One Hundred (100%) Percent cost and the Station Gear Uniform for the Firefighter members (one-time only) on a cost-shared basis of 50/50 as part of the Department's Uniform Incentive Program.

Smoky Lake County Bylaw No. 1311-18 and Town of Smoky Lake Bylaw No. 001-18: Joint Operation Agreement for the provision of Fire Protection Services

J236-20: Cherniwchan

That the **Smoky Lake County** and **Town of Smoky Lake** Joint Councils **defer** further discussion in regard to the Joint Operation Agreement for the provision of Fire Protection Services as set out in Smoky Lake County Bylaw No. 1311-18 and Town of Smoky Lake Bylaw No. 001-18, to allow for further review by each respective Council.

Town of Smoky Lake: motion moved by Holowaychuk

Carried.

2021 Operating Training & Supplies Budget for the Smoky Lake Fire Department

J237-20: Gawalko

That the **Smoky Lake County** and **Town of Smoky Lake** Joint Councils **defer** the Year-2021 proposed budget for Personal Protective Equipment, Equipment and Supplies and OH&S Requirements for the Smoky Lake Fire Department, in the proposed amount not to exceed \$27,000.00, and **defer** the Year-2021 proposed budget for Training for the Smoky Lake Fire Department, in the proposed amount not to exceed \$60,000.00, to allow further review by each respective Council.

Town of Smoky Lake: motion moved by Makowichuk

Carried.

Gene Sobolewski, Smoky Lake County Chief Administrative Officer left the meeting, time 3:57 p.m.

Kyle Schole, Smoky Lake County Planning and Development Assistant left the meeting, time 4:06 p.m.

Smoky Lake Fire Department Storage Building Update

J238-20: Cherniwchan

That the **Smoky Lake County** and **Town of Smoky Lake** Joint Councils review the following options in respect to a Fire Department Storage Building, to provide direction at the next scheduled joint Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake Joint Council meeting:

Option 1

- The new storage building is to be located adjacent to the current fire hall on the south west side.
- The building size is 50' x 100' due to the lot size (only 70' wide) allowing space for the apparatus to park in front of the doors and not be on the street.
- Currently there is 2 satellite dishes, 1 50' tower, 1 Telus pedestal and spruce trees
 that would need to be removed and the Smoky Lake potable water truck fill needs be
 extended.
- The building blueprint need to be determined.

Option 2

- Smoky Lake Fire Department build a new fire hall.
- Joint Council would have to decide on a location and concept before determining an accurate cost for the project.

Option 3

- Smoky Lake Fire Department take over the current fire hall and public works department side of the building would allow enough space to park all fire apparatus inside.
- Smoky Lake County Emergency Services completed research in the past for living accommodations and office space which can be added on as a second level on the current building.
- The Town of Smoky Lake Public Works Department would have to relocate and a design and costs for the new building to be discussed jointly.

Option 4

- The Region Municipalities review the status of the Fire and Rescue Services for a regional concept which would allow Municipalities to save money in the future as this fire hall would respond to every call supporting the volunteers remaining in the district fire halls
- Regionalization would identify 1 one fire hall as the primary engine to all scene in the region therefore only one engine would have to be replaced instead of three.
- Addition costs would come from staffing the regional fire hall.

Town of Smoky Lake: motion moved by Makowichuk

Carried.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

National Holodomor Awareness Week - November 23-29, 2020 the 87th Anniversary of the "Holodomor", the Soviet Communist regime's genocide against the Ukrainian People

J239-20: Halisky

That the **Smoky Lake County** and **Town of Smoky Lake** Joint Councils respectively declare November 23-29, 2020 as National Holodomor Awareness Week, to bring awareness to the 87th anniversary of the "Holodomor" which was the Soviet Communist regime's genocide against the Ukrainian people.

Town of Smoky Lake: motion moved by Holowaychuk

Carried.

Smoky Lake Kinette Angel Tree & Smoky Lake Hamper Fundraiser

J240-20: Orichowski

That the information received by **Smoky Lake County** and **Town of Smoky Lake** Joint Council in regard to the Smoky Lake Kinette Club fundraising campaign to raise \$1,000.00 by November 27, 2020 for the Town of Smoky Lake Mayor Hank Holowaychuk to shave his beard, with all proceeds going towards the local Angel Tree and Smoky Lake Hamper, be accepted for information.

Town of Smoky Lake: motion moved by Makowichuk

Carried.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

No Correspondence.

7. DELEGATIONS:

No Delegations.

Next Meeting

The next **Smoky Lake County** and **Town of Smoky Lake** Joint Council Meeting will be scheduled at the call of the Reeve or Mayor.

Adjournment

J241-20: Lukinuk

That the **Smoky Lake County** and **Town of Smoky Lake** Joint Council Meeting of November 18, 2020 adjourn, time 4:37 p.m.

ACTION LIST:

November 18, 2020 Joint Council Meeting: Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake

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November 18, 2020 Joint Council Meeting: Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake

MOTION NO.	RESOLUTION	ACTION EMONY LAKE
J236-20	That the Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake Joint Councils defer further discussion in regard to the Joint Operation Agreement for the provision of Fire Protection Services as set out in Smoky Lake County Bylaw No. 1311-18 and Town of Smoky Lake Bylaw No. 001-18, to allow for further review by each respective Council.	The County Fire Chief emailed the Town CAO and Assistant CAO on December 11, 2020 to offer possible meeting dates of January 5 or 6, 2021 to further discuss the Joint Operation Agreement for the provision of Fire Protection Services Further January 5 or 6, 2021.
J237-20	That the Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake Joint Councils defer the Year-2021 proposed budget for Personal Protective Equipment, Equipment and Supplies and OH&S Requirements for the Smoky Lake Fire Department, in the proposed amount not to exceed \$27,000.00, and defer the Year-2021 proposed budget for Training for the Smoky Lake Fire Department, in the proposed amount not to exceed \$60,000.00, to allow further review by each respective Council.	Town of Smoky Lake December 1,2020 Motions passed: MOTION: 891-2020 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Makowichuk that Town of Smoky Lake acknowledge the increase in the Smoky Lake Fire Department's 2021 Supplies Budget from \$25,000.00 to \$27,000.00; and adopt the Smoky Lake Fire Department's 2021 Operational Budget in the amount totaling \$27,000.00 for Personal Protective Equipment, Equipment and Supplies and Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S) Requirements for the Smoky Lake Fire Department, not to exceed the Town's portion of Forty percent in the amount of \$10,800.00; in reference to Agenda item No. 4.4 presented at the Joint County and Town Meeting on November 18, 2020. MOTION: 892-2020 MOVED by Councillor Morton that Town of Smoky Lake acknowledge the increase in the Smoky Lake Fire Department's 2021 Training Budget from \$47,000.00 to \$60,000.00; and adopt the Smoky Lake Fire Department's 2021 Training Budget totaling \$60,000.00, not to exceed the Town's portion of Forty percent in the amount of \$24,000.00; in reference to Agenda item No. 4.4 presented at the Joint County and Town Meeting on November 18, 2020. Smoky Lake County will be in February 2021.

ACTION LIST:

November 18, 2020 Joint Council Meeting: Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake

MOTION NO.	RESOLUTION	ACTION EMOST LAKE
J238-20	That the Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake Joint Councils review the following options in respect to a Fire Department Storage Building, to provide direction at the next scheduled joint Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake Joint Council meeting: Option 1 - The new storage building is to be located adjacent to the current fire hall on the south west side. - The building size is 50' x 100' due to the lot size (only 70' wide) allowing space for the apparatus to park in front of the doors and not be on the street. - Currently there is 2 satellite dishes, 1 – 50' tower, 1 Telus pedestal and spruce trees that would need to be removed and the Smoky Lake potable water truck fill needs be extended. -The building blueprint need to be determined. Option 2 - Smoky Lake Fire Department build a new fire hall. - Joint Council would have to decide on a location and concept before determining an accurate cost for the project. Option 3 -Smoky Lake Fire Department take over the current fire hall and public works department side of the building would allow enough space to park all fire apparatus inside. -Smoky Lake County Emergency Services completed research in the past for living accommodations and office space which can be added on as a second level on the current building. -The Town of Smoky Lake Public Works Department would have to relocate and a design and costs for the new building to be discussed jointly. Option 4 -The Region Municipalities review the status of the Fire and Rescue Services for a regional concept which would allow Municipalities to save money in the future as this fire hall would respond to every call supporting the volunteers remaining in the district fire halls. -Regionalization would identify 1 one fire hall as the primary engine to all scene in the region therefore only one engine would have to be replaced instead of three. -Addition costs would come from staffing the regional fire hall.	The Fire Department Storage Building is on the Joint Town and County Council Agenda scheduled for December 16, 2020.
J239-20	That the Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake Joint Councils respectively declare November 23-29, 2020 as National Holodomor Awareness Week, to bring awareness to the 87th anniversary of the "Holodomor" which was the Soviet Communist regime's genocide against the Ukrainian people.	Smoky Lake County advertised the declaration in the December 2020 addition of the Grapevine. The Town of Smoky Lake also declared November 23-29, 2020 as National Holodomor Awareness Week.

SMOKY LAKE REGION Victoria District Economic Development Strategy Implementation Working Group

November 27, 2020

SMOKY LAKE REGION

Meeting Notes of the Victoria District Economic Development Strategy Implementation Working Group meeting held virtually on Friday, November 27, 2020 at 9:02 A.M. through Electronic Communication Technology: Zoom Meeting.

The meeting commenced with the virtual attendance as follows:

Members:

Tony Sefton	Vision XS CEO & Chairperson of this Working Group	Present
Gene Sobolewski	Smoky Lake County CAO	Present @9:08am
Adam Kozakiewicz	Town of Smoky Lake CAO	Present
Jordan Ruegg	Smoky Lake County Planning & Development Manager	Present
Juanita Marois	Métis Crossing Executive Director	Present
Aaron Barner	Métis Nation of Alberta Senior Executive Officer	Absent
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Ex-officio Resources

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Craig Lukinuk Smoky Lake County Reeve	Present
Hank Holowaychuk Town of Smoky Lake Mayor	Present
Rodd C Thorkelsson Brownlee LLP Partner	Absent
John McDonnell Brownlee LLP Partner	Absent
Lydia Cielin Smoky Lake County Assistant CAO	Present
Brenda Adamson Smoky Lake County Finance Manager	Present
Michelle Wright Smoky Lake Region Community Economic Development Officer	Present
Kyle Schole Smoky Lake County Planning Development & Heritage Assistant	Present
Patti Priest Smoky Lake County Legislative Services – Recording Secretary	Present
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Discussion:

Métis Crossing Update

Métis Crossing's Winter Experience Package includes the following fun:

- Capote Making Workshop
- Winter Fun Day Hivernants Style
- Outdoor Skating Rink
- Snowshoe Rentals to walk a short or long loop
- Museum Exhibit Display called Hidden in Plain Sight
- Beading Course
- Finger Weaving
- Ribbon Skirt Course
- Silverberry Seed Workshop
- Tales of the Trapline Program
- Wall Pocket Program
- Twine Woven Bags Workshop

Also, an Administrative Coordinator has been hired and a Marketing & Sales Coordinator is in place.

Entertainment Complex update

Deloitte has requested another week to prepare findings to present. Findings will be made available following a meeting scheduled for November 30, 2020.

Business Plan Public Consultation progress/feedback

The Public Hearing was successful:

- 20 pages of written feedback received.
- Questions from the public will be diligently answered prior to moving forward and may require some one on one consultation to ensure an understanding financial documents and the plan itself.

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- Feedback has been positive.
- The public consultation process has been more extensive than anything we have ever done before, with numerous avenues to engage.
- Next steps will be to decide what specifically we should be doing in consideration of the feedback received.

Legal Feedback on Business License Fee and Company Structure

The solicitors are preparing documents in terms of the structure of Municipally Control Corporation and once the first draft is available, there will be several detail items that will need to be discussed such as:

- Bonds and issuance of securities options may need to be reconsidered due to restrictions relating to regulation.
- Loans may be considered eligible or RSPs.
- Tourism levy considered at a maximum of 2%.
- Rental agreements considered.
- An LLP may be considered as well.

ACTION

Juanita Marois to set up a meeting for Tony Sefton and appropriate members to meet with her associate with experience successfully implementing a Community Bond program in Saskatchewan.

Review Draft Funding Program

With the go ahead from the public and following answering all of their questions - we now need to know what we are funding.

Proposed Signature Attractions and Progress

- Hutterite Colony possibility of an amazing tour of the Hutterite Colony to see how they run their businesses and get a fascinating window into their fantastic culture and way of life. The tour could include a guided bus ride to and from Smoky Lake. The whole experience from start to finish would be around 2 hours and would be a must for international tourists and Canadians alike.
- Tree Nursery possibility of a guided tour of one of the world's largest tree nursery, including the high-tech seed fertilization unit. A one-hour tour would take in the vast glass houses, packing plants and visitor could get to learn how trees are looked after and nurtured to the point of being sent off around the world.
- Fish Farm possibility for visitors to enjoy a tour of the fish farm and see the local fish aquarium. A typical 1-hour visit would involve seeing the working fish farm in action along with a regional aquarium showing the fish and wildlife of the lakes and rivers of the region. Several premium activities could be also

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November 27, 2020

offered including feeding the fish and cooking classes. This would become a hub for fishing activity in the county, selling and delivering fishing tours.

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- Smoky Lake Museum possibility of a unique museum tour that will form the basis for visitors understanding the wonderful fusion of cultures and customs that make up the region. Tour guides would engage visitors on their one-hour tour around the museum using some high tech and some low-tech features.
- Farm Park (Agri Tourism) possibility of an attraction for visitors to enjoy which would be focused on farm to fork. A mix of activities for children and adults with supporting food and beverage, retail, and additional activities. Accommodation may also be considered. The ideal location is a working farm in or around the transport ring.

Marketing Discussion

ACTION Tony Sefton and Juanita Marois will prepare a proposal to consider combining and expanding Métis Crossing's booking system to for consideration of becoming a county wide booking system for tourism activities.

Staff and Recruitment for SLTC

ACTION A subcommittee will be created consisting of Tony Sefton, Jordan Ruegg, Kyle Schole, Michelle Wright and Juanita Marois, to identify the recruiting process and management (Executive Director and a Support) of the Municipally Controlled Corporation who will move the vision forward and provide budgetary information.

Universal Broadband Fund - Update

The Universal Broadband Fund is geared more towards connecting rural residences as opposed to businesses. CCI is applying, and MCSNet and VM Systems may be able to apply as well.

Other Business – Infrastructure Master Plan

An Infrastructure Master Plan identifying water, sewer, roads, and broadband should be prepared which may take up to a year to fully complete and may cost up to \$250,000 which could possibly be funded through the Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) funding program.

ACTION

The Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) funding program will be discussed at the Town and County Administrator's Meeting scheduled for December 2, 2020, to determine whether to proceed with making an application for funding towards creating an Infrastructure Master Plan.

Next Meeting:

Next Victoria District Economic Development Strategy Implementation Working Group meeting is to be held virtually on Friday, December 11, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

Adjournment:

The Victoria District Economic Development Strategy Implementation Working Group virtual meeting of Friday, November 27, 2020, adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

SMOKY LAKE REGION Victoria District Economic Development Strategy Implementation Working Group

December 11, 2020

SMOKY LAKE REGION

Meeting Notes of the Victoria District Economic Development Strategy Implementation Working Group meeting held virtually on Friday, December 11, 2020 at 8:00 A.M. through Electronic Communication Technology: Zoom Meeting.

The meeting commenced with the virtual attendance as follows:

Members:

Tony Sefton	Vision XS CEO & Chairperson of this Working Group	Present
Gene Sobolewski	Smoky Lake County CAO	Present
Adam Kozakiewicz	Town of Smoky Lake CAO	Present
Jordan Ruegg	Smoky Lake County Planning & Development Manager	Present
Juanita Marois	Métis Crossing Executive Director	Present
Aaron Barner	Métis Nation of Alberta Senior Executive Officer	Present
Ex-officio Resources		
Craig Lukinuk	Smoky Lake County Reeve	Present
Hank Holowaychuk	Town of Smoky Lake Mayor	Present
Rodd C Thorkelsson	Brownlee LLP Partner	Absent
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Lydia Cielin	Smoky Lake County Assistant CAO	Present
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Michelle Wright	Smoky Lake Region Community Economic Development Officer	Present
Kyle Schole	Smoky Lake County Planning Development & Heritage Assistant	Present
Patti Priest	Smoky Lake County Legislative Services – Recording Secretary	Present

Discussion:

Métis Crossing Update

- Due to the COVID-19 and state of public health emergency and mandatory measures and restrictions in effect provincewide, Métis Crossing is shut down until January 12, 2021 and are using the time to prepare for opening.
- The skating rink, tobogganing tubes, and art exhibit: "Hidden in Plain Site". have all been received.

Infrastructure Planning

Métis Crossing

- Have sourced two successful water wells and are applying for commercial licenses, the infrastructure planning is ongoing, and the water infrastructure is estimated to approximately be one million dollars.
- In the process of determining the best septic system, which will likely be a lagoon system.
- · Will be following up with AXIA for a fiber network estimated at a cost of \$300.000.
- We can solve our infrastructure problems and it is the same problem that everyone will be solving.

Town of Smoky Lake

This item is on the Town Council Agenda for Tuesday, December 15, 2020.

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 May also be discussed at the December 16, Joint Town and County Council meeting.

Smoky Lake County

- The County's priority for an intermunicipal collaboration projects through the Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) program grant funding is:
 - 1. Regionalization of Fire Department,
 - 2. Vilna/Waskatenau Regional Assistance,
 - 3. Tourism Infrastructure Concept report.

Jobs, Economy, and Innovation – Minister Schweitzer Tourism Town Hall Summary

The Minister Schweitzer Tourism Town Hall Summary held on December 10, 2020 was attended by Michelle, Jordan, Kyle and Adam.

- A summary of our project has been submitted to the Minister's office and cc'd James Tessier, Manager, North East Region, Regional Economic Development Services, Government of Alberta.
- It was not the appropriate platform to brag about things we are doing because others are really struggling.
- We heard a lot of frustration form business owners and concerns were expressed regarding the delay in taking the steps to bend the curve COVID-19.
- There is a gap for businesses that have commenced in 2020 and a tourism recovery plan is critical moving forward.
- The Minister does not appear to be in a place where he has a recovery plan and is willing to consider ideas.
- The international investment attractions need to be accelerated and amplified.
- We have been in conversations with Member of Parliament, Shannon Stubbs regarding community bonds and are looking for support from the government to endorse the Community Bond as an innovation in social finance that allows a nonprofit or charity to leverage its community of supporters to pursue its mission, build its resiliency, and create more vibrant communities.

Next Steps Document

Key considerations are which partner will be employing the SLTC staff in the interim prior to the corporation being formed, and when will the municipalities be ready to issue the \$600,000.

ACTION Members are to review the "SLTC Phases and Budgets for 2021-2022" document and provide feedback at the next meeting.

ACTION Michelle and Tony are to prepare an interim plan on how resources will be used to create some capacity and bring it forward to the next meeting.

Victoria District Economic Development Strategy Implementation Working Group December 11, 2020

Entertainment Complex Update

After the team is appointed, and once we can evidence the success of what we have done, we should explore the Entertainment Complex so that it is engaged at the right time, possibly in 2022.

- It could be classed as a charity, so the money goes back into the community.
- May include the infrastructure prework in our planning for an Entertainment Complex which could possibly include a 200-bed hotel, swimming pool theatre, gym, and gamming.
- The number of ALGC licenses is not supposed to increase Alberta, but there are existing licenses that can be purchased and relocated.

Business Plan Public Consultation progress/feedback

There will be a summary prepared and presented at the December 16, 2020 Joint Town and County Council meeting and will be requesting a firm motion to formally ADOPT the Victoria District Economic Development Strategy: Business Plan.

We have responded in writing to the Public's written submission to address the concerns and have handed off the legal questions for the legal team to respond.

Other Business

Next Meeting:

Next Victoria District Economic Development Strategy Implementation Working Group meeting is to be held virtually on **Friday**, **December 18**, **2020 at 9:00 a.m.**

Adjournment:

The Victoria District Economic Development Strategy Implementation Working Group virtual meeting of Friday, December 11, 2020, adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

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Joint Town and County Meeting

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December 16, 2020

TOPIC

Victoria District Economic Development Strategy: Business Plan

PROPOSAL

NUMBER: 4.1

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BACKGROUND

- June 26, 2020 Joint Virtual Public Hearing & Joint Town/County Councils Meeting

 Both Town and County Councils:
 - Convened a Joint Virtual Public Hearing for the Victoria District Economic Development Strategy (Town Bylaw 006-2020 and County Bylaw 1372-20), at which presentations and representations were made by delegations and residents, as well as a reading into the record of written submissions.
 - Accepted the 'What We Heard Report,' summarizing the public participation and feedback received per the Public Participation Plan
 - Adopted the Strategy via County Bylaw 1372-20 and Town Bylaw 006-2020
 - Established a Victoria District Economic Development Strategy Implementation Working Group Ad hoc Committee to prepare a Business Plan in accordance with legislation, to be brought forward to a future Meeting of Joint Town/County Councils for consideration.
- September 16, 2020 Joint Town/County Councils Meeting @ National Hall

Joint Town/County Councils were presented with the proposed Business Plan, with minor changes having been made at that time.

Joint Town/County Councils then agreed <u>in principal</u> for each respective municipality to invest Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00), for a combined total of One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000.00), as majority shareholders of a municipally owned Joint Venture Tourism Corporation.

September 16, 2020 Joint Town/County Councils Meeting

Convening alongside the Metis Crossing Board, the proposed Business Plan was further discussed among the three parties.

Joint Town/County Councils then adopted a motion to seek public participation in accordance with each municipality's respective Public Participation Policies: County's Policy Statement No. 01-51-01 and Town's Policy Statement No. A18, in order to provide the Public with sufficient access to information, allowing them to be informed, and provide opportunities to participate, be involved, and provide input into the decision-making process in respect to the Victoria District Economic Development Strategy Business Plan.

November 26, 2020 Joint Virtual Public Hearing & Joint Town/County Councils Meeting

Five months to the day since adopting the Victoria District Economic Development Strategy itself, another Joint Virtual Public Hearing was held to address the proposed Business Plan.

December 16, 2020 Joint Town/County Councils Meeting

Responses having been sent to the written respondents with questions as a component of the public participation on the Business Plan.

NOTE: The Business Plan further refines and details the 'what' contemplated in the Victoria District Economic Development Strategy. The next step is to refine the 'how' such as whether to proceed to establish a Municipally Controlled Corporation (MCC).

- ... A future Public Participation and Public Hearings will be required:
 - 1) Separately, for the Town's Borrowing Bylaw if they opt to pursue that route. (Adopting a Borrowing Bylaw does not *COMMIT* the Town to proceeding unless further direction is given.)
 - 2) Jointly, for the proposed structure, etc. of a Municipally Controlled Corporation (MCC).

LEGISLATION:

- Municipal Government Act R.S.A 2000, Ch. M-26
- Victoria District Economic Development Strategy County Bylaw 1372-20 & Town Bylaw 006-2020

REFERENCE INFORMATION:

4.1 A1 Victoria District Economic Development Strategy: Business Plan

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SMOKY LAKE COUNTY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA BYLAW NO. 1390-20

BEING A BYLAW OF SMOKY LAKE COUNTY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE VICTORIA DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY: BUSINESS PLAN.

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY - Bylaw No. 1390-20

a Municipal Corporation, in the Province of Alberta 4612 McDougall Drive, Box 310 Smoky Lake, Alberta T0A 3C0

OF THE FIRST PART

AND

TOWN OF SMOKY LAKE - Bylaw 026-2020

a Municipal Corporation, in the Province of Alberta 56 Wheatland Avenue, Box 460 Smoky Lake, Alberta T0A 3C0

OF THE SECOND PART

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AND WHEREAS, pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act,* R.S.A. 2000, Ch. M-26, the purposes of a municipality are to provide good government, to foster the well-being of the environment, to provide services, facilities or other things that, in the opinion of Council, are necessary or desirable for all or a part of the municipality, to develop and maintain safe and viable communities, and, to work collaboratively with neighbouring municipalities;

AND WHEREAS, Smoky Lake County Council and the Smoky Lake Town Council have each respectively adopted Municipal Development Plan Bylaws 1249-12 and 012-12 respectively, both of which establish the objectives 'to support and promote cultural tourism initiatives' as well as 'to cooperate with regional partners to encourage local and regional tourism'

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Reeve Smoky Lake County	Chief Administrative Officer Smoky Lake County	
DATE:	DATE:	
TOWN OF SMOKY LAKE		
Mayor Town of Smoky Lake	Chief Administrative Officer Town of Smoky Lake	
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VICTORIA DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Business Plan

December 16, 2020







The Victoria District Economic Development Strategy Business Plan aligns with our Values:

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I. INTRODUCTION

Smoky Lake Region has been a hub for travellers for centuries. At the crossroads of river, trail and eventually rail and road networks, Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples traded, welcomed and lived in the rich natural beauty of the area.

In recent times, Métis visionaries began to develop a gathering place for their citizens, on the banks of the North Saskatchewan on the original homesteads of their Métis ancestors. There, at the Métis Crossing, the Métis are sharing their culture, stories and experiences.

Métis Crossing anchors Smoky Lake Region's visitor economy aspirations in the National Historic Victoria District and for the rest of the Region. The Town of Smoky Lake is currently experiencing benefits as Métis Crossing develops, and the Region stands to benefit as both Metis Crossing and other visitor experiences are developed.

Many conversations with Métis Crossing, Métis Nation of Alberta, Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake, led to the creation of this plan. We appreciate all insights and input, and look forward to bringing the Business Plan to life, together.

All plans, actions and implementations of the Strategy align to our Values:

- We believe in the preservation and promotion of our cultural, heritage and ecological assets
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A team was formed to develop the Business Plan, with expertise including legal, finance, economic development, planning and development, Council advisors, and Municipal administration, for consideration by Metis Nation of Alberta, Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake Councils, our Partners and our Public. Vision XS provided the financial models and methods¹ included herein.

The Strategy goal is to add to the visitor economy, increasing the visitor audience from Metis Crossing and other attractions, diversifying the Region's economy, and supporting Municipal sustainability.

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¹ Vision XS Modelling: Outcomes have been used to calculate the impact of the proposed tourism system on the income of Town of Smoky Lake and Smoky Lake County. For example there will be more residential taxation income due to the increased population and similarly there will be increased property tax paid by the new attractions, restaurants etc. Care has been taken not to double count the income and also to build in cautious growth figures for tourism income and flat or negative growth for non tourism income which might not be true but insures that the figures presented clearly show the impact of the tourism income across the entire region.

II. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Victoria District Economic Development Strategy Business Plan supports the Strategy's mandate to create and market tourism assets, support infrastructure development for tourism, and partner or lend to tourism developers, in the Smoky Lake Region.

Métis Nation of Alberta invested \$25 million in the Region's signature attraction: Métis Crossing, with plans for further investment in the next 20 years. The Victoria District Economic Development Strategy grows outward from this anchor site. The Strategy's implementation adds visitors throughout the Region, by partnering on the plan and its execution.

Métis Nation of Alberta, Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake, will form a Partnership with the mandate to execute the Strategy. The two municipal partners, Smoky Lake County and the Town of Smoky Lake will be joint shareholders in a municipally controlled corporation. The Municipally Controlled Corporation invests \$1.2 million in a Partnership with Métis Nation of Alberta, who invests \$600K.

The Partnership borrows against the \$1.8 million initial investments to execute the Strategy including marketing, attraction and accommodation acquisition, operations, and lending. Project specific investors support further revenues for the Partnership.

Based on the financial forecasts, all three initial investments are repaid within 5 years, with \$3.3 million paid to each investor within 10 years.

Beyond initial investment, no capital is required of the Municipalities or Métis Nation of Alberta.

Even more important than the solid financials, is the community investment and economic diversification opportunities realized by the Strategy, improving the Smoky Lake Region for years to come.

III. BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

The Smoky Lake Region tourism experience includes Métis Crossing, Victoria Settlement, 2-3 new signature attractions and a 100 km recreational travel circuit including roads, trails and waterways within the boundaries of Smoky Lake County. Along the circuit are 6-8 boutique attractions uniquely showcasing our history, nature, cultures and foods and beverages. Regional events during peak and off-season periods provide revenue stability.

The business aims to grow the Smoky Lake tourism economy from \$7-8 million annually to \$60+ million annually in ten years, creating 600 new jobs and increasing the Regional population from 4200 to 4700+. The Regional visitation targets for year 10 are 1200+ units of accommodation including hotel, bed and breakfast, self-catering, camping, premium RV and lodges, and 125,000 travellers spending \$200-\$300 per day and staying 3+ nights. In addition, the forecasts show the Region attracts 170,000 day trippers spending \$40-\$60 per day.

The growth in tourism Gross Domestic Product (GDP) expands from Métis Crossing outward, through excellent local food experiences, events and premium activities. Key to the success of the Strategy is the creation of a 100km circular trail system, connecting Victoria Trail to Iron Horse Trail, with walking, hiking and biking only sections as well as multi-use sections.

The three Strategy deliverables are:

- 1. a loan fund for tourism developers and operators;
- direct accommodation and attraction acquisition either solely or in partnership with Regional or Corporate investors; and
- 3. Infrastructure investment including roads, trails and signage.

a. Project Financing

Smoky Lake County, Town of Smoky Lake, and Métis Nation of Alberta each contributes \$600,000 to the Partnership, establishing a \$1.8 million capital and operations fund to initiate the tourism system development.

An additional \$43 million is generated through community bonds, partnerships, commercial secured and unsecured loans, and grants. Our goal is to seek "patient" capital, to minimize organizational stress and ensure good decision making.

A potential resort development invests \$15 million for an entertainment complex outside of the Victoria District and complementary to our Region, which could include facilities for Regional residents to use (pool, waterslide, movie or live theatre, for example).

Table 1 Funding Sources			
Source	Funding Model	Notes	
Smoky Lake County Equity	\$600k		
Town of Smoky Lake Equity	\$600k		
Métis Nation of Alberta Equity	\$600k		
Regional Community Bond	\$6 M	Regional Community 10 year Bonds with 5.5% return; available on open market	
Entertainment Complex	\$15 M	Potential investment	
Western Diversification Business Development Grants	\$6 M	Raise matching funding for projects and partner with operators, owners and other entities.	
Destination Management Grants	\$1 M	Travel Alberta and Government of Alberta Tourism Marketing Grants	
Infrastructure Loan		May be required pending funding model decisions	
Commercial Loan (% of Total = Debt Ratio)	\$12 M	Partnership owned property secures commercial loan	
Asset Finance	\$1 M	Unsecured loan for budget capital items (non real estate)	
Other Grants	\$3 M	3 rd party and government grants for specific projects	
Total	\$45.8 M		
Debt Ratio	28%		

b. Corporate Capital Budget

The budget is for the acquisition of tourism assets, development of the tourism system including a reservation system, marketing and promotion, operations, infrastructure and the loan fund (Table 2 Budget). Neither Muncipality will exceed its borrowing capacity by investing in this project.

Table 2 Budget		
Experience Investments		
Victoria Settlement	\$900K	
Signature Attraction 1	\$2 M	
Signature Attraction 2	\$2 M	
Signature Attraction 3	\$2 M	
Sub total	\$6.9 M	
Asset Acquisition		
Real Estate (houses)	\$10.2 M	
Real Estate (accommodation)	\$6.9 M	
Sub Total	\$17.1 M	
Infrastructure Investments		
Regional Welcome Signs	\$400K	
Circular Trail System	\$3 M	
Cycleway	\$4 M	
Trail and Cycleway Wayfinding	\$500K	
Sub Total	\$7.9 M	
TOTAL Capital Budget	\$31.9 M	
Operating Budget Year 1		
Admin, staffing and operations - first 18 months	\$1.2 M	
Loan Fund	\$10 M	
Initial Marketing and Branding	\$300K	
Contingency	\$2M	
Sub Total	\$13.5 M	
Total Strategy Investment	\$45.4 M	

The Partnership purchases, improves and operates Regional real estate assets for staff and visitor accommodation until they are economicially sustainable. These assets may be sold to private investors when interest in the Region increases however the Partnership maintains enough assets to be sustainable. Cost estimates for acquistion are subject to market conditions and asset availability. The Partnership intends to invest where no current investor exists, and support development in the Region which is not typically supported by traditional financing. Anticipated Signature attractions currently do not exist and will be new to market, not competing with private investments.

The tourism system needs \$80 to \$150 million in overall Regional investment. The Partnership invests \$33 million plus creates a loan fund of \$10 million, \$25 million is or has been invested by Métis Nation of Alberta, \$15 million by a third party complex developer, and \$10 million from private investors. The minimum investment by the Partnership is \$33 million, with accelerated growth occurring if \$10 million loan fund is established.

The investment needed from the Partnership is derived by leveraging the initial investment from the partners, Smoky Lake County, Town of Smoky Lake and Métis Nation of Alberta, with commercially secured loans on real estate and unsecured loans for non-real estate assets.

County contingency on projects is typically \$100K, however as this is a capital acquistion project subject to market fluctuations, a higher contingency is suggested. Any surplus from the acquisition activities transfers to the loan fund to assist more projects.

The Town of Smoky Lake, when Strategy is implemented, grows their existing economy whereas Smoky Lake County diversifies its economy, replacing a portion of lost energy industry revenues with tourism revenues.

c. Corporation Annual Operating Budget

The Municipally Controlled Corporation operating budget, pending final corporate structure, is limited to a 0.5 FTE for administrative support to the Board, meeting space and office supply costs.

Operating costs for the Partnership are included in Table 4 Profit and Loss.

IV. CORPORATE FINANCIALS

a. Income Statement

Partnership Income is from the following operations and activities (Table 3 Income Statement):

- Attraction Equity Investment Dividends
- Marketing Fund contributed by system members to joint marketing
- Staff Accommodation Rentals
- Visitor Accommodation Rentals
- Small Business Loan Repayments

Grants are uncertain income sources and therefore are not included in Income Statement.

Table 3 Income Statement

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Attraction Equity Dividends	0	0	120,645	326,251	413,349	526,036	699,158	767,039	827,602	879,425
Marketing Fund for members	0	283,592	478,363	588,799	660,007	800,299	1,301,142	1,456,350	1,595,333	1,715,523
Staff										
Accommodation	35,100	71,386	132,875	182,447	214,107	225,015	232,891	241,042	248,273	255,721
Visitor										
Accommodation	795,795	1,861,848	3,256,503	3,790,013	4,407,430	4,811,825	5,158,715	5,365,063	5,579,666	5,802,853
Repayment Of										
Loans	360,000	1,216,800	1,452,384	1,479,698	1,503,734	1,503,734	1,503,734	1,396,911	1,323,734	1,323,734
Total Annual Income	1,190,895	3,433,626	5,440,770	6,367,208	7,198,627	7,866,909	8,895,640	9,226,405	9,574,608	9,977,256

Table 4 Profit and Loss

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Total Trading Income	956,936	2,482,582	4,362,225	5,376,403	6,287,707	7,326,985	8,470,683	9,011,222	9,521,632	10,013,486
Expenditure										
Staff Costs and										
training	1,100,000	1,155,000	1,212,750	1,273,388	1,337,057	1,403,910	1,474,105	1,547,810	1,625,201	1,706,461
Marketing										
Contribution	300,000	312,000	324,480	337,459	350,958	364,996	379,596	394,780	410,571	426,994
Travel and Transport	7,655	24,826	34,898	43,011	50,302	58,616	67,765	72,090	76,173	80,108
Maintenance										
Materials	57,416	148,955	218,111	268,820	251,508	293,079	254,121	270,337	238,041	250,337
Overheads	47,847	124,129	196,300	241,938	251,508	293,079	296,474	315,393	285,649	300,405
security	57,416	148,955	174,489	215,056	188,631	219,810	254,121	270,337	285,649	300,405
Professional Fees	9,569	24,826	43,622	53,764	62,877	73,270	84,707	90,112	95,216	100,135
Business Property Tax	19,139	49,652	87,245	107,528	125,754	146,540	169,414	180,224	190,433	200,270
Cleaning (External										
Costs and materials)	95,694	198,607	196,300	241,938	251,508	293,079	338,827	270,337	285,649	250,337
Insurance	19,139	37,239	43,622	48,388	56,589	65,943	76,236	81,101	85,695	90,121
Loan Interest	876,000	891,288	891,288	891,288	891,288	891,288	862,204	832,306	801,570	769,974
Other	95,694	372,387	436,223	376,348	377,262	366,349	423,534	450,561	476,082	500,674
Total	2,685,568	3,487,863	3,859,328	4,098,926	4,195,243	4,469,959	4,581,104	4,775,387	4,855,928	4,976,220
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EBITDA(Trading										
Profit)	-1,728,633	-1,005,281	502,897	1,277,476	2,092,464	2,857,026	3,789,580	4,235,835	4,665,704	5,037,265
%EBITDA	-180.6%	-40.5%	11.5%	23.8%	33.3%	39.0%	44.7%	47.0%	49.0%	50.3%

Table 5 Annual Cash Flow

Annual Cash Flow	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Total Income – inc.										
reinvestment returns	2,192,936	4,590,670	6,705,897	7,760,097	8,713,273	9,776,446	10,911,212	11,341,740	11,776,656	12,267,705
Operational Operational										
Expenditure	2,685,568	3,487,863	3,859,328	4,098,926	4,195,243	4,469,959	4,681,104	4,775,387	4,855,928	4,976,220
Tax	0	0	0	149,476	242,426	340,224	429,064	537,980	588,457	636,882
Sinking Fund	0	114,767	167,647	194,002	217,832	244,411	272,780	283,544	294,416	306,693
Reinvestment -										
existing stock	0	229,534	335,295	388,005	435,664	488,822	545,561	567,087	588,833	613,385
Commercial Loan										
Repayment	0	561,288	561,288	561,288	561,288	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000
Bond Interest										
Repayment	330,000	330,000	330,000	330,000	330,000	330,000	330,000	330,000	330,000	330,000
Bond Capital										
Repayment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,000,000
Net Annual Profit	-822,633	-132,781	1,452,339	2,038,399	2,730,821	2,303,029	3,052,704	3,247,742	3,519,021	-2,195,475
Dividend Payment	0	0	580,936	815,359	1,092,328	921,212	1,221,082	1,299,097	1,407,608	0
Community Fund	0	0	363,085	509,600	682,705	575,757	763,176	811,936	879,755	0
New Projects										
reinvestment	0	0	363,085	509,600	682,705	575,757	763,176	811,936	879,755	0
Bank Balance	551,367	418,586	563,820	767,660	1,040,742	1,271,045	1,576,315	1,901,090	2,252,992	57,516

The partner contributions of \$1.8 million provides the cash flow for the Partnership's operations from year 1 to year 3. By year 4, cash flow is positive and covering the Partnership's operating expenses. The Partnership is self sufficient and no further operating support from the partners is necessary.

Bond capital payback by 2031 is supported by the cash flow projections. Commercial Loan payback is repaid in 20 years. Community Bonds paying 5.5% interest on \$6 milion is repaid after 10 years, with gradual bond repayment in years 4 to 10, which is most attractive to bond investors as well.

In addition to Community Bonds, the Strategy strives to engage Regional residents. Community led funding such as a Regional Investment Co-operative, Project Co-operatives, Crowdfunding and Social Enterprise options. The Partnership Executive Director provides project management to these community initiatives.

New project reinvestment is included in cash flow projections, when funds are available.

The sinking fund for major repairs and an annual reinvestment into replacing accommodation assets maintain the cash flow and equity in the real estate holdings. These funds are held in a reserve account.

The Partnership retains 10% of the Net Profits to build a strong bank balance.

c. Profit Distribution

Partnership net profits are distributed annually (Table 6 Net Profit Distribution):

- 40% paid as dividends to the Corporate partners: Town of Smoky Lake, Smoky Lake County and Métis Nation of Alberta.
- 25% to community fund for heritage and social projects.
- 25% reinvested for business loans.
- 10% retained as reserves.

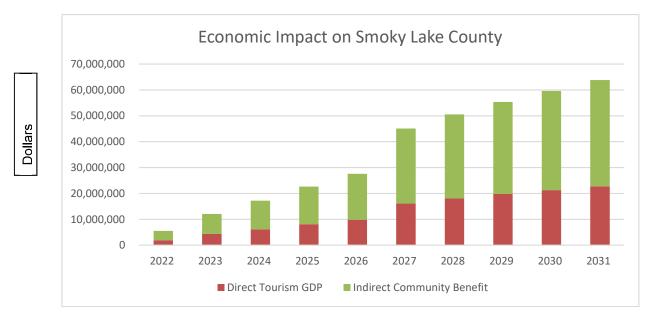
Table 6 Net Profit Distribution (based on Target Funding Model)

Receiving Entity	Total 10 Year Returns	Notes
Partners: Métis Nation of Alberta, Town of Smoky Lake and Smoky Lake County	\$9.9 M	Initial investment recovered by year 5.5 through dividend distribution to partners, year 6+ cash contributions for municipal services
Community Fund	\$6.2 M	See Community Advisory Committee section
New Projects Investment	\$6.2 M	To be determined in Corporate Strategic Plans Years 10 to 20
Reserves	\$2.5 M	Corporate sustainability

V. OTHER ECONOMIC BENEFITS

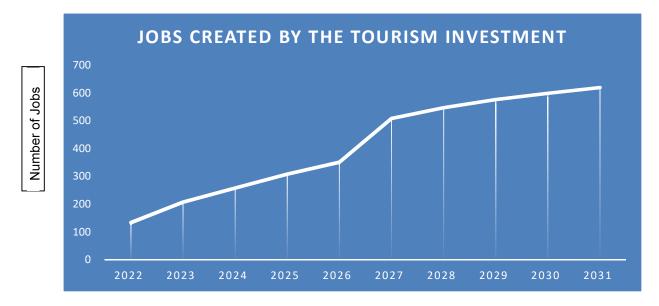
a. Indirect Benefits, Population and Employment

The overall tourism system adds \$60+ million a year to the local economy by 2031 as shown in the graph below. Indirect benefits to the community account for the greater percentage of economic impact.



The Alberta government aspires to increase the Alberta tourism economy from \$10 billion to \$20 billion per year in the next decade. This Strategy contributes \$60 million per year at year 10, towards meeting this target.

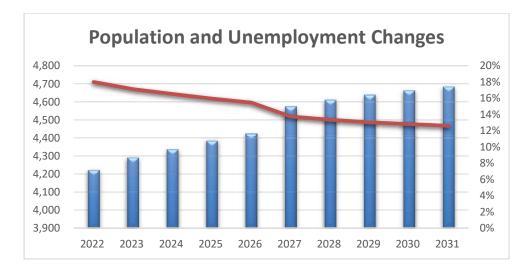
Six hundred new jobs are created by 2031, making tourism one of the Region's largest employment sectors.



Population in the Region is declining, and the Strategy reverses the resident losses and grows the population from 4200 residents to over 4700, improving the Region's long term sustainability.

Unemployment is expected to rise in 2020 from March 2020 figures of 15% to 18-20%. The Strategy reduces unemployment to less than 12% by 2031, with other economic development activities also supporting employment creation.





% unemployment

b. Performance Measures 2021 - 2026

The Strategy's Municipal purpose, along with other Regional Economic Development, is to:

- 1. Arrest the declining population to protect the core services,
- 2. Improve property values,
- 3. Reduce unemployment and underemployment,
- 4. Create career opportunities for youth,
- 5. Retain residents,
- 6. Attract investors, entrepreneurs and residents, and
- 7. Distribute wealth to equalize services, infrastructure and opportunities.

For the Strategy to be successful beyond economics, the Region aspires to achieve:

- Youth employment and retention within the Region at 50% of graduation class per year,
- 15% Graduating class employed in tourism,
- Property value improvements exceed cost of living indices by 5%,
- Smoky Lake County Council is able to meet its operational requirements and does not have a budget deficit,
- Town of Smoky Lake Council is able to meet it operational requirements and does not have a budget deficit,
- Métis Crossing incremental revenue uplift achieved,
- Additional community arts, sports and leisure facilities are developed, and
- Provincial or Federal services are expanded or maintained (school, hospital, police, etc).

VI. CORPORATE STRUCTURE

The Partnership of Métis Nation of Alberta, Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake conducts the day-to-day operations to support the Strategy's execution. The Partnership can raise funds, invest and loan in the interests of the tourism industry in the Region.

A Municipally Controlled Corporation (MCC) is a For-Profit Corporation established to provide services and benefits to residents of the municipality, where a municipality holds the majority control of the corporation, at a minimum 91%. The shareholders of this MCC would be Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake with 50% ownership each.

The structure below is conceptual, legal and partner input are required to define agreements and the final structures. In consideration an MCC may be one of the entities used to achieve the Strategy, it is presented to the Public for their review with the rest of the Business Plan.

a. The Municipally Controlled Corporation (MCC)



The Municipally Controlled Corporation Board of Directors is chosen by the Town of Smoky Lake and Smoky Lake County. There are Board governance operational costs for the MCC only, including a Board assistant, however no offices or other capital expenditures are anticipated.

b. The Partnership

The Partnership Board of Directors are chosen by the three partners, Métis Nation of Alberta and the Town of Smoky Lake and Smoky Lake County with 7 Directors selected for their expertise in legal, finance, tourism, marketing, public relations and any other discipline the Board requires to govern the Partnership.

The Partnership's Organization Chart roles:

- 1. Strategic planning, opportunity identification,
- 2. Finance investment relations, reporting, budgets,
- 3. Operations tourism operator relations, opportunity execution, quality management,
- 4. Accommodation all accommodation operations,
- 5. Marketing marketing and promotions,
- 6. Events event management,
- 7. Facilities and Maintenance maintenance of owned assets, and
- 8. Administration.

Roles in the organization may be within single or multiple full time equivalent positions depending on workload. Initially, the Partnership Executive Director is an employee, with other roles contracted until full time positions are justified.

Compensation and benefits at market levels within the Region include opportunities for employee share purchase or purchase matching programs. Employees may be eligible for the Local Authority Pension Plan. The Partnership commits to developing a Training centre for its employess and to encourage Regional graduates to seek tourism industry opportunities in the Region.

c. Community Advisory Committee

The three partners, Métis Nation of Alberta, Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake agree to create a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) in support of the Strategy to:

- 1. Monitor tourism impacts on Natural, Cultural and Historical sites of importance, identify concerns and recommend remedial actions.
- 2. Distribute the Partnership's annual Community Fund grant for Regional Natural, Cultural, Historic and Social projects. The Community Advisory Committee may distribute their funding via grants to organizations or individuals including tourism training.

The Community Advisory Committee members are nominated representatives of the Region supportive of the Strategy. The Partnership may assign up to two of their own Board members to the CAC. The Partnership's Executive Director is an ex-officio on the CAC, without voting privileges.

All plans, actions and implementations of the Strategy will align to our Values:

- We believe in the preservation and promotion of our cultural, heritage and ecological assets.
- We want to enhance the experiences of our visitors by sharing our assets in an authentic way, and
- We want to maintain our community identity and lifestyle while sharing our assets.

The CAC, and the Partnership, are to ensure the healthy balance between the tourism economy and the protection of the assets it is based on, is essential to successful Strategy execution.

d. Financial Institutions

The Steering Committee has engaged with Provincial and Federal ministries, Federally funded financial institutions including Business Development Canada (BDC), Western Diversification (WD) and Community Futures, private institutions, Provincially funded Agricultural Financial Services Corporation (AFSC), and private investors to develop funding sources for the Partnership.

A combination of borrowing, investment and grants fund the Partnership.

VII. DEMOGRAPHIC, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL FACTORS

The Strategy builds on existing assets of the Smoky Lake Region: our history, natural environment, cultures and food and beverage offerings. Our raw materials are amazing, and staying true to our local and authentic community best benefits our visitors.

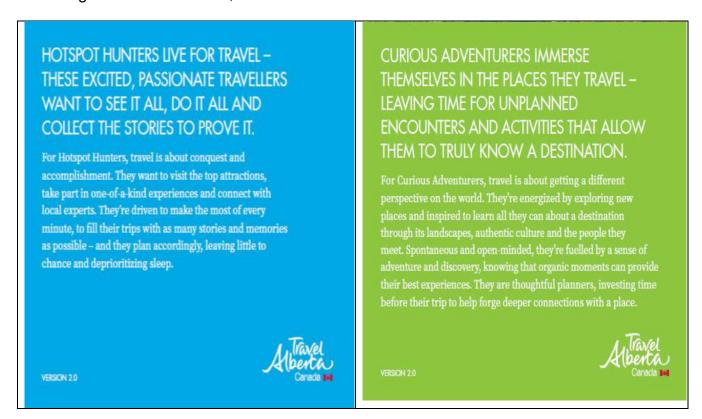
Our area is home to many cultures, including Indigenous, Métis, and Europeans whose stories are shared to enhance the traveller experience. The Métis Crossing anchors the visitor economy sharing Métis culture past, present and future: their living culture.

The Region is within an hour of over a million people in the Edmonton area. Edmonton has an international airport which serves 8 million travellers per year, further expanding our potential visitor populations. Within 5 hours is another 1.2 million potential visitors with a second international airport.

Our targeted traveller profiles (from Travel Alberta's work on Alberta's Ultimate Travellers) are the Curious Adventurers and the Hotspot Hunters. These are the two defined types of

travellers who seek what Alberta has to offer, and what our Region excels in providing. Of these, 1 in 3 international visitors and 1 in 4 domestic visitors seek authentic Indigenous experiences and demand currently outstrips supply.

Regionally we are linked to neighbouring municipalities and align our tourism attraction and marketing activities with theirs, to extend our reach and traveller dwell time.



a. Major Players

The major contributors to the Partnership are Smoky Lake County, Town of Smoky Lake and Métis Nation of Alberta, our tourism operators, our customers (visitors) and our local public. As well, all of our businesses outside direct tourism offerings and our core services contribute to the growth and expansion of the tourism industry in the Region.

The Department of Jobs, Economy and Innovation provides advisory services, including statistics and research information as well as regulatory process advice.

Travel Alberta is a Provincial Crown corporation that markets Alberta regionally, nationally and internationally. It also assists tourism operators and regional collaborations to market their brand and services to the world. The Partnership works closely with Travel Alberta, Edmonton Tourism and Indigenous Tourism Alberta.

Other government supports are available through Alberta Small Business Strategy and Rural Alberta Economic Development Action Plan.

For staff skill development, operators and tourism workforce, the Region partners with Aspen View School Division and Portage College (one of the top 10 educational institutions in Canada for 2020). Portage's St. Paul campus is home to the Hospitality and Culinary arts centre and their offerings align directly with the Strategy. Portage is ready to engage in staff training for the Regional workforce.

b. Nature of the Industry

Tourism is different, it markets experiences, not products. This central concept includes these unique aspects of tourism:

- Typically there is a seasonal demand wave of highs and lows which we plan to attenuate by adding 20+ annual events including food and arts festivals celebrating local culture.
- The weather is always unpredictable, and indoor facilities development is included to balance indoor and outdoor events throughout the year.
- Market trends do change but authenticity and excellent delivery are timeless
- Traveller expectations change and new product ensures they return frequently
- High fixed costs and upfront capital investment is required to create signature experiences, hence our plan to lend and grant funds from the Partnership to operators.
- It's a long but highly predictable game, few tourism operations sell to capacity in their first few years of operating, and we plan to go slow to grow well.
- It's not competitive, it's cooperative: with businesses working collabortively to promote their destination as well as their own operations, we will see success for all.
- Experience based operations are usually low on collateral for loans such as land or assets and need unconventional financing, which the Partnership can provide.
- Tourism businesses can be both large scale and corporate or lifestyle or growth focussed, which has influence on their revenue growth and balancing all types moderates the Partnership's risk exposure.

Tourism continues to grow worldwide at 5%, despite setback years due to global events and the growth is all happening in leisure travel. During the years when global travel is reduced, local travel increases to fill the gaps in the industry. Tourism is one of the fastest growing industries worldwide, equalling or surpassing oil exports, food products and automobiles.

The Government of Alberta has set a goal of doubling the tourism industry in 10 years, from \$10 Billion to \$20 Billion and our project aligns with their goals by providing additional tourism dollars.

Tourism opportunities in the Region include events with arts, sports, crafts, food and drink, and culture and heritage themes. Activities delivering unique transportation especially those celebrating historic modes, are key to attracting travellers. Accommodation opportunities exist

in expanding and enhancing current accommodation and adding experiential spaces such as eco pods, cabins, backwoods camping and self-catering. Authentic retail and catering lead the industry expansion, especially local products and goods and services owned and operated by Regional businesses.

c. Trends in the Industry

Travellers are seeking real connections, experiences and stories and local sells, which is exactly what Smoky Lake Region offers and is our pathway to tourism industry growth.

Traveling closer to home, even before COVID19, was a strong travel trend due to our current Provincial and National economy, changing demographics and a growth in excellent local experiences.

China leads the travel growth, and European travel rebounds are being led by the United Kingdom and Germany. This is forecast to bounce back to 60% of 2019 levels by 2023.

Travel promotion is driven by user-generated content (UGC) as these influencers can reach large audiences quickly and are consider most credible by those audiences. Word of mouth, even over the internet, remains a trusted source of information for travellers. Our unique project is already gnerating interest by social media influencers.

d. Government Regulation Municipal Controlled Corporations

Subject to further legal and Partner reviews, a Municipally Controlled Corporation may form a segment of the structures required to execute the Strategy.

A Municipally Controlled Corporation (MCC) is regulated by the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA). An MCC is a For-Profit Corporation established to provide services and benefits to residents of the municipality, where a municipality holds the majority control of appointing directors. As a separate legal entity, an MCC can pursue its goals from a perspective not always available to a municipality, including profit considerations. The MGA requires that the profits of an MCC are either reinvested in the MCC or used to the benefit of the residents of the municipality(ies) which control it. The Strategy provides dividends from the Partnership to the MCC for use by the Municipalities for services for their residents.

e. Key requirements from MGA for Municipalities to establish an MCC:

Before council passes a resolution to establish an MCC, the council must consider a business plan and hold a public hearing. MGA s.75.1(3)(4)

A municipality, by itself or with other municipalities, may establish an MCC provided Council is satisfied that:

- 1) the MCC will carry on business for one of the municipal purposes set out in Section 3 of the MGA (provide good government, provide services, develop and maintain safe and viable communities.);
- 2) the MCC will provide a service or benefit to residents of the municipality; and
- 3) the profits and dividends of the MCC will provide a direct benefit to the residents of the municipality. MGA s.75.1(2)

The business plan must address the following matters as shown in Table 7, Column 1 (MGA s.75.1(4) Alberta Regulation AR 112/2018 MCCR s.4)

Table 7 Matching Subsection requirements to Business Plan Sections/Page Numbers:

4(a) the services the corporation intends to	Executive Summary – page 7
provide;	
4(b) the names of the shareholders of the	Corporate Organization - page 19
corporation;	
4(c) the geographic locations in and outside	The Market – page 27
Alberta in which the corporation intends to	
provide services	
4(d) any potential environment, financial,	Risk Assessment and Contingency Plans
labour or other liability risk in controlling the	- pages 28 to 33
corporation	
4 (e) information demonstrating that the	Corporate Financials – pages 12 to 16
corporation will not be dependent on the	
shareholders for its ongoing operations	
4(f) the impact of controlling the corporation	Municipalities to provide initial \$600,000
on each municipality's financial viability	each and no further funding of MCC or
	Partnership, and providing \$600,000 each
	will not exceed either municipalities
	borrowing capacities – page 10

4(g) in the case of a corporation that intends to provide utility services, a project rate	N/A
structure	
4(h) a market impact analysis if municipal	The MCC through its ownership in the
control of the corporation would result in	Partnership offers unique supports to the
competitions with similar services provided	tourism industry in the Region including
by the private sector	partnering on projects, unconventional
	lending, and unique attractions and
	accommodations – page 28

Public Hearing

For the purpose of a public hearing, the municipality must disclose:

- the services the MCC intends to provide;
- the names of the shareholders;
- the geographic locations in and outside Alberta the MCC intends to provide services;
- a projected rate structure if the MCC intends to provide utility services; and
- the market impact analysis, if any, contained in the business plan.

This information must be made available to the public no less than 30 days prior to the <u>public hearing</u>. The public hearing must be held, and notice given of it, as per <u>Sections 230 and 606 of the MGA. MGA s.75.1(3) MCCR s.3</u>

Unanimous Shareholder Agreement: The council of the municipality must adopt, by resolution, a unanimous shareholder agreement. MGA s.75.1(2) MCCR s.5

Financial Statement and Other Reports

The shareholder municipal council must ensure the MCC prepares annual financial statements (according to section 279 of the MGA) including a supplementary disclosure of the nature and

amount of financial assistance (including transfers of money or other assets, loans and loan guarantees) provided to the MCC by any shareholder, the province, or the federal government. The annual financial statements and other reports must be made available for public inspection.

MGA s.75.2(1) MCCR s.6

VIII. THE MARKET

a. Market Segment

The MCC operates within and is controlled by Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake municipalities.

b. Products & Services

The Partnership is partially owned (66.67%) by the MCC, and it invests in attractions and accommodations and manages the tourism system in the Smoky Lake Region.

The Partnership is responsible for tourism marketing and promotion, and partners with Alberta's Jobs, Economy and Innovation ministry, Travel Alberta, Edmonton Tourism, Lakeland Destination Marketing Organization, Go East of Edmonton promotions, and Indigenous Travel Alberta.

The Partnership, through its marketing division, operates a Regional booking system for events, attractions, accommodation, premium activities and restaurant reservations.

Each tourism opportunity is considered using the Business Model Canvas to assess potential profitability and suitability to the Strategy:

- 1. Visitor Segment
- 2. Value Proposition (the experience, product or service)
- 3. Marketing Plan
- 4. Key Partnerships
- 5. Visitor Relations
- 6. **Revenue Streams**
- 7. **Cost Structure**
- 8. Key Resources and Activities

The Partnership only invests in opportunities which align with our Strategy, Vision, Mission and Values and deliver exceptional visitor experiences.

c. Pricing and Distribution

The Partnership experiences are moderately to premium priced offerings. Unique and rare experiences command premium pricing, while standard accommodation and food and beverage are more moderately priced.

d. Market Impact Analysis

The Partnership intends to initially acquire tourism assets to improve the tourism system in the Region. The percentage of assets owned by the Partnership declines as private investors enter the growing market and operate the assets independently.

For larger assets unlikely to attract private owner/operators, the Partnership retains an equity position.

Current accomodation offerings are mid range in the area, and fairly consistent with the exception of one Bed and Breakfast which includes themed rooms.

Name	# of Rooms	Highest Room Price	Occupancy Rate	Room Rating
Super 8 by Wyndham	29	\$135.00/night	60	3 star
Smoky Lake Inn	8	\$149.00/night	40	3 star
Country Garden	45	\$90.00/night	40	3 star
Pine Creek Motel	15	\$150.00/night	25	2 star
Bonne Nuit Bed & Breakfast	4	\$200/night	35	4 star

IX. RISK ASSESSMENT AND CONTINGENCY PLANS

a. Strategy Risk

The Strategy is successful with adequate investment in infrastructure and tourism assets and access to credit to deliver the tourism industry economic benefits to the community.

Insufficient infrastructure investment by the MCC prevents growth and fails to deliver growth, jobs and private investment in the Region's tourism industry.

With the Partnership investment in assets and then the leveraging of the assets to access additional financing, the tourism industry can grow and develop. A lack of access to credit by the Partnership or its partner projects inhibits the rate and potential of growth.

In addition to the Partnership's investment, private investment is required to support the partner projects capitalizing on tourism opportunities in the Region. Insufficient private

investment, grants, community crowd funding, investment cooperatives and private asset development will delay and limit the tourism industry growth potential of the Strategy.

The Strategy is based on Partnership investment first in asset acquistion and expansion, followed closely by an attractive investment environment for private entities to create the growth anticipated in the plan. Regional infrastructre needs are also contemplated in the early stages of the Strategy.

The creation of the MCC may concern residents and private operators who see the MCC as competing with private markets, however the overall structure is designed to create unique assets or purchase assets where the market it depressed.

b. Political Risk

The Partnership and the Strategy rely on community support and engagement for entrepreneurship, investment and Regional promotion. As the Partnership improves profitability, the residents may desire more of the profits to be distributed to infrastructure or even non-essential services outside of the Municipalities mandate to provide. This risk can be managed by delivering value to residents through partnerships, lending, and investment opportunities aligned with their needs.

c. Revenue Risk

The Partnership is dependant on visitor spending to achieve profitability. Pandemics, terrorist attacks, economic recessions would all reduce travelling in the short term.

The investment in tourism <u>is</u> the risk management tactic, as tourism always responds after these events, stronger than ever.

Corporate revenues include interest on lending, asset profits, and tourism services, as shown in the financial sections. Booking commission revenue is contemplated for the next phase as income levels justify implementing. Lending interest would be moderately at risk when tourism industry is flat, however the latter three revenue sources would be greatly at risk when the tourism industry has receded. Managing the risk is inherent in the historic performance of tourism, when after each setback the industry comes back and returns more strongly than prior levels after each affecting event.

International Tourist Arrivals (1995-2019) 1,461 2009 million Global economic crisis 2003 892 million since 675 2009 million 2000 95 '96 '97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19

Global Tourism Growth and Resiliency through Economic Shocks

By committing to the Strategy through economic highs and lows, the expected outcomes are realized.

d. Staffing Risk

Source: UNWTO

The Partnership operates with a small, Regionally committed staff. The experience of the team is a major contributor to the Strategy's success. Attracting and retaining well-suited personnel and contractors requires the provisions of adequate services wihtin the Region, , including recreation, broadband, roads and local businesses. These services are the same as what attract and retain other professions in the Region.

The Management team must have the right temperment and attitude to ensure quality and consistency of experience, and stay aligned to the Mission, Vision and Values of the Strategy and Partnership. Continually checking alignment of actions to the Strategy and the direction set by the Partnership's Board of Directors is required of the Management team to ensure profitability and goal achievement.

e. Market Risk

The tourism economy and overall economy in Alberta is currently slow and stagnant in several industries. Launching the Strategy with a flexible yet conservative approach allows the activities to be positioned in response to the economic environment, and not over reach economic projections.

The market demand for the experiences and products we offer must be sufficient at the prices we set, to generate our revenues and support our lending and infrastructure needs. Through

marketing and promotion of our Regional assets to the right traveller profile, the market demand should be adequate to deliver our results.

There is a risk the market may not grow to cover costs, which is mitigated by the scaleability of the Strategy.

Alternatively, over-tourism could impact or outgrow our infrastructure and jeopardize the Region's ability to accommodate the increased traffic or people. Infrastructure project execution may not allow for immediate response to infrastructure constraints, however the system should balance itself within a short period.

f. Quality of Experience Risk

Tourism is a competitive market where great service is the minimum requirement for entry, and we must exceed our travellers' expectations. Through alignment with the Partnership's Quality System, based on the existing Travel Alberta models, our tourism operators deliver exceptional service.

g. Channel to Visitor Risk

Our travellers choose our Region when we align our communication style to theirs. Multiple partnerships and networks are connected to achieve maximum reach. The Working group has been developing these networks in anticipation of the Strategy execution.

h. Financial Risk

The startup and initial working capital is provided by the Métis Nation of Alberta, Town of Smoky Lake and Smoky Lake County. Our citizens have the right to discourage or encourage this investment, and may choose not to direct the funds to this Strategy. Sustaining the operations in off peak periods requires fortitude of the Board, Municipal leadership and our public.

If the Partnership were to fail, the Municipalities could lose their intial investment. Corporate governance, regular reporting, and transparency allows for early intervention and changes if the Partnership appears to be struggling or losing ground.

Partner funding of \$600,000 each is the only funding required to drive the Strategy execution. The only need for additional funds from the Municipalities occurs if there is a change in ownership of the Partnership (buying out one of the partners as per shareholder agreement). The Partnership's sustainability is driven by its investments and managerment. The MCC, is a low-cost, regulated entity which can be suspended if financial challenges arise. Both are reliant on the Municipalities to pay for the services they deliver, which should be sustainable based on increased tax revenue from additional businesses and residents.

The funding strategy includes grants and private investment. If grants or private investments are not secured, the strategy would slow its delivery to manage the lack of funds.

i. Regulatory Risk

The creation of the MCC requires public engagement and municipal review, to meet the regulatory requirements. A comprehensive consultation process with our public and well informed municipal leadership mitigates this risk.

Also in regulatory risk, is the requirement for specialized know-how, licenses, permits, property or locations to develop the tourism assets. A well-rounded, skilled Board of Directors and Management team provides risk management in this area, as does access to the expertise of the Town, County, and Métis Nation of Alberta. Additional regulatory process advice is available through Alberta's Jobs, Economy and Innovation ministry.

X. THE COMPETITION

a. Competitors

Alberta tourism offerings are dominated by the Rocky Mountain National Parks, with second place to the Badlands near Drumheller. Our Strategy is to attract travellers seeking our wide open spaces, natural environments, cultural experiences and food and beverage offerings. Our offerings differ from, yet complement the experiences of the major Alberta tourist destinations.

The Partnership does not compete for assets with private investors, but leverages investment to create unique quality experiences for travellers to the Region. Our accommodation, food and beverage and attractions are unique and therefore non-competitive with private operators in the Region. Any potential competition with private investors is short-term in the overall Strategy. Since the Partnership is working with, lending to and supporting non-owned operations, the perception of public monies competing with private investors should be minimized.

b. Competitors' Strengths and Weaknesses

The unique environment of the Rocky Mountain National Parks and Drumheller Badlands are the competitions' greatest strength. Over tourism in those Regions is their greatest challenge.

c. Competitive Advantage

We have what our competitors have: natural spaces and stunning landscapes for recreation. Our advantage is our cultural and historical story, told in food, beverage, interpretation and accommodations.

The Strategy's timing is also an advantage. We are investing and building during the COVID19 pandemic for future generations in the Region, while acquisition costs are reasonable. The Alberta Government is strategizing to increase annual tourism spending in the province from \$10 billion to \$20 billion in 10 years and we are ready to capitalize on any programs the Government offers in support of that goal.

Only during major events in the Region would congestion or crowding be apparent, as expected. The Regional system encourages active engagement over large areas, and potentially, capacity controlled offerings allow our travellers to mostly experience our Region free of overcrowding.

The Region is within an hour of over a million people in the Edmonton area. Edmonton has an international airport, furthering expanding our potential visitor populations. Within 5 hours is another 1.2 million potential visitors with a second international airport. In addition the Region is centrally located between the Edmonton area and major industrial and urban centres of Cold Lake/Bonnyville and Fort McMurray.

The industry is struggling and creating safe experiences to gain market share now and then expanding that market share in alignment with industry re-opening, is a strategic action which creates strong results. We are going *with* the trend of visitors re-entering the environment.

Another competitive advantage is our systemized approach to tourism. By communicating all Regional events and offers to all operators, businesses and visitor contact sites, we ensure our visitors are aware and engaged in all we have to see and do when they are here. We intend to exemplify the systems in place in Whistler, the National Parks and more recently Kamloops BC's "Lovin' the Loops" program.

We intend to host a Regional booking system for events, activities, accommodation and dining, to support the tourism ecosystem, and gain Regional market share. Being small, nimble and locally managed, we are able to adapt to industry changes more quickly than the larger booking systems, creating exceptional customer loyalty.

Finally, our Regional players are our best advantage. The cooperation and collaboration in the Region, between Town and County and Métis Nation of Alberta and with our neighbours in NE Alberta including Buffalo Lake Métis Settlement, Kikino Métis Settlement, Saddle Lake Cree Nation and Whitefish (Goodfish) First Nation, Regional municipalities and the Province means we have an infinite number of itineraries available for our visitors. We are also adjacent to significant Alberta tourism assets: Elk Island National Park and the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village both of which attract our type of traveller and would be partnered with for events, itineraries and programs.

d. Marketing and Promotion

Initially the marketing resources deliver campaigns to engage our local publics, stakeholders and shareholders. In parallel, they begin work on developing the Smoky Lake Region brand and marketing strategies for early customer engagement and influencer developing.

The Partnership centrally manages Regional marketing and promotion taking advantage of pricing benefits of larger campaigns, and keeping brand recognition consistent. The basis of the marketing is positioning Smoky Lake Region as a place of significant culture and nature. Active attraction of Hotspot Hunters and Curious Adventurers is the core deliverable of the marketing and promotion plan.

The annual marketing budget is set at around \$3-4 per visitor in 2022, and a first year budget of \$300,000 to develop our Regional brand. This rate comes down to \$2-3 per visitor after 6-7 years and the marketing budget is indexed at 4% per year from 2022.

Our primary reach are potential visitors within 2 hours or those who are already here. During COVID early re-opening, Edmonton, Fort McMurray and Cold Lake residents as well as our Regional summer residents are target audiences.

As schools reopen more fully, our secondary focus for educational events and programs with Regional itineraries are activated to bring school age groups to the Region.

e. Customer Service Standards

The Partnership Customer Service and Quality Standards are created based on existing Travel Alberta guidance. These Standards are monitored and managed by Partnership staff and private operators who review Regional assets for alignment and support and coach operators who require assistance to deliver on Standards.

Monitoring of online reviews, polling and surveys are used to gauge the response to the Standards and how they positively impacted the visitors' experiences.

f. Environmental Compliance

The tourism system is based on values of ecological and heritage preservation and promotion and therefore, each aspect of our operations incorporates environmental stewardship and monitoring.

Capacity studies, ecological inventories, heritage and environmental assessments are required prior to attraction or accommodation developments. The County and Town Planning and Development department ensures developers are directed to complete the required studies. The Partnership is subject to these same processes and requirements for its developments.

XI. ACTION PLAN

Table 8 Key Activities

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Key Activities	Required Completion Date
Victoria District Economic Development	
Smoky Lake County Bylaw 1372-20	Completed June 26, 2020
Victoria District Economic Development	
Town of Smoky Lake Bylaw 006-2020	Completed June 26, 2020
Business Plan reviewed and approved by Steering Committee.	September 11, 2020
Presentation of Business Plan to Métis Nation of	September 21, 2020
Alberta, Town of Smoky Lake and Smoky Lake County	
Municipal approval of Business Plan (County and Town)	September 21, 2020
Disclosure of Public Hearing Documents	October 22, 2020
Public Engagement	October 22 to November 22,
	2020
Public Hearing	November 26, 2020
Partners deliberate on Final Business Plan with Public Hearing feedback	December 10, 2020
If approved, Notice of Resolution to Municipal Affairs Minister for striking of Municipally Controlled	December 11, 2020
Corporation	
If approved, Municipally Controlled Corporation	January 1, 2021
If approved, Municipally Controlled Corporation Launches	•
If approved, Municipally Controlled Corporation	January 1, 2021 February 1, 2021

a. Public Hearing

The Public Hearing, where individuals or groups may present comments to partner municipalities on the establishment of the MCC and on the Business Plan, is scheduled for **November 23, 2020 at 5:00 pm**.

b. Approval

Following the conclusion of the Public Hearing on November 26, 2020, it is anticipated the County and Town Councils vote on a resolution to: establish the Municipally Controlled Corporation and approve developing Partnership agreements with Métis Nation of Alberta. The MCC resolutions would then be forwarded to the Municipal Affairs Minister as required by the MGA.

XII. APPENDICES

a. Business Action Plan - for information only

2020 - 2021

- Pre-Launch Marketing Activities
- Interim Management Team for Partnership
- Funding Agreements with 3rd parties

Phase 1 2021 – 2022

- · Booking system acquisition
- Marketing Strategy
- Human Resources Skills and Values Alignment
- Human Resources Supports including housing
- Salaries and Benefits
- Hotel/Motels acquisition and renovations
- Self catering acquisition and renovations
- · Lending to others
- Signage and Wayfinding (I)
- Regional Gateways all Provincial and Secondary highways and municipal entrances
- Signature Experience 1 Western Diversification Project
- Victoria Settlement upgrades
- Event Strategy
- Trail N/S Bellis to Victoria Trail Link

Phase 2 2023-2025

- Signature Experience 2 Western Diversification Project
- Cabins, Campgrounds, Rustic accomodations
- Signage and Wayfinding (II)
- Smoky Lake Museum expansion Ukrainian and other cultural settlement stories including language conservation projects – Alberta Culture grants, Ukrainian Congress and Ukraine Twinning project. Networked to Métis Crossing, Saddle Lake Cree Nation Museum, Portage College Museum of Aboriginal Peoples' Art and Artifacts.
- N/S Waskatenau to Victoria Trail Link

Phase 3 2025-2026:

- Major RV and Event Centre
- Agri Tourism centre

b. Letters of Support



August 6, 2020 AR 79297

Mr. Kyle Schole kschole@smokylakecounty.ab.ca

Dear Mr. Schole,

Thank you for sharing the news about the collaborative work of Smoky Lake County and the Town of Smoky Lake. The intersection of Métis and Ukrainian-Canadian culture and history in the Smoky Lake region is evidence of the rich multicultural nature of our country and our province. Métis Crossing and the Victoria Settlement Provincial Historic Site are significant pieces of the cultural heritage of Alberta.

The stories, education and experiences that visitors will immerse themselves in as they explore the Smoky Lake region will deepen cultural awareness, create lasting memories and encourage return visits from many adventurists. In alignment with Alberta's 10-Year Tourism Strategy, the jobs and new business opportunities this venture will foster promise to be an economic catalyst for Smoky Lake and northeast tourism.

Congratulations on developing an Economic Development Strategy for the Victoria District, your road map for the future. I also wish to extend my congratulations to Smoky Lake County, the Town of Smoky Lake, and all who have contributed to this initiative. With foresight and vision, you have breathed new life into our past.

I look forward to following the growth and success of Victoria District and the Smoky Lake region.

Thank you for taking time to write.

Sincerely,

Tanya Fir

Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Tourism



CULTURE. MULTICULTURALISM AND STATUS OF WOMEN

Office of the Minister



Message from Honourable Leela Sharon Aheer Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women

Stretching back along the north bank of the North Saskatchewan River, the Victoria District National Historic Site captures the spirit of Alberta's settlement, mission, trade, and agricultural heritage.

Rich in history from First Nations, Métis, and Ukrainian-Canadians, the district has become a cornerstone of cultural and economic prosperity within Smoky Lake County. It is full of amazing Alberta stories and is home to several of our treasured Provincial Historic Resources, including buildings at Victoria Settlement Historic Site and the Macdonald Stopping House. The area offers opportunities for people to connect with our past, and facilitates greater intercultural understanding and awareness.

Congratulations to Smoky Lake County for embarking on an Economic Development Strategy for the Victoria District. I applaud the work embodied within this strategy and I look forward to witnessing the results.

Leela Sharon Aheer

Minister

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Ministre du Patrimoine canadien

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The Victoria District represents everything that is great about Canada. This National Historic Site on the North Saskatchewan River has welcomed people of all cultures for hundreds of years and continues to play an important role in the community's future. This area not only holds significance to various First Nations, Métis and Ukrainian Canadians, it also continues to drive the tourist and creative economy in Smoky Lake County.

That is why I am encouraged by the development of the Victoria District Economic Development Strategy. This document will help ensure that this historic district will remain a compelling cultural destination to visitors and an important part of the economy for area residents. I look forward to seeing the results of this strategy, not to mention the opening of the Interpretive Center at Métis Crossing this coming spring.

As Minister of Canadian Heritage, I would like to thank everyone involved for their hard work in crafting this visionary strategy and their dedication to our country's culture and heritage. La région de Victoria représente tout ce qu'il y a de merveilleux au Canada. Baigné par la rivière Saskatchewan Nord, ce lieu historique national accueille des gens de toutes les cultures depuis des centaines d'années et joue un rôle important dans l'avenir de la collectivité. Non seulement cette région est-elle importante pour des Premières Nations, des Métis et des Canadiens d'origine ukrainienne, mais elle stimule aussi l'économie touristique et créative dans le comté de Smoky Lake.

C'est pourquoi je suis ravi de l'élaboration de la stratégie de développement économique de la région de Victoria. Cette stratégie permettra à cette région historique de demeurer une destination culturelle attrayante pour les visiteurs et un élément important de l'économie pour les résidents. J'ai hâte de voir les résultats qui découleront de cette stratégie, sans oublier l'ouverture du Centre d'interprétation de Métis Crossing au printemps prochain.

À titre de ministre du Patrimoine canadien, je tiens à remercier tous ceux et celles qui ont contribué à l'élaboration de cette stratégie visionnaire. Merci de votre dévouement envers la culture et le patrimoine du pays.

The Honourable / L'honorable Steven Guilbeault

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November 24, 2020

Michelle Wright, Community Economic Development Officer (CEDO) Smoky Lake Region and Partners Smoky Lake County, Alberta

RE: Letter of Support for Victoria District Economic Development Strategy Plan

We are pleased to offer this letter of support towards your Victoria District Economic Development Strategy Business Plan. We are excited to see the possibilities for job creation and tourism growth for the Smoky Lake region including its partners of the Town of Smoky Lake, Métis Nation of Alberta, and Smoky Lake County. We have supported the development at Métis Crossing from the beginning and are proud that it is a pillar of Indigenous tourism experiences in Alberta.

As the Leading DMO- Destination Marketing Organization in the region, Go East of Edmonton Regional Tourism is committed to helping be a resource to help achieve your goals. With our extensive experience in Tourism in the region combined with our proven successful marketing and development programs, we are in an excellent position to help your strategic partnership.

We see your plan as a beneficial way to grow tourism and overall economic development. As your project progresses we forsee that this can strengthen not just Smoky Lake County region, but the whole region East of Edmonton will benefit over the long term from the assets and activities that improve tourism product development, and experiences for the traveller as a whole.

As a major player in regional tourism, we are interested to participate and be involved by sharing our knowledge, experience and Award Winning Marketing abilities. We wish you every success in this endeavour.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff,

Kevin D. Kisilevich

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June 29, 2020

Mr. Kyle Schole Planning, Development & Heritage Assistant Smoky Lake County

RE: Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Schole,

On behalf of Travel Alberta, I am pleased to offer our support for the Victoria District Economic Development Strategy.

As the destination promotion organization of the Government of Alberta, we promote Alberta tourism experiences to potential travellers across Canada and internationally and provide marketing expertise and destination development support to our Alberta stakeholders. Working with businesses and regions throughout the province, we develop memorable experiences for visitors to enjoy year-round.

Tourism directly and indirectly benefits Alberta, driving visitation and revenue, diversifying the economy, encouraging economic investment, and enhancing quality of life for Albertans and our communities. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Alberta tourism was an \$8.9 billion a year growth industry, supporting nearly 73,000 jobs in every corner of the province. Working with our partners in government and industry, our 2020-22 Alberta (re)Bound Strategy aims to rebuild the province's visitor economy to 2019 levels by 2023.

The Victoria District Economic Development Strategy will play an important role in our efforts to further enhance and develop authentic, experiential tourism offerings in the northern region of the province. For many years, people have been drawn to the rich culture, heritage, and natural beauty of the Smoky Lake region. Métis Crossing has emerged as a year-round destination centered on the distinct Métis Indigenous story and culture.

Travel Alberta fully supports the Victoria District strategy as it cultivates a captivating cultural destination, further diversifies the local economy, and promotes intercultural appreciation and understanding.

Sincerely,

Chris Heseltine

Acting Chief Executive Officer

Travel Alberta is the destination promotion organization of the Government of Alberta





As Member of Parliament for Lakeland I want to commend and thank everyone involved with the creation and development of the Victoria District Economic Development Strategy. Your hard work will guarantee the continuance and preservation of this important cultural destination which represents Alberta's history of first settlements, trade, and agriculture and plays a key role in your communities' economy and tourist sector.

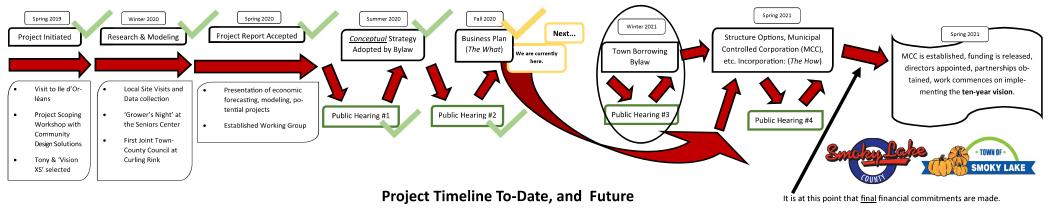
The Victoria District is a true representation of Canada with its National Historic Site on the North Saskatchewan River, bringing people together for hundreds of years. This site holds significance to various First Nations, Metis and Ukrainian Canadians and is a beacon of pride for Smoky Lake County. I look forward to seeing the results of this strategy and visiting the new Interpretive Center at Metis Crossing. I encourage support for the continuation of this strategy as it truly allows us to celebrate the past, present and future.

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Shannon Stubbs, MP Lakeland Shadow Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

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NUMBER: 4.2		Joint Town and County Meeting
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TOPIC

Standard Form of Agreement – Smoky Lake County/Town of Smoky Lake & Vision XS Ltd.

PROPOSAL

That the Smoky Lake County Council and the Smoky Lake Town Council jointly enter into a Standard Form of Agreement with Vision XS Ltd., pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Agreement, for services provided by Vision XS Ltd., with respect to the Victoria District Economic Development Strategy.

BACKGROUND

September 26, 2019 - Smoky Lake County Council Meeting

- Motion 1135-19: "That Smoky Lake County Council establish an Ad Hoc Committee to guide the development of the Victoria District Economic Development Strategy consisting of the following representatives:
 - Noreen Easterbrook Smoky Lake Heritage Board,
 - Juanita Marois Métis Crossing,
 - Elaine Breadon-Peiche Victoria Home Guard,
 - Suzanna Wagner Victoria Settlement,
 - Michelle Wright Community Economic Development Officer,
 - Kyle Schole Smoky Lake County Planning & Development
 - Jordan Ruegg Smoky Lake County Planning & Development, and
 - Two Smoky Lake County Elected Officials;
 - and, appoint Councillors: Craig Lukinuk and Lorne Halisky as the representatives to the said committee, and appoint Johnny Cherniwchan as an alternate representative."
- Motion 1135-19: "That Smoky Lake County approve the Victoria District Economic Development Strategy Scoping Meeting Summary, dated August, 2019, as prepared by Community Design Strategies Inc., which provides an overview of the Victoria District Economic Development Strategy project area, scoping process, meeting materials distributed at the scoping meeting, and a verbatim record of all comments received during the scoping meeting held as a Committee of the Whole meeting, on August 26, 2019."

October 4, 2019 – Administration Meeting with Tony Sefton, CEO, Vision XS Ltd.

 The CAO, Planning & Development, and CEDO had a telephone conversation with Tony Sefton of Vision XS to discuss potential for partnering for the Strategy.

October 10, 2019 – Ad Hoc Committee Meeting – Visioning Session

 Discussion as to what consultant(s) would be best suited to provide project assistance going forward. It was determined to seek a proposal from the 'Vision XS' group, which has been assisting Metis Crossing in their Management Plan and could therefor provide synergies across the two projects.

October 25, 2019 - Vision XS Ltd. Proposal

- Administration received a proposal from Vision XS detailing the work of the Strategy for consideration.
- As outlined on page 14 of the proposal, the timeline includes:

Initiation meeting, data collection & validation phase	December 2019	1 month
Modelling phase	January 2020	1 month
Tourism investment planning workshops	March 2020	3 days
Write up phase	April 2020	1 month
Adoption by Council	May 2020	

May 29, 2020 - Joint County-Town Council Meeting

- Motion J183-20: "That the Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake Joint Councils
 accept the March 2020 slide-deck presentation titled: Smoky Lake Region Tourism Economic
 Development Strategy, as prepared by Vision the Experience Specialists (VISION XS), for
 information and incorporate relevant portions of same into a proposed bylaw in regard to the
 Victoria District Economic Development Plan Strategy, for consideration in accordance with
 each respective municipalities Public Participation Policies."
- Motion J184-20: "That the Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake Joint Councils give First Reading to the proposed Victoria District Economic Development Strategy Bylaws: County's Bylaw No. 1372-20 and Town's Bylaw No. 006-2020."
- Motion J185-20: "That the Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake Joint Councils proceed with public engagement for the proposed Victoria District Economic Development Strategy Bylaws: County's Bylaw No. 1372-20 and Town's Bylaw No. 006-2020, and schedule a Joint Public Hearing to be held Friday, June 26, 2020 at 10:15 a.m., in accordance with each respective municipalities Public Participation Policies: County's Policy Statement No. 01-51-01 and Town's Policy Statement No. A18, as well as, in accordance with the Alberta Order-in-Council O.C. 99/2020: Meeting Procedures (COVID-19 Suppression) Regulation."
- Motion J186-20: "That the Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake Joint Councils
 accept the proposed Victoria District Economic Development Strategy Pre-Financing Budget
 as follows and agree for the municipal funding contribution to be a 50/50 County/Town split."
- Motion J187-20: "That the Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake Joint Councils
 agree and jointly approve to appoint Brownlee LLP Barristers and Solicitors as the municipal
 solicitors for all legal advice and/or issues associated with the Victoria District Economic
 Development Plan Strategy Project."
- Motion J188-20: "That the Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake Joint Councils
 agree and jointly approve to appoint Associated Engineering Alberta Ltd. as the municipal
 engineers for the Victoria District Economic Development Plan Strategy Project."

June 26, 2020 - Joint County-Town Council Meeting

- Motion J197-20: "That Smoky Lake County Council and Town of Smoky Lake Council give SECOND READING to Smoky Lake County Bylaw No. 1372-20 & Town of Smoky Lake Bylaw No. 006-2020: Victoria District Economic Development Strategy respectively."
- Motion J198-20: "That Smoky Lake County Council and Town of Smoky Lake Council each give THIRD AND FINAL READING to Smoky Lake County Bylaw No. 1372-20 & Town of Smoky Lake Bylaw No. 006-2020: Victoria District Economic Development Strategy respectively, and that the Reeve/Mayor and the Chief Administrative Officer respectively are hereby authorized to fix their signatures to all necessary documents and that the corporate seal also be fastened where it is deemed to be necessary."
- Motion J199-20: "That Smoky Lake County Council RESCIND Motion 1135-19, effectively DISSOLVING the Victoria District Economic Development Strategy Ad Hoc Committee, given the adoption of Joint Town/County Victoria District Economic Development Strategy Bylaw Numbers 006-2020 and 1372-20 respectively."
- Motion J200-20: "That Smoky Lake County Council and Town of Smoky Lake Council jointly ESTABLISH a Victoria District Economic Development Strategy Implementation Working Group as an ad hoc committee, for the purposes of implementing the Joint Town/County Bylaw Numbers 006-2020 and 1372-20 respectively, to be composed of the following membership:

- Tony Sefton, CEO Vision XS (COMMITTEE CHAIR)
- Cory Ollikka, County Chief Administrative Officer
- Adam Kozakiewicz, Town Chief Administrative Officer
- Brenda Adamson, County Finance Manager
- Jordan Ruegg, County Planning & Development Manager
- Juanita Marois, Executive Director, Metis Crossing
- Aaron Barner, Senior Executive Officer, Metis Nation of Alberta
- and, the following elected and staff resources as ex-officio/non-voting:
- Craig Lukinuk, Reeve, Smoky Lake County
- Hank Holowaychuk, Mayor, Town of Smoky Lake
- Rodd C. Thorkelsson, Partner, Brownlee LLP
- Bob Black, Partner, MLT AIKINS LLP
- John McDonnell, Partner, Brownlee LLP
- Michelle Wright, Regional Community Economic Development Officer
- Kyle Schole, County Planning, Development, and Heritage Assistant
- Lydia Cielin, County Assistant Chief Administrative Officer
- Patti Priest, County Legislative Services Clerk (Recording Secretary)
- Any others as deemed necessary
- and, that the Committee shall keep minutes, and regularly report as necessary to Joint Councils.
- Motion J201-20: "That Smoky Lake County Council and the Town of Smoky Lake Council DIRECT administrations to begin work for the establishment of a Smoky Lake Economic Development Corporation as a Municipally Controlled entity in accordance with Section 75.1(2) of the Municipal Government Act and the Municipally Controlled Corporations Regulation AR112/2018; and to be brought forward to a future Meeting of Joint Council for consideration."
- NOTE: Following the joint adoption of the Victoria District Economic Development Strategy by the respective Councils' Bylaws, the scope of work agreed to between Smoky Lake County and Vision XS Ltd. was complete. However, following adoption of the Strategy, additional work is required to advance the Strategy's objectives and to draft a business plan and to establish the proposed Smoky Lake Economic Development Corporation.

September 16, 2020 - Joint County-Town Council Meeting

• Motion J217-20: "That the Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake Joint Councils recommend the Victoria District Economic Development Strategy Implementation Working Group formalize the scope of work beyond the work already done by Tony Sefton, CEO of Vision XS Ltd. of gathering research, statistics, and background information/data in conjunction with the Town, County, and other Community Stakeholders resulting in a model forming the foundation of the Victoria District Economic Development Strategy, for the purpose of the said Strategy's implementation, by drafting a Memorandum of Understanding agreement to be executed by Mr. Sefton who was originally engaged by the County for project assistance towards the development of the said Strategy on December 12, 2019, as Mr. Sefton was already engaged by Métis Crossing and the Métis Nation of Alberta and therefore engaging Mr. Sefton was an opportunity to take advantage of the synergies associated with the Métis Crossing development, and the cost savings of work already completed within the district."

November 18, 2020 – Joint County-Town Council Meeting

- Motion J234-20: "That the Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake Joint Councils defer formalizing the Vision XS Ltd. Scope of Work Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), until language can be incorporated to address the proposed "success fee of 1%" in respect to:
 - where the said fee would be funded from.

- what the maximum cap would be, and
- o if the said fee could be negotiated prior to, and based on specific work, as well as, address where the \$5000.00 per month retainer would be funded from should the Municipally Controlled Corporation be formed, and confirm the term of the MOU to be retroactive to July 2020 for eighteen months.

LEGISLATION:

- Municipal Government Act R.S.A 2000, Ch. M-26
- Victoria District Economic Development Strategy County Bylaw 1372-20 & Town Bylaw 006-2020

REFERENCE INFORMATION:

- 4.1 A1 Vision XS Ltd. Proposal October, 2019
- 4.1 A2 Email Chain from Cory Ollikka and Tony Sefton June 22-23, 2020
- 4.1 A3 Standard Form of Agreement Smoky Lake County/Town of Smoky Lake and Vision XS Ltd. December, 2020

ACTIONS/RECCOMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Smoky Lake County Council and the Smoky Lake Town Council each respectively sign and execute the Standard Form of Agreement with Vision XS Ltd. for services related to the implementation of the Victoria District Economic Development Strategy.



October 2019

Tourism Economic Development Strategy for Smoky Lake County



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VXS "5 Models" Regional Investment Process - introduction

Achieving a balanced tourist system through encouraging the correct investment

My little town has a population of 8000 and a catchment of 14000 plus around 6000 annual tourists. The town centre shops struggle but if the balance is right then they shop keepers can make a reasonable living. About 5 years ago two new flower shops opened much to the surprise of the two flower shops that were already open. Needless to say after a further 2 years two flower shops ceased to trade due to lack of funds. Here was a system that was in balance and yet just adding additional flower shops caused the system to go out of balance. It is possible to work out how many flower shops are needed and this is the sort of thing a strategy that can help. Whilst the role of government is not to activate systems it can be to provide analysis and strategy so that big or small business can make informed decisions. This is how investment happens.

On a different scale we found a gap in the London theme park market that would stand another 8 million visits a year. This was the basis for setting up the CAD 7 billion London Resort Project at Ebbsfleet which opens in 2024.

The maths bit...... It is possible to calculate for tourist systems the amount and type of attractions needed along with the supporting retail and catering needed and finally the amount of accommodation needed. Then follows parking, transport.......

Getting investment in the core product will drive your tourist system which we call 'induced demand'. Often this is accompanied by the mis-quote – "build it and they will come" which can be true if the numbers and thinking behind what investments are needed in the system is carried out properly.

The 5 Models Regional Strategy Process and Workshop is aimed at providing the correct numbers behind the tourist systems so that communities/region/town/city can encourage SME's, Corporations and government projects by providing informed accurate data.

Tony Sefton Founder Vision XS in 1997



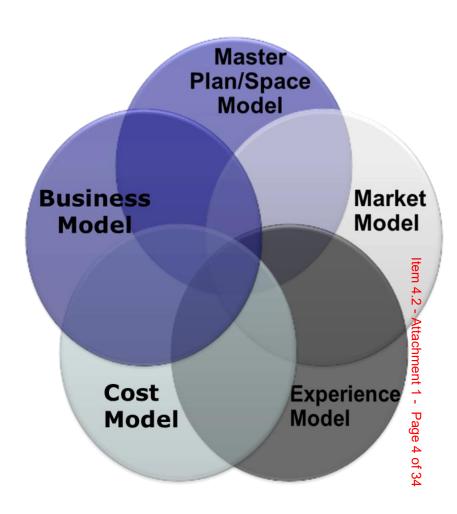
Vision XS (VXS) Background

'5 Models' that bring success

The Vision XS unique approach to planning any region, destination, tourist attraction, heritage site, nature site, zoo/aquarium, theme park or retail environment is unique in the leisure sector. Our approach developed over 20 years uses the worlds most celebrated and technical models driven by science and data to inform the creative process behind engaging people in amazing destinations, attractions, theme parks, zoos, museums, science centres resorts, malls and many more.

The Vision XS team have learnt over many years that the ultimate success of any leisure operation or new project relies on the integration of five key models which are explained on the next page. Certain parameters are pertinent to all models whereas others are vital for two or three models. As a company we now undertake training courses for many organisations and governments around the world. These courses are resulting in growth and investment in the tourist sector. We also act as appointed strategists for various government bodies to Develop Economic Development Strategies and the resulting likely Economic Impact.

We have worked with over 300 clients worldwide and as a result we are widely regarded as the go-to strategists for a wide range of leisure operations, councils, banks, investor and governments.





The Aim

Aim of the work: To Develop a Tourism Development Strategy for Smoky Lake County along with an Economic Impact to deliver the value to the Counties Economy and the number of jobs that will be created.

End Outcomes: Providing the support for Metis Crossing, facilitating other investments across the sector and developing a tourism system that drives economic growth. A key part of this will be an action list for Smoky Lake Government, Alberta Government, SME's, travel companies, infrastructure providers, tourism bodies such as Alberta Tourism and supporting organisations.

Where have we done this before.....

We have used these techniques many times to help governments, corporations and individual operators including;

Island Project: Sentosa Island – Singapore

City Project: Dubai- UAE

Regional Project: Cornwall- UK, Cairngorms - UK

Small Town Project: Wallingford UK, Auckland Project (UK)

Ongoing Support

We can assist in running seminars and investment workshops for identified gaps in the Smoky Lake tourism system along with introducing possible investors and operators. If significant gaps are identified for major new attractions or re-vamping of existing facilities we can work with those operators to ensure that the tourist system has a strong set of signature attractions. Effectively we have already begun this process with Metis Crossing to facilitate a further \$10 in the project.

Vision XS has applied its successful '5 Models' approach to Destinations to help develop investment strategies for towns, cities, islands or regions. It is usual to use the 5 models to establish the starting base and then progress to identifying gaps and then looking at the impact if those gaps are filled. A summary of the regional 5 model KPI's follows:

Market Model – We use our data and models to identify gaps in the market for attractions, retail, food and beverage and accommodation:

- Gap Model which type of attractions are missing from the current mix e.g. is there capacity for another museum?
- Penetration Model to establish the headroom in individual attractions to encourage inward investment
- Prediction of annual footfall by new investments
- Prediction of annual accommodation occupancy and rack rates
- · Prediction of footfall by the destination and individual attraction marketing budgets

Space Model – how much infrastructure and space is needed to deliver what the market model says

- Transportation and parking
- Attractions, food and beverage and accommodation space currently used and what is needed in future

Tourist System Macro Business Model:

- Macro tourist system tourist revenue generated
- Economic impact jobs plus local, regional and national economic benefits
- Return on investment in infrastructure
- Headline business case for new attractions and accommodation

Regional Cost Model

• Investment needed to deliver the infrastructure, attractions , retail, food and beverage to optimise the destination

Regional Experience Model – outlines many key performance indicators of the visitor experience including:

- Predicted dwell time for different target markets
- Psychological experience analysis leading to product gaps in the market
- · The systems ability to deliver the correct content for the desired or forecast attendance



Key Benefits: What should Smoky Lake get from this process?

- A gap analysis of what is missing in their area such as new museums/attractions/hotels/camping/retail and food and beverage
- An appraisal of the macro visitor experience based on the visitor attraction and natural attractions of the area

The output is a 10 Year Investment Strategy that includes:

- How many more/less new attractions are needed
- How much more/less Food and Beverage is needed
- A strategy for how much more or less accommodation is needed to support the rest of the tourist system
- · How much more/less retail is needed
- Space Requirement for all new additions
- Infrastructure requirements such as parking or public transportation

Key to the above are the following which will be predicted:

- How many people annually will come
- What is the value of the tourist system year by year
- How many jobs will be created
- What total investment in the private sector is needed
- · What investment in public owned attractions is needed



How many more/less new attractions are needed

These are the drivers of the system and include the natural attractions of lakes, forests, rivers etc. Our models will calculate how much capacity in the system there is spare for all types of attractions.

Key outputs here for Smoky Lake County will be a phased and planned approach over 10 years to the following;

- Paid attractions such as museums, science centres, heritage sites, wild life centres, theme parks, commercial mid way attractions etc
- Adventure Activities
- Natural activities

- 1. A Gap model showing what is over supplied or under supplied in the system
- 2. Space needed for new attractions
- 3. Investment needed and potential funding options
- 4. How many people will be employed
- 5. What the value of the attractions economy is worth to the area
- 6. How stay length and dwell time will change due to any new additions



Example of the Gap Analysis Outcome for strategy Gap in Visits by Type of **2019 GAP** Attraction/Facility Museum or Science Centre 1,214,556 **New Museum** Water Park (594,901)Theme Park or Amusement Not Park appropriate here FEC (233,401)**Nature Park** Zoo/Aquarium/Nature 2,289,262 Exteme Park 271,659 **Action Park** Adventure Tourism 238,655 Theatre or paid show 748,099 Music Venue over 2000 people The Venue 664,599 **New Theatre**





A strategy for how much more or less accommodation is needed for the needed

Does the amount of accommodation a system has reflect the need of the tourist/business/other needs of the county. It is certainly true that if not enough hotels exist then the rack rate and occupancy levels will be high perhaps in peak seasons but also if there are too many hotels then the quality of the system drops as owners cannot afford to reinvest. It is rare that the system is perfectly balanced. The same is try for self catering, RV's, AIR B&B, camping, cabins etc.

Key outputs here for the county will be a phased and planned approach over 10 years to the following;

- Hotel rooms
- Self catering
- Camping, glamping
- Guest houses

- 1. Number of units needed for each type
- 2. Investment needed
- 3. What the value of the accommodation is to the local economy
- 4. How many people will be employed
- 5. How stay length will change according to how much activity is within the system





How much more/less Food and Beverage is needed

The models will output how many people will come and how long they will stay which leads to how much they need to eat and how many eating places/covers are needed in the tourist system along with the appropriate mix for the target market.

Key outputs here for the county will be a phased and planned approach over 10 years to the following;

- · Mix of restaurants, cafés, food outlets needed
- Where they should be located

- 1. Number of covers and space needed for each group of food offers
- 2. Investment needed
- 3. What the value of the F&B is to the local economy
- 4. How many people will be employed



How much more/less Retail is needed

The retail system tends to respond quicker in positive and negative ways to the volume and type of footfall it receives.

Key outputs here for the county will be a phased and planned approach over 10 years to the following;

- Total retail required and a indication on the mix
- · Where they should be located

- Amount of retail space required
- 2. Investment needed
- 3. What the value of the retail is to the local economy
- 4. How many people will be employed



Infrastructure requirements

Whilst people do not desire to come to destination because of the infrastructure with a few notable exceptions eg dams they will certainly not become because of bad reviews of lack of transport, poor parking arrangements, sewage smells etc. Increasing wifi becomes as important issue with visitors if it is not provided at the right level.

Key outputs here for the county will be a phased and planned approach over 10 years to the following;

Identify what infrastructure is needed

Technical outputs will be soft recommendations on the following:

- 1. Amount of parking spaces
- 2. Recommendations for additional power, water and waste water requirements for the system
- Wi-Fi coverage needed and supporting infrastructure
- 4. Transport
- 5. A consideration for green infrastructure
- 6. Energy production possibilities
- 7. How many people will be employed within the proposed transport system for the county

Note we are happy to work with the county engineers to add the infrastructure costs based on the recommendation.

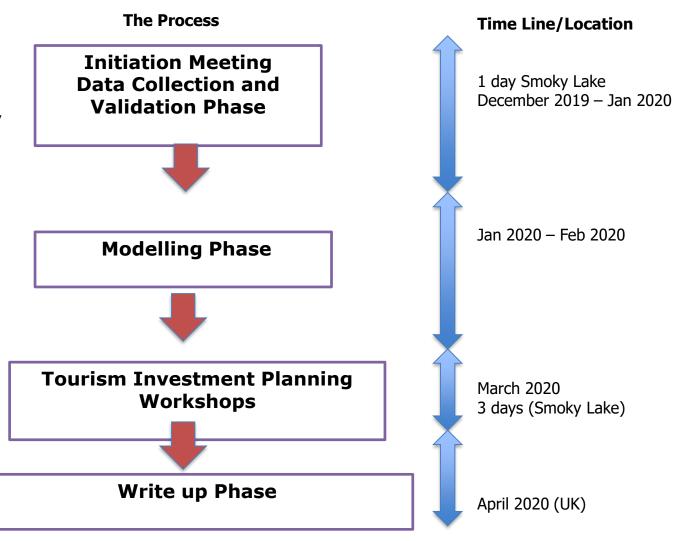


Project - Process

The Process

To produce a full Tourist Economic Development Strategy will take between December 2019 to the Mid April 2020 to produce a draft. A version with revisions should be available by Mid April 2020 at the latest.

We would then suggest launching the strategy in the summer with an Investment Forum.



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The Process

Data Collection (Dec 2019 - Feb 2020)

- Formation of a small Smoky Lake Team to collect the data and input into the Vision XS worksheets from the county which will include the following;
 - Attractions
 - Accommodation
 - Natural Attractions
 - Signature Events
 - Restaurants
 - Retail units
- Infrastructure Survey the SLT will issue an infrastructure survey report to all the attractions and major accommodation providers in the county and input the results into a results sheet.
- We will require 7-14 days of help from a member of the Smoky Lake team to help with the data collection.

Tourist Investment Planning Workshop (March 2020)

Workshop Itinerary

Day 1: Smoky Lake Economic Development Team + Political Update (if needed)

Day 2: Operator Workshops

Day 3: Infrastructure Planning Meetings (invited specialists to help with high level infrastructure planning)



Our Commercial Proposal to Deliver the Scope

Cost Summary Table

The project summary for all the costs and travel are shown below.

		CAD	Invoice Issued
1	Initiation Meeting – project deposit	15,000	Nov 2019
2	Travel for first meeting	3,600**	Dec 2019
3	Data Validation	6,000	Jan or Feb 2020
4	Model Building	15,000	Feb 2020
5	Investment Workshops	15,000	March 2020
6	Travel for Workshops	4,000**	March 2020
7	Final Report	15,000	April 2020
	Grand Total	73,600	
	Additional Work – agreed in writing first	CAD per day	
	Senior Consultant	3000	
	Leisure Psychologist	1500	
	Technician	800	
	Researcher	500	

may be reduced due to shared project traver costs

Invoices to be paid 30 days from receipt.



Tony Sefton – CEO and Founder of VXS

Analyst, Creator and Designer of many new experiences for wildlife attractions, museums, heritage attractions and theme parks around the world, designer of several new heritage tours including the Gold Mine tours in Gold Reef City, International Speaker and Senior Advisor to UKTI for exporting UK Creative and Heritage Expertise, Tony has 26-years' experience in the visitor attraction industry and is an inspirational leader.

Tony has developed and licensed experience software to USA, Europe, South Africa, UAE and China whilst also developing an international psychographic data base. Having worked for most major leisure groups including Disney, The National Trust, RSPB, Imperial War Museum, Six Flags, Dubailand and Sentosa and having managed more than 15 successful business recoveries; Tony has become a world-renowned expert speaker in the field of visitor attraction science. He is supported by an excellent team he built up with the consulting arm of Vision XS, and has completed over 150 strategic leisure projects world-wide using analytical software owned by Vision XS.

Relevant Employment History:

1991–1992 - ARM UK Ltd - Design of large travelling amusement ride; "Superbowl" - Designer and TV work with BBC schools dept.

1992-1993 - Freelance Design of 'Crazy shake' a large travelling ride - Design, patent and marketing of new play equipment

1993-1996 - MSI PLC - Concept design and Product Development

Business Development - Alton Towers - Tractor, Doodledoo and Storybook land

1996 – present Founder and Director of Vision XS

Formal qualifications:

BTEC Diploma in Engineering Technology (85%) - Worcester Technical College 2/1 BEng (Hons) Engineering Science - University of Exeter



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Creativity + Science + Culture + Planning = World Class Experiences



Career highlights are:

- Founder of Vision VXs Ltd since 1997
- First in the world to use finite element stress analysis on amusement rides
- Creator and designer of many new experiences in zoo, museums, theme parks around the world
- Creator of X-Mod the only science based analytical tool for understanding visitor experience
- Designer of several new heritage tours including the Gold Mine tours in Gold Reef City
- Several high profile business recoveries including Blackpool Pleasure Beach
- Strategic Plan for London Paramount (£2.2 bn) opens
 2023
- International Speaker
- Senior Advisor to UKTI for exporting UK Creative and Heritage Expertise
- Founder and Visionary of the London Paramount
 Project 2009 2014
- London 2012 Olympic: 3 Legacy business plans

- The London Paramount Vision and leading the briefing and concept teams
- Universal Studios (UAE)
- Gold Reef City, Johannesburg (South Africa)
- Taronga Zoo (Australia)
- Natural History Museum, London
- Natural History Museum, New York (USA)
- National Aquarium Baltimore, (USA)
- 2 Oceans Aquarium, Cape Town, (South Africa)
- Founder of the Operators Conference now in its 9th year
- 2010 FIFA World Cup Soccer City Entertainment Plan
- FIFA World Cup 2022 Qatar: Celebration Park business plan
- Meraasland Dubai: Business Plan and strategic advisor
- Magic Planet FEC: Middle East roll out plan
- Founder of RP Vision Racing Team cycling team for talented youth cyclists
- Co Founder of the Wallingford Festival of Cycling
- Co-Founder of The Old Counting House small business centre



Diana Margarido, BSc (Hons) Psych

Diana Margarido is a Visitor Experience Analyst with a background in psychology and administration. Diana joined Vision XS in 2014 to support Tony in technical modelling and all aspects of research including market, leisure trends and population demographics. Experienced in Visitor journey reports and visitor tracking studies, predictive tracking studies, X-mod calibrations, Gap analysis and project support, Diana is now a vital link in the team as one of the key psychologists.

Diana has completed the visitor experience modelling for 40+ projects national and international including the following:

- Royal Museums Greenwich, London
- Port Lympne Resort, Kent
- Dinosaur Adventure, Norwich
- Two new start up farm parks
- A €100 million brand-land attraction in Porto, Portugal
- SS Great Britain, Bristol
- · Tapnell Farm Park, Isle of Wight
- RSPB reserves: 20+
- Sefton Borough Council
- St Michaels Mount
- National Trust for Scotland sites
- Lee Valley Parks Authority
- Metis Crossing, Canada
- Calloway Park, Canada
- KidZania London (Tracking Studies)
- Floriade, Holland (predictive Tracking)
- Mead Open Farm (Tracking Studies)
- Imperial War Museum Duxford (Gap Analysis)





Natalie Jones, BSc (Hons) Psych

Natalie Jones is a Visitor Experience Analyst with a background in Psychology and Marketing and she joined Vision XS in 2019 to support in the modelling of visitor experience. Natalie brings essential commercial experience to the team and is one of the key Psychologists at Vision XS.

Natalie has recently worked on Visitor Experience modelling for the following clients:

- Longleat Safari Park,
- · Cheddar Gorge Caves,
- Avon Valley Adventure Farm,
- Imperial Warm Museum Duxford,
- Metis Crossing (Canada)
- Floriade (Predictive tracking)
- Flaxmill Museum





Thomas Franklin, BA (Hons)

Thomas Franklin is a researcher with a background in live events, leisure industries, private security and traffic management. Thomas is the newest member of the Vision XS consulting team. Thomas joined Vision XS in 2019 to support the business in all aspects of research including market, leisure trends and population demographics. Thomas is now a vital link in the team and provides essential knowledge and skills for our high-level thinking.

Thomas has recently conducted extensive research for the following clients:

- Longleat Safari Park,
- Cheddar Gorge Caves



Case Studies

Imperial War Museum - Duxford

- **Contact**: Jo Saunders Head of Masterplan
- <u>JSaunders@iwm.org.uk</u>



The project:

• The Imperial War Museum in Duxford were looking at a new master plan and how to implement the context of a business model driven by visitor experience. The museum is conscious that a balance between investment in infrastructure projects, improved visitor experience, commercial enhancements and curatorial responsibilities needs to be found. The Imperial War Museum is aiming to grow their visitor attendance to over 500,00 which is easily achieved.

How Vision XS added value:

• Vision XS completed an initial site appraisal of the museum and built into those key outputs a series of new components to test the financial benefit of these. Vision XS worked with the management to develop a 5+ year business development strategy which included improving the catering and retails offer, visitors experience flow and increasing VIP experiences.





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Sentosa Island - Singapore

The project: Sentosa is a 500 hectare resort island separated from Singapore by a short bridge. It offers a unique blend of leisure and recreational experiences including family attractions, heritage sites, cultural attractions, sandy beaches, rainforest, water sports, golf courses, resort hotels and residential areas.

In 2011, following ten years of mixed results, a new master plan review was initiated for Sentosa Island Developments. The project enabled a more accurate assessment of the island and its potential and work is continuing to develop Sentosa into a successful and profitable tourist attraction.

How Vision XS added value: Vision XS was appointed to evaluate the current operations from a customer point of view, carrying out market and psychographic analysis of what will become a major tourist destination in the Asia-Pacific Region.

Impact: Working alongside the Master Planner, Vision XS fed the outcomes of our research into the design process which has ensured a fit for purpose development programme and master plan. X-Mod helped improve the mix on site and guide the master planners in terms of visitor flow.





London Paramount Resort

Market Study, X-mod and Preliminary Master Plan

The project: London Resort Company Holdings (LRCH) has the vision to create a world class entertainment destination, the first of its kind in the UK. London Company Resort Holdings 'LRCH' holds a license with Paramount Pictures for the UK rights to use its movies in a resort consisting of a theme park, water park, hotel district and entertainment street.

How Vision XS adds value: Vision XS has been the leading consultancy in the project. It was our Vision and Business planning that started the project.

Impact: In December 2012, Vision XS completed the Market Stage by: identifying the site, leading concept development, finalising the market viability study, reaching agreement with Paramount Pictures Licensing. This included undertaking a high level master planning exercise and achieving local political support. Vision XS has been retained by LRCH to be the strategic leading consultancy in the next stages of the development from Business Plan Optimisation to Master Planning, Build and Operations.













Magic Planet - Dubai

What the project was:

In 2010, MAF had asked Vision XS to use its knowledge of the Middle East market, data base and expertise to help develop a Five Year Roadmap for expanding its operations in the region. This required Vision XS to formulate a set of bespoke market and product evaluation tools for MAF in order to base the expansion strategy on solid research techniques.

What Vision did?

Our approach was to establish a simple region wide market assessment model that has identify city's whereby expansion or acquisition would be appropriate through looking at a number of business and experience parameters to evaluate potential headroom via a scoring system which is what we call The Matrix Process.

Impact

The Matrix Process enabled VXS and MAF management team to establish if a facility is worth looking at to purchase or whether a major city has room for a MAF product to prosper. Following the selection a 5 years Strategic Development Recommendations report was produced to help the roll out of the Magic Planet product throughout the region.







Royal Museums Greenwich Contact: Eleanor Harris, Director of visitor experience and enterprises

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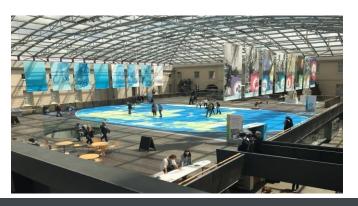


The project:

The Royal Museums Greenwich were looking to improve their pricing strategy, basing it on a more scientific approach formulated around the latest trends in visitor behaviour. The Museum wanted to understand the optimum price point for various paid attractions at Royal Museums Greenwich - which is comprised of Cutty Sark, Royal Observatory, National Maritime Museum and the Queen's House - and the impact that pricing may have on the visitor numbers and the overall income levels.

How Vision XS added value:

Vision XS completed an initial site appraisal of the three attractions within the group and built into those key outputs a series of new attractions and components to test the business impact of potential new paid for attractions and the financial benefit of these. At the same time the impact of the additional paid for attractions was monitored in terms of visitor numbers, experience quality and overall site- wide strategy for ticketing and marketing.









Royal Society for the Protection of Birds



Contact: Melanie Owen Jones, Visitor Operations Development Manager Melanie.OwenJones@rspb.org.uk

RSPB is well-known national nature charity with over 150 reserves throughout the British Isles. On hearing of Vision XS' work with National Trust, RSPB requested assistance with the assessment of 55 of their UK reserves to analyse market potential and opportunity for growth in visitor numbers, and income.

The Vision XS team worked with the Head Office team and individual sites to produce:

- Market model resident and tourist, many of these based within national parks
- Investment Appraisal
- Visitor experience assessment
- Business modelling (multi-site)
- Development planning
- Visitor attraction surveying, data collection & experience evaluations

Vision XS completed the national business and experience strategy for all the sites which is now being implemented.











World of Wine, Porto, Portugal

Contact: Paulo Guerra, Project manager, Fladgate group

paulo@worldofwine.pt

Value: Euro 100 million

The project:

The Fladgate Partnership group, which owns some of Porto's biggest wine brands such as Taylor's, Croft, Fonseca and Krohn, will invest 100 million euros in creating the World of Wine (WoW), which will occupy 30,000 square meters in the historic centre of Gaia, in the old port warehouses in Vila Nova de Gaia. The World of Wine is due to open in June 2020 and will include 5 interactive museums (experiences), 10 F&B outlets, a series of retail shops, a wine school, a space for temporary exhibitions and events and a car park with a capacity for 150 cars. It also envisages the creation of 350 permanent jobs, which will be in addition to the 150 planned during the construction phase.

How Vision XS added value: Vision XS was employed by the World of Wine team to offer specialist business planning support and visitor experience modelling to ensure there is connectivity between the business plan, its projected visitor numbers, the revenue streams and the quality and level of experience offered by the World of Wine.

Vision XS has used its industry expertise and employed its own methodology to verify and benchmark attendance forecast assumptions, visitor revenue assumptions and to check the overall capacity of the experiences and visitor flow incorporated in the architectural and exhibition design plans submitted by the World of Wine team.







SS Great Britain



The project:

Brunel's SS Great Britain is one of the most important historic ships in the world. In 1970, SS Great Britain was returned to the Bristol dry dock where she was built.

Now listed as part of the National Historic Fleet, she is an award-winning visitor attraction and museum ship, based in Bristol Harbour and receiving around 200,000 visitors annually.

How Vision XS added value:

In 2017, Vision XS was appointed to evaluate the current operations from a customer point of view that included carrying out market and psychographic analysis of the visitor experience as well as developing a headline business development strategy. The research included - market analysis, market model, visitor experience development through testing new ideas, and a headline business plan.

As part of the Business Plan and Visitor Experience development process, Vision XS has used a scientific approach and its bespoke Visitor Experience Model (X-Mod) to test the perceived values of the experience and recommend a new income model and pricing strategy.









KidZania London

The project:



KidZania London is an experience for children aged between 4-14 years old, where they can choose from more than 60 real-life role-play adventures, teaching them essential life skills in a fun and safe environment.

How Vision XS added value:

In 2016, Vision XS was appointed by the CEO to evaluate the current operations and visitor experience using the Visitor Experience Model (X-Mod), to review the existing pricing strategy and seasons passes and to carry out tracking studies to understand visitors' behaviour and visitor journeys within the attraction.

As part of the assessment, Vision XS used a scientific approach and its bespoke Visitor Experience Model (X-Mod) to test the perceived values of the experience and recommend a new pricing strategy. The insight from the tracking studies helped the management understand how different age group customers orientate on site, engage with the experiences, the activities and the amenities. Recommendations from the research have been used to improve visitor flow, engage parents more, organise staff operations and outline the pricing strategy for 2017.





Port Lympne Zoo

The project:

Tony and Vision XS were asked by the new CEO Bob O'Connor in 2008 to help out develop a plan for this zoo that was losing 1 million pounds a year. A strategic development plan and a business plan were developed with the management and the attendance tripled in the next five years to over 250,000. In the same time other income streams of accommodation including lodges, glamping and tree houses were developed which today account for around two thirds of profit and revenue. It is now one of the most profitable zoo per head of customer in the World.





National Trust

A multi-site organisation with over 150 visitor attractions throughout the British Isles

How Vision XS added value:

- Market model
- Visitor experience staff training
- Business modelling (multi-site)
- Development planning
- Business streamlining
- Visitor attraction surveying, data collection and experience evaluations
- · Visitor journey modelling















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Jordan Ruegg

From: cory ollikka

Sent: June 23, 2020 8:27 PM

To: Tony Sefton

Cc: jordan ruegg; Kyle Schole; Diana Margarido; brenda adamson

Subject: RE: Ongoing Involvement and Fees

Hi Tony,

Thanks for this.

It sounds reasonable to me.

I will run it past our internal committee (not the one with the politicians as yet...).

Hope to have direction by the next meeting.... But we are playing a lot of triage in the last weeks...

Hope you are well!

CRO

Cory Ollikka

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Chief Administrative Officer
Smoky Lake County
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From: Tony Sefton <tony@visionxs.co.uk> Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 4:44 AM

To: cory ollikka <collikka@smokylakecounty.ab.ca>

Cc: jordan ruegg <jruegg@smokylakecounty.ab.ca>; Kyle Schole <kschole@smokylakecounty.ab.ca>; Diana Margarido

<Diana@visionxs.co.uk>

Subject: Ongoing Involvement and Fees

Hi Cory,

As discussed here are my thoughts on how I can continue to support getting the strategy up and running. I have split this into short term and long term.

Short Term - up to Jan 2021

I can continue to chair the steering group meetings and a couple of meetings each week along with updating models. I would like to propose a split of time on this to be more reward related which would be:

\$5000 per month retainer + travel costs when needed

Plus 1% of what is raised from external funders to cover engagement time

Mid Term

I would like to be considered for a role on the board of the SLTC. This would \$60,000 a year plus any travel costs needed and would be paid from out of SLTC's budget.

Please let me know if this is agreeable and I will instruct our finance team accordingly.

Kind regards, Tony Sefton CFO



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STANDARD FORM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CLIENT AND CONSULTANT

THIS AGREEMENT made in duplicate the	day of	in the	
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by and between the Parties:

Smoky Lake County P.O. Box 310 Smoky Lake, AB T0A 3C0

Email: cao@smokylakecounty.ab.ca

and

The Town of Smoky Lake 56 Wheatland Avenue Smoky Lake, AB T0A 3C0

Email: cao@smokylake.ca collectively hereinafter called the "Client"

and

Vision XS Ltd. The Old Counting House 82E High Street Wallingford 0X10 0BS

Email: tony@visionxs.co.uk hereinafter called the "Consultant"

WHEREAS the Client desires that consulting services be rendered by the Consultant for the following project (the "Project"):

VICTORIA DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION & LAUNCH

and as detailed in Schedule B - Project Description, annexed hereto.

NOW THEREFORE, the Client and the Consultant, for the consideration and upon the terms and conditions hereinafter named, **agree as follows**:

ARTICLE I. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENT

The General Conditions of Agreement, annexed hereto in Schedule A, form a part of this Agreement.

ARTICLE II. CONSULTING SERVICES

The Consultant will perform the services (the "Services") described in Schedule C - Scope of Services, annexed hereto.

The Client agrees to pay the Consultant the fees and charges as detailed in Schedule D - Fee Basis, annexed hereto, for furnishing the Services described in Article II.

ARTICLE IV. TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be in effect from July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021. This Agreement may be amended and reviewed from time to time, as mutually agreed upon by the Client and the Consultant.

ARTICLE V. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement, including Schedules A, B, C and D annexed hereto, constitutes the sole and entire agreement between the Client and Consultant relating to the Project. This Agreement may be amended only by written instrument signed by both the Client and the Consultant. This Agreement is for the exclusive benefit of the Parties signatory thereto. It does not create a contractual relationship with or exist for the benefit of any third party, including contractors, subcontractors and their sureties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties hereto have duly executed this Agreement.

Smoky Lake County		
Authorized Signatory:	Title:	
Witness:	Title:	
Town of Smoky Lake		
Authorized Signatory:	Title:	
Witness:	Title:	
Vision XS Ltd.		
Authorized Signatory:	Title:	
Witness	Title:	

SCHEDULE A GENERAL CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENT

The following provisions, terms and conditions shall apply hereto:

1.0 DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 Agreement: This form; the Standard Form of Agreement between Client and Consultant, including any and all Schedules annexed hereto.
- 1.2 Additional Services: Services required of the Consultant, which are outside the scope of Services defined in this Agreement and for which the Consultant will be additionally compensated by the Client.
- 1.3 Contract Term: The period from the execution of this Agreement to the projected completion date of the Work as agreed to between the Client and the Consultant.
- **1.4 Project:** The Project described in the recitals to the Agreement.
- 1.5 Services: The Consultant's Services as set forth in this Agreement, and the attached Schedules, including the totality of all the labour used or incorporated into the Project.
- 1.6 Subconsultant: Any other technical specialist engaged directly by the Consultant in connection with the Project.

2.0 CLIENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1 The Client shall give due consideration to all charts, drawings, reports, and other information provided to the Client by the Consultant and shall render decisions in a timely manner so as not to delay the work of the Consultant.
- 2.2 The Client shall make available to the Consultant all relevant information or data pertinent to the Project which is required by the Consultant. The Consultant shall be entitled to rely upon the accuracy and completeness of all information and data furnished by the Client, including information and data originating with the Client's Consultants, whether such Consultants are engaged at the request of the

- Consultant or otherwise. Where such information or data originates either with the Client or with the Client's Consultants, then the Consultant shall not be responsible to the Client for any consequences of any error or omission contained therein.
- 2.3 The Client shall designate in writing an individual to act as the Client's representative, such person to have complete and exclusive authority to transmit instructions to and receive information from the Consultant.

3.0 PAYMENT OF CONSULTANT'S FEE

3.1 The Client shall pay the Consultant as provided for in Schedule D of this Agreement. The Consultant's invoices are due and payable when presented. No deduction, holdback or set-off shall be made by the Client from the fee payable to the Consultant.

4.0 ADDITIONAL SERVICES

4.1 Should additional services not contemplated by this Agreement be necessary to complete the Project, a scope change must be proposed and mutually agreed upon by the Client and the Consultant prior to the commencement of said additional services.

5.0 TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION BY THE CLIENT

5.1 If the Consultant is shown to be in default in the performance of any of the Consultant's material obligations as set forth in this Agreement, then the Client may, by written notice to the Consultant, require such default to be corrected. If, within 30 days of receipt of such notice, such default has not been corrected or reasonable steps to correct such default have not been taken, the Client may, without limiting any other right or remedy the Client may have, immediately terminate this Agreement and make such settlement for the

SCHEDULE A GENERAL CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENT

- cost of the Services rendered and disbursements incurred by the Consultant pursuant to this Agreement and remaining unpaid as of the effective date of such termination.
- **5.2** If the Client is unable or unwilling to proceed with the Project, the Client may suspend or terminate this Agreement by giving 30 days written notice to the Consultant. Upon receipt of such written notice, the Consultant shall perform no further Services other than those reasonably necessary to suspend or close out the Project. In such event, the Consultant shall be paid by the Client for all Services performed and for all disbursements incurred pursuant to this Agreement, plus expenses incurred by the Consultant which are directly attributable to termination or suspension, including expenses reasonably and necessarily incurred in winding down the Consultant's Services under this Agreement.
- 5.3 If the Project or any part thereof is abandoned at any stage or if any stage of the Consultant's Services is unduly delayed for reasons beyond his control, the Consultant shall be entitled to payment as called for in this Agreement, including, if applicable, termination expenses.

6.0 TERMINATION BY THE CONSULTANT

6.1 If the Client is shown to be in default in the performance of any of the Client's material obligations set forth in this Agreement, including payment of the Consultant's fee as required herein, then the Consultant may, by written notice to the Client, require such default to be corrected. If, within 30 days after receipt of such notice, such default has not been corrected, the Consultant may, without limiting any other right or remedy he may have, immediately terminate this Agreement.

7.0 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 7.1 In the event of a dispute arising, the Client and the Consultant shall first use their best efforts to resolve the dispute or difference of opinion under or in connection with this Agreement by good faith amicable negotiations on a "without prejudice" basis, and shall provide frank, candid and timely disclosure of all relevant facts, information and documents to facilitate negotiations.
- 7.2 In the event of a dispute arising, and upon the request of either party, the Client and Consultant shall meet as soon as conveniently possible, but in no case later than thirty (30) days after such a request is made, to attempt to resolve such claim, dispute or controversy.

8.0 NOTICES

8.1 If All notices required by this Agreement to be given by either Party shall be given by email at the email addresses provided. All notices shall be deemed to be properly given and received once proof of receipt can be furnished by the sender.

9.0 SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNMENT

- 9.1 This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Parties hereto, and except as hereinafter otherwise provided, their executors, administrators, and successors and permitted assigns.
- 9.2 Except as aforesaid, neither Party may assign this Agreement without the consent in writing of the other.

10.0 JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY

10.1 Where the Client is a joint venture, partnership or consortium each member of such joint venture, partnership or consortium shall be jointly and severally liable for the obligations of the Client under this Agreement.

SCHEDULE A GENERAL CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENT

11.0 HOLD HARMLESS

- 11.1 The County shall indemnify and hold harmless the Town, its Councillors, directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives and each of them from and against, any and all liabilities, claims, suits or actions, costs, damages and expenses (and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any direct or indirect loses, costs, damages and expenses of the Town or such individuals including costs as between solicitor and client) which may be brought or made against the Town or such individual or which the Town or such individual may pay or incur as a result of or in connection with any breach, violation or non-performance of any covenant, condition or agreement of this Agreement required to be fulfilled, kept, observed or performed by the County or any negligent act or omission of the County, its directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives in connection with or arising out of this Agreement or the performance of this Agreement.
- 11.2 The Town shall indemnify and hold harmless the County, its Councillors, directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives and each of them from an against, any and all liabilities, claims, suits or actions, costs, damages and expenses (and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any direct or indirect losses, costs, damages and expenses of the County or such individuals including costs as between solicitor and client) which may be brought or made against the County or such individual or which the County or such individual may pay or incur as a result of or in connection with any breach, violation or nonperformance of any covenant, condition or agreement of this Agreement required to be fulfilled, kept, observed or performed by the Town or any negligent act or omission of the Town, its directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives in connection with or

arising out of this Agreement or the performance of this Agreement.

12.0 INSURANCE

12.1 The Client shall provide to the County's satisfaction, proof of professional indemnity insurance and employers' liability insurance.

SCHEDULE B PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Consultant will provide Services to complete the Project contemplated by this Agreement for the duration of the Project, mutually agreed upon as an 18-month term, retroactively commencing on July 1, 2020, to the Client based on this Standing Offer Agreement. The Services include, but are not limited to the following:

- Development of business models to facilitate funding of the Victoria District Economic Development Strategy through a range of sources (social enterprise, crowd-funding, equity, debt and other forms of funding);
- Work with potential partners to develop signature tourist attractions that will comprise part of the Victoria District Economic Development Strategy; and
- Any other tasks that the Client and the Consultant mutually agree that the Consultant will perform. The
 Client will require a scope change to be mutually agreed upon by the Client and the Consultant prior to the
 commencement of any additional tasks not contemplated by this Agreement.

SCHEDULE C SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Consultant is to provide the following Services to the Client as the need is identified:

- Attend and lead Steering Group Meetings, including the preparation of Meeting agendas;
- Meet with prospective owners/operators of potential signature tourist attractions;
- Update and develop the business models as projects progress, change or are added;
- Identify and meet with potential sources of funding and make initial contact with these sources;
- · Keep and maintain the funding register;
- Provide feedback and strategic advice to the Client when needed;
- Attend legal meetings as necessary to provide support and achieve alignment with the business models and Project goals; and
- Provide additional services as agreed upon by the Client and the Consultant.

SCHEDULE D FEE BASIS

The fees for the Services contemplated under this Agreement shall be paid as follows:

- A monthly fee of \$5,000 CAD will be paid by the Client to the Consultant;
- Additional expenses incurred by the Consultant for the purposes of travel and accommodation must be authorized by the Client prior to payment. The Consultant shall provide a breakdown of the Consultant's travel expenses and itinerary to the satisfaction of the Client.

Joint Town and County Meeting NUMBER: 4.3 DATE **December 16, 2020** Harvest Gold Drive Road Project in Smoky Lake. TOPIC **BACKGROUND** June 8, 2017, Town of Smoky Lake Letter to Smoky Lake County: PO Box 460, 56 Wheatland Avenue, Smoky Lake, AB TOA 3C Phone: 780-656-3674 Fax: 780-656-3675 Email: town@smokylake.ca Website: www.smokylake.ca June 8, 2017 Dear Cory, Town Council has instructed me to work with the Smoky Lake County administration to create options for a joint project on the access road to the Smoky Lake Car Wash and the Smoky Lake County Public Works Shop. In 2012, the County repaired the road with cold mix and paid for the project. The County currently maintains the road with patch repair and snow removal in order to have uninterrupted access to its heavy equipment yard but is in need of a more permanent solution as the road is in disrepair. The Town and County administrators considered two options to upgrade the County/Car Wash access road as follows: Option 1: Use a County contractor to pave with hot mix and split the cost 50/50. Option 2: Town would pay 100% of the material and County to supply the labour and equipment and apply cold mix to the road.

Thank you for your consideration, I will be available to at your next council meeting at 10:30 a.m. to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Adam Kozakiewicz CAO –Town of Smoky Lake

Response to the letter: June 15, 2017, County Council Motion #807-17:

That Smoky Lake County take no action to the letter request from Adam Kozakiewicz, Town of Smoky Lake Chief Administrative Officer, dated June 8, 2017, requesting the County's participation in a joint project to upgrade the access road: described as the road east of Highway 28 to Smoky Lake County's Public Works yard, going past the Carwash, between the lands legally described as Lots 13 & 14, Block 7, Plan 8721656, and NE-21-59-17-W4, within the Town of Smoky Lake; and, because the County has deferred several of their own road projects to meet the 2017 budget constraints and cannot undertake additional projects at this time; nor will the County provide any maintenance on the said road.

June 13, 2019, Town of Smoky Lake Letter to Smoky Lake County:

June 13, 2019

Email: collikka@smokylakecounty.ab.ca lcielin@smokylakecounty.ab.ca

Smoky Lake County Attn: Council and CAO P.O Box 310 Smoky Lake, AB. T0A 3C0

Dear Smoky Lake County Reeve, Council and CAO,

Re: Town of Smoky Lake Road Replacement Project - Harvest Gold Drive (North corner of the Shell Gas Station) to the Smoky Lake County Public Works Shop (West side entrance)

The road located on Harvest Gold Drive to the West entrance of the Smoky Lake County Public Works Shop has been in disrepair for quite some time and requires a complete refurbishment

The Town is requesting a joint venture to collaborate with the County to assist with the preparation of the road prior to paving. This would require use of County equipment, labour and perhaps some material to create a base for the asphalt. The road is approximately 1,100 square meters.

The Town of Smoky Lake has committed to fund the cost of the asphalt along with the paving construction and would like to complete the project by August 31, 2019.

Please contact me at the office (780) 656-3674 or cell (780) 603-4565 if you have any questions.

Sincerely

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TOWN OF SMOKY LAKE

Per:

Adam Kozakiewicz Chief Administrative Officer

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Enc: A map of the project area.

June 27, 2019, County Council Meeting Motion #910-19:

That Smoky Lake County provide, as part of municipal cooperation, in kind assistance to the Town of Smoky Lake of equipment, manpower and material to create a road base in preparation of paving approximately 1,100 square meters of Harvest Gold Drive at an estimated cost in the amount of \$4,475.00, in response to the letter received form Adam Kozakiewicz, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Smoky Lake, dated June 13, 2019.

October 15, 2019, Town of Smoky Lake Motion #700-19:

MOVED by Councillor Kotylak that the oral report given by Ed Shepel from Spectre System regarding an update on approved paving projects not completed in the Town of Smoky Lake and explained that due to weather conditions the paving projects will be postponed till Spring 2020 with a guarantee that costs will remain as quoted (no increase) unless there is an extreme increase in the cost of oil, be accepted for information.

June 2, 2020, Town of Smoky Lake Motion #311-2020:

MOVED by Councillor Makowichuk that Town of Smoky Lake accept the oral report presented by Eddie Shepel, from Spectre Systems regarding the paving schedule to begin middle of June, weather permitting, for the upcoming approved paving projects in the Town of Smoky Lake.

August 18, 2020, Town of Smoky Lake Motion #519-2020:

MOVED by Councillor Makowichuk that Town of Smoky Lake Administration work with Smoky Lake County and Spectre Systems to discuss options to resolve the extra costs of asphalt for the paving located on Harvest Gold Drive, due to the road base deficiency.

September 1, 2020, Town of Smoky Lake Motion #576-2020:

MOVED by Councillor Morton that Town of Smoky Lake direct Administration to send an invoice to Smoky Lake County in the amount of \$50,000.00 to cover the cost of the extra preparation / base work that was done by Spectre Systems to pave the stretch of road located on Harvest Gold Drive (from the Car Wash to Smoky Lake County Public Works Shop) in Smoky Lake; and Administration provide the County with a copy of Spectre Systems invoice #1062, Contract #20-01-251D, and progress report, work completion to August 23, 2020; in reference to Smoky Lake County Motion No. 910-19: That Smoky Lake County provide, as part of municipal cooperation, in kind assistance to the Town of Smoky Lake of equipment, manpower and material to create a road base in preparation of paving approximately 1,100 square meters of Harvest Gold Drive at an estimated cost in the amount of \$4,475.00, in response to the letter received form Adam Kozakiewicz, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Smoky Lake, dated June 13, 2019.

October 21, 2020, Town of Smoky Lake Letter to Smoky Lake County:

October 21, 2020

Smoky Lake County Attn: Reeve, Council and CAO Box 310 Smoky Lake, AB TOA 3C0

Re: Town of Smoky Lake Road Replacement Project - Paving Harvest Gold Drive (North corner of the Shell Gas Station) to the Smoky Lake County Public Works Shop (West side entrance).

Dear Smoky Lake County Reeve, Council and CAO,

The Town of Smoky sent a letter to Smoky Lake County, dated June 8, 2017 requesting Administration to create options for a joint project to repair and pave the access road from the Shell Gas Station to the Smoky Lake County Public Works Shop on Harvest Gold Drive in Smoky Lake. Smoky Lake County Council made a Motion (No. 807-17) at the June 15, 2017 Council meeting to take no action with the Town's request due to budget constraints and deferred road projects in the County.

The Town sent another letter request to Smoky Lake County, dated June 13, 2019 to assist with the preparation of the said road. Smoky Lake County Council made the following motion at the June 27, 2019 Meeting:

Motion 910-19: That Smoky Lake County provide, as part of municipal cooperation, in kind assistance to the Town of Smoky Lake of equipment, manpower and material to create a road base in preparation of paving approximately 1,100 square meters of Harvest Gold Drive at an estimated cost in the amount of \$4,475.00, in response to the letter received form Adam Kozakiewicz, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Smoky Lake, dated June 13, 2019. This motion indicated an estimate of \$4,475.00 that was provided by Doug Ponich, Manager of Public Works of Smoky Lake County, not the Town.

The Action List from the June 27, 2019 County Council Meeting confirms the reclamation had been completed on July 17, 2019. The Town did not receive any confirmation and was unaware it had been completed.

With the decline in weather conditions, Town Council made the following motion at the October 15, 2019 Regular Council meeting: Motion 700-19: MOVED by Councillor Kotylak that the oral report given by Ed Shepel from Spectre System regarding an update on approved paving projects not completed in the Town of Smoky Lake and explained that due to weather conditions the paving projects will be postponed till Spring 2020 with a guarantee that costs will remain as

quoted (no increase) unless there is an extreme increase in the cost of oil, be accepted for information.

The following year, 2020, Town Council made the following motion at the June 2, 2020 Regular Council meeting: Motion No. 311-2020: MOVED by Councillor Makowichuk that Town of Smoky Lake accept the oral report presented by Eddie Shepel, from Spectre Systems regarding the paving schedule to begin middle of June, weather permitting, for the upcoming approved paving projects in the Town of Smoky Lake.

Town Council made the following motion at the August 18, 2020 Regular Council meeting: Motion No. 519-2020: MOVED by Councillor Makowichuk that Town of Smoky Lake Administration work with Smoky Lake County and Spectre Systems to discuss options to resolve the extra costs of asphalt for the paving located on Harvest Gold Drive, due to the road base deficiency.

** Enclosed: Timeline provided by Town Foreman, Billy McMullen with additional details of the communication between Spectre Systems, Town of Smoky Lake's Contractor and Mr. Doug Ponich, Smoky Lake County Public Works Manager.**

Town Council made the following motion at the September 1, 2020 Regular Council Meeting: Motion 576-2020: MOVED by Councillor Morton that Town of Smoky Lake direct Administration to send an invoice to Smoky Lake County in the amount of \$50,000.00 to cover the cost of the extra preparation / base work that was done by Spectre Systems to pave the stretch of road located on Harvest Gold Drive (from the Car Wash to Smoky Lake County Public Works Shop) in Smoky Lake; and Administration provide the County with a copy of Spectre Systems invoice #1062, Contract #20-01-251D, and progress report, work completion to August 23, 2020; in reference to Smoky Lake County Motion No. 910-19: That Smoky Lake County provide, as part of municipal cooperation, in kind assistance to the Town of Smoky Lake of equipment, manpower and material to create a road base in preparation of paving approximately 1,100 square meters of Harvest Gold Drive at an estimated cost in the amount of \$4,475.00, in response to the letter received form Adam Kozakiewicz, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Smoky Lake, dated June 13, 2019.

The Town's invoice No. 20200178, addressed to Smoky Lake County in the amount of \$50,000.00, dated September 9, 2020 is enclosed with this letter, in reference to Town Council Motion #576-2020. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (780) 656-3674.

Sincerely,

TOWN OF SMOKY LAKE

Per:

Adam Kozakiewicz

Chief Administrative Officer

AK/cl/jc

October 15, 2020

Paving Project: Harvest Gold Drive (Shell Gas Station to West Entrance of Smoky Lake County Public Works Shop) Timeline

The Smoky Lake County made a motion to prepare the base of the Car Wash Road [located on north end of Harvest Gold Dr.] for paving. As we all experienced last summer [2019] we had an unusual amount of rain through out which delayed or put some projects on hold till the following year of 2020.

During the Regular Town of Smoky Lake's Council meeting on October 15, 2019 the paving contractor, Ed Shepel of Spectre Systems who was in attendance recommended that all paving projects scheduled for the 2019 calendar year be postponed until 2020.

July of 2020, Spectre Systems started on the Town of Smoky Lake's postponed paving projects. I was in contact with Spectre Systems and discussed that the paving contractor be in contact with Mr. Ponich when Spectre Systems will be paving in front of 4923 Harvest Gold Dr. as the County is doing the base work on this project.

I received a phone call from my co-worker Dave Tkachuk he asked me if the County is doing the base work located in front of 4923 Harvest Gold Dr. I said yes, Spectre Systems told me he contacted Mr. Ponich and said they are close to moving to the road in question. Dave then told me on phone he just watched a county grader lightly grade the road. I called Spectre Systems to let him know and to come have a look and call Mr. Ponich which he told me he did when we spoke again later in the day.

The morning of the paving on Harvest Gold Dr. I received a phone call from Spectre Systems saying there is a problem. I picked up Adam and we drove over to the jobsite. It was brought to mine and Adams attention that the road that was confirmed the night before via phone call by Mr. Ponich was ready for paving was in fact not ready at all. As the road had deflections with paving equipment driving on it. Spectre Systems has asphalt waiting to be applied with more asphalt on its way. Spectre Systems called Mr. Ponich but was unsuccessful reaching him via phone to ask him why the base of the road was in the shape it was and not ready for paving as stated the evening before.

Adam called Mr. Ponich asking him to look at the road. Unfortunately, he was unavailable Adam had said. Spectre Systems discovered the road was disturbed only 6" down and no new material was added. A judgement call was made, with asphalt on jobsite and more on the way, to have Spectre Systems prepare the base by removing the soft material located at the base of the road and build a strong base using the asphalt on hand incurring an unforeseen cost of \$50,000.

Billy McMullen, Public Works Foreman Town of Smoky Lake



56 Wheatland Avenue, P.O. Box 460, Smoky Lake, AB., TOA 3C0 Telephone: (780) 656-3674 Fax: (780) 656-3675

IN ACCOUNT WITH: Smoky Lake County

Box 310 Smoky Lake, AB TOA 3C0 Invoice #
G.S.T # 108129
Date 20
Account #

20200178 108129826RT0001 2020-Sept-09

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Description	Price	GST	Extended
MOTION: 576-2020 MOVED by Councillor Morton that Town of Smoky Lake direct Administration to send an invoice to Smoky Lake County in the amount of \$50,000.00 to cover the cost of the extra preparation / base work that was done by Spectre Systems to pave the stretch of road located on Harvest Gold Drive (from the Car Wash to Smoky Lake County Public Works Shop) in Smoky Lake; and Administration provide the County with a copy of Spectre Systems invoice #1062, Contract #20-01-251D, and progress report, work completion to August 23, 2020; in reference to Smoky Lake County Motion No. 910-19: That Smoky Lake County provide, as part of municipal cooperation, in kind assistance to the Town of Smoky Lake of equipment, manpower and material to create a road base in preparation of paving approximately 1,100 square meters of Harvest Gold Drive at an estimated cost in the amount of \$4,475.00, in response to the letter received form Adam Kozakiewicz, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Smoky Lake, dated June 13, 2019.	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
·	Subt	total	\$50,000.00
	Total	I GST	\$0.00
	Invoice	Total	\$50,000.00

Due upon receipt.

October 29, 2020, County Letter to the Town of Smoky Lake:

Town of Smoky Lake Attn: Mayor, Council and CAO

Sent Via Email: cao@smokylake.ca

hholowaychuk@smokylake.ca

October 29, 2020

RE: Harvest Gold Drive Reclamation Project

Town of Smoky Lake Mayor, Council and CAO,

The County is in receipt of your letter dated October 21, 2020, pursuant to the in-kind work undertaken by the County on Harvest Gold Drive in preparation for paving by the Town, and the Town's invoice #20200178 (in the amount of \$50,000) submitted to the County.

I provide the following for your consideration.

- 1) In my review of this matter, it became very clear that the scope of work to be undertaken by the County was not clearly outlined by the Town. This is particularly evident in the enclosures attached to your letter. Enclosure #1 references two options for the application of hot-mix pavement to the road. Enclosure #2 specifically references "...the County to assist with the preparation of the road prior to paving..." and further "perhaps some material to create a base for the asphalt...".
- 2) Enclosure #6 then provides a sketch of a road cross-section. This enclosure also specifies the Town's understanding of the scope of work as at October 21, 2020. This understanding (as shown on the enclosure) is a comprehensive reconstruction of the road.
- 3) Our records show that at the June 27, 2019 meeting, the County's understanding of the work was to undertake a reclamation of the existing coldmix and to add a small amount of gravel to firm up the road within localized softer spots. The understanding was that the road was to be prepared for immediate paving. The estimated cost for this work was approved at \$4,475. The work was requested by the County Council to be undertaken by the end of July, 2019.
- 4) The County was not advised by the Town as to the anticipated date the paving was to occur.
- The prior practice was that the County would periodically maintain the road, which would include some patching.
- 6) The reclamation work completed by the County on July 17, 2019 were:
 - a. Scarify the existing base and recompact.
 - b. $47~\text{m}^3$ of gravel was added to the road to firm up localized soft spots.
 - c. Reclamation of the existing coldmix and relay on Harvest Gold Drive.
 - d. The base was proof-rolled with a loaded truck, and the base was firm at that time.

- On October 15, 2019 the Town deferred the paving to spring of 2020. The paving was actually completed August 17, 2020, based on the information provided on Enclosure #7.
- 8) Prior to August 17, 2020, the County mobilized to provide additional reclamation work to the road, but found that there was a high moisture content in the road and surrounding area.

The County is particularly concerned the Town has taken a position of absolution of obligation and responsibility by simply deferring the paving portion of the project and then holding the unrealistic expectation that the road structure would somehow be sustained for over a year without paving, especially with the high precipitation experienced in 2020. In our discussion, there was a focus on the events immediately preceding the August 2020 work, but little consideration to the work the County had already completed.

The County also objects to the conclusion that the County is somehow now responsible or bound to the town for the reconstruction of subgrade, sub-base and base of Harvest Gold Drive. This issue is a clear example of a misunderstanding within the Town Administration as to the actual scope of work undertaken (reclamation) in July 2019 versus, as opposed to the work implied in prior discussions and the correspondence (as reclamation) and then later inferred to your latest 2020 letter (as a reconstruction).

The County, at all times sought to fulfill their role in the project as undertaking a reclamation of the coldmix as in-kind work as part of our ongoing municipal collaboration and cooperation efforts. It is my hope that, as a result of your letter and invoice, the Town and County will now have to migrate into more formalized arrangements to define scope, costs, schedule, pre-testing and unforeseen escalation as a result of unknowns.

I have been instructed to inform the Town that the County will decline to accept Invoice #20200178.

Gene Sobolewski, Chief Administrative Officer

> Smoky Lake County Reeve and Council Brenda Adamson, Finance Manager, Smoky Lake County Doug Ponich, Public Works Manager, Smoky Lake County Crystal Letwin, Assistant CAO, Town of Smoky Lake

Motion 817-2020, Town of Smoky Lake Motion #817-2020:

MOVED by Councillor Morton that Town of Smoky Lake defer the letter from Gene Sobolewski, CAO Smoky Lake County regarding the Harvest Gold Reclamation Project in the Town of Smoky Lake, dated October 29, 2020 in response to the letter from Adam Kozakiewicz, CAO Town of Smoky Lake dated October 21, 2020, to the next Joint Town & County Council Meeting.

PROPOSAL

That Joint Councils discuss the Harvest Gold Drive Road Project: described as the road east of Highway 28 to Smoky Lake County's Public Works yard, going past the Carwash, between the lands legally described as Lots 13 & 14, Block 7, Plan 8721656, and NE-21-59-17-W4 with the following options to find a solution both parties can mutually agree upon:

Option #1 – Smoky Lake County pay Town of Smoky Lake Invoice #20200178, dated September 9, 2020 in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Option #2 – Town of Smoky Lake cancel Invoice #20200178, dated September 9, 2020 in the amount of \$50,000.00 billed to Smoky Lake County.

Option #3 – Smoky Lake County pay Town of Smoky Lake the sum of \$4,475.00 to assist with the extra costs associated with the base deficiency and additional asphalt needed for the Harvest Gold Drive Road, in reference to Smoky Lake County Motion #910-19: That Smoky Lake County provide, as part of municipal cooperation, in kind assistance to the Town of Smoky Lake of equipment, manpower and material to create a road base in preparation of paving approximately 1,100 square meters of Harvest Gold Drive at an estimated cost in the amount of \$4,475.00, in response to the letter received form Adam Kozakiewicz, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Smoky Lake, dated June 13, 2019.

Option #4 – Entertain a discussion for additional options.

ACTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS	
That the Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake Joint Councils agree to Option #	

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Joint County and Town Meeting

Deferred from

November 18, 2020

to December 16, 2020

TOPIC

Smoky Lake Fire Department Storage Building

BACKGROUND

NUMBER: 4.5-4.4

- At the July 24, 2020 Smoky Lake Region Fire and Rescue Committee Meeting the following motion as passed:

Motion 44-20: "That the Smoky Lake Region Fire and Rescue Committee recommend each respective municipality determine a preferred funding formula for the cost of a Regional Fire Department Storage Building which would be built adjacent to existing fire hall in the Town of Smoky Lake, at a cost to not exceed the amount of \$400,000.00."

- At the August 5, 2020 Smoky Lake Town Council Meeting the following motion was passed:

Motion: 496-2020: "That Town of Smoky Lake agree on the cost sharing funding formula options No.1 and No.3 for the proposed Regional Fire Department Storage Building: Option No.1 - Based on a 60/40 Split: Smoky Lake County = \$240,000.00 and Town = \$160,000.00 and Option No.3 - Based on Population: Smoky Lake County = \$287,416.06 and Town = \$112,583.94 for a grand total amount of \$400,000.00; and Administration forward the preferred options to the Smoky Lake Regional Fire & Rescue Committee."

- At the August 18, 2020 Fire Protective Services Committee Meeting the following motion was passed:

Motion 992-20: "That Smoky Lake County Council approve a preferred funding formula for the proposed project: Smoky Lake Fire Department Storage Building, of 60% Smoky Lake County in the amount \$240,000.00 (Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars) and 40% Town of Smoky Lake in the amount of \$160,000.00 (One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars) for a total Project Cost of \$400,000.00 (Four Hundred Thousand Dollars), which may be built at a considered location adjacent to the existing fire hall in the Town of Smoky Lake."

PROPOSAL

- Smoky Lake County Emergency Services has completed research/needs assessment for the Smoky Lake Fire Department Storage Shed. See A1 and A2
- Smoky Lake County Emergency Services has provided 3 options for the Councillors to discuss.

Option 1

- The new storage building is to be located adjacent to the current fire hall on the south west side.
- The building size is 50' x 100' due to the lot size (only 70' wide) allowing space for the apparatus to park in front of the doors and not be on the street.
- Currently there is 2 satellite dishes, 1 50' tower, 1 Telus pedestal and spruce trees
 that would need to be removed and the Smoky Lake potable water truck fill needs be
 extended.
- The building blueprint need to be determined. See A3 and A4

Option 2

- Smoky Lake Fire Department build a new fire hall.
- Joint Council would have to decide on a location and concept before determining an accurate cost for the project. See A5

Option 3

- Smoky Lake Fire Department take over the current fire hall and public works department side of the building would allow enough space to park all fire apparatus inside.
- Smoky Lake County Emergency Services completed research in the past for living accommodations and office space which can be added on as a second level on the current building.
- The Town of Smoky Lake Public Works Department would have to relocate and a design and costs for the new building to be discussed jointly.

Option 4

- The Region Municipalities review the status of the Fire and Rescue Services for a regional concept which would allow Municipalities to save money in the future as this fire hall would respond to every call supporting the volunteers remaining in the district fire halls.
- Regionalization would identify 1 one fire hall as the primary engine to all scene in the region therefore only one engine would have to be replaced instead of three.
- Addition costs would come from staffing the regional fire hall.

LEGISLATION: Bylaw

- Smoky Lake County Bylaw 1311-18: Joint Operation Agreement: Fire Protective Services
- Town of Smoky Lake Bylaw 001-18: Joint Operations Agreement Fire Protective Services

REFERENCE INFORMATION:

FOR INFORMATION:

ACTION

NEXT STEP:

1. That Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake Councils approve an option or provide direction to joint administrations to proceed on a revised proposal.

	Smoky Lake Fire Hall						
Description	Fire Hall Dimensions	Fire Apparatus Dimensions					
Rescue 407 Bay 1	37' x 16 '	26' 10" x 8' 4"					
Engine 459 Bay 2	37' x 16 '	34' 8" x 8' 6"					
Engine 405 Bay 3	37' x 12'	32' 4" x 8' 7"					

Smoky Lake Fire Department Storage Building						
Company	CIA Building LTD	Vantage Building LTD	Eagle Builders			
Dimensions	50' x 100'	50' x 100'	10,338 sq/f			
Construction	Stick build with 6" foundation	Stick build with 6" foundation	New Fire Hall			
Building Cost	425,000.00	475,000.00 - 525,000.00	210.00 - 215.00 sq/f			
Electrical	included	included	Included			
Building Permit	2,500.00	2,500.00	Included			
Electrical Permit	1,500.00	1,500.00	Included			
Plumbing Permit	750.00	750.00	Included			
Gas Permit	250.00	250.00	Included			
Asphalt pad	15,000.00	15,000.00	Not included			
nstall Heat (boilers)	45,000.00	45,000.00	Included			
nstall Overhead Heat						
nstall Water	16,200.00	16,000.00	Location Needed			
nstall Sewer	14,050.00	14,050.00	Location Needed			
nstall Gas	3,500.00	3,500.00	Location Needed			
Move Truck Fill	3,500.00	3,500.00	N/A			
Move Telus Pedestal	1,000.00 - 5,000.00	1,000.00 - 5,000.00	N/A			
Remove Statilites and Tower	No cost provide by Town	No cost provided by Town	N/A			
Total =	528,250.00 - 532,250.00	578,250.00 - 628,250.00	2,170,980.00 - 2,222,670.00			

Company	Goodon Industries LTD Opt1	Goodon Industries LTD Opt2	Goodon Industries LTD Opt3
Dimensions	54' x 100' x 16'	54' x 84' x 18'	54' x 104' x 18'
Construction	Pole Shed with 5" floating floor	Pole Shed with 5" floating floor	Pole Shed with 5" floating floor
Building Cost	225,000.00	208,000.00	244,000.00
Electrical	21,000.00	21,000.00	21,000.00
Building Permit	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Electrical Permit	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Plumbing Permit	750.00	750.00	750.00
Gas Permit	250.00	250.00	250.00
Asphalt pad	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Install Heat (boilers)	45,000.00	45000 - Removed	45000 - Removed
Install Overhead Heat	14,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00
Install Water	16,200.00	16200 - Removed	16200 - Removed
Install Sewer	14,050.00	14050 - Removed	14050 - Removed
Install Gas	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Move Truck Fill	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Move Telus Pedestal	1,000.00 - 5,000.00	1,000.00 - 5,000.00	1,000.00 - 5,000.00
Remove Statilites and Tower	No cost provided by Town	No cost provided by Town	No cost provided by Town
Total =	359,250.00 - 363,250.00	283,000.00 - 288,000.00	319,000.00 - 324,000.00
	5 Bays + Training Room / Office	5 Bays 12' x 16' Doors	6 Bays 12' x 16' Doors
	Concrete - \$11.66 / Square Foot	Storage Option	Storage Option
		Power, Heat, Floor Drain	Power, Heat, Floor Drain
		Concrete - \$11.66 / Square Foot	Concrete - \$11.66 / Square Foot

Smoky Lake Fire Department Apparatus					
Fire Apparatus	Demensions	Description			
Engine 405	L-32'1" W-8'7" H-9'7"	1998 Freightliner FL80			
Rescue 407	L-26'10" W-8'4" H-8'10"	2001 Ford F-550			
Command 410	L-20' W-6'2" H-7'	2015 GMC Sierra 2500 HD			
Command 410A	L-20' 6" W- 6'6" H-7'2"	2020 GMC Sierra 2500 HD			
UTV 421	L-12'5" W-6'3" H-5'	2010 Polaris Ranger 6X6			
Command Post 414A	L-36'9" W-8'6" H-10'8"	2009 Keystone Trailer			
Rapid Attack 445	L-18'10" W-8'6" H-8'7"	1997 Ford F700			
UTV Trailer 454	L-30' W-8'6" H-9'6"	2012 Interstate Car Hauler Trailer			
Command 458	L-18'10" W-6'7" H-6'10"	2002 Dodge Ram 1500			
Engine 459	L-34'8" W-8'6" H-10'11"	2014 Freightliner M2			
Rapid Attack 470	L-22'2" W-8'1" H-8'4"	2002 Ford F-550			
Rehab 488	L-21'10" W-8'6" H-8'	2005 Ford E-550			



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Smoky Lake County 4612 McDougall Dr. Smoky Lake, AB T0A 3C0

August 10, 2020

Attention: Scott Franchuk

RE: This is a Class B Budget (+ or -10%), built from similar previous projects (This is not an actual quote)

- 1. 1-50x100x14 Building Extension
 - Concrete ICF grade beam foundation on screw piles
 - Wood construction
 - Metal clad on outside
 - Insulated and finished metal clad inside
 - Overhead doors, Concrete Floor
 - Electrical, Mechanical
 - Drawings and engineering

Total Price: \$475,000-\$525,000

Please note that the following items listed below are not included in the quoted price:

- 1. GST
- 2. Site Work and Site Services

Thank you, for the opportunity and considering us for your building needs.

Paul Ziprick, Commercial, Agricultural, Sales Vantage Builders Ltd. Office-780-632-3422 Cell- 780-208-0255

paul.ziprick@vantagebuilders.ca

Scott Franchuk

From:

Jesse Hawiuk < j.hawiuk@eaglebuilders.ca>

Sent:

October 30, 2020 12:39 PM

To:

Scott Franchuk

Subject:

RE: Contact information

Attachments:

Public Works Building.pdf

Scott.

As per our discussion yesterday, please see attached. For a building like this, I would safely budget between \$215-\$230SF dependent on amenities, size and finishes.

Kind regards,

Jesse Hawiuk | Business Development, Marketing

C. 403.896.4647 | O. 403.885.5525 | D. 403.885.8727



From: Scott Franchuk <sfranchuk@smokylakecounty.ab.ca>

Sent: October 29, 2020 10:13 AM

To: Jesse Hawiuk <j.hawiuk@eaglebuilders.ca>

Subject: Contact information

Here is my contact information

Thanks



Scott Franchuk

Fire Chief/Primary Care Paramedic

Office: 780-656-3730 Fax: 780-656-3768

From: Jesse Hawiuk < i.hawiuk@eaglebuilders.ca>

Sent: August 31, 2020 2:48 PM

To: scott franchuk <sfranchuk@smokylakecounty.ab.ca>

Subject: Eagle Builders - Concrete Emergency Response Centers

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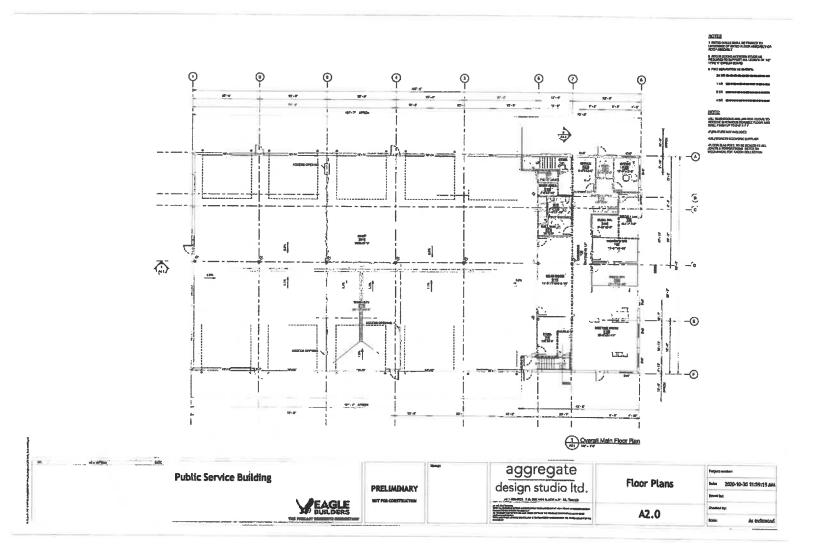


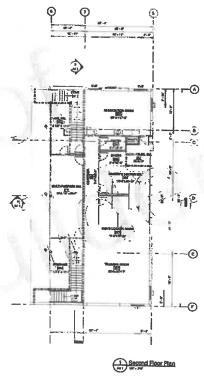
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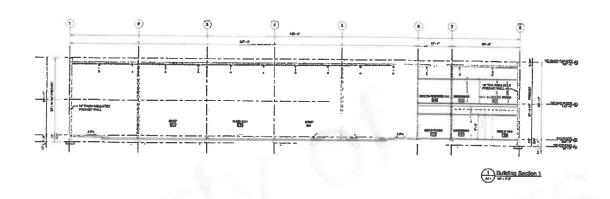
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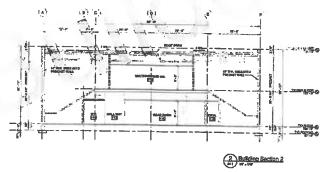
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Box 777, Boissevain, MB, R0K 0E0 Call Toll Free 1-800-665-0470 Phone: 204-534-2468 Fax: 204-534-2267 www.goodon.com

Quote#: 2008040A

Date: August 19, 2020

Quote valid for 30 days

Scott Franchuk Smoky Lake, AB Ph: 780-656-3730 Cell: 780-650-5410

Em: sfranchuk@smokylakecounty.ab.ca

Scott,

Based on our recent conversation, I am pleased to present you with a quote for material supply and construction on a 54'x100'x16' Laminated Post frame building. The specifications included in the quotation package are listed below.

Specifications:

4 ply 2"x 6" laminated poles with pressure treated bottoms @ 4' o.c.

Commercial Engineered trusses @ 4' o.c.

28ga industry leading High tensile colored metal walls, colored metal roof

2"x 6" strapping on walls and 2"x 6" strapping on roof @ 2' o.c.

5 - 12'(W)x 14'(H) overhead door with R16 insulation, electric operator, side wall

4 - 3' insulated steel walk in door(s)

8 - Gable vents

All hardware to complete

Total delivered price -

Labor to erect -Colored metal -

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Structural Blueprints - Commercial Design

24" overhang with soffit add \$6,500.00

\$112,000.00

Included

Included Extra

Included required by county for permits

5" concrete floor with two sumps add \$62,000.00

Interior Insulation Package:

R28 walls, R50 ceiling

Vapor barrier, 2"x 4" strapping on walls

White metal lining on walls and ceiling

Attic Hatch

Price- \$44,500.00

Labor- Included

There may also be drywall requirements by code depending on location of building to property lines and/or other structures. Site plan and/or site visit would be required to determine the requirements.

NOTE, With a 20% deposit you will secure your spot for 2020 and lock in the price.

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Quote#: 2012002

Date: December 1, 2020

Quote valid for 30 days

Dan Kotylak Smoky Lake, AB

Ph: 780-656-0132

Fx: Cell:

Em: dkotylak@telus.net

Dear Mr. Kotylak,

Based on our recent conversation, I am pleased to present you with a quote for material supply and construction on a 54'x84'x18' Laminated Post frame building. The specifications included in the quotation package are listed below.

Specifications:

4 ply 2"x 8" laminated poles with pressure treated bottoms @ 4' o.c.

Commercial Engineered trusses @ 4' o.c.

28ga industry leading High tensile colored metal walls, colored metal roof

2"x 6" strapping on walls and 2"x 6" strapping on roof @ 2' o.c.

5 - 12'(W)x 16'(H) overhead door with R16 insulation, electric operator, side wall

4 - 3' insulated steel walk in door(s)

8 - Gable vents

All hardware to complete

Total delivered price -

Labor to erect - Colored metal -

G.S.T. -

Structural Blueprints - Commercial Design

54'x104' building with 6 OH doors, other options the same \$178,000.00 Interior Insulation Package:

R28 walls, R50 ceiling Vapor barrier, 2"x 4" strapping on walls

White metal lining on walls and ceiling

Attic Hatch

\$155,000.00

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Included required by county for permits

Price- Included Above

Labor- Included

There may also be drywall requirements by code depending on location of building to property lines and/or other structures. Site plan and/or site visit would be required to determine the requirements.

NOTE,

With a 20% deposit you will secure your spot for 2021 and lock in the price.

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